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## Newsletter 1/ 2018 19

20<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Dear Parents,

As we begin the second week of the first semester of 2018 19 academic year, we would like to update you on how the semester has begun. This year we welcomed forty five new students in both the day and residential programmes. They are settling down well with the help of the continuing students. We appreciate you for entrusting us with your children to facilitate and support them in their educational endeavours.

The structure of the school day has also been reviewed. This was in response to your feedback especially, on the issue of academic support. We have also adjusted the timing when all enrichment activities end so as to comply with traffic regulations. Consequently the late bus will now be departing from school at 5pm. Please find the schedule of the day as an attachment to the newsletter.

We also welcomed into the Academy community the following teachers and Academy fellows to replace those who left at the end of last Academic year:

Stella Wangu	HOD Expressive Arts & Technology – Teacher of Music
Nancy Oruko	HOD English
Hesbourne Mosoti	Visual Art
Daniel Otogo	French
Faith Abuya	English
Anusha Lalani	Academy fellow
Arria Lakha	Academy fellow
Kainat Mitha	Academy fellow
Aileen Kimuhu	Academy fellow
Francis Nyadida	Choral director
Juleen Keevy	Master Teacher - Writing
Hafida Bensaadoue	Master Teacher - Science
Rick Faulkner	Student Leadership programme

There are few vacant positions which we are in the process of finalizing the recruitment process. Meanwhile, we have put plans in place to ensure teaching and learning continues in the affected subject areas. The plan is to have the new teachers start as soon as possible. Kindly bear with us as we are doing all we can to ensure a smooth transition for both the teachers and the students.



On a different note, we would like you to celebrate with us the following achievements of our students for events that happened during the break:

Year 10 2018 e-assessment results were released on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 and the cohort posted good results with an average of 4.92 out of 7 with our top student, Laiqa Walli scoring 6.7 out of 7. Five students had an average of 6.0 and above.

Kenya Music festival – The Academy participated in this annual event which started at the Sub-county level followed by County, Regional and eventually to the National level that concluded last Friday in Nyeri County. At the regional level competition which took place in July, our students emerged first in ten items, second in three items and third in four items. They represented the Coast region and the school in thirteen items at the national level. The full results will be share in the next newsletter. We applaud their outstanding performance. We appreciate parents who released their children during the break to practice and participate in the festival.

Young Scientist Kenya – As one of the pilot schools in the region for this programme, two of our MYP students participated in the National Science and Technology exhibition held in Nairobi on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018. They emerged fourth in their category and we applaud them.

### Upcoming events

August 27, 2018	Year 6 parents meeting – 5.00 pm
August 27 - 31, 2018	CEM tests
August 27, 2018	Enrichment starts
August 30, 2018	DP1 parents meeting – 5.30 pm
August 31-September 2, 2018	DP1 trip to Mt. Kasigau

Kind regards,



**Francis Kariuki**  
**Principal, Senior School**

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