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## Indirimbo yubahiriza Igihugu: Rwanda Nziza

Rwanda nziza Gihugu cyacu  
Wuje imisozi, ibiyaga n'ibirunga  
Ngobyi iduhetse gahorane ishya  
Reka tukurate tukuvuge ibigwi  
Wowe utubumbiye hamwe twese  
Abanyarwanda uko watubyaye  
Berwa, sugira, singizwa iteka

Horana Imana, murage mwiza  
Ibyo tugukeshya ntibishyikirwa  
Umuco dusangiye uraturanga  
Ururimi rwacu rukaduhaza  
Ubwenge, umutima, amaboko yacu  
Nibigukungahaze bikwiye  
Nuko utere imbere ubutitsa

Abakurambere b'intwari  
Bitanze batizigama  
Baraguhanga uvamo ubukombe  
Utsinda ubukoroni na mpatisbihugu  
Byayogoje Afurika yose  
None uraganje mu bwigenge  
Tubukomeyeho uko turi twese

Komeza imihigo Rwanda dukunda  
Duhagurukiye kukwitangira  
Ngo amahoro asabe mu bagutuye  
Wishyire wizane muri byose  
Urangwe n'ishyaka, utere imbere  
Uhamye umubano n'amahanga yose  
Maze ijabo ryawe riguhe ijambo

## Indirimbo y'Ishuri: Tuzahora Tukurata

Elite Parents School, shuri ryiza, shuri dukunda  
Shuri turata nyamibwa mu yandi mashuri,  
Nshongore baririmba.

Uri rudatsikira, uri rudashira ikaka.  
Ntutezuka ku ntego zo kurerera Imana n'igihugu,  
Watugize intyoza mu bumenyi, ubuhanga, uburere, umurava n'umuco

Uri icyamamare uri indatwa mu mashuri yose

Abana bawe turacyeye turacyenkemutse, tuzira ubunebwe n'urutebwe,  
turi intwari rudasumbwa; ntidusubira inyuma kandi tuzabera urugero  
rwiza Igihugu cyacu n'amahanga

Elite Parents School, tuzahora tukurata!!

## Message from Oswald TUYIZERE, the School Founder



### Key message:

In 2003, After one year of my basic knowledge in computer literacy, I had a dream of having a nursery school to be established in Rugando Sector, Kimihurura Sector, Gasabo District, City of Kigali. However, the time was not yet to come as the dreams were still dwelling in my mind with lots of challenges. From 2005 to 2010: I have managed to pursue my Undergraduate in Rwanda and Masters' Degree in France both in Law. Since my establishment in Gihinga in 2011, my sleepless nights focused on how to have the modern and excellent school. Since 2012 to 2020 I was employed in Public sector which linked me to financial institutions and opened more opportunities. Despite the lack of other parents support at its beginning, which encouraged us to move ahead, the School is now built and compete. We are thankful to our God who made it.

Elite Parents School is a private school located in Southern Province, Kamonyi District, Gacurabwenge Sector, Gihinga Cell, Nyagasozi Village. It was progressively built since 2016 by parents who suffered



a lot to ensure their children and others benefit from quality and inclusive education without travelling lots of distances. The main purpose of this school is to respond to the excellent schools shortage in our region. The school offers academic programs in pure French System in Nursery Section and Bilingual System in Primary Section. The School hire dedicated team of educators who work extremely hard to ensure all children learn and achieve their full potentials. All children who come to Elite Parents School are important to us and are special in their own way. We hope you find our school as wonderful as we do. You are warmly welcomed to come and visit and find out all about us for yourselves.

Oswald TUYIZERE

The School Founding Director and Legal Representative



## Short biography

**Names :** Dr. Geraldine (Gerri) Light

### Occupation:

Information Technology  
Professional and Educator

### Background in Education:

Doctor of Information Technology  
Master of Information Technology  
Master of Instructional Design and  
Technology

**Role in Elite:** Chairperson of Elite  
Board of Advisors

Future perspective: Students of Elite Parents School will achieve academic success in a learning environment that prepares them for a technology-driven world.

My Name is Dr. Gerri Light, a USA Citizen! I have been in contact with Oswald TUYIZERE since 2018, after he informed me about the Elite Parents School project. In 2022, he requested me to be one of the Elite Parents School Board of Advisors. I made the decision to accept this request because I wanted to support him strategically to realize this community initiative.

Education projects require highly skilled people, many resources, human resources and materials. It also requires thinking big, which determines its vision, mission and objectives.

Mr Oswald TUYIZERE, for my first contact, I was impressed by his high level and full commitment, despite key challenges, as the initiator of this school.

During my advisory role, I will support the school in improving its performance, as well as enhance the ICT penetration in the school system. I will also work with different partners in the education or philanthropic organizations to explain how a person like Oswald could manage to create a school such as Elite Parents.

I call upon all parents who live either nearby the school and those faraway from Elite Parents School to support the school founder by sharing strategic ideas, which might improve the school success.

My hope is that Elite Parents School should enlighten the rest of this location for the betterment of your children.

## Background of Elite Parents School

Elite Parents School was built in 2016 and accredited to offer Nursery Section programs since 2017. It was created to respond to the excellent schools shortage in our region. Most of children used to attend private schools very far in Kigali or in Muhanga District and in most of cases they face transport challenges, especially during period of Covid-19.

The School started with 8 pupils on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 and the school year ended when we have 19 pupils. The next year 2018, we counted 54 pupils, who were doubled to 117 in 2019. In 2020 our school was closed due to COVID-19 lockdown and in 2021 we enrolled 195 pupils and 18 teaching and administrative staff, in 2021/2022 academic year, the school enrolled 222 pupils. In this ending academic year 2022/2023, the school is educating 268 pupils in both nursery and primary sections. We believe in God that this number of pupils will increase when the school will be also expanding.

All these pupils are at the centre of everything we do and we aim to ensure that all have a happy and successful experience at our school. They are also assured of a very conducive environment, friendly for academic excellence.

We offer experiential outstanding learning and teaching for the 21st Century to students through an enriched learning experience that blends face-to-face and aspire for virtual learning using modern technologies. We especially offer tea and snacks and meals to our pupils in order to nurture their minds.

We believe in firm but fair discipline with an emphasis on positive behaviour management could lead our school to the excellence. As a fully inclusive school, we welcome all children and work closely with parents make any necessary adaptations both before admission and during a child's time in our school.

We have a dedicated team of education professionals who work extremely hard to ensure every child learns and achieves his/her full potential. All children who come to our School are important to us and are special in their own way. We hope you find our school as wonderful as we do. You are warmly welcomed to come and visit and find out all about us for yourselves.

We place great importance on building a strong partnership between

Public Institutions, parents, community and our school. Children flourish when this partnership is good.

### **The School Vision statement**

A School of excellence that shapes exceptional individuals who will make a defining difference in our world.

### **The School Mission statement**

To create unique multi bilingual learners who are analytically and academically brilliant; socially and culturally functional and very creative in all arrears of life for the glorification of God.

### **The School Values**

- ✓ Excellence
- ✓ Discipline
- ✓ Empathy
- ✓ Cooperation

### **The School Motto**

Towards Excellence/Jusqu'à l'excellence.

## **Why Elite Magazine?**

In order to widely disseminate our education work, Elite Parents School decided to introduce the magazine named "Elite Magazine" in which different information about this school will be disseminated. Despite having online platform, this magazine will be the channel to communicate all achievements realized to promote quality education within the school environment. A part from education achievements, we shall also publish in this magazine our school academic performances, sport, culture and recreation activities, innovative activities carried by our pupils, study visits conducted, the most outstanding parents, teachers and pupils who demonstrated an excel collaboration with the school.

We believe that this magazine will inform the outsiders our work to improve our education system not only in favor of our pupils but also in favor of the community in general.

You are the most welcome to ready this magazine content and support its publication.

The Chief -in- Editor of Elite Magazine.

# Academic life at Elite Parents School

## Nursery Section

At Elite Parents School, our Nursery Section is based on Pure French System. The main aims are to develop our students' physical, cognitive and social skills. We have a structured and progressive curriculum with activities based around language, music, pre-writing and drawing, pre-math, the world around us, creative expression and different games and sports. Our students experience these different elements in an atmosphere of love and fun.

Pupils start in the Nursery Section when they are 3 years old. They begin in the "Petite Section", moving on after one year into the "Moyenne Section" and one year later into the "Grande Section". After their three years in Nursery, they will move on into Primary Stage 1.

Teaching and learning in Nursery Section is in French. By the end of the three years, our children are confident working in French; they express themselves naturally in this language, and are beginning to learn how to read and write. In the Moyenne and Grande Sections, they experience an increasing part of their curriculum in French with basic English skills. This is to help prepare them for moving up to Primary Section where all instruction is in English.

Children of Nursery age learn by primarily by play, and by exploring the world around them. They need plenty of opportunity for creative expression and for developing their own ideas. We aim for an active learning approach, where students are engaged in stimulating activities as much as possible, and are encouraged to talk about that they are doing and thinking. Through this approach, our young learners develop their curiosity and independence, and learn how to plan tasks and see them through to completion.

## Primary Section

The Primary Section lasts for 6 years (Stages P1 to P6). The language of teaching and learning is English, although students continue to study other languages including Kinyarwanda and French. By the end of the Primary Section, our students should be confident communicators in all three languages fluently.

Our Primary programme follows the National Competence Based Curriculum. The core subjects taught are Kinyarwanda, English, Mathematics, French, Social and Religious Studies, Science and Elementary Technology. Students are assessed at the end of each month, and monthly assessment report is produced and provided to all learners in primary section. At the end of each term, study sat for comprehensive assessment prepared by the school in term one, by the District in term 2 and by the Government in term 3.

In this Section, we work hard to provide learning experiences for our students which are as active and as engaging as possible. We aim to create independent learners who have the determination and skills to organize and reflect on their own learning.

### **Extracurricular activities**

In order to improve the education academic performance, the school introduced extracurricular activities. Extracurricular activities are an essential part of a well-rounded education. These activities enable students to apply academic skills in a real-world context. They also allow students to reinforce the lessons learned in the classroom. Extracurricular activities are programs outside of the regular school curriculum. They focus on a specific activity, goal, or purpose. These activities also demonstrate their ability to contribute, stick to their commitments, and manage their time and priorities.

Extracurriculars are helpful because they boost students' educational experiences and social, emotional, and communication skills. Being active in extracurriculars allows students to gain experience and apply what they have learned. Outside the classroom, students can learn leadership, cooperation, and social skills. They will also learn to be self-sufficient, creative, and hardworking.

Extracurricular activities are also excellent resume-builders. Choosing a potential career path and identifying organizations or leadership positions related to that career is a wise strategy. For instance, maybe your student intends to pursue a career in finance. Then serving as the treasurer of a club or society is a relevant boost to their resume.

Since this academic year 2022/2023, Elite Parents School introduced different extracurricular activities mainly: Karate Club, Traditional Dance, School Debate, Environment Club, Sport club, Radio and Television Club, just to mention few of them. As the school will be expanding, we will also introduce other clubs depending on students needs and parents support.

## | The School Governance

In order to achieve its education mission, Elite Parents School is governed by:

### **The School General Assembly Committee:**

Elite Parents School is led by the **School General Assembly Committee** and the **School Audit Committee**. **Both committees are** elected in the general assembly of all parents who enrolled their children in the school. Their role is to provide strategy guidance and advices towards the school improvement as well as linking parents and the school in terms of all issues related to quality education. They seat in ordinary meetings once per quarter on two years of terms, renewed twice.

### **The School Management Committee**

Elite Parents School is management of the School Management Committee is the overall responsible to manage on daily basis the school in all its spheres. It is composed of the following:

1. The School Director;
2. The Dean of Studies;
3. The Teachers Representative;
4. The School Manager;
5. The Accountant.

The School Management Committee performs the following functions:

1. Manage the school on regular basis;
2. Monitor the working of the school;
3. Preparee and recommend school development plan;
4. Monitore the use of the school funds;
5. Monitor the implementation of school policies;
6. Approve and monitor the budget for the school system;
7. Hire, monitor and evaluate school staff.

### **Elite Board of Advisors**

Elite Board of Advisors is composed of highly skilled experts in different domains which are linked to education. They are selected based on their skills in education, volunteerism, and dedicate to provide valuable advices to advance the school performance. The goal of our

Board is **to provide valuable assistance, advice, and expertise to the School in order to lead to its academic result.** Members of this Board are not assigned to the daily management of the school and are not entitled to any financial gain.

The Elite Board of Advisors is composed of the following advisors:

1. Advisor in Teaching and Learning Methodology
2. Advisor in Legal matters
3. Advisor in Financial and Resource Mobilization Strategy
4. Advisor in School Management and performance
5. Advisor in School Marketing Strategy

### **The Academic Council**

The Academic Council of Elite Parents School is an integral and indispensable part of the school life.

The Council, comprising the School Director as Chairman, Dean of Studies, two teacher representatives, one from Nursery and one from Primary sections strive to achieve wholesome education and the all-round development of the students, by undertaking numerous literary activities in the true spirit of camaraderie, achievement and fulfillment, imparting literary skills, critical thinking, analytical thinking etc. in the process.

The Council designs Action Plan for all the literary activities to be carried out for the year and the events are spread across the months in the school calendar.

At the beginning of the academic session, all the members of the Academic Council are entrusted with the responsibility of coordinating the events. The students are groomed and encouraged to conduct most of the literary activities to gain adequate exposure and self-confidence.

The activities are designed, keeping the greater interest of the students in mind, in such a way that their studies do not get hampered. The Academic Head is the overall in-charge of the scholastic activities, scheduled to be held for a particular academic session. The council promotes academic excellence and maintain academic standard of the school.



The Academic Council thoroughly supervises the year long academic activity meticulously as a representative of the head of the institution in different capacities/ways like:

- Planning of the Entire Academic Activities for the session.
- Planning of the “Annual–Calendar”.
- Planning to integrate the Teaching–Learning process with Technology.
- To plan the syllabus coverage, correction work and classroom teaching etc.
- Arrangement of the School improvement programme.
- Planning for Motivation to some Innovative Ideas in Teaching– Learning Process.
- To oversee the subject committee works.
- To oversee the regular running of class along with subject– syllabus covers as per split-up syllabus.
- To oversee/check the periodical written work like Assignments, class works, mid term evaluation as per predetermined time scheduled.
- To organise the guest lecturers to enhance the subject knowledge of the concerned subject teachers and students as well.
- To recommend the authority to make any academic changes in particular area, if required.
- To oversee the onward submission of lesson plans for correction to the School Director.
- Identify the slow learners, in different subjects of various standards and also chalk out constructive programs for their upliftment.
- In short the academic council helps the authority in different capacities for the smooth running of academics in the school.



*The 1<sup>st</sup> Graduation was composed of 5 pupils in 2018*



*The Second Graduation of 18 pupils in 2019*



*Elite Staff in 2021/2022 Academic year*



*The 4th Graduation of 33 Nursery Pupils in 2021*



*The 5th Graduation of 38 Nursery Pupils in 2021/2022*



*The school started with 3 staff and 8 pupils. At the fifth graduation we had only 3 pupils*







