



SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

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HEAD OF SECONDARY'S MESSAGE

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Term 3 Invoices

The bad news about the holiday being here, is that fees are now due for Term 3. Term 3 fees were invoiced over a month ago and should be cleared before Monday 13th April. The accounts office remains open during the holidays with the exception of national government holidays and Sundays. We'd be very grateful for your help in ensuring Term 3 starts without the school having to waste energy and resources chasing up missing payments.

Please remember that if you are paying fees by bank transfer it is absolutely vital that the children's names are included in the transfer title and that a copy of the actual transfer details including swift code, is given to the bursars. It is likely that hundreds of people are transferring exactly the same sums as yourself and it can prove a nightmare to work out whose is whose without these details.

Your help is very much appreciated.

This might be just the end of term 2 but for a number of our students they only have one or two weeks of school left before their examinations. I hope Y11 and DP2 have a hard working and productive holiday. Both year groups will have a longer summer vacation to make up for working through their Easter holiday.

Last week saw our House Choir competition and the results were:
1st Bwindi 2nd semliki 3rd Otukeyi 4th Kibale



Our final day of the term was International day and below are a sample of some of the events that took place.



HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY



As I write this I can hear African drumming combining with Middle Eastern music, I've heard the Eurovision Song contest too in the last half an hour. I've drunk English tea and Ethiopian coffee and I have no idea what food I've eaten. All I know is that it was delicious.

International day is the time in the year when we specifically celebrate the diversity of our school and this year there were 61 nationalities represented by students and staff. Some countries had large crowds; others had a single standard bearer for their nation.

I'm sorry to say that I'm a reluctant flag wearer, simply because I grew up in the UK at a time when my country had troubles of its own and our flag was somehow adopted by people who seemed to represent racism and intolerance rather than national pride.

However, wearing my national flag today made me proud of my heritage. I really don't think that there is anyone on earth who is genetically British. Over the last few thousand years what is now the UK has been invaded by just about every European force going, if our royal family were made of cheese they would be more closely related to Feta and Rauchkäse than Cheddar. We mostly drive foreign cars, watch foreign TVs and I hate to say it, we've even started using American words. Yet still there is something very British about us. It's not skin colour or religion, it's not the music or the clothes. It's something that is completely unexplainable.

I'm British through and through, but I'm a descendant of William Duke of Normandy's father, a wizard from a village in North Yorkshire (possibly of Scandinavian descent) and there is also a fair amount of Greek in me too. I am rubbish at French, cannot comprehend a single word of any Scandinavian language (although I can sing a Christmas song in Swedish I think) and my Greek is non-existent. I'm a Brit; more than that I'm English. Indeed more than that, I'm from Yorkshire. I'm proud of my heritage, but extremely grateful that not everyone is like me.

I was surprised today to see one of our staff who from her accent I have always thought of as being absolutely English, representing Morocco. So too did I see what I have always thought of as a British child representing Spain. In the modern world, looks and accents can be deceiving; we are a genuine multicultural mix and I guess we will become more so in the future, as transport and people's horizons broaden.

Today has been great, it's been a chance for us all to be proud of not only where we come from, but also to be proud of the community we belong to at KISU.

Thanks so much to everyone who helped to make the day such a success: to all you parents who provided food and who helped serve, to the ancillary staff for all the setting up and clearing away, to the students for being so open to try new things, to the teachers for shepherding everybody around and to the organizing committee for putting it all together. Finally thanks to whoever has been in charge of the weather!

I sincerely hope that you have a wonderful spring break and we look forward to Term 3 starting on Monday 13th April.

Have a great holiday

University Offers Received - DP2 May 2015

Name	University
Nathan Girmay	Virginia Tech ,University of Miami ,Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute ,George Mason ,Georgia Tech
Karan Sandhu	Manhattenville College
Edoardo Bosi	University of Salford

Name	University
Rana Hijazi	American University of Beirut
Siddharth Ajay	State University of Washington, University of Toledo, Kansas State University, Stonybrook University
Ingrid Saito	Waseda University, Tokyo, International Christian University Tokyo

Model United Nations (MUN), Dubai



Aishani, Pritisha, Neha, Natika, and Hamid represented KISU at the MUN conference held at Dubai International Academy (DIA). It is a highly regarded conference that has grown over 7 years to host their largest conference yet.

900 students from 53 schools across the globe attended to debate resolutions to issues surrounding the theme 'International Migration: scope, complexity, and impact in the 21st century. These conferences are a truly amazing opportunity for students to learn and grow as individuals, learners, and members in our ever changing world. They analyzed and collaborated with students from other schools to develop and debate resolutions and took risks, presenting and challenging these resolutions in front of over a hundred students.

Students also got to experience the culture and enjoy the treasures of Dubai- a dhow cruise down the city river, famous structures and landmarks such as the Burj Khalifa, dune driving through the desert, and of course, shopping!

We encourage all students to get involved in the MUN club and join us on the trips next year! It is an opportunity of a lifetime! For more information, you can visit their website at <http://diamun.org/2015/home/>.



PTA NEWS

Dear All

Well, the end of term 2 is upon us! Frightening how quickly this term has gone and just to think that once we get back after our Easter/term 2 holidays, with only 10 weeks remaining of this school calendar year, we still have a lot to get through – DP & IGCS exams, Y6 trip to Zanzibar, step up days, Mini Olympics, Kisu Royale, Movie Night, PTA AGM, Graduation, Award ceremonies etc...so time will fly!!!

The EY/KS1 children thoroughly enjoyed their slip 'n slide morning – thank you for our lovely card you made for the PTA, we are glad to hear that you had a fun time whilst raising lots of money for St Katherine's.

School Photographs

You should all receive sample school photographs before the close of school on Friday 27th March. Primary students sample photographs will be sent home as a hard copy attached to an order form and secondary students will be emailed to parents. Should you not receive them, please let us know.

Confirmed orders need to be made by no later than Friday 17th April – no late orders will be accepted after this date.

Hope you all had a wonderful International Day celebration; enjoy your holidays, travel safely and we'll see you all back at school on Monday 13th April 2015 for our last term – term 3 of 2014/2015.

Many thanks

Kind regards

Rose Bowmaker

PTA Chair

