



## FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

The theme for 2026 is "hope" and that is how we started our school year on 13th January. It is also the beginning of our 131st year and 130 years since St George's College opened its doors to its first students in Bulawayo in 1896.

As we gathered for our opening assembly, we welcomed **girls to F1 and F2 for the first time**, joining those already in the Sixth Form. Another momentous day in the College's long history.



Our new Form 1 & Form 2 Girls.

At this assembly we introduced Michael Mukori as Head Boy, alongside his four deputies and twenty-one other students who make up the **Prefect body of 2026**.



Headboy Michael Mukori with the 2026 Prefect body in the background.

The College also received the Cambridge Public Examination results. These were excellent across all subjects and at each level, and have been celebrated. It was not only the high pass rates, but the high quality of grades within those



pass rates, again at each level. Congratulations to all the staff and students involved in these excellent sets of results.

We welcomed over three hundred parents to our **Form One Parents Welcome and Orientation Evening**, followed on the 27th by a Form One Ignatian Evening. Thank you to all our new parents who turned out in such high numbers to support both events.



Form 1 Parents Ignatian Evening.

Our prospective L6 students are currently serving at over thirty **Service Project agencies** both in and outside of Harare. This service in the community is what contributes significantly to the formation of a St George's College student, and may I again thank all parents for their support in this endeavour. "Men and Women for and with Others". They return to school on the 30th of January.

Building continues on the College campus and we are assured that the new sports facility will be available from the start of the Second Term. Sport and cultural activities have started on a full programme and results from every area have so far been very encouraging.

**Mr John Farrelly**  
(Headmaster)

## SGC@ 130 years

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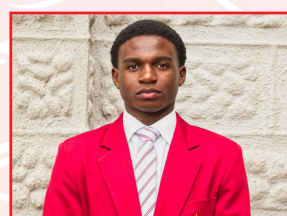
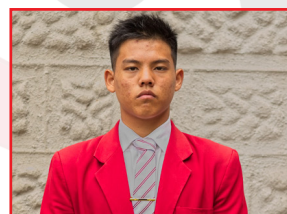
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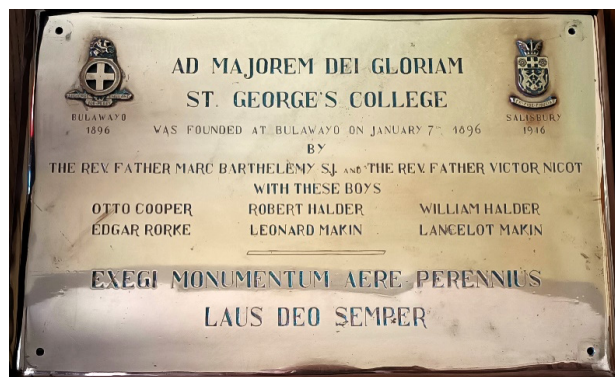


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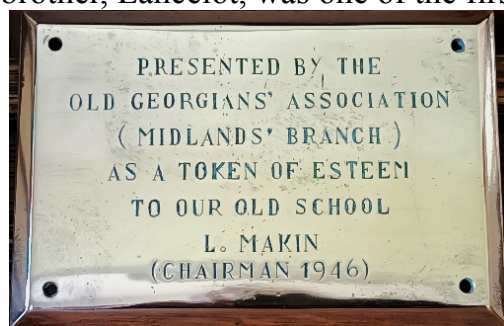
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Fittingly, the Chairman of the Branch was Mr. Leonard Makin, who, together with his brother, Lancelot, was one of the first six boys to enter the school in January 1896. The founding date is given on the plaque as 7th January, but research carried out in the 1970s shows that it was in fact 13th January.



All pupils, past and present, will know and understand the Latin inscription, 'Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam', at the top of the main plaque, but few will recognise the quotation – 'Exegi Monumentum Aere Perennius', which comes from Horace, the renowned poet from the

Augustinian age of the Roman Empire. Translated as, "I have completed a monument more lasting than bronze", while Horace was making this claim about the enduring legacy of his poetry, the Old Georgian donors used it to pay tribute to the lasting achievement of the founding Fathers, Fr. Barthelemy, and Fr. Nicot. They would surely have been gratified to see St. George's still flourishing in the 21st Century, having tripled in size and reputation since 1946.

Still on the subject of the wording of the plaque, the remaining part of the inscription – 'Laus Deo Semper' translates as 'Praise to God always'.

The plaques were presented to the Rector on 9 November 1946, after which, presumably, they were mounted outside the Refectory. Now, having recently been taken down to allow for the refurbishment and repainting of the passage there, they will be mounted instead in the Museum that is being created at Saints.

Also to go on display there will be an illustrated scroll recently found in an old map box in the College Archives, and which also celebrated the Golden Anniversary. Its provenance is unknown, but it is thought to have been the work of one of the Priests at the College in 1946.

