



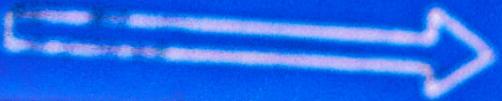
# ST. PAUL THOMAS ACADEMY

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# WELCOME TO ST. PAUL THOMAS ACADEMY

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Welcome to our hidden gem in beautiful Murang'a County. St. Paul Thomas Academy is a very special place with a progressive curriculum preparing boys for life (not just exams), where we weave breadth and creativity into each new day.

We offer everything one would expect from a traditional education, but coming to school at St. Paul Thomas Academy is far more than that.

Encouraging progress and establishing happiness are at the heart of all we do, through outstanding pastoral care, a vast range of extra-curricular activities and the space for your child to develop their imagination.

We want every one of our pupils to feel encouraged, confident and at home.

Our boys develop strong roots that will help them grow into happy, well-balanced and responsible adults and we encourage them to spread their wings as they acquire the independence and self-esteem to be proud of themselves, their abilities and their individuality. St. Paul Thomas Academicians have plenty of time to be boys; to play, to have fun and to laugh.

Ours is a smiling, kind, busy and inclusive school; please come and visit us and experience the joy of being at St. Paul Thomas Academy for yourself.

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Mr. Joseph Maina,  
Deputy Principal,  
St Paul Thomas Academy.



## A SCHOOL WITH A VISION – AND A DISTINCTIVE OUTLOOK

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**S**t Paul Thomas Academy (the oldest among the Pioneer group of schools) is a unique boys boarding primary school offering both the 8-4-4 curriculum and the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) for boys from Grade 4 to 6. It's located off Kenol - Murang'a road in a serene environment, approximately 70km from Nairobi.

The school started in the year 1995 and had its first KCPE cohort in 1997. Since then, the school has maintained a record of exemplary performance thereby positioning itself as an academic giant, both locally and nationally. Indeed, we take pride in being the best primary school in Murang'a County and one of the best in Mt. Kenya region.

Besides the good academic performance, the school is also known for nurturing boys to become useful citizens; true to its vision of

#### *TRANSFORMING YOUNG BOYS INTO LEADERS AND AGENTS OF CHANGE.*

In our over 20 years of existence, we have produced a considerable number of pilots, doctors, engineers, businessmen, artisans etc., thus contributing immensely to the growth of this nation.

We offer quality service ranging from excellent boarding facilities, an array of co curriculum activities, small classes of between 20- 30 boys and a friendly environment hence creating a *HOME AWAY FROM HOME* situation.

Although Christian based, the school also offers Islamic Religious Education. We also offer French language. Additionally, we have computer and music classes.



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## INQUISITIVE LEARNERS

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Variety and activity is the order of the day at St. Paul Thomas Academy . School begins at 7.30 am and ends at 4.00 pm on Mondays to Fridays and at 8.30 am - 2:00 pm on Saturdays.

Sport, music, drama, dance and independent study are all built into the daily routine.

Entrepreneurial skills are also taught to our Grade 6 pupils: we are among the first school in the country to embrace the Boys MBA programme.

Boys MBA project is created with the purpose to develop children's business and entrepreneurial skills, leadership potential and

lateral thinking. Our school helps learners to decide on their future profession and to gain the necessary knowledge in Economics and Finance.

At the moment, the author has developed the training program including the learning experience of children in Europe and Israel. The author of the program is a businessman, and a children's coach. The aim of the project is to raise a generation of young businessmen who can succeed with our knowledge.

Our boys learn to help others through active participation in a number of charity projects.



## INDEPENDENT BOARDERS

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**O**ur boarding facilities are comfortable and welcoming, they are run by dedicated and imaginative staff who ensure that our boarders are extremely well cared for.

Our boys love the boarding experience. Our pupils are boarders and take advantage of our flexi-boarding on a regular basis. We ensure that our boys have a structured routine as well

as some freedom and plenty of fun. This allows them to develop independence and self-discipline in a supportive environment.

The Housemaster have pastoral responsibility for all of the pupils in their house. We have a wonderful team of matrons, who are responsible for medical matters and for tender, loving care when needed!







## CURRICULUM – BROADER HORIZONS

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All boys study the traditional academic subjects: English, Mathematics, Kiswahili, Science (as STEM), Social Studies & Religious Education. We also offer the new subjects under the CBC.

Our curriculum is unusually broad and we also place a strong emphasis on the Creative and Visual Arts, Music, Technology, Outdoor Learning and Physical Education.

This balanced curriculum, together with the extensive programme of sports, music, drama and other ac-

tivities, including outside field trips, allows your child to pursue their interests and develop strengths, passions and appreciation of the wider world at an early age.

Our Saturday enrichment curriculum incorporates an impressive array of activities in the mornings such as School Band & Music, Scouting, French, Chess and Golf.

Our pupils enjoy an entertaining programme of organised trips and adventures, from international trips to camping.





## PASTORAL CARE

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We are extremely proud of our outstanding pastoral care at St. Paul Thomas Academy. We are lucky to have a diverse range of boys in the School and every child, whatever their strengths and weaknesses, feels valued and cared for, and will thrive.

Kindness is the most important thing of all for us. As we help our boys to develop self-confidence, we emphasise the importance of thoughtfulness towards others. If there are any problems, however small, we encourage open discussion. Our '3 Rs' of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience are at the core of all we do.

All boys also have a Teacher, who they meet frequently to discuss everyday matters, as well as to monitor academic progress. Teachers are the first point of contact for parents for most queries.

Our well-established Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) programme is an integral part of St. Paul Thomas Academy education and moral and spiritual issues are addressed in assemblies, Teacher group sessions and Social Studies & Religious Education (SSRE) lessons. Chapel takes place on Sunday mornings.



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## ARTISTIC INNOVATORS

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Our boys have timetabled lessons in Art and in Design Technology each week in the purpose-built Arts Centre. Our fantastic facilities offer drawing, painting, sculpture and ceramics amongst the Art media used, while Design Technology features wood, plastics and textiles, plus basic electronics.

Our extensive Activities Programme also includes many fun and creative art and design-related opportunities.

# MUSICIANS WHO LOVE TO PLAY

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**E**very child in the school is regularly involved in musical activities, whether in a structured class environment, individual tuition, or in musical ensembles.

In addition to encouraging creative thinking and teamwork, music provides a fun environment for self-expression, whilst rewarding hard work. All boys attend class music lessons; pupils in the younger years are encour-

aged to try out a variety of instruments in their lessons.

Around three quarters of the boys take up a musical instrument and many achieve high grades in examinations.

There are three school choirs, a school orchestra, a wind band and many other instrumental ensembles. These perform regularly throughout the year.

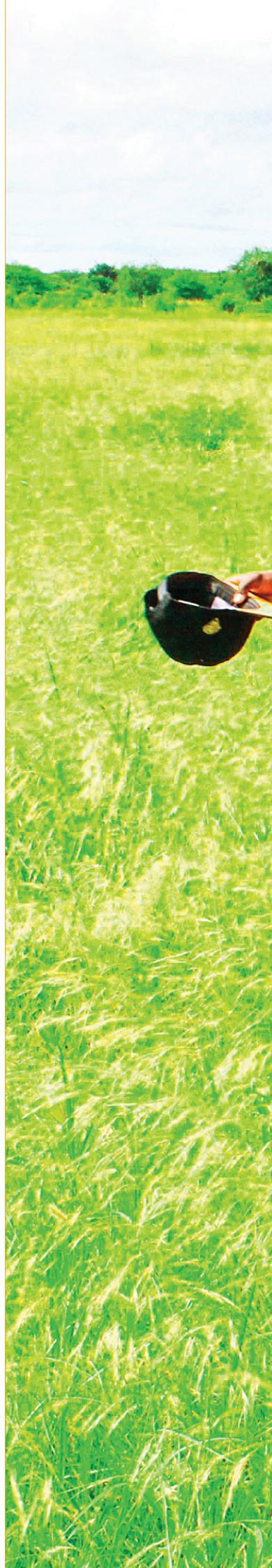




## INSPIRING CONFIDENCE

**F**reedom of expression is an important part of the ethos of St. Paul Thomas Academy , and nowhere more so than in the performing arts, with the unique opportunities they provide for enhancing self-esteem, talent and creativity, and collaboration.

Both dance and drama are integral parts of the curriculum and all boys perform on stage at least twice each year. There are extensive opportunities to participate in plays and informal performances.





## SPORT WITHOUT BOUNDARIES FOR OUR PUPILS

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**S**port is one of the major reasons for choosing St. Paul Thomas Academy, thanks to our extensive grounds, wide choice of sports and frequent success. That said, your child doesn't have to be sporty to enjoy their time here. We firmly believe that sport is for everyone and aim to ensure that boys of all abilities can enjoy sport and appreciate its benefits.

There are four sports sessions each week, plus P. E. lessons. Our extensive

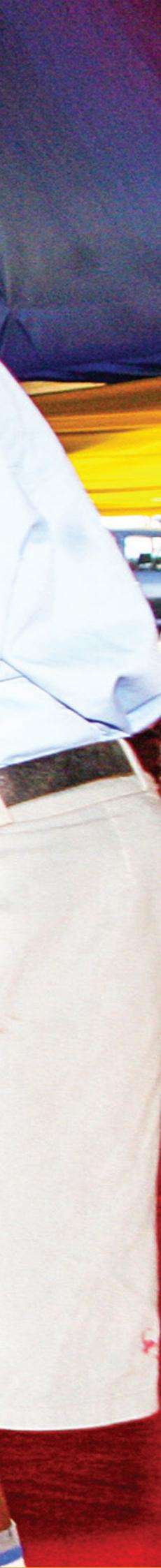
programme of sports fixtures and events offer the opportunity for every child to represent the School and our teams regularly in competitions.

The major sports are soccer, volleyball, basketball, cycling, skating, golf and chess. All boys swim regularly in P.E. lessons – we have a 25m pool where our development and elite squads train. In recent years our boys have achieved national success in soccer, skating, chess and swimming.







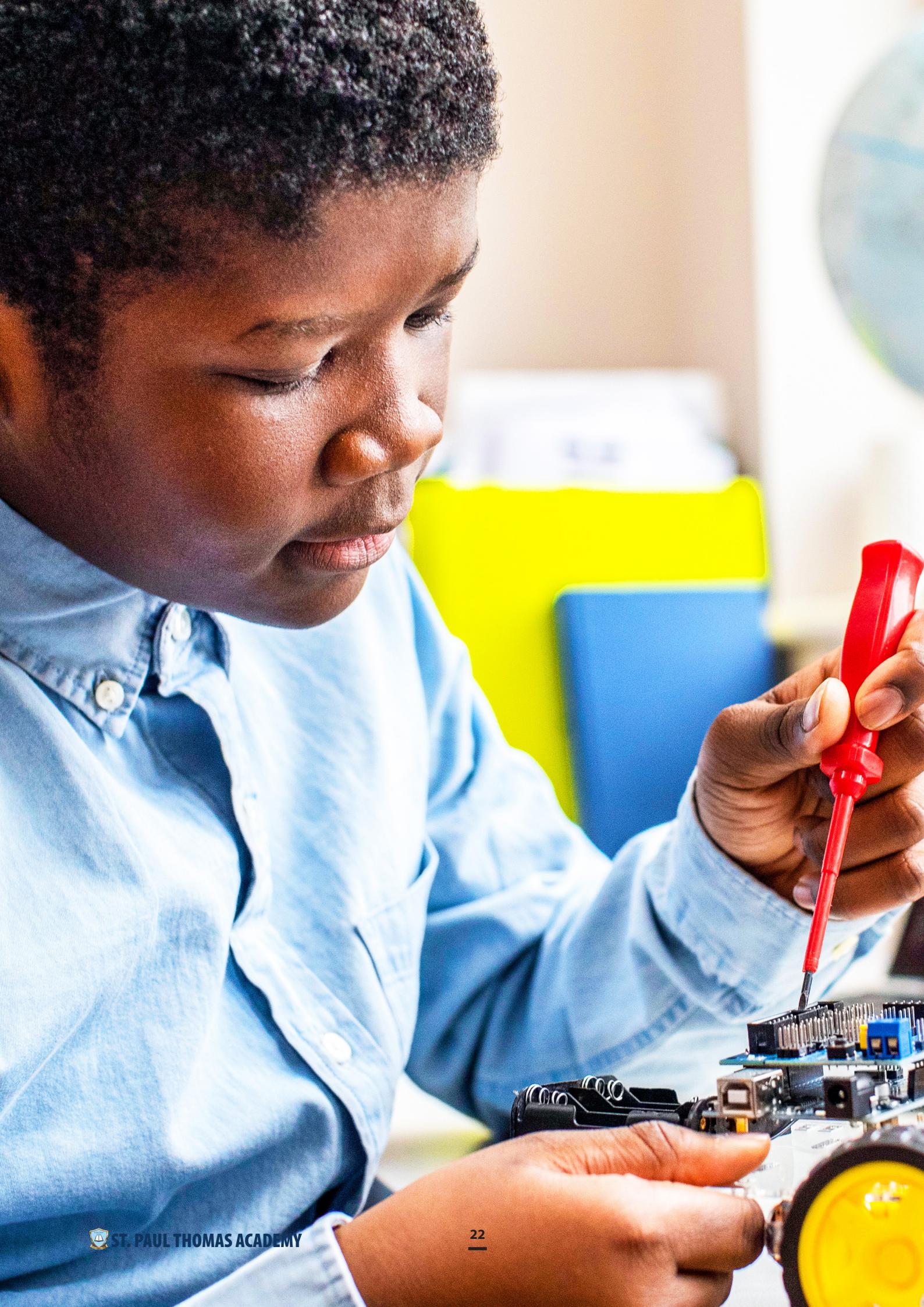


## A WORLD OF POTENTIAL OR YOUNG LINGUISTS

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**O**ur innovative approach to language learning in younger years at St. Paul Thomas Academy is multi-lingual (English, Swahili and French), and focuses on boys enjoying and gaining confidence in communicating in languages other than their own.

From Grade 4, boys may study three languages (from English, Swahili or French), those who are more suited to learning one language have additional literacy, mathematics and study skills lessons built into their week.





## SCIENTISTS TAKING A STEP BEYOND

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



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## FROM LEARNERS TO EXPLORERS

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**D**uring the term, we offer a wide range of interesting and challenging after-school activities, giving our boys an opportunity to pursue their favourite interests or to discover new ones which could develop into lifelong skills and interests.

## TESTIMONIAL FROM ST. PAUL THOMAS ACADEMY ALUMNI

**M**any well-known individuals have attended St. Paul Thomas Academy over the years, achieving great success in business, politics, sport, the arts, and many other fields.

Old St. Paul Thomas Academicians include Cpt. Mbugua (Pictured right) joined the School at Std. 5 in 1997 and completed his Form 4 in 2004 with a KCSE Certificate, a Driving License and a Private Pilot License. He is currently a Senior Pilot at Z. Boskovic Air Ltd. They are many more who have achieved the same.



**M**y name is Captain Samuel Mbugua, a Commercial Pilot by Profession currently working for Z. Boskovic Air Charters as a Senior Pilot. I currently have a total of over 4000 hours of which 2000 hours are Charter Flights with destinations in Kenya and Tanzania, to international airports while 1700 are instructional hours as Flight Instructor.

My career as Pilot began in 2004 at the Pioneer School while at the Form 3. I had re-joined the School in 2002 (Form 2) from a public national school where I had been initially admitted via the national secondary schools selection system after my KCPE examinations at the St Paul Thomas Academy-Maragua.

Unsatisfied with the public schools system of education, which embraces a bookworm culture; I decided to reach out to my dream school (Pioneer School). The School provided me with an opportunity to learn flying while still pursuing my KCSE O Levels. Our class/cohort was the second to be integrated into the model of supplementing KCSE academic syllabus with a professional qualification.

While at Pioneer School I selected Aviation Technology as a KCSE examinable subject, which complimented my Private Pilot License (PPL) Programme. We were exposed to various Aviation symposiums we were nurtured and mentored by the Industry.

Being a member of the Aviation Club and later the Club Chair, the Head of Academics gave me the responsibility of motivating my junior brothers to join the Aviation Industry at Pioneer School.

I attained my PPL in 2006, even before the release of the KCSE Examination results. I was then offered a job immediately of which I took up and went ahead to attain the Commercial Pilot Licence. I have taught more than 250 students from Pioneer School both as Flight and Ground Instructor, many of who are now employed by various Commercial Airlines and Charter Companies around the World.

What motivates me is the satisfaction of getting people to exceptional destinations that they have never been. I am also humbled to be involved in the Sky Vet Operation conducted by David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust through Z. Boskovic Air Charters, where we are tasked in saving wounded wildlife in our National Game Parks and Reserves.

This is my personal testimony and the other 250 Pilots that have gone through Pioneer School. We salute Pioneer School, which has produced more than 250 Pilots than any other school in East and Central Africa before completion of their form 4 studies for having enabled us to discover our talents and attain our dreams at a tender age.





## NEXT STEPS

A good starting point for more information is our website  
[www.stpaulthomasacademy.co.ke](http://www.stpaulthomasacademy.co.ke)

However, the best way to look further into a St. Paul Thomas Academy 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 pupils and staff.

Alternatively, you can arrange an individual appointment and tour of the by contacting us on  
**+254 20 503 8097.**

## OUR PERFORMANCE TREND

ST. PAUL THOMAS ACADEMY KCPE PERFORMANCE FOR THE LAST 8 YRS						
YEAR	ENTRY	ABOVE 400	BTW 350-399	BTW 300-349	BELOW 300	MEAN SCORE
2023	93	7	42	26	6	358.00
2022	64	6	40	9	6	356.25
2021	69	24	42	3	0	385.87
2020	77	14	53	8	2	374.74
2019	86	11	47	26	2	364.11
2018						
2017	87	20	39	28	0	372.61
2016	67	13	41	13	0	375.24
2015	67	18	41	8	0	382.69



Ochieng N. Obuya  
423 Marks

### K.C.P.E 2021 Analysis

Position **1** in the County out of 625 schools  
with a mean score of **385.87**

**423**  
MARKS      **HIGHEST**  
                  SCORE

**385**  
MARKS      **MEAN**  
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Wathua D. Kamau  
418 Marks

### K.C.P.E 2020 Analysis

Position **4** in the County out of 625 schools  
with a mean score of **374.74**

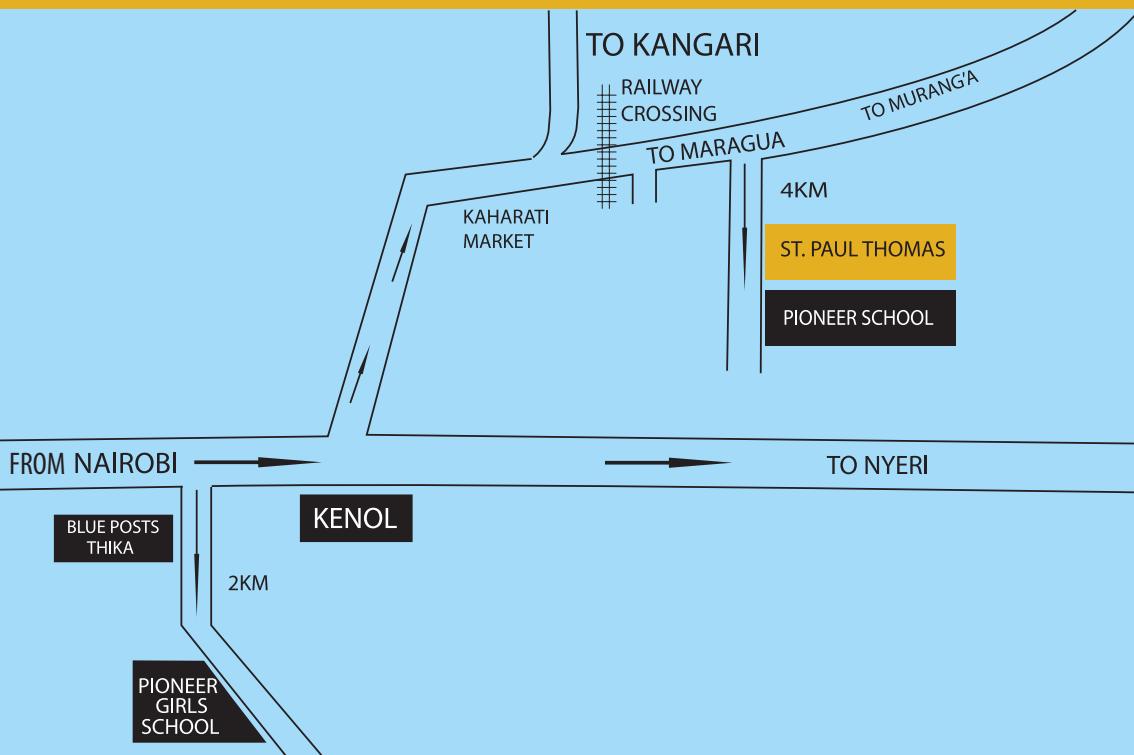
**77%**  
OVERALL      **MEAN**  
                  SCORE

**96%**  
PUPILS      **350 MARKS**  
                  AND  
                  ABOVE



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