



14th May 2017

Dear Parents,

The last three weeks were focused on final preparations for examinations for all students beginning with DP2, then year 10, DP1 and finally year 6 to 9. In addition, preparations for the graduation ceremony for diploma class of 2017 are well underway and we hope to have a memorable occasion for our graduates.

Diploma Programme

DP2

The final IB Diploma examinations are well and truly underway for the DP2s with two weeks done, and only a week remaining. We can already see palpable sighs of relief in most of their faces. Some students have actually completed their examination for papers for their subject combinations were concentrated within the first two weeks. We are sure the remaining week shall pass peacefully and with equanimity. The examinations will conclude on the 19th May in the morning. Let us all continue wishing them all the very best.

The DP2s also have their biggest event coming up – the Graduation Ceremony, on Saturday 20th May 2017, at 10 am, in the Commons. Rehearsals and preparations in all areas are going on well. The pre-graduation photoshoot took place and below are some photos of our graduates. The Graduation Ceremony will be preceded by the Senior Ball, which will take place on Friday 19th in the evening.





With an eye on their academic future, we are happy to see that many of the DP2 students have garnered college placements with substantial scholarships in prestigious universities across the globe. So far the following have been confirmed:

Ivy Akinyi - New York University, Abu Dhabi (full scholarship)
Zoya Mohsin - Cornell University (high level of financial aid)
Inaara Gangji - Northwestern University, Qatar (high level of financial aid)
Alim Khoja - University of Alberta - Aga Khan Academy Scholarship (full scholarship)
Aftab Hirani - University of Toronto - Lester B. Pearson International Scholarship (full scholarship)
Nihaal Shavdia - University of Victoria - Aga Khan Academy Scholarship (full scholarship)
Noorin Pattni - York University - International Entrance Scholarship (almost full)
Danish Jamal - Clarkson University (high level of financial aid)
Ekirikubinza Tibatemwa - Grinnell College (high level of financial aid)
Salim Abdallah - Ontario Tuition Waiver Program
Muriuki Njonjo - Ontario Tuition Waiver Program
Muslima Niyozmamadova - Ontario Tuition Waiver Program
Nafisa Rahimjonova - Ontario Tuition Waiver Program
Zarina Mamadbekova - Ontario Tuition Waiver Program
Ganjina Vanjova - Ontario Tuition Waiver Program
Mordecai Ngonge (Class of 2016) - Ontario Tuition Waiver Program

DP1

The DP1s have started the May examinations which will conclude next week. These examinations are crucial since they contribute significantly to the overall DP1 performance which is used come up with predicted grades that will be used for university application. They are also immersing themselves deeper into their internal assessments and the core elements of the Extended Essay (EE), Theory of Knowledge (TOK), and Creativity, Action and Service (CAS).

Student Life

Enrichment

The third round of the enrichment programme started on 8th May after students selected their activities the previous week. There was a small break due to May examinations but will resume next week. Please find as an attachment the enrichment schedule.

Student Representative Council (SRC) elections

It was time for elections of the students' council Presidents and the executive after a whole year of serving the students. The nomination process, campaigns and elections were conducted in accordance to the SRC constitution. All candidates and their supporters conducted themselves very well and the students experienced a democratic process. At the end of the process, the following students were elected.

SRC Presidents

Female President: Arzoo Rajpar
Male President: Stephen Githakwa

SRC Executive

Action Executive: Edgar Wangira
Citizenship Executive: Luke Ouko
Expression Executive: Joy Abuto
Academic Executive: (To be filled Next Academic Year)

We congratulate them for winning the elections and getting an opportunity to be their leaders

Sports

Please find attached an update on sports

Middle Years Programme

The Year 10 students embarked on their onscreen examinations on Tuesday 9th May 2017. So far, the examinations have been running smoothly. They continue next week and will conclude on Friday 19th 2017 in the afternoon. We wish the Year 10 students all the best.

Year 6 to 9 successfully completed their May examination on Friday 12th May and will resume their normal lessons next week.

Upcoming events

- 19th May – Inter-house Music Competition
- 19th May – Senior Ball – DP2
- 20th May – Graduation ceremony – DP2
- 21st May – Year 10 prom
- 22nd May – Year 10 Portfolio of achievement celebration
- 22nd to 27th May – Presidential Awards Scheme trip
- 23rd May – Year 10 Careers day
- 24th to 27th May – Year 10 Tsavo trip
- 26th May – May Examination reports released
- 29th May – Year 10 Awards Ceremony

Have a wonderful week!

Kind regards,



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