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NEWSLETTER

Nurturing Excellence in Spirit, Wisdom and Grace



Introduction

Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of yet another successful academic year at Rose of Sharon Academy Cambridge International. The KNC is a few weeks to their end of term two. First and foremost, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support throughout the year.



Your commitment to your child's education is truly commendable and has played a significant role in their academic growth and personal development. Together, we have fostered an environment that encourages curiosity, creativity, and continuous improvement.



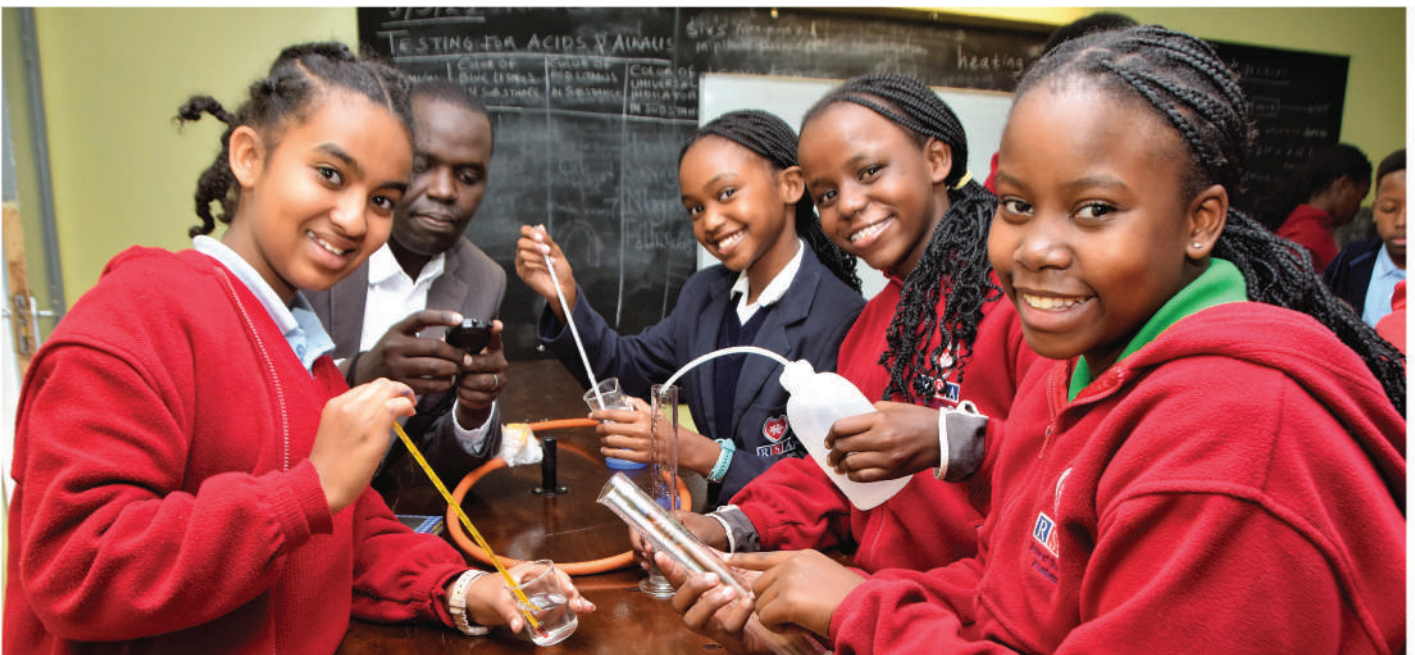
We are excited to announce that Rose of Sharon Academy Cambridge International school closed for the summer school break starting from 7th July, 2023. This is a time for students, parents, and teachers alike to take a well-deserved break from the daily routine and recharge for the upcoming academic year.

During this break, we encourage you to create opportunities for your child to engage in various activities that will further enhance their skills and broaden their horizons.

Whether it be through:

-  Summer camps
-  Workshops
-  Spending Quality time with Family and Friends

We believe that the summer break holds immense potential for personal growth and exploration.



Academics

Our teachers diligently ensured that all the required topics and subjects were taught within the specified timeframe. The syllabus coverage is an important aspect of your child's academic growth, as it lays the foundation for their future learning.

Our learners depicted value addition in their internal assessments. These assessments provide an insight into their understanding and application of the concepts taught in class. The results reflect the efforts of our learners and the teaching staff.



We celebrate the achievements of our learners in the checkpoint assessments. These assessments are designed to evaluate their knowledge and skills based on the syllabus covered. The high scores achieved by our students are a testament to their hard work and determination.

We are pleased to inform you that all our students will successfully progress to their successive academic classes. This indicates their readiness and ability to handle the challenges that lie ahead. We have evaluated their performance and ensured that they are well-prepared for the next academic year.



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School Homework Policy

As we enter a new academic term/year, we would like to take this opportunity to update you on our school's homework policy. Our aim is to bring clarity and consistency to the process, ensuring that our learners receive the necessary support and supervision during their study time at home.

Effective from 29th August 2023

We have implemented a revised homework timetable that requires students to focus on two subjects per day. This change has been made after careful consideration and taking into account various factors such as *the workload, age appropriateness, and the importance of well-rounded academic development.*

Why 2 Subjects?

By assigning two subjects per day, we aim to strike a balance between a manageable workload and ensuring that all subjects receive the necessary attention.

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However, it is crucial to acknowledge the importance of effective supervision during homework sessions to enable the best possible outcome for our students. As parents, your guidance and involvement make a significant difference in shaping your child's attitude towards homework, their organizational skills, and their overall academic progress.

We kindly request that you assist us in ensuring that your child has a suitable environment conducive to studying at home. This includes providing a quiet space, free from distractions, and setting a consistent homework routine.

To further facilitate effective supervision, we encourage parents to keep communication lines with subject teachers open. Should you have any concerns regarding your child's homework, please do not hesitate to reach out to their respective subject teachers.

School Trips

Rose of Sharon Academy through the service provider has made arrangements for *comfortable and safe stay* for the students throughout the academic trips. *The Africa Trucks*, the service provider, ensures that the accommodations are clean, well-maintained, and equipped with all necessary amenities. The students are provided with *hygienic and nutritious meals* during their stay, taking into consideration any specific dietary requirements.

The parties have organized reliable and secure transport facilities for the students during their academic trips. They have appointed *experienced drivers* and ensured that the *vehicles used are in good condition* and comply with all safety regulations. The transportation service is aimed at providing a comfortable and hassle-free journey for the students.



Rose of Sharon Academy prioritizes the well-being and safety of its students. During the academic trips, there is *designated staff members* responsible for student supervision and care. These staff members handle any emergency situations and ensure the students' well-being. The staff members are also available to offer *support and guidance* to the students throughout the trip.

The places to visit during the academic trips provide a diverse and enriching learning experience for the students. These places include *historical landmarks, museums, and cultural sites* relevant to the students' academic subjects. The school believes that these visits enhance the students' understanding of different cultures, history, and subjects studied in the classroom.

Music Festivals

We are thrilled to inform you that Rose of Sharon Academy took part in the sub-county and regional music festivals. Seven of our items qualified for the National Music Festivals to be held in Nyeri from **11th August, 2023**. This is a tremendous achievement for our learners and a testament to their hard work and dedication. As you know, participating in music festivals requires immense preparation and commitment from our learners.

They have spent countless days practicing their music pieces, perfecting their techniques, and fine-tuning their performances. We are proud of their achievements and believe that they deserve all the support we can provide.



We strongly believe in the power of parental involvement and the positive impact it has on the overall growth and development of our learners.

Your support and encouragement will undoubtedly contribute to their success in the regional music festival and in future endeavours.



Scouting

During this academic term, our school participated in an outing park event that involved nature trail and scouting activities. The event aimed at promoting outdoor activities and foster a sense of adventure and teamwork among our learners. We are proud to announce that our learners performed exceptionally well and showcased their scouting skills and knowledge.

Our learners actively engaged in various activities such as hiking, orienteering, and teamwork challenges. Through these activities, they gained practical experience, developed problem-solving abilities, and learnt the importance of leadership and teamwork.

We believe that participating in these events is crucial for our learners' personal growth and development. It provides them with an opportunity to connect with nature, learn about their environment, and develop a sense of responsibility towards conservation.



Looking ahead, we are excited to inform you that the school is planning to conduct a scouting investiture session during the next academic term. This investiture session is a significant milestone in our scouting movement, as it will mark the official enrollment of our learners into the scouting programme. During this event, learners will be recognized for their achievements and commitment to scouting, and they will be presented with their scout badges and scarves.

The scouting investiture session will be conducted with the participation of teachers and scout leaders. It will be a memorable occasion for our learners to take pride in becoming official scouts and to showcase their newly acquired skills and knowledge to their families.

We encourage you to support your child's involvement in the scouting movement. Scouting offers numerous benefits such as improved self-confidence, leadership skills, and a heightened appreciation for nature. It also provides an opportunity for learners to create lasting friendships, develop essential life skills, and engage in community service initiatives.

These clubs aim at providing students with opportunities for personal growth, skill development, and a platform to pursue their interests outside of academics. The school has provided a diverse range of clubs to cater for the varied interests and talents of our learners.

Chess Club:

The chess club gathered a dedicated group of learners who developed strategic thinking and problem-solving skills through regular chess matches and tournaments.

Participants demonstrated commendable progress throughout the term, and the club took part in inter-school competitions at regional and national levels, promoting healthy competition and teamwork. Five of the learners who took part at the National chess competition in Kisii County Qualified for *Africa Junior Chess Competition* to be held in Cairo, Egypt later in month of September 2023.



Skating Club:

The skating club proved to be a popular choice among students, with a significant number of participants. Learners had the opportunity to improve their skating skills. The club also enhanced students' confidence and promoted physical fitness.



Business Club:

The business club aimed at nurturing entrepreneurial skills among students. Learners engaged in various activities, including market simulations. The club provides valuable insights into the world of commerce and instills a sense of leadership in participating students.



Music Instruments Club:

The music instruments club catered to the musical interests of students through lessons, practice sessions, and performances. Learners showcased their musical prowess in playing instruments. The club played a significant role in nurturing talent and encouraging students to develop their musical abilities.



Special Dance and Ballet:

The special dance and ballet club focused on inclusive participation and provided a platform for learners with varying abilities to explore their passion for dance. The club showcased outstanding performances during school events, highlighting the talent and dedication of its members.



Gymnastics Club:

Although new, the gymnastics club proved to be a tremendous success, with students displaying impressive flexibility, strength, and coordination. The club played a pivotal role in promoting physical fitness and discipline among participating students.



Swimming Club:

The swimming club focused on honing swimming techniques, water safety, and competitive swimming skills. Learners showcased remarkable progress and participated in inter-school swimming gala. The club's emphasis on fitness, discipline, and aquatic proficiency was evident in the achievements of its members.



Speech and Drama Club:

The speech and drama club focused on enhancing communication skills, self-confidence, and creativity among students. Members participate in public speaking events and drama performances, displaying remarkable talent and growth throughout the term.

Basketball Club:

The basketball club offered an opportunity for students to develop their basketball skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Learners participated in inter-school matches, representing the school with great enthusiasm.



Lawn Tennis Club:

The lawn tennis club provided students with training and opportunities to improve their tennis skills. Learners actively participated in showcasing their talent with great pride. The club promoted a healthy and active lifestyle among its members.



Golf Club:

The golf club offered learners a chance to explore the sport and develop their golfing skills. Students had remarkable dedication and progression. The club provided a platform for members to cultivate discipline and appreciate the beauty of the game.



Football Club:

The football club attracted a considerable number of students who displayed great passion for the sport. The team participated in inter-school competitions and friendly matches, demonstrating exceptional teamwork, skill, and sportsmanship. The club contributed to the overall physical development and camaraderie among its members.



Art Club:

The art club provided a creative outlet for students, enabling them to express themselves through various art forms. The club fostered an appreciation for art and encouraged the development of individual creativity.

We are pleased to inform you that Rose of Sharon Academy recently registered with the international schools sporting association PIPSA (Professional International Public Schools Association). This membership opens up numerous opportunities for our students to engage.



As the term comes to an end, we take a moment to reflect on the incredible sports experience that our students have enjoyed.

The Under 9s and 11s made a great start at extracurricular with the boys and girls having had an excellent commitment to training. The boys had a marvelous football season while the girls had a fantastic netball experience.

From exhilarating matches, our students had a number of fixtures with different schools such as Light International School, Nairobi Jaffery Academy, Crawford International School, Oshwal Academy, Samaj School, Swaminarayan School, St. Nicholas, MSB and Mt. Kenya Academy in Nyeri and even got an opportunity to represent the school in football, netball, tennis and chess tournaments.

We won, most matches and equally lost some, more so in netball which was new to the girls. In the football tournament, our boys became first in the pool stages but lost to Woodcreek School in the semis. The boys then lost to Regis School in the finals, therefore finishing 4th in the tournament that was held in Crawford. The girls only played in the pool stages. They did not qualify to proceed to the finals and emerged 6 out of 10 in the tournament held in Oshwal.

Sports teaches you character, it teaches you to play by the rules, it teaches you to know what it is to win and lose – it teaches you about life.



Sports Day

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have decided to reschedule the sports day that was originally planned for 7th July 2023. However, we would like to assure you that the kindergarten sports day will remain as planned, so the children can still enjoy the activities and fun-filled day on the **21st July, 2023**.





Parents Teachers Consultative Meetings

We would like to express our gratitude to all the parents who attended class meetings this academic year. Your presence and active participation were greatly appreciated.

The objective of these meetings was to establish a stronger connection between the parents and the teachers, as well as to promote a collaborative approach to your child's education.



During the consultative meetings, various issues were discussed, including academic progress, student behavior, extracurricular activities, and upcoming school events.

Through these discussions, we were able to address concerns regarding your child's education and provide you with useful insights into their academic journey.

In light of the positive response and the evident benefits that emerged from these meetings, we are committed to continuing this practice during the succeeding academic terms. We believe that a strong partnership between parents and teachers is essential in providing the best possible education for your children.

Moving forward, we will be sending out regular invitations and reminders for the upcoming parent-teacher consultative meetings. We kindly request you to mark your calendars and make every effort to attend these meetings. We understand that your busy schedules may pose challenges, but your attendance and engagement play a crucial role in shaping your child's educational journey.



Rose of Sharon Academy, in collaboration with ActionAid, is organizing a Career Day on 16th September 2023, from 9 am to noon. The event aims to provide our learners with a unique opportunity to explore different professions, gain valuable insights, and receive mentoring from relevant professionals in their desired fields.

During the Career Day, learners will have the chance to dress up in attires representing their dream professions. This will allow them to immerse themselves in the experience and gain a deeper understanding of their chosen career paths. We believe that this interactive approach will greatly benefit our students and ignite their enthusiasm for future endeavours.



To ensure smooth organization and coordination, we kindly request your cooperation in returning the collection cards on the opening day. These cards are essential for efficient management and to facilitate a seamless experience for all participants.

We understand the significance of parental involvement in our students' educational journey, and we encourage you to actively participate in this event. Your valuable insights and guidance will be highly appreciated and will contribute to the success of this event.



We are excited to announce our School Library and Information Day, which will take place on **23rd September, 2023**. This event is dedicated to promoting literacy and encouraging a love for reading among our students. The day will be filled with various activities, including book readings, storytelling sessions, and interactive games designed to ignite their passion for literature.



To participate fully in this event, we kindly request that each learner brings **KES 1000** for the purchase of the readers to read and later bring home. This amount will cover the cost of the books, ensuring that each child has access to a variety of engaging and educational materials. By attending this event, learners will not only read but also contribute to their overall development of creative thinking, language skills, and critical analysis abilities.

Save the Date

From 5th to 19th August Our Learners Embark on an **Epic Football Adventure to Fleetwood, UK!**

We are thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for our young football enthusiasts! Our learners will be setting off on an unforgettable journey to Fleetwood, UK, where they will **immerse themselves** in the world of football.

During this action-packed trip, our students will have the incredible chance to enhance **their skills, train with top-notch coaches, and engage in friendly matches with other talented players**. They will also get to experience the vibrant football culture and explore the town of Fleetwood. **It's a dream come true for any aspiring footballer!**



Conclusion

It is important to mention that the school will continue to provide support and guidance during this break. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you require any assistance or advice.

On behalf of the entire staff at Rose of Sharon Academy, we wish CI a safe and enjoyable summer break. Relax, rejuvenate, and create lasting memories with your little ones. We look forward to welcoming you all back on 29th August 2023 with renewed energy and enthusiasm for another extraordinary academic term/year of learning and growth.



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