



6th November 2015

Dear Parents,

We would like to express our appreciation to all of you for interacting with us during the Parent-Teacher conferences before the half-term break either in person or through Skype or phone calls. Almost 60% of the parents were registered to have attended, which is good. We encourage those who were not able to come to plan to attend the next one in March 2016. We believe you were able to get good feedback which you had time to discuss with your child during the break.



As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Academy participated in the annual Maktaba Awards and as shared by the Head of Academy, we did well and maintained the 1st position in the Private School category. Pictured is our Head Librarian, Mr. Apollo Abung'u and Librarian, Ms. Phyllis Nyariki receiving the award.

Presidential Awards (PA) scheme Gold Awards took place on 7th October 2015 at the State House in Nairobi where two of our DP2 students, Magdalena Gakuo and Sumera Yego received their Gold award among other students from all over the country. We are proud of their achievement, it was wonderful to see them share this moment with His Excellency the President.



It was also an honour to our school having Magdalena open the occasion with the word of prayer.



During this period, a lot of great achievements happened in swimming. During the CASA Gala, our swimmers showcased outstanding performances with the best results in AKA, Mombasa history and still aiming higher. Seven records were broken by two of our swimmers. We congratulate and thank Coach Malik and Coach Solomon for their hard work and commitment. The results were as follows:

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Girls	29	24	13
Boys	26	23	17
Mixed relays	2		
TOTAL	57	47	32

SCORES

Girls		Boys	
1 st AKA, M	478	1 st AKA, M	463
OVERALL SCORES		1st AKA, M	941 Points

CASA New Record Holders-

Tiana Vora

1500 freestyle old record 24:03.26- new record 22:50.72
 100m Backstroke old record 1:22.50- new record 1:21.72
 50m Backstroke old record 37.12- new record 36.93
 200m Backstroke old record 2:53.53- new record 2:53.40

Kunaal Khagram

1500m freestyle old record 21:16.09- new record 20:43.44
 400m freestyle old record 5:15.19- new record 5:14.19
 800m freestyle old record 11:1.87- new record 10:54.56



Three weeks later, our swimmers participated in KSF Gala and reached new heights at National level and in indeed in East Africa since Uganda and Tanzania had their best representatives in this gala. AKA, Mombasa had the number one and number two girls and boys respectively in the region. Coming to individual performances, Tiana Vora is the best female swimmer in the in the country and Kunaal Khagram is the second best. We won 41 medals and we were represented in 51 finals.

Medal Table

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Girls	3	8	7
Boys	5	7	11
Relays	3	3	4
Total	11	18	22

Individual medal table

Girls			
	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Tiana Vora	4	6	3
Riva Karia	1	3	1
Alisha Varia	1	1	1
Nicole Lutalo	1	1	
Caroline Kameta		3	3
Ann Mudanye		1	1
Sonia Kimeto		1	1
Hiral Shah		1	1
Gakenya Mwige		1	1
Hilda Wambui		1	1
Umikulthum Abdulmalik			1
Boys			
	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Kunaal Khagram	6	2	2
Lorenzo Mancini	2	3	3
Luca Mancini	2	3	3
Ryan Maina	2	1	
Karan Khagram	1	1	3
Elisha Ekirikubinza		2	5
Mansur Khan		1	3

I thank you all for your support. Please join me in congratulating our swimmers, Coach Malik and Coach Solomon on these wonderful results.

Student Life

Enrichment Activities

It has been a very busy second half of the semester for student enrichment. We continue to see them commit and engage in their chosen activities. We are currently reviewing the impact of the existing activities on student lives as we plan for next round of enrichment.

House Activities

Ravens House demonstrated in the recent Mathematics House Competition that they are the power to beat in math. The mathematics department organised a week of math related activities that culminated in the final House Math Competition. Students from each House demonstrated high aptitude in the related problems. The next House events include Swimming and the Lip Sync Competition.

Leadership

We continue to see students take leadership in organising different community and service activities. Different initiatives have been put in place by the SRC, House Captains, tuck-shop team, and CAS groups, all aimed at enriching the experiences of the students and the community at large. We continue to provide opportunities to the students for growth in this area.



Residences

Several students from the residences were among the team that travelled to Nairobi for the Expressive Arts Department academic trip. Feedback from the students shows that a lot was learnt. The places they visited included theatres, art galleries, and Kenyatta University Fine Arts Department among many other places.

This weekend, we have about 45 students travelling to Nairobi for a basketball tournament. We wish them safety and success in the competition. In addition, some Hindu students have organised the Garba Night to share some of their cultural celebrations. We wish the Hindu students attending the Diwali festivals, a good time and Happy Diwali to the entire Hindu community.

The events in the coming weeks include, Zawadi Bazaar, Suso sport event and residential cultural night.

Diploma Programme

DP2s are running the race of their lives right now. Their university applications are being processed and submitted, early decision applications have been uploaded in Naviance along with their personal statements, supplements, recommendation letters and evaluation forms. University representatives, such as those we hosted from the University of British Columbia (UBC) last week, have been visiting and interacting with the students. Incredibly, university acceptance offers have already started pouring in.

Their Extended Essay final drafts are in, and IAs in various subjects have also come in. The last leg of weekly cycle tests are now on, but beginning to wind down - so that the focus can shift to preparation for their Pre-Mock exams in January. So as they say, right now the heat is really on.

The DP1s have settled into their subjects, and are now beginning to experience the depth and scope of their chosen premises in earnest. They had a formal initiation to the Extended Essay towards the end of October. They too are receiving exposure to university processes through sessions with the University Counselling team, and through interactions with university representatives in fairs and visits. The last SAT exams were held in the last week of October, in which some of them participated. They have been given an immersive induction into their CAS Projects and portfolio generation and are also gearing up for the DP1 play, with auditions underway. They are also gearing up for the November exams that will assess their immersion and growth in the Diploma Programme tangibly and holistically for the first time.

Together, the DP2s and DP1s watched a performance of 'Death and the Maiden' at the Little Theater Club on 30 October, as an extension of their curriculum since they are all doing the play in their course.

Middle Years Programme

The main focus right now is the Year 10 Mock Personal Project Exhibition which is going on today. For the first time, the Year 10s are sharing what they have been working on for the last eight months with other students and teachers. This is a significant part of the PP journey which gives them valuable feedback as they prepare to write and submit their first draft report. We hope they will have a good learning experience, and appreciate the support of their parents in this process.

Staff Update

The Head librarian, Mr. Apollo Abung'u left the school at the end of October after being with us for four months due to family reasons which the school understood and accepted to release him. We are in the process of interviewing and identifying his replacement. The operations of the Senior School Library are going on well under our two librarians, Ms. Joyce Wangari and Ms. Phylis Nyariki

Ms. Fatuma Ibrahim, our Kiswahili teacher has proceeded for her maternity leave and in her place, we have recruited Ms. Cecilia Mwakughu to teach all her classes. Given her enthusiasm and drive, we are confident that she will settle down quickly and pick up from Ms. Fatuma left.

Upcoming events

6th November - DP1 examination timetable released to students

6th November - Year 10 PP Mock exhibition

13th November - Swimming gala

17th November - Personal Project 1st draft report submitted by year 10s

20th November - Year 8 inventions day by Humanities department

23rd November - Rotation of Expressive Arts and Design subjects for year 6 to 8.
Rotation of year 8 sciences

24th to 27th November - DP1 November Examinations

27th November - Green day

4th December - Lip Sync competition

5th December - Zawadi Bazaar

Please note we would like you to join us during the Swimming gala. Year 8 inventions day and the Zawadi Bazaar.

Have an enjoyable weekend!



Kind regards,
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