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SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Vocation

We know that the term vocation has to do with the idea of calling. The word derives from the Latin word *vocem*, which in turn has Proto Indo-European ancestry (**w k s*). In both cases the word means "voice" or "speech". We see the word root in terms like "evoke" (call out), "revoke" (call back) and of course the word "voice" itself.

It is interesting how the notion of vocation appears in many of the main world religions. The prophet Mohammed realised his vocation when an angel revealed itself to him and commanded him to preach. In the Christian tradition, I especially love the bible story of Samuel, who repeatedly mistook the voice he heard calling his name in the night for that of his master, the great priest and judge, Eli. Upon the third instance of the calling, the wise old judge realized that the voice his protege was hearing was that of God himself and sent him back to his bed with the instruction that, should the voice call again, he should reply, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Eli's choice of words is significant, especially, I feel, this idea of servanthood; I think we still associate the term "vocation" with ideas of servanthood, service and sacrifice, which is probably why we most commonly associate it with professions where these qualities are required like medicine, religious life or teaching. In fact, one of the definitions proposed in the Oxford English Dictionary is: *"A person's employment or main occupation, especially regarded as worthy and requiring dedication."* But I think a true "vocation" means so much more than that.....

The route of the Buddha towards realizing his vocation was slightly different: the traumatic experiences of the "Four Passing Sights", in which the troubles and desperate needs of the real world were revealed to him, together with his great meditation under the fig tree and the epic internal struggle that took place during it, combined to lead to his enlightenment (indeed, the term "Buddha" literally translates as: *"A person who has achieved full enlightenment"*). To me, this rings true, the idea that our sense of vocation comes from learning from external life experiences but also from deep internal reflection.

It is interesting that through each of these transformations the person concerned really "found his voice" as well as the courage to advocate (note the word root again) for the truths that had been revealed to Him.

So, perhaps the idea of vocation, of answering to a call, is actually a way of explaining a moment of self-realisation and as such, surely it is very closely linked to ideas of maturity that I explored here last week. I suggest therefore, that the idea of a vocation is far wider and deeper than merely a term for what we do to earn money. To me, it is rather an attempt to describe that moment when we realise our place in the world, when we have finally pieced together our full self-identity and are at peace with who we are and how we are, when we know what our values are, in what ways we will serve and what it is that we will advocate for.

Whatever we believe about the notion of vocation, and however we prefer to articulate it, to me, mentoring our young people (like wise old Eli!) towards that moment should be the main aim, and is the greatest responsibility, in our work as parents and teachers.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

8th Nov	IH Football
8th Nov	Secondary House Football
12-16th Nov	Outdoor Ed. Week
16th Nov	End of Club A
26th Nov	Club B registration
27th Nov	IH Swimming
29th Nov	Music Recital
29th Nov	Teacher Appreciation day
2nd Dec	Club B registration ends
10th Dec	Club B begin
11th Dec	Arts Extravaganza
14th Dec	Amazing Race
14th Dec	End of term
15th Jan	IH Swimming
8th March	Club B ends

GOOD LUCK TO THE U13B, U16B, U20G AND U20B IN THEIR ISSAK FINALS !

WELL DONE TO ALL OUR TEANMS ON ANOTHER GREAT SEASON

CAT report feedback

We have now received the CAT reports for the students in Year 7, 9 & 11 plus students new to KISU and we will be offering a number of feedback options.

1. A 20 minute overview of the CAT process followed by an individual meeting to explain your son/ daughter's results. We are offering this option at 3.30pm on Tuesday 6th November and again at 8.00am on Wednesday 7th November. The overview meeting will be held in E5 (a classroom in the English block) with individual meetings in various offices.
2. If you are unable to attend on either of the above dates, we can schedule an individual meeting at another time.
3. You can ask for the results to be emailed to you – however, we do not recommend this option as we feel that the report is much more valuable with some explanation.

If your child took the CAT tests and you would like feedback please contact the secondary office (secondaryoffice@kisu.com) and let us know which option you would prefer.

As trip leaders finalise the arrangements for this year's **Outdoor Education** trips I would like to share with you 10 reasons why these trips are so important for KISU students.

1. Outdoor education, training and recreation promote active learning through direct personal experience and offer excitement, fun and adventure within a framework of safety.
2. Challenging experiences outdoors impacts powerfully upon a young person's intellectual, physical, spiritual, social and moral development.
3. Outdoor education builds self-confidence and self-esteem which is fundamental to any young person's development.
4. Opportunities are presented to exhibit and develop effective inter-personal behaviour and to work co-operatively and effectively in teams.
5. The purposeful use of leisure time is increasingly seen as making an important contribution to a fulfilling lifestyle.
6. Our relationship with the environment is a key issue facing tomorrow's citizens.
7. Challenging outdoor experiences promote the development of communication, problem solving and decision making skills.
8. Outdoor Education encourages a positive "opting in" and "can do" attitude.
9. Young people's horizons are broadened, new challenges come to be relished rather than shunned, and perseverance and determination are reinforced.
10. Values and attitudes developed in a context of shared endeavour help to form a sound basis for responsible citizenship.

(Adapted from https://www.englishoutdoorcouncil.org/Values_and_benefits.htm)

Terry Garbett

Head Of Secondary

Secondary Recital

Our KISU Secondary Recital is scheduled for Thursday 29 November 2018 starting at 5.30pm. The recital will feature a cross-section of students performing individually on a selection of instruments including violin, guitar, piano, drums, recorder, voice, and many more. All are welcome to attend.

Arts Evening

The Arts Evening is scheduled for 11 December 2018 at the Main School Auditorium. It's an evening where students will be showcasing what culminates in some of the work they have covered this term through the various art forms including Music, Drama and Art. Students will present their poems, drama skits, class bands.

And this year, the Secondary Band and the Secondary Choir will also perform in the same evening. Don't miss it.



ABRSM EXAMINATIONS FOR 2019

Registration for ABRSM Practical examinations for 2019 opens in January 2019 and closes on 8 February 2019

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 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.

Dr Benon Kigozi

Head of Music



Huawei Mate 20 Pro



There has always been this misconception that anything that is fake comes out of China and so when Chinese companies ventured into the phone market, there were many skeptics because people did not know what to expect. Huawei was not exception, their first phones were copied from other already existing brand and nothing to write home about but things have since change. In the last couple of years, Huawei had introduced some amazing handsets but this year, they have cracked it with what many consider to the best phone of 2018. That is a huge statement that you are not talked about in the same bracket as iPhones and Samsungs but even better that you are even considered to be better than them, that is something, so what is the culprit in all this? Allow me introduce you to the Huawei Mate 20 Pro.

The Mate 20 Pro employs all of Huawei's latest innovations such as the high-res AMOLED screen, the large-zoom triple-camera, and 40W fast charging. Did you hear me well, it has a triple camera!! Who does that? 1 camera is good enough but 3, that would be considered over-kill but not for Huawei. The Huawei device is unmatched in camera versatility, and on top of that it has every premium feature imaginable, like an in-screen fingerprint reader and the

ability to wirelessly charge other phones. The Mate 20 Pro doesn't come cheap, but it's worth it.

By the numbers, the Mate 20 Pro has practically the same Leica-endorsed triple-lens setup as the P20 Pro, which many regard as the best cameraphone in existence. There's one 40-megapixel sensor, one 20MP sensor and one 8MP camera with up to 3x optical zoom. Only, on the P20 Pro, the 20MP camera is monochrome. Its primary function is capturing light information and using that data to improve full-color images, though it will also take native (unfiltered) black-and-white images. On the Mate 20 Pro, this has been swapped out for a color, ultra-wide 20MP sensor that vastly increases field-of-view compared with the main, 40MP camera.

The Mate 20 Pro is the first phone running Huawei's EMUI 9.0 software, which is like an unnecessary topping on an already sweet Android 9 Pie. Huawei's skin is starting to look dated, especially when compared with the stylish, clean Material Design of stock Pie. You can personalize EMUI with various themes, icon packs and so on, but it still feels like it's stalled where stock Android design has kept moving forward.

There's only one version of the Pro (for now) with 6GB RAM and 128GB of storage. But the other versions in the Mate 20 line – like the 7.2-inch screen Mate 20 X and 8GB RAM and up to 512GB Porsche Edition – offer different performance and form factors if you want a slightly different take on this already-performance-driven smartphone.

At 157.8 x 72.3 x 8.6mm, Huawei's latest phone is just a couple millimeters bigger (and almost a millimeter thicker) than the P20. That makes its 6.39-inch OLED screen larger, too, with resolution that's higher than the Google Pixel 3 and slightly better than the Samsung Note 9, at least on paper.

One of the biggest braggable points, of course, is the Kirin 980 processor, which is debuting on the Mate 20 Pro and its sibling devices. It's the first 7nm chip on Android and second in the market after Apple's formidable A12, which came packed in the iPhone XS and iPhone XS Max.

With all these specs and more, you might be tempted to buy one but you have to remember that you will part with about \$1100 for this phone but again for a phone with an in-screen fingerprint scanner and the ability to charge other Qi-charging phones or devices, I guess that is not a price too high to ask for but as for me, I am still in awe of this phone but in love with the One Plus 6T which we shall talk about next.

Robert Buga

Head of IT

Happy Friday everyone!

Hopefully both Primary and Secondary Halloween Parties were a great hit!

Book Week

This week saw a revamped Book Week hit KISU. We hope that your children feel a little more inspired to read, and to keep on reading. There are some activities that carry over into the next few weeks. We need to say a very big thank you to Ms Nic Walker who coordinated Book Week. She really did go above and beyond. Thank you to all the staff that participated in the planning and running of Book Week. A special thanks also to Jose Martin on the PTA for his work on this important week.

Secondary Outdoor Ed

Our children have one week left before Outdoor Ed, so please make sure that tents are sent in as is required, packing lists have been received and VERY IMPORTANT: your CPR has the correct contact number for you.

Upcoming Events

- PTA Committee meeting on Wednesday 7 November after drop-off in the Boardroom.
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch on Thursday 29 November
- PTA Christmas event – Friday 7 December 2018, details to follow

Have a wonderful Weekend!

PTA Executive Committee

Judith, Jose, Liya and Liesl

Important dates to remember

PE and Sports

It's the ISSAK finals this Saturday at ISU. Well done to our U20 boys for winning a tough semi final yesterday against GEMS. Score 3-1.

We have 4 teams in the finals:

U20 Boys v RISU 13:00

U20 Girls v RISU 12:00

U16 Boys v GEMS 11:00

U13 Boys v ISU 09:00

Good luck to all.

Weekly mile again on Wednesday - come down at 7:10 for an early morning walk/run. It's a great way to start the day. All welcome.

INTER HOUSE EVENTS

Secondary Football – 08/11/2018

Primary Swimming – 12/01/2019

Secondary Swimming – 15/01/2019

Whole school X Country - TBC

Secondary Basketball – 08/02/2019

Primary Football – 06/03/2019

Primary Athletics – 27/03/2019

KS1 Athletics – 25/04/2019

KS1 Swimming – 02/05/2019

ISSAK

Season 1 Finals @ ISU – 03/11/2019

U7 Basketball Jamboree @ ISU – 10/11/2019

U7 Football Jamboree @Ambrosoli - 09/02/2019

Season 2 Finals @ KISU – 23/03/2019

Season 3 Finals @ ISU – 12/05/2019

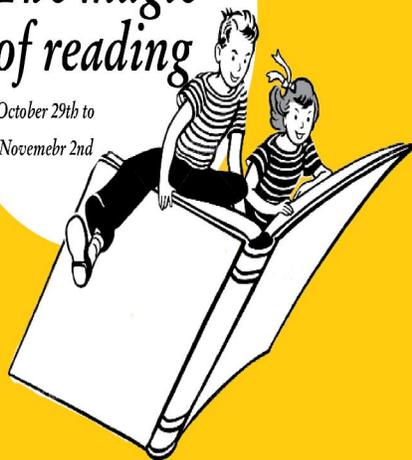
All star games - TBC

Sports Director
James Whiston

KISU BOOK WEEK

The magic of reading

October 29th to November 2nd



There has been a fantastic buzz about reading all round the school this week! There has been a wide range of activities for all the students including: a Book Swap that involved nearly 300 books, a whole school Dress Up day; a whole school writing competition was launched where the winning books will be published on Amazon, the Millionaires Reading Club was launched; a whole school story was written; and a Harry Potter Escape Room undertaken; to name just a few.

As adults we all know the importance of good reading skills; and weeks like this help the children enjoy developing those key skills. Thank you all very much for the support you gave and please keep encouraging your children to read! Here are just a few photographs to show you how much fun the students had.

By Nic Walker

