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From The Director...

Some US Presidents are more interesting than others. I particularly liked Thomas Jefferson (1743 - 1826) who had a penchant for vanilla ice cream, owned several thousand books in his personal library and wrote about 19,000 letters during his lifetime. He was also the principal author of The Declaration of Independence and served as the third US President from 1801 to 1809. I was pleased to see so many of our dads join us for Father's Breakfast recently, where we examined the power and impact of social media. I wonder whether Jefferson would have embraced twitter as a communication platform were he around today!

- Mr O'Connor, School Director

SERVANT LEADER



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He who knows best knows how little he knows.

Thomas Jefferson

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EAMUN Conference...

The East African Model United Nations theme this year was 'tujenge pamoja' which translates to 'building together'. Delegates from several schools across East Africa drafted resolutions to our real world problems and debated them in different committees. We got the opportunity to listen to speeches from various keynote speakers every morning at the General Assembly including, Her Excellency, The First Lady Margaret Kenyatta and Mary Waceke Muia, (expert on gender diversity). Our security council's resolution passed, Wanja took the position of Assistant Media Director throughout the week and Shakinar was appointed to the Executive Committee as a Deputy Secretary General.

- Andrew & Goldalyn, Year 10





HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



Last week...

was MID-YEAR ASSESSMENT WEEK and assessments in Prep for all Year groups as well as the A2 Mock examinations ran smoothly. The East African Model United Nations conference took place at the UN Offices in Nairobi and it was yet another valuable experience for our students. Delegations to the POPS Conference in California, to the boys basketball tournament in South Africa and to the Young Round Square Conference in South Africa all arrived safely and we look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return. We would also like to congratulate our teams for the great team spirit shown in the various sporting fixtures that took place.

Over the weekend...

Mr Maswai and his team accompanied a group of students as they undertook their PA-K Pre-Gold expedition to the Ngong Hills, the U19 basketball and hockey teams competed against BGE and the U15 basketball team participated in the Peponi tournament. The Prep School competed in U13 football and basketball fixtures as well as the Brookhouse Runda U7 mixed football tournament.



This week...

Student Rika meetings and sports fixtures take place and we look forward to welcoming our mums for the Mother's Breakfast morning on Friday. Year 6 students have an educational trip to the Brown's Factory on Wednesday, Year 7 students go on a Geography trip to Naivasha and senior students will have an opportunity to attend the Australian Universities Fair hosted at Brookhouse. Over the weekend, BTEC Enterprise students have an overnight coursework trip to Sagana, Brookhouse Runda hosts the First Lego League competition and there will be a number of sports fixtures. On Sunday, boarding students will make another visit to the children's ward at Kenyatta National Hospital.





Secondary news...

Our delegates to the EAMUN gave an outstanding performance with Shakinar elected Deputy Secretary General and Senior Chair. Well done Ms Kariuki and all the students involved. Our Under 15 boys basketball team were unbeaten in the Peponi Tournament. Congratulations to the boys and the Sports Faculty. We have completed the Year 12 AS Mock results analysis and started on intensive revision, mentorship and support for students. We welcome our mothers to a Breakfast meeting on Friday this week.

- Mr Mulindi, Head of Secondary



PA-K Pre-Gold Expedition...

On Saturday 23rd February, a group of 33 energetic, enthusiastic young men and women went for a hike on the famous Ngong Hills. The participants braved the scorching sun and rough terrain to conquer the hills; the group learnt vital lessons in teamwork and endurance. The Pre-Gold expedition was a huge success and the group qualified to hike Mt. Kilimanjaro later in March. We wish them all the best as they prepare for the demanding and adventurous journey ahead.

- Mr Maswai, PA-K Patron





From The Prep...

The school has seemed very quiet each morning as the students have been engaged in their mid-year assessments. The Year 7 students have coped well with their more intensive assessment schedule and have learnt some valuable lessons in assessment techniques and strategies. Now the teachers will scrutinize the assessments at all levels and put strategies in place to make sure that everyone is making sound progress. Year 6 and 7 have trips during the week and we have the Mothers Breakfast on Friday 1st March.

- Ms Forsyth, Head of Prep



Scouts...

Nate and Joseph did a fantastic job in assembly, telling everyone about Scouts and Founders Day. They impressed staff and the students with their excellent oral presentation and the Scouts were well dressed and performed in their marching parade.

- Ms Odera, Scouts Patron



News From The ELS...

It was wonderful having so many of you join us for our two events before half-term: Welcome to the Piazza with Year 1 & 2, where the children were being particularly creative, painting beautifully patterned beetle bugs and trying to recreate Vincent Van Gogh's 'Starry Night' by painting with their toes!! Our Mini Tea-time Concert was delightful for the tiny tots with our BTEC Music students working alongside our little ones and showcasing some of their talent; a real inspiration for the little ones who happily joined in with the older students.

- Ms Gammon, Head of ELS



KEY DATES FOR THE TERM

- Term 2 classes commenced on Monday 7th January 2019
- A2 Mock exam are from 18th – 27th February 2019, inclusive
- Year 9 Choices Evening on Thursday 14th March 2019
- ALAMAU Conference in South Africa from 20th–27th March
- Inter-House Debate finals on Wed 27th March 2019
- Term 2 concludes on Friday 29th March 2019 at lunchtime.
- 16 - 18 Years Round Square Conference at St Andrew's School Grahamstown, SA 12th - 16th April 2019



ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCES

St Andrews School, SA

Round Square Regional Conference at St Andrews School, Grahamstown 12th-16th April 2019 for 16-18 year olds.



Emerald Heights School

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South Asia and the Gulf

Round Square International Conference 2019

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- Mr Ng'ang'a, Round Square Rep



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Boarding news...

Boarders participated in engaging activities over a weekend that marked the end of the A2 Mock and mid-year examinations, respectively. A much enjoyed 'grill night' on Friday evening set the stage for a hike along the Ngong Hills on Saturday morning; the Pre-Gold expedition was in preparation for the Kilimanjaro climb in March 2019. The U15 basketball team, largely comprised of boarders, won the Peponi tournament with great sportsmanship. On Saturday evening all boarders took part in an engaging quiz night. Subject clinics and PDP continue in earnest as preparations for the final examinations.

- Mr Kimwele, Head of Boarding



Sports news...

Last week, the U19 girls football squad lost to ISK, the U19 boys hockey squad lost to BGE and the U19 girls hockey squad drew with BGE 3-3. At the weekend, the U15 boys basketball squad played in the annual Peponi tournament and were the overall champions. A group of boys from Year 10 to 13 travelled to South Africa for the annual St John's Basketball tournament. They have been fantastic ambassadors for Brookhouse and have played tremendously throughout.

This coming week on 1st March, Animet will be in school to exchange the current Brookhouse leggings with the newly designed leggings for free, as well as on 6th March. Parents/students must ensure they make the exchanges between 11am and 4pm on these two days only. Exchanges afterwards or at the Animet shop will not be accepted and after the two days can only be bought at full cost. As a department, students are being reminded by form tutors and during PE lessons.

- Ms Curley, Head of Sports Faculty