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From The Director...

NEXT STEPS - the song 'Leaving on a Jet Plane' was written by John Denver way back in 1966 and recorded most famously by Peter, Paul and Mary in 1967. By now, the students will be saying who, who and who? But I mention this song because last week marked an end and a beginning for our Year 13 students, who completed their last day of high school on Friday as they start their study leave and final A-level examinations. Like generations of Brookhouse graduates before them, they have set their sights on amazing opportunities at universities around the world for September, and I know they have worked hard to attain their goals. Brookhouse is only as good as the next step it prepares young people for...and I wish these young people every success - with their examination papers, with their Graduation in June, and for very bright futures.

- Mr O'Connor, Director

LEADERSHIP



“ Cause I'm leaving on a jet plane...”

- John Denver



KEY DATES

- Year 11 & 13 candidates began study leave on Friday 22nd April 2022
- IGCSE & A-Level written examinations began on Monday 25th April 2022
- Long Weekend #1 is from Friday 29th April to Tuesday 3rd May 2022; inclusive
- End of Year assessments will run from Tuesday 24th May to Friday 3rd June 2022
- Long weekend #2 from Saturday 28th May to Wednesday 1st June 2022
- IGCSE & A-Level written examinations conclude on Friday 10th June 2022
- Sixth Form Graduation Ceremony will be on Friday 10th June 2022
- Sixth Form Prom event will be on Saturday 11th June 2022

- In-person parent consultations on Thursday 16th June 2022
- Virtual parent consultations on Friday 17th June 2022
- Term 3 concludes on Friday 17th June @ 1pm

SPEECH DAY AWARD CEREMONIES

- Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th May 2022, Karen Campus
Year 1 to Year 10
- Friday 27th May 2022, Runda Campus - ELS to Year 13
- Saturday 28th May 2022, Karen Campus - Year 11 to IFY



News from the ELS...

It has been so lovely having the children back at school. They are adjusting well and enjoying catching up with each other and exploring nature. I hope you enjoy the photos of the joint campus trip to Brown's Cheeses. The topic for Reception class last term was FOOD. They learnt that milk can be turned into butter, cheese, yoghurt and ice cream! They got to make their own cheese and pizzas for lunch.

- Ms Gammon, Headteacher - ELS



News from the Prep...

Term 3 started well last week with Year 4 & 5 students starting preparations for the play, *Troy Story*. They are learning their lines and songs with enthusiasm and some of the wet playtimes have been used effectively to practice dance routines. This term, there are more fixtures and tournaments, external clubs and extra-curricular opportunities. Every class has a day trip or overnight experience. This will be a short but exceedingly busy final term of the academic year.

- Ms Forsyth, Headteacher - Prep





Year 8 Geography trip

The Year 8 Geography class has been covering economic activities and their importance. The class visited Eco Rose Ltd in Limuru to understand the operations of the farm, both locally and internationally. This provided valuable learning lessons that cut across Sciences and Humanities. The students were happy to be back participating in fieldwork and we look forward to more opportunities like this.

- Mr Milafu, Head of Geography



Sports Update

Rugby & Netball

This term, our main sporting focus shifts to rugby for the boys and netball for the girls. We also have several cross-county events this term. The boys need to come to school with a gum shield and a spare rugby shirt or t-shirt that they can train in. We do not want the boys playing in their PE shirts as these may get damaged. The girls can wear their normal PE kit to their lessons and matches. We have a new sports training timetable outlining the clubs and activities that will run this term - before, during and after school.

- Mr Ross, Head of Sports Faculty



FINAL EXAMINATIONS MAY/JUNE 2022

The final written IGCSE and A2 examinations started on Monday 25th April 2022. The IFY students will start their final Semester 2 written examinations on 1st to 9th June 2022. All candidates will finish their examinations by Friday 10th June 2022. To ensure the successful running of examinations, we wish to highlight the following:

- The school will still be strictly enforcing Covid-19 protocols and regulations during each exam.
- The school must be promptly informed if a candidate will be arriving late or will be absent for an examination.
- Mobile phones and other digital electronic devices are prohibited and will lead to disqualification, even if they are switched off.
- Only the approved pens, pencil cases and calculators will be allowed in the examination room.
- Candidates must bring their own stationery, equipment and materials as borrowing is not allowed.
- Candidates must check their examination timetables and avoid late arrival for examinations.
- Candidates must carry their school ID card to be presented to the security staff at the school gate when they enter or leave school.
- Only students who have cleared all fees will be eligible to sit examinations.
- All students must wear full school uniform before, during and after the examination.
- No student should drive to or from school.

We have already issued Statements of Entry, Examination Timetables and the Calendar of Examinations to all candidates. Finally, parents and candidates are reminded of the stiff examination board penalties for any examination malpractice. Parents are therefore requested to reinforce this at home with their children. All candidates have been fully briefed on precautions to be taken in case of suspected malpractice. We look forward to a successful examination season. Examination results will be published on Thursday 11th (A-Levels) and Thursday 18th (IGCSE) August 2022. For any enquiries contact exams@brookhouse.ac.ke

- Mr Ombui, Examinations Manager





Prague Debate Spring

On the 9th-10th April, 2022, a group of 17 Year 12 students took part in the Prague Debate Spring, held virtually. The event attracted 500 debaters from 30 countries, giving students from selected schools in the Czech Republic, Italy, Hong Kong, UK, India, Canada and Kenya, a chance to interact, hone their debating skills and deliberate on current affairs. Brookhouse registered 5 teams. Our debaters were exceptional ambassadors for the school.

- Mrs Ogwen, World Scholars Cup Patron



News from the **Secondary**...

A warm welcome to all as we start our final term. Last week, Year 11 candidates completed their IGCSE Foreign Language Oral examinations, and together with the Year 13 A-Level students, are now on study leave as they start on their final written examination papers. We look forward to a smooth examinations season and wish all our candidates well. The clubs brochure has been shared and I look forward to all students getting involved in the exciting variety of co-curricular activities.

- Mr Mulindi, Headteacher - Secondary





PA-K Gold Expedition

The President's Award - Kenya Gold Award expedition to Mt. Kenya at the end of the last term went on smoothly. It was a great experience for outdoor education enthusiasts after a two-year hiatus. The participants faced probably the most demanding challenge of their lives so far; the four days of hiking the rugged terrain of Mt. Kenya stretched them to unimaginable limits. Out of the 40 participants, 39 attempted summiting and 34 made it to Peak Lenana. I would like to congratulate all the participants and wish them well as they complete the programme.

- Mr Maswai, PA-K and Service Patron



PA-K Silver Expedition

The President's Award - Kenya Silver Award students had an expedition to Sagana Rapid Camp from 1st to 3rd April 2022. The 32 participants were very enthusiastic about being outdoors and working in teams as they hiked the rugged forest terrain of Maimuti Hills. I would like to congratulate all the participants and wish them well as they complete the programme and progress to the President's Award - Kenya Gold level.

- Mr Marigiri, PA-K



PRESENTATION SPEECH DAYS THIS TERM

In terms of forward planning for parents, I want to share the school's calendar of SPEECH DAY events for this term, which will be a sequence of gatherings to celebrate student achievement throughout the year.

For 2022, our Presentation Speech Days will be in-person gatherings, with paired year groups on different days for the Karen campus, each with an invitation for 2 family members per child to attend. In this way, we are encouraging a community in-person event within the manageable space for the venues concerned.

At Karen campus, the Presentation Speech Days will be spread over the course of a week, from Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th, covering students from ELS to Year 10 in paired year groupings on each day - hosted in the Burudani Theatre. On Saturday 28th May in the afternoon, Year 11 to 13, IFY and BTEC students will have their Presentation Speech Day in the Tergat Sports Centre, with an invitation for up to 3 family members per child to attend.

At Runda campus, the Presentation Speech Day will be held on Friday 27th May, in two groupings, with ELS and Junior classes in the morning, and Year 3 to Year 13 in the afternoon - hosted in the Johari Theatre - with an invitation for up to 3 family members per child to attend.

CLASS of 2022 GRADUATION AND PROM

Year 13, IFY and BTEC students from both campuses will celebrate their Graduation from Brookhouse in a ceremony to be held at the Karen campus on the afternoon of Friday 10th June - hosted in the Tergat Sports Centre - with an invitation for up to 3 family members per graduate to attend.

The Prom for our graduates will take place on the evening of Saturday 11th June at the Serena Hotel, and further details will be shared in due course.

- Mr O'Connor, Director



Mandela House Update

We would like to welcome back the boarders following the Easter break. Last week was busy with the Year 11 boarders taking their Language oral examinations and the Year 13 candidates involved in final preparations. The Boarding House has arranged for the candidates to have longer study time and assistance from teachers in between the examinations during the study leave. During the weekend, the boarders were engaged in a variety of enrichment and sports activities.

- Mr Kimwele, Headteacher - Boarding



Long weekend #1

The long weekend exeat will begin on **Thursday 28th April 2022 at 3.30pm**. Boarders who leave for the break will be expected to report back to school before **5.30 pm on Tuesday 3rd May 2022**.

- Mr Kimwele, Headteacher - Boarding

