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From The Director...

Welcome everyone to a great start to the new academic year at both campuses, with outstanding results at IGCSE, IFY, BTEC and A-level to enjoy and an exciting senior drama production of *The Crucible* on the horizon this term. In line with our commitment to character education at Brookhouse, and a particular focus on kindness within a diverse community, I chose country and western singer Glen Campbell as my leader quote to kick off the new academic year, one in which we can all make the collaborative effort to try a little kindness'. I wish the entire Brookhouse community - on both campuses - wonderful new beginnings this term.

- Mr John O'Connor, Director

SERVANT LEADER



“Try a little kindness”

— Glen Campbell

From the Head Teacher

Welcome to a new academic year. We have many new students who seem to have settled in well and we welcome all new parents into our Brookhouse community. You should have received the Prep School calendars, which outlines all of the activities this term. We will make every effort to keep to the schedule, as I know many of you have to juggle work and parental commitments. Please note that on Friday 6th September, we have a series of curriculum meetings for Early Learning parents. This year we welcome new teachers to the school, who you will be formally introduced to during these meetings. We begin our Service Learning programme with 'Feed Mogra' on the 27th September. Different year groups will be asked to donate dry food products to support and increase provisions at the children's home.

- Ms Michelle Forsyth, Head Teacher



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



Recently...

It was fabulous on Tuesday to finally open the doors and start a brand new academic year. The students settled into their new classes quickly and enjoyed exploring the campus and finding all of the new refurbishments. For many, the new Computer Lab was particularly exciting, whilst the senior students enjoyed moving to the second floor.

Over the weekend...

The boys in Year 7&8 had a cross-campus Bonding Experience at Oloolua Nature Trail. Teamwork, cooperation, good communication and problem solving skills were required in order to complete the trail and the challenges set



Coming up..

This week, we start the Curriculum Meetings which are schedule on Friday 6th September at 12.30p.m. for Stage 1,2 and 3. Reception, Year 1 and 2 will start at 2.30p.m. The meetings are designed to give you the opportunity to find out more about your child's curriculum and the major events of the term. You will also be formally introduced to the class teacher.

- Ms Michelle Forsyth, Head Teacher



KEY DATES FOR THE WEEK

- Wednesday 3th September –
U13A Rounders & Football v Aga Khan
- Thursday 5th September – **'Instrumental Zoo'**
- Friday 6th September –
Stage 1,2&3 Curriculum Meetings @12.30pm
Reception Year 1&2 @ 2.30pm

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **Mothers Breakfast 27th September 2019**
- **Early Learning Tea Time concert 27th September 2019**



News from the **ELS...**

A very warm welcome to all of our new students and parents. We are looking forward to working with you in the weeks ahead. We were delighted with the expanding numbers, which gave us the opportunity to start the year with two streams in Year 1 and Year 2.

As the school has grown there has been the need to



move Key Stage 1, that's Year 1 and Year 2, to the first floor, leaving Stage 1, 2, 3 and Reception classes on the lower floor. This week we have the first of our Curriculum meetings starting on Friday 6th September at 12.30pm. for Stage 1,2 and 3. Reception, Year 1 and 2 will start at 2.30pm so that everyone has the chance to access both meetings.

- Ms Michelle Forsyth, Head Teacher





Y7&Y8 Boys Bonding Trip

The Boys Maturity Workshop provided a foundation for our young students to become our leaders of tomorrow. With a focus on developing the necessary leadership skills to boost confidence and properly handle the challenges of school and extra-curricular activities, the Workshop held at the Ololua Forest in Karen was an eye opener for our young boys as they were taken through activities that included; Basic First Aid, Working Together, Having a Positive Voice and making the most of school.



Several attributes of the Discovery Framework were evident as the boys interacted with each other to boost their self-esteem and develop risk-taking and conflict-resolution skills.

- Mr Moses Lutta, Deputy Head Teacher



Work Experience

Year 11 is an extremely important time for our first candidate class as they work towards the completion of their IGCSE studies. Students continue to be encouraged to participate in school life in many ways, in sports, music, drama and house events, however, it is important to be aware of the added pressure that comes with completing IGCSE courses. We will continue to offer enrichment as a key element of the school and to reaffirm the importance of a broad, balanced curriculum.

Work Experience is a vital part of a Brookhouse Education and enables our students to better understand where and how their unique skills and talents might fit into the world of work. Invariably this proves to be a powerful and sometimes a pivotal experience, opening eyes and minds to career opportunities and paving the way towards future goals and aspirations. Most importantly, it inspires confidence and reassures the students that they have, or can develop, skills that employers need. This year, the Year 11 students will undertake a week long Work Experience between the 7th and 11th of October 2019.

- Mr Moses Lutta, Deputy Head Teacher



Ms Brookes Ms Magero Ms Esmail Ms Allen

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr Martyn and Miss Emmerson in their new roles as Head of Year, Mr Searle is now a Head of Department, Ms Gakou leads PAK and Ms Kafwihi is our new Head of Samburu.

New Staff in Early Learning – Ms Brookes is one of the Stage 2 teachers, Ms Esmail looks after Stage 3, Ms Magero is one of our Year 1 teachers and Ms Allen takes a Year 2 class.



Ms Sanghrajka Mrs Odipo Mr Mwangi Ms Mwangi Ms Matalanga



Mr Ivongo Mr Marigiri

New Staff in Prep and Secondary school: Ms Matalanga teaches English; Mr Mwangi teaches Mathematics and Science; Mrs Odipo teaches Prep Mathematics and Science; Ms Sanghrajka is our Year 3 teacher; Ms Mwangi our visiting counselor; Mr Marigiri is one of our Swim coaches and sports teacher and Mr Ivongo joins the Music department as a teaching assistant.

- Ms Michelle Forsyth, Head Teacher





Young Leaders...

We would like to introduce our new students leaders. They play a vital role within our Brookhouse community and develop their leadership skills in a practical way. We hope they inspire others by setting an excellent example and strive to serve others through kindness and compassion. We wish them every success in their new roles.

- Ms Emmerson, Head of Year



Admin Notes

Dear Parents/Guardians

As you know, Brookhouse places great emphasis on the Performing Arts and instrumental music is a key element of our provision. Like all international schools in Kenya, one of the challenges we face is to ensure consistently high standards of delivery when the lessons have been handled by visiting staff.

In response to suggestions from several parents, we will be adjusting and developing our instrumental music delivery for the start of the new academic year.

From September, the bulk of our instrumental music lessons will be delivered by additional full-time, Brookhouse-employed instrumental specialists.

We will continue to offer the full range of instrumental lessons, and will be able to monitor and support the delivery of the music lessons more effectively.



Payment for instrumental music lessons will be directly to the school. The system for sign-up for instrumental lessons will be as before - at the start of the new term.

As in the past, there will be an "Instrumental Zoo" assembly at the start of term to encourage students and help them to select an instrument. Year 4 will also be involved in the Band that will begin in Term 1.

We look forward to your continued support in the development and provision of music at Brookhouse as we nurture the talents of our children.

With kind regards,

- Ms Clara Mwangi, Deputy Director

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Sport Update...

Welcome back! We hope you had a good rest. Over the summer holiday, we had many students working hard in the sports they enjoy. Isaac Mugweru spent the better part of the holiday training and competing with the Kenya U15 football team. The team were in Eritrea for the U15 CECAFA Championships. They managed to get to the finals and played against Uganda. It was a great experience for Isaac as he earns a spot representing the country.

The sports on offer this term are: Swimming, Athletics, Football, Rounders (Girls), Basketball (U17 Girls) and Cross-Country (senior students). Please see below for the training times.

If you will be collecting your child from any of the practices after school, kindly get them from the field or swimming pool and not the main entrance.

Training has already commenced as we prepare to kick start our long term of fixtures.

Some of the major events coming up this term include; Kasarani Athletics for junior and senior students and hosting the KAISSEO Division 2 Rounders. We are looking forward to yet another exciting and fun-filled sporting year.

- Mr Martyn, Sport Leader

Brookhouse Runda Team Training Times

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School (7am start)		Swim Squad (Selected Students) CMA U15 - U17 Running Club (FA)		Swim Squad (Selected Students) AMU U15 - U17 Running Club (FA)	
Lunch time (12:15 - 12:40)	U11 Girls Rounders (RMO) U11 Boys Football (SMA)	U9 Boys Football (SMA) U9 Girls Rounders (RMO)	U11 Girls Rounders (RMO) U11 Boys Football (SMA)		U9 Boys Football (SMA) U9 Girls Rounders (RMO)
After School (3:40 pm - 4:40 pm)	Swim Training: Year 3-11 (CMA & RMO) U17 Girls Basketball (ML) U17 Boys Football (SMA)	U13 & U15 Boys Football (SMA) U13 & U15 Girls Rounders (RMO) Learn to Swim ELS (CMA)	Swim Training: Year 3-11 (CMA & RMO) U17 Girls Basketball (ML) U17 Boys Football (SMA)	U13 & U15 Boys Football (SMA) U13 & U15 Girls Rounders (RMO) Learn to Swim ELS (AMU)	

