



PIONEER GIRLS SCHOOL

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PROSPECTUS

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WELCOME



Welcome to Pioneer Girls School. I am very proud to introduce you to this remarkable school. We were founded in 2016. This prospectus gives you an impression of all that a Pioneer Girls School education can offer but is no substitute for a visit; I can promise you will receive a very warm welcome.

Pioneer Girls 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 girl's school life.

We are not afraid of tradition at Pioneer Girls 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 suburbs of Thika town in Central Kenya and is

surrounded by pineapple plantations, 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 girl's strengths and talents, whatever they may be, are recognised and nurtured. Pioneer Girls 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kongo".

Mrs. Kongo M. N.,
Principal,
Pioneer Girls School.



A SCHOOL WITH BROAD HORIZONS



This is one of the newest institution in the Pioneer stable having started in 2016 following a continued push by the parents to start a school equivalent to Pioneer School to take care of the child girl. All programmes in the school are similar to those at Pioneer School.

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 Delmonte pineapple plantation in Thika. 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.



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 KCSE.

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.







UNDERSTANDING AND FULFILLMENT

Our aim is for each student to fulfill their potential, in whatever field that might be. Students thrive at Pioneer Girls 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 Housemis-

tresses 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 Counselors are always available for help with any personal issues.



BOARDING

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER





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

There are four boarding houses, each run by a resident Housemistress, 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

Science 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 students to understand the world around them, whilst encouraging a real appreciation for science in all its diverse and fascinating forms.

Since inception, Pioneer Girls School have made a commitment to promoting mathematics, sci-

ence 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.

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 Girls 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.







RAISING THE BAR

Music is at the heart of life at Pioneer Girls 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 House Music Competition, there are an incredible range of opportunities for all students to make music with small groups and the whole school.

The facilities across the department and performance spaces are world class. Our outstanding 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.

Sport has always been an integral part of education at Pioneer Girls 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.

ENSURING EVERY ONE WINS

We encourage all students to become involved in any of the various sports we offer, and we benefit from an enviable reputation in hockey, rugby, cricket, netball and shooting. 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 two Olympic size soccer pitches, a 25-metre indoor swimming pool, a performance gym, a large sports hall, two tennis courts, volleyball, netball and squash courts.

Other available sports include soccer, badminton, volleyball, golf, scrabble, chess, basketball, table tennis and hockey. There really is something for everyone.









CO-CURRICULAR

OPENING UP TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD

Alongside 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 Senior School students join the Girlguides

Scouts Movement, St. John Ambulance 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 GIRLS SCHOOL ALUMNI

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

NDEGWA VICKY

Pioneer Girls School, Thika, Class of 2020, **Grade - A-**,
Bachelor Degree in Pharmacy,
United States International University - Africa.

My name is Mwihaki Vicky Ndegwa KCSE graduate of Pioneer Girls School; class of 2020. I graduated from the institution with an A-. I later on ventured into the field of medicine, where I am currently studying Bachelors of Science in Pharmacy in the United States International University - Africa (USIU-Africa).

I can greatly say that apart from God's grace upon me, my success was also highly attributed to Pioneer Girls School. A unique aspect of our time or graduation is that it was through a global pandemic, and despite that; a state of unawareness the teachers still held our hands tight and we were able to venture our learning to the online world.

This was held very diligently until a time we were able to go



back to physical learning. It was from that that we did not miss an aspect in our learning

Pioneer Girls School is a home away from home. From the way the school is well equipped from class to the dormitories is impeccable.

Not to forget the well trained and equipped teachers who are with you from the time we wake up to the time we head to bed, assuring that all our needs are taken care of.

This is a school that moulds you diligently to an all rounder woman be it discipline, leadership, co-curriculum activities just but to mention a few

I pray to continue pursuing my degree with the utmost diligence and later be able to venture into the Pharmaceutical world and hopefully be able to establish a chain of Pharmacies and also venture it into the online world.

NATASHA LULU

Pioneer Girls School, Thika, Class of 2020, **Grade - A-**.
Carleton University Canada,
BA Law.

My name is Natasha Lulu and I'm an incoming freshman at Carleton University, Ontario, Canada and a proud alumni of Pioneer Girls School, class of 2020. I will always attribute my success to the dedicated teachers who held my hand as I navigated my high school education.

Their passion and determination motivated me to do my best, and their understanding and openness made it easy for me to approach them, whenever I needed advice. Moreover, during the COVID lock-down, they tirelessly worked to ensure that we were at par with the syllabus, despite the challenge that came with online classes. The life skills and knowledge



I acquired as a result of my time as a student in Pioneer will always be something that I am grateful for.

Following my graduation, I decided to take a gap year and volunteer at a local school for adults and teenage mothers, then later at a school for children with disability. It was a humbling experience that raised my social awareness and helped cement my decision to pursue a career in Law. In addition to this,

I have taken this opportunity to sharpen my language skills, by taking an online Spanish and French course. I am looking forward to beginning my journey at Carleton University this September, and I cannot wait to see how much I will accomplish.

NEXT STEPS

A good starting point for more information is our website; **www.pioneer-girlsschool.co.ke**

However, the best way to look further into a Pioneer Girls 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.

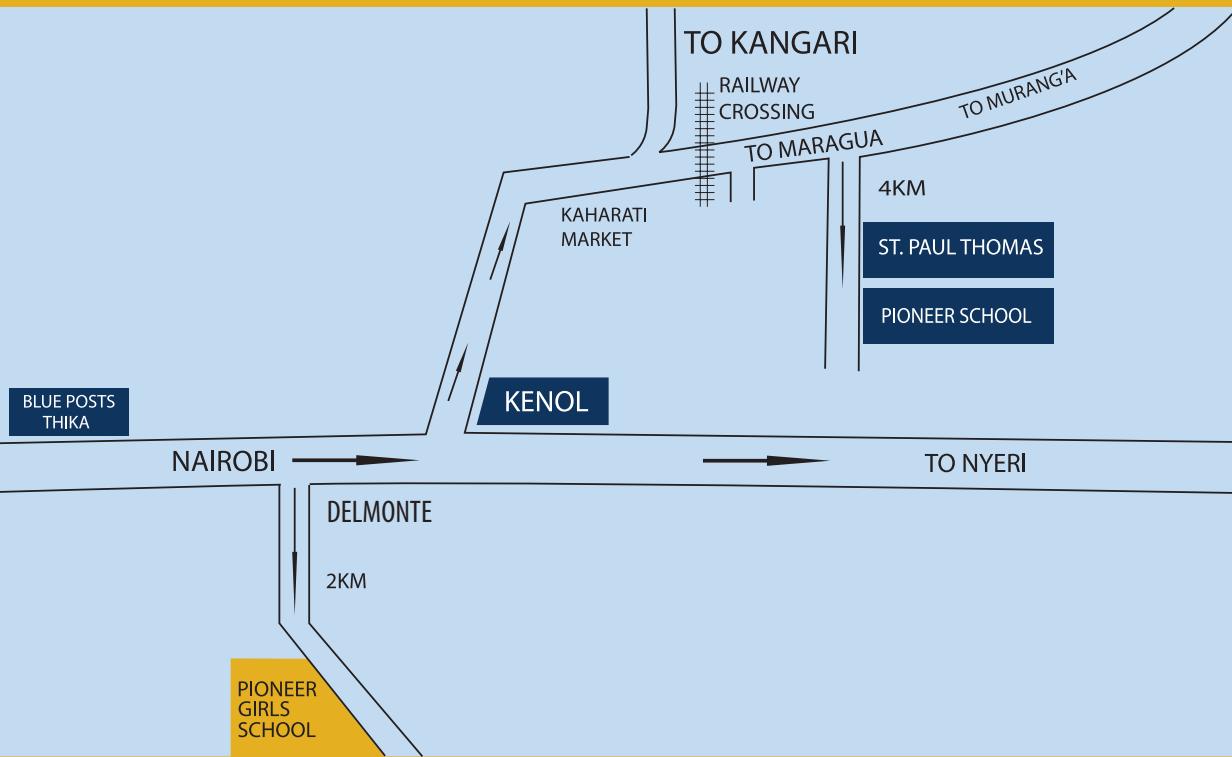
Alternatively, you can arrange an individual appointment and tour of the school by contacting us on;

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