



# SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

16th May	ISSAK Volleyball Finals
19th May	Yr.6 Transition day 1.
20th May	Music Recital
21st May	Non uniform Day
26th May	DP Exams Finish
26th May	Secondary Sports Awards
27th May	Yr.6 Transition day2.
27th May	PTA AGM
29th May	DP2 Graduation
30th May	Art Jam
1st June	End of Year Exams Start (no assembly)
3rd June	Public Holiday– No School
5th June	Final IGCSE Exams
9th June	Public Holiday—No School
10th June	Exams End
15th June	Leavers Assembly
16th June	KS3 Drama Performance
18th June	Secondary Music Night

With only 5 teaching weeks left until the end of the school year our thoughts turn more and more towards next academic year. At KISU we want to provide our secondary students with as wide a range of educational experiences as possible, both inside and outside of the classroom. One way of increasing our students' educational experiences outside of the classroom is to provide a range of school trips. Already in the planning stages are our Outdoor Education trip, 2 MUN trips, our annual ski trip, and potential trips to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, a trip to Paris and a trip to London. When students hear that there is a possibility of going on a trip they sometimes do not hear the words "*we are still in the planning phase*". Before any trip is finalized they have to go through the following stages:

- Initial planning and costing is done.
- The plans, including staffing, and costings are reviewed and agreed by the Senior Management Team.
- Permission for the trip to go ahead is given. Preliminary information is given to students and parents. This may include presentations in assembly or after school.
- Expressions of interest in the trip are made.
- An updated quote is obtained based on the number of students who have indicated they want to go on the trip.
- Final cost is given to parents.

- Deposits are collected.

It is only when the deposits have been paid that we can be certain that the trip will take place. If your child has come home insisting that they want to go on a trip next year, please wait until you get official confirmation from school.



Being British means that I have a natural tendency to talk about the weather. I'm not sure why, but it's what British people do whenever they are stuck for something to say. I recently watched the Paddington movie and the bear arrived in London armed with many ways to describe the British rain. He was well prepared.

What makes it worse is that I'm a geographer and weather fascinates me on an intellectual level. There are so many basic principles of physics involved that it's incredibly difficult to bring them all together. Everything from the angle of the earth to the sun, the salinity of the sea, the rotational forces of the earth, the chemical makeup of the gases in the atmosphere at different altitudes, the effects of human kind, where exactly a volcanic eruption has taken place, what kind of volcanic dust has been sent into the atmosphere etc. They all interact with each other; change one thing and a very unexpected result can show itself thousands of Km's away, many months or even years later.

It's fascinating and many super computers around the world are constantly running algorithms using ever changing data, trying to predict the future. Short term weather forecasting is fairly easy: if a warm front is heading towards us at say 6 Km/h and it is currently 24 Km away, we can say with reasonable certainty that rain is coming and this will be followed by temperatures rising and this will happen over the next 4 hours. Of course sometimes they still get it wrong and I well remember a famous British weather forecaster who said on the BBC that there was no need to worry about a big storm hitting the UK, as it would pass well south of the country. 24 hours later he had to explain himself, after a hurricane hit the south of England and a place that was called Sevenoaks in Kent (named after 7 ancient oak trees on the common) was now apparently One Oak.

Long term weather forecasting is however extremely difficult and even with the best computers and the cleverest scientists, they are able to do little other than to guess at what might happen.

This week it has been predicted that a major El Niño event is coming. I remember well the end of the 1990's when the East African coast was battered by storms relentlessly. The bridge in Tsavo was washed away and a 2 ½ week traffic jam was created in which a man was attacked by lions whilst he searched the National Park for something to eat. Weather is a big deal.

And so to ISSAK athletics. The first planned event had to be postponed due to ISSAK not arranging the events list in time for school's to get teams together. The second attempt saw torrential rain all night and a flooded field. The third attempt was due to have been Tuesday of this week and things looked good when I got up. The sky was blue and the sun was out. Unfortunately my bedroom window only points one way and by the time I left my house I could see grey clouds in the distance.

Being a geographer I made a mental note of their location and size and then drove to work. In just 10 minutes the clouds had moved nearer and they were increasingly grey (i.e. less light could pass through them from the sun as the droplets were getting bigger and bigger). By the time I was standing at the school gate the first drops hit the ground and over the next hour or so the rain got heavier and heavier. "Oops, sorry but it's been cancelled again". Well it is the rainy season, so we shouldn't be too surprised I guess.

Weather forecasting is like trying to predict the future of a child and the further ahead you try to look, the harder it becomes. What will their career be? What will their health be like? Will they have a family? What age will they live to? It's almost impossible to tell, as millions of things will affect how the child develops. As a school and as parents, we do all we can to guide children and point them in the right direction. It helps, but success is not guaranteed. Sometimes a child doesn't want to be guided and they will do all they can to do the opposite.

As I've said many times before, I never wanted to be a teacher and if I had a time machine and could go back to the young me and suggest that I'd be the director of a really great international school located thousands of miles from my home, I'd have laughed myself silly. Life has a habit of turning out fine in the end but the unknown is both scary and exciting.

Our older students are mid way through their exams and the outcome of these will directly affect their future life. They have been prepared well but at the end of the day, only they can now influence their final grade. Their grades could make the difference between future study in one place or another. They could meet their life partner in one of those places and may well have a family with them. So their children could be directly affected by a set of exams held here and now! It's like trying to predict El Niño. You know it's quite likely to come, but have no idea exactly what it will be like.

We will try again with a 4<sup>th</sup> attempt at ISSAK athletics. Fingers crossed the rain holds off whenever that will be. Our students are trying their best in their exams and their results will be a major influence in their future life. The sun will continue to shine at times, the rain will continue to fall at times and the world will go on regardless of anything we do.

So have a great week; who knows what it may bring.

**Neil Wrightson**  
**School Director**

**MUSIC DYNAMICS****Music Recital and ABRSM Examinations**

Our May 2015 Recital is scheduled for 20th May 2015 and it will feature students performing individually on various instruments including voice, guitar, piano, violin, drums, flute, etc. The ABRSM Examinations will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 here at KISU. Below is the examination schedule for your information.

<b>Monday 1 June 2015</b>		<b>Subject</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
ADAM	MONTESSON	PIANO	PT	9:00 AM	9:10:00 AM
AINA	RAKOTAMALALA	PIANO	PT	9:10:00 AM	9:20:00 AM
YUET CHING	LAU	VIOLIN	08	9:20:00 AM	9:50:00 AM
PHELADI	MMINELE	PIANO	02	9:50:00 AM	10:02:00 AM
PHELADI	MMINELE	SINGING	04	10:02:00 AM	10:17:00 AM
ARSEMA	ASHENAFI	PIANO	01	10:17:00 AM	10:29:00 AM
VICTOR	EBERECHUKWU	PIANO	01	10:29:00 AM	10:41:00 AM
TSZ HANG	LAU	FLUTE	06	10:56:00 AM	11:16:00 AM
TIN MAN	LAU	PIANO	03	11:16:00 AM	11:28:00 AM
NIHARIKA	MALLIK	SINGING	PT	11:28:00 AM	11:38:00 AM
LAURA	GAUWS	PIANO	PT	11:38:00 AM	11:48:00 AM
KOUBNA	CHAMAS	PIANO	01	11:48:00 AM	12:00:00 PM
TSZ HANG	LAU	PIANO	04	12:00:00 PM	12:15:00 PM
KEZA	RUJUGIRO	PIANO	PT	12:15:00 PM	12:25:00 PM
FUNG WAI	SHAN	PIANO	08	12:25:00 PM	12:55:00 PM
OWEN	RUJUGIRO	PIANO	PT	1:55:00 PM	2:05:00 PM
JASON	MALAN	PIANO	PT	2:05:00 PM	2:15:00 PM
OMARA	NYONYOZI	VIOLIN	PT	2:15:00 PM	2:27:00 PM
LARA	CHAMAS	PIANO	05	2:27:00 PM	2:42:00 PM
KAYLA	GAUWS	PIANO	01	2:42:00 PM	2:54:00 PM
ABORISADE TREASURE	TEMIDAYO	PIANO	PT	2:54:00 PM	3:04:00 PM
OSA	EDDSOMWAN	VIOLIN	01	3:04:00 PM	3:16:00 PM
DORIS	MABANGA	SINGING	08	3:31:00 PM	4:01:00 PM
DISH CHINTAN	VYAS	GUITAR	PT	4:01:00 PM	4:13:00 PM
ROSE	GRAYMORE	PIANO	01	4:13:00 PM	4:25:00 PM
MARIO	RAKOTAMALALA	PIANO	03	4:25:00 PM	4:37:00 PM
YUET CHING	LAU	PIANO	06	4:37:00 PM	4:57:00 PM
<b>Tuesday 2 June 2017</b>					
DAWIT	ASHENAFI	PIANO	PT	9:00 AM	9:10:00 AM
ELIZABETH	NAMULINDWA	PIANO	01	9:10:00 AM	9:22:00 AM
KANEN	KURUVILLA	PIANO	06	9:22:00 AM	9:42:00 AM
JOEL BIJU	THOMAS	GUITAR	04	9:42:00 AM	9:59:00 AM
PEDDAWANDLA SA	CHARITH	GUITAR	04	9:59:00 AM	10:16:00 AM
SOMA	RUSHYANTHREDDY	GUITAR	04	10:16:00 AM	10:33:00 AM

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**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>

**HOUSE POINTS**

<b>BWINDI</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>SEMLIKI</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>OTUKEI</b>	<b>138</b>
<b>KIBALE</b>	<b>140</b>

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**ISSAK Volleyball:** We're going to the 'ship!

KISU will play in 4/6 final matches on Saturday at ISU, all against the HIS Lions.

In the U16 boys division HIS, ISU, and KISU finished in a three-way tie but after reviewing the number of sets won, KISU came out with a 5-5 record ahead of ISU placing them in 2<sup>nd</sup>. During the season, KISU and HIS each took a win. It will be a close final on Saturday. The U16 girls finished first in their division, quite comfortably. We hope they can continue this streak and bring home another ISSAK trophy!

Both U13 teams finished with a solid season record and are confident they can slip another win under their belt- this time, for the league championship!

Wish our Lions luck and we hope to see you there!

**Miss Theberge**



**PTA NEWS**

Dear All

**Primary IS Athletics-**

Well unfortunately the Primary Inter Schools Athletics event had to be cancelled yet again due to our wonderful rainy season! A new date has not been set – but the sports department will notify parents once this has been confirmed.

**ISSAK-**

ISSAK finals will take place this coming Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Good luck to all competing teams.

**Music Recitals-**

Both Primary & Secondary music students will be taking part in their music recitals this coming week – Primary on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> and Secondary on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May. Parents, please come along and support your children in their wonderful talent.

**KISU Royale-** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015 @ 19:30

This is the PTA's last and biggest fundraising event, so please come along and support this event by enjoying an evening out shared with great friends, good food and wonderful lucky draw prizes; as well as fantastic prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>& 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners as well as the BIGGEST LOSER.

Tickets on sale – Ugx 30 000/= (please see Rose)

**Up & Coming events –**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May the Sports Department will be hosting their first ever Sport Awards Gala evening for the secondary students only. By now all ISSAK students' parents should have received an invitation to this event. It is very IMPORTANT that all invited parents RSVP (reply) to the sports department – [sportsdirector@kisu.com](mailto:sportsdirector@kisu.com) whether you will/will not be attending.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May – PTA AGM

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Reception Show

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Graduation

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Art Jam

So, a busy two weeks ahead of us. Please diarise to ensure you don't miss out on anything.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Rose Bowmaker  
PTA Chair