



# Milestone College

# NEWSLETTER

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## Head's Remarks

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

As the year draws to a close, I extend heartfelt thanks for your trust, support and cooperation. Together, we have worked to nurture discipline, integrity, and excellence in our students.

It is important, however, to remind all families that early withdrawal of students before the official closing date, or encouraging them to breach school rules, undermines our shared mission. Practices such as smuggling tuck or money into hostels not only disrupt order but also set poor examples for our children. Let us remain united in guiding them toward responsibility and good citizenship.

We are deeply grateful to those parents who have stood with us, reporting and discouraging misconduct both at school and at home. Your commitment strengthens our community.

We wish you a joyful Christmas and a prosperous 2026.

**Warm regards,**  
**G. Nyamurundira**

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## EXAMINATIONS



### Internal Exams

Our internal exams were successfully completed, giving learners the chance to consolidate their studies and demonstrate progress.

We commend their effort and discipline, supported by the guidance of teachers

### External Exams

External exams also concluded smoothly, with candidates showing focus and determination.

We are grateful to staff and parents for their support, and we look forward to positive results.

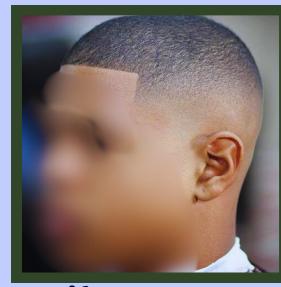


**Secure Your Child's Future Today**

#### **Enrolment for 2026 is still in progress!**

Milestone College invites applications for **Form 1** and **Form 5** learners. With a strong tradition of academic excellence, vibrant extracurricular opportunities, and a nurturing environment that shapes both knowledge and character, we welcome new families to join our community.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to secure places early and be part of a school committed to holistic development and discipline.



### **Uniform and Grooming Standards**

As we prepare for the **upcoming 2026 academic year**, we kindly remind parents and guardians to ensure that learners' uniforms are in good condition and appropriately sized. Girls' uniforms should be at least 10cm below the knee in length to maintain consistency and neatness.

Hairstyles must also follow school guidelines: girls are expected to plait free-hand only (no braids), while boys should avoid fancy or styled haircuts. These standards help us promote discipline, unity, and pride in our school identity.

### **2026 Check-in Schedule**

- Form 1 learners will check in on Sunday, 11 January 2026.
- Forms 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 learners will check in on Tuesday, 13 January 2026.

# CLUBS

## Milestone Meteorological Society

As the Milestone Meteorological Society, we remain committed to safeguarding and studying both our environment and our weather patterns. We are pleased to share the major achievements and upcoming plans for this term.

Firstly, on the 21st of November, we successfully hosted a tree-planting event, which was well attended and greatly contributed to our ongoing environmental conservation efforts. Secondly, our society consistently provided accurate weekly weather forecasts, enabling the school administration to plan events effectively and with greater confidence.

Furthermore, we are delighted to announce that planning has begun for an educational trip to Victoria Falls next year. This visit aims to broaden students' understanding of natural landscapes, meteorological phenomena, and environmental stewardship. We are also excited to share that a brand-new talent show is being organised, featuring enhanced prizes and a refreshed programme to better showcase the diverse talents within our school community.

**N.B.: All Geo Club members are kindly requested to bring an affiliation fee of 5 USD.**

We thank the school community for your continued support.



***"He who plants a tree, plants a hope."***

— Lucy Larcom



## Pathfinder Club's First Ever Outing a Resounding Success

The Pathfinder Club made history this term with its inaugural outing, held at **Fountain Creek in Vumba**. A total of 80 enthusiastic students attended the camp, which proved to be an unforgettable experience filled with adventure, learning, and spiritual growth.

Students engaged in a variety of exciting activities, including hiking, ziplining, quad biking, and target shooting. Beyond the fun, the camp also offered valuable lessons in camping skills, media evangelism, drill and marching, and daily uplifting devotions that strengthened both faith and fellowship.

The success of this maiden camp has laid a strong foundation for even greater Pathfinder programs in the future. The Chaplaincy Department extends heartfelt gratitude to all parents for their overwhelming support, which made this milestone possible.

# CLUBS

## ALLIED ARTS



L-R: Kunashe Nyirenda, Pravin Marimbire, Tanaka Befura, Munopaishe Mukuwa & Ryan Gandashanga

We are delighted to announce that quite a number of our students have distinguished themselves in the literary arena this year. They participated in both the **National Institute of Allied Arts Literary (NIAA) Festival** and the **Daughters Destined for Purpose (DD4P) Poetry Competition**.

In the **NIAA** competition, twenty-nine students successfully achieved various grades in their respective age groups. The following students obtained first-class grading:

- Kunashe Nyirenda
- Pravin Marimbire
- Munopaishe Mukuwa
- Ariella Chikowo
- Sydney Kambalata
- Daniella Chitate obtained a distinction.

In the **DD4P** competition, four of our students obtained literary awards, and these are:

- Kudakwashe Jonga
- Muziwoxolo Ncube
- Tanaka Befura
- Ryan Gandashanga

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the parents and guardians for their continued support in this field, and we fully expect to reap more awards in the coming year.

## GOLF



Owing to the sizeable numbers of players writing final examinations, the club had to forego some tournaments to allow students time to prepare. Even so, the team performed well in the Interschools Tournament in Marondera and now looks ahead to a rebuilding exercise.

We extend gratitude to Tonderai Masvikeni, a captain who led by example and won accolades in every tournament. His leadership will be dearly missed, and we wish him success in his future endeavors.

Our junior players are representing the school in the ongoing **Junior Golf Championship** in **Victoria Falls (27/11/25 – 30/11/25)**. The club unreservedly thanks parents and all behind the scenes for the successes enjoyed and wishes you all a happy and prosperous 2026.

## CLUBS

### ROBOTICS

#### National Champions Head to World Robotics Olympiad

Milestone College Robotics Team, the reigning National Champions, departed Harare on 24 November 2025 and travelled to Singapore to represent both the school and Zimbabwe at the World Robotics Olympiad. This prestigious competition gathers top young robotics minds globally, and their participation reflects dedication and hard work.

Team members **Ryaan Mwambe**, **Nicole Maruni**, and **Tinotenda Ndemera** carry our pride as they showcase their skills and spirit on the world stage. We wish them success in this remarkable challenge.



#### FIRST Tech Robotics Challenge 2026

We are thrilled to announce that our school has been invited to the FIRST Tech Robotics Challenge at Academy Village, Cesenatico, Italy taking place from **03 to 07 March 2026**. This international event will bring together teams from 48 countries, making it an incredible global STEM experience.

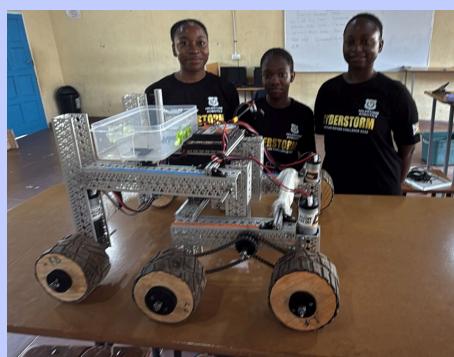
We are assembling a team of 15 students to represent both our school and our country. Students with a passion for robotics, engineering, coding, or teamwork are encouraged to take part. The trip fee is **\$3,500** which includes flights, accommodation, meals, and recreational activities.

#### FIRST Tech Robotics Challenge 2026

Three Milestone College students, **Ashley Mapanzure**, **Tavonga Musariri**, and **Nokutenda Ndemera**, were crowned **National Champions in Robotics and Artificial Intelligence** with their award-winning Mars-ready rover project. Their innovation impressed judges with creativity, engineering excellence, and scientific potential.

As a result, the team has been selected to represent Zimbabwe at the **Taiwan International Science Fair** on **29 January 2026**, joining young innovators worldwide. Their achievement is a proud moment for the school community and a testament to the strength of our robotics and AI programs.

#### 🌟Milestone Space Exploration & Robotics Club – Annual International Trip 2026



The Milestone Space Exploration and Robotics Club is excited to announce its annual international educational trip in **July/August 2026**. This year's destination is Japan, where students will visit leading robotics and space institutions, including **JAXA**, **Miraikan**, **RIKEN**, **AIST**, and **selected Honda & Toyota labs**.

**Trip Fee: US\$4,000** (covers flights, accommodation, meals, transport, and recreation).

## CLUBS

## DEBATE, SPEECH, SPELLING BEE &amp; QUIZ

## Milestone Shines at Princeton Competitions



Milestone College teams excelled at the recent competitions hosted by Princeton Institute:

- **Public Speaking:**

- Senior relay team (Atidaishe Moyo, Ashley Chibobo, Mandipaishe Musendo) took 1st place.
- Junior relay team (Tadiwanashe Chikwekwe, Cheryl Mangwiyo) secured 2nd place.
- In prepared speeches, Tiana Chidawanyika won 1st place with 62 points, followed by Samantha Mukunyadze in 2nd place.

- **Spelling Bee:**

- O'Neil placed 2nd, narrowly missing the top spot.
- In Form 2, Nokutenda Chinhema (29/30) and Precious Chisango (28/30) claimed 1st and 2nd place.
- Tierney Timire, a national champion, dominated the Form 3 category.
- The team is now preparing for regional competitions in Botswana this December.

- **Debate:**

- Despite technical challenges, Milestone's Opening Opposition team (Tashinga Chingono & Kudakwashe Paunganwa) emerged winners.
- Other panelists included Makomborero Kundiona and Tinaye Togara.

Milestone learners demonstrated talent, resilience, and teamwork, proudly representing the school in all categories.

### Milestone Heads to Botswana for Orate Regionals

Milestone College will proudly represent Zimbabwe at the Orate Regional Tournament, taking place from **10-15 December at the University of Botswana.**

**Our Debate Team** includes Chingono Tashinga (F3), Kundiona Makomborero (F3), Chimbuya Tawananyasha (F3), Mwagura Tafadzwa (F2), and Malenguka Anita (F2).

In **Public Speaking**, the school will be represented by Mukura Shonna (F3), Masaka Blessing (F3), Gobvu Garvin (F2), Nyamakambo Makanaka (F2), Moyo Atida (F2), and Chikwekwe Tadiwa (F1).

For the **Spelling Bee**, our champions are Timire Tierney (F3), Chisango Precious (F2), and Dzinopana Lemuel (F2).

### Harvard Online Mock Trial Seminar



On 1-2 November 2025,

**Matthew Chinamasa**

attended Harvard's intensive online mock trial workshop. The programme covered courtroom procedures, trial advocacy, legal reasoning, and public speaking, providing valuable skills and insights for future competitions.

## SPORTS

This term, the sporting programme was limited as many of our players were sitting for their final examinations, and we therefore had to forgo some tournaments to allow students sufficient time to prepare. However, on Sunday, 23 November, we successfully held our interhouse soccer competitions with junior and senior teams representing **Jaguar, Leopard and Tiger**.

All teams displayed remarkable skill, teamwork and sportsmanship, resulting in exciting and highly competitive matches—particularly among the senior sides. Leopard claimed first position, followed by Tiger and then Jaguar. The event was lively, enjoyable and rich in house spirit. Well done to all participants, and special congratulations to Leopard for securing this term's soccer title. We look forward to more sporting opportunities and greater participation next term.



## CHAPLAINCY

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

As we close the year, we reflect with gratitude on God's faithfulness and the many blessings He has bestowed upon our school community. May His guidance continue to lead us into the new year with hope, joy, and renewed strength.

**We also kindly remind each student to bring at least US\$5 cash as an offering on Opening Day of the new term.**

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

On 26 November 2025, our school community gathered for the **annual Carols by Candlelight**, a joyful evening filled with music, fellowship, and the warm glow of candles. Learners and staff joined together in song, celebrating the spirit of Christmas through timeless carols and heartfelt performances. The atmosphere was both festive and reverent, reminding us of the true meaning of the season and the strength of our Milestone family.



**Warm Regards,**

**Ms Bonyongwa  
Deputy-Head (College)**