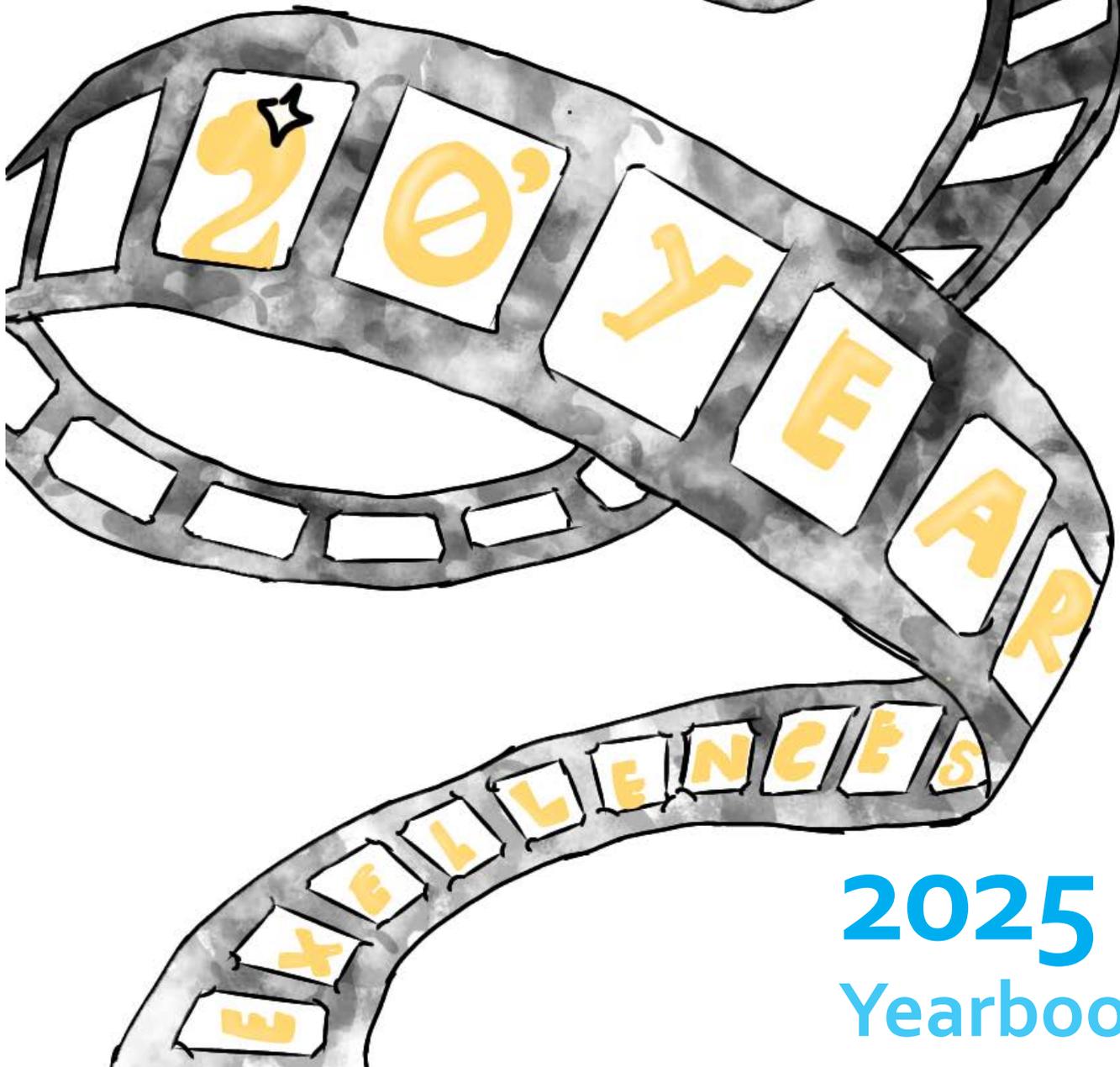
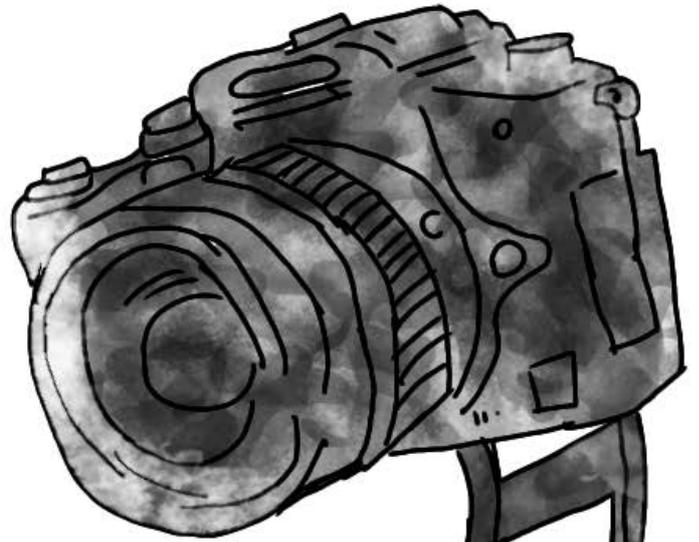


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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

### 20 Years of Honor, Growth, and Excellence

**It is with immense pride and gratitude that I pen this message for our school's first-ever yearbook. This milestone publication coincides with a truly special occasion: our 20th anniversary.**

Two decades ago, this school was founded on the core values of integrity, perseverance, and excellence. Today, as we look back on our journey, we celebrate not only how far we have come, but the community that has shaped us including our dedicated staff, our passionate learners, our supportive parents, and every individual who has walked through our doors and contributed to our growth.

This inaugural yearbook captures the spirit, energy, and stories that make our school what it is. It is more than a collection of pictures and memories; it is a tribute to our shared journey, the achievements, the challenges, and the countless moments of learning and laughter that have defined our years.



As we celebrate this 20th anniversary under the banner of Honor First, may this yearbook stand as a symbol of who we are and what we aspire to be. Let it inspire future generations to carry our legacy forward with pride, courage, and a commitment to excellence.

To our students: you are the heartbeat of this institution. Your dreams and determination fuel our purpose. Keep aiming high.

To our staff: thank you for your unwavering dedication. Your work has made this milestone possible.

Thank you to everyone who believes in our mission.

Here's to twenty years of impact, and to many more to come.

*P. Gleeson*  
*Director*

## HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

### Kweneng International Secondary School Celebrates 20 Years of Excellence

This year marks a major milestone for Kweneng International Secondary School as we celebrate our 20th anniversary. Since our founding in 2005 with the guiding motto "Honour First," we have remained committed to delivering high-quality education and nurturing young minds.

Our journey began with registration under the Ministry of Education and the Cambridge Board. The school was built on a vision to empower students with the knowledge, skills, and values needed to thrive in a changing world. Over the years, we have earned a reputation for academic excellence. In 2024, we achieved outstanding IGCSE English Language results, ranking among the best globally, alongside strong performance in Developmental Studies. With a dedicated team of qualified teachers and



a diverse 13-subject curriculum, our students continue to excel.

At KISS, we believe in educating the whole student. We promote discipline, character, and personal growth through a wide range of extracurricular activities, from sports and arts to clubs and debates. As we reflect on this journey, we honor the pioneering teachers and supportive parents who made our progress possible. We remain proud of

what we've achieved and excited for the future. With unity, pride, and the spirit of \*Honour First, we look forward to the next chapter of excellence and impact.

*S. Masumbika*  
*Headmaster*

# A LETTER TO PARENTS FROM TEACHER B

As Kweneng International School marks its 20th year, I write to remind us all, teachers and parents alike, of the critical importance of truly knowing our children. With busy schedules and rising academic expectations, we may miss the small moments where we connect: asking about their dreams, listening to their ideas, celebrating their strengths beyond exam scores.

Our annual **talent show** was a collective effort to uncover and uplift hidden gifts: music, dance, art, poetry, coding. Yet, school alone cannot nurture these talents. It is your support at home, celebrating curiosity, perseverance, and creativity, that sends the most powerful message: **you are more than your marks.**

Research shows that excessive academic pressure often leads to anxiety, burnout, and mental health struggles, especially for students whose strengths lie outside test-taking. Instead, cultivating a *growth mindset*, where effort, experimentation, and learning from mistakes are valued, builds long-term confidence and resilience.

## Real-life African stories of talent turned into purpose

- In **Lagos, Nigeria**, the Children's Art Gallery helped 11-year-old **Fiyinfoluwa Adeniji** earn from his paintings, about US \$650 from two pieces, funding education and boosting mental health through creative expression *The Guardian*.
- In **Ghana**, 16-year-old **DJ Switch** began performing at age 7 and now hosts TV shows, gives motivational speeches, and stood out at global stages like the Bill & Melinda Gates Goalkeepers event *Wikipedia+1 The Star+1*.
- In **Uganda**, the sibling duo **Esther and Ezekiel Muteesasira** won East Africa's Got Talent at ages 14 and 11, bringing gospel and pop music to regional acclaim *Wikipedia*.
- In **South Africa**, 23-year-old singer **Tyla** rose from singing at talent shows to a global hit "Water," Grammy recognition, and over a billion streams, all while balancing school and her craft, and winning parental support along the way *vogue.com*.

These young talents flourished because they were encouraged, given space to explore, and allowed to fail, as well as celebrate triumphs small and large.



•French Lesson with Ms Bayani

## How parents can help every child shine

- Dedicate regular, pressure-free time, even just weekly, to talk about what makes your child excited.
- Attend and engage with school events like the talent show, your presence alone says: "I value what you share."
- Praise effort: "You kept working and got better" rather than "You got an A!"
- Celebrate diverse strengths including art, writing, coding, performance, and not just academics.
- Offer support and autonomy rather than constant comparison or judgment.

When children see that effort and passion matter, not only do they grow emotionally and creatively, but their academic performance often improves too. In partnership, parents and teachers can foster whole-person development, not just test scores.

Let's commit, amid our busy lives, to know our children deeply, to believe in their unique gifts, and to support them to flourish with confidence, purpose, and emotional well-being.

With gratitude and hope,

*Boniswa Bayani,*  
*Head of Languages*

## MANNA'S VOICE

I was enrolled in Kweneng international secondary school in the year 2025 as a form 4 student .The school is lead by the motto 'honor first' which emphasizes discipline and respect in students. Some students tend to go against this motto but the staff members try to make order prevail.

The school was quite different from the school I attended before but I was ready for a change. The teachers were welcoming; well except here and there but overall they try to accommodate all types of students. The main aim of the school is to get outstanding results .At times the method they use to achieve this aim is harsh for some of us. They turned to overload us with a lot of work which is frustrating especially for us new students. In this school you only get a break after form five otherwise you will be working like

a robot. But when you look at it in a different view they are trying to shape us to being strong responsible men and women in the future.

In conclusion I would like to say it was difficult to adapt to k.i.s.s and I am still trying to. The school rules and regulations which seem hard to adhere are there to guide us during this journey. The pressure is a lot but at least we have some teachers who support and motivate us, as we navigate this academic journey. I'm hoping to have a pleasant stay in K.I.S.S and see improvements over time.

Your fellow student of honor;

*By Manna O. Kame [form 4c]*

## DREAM BIG, START SMALL; SUCCESS STARTS WITH YOU

Every great achievement begins with a small, often unnoticed step. We all have big dreams of who we want to become and what we want to achieve but dreams need action and commitment that starts with habits we form now, especially in school.

As students we face challenges that can make us feel like giving up. Sometimes the workload feels too heavy or we struggle to understand a lesson no matter how hard we try. These struggles are real, but they don't mean you should stop trying. Each time you chose to keep going, you are providing your strength.

Success doesn't fall from the sky. It starts with the small choices you make every day such as completing assignments, revising for tests or helping a classmate. Our school gives us many opportunities to learn and grow but what we do with them is up to us.

Good habits like staying organized, asking for help, and managing your time will build a strong foundation. They may seem small but overtime they lead to big results. So don't wait for 'someday' start now, start small.



Believe in yourself, trust the process and never stop learning. Your future is being built today, one choice at a time. Great journeys begin with small steps and a brave heart.

*by Aaliyah Onalethata*

# TSHEDIMOSO

“Go latlhela tlhware legonyana”

Setswana se se lolameng sa re:

“Go latlhela tlhware! Legonyana”

Lefoko ‘tlhware’ e le modumo o legonyana le o dirang fa le wela mo go tse dingwe. Go ya ka tshedimoso, ga o ka ke wa latlhela ‘tlhware’(noga).

Setswana se mme se raya ‘go iteka’

Se sengwe Setswana se se tlhwaesegileng ke sa:

“Go nna malala a laotswe”

Se e leng tota ke se:

“Go nna malala a laetswe”

Bogologolo e ne ere banna ba tshwanetse go bolola go ya ntsweng, ba ne ba laelwa go re ba nne ba tlhwaile tsebe go re e re lenaka le lediwa, ba bo ba bolola. Fa ba le mo seemong se, ba: “malala a laetswe” mme Setswana se se raya go nna o le podi matseba.

by (Author)



Group photo Mrs Chigara and Mr Nkandela with Students June 2025

# MOLEPOLOLE

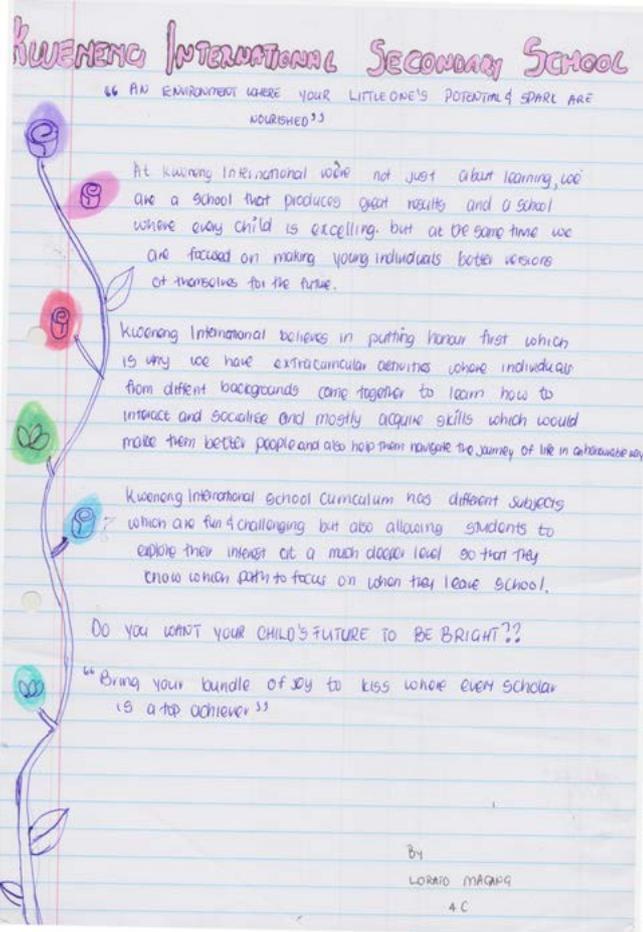
Molepolole est un grand village du Botswana capitale du district de kweneng . Il est le foyer du people bakwena, l'une des huit principes tribus du Botswana

Laville a ete fondee en 1864,et est un establishment compact traditional pour les Bakwena, Avant Molepolole, Ntsweng et la capitale des Bakwena.

Molepolole est un village important ,et est la capitale du district de Kweneng. Il est le foyer du peuple Bakwena l'une des huit principales tribus du Botswana. Le village a été fondé en 1864 est a été un établissement compact traditionnel pour Les Bakwena depuis cette époque.

Ntsweng, se trouve à quelques kilomètres au sud est de Molepolole. Le site de Ntsweng est aujourd' hui un site historique avec des traces visibles de l'occupation passe, notamment des fondations de maisons faites de pierres

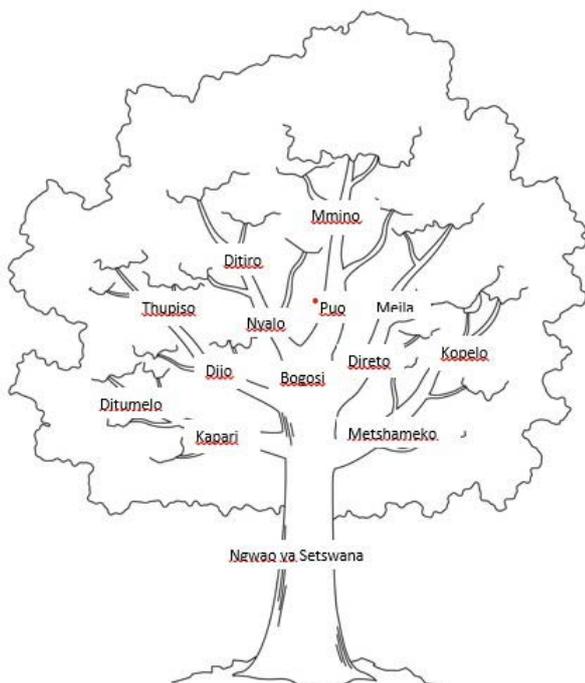
Par Kevin Motlapele form 2B



# NGWAO YA SETSWANA

“Chaba e senang ngwao ke chaba e latlhegileng” Tautona Seretse Khama

Setlhare se, se supa fa ngwao e akaretsa dilo tse di farologaneng ka teng:



## MY JOURNEY

I began my journey at Kweneng International Secondary School on the 7th of February, 2025. At first, I was nervous about fitting in — but to my surprise, I blended in with ease. The warmth and friendliness of the people I met helped me make friends almost- instantly.

That sense of belonging gave me the confidence to come out of my shell. Though clueless I joined the debate club, to boost my confidence, also contributed to the formation of a music club, yet still managed to stay grounded and focused. Today, I'm proud to be a student of honour at Kweneng International Secondary School — a place where honour truly comes first and it's an honour to be celebrating 20 years of academic excellence with everyone in the school.

Every day here at KISS brings something new. I witness nature in action — from squirrels darting about to the buzz of exciting science experiments in class. Learning is genuinely fun. Thanks to Madam Mangena, I've discovered a love for physics; it might just be my favourite subject. I'm also deeply grateful to all my teachers who continue to inspire me. I believe I can attain all 48 points at IGCSE level next year.

I'll never forget my first math teacher at KISS, Madam Chisenga. She taught me to be confident in my math skills and to think fast — a skill that's transformed my grades. And of course, Mr. Simukonda, whose challenging quizzes constantly push me to raise my game.

To all the teachers at Kweneng International — thank you. Your patience, dedication, and unwavering belief in us truly make a difference.

To my fellow students: remember, talent matters just as much as hard work. Discover what makes you unique, nurture it, and let it shine.

\*Success isn't just about what you know. It's about what you believe in, what you try, and what you refuse to give up on.\*  
*By Tawana Form 4B*



*Class of 2005*

## K.I.S.S CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

This year marks a remarkable milestone as Kweneng International Secondary School (K.I.S.S) celebrates 20 years of academic excellence, growth, and impact. Since opening its doors two decades ago, K.I.S.S has been a beacon of knowledge, discipline, and innovation in Botswana's education landscape.

Founded with a vision to provide world-class education, K.I.S.S has nurtured countless learners, producing leaders, thinkers, and changemakers across various fields. Over the years, the school has upheld its commitment to high academic standards, holistic development, and strong values.

From outstanding exam results to national competition wins and from vibrant cultural events to community service projects, K.I.S.S continues to shine as a model of excellence. This 20th anniversary is not just a celebration of the past but a promise of an even brighter future.

As we honor our journey, we thank our dedicated teachers, supportive parents, hardworking students, and visionary leaders who have made K.I.S.S what it is today. Here's to 20 years of success and many more to come!

Happy 20th Anniversary, K.I.S.S!  
*By Sally Form 1B*



## MY SCHOOL

Its true when they say you shouldn't judge a book by its cover.

When I first came to Kweneng International Secondary School, I thought it had been an old retarded poultry house that had been abandoned a thousand of years ago due to an outbreak of pests, that my family was planning on revamping. But little did I know ,it turned out to be an international school.



Kweneng International School is equipped with hard working and skilled teachers who bombard learners with necessary information they need, both educational and social, improving all the aspects of intelligence. This tantamount to students been undisputed individuals in the society.

Furthermore, the school has the state- of- the -art technology that makes it easy for students to research as they provide accurate results hence boosting students marks.

The school has been known for producing high grades and still is. I would highly recommend parents for enrolling their children into the school as they would be guaranteed of their children graduating with phenomenal results because the school has never gone below their present values.

*By Lame Thando Lesole*



*Science Lesson With Mr Masumbika 2008*

## THE GHOST IN THE ROOM

Sadness is  
But a wall between two gardens  
Behind shut doors  
Another story to tell  
Every man has his secret  
That the world knows not  
Smiles aren't always happy  
Frowns aren't always upset  
Tears-a wound that  
Nor the heart bear  
The pain that hits  
Dead silent  
Leaving a mark  
A painted expression  
I bring to the people  
Invisible me  
That the world only knows

*By: Angela Lepodisi*



## K.I.S.S. OUR GUIDING STAR

K.I.S.S., our school, a shining flame,  
A place of pride, a noble name.

With books and dreams we start our day,  
And knowledge lights our every way.

In classrooms bright with hope and will,  
We find our purpose, far and near  
Helping us reach our every goal.

In unity and strength we rise

*by Mashiyat Islam 1B*

Our futures shining ever Bright

K.I.S.S., our star, our school, our pride,  
With you we'll always walk with stride.

# OUTSTANDING CAMBRIDGE LEARNER AWARDS

1 learner from Kweneng International Secondary school has received an Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award to acknowledge their exceptional performance in the Nov / 2024 Cambridge International Education examination series.

The Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards programme celebrates the success of learners taking Cambridge examinations in over 40 countries around the world. The winning students excelled in [Cambridge IGCSE examinations.

Cambridge qualifications equip learners with the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to thrive in and outside the classroom, at university and beyond. The qualifications are recognised and valued by leading universities worldwide.



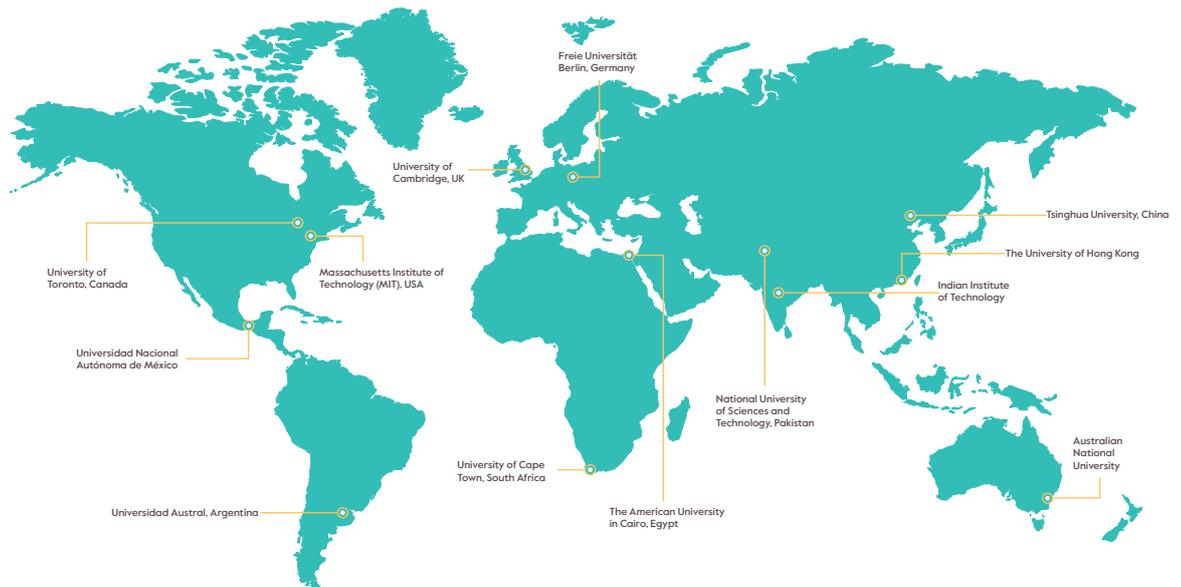
The following learner at Kweneng International Secondary School received Top in the World awards:

## TEMO IVAN MAOTWE: BEST IN THE WORLD FOR ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Tafadzwa Moyo, Schools Development Manager, Sub-Saharan Africa for International Education at Cambridge said: 'Congratulations to Cambridge learners and teachers at Kweneng International Secondary school who have worked so hard to achieve tremendous success in Cambridge exams. With these Cambridge qualifications, students are well prepared for their next steps and all the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. I wish you all the very best for the future.'

## With Cambridge Pathway, the world is within your reach

Cambridge International Education qualifications open doors to a world of opportunities and are accepted at over **2200** institutions across **90** countries, including these top-ranking universities in the US, UK and elsewhere.



# FAMILY FUN DAY – 22 JUNE 2024 ORGANISED BY THE KISS P.T.A.



On Saturday, 22 June 2024, the KISS community came together for a truly memorable Family Fun Day, beautifully organised by our dedicated Parent-Teacher Association (P.T.A.). With perfect weather and a great turnout of families, the day was filled with fun, laughter, and a wonderful sense of togetherness.

A wide range of food stalls kept everyone happy and full, offering everything from snacks and sweets to hearty meals hot off the barbeque stand. The cosy tea room gave parents a chance to sit, relax, and catch up over a warm cup of tea or coffee. For shoppers and browsers, there were gift and toy stalls, with something for every age and interest. One of the highlights was the Skin Free Soaps stand, which attracted many visitors with its natural beauty products and friendly service.

Children were spoiled for choice when it came to entertainment. The quad bike rides and horse rides were a major hit, giving kids a sense of adventure and freedom. The jumping castle was a constant source of

energy and excitement for the younger ones, while older children flocked to the games room, where they took part in FIFA tournaments and other digital challenges.

A special moment came when the fire department made a guest appearance. Their team performed an exciting and educational fire hose demonstration, showing off their equipment and letting the children interact with real-life heroes. It was an experience that left many wide-eyed and inspired.

The day would not have been possible without the hard work and planning of our P.T.A., along with the support of staff, parents, sponsors, and volunteers. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who contributed their time, energy, and resources to make the event such a success.

Family Fun Day 2024 was more than just a school event — it was a celebration of our school spirit and the strong bonds within our community. We look forward to making our next one even bigger and better!

# DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD ANNUAL COMMEMORATION



Kweneng District Council held a commemoration on the 19th of June 2025, and K.I.S.S was invited to take part in a panel discussion around this year's theme; Planning and Budgeting for Children's rights, Progress since 2010. Six students were chosen for this excursion; and I was the Master of Ceremony for the event. The panel discussion proved to be interesting and insightful as our students exchanged views with other students from Moruakgomo J.S.S. It was also a lively event with traditional dances and poetry, showcasing young talents. Let us continuously strive to make the future of an African Child more promising and fulfilling. *AMANDLA!!!*

*by Treasure Matswe*

The Day of the African Child or Youth Day as it is known in South Africa is commemorated annually to honor the courage and bravery of schoolchildren in Soweto, whom on the 16th of June 1976, marched in protest against the inferior level of education that they received. The apartheid police opened fire on the students, killing hundreds in the process, such as the twelve year old Hector Pieter-son.



# HANNAH JANE JOSHUA: A JOURNEY OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SUPPORTED BY KWENENG INTERNATIONAL

**Hannah Jane Joshua**, a determined Miss Teen Botswana 2025 finalist, has consistently demonstrated resilience and leadership. Hailing from Goo Sekgweng and currently residing in Molepolole, Hannah is deeply committed to fostering educational opportunities for youth in her community.

## Support from Kweneng International Secondary School

From the early stages of her journey, **Kweneng International Secondary School** has been a steadfast supporter. Known for its high academic standards as a registered Cambridge examination centre the school provided Hannah with mentorship, logistical support, and encouragement, helping her refine her public speaking and leadership skills.

This partnership proved invaluable during the Career Fair at Village Gate Mall in Molepolole, where Hannah represented her community with professionalism and confidence.

## Highlights of the Molepolole Career Fair

At the Molepolole Career Fair, key institutions like Brainstream and Botswana Open University (BOU) participated, offering career guidance and exposure to students. Kweneng International also supported Hannah by providing attire for her pageant journey. Though she did not make the final round, she excelled among approximately 30 nationwide Miss



Teen Botswana participants, reaching the top five in the talent segment.

## Kweneng International's Commitment to Youth

The school's involvement extended beyond the fair—it donated resources and stood by Hannah throughout her Miss Teen campaign. Kweneng International's ethos of nurturing excellence, flexible learning, and student empowerment aligns seamlessly with Hannah's vision to uplift youth in her home village and across Botswana.

## Impact & Future Directions

Supported by this foundation, Hannah has launched a Career Fair and stationery drive to serve Goo Sekgweng Primary learners. Her long-term vision includes expanding to Palapye and creating a mentorship network for students using her termly study guide, Hannah's Guide.

## Conclusion

Hannah Jane Joshua's journey underscores what is possible when youthful ambition is matched by institutional backing. With Kweneng International's unwavering support, her mission to empower Botswana's youth gains momentum—transforming local initiatives into national impact.



## FORM 1A



**Front row:** Sekwati Ave, Bayani Amantsi, Khan Faiz, Keakabetse Kevin, Pitseetsile Rona

**Middle row:** Pheto Leata, Moatshe Imelda, Mokara Marcia, Shimako Flora, Nyepetsi Hanifa, Mrs Mtshede

**Back row:** Seggopa Refilwe, Motsiane Aobakwe, Mantimane Ketso, Mpoyo Ronel, Mokgothu Lore, Stanley Antonio Antonio

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**Back Row:** Nyepetsi Larona, Nkgoa Atang, Mothei Arona, Sedumedi Pako, Seabelo Shepherd, Masikara Temo.

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## FORM 2B



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## FORM 4B



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## FORM 5B



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## MEET THE STAFF



Back Row: Ms B. Bayani (French), Mr Suleiman (Geography), Mr M Hubona (Mathematics)  
Front Row: Mrs Mangena (Science), Mrs M Chigara (English), Mr K Simukonda (Mathematics), Mr B Motlotle (Mathematics), Mr A Nkandela (English, Geography), Mr H Benn (Commercials)



Back Row: Mrs G Senewakgosi (Computers), Mrs P Mtshede (Science), Ms N Legrand (Librarian), Ms K Mmoalefe (Lab Assistant), Mrs Nthase (Computers), Ms L Msipha (Science), Mrs J Mapitse (Setswana)  
Front Row: Mrs F Chisenga (Mathematics), Mrs F Gleeson (Admin), Mr N Mphelane, Mrs K Setumo (Admin, Accounts), Mr A Fani (Commercials), Mr Onnalethata (Commercials).



Back row: Mr Mphelane, Mr S Masumbika, Mr A Nkandela, Mr Suleiman, Mr H Benn, Mr B Fani, Mr Onnaethata, Mr Motlotle, Mr K Simukonda  
 Front Row: Mrs J Odhiambo, Mrs P Mtshede, Mrs F Chisenga, Mrs Senewakgosi, Mrs Nthase, Mrs Chigara, Ms LeGrand, Mrs Mapitse, Ms Bayani, Mrs Mangena

## SUPPORT STAFF



Groundsmen: (from left to right) Mr O Sibanda, Mr K Mompati, Mr O Emelang



Cleaning Staff (left to right): Ms M Seboko, Ms S Maramako, Ms N Ganakgomo, Ms K Bantle

# 2024 SCHOOL LEAVERS PROM: A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

Last year, our 2024 School Leavers Prom was held at the beautiful Tower Game Park gardens in Molepolole. The evening was a dazzling celebration, with students dressed to impress—everyone looked absolutely fabulous. The entertainment kept spirits high throughout the night, adding to the joyful and elegant atmosphere. It was truly a lovely evening, filled with laughter, music, and unforgettable memories as we celebrated the end of an important chapter in style.





# Through the Years



Miss Nandi Gleeson & Ms Legrand at the 2023 Prom



Music class 2010



Athletics on Sports Day 2025



Class of 2023



## TWENTY TWINKLE BEATS

Fresh from the hustles of book worming,  
Honor first - as the motto to go,  
A legend is born  
From the beautiful pegs of the mother spate  
And engulfed with wisdom.

Desperate to establish my footing.  
I sweat and labour;  
As I climbed the ladder step by step  
For honor first is my principle.  
Seen it all with global footprints  
Under the eyes of the master piece.

My master piece, my mirror!  
Marvel to watch with echoing perfectness.  
Genes are transferred,  
Master piece waves an air of appreciation  
with thunderous twinkling joy.  
A silver lining appears at the end of master piece  
Twinkling beats, heats and aligns with the minds eye.

From insignificant to significant fresh air around the master  
walls  
Out of brown cycles to effortless gestures.  
The hour has come  
and the crown is kept in it's visibility  
Discouraged and bruised  
The enemy is defeated!  
A drop of hope appears and blown across the savanna of  
empathy.

Quick sand has clouded  
The interlink of a precious gem - with faultless gestures.  
The scares are global stretched but the echoes are still in clay  
The twenty beats sound indifferent,  
The horns have changed yet the master piece twinkles  
brightest  
We are, we still  
Millions of pieces smile as we forgo another twinkle Beats.

*By Mr. Simukonda*



•KISS courtyard in 2010

## TEXTBOOKS, TABLETS AND TALKING BOOKS: THE MANY FACES OF LEARNING

This year taught us that books come in all shapes and formats, and each has its quirks, joys and headaches. From dog-eared paperbacks to sleek digital screens, and even audio-books, academic life has forced us to adapt to every kind of reading.

Paperbacks, our classic textbooks, have a charm all on their own. Flipping crisp pages, scribbling notes in the margins, and occasionally using them as an impromptu fan during those hot days, what's not to love? The downside? Backpacks that double as mini gyms, and forgetting a book at home is instant panic. And yes, sneaking a peek at formulas during lunch is a skill few mastered.

eBooks made life lighter. Entire libraries in the palm of your hand, instant search for definitions, and highlighting in seconds. Perfect for last minute cramming...until the low-battery warning strikes mid-chapter, or Instagram calls your name. Let's not get started on the strain on your eyes too!

Audio-books, yes even for textbooks, offer a new kind of learning. Listen while walking, exercising or doing chores. It's like having a private teacher narrate life's lessons...until you zone out and miss that crucial physics formula. Rewinding isn't fun, but surviving Chapter 12 makes it worth it.

In the end, it doesn't matter how we study- flipping, swiping, or pressing play. What matters is that we kept learning, growing and surviving the piles of homework, group projects and surprise quizzes. Whether juggling paperbacks, scrolling through eBooks, or secretly listening to audio-books, we made it through together with laughter, stress, and maybe too many caffeine-fuelled nights.

Here's to the pages we've turned, the screens we've swiped and the chapters we've listened to- and the memories we'll never forget (even the ones during tests!). no matter the format, the lessons and laughter stick.

*By Ms. Legrand*



# STANDING ON 20 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

“Honour First” — sounds familiar, right? It means a commitment to integrity, ethical behaviour, and upholding the highest standards of conduct, even in challenging situations. The Class of 2025 is not the first to carry this motto, and it surely is not the last. Behind us stands an assembly of people who have shown resilience and excellence both academically and socially. They honoured themselves first.

We are just part of the journey — the 20th flame. Our torch lights up what the previous students have set in place for us. We continue the legacy that was started by Mr. Liam Gleeson. The laughs we share with our friends inside the class and outside, the inside jokes we make with our teachers, those awkward moments when you crack a joke and everyone looks at you a little weird, or when you fall and pretend like nothing happened hoping no one saw it — including the shared struggles among your peers of how hard school is.

School is more than just classrooms. It's the small, seemingly ordinary moments that become unforgettable. If these walls could speak, they would roar and echo thousands of memories created within them — and we unknowingly add our mark to the magic of ordinary days.

My journey as Head Girl feels like part of a greater legacy. Never in a million years would I have believed anyone if, when I first walked through that gate, they told me I would one day be crowned Head Girl. Even if I knew, nothing I would have done prior would have set me up for the role. To be honest, leading a group of people is not easy, let alone setting an example for the entire school.

However, through this I have learned to persevere through the doubt, fear, and failures I have encountered. I emerge stronger and more determined to make a change. No matter how hard it seems — you will make it through. In this moment, right now, whatever challenge you are facing: You are going to make it through. You always have!

Whichever higher being you believe in (or don't), they do not bring challenges to kill you but to make you stronger.

Take it from a Form 5 who has to balance mental health, academics, leadership roles, and social life.

What doesn't kill you makes you stronger.

Remember to always stay soft, pure, and sweet. Never let the ugly make you ugly. I am another addition to the previous Head Girls and prefects who have set the standard and

legacy, and I continue to learn and become a better version of myself. I live every day with a new motivation — to be better than I was yesterday, not perfect. I think one should too.

One piece of advice that has carried me throughout is from one of my friends, and she said: “Do not be like me; be like a tree. Spread your leaves and branches into the air. Hold them up like a crown moving towards the sun. Let your branches and twigs provide shade for those that stand under you. Though your bark is hard and does not rub well on people's skin, hold on tight and let it protect you. Every crack and brown ridge carves into a beautiful and resilient resource to the world. Through doubt

and double-mindedness, never lose track of your purpose even when your branches are snapped. Do not be like me; learn to control the automated voice set up in the field of your mind. It is like a football match — but you control the outcome. You either win or lose. I want you to win.”

~ *Anna Lamaro Fortunato*  
*Deputy Head Girl of 2024*

I hope from this article and the above paragraph, those who read this will be inspired and want to make a difference in their lives — not for the world's expectations, but for themselves. Fill your own cup so that it overflows into others' vessels. Do not starve your cup of fruitful water; let it overflow into the lives of others, into the walls and spaces you occupy.

Life is not a problem to solve, but a journey to walk. It is coming from you, not at you.

By *Lisa Teku*  
*Head Girl of 2025*



•2018 Prize Giving



•2024 Career Fair

## WHY TIME FEELS FASTER AS YOU AGE

Do you ever find yourself reminiscing about those school holidays when time seemed to stretch into infinity? Remember those warm, sun-soaked days filled with endless adventures, where boredom never had a chance? It felt like time was playing by your rules, expanding to accommodate all the fun you could imagine. Fast forward to today, and the years seem to zip by at the speed of light! What's the secret behind this time warp?

Believe it or not, there's some fascinating science and psychology at play. When we're kids, every moment is a brand new experience, and our brains soak it in like sponges. A single week packed with exciting games, new lessons, and explorations of uncharted playgrounds can feel like a mini eternity. But as we grow older, life tends to settle into more predictable rhythms. Daily routines take over, and our brains begin to compress those familiar experiences. That's why days seem to race by, there's less memorable "newness" to savor. In essence, the fewer unique memories we create, the faster time appears to fly!

Here's a fun twist our perception of time may depend on how long we've been living it. For a 10-year-old, one year is a whopping 10% of their entire life, while for a 40-year-old, it shrinks down to just 2.5%. Talk about a dramatic shift in perspective!

So, if you're feeling the rush of time slipping away, here's a playful challenge; shake up your routine! Dive into a new hobby, take a different route to work, or explore a weird science topic you've always been curious about. The more variety and excitement you infuse into your life, the slower time will feel, and your memories will be more vivid and enriching than ever.

As we celebrate our school's 20th anniversary, let me give you a charge; don't let the years fly by. Embrace life's adventures, and create unforgettable moments. After all, the key to slowing down time lies in making every day an exciting new chapter in your story.

*Sciences HOD,  
P.R Mangena*



For 20 years, Mrs. J. Odhiambo has been the driving force behind the school's academics and administration—from timetables and exams to discipline and countless meetings. Her leadership, dedication, and wisdom have kept everything running smoothly while inspiring excellence in both teachers and students. We thank her for two decades of unwavering commitment, guidance, and laughter.



For the past 20 years, Ms. Bantle Kebinatau—affectionately known as MmaB—has been a quiet yet powerful presence in our school. Through rain or shine, early mornings and late afternoons, she has kept our classrooms, offices, and corridors clean and welcoming for all. Behind every shining hallway is someone who truly cares, and we thank Ms. Kebinatau for two decades of dedication, care, and commitment.



Mr. Benn is the Head of the Commercials Department and serves as the school's Examinations Officer. A dedicated member of staff since 2005, he has played a key role in maintaining high academic standards and ensuring the smooth running of examinations. He does not just teach numbers, he teaches balance!



Mr. Simukonda has been a valued member of the school since 2005, serving as the Head of the Mathematics Department and teaching both Mathematics and Computer Studies with exceptional dedication. He has also overseen our internal examinations for many years, ensuring fairness, organization, and academic excellence. His leadership and commitment have made him an integral part of the school's continued success.



## LEND A HAND FOSTERING COMPASSION AND COMMUNITY

At the heart of our school's commitment to service lies Lend a Hand, a student-led social club dedicated to encouraging volunteerism, charity, and peer support. The club, under the capable leadership of Mr. K. Simukonda, provides our students with meaningful opportunities to make a difference in the lives of others.

Lend a Hand organizes regular donation drives and outreach initiatives aimed at supporting vulnerable children and families. From essential stationery and clothing to toys and food parcels, the club works tirelessly to gather and distribute much-needed supplies to orphans and underprivileged communities.

Over the years, the club has built a proud track record of impact and kindness. Whether it's helping a fellow student with school supplies or delivering joy to children in need, Lend a Hand continues to inspire a spirit of generosity and social responsibility throughout our school.

This remarkable club not only uplifts those it helps, but also shapes our students into thoughtful, compassionate individuals—ready to make a positive impact in the world.



•2010 Lend a Hand Club

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW!



I completed Form Five in 2017 and later studied International Business. My career began in FMCG as a Warehouse Floor Manager, followed by sales and management at Premier Clothing, Botswana's largest safety wear supplier. Today, I am a Key Account Manager at DP World Botswana, working with leading retailers such as Choppies, Sefalana, Spar, Shoprite, and Pick n Pay, while also pursuing my passion for fund management through an international investment portfolio.

*Muzzamil Khan*



I completed form 5 in 2011. I am currently in a town called Honiton in the South-West of England. I am working as a General Practitioner doctor here.

*Dr Asif Gardari - Class of 2011*



Upon completing form 5 in 2009 I studied Medicine and subsequently did postgraduate training in Oncology with a focus on Breast and Gynaecologic cancers. I also studied Public Management under the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders. I currently work as a medical doctor in a hospital in Sefhare.

*- Tochukwu Umunnakwe Class of 2009*



I am currently based in Gaborone and the founder of a creative event Catering venture specializing in food Styling, with focus on innovative presentation and a memorable dining experience that combine culinary artistry with thoughtful presentation.

*Uzma Haddadi*



After completing my studies at Kweneng International in November 2017, I began my journey in aviation and worked towards becoming a pilot. I'm excited to share that I am now a fully qualified Commercial Pilot and flight instructor, marking a significant milestone in my aviation career.

*Kyle Merriweather-marumo*



Based in Maun, I am a youth leader in agribusiness and sustainable development. I chair the Botswana chapter of FIJADA, serve as Secretary General of the CAADP Youth Chapter, and have represented Botswana at continental forums. I am recognized for uniting youth leaders across Africa and driving innovation in agrifood systems.

*Bond Tlhagale — Class of 2012*



•KISS 2011 Sports Day



•Prefects and Ushers Prize Giving 2011



•Face masks were the norm in 2020 during the Covis pandemic



•2024 Career Fair



# 2025 SCHOOL LEAVERS PROM: MOLEPOLOLE CAME ALIVE!

Kweneng International Secondary School Prom 2025! What an incredible send-off for our Form 5 Leavers! The beautiful Tower Game Park provided the perfect, scenic backdrop for the K.I.S.S. Class of 2025 to celebrate in dazzling style. From elegant arrivals to non-stop dancing, this was an evening of pure celebration! Shoutout to DJ Casah, Pureezy, and DJ Splash for the epic soundtrack! Words of wisdom and inspiration were shared by our fantastic guest speakers, Maimbo Ndeke (Hippy Bambino) and our very own former student, Latifah Kgosidintsi (Class of 2016). Thank you! Congratulations to the graduating class! Go conquer the world!





## 2025 PRIZE GIVING: AWARDING THE ACHIEVERS

Prize Giving Ceremony & 20th Anniversary Celebration. Kweneng International Secondary School proudly celebrated its 20th Anniversary with a vibrant and memorable Prize Giving Ceremony, honouring outstanding academic achievements across all forms. The event reflected two decades of excellence, growth, and commitment to nurturing confident and capable learners. We were deeply honoured to host Chief Magistrate Tonoki as a distinguished guest speaker. His inspiring message encouraged students to pursue discipline, integrity, and hard work as pathways to a meaningful future. The school was also privileged to welcome Kgosana Kelebogile Mathwanye, Suping Ward Area C Councillor Mr. Thato Tatolo, and Mr. Edward Lesokola, Vice Chairperson of the PTA, whose presence added significance and support to this milestone celebration.

The ceremony came alive with captivating student performances, featuring poetry, music, dance, and drama—showcasing the rich talents developed within our school community. Academic excellence took centre stage as top achievers were honoured. In Form 1, Hanifa Tumisang Nyepetsi was crowned Best

Overall Student, excelling in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Geography, Agriculture, French, Computer Studies, and Travel & Tourism. Hani Laron Nyepetsi topped English, Accounting, Business Studies, and Physics, while Aobakwe Nick Motsiane earned Best in Setswana. In Form 2, awards went to Sefine Israt Reza (English & Business Studies), Gosiam Raymond Jaudi (Setswana), Phenyso Bareeng (Accounting), and Loapi Jaden Sebele (Agriculture). In Form 4, Kgosi Warona Seretse (English First Language), Lorato Magang (English Second Language & Setswana), and Treasure Matswe (Literature & Geography) were celebrated. Aisha Kamogelo Nyepetsi excelled in Computer Studies, Physics, Accounting, and Chemistry, and received the honour of Best Overall Student in Form 4. Additional recognition went to Rethabile Maungo Bogopa (Economics) and Suleiman Sika (French & Biology).

This special occasion celebrated not only individual achievement but also twenty years of academic excellence and community partnership. Honour First. Kweneng International Secondary School (K.I.S.S.)





## 2025 CAREER FAIR

On the 16th of July Kweneng International Secondary School held the annual Career Fair 2025 with the theme “Empowering young minds to innovate their future”. Mr. Nkandela welcomed students and guests while Ms. Bayani introduced the illustrious guests in attendance. There was a brief history of the schools 20 years. Dr. Sekwati was the the keynote speaker followed by Dr. Ramasu, guest speaker and published author who runs a program sponsored by Gaborone University College for young people from Molepolole and around Botswana.

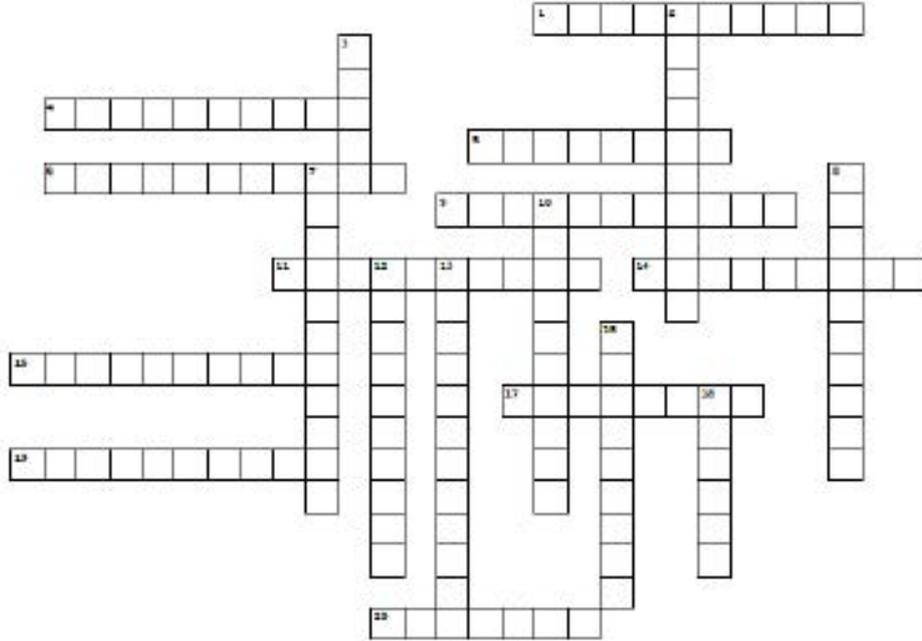
There were presentations by Kaologo Kejalepula a visual artist and also by Eddy from Mebala Youth. The exhibitors all gave a brief description of their organisations and what they do.

The students then got a chance to interact with the exhibitors at the stalls asking relevant questions and gathering information to assist with career decisions and tertiary institution choices. The exhibitors included Institute of Health Sciences Molepolole (IHS), Bank Gaborone, Love Your Menses (NGO), Mebala Studios (NGO), Kgari Seshele Senior Secondary School guidance and counselling, Moruakgomo Junior Secondary guidance and counselling, New Era College, Limkokwing University, Alliance Française, University of Botswana, Boitikanelo College, Gaborone University College, Molepolole College of Education, Botswana College of Engineering and Technology.





# Crossword Puzzle



Down:

2. A place for experiments and discoveries.
3. Our school motto begins with this noble word.
7. A proud result of effort and skill.
8. Quality needed to achieve excellence.
10. Guidance from teachers to students.
12. The complete set of subjects taught.
13. Continuing despite obstacles or setbacks.
15. The science of reactions and bonding.
18. What a graduating class leaves behind.

Across:

1. The strength to recover and keep going.
4. Creating new ideas or methods.
5. The dreaded companion of every student.
6. This year marks 20 years of our school's history.
9. A formal assessment of knowledge.
11. Essential for success in academics and life.
14. Customs carried on year after year.
16. Striving for the highest standard.
17. A school gathering for announcements.
19. A ceremony marking the end of school.
20. A student leader with responsibilities.

## SUDOKU PUZZLE

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•2013 examination candidates



## DEDICATION & CLOSING REMARKS

As we mark 20 years of excellence, growth, and community, we dedicate this special anniversary edition of our yearbook to the memory of Mr. William Martin Gleeson and Mrs. Clare Glenda Gleeson, the visionary founders of our school. In 2005, Mr. Gleeson planted the seeds of a dream — a school built on strong values, high standards, and a deep commitment to nurturing young minds. Today, two decades later, we continue to benefit from the foundation he laid, and we honour his legacy with gratitude and pride.

This yearbook is not only a celebration of the past 20 years — filled with achievements, milestones, and memories — but also a symbol of our hopes for the future. We look forward with optimism and determination to the next 20 years of success, innovation, and the continued strengthening of our school community.

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To every student, teacher, staff member, parent, and supporter — both past and present — thank you. Whether you were here at the beginning, joined along the way, or only stayed for a short time, your presence has left a lasting mark on our journey. Together, we have built something truly special.

Here's to the next chapter — may it be filled with even greater accomplishments, continued unity, and the same spirit of

Honor First that has brought us this far.

With heartfelt appreciation, The 2025 Yearbook Committee



#20yearsofhonourfirst

# SPORTS DAY 2025



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Crossword Answers: Across - 1. Honour, 3. Legacy, 5. Dedication, 10. Anniversary, 13. Excellence, 15. Graduation, 18. Assembly, 2. Chemistry, 4. Examination, 6. Prefect, 7. Laboratory, 8. Curriculum, 9. Innovation, 12. Perseverance, 11. Discipline, 14. Mentorship, 16. Homework.



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