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New Director Appointment



Mrs. Ebby Soinani Becker

We wish to welcome back our former SAAS Manager, Mrs Ebby Soinani Becker, who joined the board of Directors in October of this year. Ebby joins our well-established board and brings with her a wealth of previous hands-on experience of SAAS. Ebby was our first employee of SAAS back in 2005 and worked for SAAS for a period of 9 years before moving to Germany. The board takes great pleasure in welcoming her to the board to continue to strengthen our value proposition.

DONOR VISIT.

We were blessed to host guests from Ireland, particularly the members of the Kilquade Parish. The guests were so happy to visit Kenya once again. During their stay, we visited schools where our students are studying. They also held productive talks with some students at our SAAS office. SAAS would like to thank the Hayes family, Ogilvy Watson family, and Fr John Daly for finding the time to visit us here in Mombasa. During their visit we were very excited to learn that the committee of Kilquade and Greystones parish were able to increase the number of donors within the parish resulting in SAAS being able to sponsor more students through secondary school. Students and parents shall forever pray for the well-being of all donors in the SAAS organisation.



LEFT: A group photo at Kongowea secondary school, RIGHT: Our lady of Fatima Mixed Secondary School.

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ADDITIONAL COMPUTER LAB EQUIPMENT

SAAS express their gratitude to Assure Hedge and the parish of Kilquade and Greystones for blessing the computer lab with ten computers. This has a great impact on the computer project, the laptops that students were previously using had many problems. Fr John of the Kilquade and Greystones parish presented the laptops to the tutors. The tutors and the students were so happy to receive them. Thank you.



LEFT: Richard Hayes with some of the Assure Hedge Staff. RIGHT: A group Photo of some of computer students with the new laptops.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Students had a one-week break in the middle of September that marked the end of term 2. In late September, the schools were opened for term three. It is the last term for the year 2022, it's also the final term that marks the end of the COVID school calendar.

From January of next year, the school calendar will resume its normality three terms' a year. Also, it is in January when students will be moving classes. We wish our students all the best as they tackle this term.

COMPETENCE-BASED CURRICULUM (CBC)

It's a new educational curriculum recently introduced in Kenya in 2017 to replace the old system of 8-4-4. CBC is used in Kenya to deliver learning and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of learners. Under this system, the children will be monitored and evaluated over 2-6-3-3-3 years. It's divided into Early years of education, middle school education, Senior school, tertiary, and university. Pupils who are in grade 6 are currently the first people to undergo this system. They are looking forward to their national exams in late November 2022. they will later join junior secondary for three years as evaluation continues till the university level.

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CANDIDATES PREPARING FOR NATIONAL EXAMS.

Students in Kenya who are in grade six, class eight and form four are preparing to sit for their national examination in late November and December. Thanks to the teachers who ensured that students have prepared well for this exam.

SAAS has more than 60 students who will sit for the form 4 national examinations. We wish them all the best as they look forward to this exam!

COMPUTER STUDIES (SEPT INTAKE)

In September, the SAAS youth group enrolled 16 students for computer packages. The turnout of the students was low since the majority have joined colleges and universities. Thanks to Wellington, who volunteered to teach them. The new students are eager to learn and gain more skills in the IT world, as we all know that computer is a key base in today's life.



LEFT: A group photo during orientation of the computer students. RIGHT; Student in the computer lab room using computers from Assure Hedge, Kilquade and Greystones.

NEW PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA

The former deputy president William Ruto was sworn in as the fifth President of Kenya at Kasarani International Stadium in Nairobi. Ruto took the Oath of Office on 13th September at 12.44 pm in a swearing-in process led by the Judiciary under Chief Justice Martha Koome .

His deputy, Rigathi Gachagua, was also sworn in shortly after him. The event was attended by tens of head of states and diplomats from across the world. They included East African Community presidents among others.



LEFT: H.E William Ruto taking oath of office. RIGHT: Honorable Rigathi Gachagua taking oath as the deputy president of Kenya.

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AUGUST GENERAL ELECTION 2022

General elections were held in Kenya on Tuesday, 9 August 2022. Voters were given a chance to elect the President, Deputy President, Governors, Senators, members of the National Assembly, Women Representatives, and Members of the County Assemblies of Kenya (MCA).

General elections in Kenya are held every five years. The turnout of voters was very low and we are glad it was peaceful. On the 15th of August, the results were announced by Wafula Chebukati, chairman of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) who declared William Ruto was elected President of Kenya.

His opponent Raila Odinga was not happy with the results and so Odinga filed a petition at the Kenyan Supreme court challenging Ruto's victory. The court took its time to listen to the cases presented and On 5 September, the Kenyan Supreme Court rejected the challenge and upheld Ruto's victory.



Kenyans exercising their rights as voters

ORIENTATION /GRADUATION OF COMPUTER STUDENTS (JUNE INTAKE)

In early June, we enrolled 45 students who participated in our computer course. The student have been here for three months and in August they were able to graduate with certificates of merits in computer packages. The program was good with the help of Abraham, Wellington, Fletcher, and Moses who made sure the students got all the skills needed in computer packages.



LEFT: A photo of student during orientation, RIGHT: Graduation of computer students.

Coming soon;

- **National examinations*
- **Christmas holiday*
- **Fun day*

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