

## NEWSLETTER





## Dear Parents/ Guardians,

The end of the Summer holidays is fast approaching. We are glad that we have remained put. As a quick step into the next Academic year beginning 29th August, this year, we would like to keep you informed about the happenings at the school.

The just released IGCSE and A level results, 2023 have shown a great improvement compared to previous years with some students scoring as high as 96, 97 and 99 out of 100 marks in the exams translating to Straight A\*s and A's in all subjects. We hope to perform even better in the upcoming academic year and future years. Thanks to all of you for supporting us.

As a means to ensure safety for all students while at school, we have installed CCTV cameras in all primary classes like we did for the early years in the previous years. By the end of August, we will have them fitted in all classrooms including the secondary classes. This ensures that learners are safe and also take care of any possibilities of misbehaviour. We all know that safeguarding the learners is at the heart of LIS Mombasa and adds up to the international best practices for International Schools.

Related to this is the installation of a biometric finger scanner for all students. Once they press the gadget to enter the school, a message is sent to the parents to inform them of the student's arrival in school. The same will happen when they leave the school at the end of the day or any time they exit the campus.



We have carefully upgraded the school library to cater for the reading needs of all the students. The reading resources as well as reference books are now available for all levels in the school. You are invited to have a look at the change. This should address the reading habit in the school and improve language skills. We are advised to encourage our children to read, as opposed to getting glued on tik tok and other social media handles.

In this very spirit, the DEAR- Drop Everything And Read, hour shall be more robust than before. We would like parents to practise it as well while at home. At least 30 minutes of reading each day. Related to this is our intention to foster reading through hosting and participating in the World Scholar's Cup. This academic year, we are targeting a 1000 participation from the schools in Mombasa. Help us make this dream a reality. The literature in the WSC website is usually very exciting, informative and educative.

We have given a special facelift to all the science laboratories: Chemistry, Biology and Physics, with a complete new Physics Laboratory. We have put in place a fume chamber in the Chemistry lab in tandem with the Council (CIS) of International Schools expectations and global safety measures.

In addition, the science students will take part in the Cambridge Upper Secondary Science Competition with a deliberate effort in the Practical Science Approach. This is meant to make science lessons more realistic and meaningful to the learners.

The furniture in the classrooms has been renewed and given a new face. We urge parents to speak to their children at home about the ICARE values which includes respecting school property and taking care of them as much as they do at home. Let's all remind them that school is like home.



## **Robotics Room**



To respond to the global dynamics in technology, we shall have robotics taken with much emphasis, assigned a special room and keener effort to harness the acquisition of such skills that have become instrumental in the digital world. Related to this, we shall have robotics and coding taught in school as a club. This will go a long way to have the learners spend their time more productively and meaningfully.

Injecting new ideas to the school, we have embraced Hackathon IT in entrepreneurship as part of project-based education. Truly, this is a brilliant step in the right direction touching the very core of the contemporary learning environment where technology is the backbone.

This is directly related to Computer Science for IGCSE and A level and ICT starters for year 6 and 9. This is a sure way to cement the technological appetite that is growing by day and the global educational dynamics that are ever changing. Note that this will be ...

Additionally, we are introducing Art and Design, and Extended Project clubs which will be under Pearson qualifications.



International education requires that students are exposed to diverse skills. Music is one such an opportunity and to address this, we have upgraded the music room and now more students can be attended to more interactively. We are delighted to announce that the number of our students growing music permission is on the rise.

University acceptance and scholarship opportunities have become more competitive with universities looking for learners who do the SAT among other non exam avenues. For this reason, we have rolled out the SAT as a club to be taken up by candidates. This has seen some students globally receive scholarships up to 100 percent, especially those studying in the USA.

In our effort to widen the scope of service learning, we have partnered with the Kenya Red Cross Society, the United Nations Youth Kenya association and Rotary Club of Mombasa. This will be instrumental in preparing candidates portfolios in relation to the service learning, internship and leadership. They shall be issued with certificate rubber stamped by both UNYA and Red Cross. As a result, LIS Mombasa is registered as an Interact club - Rotary International.

It is now confirmed and listed on the Council of International Schools website that LIS Mombasa will be visited for Accreditation on 2nd March. 2024. We are now doing final bits of preparations towards this milestone.

United Nations and The Duke of Edinburah's International Awards - The President's Awards Kenya activities. These drives are creating leadership opportunities and giving them the global citizenship approach crowns the global appetite for the present day academicians. This is the way to go with global agendas such as environment related drills like tree planting, beach cleaning and reusing plastics. These are key topics in the Global Citizenship curriculum.

Our students, now more

embrace the Kenya Model

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