



CHENGELO SECONDARY SCHOOL



“As a witness to the Light”

INTRODUCTION

Chengelo is a Christian, co-educational, boarding school situated in the Mkushi Farm Block 350 km from Lusaka. The School was established in 1988 by the Mkushi Christian Fellowship and has earned the reputation of being an 'outstanding school' within Zambia.

There are now just under 300 pupils in the Secondary and Sixth Form, with a further 100 in the primary. The Students follow an international curriculum taking Cambridge University's IGCSE and A-Levels as well as some GCSE's with The London Examination Board 'Edexcel'.



We are proud of our results at Chengelo where pupils regularly go on to the top universities around the world (Oxford, Cardiff, Sheffield, Reading, Aberdeen, in the UK, Cape Town in RSA, Princeton in USA, and Australia). Our Form 5 students regularly achieve outstanding results. For example in 2006 over 90% of our Form 5 students obtained 5 or more passes at IGCSE grades A* to C, with more than one third of all grades being A* or A grades. We believe our exam results are the best in Zambia, and they compare favourably with the best schools in the UK.

Chengelo aims to provide an enjoyable and broad education for its students. We believe we achieve this to the extent that a number of students have returned to Chengelo in recent years to work alongside staff as volunteers and to put something back to the school.



UNIVERSITY *of* CAMBRIDGE
International Examinations

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

EDUCATION OF THE WHOLE CHILD

Whilst straight 'A' Grades may help you to get to the top universities, at Chengelo we view education in much broader terms. We pride ourselves on an education that develops a pupil's full potential in all areas. Physical, intellectual, moral, social, and spiritual development are provided for.



CHRISTIAN ETHOS

As a Christian school we believe that without a personal knowledge of God a child's physical, mental and social development will be incomplete. At the same time we are also aware children are at an impressionable age and we do not want to merely indoctrinate them. Instead, we provide them with a balanced variety of compulsory and voluntary Christian activities which enable them to consider the Christian faith for themselves.



All pupils attend school assemblies, there is a quiet-time first thing in the morning when pupils are encouraged to read the Bible and pray. Pupils also attend Personal, Social and Moral Education lessons taught from a Christian perspective as part of their timetable, and Forms 1-3 all take Religious Studies. In addition, many pupils voluntarily attend our Sunday morning church service and Sunday evening 'Fusion' where they enjoy lively worship and a Bible-based message. Optional Discipleship Groups are held each week where pupils can study the bible and pray together. Older pupils are encouraged to take a leadership role in these activities. Our Christians in Action group (CIA) helps prepare students for leadership in various areas of Christian ministry, and our Christian outreach team gives students the opportunity to serve in the wider community.





All staff at Chengelo are committed Christians called by God to serve at Chengelo. We aim to provide quality education for the children in our care. Biblical truth and morals are openly taught, and we hope that each child will have an opportunity to consider for themselves Christ's claims upon their lives.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING



Part of the vision of Chengelo is to encourage excellent leadership qualities in our students so that they are equipped to take up influential roles in the future. We therefore give our students responsibilities and training to prepare them for leadership in many different walks of life in the future. We believe that many of the lessons our students need to learn are best not taught in the classroom but by facing challenges in a wide variety of situations.



Outdoor Education

'Ndubaluba', Chengelo's outdoor centre is where many leadership skills are learned. Students take part in a wide range of activities such as camping, hiking, orienteering, rock-climbing, abseiling and canoeing. Placing students in situations that challenge them helps them to develop self-awareness and confidence. Students are taught to think strategically to solve problems. We encourage them to gain recognition for this by working towards the prestigious 'International Youth Award' (IYA), which we offer up to 'Gold'.



Sport

Chengelo sets the standards within Zambia with superb sporting facilities. Chengelo students have twice toured the UK playing Basketball and have represented Zambia in under 18's rugby. Its football team remains the International Schools Association of Zambia (ISAZ) champions and the Netball team is unbeaten within ISAZ sports festivals.

Students take part in Football, Rugby, Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, Athletics, Tennis, Squash, Badminton, Cricket, and Swimming.

The school also has its own stables, with all students given the opportunity to learn to ride. We are currently developing polo cross as a new and exciting game!

Drama & Speech Club

The ability to stand up and speak to groups of people is a key skill for leadership. On a recent visit to State House the Speech Club was commended for its high standards. Our Drama Club puts on regular performances of well-known plays. Recent titles include Shakespeare's 'Merchant of Venice', and 'Taming of the Shrew', as well as the Musical 'West Side Story'. The Drama club is understandably proud of the standard reached in these performances; the School's focus on oral work throughout the curriculum and in speech club contributes immensely towards producing effective communicators.

Weekend activities

Social development is an important part of boarding school life and a full weekend program provides plenty of opportunities for students to interact. Students have the opportunity to work towards their IYA through involvement in a considerable range of activities including clubs such as: Anti-Aids, Badminton, Chess, Christian Outreach, Christians in Action, Computers, Cookery, Craft, Dance, Movie Makers, Painting, Scouts, Scrabble, Squash, Swimming and Volleyball.





ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

The school provides purpose built classrooms for all of its specialist curriculum areas. We are in the process of completing our second Computer room with thirty machines in each room, fully equipped with Internet access. We have a Design and Technology centre with an Art Studio, Multi-media Workshop and Textiles area. The Library is well stocked with over 16,000 books as well as further computer facilities with Internet access for wider research. We have five fully equipped science laboratories and a training farm for Agriculture students.

Class sizes are kept to a maximum of 28 with smaller classes at IGCSE and A-Level. Subjects offered include:

English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Agriculture, Art, Business Studies, Design Technology, Development Studies, French, Geography, History, Religious Studies and Computer Studies.

In addition, all students are taught Physical Education and Personal Social & Moral Education. Music is provided as an extra curricular activity with opportunities for students to have lessons in singing, piano, guitar, and drums. Students play regularly in leading worship.



DISCIPLINE & PASTORAL CARE

Chengelo students distinguish themselves by their high standards of behaviour. Whilst we have clear school rules, which are strictly enforced, our priority is to deal with the heart attitudes that lie behind behaviour. Good discipline is supported by an ethos of loving care. Each child is assigned a tutor along with 12-14 other pupils. The Tutor gets to know



the pupils and their backgrounds, monitors their progress, and looks after them if they are having difficulties. Tutors work closely with the houseparents and teaching staff to ensure all pupils are happy and their needs do not go unnoticed.

Hostels

Each hostel has a full time houseparent who works to create a secure and caring environment. Pupils sleep in bedrooms rather than dormitories with a maximum of four pupils sharing a room. Each hostel has full bathroom facilities including hot showers, washbasins, flushing toilets and a common room for pupils to relax in. A DVD player and TV are available for use on social evenings. Pupils are expected to keep the hostel clean and tidy. The school employs staff to wash and iron the pupils' clothes and linen. Hostel parents celebrate birthdays and other treats with their pupils.

APPLYING TO CHENGELO SCHOOL

All prospective pupils must attend a Selection Day with their parents when they will be given an entrance test, an interview and tour the school. Applications for entry to Form 1 (Grade 8) are taken from January onwards of the year prior to entry. For further details please contact the Headteacher's Secretary. Whilst the school takes pupils from a variety of backgrounds and faiths, special priority is given to children whose parents are farmers, or in full time Christian service or who live in rural areas. A small number of bursaries are available for outstanding applicants.





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