

# Machabeng Community NEWSLETTER

## TERM 2 Feb. 2025 Edition

### Mld Term break!

Term two is fully under way, having resumed On Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025. We trust all students, staff, and parents are having a restful break and getting ready for an exciting and productive term 2 to completion.

### Academic updates!

Trial Examinations

DP2 and S5 students set for their trial examinations From Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025. trial exam reports will be issued Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025. these reports are crucial for DP2 Students as they use them to apply for professional Admission to universities while awaiting their External examination results. S5 students also use these results for IBDP application for conditional Acceptance

### ACCESS TO TRIAL EXAMS REPORTS

NB: students are strongly encouraged to change their passwords as they log in to the system for Security reasons

### EXTERNAL EXAMINATION REGISTRATION

Registration for external examinations has been Successfully completed for all S3, S5 and IBDP2 Students. Examination dates are as follows:

Checkpoint (S3): 15th -17th April 2025  
IBDP: Commencing 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
IGCSE (S5): Commencing 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### TEACHERS- PARENTS CONFERENCE

These important meetings will begin at 3:30pm  
On the specific dates:

S5-Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February

IBDP2- Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February  
S1 & S4- Thursday 27 February  
S2 & S3- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
IBDP1- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

### STAFF TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

In January, all staff and the board of governors attended a Child Protection Training session Facilitated by the ministry of social development and Its partners. Additionally, some teaching staff received Training on a school based drug prevention Program, aimed at equipping them with knowledge To prevent and manage drug related incidents within The school environment.

### COLLEGE DEVELOPMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

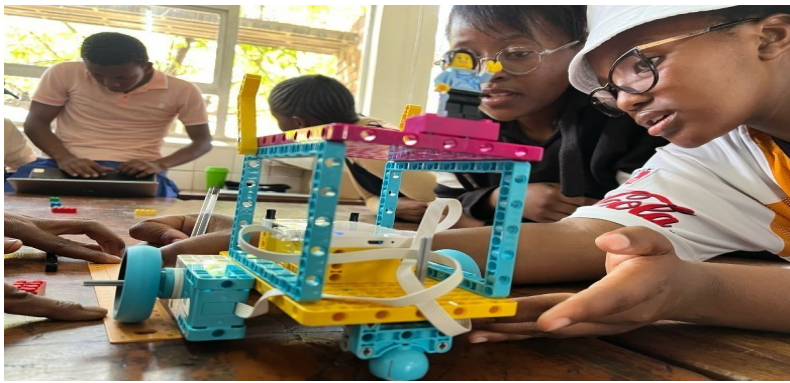
Renovations and infrastructure improvements

**ABLUTION FACILITIES:** Renovated between July and August 2024, including replacing old toilets sets, Rtiling floors and walls, painting and installing new doors and mirrors.

**CLASSROOM FACELIFT:** Plastering and painting of Exterior walls for a refreshed learning environment.

**SOLAR GEYSERS INSTALLATION:** 18 Solar water Heater were installed around campus, including the Main boarding house, boarding extension, boarding Parent residence, and the kitchen. These initiative in Collaboration with SOLTRAIN, aligns with the UN Sustainable development goal 7(affordable and Clean energy).

## ACADEMIC AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS



**ROBOTICS TEAM:** Achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place in coding and became Runners up in projects at first Lego league competition at the National University of Lesotho. The robotic club is set to host national competitions.

**ORATE AFRICA:** Students secured 1<sup>st</sup> place in national Debate competitions and presented Lesotho in Botswana.

**IDBP2 & S5:** Students began early morning classes/ study Starting from 6:45am every week day to enhance Performances, with plans to extend these initiative to the Other classes after the mid-term break. Parents are asked To drop off students in school early for this initiative.

### **STEM FESTIVAL:**

Junior Level: Quiz and problem solving winners -Hawks / Coding winners HAWKS.  
Senior Level: Quiz and problem solving winners: Falcons/ Debate winners RAVENS.  
Overall winners: HAWKS

**ATHLETIC DAY:** a showcase of speed, strength and Sportsmanship as students competed in various track and Field events

### **HEALTH AND WELLNESS CORNER**

Oral health awareness and screening: The Ministry of Health`s Oral Health Department visited the college To educate and screen students and staff

World mental health day: Celebrated under the theme "it is time to prioritise mental health inb the work place." Experts from Mohlomi mental health hospital, Partners in health (PIH), Tunasafiri, mental health warriors And Dr Ts`epang Majara engaged students in Discussions about assertiveness, positive thinking and Seeking help when needed.

**World AIDS Day: Commemorated** under the Theme "take the right path". Baylor College of Medicine, The blood bank, and PIH educated students on child rights And their role in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

### **NOMINATION TO SERVE IN THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF MACHABENG COLLEGE**

In accordance with the education act, the Machabeng College board of governors is seeking to appoint a parents` Representative possessing a recognized qualification and And vast experience in human resource management. This Specific qualification will enable the representative to Provide invaluable oversight to the board`s activities. Additionally, the desired candidate should possess more Than 5 years of post-qualification experience, insuring Expertise in human resource matters.

The board is committed to promoting diversity, equity, and Inclusion within the composition of the board of governors. In line with this commitment, the board expresses its preference for appointing a female candidate to the vacant Parents` representative position, insuring a balanced Representation within the board.

### **HOW TO NOMINATE:**

Please send the full names of your nominee with their Qualifications. State the full names of the student Represented, and the class of the student. We encourage To take this opportunity to nominate yourself or other Eligible parent.

### **SUBMISSION DETAILS**

Email: [boardnominations@machcoll.co.ls](mailto:boardnominations@machcoll.co.ls)  
The deadline for nominations is Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Your active participation is pivotal to our collective Success. We look forward to welcoming a dedicated and Qualified parent representative to our board.



## **NEW COLLEGE COUNSELOR**

Machabeng College is pleased to welcome a new College counselor Ms Idzai Muchabaiwa who will be Providing psycho-social and mental health support to Students. The college recognises the importance of Holistic education, and our new counselor will play a Key role in helping students navigate academic pressures, Social challenges, and personal development. Students are Encouraged to seek guidance and support whenever needed.

## **THE LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

The board of governors has successfully completed the search Of a new headmaster. We are delighted to announce that Mrs Rupa Sen would be joining, Machabeng College as a new Headmaster, effective 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025. Ms Sen brings a wealth Of experience in international education and leadership, and We look forward to her vision and guidance in furthering the college`s mission.

## **Closing Note**

**As always, we appreciate the continued support of our students, parents and Staff in making Machabeng College a centre of excellence. Lets make term 2 a successful and memorable one.**

**Warm Regards  
Machabeng College Administration**



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