

# NEWSLETTER



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**CAMBRIDGE** International Education Cambridge International School





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Principal's Message

Dear Parents, teachers, students and the entire LIS Mombasa fraternity,

It is always enjoyable to witness the passage of time amid a million simultaneous happenings around us and cherish the memories and the opulence along the way. Such has been the year 2023/2024.

We are proud to announce that we are the first school in the region to receive the Cambridge Early Years Centre accreditation. Until recently, Cambridge did not have the Early Years curriculum.



After its inception, we applied for qualification and accreditation which we have gladly received.

Barely two months ago, we received another accreditation from the Council of International Schools (CIS), as a testament that we are loyal to our vision and mission, and are upholding international best practices in the sector of education. There is no limit to growth.

For the first time in many years, we are presenting 20 successfully qualified students who have completed the Duke of Edinburgh International Award( President Award) in Kenya. The team will appear before the president for the Gold Level Awards.

In the same spirit, we made history in Mombasa by hosting the Sunshine Rally- a congregation of learners who learn differently, where more than 500 students from special schools around Mombasa took part, courtesy of the Rotary Club Mombasa. A similar event has been happening in Nairobi for the last 40 years! It was the first time it happened in Mombasa.

Again, another historical event that we have witnessed is the opening of the access road to the school. The road was last used more than 40 years ago! Now we have access to it and traffic is smooth during drop and pick-up time.

We have received and celebrated Checkpoint results for both years 6 and 9 for exams done in April this year. The performance was the highest of all time, beating the global scores across all the subjects.

As we await IGCSE and A-level results, we are optimistic that the students will receive pleasant results. Let's support them during this anxious waiting period.

As part of service learning and community cohesion, we partnered with likeminded organisations to donate blood. It was such a success! Thanks to all those who took part. The community enjoyed free medical checkups on the same day.

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For the 2024 Cultural Day event, we gave it a new approach that made it such a hit! We are aiming higher, going forward.

The World Scholar's Cup 2024 is still fresh in our minds. There were 762 participants from Mombasa, including a team from Burundi. We can only get better! The next event will happen in February 2025. We also presented a team to Malaysia for the Global Round.

We are looking forward to a more promising academic year 2024/2025 in a month.

We appreciate everyone's input in making the just-ended year successful.

Thank you very much.

Warm regards,

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**



## **CIS ACCREDITATION**



After a five-year journey of working towards global best practices in teaching, we finally acquired the Council of International Schools accreditation in April 2024! This means a lot to the LIS family especially for university qualifications. Learners who attend an internationally accredited school are more competitive in the university acceptance criteria.

## VbE accreditation member

In our endeavour to remain relevant in this very dynamic space, we have pursued accreditation to become a Value-Based School to offer Value Based Education(VbE) This is a step in the direction of fostering individuals who are morally upright and socially responsible.



#### • President's Award 2024

This academic year, 30 participants showed interest in the program. 20 students attained the Gold award, 5 students attained the Silver award and 5 others achieved the bronze award. It was quite an adventurous mission to the Aberdares Ridge, at Tumaini school, in Likoni, and participating in community service programs at Maweni Secondary School.



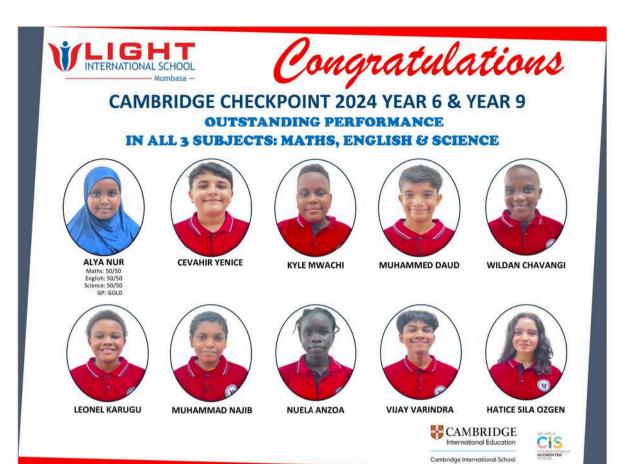


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## **Blood Donation with Red Cross**

Light International School Mombasa partnered with the parents, staff, and friends for an opportunity like no other to donate blood. The program brought together Alfarooq Hospital, Beyond Scope Hospital, Aga Khan Hospital, Kenya Red Cross, and the Kenya Blood Transfusion. Public members were privileged to get free eye and dental check-ups and free nutritional services.

On the same day, the students and staff honored doctors and nurses in a special way. They dressed like the medical practitioners. For sure the role of doctors is immense to humankind. It was a day full of creativity.



#### QURBAN - Eid ul Adha

In the spirit of sharing, Light International School Mombasa was keen to distribute meat to residents of Nyali settlement, Hajaral Aswad orphanage, Ziwani school for the deaf, Nyali Police Station, Pwani school for the mentally challenged, Muslim Girls Orphanage and Swabur orphanage. We were glad to put smiles on their faces.

#### **BEACH CLEANUP**

Kindergarten students participated in a beach cleaning project, learning about environmental protection while working as a team. This fun and educational experience helped them develop environmental awareness and a deeper connection with nature.





For sure a candle loses nothing of its light intensity by lighting another candle. Tumaini School- Likoni and Makanzani Schools will greatly benefit from the books we donated to them.

"Every book donation is a gift of knowledge"



#### EVENTS

## GRADUATION YEAR 13



This year's graduation marked a special moment for our graduates as they celebrated the end of A level, a signifier of complete Cambridge Secondary school studies. The hard work they have invested for the past years is truly not in vain. We are dedicated to producing men and women out of boys and girls, individuals who will diligently serve the globe without fear or intimidation.





## YEAR 6

"It's not the hours you put in your work that counts, it's the work you put in the hours." These words said by Sam Ewing better described what the gallant 2024 Year 6 did and by all means, they deserved a mega-sized graduation ceremony.

## EARLY YEARS 3

Early years 3rd grade students celebrated their graduation with a joyous ceremony attended by proud families. The event was filled with memorable moments, with families and teachers expressing their support and belief in the students as they embark on new adventures.

## **CULTURAL DAY**





The Cultural Day 2024 was auspicious! Experience has taught us that we are more similar than dissimilar. To celebrate this knowledge, LIS Mombasa shared Unity in Diversity memorable moments in the 2024 cultural celebration fete which was marked with colour, pomp, and grandeur. Moments like this remind us that we are more similar than dissimilar and propel us to embrace our uniqueness.

OVERALL POSITION 1	PAKISTAN – YEAR 6A	
OVERALL POSITION 2	SOMALIA - YEAR 10A	
OVERALL POSITION 3	SPAIN- YEAR 8A + YEMEN - YEAR 6B	
	JUNIOR	SENIOR
BEST STALL DISPLAY	EGYPT – YEAR 5	NIGERIA – YEAR 9B
BEST DANCE	UGANDA – YEAR 2	ETHIOPIA - YEAR 10B
BEST FOOD	MYANMAR - YEAR 1	SAUDI ARABIA – YEAR 9A
BEST PRESENTATION	KOREA – YEAR 4	COLOMBIA – YEAR 8B
BEST COSTUME	GIRIAMA -YEAR 3	LAMU – YEAR 7

We all celebrate the diversity.

While winning is never the focus during the celebration, the nature of the displays, varieties of food, music, dance, etc demand that some criteria be put in place as a point of assessment and qualification.

#### TREE PLANTING IN SCHOOL & HALLER PARK



Kenya celebrated a special public holiday on 10th May 2024, dedicated to a nationwide tree-planting initiative as part of the National Tree Planting Campaign under the Presidential Programme for the Accelerated Restoration of Forests and Rangelands, which aims to plant 15 billion trees by 2032. Students and staff of Light International school joined the country in this noble exercise. We ought to take care of the environment so that the environment can take care of us.

## **SCIENCE FAIR**



The Science fair was a vibrant celebration of curiosity and creativity, with early years and primary students eagerly showcasing their projects to families and teachers. The fair, themed "predict, investigate, and record," featured projects on topics ranging from plant growth to simple machines. Each project followed the scientific method, beginning with a hypothesis, experiments to gather data, and concluding with recorded findings. The event highlighted the students' enthusiasm for learning and the magic of science, fostering their growth and inspiring future scientists.

#### **WORKSHOP - YEAR 11**

The year 11 students interacted with experts to be prepared for Job Creation, Employment, and University Preparedness. They got a Golden opportunity to be trained by lead facilitators from the United Nations Youth Association (UNYA), Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), and Google Developers Group. Among the topics of discussion included, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Self-esteem, Managing Emotions, Interpersonal Relationships, Business, Personal Development, etc. This is an annual program that targets all the students who complete their IGCSE.

#### **INTERNSHIP - A LEVEL**

The school has partnered with public and private organizations to support the A-level students with apprenticeship programs. Observing their career ambition, the year 12 & 13 students were posted to companies & Industries to work for two weeks. The program is an eye-opener for the learners as they get firsthand experience with how the field feels. We wish them all the best.





## **FILMING CLUB**

The LIS Filming Club had an incredibly productive year, showcasing remarkable creativity and teamwork. Club members collaborated to create an original script and produced a compelling short film titled Gaming is not a Crime. This project was directed by a Year 10 student Ahanaf, whose leadership and vision were pivotal to its success. The film was well-received, highlighting the impressive talents and dedication of our students in the Filming Club. This successful endeavor demonstrates the club's ability to nurture and harness the artistic and technical skills of its members, paving the way for future cinematic projects.

## **JOURNALISM CLUB - SPOTLIGHT#2 LAUNCH**

Having a strong and heavily subscribed social media presence including Tiktok, Instagram, facebook, YouTube, and Telegram, the school nurtures young journalists who create content and post on social media periodically. The team also has a great responsibility of editing the annual school magazine famously referred to as the Spotlight.

The Journalism team is now working on their 3rd Spotlight. Interested individuals who would like to take part in authoring some articles can make an official request through the school's secretary.



## **PARENTS-STUDENTS ORIENTATION MEETINGS**



We once again welcome all the new students who joined us this academic year, you are assured of our support throughout your secondary school academic life. Our task is simple, guiding you to excellence.

## **MENTORSHIP**

#### Mentorship Talk: Nurturing Future Leaders

Our students had the opportunity to participate in inspiring mentorship talks to discover the key to success in all aspects of life. These sessions aimed to help students develop essential life skills and values, ensuring a lasting and positive impact on their academic journey.

#### **Unforgettable Trip to Malindi Turtle Bay**

This special trip, meticulously organized by our parents, was a memorable adventure filled with unforgettable moments for both students and teachers alike. Students had the chance to explore the captivating natural beauty of Malindi and engage in various enjoyable activities, creating lasting memories with their friends. Beyond exploring nature, this trip provided students with an opportunity to deepen their connection with the environment.

#### Cinemax Visit: A Day of Fun and Fellowship

If you're looking for fun and great friends, you won't find a better group than the students at LIS MSA. These young individuals truly know how to enjoy themselves. Before their Cinemax visit, group members spent a day filled with entertaining games, storytelling, moral discussions, playing games, and football. During lunch and birthday celebrations, students engaged in deep and meaningful conversations about their interests and future aspirations. Celebrating each other's birthdays reaffirmed the value they place on their friendships and team spirit.

#### Sleepover at LIS MSA: Simple, Enjoyable, and Memorable

Sleepovers at LIS MSA take the school experience to another level, designing each event as a gateway to another world. We blend activities such as PlayStation games, football, and watching movies on a big screen to create unforgettable memories for our students. If you happen to meet one of our students, don't hesitate to ask them about their experience of a sleepover at LIS MSA.

#### A Day Trip to Wasini: An Unforgettable Adventure

At LIS MSA, we organized a magnificent trip to the famous exotic Wasini Island. Yes, the same Wasini Island you've seen in documentaries! Stepping foot on this unique and magnificent place was indeed a dream come true. The joy and emotions experienced on the island are truly indescribable. In this unique adventure, students not only explored nature but also strengthened their friendships and collected unforgettable memories.

## **MENTORSHIP CONT..**

#### **Building Bonds Beyond School: Home Visits**

Interactive activities both inside and outside of school create a harmonious and loving family atmosphere among our students. This atmosphere includes home visits in addition to classroom and school activities. By inviting classmates and teachers into their homes and offering special treats, students strengthen their friendships and develop a sense of responsibility. As hosts, students reinforce their sense of responsibility by providing brief insights into their families and serving their guests.

#### Oceanfront Picnic: Joy and Fellowship by the Sea

The oceanfront picnic organized for our students was met with great joy and enthusiasm. This event provided students with the opportunity to experience unforgettable moments. Our mentorship programs at school not only equip students with life skills but also benefit them in areas such as team spirit, responsibility, and appreciation for values. We know that students who receive education in a positive environment also achieve academic success.



## **SPORTS**

This term was a busy one with so many activities. The under 9 and 11 boys football had a friendly match against Mombasa Academy whereby under 9 won 12- 0 and under 11 won 5-0.

Under 13 and 16 netball girls played against Mombasa Academy in May 2024 whereby under 13 won 19-1 and under 16 won 21-1.

In early June 2024 under 11 and 16 netball teams played against Oshwal Academy, whereby under 11 won 15-0 and under 16 won 21-1.



## TOURNAMENTS

On 25th May,2024 our under 9 football team participated in a tournament at Jaffery Academy and came 3rd. Our cyclist team participated in the cycling competition and emerged 2nd Position overall. Under 11 football boys, under 13 Netball girls, and U16 both teams girls and mixed teams participated in the Kivukoni Sports Festival Tournament in Kilifi county on 15th June 2024. The under 13 emerged overall winners after winning all their matches, the under 16 girls team and the mixed team emerged 2nd Position while the under 11 football team 3rd position. LIS Mombasa hosted the U13 boys football tournament on 22nd June,24. On 29th June 24 U11 Netball girls team represented the school in the U11 tournament at Swaminarayan Academy out of 8 schools we emerged in 2nd position.

