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Dear Chisipite Community

Dear Chisipite Community,

Last week I had the pleasure of welcoming representatives from a regional independent schools' organisation and an international examination body to Chisipite. Through their work, both have visited hundreds of schools across the region and around the world, making their observations particularly meaningful. Each remarked on the beauty of our campus, with one international visitor describing Chisipite as one of the most beautiful schools she had ever seen.

Our magnificent trees made a lasting impression, especially the Cape Chestnut in full bloom. Such praise is a testament to the dedication of our Estates Department, whose hard work and care ensure that our campus remains such an attractive and inspiring environment for learning.

Examinations

The first few weeks of Term 3 were extremely busy as teachers and pupils prepared for the Cambridge examinations, which are now in session.

Next week, the internal examinations begin for Forms Two and Three and Form Ones begin the following week on Monday 26th October. I encourage the girls in Forms One, Two and Three to use the junior examination study period productively and wish all our pupils success in these formal summative assessments.

Student Leadership

On Friday 18th September, the Lower 6 received their letters of appointment for their leadership positions for 2027. The Leaders will formally adopt their duties after they have completed their Leadership Training Course in November. I am grateful to Ms Lendrum, Head of Leadership, for the enormous amount of work she has done preparing the Lower 6 and supporting the Upper 6 Leaders.

Through Chisipite's signature servant leadership system, now in its 23rd year, all pupils who apply are given a portfolio as the system is rooted in the belief that all pupils deserve the opportunity to benefit from the lessons of serving one's community. These important life lessons include empathy, responsibility, resilience, time management, effective communication, collaboration and teamwork. I am confident that all the incoming Leaders will rise to the challenge and serve our community with integrity and compassion.

Upper 6 Farewells

Before the Upper 6 departed for Study Leave on Friday 25th September, I enjoyed attending many farewell events, including the Sportswomen's Awards Ceremony, the Leavers' Concert and Awards for the musicians, and the Drama Roast. I am glad they had this time together to mark this milestone and there will still be occasions after examinations to give thanks and say farewell, but I want to take this opportunity to thank the Class of 2026 for their many and varied contributions to school life and for their service to our School. I wish them well in all their future endeavours.

Community

The third annual Chisi Senior Pink Fun Run was again a warm and successful event bringing together a wide range of our community for a fun morning. The highlight this year was a performance by Fontanian, Gemma Griffiths. Money was again raised for Cancerserve. Dr Nyakabau, a respected clinical oncologist and Cancerserve's Founder and Director, raised awareness about breast cancer at Coffee in the Carpark at the end of last term. I extend my great appreciation to the PAC for their hard work and dedication in organising this event which gives our community the opportunity to come together in support of a worthy cause.

Key Events

Please note the dates of the following key events towards the end of Term:

- Friday 6th November – Prizegiving
- Tuesday 10th November – SPCA Fundraising Concert
- Monday 16th to Thursday 19th November – F2 Camp
- Tuesday 24th November – F3 Consultation
- Tuesday 1st December – Carol Service
- Wednesday 2nd December – End of Term for pupils

Yours sincerely,



Dr L. Reilly
Head of School

2027 Head Girls

A special assembly, earlier this term, saw the Head of School, Dr Reilly, announcing the 2027 Head Girls.

Prior to the much-anticipated announcement, Dr Reilly acknowledged the role the 2026 leaders, Natasha Chaniwa (Head Girl), Ruvarashe Jakanani and Alexia Pitcher (Deputy Head Girls) as well as Games Captain Rebeca Winsor, had played in the Chisipite community.

Congratulations to Zarina Makwarimba, Paidamwoyo Chamunorwa and Zara Fick, who were appointed 2027 Head Girl Elect and Deputy Head Girls Elect respectively.

Dr Reilly spoke about how in 2004, Chisipite made the radical decision to move away from the traditional prefect system to one involving all the seniors.

This new approach to leadership, spearheaded by the then Headmistress Mrs Robertson, was the culmination of numerous discussions that had taken place over the previous years.

"...it was decided that the incoming Lower 6 would be educated to think about leadership differently, rather than being policemen or managers they would lead by serving the school and through example," notes the 2004 School magazine.

When asked to vote on the adoption of this proposed system, the Lower 6s were overwhelmingly in favour thereby establishing Chisipite's Servant Leadership Programme.

Another unique aspect of Chisipite's Servant Leadership Programme is that pupils apply for leadership positions as opposed to being appointed.

All these aspects combine to maintain the servanthood leadership model, which is increasingly being recognised by the world as the most effective and sustainable approach to leadership.

We wish the 2027 Head Girls all the best in their service to the School and community. May they be Brave, Strong and True.








Driven by our future

Chisipite's recent acquisition of a new bus reinforces the School's commitment to pupil safety, comfort, and participation in the many opportunities beyond the classroom.

Famously nicknamed the "Diamond Star" or "Kingkong" luxury bus, the 62-seater AsiaStar YBL6148H (also known as the Yaxing YBL6148H) was acquired through Sinopower Commercial Vehicles, a leading distributor of heavy-duty commercial trucks, buses, and trailers in Zimbabwe.

Prior to getting behind the wheel, of the new bus, Chisipite's drivers were trained by Sinopower.

An inaugural trip, aboard the new school bus, featured a group of excited Chisi staff and a few days later a group of Sixth Formers enjoyed a short familiarisation ride.

The single-deck premium, long-distance coach is specially designed for highway travel. Its interior comprises plush, deeply contoured seats equipped with adjustable headrests, integrated side armrests, and footrests.

Combined with atmospheric ambient lighting, these features ensure that the slog in long-distance travel is replaced by a comfortable experience.

The subtle touch of pink, on its exterior artwork, gives the bus its distinctly Chisi look, a befitting embellishment suggested by outgoing School Board Chairman, Mr Rooney.









ACADEMICS

Swiss adventure opens doors to global careers

In August, a group of A Level pupils embarked on an exciting educational journey to Switzerland through the Swiss Education Group's Combined Schools A-Level Programme.

This enriching experience combined academic learning with hands-on practical workshops in Business, Hospitality, Tourism and Culinary Arts, giving pupils a valuable insight into some of the world's most dynamic industries. The programme also included visits to leading Hospitality institutions, a hotel and some of Switzerland's renowned tourist attractions, allowing pupils to experience first-hand the country's reputation for excellence in service and tourism.

Throughout the trip, pupils explored a wide range of university and career pathways while gaining exposure to international best practices in Hospitality. They deepened their understanding of Customer Service, Sustainability and the increasing role of Technology in shaping the future of the industry.

The experience provided an inspiring glimpse into global opportunities, equipping pupils with valuable knowledge, practical skills and a broader perspective as they begin to consider their future studies and careers.











Biology Class enjoys conservation excursion

Mukuvisi Woodlands is a 263-hectare environmental education centre and wildlife reserve located 5 kilometres from the city centre.

A recent field trip to the nature reserve provided A Level Biology pupils with valuable hands-on learning while connecting classroom theory with real-world ecological investigations.

The visit began with an introductory talk by a Mukuvisi Woodlands member of staff, who explained how the sanctuary operates and outlined its conservation initiatives and engagement with the wider community.

Pupils then participated in several practical activities such as investigating the biodiversity of selected areas using line transects, belt transects and quadrats to assess the distribution and abundance of organisms.

These interactive experiences gave pupils an opportunity to apply ecological concepts in a natural environment, strengthening their understanding of ecological sampling techniques and biodiversity assessment.

The Biology pupils also enjoyed observing the sanctuary's wildlife, with the crocodiles proving to be a particular highlight.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Pink for a purpose
Chisi community unites for a fantastic Fun Run

Laughter, music, exercise and a shared commitment to making a difference filled the air as the Chisi Pink Fun Run returned in spectacular fashion. Bringing together pupils, parents, staff and friends of the School, the 2026 event combined family fun with a meaningful cause, raising awareness and support for cancer care in Zimbabwe.

Organised by a dedicated team of enthusiastic PAC parents, this year's Pink Fun Run was held earlier than usual to maximise support for Cancerserve, an organisation committed to fighting cancer and supporting those affected by the disease. The event once again showcased the incredible spirit of the Chisipite community, with participants turning out in impressive numbers to run, walk and interact.

The programme featured many crowd favourites, including an energetic Zumba session led by renowned choreographer Sean Mambwere, the popular run and walk, the ever-entertaining Dunk Tank, and an array of delicious food from a variety of caterers.

Adding even more excitement to the day was the introduction of a dedicated Fun Zone. Younger attendees delighted in attractions such as the jumping castle, VR Bike and bull ride, making the event a memorable experience for the entire family.

The festive atmosphere was further enhanced by a live performance from acclaimed artist Gemma Griffiths, whose music added to the vibrant community spirit that characterised the morning. Numerous lucky attendees also went home with prizes and gifts generously donated by event partners, while the eagerly anticipated "Win Your School Fees" competition draw brought extra excitement.

Among the special guests was respected oncologist and founder of Cancerserve, Dr Nyakabau, together with members and associates of the organisation. Their presence served as a powerful reminder of the important cause at the heart of the event.

Alongside a wellness station, this term's National Blood Service Zimbabwe Blood Bank was held during the Pink Fun Run and an impressive 45 units of blood were collected from donors.

While the morning was packed with entertainment and enjoyment, its true focus remained supporting the ongoing fight against cancer. A portion of the proceeds raised will be donated to Cancerserve, helping the organisation continue its vital work in communities across Zimbabwe.

Following another hugely successful event, the School community is already looking forward to an even bigger and brighter Chisi Pink Fun Run in 2027.

Pink Fun Run 2026













F. Neill & Sons Partners with Chisipite to Maintain a Clean Campus

A clean and beautiful environment is an important part of the Chisipite experience, and this commitment has been further strengthened through a partnership with F. Neill & Sons, which has provided 56 litter bins to support the School's ongoing environmental initiatives.

The partnership represents a win-win collaboration, combining Chisipite's commitment to maintaining its pristine surroundings with F. Neill & Sons' vision of promoting responsible waste management and environmental awareness.

F. Neill & Sons, a leading supplier of spices and marinades, packaging solutions and food-processing machinery, has established similar partnerships with other schools, with Chisipite becoming the third institution to participate in this initiative.

The newly installed bins display both the School and F. Neill & Sons logos, reflecting their shared commitment to cleaner, greener spaces.

Speaking on behalf of F. Neill & Sons, a company representative explained that the initiative goes beyond providing bins, focusing on building lasting relationships with schools and encouraging responsible waste disposal.

"We believe that providing sufficient bins encourages responsible litter disposal and helps maintain a clean, tidy and pleasant environment for pupils, staff and visitors," the representative said.

As part of the ongoing partnership, F. Neill & Sons has also provided bin liners and committed to supplying them according to the School's needs, helping to ensure the initiative's long-term sustainability.

This collaboration highlights the positive impact of schools and businesses working together towards a common goal, fostering environmental responsibility and creating lasting benefits for both organisations and the wider school community.







Mental Health Club commemorates World Mental Health Day

In recognition of World Mental Health Day, held on 10 October, the Mental Health Club led a series of activities to promote mental health awareness and encourage conversations about emotional well-being within the Chisipite community.

This year's theme, "Lived experiences heard real voices, real change", emphasised the importance of listening to people's experiences and recognising the impact of their voices.

As part of the celebrations, club members created posters on emotional regulation, which they presented to parents during Wednesday's Coffee in the Car Park. They also addressed the School during assembly, sharing practical techniques to help manage emotions, including box breathing and the 5-4-3-2-1 grounding technique.

The club further marked the occasion with a design-a-pin competition, won by Watidaishe Marongwe (Form 1). The pins were sold after Friday's assembly, providing another opportunity to engage the school community in the day's activities.

Through these initiatives, the Mental Health Club provided opportunities for pupils to engage with mental health in practical and meaningful ways. By encouraging open conversations and sharing techniques to manage emotions, members helped reinforce the importance of emotional well-being within our School community.







CLUBS & SOCIETIES

FIRST AID

Ready to Respond
Chisipite First Aiders earn internationally recognised certification

Fifteen members of Chisipite Senior School's First Aid Club (FAC) have achieved a significant milestone, earning internationally recognised certification following a rigorous assessment conducted by St John Ambulance.

The assessment challenged pupils through realistic emergency response scenarios, testing their ability to manage accident scenes, provide first aid, and demonstrate their knowledge of a wide range of medical conditions, including heart attacks, strokes, diabetes, asthma, and other health emergencies. Candidates also delivered presentations and answered detailed questions from assessors, showcasing both their practical skills and theoretical understanding.

Following their successful performance, the First Aiders were awarded certificates which are recognised internationally.

With an average membership of 90 pupils, the First Aid Club remains one of the largest and most active cocurricular clubs at Chisipite. Under the guidance of Sister Takundwa, pupils develop essential life-saving skills and gain the confidence to provide crucial assistance before professional medical help arrives.

Training takes place throughout the year and is further strengthened by the annual First Aid Camp, a longstanding and valued fixture on the School calendar.

The Club's excellence extends beyond training. Chisipite's First Aid Club has built an outstanding reputation through its consistent success at Interschools First Aid Competitions, regularly bringing home trophies and reinforcing its status as Zimbabwe's leading school First Aid Club.









MUN

St John's Model United Nations Conference

This term, 35 Chisipite Senior School delegates participated in the St John's College Model United Nations (MUN) Conference, where they distinguished themselves through thoughtful debate and strong diplomacy skills.

Competing against students from several schools, Chisipite's delegates tackled complex global issues, representing their assigned countries with confidence, professionalism, and maturity.

Congratulations to Janai Chatiza, Zoe Mashangwa, Mutsa Munowenyu, Chiedza Dera, Skyler Benatar, and Ivana Mhondiwa, who each received the Best Position Paper Award in their respective committees. This achievement reflects the exceptional quality of their research and their ability to present well-informed, carefully considered perspectives on international issues.

Congratulations also to Padaishe Sungai, who was recognised as the Most Promising Delegate in her committee. This award acknowledges delegates who show remarkable potential through their engagement, diplomatic approach, and contributions to debate.

Model United Nations provides students with a unique opportunity to develop valuable skills in public speaking, negotiation, leadership, collaboration, and problem-solving. By debating real-world challenges and working together to propose solutions, participants gain a deeper understanding of international relations while developing the confidence to articulate their ideas effectively.

We are incredibly proud of all 35 delegates for representing the School with distinction. Their achievements at the conference are a testament to their dedication, hard work, and commitment to becoming informed and engaged global citizens.



SPORTS

Celebrating achievement
Honouring our outstanding sportswomen

On 23 September, the School's sporting community came together for our highly anticipated annual Sportswomen's Awards Ceremony, a special evening dedicated to celebrating the commitment, talent, and achievements of our athletes.

The event was attended by proud award recipients, their families, staff, and both the outgoing 2026 Sports Leaders and incoming 2027 Sports Leaders, creating a wonderful atmosphere of recognition, inspiration, and school pride.

Head of School Dr Reilly opened the evening's proceedings with a welcome address highlighting the year's outstanding achievements across all sporting disciplines. The 2026 Vice Games Captains, Asante Ali and Tinotenda Katuruza, then delivered an inspiring speech in which they reflected on their passion for sport and the valuable lessons they have gained through participation.

Before dinner, Rudawiro Nyabadza, one of the Tennis Vice Captains, said Grace.

The Guest of Honour was Ms Sarah Bennett, who is the Africa Hockey Vice President, Honorary Life Member of the Hockey Association of Zimbabwe, FIH Technical Official, former HAZ Secretary as well as Deputy Headmistress at Ariel School. Ms Bennett has worked at the Olympic Games and recently served as Technical Delegate at the Hockey World Cup in Europe.

In her address, she shared her sporting journey and the many lessons and opportunities that sport has provided throughout her career.

Following the Guest of Honour's speech, the Awards Ceremony took place, during which 38 trophies were presented across the various sporting disciplines.

The prestigious Diana Cup for Sportswoman of the Year was awarded to Rebeca Winsor in recognition of her exceptional achievements in school, provincial, and national Field Hockey, where she has earned 12 caps. Rebeca's commitment to the Green Machine in Swimming, Indoor Hockey, and Water Polo, together with her contributions to the Athletics team, where she earned the Victrix Ludorum Trophy, made her a deserving recipient of this award.

The Meryl Cup for Sportsmanship is presented to a player who embodies the true spirit of sportsmanship through fair and generous conduct, respect for others, and a consistently positive attitude. This year's recipient was Alexia Pitcher.

The evening concluded with the outgoing 2026 Sports Leaders formally handing over their responsibilities to the incoming 2027 Sports Leaders, marking the start of a new chapter in the School's sporting leadership.

Sportswomens' Dinner













ROWING

Making waves at the Chisi Sprints Regatta

Under clear blue skies and in near-perfect rowing conditions, the Chisi Sprints Regatta at Mazowe Dam delivered an exciting day of competition, camaraderie and school spirit. Hosted by the Chisipite Boat Club, the event brought together rowers, supporters and families for a memorable showcase of determination and talent on the water.

Adding to the vibrant atmosphere was the fantastic turnout of parents and supporters lining the banks of the dam.

Congratulations to the following rowers for winning their respective races:

- WD x4 – 1st Place: M. Karumazondo, C. Mawema, W. Chimanikire, R. Tapfumaneyi and N. Zinyemba (cox)
- WC x2 – 1st Place: M. Nyamangara and A. Fourie
- WC x4 – 1st Place: M. Nyamangara, A. Fourie, H. Muzorewa, N. Chamunorwa and Y. Kajese (cox)
- WB x1 – 1st Place: Z. Johnstone
- WB x2 – 1st Place: Z. Johnstone and I. Mhondiwa
- WB x4 – 1st Place: O. Chipiro, Z. Munyaradzi, Z. Johnstone, I. Mhondiwa and T. Kuwaza (cox)
- WA x1 – 1st Place: P. Chamunorwa
- WA x2 – 1st Place: M. Matare and P. Chamunorwa
- WA x4 – 1st Place: M. Matare, P. Chamunorwa, K. Chingoka, E. Viljoen and R. Evans (cox)

Chisipite Boat Club won the Chingoka Chisi Sprints Cup and P. Chamunorwa won the Women A Scull Cup.

Congratulations to all the rowers on a fantastic day of racing. These results reflect the hard work, consistency and commitment they have shown throughout the term.





SWIMMING

Chisipite swimmers dominate the Relays scene

The Green Machine's swimmers delivered a series of outstanding performances in recent relay competitions, showcasing the depth, talent and determination that continue to make the School a force to be reckoned with in the pool.

Finals Relays Gala
The Finals Relays Gala, hosted at the Warwick Smith Swimming Pool, proved to be a memorable event for Chisipite, with both the A and B Teams excelling against strong opposition. The A Team produced a truly dominant performance, securing first place with an impressive 368 points and finishing well clear of their closest rivals.

Adding to the School's success, the Chisipite B Team delivered a remarkable performance of their own, finishing fourth overall and outperforming the A Teams of several competing schools.

Final standings were:
1st Chisipite Senior School A – 368 points
2nd Hellenic Academy – 286 points
3rd Peterhouse Girls – 234 points
4th Chisipite Senior School B – 146 points
5th Arundel School – 100 points
6th Lomagundi College – 94 points
7th Dominican Convent Harare – 92 points

Lomagundi Junior Relays Gala
The winning momentum continued at the Lomagundi Junior Relays Gala, where Chisipite's A Team produced another exceptional display to claim top honours.

Competing with confidence and determination, the team amassed an impressive 180 points to comfortably secure first place ahead of the field.

Final standings were:
1st Chisipite Senior School – 180 points
2nd Hellenic Academy – 94 points
3rd Lomagundi College – 56 points
4th Arundel School – 45 points
5th Dominican Convent Harare – 39 points



Congratulations to all our swimmers and coaches on their hard work, commitment and success in the pool.

We look forward to seeing the team build on this momentum going into the 2027 season.

WATER POLO

A trophy-laden season in the pool
Chisipite Water Polo makes a splash!



The School's Water Polo teams have enjoyed a remarkable run of success, showcasing outstanding skill, determination, and teamwork across multiple tournaments.

Players Trophy Glory for the Under 19s
The Under 19 Team opened their campaign with an emphatic 14–3 victory over Peterhouse Girls before defeating Girls' College 14–6. Another dominant performance followed with a 13–3 win over Falcon College, setting up a Semi-Final clash against the same opponents, where Chisipite secured a convincing 9–3 victory.

In the Final, the team faced a determined Hellenic Academy side. Rising to the occasion, the girls delivered a composed and spirited performance to emerge 9–7 winners and lift the Players Trophy. A special congratulations goes to Rayne Nichole, whose outstanding performances throughout the tournament earned her the well-deserved title of Player of the Tournament.

Under 17s Show Championship Character at the Hippo Trophy

The Under 17 Team demonstrated resilience, determination, and tremendous growth at the Hippo Trophy Tournament in Bulawayo. After suffering a 5–9 defeat to Hellenic Academy in their opening match, the team responded in spectacular fashion, recording a 19–2 victory over Girls' College.

Their momentum continued on Saturday with impressive wins over Peterhouse Girls (12–2) and Falcon College (9–4), securing second place in their group. A second encounter with Falcon College followed in the knockout stages, and Chisipite once again proved too strong, winning 6–3 to book their place in the Final.

Waiting for them was Hellenic Academy, the only team to have defeated them during the tournament. Determined to rewrite the story, the Chisipite players delivered one of their finest performances of the season. Displaying courage, composure, and exceptional teamwork, they defeated Hellenic 6–3 to capture the Hippo Trophy.

Adding to the celebrations, six players were selected to represent Zimbabwe at Under 17 level: Kristin Jones, Lexie Kaschula, Katelyn Reilly, Mia Rooney, Chloe Winsor, and Mufarowashe Zuze.



Under 16 Jardine Trophy Water Polo Tournament

The Under 16 Team delivered an outstanding performance throughout the tournament, displaying exceptional teamwork, determination, and commitment. They competed as a united team and consistently gave their best in every match.

Although they were unable to overcome Hellenic in the Final, Chisipite's team can be extremely proud of their efforts, showing resilience, discipline, and fighting spirit until the final whistle.

The tournament concluded with a significant reward for the team's efforts, as six Chisipite players earned selection to the Zimbabwe Under 16 Team: Georgia Eckard, Georgia Jardine, Georgia Van Der Linden, Gabriella Borcherds, Ella Passaportis, and Mwakawashe Mafunga.

SOCCER

Soccer Under 16s claim a Threepeat

The Under 16 Soccer Team successfully defended the Girls' College Under 16 Soccer Invitational Trophy for the second time.

They recorded emphatic victories over Falcon College (7-0), Girls' College (5-0), and Masiyephambili College (8-0), before drawing 0-0 with Arundel School to be crowned 2026 Champions.

Angelica Mwenso finished as the tournament's Top Goal Scorer and was named Player of the Tournament.

Four Chisipite players were selected for the Team of the Tournament: Angelica Mwenso, Ilothando Sibanda, Kimberly Machana, and Atida Jiro. Melissa Zambe was named Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament.













VOLLEYBALL

Chisipite serves up success across the Volleyball season

From championship-winning performances to hard-fought Silver and Bronze Medal finishes, Chisipite's Volleyball teams have enjoyed a remarkable season.

Gold Medal Glory at the Harare International School Under 20 Tournament
The Under 20 Team produced a sensational performance at the Harare International School Under 20 Volleyball Tournament, earning a well-deserved Gold Medal after a series of impressive displays.

The team began confidently, recording straight-set victories over Mispa College and the HIS Under 16 Team before narrowly missing out against the HIS 1st Team in the group stages. Undeterred, they rose to the occasion in the Semi-Final, showing tremendous composure and resilience to recover from a challenging position and defeat Mispa College 2–1.

The Final delivered all the excitement expected of a championship showdown. Facing the HIS 1st Team once again, Chisipite lost the opening set but responded with determination and belief. The team fought their way back into the contest, forcing a deciding third set before producing a superb finish to claim the title and the Gold Medal.

Several players made invaluable contributions throughout the tournament. Nokutenda Nyamayevhu and Rudo Nemasasi delivered consistently strong performances from start to finish, while Nokutenda Rusere proved a reliable asset from the service line. In the Final, Jochebed Mnaba's powerful and well-timed serving proved pivotal, helping to turn the tide in Chisipite's favour when it mattered most.







Double Silver Success at the ATS Championships

Chisipite's Under 16 and Under 20 teams both delivered outstanding performances at the ATS Under 16 and Under 20 Volleyball Championships, with each side securing Silver Medals after memorable campaigns.

The Under 20 Team was exceptional throughout the tournament, progressing through the pool stages unbeaten with victories over Midlands Christian College, Peterhouse Girls, Arundel School and Lomagundi College. They continued their impressive run with a convincing 2–0 victory over St George's College in the Semi-Final.

What made the achievement even more impressive was the fact that the team competed without three regular starters. Despite this setback, the players displayed admirable resilience, discipline and teamwork, battling their way to the Final before finishing as worthy runners-up to Watershed College.

The Under 16 Team also impressed with a consistent and disciplined display of volleyball. Strong passing, excellent defensive play, effective serving and outstanding teamwork were the hallmarks of their campaign as they earned a well-deserved Silver Medal.

The tournament also brought individual recognition for several Chisipite players:

Anashe Ratisai – Under 20 Best Blocker
Jochebed Mnaba – Under 20 Best Opposite Attacker
Tinotenda Rubaya – Under 16 Best Libero
Waishe Marimo – Under 16 Best Opposite Attacker

Bronze Medal Finish at the St George's College Tournament

The Under 16 Team added another podium finish to an impressive season by securing the Bronze Medal at the St George's College Volleyball Tournament.

After a difficult opening match against Parkhill, the team responded brilliantly, defeating Marchwood 2–1 before continuing their momentum with a thrilling 2–1 victory over Nattie Borrowdale in the Round of 16. They followed this with a commanding 2–0 win over Tynwald in the quarterfinals.

Although Watershed College halted their progress in the Semi-Final, the players demonstrated tremendous character by bouncing back to defeat Kutama College 2–0 in the third-place playoff and secure the Bronze Medal.

One of the standout moments of the tournament came in the Round of 16 clash against Nattie Borrowdale. Trailing 11–4, the team looked to be facing defeat before Waishe Marimo delivered an extraordinary serving display. Producing an incredible sequence of 11 consecutive points through a succession of aces, she inspired an unforgettable comeback and transformed the match into a thrilling 15–11 victory.



The team's impressive serve reception, ball control and determination were evident throughout the competition. Individual honours further underlined their success, with Shawna Shoniwa being named Best Server of the Tournament and Waishe Marimo receiving the Best Attacker Award.

SQUASH

Silver success at Squash Inter-Schools

Chisipite's Squash players delivered an impressive performance at the Squash Inter-Schools Tournament in Bulawayo. Hosted by Girls' College, the tournament saw Chisipite's A Team finish level on 19 points with Falcon College A. The team narrowly missed out on second place after a closely contested 6–5 head-to-head encounter, demonstrating both skill and resilience throughout the competition.

A special mention goes to Naomi Langeveldt, who was exceptional throughout the tournament. Naomi won almost all her matches and displayed remarkable maturity, confidence, and determination against experienced opponents.

The B Team also produced a standout performance, earning silver medals in a highly competitive section featuring 11 teams. Their achievement was particularly noteworthy as the entire team consisted of Form 1 players competing against older and more experienced players. Their success is a testament to both their talent and their potential for future growth.

Leisel Hulley and Natasha Katurura delivered excellent performances, helping the team secure the prestigious Best Up-and-Coming Team of the Tournament award.

The tournament was a tremendous success for Chisipite, highlighting the strength of the School's Squash programme and the promising future of our players.





TENNIS

Sun City Private High Schools Tennis Tournament

The continued strength of the Green Machine's Tennis programme was highlighted by the A and B Tennis Teams exceptional results at the 2026 Sun City Private High Schools Tennis Tournament.

The A Team competed in the Girls A Section and won all their matches as follows:
8-1 vs Peterhouse Girls A
9-0 vs Roedean A
8-1 vs St. Mary's DSG A
6-3 vs Holy Rosary A
8-1 vs Somerset A

Congratulations to Chelsea Fryer and Alexia Pitcher for winning all their Singles matches. The teams were paired up for Doubles as Kyla Ben and Chelsea Fryer, Alexia Pitcher and Olivia Butler, Zena Ngara and Zara Fick. Congratulations on winning all the Doubles matches.

The B Team competed in the Girls B Section. They won all their matches as follows:
7-2 vs Peterhouse Girls B
9-0 vs St. Teresa's B
9-0 vs Roedean B
7-2 vs St. Teresa's A
6-3 vs De La Salle
5-4 vs Uplands A

Congratulations to Andyswa Gwangwawa, Savannah Danda and Thandeka Chimsoro for winning all their Singles matches.





MUSIC

A fitting finale
Upper 6 musicians take their final bow

The annual Upper 6 Musicians' Leavers' Concert and Awards was a memorable and heartfelt celebration, providing Chisipite's Upper 6 musicians with the perfect opportunity to reflect on their musical journeys and take a final bow before leaving the School.

The evening began with a delightful high tea hosted by the Music Department on the lawn beside the Heart of the School. In a relaxed atmosphere, Upper 6 musicians and Music Department staff shared refreshments, laughter and memories, while taking part in a fun-filled music trivia quiz that tested their knowledge of all things Chisi Music.

As the pupils prepare to embark on new adventures beyond school, the concert served as a special moment to celebrate the passion, commitment and talent they have brought to Chisipite's vibrant music programme. Recognising that many may have fewer opportunities to perform regularly after school, the Music Department invited the Upper 6 leavers to choose a piece they had always wanted to perform, making the evening especially meaningful and personal.

The result was a moving and inspiring concert that showcased the remarkable musical ability of the Class of 2026 while creating lasting memories for performers and audience members alike.

The evening also featured the presentation of awards, recognising outstanding contributions and achievements within the Music Department. A heartfelt farewell address was delivered by 2026 Head of Music, Chara Ndlovu, who reflected on her musical journey at Chisi. The event concluded with the announcement of Mazvita Chigumba as the 2027 Head of Music, alongside the introduction of the incoming Heads of the different ensembles.









Voices across continents
Chisipite musician shines on international choir tour

Lower 6 pupil Chikomborero Murwisi has been recognised for her outstanding contribution to the World Choir Tour in Denmark, earning praise for representing both Chisipite and Zimbabwe with distinction.

Part of the Africa iLejre Festival, an initiative that celebrates cultural exchange and promotes global understanding through the arts, the World Choir brought together 60 young musicians from Denmark, the Netherlands, Austria, Germany, Nepal and Zimbabwe.

Over the course of the programme, participants learned and performed a diverse repertoire at schools, churches and community events while building friendships across cultures.

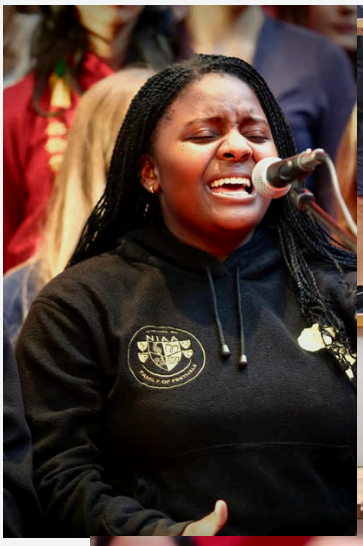
Chikomborero was one of four Zimbabwean students selected for the tour, and Team Zimbabwe quickly made a lasting impression. Each student performed a solo with the international choir and received enthusiastic praise from audiences. They also showcased Zimbabwean culture through a moving performance of Neria, Ndikokele Bawo and Jesu Wakanaka, accompanied by mbira, despite having met only shortly before the trip.

The Zimbabwean students were further honoured with performances at festival art exhibitions and had the opportunity to meet Priscilla Misihairabwi-Mushonga, Zimbabwe's Ambassador to the Nordic countries, who commended them for their exceptional work.

A highlight of the tour was performing with the Danish band Nødhjælpsorkesteret, joining them on stage after just minutes of preparation, a testament to the students' musical talent and adaptability.

Beyond the performances, the experience fostered cultural exchange, friendship and a deeper appreciation of music as a universal language.

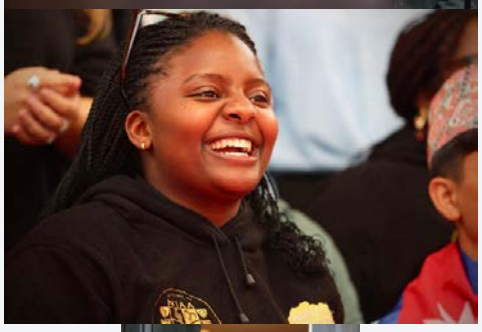
Chikomborero's participation in this remarkable programme reflects the talent, confidence and global outlook of Chisipite's young musicians, and we congratulate her on this outstanding achievement.













Marimba Magic
Chisipite and Peterhouse Girls strike a harmonious chord

The vibrant sounds of Marimba filled the air as Chisipite Senior School's Form 1 to Form 3 Marimba Ensembles travelled to Peterhouse Girls for an inspiring and enjoyable Marimba Exchange.

Throughout the exchange, pupils from both schools performed for one another in a supportive and encouraging peer environment. The experience provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to showcase their talents, learn from fellow musicians, and develop their skills through observation and participation.

Without the pressure of a formal public audience, pupils were able to perform with greater confidence while strengthening important musical qualities such as attentive listening, teamwork, and ensemble discipline.

The exchange was not only a chance to celebrate musical achievement but also an opportunity to foster new friendships and strengthen connections between the two schools through a shared appreciation of Zimbabwean Marimba Music.

Looking ahead, the Marimba Section of the Music Department is excited to build on this positive experience by establishing regular exchanges that will further strengthen relationships between schools, enrich musical learning, and deepen pupils' appreciation of Zimbabwe's rich Marimba tradition.

The future is certainly bright for these talented young musicians.



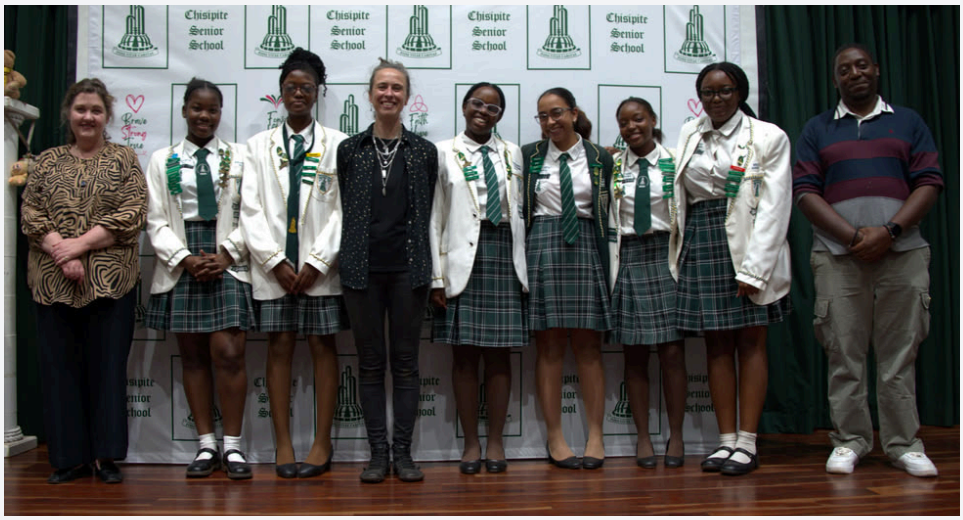




SPEECH & DRAMA

Celebration & Joy at The Roast & Awards Ceremony

The Speech and Drama Roast and Awards Ceremony was a slick, fun and vibrant event, with performances and participation from the six arms of the department. Much hilarity and camaraderie were enjoyed, with memories from six years of creativity from our 2026 outgoing team, and a 'roasting' of the incoming leaders of 2027.



We also celebrated the Upper Six group with the Awards presentation, which included certificates for achievement as well as best acting awards.





The Boyle Cup for Best Actress and The Naomi Buch Cup for Speech and Drama were awarded to Natasha Chaniwa. The Laurie Watermeyer Award for Dramatic Achievement was awarded jointly to Nina-Rae Manjengwa and Tatenda Muradzikwa.





Success at the ATS Public Speaking Competition

We are very pleased with the following results from the ATS Inter Schools Public Speaking Competition held between 19 schools in September.

In the JUNIOR Round Rosanne Munyoro (F2) came 1st.
In the INTERMEDIATE Round, Mwakawashe Mafunga (F3) came 2nd.
In the SENIOR Round, Ruvarashe Jakanani (U6) also came 2nd.

These fantastic positions placed CHISIPITE 1st Overall with 662 points, and we took home the Trophy. SJC came 2nd, St Georges 3rd and Peterhouse Boys 4th. There was a 53 point difference between Chisi and 2nd place.

Mz McLaren would like to extend her gratitude to Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Lamb, Mr Erasmus, the Kitchen Team and Estates for their assistance in making sure the Junior and Intermediate round showed off our hosting skills.

In addition, thank you to our Public Speaking Club members and Senior Drama & Tech Team who did an exceptional job of MCing, Timekeeping, Serving Teas, Welcoming Guests, and looking after the speakers. We received several compliments from our Judges on the courtesy, hospitality, and kindness of our pupils.







UPCOMING EVENTS TERM 3 2026

- Prizegiving - Friday 6th November
- SPCA Fundraising Concert - Tuesday 10th November
- Coffee in the Car Park – Wednesday 18th November
- Junior Play - Tuesday 24th–Friday 27th November
- Carol Service - Tuesday 1st December
- End of Term for pupils - Wednesday 2nd December

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