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*“Semper Sursum - Always Aim High”*

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To the UFS Community,

### **PROTEST ACTION**

We are well aware of the possibility of protest action on Monday. The expert advice we have received is that we should continue as normal on Monday. However, as always, if the situation changes, we will communicate accordingly with parents. Our lock down drills as initiated last year are well entrenched. These will be reinforced with the students on Monday morning.

### **UFSI – THE HOME OF FUTURE GLOBAL CITIZENS**

When one is leading a complex institution, it is necessary every so often, to take time to pause and reflect on how well one is working on aspects pertaining to its core business. At UFS, we do this on pretty much a weekly basis through our Academic Executive Team. Education is our core business and over the past seven months there has been intense focus on the quality of teaching and learning, from Grade 000 all the way to AS level. I am proud of how our teachers have responded to this drive for excellence, and how they have embraced recommendations on what tools they need to adopt or what elements of their practice they need to tweak in order to continue the journey to being a ‘Master Teacher’.

The purpose of education is multiple. It extends beyond the common foundation that needs give young people the intellectual and emotional tools to live productive and fulfilling lives. Education also has social, economic, environmental and other globally critical imperatives. The word **“educate”** has its roots in the Latin word for **“bringing out”** or **“leading forth”**. Hence, it is incumbent on us to facilitate initiatives and areas of development that fall outside of the scope of the classroom walls. To this end, we are doing much work on matters such as Student Voice, a High School Job Shadow Week, a Year 9 Transformational Outdoor Educational Programme, and the Grade 7 Personal and Leadership Development Programme, to mention just a few, in order to **“bring out”** the very best in each of our students.

Our school is becoming a vibrant, dynamic and evolving educational institution of global and contemporary relevance. There are many initiatives being worked on in the pipe-line and we look forward to sharing these with you as they roll out. Indeed, we can all be proud to be a part of this school on a mission to be the best CAIE school in the Southern African Sub-Region!

## **FINANCE MANAGER APPOINTMENT**

In our quest to ensure the very best administrative structures with appropriately trained and experienced staff in place, and aligning this to the school's strategic plans and needs going forward, we have appointed a dedicated Finance Manager to add much needed capacity to our team. I am delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Thembela Ngcamphalala as Finance Manager. Mr Ngcamphalala is a chartered Management Accountant, and holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree, along with a Master's in Business Administration. Mr Ngcamphalala can be reached on [t.ngcamphalala@usutuschool.com](mailto:t.ngcamphalala@usutuschool.com) should you wish to contact him.

## **UNIFORM MATTERS**



The photograph above was taken of a selection of students in their new school uniform – don't they look absolutely resplendent!

We are excited to have received a new consignment of uniforms, which includes the impressive sporting attire. These will be distributed with effect from Monday, 8 August.

We remind parents that should you wish to exchange uniforms for alternative sizes, to please contact Pauline Ndlela on [p.ndlela@usutuschool.com](mailto:p.ndlela@usutuschool.com). Our school uniform shop has limited stock available for purchasing and parents can also contact Mrs Ndlela in this regard.



## **SPORTS REPORT**

This past weekend our U14 boys took part in a soccer festival at Waterford. We are proud of the team's performance and the sportsmanship displayed by the boys on the field. Our team was crowned champions for the first time since 2014. The soccer results from Waterford are as follows:

### Group stages

UFSI - 3 Premier - 0

UFSI - 1 Sifundzani - 1

UFSI - 4 Khanyisile - 0

UFSI - 2 Ubombo - 0

### Semi-finals

UFSI - 1 Enjabulweni - 1

UFSI won 4 - 3 on penalties

### Final

UFSI - 1 Sifundzani - 0



I wish you all a very blessed weekend.

Yours in Education

Gareth Allman  
Executive Principal

