



30<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the last session of Semester two, we hope students had a restful break with family and friends. As we begin this session, we would like to share with you some of the achievements or events that happened before the April break. We celebrate and congratulate everyone involved for their achievements.

### Golden Climate

Six of our students attended the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of Global Climate Competition 2019 that took place in Light Academy Karen, Nairobi on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. This is the sixth year our school is participating in the Science Olympiad – The largest East and Central Africa Science Competition dubbed “Raising a Global generation to achieve a Golden Climate”. The Competition brought together young people from 20 countries.

The students made us proud again in the 2019 Science Olympiad. Their mastery of subject area, presentation and communication skills as well as courage during presentation was outstanding in the midst of very stiff competition. We congratulate the following students for their great performance:

1. Saloni Patel Year 10 –Awarded Gold medal and US\$100 in the Engineering Category with Project Titled “Solar Breeze”
2. Tamara Werle DP1 –Awarded Silver medal in the Agriculture Category with Project Titled “Use of wood ash and coffee grounds as organic fertilizer to neutralize soil acidity to enhance plant growth”
3. Alina Rattanshi Year 10-Awarded Silver medal in the Energy Category with Project Titled “Solar Powered Umbrella”
4. Juliana Kidde Year 10- Awarded Bronze medal in the Environmental Design category with Project Titled “Eco-friendly Container Housing made of cost effective and Easy to find Materials”
5. Aly Jasani year 10-Awarded Bronze medal in Engineering Category with project Titled “Eco-friendly Fabric as an alternative to plastic”
6. Sara Janmohamed DP1-Awarded Bronze in the Energy category with project Title “Use of Cow dung as an alternative source of biomass to reduce emission of methane into the atmosphere and to reduce cutting down of mangrove forest along East African Coastline”

### Visit by Prince Ali

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019, Prince Ali visited the Academy for the first time and it was an honor to host him. He was received by the Director of the Academies; Mr. Salim Bhatia, Head of Academy, Ms. Alison Hampshire, Principal Senior School, Mr. Francis Kariuki and two student ambassadors, Anais Shalita and Marco Adriko.



He had an opportunity to interact with students during the school tour, presentations of projects and discussion forums. He learnt a lot about the Academy through this and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to visit.

### **Official opening of the refurbished amphitheater**

Our refurbished amphitheatre was officially opened on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and featured some of the best student performances. In attendance was the Academies Unit, as well as some of our partners, sponsors and friends of the Academy - VIP guests who work closely with our External Affairs department.

One of the key architects involved in the design of our Academy, Mr. Farouk Noormohamed, from Canada graced the occasion and talked a bit about the concept and process of revamping the amphitheatre.



### **TEDxYouth@AKAMombasa**

On Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, a team of Diploma Program students organized the third annual TEDxYouth@AKAMombasa event at the Academy. This event featured a combination of student speakers and performers from AKAM as well as external established professionals who spoke on a range of topics from sustainable farming developments to youth management of personal finances to establishing individuality with one's identity. This year's theme was 'One in a Billion: A Piece of the Puzzle' which referred to the African population crossing the billion mark and how, as individuals and societies, we contribute to pushing the envelope forward. We are very proud of the event that took place as it is the epitome of community collaboration. We want to thank our sponsors who helped make this dream a reality. For details about the sponsors, please see brochure attached.

## Global Education and Skills Forum 2019

The Global Education and Skills Forum is organized by Varkey Foundation bringing together leaders from the public, private and social sectors seeking solutions to achieving education, equity and employment for all. Our school was invited for this forum in Dubai and one of our DP1 students, Ziyaan Virji was selected to present his project. He was accompanied by Mr. Godfrey Kokeyo and members of the Academies unit were also in attendance. Ziyaan represented the school very well and placed The Aga Khan Academies in the Global map with focus on how to change the world. He gave a very powerful talk on reusable Sanitary Towels for Girls in The Dragons Den for Change session. His goal being to impact girls globally through his project in a sustainable way hence bring change to the world.

Ziyaan was also one of the three speakers during a second session on Student agency. The other two speakers in this session were 2017 and 2018 Global Teacher prize top ten finalists. Ziyaan led the discussion very well and was seen to be very knowledgeable and confident. It is worth noting that it is in this forum where Peter Tabichi from Kenya got The Global Teacher award 2019 and also in attendance was Dr. Maina Gioko our Vice Principal PD and Outreach who was one of the top 50 finalist of the same award.

## Sports

There were many activities that the students took part in and performed very well. For details, please see attached the sports update.

## Personal project in the news

Mahek Shah, Year 10 was recently featured in two newspapers 'The Asian Weekly' and "Nairobiian" for her personal project called Wings For Women. This is an initiative to spread awareness about the pilot career to teenage girls in Kenya. She hopes during the summer holiday to expand her project much further by spreading awareness about other careers in the Aviation Industry such as Cabin Crew, Aircraft Maintenance among others in our school and other schools as well.

## DP1 CAS Trip – Prague, Czech Republic

During the Easter break (16<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> April, 2019), 26 DP 1 students accompanied by Ms. Kainat, Ms. Kauthar and Mr. Menzah were in Prague-Czech Republic for a CAS students' global exchange programme organized by CAS Trips organization based in Prague. Our students interacted and collaborated with their colleagues from the following schools:

Colegio La Colina-Colombia Colegio Arji- Mexico Beijing World Academy- China Pathways Noida- India	Westminster Academy- UK US Neustadt- Germany Colegio Terranova- Ecuador University Laboratory School- USA
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Some of the activities they engaged in were:

1. Tours to different places within Prague to understand the rich history and culture, such as: visit to Kutna Hora (Bone Chapel) & early church, Terezin concentration camp, Street art tour
2. CAS experiences: urban organic farming, yoga session, Novy prostor Magazine Challenge, Design disco, Homeless cooking Challenge, bobsledding, Prague treasure hunt, art challenge among others
3. CAS Projects: Change makers challenge



Our students engaged meaningfully in all these experiences, connecting their AKA Mombasa CAS experiences with these and getting inspired to make CAS interesting and fun, a huge opportunity to grow personal skills/ talents and excite students to try out new interests.

Through the Change makers' challenge project design, our students developed project ideas they would like to try out such as: waste management, dealing with mental health among others back in our community. Students were challenged to develop these projects and trial them by November 2019 and submit videos of the process to CAS Trips. Successful ones will win an all-expense paid trip to New York, Medellin or Prague for presentation.

Apart from the CAS learning, students were able to connect this experience with other subject areas such as Individuals and societies (History- WW1 & WW2), ESS, Art, Theatre, TOK among others.

## Upcoming events

- Year 9 trip – 30<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019
- DP2 Final exams – 6<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019
- Year 10 Final Onscreen Examinations – 14<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019
- DP Senior Ball – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019
- Graduation ceremony – DP2 – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019
- Year 10 Prom – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018
- Year 10 Awards ceremony – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Kind regards,



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

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