



BROOKHOUSE SCHOOLS BULLETIN



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Margaret Kenyatta Scholarship winners with H E The First Lady

From The Director...

It has become a Brookhouse tradition that the final bulletin of the academic year reminds us of the philosophical approach to education embodied in the wise words of Kurt Hahn. His vision of a character-based education has become the worldwide movement that is the Round Square global family of today, with students from 200 schools around the world meeting in September 2022 for our first global conference since the start of the pandemic. I'm sure the Brookhouse delegation of students attending the conference at Oxford in the UK will have an amazing experience, as we begin our own preparations to host the international conference in 2023. On another note, I am particularly grateful to the new PTA team, who have included a summary report in this week's bulletin. Finally, as the academic year concludes, I wish the graduating Class of 2022 all the very best for exciting futures and hope that everyone in the Brookhouse community has a safe and restful holiday break.

- Mr O'Connor, Director

LEADERSHIP



“ There is more in us than we know if we could be made to see it; perhaps for the rest of our lives we will be unwilling to settle for less. ”

- Kurt Hahn



KEY DATES for Term 1 for the 2022 - 2023 Academic Year

- Term 1 2022 - 2023 starts on Tuesday 30th August 2022
- HALF TERM BREAK will be on 15th to 23rd October 2022
- Term 1 concludes on Friday 9th December 2022
- Christmas break starts on 10th December to 2nd January 2023



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Dear Brookhouse Community,

With a proactive approach to working with the School, we are pleased with the successful start and progress made by the BSPTA this academic year. Please see my summary report below.

- Mr Victor Miseda, BSPTA Chair

From the BROOKHOUSE SCHOOL PARENTS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

As we approach the end of the third term, we are pleased with the progress and achievements made by the BSPTA. Through constructive engagements with the leadership of the School, we have made important milestones. We have also held several meetings and put in place working sub-committees.

We have supported the School Work Experience programme by assisting with placements. The Student Wellbeing Committee has been very instrumental and has been keen in supporting the School in among other things, the graduation of the Sixth Form and the Early Learning School transition to Prep School.

The Service-Learning Committee was also closely involved with the School's Service projects and doing great work in this area. The new Parents Sub-committee has also taken active steps to put in place initiatives that include exploring, in consultation with the School leadership, ways for new parents to engage the Sub-committee for a better perspective and understanding of the School operations.

The Sub-committee would also like to be instrumental in the integration of new parents into the School community and proposes to be part of the welcome tour for new parents.

The BSPTA acknowledges the important milestones achieved by the School leadership and has the resolve and commitment to work closely with the leadership to build on these and create a dynamic and sustainable Brookhouse community.

The BSPTA is keen to leverage on these partnerships to cultivate an inclusive, caring and culturally responsive School community for the benefit of the students and all stakeholders.

We wish the school leadership, staff, students, and parents a restful long school vacation.

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares for."

Margaret J Wheatley

Mr Victor O. Miseda
BSPTA Chairman

Sixth Form Careers Team Profile

Director of Careers at Karen, Mr. Milafu Otieno, has been with Brookhouse School since 2000. He started as a teacher of Geography, which he continues to teach, throughout the secondary school. He has been part of the Sixth Form Team for the past 17 years. As part of his role as Director of Careers, Mr Milafu has had many opportunities to network with Admissions Officers from universities around the world.

By way of professional development for careers guidance, he has visited universities across the USA and the UK, as well as Germany, Japan, and Doha. These visits include various networking sessions, workshops and visits to numerous universities to tour campuses. Additionally, he has built up a network of local partnerships who work alongside the Careers Team at Brookhouse to ensure the best possible outcome through the application process.

Mr Milafu takes a lead role in advising the students through the weekly Careers lessons across the Karen and Runda campuses. The lessons are enhanced by small group and one-on-one meetings with individual students. He arranges university visits to Brookhouse, ensures participation in external university fairs and encourages alumni to share their experiences.



In his role as a Head of Year, Mr Milafu utilises Google Classroom and weekly assemblies to pass important Careers information to the senior students, including key deadlines for applications to various destinations.

Mr Milafu and the Sixth Form team of staff strive to ensure the best experience and opportunities for Brookhouse students to move on to the next stage of their educational journey.

- Ms Elisabeth Shabouk, Careers Team

Key Dates:

10th October: Medicine, Oxbridge, USA Early Decision Applications
26th November: UK, USA, Canadian Applications

University Research Tips

Unifrog (unifrog.org) is a platform that all Brookhouse students from Year 11 onwards have access to. Students should use the platform to research various destinations, universities, careers, and subject choices. Parents can engage with their child to access this platform together. University Fairs, visits, and Zoom sessions provide students with the opportunity to engage one-on-one with Admissions Officers. Parents can participate in these sessions to also be informed. Please check the Term Calendars as they are published for forward planning.

Myfuturechoice.com is a resource for all Year 12 students. By now, each student should have completed the online questionnaire. The results connect students to study and career paths linked to their strengths and are self-generated for student access. A pdf copy will be emailed to parents this week.

The University Round up list on this page indicates some of the universities Brookhouse students have successfully attended in the last few years. We will include further lists in each careers section bulletin update.

- Ms Elisabeth Shabouk, Careers Team

University Roll Call

Brown University
Cardiff University
Glion Institute, Switzerland
Ithica College
Les Roches Marbella
London School of Economics
McGill University
Monash University
Mount Holyoke College
NYU Abu Dhabi
St George's University
Strathmore University
University of Glasgow
University of Kent
University of Melbourne
University of Pennsylvania
University of Sydney
University of Toronto
York University

New Arrivals

Dear Parents,

Brookhouse is fortunate to have one of the lowest staff turnovers of all international schools globally, and at this time of the year we say farewell to those staff moving on and welcome new members of the staff team for September. This year we say farewell to Mr Wild who has completed his contract at the Runda campus, and also to Ms Forsyth, the long serving Head of Prep at Brookhouse, who retires after 22 years of outstanding commitment to our school. We wish them both all good things for the future.

Our global recruitment process allows us to welcome two new Heads of Prep, one at each campus for September:-

Ms Emily Morgan-Evans joins us as the Prep Headteacher at the Karen campus. Ms Morgan-Evans has wide international experience in leadership positions in the UK, China and India. She has worked in a variety of schools and specialises in school management at the Prep level and in teaching children ranging from three to twelve years.

We also welcome **Ms Katrina Williams** as the Prep Headteacher at the Runda campus. Ms Williams has worked in the UK and in Africa, most recently in Tanzania, as a Head of School working with children from Early Years to Secondary School. She has significant school leadership experience with particular experience at the Prep level. Both Ms Morgan-Evans' and Ms Williams' leadership experience will be most welcome additions to the Brookhouse family.

- Mr O'Connor, Director



- Ms Katrina Williams



- Ms Emily Morgan-Evans

Service Learning Initiative

RUNDA PREP FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN IN SUPPORT OF MOGRA CHILDREN'S HOME

We are very excited to say that this term's Prep fundraising campaign in support of Mogra Children's Home was an overwhelming success. Such success would have been unthinkable without excellent volunteer participation, and I wish to acknowledge one particular student, Storm in Year 4, for all the time and effort she contributed to this fundraising drive. Her exemplary contribution will play a large role in helping us be able to support our Service Learning activities.

- Mr Moses Lutta



Mr Murigi and students during our Work Experience Programme