



SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

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KISU SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Mehul from Color Chrome will be at KISU'S main reception next week on Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th April 2016, during the following times:

07:30-09:00am, 12:30-13:30pm, 14:30-16:00pm

Please ensure you arrange to come into school during any of these days and times to view and order your children's school photographs.

Order forms will be available when viewing and all payment of school photographs is to be made in full directly to the Mehul from Color Chrome.

Should you not manage to view the photographs at school on the selected dates and times mentioned above, then you are welcome to go into the Color Chrome studio at Acacia Mall to view and order your children's school photographs.

Many thanks

Rose B

KISU PTA

UPCOMING EVENTS

9th April	Prom
11th April	Secondary I/H Volleyball
15th April	Final day for DP2
18th-22 April	International Earth Week
23rd April	International Day of Spanish Language
24th April	TBC PTA Event
	TBC I/S Music Festival at ISU
2nd May	IB examinations begin; House Shirt Day
5th May	I/S Music Festival @ Rainbow
TBC	IGCSE exams start
TBC	PTA Event
14th May	Tracking reports go home
20th May	IB Examinations end; Music Recital
24th May	Sports Awards
27th May	Graduation; Club C ends
28th May	Art Jam Café
30th - 8th May	Exam Weeks
3rd June	Martyrs Day (PH)
6th June	House Shirt Day
10th June	Music Production
13th June	Secondary Leavers Assembly
14th June	Y7 Drama House Competition
15th June	Y8 Drama House Competition

At the start of term 3 the focus of the Secondary School turns more to examinations. IB and IGCSE examinations are very close and internal examinations for all the other years are just a few weeks away. The better prepared a student is the more likely they are to achieve a good mark. Below are my top 10 tips for examination preparation:

- Give yourself enough time!

Cramming the night before might work for small tests, but when you have to revise the work from a whole year or more, a well organized revision timetable is essential.

- Organise your study space.

Do you have enough space? Enough light? All the things you need to revise? Is it quiet? Get rid of distractions like mobile phones and video games. Work out what works best for you and stick to it.

- Revision aids

Mind maps, flow charts, revision notes, revision guides all help learning. Simply reading is not enough; you have to do something with the information for you to learn and understand it.

- Past papers

Many exams follow a similar pattern from one year to the next. Being familiar with the style of questions and being confident that you understand what is required is really important.

- Explain your work to others

Having to explain work to your mom or dad, who might not have studied a particular subject, makes you think about the topic more deeply and leads to better understanding.

- Study groups

Providing working with others does not distract you, then study groups can help you by having your friends explain things you don't understand and you helping them with things they find hard.

- Take breaks

You cannot work non-stop for hours. Your brain works better if you give it a break every now and then. Plan these breaks in your revision timetable. You can even use breaks as a reward for getting work finished.

- Eat "brain food"

A well fueled body works much better than one which is full of junk food. Avoid sugar highs and crashes. Eat nutritious snack like nuts, seeds, fruit and yoghurt to help you keep focused.

- Plan your exam day

Make sure you have everything you need for your exam well in advance. Check the examination rules. Plan your departure time to get you to school well in advance. Make sure you have a good night's sleep and a good breakfast.

- Drink plenty of water

Stay hydrated both during revision and when taking exams.

Lots of people will wish you luck in your exams but you don't want to leave it to luck. Be well prepared and you won't need luck!

Regards

Terry Garbett

Head of Secondary

International Day

This was KISU at our best I feel. It was a morning full of colour and fun and a lovely warm atmosphere pervaded the whole affair. I am deeply indebted to the organizing committee led by Ms Koch and to all you parents who made the effort to support in so many different ways. The event was covered by a couple of the local TV stations and I hope you perhaps saw the double page spread in last Saturday's New Vision.

CANA Swimming Championships in Mauritius

I am delighted to report that Nic Malan and Catherine Bowmaker have been selected to join a very elite group of swimmers to represent Uganda in Mauritius later in the month. Go KISU! I look forward to hearing news of medals and new personal bests.

Exams Ahead!

Of course our Y11 and IB students have very important exams to sit in the near future. Good luck everybody: I hope and trust that all of your hard work will be rewarded. Parents, please don't underestimate the impact that your continued support and encouragement can have on your children before and even during the exams. Try to be positive without heaping on too much pressure! On a more practical level try to ensure that your child continues to lead a balanced and healthy lifestyle during the exams period. Last minute cramming is proven to be actually unhelpful these days whereas there is a ton of research showing the significant benefits of being well rested and above all hydrated during exams.

Marketing

I hope you will enjoy seeing the school on some billboard posters around town in the next couple of weeks. We have tried to capture something about KISU's warmth as a learning community in the posters and I think we have achieved it. But always remember that, of course, *you* are our best marketing so, if you feel positive about the experience you and your children are having at KISU, don't be shy about telling others about us (and, of course, if you don't feel positive about it, please come and tell me why, so that we can do something to address your concerns!!).

Regards

Steve Lang

School Director

ABRSM PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

REGISTRATION

The ABRSM registration is now completed and the Examiner will be here end of May through to mid June, 2016. The actual exam dates of the ABRSM Examinations will be confirmed in due course.

Recital in Preparation for ABRSM Examination

Our May Music Recital in preparation of the ABRSM Examination is scheduled for 20 May 2016. Students will be performing some of their examination pieces in front of a selected audience of parents teachers and peers.

Dr. Benon Kigozi

Head of Music



Blackberry



There was a time before we started talking smart phones we used to talk Blackberry. If you did not have a Blackberry then, you seemed to live in the stone age but Blackberry suffered when Android and OS phones came into serious play and Blackberry resisted. Well, after years of toying with

their own OS, they have finally embraced Android and come up with a phone that still defines their style but offers a familiar interface to users.

The BlackBerry Priv is an interesting phone in the sense that it is all touch but also have a full QWERTY keyboard.

The BlackBerry Priv's 5.4-inch QHD display, Snapdragon 808 processor, 3GB of RAM, 32GB of internal storage and 18MP rear camera means it stands up against the flagship competition of 2015 – the problem is, it's arriving around six months later. The 'Priv' name stands for Privacy, but on the box it also says Privilege, so things are a little confusing from the outset. But it's not all bad news, as BlackBerry has managed to make a surprisingly good handset. It's been years since we had a slider phone and the satisfying sound and action as you pop open and close the BlackBerry Priv will no doubt transport you back to the early noughties, when slider phones were big business.

There's a slight metal ridge towards the bottom of the Priv, between the screen glass and front-facing speaker, enabling you to get your thumb under and push the handset up to reveal the keyboard.

Push the screen two-thirds of the way up the keyboard and the Priv will complete the sliding pop action for you. Satisfying slide action aside, the BlackBerry Priv isn't exactly small, and nor is it lightweight. At 147 x 77.2 x 9.4mm the Priv is sizeable in the hand, although not completely dominating.

BlackBerry has followed in Samsung's footsteps when it comes to the screen, as the Priv sports dual-curved sides just like the Galaxy S6 Edge and S6 Edge+. The edges aren't quite as pronounced as Samsung's implementation, but it still generates an eye-catching effect which draws the eye in. BlackBerry has clad the back and sides of the Priv in what it calls a tensile weave, which basically means it's not metal or glass, but what feels like plastic. The plus side here is that the material is extremely grippy, and the rounded edges of the BlackBerry Priv means it can be held securely in hand. The rear of the Priv is dominated by a sizeable, protruding Schneider-Kreuznach camera sensor, with a dual-LED flash to its side. These, plus the iconic BlackBerry logo, are the only features on the flat rear of the handset.

One of the only problems with this phone is the price. It seems over priced compared to the competition.

Robert Buga, Head of IT.

HOUSE

Secondary House Volleyball will take place on Monday, April 11th, on both the indoor and outdoor courts at the following times for the following year groups:

Periods 3 & 4- Year 11 & DP
 Periods 5 & 6- Year 9 & 10
 Periods 8 & 9- Year 7 & 8

Students are reminded to wear their house shirts for this competition!

ISSAK**Upcoming ISSAK events**

- Secondary Volleyball- See schedule in sports hall, main reception, and website
- Secondary Athletics- Saturday, April 23rd, ISU

Secondary Sports Awards Gala

Last year KISU hosted a gala at the end of all sports seasons to celebrate our seasons, successes, and present our student athletes with individual awards, Most improved & Player of the Year, for each sport- football, swimming, basketball, cross country, athletics, and volleyball- and of course male and female sports person of the year. We hope to hold this event again in May and will be communicating the details soon.

Clubs**Payment**

Please ensure you have made the full payment, directly to the club leader, by next week. If payment is not received, club leaders have been instructed not to collect these students until full payment is received.

Important Dates

Club session B ends: **Saturday, March 5th**

Club C lists & sign up form on school website: **Wednesday, March 2nd**

Club session C registration: **Monday, March 7th 9:00 am- Thursday, March 10th 9:00 am**

Club session C Begins: **Monday, March 14th**

End of term holiday begins: **Friday, March 25th**

Return from holidays: **Monday, April 4th (this will be week 3 of club session C)**

End of club session C: **Saturday, May 28th**

Club Location/Venue change

Clubs that take place in the 'LAMDA' room in the KS2 block, middle floor, need to be permanently relocated.

Please see below for the clubs which are impacted and where they will be taking place beginning the week of April 11th.

Day	KG 12:40	Rec/KS1 2:30	KS2/Sec 3:15
Monday	-	-	-
Tuesday	Hip Hop	Hip Hop	Hip Hop
Wednesday	-	-	-
Thursday		Latin Dance	Latin Dance
Friday		Hip Hop	Hip Hop

NEW LOCATIONS**Tuesday**

Hip Hop à PE theory room, Secondary block 4, ground floor, closest to the pool

Wednesday

LAMDA à empty KS2 classroom, 3rd floor

Thursday

Latin Dance à PE Theory Room Secondary block 4, ground floor, closest to the pool

Friday

Hip Hop à PE theory room Secondary block 4, ground floor, closest to the pool

Arsenal Football Development Camp

In May, KISU will be collaborating with a foundation called Football for the World (FFTW) to put on a development camp for our students and students from Sancta Maria School, our primary community link.

FFTW has recruited professional coaches from Europe, including some who currently work with Arsenal football club!

Each camp will run for a week, Monday-Friday from 4:15-6:00 on KISU's field at a cost of \$60.00 per player. All proceeds will go toward the foundation to provide such opportunities for children who would not otherwise have access to such opportunity, football kits, and resources.

There are a limited number of spots available so students will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis (first to pay and register).

Week 2 – May 9th – 13th- U9 & U11 boys and girls

Week 3 – May 16th – 20th- U13 boys and girls

Week 4 – 23rd – 27th – U16 & U20 boys and girls

Please give your name and \$60.00 or the UGX equivalent (cash only) to Miss Theberge as soon as possible or by May 1st to reserve your spot! Contact sportsdirector@kisu.com or 0752 711 878 for more information.

Thank you,

Miss Theberge

Director of Sport

Dear All

Welcome back after the Easter break – I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday.

Just a few important things for you to diarise:-

School Photographs

Next week, Monday 11th April during the following times – 07:30-08:30/12:00-13:00 & 15:00-16:00; Mehul from Color Chrome will be set-up in the main reception for you to view your children's school photographs – class, individual and sibling photographs (only sibling photographs that were pre-requested before the end of term 2). Please ensure that you arrange to view your children's school photographs with him on this day, during these stipulated times. Should you not manage to view the photographs at school, you can arrange to view them at the Color Chrome Studio in Acacia Mall.

Mehul will be handling the completed order forms and payment directly. Order forms will be available when viewing the photographs.

Important Dates & Upcoming events

Friday 15th April – Kids Movie Night

Wednesday 11th May – Ladies Luncheon

Wednesday 25th May – PTA AGM

Wednesday 8th June – Family evening – “Picnic & movie in the park”

Term 3 Public Holidays

Sunday 1st May – May Day

Friday 3rd June – Martyr's Day

Thursday 9th June – Hero's Day

Term 3 ends – Friday 17th June 2016 at 12:00 (noon)

Term 1 2016/2017 academic school year begins 22nd August 2016

Any parents or KISU teachers interested in joining the PTA next academic school year, please let me know. We welcome any new willing volunteers with new, fresh and exciting ideas. The PTA plays a major role in the KISU community and benefit from parents/teachers involvement and participation.

Have a lovely weekend.

Many thanks

Kind regards

Rose Bowmaker

PTA Chair