



# SAAS

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## SAAS Donors and Sponsors visit Mombasa

**S**AAS in October, was privileged to host a team of sponsors and donors who paid a courtesy call to the offices in Mombasa.



The team comprised Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Ogilvy, Fr. John, and Mr. Quigley. They were in Mombasa to inspect operations and progress of the office, visit stu-

dents in school and pay home visits to some families.

They arrived to a warm reception organized by the SAAS Mombasa team.

They toured the newly refurbished office and were awed by how it transformed after the renovation.

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## SAAS Fun Day 2023

The annual SAAS Fun Day for 2023 took place on December 1st at the shores of Nyali Beach in Mombasa. We had 200 students participate in the event.



The fun-packed event aims to bring SAAS students together to mingle and unwind after a long and hectic academic year.

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## Students proceed home for the November-December Long holiday

Schools in Kenya opened on August 28th for term 3, the final term for the 2023 academic year.

The term was brief, with very few co-curricular activities as the focus was on academics, especially for Grade 6, Class 8 and Form 4 students who sat for their national examinations in November and December.

Schools closed on the last week

of October to give room for the candidates to sit for their national examinations. The students are home for the long holiday from November to December.

Some 1.28 million students sat for the Grade 6 Kenya Primary School Education Assessment (KPSEA) exams and are set to transition to Grade 7, the first class of their Junior Secondary School life.

Another 1.4 million pupils sat for

the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) exams in November. This was the final KCPE exam after 35 years of the 8-4-4 education curriculum in Kenya. The country is transitioning to the new Competency Based Curriculum (CBC).

Over 900,000 students sat for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE).

They are set to join university next year.

## Games and fun mark SAAS 2023 Annual Fun Day

The day is also the time for the children to get to know each other and share experiences from their different schools. Schools in Kenya closed on the last week of October, and the students went home for the long holiday from November to December.



*The girls enjoying themselves during the fun day*

Some of the fun activities that took place include:

- Football competition
- Music and dancing
- Potato racing
- Burst the Balloon competition
- Paper game

- Guess the word competition
- Fill the bucket competition

We also held the Boys/Girls talk and awarded the best students in 2023 before sharing some chicken biryani for

All our girls received sanitary towels to sustain them for the next three months.

We are looking forward to a bigger and better event next year.

## Kenya marks 60th Jamuhuri Day Celebrations

Kenya marked her 60th Jamuhuri Day celebration on December 12. SAAS joined the world in wishing Kenya a happy 60th Jamuhuri Day celebration.

Jamuhuri is a Swahili word which means republic. The day marks when Kenya gained complete independence and became a republic in 1963. This was six months after gaining self-internal rule on June 1, 1963 (Madaraka Day).

The military occasionally uses



*Kenyan president William Ruto inspects a guard of honour mounted by the Kenya Defense Forces during Jamuhuri Day Celebrations.*

the day to grant infantry battalions their formal Presidential and regimental colours. Upon being conferred the colours, the honoured unit proceeds with the Trooping of the Colour ceremony.

In such a ceremony, the president, the commander in chief, is

formally dressed in the ceremonial Kenya army red tunic uniform.

Once the flags are consecrated by an Anglican and Catholic bishop and a Muslim Kadhi, the president officially hands the colours to two flag bearers who receive them while down on one knee.

## Annual SAAS Parents Meeting 2023



We held a successful SAAS annual parents meeting at the office between November 9 and 10. The first day was for Form 3 and 4 parents, while the second was for Form 1 and 2 parents. The main agenda for the meetings was fee issues and student progress.

The parents were reminded that the primary obligation of SAAS is to cater for high school education only. College fees are only our priority if agreed to by the student's sponsor.

They were also updated that stu-

dents were progressing well in school and had settled in well because their school fees had been paid.

The parents agreed to work with the SAAS team to ensure students deliver their documents, including

report cards and letters, to their sponsors on time.

They also agreed to follow up on their children's performances in school and monitor their actions at home to ensure they keep them in check.



## SAAS office gets a facelift

**R**enovation work at the office began in August, giving it a new outlook.

The work was completed in October, and the transformation is visibly amazing.

The renovation entailed fixing the compound, including laying a new tarmac, beautifying the

interior and exterior gardens, doing electrical and plumbing work, installing new doors and sliding windows, repairing the washrooms, and constructing a new toilet block.

Other works included:

- Fixing the roof and ceiling
- Welding and fabrication
- Setting a canopy shade

- Installing CCTV cameras

Purchasing of new furniture for the office, computer room and the library

The new office outlook will ensure we serve our students, parents and guests in a more conducive working environment.



*The new office outlook*

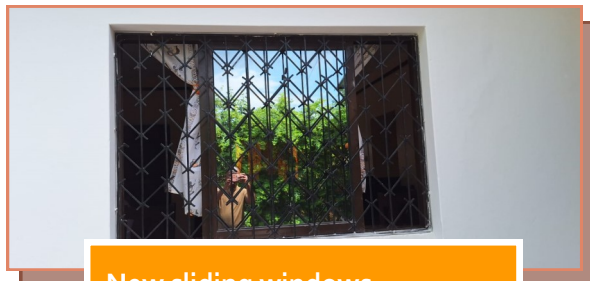
*Well trimmed interior garden*



*New look of the computer room*



*The modified SAAS main entrance gate*



*New sliding windows*



*New furniture at the office*

# The 2023 SAAS Best Students

## Form 1

1. Best student – Austine Furaha Juma
2. Second best student – Felix Odhiambo
3. Third best student – Robinson Wasike



## Form 2

1. Best student – Lewis Kichungu
2. Second best student – Duncan Maundu
3. Third best student – Alvin Sewe

## Form 3

1. Best student – Ali Samuel Besharia
2. Second best student – Brian Mwasirya
3. Third best student – Monica Mutheu



2023 Winners

SAAS personality of the year 2023  
Everlyne Ngeti Mkamburi.

# Congratulations !!!



## 2023 SAAS Graduates

The year ended on a high note for SAAS as several students graduated from various universities and colleges in Kenya.

Top on the list was the SAAS Chief Operations Officer Maria Nekesa, who, in December, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Sociology from the



University of Nairobi.

Maria is a pivotal pillar that has, over the years, steered the organization in Mombasa to where it is now.

We celebrate her for this academic milestone.



One of our boys, Wellington Mshote, also graduated with a Diploma in Purchases and Supplies Management from Zetech University.

Wellington is a senior tutor who plays a vital role in our computer classes program. Over the years, he has been volunteering to ensure that we bridge the digital skills gap among the children in the community.

Our senior student, Duncan Juma, also graduated with a BBA in Procurement, Logistics and Supply Chain Management from the Kenya Methodist University (KeMU). Juma's story epitomizes resilience and determination. This is because after over 22 years since he cleared high school through hardship, he finally realized his dream of graduating from university.



We also had Mohammed Salim, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Actuarial Science from Kabianga University.

Congratulations to all the 2023 graduates.

We look forward to more graduation ceremonies in 2024.