



From the **Director...**

This week's servant leader is a model of diplomacy - a woman of great insight, formidable wit and a career diplomat. Madeleine Albright (born 1937) emigrated from Czechoslovakia to the USA as a child, earned her PhD from Columbia and went on to become America's first woman Secretary of State. She is renowned for being a straight talker and her diplomatic skills are matched by her forthright opinions. Recently, we had the rounds of the annual Inter-House debates, virtually this time of course, and it reminds me of the importance of our students having strong public speaking skills. I want our children to grow up confident to express their opinions - *with humility, respect for others, factual integrity* and with the ability to articulate their views with intelligence and passion.

- Mr O'Connor, School Director

SERVANT LEADER



“ No matter what message you are about to deliver somewhere, whether it is holding out a hand of friendship, or making clear that you disapprove of something, is the fact that the person sitting across the table is a human being, so the goal is to always establish common ground. ”

- Madeleine Albright

KEY DATES

- Virtual East African Model United Nations takes place on 22nd – 26th February 2021.
- Virtual Year 9 Choices Evening will be held on Wednesday 10th March 2021.
- Parents' Consultation will be on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th March 2021.
- Term 2 concludes on Friday 19th March 2021.



“ There exists within everyone a grand passion, an outlandish thirst for adventure, a desire to live boldly and vividly through the journey of life. ”

- Kurt Hahn





News from the ELS...

I hope you had a lovely half-term break and I would like to thank you all for returning your affirmation slips. We have settled back into the school routine. Last week on Friday the Year 2 children had a STEAM challenge which they thoroughly enjoyed. This week we have an Inter-House Word Search Competition and a talk for parents on Mathematics in Reception and Year 1 on Wednesday 24th February 2021 at 4.30 pm.

- Ms Gammon, Headteacher ELS



News from the Prep...

We were delighted with our Senior Prep students who participated in the MSMUN conference. The commitment and enthusiasm shown during the event was a real credit to the students involved. A number of students also participated in the SAI Global Debate with Zawadi making it to the finals and coming 3rd overall. Congratulations to the students who impressed their teachers with their compelling arguments, courage and tenacity.

- Ms Forsyth, Headteacher - Prep





World Affairs Conference...

The World Affairs Conference is one of the oldest student-run conferences concerning global issues, hosted collaboratively by Branksome Hall and Upper Canada College, both Toronto-based IB schools. This year's conference was the first-ever virtual conference. The conference was shaped around the theme "*Together Towards Tomorrow*", where the next generation of leaders came together to explore how to grow the world in more diverse, educative and innovative ways. There were notable keynote speakers who shared with us on topics that ranged from space exploration, social media, global social justice, and the Coronavirus pandemic. With chances to interact with other students from Canada and around the world, we were eager to try out this new, thrilling and informative experience.



- Zoie Ndonge, Year 12WG

News from Secondary...

We have now concluded Year 13 A-level Mock examinations and started on marking, grading and analysis to enable us to set targets and embark on our final preparations for the June examinations. Year 11 and 13 students are reminded to actively engage in the Master Revision classes focused on examination handling techniques and revision of difficult topics. Well done to our public speaking teams that have taken part in the Model United Nations, SAI international debate challenge and Inter-House debate contests. A team of Year 12 students did their preliminary visit to Machakos and I look forward to their preparations for their residential service learning project in June 2021. Year 11 continue with post-IGCSE subject choices as we get the Year 9 students ready for their IGCSE subject choices.

- Mr Mulindi, Headteacher - Secondary





News from the Runda Campus...

As students of a younger school, our learners at Runda are still developing their own identity in the world of debating. Last week saw our seniors competing in House debating competitions, and the results were very impressive, with many convincing arguments being presented, and some fabulous speaking skills on display. Many of the same students will go on to represent us this week in the East African Model United Nations, and we wish them the very best of luck.

- Mr Wild, Headteacher - Runda



Virtual MSMUN...

The MSMUN conference took place virtually this year from 2nd - 5th February. Two of our resolutions were voted best resolutions in their respective committees. Our delegates did an outstanding job lobbying and debating. Well done to all our ambassadors, delegates, Junior Chairs, Press Corps and Secretaries. Stephe and Christian chaired the Ecology, Technology, Health and Human Rights committees successfully, Nicole was awarded best videographer, Christian was awarded best speaker in the Ecology committee, and Shakinar, the EAMUN Secretary General, chaired the conference skillfully.

- Mrs Ogweno and Mrs Henderson, MSMUN Advisors





The Arts Faculty Creative Day...

The Arts Faculty came together to give the boarders a day of fun, creativity and celebration of talent. Activities ranged from graffiti, and singing to acting and painting workshops.

- Ms Nyaseme, Head of Arts Faculty

From the Boarding House...

Last week was busy with Master Classes for the Year 11 boarders and the Year 13 Mock examinations. Over the weekend the boarders took part in a memorable Arts Faculty Creative Day. The students were engaged in a range of expressive activities. Mentors continue to provide guidance towards ensuring that students manage their academic endeavours productively, while getting involved in extra-curricular activities to enhance their student portfolios at Brookhouse.

End of Term Travel Arrangements

As we approach the end of Term 2 wish to confirm that classes will end at 3.35 pm on Wednesday 17th March 2021. Virtual Parent Consultations with subject teachers will be held from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm on Thursday 18th March, and between 8.00 am and 3.00 pm on Friday 19th March 2021. Kindly ensure that your child's timings for departure from Nairobi JKIA are before 5.00 pm so that the school can provide concierge services to the airport. Please send the flight itinerary of your child to boarding@brookhouse.ac.ke by Friday 12th March 2021 so that we may facilitate your child's departure from school.

- Mr Kimwele, Headteacher - Boarding





Machakos Service learning update...

Brookhouse has an ongoing tradition of taking Year 12 students on a major residential service learning project. On 17th February 2021, a group of 14 students from both Runda and Karen campuses visited Mithanga Primary School, Machakos for a recce. This was to enable students to forward plan for the main event to be held in June. Students will be involved in refurbishing classrooms and washrooms, fixing window panes, making desks, repairing walls, tiling floors, preparing their own meals, painting murals and building new shelves for the library, among other activities. The students will also donate various items, including face masks, soaps, sanitary towels, shoes and clothes.



- Mr Ng'anga, Round Square Representative

Virtual Inter-House Debate...



Last week was busy with debating on both campuses as the preliminary rounds of this annual event were taking place. Parallel debates on both the Karen and the Runda campuses allowed students to deliver some compelling arguments in the motions that “*technology reduces human freedom*”, contested by Amboseli vs Samburu, and that “*friendship needs technology to survive*”, in which Mara was pitted against Tsavo. All the participants deserve praise for their efforts and the teamwork evident across all Houses. We look forward to the Runners-up and Finals later in the term.

- Mrs Madahana, Public Speaking Patron

SAI Global Debate...

On 13th February, 8 students ably represented the school at an online Round Square Inspired global debate hosted by SAI International School. This rare opportunity brought together 42 schools from around the globe (and 340 students), to showcase their debating skills. This exposure was a learning experience for our students who prepared fantastic speeches in under 2 days. 4 of the 8 debaters made it to the finals; we celebrate each one of the participants: **Junior Team:** Savannah, Samara, Kaberia and Zawadi (3rd Overall). **Senior Team:** Ruwaidhya, Polo, John (2nd overall) and Olivia (3rd Overall). Hearty congratulations to the students for bringing laurels to the school!



- Mrs Madahana, Public Speaking Patron