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From The Director...

The term is already flying high with great opportunities for students to get engaged in sport and drama, music and STEM, clubs and adventure activities. My choice of servant leader this week would have enjoyed, I am certain, being in a Round Square school, for she was an avid adventurer. Amelia Earhart was a unique and quirky individual, many years ahead of her time, a true pioneer. Her achievements are the stuff of legend - trans-Atlantic flight, speed records, solo flying, the first woman to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross (in 1932); here was a woman clearly unafraid to go outside her 'comfort zone'. Her disappearance mid-flight in 1937 only adds to the mystery and allure of this aviation giant.

I wonder, what brave new adventures our students are going to undertake this term?

- Mr O'Connor, Director

SERVANT LEADER



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Adventure is worthwhile in itself...

Amelia Earhart

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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.

- Ms Mwangi, Deputy Director

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



Recently...

saw a great start to the sporting fixtures with our teams performing exceptionally in all their fixtures, the New Parent's evening was well attended and informative; Prep School was busy with Wellness talks and curriculum meetings while Year 12 and 13 attended the Ivy League Universities fair as well as the annual UK Universities Fair and had an opportunity to meet with the 50+ UK university visitors. Over the weekend, Brookhouse staff hosted the UK Universities post-graduate event at the Serena Hotel. Thanks to Mr Mutiso for his organisation and to all the staff who helped out. It was also an Exeat weekend for boarders.

Over the Weekend...

The sporting calendar is now in full swing and our rounders, basketball and football teams in both Prep and Secondary have a number of fixtures this week. Prep school has their Spelling Bee rounds, Student Rika meetings will also take place and Year 11 Geography students have an educational trip. Over the weekend, Early Learning School will host the Msingi Bora fun day and Year 12 and 13 students will attend a Personal Purpose Institute organised by the Sixth Form. Boarders will visit Kenyatta National Hospital over the weekend as part of their ongoing Service Learning project.



Coming Up...

is SERVICE WEEK, the Prep and Early Learning School have their Inter-House cookery competition, Spelling Bee finals, a 'Feed Seed' special assembly, a Harvest Festival hosted by the Early Learning School as well as the IAPS Badminton drama competition. In Secondary, students will take part in Inter-House cross-country and the annual prefects leadership training retreat will be held at the William Holden Centre in Nanyuki from Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th September. There are a number of sports fixtures throughout the week across both Prep and Secondary. Over the weekend, Prep school hosts their first Parent-Teen seminar for the term.





Secondary news...

The past week has focused on Career Information sessions for our Sixth Form. We had the US Ivy League universities make presentations to our senior students. Senior students then attended a UK universities Fair at Nairobi Academy. In the Year 11 Global Citizenship lessons, the focus is on Work Placement, scheduled for mid-October. In readiness for Blended Learning lessons, students are having their laptops configured by the IT team. Students have had their initial Cycle Tests and Assessments while preparations for the October-November re-take examinations are ongoing. We had a well attended New Parent's Welcome Evening and it is pleasing to report that our new students are settling down well. Many thanks to the teachers, Heads of Year and Mentors for making this possible.



- Mr Mulindi, Head of Secondary



University Fair...

Brookhouse hosted prestigious universities from the USA, including Cornell University, Stanford University, Columbia University and Princeton. In attendance were students from other schools as well. Within the same week, we took our students to the UK Fair at Nairobi Academy and once again this provided our students with a forum to engage admission tutors from Universities.

- Mr Milafu, Head of Sixth Form

BASE...

On Saturday the 7th of September, a group of Year 13 students hosted the first ever edition of the Brookhouse Annual Soccer Event – BASE. The idea behind BASE was to create a new and unique way to raise funds for the Year 12 Residential Service Learning project, which takes place in Mithanga Primary School in Machakos, this year. All funds raised in BASE will go towards supporting the project. The event is modelled around a football tournament, but also offers a wide range of activities to keep all the spectators at the event entertained. In total, from this year's edition of BASE, we managed to raise a total of ksh 200,000.





From The Prep...

I am really enjoying getting to know the teachers, parents and pupils as we begin the new academic year. Our whole school theme, *Kindness in Diversity* is a topic that has resonated well with the students and has been explored in assemblies and Global Citizenship talks. During our Curriculum Meetings, you probably heard the teachers talking about our students' health and well-being. We make sure that our tutors are developing relationships with their group, not only monitoring their academic progress but also their behaviour and emotional state. Talks are arranged regularly to discuss age appropriate issues, life skill talks also help to empower students to build a positive self image and learn skills necessary to deal with a variety of situations.

- Ms Gammon, Headteacher



Curriculum Meetings...

The Parent Curriculum meetings went very well with a huge number of parents in attendance. The aim of the meetings was to provide parents with relevant information about the day to day running of Brookhouse. The meetings also shed light on how we carry out summative and formative assessments of our students and their significance when grading students. Many parents commented on how impressive it was to see the Discovery Framework embedded into the curriculum at all levels.

- Ms McCormick, Assistant Head Prep



News From The **ELS**...

Our Early Learners have started off the new academic year well and it has been a busy three weeks. New students have settled in well to life at Brookhouse and have already built nurturing friendships. Clubs began last week and this year, we have a variety of new, exciting clubs that we hope the children will enjoy and develop new skills at the same time. Health talks are ongoing this week, courtesy of our Health Manager, Ms Gitome, and we hope to see many parents at the First Aid Tips for Parents on Wednesday 18th September at 8.00am, which will also be conducted by Ms Gitome.

- Ms Gammon, Headteacher



East Africa's Got Talent...

The Brookhouse family is proud to celebrate the remarkable achievements of one of its own Prep students - Jannell Tamara in Year 5. Jannell has been a regular performer at our Breakfast time Concerts and Marketing Events but now her vocals skills have been recognised internationally through qualifying for the finals of this year's East Africa's Got Talent, broadcast on Citizen Television. In the words of Jeff Koinange "Whatever it is you're going to be doing, Jannell, you're going to be a superstar!" We would like to thank everyone from the school community who voted for Jannell last Sunday and we especially thank Ms Wambura and Mr Ouma - both members of the Brookhouse Music Department, for their ongoing support.

- Mr Wilkinson, Head of Music

KEY DATES FOR THE TERM

- Term 1 classes commenced on Tuesday 27th August 2019
- Leaders Training Weekend is from Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th September 2019
- Inter-House cross-country is on Thursday 26th September 2019
- The Round Square International conference is in Emerald Heights School, India from 2nd to 8th October 2019
- Term 1 Half-Term is from Thursday 10th to Monday 21st October 2019, inclusive
- Inter-House verse speaking is on Thursday 24th October 2019
- Inter-House athletics is on Tuesday 5th November 2019
- The TEDx Youth event is on Saturday 23rd November 2019
- The school production "The Crucible" will run during the evenings from Wednesday 13th to Saturday 16th November 2019
- The Rhino Cup Debating Final will be held on Thursday 28th November 2019
- Carols Evening is on Tuesday 4th December 2019
- International Day is on Saturday 7th December at Runda Campus
- Parents consultation will be on Tuesday afternoon 10th and Wednesday Morning 11th December 2019
- Term 1 concludes on Wednesday 11th December 2019 at 1.00pm



ROUND SQUARE

Join the Brookhouse Round Square "Road to Tokyo"

Delegation on an exciting adventure to the Olympics

Where: TOKYO, JAPAN

When: 7 days (JULY/AUGUST)

Age Range: Current Yr 7-11

The costs will cover:

Keynote speakers (Olympians), Cultural visits in Japan, Olympic stadium tickets, Local transport, Accommodation & Flights. Total cost will be app. USD 6,450 to be confirmed. The school will offer a 10 months payment plan from July 2019 to April 2020.

For further details see Mr Ng'ang'a - wnganga@brookhouse.ac.ke
Places fill up very fast.

Why participate?

The global network of 200 Round Square schools are guided by the Round Square IDEALS (Internationalism, Democracy, Environment, Adventure, Leadership and Service) and through the 21st century skills set of the Discovery Framework.

The programme of conferences, international service projects and student exchanges continue to take our children all over the world to gain the wider exposure of a global citizenship mindset.



Emerald Heights School

Round Square International Conference for 16 - 18 year olds hosted by the Emerald Heights International School, Indore India 2nd-8th October 2019.

ROUND SQUARE EXCHANGES

Brookhouse is hosting James and Eli from St. John's Boys College in Johannesburg, South Africa on a student exchange program.

James and Eli will be with us for six weeks. Both boys will be staying in boarding during the week and with their host families on weekends.

We are looking forward to James and Eli having a wonderful time at Brookhouse.

- Mr Ng'ang'a, Round Square Rep



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Over The Weekend...

During the exeat weekend boarders were engaged in a myriad of activities. The Under 19 girl's basketball team, largely comprised of boarding students won the RVA tournament. Boarders also took part in preparations for *The Crucible*, our major drama production. The launch of Maureen Some's (Brookhouse Class of 2019) WildNow Foundation in a colourful ceremony was the highlight of the weekend. Boarding mentors have been in contact with parents regarding the settling down of their charges.

- Mr Kimwele, Head of Boarding



Half-Term Break...

The half-term break starts at 3.35 pm on Wednesday 9th October 2019. All students are expected to depart for the half-term break and parents are requested to make arrangements to collect their children from 3.35pm. Parents and guardians of our international students are reminded to book their children's tickets and forward flight details to the boarding office via email boarding@brookhouse.ac.ke in order to enable us organise concierge services for your child/children. We encourage parents and guardians to book afternoon flights; departure timings no later than 6.00pm. The airlines have become increasingly persistent in charging an extra amount for minors (14 years and below) travelling unaccompanied. Kindly factor this in when purchasing tickets for your children who are below the age of 14 years. Boarders are expected back in school on Monday 21st October 2019 before 5.30pm. Students reporting later than 6.00pm will not be allowed into the Boarding House. They will be expected to report to school the following day.

- Mr Kimwele, Head of Boarding



Sports news...

The sports at Brookhouse have gotten off to a good start. The U13s have played their first matches as have the U19 and U15 teams. We have started our football term well, the U15s beating St. Christopher's and Premier 10-0 and 8-0. Our basketball teams have had similar success against the same opponents, winning 42-2 and 38-4. We look forward to more success and great competition in the near future. On Saturday the U19 girls basketball team went to the RVA tournament. They won the whole tournament. Congratulations girls!

- Mr Ross, Head of Sports Faculty



Health Talks...

During the Health talks, students get the opportunity to raise issues and ask questions. A general health talk on specific topics depending on the child's gender and age is given. The Stage one and two students were taught the hand washing technique as the Year 6 students discussed about the respiratory system. The Year 1, 6, 7 and 8 had health talks run by Jubilee insurance doctors and the Health Manager. The topics covered were healthy lifestyle, respiratory diseases and the liver and its diseases.

- Ms Gitome, Health Manager

