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Dear Saints Family

**Independent Quality Assurance Association monitoring and evaluation**

I write to request our Council members, parents, staff and senior students to respond to the online surveys that will be distributed next week.

During the first half of this year, St Stithians is participating in the *School in a Mirror* monitoring and evaluation process managed by the Independent Quality Assurance Association (IQAA). As a member of the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa ([ISASA](#)), the College undertakes this formal quality review every six years.

The last IQAA Evaluation at St Stithians took place in 2013.

IQAA has appointed a mentor (an experienced school leader) to work with the internal evaluation team in each of our five schools: the Junior Prep, the Boys' Prep, the Girls' Prep, the Girls' College and the Boys' College. The Director of Strategy and Projects in the Rector's Office, Kagiso Seshoka, chairs a Campus IQAA Committee, consisting of representatives of each school and the campus departments, responsible for overseeing the IQAA project.

We welcome this opportunity to receive formal feedback from the College community on all aspects of school life and experience. The survey responses will influence the topics that will be identified for focus group discussions; and will shape the Final Report that is the formal outcome of the evaluation. During the month of May there will be a formal visitation and engagement by each mentor in each school. Based on previous experience, the value of the IQAA process is multiple and there are tangible benefits to be gained from taking time to assess our institutional climate and the quality of our offering as a College inspiring excellence and making a world of difference.

Thank you, One and All, for the roles you play in enhancing St Stithians College, and I thank you in advance for your participation in the IQAA *School in a Mirror* evaluation.

Yours sincerely

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Rector