

# PIONEER SCHOOL

Vitae Abundante

## PROSPECTUS



CLASSES



# WELCOME

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Welcome to Pioneer School. I am very proud to introduce you to this remarkable school. We were founded in 2000. This prospectus gives you an impression of all that a Pioneer School education can offer but is no substitute for a visit; I can promise you will receive a very warm welcome.

Pioneer School success is in part due to the close partnership between the school and our parents. Families joining us immediately feel part of a community and are reassured of their crucial involvement and continuing role in their child's school life.

We are not afraid of tradition at Pioneer School and place a strong emphasis on good manners and courtesy. We have not found the need to teach our students how to be happy; it seems to come rather more naturally to them here.

The school enjoys an enviable setting in the beautiful Murang'a market town of Maragua in Central Kenya and is surrounded by rolling countryside and a spectacular landscape.

Supported by staff with a real concern for their well-being, our students have the time and space to develop into well-rounded, self-assured adults able to manage the demands of modern life. Of course, the real test of an education is how balanced, focused and happy our students are well after they have left us.

It is important to me that every child's strengths and talents, whatever they may be, are recognised and nurtured. Pioneer School is not a production line which designs curriculum with the sole focus of climbing the school league tables. Instead every student is valued and their individual successes recognised and celebrated by peers and staff alike.

There are many opportunities to visit the school, including Open Days, or you can arrange an individual tour at any time.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

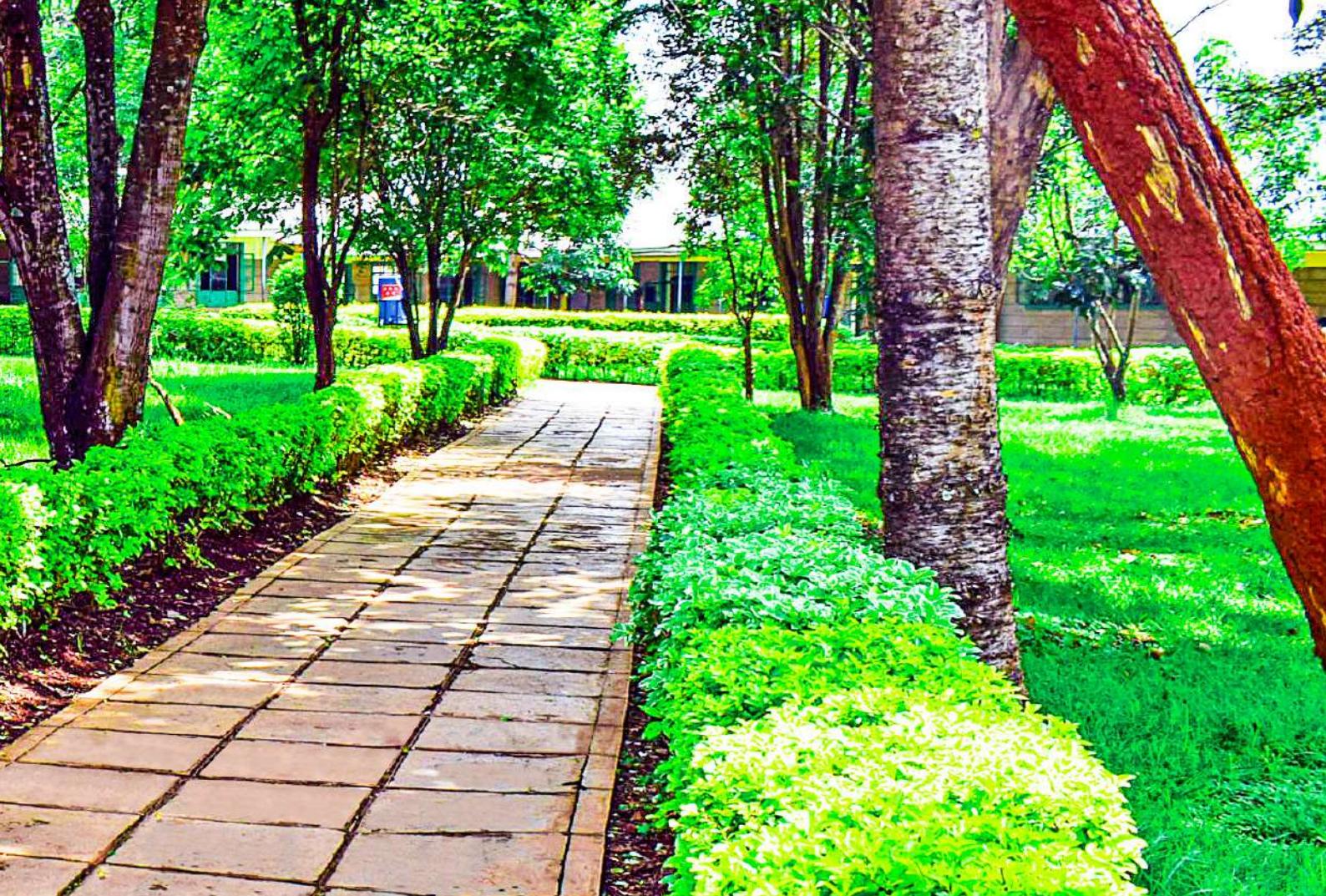
**Mr. Gichengo J. M.**  
Group Principal,  
Pioneer School.

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## A SCHOOL WITH BROAD HORIZONS

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**P**ioneer School is a private boys' school started in 2000 as a result of a persistent request from parents. It has grown to be a giant in many fronts and has lived to its name; pioneering many firsts in the history of academic institutions in Kenya.

We offer the national curriculum (8-4-4 system) of education. We are a top performing school at county and national level and has for several consecutive years produced excellent results at KCSE with between 90 -100 per cent transition to the university. We instill high class discipline and value addition to all our students to enable them compete anywhere in the world after high school.

### Campus

The school is located on a campus of 200 ACRES within the Murang'a County neighborhood. The state-of-the-art, purpose built campus includes academic buildings, swimming pools, playgrounds dedicated for co-curricular activities, a performing arts center, and boarding facilities in addition to an administration block and services building.



ACADEMIC

## OPEN TO WIDER INFLUENCES



We select from a wide range of abilities and recognise talent, creativity and determination, as well as academic success. Our goal is to help each student to reach their full potential, whether in the arts, the sciences or any other subject, as well as helping them to develop skills that will be invaluable in lifelong learning.

We expect high standards and offer a coherent and challenging curriculum leading to KCSEs.

Classroom learning is supported by a wealth of academic societies and clubs, which encourage students to explore beyond the classroom. Regular field trips around the region, nationally and internationally continue this outward focus.





## PASTORAL CARE

# UNDERSTANDING AND FULFILLMENT

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**O**ur aim is for each student to fulfill their potential, in whatever field that might be. Students thrive at Pioneer School, and happy students make successful learners. Our boarding houses provide a framework for the life of the school and the boarding ethos builds strong community spirit for the benefit of both boarders and day students.

A comprehensive range of extracurricular activities keeps students focused outside of lessons. Lifelong interests are often born as a result of a House master's, or teacher's enthusiasm, and

however obscure an interest, we do our best to encourage it.

The Chapel is at the heart of the School, providing spiritual support and an opportunity for reflection. It's also a constant reminder of our broader responsibilities to the community through fundraising and volunteering.

A fully staffed Health Centre provides expert 24/7 medical care and our School Counsellors are always available for help with any personal issues.



BOARDING  
**MOVING FORWARD  
TOGETHER**



**W**e believe that boarding cultivates confidence, responsibility and self-reliance, and that living together is rewarding for all ages.

There are seven boarding houses, each run by a resident Housemaster, helping to imbue each house

with its own unique style and character. They provide a warm and welcoming environment for boarders thus ensuring all students feel equally valued, integrated, guided and supported, both emotionally and socially.

Older students can become House Prefects, acting as positive role models for younger ones





## SCIENCE

### SCIENTISTS TAKING A STEP BEYOND

**S**cience is central to our understanding of the world and our aim in teaching science at the school is to reflect the importance of the subject in our everyday lives. Via classroom, lab and outdoor projects, we help the children to understand the world around them, whilst encouraging a real appreciation for science in all its diverse and fascinating forms.

Since inception, Pioneer School have made a commitment to promoting mathematics, science and technology, to give learners strong

foundation and put them on good stead to enter lucrative courses at the university and propel them to excel in their chosen professions.

The Schools provides high quality Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education, geared to both KCSE and University programmes. The system uses dynamic materials, engaging methods, and cutting-edge technology to prepare students for future success.





## AVIATION

### INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION PILOTS

Over the next 20 years, the aviation industry will need **790,000** new pilots across the globe, according to a 2018 study by aircraft manufacturer Boeing. The study predicts a need to recruit an additional **206,000** new airline pilots in North America alone.

Similarly, Boeing predicts a global need for **754,000** technicians and **890,000** new cabin crew members in the next two decades.

While those numbers are grim for airlines, they're a positive sign for students interested in aviation careers.

Pioneer School offers Aviation as an examinable subject in KCSE. Students also enroll for professional examinations. All Aviation graduates have ended up working for major airlines in Kenya and around the globe.

## MUSIC

# RAISING THE BAR

**M**usic is at the heart of life at Pioneer School. We work hard to instill and foster a love of music in students, providing a wide range of solo and ensemble performance opportunities at all levels.

From weekly Chapel Services to the Annual National Music Competition, there are an incredible range of opportuni-

ties for all students to make music with small groups and the whole school.

As an All-Steinway School, the facilities across the department and performance spaces are world class. Our outstanding Fishmongers' Recital Hall hosts many concerts, recitals and informal performances throughout the year to



offer opportunities for musicians of all abilities and styles to share their music making with the school audiences and wider communities.

There is a strong choral tradition at the heart of school life,

with many choirs ranging from full Chapel Choir to small, close harmony groups.

There are many instrumental ensembles available for all abilities, ranging from Brass Ensemble to String Groups.



## ENSURING EVERY ONE WINS

**S**port has always been an integral part of education at Pioneer School. We believe in educating the ‘whole person’ – mind, spirit and body – and seek to cultivate healthy and committed team players who value the importance of collaboration and leadership.

We encourage all students to become involved in any of the various sports we offer, and we benefit from an enviable reputation in football, rugby, volleyball and basketball. Our teams compete at school, local, national

and international level.

Above all else, we seek to help students make the most of their sporting abilities in a fun and healthily competitive environment. Taking part is a big part of school life, and even those who aren’t naturally sporty can benefit and enjoy themselves. Our sporting facilities include football pitches, a 25-metre swimming pool, tennis courts, rugby pitches, basketball and squash courts.

Other available sports include, badminton,









## CO-CURRICULAR

# OPENING UP TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD

**A**longside cultural and social pursuits, we encourage students to take an interest in the local community and the wider world, helping them to learn vital life skills and to discover new challenges.

Many Pioneer School students join the Scouts

Movement, St. John's Ambulances or participate in the Presidential Award Scheme.

An important part of growing up is learning responsibility and decision making. Here, opportunities include roles such as Head of House, House Captains and School Prefects.

## TESTIMONIAL FROM PIONEER SCHOOL ALUMNI

Many well-known individuals have attended Pioneer School over the years, achieving great success in business, politics, sport, the arts, and many other fields. Old Pioneers include:

**H**i my name is David Wachiuri Kariuki. I graduated from Pioneer Boys School, class of 2020, with an A, an achievement I attribute to the time and dedication my teachers put in to ensure I realize my goals. Not only did they impart in me the importance of standing your ground in the face of overwhelming challenges, but the school environment also gave me a greater appreciation of what it means to actively work with my fellow peers to achieve common goals.

Growing up I always wanted to pursue a career in engineering, However later I changed and decided to pursue a business related course. Its thanks to the community at Pioneer School that taught me the ability to be assertive in decisions I make.

One of the few things I liked was the conducive atmosphere that the school had that catered to the needs of those who wanted to read. The importance of choices and their consequences was imparted in us each day until the last by the faculty of the school and though it seemed tough at the time it came to bear fruits once we graduated. The school prioritized the integration of knowledge, skills and ethics, to which I attribute my success in the certificate of secondary education. This



acquired set of principles and skill set alone, has so far opened many doors for me.

Since graduation, I went on to pursue a Degree in Bachelor of Commerce because I believe that my knowledge that I was able to acquire at Pioneer school will make be a powerhouse in the business community and will enable me to grow in the business world both locally and globally.

Advise for Continuing students: I would like to tell the students that are still continuing with their 4 year course in secondary school that they should keep working not only hard but smart. Optimized reading schedules are the best way to gain the syllabus content without rushing in the last minute as exams approach. I remind them to also know their boundaries and limitations because staying within them yields the best results.

**David Wachiuri Kariuki,**

Pioneer School, Class of 2020, **Grade - A**  
Strathmore University, Bachelor of Commerce.

**M**y name is Jakes Wahome Wanjeru. A first year medical student at the University of Nairobi. I can greatly attribute my success to the teachers at Pioneer School who relentlessly out poured their knowledge to us without fail. This being the case, Pioneer instilled a sense of hardwork and independence in me.

Helping me realize that the decisions I make today are what will determine my tomorrow. With that I was more motivated to embrace the work and effort that came with success.

The teachers invested a lot of time giving us nuggets of wisdom like we were their own sons. This cultivated a stronger teacher student relationship that eliminates any fear the student might have. Having studied at other schools before And rating their teacher student relationship status, I would definitely recommend Pioneer as the best option. It was such a calm and family-like environment.

The management of the school too was at our beck and call in case we needed anything that was key to our ultimate success. Our very honorable and loving director, Mr Peter Munga.

Having introduced the high yield motivational talks termed as "Guest Nights" that had some of the most successful and ex-



perienced people in various professions come and inspire us.

Apart from that the extra special treatment that candidates are accorded as they prepare for their major subjects before anything else!

My decision to study medicine was not realized until in form 2 when I decided against dropping Biology as an optional subject courtesy of Mr Kahuthia's words of encouragement.

Fueled by my passion to help people in need I decided that this was the right path for me to take. Then I plan on finishing my degree and thereafter doing my masters in a surgical specialty and hopefully start a charity organization to make affordable healthcare accessible to the less fortunate. It's all about GIVING!

**WANJERU JAKES WAHOME**

Pioneer School, Class of 2020, **Grade - A**  
University Of Nairobi, Kenya  
- Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery

## PERFORMANCE

# OUR PERFORMANCE TREND

PIONEER SCHOOL PROGRESSIVE PERFORMANCE (2002 - 2020)																	
YEAR	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E	ENTRY	M.S.S.	GRADE	ABOVE GRADE C+	TRANSITION TO UNIVERSITY
2020	2	13	49	58	60	29	29	12	4	0	0	0	256	8.25	B-	211	82%
2019	1	36	51	51	40	20	24	7	0	0	0	0	231	8.8	B	199	87%
2018	1	30	55	75	47	46	32	7	4	0	0	0	297	8.44	B-	257	87%
2017	0	40	48	75	41	31	20	13	2	0	0	0	270	8.66	B	235	87%
2016	0	43	74	59	32	22	17	6	0	0	0	0	253	9.04	B	230	91%
2015	25	81	31	18	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	161	10.61	A-	160	99%
2014	16	61	46	32	28	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	195	9.84	B+	195	100%
2013	18	43	32	18	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	114	10.48	B+	114	100%
2012	19	50	49	21	9	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	151	10.26	B+	150	99%
2011	8	39	29	22	18	18	6	2	0	0	0	0	142	9.57	B+	134	94%
2010	2	8	27	28	21	16	19	2	0	0	0	0	113	8.65	B	102	90%
2009	0	10	24	26	26	18	3	3	0	0	0	0	110	8.65	B	104	95%
2008	2	6	19	16	18	16	6	2	1	0	0	0	86	8.49	B	77	90%
2007	1	13	18	19	12	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	9.37	B	68	100%
2006	3	7	10	18	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	9.28	B	53	100%
2005	0	6	5	8	17	16	9	4	1	0	0	0	66	7.79	B-	36	55%
2004	0	0	8	7	13	18	8	1	1	1	1	0	58	7.50	B-	46	79%
2003	0	2	4	3	11	15	7	12	4	1	0	0	60	6.83	C+	35	58%
2002	0	2	3	7	2	2	5	3	1	0	0	0	25	7.76	B-	16	64%

## NEXT STEPS

A good starting point for more information is our website;  
**www.pioneerschools.ac.ke**

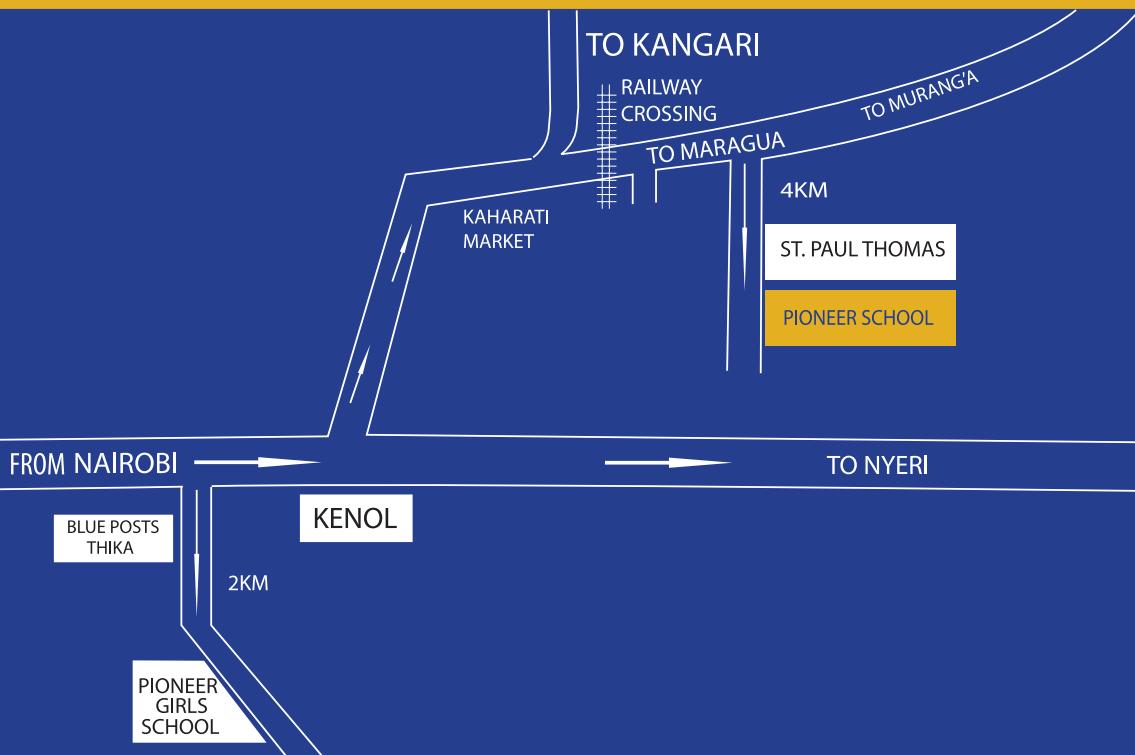
However, the best way to look further into Pioneer School is to visit us and experience it for yourself. Our website has the dates of our Open Days, when you can look around the school and meet students and staff.

Alternatively, you can arrange an individual appointment and tour of the by contacting us on;  
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