



## Enko Benga International School Welcomes Academic Year 2018!

Dear Parents & Students,

Thank you for choosing us!

We deeply appreciate your leap of faith in enrolling in a new school. You have selected an institution that will soon distinguish itself for its academic excellence, its nurturing of children, its superior infrastructure, its rich and meaningful resources, its gifted teachers, and of course, its very special children and families.

So much has been accomplished in these few past months, and as we continue with many finishing touches, we are grateful to our partners who have overcome so many unique difficulties to get us to where we are today, and who literally work 24-hours daily so as to put things in place; thank you to them!



Our first school year is full of great expectations and immense hope. We are eager to invite you in partnership as we provide an education that will challenge and inspire! Our dedicated and caring teachers and staff have been hard at work getting things ready for you. This amazing group of professionals who beat over 200 applicants from around the world to serve here, come from Mozambique, Portugal, Zambia, Botswana, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Malawi, France and South Africa. They speak many languages, have countless degrees and qualifications, have travelled widely around the globe, and have diverse extra

talents which they cannot wait to share with you!

As a team, we will continue to work hard, challenge each other, learn together, and have fun doing what we are so passionate about; learning from and teaching children.

Everyone here cannot wait to meet you! Together, we are going to have an incredible year.

Warmest Regards,

Senhora Nomvuyo

Founding Head of School

*Teachers at intensive Professional Development Workshops held for a week each in December 2017 and in January 2018.*



## Human Physiology and Healthy Lifestyle & Choices *The First Transdisciplinary Curriculum Unit of 2018*

Our curriculum is the world renowned International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, also known as the IB PYP. It is a 40-year old curriculum, with over 1 million students enrolled in over 4000 world IB schools. The IB is the most accepted qualification into top universities; indeed, research shows it is more highly regarded than Cambridge even by the admissions officers of prestigious world universities.

Everything starts in early childhood. In our first focus – called the Programme of Inquiry or PoI – children in crèche will learn about who they are and what they can do. Important concepts for them will be biology, identity, diversity, body form and body control. In Year 1 and 2, children will wrestle with the central idea that the choices people make, affect their health and well-being. Critical concepts for them will be growth, choice, influence and balance. Years 3, 4 and 5 will focus on how interactions between human body systems support

our life functions. Essential concepts for them will be biology and systems. Lastly, our Year 6 and 7 will study how the changes people experience at different stages of their lives affect their evolving sense of self. Important concepts for them will be maturity, growth, systems, biology and well-being.

Our transdisciplinary units of study will always be accompanied by lessons in mathematics that focus on developing skill, strategy and confidence; targeted literacy development in the pursuit of excellence in reading and writing; and a plethora of complementary specials lessons in music, art, French, Chichewa, Portuguese and physical education and sports.

Wait until you hear about our field trip to a special art gallery, our 21 visitors from a university in Switzerland, a community outreach programme, the First Lady, and much more...

## Project Development Overview and Status – Matera ([www.materiainc.com](http://www.materiainc.com))

Materia is happy to have delivered a first-class school campus for the use of Enko Benga International students and their families. The school campus designed by world-famous architect Francis Kéré, sprawls over 5 hectares of prime land. Enko Benga is located on the EN7. It is comprised of: c. 1,100m<sup>2</sup> of enclosed classrooms, other learning areas, administration blocks, a kitchen and refectory with an additional c. 1,200m<sup>2</sup> of covered corridors and meeting areas, well over 2,000m<sup>2</sup> of open field playing areas, a swimming pool, a tennis and basketball court, a football field and a dedicated parking lot.



The EBIS campus has been developed following the sustainable and inclusive principles at the core of the Matera vision, including using local materials to develop the Tete economy, training a local workforce in best-in-class construction techniques for increasing their long-term entrepreneurial potential, and passive ventilation to lower the carbon footprint of our buildings.

Construction of the EBIS refectory has not yet been fully finalized so the school will be using the kitchen facilities of the Benga Riverside project, 300m from the campus. The swimming pool and changing rooms plus all other facilities will be fully ready in open in early February 2018, making the EBIS Campus one of the best campuses in the region.



