



October 2016 Newsletter

Exams: A Hole in the Mirror

Preparing for exams is not an easy thing, and writing these AS exams is everything but easy. Starting this course was the first thing I thought of, after my journey through High School had ended. Three (3) months before I entered the exam room, the thought of writing AS had been pushed to the back of my mind. But we all know how parents are, so I was pushed to sitting for these exams.

Fast forward to a couple of months later, on October 4th, I was sitting for my first exam; Applied Information & Communication Technology Paper two (2). I never felt prepared but I told myself you are never really as

prepared as you want to be. I asked my friends that



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A3 Student

were also sitting for the same exams how they were feeling and they all used the same colloquial term; 'it's wild' meaning they had prepared but felt scared. The hardest paper

in my opinion was my Mathematics P1. That paper felt like I was wading through rapids; everyone I asked said the same thing. The rest of the papers I wrote were average; not too easy and not too hard either. These exams have taught me a lot and one thing being that no matter what you think of yourself in terms of intellect, always give your all when it comes to exams. You might just get shocked to see what you are capable of. Another thing is that even though we have gone through half our course, it was just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to

January 2017 Enrolment

The Centre is pleased to announce that it has commenced enrolment for the January 2017 intake for Grade 8, IGCSE 'O' - Level and GCE 'A' Level. Classes will start on 9th January 2017.

Students who have not yet received their final exam results can enroll using their Mock results as they await the final ones.

Meet Your Teacher



Mr. L. Mabenga
Physics & Maths
Teacher

In our October edition, we are glad to introduce Mr. Lutangu Mabenga. He is a graduate from the University of Zambia, and holds a Bachelor of Engineering (B.Eng) – Agricultural Engineering Major. He teaches ‘O’-Level & ‘A’ Level Mathematics and Physics.

He is a proficient science teacher keen on helping the young, eager and vibrant minds develop their academic faculties and therefore help shape tomorrow’s leaders.

Mr. Mabenga believes learning is only complete when the student can appreciate as well as apply fully the lessons learnt to the relevant areas of life. Learning stretches far beyond the classroom doors into day to day life. Our role as educators is to help focus the learner on the relevant subject matter,

highlight its importance and real life applications and help them identify how they may use the knowledge to their academic and personal growth within and beyond the class.

My previous teaching experience in a multicultural classroom for junior and senior secondary school graders equipped me with the much needed skill set which include among other things prior lesson planning, interactive teaching methodology as well as pupil exam preparation techniques.

I believe in summarized informative lessons, in an enabling comfortable environment for both students and teachers. I also strongly believe students appreciate the lesson more when they are able to see visually exactly what the lesson is attempting to communicate and as such I have adopted the culture of incorporating various

visual aids in my lessons – safe to say my students are happy in that regard!

I consider myself a lifelong learner. In fact, even after 2 years of teaching I still strive to learn something new every day. “I can’t imagine going one day without learning something new”. “For some kids, that’s an odd thing to say. They’re not used to it – they’re done with school and kind of shut down, but really, I want them to be learners.”

A passion for learning soon led to a passion for teaching in my life. Now, as an A-Level Physics teacher at Springfields Coaching Centre in Lusaka, I strive to instill that same passion for learning in my students.

Notices & Upcoming Events

- End of Term Exams 28th Nov to 2nd Dec 2016
- End of Term Break 3rd Dec to 8th Jan 2017
- Open - Day 9th January 2017
- Open-Day 13th January 2017

Quote of the Month

**Learning is
not child's
play; we
cannot learn
without pain.**

Aristotle

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Knowledge with Integrity

Springfields Coaching Centre is an independent non-residential educational institution which commenced operations in February 1999. Pupils sit for Grade 9 examination under the auspices of Examinations Council of Zambia (ECZ). However, upon completion of Grade-9, the Pupils have an option to sit for examination of ECZ or University of Cambridge.

The Coaching Centre offers IGCSE Ordinary Level ('O'-Level) academic programme for grades 10 & 11. The Centre also offers GCE Advanced Level programme of the University of Cambridge.

All British University examinations are conducted at the British Council here in Lusaka. We are an attached Centre with the British Council (Lusaka).

A BROADER VIEW

With the timely addition of Mrs. Ila Desai to the management of Springfields Coaching Centre, we can envisage a more and effective delivery of quality education. It has always been our tradition to tailor our provision of academic services in line with individual student's requirements. With Mrs Desai on board, this tra-

dition cannot be over emphasised knowing that she has vast years of working experience in the field.

Mrs. Desai comes with vital accolades testimony to this expertise attained along her long stretch of working in the education sector. We, as a Centre, look forward to taping

from this Oasis of knowledge and experience for the betterment of our calling as one of the top ranked institutions providing internationally acknowledged education services. It is a warm and gratifying welcome Mrs. Desai from Springfields family.