



# SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

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## HEAD OF SECONDARY'S MESSAGE

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### UP COMING EVENTS

- 28th Aug → ISSAK Boys Trials
- 31st Aug → ISSAK Committee meeting
- 31st Aug → ISSAK Girls Trials; DP Parents info evening
- 31st - 2nd Sept → Club A Registration

### We're on the Web!

[www.kisu.com](http://www.kisu.com)

### Useful Websites

If you would like more details about the curriculum your child is following or exams your child will be sitting you can check the websites below:

#### Cambridge International Exams

<http://cie.org.uk>

#### National Curriculum

<http://curriculum.qca.org.uk>

#### International Baccalaureate (IB)

<http://www.ibo.org>

After what has seemed to be a relatively short summer break, we are welcoming new and returning students as well as new and returning staff to another exciting year in Secondary at KISU. The break may have been restful for most of the KISU community but there were some nervous days for our former Year 11 and DP2 students as they waited for their result. The first to be released were the IB Diploma results. As is usual I opened them with a small amount of trepidation – would the students get the results that they richly deserved? My concerns were unfounded and as I looked through each student's grades I was, overall, very happy. We had a number of students in the very high 30s and a school average well above the world average. All of the DP2 students and their teachers deserve to be congratulated. Early in August we received our IGCSE results and once again they were very pleasing – particularly the large increase in the number of high grades that

our students received. Over the next few weeks we will be giving out more details of our IB and IGCSE results both through the newsletter and on our website.

KISU achievements were not limited to the academic and I had great pleasure in seeing the KISU Bucks win the Uganda Junior NBA final at the MTN Arena. Whilst all our students made significant contributions, a special mention has to go to their captain **Willem De Heer** for his outstanding performance in the final.

If you would like to see more details please go to <https://www.facebook.com/JrNBAUganda>

As usual for our start of year newsletters we like to provide you with pictures of the staff that you may need to get in touch with. We are starting this week with our Secondary Leadership Team:



**PHOTOS OF THE SECONDARY LEADERSHIP TEAM**



**Mr. Terry Garbett – Head of Secondary**  
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**Miss. Nic Walker – Key Stage 3 coordinator**  
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**Miss Racquel Theberge – Sports Director**  
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**Matthew Holborow – IB Diploma Coordinator**  
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**Mr. Andrew Pearson – Key Stage 4**  
coordinator (Years 10 & 11)  
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## SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

### Welcome

Welcome (or in most cases, welcome back) to the new academic year (2015-16) at KISU. I am delighted and excited to have the opportunity to carry on Neil Wrightson's good work as School Director and lead the next phase of the school's development. It is certainly an exciting time to be at KISU with last year's graduates comfortably surpassing the world average score for the IB Diploma and Year 11 taking us to new heights in IGCSE performance (with one in three grades being either A or A\*). Congratulations to all concerned!

Although I am most recently from an International School in Lusaka, Zambia I was previously working as Deputy Head at St Andrew's, Turi just across the border in Kenya so feel I have a bit of a handle on what to expect in the weeks and months ahead and (I hope like our students) am raring to get going! I look forward to meeting, and getting to know, as many of you as possible over the course of the next few weeks and months.

### New Teachers

Of course, mine is not the only new face that parents and students will be seeing around the place. We have been lucky to recruit some excellent new teachers to help us move forward this year. They are:

Kristen Woodruff	Year 2 Class Teacher
Margot Girerd-Barday	Year 3 Class Teacher
Cara Slabaugh Whiteside	Art Teacher
Sam Mwaniki Mwangi	Business Studies Teacher
Rachel Rabanowitz	French Teacher
Stéphane Rabanowitz	MFL Head of Department
Jacqui Lang	Humanities Teacher
Matthew Holborow	IB Diploma Coordinator/ English Teacher
Saba Rewald	PE Teacher (Secondary)
Duncan Shirley	Science Teacher
Emma Ochwo Sempa	University Guidance & Careers Counselor/Science Teacher

Please do try to make them all feel welcome in these first few weeks of the term.

### Outdoor Ed Trips are here soon

With the start of the new school year come a pile of letters, invoices, emails and notes home. At times it can be daunting and I ask that you carefully read every one. It is only a few weeks until the outdoor education trips and, from talking to students, they are very excited about what lies ahead. Organising the trips is a mammoth undertaking with a huge amount of work going on

behind the scenes to make sure that everything happens smoothly. It is vital that parents confirm their child's attendance and pay for the trips as soon as possible. The teachers need to organise payment of deposits to suppliers in order to reserve buses, accommodation and the like, and they can only do this when parents have paid, as each trip is entirely self-funding. Your help in achieving smooth running trips is very much appreciated.

As in the past we have arranged times where parents can meet the teachers who will be on the individual trips, so that they can be briefed on what will happen, how things will operate and of course there will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions. Please look out for the dates of these meetings and attend if you possibly can. We will also ensure that you know who is leading each trip, so that you know who to ask if you are unsure about anything.

### Club forms are out

Speaking of notes and planning, you should by now have received an email from Racquel Theberge (Sports Director) about after school clubs/activities. As in the past, the clubs will operate on a first come first served basis after 9.00am Monday morning and applications can ONLY be made via returning the email to her. If you did not receive an email it is very important that you look in your spam filter first, as often emails from school seem to randomly end up being filtered out. If on investigation you still can't find the email, please contact the following people so that we can ensure we have your correct email address. They will send you a confirmation email reply, so that you know your address has been received.

For Primary Students: Jessica or Martha in the Primary Office ([primaryoffice@kisu.com](mailto:primaryoffice@kisu.com)).

For Secondary students: Jolly or Faith in the Secondary Office ([secondaryoffice@kisu.com](mailto:secondaryoffice@kisu.com)).

Here's to a great week ahead.

### Parent Survey

We would really value some feedback from you regarding the school, to help us to identify what our strengths are and which areas we need to prioritise for improvement. At some point in the next week or so you will have the opportunity to fill out a parent questionnaire. I hope you will take a few minutes to complete it for us and hand it in, either at Reception or through your child's Form Tutor or Class Teacher.

Warm regards,

**Steve Lang**

**School Director**

## MUSIC DYNAMICS

### Individual Private Music Lessons

KISU runs a Private Music Lessons program for all age-groups where students seeking to improve their playing or singing ability have the option of taking individual private lessons for an additional fee. Approximately 10 professional musicians from around Kampala offer intensive weekly instruction in voice, keyboard, wind, string, and percussion instruments. Students may study voice, piano, classical guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, modern drums, African drums, cornet, recorder, violin, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and African Xylophone. Registration is in progress now and forms can be obtained from the Secondary or Primary office or from the reception area. The cost per lesson is UGSHS 35,000 and a minimum of 10 lessons is required at registration each term. All payments must be made in advance.



### Music Recitals

KISU offers a variety of performing opportunities to students as a way of celebrating their musical achievements on their chosen instruments. Two recitals are organized every year in December and in May. More information on that will come your way in due course.

### Associated Board of the Royal School of Music Examinations 2016

As you may know, KISU is a centre of the International Music Examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM). Students that take lessons on individual instruments are presented with the opportunity to take music examinations conducted by an international assessor from the United Kingdom. Should you wish to have your child examined under this scheme, please let me know so that we can start working towards that.

### Dr. Benon Kigozi, Head of Music

## PTA NEWS

Dear All

Welcome- to all new parents, students and teachers, as well as to those returning. I trust that you all had a wonderful summer and for those newcomers – may your transition into KISU/Uganda be successful. I am sure 2015/2016 will be an exciting, eventful and successful year!

My name is Rose Bowmaker and I am the chairperson for the PTA (Parent Teacher Association). We, my husband and children, are beginning our 5<sup>th</sup> year in Uganda. Our daughter is in year 8 and our son is in year 6. I have been involved with the PTA for 5 years.

The PTA plays a very active role at KISU and newcomers are always welcome to join the committee, although as parents/legal guardians/teachers you automatically form part of the PTA. This year we are looking for a new Vice-Chair and Treasurer, as well as at least another 4 parents willing to join the PTA, so please let me know if you are interested.

The PTA assists with school productions, sporting events, teacher appreciation day, school photographs, family days, fund-raising events of which 20% is donated to selected educational charities, etc.

To find out more about the PTA, KISU or the extended community, please come along to our 'Welcome Coffee Mornings' the first of which, was held this past Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August and was extremely well attended. A second coffee morning will be held this coming Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September above the main reception area from 07:45. Otherwise, please feel free to contact me at [pta@kisu.com](mailto:pta@kisu.com)

Several posters have been displayed on notice boards around the school advertising our PTA Welcome Coffee mornings.

I would also like to confirm CPRs (Class Parent Representatives) for each class – both primary and secondary. For those that have been CPRs in the past and would like to continue their role as CPR, please let me know as well as your child/ren's class teacher. New parents are also welcome to be a CPR for your child/ren's classes. A CPR's duties are basically to act as the go-between for teacher and the parents in order to communicate any upcoming school events/functions; outdoor education trips; class outings; emergency contact; to take any class/school queries or concerns of the parents to the PTA etc. CPRs form a vital part of the school's communication network and are beneficial to you and your children to keep abreast with what is happening at school. That being said, it is therefore extremely important that the school receives your **correct contact details** so that the CPR network of communication can run effectively.

I hope that you have all had a great first week and start to the school year. Enjoy your weekend.

Kind regards

**Rose Bowmaker, KISU PTA Chairperson. 0755799983**

## GoPro Hero



Hello everyone and welcome back from the summer break. I know you had a great time and if you did not, then next time, let me plan your summer for you.

So, what did I do this summer?

Well, I travelled and my travels took me to the beautiful city of Barcelona and I wish I had taken more pictures to show you. You know the problem of visiting such places is that you want to take in the sights and taking photos can sometimes hinder that. That brings me to the subject of our first article for this school year. If I only had a camera that I did not have to carry and point and shoot, then I think I would have better and more memories from my trip and I am sure many of you feel the same way. Well, out goes my phone camera and in comes the GoPro. This is the one that any adventurous person needs to have.

HERO makes it easy to capture and share your world. Featuring high-quality 1080p30 and 720p60 video, HERO captures the same immersive footage that's made GoPro one of the best-selling cameras in the world. User-friendly modes include Quick Capture, which lets you power on the camera and start recording with the press of a single button, and Burst Photo, which captures fast-action sequences at up to 5 frames per second. Wearable, gear-mountable and integrated into a rugged housing that's waterproof to 131' (40m). Some basic features include:

- GoPro video quality.
- Diverse photo capture
- Rugged, waterproof, all-in-one design
- Small + lightweight—Weighing just 3.9 ounces, HERO is super small, ultra portable and perfect for low-profile mounting
- World's most immersive video—HERO features Super View, a GoPro-exclusive video mode that captures immersive wide-angle perspective
- Auto Low Light mode
- Ultra wide-angle glass lens
- Built-in microphone

Now, if I had had this little guy who goes for just 200-400 USD, I would have many shots to share with you

**Robert Buga**

**CLUBS**

KISU is back with all your favourite clubs and more! With our classics like Hip-Hop break-dancing, Capoeira, and fun swim, alongside our new and exciting clubs like Inline Skating/ Hockey, Zumba, and Judo, how will you choose?

The club information & sign up form was sent on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have not received the email, **please check your junk mail**. If you do not find it there, please ensure the primary or secondary school office has your correct email. Then, email me at [sportsdirector@kisu.com](mailto:sportsdirector@kisu.com) requesting the club information & sign up form, **indicating in which key stage your child is- KG, Rec/KS1, KS2, or Secondary**.

Thanks for your cooperation! Let the fun begin!

Racquel Theberge

Director of Sport

**LAMDA**

Congratulations to all LAMDA students who passed their June exams, with a very special mention to our Bronze and Gold Medal candidates who excelled, all earning Distinctions. Lessons start again on Wednesday 16th September. Further information is available from [avril.porter@dramadevelopment.com](mailto:avril.porter@dramadevelopment.com).

*Avril Porter*

*LAMDA Coordinator, Uganda*

*Director, Drama Development (U) Ltd*

**International School's Sports Association Kampala- ISSAK**

With our ISSAK secondary football season fast approaching, secondary students hit the field this Thursday and Friday for team trials. Trials will continue into next week, Monday and Tuesday, and teams will be posted by Wednesday in time for Thursday and Friday training. Our coaches are excited by the wealth of talent displayed and look forward to seeing our student athletes develop. I'd like to extend a sincere thank you to our coaches for their dedication to our student athletes and sports program and to our parents for supporting their children's involvement in sport.

U13 Girls- Mr Pearson

U16 & U20 Girls- Mr Kimoto  
& Mr Yovan

U13 Boys- Mr Garbett

U16 & U20 Boys- Mr Buga  
& Mr Kagawa

GO Lions GO!

**Racquel Theberge**

**Director of Sport**