



FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

The August holiday now feels like a long time ago, with plenty happening since then. I would like to thank all the academic staff who supported our examination students during revision week, as well as the staff and parents who helped make the St George's College CABS Smashing T20 Cricket Tournament a success. The tournament continues to grow as one of the leading international school sporting events in the region.



Our 1st Team Cricket in action versus St Andrew's College (SA).

We were also very proud of Methembe Moyo, Taida Chinamo and Ngonidzashe Bikoko, who represented the College and Zimbabwe at the 40th China Adolescents Science and Technology Innovation Contest (CASTIC) in Xi'an, China.

The Team received the UNISOC Innovation Award for their work in technical innovation, engineering and robotics. They were also awarded medals, a trophy and a cash prize.



Methembe Moyo, Taida Chinamo and Ngonidzashe Bikoko receiving their UNISOC Innovation award.

Our students also performed well on several sporting tours. The 1st Tennis Squad travelled to Sun City, South Africa, for the Independent High Schools' Tennis Tournament. Our SGC A team won all five matches to finish as overall champions, while the SGC B team finished 7th.



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At the ISSA Volleyball Festival 2026, our 1st Team Boys finished as overall champions, with Godfrey Kaseke receiving the Best Attacker and Best Server awards. Our Girls finished 8th overall.



Our Volleyball players in action in South Africa. Boys' Captain Tadiwanashe Gavi (centre) receiving the Winners' Trophy.

In Botswana, six students represented Zimbabwe at the Africa Genesis Archery Tournament. The National Team included Nathan Chanakira (U6, captain), Tapiwa Dzvairo (L6), Shaylin Chapaner (F4) and Yagnik Gandadal (F4), while the Development Team included Mufudzi Hogwe (L6) and Tadiwanashe Maunze (F3). Together with the Zimbabwe team, our archers won gold in Bullseye, 2D and Overall Junior Champions. This was Zimbabwe's first gold in the National Team category and the first time Zimbabwe has beaten South Africa in all three categories.



Our SGC Archers in action in Botswana - showcasing their perfect targets of 50 (right - last two images).

We also hosted the St George's College Invitational Chess Tournament, with 16 schools taking part. Our Senior Boys A and Junior Boys A teams won Gold, while the Senior Girls won Silver. Five of our players also received Best Board Player awards: Matifadzaishe Mhungu, Tawana Mawire, Tinashe Chidawanyika, Tawananyasha Mukasi and Nashe Manyise.



Our Chess stars competing at the St George's College Invitational Chess Tournament.

Congratulations to all our students who represented the College so well. Thank you also to the staff and parents who continue to support them.

Term 3 has been busy, with students taking part in a wide range of sporting and co-curricular activities.

On Wednesday 23 September, we held our Academy and Prize-Giving, one of the key events on the College calendar. We were pleased to welcome our new Rector, Fr Martin Nyadewo SJ, as our guest speaker. Congratulations to all the students who received awards, and thank you to the parents who joined us.



Key moments from this year's Academy and Prize-Giving.

The following day, our U6 students marked the start of their final examinations with the Leavers' Ignatian Forum and Chapel Service, followed by a luncheon at the Marketing Garden. Examinations also began for students in Forms 4 and Lower 6.



Cherished memories from our U6s' final day of school before beginning their journey as Old Georgians.

We wish all our students the very best in their examinations.

Mr John Farrelly (Headmaster)

History Article: A New Tradition Born

As far as we know, one of the College's priceless heirlooms – Fr. Marc Barthelemy's 139-year-old Ordination set, has not been used previously to signify the handover of authority to an incoming Rector, so we hope that this may be the start of a new tradition. As most members of the College family will know, Fr. Barthelemy founded St. George's 130 years ago in Bulawayo and, although he never actually held the title of Rector, he was the first in a long line of Jesuits entrusted by the Society of Jesus to head up what is arguably one of the leading educational institutions in Southern Africa.

In the lead up to the formal handover of the Rectorship from Fr. Joe Arimoso to Fr Martin Nyadewo at the end of last term, consideration was given to finding an appropriate item of historic significance which would best recognise the transfer of authority – hence the selection of the Ordination set. Included in the set is a beautiful chalice which was used during the Mass on the Feast of St. Ignatius by Fr. Leonard Chiti, the Jesuit Provincial. While chalices are central to the celebration of Mass, they can also be used to symbolise the transfer of authority and spiritual trust.



Fr. Barthelemy SJ's chalice



The Ordination set being passed by Fr Arimoso SJ to Fr Nyadewo SJ.

We think it fitting, therefore, that the handover of the Ordination set to Fr. Nyadewo, the 21st Rector of St. George's, as presided over by Fr. Chiti, should mark his assumption, both of authority over the College on behalf of the Jesuits, as well its spiritual well-being as a community.

As may be seen from the accompanying photographs, in addition to the chalice, the Ordination set comprises a ciborium, together with wine and water cruets, a paten, and a bell. Each item in the set is engraved: "I.H.S. 1887. M.B."



The cruets and paten.

Fr. Barthelemy's ordination took place at St. Aidan's College in Grahamstown, South Africa, on 18 December 1887, and, although clearly a joyous occasion for him, he was also saddened by the absence of his parents back in France. After his death in Bulawayo in 1913, at the relatively young age of 56, Fr. Barthelemy's mother, to whom

he was especially devoted, recalled how, just before his departure for Africa in 1886, he had accompanied his parents on a visit to the famous shrines of Paris. There, in a hotel lounge, he had knelt before his mother and father and had asked for their blessing. Writing to them immediately after his ordination, he said, "I am too happy to say anything. But the blessing of Almighty God descend through the consecrated hands of your son on your heads and fill you with all graces..."

One can speculate that their gift of this exquisite Ordination set was their way in part of returning his blessings? It was specially commissioned from the firm of Poussielgue-Rusand et Fils in Paris, goldsmiths that specialised in the manufacture of such church related ecclesiastic artefacts.

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The Ordination set in its original velvet-lined case.