

Springfields Secondary School

October 2025 Newsletter

Felicitation Ceremony for Long Serving Members of Staff



On 16th October 2025, Springfields Secondary School hosted a touching Felicitation Event to bid farewell to its long-serving Mathematics teacher, Mr. Chulu, and to honor educators who have dedicated over a decade of service to the institution and its students. The ceremony was a celebration of unwavering commitment, passion, and the invaluable contributions of teachers who have been the cornerstone of the school's success.

The program commenced with a warm welcome address by Director Mrs. Manisha Khetrapal and Head of School Mrs. Ila Desai, both of whom expressed deep appreciation for the teachers' enduring service and their vital role in shaping young minds.

Felicitation Highlights:

- Teachers who completed 10 or more years of service

were presented with mementos and certificates of appreciation.

- Each awardee was recognized for their dedication, patience, and impact on both academic excellence and character development.

Farewell to Mr. Chulu: A particularly emotional moment was the farewell to Mr. Chulu, who served the school for over 20 years. His contributions to the Mathematics department and the broader



cherished memories and the joy of witnessing generations of students grow and thrive. Their words resonated with pride and a deep sense of belonging.

Closing Moments: The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Bulombe, followed by a light refreshment session that allowed attendees to mingle and celebrate the occasion together.



school community were lauded as exemplary.

He will be succeeded by Mr. Kabemba Kalungwishi, a seasoned educator whose enthusiasm and expertise promise continued excellence.

Reflections from the Honorees: Speaking on behalf of the awardees, Mr. Chulu, Mr. Shaba, and Mr. Jackson shared heartfelt reflections on their journeys, recalling

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Continuous Assessment

During the final week of September, Springfields students focused their energy on Continuous Assessments (CAs), a vital checkpoint in our academic journey. These assessments offered a meaningful opportunity to revisit what we've learned this term and apply our understanding under exam conditions.

Preparation involved dedicated revision time, practicing key concepts, and often collaborating with classmates and friends. For many of us, it was a mix of challenge and growth. Some papers felt manageable, while others revealed areas that need more attention.

Personally, I found the experience both demanding and rewarding. What stood out most was how the CAs encouraged consistency in my study habits and helped me improve my time management. They weren't just about

grades—they were a mirror reflecting my progress, strengths, and areas for improvement.

In the end, Continuous Assessments proved to be more than a grading tool, they became a valuable part of our learning process, helping us grow academically and personally.

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Drug Enforcement Commission Meeting



On Thursday, October 30th, the Springfields students had the opportunity to meet with the Drug Enforcement Commission (DEC) for a talk on drug awareness. The session gave us a clear picture of how drugs affect individuals and how common drug use can be among students. We learned about the impact drugs can have not just on the person using them, but also on their families and communities, and what the law says about drug misuse and trafficking.

During the session, the DEC officers explained their organization's work and described the different departments involved in addressing drug issues. They spoke openly about the

health effects of drug use and how addiction can take control of someone's life. The officers also discussed the legal consequences of being involved with drugs. What stood out was that they did not just focus on punishment, but also highlighted the support



available for people who want to recover.

The DEC runs programs that offer counselling and rehabilitation to those struggling with addiction.

Throughout the session, the officers were approachable and answered all the questions asked. This meeting helped us understand that drug aware-

ness is not just about avoiding drugs, but also knowing the risks, being honest about the issue, and understanding that there is support that exists for anyone who needs it.

Their visit was impactful as it helped spread awareness and provide guidance about drug misuse.

And finally, thank you to the school and staff involved in organising this event and giving us the chance to learn from



DEC about how the right choices can protect your health and future.

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Springfields 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 institute 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.

We are an attached Centre with the British Council. All Cambridge University International Examinations are conducted at Springfields campus here in Lusaka.

Knowledge with Integrity



September 12th was a day of pride and celebration as our school community came together for the Annual Prize Giving and the O2 and A3 Graduation Ceremony. The event honoured the dedication, achievements, and talents of our students and educators.

The ceremony opened with a stirring rendition of the Zambian national anthem, beautifully led by our Form 1 students. This was followed by a dazzling display of traditional Indian dances, captivating the audience with vibrant costumes and rhythmic energy.



Awards were presented to students who demonstrated excellence in academics and co-curricular activities. Honourees included participants of the 'Tell Me Why' competition, Debate, Paper Presentation, and the Spell-a-thon, showcasing their communication and critical thinking skills. Cambridge exam achievers were also recognized for their outstanding academic performance.

The O2s lit up the stage with a high-energy dance routine, followed by a series of solo and group performances that kept spirits soaring and the crowd cheering.

Heartfelt tributes were paid to our dedicated teachers, who were honoured for their unwavering commitment to student growth and character development.



We extend our deepest gratitude to all participants and organizers for making this event a memorable milestone in our school calendar.

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