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Chisipite Senior School



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WELCOME TO CHISPITE SENIOR SCHOOL

Chisipite Senior School offers a rich, well-rounded education programme that reflects our deeply held belief that all pupils have special gifts, talents and needs. Our commitment as educators is to bring out these gifts in every one of our pupils; to help each pupil find their own voice.

We are proud of our diverse student population, and honour the identity of every girl, acknowledging that their story contributes to our shared identity.

With an in-depth knowledge of how pupils learn best, Chisipite Senior School is dedicated to nurturing a love of learning and providing an enjoyable environment for pupils to adopt an intelligent and critical mindset regardless of their year level.



Chispite Senior School is a leading girls-only senior school in Zimbabwe, providing an all-round, high quality academic education for girls between the ages of 12 and 18.



Our ETHOS is to generate brave, strong & sincere thinkers who are equipped to fill the world with love their whole life through



Our MISSION is to empower pupils to acquire, value & apply knowledge & skills that will support them, as life-long learners & servant leaders, who will be prepared to contribute with courage to the Global Community



Our VISION is to prepare young women to pursue their aspirations & contribute to the world through faith, hope and love



CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY

We are immensely proud of the social and cultural diversity that goes to make up our school – it's what makes us a vibrant and exciting community. Diversity is integral to the teachings of empathy and understanding, and we are proud to say that the community of Chisipite Senior School is encouraged to celebrate each other in every facet of their daily academics, activities and beyond.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Preparing our girls for the future and nurturing academic excellence are at the heart of everything we do. We are passionate about inspiring each pupil to achieve their full potential.

We also believe a modern education should go beyond academic development and we encourage all our pupils to embrace a wide range of exciting opportunities that life in our school offers.

Our focus on academic and pastoral excellence is embodied by our school ethos of generating brave, strong and true thinkers who develop a passion for active learning and an empathetic response to the world around them.



HEADMISTRESS : MRS LORRAINE HILL



Lorraine Hill, Headmistress of Chisipite Senior School, has over 20 years of experience as a high school teacher and for the past five she has been Headmistress of Chisipite Senior School, bringing about many new and innovative changes to the school. She has guaranteed constant progression in the academic subjects and co-curricular activities offered to the pupils, ensuring they are relevant to our ever-evolving world.

“I believe in a growth mindset, where each pupil is given opportunity to fulfil, even exceed, her own expectations. By encouraging perseverance and nurturing self-esteem in our girls, I believe we give them the confidence to explore their potential, feeling confident to take risks in a safe environment.”

Lorraine is passionate about learning and believes that the learning experience for all ages should be stimulating and exciting.

As the head of a large, complex organisation, Lorraine’s first and foremost priority is the pupils.



ABOUT CHISIPITE SENIOR SCHOOL A LEADING ZIMBABWEAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

Chisipite Senior School is one of Zimbabwe's top independent schools for girls aged 12 to 18 years, where students are encouraged to pursue the interests and academic pathway that suits them best.



Senior school years are perhaps the most critical in terms of shaping long term goals for the future, but we believe that they should also be exciting, inspiring and stimulating – a time of building confidence, increasing independence; and of becoming comfortable with who you are.

As a leading Zimbabwean independent school, we focus on providing pupils with an all-round education that ensures they will have the best skills to tackle new opportunities when they move on to the next stage in their lives.



WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

Our pupils grow up in a school that knows them as individuals, the way their parents know them as individuals, each with their own strengths, weaknesses, hopes and fears.

Our school is known for being kind and caring – this follows our ethos of love derived from our school motto, **FONS VITAE CARITAS – Love is the Fountain of Life**. We believe that the kinder, more supportive we are, the more incentive there is for our pupils to want to achieve more, both inside and outside the classroom. Our A level results are among the best in Zimbabwe, with the majority of our pupils going on to study at top-level universities and establishments around the world.

Our pupils have the freedom and confidence to be themselves. Being a single-sex school is an important factor in this. Our culture of openness, empathy and the building of friendships between age groups creates life-long relationships.

We acknowledge the importance of catering for all dietary groups, be it in our school dining halls or at our school events.

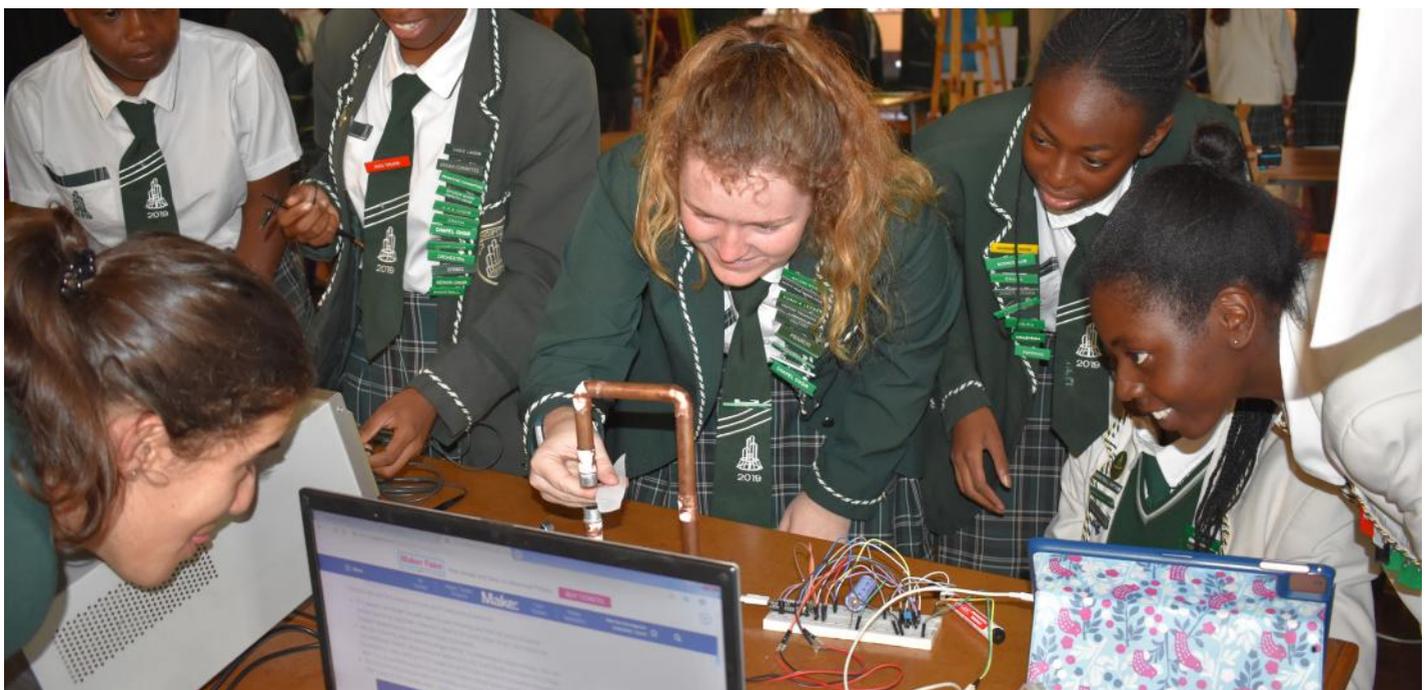
When pupils leave our school and move onto the next stage of their life they are ready to embrace the next step with confidence in their skills and knowledge, and in who they are.



Our website and social media platforms will give you a glimpse of what life at Chisipite Senior School holds, but please do come and visit us to get a full sense of what Chisipite has to offer to pupils and their parents.

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BENEFITS OF A SINGLE-SEX SENIOR SCHOOL EDUCATION

As a member of AGSA (The Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia), we are up to date on the literature which suggests that girls and boys learn in different ways. As a leading independent senior school, we believe in the benefits of single-sex education. We understand girls and the way they learn, and we adapt our teaching methods to suit their needs. We believe that this, in turn, enables our pupils to learn more effectively and ultimately to achieve better results.



In a girls-only environment, there is also less gender-based pressure when it comes to subject choice. For example, many of our Sixth Formers study Physics at A level, a subject which nationally attracts low numbers of girls. Research from the Girls' Schools Association (GSA) suggests that girls are 75 per cent more likely to take Mathematics and two and a half times as likely to take Physics in a single-sex school.

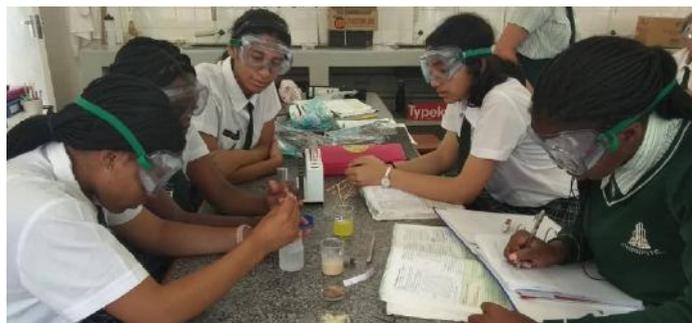
Of course, academic results are only part of the reason for choosing a single-sex senior school. There are many benefits. Teenage life brings many pressures and uncertainties for girls, perhaps more so today than ever before. We believe that a girls-only school can help to reduce some of these pressures. It provides the freedom for our pupils to be who they are; to take more risks; and to build greater confidence.

From Sports to Music to Speech and Drama to Clubs to Leadership Skills - all are geared towards our pupils' needs.

Our pupils also have the freedom to excel in the sciences, the humanities, and the arts. We believe that more power is given to the pupil to forge their own path when they are given the opportunity to study a wide range of subjects.

SENIOR SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Academic excellence is at the heart of our school curriculum. We're passionate about learning and we believe that senior school years should be academically stimulating, exciting, challenging and rigorous.



Throughout the school, pupils are taught by excellent, committed teachers who understand how girls learn best and are able to adapt their teaching techniques in line with this.

Our curriculum is designed to deliver an exciting and active learning experience. At all stages of the curriculum, we focus on developing a deep understanding – it is this depth that will not only enable students to achieve the best possible examination results

and university destinations but will additionally develop a lasting knowledge and a lifetime passion for learning.

Academically, the journey through the school is also one of growing independence in terms of thinking, learning and studying and as such we believe that it is important for us to equip pupils with the skills they need for this – in other words, they need to learn how to learn effectively.

While sometimes learning inevitably means settling down with textbooks, we take every opportunity to bring those textbooks to life and enrich the curriculum with real and meaningful experiences. We see this as Academic Enrichment and it includes events such as science fairs, astronomy evenings, trips to galleries, theatre workshops, and welcoming professional guest speakers including novelists, actors, musicians and entrepreneurs. Interactive learning experiences feature at all stages of our curriculum.



ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

Regular assessment is an important element of our school curriculum. It enables our excellent teaching staff to focus on the individual learning needs of each pupil, identifying those who need more help and stretching those who are more able. It also means that pupils become comfortable with the concept of testing long before they sit public examinations at the end of IGCSE, AS and A level courses.

Effective reporting is also a key element of our approach to teaching and learning. While Heads of Year are available to pupils and parents for informal progress discussions, we also have an effective formal reporting programme in place, including parent and teacher consultations throughout the year.



Progress & Full Reports

Parents' Talks

Curriculum and Careers Information Presentations

Throughout senior school we strive to deliver a curriculum that will inspire, stimulate, and excite; that will enable every pupil to achieve her potential; and will develop a life-long passion for learning.



STEEPED IN HISTORY, AND FACING TO THE FUTURE SINCE 1954

Whilst we enjoy nearly seventy years of history and tradition, we are proactive in adjusting our academic and co-curricular syllabi to provide the pupils with the skills necessary to meet the demands of an ever-changing world.



THE SERVANT LEADERSHIP SYSTEM

The Servant Leadership system at Chisipite is the cornerstone of our belief that every pupil has the potential in them to lead with grace and empathy.

In Lower Six, the pupils are invited to apply for leadership positions in the areas of school life they are most passionate about. In providing each pupil with a leadership portfolio, we give them the tools to be of service to others in their chosen area of the community.

By entrusting each pupil with a set of responsibilities and goals for their Upper Sixth year, we are equipping them to learn the value of the team and the individual's agency and accountability within that team.

At Chisipite we learn to lead by example and understand that leadership emerges primarily from those who want to serve. Service to others is integral to our leadership development programme.

By giving of ourselves and lifting others up, we engender a community spirit of faith, hope and love, allowing the generations who come after us to benefit from our actions and add their contribution to the legacy of the Servant Leadership system.



THE HOUSE SYSTEM

During their life at Chisipite Senior school all girls (day and boarding) are assigned to one of four Houses:

Spring House

Named to acknowledge the importance of water at the school, Spring is also closely tied to our Shona name “Chisipiti” The trait that reflects and embodies this House is “Service”.



Anderson House

Named after Beryl Anderson, who established Chisipite Junior School and was dedicated to the education of young women. The trait that embodies this House is “Courage”.



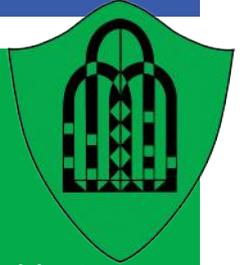
St. Paul's House

Named after the disciple Paul, who wrote 1 Corinthians 13 vs 1-13, our school reading. The trait that embodies this House is “Dedication”, to acknowledge the commitment to professionalism and self-actualisation that we believe is in the fabric of the school.



Patrons' House

Named after and to acknowledge not just the original patrons of the school but also the countless members of the community who have contributed towards the school's success. The trait that embodies this House is “Vision”.



The Houses are a key feature of life at Chisipite and pupils enjoy a healthy rivalry in Inter-House Sport, Music and Speech and Drama competitions, culminating in the much sought after House Cup and Junior House Cup awarded at the end of each year.



SCHOOL LIFE

Academic excellence is important at Chisipite Senior School, with committed teachers and remarkable results for public examinations that put us in the top academic schools nationally. Life at Chisipite Senior School also gives pupils the opportunity to excel outside the classroom in a wide range of specialist fields including sports, speech and drama and music.

At this important stage in their lives, pupils are encouraged, supported and nurtured to achieve the best they possibly can – we believe that Chisipite Senior School truly is a place where pupils achieve their full potential.



Co-Curricular

At Chisipite Senior School, our co-curricular activities and programmes provide valuable learning experiences through practical situations involving teamwork, sportsmanship, winning and losing and hard work. From drama to orchestra to debating to soccer, co-curricular activities have long been recognised as a way for pupils to express themselves, try a new skill, provide service to the school and community and develop leadership, social, and organisational skills.

Through participating, pupils at every year level have opportunities to grow their:

Self-confidence, self-discipline, reliability and time management

Social groups and friendship connections

Skills in handling competitive situations

Capacity for learning new concepts

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD PROGRAMME

As part of our commitment to developing the whole pupil, we have embarked upon the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme, which provides our pupils with the opportunity to enhance their leadership and collaborative skills whilst encouraging commitment and self-reflection.



GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES & ACTIVE LEARNING

Active learning is imbedded into all parts of our curriculum with Cambridge Global Perspectives offered in Form One, Two and Three, across all the subject areas. These challenges hone essential 21st century skills of research, evaluation, and analysis, whilst encouraging collaboration, communication, and reflection. In the Sixth Form, pupils are encouraged to prepare a self-determined research project on an area that interests them, thereby developing key skills which they will undoubtedly rely on in tertiary education and the workplace.



TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM

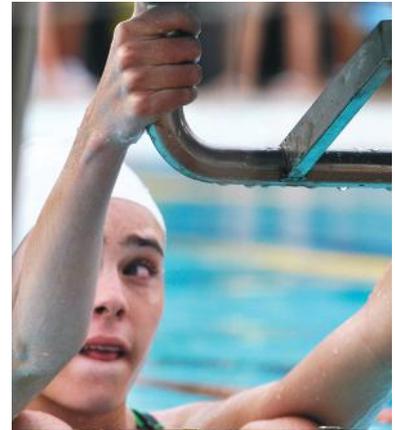
Technology can be a powerful tool in education and allows for increasing differentiation in the classroom. The school holds sets of 50+ i-Pads for teachers to utilise in lessons which are preloaded with the appropriate applications.

Learning is carefully structured to be engaging and to encompass varying learning styles and abilities. 'Netiquette' and social media responsibility and safety are essential aspects of our life skills programme.



SPORT

Sport is an integral part of Chisipite Senior School life and plays an important role in the development of the person as a whole. Chisipite Senior School has a proud sporting tradition, and we applaud those who play for enjoyment as much as those who excel.



Sport helps the pupils develop many qualities they can rely on now, and later in life, such as teamwork, leadership and fair play. Pupils from all age groups are strongly encouraged to participate in the wide variety of sports offered each term.

Sporting facilities are available on the school grounds, which enables our pupils to always have access to them. Chisipite has all-weather tennis courts, basketball courts, an athletics track and field, squash courts, hockey fields, volleyball courts, soccer fields, a 25m FINA approved swimming pool which is also used for water polo, and various other sporting facilities.



Inter-House and Inter-Schools' Sports' Days see the Chisipite Senior School community out in force to cheer on our school and House Teams. It is at these events that you are truly able to feel the spirit and passion of the girls towards their school and fellow pupils.

The school considers sport a major component of the learning experience and pupils are encouraged to develop their interest through competition, extra-curricular participation and House activities. Modern and well-equipped facilities are the foundation of Chisipite Senior School's tradition of sporting excellence.

In addition to many competitive sports played at home or away, Chisipite Senior School participates in various competitions throughout Zimbabwe, Southern Africa and beyond.

These Activities Include	Hockey (Indoor & Field) / 2 Indoor Courts	Basketball / 2 Courts	Tennis / 10 Courts	Athletics (Track & Field)	Volleyball
	Soccer	Swimming & Water Polo / 2-metre-deep FINA Approved Pool	Rowing / 7 Single, 5 Double & 3 Quad Sculls	Squash / 2 Courts	Cross Country

SPEECH & DRAMA

Pupils in the Speech and Drama department are exposed to numerous plays, arts' events, workshops, and theatre outings to help develop their skills in Spoken Word, Improvisation, Acting, Musical Theatre Performance, Script Writing and Directing, to name a few. They participate in the National Institute of Allied Arts Speech and Drama Festival to showcase their abilities.

The department is also committed to teaching the principles of Technical Theatre and encourages pupils to sign up for the Tech Team, where they learn valuable skills including Stage Management, Lighting and Sound Design and Operation, Costume and Prop Design and Management, and Front of House Management.

Every year the department produces a Senior Play, a Junior Play, a Musical, two Arts and Culture Evenings, a Speech & Drama Highlights Evening and the Inter-House Public Speaking competition.



MUSIC

The Music Department at Chisipite encompasses classical, ethnic and modern music. These include Authentic Voices of Africa Choirs, Chapel Choir, Clarinet Choir, Drums, Flute Choir, Guitar Club, Glee Club, Jazz Band, Junior and Senior Choirs, Madrigals, Marimba Bands, Mbira, String Quartets, Strings Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra and Wind Band. Every year, various musical presentations are held such as the Madrigals, Piano, Strings, Vocal, Guitar and Wind evenings, as well as the much-anticipated African Extravaganza event and Carol Service. Pupils also participate in the National Institute of Allied Arts Vocal and Instrumental Eisteddfod.



In addition, the school also offers ABRSM qualifications for pupils who intend to gain formal qualifications in music.



CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

The school has a variety of clubs and societies on offer, including Art Club, Bridge Club, Chess Club, Conservation Club, Current Affairs Club, Debate, Eloquence Society, Fashion and Fabrics Club, First Aid, Interact Club, Jesus Is For Everyone Society, Listeners, Mathematics Club, Model United Nations, Orators Society, Science Club, Spoken Word Society and Quiz Club. All pupils are expected to be a member of at least one club or society.



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APPLICATION FORM

Surname: Name:
Proposed Date of Entry: Form: Current Form/Grade.....
Date of Birth: ID No:
Boarder or Day Religious Denomination:
Present School: School's Email:

Affiliation with Chisipite Senior: (please tick)

- SIBLING – Name Year/Left House
- COUSIN – Name Year/Left House

FATHER (or Guardian)

MOTHER (or Guardian)

Fontanian (old girl) Year House

Title: Title:
Surname: Surname:
First Name: First Name:
Marital Status: Marital Status:
Name of Spouse: Name of Spouse:
Home Address: Home Address:
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Home Tel No. Home Tel No.
Work Tel No. Work Tel No.
Mobile No. Mobile No.
Email: Email:
Occupation: Occupation:
Employer/Company: Employer/Company:

SIBLING(S)

Name: Age Present School:
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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

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Guidance on Admissions to Chisipite Senior School

Form 1

Admission into Form 1 is dependent upon the following:

- Satisfactory performance in the CHISZ Common Entrance Exam (written on the first Saturday of July of the applicants Grade 7th year). Thereafter selection for available places is on merit.
- A latest and satisfactory junior school report from the Head. Deadline for applications is end of April in the applicant's Grade 7 year.

Applicants are required to register their daughter in the beginning of Grade 6 to be invited to the Open Day later in that year.

Harare residents will not be accepted into Boarding unless exceptional circumstances exist and is at the discretion of the Headmistress.

Form 2, 3 and 4

Admission into Form 2, 3 or 4 is dependent upon the following:

- French is compulsory and a sufficient level of the language must be understood
- A satisfactory report from the Head of a the applicant's current school
- Satisfactory performance of any relevant internal school exams.

Lower 6th (Form 5)

Admission into Lower 6th is dependent upon:

- Satisfactory performance at IGCSE O Level (applicants should have a minimum of 6A grade passes)
- Availability in the subjects selected

Once the application has been approved a non-refundable Acceptance Fee equivalent to one term's fee is required to secure the place.

A term's notice must be given in writing if a pupil is to be withdrawn from the school. This does not apply when a pupil's continued stay at the school depends on Public Examination results

The application should include the following:

- **A completed application form**
- **US\$50 Registration Fee (non-refundable)**
- **A copy of the applicant's birth certificate**
- **A copy of the applicant's most recent school report; and**
- **A recent passport size colour photograph of the applicant**

Please submit original application forms – fax or emails will not be accepted

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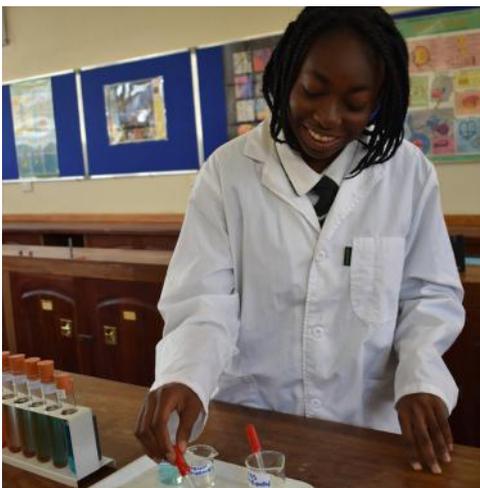
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Our Motto:

FONS VITAE CARITAS
Love is the Fountain of Life

Our School Reading:

1 Corinthians 13 vs 1-13

Our Core Values:

SPIRIT, EMPATHY, GRACE
RESPECT, GRATITUDE, GROWTH
FAITH, HOPE, LOVE



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