

# Arundel School Newsletter January



Dear parents and guardians,

Greetings as we usher in a new term. Although we are rather soggy, sports training has continued and spirits are high.

May I take this opportunity to welcome the new staff, who have joined the Arundel academic team. They are as follows:-

Miss Kudzayi Simba ( French), Mr Alexious Muvengi ( Maths), Mr Munashe Musuka (ITdepartment) and Miss Saskia Kuiper (English). Both Mr Musuka and Miss Simba are graduates of Rhodes University and were on ATS Bursaries.

CIE results for IGCSE and AS/A level were published on Tuesday, so there was much excitement all round. For more information on results, see below. Interviews for places in Lower Sixth were then held on Wednesday. These went very smoothly on the whole and I am pleased to welcome back a large contingent of girls.

On Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> January Arundel hosted a cocktail party to meet the parents of our new Form Ones. This was to both extend our hospitality to parents, and to introduce them to some of the staff who teach their daughters. The interaction was very beneficial, and parents were able to raise queries with individual teachers, as well as meet each other. Form I girls write common tests in mid-March, and the results of these will be reviewed to ensure that the girls are in the correct Shona groups.

I heard the other day..

***“Conditions are never just right. People who delay action until all factors are favourable – do nothing”***

How true this often is in life. Really, we are afraid and make excuses for inaction or a change. This is something I have struggled with my entire life. Once safely ensconced in what I know, I very rarely step out in faith unless forced to do so. What I have discovered, however, is that we can all do more than we think we can. I have been stretched to my limits, and have faced many new challenges as I tackle this new, but exciting task. I am proud to be the Head of such a wonderful school and am honoured by your trust.

Sitting at Top Table, walking along the corridors, popping my head into classrooms – I have been continually surprised by the grace and charm of Arundel girls.

It has been a very busy week with all the results, and I am sorry this is short. I will have more news for you in the half-term newsletter.

Have a very good weekend with your daughters.

Kind regards

Kim Hulley

## New Office Bearers

Our new school prefects were inducted on the first day of term. **Lauren Pechey** is Head Girl for 2013, supported by **Kimberley Marumahoko** (Deputy Head Day) and **Samukele Ncube** (Deputy Head Boarding). The prefects are **Vimbainashe Anda, Nicole Burmeister, Vongai Chiguvi, Chiedza Chikwavaire, Vimbikayi Chimuka, Andrea Cummings Gabrielle Levey, Noreen Mabiza, Nyasha Maguwudze, Kudzaishe Manase, Tanatswa Mataranyika, Rumbidzwai Mhinga** (Head of Boarding), **Radha Patel, Sue-Shane Tsomondo** and **Tendai Zengeza**.

The Games Captains are **Nicola Burmeister** and **Fariyah Omarshah**. The Cultural Captains are **Ropafadzo Muroombo** and **Shona Musimbe**. **Tendai Zengeza** is Head Chorister and Head Sacristan.

## Public Examination results

These were released at the beginning of the week.

At A level there was a 100% pass rate in ALL subjects. A total of 12 students obtained an A\* or A grade in all three subjects written. Our top A level candidates were **Oluseyi Babatola, Shanice Buys, Tambirai Chibwe, Vimbainashe Dhlamini, Hilena Frew, Mary Hawgood, Clarice Madziyire, Shanice Muchabaiwa, Chipo Nyamukapa, Tatenda Nyandoro, Delika Rama** and **Joyce Wamala**. **Oluseyi, Vimbainashe, Mary** and **Joyce** also achieved an “a” grade at AS level Thinking Skills.

At AS level there was a 100% pass rate in Art, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Management, French, English Literature, Mathematics, Physical Education and Physics. Overall the pass rate was 97.8%. The top student at AS level was **Chiedza Chauruka** who achieved an “a” grade in all 5 subjects written. **Vimbikayi Chimuka** and **Radha Patel** wrote 5 subjects each and obtained 4 “a” grades and 1 “b” whilst **Samukele Ncube** and **Vimbainashe Anda** wrote 4 subjects and attained an “a” grade in all of them.

At IGCSE level there was a 100% pass rate in almost all subjects – the exceptions being ICT (one failure) and English Literature (2 failures out of 98 candidates). We introduced three new subjects at this level – Drama plus Information and Communications Technology. The results for these were very pleasing. Congratulations to the top student, **Michelle Murata**, who achieved 10 A\* grades and 1 A grade. Others who achieved 11 A\* or A grades were **Tariro Chatiza, Michelle Chihumbiri, Maakwe Cumazala, Paidamwoyo Gambe, Ruth Gomwe, Michelle Kabaira** and **Chiyedza Matambanadzo**,

## Some Sports Results

The **Volleyball Teams** travelled to Peterhouse on January 14. The Under 15 Team won 2-1 and the Under 16 Team lost 2-0. The 1<sup>st</sup> Team was unable to play because of the wet weather conditions. Last weekend they played against Chisipite. All three teams won their matches 2-0.

There was a **Cross Country** run against Chisipite on Friday, 19 January. Arundel won the Junior Section with **Holly Arumainayagam** in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, **Megan Wright** 3<sup>rd</sup> and **Tanya Amoor** 4<sup>th</sup>. Chisipite won the Senior Section with **Tendai Makani** 4<sup>th</sup>, **Sarah Geach** 5<sup>th</sup>, **Neelam Rama** 6<sup>th</sup> and **Lauren Pechey** 7<sup>th</sup>.

## HALF TERM

**The half term weekend will start at 1.00 pm on Thursday, 14 February.**

**Boarders should return by 7.30 am (at the latest) on Tuesday, 19 February and day girls should be in school by 7.45 am.**