



Merton International Primary & High School Ltd.

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HIGH SCHOOL

11th September, 2020.

Dear Parents,

We begin the Advent term of the 2020-2021 Academic Year in very unusual times, with a global pandemic still ongoing, yet we remain eternally grateful to the Lord that he has protected and preserved all of us.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought with it, abrupt changes to our way of life, as we adjust to a 'new normal', which includes virtual learning to ensure the safety of all members of our school community. Since the middle of March 2020, we have had to move learning online to ensure that we provide students with academic stimulation and progression up the educational ladder.

Despite the challenges and the quick adaptations that we all had to make, we were able to successfully navigate with online learning and effectively brought last academic year to a close. This year, we remain hopeful that we will make the best out of the situation until schools are able to physically resume, as we continue to strive for excellence.

We encourage parents to help students to understand that though lessons are online, this is the beginning of the Academic year and whatever they learn will count towards their continuous assessment marks. It is therefore important that they stick to a routine, wake up on time and be ready for lessons.

Please find below the Term Dates for the Advent Term 2020.

DATE	ACTIVITY
Monday 14 th September, 2020	School re-opens
Monday 21 st September,	Public Holiday (Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Day)
Tuesday 22 nd September	Selection of Class Prefects
Wednesday 23 rd September	Dispatch of Curriculum Focus Documents
Thursday 1 st October	Start date for AS Level Examinations
Thursday 1 st October	Merton Worships



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Thurs 1st Oct-Thurs 8th Oct	Back to School tests for candidates (Year 11-Year 13 only)
Tuesday 6th October	Leadership Programme for Year 12-13
Friday 9th Oct-Mon 12th Oct	Correction of Back to School Tests/Dispatch of Results
Tuesday 13th & Friday 16th Oct	Dispatch of Back to School Test Results
Mon 12th, Wed 4th and Friday 16th Oct	Primary and Secondary Checkpoint Examinations
Thursday 22nd October	Debates between Year 10 and 11
Tues 20th -Tue 27th October	Half Term Test
Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th October	Half Term Break
Wednesday 28th October	Curriculum Review (for teachers only)
Monday 2nd November	Students Return to School
Thursday 12th November	Cultural Interaction Day- High School Edition
Thursday 19th November	Mathematics and Science Quiz for Year 7
Tuesday 24th November	Meeting with Year 9 parents on choice of subject
Mon 30th Nov-Friday 11th Dec	End of Term Examinations
Friday 4th December	Public Holiday (Farmers Day)
Mon 14th -Tues 15th December	Upload of Vacation Assignments (Google Classrooms)
Wednesday 16th December	Open Day
Thursday 17th December	Last Day of Term/Online Party
Wednesday 6th January, 2021	Candidates return to school

Curriculum Focus

Is a Forum for Parents where teachers give a detailed explanation of the content of the curriculum for the Year Group. Teachers will also give guidance to parents to assist students to achieve the best outcomes.



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Virtual Lesson Hours

Lower Secondary will have a total of 5 sessions per day with 25 hours of lessons per week
Upper Secondary will have a total of 6 sessions per day with 30 hours of lesson per week.
(depending on the subject choices)

Lessons will begin at 8am and end at 3pm with breaks in between. A detailed timetable will follow.

Exercise and Textbook

Exercise books and textbooks for the High School will be issued on Friday 11th September. Please contact the Sectional Heads if you have not received books for your child.

Admin Office Hours

The Admin Office will be open from 8am to 4pm Mondays to Fridays. Please note that all visitors to the School will be required to observe all COVID-19 safety protocols.

School Fees

Parents are reminded that the maximum period for payment is one month after re-opening, after which the 10% penalty for late payment will be applied.

We strongly encourage you to make use of digital payment options where possible through the School's account details:

Bank: Stanbic Bank, Achimota Mall Branch

Account Name: Merton International School

Account Number: 9040007554073 (Cedi).

Please send in your pay-in slip via WhatsApp to the following numbers: 050-140-1038 or 050-145-4494 to enable us confirm your payment.

It is important to state the name of the child for whom payment is being made at the bank, as it is otherwise difficult to obtain the needed information to issue a receipt. In this regard, parents who have made payments at the bank and have not been issued a receipt should please send their pay-in slips via the numbers stated above, giving the details of the student or visit the Accounts office with the pay-in-slip for a receipt to be issued. We trust that you will cooperate with us to prevent parents been sent reminders even though payments may have already been made.



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We look forward to a great 2020-2021 Academic Year and continue to pray for the grace and mercies of God to see us through these unusual times. Surely, we will all come out safe and secure with our families, to tell the story of the goodness of the Lord to us in this year 2020. We trust that soon, the Merton community will be able to meet physically, as we continue in our partnership to provide our children with excellent outcomes in their educational journey.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E.M. Baitie', is written over a large, hand-drawn blue circle. The signature is fluid and cursive.

E.M. Baitie. (Mrs)

CEO.