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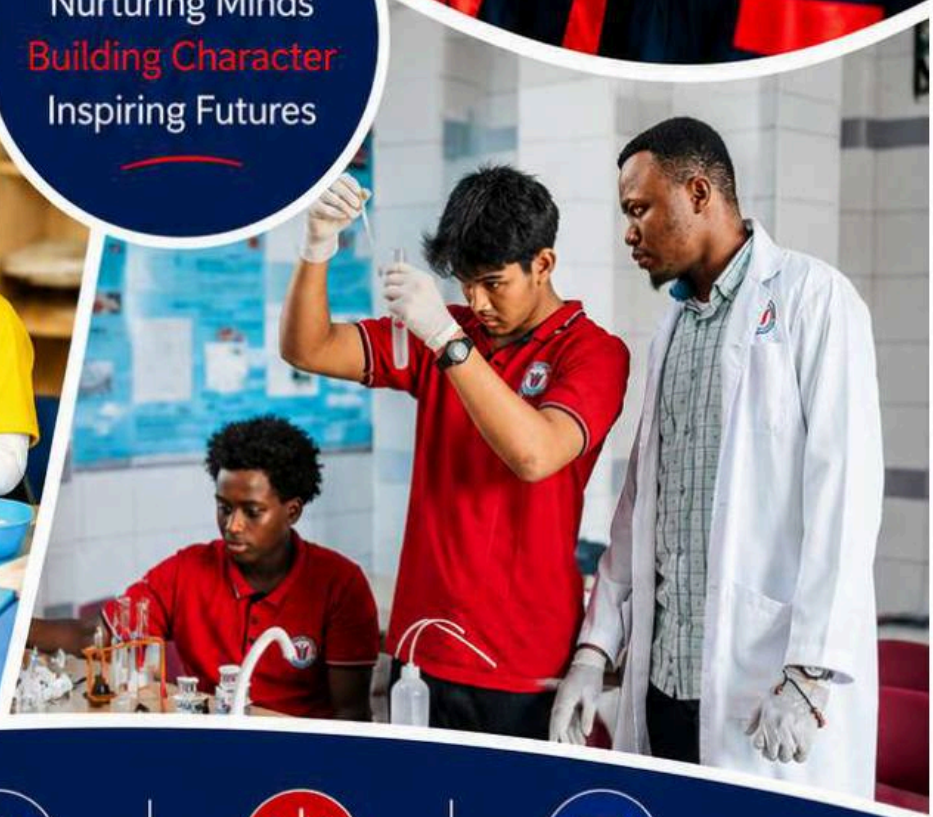
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Principal's Message



Dear Light International School Mombasa Family,

As we close the curtains on another remarkable academic year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude. Reflecting on our journey over the past months, it is clear that our community has grown stronger, wiser, and more resilient. Together, we have created a vibrant environment where our students continue to shine.

Celebrating Our Well-Rounded Achievers

This year, our students have truly demonstrated that they are capable of competing and excelling at the highest levels, not only in academics but also across a wide spectrum of extracurricular activities. Our young champions have pushed boundaries and raised the Light International School flag high. We celebrate our outstanding victories and participation in the School Football Championships, where our team displayed incredible teamwork and sportsmanship. Our strategic thinkers also made us proud, dominating the local Chess Championships and testing their wits on the grand stage at the Continental Chess Championships. These achievements prove that our students possess the grit, talent, and determination to succeed globally.

Investing in the Future: Campus Upgrades

To match the world-class talent of our students, we are thrilled to announce major campus renovations and investments taking place over the upcoming break. We are committed to providing modern spaces that inspire learning, creativity, and physical well-being. Here is what you can look forward to when we return:

- Sports & Arts: Comprehensive renovations of our playground, basketball court, and school auditorium.
- STEM & Tech: Heavy investments in upgrading our science labs and installing state-of-the-art Smart Panels in classrooms to foster interactive learning.
- Comfort: Enhanced classroom environments, including full air conditioning updates to keep our learning spaces cool and focused.

These upgrades represent our unwavering dedication to nurturing the next generation of leaders, scientists, athletes, and artists.

A Heartfelt Thank You

None of these milestones would be possible without our dedicated teachers, supportive parents, and, most importantly, our hardworking students. Thank you for your trust, collaboration, and shared vision. I wish you all a safe, restful, and rejuvenating holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back to a refreshed and modernized campus next term!

Warm regards,

Yerkin Kalzhanov
Principal, Light International School Mombasa

EARLY YEARS

Term 3 has been a rich and engaging learning journey where our students explored, created, and expressed themselves with confidence. In line with the Cambridge Early Years approach, we focused on experiences that support the holistic development of every child.



CINEMA EXPERIENCE

Students enjoyed an educational movie experience together. They developed listening and comprehension skills, explored emotions, and practiced appropriate behavior in a social setting.

Graduation

Memory Celebration

Our EY3 students celebrated an important milestone in their learning journey. Memory sharing and awards made the event meaningful and memorable.
This experience supported confidence and readiness for the next stage of learning.





Little Artists

Students explored different materials and techniques, expressing themselves through art. Through process-based activities, they developed creativity and proudly shared their work during the “My Masterpiece” gallery walk. This experience supported creativity, confidence, and self-expression.





Mother’s Day Love Festival

Students enjoyed a meaningful day with their mothers through shared activities and special moments. This event supported emotional development, strengthened family bonds and allowed children to express love and appreciation.



All About Me – Superstar Show

Through engaging activities, children explored their identity, interests, and dreams. They expressed themselves in different ways and built confidence.



Growth & Learning Journey

Throughout the term, our students showed balanced development across academic, social, and emotional areas.

- Academic Development
- Students strengthened their early literacy and numeracy skills. Digital platforms such as IXL and Reading Eggs were used effectively to support learning.
- Social Development
- Through group activities, students developed sharing, cooperation, and collaboration skills.
- Emotional Development & Wellbeing
- Children made strong progress in expressing their feelings, building confidence, and feeling secure in their learning environment.
- Holistic Development
- Overall, our students grew as confident, happy, and engaged learners, ready for their next steps.

Spelling Bee Challenge

Through interactive and play-based activities, students developed their phonics and vocabulary skills.

They also improved listening, attention, and teamwork while building a positive attitude towards learning.



End-of-Year Class Party &Sharing Day

Students celebrated the end of the year by sharing their favorite memories and enjoying games and activities together.
It strengthened friendships and created a strong sense of belonging.





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Science Fair

The Science Fair was held from 4th May 2026 to 8th May 2026 under the theme "Young Minds, Great Ideas." The event aimed to encourage creativity, innovation, and scientific thinking among students by providing a platform to showcase their ideas and projects. Throughout the week, students participated in various activities, including display and presentation of science projects and demonstrations of experiments and innovative models.

The Science Fair was successful in promoting teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving skills among students. Participants gained confidence in presenting their ideas and learned from one another through interaction and collaboration. The event also inspired students to develop practical solutions to real-life challenges.

CheckPoint Examinations

The Checkpoint Examinations were conducted from 11th May 2026 to 20th May 2026. The examinations were organized to assess students' understanding of the subjects taught during the term and to evaluate their academic progress. The examinations were carried out in a well-organized and orderly manner. Students reported to the examination rooms on time and followed all examination rules and regulations. Invigilators ensured that the exams were conducted fairly and that discipline was maintained throughout the examination period.





Graduation

On 13th June 2026, Lights International School proudly celebrated the graduation of its Year 6 students in a colourful and memorable ceremony. The event marked an important milestone as the graduates completed their primary education and prepared to begin a new chapter in high school.

The ceremony brought together parents, guardians, teachers, school leaders, and invited guests to honour the hard work, determination, and achievements of the graduating class. Dressed in graduation gowns and caps, the Year 6 learners proudly walked into the venue, receiving warm applause from their families and the school community.

A key highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of graduation certificates to each Year 6 student.

Trips

Students of Lights International School recently enjoyed an exciting and enriching educational trip to Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort & Spa and Kijani Beach, where they participated in a variety of recreational and learning activities. The trip provided learners with an opportunity to explore the coastal environment, strengthen friendships, and learn outside the classroom.





Prize Giving Day

On 27th June 2026, Lights International School held its annual Prize Giving Day, a special occasion dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the outstanding achievements of students throughout the academic year. The event brought together students, parents, teachers, and invited guests in a joyful atmosphere filled with pride and appreciation.The ceremony began with a warm welcome from the school administration, followed by inspiring speeches that highlighted the importance of hard work, perseverance, discipline, and excellence.



End Term Exams

Lights International School successfully concluded its End-of-Year Examinations, marking the completion of another productive academic year. The examinations provided students with an opportunity to demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and understanding they had acquired throughout the year in various subjects. During the examination period, students displayed commitment, discipline, and determination as they worked hard to achieve their academic goals. Teachers and invigilators ensured that the examinations were conducted in a calm, fair, and well-organized environment, allowing every learner to perform to the best of their ability.

SECONDARY

A Level Internship Programme



Light International School Mombasa successfully completed its A Level Internship Programme, giving Year 12 and 13 students hands-on professional experience across various industries.

Key Outcomes

- Students gained exposure to real workplace expectations including professionalism, teamwork, communication, and problem-solving
- Developed essential employability skills: adaptability, initiative, leadership, and collaboration
- Gained clarity on career paths and academic requirements
- Returned with renewed motivation and confidence for their A Level studies

Impact

The programme strengthened the bridge between classroom learning and practical application, helping students understand how their studies connect to real-world careers while building skills valued by universities and employers globally.

Acknowledgments

The school expressed gratitude to host companies, organizations, professionals, parents, ad guardians whose support made the programme successful. The initiative reflects the school's commitment to holistic education that prepares students for both higher education and professional success.

PRE-A LEVEL ORIENTATION PROGRAMME



Report (2026/2027)

The 2026/2027 Pre-A Level Orientation Programme, held from 29 June to 3 July 2026, successfully prepared students for the transition from IGCSE to Cambridge International A Levels. Throughout the week, students attended introductory sessions in the A Level subjects offered at Light International School Mombasa, alongside career guidance, a career aptitude test, SAT orientation, and subject selection sessions.

The programme provided students with a clear understanding of A Level expectations and future academic pathways, enabling them to make informed subject choices aligned with their strengths, interests, and career aspirations. It built confidence and laid the foundation for future academic success.

2026 Year 11 Certification and Year 13 Graduation



Light International School Mombasa successfully held the 2026 Year 11 Certification and Year 13 Graduation Ceremony this term, marking an important milestone in the academic journey of our students. The event celebrated the successful completion of the Cambridge IGCSE programme by the Year 11 students and recognized the Year 13 students as they graduated from the Cambridge Advanced Level programme.

The ceremony was attended by parents, guardians, staff, and invited guests, creating a memorable occasion to honour the students' hard work, perseverance, and achievements. Beyond recognizing academic accomplishment, the ceremony inspired younger students to strive for excellence and highlighted the importance of resilience, discipline, and commitment throughout their educational journey. The school extends its sincere appreciation to the parents, staff, and all stakeholders whose unwavering support contributed to the success of the event and the achievements of our graduating students. Certificates were awarded to the Year 11 students in recognition of their completion of the IGCSE programme, while Year 13 graduates were celebrated as they prepared to transition to universities and other higher education institutions. The Year 11 Certification and Year 13 Graduation Ceremony remains a significant annual event that reflects Light International School Mombasa's commitment to celebrating academic excellence and preparing students for success in higher education and beyond.



2026 Prize Giving Day

The inaugural event was highly successful. The programme was well organized, commenced and concluded on schedule, and was positively received by both students and parents. The event effectively celebrated students' achievements and reinforced the school's commitment to recognizing excellence. Beginning in 2027, the Prize Giving Day will be split into two separate events: one for Early Years and Primary School and another for the Secondary School. This will allow for better organization and provide more time to recognize students appropriately.







2026 Cambridge Examinations Completion



Light International School Mombasa successfully concluded the 2026 Cambridge International Examinations, with the assessment period conducted smoothly and in full compliance with Cambridge regulations. The success of the examinations was made possible through the dedication of the teaching and administrative staff, the examinations team, and the commitment of the students. The school commends its Year 9, Year 11, Year 12, and Year 13 candidates for their hard work, discipline, and resilience throughout the examination period, while also expressing gratitude to parents and guardians for their continued support.

We look forward to celebrating our students' achievements when the examination results are released.

Celebrating Mother's Day Through Friendship and Catchball



This year's Mother's Day celebration at Light International School Mombasa was a heartfelt tribute to the incredible mothers in our school community. Mothers were warmly welcomed with flowers, tea, and snacks, while staff mothers were also recognized for their dedication. A touching surprise featuring a mirror reminded every mother of her value and the important role she plays in the lives of her children and the school community.



The celebrations continued with a friendly LIS Mombasa and LIS Malindi Mums Catchball Tournament at Kijani Beach.

The day featured breakfast, exciting matches, a barbecue lunch, certificate presentations, and the crowning of the LIS Mombasa Mums as tournament winners. More importantly, the event celebrated friendship, teamwork, and community spirit, inspiring the formation of the LIS Coast Mums Catchball Team, which will represent the coastal campuses in future friendly tournaments.

Father's Day Celebration



Our school proudly celebrated Father's Day on 19th June with a memorable day dedicated to appreciating the important role fathers play in their children's lives. The celebrations began with a warm welcome at the school gate, where fathers were treated to tea and snacks. Families also embraced the occasion by wearing matching World Cup jerseys, creating a vibrant atmosphere filled with unity, teamwork, and school spirit.



The day continued with exciting family activities, including the much-anticipated Fathers' Football Tournament, where participants displayed outstanding sportsmanship before the winning team received a trophy. The celebration concluded with a joyful cake-cutting ceremony, and every father received a small gift as a token of appreciation. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the fathers who joined us and made the day truly special.

Students Portfolios

At Light International School Mombasa, we encourage all students to keep their academic portfolios up to date throughout the year. By recording projects, assessments, competitions, leadership roles, co-curricular activities, and other achievements, students create a meaningful record of their learning journey and personal growth.

We kindly ask parents and guardians to support their children by encouraging them to regularly add evidence of their work, reflections, certificates, photographs, and other accomplishments. A well-maintained portfolio helps students celebrate their progress, set future goals, and build a valuable record that can support university and scholarship applications while showcasing their unique skills and achievements.

Service Learning
Inspiring a Love of Reading Through Giving

At Light International School Mombasa, we believe learning extends beyond the classroom. As part of our Service Learning programme, students participated in a literacy initiative that began with a vibrant Book Character Dress-Up Day, celebrating the joy of reading while encouraging students to donate storybooks and course books they had outgrown.







Thanks to the generosity of our school community, Year 7 to Year 9 student ambassadors delivered the donated books to Ganjoni Comprehensive School. This meaningful initiative promoted empathy, responsibility, and community service, while inspiring a lifelong love of reading and reinforcing our commitment to developing compassionate, socially responsible learners.

Empowering Future Leaders Through Life Skills and Mentorship

At Light International School Mombasa, we are committed to developing well-rounded learners by combining academic excellence with essential life skills. As part of this commitment, our Year 9 and Year 10 students attended an inspiring Life Skills session led by Dr. Bahydar, who shared practical guidance on time management, effective study habits, university entrance preparation, and the importance of resilience and a positive mindset.

This session reflects our broader approach to holistic education through our mentorship programme and the Cambridge Wellbeing Curriculum, which promote confidence, self-awareness, emotional wellbeing, and informed decision-making. Together, these initiatives equip our students with the knowledge, character, and skills they need to succeed both academically and in life.

A Memorable Coastal Retreat



Year 12 and Year 13 Trip to Malindi

Following the successful completion of their Cambridge examinations, our Year 12 and Year 13 students enjoyed a well-deserved coastal retreat to Mambrui and Watamu. The trip gave students the opportunity to relax, celebrate their achievements, strengthen friendships, and take part in activities that promoted teamwork, resilience, and wellbeing.

The retreat also served as a meaningful farewell to our Year 13 students as they prepare for university, while inspiring Year 12 students as they look ahead to their final year. At LIS, we believe that enriching experiences beyond the classroom play a vital role in developing confident, resilient, and well-rounded learners prepared for future success.





CULTURAL DAY



A Memorable Coastal Retreat

Our 2026 Culture Day was a spectacular celebration of the rich diversity that makes the Light International School Mombasa community so unique. Students, parents, and staff came together to experience a colourful journey around the world through vibrant cultural displays, traditional attire, delicious cuisines, music, dance, and interactive presentations. The event gave learners the opportunity to proudly share their heritage while exploring and appreciating the customs and traditions of others, creating an atmosphere filled with curiosity, respect, and unity.
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CULTURAL DAY cont.





More than just a celebration, Culture Day reflected our commitment to nurturing globally minded learners in line with the Cambridge curriculum. Through their participation, students strengthened their confidence, communication, collaboration, and presentation skills while developing a deeper appreciation for the world's diverse cultures.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the students, parents, teachers, and staff whose enthusiasm, creativity, and support made the day such a memorable success. Together, we celebrated the beauty of diversity and the values that unite us as one school community.



SPORTS NEWS

The term was short but packed with many sporting activities. We held morning and evening training sessions to prepare our teams for tournaments and friendly matches. Three different age groups participated in football and netball competitions, demonstrating great commitment and teamwork.

The U9 football team had an outstanding season, winning 5 matches and losing only one to finish as runners-up. The U7 football team remained unbeaten throughout the tournament, while the U11 and U15 football teams secured third place. The U15 netball team finished in second place, and all our teams performed exceptionally well in numerous friendly matches throughout the term.





Chess Champions

The Chess Club continues to play a vital role in developing students' critical thinking, problem-solving, concentration, and decision-making skills while building confidence and supporting academic success. Through regular training and competitions, our learners have consistently excelled at regional and national championships.

A major highlight has been the qualification of our students to represent both the school and Kenya at the Continental Chess Championship in Entebbe, Uganda.

As the club continues to grow, we remain committed to nurturing young talent and inspiring excellence both in and beyond the classroom.



PRESIDENT AWARD SCHEMES



From 2nd to 6th April 2026, our President's Award Scheme Gold Awardees successfully completed their five-day Residential Project at Likoni Children's Home. During their stay, they gained valuable life skills through teamwork, leadership, and community service. They painted classrooms and other areas of the children's home, making a positive impact on the environment. Having successfully completed the final stage of the award, they are now awaiting the opportunity to meet the President next term.

2026/2027 Academic Year Programmes

Light International School Mombasa offers a dynamic 2026/2027 programme that combines academic excellence with leadership, sports, STEAM, co-curricular activities, community service, educational trips, and university preparation to develop well-rounded learners.

Supported by continuous assessments, mentorship, and personalised learning, these opportunities nurture confident, responsible, and globally minded students. We look forward to partnering with our families to make the 2026/2027 academic year both rewarding and memorable.