



# BROOKHOUSE SCHOOLS KAREN BULLETIN

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## 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 were matched by her forthright opinions. In the coming week we have the rounds of the annual Inter-House debates, 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, with respect for others and with the ability to articulate their views with intelligence and passion.

- Mr O'Connor, Director

SERVANT LEADER



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*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

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## Changes to the Calendar...

Dear Parents,

Kindly note that we are gradually implementing a change to our academic calendar, one that is necessitated by the examination boards having gradually shifted the examination season. In this regard, I have attached the term dates for the next academic year (September 2019 - August 2020) to assist with your forward planning. Please see the attachment for further details.

- Mr O'Connor, Director



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK



## Last week...

Student Rika meetings and sports fixtures took place and the Mother's Breakfast morning was well attended on Friday. Year 6, 7 and 13 students all enjoyed their educational trips. Senior students had an opportunity to attend the Australian Universities Fair, hosted at Brookhouse.

## Over the weekend...

BTEC Enterprise students had an overnight coursework trip to Sagana, Brookhouse Runda hosted the First Lego League competition and there were a number of sports fixtures. On Sunday, boarding students visited the children's ward at Kenyatta National Hospital.



## This week...

is BOOK WEEK and we look forward to the various activities organised and the World Book celebration on Thursday. Year 12 and 13 students will have Wellness talks, we have a Round Square assembly, Year 10 students depart for their bonding trip to Malewa and there are a variety of sports fixtures throughout the week. Over the weekend, a number of our sports teams compete in the KAISSO basketball, hockey and football tournaments and the Junior Invitational Swimming Gala, we host another round of SAT tests and the IAPS Young programmer's competition takes place.

- Mr Murigi, Bulletin Coordinator





## Secondary news...

Congratulations to our teams who took part in the First Lego League Robotics Challenge hosted at the Runda Campus. The challenge nurtures and develops skills such as team work, critical thinking and communication. The Year 13 Biology class visited the biomedical research labs at KEMRI while our BTEC Business class was on an overnight educational trip at Sagana. Thank you to all those who participated in the well attended and informative Mother’s Breakfast meeting. We also had IGCSE Drama rehearsals on Saturday. This week we focus on digital literacy during our Book Week.

- Mr Mulindi, Head of Secondary



## First Lego League...

Brookhouse School had the unique honour of hosting the First Lego League Competition 2019 for East Africa on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019, at its Runda campus. There were 340 junior and senior innovators, 50 teachers and more than 100 parents in attendance. I am pleased to inform the Brookhouse community that in this historic competition out of four first positions Brookhouse took two. The team comprising of Isaac, Tony, Jeevan, Vihan, Sameer, Mateo, Shaun and Tim Kibet attained two first positions.

Mr Raj, STEM Patron

## Mother’s Breakfast...

On Friday, we had many mothers and their friends attend the breakfast, where we shared ideas about the impact of social media on our children. This lively discussion was kicked off by four of our students who gave accounts of their use of social media in their everyday lives. I would like to sincerely thank all the mothers who were in attendance and specifically all those who shared their experiences.

Ms Mwangi, Deputy Director





## From The Prep...

The Mid-Year Assessments went very well and in the last week teachers have been involved in a series of meetings with Heads of Year and Heads of School to discuss the way forward. Year 7 and 8 coped well with a more intense schedule and it was clear that many had used study techniques to prepare for the assessments. Over the next few weeks, teachers will support learning by modelling exemplar assessment questions, showing them how to work to time so they complete all of the questions, and continue to develop skills required for success. The first 13+ examinations are on 13<sup>th</sup> May, with the rest of the papers from the 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> June.

- Ms Forsyth, Head of Prep



## Year 7 Geography Trip...

The Year 7 Geographers visited Elsamere Conservation Centre on the shores of Lake Naivasha. They investigated the formation of landforms in this volcanic landscape. They also found out about the challenges facing Lake Naivasha and came up with solutions to some of the problems.

- Ms Henderson, Humanities Leader

## Brown's Visit...

On Wednesday Year 6 went to Brown's Cheese Factory to look at the cheese making process. They learnt everything about the process from milking the cow to the final packaging!

- Ms Kibera, Head of Home Economics





## News From The **ELS...**

There was much excitement last week in Early Years with Stage 1, 2 & 3 going out on trips. Stage 3 visited the Giraffe Centre and were able to discuss the differences in the way giraffes grow compared to ourselves. The Stage 1 & 2 children went for a picnic to my house in Karen where they fed the chickens and the guinea pigs and generally enjoyed the slides, trampoline and swings. The Reception class visited Pizza Inn to learn how to make pizzas as part of their topic on food. These trips add so much value to the children's education.

- Ms Gammon, Head of ELS



## KEY DATES FOR THE TERM

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



## ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCES

### St Andrews School, SA

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



### Emerald Heights School

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

### South Asia and the Gulf

Round Square International Conference 2019

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

- Mr Ng'ang'a, Round Square Rep



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## Boarding news...

Boarders had an engaging weekend of sports fixtures, the Lego League competition at our sister campus and a Service Learning experience at the children's cancer paediatric ward in Kenyatta National Hospital. Subject clinics continue as we approach the final examinations.

- Mr Kimwele, Head of Boarding



## Travel Arrangements...

For the end of term, the school will close at 11.00am on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019, followed by 'Parent Consultations' with subject teachers. The Boarding House closes at 3.00pm. Kindly ensure that your child's timings for departure from Nairobi JKIA are before 5.00pm so that the school can provide concierge services to the airport. Please send the flight itinerary of your child to [boarding@brookhouse.ac.ke](mailto:boarding@brookhouse.ac.ke) by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 so that boarding may facilitate your child's departure from school.

### START OF TERM 3

All boarders are expected back to school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019. The school will provide concierge services from the airport to school at the following timings:

11.00 hrs - 12.30 hrs JKIA

13.00 hrs - 14.30 hrs JKIA

15.00 hrs - 17.00 hrs JKIA



## Sports news...

Last week was another busy week; the U19 girls hockey squad defeated St Christopher's 5-2 and drew with Oshwal 2-2, whilst the U19 boys hockey squad defeated Hillcrest 3-2 and Oshwal 4-1. The U17 boys basketball squad defeated Rusinga 64-32. At the weekend, the U17 boys basketball squad were champions of the Hillcrest U17 Basketball tournament. Six Brookhouse swimmers qualified for the KAISSO Swimming Championships at the weekend following the regional galas. Virginia Okumu was 1<sup>st</sup> in the U19 200m IM and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the U19 50m Butterfly, whilst Alvin Omondi won the U19 200m IM and 50m Backstroke. Njau Njuguna finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the U19 50m Breastroke and Mitch Mbugua finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the U19 50m Butterfly. Virginia, Alvin, Elsie, Njau and Mitch all received medals within the relays and Karen Region 3 were the overall winners.

A former Kenya Rugby 7's coach has joined the Brookhouse Sports Department as a Rugby Consultant. Innocent Simiyu will be working with the U13, U15 and U19 teams and coaches to further improve performance and success in rugby at Brookhouse. Innocent started last week with a 1 hour coaching session at the Senior Meeting held at Brookhouse Runda and a session with the U15 boys rugby squad.

- Ms Curley, Head of Sports Faculty

