



### Upcoming Events

#### February

**15th - 19th February**  
East African Model United Nations

#### Tuesday 16th

Prep Student Rikka

U11 Boys & Girls Hockey v Hillcrest (home)

#### Wednesday 17th

U13 Boys and Girls Hockey v Banda (home)

#### Thursday 18th

Inter-house Spelling Bee for Years 5 and 6

#### Friday 19th

Turtle, Dolphins, Whales Trip

U13 Boys & Girls Hockey v Shah Academy (home)

#### 20th – 21st February

NASA "AAA" Swimming @ Aga Khan

#### Saturday 20th

Inter-School Senior Prep Dance Workshop

### From The Director...

#### NOTES FOR THE WEEK

- I hope staff and students had a restful **half term** break, and remind parents that **Term Two concludes** on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010 with parent consultation sessions on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> (pm) and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> (am) March.
- My thanks to the Year 9 students and their English teachers, Ms Spray, Mr Owens, Mrs Madahana and Mrs Okech for the **Year 9 evening** of short plays last week.
- **The CIS Visit** takes place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March, with the CIS Workshop on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March.
- The Year 12 and 13 students have now completed their **Mock examinations**, and the important process of feedback on performance begins. The staff will hold the annual post-Mock target setting meetings soon to consider how best to assist individual pupils to maximise their potential.
- Well done to the boarding students who went on the **Coast trip** over half term.
- Over the half-term break our student teams in both Prep and Secondary represented the school at the annual **Inter-Schools Verse Speaking Competition** hosted at Nairobi Academy. Congratulations to all of them on their excellent renditions. The secondary team of Esther, Zeni and Ruth achieved quite a remarkable feat by bringing home the trophy to Brookhouse for the fifth year in a row, winning against strong competition from other schools. All three girls were placed in the top three in their age categories, with Zeni placed first in the U16 age group with an outstanding performance of *'Motorcycle Irene'*. My thanks to staff organiser Mrs Madahana, who now has the best stats one could ask for: five years: five wins!



### 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 annual East African **Model United Nations** commenced on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February with the first day hosted at Brookhouse. From Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> the students are at Gigiri and we wish our delegates every success as they represent the school at this important event.
- Eight students leave for the **Round Square Junior Conference** in South Africa on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, along with staff liaisons Ms Wambugu, Mr Mwangi and Mrs Lalani. I am confident the students on the delegation will act as excellent ambassadors for the school. Equally the student delegation for the **Service Summit in Zambia** and Ms Bantu and Mr Were are busy making final preparations for their upcoming trip to Lusaka.

**With kind regards,  
Mr John O'Connor  
Director**

**ROUND SQUARE**

The annual **Round Square Africa Regional Conference**, the main gathering of Round Square schools in Africa for the year, will be hosted by St. George's Grammar School in Cape Town, South Africa from 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Year 11, 12 and 13 students are eligible to attend, however places are limited as the delegation size is eight (8) students. Please contact me at the Round Square office for information letters and details.

**Mr Willie Ng'ang'a**  
**Round Square Representative**

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**YEAR 9 DRAMA**

*On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010, Year 9 English groups produced masterpieces of plays. There was an outstanding turnout with the auditorium packed to the rafters.*

*The 1<sup>st</sup> play was "Frankenstein", which was presented by 9ES. It was well orchestrated and the sound effects really made it explosive. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Play "Our Day Out" was really impressive and brought out tomorrow's George Clooneys. It was brilliantly performed and executed to perfection, getting a standing ovation. To round off the night, Year 9 SM did a burglary play with potential talent emerging.*

*The performances were all brilliant with some particularly impressive individuals. Michael Kapinga played Dr Frankenstein with real enthusiasm and Alex lived up to being the monster. In "Our Day Out", Sharon did really well at being Mr Briggs with her feisty, shouty, non-nonsense taking attitude. In "The Burglary", Karl Salami did well with actions, audibleness and use of tone. All in all, it was a memorable night and Year 9's will be keen on performances in the future.*

**Chorray Kijuu**  
**Student, Year 9**

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**EXAMINATION FEES**

All examination fees must have been paid by now. Invoices were issued at the end of last term. The examination boards, CIE and EDEXCEL charge penalty fees for all late entries and late changes on subject amendments. Candidates taking Art and Design are charged examination moderation fees in addition to examination fees.

Finally I wish to welcome parents and guardians to visit the CIE and EDEXCEL websites [www.cie.org.uk](http://www.cie.org.uk) and [www.edexcel.com](http://www.edexcel.com) . I can be reached by email [exams@brookhouse.ac.ke](mailto:exams@brookhouse.ac.ke) for any enquiries.

**Mr Eric Mulindi**  
**Examinations Officer**

**FROM THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE**

Parents are reminded that when sending money to the school account please indicate the child's name or registration number so that the accounts department knows which student's account to credit.

If payment is for fees as well as other items such as music and trips, please send an e-mail itemising the payments to [accounts@brookhouse.ac.ke](mailto:accounts@brookhouse.ac.ke). This will allow us to provide a more efficient service to our parents.

**Ms Clara Mwangi**  
**Administrative Manager**

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**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](http://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](mailto:online@brookhouse.ac.ke)

**ICT Department**

## Boarding News

### YEAR 13 OVERNIGHT TRIP

Every year the Year 13 boarding students are given a treat by the school after their mock examinations. This year the Year 13 boarding students will be going to Tree Tops Hotel, Nyeri on the 6th and 7th of March 2010.

The trip is fully financed by the school with the aim of providing an opportunity for the students to spend a weekend with their peers in a more relaxed environment. The trip will provide an opportunity for them to be involved in team building activities and also carry out discussions with their mentors on matters pertaining to preparation for their forthcoming final examinations.

The students will be accompanied by their boarding mentors.

### TAE-KWON-DO LESSONS FOR BOARDERS

As part of our boarding activities, we shall be offering Tae-kwon-do lessons to boarders who might be interested. These lessons will be conducted by a qualified Tae-kwon-do instructor once a week at a cost of 1500ksh per term. If you would like your child to take part in the club, which begins this half term, kindly let the boarding office know so that arrangements can be made.

### YEAR 12 RIKKA TRIP

The Boarding house has organized a Rikka Bonding trip for all Year 12 boarders. We had previously organized to take them to Lukenya Get Away Resort but alternative plans have been made to take them to Island Camp –Baringo on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> –Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010 .

This trip is aimed at enhancing team work and leadership skills through various activities that will be organized by the mentors in conjunction with the camp's team building group. The cost of the trip is Ksh 5,500 which is inclusive of all activities, meals and accommodation.

We encourage all Year12 parents to pay for the aforementioned trip by 27th February 2010, in order to facilitate preparation in good time.

**Mr Graham Omasire**

**Boarding Manager**

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# News from the Prep

## LAST WEEK AT SCHOOL:

- We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable mid-term break
- Last week we held our Inter-House art competition. Thank you to the many students who participated, I know the judges had a hard time deciding on the winners.

My congratulations go to the following students:

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
Yr. 1Jaw	Lianna Ngara	Abdul Jama	Hansley Wanjagi
Yr. 1KP	Ewan Jackson	Lily Ashtiba	Daniel Nicolle
Yr. 2SH	Farhan Habib	Sean Ikenye	
Yr. 2PN	Katiya Towler	Nicholas Chirchir	Risha Haria
Yr.3HB	Andrew Okingo	Naila Tomlinson	Joshua Bingwa
Yr. 3TO	Zakiyyah Nohur	Lucile Plumbe	Natasha Kaluve
Yr. 4MSo	Talya Deetlefs	Irfan Nanji	Siobhan Ilako
Yr. 4CG	Adham El-Mougy	Gouri Gopal	Senait Freeman
Yr. 5EN	Anouskha Towler	Claude Mulindi	Tariro Motsi
Yr. 5SW	Tobias Scott	Declan Brunner	Callum Macintyre
Yr. 6WK	Toby Turner	Youssef El-Mougy	Amy Wanday
Yr. 6AWW	Martha Okello	Nyaronda Motsi	Ver-Se Denga
Yr. 7DL	Michael Kimwele	Mihir Malde	Bilal Fom
Yr. 7ALS	Kunnal Shah	Amy Onyonyi	Chiedza Chibada
Yr. 8ZE	Sade Deetlefs	Philip Owor	Karen Hallard
Yr. 8CLR	Millicent Smith Stacy	Wanjagi	Nuria Khamis

- On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, the Prep School children had their school photographs taken. The sample photographs will be distributed this week. If you would like to order a photograph of your child please return the form to their class teacher by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010.
- On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February, Lucile Plumbe, Talya Deetlefs and Jabali Ndungu competed in the annual Nairobi Academy Inter-School Verse Speaking competition. The competition was extremely fierce this year with fourteen schools participating. All of our students performed well and they should be very proud of their performances.

## THIS WEEK AT SCHOOL

- On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February the Year 5 and Year 6 students will be competing in their Inter-House Spelling Bee competition. We wish all the finalists the best of luck.
- On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February the Reception and Year 1 classes will be spending a day exploring the homes at Bomas of Kenya and learning more about the culture around them. This is part of our topic for this half term, which is Homes.

**Mrs E Lalani**  
Headteacher - Prep

## OUR TRIP TO CAPITAL FM

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010, The Radio Presenters club went on a trip to Capital FM. Once we were in the building we realised it was pretty high up! We entered the studio and were greeted by Eve Desouza. It was great to meet her in person after hearing her voice on radio! She showed us how everything worked, where various people did their jobs and even the place where they prepare for the shows. We also met Gaitano. Lots of us were star-struck, I was so shocked, I forgot how to speak! But they informed us that they are actually pretty down-to-earth people. Then, finally the time came to see the studio! It was really high-tech with all the computers and microphones, we even heard some presenters talking about us! It was really cool. Then we were allowed to go into the main studio where people were doing a show. Towards the end of the trip, we were asked who wanted to volunteer to record their voices.

**Iman Onsando**  
Student, Year 8ZE

## EARLY YEARS DAY – TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

On Friday February 26<sup>th</sup> the Early Years will enjoy a special day with the theme of Teddy Bears. The children will listen to stories, sing songs and play games all about Teddy Bears. At lunch time the children can bring along their teddy bears for our specially arranged Teddy Bears' Picnic. A letter will be sent home with more details shortly.

**Ms N Roblin**  
Head of Early Years