



Best A-Level Programme in Botswana

Success Story Continues

We are enormously happy and proud to report that based on the 2023 Oct/Nov Cambridge Exams, Legae Academy emerged number 1 in Botswana in terms of the exam results and the number of the “Outstanding Cambridge Learners Awards” won by our last year’s A-Level graduates. We made this remarkable success two years in a row. This includes an incredible achievement made by a 2023 A-Level graduate, Ayanda Kungo Boko by winning the **“Top in the World Award”** for A-Level Economics and **“Second Place in the World”** for A-Level Accounting. In addition to these two prestigious awards, Ayanda Kungo Boko attained **“High Achievement Award”** for A- Level Business.



Ayanda Boko

Best A-Level Student in Botswana

In recognition of his overall outstanding performance in Oct/Nov 2023 A-Level examinations, our last year’s A-Level student, Taonga Ndolo has won the **“Best Across Award”**. He also received the **“Top in Botswana”** award for A-Level Physics and **“High Achievement”** award for A-Level Further Mathematics.



Taonga Ndolo

Outstanding Cambridge Learners Award

Other highlights are:

“**Top in Botswana Award**” and “**Third Place in the World**” award, won by Malcom Tafadzwa Dzimiri for A-Level Biology. He also won **High Achievement Award** for A-Level Marine Science.

“**Top in Botswana Award**” and the “**Third Place in the World**” award won by Nekena Ifaliana Andriamasy Radaody for IGCSE French. “**High Achievement Award**” and the “**Fourth**

“**Place in the World**” award won by Achal Kumar Gupta for A-Level Computer Science.



Malcom Dzimiri

Nekena I A Radaody

Achal Gupta

2023 Award winners

Category	Qualification	Syllabus	Series	Student name	Teacher name	World rank
Top in Botswana	O Level	Setswana	November 2023	Nandi Ame Thothlhologolo	Mrs Balebetse	
Top in Botswana	IGCSE™	Economics	November 2023	Shraddha Basu	Mr. Maswanhise	
Top in Botswana	IGCSE™	ESL	November 2023	Lorraine Hillary Alasai	Ms. Molotsi	
Top in Botswana	IGCSE™	French	November 2023	Nekena Ifaliana Andriamasy Radaody	Mr. Sande	Third place
Top in Botswana	IGCSE™	ICT	November 2023	Jiawei Cheng	Mrs Mothusi	
Top in Botswana	IGCSE™	Mathematics	November 2023	Mahir Vijaykumar Vasoya		Mrs George
Top in Botswana	IGCSE™	Physics	November 2023	Jiawei Cheng	Mr. Charamba	
Top in Botswana	AS Level	Biology	November 2023	Tlotlo Pego li Mosalakatane	Mrs Oommen	
Top in Botswana	A Level	Biology	November 2023	Malcom Tafadzwa Dzimiri	Mrs Oommen	Third place
Top in Botswana	A Level	Physics	November 2023	Taonga Ndolo	Mrs Thathanath	
Best across three	A Level	First place in Botswana	November 2023	Taonga Ndolo		
High Achievement	AS Level	Chinese Language	November 2023	Jiayu Huang		
High Achievement	A Level	Accounting	November 2023	Ayanda Kungo Boko	Mr. G. Thomas	Second place
High Achievement	A Level	Business	November 2023	Ayanda Kungo Boko	Mrs. Jahoor	
High Achievement	A Level	Computer Science	November 2023	Achal Kumar Gupta	Mrs Martin	Fourth place
High Achievement	A Level	Further Mathematics	November 2023	Taonga Ndolo	Mrs Sajan	
High Achievement	A Level	Marine Science	November 2023	Malcom Tafadzwa Dzimiri		
Top in World	A Level	Economics	November 2023	Ayanda Kungo Boko	Mrs. Nedumpilly	First place

Teachers' Day Celebration

This year's Teachers' Day was celebrated on Thursday 6th of June by honouring our dedicated teachers. The parents of the winners of Cambridge awards also joined us in this celebration. We used this opportunity to recognize the incredible achievements by issuing them with certificates.



More schools in Europe ban cellphones

The main reason why an increasing number of schools all over the world have resorted to banning cell phones is that all the research on this issue has the same conclusion that cell phones can damage the mental health and social life of children.

Other reasons are:

- They can cause distraction and reduce productivity.
- They can be a breeding ground for cyber-bullying and contribute to bullying.
- They can be used as a tool for escapism and cheating during tests.
- They can risk students' privacy.



In this regard, the parents are strongly advised to restrict their children to using cell phones in their homes without supervision. The schools where learners are banned from using smartphones have achieved better academic outcomes.

The U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy told in an "ABC News" interview recently that adding health warnings to social media for younger users is the need of the day. "We are living in the middle of a youth mental health crisis, and I have said publicly that this is the defining public health challenge of our time".



ARC chairman, Ashwin Shine



Std 7 pupils being taught

Consultation with Form 5

Parents

Form 5 MOCK examinations will come to an end on Friday 21 June. MOCK exams are not the real examinations but similar to their final examinations.

Form 5 parents are provided with an opportunity to discuss their children's performance in the MOCK examination with their teachers. So, the consultation will be held on Tuesday 2nd July from 2:30 PM to 6:00 PM in the school hall. We urge all the Form 5 parents to attend this session.

Community Service-inculcating compassion in young minds

Our A-Level students continue to prove that they have great empathy with the less fortunate in our society.

The Legae Academy ARC Club has done a number of activities this term. On the 18th of May 2024, the club members held a FIFA Tournament Fundraising activity to raise funds to support Tlamelong Rehabilitation Centre. **P1 942** was raised from this event.

On the 6th of June 2024, the ARC

members made a donation of groceries worth **P2 880** and clothes to Tlamelong Rehabilitation Centre. Tlamelong Rehabilitation Centre is a Centre for young people with learning disabilities.

In some other community service activities, our A Level students continued teaching standard 7 students from Nkoya Phiri and Tshwaragano Primary Schools.

Talent Show 2024

This year's talent show will be held on Friday 28th of June. All the parents are requested to motivate and encourage their children to participate in this show. This opportunity will enable them to unearth their talents and display them on the stage. Please note that there are no lessons on Friday 28th of June.



Legae Interact Club

The Club members are very active in initiating a drive for sanitary pads. We collaborated with the councillor for Phase 2, the honourable Mrs Thamage, who will distribute the sanitary pads to the needy in our community. We managed to collect about 4 full boxes. Two of them were donated by a compassionate and generous parent of one of our students. We all salute this parent. This term, we managed to raise P1804.70 from a bake sale.

3 Legae students qualify for International Mathematical Olympiad 2024 (IMO)

The International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) is the World Championship Mathematics Competition for High School students and is held annually in a different country. The first IMO was held in 1959 in Romania, with 7 countries participating. It has gradually expanded to over 100 countries from 5 continents including Botswana. The IMO Board ensures that the competition takes place each year and that each host country observes the regulations and traditions of the IMO.

I am happy to report that our 24 students won medals in the national level Olympiad (3 Gold, 8 Silver and 13 Bronze).

After an intensive training and a thorough screening the following three students qualified for the International Mathematical Olympiad.

Ashwin Shine (A2B) in the Senior category

Amy Ruth (5A) in Junior category

Vishal Reddy (5D) in Junior category

The Senior level and Junior level IMO will take place in Bath, UK and in Lucknow, India from 26th to 31st of July respectively.



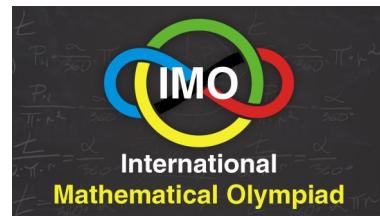
Shine Ashwin



Ruth Amy



Reddy Vishal



NO.	NAME	CLASS	MEDAL
1	SIVARAMAKRISHNAN SRIVATS	4E	GOLD
2	RUTH AMY	5A	GOLD
3	SHINE ASHWIN	A2B	GOLD
4	PARIKH LAKSH	2C	SILVER
5	IFIEGBU CHIOMA	4E	SILVER
6	SUBEESH VAISHNAV	5D	SILVER
7	REDDY VISHAL	5D	SILVER
8	SAJAN ALAN	5D	SILVER
9	LIU HAONAN	ASB	SILVER
10	SAYANA MOULYA	A2A	SILVER
11	DSOUZA DYLAN	ASB	SILVER
12	NOOR FATIMA	1B	BRONZE
13	MOULICK PROJUKTA	1B	BRONZE
14	ANANDA HARIHARAN	1C	BRONZE
15	SAYANA RITVIK	1C	BRONZE
16	SENTSHO REATILE	2A	BRONZE
17	KHONYE TJADHIWA	2A	BRONZE
18	MANIKONDA NAGA SAI HASITHA	4F	BRONZE
19	PAUL PUSPITA	5E	BRONZE
20	MOULICK PROGGASREE	5A	BRONZE
21	SHAH NISHITA	5B	BRONZE
22	MOATSHE KAGO	A2A	BRONZE
23	TIWARI RISHIT	A2A	BRONZE
24	MANDLEBE GADZO	A2A	BRONZE

Sports and Club activities

University Visits

Representatives of the following universities visited our school this term so far and provided our A-Level students with necessary information about their admissions and possibilities of securing scholarships:

Manchester University-Uk

Monash University-Australia

University of Melbourne- Australia

James Cook University-Australia

Toronto University-Canada

Pomona College-USA

Swarthmore College-USA

University of Pretoria-South Africa

North West University-South Africa

Free State University.-South Africa

Syracuse University-USA



Badminton: ISSA Badminton tournament was held on Saturday 8th of June. Our team played brilliantly and they won 3 Gold medals and 3 Silver medals.

BOYS DOUBLES UNDER 19 - GOLD

POSITION 1 :- JOSE THOMAS & GOKUL PRAKASH

MIXED DOUBLES – UNDER 16 – GOLD

POSITION 1 :- AYUSH JAGADEESH & SHELOMI SIMON

MIXED DOUBLES – UNDER 19 – GOLD

POSITION 1 :- JOSE THOMAS & JIAYU HUANG

BOYS DOUBLES UNDER 16 - SILVER

POSITION 2 :- TONY LI & AYUSH JAGADEESH

GIRLS DOUBLES UNDER 16 - SILVER

POSITION 2 :- SHELOMI SIMON & QUSWA GHIYA



GIRLS DOUBLES UNDER 19 – SILVER

POSITION 2 :- JIAYU HUANG & ANMERIN MANOJ

Tennis

On the 8th of June the Tennis team took part in the ISSA school cup. The team brought back a bronze medal. The following students represented the school at the school cup:

Tlotlo Tshambane 4D, Sizo Dube 2C, Legae Matswiri 4D, Annie Chibatamoto 1B, Hellen Ntukamazina 2D, Thandi Hove 2E, and Naomi Mosothwane 4D

Basketball: Legae team wins Silver medal

Our basketball team took part in the Invitational Annual Re Ba Bona Ha Basketball Tournament held on Saturday the 8th of June. The following are students who made up the team:

1. SESUPO KEBAKILE 1B, 2. ATANG MPESI 4A, 3. BRADLEY MANASE 1D, 4. DIPAKO MAFALA 1C, 5. LOVEMORE SALIMA 2E, 6. LEGETA TADESSE 2C, 7. LIORNA GASETSIWE 2B, 8. MUNYARADZI MUZAWAZI 1D, 9. PHENYO SHOWA 2B, 10. THABISO TITO 2A, 11. TSALA MOATSWI 1D, 12. TSWELELO MOKGOLODI 1C. Another highlight is participation of our Basketball team in the African Grassroots Hoops Basketball Tournament in Cape Town which was held on the 15th-16th June. The students who represented Legae Academy in this International tournament are Phenyo Moatswi (1D), Thobo Titi (4F), Maatla Mogobe (4E), Qirui Yan (4B), Renee Anneleng (4A), and Nicole Balisi 4B

Student Discipline

Late coming by students has improved in the first half of this term, with an average of about 5-10 students arriving late to school daily. However, students continue to be careless with their property and a large collection of lost property remains unclaimed on display outside the library. There is also a very large number of unclaimed lost textbooks kept in the school stores.

ENVIRONMENT AND YOUNG SCIENTISTS CLUB

The Club has attracted a membership of over 30 students this term and meets in Lab 4 every Tuesday. Activities so far have included making fat balls for birds, a litter survey around the school campus, an air pollution study organised by Mr. Mundanga, a “candy chromatography” study of familiar brands of sweets, and a visit to the BSPCA. Another visit is planned at the beginning of July to Kingfisher Farm at Notwane to learn about organic farming.

Chess Club

The Club organised a House Chess Tournament during Sports Day on Friday 17th May with teams of four players from each house playing against each other in a round robin event. The tournament was won by Elephant House winning two and drawing one of their matches. Buffalo House finished in 2nd position with Lion and Rhino Houses occupying the remaining positions respectively. The best individual performances were by Ezra Bartlett (2C) playing for Elephant House and winning all his games on the top board. Also scoring 100% was Lemi Gabaitse (6ASA) who played on Board 2 for Rhinos and scored all the points for his house. Other best scores were by Hariharan Ananda (1C) — Board 3 for Elephant House - with 3 points from 3 games, and Hasitha Manikonda (4F) — Board 1 Buffalo House — who scored 2 points from her three games and was the best female player.

On 25th May the annual Alex Mpuisang Chess Tournament took place at the school. 12 Legae Academy players took part. Winning a gold medal and in 1st position was Ezra Bartlett in the Under 17 section, while Prosper Kimondo (silver) and Lemi Gabaitse (bronze) were also medal winners in the U-17 section. Other Legae Academy players who competed were Hariharan Ananda (1C), Pearl Letsatse (1C), Ritvik Sayana (1C), Samuel Mukisa (1D), Rishitha Mallavaram (2C), Ryan Mooketsi (2A), Keon Kgatlhegag (2B), Deon Martin (2C) and Ulathi Nkomo (2C).

In another junior tournament organised by Sozin Chess on 15th June, Hariharan Ananda won 1st prize in the Boys U-14 section, while Samuel Mukisa won 2nd prize in the U-12s.

The Club Championship is still ongoing with games played in Chess Club meetings each week. It is due to finish at the end of June.

Ezra Bartlett (2C) represented Botswana in the African Youth Championships in Johannesburg last week. He finished with 5 points(9 games) in 20th position out of 52.



Ezra Bartlett

Our Marimba Band participates in St Stithians Marimba Festival

The Legae Academy marimba band were accorded an incredible opportunity to showcase their talent at the highly esteemed inter-school and prestigious St Stithians College marimba festival, Johannesburg which took place on Tuesday, June 18, 2024. Among the eight schools that participated in this musical extravaganza were renowned institutions such as St Stithians Boys College, St. Stithians Girls College, St. Peters College, Dinsfern College, Dominion Girls School (DGS), St Davids College, and of course, Legae Academy. Legae Academy and hosts St Stithians College were congratulated and commended by the song's composer, Mr. Michael Sibanda, to have been the best marimba bands.



Our Star Cricket Players

Our students Keshav Sharma (4C) and Ayaan Chandra (ASA) have been selected to participate in the U-19 Men's National Team Games. The national team is scheduled to participate in the ICC qualifiers which will be held from 31st July to 12th August 2024.



Keshav Sharma



Ayaan Chandra

LEGAE CULTURAL EXCHANGE CLUB

In collaboration with CIEE (Council of International Educational Exchange) , Legae Academy hosted the first group of American exchange students on Friday 21st June. 12 American students of the age range from 14 to 17 from high schools used their summer vacation to visit Botswana and exchange their culture for Botswana's culture.



Promoting Setswana

In order to reverse an unfortunate trend that citizen students do not choose Setswana in lower school as well for IGCSE as one of their subjects, the Setswana department and the Setswana Club in the school have been organizing several events since the beginning of the year.

The highlight of the events is the visit of Professor Mokibelo and Doctor Galelane from the University of Botswana on 27th of February this year. They gave motivational talks to our students to educate them on the multiple benefits of speaking and understanding the language, not just in their daily interactions but in their future careers as well.

Nandi Tlhotalhologolo, who is the Top Setswana student in Botswana for Setswana O Level in 2023, gave our Form 1 & 2 students a pep talk on her own academic journey and how she achieved such a great accomplishment in the subject. This was held on the 17th of June 2024. She gave them advice on how to read and prepare for the subject as Setswana is not difficult.



Nandi Tlhotalhologolo

Legae Interact Club: Drive to help the community

In collaboration with the councillor for Phase 2, the Hon. Mrs Thamage, we distributed the sanitary pads to the needy in our community. We managed to collect about 4 full boxes out of which two of them were donated by a kind and generous parent of one of our students. This term, we successfully raised P1804.70 from a bake sale. The money has been used to help the Childline by buying most necessary items they needed. Our students have been very active in organising these student-led events and the outcome was very impressive.

Civvies Day:

We raised a total amount of P4, 475.00 from the civvies day that was held on Friday the 21 of June 2024. The Community Service Club intends to donate this amount to MONAX Orphanage in Metsimotlhaba. Thank you for your continued support for our endeavour to help the community.

Astronomy Club

This term club members mainly focused on the following:

- To explore the asteroid belt.
- To delve into the complexities of string theory and quantum physics.
- To discuss the concept of entropy.
- To ponder the randomness of the universe.

The club members conducted a fun quiz to test our newfound knowledge.

As a member of the Astronomical Society of Botswana, our students have the opportunity to attend and participate in all the activities organized by ASB.

A virtual presentation on "**ASTRONOMY: FROM ANCIENT STARLIGHT TO A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR BOTSWANA**" will be given on Thursday 27th June by the ASB youth led by Zaara Haddad with 2 students from Legae Academy and 2 students from MAPS. The 2 young astronomers from Legae Academy are Moulya Sayana (6A2A) and Junior Maringe (2C).



Junior Maringe



Moulya Sayana

Key dates before the end of the term

Talent Show: Fri 28th June
Public holiday: Mon 1st July
Consultation with Form 5 parents: Tue 2nd July
Deadline for paying the exam fee (Form 5, AS & A2): Fri 5th July
Public holidays: Mon 15 & Tue 16 July
AS and A-Level MOCK exams begin: Wed 17 July
F5 Practice exam & F4 Mid-Year exam begin: Thu 25 July
F1-F2 Mid-Year exams begin: Wed 31 July
School closes for students: Friday 9 August

Head Boy and Head Girl

As I congratulate all the newly appointed Senior Prefects, my special congratulations go to **Prosper Kimondo (4A)** and **Wawa Hobona (4A)** for being elected as the Head Boy and Head Girl. It is indeed an honour for both of them and the entire staff of Legae Academy salute them for this remarkable achievement.

I wish these two young leaders of tomorrow every success in serving the school in these prestigious positions. I request all the Senior Prefects to take all the responsibility of guiding the juniors and motivating them to strive towards excellence.



Prosper Kimondo



Wawa Hobona



Srivats Sivaramakrishnan
Deputy Head Boy



Marilyn Jere
Deputy Head Girl

Long Weekend: We wish all the parents a happy and safe Sir Seretse Khama long weekend.