



18th November 2017

Dear Parents,

In the last three weeks, the Senior School community has been engaged in various activities across academic, enrichment, sports, service and residential programmes. We would like to share the achievements so far realized.

Student Life

We are proud to note that your children have continued to develop their intellectual, physical and intellectual competencies in the few weeks after the October break and we know that their success is guaranteed largely with a focused reflection on the goals set for the year.

House Events

Falcons house emerged the overall winners of the athletic events that took place on Friday 10th November 2017. We congratulate them for their team spirit, resilience and superb organization. Details of the event are in the sports update attachment.

Maths and Science competition was held yesterday, Friday 17th November and Falcon house won the event. We congratulate Falcons especially for winning two events on a row.

Leadership

Several events were recently organized by some of the year level SRC representatives. Some of them are bonding evenings designed to build cohesive teams that are geared towards success. For example for year 10, the SRC leadership team organized a bonding activity on Friday 10th November 2017 from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

SRC also hosted Garba Night yesterday Friday 17th November in the evening to celebrate the different cultures.



The SUSO student organizers of the Ubuntu football festival (UFF) demonstrated their amazing organization and planning skills in executing a successful event. We congratulate all the student leaders for facilitating such activities. To us, this is leadership which strives to teach students service beyond self and impacting others for the better. The event was featured in Coast week publication. We also would like to congratulate the girl's team from Tana block who won the girls U19 category.



Residences

Collaborating and learning from peers and student leaders offers a great insight and richness to our residential programme. The dessert nights, the Sunday excursions and the family dinners are programmes that provide opportunities for interactions outside school as students take stock of their achievements.

Enrichment / Service Learning

Enrichment programmes enable students to realise their potential in a variety of settings beyond the classroom while service learning extends the educational experience beyond the classroom, informing students of the real-world implications of their studies. We encourage parents to constantly have conversations and inspire students in these aspects.

Sports

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

Diploma Programme

DP2

Most subjects are moving towards completion as far as syllabus coverage is concerned, as are most internal assessment domains.

The Extended Essay Final draft from all students was submitted on Monday the 13th of November, while Final TOK presentations were completed on 13th and 14th November. CAS portfolios containing validated and signed copies of all their reflections which cover the 3 strands of Creativity, Activity and Service and the 7 learning outcomes were also reviewed by advisors and every student is on the way to fulfilling all requirements soon.

With these two heavyweights off their backs, students will now be able to focus all their energies on revising for their forthcoming Pre-Mock examinations which commence on 27th November and conclude on 4th December 2017.

University application related processes continue to take up some of their dedicated time still, since this is a crucial period in that context.

DP1

Students are now gearing up for their first DP examinations which will commence on 28th November and conclude on the 1st of December.

So the primary focus now is on scaffolding their subject specific learning and examination taking skills. Also pivotal is time management and learning how best to plan a study schedule.

Subject teachers and mentors are at hand to guide students through this process. The academic support sessions are an effective window to attend to these needs.

It is very important for students to pay keen attention to the university application guidelines and instructions and sessions provided by the University Counsellors now. Otherwise too much will pile up when they are in DP2.

The DP1 Annual Production, the musical “Aida” has been rescheduled for the 12th of January, keeping in mind the examinations, and the need for more readiness time.

Middle Years Programme

Year 7

On Friday 3rd November, the SRC representatives, Kaleem Adamjee, Brandon Kanyerezi, Kulthum Kithi and Sonakshi Roy organized a pool party at the swimming pool for the bonding event with their peers. It went well and the students had fun playing water polo and other water sports before enjoying some snacks together.

For PSHE, the students have started a new set of units ‘building character’ where they will be talking about gossip and rumours, values such as honesty, integrity and respect.

The Year 7 trip to Watamu will take place between 22nd November and 23rd November 2017. They will be going to Temple Point Resort in Watamu for experiential learning and bonding.

Year 8



They started the annual video conferences with schools in other parts of the world as part of their PSHE work on dialogue. They will be doing a total of six video conferences over the course of Friday 17th and Monday 20th November. Video Conferences held on Friday focused on the theme of festivals with discussion points focusing on:

1. The favourite festival of each student and an explanation on why this festival is especially significant for the student and the community.
2. The connection between the festivals that the communities celebrate and the values, faith and beliefs that the students and the communities they belong to and hold.

Video Conferences on Monday will focus on the theme of identity

The year 10 students had their PP mock exhibition on Friday 3/11/2017. The students had a chance to showcase their projects and get feedback from students, teachers and parents. The event was meant to help them improve in preparation for the main exhibition coming up in February.



Upcoming events

- 22nd - 24th November – Year 7 Watamu trip
- 25th November – Residential cultural night
- 27th November – 4th December – DP2 Pre-Mock examination
- 28th November – 1st December – DP1 November examination
- 1st December – Lip Sync House competition
- 2nd December – Zawadi Bazaar
- 8th December – Last day of school before December break

Have an enjoyable weekend!

Kind regards,



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Principal, Senior School

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