



Head's Letter 3/2026

24 April 2026

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

**Subject: Celebrating a Successful Term 1**

As Term 1 draws to a close, it is a pleasure to reflect on a term of significant growth and achievement. From the classroom, on the sports field, and in outdoor education and service, our students have shown dedication and spirit.

**Academics and Academic extension:**

Following on from our excellent academic results at the start of the year, our first set of 2026 reports shows our students should continue to achieve at a very high level. We are optimistic that by continuing to prioritize both their studies and their well-being, our students will enjoy a rewarding and successful year ahead.

This term was particularly rich in extracurricular learning. Our students represented us with distinction at the Dubai MUN tour, the Computer Olympiad, Kangaroo Maths Competition, the JSE Investor Challenge, and the AI Workshop at Copperbelt University. These experiences are invaluable for developing the "real-world" logic and leadership skills our students will need in the future.

**Pastoral care and boarding:**

Our new pastoral system has fostered deeper, more meaningful conversations between tutors, tutees and parents, which is the cornerstone of a supportive learning environment. The pastoral team is already looking at opportunities to get guest speakers in to enrich the pastoral learning even more next term.

We are also extremely excited to see the new junior hostel nearing completion. The expected opening date is the 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

**CCAs:**

It has been a stellar term for our athletes! We extend huge congratulations to our ISAZ Champions (Netball and Girls' Football) and our runners-up (Boys' Football and Chess). Our swimmers also represented us with distinction at the SAZU Nationals, returning with a fantastic medal haul.

We hosted a very exciting Rugby festival and for the first time our U19 team won. This is a huge improvement and reflects the many hours spent training and honing their skills. We would also like to thank Kansanshi Mine for their sponsorship of this event.

Over the Easter weekend, our Netball team travelled to Cape Town for a high-intensity tour. While the competition was formidable, the progress made was immense. Coach Mrs. Rowe-Needham noted that opposing coaches were particularly impressed by how quickly our girls adapted to the high-tempo play and elevated their game. This momentum continues into the holidays as our boys' and girls' football teams also head to Cape Town for a series of matches and intensive coaching clinics. This unwavering commitment to growth and development is exactly what we strive for at Trident.

A special mention goes to Noah van der Merwe on his selection for the TUKS High Performance School. Noah, while we are sad to see you go, we are so proud of your hard work and can't wait to see where your swimming career takes you.



The final weekend of the term included our Inter House Athletics with a total of 22 individual track records, 6 relay records and 16 field records being broken, which bodes very well for our Athletics teams in the upcoming ISAZ events.

The Inter house competition continues to expand and this term we have already held events for netball, football, and senior debate. Our new inclusion is Academics – where points are allocated each reporting cycle for both academic achievement and effort. Ghandi is narrowly out in front at this stage, but there are many more events and reporting cycles to go.

### **Sixth Form:**

The Sixth Form were delighted to welcome the team from the Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford University for a presentation on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April. The Rhodes Scholarship is arguable the most prestigious scholarship in the world, and the team were deeply impressed by Trident's model of whole-child education- an essential component demonstrated by successful Rhodes applicants. Our pupils were inspired to chase their dreams, and learned that, no-matter who you are and where you come from, it is possible to study a post-graduate Masters or PHD at Oxford University if you consistently work hard and strive for excellence in every facet of your life.

In the second term, we will be visiting Kitwe and Lusaka for our University and Careers lectures (dates below). We also look forward to welcoming Equitas Legal representatives to talk to pupils about a career in the legal profession. Please be aware that most Southern Hemisphere universities have now opened their application windows for entry in February 2027. Our seniors are busy working on applications to top universities, and this promises to be another highly successful cohort in terms of university acceptance to competitive courses, thanks to the power of A Levels.

### **Outdoor Education:**

This term we had the Year 7 and 12 camps as well as the training expeditions for all the Duke of Edinburgh categories. It is wonderful how this programme has grown, as it emphasises both personal growth and a culture of service.

### **Staff:**

Our commitment to Continuous Professional Development (CPD) remains a priority. This term, two of our teachers were granted prestigious awards by ISASA to conduct an immersive benchmarking visit to leading schools in South Africa. We are pleased to announce that two more teachers will participate in this program next term. While these trips provide invaluable professional growth, it was heartening to confirm that our school continues to operate at an elite level, and we remain dedicated to further refining our practice.

We were delighted to have Mrs. Christelize Kuhn join our English department after the midterm break and her international expertise is already an asset to our students. We also want to thank Mrs. Jenny Dunlop for her excellent work in the English department, it is wonderful to have teachers of Mrs Dunlop's calibre that we can lean on when we need a substitute teacher.

### **Trident College Council:**

Wednesday evening marked a significant milestone with the inaugural AGM of the Trident College Council (TCC). This launch is the result of extensive work behind the scenes, and I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Mazila Mwinga, Vicky Thompson, and Jacqueline Folotiya for their dedication in bringing the TCC to fruition. My thanks also go to the parents who participated in our recent survey and attended the AGM; your contributions, observations, and ideas are vital as we work together to enrich the learning experience for your children.



Finally, last night was the Year 7 Induction evening. They worked so hard throughout the term, and the performance was a wonderfully entertaining way to end the term. As the Year 7s signed into the "Journal of Journeys", they committed to upholding our values during their time at Trident College.

I wish everyone a restful holiday filled with many happy moments with your children. To our traveling teams, good luck and travel safely. We know you will make us proud.

Kind regards,

Kate Cowling  
Head

**Key dates for Term 2:**

- 11<sup>th</sup> May: Term 2 Academics resume
- 15<sup>th</sup> May: University and Careers- Kitwe
- 16<sup>th</sup> May: University and Careers- Lusaka
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May: Year 8 Camp
- 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Regionals Athletics and Hockey (Chengelo)
- 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May: Silver DofE Expedition
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> June: ISAZ Nationals for Hockey and Athletics (Ndola)
- 12<sup>th</sup> June: Cycle 2 Reports published
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June: Gold DofE Expedition
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June: Midterm
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June: Bronze DofE Expedition
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July: Festival**
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July: Year 11 Mock examinations
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July: Year 11 Camp
- 31<sup>st</sup> July: Term 2 ends

**Please not the Year 11 Subject Choice evening has been moved to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August.**