



# SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

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## HEAD OF SECONDARY'S MESSAGE

The first of our interim reports go out on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and for parents whose children are new to the Secondary school, are new to IGCSE or are new to the IB Diploma there will be lots of new information to understand. I hope that the following information will make the reports a little clearer:

**N grades** - As I am sure you are aware, we have had a number of staffing issues at the start of this term. Finding good quality international staff is always a long process and when staff leave without the expected notice or are away for a significant amount of time other teachers have to step up and cover.

I am very grateful to all my colleagues who have taken on extra work over the last 6 weeks. The good news is that Mr. Muhammad Sekatawa is returning from absence, Ms. Pamela Svojanovski has arrived and will be joining the PE department, Mr. Wintle has accepted the Maths post and will be joining us at the end of the month and we are in the process of finding a temporary replacement for Mrs. Anshu Sharma.

However, these staffing issues have led to a small increase in the number of N grades (insufficient evidence) appearing on reports. I am sure that this will be resolved by the time the next reports go out.

**Skills based subjects at DP1 and Year 10** – A number of subjects, such as Business and French, rely upon the gradual development of skills over the 2 year period of the course. This makes the attainment of higher grades very difficult, if not impossible, at the very beginning of the course. Please do not panic if your son or daughter has received a lower grade than you expected. If you have any worries, they can be discussed at the parent/teacher meeting that is coming up soon. If you cannot wait until then, please contact the subject teacher directly.

**Year 11 and DP2** – These are the most straightforward grades as they are based on the same criteria as last year. The students in Year 11 and DP2 have now moved on to the final year of their 2 year course.

**Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9)** – All attainment grades are criterion based that is; they are based on what students can or cannot do rather than a particular percentage. So that parents can get to understand how grading at Key Stage 3 is done we will be running an information session on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. If you would like to attend this meeting, please bring your child's report with you, as it will be one of the resources we use in that session.

On a more personal note! I am currently coaching the U13 boy's football team and they made me very proud with their performances last week. Not only did they win both of their games, they played with skill, style and sportsmanship. Well done to them all!

U13 Boy's results **KISU 5 – GEMs 3**

**KISU 3 – RISU 1**

**Terry Garbett,**  
Head of Secondary.

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### UP COMING EVENTS

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 3rd Oct      | Tracking Reports go home                      |
| 5th Oct      | House Shirt Day                               |
| 6th Oct      | ISSAK Swim Gala @ ISU                         |
| 7th Oct      | Secondary outdoor meeting with parents        |
| 9th Oct      | Independence day (PH)                         |
| 14th Oct     | World Math's Day                              |
| 19-25th Oct  | Half Term                                     |
| 27th Oct     | Year 9 Options Evening                        |
| 28th Oct     | Parent Teacher Meetings<br>Y7, Y10, DP1 & DP2 |
| 31st Oct     | ISSAK Fixtures                                |
| 2nd Nov      | House Shirt Day                               |
| 4th Nov      | Parent /Teacher Meeting Y8, Y9 & Y11          |
| 9th-13th Nov | Literacy Week                                 |
| 11th Nov     | Poetry Evening                                |
| 14th Nov     | ISSAK Season 1 Finals @ KISU                  |

As you can probably tell from what you have read so far, it has been a really vibrant week at school this week. It is good to note that our sports teams are beginning to produce some strong results and after this morning's primary school assembly I wonder if we shouldn't be considering having every day start with a Zumba session!

It was also lovely to see our Early Years team hosting children from St Catherine's school this morning; serving the local community is an important part of our mission at KISU. I have great admiration for the skills (and boundless patience!) of Early Years teachers. I think many of us (if I am honest, including myself in years gone by!) may be guilty of underestimating the long-term impact of their work with our children. I was recently reading an article by Professor W Steven Barnett in the "Future of Children" publication by Princeton that explored exactly this. He concluded:

***"Results indicate that early childhood programs can produce large short-term benefits for children on intelligence quotient (IQ) and sizable long-term effects on school achievement, grade retention, placement in special education, and social adjustment. Not all programs produce these benefits, perhaps because of differences in quality and funding across programs."***

Likewise, the **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)** says:

***"Several decades of research clearly demonstrate that high-quality, developmentally appropriate early childhood programs produce short- and long-term positive effects on children's cognitive and social development. Specifically, children who experience high-quality, stable child care engage in more complex play, demonstrate more secure attachments to adults and other children, and score higher on measures of thinking ability and language development. High-quality child care can predict academic success, adjustment to school, and reduced behavioral problems for children in first grade. Studies demonstrate that children's success or failure during the first years of school often predicts the course of later schooling. A growing body of research indicates that more developmentally appropriate teaching in preschool and kindergarten predicts greater success in the early grades."***

I have great faith in the work that goes on in our Early Years section (and I know that so too do those of you who place your very young children in their care); I think it compares very favorably with what is on offer elsewhere in Kampala and is having a subtle but very significant effect on the future life chances of the children who attend it.

Have a great weekend!

**Steve Lang,**

**School Director.**



**Performances**

In our assembly this week, the Year 9 music class performed the *Canon in D* by Pachelbel. We congratulate them for a wonderful performance that was enjoyed by the audience. Our December Music Recital has been set for 02 December 2015 starting at 18:00 in the Secondary Music Room. The Christmas Music Performance is scheduled for 9 December 2015 starting at 18:30 in the main auditorium.

**Dr. Benon Kigozi, Head of Music**



**Asus RT-AC5300 Router**



It has come to pass that all of us cannot do without Internet connection. Regardless of how little time one spends online, they will feel better knowing there is an internet connection than if there were none. Well, I am one such

person although I also tend to worry about what time of connection I have and in that regard what equipment delivers that connection and the reason is simple. If you have a bad router, your connection will be rubbish which brings me to the subject of this article today. For those that do not know what a router is, A router is a device that forwards data packets along networks. A router is connected to at least two networks, commonly two LANs or WANs or a LAN and its ISP's network

I would like to think that very little value is placed on certain hardware where their design is concerned – as long as the thing works, it should be all right. The router is one such unloved piece of hardware, although it is a very important cog in the home. Most routers would arrive in a boring, rectangular form factor, but I guess that the folks over at Asus intends to change the way things work by revolutionizing the way routers look in the form of the Asus RT-AC5300. In fact, the form factor alone is sure to turn heads, as folks might think that it hails from the future, but apart from looking fast, it is also fast – in fact, Asus is bold enough to

declare it to be the world's fastest Wi-Fi router.

The Asus RT-AC5300 happens to be an innovative AC5300-class tri-band wireless router which will offer the world's fastest Wi-Fi thanks to the inclusion of the Broadcom NitroQAM RT-AC5300, it can offer up to 1000Mbit/s on the 2.4GHz band and up to 2167Mbit/s on each of the two 5GHz bands, and when their "powers" are combined, for a grand total of up to 5334Mbit/s. This would ensure users get to enjoy a low-latency gaming experience as well as ultra-fast 4K/UHD video streaming, regardless of where they are at home.

Not only that, there will be eight powerful external antennas located in a four-transmit, four-receive (4T4R) configuration, and both Wi-Fi range and signal stability are dramatically improved, giving our widest-ever coverage up to 500 square meters. AiRadar beamforming will help to focus the Wi-Fi signal, delivering faster, clearer and stronger Wi-Fi performance for each device.

Not only that, AiProtection with Trend Micro security will also provide three-pronged state-of-the-art home network protection, while AiCloud 2.0 happens to be a personal cloud storage service that enables users to access, share and stream their files from anywhere. Pricing details for the Asus RT-AC5300 has yet to be determined.

**Robert Buga  
Head of IT**

**Secondary Outdoor Ed**

Outdoor Education Trip meetings will be held on **Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. There will be two sessions to try and accommodate parents with students in more than one year group-one beginning at **5:00pm and another at 5:30pm**. Important information and documents will be delivered at these meetings so your attendance is crucial.

Year 7- Mr Tobin's room, Maths block

Year 8- TBA Year 9- Secondary ICT lab

Year 10- Mrs. Bamwoyeraki's classroom

Year 11- TBA

DP1- Mr. Pearson's Math room

DP2- TBA

**House**

House shirt day is on **Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. Please remember that students are to wear their house shirt **ONLY** with their beige shorts/skort. Students who have PE are to bring PE kit and change back into their house uniform after PE.

**Secondary ISSAK Swim Gala: Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

Our Secondary ISSAK swim team will be travelling to ISU on Tuesday to compete in the first Secondary gala of the year. It is always great to have some fans in the stands so come out and support our team!

**Uganda Swim Federation (USF) Swim Gala**

KISU is hosting the 14<sup>th</sup> annual USF swim gala this weekend, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. KISU has entered a strong team of swimmers, from ages 10 & under, to compete against 15 other schools! The team is looking forward to competing against some of the best swimmers in Uganda! Please come check out the event and support your fellow Lions!

**Secondary ISSAK**

Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

Football Results:

|       |      |      |           |
|-------|------|------|-----------|
| U20 G | KISU | AK   | 9-0 KISU  |
| U20 G | KISU | RISU | 3-0 KISU  |
| U13 G | KISU | ISU  | 2-2 Draw  |
| U13 B | KISU | GEMS | 5- 3 KISU |
| U13 B | KISU | RISU | 3-1 KISU  |

## Basketball Results:

|      |      |     |            |
|------|------|-----|------------|
| U9 G | KISU | AK  | 12-2 AK    |
| U9 G | KISU | AIS | 14-8 AIS   |
| U9 B | KISU | AK  | 17- 3 KISU |
| U9 B | KISU | AMB | 15- 8 KISU |

Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

## Football

|       |      |      |          |
|-------|------|------|----------|
| U16 B | KISU | VC   | 7-1 VC   |
| U16 G | VC   | KISU | 4-0 KISU |

Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

## Football

|       |      |      |          |
|-------|------|------|----------|
| U20 B | VC   | KISU | 5-0 VC   |
| U20 G | KISU | VC   | 8-0 KISU |

**Some of the photos of ISSAK**



**Dear All,**

Good luck to all KISU swimmers participating in the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual USF Independence Swimming Championship this weekend – please remember that all swimmers need to arrive at the KISU pool by 08:00am for coach briefing and warm-up. Please wear your PE KISU uniform, KISU swim costume & swim cap (black if you don't have a KISU swim costume and swim cap), goggles, swim towel/s, a packed healthy snack/lunch, enough liquids to keep hydrated and sun block – it's going to be a busy, warm two day event.

Secondary ISSAK Swim Meet will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at ISU, from 10:00-13:30. Swimmers will leave KISU at 08:00am sharp on the school bus and return to KISU once the gala has finished.

### **Public Holiday**

Next week Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October is a gazetted public holiday (Independence Day). Therefore, school will be closed.

### **Primary Outdoor Ed Trips – 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

With primary Outdoor Ed happening in just under two weeks... for our CPR's – this week can sometimes be somewhat of a challenge.. so please ensure that the primary office, your class teacher and your CPR has your correct contact details. By now your CPR would have made contact with all parents from your class, sending them a 'TEST' email/sms. If you, as parents, have not received any information from your CPR, please ensure you find out who your CPR is and make contact before the children leave on their trips. If CPR's have done their job and all parents have been contacted by their CPR, then the CPR cannot be held responsible should parents not have replied or not given their correct contact details.

Once again, as long winded as this may seem..I cannot stress enough just how important your correct contact details are and that CPR's/parents have made contact!

### **Congrats**

To all primary swimmers who participated in the ISSAK swim gala on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September – you all gave 110% and swam away with 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. Keep up with the training and the positive support.

Enjoy your weekend and see you all on Monday wearing your house shirts.

Kind regards

Rose Bowmaker,

PTA Chair.