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# *A word from the* **Principal**

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Dear Parents, Students and Colleagues,  
A very warm welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year!

It is always a joy to step back into the vibrant rhythm of school life after the summer break. September is a season of new beginnings. It is a time to set fresh goals, welcome new friends and build strong momentum. The enthusiasm and energy our students have brought into the classrooms over these past few weeks have been truly inspiring.

Behind the scenes, our dedicated teachers and staff have been working tirelessly to create a supportive and motivating environment where every student is empowered to reach their full potential and embrace the opportunities ahead.



We view these monthly newsletters as a vital bridge between home and school. Beyond highlighting our students' accomplishments and upcoming activities, we hope these publications will offer a clear glimpse into our community's journey and highlight how we can work together to help our school grow from strength to strength.

As you read through this issue, I hope you discover the many wonderful stories, talents and achievements that make our school such a special place - a place that serves as our students' doorway to success and beyond.

Thank you to all our families for your continued partnership, trust and warm support. It truly makes all the difference, and we look forward to a fulfilling and productive term ahead together!

***Yours in Education,  
Ramzi Hasanli***

# Message from the High School President

The recent Student Council elections have marked the beginning of an exciting new chapter for our school. I am truly grateful to every student who placed their trust in me and the new council.

Our goal this year is simple: to listen, to represent and to take action. We hope to turn students' ideas into meaningful change.

During my campaign, I was reminded of the words, "Fortune is for the bold," and I hope this will be a message for every student this year: to speak up, take opportunities, learn from setbacks, and have the courage to make a difference. Together, we look forward to making this a year of progress, leadership, and positive change.



**Cedric  
Korir**

# Message from the Primary School President

It is a great honour to serve as your Student Council President. I sincerely thank my fellow students for believing in me and giving me the opportunity to represent you.

I understand that this position comes with a great responsibility. My commitment is to listen to your concerns, represent your views and serve our school community with dedication and respect. Together with the Student Council, I look forward to working closely with our school leaders and teachers to promote unity and encourage every student to take part in making our school a better place.

I encourage all of us to treat one another with respect, support each other and make the most of every opportunity we have. Each of us has a role to play in building a positive and welcoming school community.

Together, we will lead with purpose, serve with integrity and work towards making a meaningful difference.



**Hussein  
Abdirahman**

# Back to SCHOOL

The 2026-2027 academic year came alive as learners reunited with friends, met their teachers and settled into their new classes.

From cheerful welcomes to engaging classroom activities, everyone had a positive start to the term. Students are already building new friendships, setting goals and looking forward to a year filled with learning and memorable experiences.



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*Learning. Character. Opportunity.*

# NEW LEARNERS' Orientation

On Thursday, 3 September 2026, new learners took part in an orientation session to familiarise themselves with the school's culture, leadership and expectations. The school leadership team introduced learners to key school procedures and academic and behavioural standards.

The Discipline Chairperson also explained the CoolSIS points system and how it recognises positive behaviour while addressing misconduct. The session equipped learners with the guidance they need to settle in confidently and feel part of the LIS community.



*Welcome to Light. We're glad you're here.*



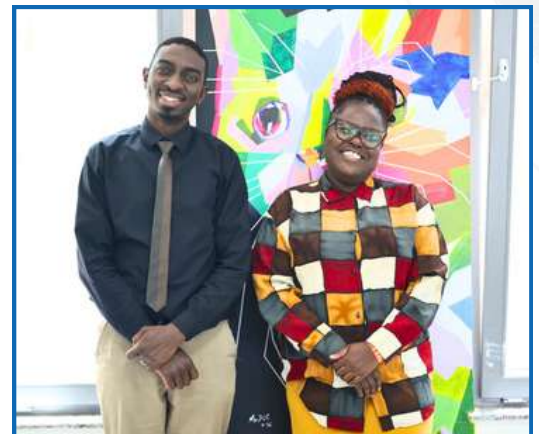
# NEW TEACHERS' *Orientation*

A comprehensive orientation programme for the newly appointed teachers was conducted on Saturday, 29 August 2026. The programme was designed to provide the new staff members with a clear understanding of the school's expectations, values, culture, procedures and professional standards, while also helping them integrate smoothly into the school community.

During the orientation, the teachers were introduced to the school culture and working environment, with emphasis on the importance of adapting quickly to the school's systems, routines and expectations. They were encouraged to take initiative, familiarise themselves with the school's structures and establish effective working relationships with colleagues, learners and members of the leadership team.

**Guidance was also provided on the school dress code and professional appearance. Teachers were encouraged to maintain a neat, appropriate, and professional appearance that reflects the standards expected within the school environment and serves as a positive example to learners.**

*Karibuni Sana!*



# PARENTS' BREAKFAST Meetings



We held a series of class-based Parents' Breakfast Meetings, bringing parents and teachers together to support learners. Discussions focused on academic progress, assessment, study habits and practical ways parents can support learning at home. Learner wellbeing and open communication between school and home were also highlighted.

The meetings further explored discipline, positive behaviour, enrichment opportunities and career guidance. Parents were encouraged to take an active role in their children's personal growth and future aspirations. Overall, the meetings strengthened the partnership between the school and families, reaffirming our shared commitment to helping every learner thrive.



## PARENT SUPPORT NETWORK (PSN) MEETINGS

During the 2026/2027 academic year, the school has held two Parent Support Network (PSN) meetings, bringing together parent representatives and members of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

The PSN provides an important platform for open communication, collaboration, and constructive engagement between parents and the school. The meetings have focused on strengthening the partnership between the school and its parent community, addressing matters of shared interest, and identifying ways to further enhance the school experience for all students.

**Through these engagements, the school continues to emphasise the importance of working collaboratively with parents and placing the interests, wellbeing, and holistic development of every student at the heart of the school community.**



# THE RACE 2026

September brought campaign energy to LIS Nairobi as learners stepped forward to represent their fellow students. Candidates shared their ideas, spoke to their peers and put themselves forward for different student leadership positions.

Campaign season gave learners an opportunity to experience leadership, responsibility and participation in a practical way. Then came voting day.

“  
**Leadership Begins  
with the Courage to  
Step Forward.**  
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Students had their say, ballots were cast and THE RACE 2026 reached its most anticipated moment. Beyond winning or losing, every learner who stepped forward demonstrated confidence and courage.

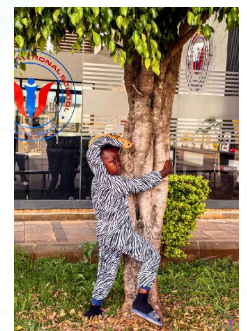


## ANIMAL WEEK

Theme: **Wonderful World of Animals**

Our much-anticipated Animal Week, roared with a big success! The objective was to help children identify different animals, their homes, food, sounds and movements, in line with Understanding the World, Communication & Language.

Throughout the week, children discussed different categories of animals – wild, farm, domestic and water animals. Each child chose a favourite animal and confidently told the class about it. They made animal sounds like moo, meow, roar and woof-woof, which made learning fun and improved their vocabulary and listening skills.



From mighty roars to gentle meows, Animal Week brought learning to life through curiosity and a whole lot of fun.

# ACADEMIC TRIPS

## World Scholar's Cup

📍 Bangkok, Thailand



Some journeys are measured in memories, friendships and moments of triumph. In August, our World Scholar's Cup scholars travelled to Bangkok, Thailand, for the Global Round, competing in the Scholars Challenge, Scholars Bowl, Collaborative Writing, Team Debates and Scavenger Hunt. Their knowledge, creativity and teamwork earned them an impressive collection of medals and trophies, bringing pride to our school community.

Beyond the competition, students explored Bangkok, celebrated diversity at the Cultural Fair and formed friendships with young scholars from around the world. The journey ended with the joyful Scholars Ball, leaving our learners with more than medals and trophies. They returned with treasured memories, lasting friendships and a broader understanding of the world.



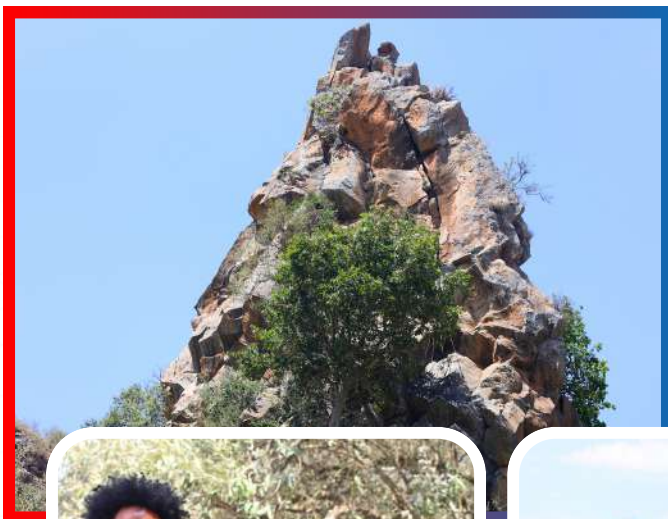
# ACADEMIC TRIPS

## IGCSE PHYSICAL EDUCATION *Rock Climbing*

📍 Hell's Gate - Naivasha

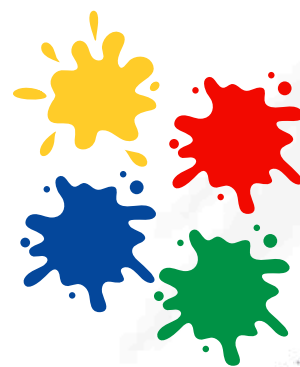
On 25th September 2026, 13 IGCSE Physical Education students participated in a rock climbing activity at Hell's Gate as part of their Component 2 requirements.

The activity provided an opportunity to develop practical skills, build confidence and strengthen perseverance and teamwork. Despite varying confidence levels, all 13 students successfully completed the challenge, demonstrating resilience and determination.



# Inter-House

## PENALTY SHOOT-OUT ROUND ONE REPORT



The first round of the Inter-House Penalty Shoot-Out was successfully conducted, with all four houses participating. The learners displayed enthusiasm, teamwork and good sportsmanship throughout the activity.

### Round One Standings:

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| 1st | Yellow House | 55 Points |
| 2nd | Green House  | 50 Points |
| 3rd | Red House    | 40 Points |
| 4th | Blue House   | 35 Points |

The activity provided an exciting opportunity for learners to demonstrate teamwork, participation and house spirit.



# MENTORSHIP ACTIVITIES

September was filled with dynamic mentorship activities! Highlights include:

**Expanded Mentorship:** Every class from Year 1 to 13 now has a dedicated class mentor (previously Years 4–13).

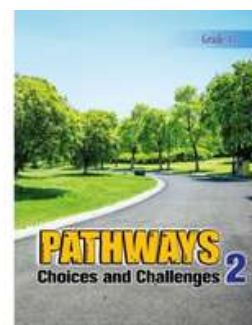
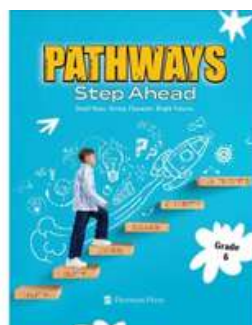
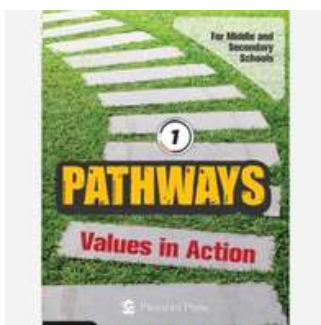
**Structured Curriculum:** Weekly Life Orientation lessons now follow a fixed curriculum—the Cambridge Wellbeing program for Primary School and the Pathways series for Secondary School.

**Parental Engagement:** Parents' clubs were newly introduced, parents were invited to visit the school and class mentors conducted home visits.

**Student Engagement & Events:** Class mentors hosted Tea Talks during break and lunch times and the Year 13 class completed a supervised sleepover program led by their mentors.

On Friday, 18th September, the Year 13 students got an opportunity to come together for an indoor programme. The programme included fun icebreaker games, which helped students build new connections, strengthen friendships and feel more comfortable with one another, followed by a relaxed barbecue dinner where everyone could socialise in an informal setting.

This was a positive introduction to Year 13, giving students the chance to connect beyond the classroom and develop a sense of belonging and community. Overall, the event set a warm and positive tone for the year ahead and encouraged students to support and engage with one another as they move through this important final year of school.



# October

# COMING UP IN

## **TEACHERS' DAY**

A special celebration of the teachers who guide, encourage and inspire our learners every day.



## **INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS**

The houses are ready. The competition is on. Expect teamwork, school spirit and plenty of energy throughout the month.



## **ACADEMIC TRIPS**

Learning beyond the classroom as our students explore real-world sites that bring their lessons to life.



## **HUMANITIES WEEK**

Celebrating the stories, cultures and ideas that shape our world with a week of discovery, reflection and creativity across our school community.



## **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE {PTC}**

An opportunity for parents and teachers to connect, review each learner's progress and partner in supporting their growth.



# ADMISSIONS ARE ONGOING...

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