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LONG HOLIDAY BREAK

Our students reported back to the SAAS office for their two month holiday break. During this time they submitted their progress reports and had a chat with the SAAS staffs on how their term progressed. Since the end of school year holiday is long, most of our students decided to utilize the SAAS library during morning hours for their extra study revision. According to them they enjoy doing so as get to share ideas with other students who are in different schools.



SAAS students doing their personal studies during December Holiday

NEW SAAS GodPARENTING PROGRAM

The older SAAS past pupils who have completed their studies have come back to help and be godparents to the current young scholars. The aim of this new program is to encourage the current scholars to work hard and excel in their studies. This program is proving hugely successful as the current scholars look up to their elder SAAS siblings and are therefore excellent mentors. Having a mentor allows our young scholars to open up and discuss school and personal issues with them. If the SAAS staff can help in any way, then they are informed of these issues.



Students have a one on one with their godparents.

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STUDENT WORKSHOP

We organised a workshop for our students with Mr Hillary Nemanje at the beginning of the December holidays. During this workshop they had some yoga sessions and open talks about several important issues. Among the topics discussed were identity crisis and family relationships. We noticed that most of the kids don't know their identity, i.e. what they want to be and if they are capable of reaching their dreams. We also noted that some kids are troubled, they don't have good relationships with their family members due to some issues going on at home. These issues were teased out and solutions were provided to help the kids overcome them. We also promised to organize these workshops more often so kids can get this time to open up.



SAAS students during the workshop

FORM 4 EXAMS

Early in November the Form 4 national exams (KSCE) started all over the country. These exams lasted a couple of weeks. SAAS had 10 students who were doing their KCSEs. According to our students they said the exams were fair and they hope to pass with flying colors. We wish them all the best as they await their results which will be out around the 20th Dec.

Donors visit

Mid October we were delighted to host one of our longest, most valued prestigious donor, Mrs Vanessa Hayes and her husband Richard. During their trip they were able to visit a number of SAAS families and talk to the students whom Vanessa has sponsored over the last 10 years. The couple were very happy to hear the success stories of their students. They were over joyed to hear that their students are currently working and they can support themselves and their families.

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Left: Mr Richard having a chat with Vanessa's student Victor Ogutu. **Right:** A photo of Mr and Mrs Hayes with their student Eric.

Graduation Of Computer students

In November we held our graduation ceremony for the computer students who had undergone a 3 month computer course at the SAAS office. The kids were overwhelmed as now they can get jobs using computers or even use their IT knowledge at college and university.

Maths Camp 2018

In August, we held our 11th annual Maths Camp at the SAAS compound. It was a 5 day camp which ran from 8am until 1pm. This year proved to be very successful as there was a huge turnout from our students. They formed small discussion groups to help them study and understand mathematics in a simple way. Our older SAAS tutors were there to help out in case they had difficult questions. Even after the camp finished, our students continued to come to the office to have their mathematics discussion groups.



Left: Form one class having discussion during the camp. **Right :** A group sassing of the satudents during the maths camp.

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Star Student - Daniel Otieno



Let SAAS introduce you to Daniel Otieno who is 23 years old. He currently is a web developer. SAAS sponsored him throughout his high school and university. He is now updating our website along with working with many different online companies. Below are some of the websites which Danny has developed:

<https://danielotieno.github.io/store-management-app/UI/>

<https://salonhunt.co.ke/index.html>

<https://danielotieno.github.io/fast-food/ui/>

Coming soon

- **Donor Visit.**
- **Form Results**
- **Schools Open for term one 2019**

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