

Brookhouse School

the **weekly**
BULLETIN

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'In the words of
**SERVANT
LEADERS'**

*"Sometimes when you get disappointment
it makes you stronger".*

David Rudisha

ADMIN NOTES

TELEPHONE LINES

Please use the following numbers to contact the school:

Wireless lines

020 243 0260
020 243 0261-3
020 243 0265
020 243 0266

REPORTS AVAILABLE ON-LINE

In order to facilitate further communication with our parents, Brookhouse has established an online portal on our school website (www.brookhouse.ac.ke).

This gives parents an opportunity to access their child's records, including current academic reports and transcripts, securely over the internet.

To ensure full privacy and confidentiality of records, access is password protected and parents can only view the records of their own child/children. In order to access this facility, please register by sending your name, child/children names and class to online@brookhouse.ac.ke

From The Director ...

Last week Brookhouse had the great honour to announce our seventh Patron of the School, David Rudisha. David came to assembly on Monday morning and stayed to watch the entirety of *Beauty and the Beast!* Patrons at Brookhouse represent the very best servant leadership qualities in their field of endeavour and are role models for our children to emulate. In David's case, his sporting prowess as a world record holder and two time Olympic gold medallist are impressive; more so, he demonstrates the humility and quiet determination that sets him apart from other, more flashy contemporaries in the sporting world. My great appreciation to David for joining the Brookhouse family as our seventh patron.

As I listened to the wonderful achievements of our students this term at final assembly, it occurred to me that genuine servant leadership role models are more important now than ever before as we look beyond the petty divisiveness of a Trump presidency in January 2017. All the more reason why, at this festive time of year, I wish the entire Brookhouse community a safe and enjoyable holiday, and all the joys of the Christmas Season.

Mr John O'Connor,
Director

BROOKHOUSE PATRONS



Dr Moody Awori,
Former Vice President



Dr Eddah Gachukia,
Educationist



Henry Wanyoike,
Paralymnian



David Rudisha,
Olympic Athlete



Dr Mary Okelo,
Educationist



Dr Manu Chandaria,
Industrialist



Tegla Loroupe,
Athlete and Peace activist

NOTES FOR THE WEEK

- **End-of-term:** BTEC, Secondary and Prep students performed a variety of Christmas songs at Wednesday's Carols Evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Our thanks to the Music Department for organising the event and congratulations to all those who took part. The Boarding community also enjoyed a festive end to the term as the annual Christmas dinner took place this week; our thanks go to Mr Omasire, the Boarding team and the catering staff for arranging this gathering. Another vote of gratitude goes to Miss Curley and the Sports staff for the organisation and smooth running of the Inter-House events this week; the Inter-House football and basketball were the focus of much healthy competition on Thursday as the four Houses battled it out to win the last competition of 2016. Well done to all the students who represented Mara, Tsavo, Amboseli and Samburu Houses.
- **Final Assembly:** took place on Friday 9th December and was a review of the many and varied activities that have taken place this term. It was very pleasing to see so many students being awarded academic, sports and Arts prizes. We also had wonderful musical entertainment from the School Choir and the BTEC students. Our grateful thanks to Mr Mulindi and Ms Forsyth for hosting, Mrs Wasonga and Mrs Madahana for the entertaining Inter-House presentations, and all the staff and students who contributed to final assembly.
- **End-of-term Grades:** were distributed at Parent Consultations on Thursday and Friday. IGCSE Mock examination timetables have also been distributed, and I encourage parents to go through the detail of the sequence of papers with their children. With the holidays upon us, candidates have been reminded of the importance of utilising a sensible portion of the Christmas break for timely revision in preparation for Mock papers next term.
- **Round Square:** Mr Ng'ang'a has published the information for the upcoming 2017 conferences in this bulletin. As places on the student delegations for these trips will fill very fast, please see him for further details as soon as possible. Next term our students participate in the Africa Regional Conferences at St Andrew's Turi and ISK in Nairobi, amongst others further afield, providing students with an opportunity to participate in a conference without extensive travel.
- **Art Calendar:** the 2017 Brookhouse calendar features images of 'architecture that inspires' taken by members of the Secondary Photography Club. Distribution details are in this bulletin.
- **The Brookshop:** is open and Ms Mwangi will continue to update parents on the same. Both new and second-hand uniform and some stationery items are available.

With kind regards,
Ms Kelly Taberham,
Bulletin Coordinator

KEY DATES FOR NEXT TERM

Please note the following for the new academic year:-

- Term 2 classes commence on Monday 9th January 2017.
- Term 2 half-term is one week from Saturday 18th – Sunday 26th February, inclusive.
- Term 2 concludes at lunchtime on Friday 7th April 2017.

ADMIN NOTE

Parents are reminded that fees for Term Two are due at the commencement of term on Monday 9th January 2017. For examination candidates, it is required that both examination fees and all other fees in arrears are cleared prior to the examinations period. As per Board Policy, only examination candidates who have cleared fees can be registered for examinations. I appreciate the full support of all parents in addressing the above, and thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

Ms Clara Mwangi,
Deputy Director

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Members of the Model United Nations have been preparing for the conferences which will be held early next year. The MSMUN conference will run from 24th to 27th January 2017, while the EAMUN will take place between 20th and 24th February 2017. Both conferences will take place at UNON in Gigiri. All students are expected to dress officially throughout the conferences. Preparations for both conferences will continue once we open for Term 2 and more communication will be given as we draw closer to the conferences.

**Mrs Lucy Ayodo,
MUN Patron**

CHRISTMAS CAROLS EVENING





As you may be aware Brookhouse School is a Global member of the prestigious Round Square network of schools worldwide (www.roundsquare.org). As part of the Round Square IDEALS students from Round Square member schools are encouraged to attend Young Round Square (YRS), Junior, Regional and International Conferences.

The following conferences are available for students in 2017:-

Regional Conference

For 11 -13 year olds

Hosted at

Mayo College

India

8th – 14th January 2017

Regional Conference

For 14 -15 year olds

Hosted at

St. Andrew's Turi

Kenya

12th - 16th February 2017

Regional Conference

For 15 - 18 year olds

Hosted at

International School of Kenya (ISK)

Kenya

22nd – 27th March 2017

International Conference

For 15 - 18 year olds

Hosted by

Bridge House School, St George's Grammar School

& St. Cyprian's School

Cape Town, South Africa

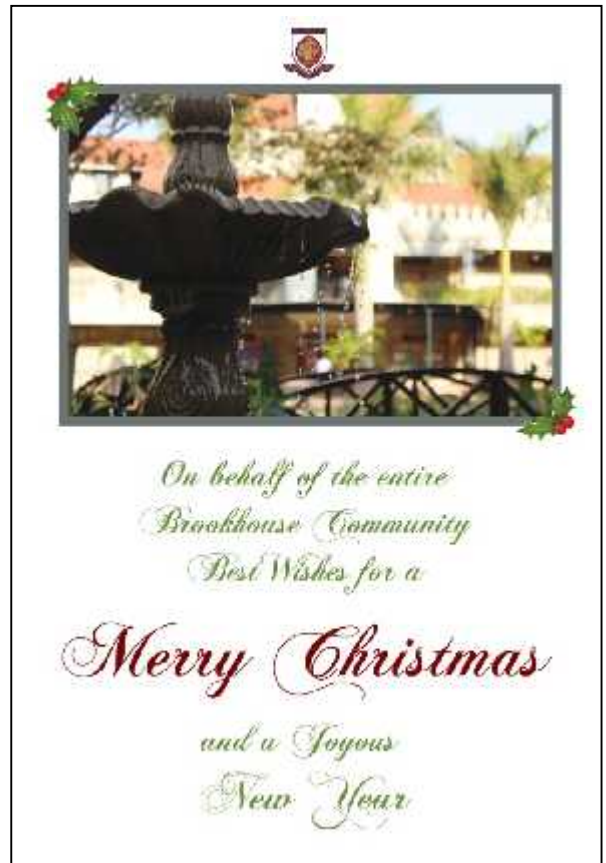
29th September - 5th October 2017

I encourage all students and their parents to consider these wonderful educational opportunities. A conference delegation is typically six students and places fill up very fast, so please contact me at the Round Square office for costing and further details.

Mr Willie Ng'ang'a,
Senior Round Square Rep



Brookhouse Students at Kuwinda



INSPIRE CAMBRIDGE SUMMER SCHOOL: 10th – 21st JULY 2017

University of Cambridge tutors will again run the 'Inspire Cambridge' Summer School, hosted by Brookhouse School in July 2017. Those attending will have an exciting opportunity to interact with tutors from Cambridge University, without having to travel to the UK for a summer school experience. The participants will also be exposed to courses that are designed to develop knowledge and understanding required for the 21st Century, and are linked to the Round Square learning philosophy of Kurt Hahn. From the course, they will develop skills in self-awareness, independent learning and higher order thinking skills. The ten day programme runs from 8.30am to 3.15pm, Monday 10th to Friday 21st July 2017. Morning classes cover challenging past syllabus material as well as an introduction to relevant new material. Students will also be exposed to the kind of academic skills they will be required to demonstrate to secure a place in a top university. Afternoon sessions allow students and tutors to work together on an extended project. This programme sets the Summer School apart from regular schooling and it is intended to show aspiring students what the whole process of applying to Oxbridge or the Ivy League really involves in terms of critical thinking skills and academic acumen. In small study groups, students spend each day working with tutors from Cambridge University and this assists the students with confidence and familiarity when making future university applications. The programme targets 13-17 year olds, where a mixed curriculum is provided for the younger group (13-15 year olds) and three distinct disciplines of Arts, Sciences and Humanities are available for the older group (15-17 year olds). The full cost of the course is US \$800 which includes participation fee, meals and transport within the Nairobi area from designated pick-up points. For further details, please contact Mr Nyaga, the Summer School Coordinator at: summerschool@brookhouse.ac.ke

Mr Andrew Kimwele,
Director of Studies

LANGUAGES TRIP TO SWITZERLAND – APRIL 2017

Brookhouse School is organising a joint Languages and skiing trip to Switzerland to take place in April 2017. During the trip our students will have a chance to improve on their Language skills (specifically French, German, Spanish and Chinese) and to take skiing and snowboarding lessons as well as visit a town in France, Germany or Spain. The students will spend one week in Verbier and will be accommodated at the ski resort centre. On the programme there are intensive three hour language classes each morning during the week, followed by ski or snowboarding lessons during the afternoon, and teambuilding activities in the evening; details of which are given in the letter issued to students.

After the ski trip the students will also have an opportunity to spend an additional three days of sightseeing in Paris, France or Munich, Germany or Barcelona, Spain.

The proposed dates for the trip are from the 8th to 20th April 2017. The trip is open to all Language students from Year 7 onwards.

**Mrs Dorothy Kyalo,
Head of Languages Faculty**


YEAR 11 WORK PLACEMENT IN JUNE 2017


Every year we organise for our students in Year 10-13 to go out for a two week period of work experience in an area of their career choice. This opportunity gives them hands-on experience as they make up their minds about their future career. This academic year, all Year 11 students will go on a compulsory school supervised two week work experience programme immediately after their final IGCSE examinations in June 2017. The students have started preparations through their weekly Citizenship lessons. We look forward to working closely with you in mentoring our students through providing them with an opportunity to learn the necessary skills to further their education and function successfully in the world of work. It is our hope that, should an opportunity avail itself in your institution, or any company that you know of, you will inform us so that we can arrange for our students to take up the challenge and consequently grow in experience. We look forward to hearing from you and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or Mrs Sanghani.

**Mr Eric Mulindi,
Head of Secondary**

IFY PARENTS EVENING



BROOKHOUSE SCHOOL 




Wall & Desk Calendar
2017

www.brookhouse.ac.ke

The photographs in this calendar were taken by Brookhouse students as part of their Photography Club project aimed at capturing architecture that inspires at Brookhouse School.

Architecture Inspires
@
BROOKHOUSE



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BROOKHOUSE ART CALENDAR 2017

A copy of the Brookhouse Art Calendar for 2017 has been sent home. The cost of the calendar is **Ksh 550/=**, and this will be added to the school Yearbook charge on fees for Term 2. If you would like more copies of the calendar, you can purchase them at the administration reception or at the Brookshop. Any parent not wishing to retain the calendar, should return it with the reply slip to Ms Alice Gakuu, secretary at the Admin office. We would like to acknowledge the excellent contributions of the following students who are part of the Photography Club: Levi Owino, Chloe Hallard, Nicole Ng'ang'a, Meheq Tundai, Talya Deetlefs and Amanda Beebe.

News from the Secondary School

Important Dates

2016 – 2017

Term 2

Sunday 8th January 2017

Boarders report to school

Monday 9th January 2017

Classes Commence @ 8.00pm

Friday 17th February 2017

Half Term Begins

Friday 17th April 2017

Term Ends

Term Calendars

Parents are reminded to consult the term calendar for dates and times of school events. Email reminders will be sent to parents about important events, but this is usually done only a few days in advance. If you prefer longer-term planning, please use your calendars.

From The Head of Secondary...

Last week marked the end of what has been a vibrant and successful first term of this academic year. We had an amazing Carols Evening on Wednesday with excellent displays of musical talent from our students and attended by many parents. Many thanks to the Music department for running this event successfully. It is pleasing to note that our IFY students have settled down and become well integrated with the rest of the student body. On Tuesday, we had a very informative IFY Parents evening and I look forward to their participation in other school engagements. The Inter-House football and basketball on Thursday had very competitive House spirit. Thanks to the Sports Faculty, team captains and House Supervisors for this event. The Parents Consultation sessions on Thursday and Friday were well attended. I extend my gratitude to the parents who were able to attend and discuss their children's progress with teachers. We also had a display of some of the Academic Extension Programme (AEP) projects that students worked on during this term. The projects covered all subject areas, including STEM and Art. My thanks to our AEP Coordinator, Mrs Bantu and all the teachers involved. I also wish to thank the Photography Club, run by Ms Taberham and Mr Ajode, for the outstanding exhibition of photos taken and developed by students during the term. As we take the Christmas break, I wish the entire Brookhouse Community a happy and prosperous New Year.

**Mr Eric Mulindi,
Head of Secondary School**

ENTRIES FOR MAY - JUNE 2017 EXAMINATIONS

Examination entries for candidates taking IGCSE, AS level and A2 level examinations in the May/June 2017 session started immediately after the half-term break. We have now keyed in all candidate details online. Students have been given early copies of their statements of entries for confirmation and correction of their names, date of birth and subject components. They are required to make any necessary corrections and return the same to the examinations office as soon as possible before we make the final submissions to the various examining boards. In the past, there have been cases of candidates using names other than those on official documents, such as passports and birth certificates. These later present problems as all institutions require certificates with names similar to those on these documents. All non-Kenyan nationals must attach a photocopy of their passport to the entry form. Candidates are expected to sit examinations in all the subjects they currently study. For more information on examinations You can contact us at exams@brookhouse.ac.ke.

**Mr Evans Ombui,
Examinations Manager**

TIMELY REMINDERS

MEDICAL FORMS

Parents are reminded that all Brookhouse students must have an up-to-date medical form on file. If you have not completed a medical form or if it needs updating, please contact Ms Annie Gitome, Health Manager, through email: agitome@brookhouse.ac.ke.

SCHOOL SECURITY

As part of our security provision at the school, all cars are required to display the Brookhouse sticker at all gates. Cars without a sticker will be subject to inspection. The 2016-2017 stickers are available from the Prep and Secondary receptions.

We request parents to ask their drivers to either remain in their cars or stand by their cars when waiting to collect the children. The drivers should be asked not to walk around the parking area or congregate in groups.

DRIVERS

Please ensure you get a form for your driver's details and a photo card will be issued to him/her. The forms are available in both Prep and Secondary receptions. All drivers will be required to show their ID cards when collecting children.

LOST ITEMS

We continue to accumulate a lot of lost property. It is important that all items your child brings to school are clearly labelled to facilitate return to the rightful owner. Any unclaimed items are donated to a local children's charity home after one year.

VALUABLES

Whilst every care is taken to ensure the security of valuables such as mobile phones, the school cannot accept responsibility for the safety of such items. Please do not send your child to school with expensive items, such as expensive models of mobile phones.

BOOKS

If a library or text book is lost, students are required to reimburse the school for the replacement cost of the book.

LATE BUS STOPS

Late bus stop locations are: Total Petrol Station - Langata Rd, Shell Petrol Station – Karen (Opp Big Square), Riara Road (Nakumatt) /Yaya/ Valley Arcade, Shell Petrol Station – Lavington and Sarit.

Ms Clara Mwangi,
Deputy Director

SPORTS REPORT



This term has been fantastic for sport. There have been many achievements on a team and individual basis, huge commitment to training, discipline within matches and most importantly a great display of sportsmanship by all.

The final week saw the Inter-House boys football and girls basketball competitions. It was fantastic to see so many of the students getting involved and if not playing, they were all cheering on the side, supporting their teams so positively. Eventual winners of both competitions were Mara House.

We now look forward to next season after the Christmas break. From the Sports department, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Miss Lisa Curley,
Head of Sports Faculty



THE BROOKSHOP

New and secondhand uniform is available. In addition, we have a range of other merchandise, from Brookhouse-branded clothing to umbrellas. Stationery and House T-shirts are also available.

The shop opens on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1.00pm to 3.30pm.

Ms Clara Mwangi,
Deputy Director



Brookhouse Calendar @ Ksh. 500/-

Branded Poloshirt @ Ksh. 950/-

Branded round neck t-shirt @ Ksh. 500/-

Branded bag @ Ksh. 600/-

Leisure Poloshirt @ Ksh. 2,900/- (Samurai)

Hoodie Brushed Fleece @ Ksh. 4000/-

Leisure round neck t-shirt @ Ksh. 2500/-

Jacket (Samurai) @ Ksh. 4500/-

Moulded Pencil

Printed 'Brookhouse' name

Branded swimming cap

Brookhouse Pen

FLASH DISKS

New 4gb Flash Disks in House Colours @ Ksh 2,350/= each.



'LITTLE BROOKIE' RHINO MASCOTS

The much loved "Little Brookie" rhinos are available in House T-shirts @ Ksh 350/= each from both the Secondary and Prep offices.



Brookhouse Polo T-shirt at Ksh 1,200/=



Brookhouse Car Stickers



JUMPERS:

Small size
Ksh 3,000/=

Medium size
Large size
Extra Large size
Ksh 4,000/=



Brookhouse wheel covers available at Ksh 2,500/=



Brookhouse Umbrella at Ksh 550/=



Brookhouse Swimming Bag at Ksh 450/=

News from the Prep School

2016 - 2017

Term 2

Sunday 8th January 2017

Boarders report to school

Monday 9th January 2017

Classes Commence @ 8.00pm



From The Head of Prep School...

The Carol Concert was a special event this year and before the concert began we showcased the Year 4 Band. They had all been learning an instrument using one Music lesson a week to get together and practice. The children have loved it and were very proud to perform in front of a very warm audience. We hope many will continue their music journey now. I hope you all have an enjoyable Christmas and we look forward to welcoming the students on 9th January 2017.

**Ms Michelle Forsyth,
Head of Preparatory School**



SPORTS REPORT

IAPS Athletics at Greensteds last Saturday wrapped up our sporting calendar for the term. Brookhouse put in one of its best performances ever, winning 5 gold Medals through Ethan Mugabe U13 boys shot Put, Dylan Miller U13 boys 800m, Carlton Karani U13 boys 1500m, Sydney Sossion U9 boys 200m and in U11 Boys 100m also with a new record by Mungilor Sankoh. Tasha Nganga got a silver medal in U11 Girls 1500m and Hera Milafu in U9 girls 200m with Ibrahim Conteh clinching a bronze medal in the U13 boys 100m. Others who performed well included, Yuvraj Bhau, Suriya Glin, Aronni Ogadhoh, Keith Nyamodi, Lianna Ngara and Ben Kama-Kama. Well done to all members of the Athletics team for their sportsmanship. A very big thank you to our parents who turned up to support the team at Greensteds, not forgetting all the PE department staff for the extra time put in to prepare the Athletics team.

Next Term's Sports

Term Two sporting activities will focus on hockey for all boys and girls from Year 3 to 8. A hockey stick, mouth guard, shin guards and long black socks will be mandatory during games lessons and for matches. There will also be some football for Year 1 and 2 and a tournament to play. The U11 girls shall have a match and a tournament to play whilst the U13 girls will have two fixtures and three tournaments to play in.

I take this opportunity to wish all students and parents a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**Mr Martin Milla,
Head of Prep Sport**

CAROL CONCERT

The Carol Concert on Wednesday last week was the best yet. The packed audience was treated to a wonderful evening of entertainment.

Ms Natasha Roblin,
Prep Deputy Leader



VILLAGE MARKET

On Sunday 4th December, a group of students entertained shoppers at the Village Market with traditional heartwarming Christmas Carols. Everyone, including the shoppers at Village Market enjoyed themselves.

Ms Mohini Soman,
Year 3 Class Teacher



YEAR 4 MUSIC

All of the Year 4 students had their first performance at the start of the Carol Concert, playing the musical instruments that they were given at the start of term. After ten weeks of learning and practicing they were excited to show off their emerging musical skills. We hope they will now continue to develop their skills. If children want to have weekly music tuition they should take a letter at the start of Term and return it to Mr Franklin.

Mr Peter Martinsen,
Head of Prep Music



DAVID RUDISHA VISIT

On Monday 5th December, we had a nice surprise to start our morning. We had a chance of meeting the 800m metres Olympic Champion, David Rudisha. He inspired us because despite his popularity and fame, he managed to shake hands with each and every student in Prep School. We now understand why he has been voted the most liked personality in Kenya. He inspired us to be achievers, but more so to be humble. "Today I saw David Rudisha and shook his hand. He made me reflect on the fact that I can achieve anything I put my mind to."

Tiffany Koome,
Year 6 PJ



BEE A FLOWER

On Friday 13th January 2017, we have our Annual Dress Up day on behalf of the Hog Charge Team. Every child will be asked to bring a donation of 250Ksh and dress as a flower or insect. The Hog Charge Team will also run a bake sale for Year 6, 7 and 8 on that day. Our student Leader will talk to the students in assembly about the important conservation work that is being done.



Mrs Ann Scott,
Service Learning Leader

Boarding News From the Head of Boarding...

2016-2017

Term 2

Boarders report to school
Sunday 8th January 2017

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+254 733602797

Prep parents can reach their children on the prep boarding mobile line
+254704830055

Boarding parents may also communicate with the boarding office using the following email address:

boardingstaff@brookhouse.ac.ke

Term Calendars

Parents are reminded to consult the term calendar for dates and times of school events. Email reminders will be sent to parents about important events, but this is usually done only a few days in advance. If you prefer longer-term planning, please use your calendars.

The end of the calendar year brings no greater joy than the opportunity for us at Brookhouse boarding to express to you Season's Greetings and good wishes.

A reminder, especially to the candidates, to embark on a productive study holiday in preparation for the forthcoming Mock examinations.

OPENING DAY – TERM 2

All boarders are expected back to school on **Sunday 8th January 2017** before 6.00pm.

Boarding requests parents to email travel details of your child by Friday **30th December 2016**, if they will be flying in to Nairobi.

The school will provide transport from the airport to school at the following timings:

- 11.00am-12.30pm JKIA
- 1:00 p.m- 2.30 pm JKIA
- 2.00 pm-Silver Springs Hotel (For students arriving from Arusha by bus)
- 3.00pm-5.00pm JKIA

Kindly book their tickets in line with the timings provided above.

NOTE:

Boarding students travelling by air are expected to wear their school uniform or track suit for ease of identification as students by the airline, airport and immigration officials. The same expectations apply for those travelling from Arusha by bus. This has all the benefits for your child as they travel to and from school. Kindly ensure they are wearing the recommended school uniform when travelling to school at the beginning of next term.

Mr Graham Omasire,
Head of Boarding



Boarding Christmas Dinner