



Head's Letter 2/2026

5 March 2026

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

**Subject: End-of-Half Term Letter**

We have just completed the first seven weeks of the year, and I know your children are looking forward to coming home and seeing you during the mid-term break.

Academics are well underway, and the first cycle reports will be published on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. There has been a strong emphasis on starting the year well and developing good work habits early on. I would like to thank the Learning Support Team for extending MAP testing to more students so that we can better track academic progress and ensure that teachers provide additional support where needed.

Our Year 12s had a very informative visit to the mine, and it is always encouraging to see classroom learning applied in a real-world context. Many of our maths students are also preparing for the Kangaroo Maths competition, which takes place straight after the mid-term break. Competitions like this encourage students to apply their knowledge in new and challenging contexts. We also had an excellent trip to Dubai with the MUN team, and although many juniors were involved, they performed exceptionally well.

Our sports teams have enjoyed an incredibly successful few weeks at both the Zonal and Regional tournaments, and we wish our boys' and girls' football, netball and boys' chess teams well for the upcoming Nationals. They have been training hard, and I am confident they will compete with courage and determination while demonstrating the sportsmanship we expect from all our students. Our netball and football teams will also be travelling to South Africa over the next few months to compete in major festivals. These events provide valuable exposure to high-level competition, and we are confident that our students will represent the school with pride.

We continue to strengthen the boarding experience and are ensuring that there is at least one social event each weekend, ranging from dances and movie nights to colour fests. Our Learner Leaders have been excellent in driving this programme. Unfortunately, two students brought alcohol onto campus during the Valentine's Dance and were sanctioned in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

We have already held very successful Year 7 and Year 12 camps, and during this mid-term break, eight students are doing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh practice hike. It is wonderful to see the steady increase in the number of students taking on the challenge of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. The award helps students develop confidence, resilience and independence while building important life skills through volunteering, physical activity, a skill-focused project, and the completion of a challenging and rewarding expedition. It is internationally recognised and highly regarded by universities and employers.

Alongside these student achievements, we are equally focused on strengthening communication and engagement with our parent community. You will shortly receive a communication from the Board and me regarding the establishment of a Trident College Council and an upcoming parent survey.



I wish all our families a restful and joyful mid-term break, and I look forward to seeing our students return refreshed and ready for the second half of the term.

Kind regards,

Kate Cowling  
Head

### Key Dates to Note for the remainder of Term 1:

(All these and many more are available on the SOCS Calendar, which is available on the [Trident Website](#) )

#### March:

- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> – Sun, 15<sup>th</sup>: Midterm Break. Please support our Teams at Nationals on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> if you are in Lusaka.
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup>: you will receive the TCC Parent Survey
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> & Sat 21<sup>st</sup>: Trident Roadshow. Please look out for venues and times from the marketing team.
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> and Sat 28<sup>th</sup>: Trident Rugby Festival

#### April:

- Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cycle 1 reports published
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mon 8<sup>th</sup>: Easter weekend (boarders may return home for the weekend)
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup>: University & Careers Presentation (Kalumbila)
- Tues 14<sup>th</sup>: University & Careers Presentation (On Campus)
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>: Parent Teacher Consultations
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup>: Interhouse Athletics
- Tues 21<sup>st</sup>: University & Careers Presentation (Lusaka)
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>: University & Careers Presentation (Kitwe)
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>: Year 7 Induction Evening
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup>: End of Term 1