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EVENTS OF NOTE

- School Opens: 10 January 2022
- 2021 Cambridge November AS & A Level Results : 10 January 2022
- Form 1 Camp: 10—14 January 2022
- Leadership Camp: 17—21 January 2022
- 2021 Cambridge November IGCSE Level Results : 18 January 2022
- Lower 6 Selection meeting : 20 January 2022
- Lower 6 Lessons begin: 24 January 2022

THE GATE

*Go through His gates, giving thanks; walk through His courts, giving praise.
Offer Him your gratitude and praise His holy name. Psalm 100:4*

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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



We would like to congratulate Tawana Manika, the recipients the of most trophies and cups at this year's Speech & Prize Giving Day: Merit Award, Subject Prize for Accounting, the Rudo Makarawo Trophy for Accounts, the Kudakwashe Judith Chingono Shield, the Enbee Grooming Trophy, Martha Gwasira Trophy, Canduff Trophy and the Edna Makusha Plate.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this (Isaiah 9:6-7).

Remember your Creator in the days of your youth , Ecclesiastes 12:1

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

As the Year ends we reflect on what has been another difficult year due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. We have all been affected in one way or another, but God continues to be faithful to us and our community. May I share with you part of my message at this year's Speech and Prize Giving day.

This year we achieved a significant milestone which is 30 years of Christian Education. As we look back and see God's faithfulness to our institution for the past 30 years I can only marvel at His wonderful work. Unfortunately, the Covid pandemic robbed us of the opportunity to celebrate this year but we intend to carry the celebrations forward to 2022. We need Christian Education now more than ever as our children are exposed to things that we were never exposed to growing up. Today's worldview is so warped that the pressures that teenagers face today due to greater exposure through social media and the internet have dire consequences.

The family unit as we know it has taken on a totally different meaning altogether. Pressure of society and to a large degree the workplace has reduced many parent/child relationships and even the inability of parents to speak with one voice on the same issue. Values and morals of society are suggesting an "anything goes" situation. Ease of travel and social media are giving younger people more freedom and more temptation. One has only to ponder things like the ease with which pornography is obtainable, the violence watched on TV screens, the availability of drugs and alcohol and society's seemingly apathetic stand on sexuality.

A chief Rabbi, Jonathan Sach's address at a conference said and I quote; "We have deconstructed the mechanism of primary socialism. We have abandoned the task of teaching our children a clear sense of right and wrong because we are not sure that there is such a thing and when they need us we are not there. We have given our children money and gadgets but not our time. Who can blame them if they translate the relatives of our ethics into the proposition that what is right is what I feel like doing, and what I can get away with. We need Christian Education now more than ever before.

Our role as Christian educators brings to a fallen world the much-needed Biblical worldview that brings to life the Word of God and speaks truth and life into a fallen world. I believe we have seen changes in responsibilities of homes and schools, and I think I am right in suggesting that schools have had to take over greater responsibilities which were once the preserve of the home and were taught in the family setting. We have achieved a 30-year milestone, but the next thirty years are even more important as the call for Christian Education and for us to shout from the hill tops and push for the biblical worldview agenda.

Thank you all for your continued support this year and for remaining faithful to the cause of Christian Education. I wish you all God's Joy and abundant blessings as you celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ during this festive season.



Gateway High, established in 1991, is a secondary school located about 8 km from the city centre, along the Golden Stairs Road, which divides the northern suburbs of Mount Pleasant and Emerald Hill. It is one of the leading schools which deliver curricula from a strong Biblical perspective. The first and undoubtedly most distinguishing feature of the school is its Christian ethos. The school is committed to glorifying God by serving our nation, thereby impacting the world at large. In essence, our heartbeat is teaching for eternity. Our second unique characteristic is our policy of embracing children of mixed abilities. In order to recognize that diversity, we aim to nurture every child's talent in order to fulfil their purpose in life. We offer academic, vocational, cultural and sporting programs which are suited to various groups of our student population paying particular attention to developing creative, collaborative and critical learning skills which are essential to each student's future.

REFLECTIONS FROM A PIONEER STAFF MEMBERS

It is true that Gateway High School has been founded on Christian principles and values. It is also true that these principles tend to differ in application depending on the Headmaster present. I will not look at the headmasters of the high school but on the different thrusts which have taken place over the years. It is educational to have different viewpoints on our assessment on the impact of Christian principles and values on Christian education. My contributions are therefore personal and should be treated as such.

When the school opened in 1990/91 the Headmaster was Mr Paul Revell and the Chair of the Board was Mr Peter Griffiths. This time Mr Griffiths was both Pastor of Northside Community Church and was an officer with the Curriculum Development Unit (CDU) of Ministry of Education. He was heading the Religious Studies Department at CDU. Northside Community Church was birthed from Central Baptist Church. The Headmaster was the leader of Covenanters which was meeting at his home. Mr Revell used to be asked to run Scripture Union Camps and I had met him there several times. When Gateway High School opened, our approach to Christian activities was the Scripture Union approach. This was a great and powerful approach as it put the Word of God and prayer at the centre of the teaching learning processes.

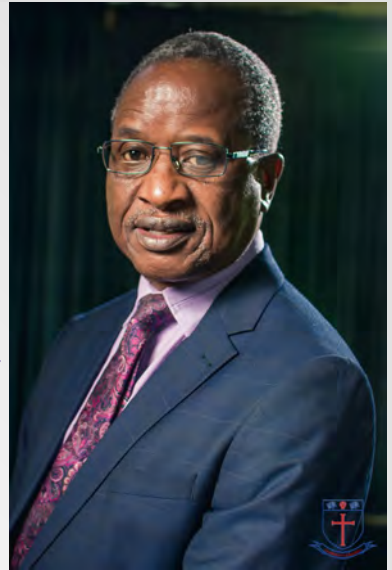
After the season of the founder headmaster, we had a Christian organization from South Africa which partnered with Gateway High School on Christian Education. This organization encouraged us to teach our subjects Christianly. At some point we were encouraged to write our subjects material using the Bible. The concepts of our subjects needed to be written and explained using the Bible. Our challenge was however, that parents expected our students to write public examinations. If we had a choice, we would have taught our subjects using the Bible and without or with minimal reference to our textbooks. We had wonderful spiritual growth among the teachers and students as the role of the Holy Spirit was given prominence. The Holy Spirit led and guided most of our educational discussions. They had textbooks on Christian education which defined Christian Education in a deeper way. The role of the Holy Spirit, Word of God and prayer in Christian Education was defined and was clear. Again, this season was interesting, and teachers had a great understanding of Christian Education.

After the above season, there came a time when we had one teacher of Bible Knowledge asking us the teachers whether we wanted Gateway High School to be like other private independent schools which were founded on Christian Education principles but were not practicing Christians? The teachers stated that they did not want that development. Indeed, the school in this season tried to practise Christian principles and values. Our Fellowship meetings, our devotions in the morning and School Assemblies were important meetings which were encouraged.

In my view the school leadership should continue to support and promote Christian education. Indeed, we have managed to be accredited with Association of Christian Schools International, but it is our practice on the ground that will determine the quality of our Christian Education.

These are the few thoughts about Christian Education which I have been able to share. I am available to answer questions and make more contributions on Christian Education at Gateway High School. Together we can build a great Christian School promoting quality Christian Education.

Ishmael Muzamhindo



As I celebrate my thirty-year anniversary here at Gateway High School I would like to thank the Lord for walking all the way up to the present day. Psalms 118 vs 24 says this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Indeed, I find each day as a rich and precious gift from God with new grace and new opportunities. It is the Lord who has made it and planned it for me. He is faithful.

Walter Maobvera

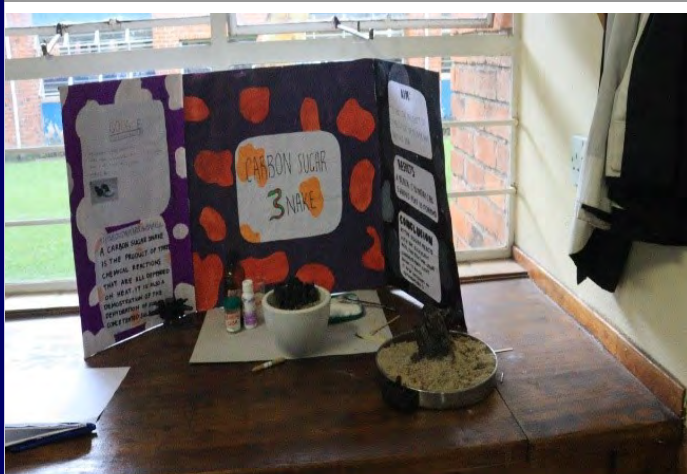
SCIENCE FAIR

On the 25 November we launched our first Form 2 Science Fair. Mr Gwaka and Mr Madzura motivated their classes to research and come up with projects. The results were absolutely mind blowing. Our students are to be congratulated for their outstanding efforts. Below is a pictorial collage of their efforts.

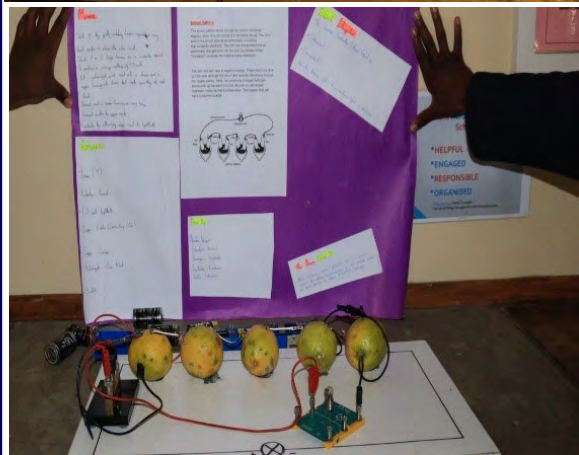
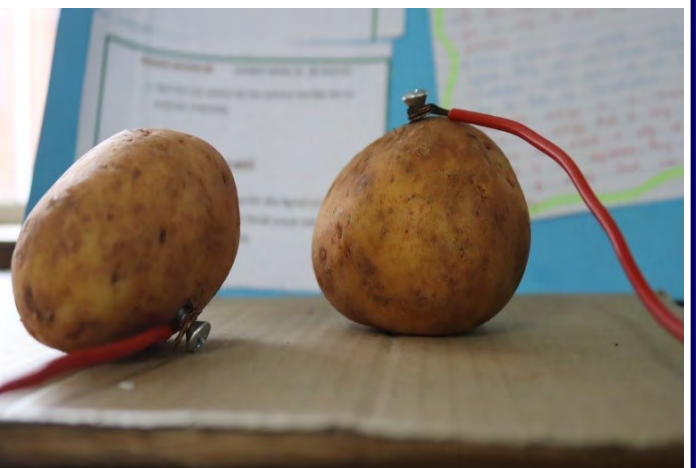
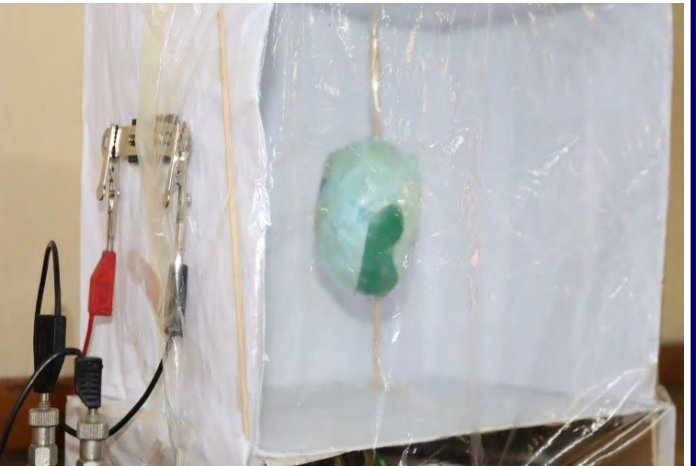
It was a very difficult task to judge this competition as the standard was so high. Mr Paduze, Mrs Knight, Mr Muchoko and Mrs Mandima did an excellent job. The following decision was made: Special mention to Tawananyasha Biri, Ryan Usayi, Tatenda Kadirire; Second prize to Valerie Nyamugama for an excellent working model of the kidney and First prize to Monica Bassoppo-Moyo for an outstanding presentation on pollution. Well done to all of you. We give God the glory for His glorious creation.

We look forward to your what you come up with for the ACSI challenges. See you in America!!!!!! Have a creative and inspired holiday.

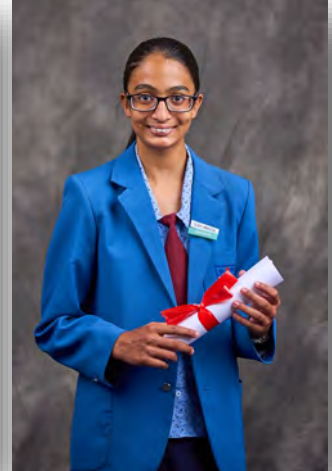
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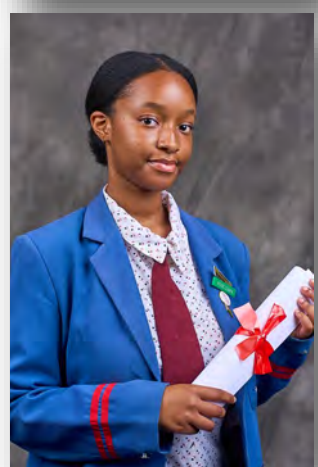
SCIENCE FAIR



SPEECH & PRIZE GIVING DAY IN PICTURES



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FORM THREE CAMP



Remember your Creator in the days of your youth , Ecclesiastes 12:1

FORM THREE CAMP



TREE PLANTING



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INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING



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OUTREACH

The great evangelist Billy Graham once said, “The highest form of worship is the worship of unselfish Christian service...” and in line with our mission of glorifying God through serving our nation, our students at completed acts of service around our community this term.

Over the years, through CPP and TNS classes, we have had a long-standing relationship with Homefield Centre. It was established in 1964 for the care and education of intellectually handicapped individuals from 18 years. As a school we managed to buy 120 hygiene packs for the residents and staff. This was facilitated by the funds raised on a dedicated Civvies Day. Each pack contained toiletry items and masks.

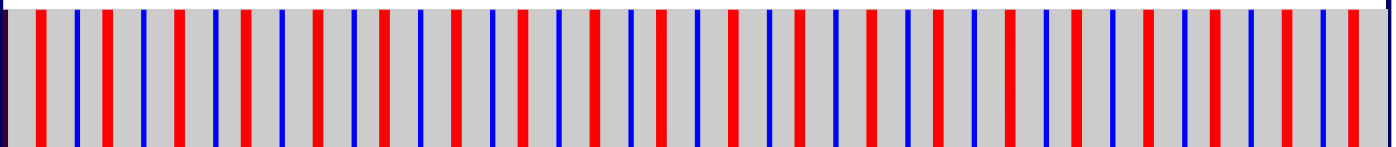
In the same spirit of partnership, we were walking with St Claire’s in Murehwa as a community we managed to raise; 90 pairs of shoes, 2700 exercise books, 400 pens, 200 pencils, 1 desktop computer, 1 Television set and 4 laptops. St Claire’s primary school has 921 students, 461 boys and 420 girls.

On behalf of Outreach service group, we would like to thank the form I-3 students who came together and freely gave towards this good cause. It was a pleasure to see the smiles on all ECD and grade one students who received backpacks. Our hearts melted as the students sang ‘Tawanirwa Nyasha’ meaning God has shown us grace. Due to their large numbers, the available classes cannot accommodate everyone, so some students learn under trees.

We hope in 2022 we will be able to do more in reaching out to the less privileged communities. We continue to encourage the heart of service just like what Jesus did and to round off our year we will be going to Homefields and we shall be donating unperishable food items for their Christmas party.

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” Mother Theresa

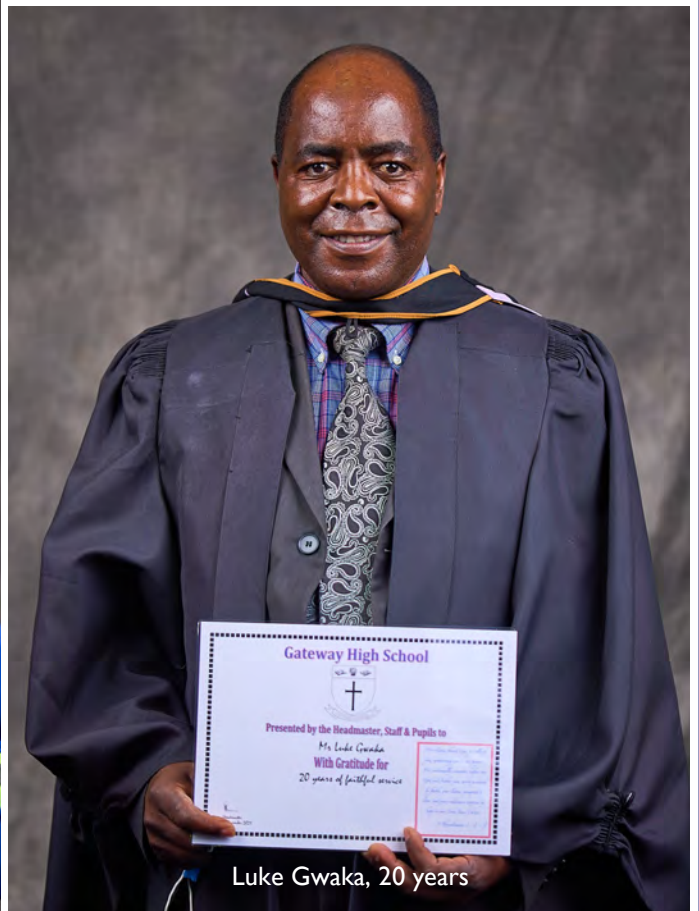
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LONG SERVICE AWARDS



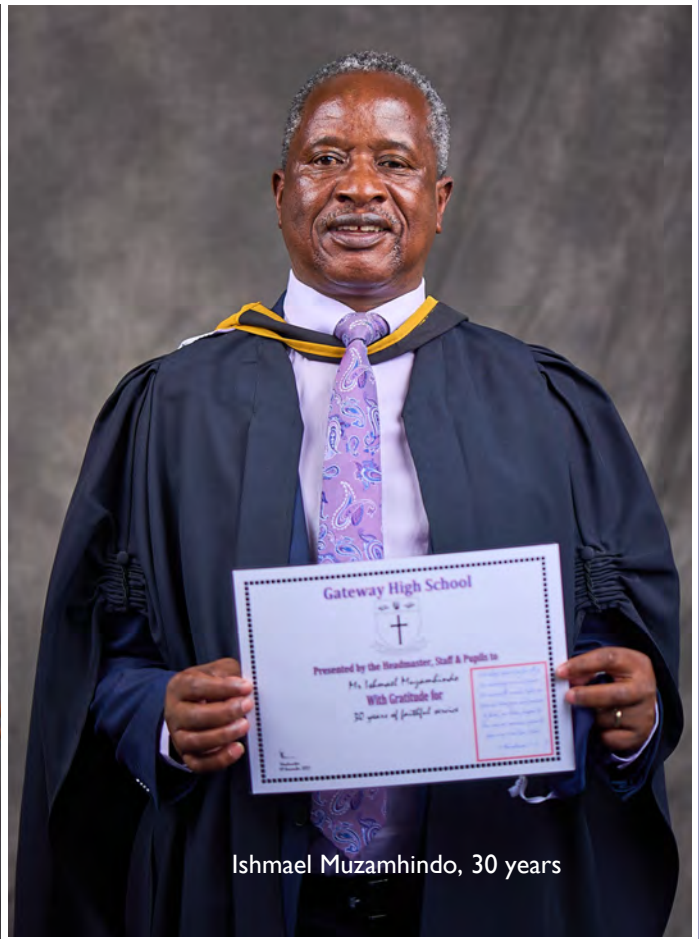
Wellington Chikoto, 10 years



Luke Gwaka, 20 years



Walter Maobvera, 30 years



Ishmael Muzamhindo, 30 years

INTERHOUSE SUMMER SPORTS

The hasty weather appeared during the time of the Inter-house Summer Sports. All four houses, Wesley, Newton, Cowper and Kendrick, competed against one another in Basketball, Soccer, Tennis and Volleyball. As if school wasn't stressful enough, the endless training for these certain sports for those who participated just seemed to drain them out. However, it was seen as a great opportunity to get students up and down after a struggling two years of sitting around and doing nothing. The Inter house Summer Sports gave students the chance to showcase their talents in the competed sports. It also did provide a chance for them to choose a certain sport to focus on. The blast of energy during the days the Inter-house Summer Sports was a thrill indeed.

Basketball and Volleyball

The chants that were heard from the basketball courts when a player dunked were heard all over the school. All houses blasted bombastic screams of cheer as the excitement travelled like volts of electricity through their bodies. It was a wonderful time, truly it was. With the amazing performances of the participants, the results would become an anticipated thing for one. Wesley decided to take over for number one in Basketball followed Newton then Cowper and finally Kendrick.

In the volleyball courts it was a deadly silence of anticipation watching as the ball flew across the net to the other team. Will the other team score or will they get the ball and volley back? They were unpredictable games. The tension roamed around the court as the players went on a knee to volley the ball back before it hit the ground. The overall impression of the teams was outstanding. Cowper volleyed itself into first place followed by Wesley, Newton then Kendrick.

Soccer

In the soccer fields the heavy breaths of the tired players sounded from their worn out lungs. The constant sprinting brought absolute weakness to their legs but the determination to win thought otherwise. Surprisingly, it was not the normal soccer you would expect, it became rugby but with kicking the ball instead of holding it. Most players confirmed each match with Cowper was brutal. It became a competitive ground. In fact, Cowper scored into first place followed by Newton, Wesley then Kendrick.

Tennis

As for tennis, the balls seemed to reach for the moon. The players swayed from side to side trying their best to hit back the ball and avoid any points for the other team. The matches were just like a chess game, silent and made for thinking. A faulty move could cost the player, so each step was recurred a precise movement to avoid a loss. Overall Cowper came in first with Kendrick following then Wesley and finally Newton.

In a concluding fact, all teams played marvelously and competitively. After a long two years, this is just a small starter to Gateway as we look forward to bringing back competitive sports. We may be tired or seem lazy but that is not what Gateway was made to do. We were made to showcase our talents that the Lord had gifted us with in the sports field.

Isaiah 40:29-31

He gives strength to the weary and increases power to the weak. Even the youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on the wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint.

We all need to keep in mind in times of tiredness that the Lord will always provide us with the strength we need. Us as Gateway must remember we can achieve all that we want in the name of Lord for he gives all the strength we need to complete the goals we hope for. In the times of us wanting to return to competitive sports we shall remember the Lord walks with us.

THIRD TERM SPORTS

When the third term started face to face lessons, sporting activities were allowed by the SRC. Since we had not been able to do any sports for most of the year, we jumped at what this new opportunity offered. However, inter school sports were still not permitted. So, we had to come up with a way to try and have some competitions internally since our pupils had not any competitions for most of the year.

The summer inter house series started with an inter house chess competition. This was the only competitive cultural activity that we could have in the limited time we had. This went off very well with all houses being able to fill their quota of female players on their team. However, we need to encourage more girls to play chess. The competition certainly showed that the interest is there, and a fair number have now enlisted to be a part of the club.

POSITION		PLAYED	W	D	L	POINTS
1	NEWTON	3	2	1		7
2	COWPER	3	2		1	6
3	WESLEY	3	1		2	3
4	KENDRICK	3		1	2	1

The following three weeks were full of inter house sporting competitions. The girls were involved in soccer, volleyball and tennis while the boys played basketball and tennis. Some very competitive games and entertaining matches were played both on the courts and on the fields. Several pupils were able to experience sporting activities that they had never played before. Some new passions were certainly discovered.

This culminated in our swimming gala. This year also saw an improved gala as most of the races were fully populated with swimmers. A new initiative saw the primary school send some of their top swimmers to come and participate in the gala. This added a new dimension to the gala as these were truly gifted swimmers and certainly changed the outcome of some races. We certainly will be looking at other areas to work with the primary school in the future as this was a very successful endeavour. A lot of our first-time swimmers also got involved in the races and are to be commended for their bravery and commitment to their houses. I would also like to commend the sports department who have been working tirelessly with the beginner swimmers. Their hard work and dedication are starting to bear fruit.

The inter house activities we managed to have throughout the year meant that we were able to award the Peter Griffiths Trophy. Congratulations go to Cowper this year for winning the trophy. It has been a year that has been affected by the pandemic yet again, but we would like to give thanks to our Lord as we were able to have all our activities without any major incidents. We pray that 2022 will bring more competition and the ability to be active and stay healthy. The final standings for the Peter Griffiths Trophy 2021 are in the table below:

	<i>Peter Griffiths Shield 2021</i>			
	Cowper	Kendrick	Newton	Wesley
Inter-house Volleyball	4	1	2	3
Inter-house Boys Basketball	2	1	3	4
Inter-house Chess	3	1	4	2
Inter-house Athletics	2	4	3	1
Inter-house Soccer	4	1	3	2
Inter-house Tennis	4	3	1	2
Inter-house Swimming	4	1	2	3
<i>Total</i>	23	12	18	17
Position	1	4	2	3

INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING GALA

On Wednesday 17 November 2021, the Gateway High School students and teachers witnessed a very exciting Inter-House Swimming Gala that contained so much enthusiasm, physical effort and polished swimming strokes, along with minimal disqualifications and false starts.

A dedicated team of timekeepers stood poised with their stopwatches at one end of the pool regardless of getting wet, while each house supported and cheered enthusiastically from the sidelines as their swimmers swam their race.

Split into different age categories, each House gave tremendous efforts and healthy competition between houses was very close throughout all races. All four individual swimming strokes were put on display. As ever, the relays generated huge excitement – speed along with lots of noise was evident as every position and point became vital towards the overall scores.

A big well done to our Junior School swimmers and their contribution to our Gala adding a lot of excitement into it, even beating our senior swimmers!

In the end there could only be one winner and it was Cowper House, they narrowly pipped Wesley House to the title with a strong finish towards the end of the gala. Congratulations Team Cowper!

Huge congratulations also goes to :

Victrix Ludorum Winners Victor Ludorum Winners

U14 Ruvarashe Chasakwa U14 Christian Katai

U15 Shauna Mutendera U15 Matthew Chimudzi

Seniors Aaliyah Wood Seniors Panashe Gotora

The overall results of the Inter-House Swimming Gala are as follows:

4th : **KENDRICK** : 351 points

3rd : **NEWTON** : 429 points

2nd : **WESLEY** : 497 points

1st : **COWPER** : 563 points

Outstanding job well done goes to all those who swam, especially those who stepped in at the very last minute to represent their House team!

Ruvarashe Chasakwa

“**OUR PURPOSE** as a Bible-based Christian Educational Community is to glorify God through serving our nation and impacting the world.”

“**OUR VISION** is for all members of our community to have a personal faith in Christ with a principled, well rounded character, equipped to reach their full potential.”

“**OUR VALUES** are to: spread the Gospel and promote Biblical thinking; demonstrate the character of God by our conduct and relationships; reflect the diversity of God’s creation in our community; value and care for each member of our community; be godly stewards; develop staff so that all our activities are characterised by excellence; develop godly self-worth, initiative, leadership and self-discipline; promote and encourage healthy competition, co-operation and communication; encourage our community to reach out in service.”

Gateway School Trust

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Parents, we encourage you to download the D6 Communicator App and install it on your communication devices to facilitate efficient communication with the school.

*Have you checked out our Facebook and Instagram pages?

*They are a great way to see exciting things that are happening around the school.

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