



SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

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HEAD OF SECONDARY'S MESSAGE

SILENCE EXAMS IN PROGRESS

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

9th June	Public Holiday—No School
10th June	Exams End
15th June	Leavers Assembly
16th June	Secondary Music Night
19th June	Academic Awards Assembly , End of Year Reports go home and School Finishes at noon.

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>

We're on the Web!

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These signs have been up all around school this week. For Key Stage 3 examinations end on Friday and for Key Stage 4 and DP1 they continue throughout most of next week. I have been really pleased with how the examinations have gone. We have focused not only on the actual examinations, but on the preparation time and the review time after the examinations. Errors and mistakes made during this period can form a very positive part of the learning process. We have tried to get our students to understand that they don't have many opportunities to prepare for a big block of examinations. Our Y7 students only have 4 sets of summer exams to prepare for before they will be taking IGCSEs! Only 4 times to find out which revision process works best for them, to develop the skills of answering questions clearly, of working to a fixed time scale and the ability to self assess their own work. We are trying to get our students to see the examination period as much more than just a mark at the end of writing for 90 minutes.

Over the next couple of weeks lots of work will be going into reports and I would like to take the opportunity to explain how we are going to report attainment this year. Every student will get an

end of year attainment grade (A- E for Key Stage 3, A* - U for IGCSE groups and 7 – 1 for DP). This end of year grade will be based on assessments carried out throughout the year but **will not** include the end of year examination result. The end of year examination results will be reported in a separate column on our interim report sheet. Parents will be able to see all the interim report grades, the half year grades, the end of year grades and the examination grades all on one document. We will also be sending home end of year reports which will include comments from all subject teachers.

Now that Key Stage 3 examinations have come to an end it is an ideal time to find library books ready for them to be returned. If students go to the library they will be able to get a list of the books they have taken out.

If you son/daughter is leaving at the end of the year, please inform school. We are only able to include students who have given official notification in our leavers' assembly and we don't want anybody to miss out.

Please keep Friday 19th June clear as it will be our Academic Awards assembly starting at 10.45am in the auditorium. Invitations will be sent out to the families of award winners and everybody is welcome to attend.

Terry Garbett
Secondary School Head

With just a couple of weeks left of term it's all go.

The yearbook is at last coming together and most of the pages are now with the printers; we have just a final few to add before printing takes place. Copies are available for pre order from the Admissions Office priced at 45,000UGX each. Only a limited number of copies will be available, so it is a case of first come first served.

The problem with the yearbook is that we want to include everything and this means that we keep holding on for '*just another day*' so that our students' latest accomplishments can be included. Of course if we hold on too long, we have broken up for the holidays before it's been published.

Now if only we didn't do so much at school it would make things so much easier. I've often commented that I only seem to get up to date with my work when the school is on holiday and there are no students or parents to interrupt me. A rather odd concept but true. Of course our whole reason for being is for the students, so holiday planning helps to make term times so much easier. During the summer holidays, teachers will actually be in work for 3 weeks planning and preparing for the new year and the school offices will remain open daily.

At the end of any academic year people feel a range of emotions and I thought I'd look them up on the Cambridge Dictionary www.dictionary.cambridge.org to see what their definition is.

Relief: "*the good feeling that you have when something bad stops or does not happen*"

Now I'm not sure I'd ever call school something bad, but certainly there is a good feeling when the year comes to an end and we can all have a break. For those who are just finishing their exams, I'm fairly sure they will feel that good feeling.

Joy: "*Great happiness*"

I guess we all feel great happiness when we have the prospect of a good holiday ahead. I know people are jetting off all over the world in the next few weeks and many of us will get the chance to spend time with our loved ones who we may not have seen for a while.

Fear: "*an unpleasant emotion or thought that you have when you are frightened or worried by something dangerous, painful, or bad that is happening or might happen.*"

To be honest, according to this definition, I'm not sure that the word fear is right. I guess for some people it is not so much that they fear something dangerous or painful, as fearing the unknown. For many in our community we are moving on to new things and new places. We have become comfortable where we are and the thought of mov-

ing thousands of miles away to something different or unknown can be worrying.

Excitement: "*a feeling of being excited, or an exciting event*"

This must be the worst definition I've ever seen, using almost the same word to describe itself! But we all know what excitement is: That feeling you get in your tummy that is sometimes know as 'butterflies in your tummy'. It's a feeling of positive anticipation and it's often strangely combined with fear. The two go together somehow. Yes it may be a bit scary not knowing what the future holds, but it's also a great opportunity to be seized and it may turn out to be one of the best things that ever happens to us.

Sadness: "*unhappy or sorry*"

The end of the academic year is always tinged with sadness, as we come to recognize that we will be parted from people who have become our friends. Nowhere is this more common than in international schools, where people are forced to move on, due most often to parents' work commitments.

Just as students feel these emotions, so too do grownups.

Some parents are moving on and so are some teachers and it brings out in us an emotional turmoil. Sometimes we spend so long worrying about our children that we forget to take care of ourselves. So whether you are moving on yourself or you have to cope with a friend moving on, remember that the world is now a small place. Much as I hate facebook, it is one of a range of ways in which people can keep in touch. I've taught abroad for over 20 years now and I'm amazed how often I have ended up being reacquainted with people I knew years before. So it is hardly ever '*goodbye*' and is more likely to be '*see you again sometime somewhere*'.

As I look through the draft of the yearbook I am filled with all these emotions myself. The book tells the story of a vibrant school with wonderful students who are both talented and fun loving. It has been a great year and with 2 weeks left there is still more to come, as we celebrate our students' successes.

Here's to a great week ahead (with a day off on Tuesday...don't forget!)

Neil Wrightson
School Director

MUSIC DYNAMICS

Secondary Music Production

The secondary music production is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 16 June 2015 starting at 6.30PM. The music production will feature all students that take music in secondary school performing both African and Western music in small ensembles and larger groups. All performers should be at the performance venue not later than 6PM dressed in black and white or just black or white.

The purpose for this communication is to invite you to the KISU Secondary Music Night and to prepare your child to attend and perform in the concert.

Dr. Benon Kigozi, Head of Music

KISU
HIPHOP JAM
" SUPPORT NEPAL "**FRIDAY 12TH JUNE 2015**

Don't miss. Breakdance . Popping & Locking . Beatboxing (Vocal Percussion),
Live Djing, Good Music & Many More....

FEE: **10,000 UGX**
Suitable for all ages
& Free for kids aged 10yrs and Below

VENUE: **KISU AUDITORIUM**

TIME: **4:30PM-6:30PM**

NOTE: All proceeds will go to The KISU Students' Nepal Earthquake Initiative

PTA NEWS

Dear Parents & Students

School Photographs are READY!!! All photographs will be distributed to your children's class teacher and sent home with your child.

Should you not have received your child's photographs/CD by next week Wednesday 10th June, then please contact myself, Rose Bowmaker or Sarah Malan at pta@kisu.com
Thank you for all your patience and understanding.

Upcoming events and dates to diarise:-

Friday 5th June - Club C session ends

Tuesday 9th June - Public Holiday – Heroes Day – No School

Thursday 11th June – KG Production at 09:00am in the Auditorium

Friday 12th June – Breakdance Project Uganda Hip Hop Performance 4:30-6:30pm

Monday 15th – Secondary Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 16th – Secondary Music Night

Wednesday 17th – Early Years & KS1 Awards

Thursday 18th June – KS2 Awards

Friday 19th – Final Assembly and School Closes at 12:00/noon

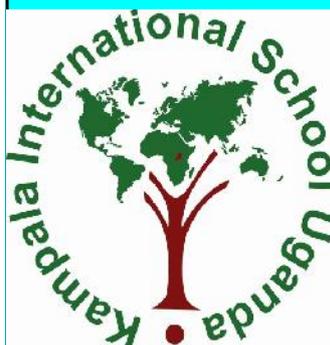
Have a lovely weekend.

Many thanks

Kind regards

Rose Bowmaker

PTA Chair



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Marketing Dept	0752 711 891
Bursar's Office	0752 711 893

KISU HIPHOP JAM OVERVIEW.

KISU Hiphop Jam is an educational and entertainment experience devised to practically endow students with artistic skills and life skills.

The event is a combination of performances, battles/competitions, video/photo Projections and showcases from KISU students and conscious artists from outside the KISU community. A collaboration of both the local and international community under one roof serves as a catalyst for establishing interaction, networking, learning and having fun within a multi cultural gathering.

AIMS:

- Building personal expression and individuality.
- Facilitating collaboration hence encouraging and building team-work.
- Creatively boosting students' self esteem/confidence.
- Providing a platform to exercise and develop performing familiarity.
- Creating experiences which helps students learn how to deal with their emotions plus during various processes.

2015 EVENT

WHAT: KISU HIPHOP JAM 2015

CAUSE: Support Nepal

GENRE: Hiphop, Education, Community, Urban culture.

DATE: Friday 12th June 2015

TIME: 4:30pm until 6:30pm.

ENTRANCE: 10,000ugx and free for children aged 10yrs and below.

NOTE: All proceeds will go to KISU students' Nepal Earthquake initiative.

PROGRAMME:

Introduction:

A brief introduction of the event overview. Specific cause of this year's plus everyone involved in one way or the other will open up the event.

Performances:

Students of the KISU hiphop clubs (beatboxing/vocal percussion, breakdance and urban/newstyle dance) will work on a collaborative performance incorporating all the above mentioned elements. Further, outstanding and socially conscious guest performers outside the KISU community will present as well.

Breakdance battle/competition:

A fun All vs All breakdance battle will be held. Two teams of each including KISU students and non KISU students but professional breakdancers will go against each other on stage.

Video/photo projection:

Photos and short video clips of hiphop events/programs in and out KISU in which students have participated will be projected meanwhile people arrive and everyone gets ready.

Brief speech:

A representative from the KISU student's Nepal earthquake initiative will give a brief overview of the initiative. Also how the donation from the funds raise at the event will be of help.

Awarding/certification:

Each student will receive a certificate of completion for the respective level of hiphop completed.

GRADUATION 2015



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GRADUATION CLASS OF 2015!**