



USEFUL INFORMATION FOR NEW FALCON PARENTS

At the request of some of our new parents we have put together some information which might be of use to you all:

Communications

Telephones – Falcon is notoriously difficult to get hold of but try any of these numbers:

Landline: 088/229; 331; 332; 674

Cellphone: 011613589; 011212870; 011612634

These will get the telephone operator who is at his station from **6.00 am to 9.45 pm daily**

To talk directly with your (Form 1) son best times are: 6.05 – 6.20 am, 1.00 – 1.30 pm, and 6.00 – 6.20 pm

Only **emergency calls** should be made out of these hours as the phone is switched through to the San

Bus Bookings must only be requested directly from Mrs. Randle on 088/427 (see below)

e-mail – often the best way to get through if the telephone proves to be a problem

Contact the Headmaster's Secretary on matters for the attention of the Headmaster on:
head@falconcollege.com

If it is a House matter – e.g. permission for an exeat – contact the Housemaster direct on:

Chubb – ofernandes@falconcollege.com

Founders – jmakurumidze@falconcollege.com or zmakurumidze@yahoo.com

George Grey – dgrant@falconcollege.com

Hervey – amoyo@falconcollege.com

Oates – rharrison@falconcollege.com

Tredgold – wrandle@falconcollege.com or wrandle@zol.co.zw

Bus Bookings – wrandle@zol.co.zw (see below)

Contact the Bursar's Secretary on matters for the attention of the Bursar on:

bursar@falconcollege.com or accounts@falconcollege.com for queries on accounts

1. Failing these means then try the **Fax on 088/675**

Newsletters – the Headmaster sends out a weekly bulletin on Fridays to Cell Leaders who pass them on via e mail or hard copy. A hard copy of the newsletters will also be sent with your sons at Fixture Free Weekends – ask them for it!

Weekend Exeats

There are on average 3 **Fixture Free Weekends** in a term. The 1st and 3rd of these start at **10.05 am on a Friday** and end at **5.30 pm on the Monday** – **it is NOT compulsory for boys to go home on these two weekends**. The 2nd FF Weekend, or Half Term, starts on the **Thursday at 10.05 am** and also ends on the **Monday at 5.30 pm**. **It IS compulsory for boys to go home on this weekend in the 1st and 2nd terms**

In addition 2 or 3 **Floating Weekends** may be granted, by the Housemaster, only. These consist of an overnight exeat from a Saturday – after sport is finished – until a Sunday afternoon at 5.30 pm. Boys **CAN ONLY** go out with their parents, though Housemasters may use their discretion in the case of foreign students. **Permission has to be gained from the Housemaster before the Thursday evening preceding the floating weekend. Floating weekends may not be taken on the first & last weekends of the term**

Transport

The College provides buses on the following occasions:

Beginning of term: **from Harare** only

All 3 Fixture Free Weekends: to and from **Gweru, Kwe Kwe, Kadoma, Chegutu, and Harare**

: to and **from Masvingo (dependent on numbers) and Victoria Falls**

: to and from **Bulawayo**

Second Fixture free weekend **only** : to and from the **Botswana border**

End of term: to **Harare** only

Bus Bookings may only be made with Mrs. Randle on 088/427 or wrandle@zol.co.zw or 088/674 (fax)

She provides schedules and costs on a regular basis. **Bookings are on a first come (pay and book early) first served basis.**

The San and Medicine/Medical problems

You should have filled in a **Medical Questionnaire** upon entering your son at the College. Any information that the San Staff/ Teachers need to know about **should have** been put on that form. If you failed to do so please remedy the situation immediately. We cannot be expected to care for your sons if we are not apprised of their problems.

The San Sisters will inform you directly of any problems they encounter that they feel you should know about.

If you wish your son to have **preferential treatment in the Dining Hall** (e.g. **special diets**) on medical grounds, you will need to provide a Doctor's certificate indicating the need for such special treatment. Religious grounds need proof as well.

Dental Appointments: all dentists require cash up front, **and the College will not pay this**, so parents need to make their own arrangements for payment. Appointments in Bulawayo should only be made for Thursday afternoons between 2.00 and 4.00 pm as this is the only day that school transport is available. We normally send boys to either: Dr. Goremykin (Tel/Fax 09 887000) or Dr. Mhlope (09 62964/62947). **Absolute emergencies will be dealt with by the College!**

Doctor and Physio Appointments: boys in need will see the school doctor (Dr. Pridgeon) in Bulawayo on Thursdays, and the College will make the consultancy payment. In the case of **NO medical aid** the full amount will be paid and your disbursement account charged. The Physio comes to the College on Wednesdays

The San must be apprised of any private dentist or doctor appointments otherwise transport cannot be provided

Hospitalisation: in extreme cases a boy may be sent to the Mater Dei Hospital. His initial expenses will be covered by the College and you will be charged accordingly

Re-hydration: we encourage boys to drink water and suggest that they carry water with them to classes and sport. Any special requirements to the San please

Bed-wetters: please inform the San and Housekeeping of such problems. The San can organize for the Doctor to investigate and prevent embarrassment for your son. Likewise Housekeeping request that you send a plastic under- sheet with your son.

Academic Matters

Your sons have a number of subject teachers (rather than one class teacher as in junior schools). Any problems arising on the academic front should be raised with your Housemaster in the first instance. If he decides it is necessary he will pass the matter on to the Director of Studies, Miss Walker, who will provide a ruling

Sporting Matters

Your sons are expected to participate fully in the sporting program at the College. Specialist equipment (e.g. cricket kit) should only be provided if your son is likely to be in a College team. If you have a problem in this area again speak to your Housemaster in the first instance

Cultural Matters

A large number of clubs and societies are provide at the College and again your son is encouraged to become involved wherever he can, particularly if he has an interest/talent in any cultural sphere