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Dear Parents/Gaudian

INTRODUCTION OF BOARDING SCHOOL FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL LEARNERS (GRADE 8 TO 12) FOR THE 2024 ACADEMIC YEAR.

The above subject matter refers.

1. This letter serves to kindly seek for your support in the school's endeavor to introduce boarding facilities for high school learners who would be interested to stay closer to school. The boarding facility is planned to cater for both boys and girls.
2. The school appreciate and acknowledges that this communication has come a little too late for all the parents. It is for this reason that the school seeks for your support in starting this historic journey with you. The Kobe Ramodgadi boarding school will offer a variety of benefits to students. The decision to attend boarding school is the first step in what many consider a big picture decision; by attending boarding school, the advantages that come with it will pay off in the long term. The number of leaders and successful members of society began their journey at a private school, former presidents, actors, athletes, successful business people, and other politicians.
3. However, what will make Kobe boarding school more plausible are the activities, programs, and challenges that will be made available to students on a daily basis. A typical boarding school student is one who wants to embrace this huge opportunity they will be afforded, to live in a community where learning, personal growth and exploration are top priority; where programs and activities are abundant; where making friends is paramount; and where success is celebrated.
4. Some of the benefits of staying in at Kobe boarding school will be the following;

Learning independence, understanding priorities

5. Another reason to attend Kobe boarding school, is independence. Independence might be the greatest gift that parents can give to their children. Today, when so

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many parents are hyper-vigilant and want to be involved in every aspect of their child's life, boarding school can be the perfect antidote.

6. Children will be required to navigate through the fundamentals; do their own laundry, and get up in the morning. Parents won't be there to shield them from natural causes and effects. Boarding schools are good places to fail and succeed—which makes them great places to learn. **It is a controlled freedom**
7. Boarding children do not just get into college; they arrive prepared **to succeed**, with the ability to manage their own lives. They become strong individuals capable of leadership and have self-initiative. The current state of affairs has made it difficult for parents to cultivate those traits and boarding school is an outlet for these important qualities to be nurtured.
8. Students don't just have to manage their own affairs; they learn how to live and deal with other people. They are challenged to develop their interpersonal skills because there is no hiding at boarding school.
9. A child who is dropped off in the morning and picked up when the school is off, is not challenged to develop the same peer skills as a kid who lives with other students 24 hours a day on campus. Boarding school is a transformative experience in learning to communicate skillfully with others, something a lot of people don't get until college, if at all.

Strong academic performance and opportunities

10. Kobe Ramodgadi Boarding school will offer the opportunity for **students to foster intense connections with their teachers** in part due to smaller, more interactive class sizes, that will allow the teacher to assist each and every child to grasp the necessary fundamentals for each subject as provided in the school curriculum.
11. The school will provide extra academic assistance to all boarding learners through monitored study sessions. The school undertakes to identify academic weakness in all boarding learners and to provide the necessary intervention which will be in the form of extra classes that will be arranged together with the relevant subject teachers. Excellent leading students will be given the opportunity to assist their fellow learners. This will assist the students to further develop their academic experience and independence which will be required when they finish school.
12. The school will also provide career guidance sessions to boarding learners by inviting career guidance professionals to assist the learners to make the most important career choices that will affect the rest of their academic lives. Strength of each and every child will be monitor and assessed to ensure that they make the right choices that will enable them to achieve their goals.

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Preparation for life after school

13. While the educational experience at Kobe boarding school will be important to personal and educational growth and development, it will also be a precursor **to life after school**. Research has shown that boarding school students feel more prepared for college and university than their peers, and are more likely to earn more advanced degrees like a Master's or PhD, and advance to more prominent roles in their careers and communities.
14. The move to post-secondary education can be a difficult transition for many. Being away from the support system of family and long-time friends and the challenges of becoming acquainted with a new place and style of learning can bear a heavy burden on learners. University /College preparation prior to first year has proven to be beneficial for students, something that Kobe boarding school will proudly provide.

Admissions

15. The boarding facility is open to all grades, in particular the higher grades.
16. Admission for boarding school for the 2024 academic year will start as soon as the 2023 academic year has been concluded for all interested learners. All interested parents are advised to show their interest as soon as they receive this communication and an admission form will be sent to them.

Admission and Boarding fees

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17. As alluded to above an application for admission form will be sent to all interested parents and an admission fee to the amount of E350.00 as a form of reserving a place for your child will be required for all learners. The fee will be payable on submission of the application form.

Boarding fees

18. The annual boarding is **E25,500 per year** for fulltime boarding students and E23,550 for weekly student.
19. For all fulltime boarding students, the boarding fee will be **E2,700 per month** payable over **a period of 10 months** starting from **January 2024 to October 2024**. Fulltime boarding students are learners who will be at the boarding facility at all times **including weekends and holidays** for some students, especially foreign students who may have to be at the school during Eswatini holidays.
20. For all weekly boarding students, the boarding fee will be **E2,500 per month** payable over a period of 10 months starting from January 2024 to October 2025. Weekly

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Deposit

21. Every child admitted for boarding, will have to pay a deposit which is equal the monthly installment as aforementioned. Meaning that at the beginning of the year **every parent will pay double the amount of the monthly installment** as stated above. The deposable will be refundable at the end of the year.

Note

- Boarding in the school is open to all High School Learners.
- Admission to hostel will be done at the beginning of the year or beginning of the second term and no admission will take place in the third term. Once admitted it is expected that all students will be at the hostel for the duration of the year.
- Parents can pay the boarding fee, yearly, termly or monthly.
- All fees must be paid on or before the beginning of each month, term or year.

Having considered all of the above, kindly complete the form bellow to indicate your interest to have your child attend the boarding at the school. **Sign the form, and submit it to the school on or before 14 November 2023.** Note that once you have shown your interest, a detailed admission form will be sent to you.

Your cooperation and feedback in this regard is immensely appreciated

Your Sincerely,

Mrs. Ratau
Deputy principal.

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