



13th October 2017

Dear Parents,

We would like to express our appreciation for your support following the change of the dates for October break. We are looking forward to seeing you next week during the parent teacher conferences. We hope that your children have signed you up for appointments with teachers. On our part, teachers are ready to share with you how your children have so far settled in academically and in other aspects of school life .

On Wednesday 18th during the parent teacher conferences, CanCare CAS group has organized for a blood drive between 8am and 4pm. We are inviting you to donate blood and help the group to collect many pints of blood.

This year, Senior School Library once again participated in the annual Maktaba Awards which took place on the September 22, 2017 at the Nairobi National Museum of Kenya. Various Libraries in the country participated by sending their portfolios thereafter, the assessment was conducted.

The event is sponsored by the Ministry of Sports Culture & Arts, The Goethe Institute, The Kenya Library Association, World reader, Radio Africa Group, Jomo Kenyatta Foundation, eKitabu and Book Aid International. This year we are pleased that a good number of students participated since the assessment was carried out when the school was in session. Some of the key award indicators were;

- Diversity of the Library Collection
- Excellence in Innovation and Service Provision
- Application of Modern technologies
- Preservation of local content and Indigenous knowledge

The Aga Khan Academy Library emerged 2nd in the private schools category and was awarded the following;

- A certificate
- A Trophy
- 200 Books from Book Aid International and
- Thirty five thousand shillings (Ksh.35,000) worth of books from Jomo Kenyatta Foundation



We are looking forward to great achievements in future.

We would like to share some achievements that happened in the last three weeks:

Josette Kiarie, member of Young Farmers club represented the school in the Nairobi ASK International Trade fair by exhibiting the Science project which had won 1st position during Mombasa International ASK Show. She emerged 1st position again and we are proud of her



achievement. She was awarded a trophy and the school was recognized for presenting the best Science project with a trophy. She also exhibited other products that included Local Handicrafts, Fine Art, Flower arrangement and Cookery. She emerged 2nd and she was awarded a certificate. To add to the accomplishments, she was featured in a newspaper article for her win during the Mombasa International ASK Show. The article is attached to this newsletter.

We acknowledge what the Young Farmers club has achieved this year guided by their patron Mr. Nyagah.

For achievements in Sports, please find attached a Sports update summary.

Student Life

We continue to be amazed by the resilience and commitment of our students to learning and the quest for intellectual development at the Academy. We are proud of their achievements so far even with the pressure and challenges of learning new content in class, managing several assessments, participating in sports, organizing school events and contributing to community and service programmes.

As we approach the mid-term, it is our wish that you will be able to attend the PTCs on the 18th and 19th October 2017. Parent Teacher Conferences are designed to maximize productive communication with you the parents while also creating a climate that fosters better outcomes for your child. This is an opportunity to increase communication between parents, school and home, to be informed about your child's progress, and develop a plan for the student's future.

Kindly confirm that your child has booked appointments on one or both days. For the parents who will not make it, your son/ daughter will have to see their respective teachers and note what they have discussed.

I have shared travel details in this link below for the residential parents to use for mid-term transport arrangements.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfLn4zTibT2xy1fZcl_PZSukTVPQRLO-s1-4ShaUOxPpfhXbg/viewform

Diploma Programme

DP2

The university application process has now moved into top gear, and Early Decision applications are being readied for dispatch. Predicted Grades have been populated for all students.

The last round of weekly tests are on, as are Internal Assessment progress in different subjects.

The Extended Essay final draft submission deadline is on 13th November, and hence feedback and advice meetings with supervisors are on.

TOK Final Presentations are scheduled for 13th and 14th November, and hence preparations towards the same are now afoot.

We celebrate the DP2 students and their teachers Ms. Bhagirathy and Ms. Susan who went to Rwanda for being featured in the IB Community blog. The article can be accessed via the link below.



<http://blogs.ibo.org/blog/2017/10/11/a-journey-over-a-thousand-hills>

DPI

The Annual Production has been finalized – it is the path-breaking musical called ‘Aida’ – winner of 4 Tony awards, a Disney original helmed by Elton John and Tim Rice, adapted from the opera by Guiseppe Verdi. Its central premise of triumphing over cultural differences is a very resonant theme today. Auditions have just been concluded and rehearsals are commencing.

They have all now immersed themselves into requisite enrichments and CAS projects, and are fruitfully connected to their holistic learning needs.

They are being introduced to the Internal Assessments in the different subjects they take, and are beginning to imbibe the criteria referenced ways they need to be assessed.

Middle Years Programme

Year 7

This month we received 6 new students from Tajikistan; 5 girls and 1 boy. They are settling in well so far. This brings our total number of students to 72.

For PSHE, the students have been learning how to set SMART goals and setting ways in which they can attain these goals. They are also filling out the portfolio templates as they populate their portfolio of achievement folder.

Events that are coming up:

1. The year 7 SRC bonding event on Friday 3rd November.
2. The year 7 year level trip to Watamu between 21st November and 23rd November 2017.

Year 10

Presentation on Entrepreneurship unit by Michael Flynn was a success.

On Monday 11th September 2017, the Year 10 students were introduced to entrepreneurship and were excited about the different dimensions presented. The Year 10 Leadership unit at the moment is ‘Entrepreneurship.’ The presentation was led by Michael Flynn, a mentor, educator, leader, author, entrepreneur, father, philanthropist and musician who has travelled to over 22 countries addressing and advising leading businesses and CEOs globally. Michael has taken failing companies and transformed them into hugely profitable business.



Year 10 Art Trip to Nairobi

Between 27th September and 1st October 2017, a group of year 10's went to Nairobi for the annual Arts trip. The trip was meant to help the students learn more about different aspects of arts and relate class work with real life experience.

Upcoming events

13th and 14th October – AKA Mombasa MUN conference

31st October – First school day after October break

3rd November – Year 10 PP Mock exhibition

10th November – Inter-house Athletics

Have an enjoyable weekend!

Kind regards,



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