



RSA
Rose of Sharon
Academy



Welcome Pack

Nurturing Excellence in Spirit, Wisdom, and Grace

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Introduction

It's our pleasure that you have considered Rose of Sharon Academy as the school of choice for your child. All you need to know about the school is in this welcome pack, feel free to reach us for any clarifications.
Experience RSA.

Karibu Rose of Sharon Academy

We are excited to be an integral part of your child's foundational learning years. Inside this pack is all the information that you need to ensure that your child has a smooth transition into our school.

We believe that communication between home and school is key to helping us get know your child as quickly as possible. We operate on an "open door" policy.

Our strength as a school lies in our ethos which is based in our school mission: *"to mold a generation of skilled, responsible and dignified leaders who will be sought after for their competence."*

We nurture all our learners to be model citizens when they leave the school, understanding their place in the wider community.

We hope that your child will have a wonderful time in our school. We are able to provide you and your family with not only happy memories that will last forever, but also academic success for your children to achieve their full potential in everything they do.

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How and why we started.

Rose of Sharon Academy began in 2005 as a dream in the heart of a visionary who saw a different African future shaped by principled, bold and innovative citizens and understood the critical role that must be played to nurture and guide the children of the continent and prepare them to play their part in actualizing this future. We are truly privileged to be accorded an opportunity to play a critical role in raising a generation of leaders that will stand out – a generation of leaders who have the attributes of Christ, the Rose of Sharon Academy.



Our Vision

We frame our world by raising a generation of renowned leaders that are sought after.



Our Motto

Nurturing excellence in spirit, wisdom and grace.



Our Mission

To mould a generation of skilled, responsible and dignified leaders who will be sought after for their competence.

What We Offer

Our Learning Approach

We understand the critical role education plays in shaping and preparing future leaders. We are deliberate to ensure that every aspect of learning (in and out of class) is structured to nurture wholesome, self-aware, and confident leaders. Incorporating faith into every aspect of the students learning experience. The foundation of our core belief system is to see our learners come into the fullness of who they were created to be in God.



Faith-Based Institution

We provide a God-conscious learning and development environment.



Balanced Curriculum

We expose our learners to all knowledge domains.



Entrepreneurship

RSA is committed to nurturing creativity, innovation, problem solving, critical thinkin, communication, and godly inspiration.



Technology

RSA uses a blended learning model; a combination of technology, books and a face-to-face learning.

Kindergarten

Early Years - Playgroup to Pre-Primary 2

Our Kindergarten offers a unique opportunity and environment where every child is known and valued, the mastery of foundation skills such as reading, arts & crafts, writing and basic mathematics progresses to deeper, limitless learning, bringing new experiences and springboarding off children's personal interests.



Age Brackets

Playgroup

2 - 3 year olds

Playgroup

3 - 4 year olds

Playgroup

4 - 5 year olds

Playgroup

5 - 6 year olds

Competence Based Curriculum

Lower Primary (Grade 1 - Grade 6)

Our CBC programme provides an opportunity, challenge and support to learners from the time they enter grade 1 after graduating from PP2. While exploring all subject areas, our learners ask questions, develop their minds and spirits, grow interests that they are encouraged to explore more fully and even participate in running learner affairs through the Learner Council where they get to pick their president and deputy president.

Our students create an environment where they want to challenge themselves and one another athletically, artistically and academically.



Junior Secondary (Grade 7 - Grade 9)

Welcome to RSA Junior Secondary School, a time of personal growth and discovery as learners take their first steps toward adulthood.

For RSA learners in Junior Secondary, we provide diverse academic and co-curricular programs that allow them to discover their passions and talents. These programs are challenging and supportive. They are always connected to our mission and to our core values of Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, and Compassion.

Our work in the Junior School reflects a research-driven understanding of what learners need at this age.

Through mentorships, we build positive connections and foster meaningful relationships between the learners and their teachers.

In junior secondary school, your child will be given the opportunity to grow as a student, athlete, artist, and, most importantly, into a Man/Woman of Character.

“Our work in the Junior School reflects a research-driven understanding of what learners.....”



Cambridge International

Lower Primary

At RSA, we strive to make improvements that enhance our ethos. Affirming our mission: To mould a generation of skilled, responsible, and dignified leaders who will be sought after for their competence. We bring you a globally recognised and fully accredited education system with the Cambridge International Education unit. With this kind of curriculum, we provide a broad and balanced education for our learners, helping them thrive throughout their schooling, work and life.

With ten subjects: Mathematics, Science, English and Global Perspective as the main subjects, your child will find plenty of opportunities to develop creativity, expression, and well-being in various ways. We also offer other topics that supplement other learning processes.





Lower Secondary

Welcome to RSA Cambridge international Lower School, where character education is part of everything we do with our learners. The Lower School provides learning experiences and opportunities that guide them on their lifelong journey

Our programs support our learners in reaching their goals and discovering their limitless potential. Our exceptional faculty lead the learners to explore their imagination and their world. Our students learn by reflecting on their own learning, investigating, playing and being creative

In the Lower School, your child will be embraced by a community that nurtures his/her unique talents.

What We Offer

Co & Extra Curricular Activities

Co-curricular and extracurricular activities create opportunities and challenges for our learners and contribute to rounded individuals.

Sports & Outdoor

With a focus on health and wellbeing, sports at RSA includes access to a swimming pool, a football pitch and a play area for kids with swings and slides, nearby Moi Girls School where they enjoy their facilities. We also have academic tours.





Clubs & Activities

There are more than 15 clubs on offer at Rose of Sharon Academy that run every Monday. They include: *Chess, Ballet, Arts & Crafts, Scouts, Home Science, Business Club, Specialized, Golf, Dance, Football Academy, Lawn Tennis, Music, Swimming, Press Club, Speech and Drama, Skating, and Wildlife Club*

“There are more than 15 clubs on offer at Rose of Sharon Academy.....”

Music

Our aim is to provide learners and aspiring musicians with a foundation in the art through a student-centered approach based on a sensory learning experience. We start early as Kindergarten where learners sing along to tunes while learning how to play certain musical instruments.



Creative Arts

We value the power of dreaming, the joy of creation and the freedom to collaborate and design. The dynamic and creative RSA vibe fosters students' enthusiasm and talent development in drama, poetry, arts & crafts.

Admission

Championing Holistic Learning

Our learners exceptional experiences enable learners to lead change in Africa and around the globe.

1. Awareness

Your child's admissions process begins when you fill in an application form on our website. Once your application is complete, you will receive an Email as reference in your future correspondence.

4. Onboarding

Following the assessment, you'll hear from one of our admissions letting you know whether your child has been accepted. Admitted learners will provisionally have a space reserved, to be confirmed upon payment of a deposit.



2. Receipt of Application

One of our admissions associates will acknowledge receipt of your application and confirm whether there is space in the school and/or grade that you have shown interest.

3. Tour & Assessment

You and your child will be invited for an interview and assessment. The aim of this assessment is to get insight into the student as an individual, in order to determine how we can best support and develop your child at Rose of Sharon Academy.



Requirements

General

- 1 2 recent passport photos
- 2 Copy of birth certificate
- 3 Copy of Immunization Card Kindergarten

Pre School

- 1 Spare change of clothes
- 2 Blanket/Shawl (for their afternoon nap)
- 3 Crocs (Playgroup & KG 1)

eLearning Requirements

We are committed to ensuring that our learners are able to cope. We put efforts towards being a more technologically advanced school.

Bank

Kenya Commercial Bank

Branch: 1232906875

Branch: JKUAT Industrial Tech Pack

Via m-pesa

Paybill: 522 522

Account No: 1232906875



Requirements

Cambridge International (CI)

- 1 Good News Bible
- 2 3 Spring files (Stage 1 -3)
- 3 2 Box files - from Stage 4
- 4 10 pcs Teepee fitted A5 exercise book covers
- 5 10 pcs Teepee fitted A4 exercise book covers
- 6 1 packet Staedtler Coloured pencils (Stage 1-3)
- 7 1 packet Staedtler HB pencil
- 8 1 Sharpener
- 9 1 Pencil pouch
- 10 2 Black erasers - Pelican
- 11 1 30cm ruler
- 12 Gel pens - from Stage 4
- 13 1 Glue Stick - Pritt
- 14 A pair of child friendly scissors (Stage 1 -3)
- 15 Oxford Dictionary 10th Edition - from Stage 3
- 16 Oxford Thesaurus - from Stage 1
- 17 Geometrical set (clear) - from Stage 4



Requirements

Competency-based Curriculum (CBC)

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- 6 1 packet Staedtler HB pencil
- 7 1 Sharpener
- 8 1 Pencil pouch
- 9 2 Black erasers - Pelican
- 10 1 30cm ruler
- 11 Gel pens - from Grade 4
- 12 1 Glue Stick - Pritt
- 13 Kamusi Sanifu (Tuki) Toleo la Tatu - Oxford - from Grade 4)
- 14 Kamusi ya Methali (Grade 4 - Class 8)
- 15 Kamusi ya Misemo (Grade 4- Class 8)
- 16 Oxford Dictionary 10th Edition - from Grade 4
- 17 Geometrical set (clear) - from Grade 5
- 18 360 degrees atlas - from Grade 4
- 19 Music Recorder - Grade 4 & 5 (Yamaha preferred)

School Practicalities



Arrival

However you choose to have your child at school, the school day begins at 8 am with registration every weekday but learners usually come in between 6:30am and 7:30am. If children arrive late they must be in the office in advance. Learners should try to be punctual.

- *Morning Session: 8 am - 10 am*
- *Break Time: 10 am - 11 am*
- *Afternoon Session: 2 pm - 3pm*



Pick up

Please do not pick up your children from the classrooms. If they are not on school transport they will be available at the foodcourt for pickup.

- *Playgroup - PP1 children are picked up from their classroom from 1pm*
- *Grade 7 classes end at 3:30pm*

If your child is to be picked up by a different person, you must inform the school office in good time. Please do not be late for collection unless unavoidably delayed; this can cause distress.



Leave of absence requests

You are asked not to take your children on holiday during school term.

Requests for leave of absence for medical appointments should be directed in writing/email to the principal and respective deputy for a leave out sheet.

All other requests for extraordinary leave of absence should be directed to the Principal in good time and in writing/email.

It is essential for the school to have accurate information concerning the whereabouts of learners at all times.

If you have to collect your child early, for whatever reason, you should liaise with the School Office and class teacher.



Snacks & Lunches

All children are provided with a tasty and nutritious breakfast and lunch at school. The weekly menu is available on request and posted in the school's notice board. Please ensure that you have filled in and returned a form giving information about allergies.

It is a school rule that children should not bring any food to school except on permitted special occasions. They may bring water bottles from home. Under no circumstances should hot drinks, juice, sweets or chewing gum be brought to school.

Children may bring individual cup cakes into school for their birthday which is shared amongst his/her classmates at break time.

The cake must be handed into the School Office. The cake must not contain nuts or traces of nuts.



Disciplinary Measures

When a child misbehaves and/or breaks a school rule, an encouraging and corrective word from the teacher will achieve the desired result. There needs to be a clearly understood and consistently applied system for use when inappropriate behaviour is in obvious breach of the accepted code. More serious misdemeanours may, in extreme cases, lead to suspension or even expulsion.



Money and Mpesa

Children should never have money at school. The school Mpesa number can be used to pay school trips. Charity money or any other fund should be handed to the class teacher.

Mpesa Paybill Number 562535 (Account Number: Learner's name)



Mobile Phones and Electronic Equipment

Mobile phones and are not allowed at school. To support a particular lessons, learners may occasionally be allowed to bring an electronic device such as a laptop or tablet, to school. Students should label and give any electronic devices they bring to school to their class teacher or admin for safekeeping. Smartwatches/Fitbits are permitted, but the school will not be held responsible for their loss.



RSA House System

Inter-House events take place during the course of the school year, enabling each house to earn additional points, medals, and trophies. Every child is in a house and compete against each other.



Champions



Victors



Heroes



Conquerors



Medical Care

Any medication brought to school must be taken in to the School Nurse before 7.50 a.m. A 'Permission to Medicate' form must be completed.

Please also notify your child's class teacher about any medications via the Homework Diary. Children will not be given medications without the permission of their parents.

Following the administration of any significant treatment, the nurse will complete, sign, and send home a Medical Incident Form. An additional insurance charge is included in school fees to ensure that, in the event of a medical emergency, a fully-equipped ambulance service is available.

When the school hosts a sports tournament, an ambulance is always on standby.

If your child is ill, please do not send them to school.



A School Learner Council exists to give children a voice within the school community and to increase awareness and understanding of our place in the world. We have four councils offices that are involved in various aspects of school life.

- *School President and Deputy President for the CBC Curriculum*
- *School Prime minister for the CIC Curriculum*
- *Governers*
- *Class Senators*

Learners are nominated to serve on the councils/committees representing their classes.



We see ourselves as a family that looks out for one another at Rose of Sharon Academy.

As with any family, it is critical to establish clear boundaries to ensure a safe and supportive environment that promotes respect for self and others, as well as for teaching and learning.

Our school community, which includes parents, students, teachers, administration, and support staff, must work together to promote and encourage the following values:

- *Respect, dignity, concern, care, and fairness.*
- *Pupils are expected to attend all classes, arrive on time and actively engage in learning tasks.*
- *All pupils will demonstrate good citizenship and accept responsibility for their actions.*
- *Teachers represent authority at school, just as parents do at home.*



Lost items found at school are collected and put into the containers outside the Nurse's room. To help ensure they are returned to their rightful owners, we ask that all clothing and personal items be clearly labelled before being brought in. It is also important to claim lost property as soon as possible. At the end of each term, any remaining unnamed items are donated to charity via the PTA-run second-hand shop. More valuable items (e.g. watches) should be handed into the School Office and class Senators sort through all the lost property.

What We Offer

Student Placement

The correct grade/year level for students is identified through consultation with the admissions team. It is our intention to always place students in the grade/year level most appropriate for them to thrive both academically and socially in their new environment. During this phase the following will be taken into account:

- *Previous schooling to date and student's previous school reports*
- *Assessment test results (and interview if applicable)*
- *Age of student*
- *Information provided on the student's transfer certificate*



Care & Support



At Rose of Sharon Academy, we pride ourselves on how friendly and supportive our staff and learners are – we have a pastoral care system.

Specific teams and groups include:

- *Previous schooling to date and student's previous school reports*
- *Assessment test results (and interview if applicable)*
- *Age of student*
- *Information provided on the student's transfer certificate*



Our Facilities

- Spacious classrooms
- Science & Computer labs
- Library
- Music Room

Our Facilities

- Swimming Pool
- Multipurpose pitch
- Children play area with swings & slides
- Kitchen
- Dining Area

Transportation

Rose of Sharon Academy is pleased to offer area-wide bus transport service for our families. We know that many families depend upon safe, consistent bus service to transport children to school.

For a service such as this to be successful, and meet the needs of all concerned in the most efficient manner, we rely on the cooperation of the bus driver, school personnel, parent and student.

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Transportation - Route zones

Zone 1A

Kamburu Drive - Kabarnet Road - Yaya Centre - Woodley - Menelik Road - Nabro Court - Mama Oliech - Joseph Kang'ethe

Zone 1B

Adams Arcade - Nairobi Hospital - Kibera - Golf Course - Ndemi Lane - Milimani - Kirichwa Road - Wood Avenue - Chaka Road - Muriga Road - Elgeyo Marakwet - Hurlingham - Kilimani School - Galana Road - Jabavu Lane - Lampco Court - Diani Road - Ayany - Kenyatta Hospital - Rose Avenue - Sunview - Ngummo - Kenyatta Market - Delamere

Zone 2

State House Rd - Upper Hill - Riana Rd - KSTC - Magiwa - Dennis Pritt - Jamhuri Estate - Lavington - Kileleshwa - Valley Arcade - School of Law - Ralphe Bunche Rd - Methodist Guest House - Nairobi Primary - Naivasha Rd - Blue Sky - Mbaazi - Funguo - Highrise - Wilson Airport - Phenom - Hatheru - Akila Estate - Museum Hill

Zone 3

Wanyee - Ngando - Amboseli - Suntack - Airport View - Ngara - Marikani - Westlands - Nairobi West - South B - Dam Estate - Racecourse - Mugoya - Parklands - Kawangware - Satellite - Riruta - Akiba

Zone 4

Midland - Plain View - Bomas - Kianda - Kenya Re - Joakim - Golden Gate - Uhuru Gardens - Southlands - Pangani - Ushirika - Amboseli - Ruby - Otiende - Ngei

Zone 5

Hillcrest - Langata - Muthaiga - Aalea - Eagle Plains - South C - Kinathi - Onyonka - Buruburu - Tena Estate

Zone 6

Imara Daima - Villa Franca - Loresho - Embakasi - Donholm - Green Fields - Umoja

Zone 6

Uthiru - Avenue Park - Pipeline - Fedha - Baraka Estate

Note

- A learner can only take up transport once the transport fee has been fully paid.
- All transport forms should be returned to the school on or before the first day of the term.
- Request fee structure to view rates for every zone and payment details.

School Uniform

Pre School

Official		Games Uniform	
Boys <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navy trousers/Shorts• White Shirt• Deep red sweater• RSA Red Fleece• Blue socks• Black leather shoes	Girls <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navy trousers/Scots for Pre school learners• White Shirt• Deep red sweater• RSA Red Fleece• Blue socks• Black leather shoes	Boys <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RSA Tracksuit• Navy blue games short• Navy blue 'v' neck t-shirt• White socks• RSA Swim trunk• Sports shoes	Girls <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RSA tracksuit• Navy blue short• Navy blue 'v' neck t-shirt• White socks• RSA Swimming costume• Sports shoes

Cambridge International Curriculum Learners

Official		Games Uniform	
Boys <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Red blazer• Navy trousers/Shorts• White Shirt• Deep red sweater• RSA Red Fleece• Blue socks• Black leather shoes	Girls <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Red blazer• Navy trousers/Shorts• White Shirt• Deep red sweater• RSA Red Fleece• Blue socks• Black leather shoes	Boys <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RSA Tracksuit• Games short• House colour t-shirt• White socks• RSA Swim trunk• Sports shoes	Girls <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RSA tracksuit• Navy blue short• House colour polo shirt• White socks• RSA Swimming costume• Sports shoes

Grade 1 - 6 & Junior Secondary Learners

Official

Boys

- Navy blue blazer (Junior Secondary)
- Navy trousers/Shorts
- White Shirt
- Red pleated tie (Junior Secondary)
- Deep red sweater
- RSA Red Fleece
- Navy Blue socks
- Black leather shoes

Girls

- Navy blue blazer (Junior Secondary)
- Navy trousers/Shorts
- White Shirt
- Deep red sweater
- RSA Red Fleece
- Navy Blue socks
- Black leather shoes

Games Uniform

Boys

- RSA Tracksuit
- Games short
- House colour t-shirt
- White socks
- RSA Swim trunk
- Sports shoes

Girls

- RSA tracksuit
- Navy blue short
- House colour polo shirt
- White socks
- RSA Swimming costume
- Sports shoes

Available from

Animet Ltd.

Located at Yaya Centre, along Argwings Kodhek Road, 3rd Floor.

Mobile: 0701 018180 / 0772 018180

Located at T-Mall, along Langata road, 2nd Floor.

Mobile: 0722 715998 / 0716 860950

Email: uniforms@animet.co.ke

Available from

Colour Talk.

Located at Adams Arcade above Java House

Mobile: 0724 648 618

Note

- All learners are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times.
- All uniform must be labelled with the child's name. Enquire with Animet Ltd for the various options available.
- House colours are to be advised by the school.

A group of students in blue school uniforms are walking up a staircase. They are smiling and looking towards the camera. The staircase has a metal railing. The background shows a building with large windows and a clear sky.

Karibu Rose Of Sharon Academy

We are excited to have you and your child join the Rose of Sharon Academy. We hope you find this handbook a useful source of information. If you do have additional queries, please get in touch with the School Office.



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