



BROOKHOUSE SCHOOLS BULLETIN

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From The Director...

The term is already flying high with great opportunities for students to get engaged in lots of clubs and activities. My choice of 'quote of note' 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 an individual 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 learning adventures our students are going to undertake this term by joining a club?

- Mr O'Connor, Director

QUOTE OF NOTE



“ Adventure is worthwhile in itself. ”
- Amelia Earhart



KEY DATES

- Term 1 began on Tuesday 30th August 2022
- UK universities fair on Thursday 15th Sept @ Brookhouse Karen
- UK universities postgraduate fair on Saturday 17th Sept @ Serena Hotel
- Round Square International Conference from 19th-25th September 2022 @ Oxford University
- Prefects Training weekend from 22nd-24th September 2022 @ William Holden Centre
- Half-term will be from Saturday 15th to Sunday 23rd October 2022, Classes resume on Monday 24th October 2022
- Parent-Teen seminar on Saturday 29th October 2022
- TEDx Youth Event on Saturday 19th November 2022
- Boarding International Day on Saturday 3rd December 2022 hosted by the Mandela Boarding House
- Art Exhibition and Christmas Carols at the Village Market on 3rd and 4th December 2022
- Virtual parent consultations on Thursday 8th December from 8.00-5.00pm and in-person on Friday 9th December from 8.30am-1.00pm
- Term 1 concludes at 1.00pm on Friday 9th December 2022





News from Runda...

What a warm welcome to Brookhouse last week was. It was a pleasure getting to know our wonderful students and meeting parents too. This is the start of a busy term with many exciting opportunities to explore. I look forward to knowing you better and seeing each student fully engaged, so that they make the most of each day.

- Ms Williams, Headteacher - Runda Prep

PREPARATORY AND EARLY LEARNING



News from Karen...

Last week was splendid at the Prep Karen campus. Children strode through the drawbridge and proceeded to their classrooms with beaming smiles. It was lovely to finally meet the children, who quickly made me feel very welcome along with the other new children joining Brookhouse this term.

- Ms Morgan-Evans, Headteacher - Karen Prep





World Scholar's Cup-Prague Global Round Aug 2022

On 17th-25th August 2022, a Brookhouse delegation of two junior teams and four senior teams took part in the World Scholar's Cup Prague Global Round. The event attracted more than 800 scholars from 21 countries. Our scholars were exceptional ambassadors for the school. Tshomela and Leandra were nominated as best speakers and selected for the debate showcase. Additionally, Tshomela was chosen as the flag bearer for Kenya. We are truly proud of our scholars for such a resounding success with all six teams qualifying for the most prestigious round, the tournament of Champions at Yale University, USA, a feat unmatched by all the other schools from Kenya.

- Mrs Ogweno, World Scholar's Cup Patron



Year 11 **Work experience** June 2022

The Work experience programme began with an orientation day where students were briefed on key expectations and procedures before undertaking their work experience placement in various companies. Brookhouse alumni were instrumental in providing valuable career guidance in Law, Business, Finance, Medicine and prospects in the public sector. Students had a talk by Dr Lopokoyit on work place safety. The programme is a crucial stepping stone on the path to Sixth Form education, university education and ultimately on the path to starting a career.

- Mr Mwangi, Work Experience Manager



From the **Head of Secondary**

A warm welcome to the start of Term 1. We are pleased with the smooth settling down of students into their new Year groups. The induction programmes for our IFY and Year 12 students were very successful. Students have started planning for their Service Learning projects. Our sports training sessions have also begun. We can all look forward to an exciting term.

- Mr Mulindi, Head of Karen Campus



Arete education

We are delighted to invite you to join an *Inspired* schools event with leading USA university consultancy, Arete Education. The one hour workshop will provide guidance on how to build a USA college list, curriculum requirements, deadlines and application platforms, and advice on personal statements and supplementary materials. The presentation will be followed by a 30 minutes question and answer session. The workshop will take place with times adapted to suit families around the world. Parents are invited to register for the workshop that is most convenient for them.

For Kenya, the times are:

Tuesday 13th September at 8pm or

Wednesday 14th September at 3.30pm

log in details will be shared soon

- Ms Shabouk, Careers Advisor



SAVE THE DATE

Inspired organised

online webinar:

USA University

admissions advice

13th Sept 8.00pm EAT

OR

14th Sept 3:30pm EAT

For all senior students

and their parents

see attached flyer



Careers corner



Careers Team Highlight—Ms Kariuki

Key Dates:

8th October:

Year 12 Parent Morning

10th October:

Medicine, Oxbridge, USA

Early Decision Applications deadline

26th November:

UK, USA, Canadian

Applications Deadline

University Round-up

In the last few years, Brookhouse Alumni have attended global universities around the world, including:

- London School of Economics
- McGill University
- NYU
- St Georges University
- Strathmore University
- UCLA
- University of Glasgow
- University of Melbourne
- University of Oxford
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Stellenbosch
- University of Sydney
- University of Toronto
- University of Warwick
- Yale University
- York University

Head of Sixth Form at the Runda campus, Ms Kariuki has been with Brookhouse since 2004. She currently is also the Head of History and Model United Nations Patron. She is a highly valued member of the Sixth Form Team and a Careers Advisor. As part of her professional development in careers guidance, she has participated in international conferences in the USA, Africa and local institutes within our circle of British International Schools in Kenya. These visits include various networking sessions, workshops, and visits to universities.

Ms Kariuki has been involved in planning for numerous educational fairs. These fairs are important as they bring in Admissions Officers from tertiary institutions around the world to our school. Students are then able to engage with universities and colleges they are interested in, as well as learn about other institutions they can consider applying to. One of Ms Kariuki's main goals as part of the Careers Team is to ensure that students are guided carefully in their A-level subject choices and BTEC course options. This involves looking at previous results, understanding what a student is good at, as well as what that student enjoys doing.



Ms Kariuki and the other Sixth Form Heads strive to ensure the best experience and opportunities for Brookhouse students to move on to the next stage of their journey.

Writing a Personal Statement

Students in Year 13 have been writing their personal statements over the school break. As they work on each draft, a few pointers should be kept in mind. A personal statement is a representation of the student to admissions officers. It should convey a student's interest in a career and course, and should be written in their own voice.

Since the text is limited to 4000 characters, including spaces and punctuation, a well-organised personal statement should have between 3500 - 3800 characters. A good personal statement is broken down into three sections; (1) an evocative, but brief explanation why the student wishes to study their chosen course, (2) an outline of all the skills, activities, and experiences

related to the chosen course, and (3) any other interests the student may wish the admissions team to know about that may not be related to the chosen course (ie: music or sport). By using their completed CV's (from last term) and following these guidelines, students will be able to successfully complete this document. The Sixth Form team is always available for guidance and editing advice.

- Ms Shabouk, Careers Advisor



News from Runda Campus...

We welcome back our existing and new students to a new academic year. With outstanding examination results from our candidates, we see a renewed sense of focus, motivation and determination to leverage this success. We continue to complement our academic curriculum with our exciting extra-curricular activities. This term, there will be opportunities to engage in a variety of activities, including TEDx, Service Learning, the Performing and Expressive Arts, STEAM, sports and Public Speaking. We can all look forward to an inspiring and engaging term.



- Mr Lutta, Head of Runda Campus

From the Boarding House...

The Mandela Boarding House is delighted to welcome students back from the summer holiday. We particularly welcome all the new students and parents who have joined us this term. In the past week, I have had the opportunity to meet with our new boarding students and I am pleased to see the new students fitting in and making new friends. We also welcome back Mr. Omasire and Mr. Mwai to the boarding team. Boarding mentors assigned to each student will be in touch with a progress report soon.

- Mr Kimwele, Headteacher - Boarding



Sports Update

It is great to have all the students back after a long break. We are eagerly looking forward to our sports fixtures. This term, the Prep students will be focusing on: *Football, Athletics & Swimming*

The secondary students will be focussing on:

Girls: *Basketball, Netball, Swimming, Athletics & Cross-Country*

Boys: *Football, Swimming, Athletics & Cross-Country*

They have already started training and preparing for a term full of sporting activities.

- Mr Martyn and Mr Atto, Sport Leaders