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Congratulations to the winners of “Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards”

18 “Top in the World Awards since 2009

70 “Top in Botswana Awards” since 2018

21 “High Achievement Awards” since 2018

6 “Best Across Awards” since 2018

(All these awards are based on the outstanding performance of our students in Oct/Nov examination series)

Cambridge Award Winners based on Oct/Nov 2024 Cambridge examinations

Name of student	Award	Level	Subject	Name of the teacher
Vishal Shiva Reddy	Top in the World	IGCSE	Mathematics	Mr. George
Vishal Shiva Reddy	Top in Botswana	IGCSE	Additional Mathematics	Mr. George
Vishal Shiva Reddy	Top in Botswana	IGCSE	Economics	Mrs Nedumpilly
Vishal Shiva Reddy	Best across eight	IGCSE	First place in Botswana	
Leagile Jnr Tommy	Top in Botswana	AS Level	Biology	Mrs Oommen
Leagile Jnr Tommy	Top in Botswana	AS Level	Chemistry	Mr. Chima
Nekena I. A. Radaody	Top in Botswana	AS Level	Mathematics	Mr. N. D. Thomas
Nekena I. A. Radaody	Top in Botswana	AS Level	Physics	Mrs Thathanath
Nekena I. A. Radaody	Top in Botswana	AS Level	Accounting	Mr G. Thomas
Nekena I. A. Radaody	Best across four	AS Level	First place in Botswana	
Rohiaina I. A. Radaody	Top in Botswana	AS Level	Computer Science	Mrs Martin
Tlotlo Pego li Mosalakatane	Top in Botswana	A Level	Chemistry	Mr. Sibanda
Tlotlo Pego li Mosalakatane	Top in Botswana	A Level	Biology	Mrs Oommen
Andile Laone Nkwe	Top in Botswana	AS Level	Economics	Mrs Nedumpilly
Tjifhiwa Seneo Mokobi	Top in Botswana	IGCSE	Chemistry	Mr. Mundanga
Shaurya Kumar	High Achievement	IGCSE	History	Mrs Matshediso.

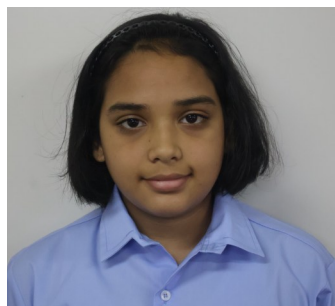
Presenting “Outstanding Cambridge Learners Awards” to the Jubilant recipients in the presence of their gratified teachers



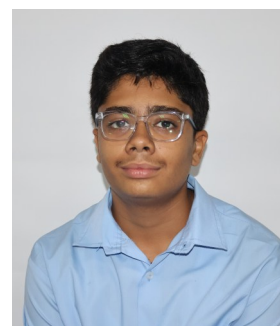
Good Conduct Competition -Term 2

The top two students who won the competition this term are:

Name	Points
Aamena Johar (1B)	303
Laksh Parikh (4F)	234



Aamena Johar



Laksh Parikh

Holiday Lessons

Some teachers have volunteered to teach IGCSE and A Level classes during the holiday period especially in the first week. This will enable them to revise all the topics in good time and do revisions before the Cambridge examinations. These lessons are vitally important especially for Form 5, AS and A Level students. So we urge all the parents to ensure that their children take advantage of these holiday classes by attending all the lessons without fail.

Copies of the timetable for holiday lessons have already been sent to you.

Consultation with parents

We will be holding consultation with parents mainly to discuss the academic performance of their children in the second term.

All consultation sessions are scheduled for the first week of the third term. Please see the Term 3 calendar to check the dates and times for all the consultation sessions for various year groups.

Needless to say- this is an opportunity that parents cannot afford to miss.

2026 Fees Structure

After a careful consideration of rising costs and the recent devaluation of Pula, the Board of Governors of Legae Academy had no option but to increase the school fees for 2026 by a minimum possible percentage (6.5% for secondary school and 6% for A-Level). This will just allow for the school to meet the additional costs, incurred due to inflation and adjustment of the salaries of our staff.

Form1 to Form 4: P93,900.00 p.a. (P31,300.00 per term)

Form 5: P93,900.00 p.a. (P46,950.00 to be paid in two instalments at the beginning of Term 1 and Term 2)

AS and A2: P110,000.00 p.a. (P55,000.00 payable in two instalments at the beginning of Term 1 and Term 2).

Parents, who wish to make the fee payment in different instalments should please contact the Assistant Bursar (aa.nkwe@legaeacademy.co.bw).

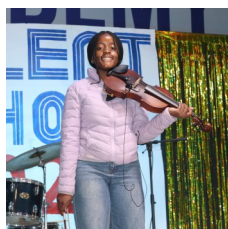
Deadline for the payment of fees for each term is Wednesday before the school term begins.

Discount for a single payment: The parents who can pay next year's entire fee (annual fee) this year by 10th of November 2025 will be exempted from paying the increased fee for next year. It means that you pay only 2025 fees for 2026 academic year. Please note that the payment has to be made in lump sum and one receipt will be issued after this year's third term fees have been cleared.

Discount for Siblings: 5% discount will be offered to the third sibling enrolled at Legae academy while other two siblings are still students here and 10% discount will be granted to the fourth sibling. Once, one of the siblings graduates from the school or leaves the school, concession will be adjusted accordingly.

Talent Show 2025

This year's Talent show was held on Friday 27th June. We are happy that the participation in the show was encouraging. It was the finest display of various talents of both our students and staff. This annual show also demonstrated that Legae Academy is a "home" for not only academic excellence but also artistic brilliance.



New Head Boy and Head Girl

As I congratulate all the newly appointed Senior Prefects, my special congratulations go to **Jordan Maloba (4C)** and **(Tjadhiwa Khonye 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 attainment in their educational life. We wish these two young leaders of tomorrow every success in serving the school in these prestigious positions.



Jordan Maloba (4C) Tjadhiwa Khonye (4A)

International Mathematical Olympiad: Three Legae students represent Botswana in International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) 2025 in senior category, which was held in Sunshine Coast, Australia July 2025. Two students from junior category qualified to represent Botswana in the competition which was held in Vietnam last month. Congratulations to Vishal S Reddy, Amy I Ruth and Haonan Liu (Senior team) and Johaan Theethai and Jun Xiu (junior team)



Vishal S Reddy



Amy I Ruth



Haonan Liu



Johaan Theethai



Jun Xiu

Legae Academy Celebrates Teachers' Day

Our teachers celebrated their Day on Friday 5th June. They made this important day more appropriate by inviting this year's Cambridge award winners and their parents to join them in the celebration. It was an occasion for teachers to celebrate their profession when parents testified the sacrifice the teachers have made for the incredible success of their children.



Invited parents and their children with our teachers

Motorsport Champion

Jordan Maloba (4C) who is currently our head boy has been in the Motorsport national team since 2018. He has represented Botswana in international competitions several times in the past. He is currently preparing for the next international Motorsport competition which will be held in Harare, Zimbabwe in August this year. We wish him good luck.



Jordan Maloba

Our Marimba Band participates in St Stithians Marimba Festival



The Legae Academy marimba band was accorded yet another opportunity to showcase their talent at the highly esteemed interschool St Stithians College marimba festival, which took place on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. 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, Westwood International School, St Mary's Gird College (DGS), St Davids College, and Legae Academy. The team was accompanied by the music teachers, Mr. Nyathi, Mr. Justice, and the multimedia representative, Miss Tsaone Ungwang.

On that very Wednesday evening of June 11, 2025, the combined schools concert started at 6.30 pm with eight schools on the program, scheduled to perform songs of their own choice for about 12 to 15 minutes each. The Legae band performed with so much confidence and skill that attracted a standing ovation. This participation gave our marimba band exposure to a higher level of music.

Our Students visit Botswana Stock Exchange

On 17th of June the Economics Club visited the Botswana Stock Exchange. The club members were enlightened as to the functions of the Stock Exchange in the country and how they can benefit from the Stock Exchange and their personal investments through buying and selling of shares.



Exchange students from the USA visit Legae Academy

In collaboration with CIEE (Council of International Educational Ex-change), Legae Academy hosted two groups of American exchange students. 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.



Afternoon Activities

Clubs

ENVIRONMENT & YOUNG SCIENTISTS CLUB

This term's activities included making model wind turbines, making a natural plastic from corn starch (Mr. Chima), extracting DNA from onions (Mrs. Oommen), making "fossils" (using Plaster of Paris) and a science and environment based quiz.

There was a well-attended visit to the BSPCA on 8th July in which 27 students, some non-Club members, attended.

In addition there was a competition, open to all students, for World Environment Day commemorated this year on 5th June. 7 essays were received with prizes awarded as follows:

Lower School: 1. Ritvik Sayana (2C) 2. Adelia Muzonzini (2D) 3. Vallega Reddy (2C) 4. Vasihnavi Sharma

Upper School: 1. Thandi Hove (4F) 2. Chloe Ogbuabo (4C) 3. Laksh Parikh (4F)

There were also PowerPoint presentations made by Club members for the occasion, and all the following received awards:

1. Ritvik Sayana (2C) 2. Chloe Ogbuabo (4C) 3. Laksh Parikh (4F) 4. Adelia Muzonzini (2D), Khushi Patel (2D), Vaishnavi Sharma (2D) 5. Jainil Prajapati (4C), Anashe Nhimura (4F), Thandi Hove (4F), Junior Maringe (4F), Neelo Manale (2B).

Marimba Club

The marimba band performed quite well at the school assemblies. They also proudly appreciate performing beautiful and catchy songs with complex polyrhythms on African marimba instruments. The students gain confidence and enjoy the comradery; they build as they play together as a team. The marimba has been a good ambassador of the school and were once again invited to perform at the prestigious St. Stithians College International Marimba Festival in Johannesburg held on June 11, 2025. The marimba band looks proudly represented and flew the Legae Academy flag quite high and quite well.

Lately our school marimba band once again had the honour of performing at the official opening ceremony of the Davis Cup, also known as the World Cup of Tennis, that was recently held on Wednesday 23 July 2025 morning at the Botswana Tennis Centre in Gaborone. The marimba band represented the school and country proudly with a rendition of amazing and vibrant music to a diverse crowd of athletes and dignitaries from Rwanda, Lesotho, Mauritania, Cameroon, Madagascar. Sudan, Seychelles, Ethiopia, Congo, Libya. Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, Djibouti and hosts, Botswana.

THE INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE CLUB

The instrumental ensemble club had a remarkable performance at the annual Talent Show this term. The jazz ensemble band was made up of one tenor saxophone, one trumpet and two alto saxophones. The band performed a famous Afro jazz piece 'Hymn for Taiwa', by Bakithi Khumalo of South Africa. Notable new players in the Jazz ensemble were a Form 1 girl named Claire who performed on the alto saxophone, and Mr. Omphile Seelepele /auxiliary staff on trumpet. Wen Qi A2B performed a beautiful solo on rock guitar, Jun Alex Xui 2C won the overall instrumental performance category with a brilliant rendition on the violin, Tiarah Mugadza 2C also performed a beautiful pop song solo on her violin, and lastly, Yun xuan Jing aka Jessica 2C played a solo classical piece.

SETSWANA CLUB

The highlight for the term was the fabulous performance that the Traditional Dance group gave at the talent show on the 27th of June 2025. They showcased their talent through poetry, singing, dancing and in their attire. They also promoted their culture during the Cultural Exchange Programme where we saw other nations coming to learn the Setswana culture.



CHESS CLUB



During Club meetings students competed in the Ladder Tournament whose final placings were as follows:

1. Hariharan Ananda (2C) 2. Ritvik Sayana (2C) 3. Deon Martin (4D) 4. Yu Hao Wu (4C) 5. Ezra Bartlett (4A) 6. Ulathi Nkomo (4E) 7. Noor Fatima Toor (2B) — Highest placed female player.

During the Interhouse Sports Competition on 23rd May there was a chess quiz involving 12 players. Awards were given to the following participants:

1. Ezra Bartlett (4A) 38 points 2. Deon Martin (4D) 29 points 3. Hariharan Ananda (2C) 29 points 4. Yu Hao Wu (4E) 27 points 5. Ulathi Nkomo (4E) 25 points 6. Noor Fatima Toor (2B) 21 points.

There were many external tournaments in the latter half of the term with Legae Academy players continuing to win medals and trophies as follows:

Moroka Kids Chess Challenge held at Mogoditshane Senior Secondary School on 28th June.

Ulathi Nkomo 1st prize in Boys Under 16 (Gold medal)

Hariharan Ananda 1st prize in Boys Under 14 (Gold medal)

Hasitha Manikonda 2nd position in Girls U-16 (Silver medal)

Rishitha Mallavaram 3rd position in Girls U-16 (Bronze medal)

Noor Fatima Toor 3rd position in Girls U-18 (Bronze medal)

Samuel Mukisa 3rd position in Boys U-14 (Bronze medal)

Deon Martin, Ritvik Sayana and Kaarthick Subramanian also

participated.

Botswana Junior Chess Championship held at the University of Botswana from 12-13th July.

Results of Legae Academy students were as follows:

Ezra Bartlett 5 points from 7 games, Hariharan Ananda 4.5/7, Ulathi Nkomo 4/7, Noor Fatima Toor 3/7, Kaarthick Subramanian 3/7, Samuel Mukisa 3/7, Yu Hao Wu 2/7.

Crackit International Chess Challenge held at Botho University from 18th — 21st July.

Ezra Bartlett scored 4.5 points from 7 games in Section A finishing 15th out of 53 participants.

Ulathi Nkomo scored 3 points from 7 games in the U-18 Section.

In addition a team of 5 Legae Academy players (Ezra Bartlett, Ulathi Nkomo, Yu Hao Wu, Hariharan Ananda and Noor Fatima Toor) competed to represent Botswana in the World Schools Chess Championship narrowly missing the qualifying position to the Legae Primary School team. This event was held at Mogoditshane Senior Secondary School on 21st June.

History Club

A number of activities were carried out including the following: poster and flyer design, History expo preparation and field trip planning.

HISTORICAL KNOWLEDGE ACQUISITION

The highlight of our club activities this term was a special area of study- The Apartheid System in South Africa.

We used videos showing both the racial segregation during the apartheid era and the protests led by Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Most importantly, lively discussions and debates were held connecting the unjust system to its legacy in contemporary South Africa.

LEGAE ACADEMY COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTINUES TO TOUCH LIVES

Legae Academy, through the ARC Club continues to render the much needed support to the less privileged in our community.

On the 20th of May 2025, the ARC Club donated food items to Tlamelong Rehabilitation Centre. In the picture below, some of the ARC Club members during the handover ceremony to the Botswana Red Cross Centre Head for Tlamelong, Mr Gaone Tshokwane with his colleague Miss Rorisang Adam.



The ARC Club members also extended a helping hand to the vulnerable people under the care of Serenity Rehabilitation Centre in Tlokwen. The club donated 10 blankets and food items on Wednesday the 9th of July 2025. Below is the ARC Club President Vansh Mishra handing over our donation to the Head Nurse at Serenity Rehabilitation Centre and some of the beneficiaries from the blankets we donated.



On the 20th of June 2025, the ARC Club members visited Taung Junior School and donated hygiene kits to 20 vulnerable children. Below is our ARC Club Secretary Quswa Ghiya handing over the donations to one of the charity club members at Taung Junior School.



In some other Community Service activities, some A Level students continued to give remedial lessons to 25 students with learning disabilities from Nko Ya Phiri Primary. The other group of students which includes Form 1s and 2s went to Tshwaragano Primary School, every Wednesday to help vulnerable students in Mathematics, Science and in English. In the picture below, one of our A Level students is teaching a learner from Nkoya Phiri Primary School.

Making inmates of Cheshire Foundation smile

Some of the A-Level students have been visiting Cheshire Foundation to make time to be with the disabled children and show them some love and take care of the children.

This was happening every Tuesday starting week one of the term up to the end of June 2025. The school has held a civvies day and raised an amount of P6438.00. Traditionally, the school management contributes an equal amount for donating to Cheshire Foundation. The students are also collecting used clothes to add to their donation to Cheshire Foundation. Clothes will be collected until the end of the term.

The donation will be sent to the Foundation in the third term. The previous donations have been very helpful to the organisation.



Legae Academy Interact Club - Winter Clothing Drive

This term, the club organised a Winter Clothing Drive for Princess Marina Hospital. The campaign focused on supporting mothers and newborns in the maternity ward. Donations included clothes, blankets, diapers, and baby wipes generously provided by the Legae community.

On delivery day, Monday 14th July, items were handed over to Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital, received by Dr Mogomotsi-Pilane, Dr Kaang, Dr Nchingane, Nurse Semetsa, and Nurse Itheetseng. After brief introductions, the staff extended their heartfelt gratitude to the Legae Community and hopes to collaborate with us more in future.

We thank all students and parents who donated generously towards a noble cause.

Astronomy Club

This term club members focused on Cosmology, the study of the universe and its mysteries. We discussed how researchers found out the universe was expanding, and how they used that new knowledge to theorize the beginning of the universe and its age. The members brought up their opinions and theories which led to deeper discussions about physics behind the universe.

The club also had a Rocket design project in collaboration with the Engineering Club, the rocket was tested on Friday the 7th of July and ended up not meeting expectations due to some miscalculations, though the members remain committed to try again in the future.

The Astronomy Club has also been invited to BIUST for a tour, which is a 3-day educational trip from the 14th of August to the 16th of August which is the return date.

The Astronomical Society of Botswana also played a key role this term, they organized telescope sessions where members got to see enhanced real-time images of the planets and stars around us. They also had several online meetings where they did presentations about different topics in Astronomy, the most notable one was by an Associate Professor in Thailand named Furing Surina who is an expert in the field of Astronomy.

Our club members also had a Zoom meeting with Aldric Benalan, who is passionate about science & STEM-related activities and participated in and won regional and national-level science competitions. 2024 NJ regional science Bowl champion by the US Department of Energy, 2023 & 2024 National Science Bee champion. He is in high school and was selected for the prestigious Laboratory Research program at Princeton University during the Summer. He is interested in giving back to the community and is passionate about Science coaching for middle school or High school students to prepare them to participate in some of the competition programs.

Legae Sports

Football

This term our boys' football teams did very well in the ISSSA group stage tournaments. They topped the group in all age categories.



Rugby

Triumph on the Try Line: A Landmark Season for Legae Rugby

Celebrating the phenomenal debut of our girls' rugby team and a promising season of growth for all our players.

This term will be remembered as a landmark season for rugby at Legae Academy, highlighted by the incredible debut of our brand-new girls' team in the ISSSA tournaments. Their journey from beginners to formidable competitors in just a few short weeks has been truly inspiring.

Our girls kicked off their historic season on June 26th, hosted by Maru-a-Pula School for their first-ever matches. With a squad full of enthusiastic newcomers, they faced two tough games, ending in 5–15 losses. Far from being discouraged, the team used these matches as an invaluable learning experience, igniting a determination that would soon pay off.

Back on home turf, our girls showcased their remarkable improvement with a stunning **50–0 victory** over Regent School. The day also provided a fantastic introduction to

the sport for our boys. In a spirited friendly, we combined our players with Regent's to form mixed teams, resulting in a thrilling 15–15 draw and an unforgettable first-game experience for many.

The momentum continued as we proudly hosted the ISSSA Rugby Tournament on July 10th. In front of a home crowd, our girls' team delivered a commanding performance, winning both of their round-robin matches. They secured a decisive **21–7 win against LKC** and a hard-fought **7–0 victory over Maru-a-Pula**. While the event's status was changed from "finals" to "friendly," the competitive fire and high level of play were undeniable.

The growth of our girls' team in such a short time has been nothing short of exceptional. Their commitment, dedication, and teamwork have laid a powerful foundation for the future of rugby at Legae. They are building a culture of resilience, sportsmanship, and success that makes our entire school community proud.

We are incredibly excited to build on this fantastic foundation with our Form 1 and 2 students in the upcoming term. The future of Legae Rugby is bright.

Badminton:

ISSSA Badminton Tournament for boys was held at LKC on Saturday the 7th of June 2025.

The results are as follows:-

1. Under 14 - Singles - Gold - Ayush Jagadeesh
2. Under 14 - Doubles - Gold - Ayush & Jainil Prajapati
3. Under 17 - Singles - Silver - Vansh Mishra
4. Under 17 - Doubles - Bronze - Vansh & Akshit Kumar
5. Under 19 - Doubles - Silver - Vishal Reddy & Nivruth Kumar Madha

Third Term (2025) Provisional Calendar

Wednesday 20 August	Deadline for payment of third term fees
Monday 25 August	Classes start for Third Term
Monday 25 August	Consultation with Form 1 parents (2:00 –5:00 PM)
Tuesday 26 August	Consultation with Form 2 parents (2:00 –5:00 PM)
Wednesday 27 August	Consultation with Form 4 parents (2:00 –5:00 PM)
Thursday 28 August	Consultation with AS and A2 parents (2:00 –5:00 PM)
Monday 8 Sept.	Form 5 parents meeting (4:30 PM – 5:30 PM)
Wednesday 10 Sept.	Cultural Day
Friday 19 Sept.	Last school day for Form 5, AS and A-Level
Mon 22 and Tue 23 Sept.	IGCSE Art exams
Monday 22 Sept – Friday 3 Oct.	Continuous Assessment period
Mon 29 Sept.	IGCSE written exams begin
Tuesday 30 Sept.	Botswana Day
Tuesday 30 Sept.	Cambridge AS exams start
Wednesday 8th Oct.	Cambridge A-Level exams start
Monday 3rd Nov.	Form 4 End of Year exams (written) start
Monday 10th Nov.	Forms 1-2 End of Year exams start
Wednesday 12 Nov.	Cambridge IGCSE and A-Level exams end
Thursday 13th Nov.	Cambridge AS exams end
Tuesday 18th Nov.	End of year exams end
Wednesday 19 Nov.	Forms 1 & 2 Book collection and return of scripts
Thursday 20 Nov.	Forms 4 Book collection and return of scripts
Friday 21 Nov.	Return of scripts and end of term

First week of next term:

The school will reopen on Monday 25th of August. Please note that there will be no afternoon activities in the first week of the third term due to consultation with the parents. Hence, students are free to go home at 1:00 PM. All academic/cocurricular and extracurricular activities in the afternoons will commence on Monday 1st of September.