



9th June 2017

Dear Parents,

The last four weeks can be considered to have been a time of transition where various activities marking an end of a journey took place such as completion of final examinations by year 10 and DP2 students; graduation ceremonies for the same cohorts, DP2 Senior Ball and year 10 Prom. It was also an important time for the rest of the students as they sat for May examinations. The results of the examinations were released and it has been time to assess the performance of the students. The attention has now shifted to finishing the 2016 17 academic year strong.

Plans for 2017 18 academic year are also underway as indicated by the release of the calendar. More information will be released in the month of July. Admission into Senior school has been going on across a number of year groups but mainly at year 6 and DP1. Other activities such subject selection for students joining year 9 are underway with meetings with students and parents taking place this week.

At the same time the Kenya Music Festival started early this year and our school, has participated in the Sub-county, County and Regional competitions in the last two weeks posting impressive results. The school emerged as the Coast region champions by scooping **16** first places, **2** second places, **1** fifth place and **1** seventh place for items covering both Junior school and Senior School students. This means the school will present about 20 items which includes direct entries at the national level to be held in Kakamega County in July 2017. We congratulate the students, choral director, Mr. Phillip Agutu and the Music department for this commendable achievement. We thank the parents for the continued support. We wish them all success at the national level. Please find attached the breakdown of the results.

We would like to remind parents whose children walk to school to ensure that there is someone who ensures they are safe along the way to school and back home.

Diploma Programme

The DP2 journey is now over, barring their final results – which they will be able to access on 6th July. As always, we miss them immensely. The campus is quieter, the dining hall is bereft of the usual happy chaos, the university counseling office is less of a madhouse now – and that familiar face you expect at a certain point in the day in a certain place is no longer there. We still look for them, our habits of mind being on auto pilot. But as the tired old cliché goes – change is the only constant – and these students are now on their way to broader horizons and bigger dreams – and choice universities. We wish them well, as memories of the Final Examinations, Graduation Day and the Prom continue to crowd all of us. It is at a time like this that you bless the digital revolution, and find the internet such a boon. We remain connected.





Their successors, the DP1s, are beginning to now take their role as the senior most class a little more seriously. Having done their May examinations, they eagerly look forward to finding out where they stand academically in terms of tangible measuring yardsticks like their grades in the examinations, and also across the semester and the year – which will play a huge role in deciding their Predicted Grades for university applications, come September.

Related to that, the DP1s just had their “EE Days” – a two day stint entirely and exclusively dedicated to the Extended Essay. This took place on 31st May and 2nd June (1st June being a holiday). Day 1 had them first attending a plenary session which was largely instructional and laid down the tone for the rest of the event. This was followed by the students attending individual meetings with their supervisors and filling in their worksheets. Then they worked on cementing and finalizing their summer 1st draft writing plans. On day 2 each student made a presentation to a dedicated panel of teachers, on mandated slides – about their EE journey thus far and their road map for the remainder of the journey.

DP1 students followed this up with their Group 4 field trip to the coast on Monday, 5th June. They collected requisite data and source material to come back and run their experiments. On day two, that is 6th June, they made presentations on their findings to their teachers and other invited faculty members.



A team of 12 DP1 students from group 3 subjects (Individuals and Societies) have gone for a 4 day educational tour to Rwanda which started 7th June. We have been receiving updates from them as seen in the photo. Please find attached first reflection from the students.

So as we can see, the last lap of the academic year is a steep, rigorous and eventful one.

Middle Years Programme

On Monday 22nd May, the students presented their portfolio of achievement to show how they have walked in their 4 years MYP program. Many gave insightful reflections on the achievements and challenges they have met which have contributed immensely to preparing them for the DP work and other programs they are venturing into after year 10.

On 23rd May, we had a career day which was graced by prominent personalities most of whom are our parents. Special thanks to Justice Eric Ogola, Eng. John Kyalo, Dr. Atham Biasha, and Mr Deche amongst other guests who excited the students so much with their speeches and brought the various careers into context for them.

From 24th - 27th May, 38 students from year 10 and 4 teachers went to Tsavo Camp Kenya site for a three night camp out to cool down from the pressure of the exams they had just finished.

On the first day the students were quite low because they thought they were going to stay in a five star hotel, only to find some tents in a bush. After facing the reality that they were there for a camp, to do some community and service work and to interact with nature, they embraced the correct

attitude and forgot the first day with big flying beetles and cold showers



For the community and service work, they dug foundations for a new classroom for the school and painted the walls. Many students held a Jembe for the first time, a few did not like it at first but after a while they were happy with it. They did it so enthusiastically that a number of them wanted the videos sent to their parents as evidence that they were tough and strong. Later on the same day we had a football match with the school and they drew 1-1.

We crowned the day by going up the hill and everybody successfully reached the top and back. It was a great fun!

The year 9 students visited Coast Bottlers plant in Mtwapa for their Science trip where they learnt the science behind preparation and packaging of soda and Juices.

Student Life

The month of May 2017 was the most active with several events taking place in the school. The month will be remembered for external examinations for candidate classes and internal examinations for our continuing classes. It is worth noting that everything went on smoothly throughout the entire period. The results of the examination were released earlier and we hope you have had conversations with your children reflecting on their performance. As a community, we wish all those fasting, Happy Ramadhan.

Candidate Classes

Traditionally, several events have been organized for the candidate classes. The DP2's Prom took place on the 19th May 2017 in Fort Jesus and that of the Year 10's was organized within campus on 21st May 2017. Both events were most appreciated and memorable for the candidates. The

highlight of all these was the DP2's colourful graduation ceremony that was well attended and celebrated by the entire AKA, M family. The year 10 honours awards ceremony and the awarding of the MYP certificate of completion took place on 29th May 2017. In all these, we are confident that the values instilled, knowledge acquired and the opportunities they got while at the Academy will ensure that they succeed in their next chapter of learning.

House Events

We have one more house event before the summer break. On 26th May 2017, Eagle house emerged the winners in the most competitive house music competition. Hawks were second, Ravens third and Falcons fourth. The last event will be the sports competition. The overall winner of all house competitions will be awarded a trophy on the last day school assembly.

Residential Life

The residential programme continues to engage the students in different activities that are both fun and rewarding. The Saturday events have witnessed a variety of activities organized by the dorm captains to ensure physical, intellectual and spiritual development in our students. The family dinners, desert nights in city mall, excursions, sailing, sports nights, and dance evenings are some of the activities that our students have been engaged in. All these events will culminate in the final residential awards ceremony on 17th June 2017

Student Leadership

Leadership opportunities instil in participants, a sense of community ownership, creativity, a collaborative spirit and prepare them for a lifetime of active engagement and leadership. Student leadership opportunities provide students with an environment to explore and enhance skills such as cooperation and problem solving. We congratulate all those who presented themselves for leadership opportunities and were not successful. Join me in congratulating the following students for the position elected / appointed to;

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Female President: Arzoo Rajpar

Block 4 (Athi)

Male President: Stephen Githakwa

Nestor Mokuwa

Action Executive: Edgar Wangira

Renish Kanjiyani

Citizenship Executive: Luke Ouko

Expression Executive: Joy Abuto

Block 5 (Tsavo)

Carlos D'sa

Imran Mbowa

Dorm Captains Positions

Block 1 (Mara)

Elya Djaffer

Nekbakht Alibekova

Block 6 (Yala)

Drish Asher

Tuck-Shop Positions

Block 2 (Nzoia)

Amelia Kezaabu

CEO: Muthaira Sheikh

HR: Anjiya Lakhani

Procurement: Ria Devani

Block 3 (Tana)

Tabreek Somani

Anzhela Mirzoeva

Media and Marketing: Neel Nandha

Finance: Aalin Thayani

Events: Wahaab Ali

Other Events

The other events that happened or are currently ongoing include; the Year 10's Tsavo trip, participation of our students in the rackets and music county competitions, and basketball training/scouting for the regional championships.



The year level bonding evenings brings together both the residential and day students to celebrate talents and share experiences in a relaxed setting.

Today, Friday 9th June 2017, our school choir was privileged to perform the national anthem and other pieces during the unveiling of the latest technology on heart disease by Her Excellence the First Lady Margaret Kenyatta when she officially launched the Cardiology Programme at the Aga Khan Hospital, Mombasa. This was in the presence of Her Highness Princess Zahra Aga Khan.



Sports Update

In sports, our students have been actively involved in various activities as outlined in the Sports update document attached.

Upcoming events

15th June – Sports Award Gala

16th June – Inter-house Sports Competition

20th June – Semester 2 Awards ceremony

22nd June – Year 9 Play

23rd June – Annual awards ceremony and school closes (12pm). Residential parents should make travel plans 2 hours after the end of school day if school transport will be required.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,



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Principal, Senior School