

# ST GEORGE'S COLLEGE

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### FROM THE HEAD'S DESK



The second half of the term has been as busy as ever, with end of term examinations for students in both Form One and Two. The outcomes of these will contribute to their progression into Form two and Three, respectively. Students in public examination classes hopefully now appreciate their fast approaching mock examinations that commence at the end of June.

Three of our recent OG's received great news in the last few weeks. Tawananyasha Chipiro (OG' 21) has been accepted into Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). His acceptance letter contained the following, "one of the most talented and







promising students in one of the most competitive applicant pools in the history of the Institute". High praise indeed. David Mukuruwa (OG '22) has been accepted into Cambridge University (UK), to read Biomedical Sciences. Nyasha Runhare has been accepted into Harvard.

Our Co-curricular programme has continued with a number of students achieving Honours at the recently held musical Eisteddfod and many other notable performances in the same competition. Inter House Drama and Public Speaking events were also held in the last weeks of the term.

Sport focused on athletics, with our Team placing first at the Peterhouse Relays, something not achieved before. The Majority of athletes in the Harare Provincial Athletics Team competing at the National Championships, were athletes from the College. Our athletes achieved eight Gold Medals and four Silver Medals, an incredible achievement.

There was a wonderful turnout for our Inter House Athletics on the 11<sup>th</sup> March. Barthelemy House prevailed after a keenly fought competition throughout the day. On the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, our athletes were leading our own Invitational

### SGC @ 125 Years

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#### **KEY DATES**

♦ Second Term Opening - Tue 9 May 2023



forced us to abandon the event.

The Athletics Team gave a commanding performance at the Lomagundi Athletics meeting placing first out of ten teams. This means that our Team won all three of the major events School will re-opening on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, with class this year. Congratulations to all of our athletes.

We wish all students and staff travelling outside of the country for Hockey, Football and Rugby tournaments safe travels and our best wishes.

As we enter Holy week our focus turns towards Easter. May I

Meeting by 37 points after 62 of the 68 events, before rain wish you and your families a peaceful Easter holiday and that you find your faith renewed with the hope that Easter brings. Keep well and keep safe, particularly those who may be travelling.

registration at 0715.

John Farrelly

Headmaster \*

## ATHLETICS INTER-HOUSE AND INVITATIONAL





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John McCarthy
SGC Archivist\*

#### **High Jump**



Victor Napier Cadet Camp Junior High Jump 1913. Five years later he was a pilot in the Royal Flying Corps in France



Edward Banning, Madden Field 1934. He was the first boarder to arrive at the new College in January



Jumper unknown on Madden, 1949, using the Western roll technique. Notice the sand pit below!



Bev Sommerville, Madden Field, c1952, scissors technique to jump 1.498m.

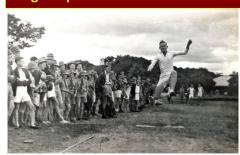


David Wilmot - new record of 1.778m in 1960, using the straddle technique, and landing on saw-dust!



Tinashe Muchena - new record of 2.06m, using the Fosbury Flop technique

#### **Long Jump**



Dickie Bradshaw, 1942. Head Boy and multiple Colours holder. Became a Group Captain in RhAF.



Sean Cunningham, 1959, with Fr. Ennis Judging. Head Boy and multiple Colours holder, Sean went on to become a heart specialist.



Takudzwa Mangwiro, U20 winner, 2019



Girl's long jump, March 2023



Mark McGurk, Open winner, 1971. Colours holder - went on to become a specialist head and neck surgeon in London



#### Triple Jump



Steve Bradbrook, Triple-jump and Victor Ludorum winner, 1974



Chengetayi Mapaya broke three successive age group records, bettering the old record by 30cms!



Chengetayi's records will stand for years. A winning jump of 17.26m in the 2022 US National Collegiate championships improved on his College record by 2.59m.

### **Hurdles**



Hurdles c 1913 at Drill Hall, runners unknown



James Aiken, Sean Cunningham, Mike Whitfield, Hurdles 1959



Botha brothers - Fred and Doug, show how it's done, 1963



Alban Mundangepfupfu, Paul Betterton, unknown hurdler, 1971



Tapiwanashe Rateiwa leads the pack, 2018



### **Sprint Finishes**



Sprinters unknown, Madden Field c1942



Record breaking sprint squad, 2016 Chitambira, Bunu, Matingo, Mbinda.

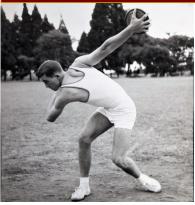


Rodney Tarr, John Last, Roy Lander, 220 yds 1952. Roy Lander went on to become Chief Executive of Anglo American in Zimbabwe



Tafadziswa Bunu, Munashe Matingo, Brian Chitambira,

#### Discus



Duncan Clarke, Open Discus record  $\overline{1965}$ . Doctor of Economics, international consultant, author of numerous articles and books



Shinga Magede, 2018, Open competitor



Leo Mutendi, 2019, U17 competitor

#### **Timekeepers & Place Judges**



Place Judges, 1959



Timekeepers, 1959



Timekeepers 2018



#### **Long Distance Runners**



Rene Holl, c1924, Bulawayo



Start of the Mile event, 1959 - John Cockbill, right, on his way to setting a new record!



Tim Fynn setting a new mile record on Ganley



Jon Calderwood, 1971. A phenomenal runner, his 800 metre and 1500 metre records still stand. He went on to become head of schools like Peterhouse and Hartmann House.



Alfie Chawonza, 2016. College had hopes of him breaking the Calderwood records, but he then took up an Athletics scholarship in the US.

### Tug-Of-War



Tug-of-war, Madden Field, c1942



Tug-of-war, Ford Field 2016



Tug-of-war, 2019



Tug-of-war in a time of Covid, 2021



Tug-of-war with a touch of war paint, 2022