



MILESTONE COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER



A Term of Quiet Strength

As the chapter on Term 2 comes to a close, there is much to reflect upon with quiet pride. It has been a term shaped by resilience, community, and steady purpose. The winter months tested everyone with their chill, yet within the boarding community, warmth prevailed, in the dormitories, in the dining hall, and most importantly, in the spirit of the learners.

This term, students have grown not only in knowledge but in character. They have cared for one another, pushed through challenges, and discovered new strengths beyond the classroom. That is the kind of growth valued most, the kind that shapes young people for life.

Thank you for entrusting the school with your children. Your partnership, though often from a distance, is felt deeply within these walls. As learners return home, may the break be filled with rest, family, and joy. They have truly earned it.

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ACADEMICS

August Vacation and Examination Preparation

Please note that the August vacation for Form 3, Form 4, Form 5, and Form 6 learners will commence on 5 August and run through to 25 August. This period is a direct continuation from the school closure date and is intended to provide focused revision time ahead of the Cambridge examinations.

Kindly be informed that some students have elected not to return home after the vacation. Instead, they will remain at school to continue with their studies undisturbed and will only return home once they have completed their Cambridge exams. We commend these learners for their dedication and wish them every success in their preparations.

Meet the New Teacher



Mr. Mupinganjira

We warmly welcome Mr. Mupinganjira to the Mathematics Department. With seven years of teaching experience and a BSc (Hons) in Mathematics and Statistics, he brings valuable expertise and passion for nurturing excellence in our learners. We wish him every success as he begins his journey with us.

Speech and Prize Giving Day

Mark your calendars! Our annual Speech and Prize Giving Day will take place on **25 September 2026**. It promises to be a memorable occasion as we gather to celebrate the dedication, talent, and accomplishments of our learners. Parents and guardians are warmly welcome. Details will be shared closer to the date.

Form 1 Open Day for 2027 Enrolment

We are delighted to invite prospective parents and guardians to our Form 1 Open Day for the 2027 academic year, to be held on 30 August 2026. This will be a wonderful opportunity to tour our campus, meet our dedicated staff, and experience firsthand what makes Milestone College a nurturing environment for academic and personal growth. Come and see where the journey begins.



"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." – Robert Collier

CLUBS & EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

Debate Club, Public Speaking, Spelling Bee & Quiz



The Milestone Debate Club went for the National Battle of Wits Competitions in Masvingo between 3 to 5 July 2026. The team comprised of 35 students fielding in different categories which included debate, public speaking, spelling bee and quiz. Indeed a splendid display of skills was delivered.

Debate

National champions debate battle of Wits competitions 2026:

Makanaka Tsimba

Criclyn Mazicho

Takudzwa Mangoma

Takudzwa Mangoma First runner up best speaker (Silver medal plus certificate)

Three gold medals, certificates and trophy for all team members

The second runner ups debate

Makomborero kudiona

Dhakotah Philemon

Makatendeka Chirova

Chirova Makatendeka second runner up best speaker (bronze medal plus certificate)

Three bronze medals plus certificates to all team members.

Public Speaking

First runner up

- Chibobo Ashley

Silver medal and certificate

Spelling Bee

Spelling bee champion

Ryan Simende

Gold medal, trophy and certificate

First runner up

Mavugara Tamika

Silver medal and certificate

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Quiz

Second runner up

- Blessing Marimirofa
- Kudzwai Vere
- Princess Zihumo

Bronze medals and certificates

First runner up quiz

- Takudzwa Mangoma
- Mischa Li
- Anita Malenguka

Silver medals plus certificates.



The school received a cannon printer for the Overall best school performance.

We have an upcoming tournament in Tanzania for the World Schools Debate Championship. We wish them all the best, victory is already ours.

We would like to extend our profuse gratitude to the parents who continues to support the club. May the dear Lord bless you abundantly.

Design & Technology Club



Dylan Musvota

The Design and Technology Club proudly celebrates the outstanding achievement of Dylan Musvota, who won a Gold Medal at the recent Africa Science Buskers Festival held in Harare.

Dylan designed and built an Intelligent Plant Monitoring System, a sophisticated closed-loop control system that automatically monitors soil moisture and sunlight levels. Using moisture sensors, the system activates self-watering when the soil is dry and controls natural and artificial lighting to provide optimal conditions for healthy plant growth.

This innovative project demonstrates the practical application of Design and Technology principles to solve real-world problems and highlights the creativity, innovation, and technical skills developed by students in our Design and Technology Club.

LEO Club



Our learners and staff recently demonstrated the true spirit of community by visiting the Jairos Jiri centre to deliver a generous donation of essential groceries. This heartfelt initiative brought immense joy to the residents and highlighted our clubs ongoing commitment to supporting those in need.

Looking ahead, the excitement continues as we prepare for our upcoming LEO camping trip to the breathtaking landscapes of Chimanimani. This outdoor adventure will provide students with a fantastic opportunity to build teamwork skills, connect with nature, and create lifelong memories.

Explorers Club

The Explorers Club successfully hosted a Movie Night on Saturday, 25 July 2026, providing learners with a safe, enjoyable, and well-supervised evening of entertainment. The event was well attended, with learners displaying exemplary behaviour throughout the programme. Freshly made popcorn and slushies added to the experience, while the dedication of club members, patrons, and staff ensured the event ran smoothly. The Movie Night was a great success, promoting teamwork, school spirit, and positive social interaction among learners.



Geography Club

From maps to reality!

The Geography Club embarked on an unforgettable educational trip to Kariba, exploring its physical features, human activities, and the vital role it plays in Zimbabwe's economy. A truly enriching experience where classroom learning came to life through discovery and adventure



Form 2 Trip



The form two students recently embarked on an excursion to Zambezi Holidays in Marondera. The trip proved to be an action packed, fun filled and educational venture for the students. They were unanimous in agreeing that they had all learnt the importance of teamwork, cooperation and following instructions in order to achieve the goals that they had been tasked with achieving. Raft building, rowing, abseiling, Jacob's Ladder and other endurance tasks tested both individual and team resilience and determination.



The students managed to overcome various phobias connected with heights and water. They also said that the trip had transformed their perspective of themselves and what they could achieve in life.

It was indeed an experience worth having.

Robotics Club

Congratulations to Our Outstanding Young Scientists!

Milestone College proudly celebrates remarkable achievements at the Africa Science Buskers Festival Awards. Honourable Mentions went to Believe Marimirofa (Form 2) and Tanyaradzwa Mutsayi (Prep), while Tavonga Musariri (Upper 6) earned a Silver Medal. Gold Medals were awarded to Nothando Mutisi (Form 3) and Dylan Musvota (Form 1), showcasing the creativity, dedication, and innovation of our learners.

A special highlight goes to Tavonga Musariri, who emerged as a Broadcom ISEF Finalist, receiving a US\$200 cash prize and certificate for an exceptional scientific project. These achievements reflect the spirit of excellence and perseverance that defines Milestone College. Well done, Team Milestone!

Robotics Club



Join Us for an Unforgettable Robotics Weekend at Scenicon

From **25-26 September**, our club heads to the Eastern Highlands for an exclusive Robotics Weekend at Scenicon, Zimbabwe's pioneering science exploration centre in Juliasdale, Nyanga. This milestone event will feature hands-on engineering hacks, a celebration of our achievements, and planning for the upcoming competition season.

What is Scenicon? An interactive STEM playground built with the Zimbabwe Science Fair, Scenicon offers advanced workshops, prototyping tools, aerodynamics & rocketry fields, and interactive exhibits, all designed to bring ideas to life.

Weekend Highlights:

- Driving Innovation: Deep-dive coding, sensor calibration, and arena testing.
- Celebrating Achievements: Reviewing past successes and recognizing standout members.
- Charting the Future: Brainstorming next-gen robots and strategies for major competitions.
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Fee: \$150 per student (covers full access, workshops, and materials). Payment: Send proof of payment to +263775699213.

Availability: Limited places: First come, first served.



Robotics Club

🚀 **FIRST Tech Challenge (Italy) 2026-2027 season – The Journey Begins!**

This September, Milestone College invites all aspiring innovators to join the world's biggest robotics showcase, the **FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) 2026**. After our continued success in competitions, it's time to aim higher. FTC unites thousands of young engineers, programmers, and problem-solvers from across the globe to design, build, and program robots for exciting engineering challenges.

At Milestone, we believe innovation, teamwork, and perseverance create champions. For **US\$3,500**, participants will gain world-class robotics and AI skills, compete internationally, and develop leadership and problem-solving abilities while representing our school on the global stage.

Registrations and preparations begin in September 2026, secure your place and be part of the next generation of innovators. Let's innovate, compete, and inspire.



On 31 July, our Robotics Club had the privilege of hosting Dr. Graham Walker, a renowned science communication teacher and researcher from the Australian National University's CPAS. With over two decades of experience across Asia-Pacific, Africa, and the Middle East, and as founder of Science Circus Africa, Dr. Walker has inspired thousands through hands-on science learning.



During his visit, our students gained valuable insights on communicating scientific ideas with confidence, the role of creativity and teamwork in STEM, and using robotics to solve real-world challenges. A highlight was one-on-one discussions about scholarship opportunities, giving learners guidance for their future.

Dr. Walker commended our club's enthusiasm and innovation, leaving us motivated to continue promoting STEM education. We are truly grateful for this inspiring experience.

SPORTS DESK

This term has been filled with energy, determination, and remarkable participation across our sporting disciplines. Our girls' basketball, girls' netball, boys' and girls' hockey, boys' soccer, and girls' volleyball teams have proudly represented the school with enthusiasm, discipline, and excellent sportsmanship. Every training session and competition has provided valuable opportunities for our students to develop teamwork, resilience, leadership, and confidence.

While we celebrate the achievements on the field and court, we are equally proud of the character our athletes have displayed, respecting opponents, supporting teammates, and striving for personal excellence. These values are at the heart of our sporting culture and contribute significantly to the holistic development of every learner.

I would like to thank our dedicated coaches for their commitment and guidance, our parents for their continued encouragement and presence at matches, and our students for their hard work and determination throughout the term.

As we look ahead to the coming term, we encourage all students to remain active, continue developing their skills, and embrace every opportunity to participate in sport. Together, we will continue building a strong sporting tradition that promotes excellence, healthy competition, and school pride.

Looking ahead, we are excited about another action-packed sporting season next term. Our programme will feature cricket for both boys and girls, girls' tennis, girls' volleyball, and boys' basketball. We encourage all eligible students to participate wholeheartedly, whether they are experienced athletes or trying a sport for the first time. We are confident that the coming season will provide even more opportunities for our learners to grow, compete, and make our school proud.

To ensure that students are well prepared for training sessions and fixtures, we kindly request parents to assist their children by providing the appropriate sporting equipment and attire. The following items are recommended:

- **Cricket (Boys & Girls):** Cricket bat, batting pads, batting gloves, abdominal guard (boys), helmet, cricket shoes or trainers, white cricket attire,
- **Tennis (Girls):** Tennis racket, tennis shoes, can of tennis balls green dot donlop/wilson.
- **Basketball (Boys):** Basketball shoes, basketball (where possible for practice).

All students should clearly label their personal equipment and ensure they attend practices in suitable sports attire. Having the correct equipment not only enhances performance but also promotes safety and confidence during training and competition.



French Trip

Regarding the Trip to France!

We are pleased to inform you that the dates have been shifted from August to End of November so as to accommodate candidates who paid for the trip. Any inconveniences caused are sincerely regretted!



Chaplaincy

The Chaplaincy Department extends heartfelt gratitude to all parents for their continued support. As we look ahead to next term, learners are encouraged to bring **\$5** each to help facilitate the success of our major music concerts, scheduled for Dedication Day on 3 October and at the End of Year Thanksgiving celebrations. Parents with students in the Pathfinder Club are kindly reminded to check the parents' group for official communication regarding the Club's programs for next term.

Wishing You all a wonderful holiday.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all. AMEN. **Revelation 22:21**

Upcoming Events

- **17-18 September: International Robotics Competition, IRC**
- **25 September: Speech & Prize Giving Day**
- **27 September: Athleisure & Sports Civics Day**

School Opening Notice:

School will open on Tuesday, 8 September 2026. Lessons will officially begin on Wednesday, 9 September 2026.



Thank you for your continued support. Together, we celebrate our achievements and look forward to greater success in the term ahead.

Warm regards,

Ms Bonyongwa
(Acting Head)