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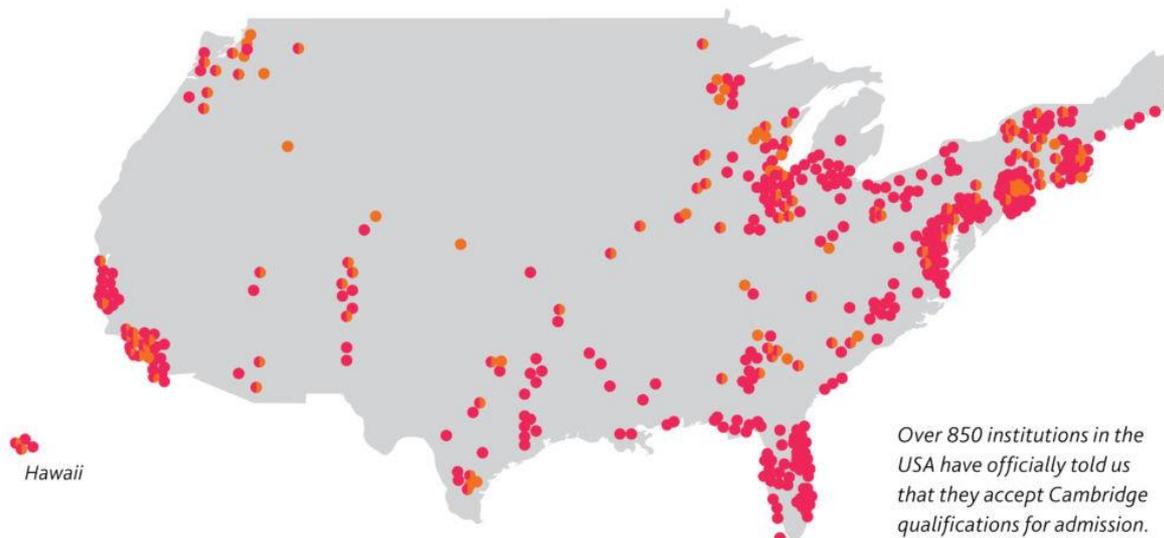
To the UFS Community,

As a proud Cambridge School, one of our key selling points is the potential for our students to be placed into universities across the world. An often misguided perception is that a Cambridge Certificate does not help students to be placed in American universities, and that school certificates such as the International Baccalaureate are only accepted. This is not the truth. In fact, one of our own staff member’s children, and an alumnus, Pearl Dlamini, is currently studying Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Middlebury in Vermont State. The following blurb is extracted from the CAIE website for your information;

“Cambridge International students in US schools know their passing grades on Cambridge International AS & A Level qualifications can do more than get them admitted to university. Their grades may also earn college course credit at over 850 colleges and universities in North America. But did you know that international students are eligible for this credit too? Earning credits can save students time and money. For example, Cambridge students going to a US institution in the state of Florida can earn up to 45 college credits towards their degree. With most undergraduate degrees requiring around 120 total credits and at least four years of study, all Cambridge students should take advantage of these credit-by-exam policies.”

Map showing Cambridge recognition across the USA

- Cambridge IGCSE, Cambridge O Level and Cambridge International AS & A Level
- Cambridge International AS & A Level
- Cambridge IGCSE and Cambridge O Level



Over 850 institutions in the USA have officially told us that they accept Cambridge qualifications for admission.

Map showing the location of North American institutions who offer admissions, credit and placement policies to Cambridge students.

Ref: <https://blog.cambridgeinternational.org/international-students-get-credit-to-us-universities-too/>

I have often spoken about how seriously we take our 'duty of care' to our students, and all of the policies and procedures we have put in place over the past 15 months to support this. This work continues with rigorous enthusiasm and commitment. I am told that the last time our teaching staff undertook any whole-school first aid training was about 10 years ago. I am thus extremely proud to report that on Saturday, twenty of our staff members undertook a full day's training in First Aid. Another 12 staff members will undergo training tomorrow. All of our bus drivers underwent the first aid training last year, and so with this year's cohort of first aid trainees, we only have less than 20% of our staff who need to be trained. Their training will take place within the next 12 months.

Our Primary School Inter-House Athletics Meeting was held on the 6th of July 2022.

This was an exciting event indeed!

The cheering from the three house teams, was a sound we missed over the past two years.

We are so proud of our runners who did not disappoint us with edge of your seat finishes.

Well done to all the children who displayed great sportsmanship on the day.

The results stand as follows:

- 1st position: INGWE - 183 points
- 2nd Position: LIBHUBESI- 161 points
- 3rd Position: INDLOVU - 147 points
- Spirit Cup: Indlovu



This past weekend saw a few of the high school teams travel to Big Bend for sports fixtures.

The football results from U-Tech are as follows:

FOOTBALL	
UFSI - 3	KAZAKHALI - 0
UFSI - 5	BAHA'I- 0
UFSI - 1	SISEKELO - 3
UFSI - 0	UTECH - 2



On Saturday, the U16 netball team played at Olympia Africa. Our team performed well, coming second in our pool and winning the 3rd-4th place match. The scores in most matches were incredibly tight, and we only lost to U-Tech in the semi-finals during extra time.

NETBALL	
UFSI - 5	SIFUNDZANI - 7
UFSI - 13	KAZHAKALI - 10
UFSI - 12	SISEKELO - 4
UFSI - 10	U-TECH - 12
UFSI - 7	SIFUNDZANI - 5

Our U9's travelled to Enjabulweni on Wednesday to participate in a Football and Netball festival. Results are as follows:

FOOTBALL	
UFSI A - 1	PCA A - 1
UFSI - 2	L. WATERS A - 1
UFSI A - 0	MONTESSORI A - 1
UFSI A - 3	UBOMBO A - 1
UFSI B - 0	HLANGANANI - 2
UFSI B - 0	THEMBELISHA - 1
UFSI B - 2	SIFUNDZANI - 1
UFSI B - 2	JABULILE - 0

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UFSI - 7	UBOMBO - 0
UFSI - 5	MONTESSORI - 0
UFSI - 5	L. WATERS - 0
UFSI - 2	PCA - 7

We have received some much valued feedback from parents and students regarding the new uniforms, and are pleased to provide some feedback;

- The practice of not having the school name under a small badge on the chest is synonymous with best branding and corporate image practice as the text becomes too small and 'messy'.
- Regarding the above, we will look into a contemporary approach of having the name branded on the sleeve.
- The manufacturers have assured us that the quality of the actual badge is highly durable and will not fade or peel off.
- The next consignment of tartan skirts will be longer in length.
- Children's caps and hat sizes are being attended to.
- Incomplete orders are being attended to.
- The school jersey will be embroidered with the emblem on the chest position.
- We are liaising with the manufacturers and investigating the option of having the soft shell jackets branded with the wording "UFS International" on the sleeve.
- A small white school badge will be embroidered at the bottom of the tie.



- The sports kit and tracksuit, which are being custom made, are in the process of manufacturing.

Parents who did place an online order with Xco, but did not pay, are kindly asked to please settle your account so that we can arrange for distribution of the uniform pack – thank you!

We are receiving numerous requests from students to receive medicine at school. Please note that the school may not act as a dispensary for medication on an ad hoc basis. If a child has a serious headache or illness, the relevant receptionist will need to contact parents to receive permission to dispense light medication we may have available.

I wish you all a very blessed weekend.

Yours in Education,



Gareth Allman
Executive Principal

