Our Year 7, 9 and 11 students may have come home this week to tell parents that they have been sitting CAT tests. I have copied a small section from the GL Assessment’s website so that parents have an idea of what CAT testing is all about.

“The Cognitive Abilities Test: Fourth Edition (CAT4) is the most widely used test of reasoning ability in the UK. CAT4 is the fourth edition of GL Assessment’s Cognitive Abilities Test, fully standardised on 25,000 UK pupils. The suite of tests has been developed to support schools in understanding pupils’ developed abilities and likely academic potential. Results from CAT4 can help in intervention, monitoring progress and setting targets for future attainment.

CAT4 assesses a pupil’s ability to reason with and manipulate different types of material through a series of Verbal, Non-Verbal, Quantitative and Spatial Ability tasks. Together, these four tests provide teachers with a comprehensive profile of a pupil’s reasoning abilities, and as such the core abilities related to learning.

The resulting data can then be used to identify a pupil’s strengths, weaknesses and learning preferences, providing accurate and reliable information that is essential for personalised learning. The more we know about a pupil, the better position we should be in to offer a learning environment and ways of teaching and learning that allow pupils to maximise their potential. Information about a pupil’s reasoning ability will be key to many decisions and should be considered alongside attainment data and other factors known to impact on learning, such as attendance and attitude.”

More details of CAT4 can be found at [http://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/products/cat4-cognitive-abilities-test-fourth-edition](http://www.gl-assessment.co.uk/products/cat4-cognitive-abilities-test-fourth-edition)
Fantastic poems and a really great audience

Some of you may have noticed that a large part of my article last week was – to put it bluntly – wrong! My U13 boys team were very upset at not reaching the final but as it turned out one of the other teams had to forfeit a game because they failed to stick to ISSAK rules and that meant that we came second and will be in Saturday’s final!

Outdoor Education week is fast approaching and I would like to say a big “Thank You” to all those parents who have met the deadlines for payments and the return of the forms that trip leaders require. For those that have not yet completed this process, I am afraid that for some trips it is already too late; for others, time is fast running out. If your child is hoping to go on a trip, please get the forms and the money to school as soon as possible.

Our new homework posting website is now up and running with 86 visitors on the first day! Please check out www.kisuhomework.weebly.com

Regards

Terry Garbett,  
Head of Secondary.
**Self-confidence**

It was truly inspirational to be at the Poetry Slam event on Wednesday evening; the standard was so impressive and it was great to see so many parents make the effort to come and support.

On the evening I recall saying that there are few things a good school can give a young person that are more important than self-confidence. I really believe this. Of course, we want our students to achieve the very best academic results they can and to develop their talents outside of the classroom to their very fullest. We also want our young people to develop strong values and personal qualities. The world of education is often criticized for being out of touch with what employers really want from the next generation but in a world where so much in the modern workplace is about teamwork, communication, leadership and having good interpersonal skills, is there anything more important for a school than consciously trying to develop self-confident young people?

Liam Clancy of the Clancy Brothers (not an oft quoted source I admit!) once said to his friend, Bob Dylan (a little more quoted I would imagine!):- “No fear; no envy; and no meanness”.

This advice really resonates with me. And of course, the worst, most insidious, fear of all is fear of failure: it compounds low-self-esteem, denies opportunities for success and for learning and can quickly become cripplingly habitual. Fear of failure is something that we can be stricken by at any age but it is particularly prevalent in our teenage years when social acceptance and the struggle for a defined personal identity are such powerful forces in young people’s lives. That is why I found it so inspiring to see group after group of young teenaged students take the stage in front of their peers and parents and take real risks. A number of the groups were missing one of their members for one good reason or another and had little or no time to rehearse in their new line-ups and yet up they went, group after group, to give brilliant, committed performances.

The term “risk-takers” is very much in vogue in education; many schools will state in their mission statements that they endeavor to encourage their students to be “risk-takers”. However, not all approach achieving this goal with the same purpose and commitment as KISU where every student is expected to display their art in an exhibition, and take part in at least one musical and one drama performance during the course of their time in Key Stage 3.

Congratulations once again to all involved in organizing the event and to those who had the courage to participate in it with such confidence and conviction!

**Pope’s Visit**

We recently made the decision to arrange for our secondary school outdoor education trips to return to Kampala on or before Thursday November 26th in order to avoid getting caught up in what we anticipate will be very heavy traffic as people flock to the city to see the Pope. At this stage there has been no official word that Friday November 27th is to be designated a public holiday and so, at this stage, we intend for school to go ahead as normal on that day.

Regards

**Steve Lang,**
**School Director.**
KISU offers a variety of performing opportunities to students as a way of celebrating their musical achievements on their chosen instruments. Our Secondary music recital will feature a cross-section of individual students performing on a selection of instruments including violin, guitar, piano, trombone, drums, recorder, voice, and many more. It will take place on Wednesday December 2, 2015 at the Secondary Music Room starting at 6.30PM. You are all welcome to attend.

Secondary Music Production

The secondary music production is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 9 December 2015 starting at 6.30PM. The music production will feature all students that take music in secondary school in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 performing in small ensembles, larger groups and solos. Students will be engaged in both African and Western ensemble performances showcasing some of what they have studied over this term. The performance will kick off at 6.30PM in the main auditorium.

Dr. Benon Kigozi, Head of Music

### Tag Heuer Connected

**What time is it?** Now, that is a question I will not mind someone asking me over and over just so I get to look at this beautiful thing of a watch. Many have come and gone but this one from Tag Heuer is "THE ONE". Forget the price, it is the real one. The Tag Heuer Connected was unveiled in New York, amid the fanfare of being the first 'luxury' Android Wear smartwatch. As with Tag, design is their trade mark and they have gone all out with this watch. The Tag Heuer Connected boasts a 46mm build (that's an unashamed man-sizing) with the case and lugs made from grade 2 titanium. It's all covered by a crystal sapphire, eschewing the toughened glass of rivals in favour of something more luxurious.

The Tag Heuer Connected measures 12.8 mm deep on your wrist, which is a fair old chunk of titanium, making it fatter than most Android Wear watches to date. However, the chosen material pays off and it only weighs 52g. On the hardware front, Intel is on board as a partner, powering the Tag Heuer Connected with an Intel Atom Z34XX processor. The 360 x 360 LCD only boasts a pixel density of 240ppi, which already lags way behind the competition.

Unsurprisingly Tag has taken care over the watch faces with three digital faces in black, deep blue or pearl white. All show the date window and include other details from Tag Heuer’s Carrera watches such as the hands, index, chronograph counters and minute track to make the Connected look as much like a mechanical watch as possible. Tag is taking the idea of live dials further than the likes of Motorola, with an emphasis on the Connected’s watch-like functions of timer, alarm and stopwatch too. Tag calls the live information “interactive counters” and these appear on watch faces to give you easy access to things like weather updates, alerts or sports news. There are three counters on chronograph dials at 6, 9 and 12 o’clock and touching a counter opens the third party app in full screen. Tag isn’t just settling for Android Wear apps either, it has developed its own SDK and already has four exclusive apps which integrate with its bespoke watch faces.

As well as Tag’s efforts, users also have access to Android Wear apps - voice search, Maps, Translate and Fit are all key apps on the Android Wear platform and the Tag Heuer Connected is no different. You want to know how much it will cost? Put aside $1500

Robert Buga, Head of IT.
MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR OF SPORT

CLUBS

We have completed Week 9 of session A clubs as of now and are beginning to prepare for club session B. Please note, you will not be receiving the list of clubs or the sign-up form by email. From Wednesday, November 18th, you can download these from our school website and then e-mail your sign-up form to sportsdirector@kisu.com. You can expect the same great clubs and even more such as Yoga for Kids and checkers!

Some important dates:

Club registration will be open from 9am on Monday 23rd November and close at 9am on Thursday 26th November
Club session A ends: Saturday, November 21st
Club session B begins: Monday, November 30th
BREAK for holiday Monday December 14th
RETURN from holiday Tuesday, January 5th, 2016

Public Holiday January 26th
BREAK for holiday Monday, February 15th
RETURN from holiday Monday, February 22
Club session B ends: Friday, March 5th

Outdoor Education

Most outdoor education trips were scheduled to return to KISU on Friday Nov. 27th. Due to the Pope’s arrival on this day and the anticipated traffic, etc, surrounding this event, all trips will be travelling back and returning to KISU on Thursday, November 26th.

By now you should have made full payment to the bursar and submitted your child’s permission and medical form. For obvious reasons, it is crucial we have this information. Please ensure the trip leader has this. In this next week, it is also important to review the packing list to ensure you have all essential items.

Please contact your child’s trip leader if you have any questions:
Year 7 - Mr Tobin, k.tobin@kisu.com
Year 8 - Ms Frances, n.frances@kisu.com
Year 9 - Mr Buga, r.buga@kisu.com
Year 10 - Ms Bamwoyeraki, s.bomwoyeraki@kisu.com
Year 11 - Mr Rabanowitz & Ms Rewald, s.rewald@kisu.com

BP1 - Mr. Pearson, a.pearson@kisu.com

DP2 - Ms Raval, t.raval@kisu.com

ISSAK

KISU has had a very successful sporting season with nearly every team advancing to the finals! Our U20 girls won an exciting match on Wednesday against HIS to finish 2nd in the league and secure a spot in the final against the ISU Leopards. The U20 boys travelled to HIS on Thursday and played a beautiful game of football. They never quit, displayed excellent sportsmanship and worked together as a team. Despite their efforts, they lost 1-0 in golden goal over time, scoring in their own net from a corner kick. Their coaches and I were very proud of their play and congratulate them on a successful season.

KISU will host the top 2 teams in the league for all age divisions in both primary basketball and secondary football on Saturday (see schedule below). It is always great to have some fans in the stands so please come cheer on your fellow Lions!

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Swimming

Secondary ISSAK Swim Gala: Thursday November 19th at GEMS
Primary ISSAK Swim Gala: Thursday, November 26th at RISU

Season 2 TRIALS

Trials for football and basketball will take place, for girls’ teams, on Monday, November 16th and Wednesday, November 18th and for boys Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th (with the exception of the U11 boy’s football team who will have their second trial on Friday, November 20th due to the year 5/6 production Thursday evening).

Cross country and Athletics trials are largely based on students’ performance in the house competitions and PE performance. If coaches require more evidence, trials will be held.

Primary- Football Coaches
U7 mixed- Mr. Alfred & Mr Yovan
U9 Girls- Ms. Saba Rewald
U9 Boys- Mr. Kaggwa
U11 Girls- Ms. Rehema & Ibra
U11 Boys- Mr. Buga

Whole School- Cross Country and Athletics

Secondary- Basketball
U13 Girls – Ms. Kerruish
U13 Boys- Mr. Rothwell
U16 Girls – Mr. Temitope Ahmed & Miss Racquel Theberge
U16 Boys- Mr .Hans De Heer & Mr Temitope Ahmed
Open Girls- Miss. Racquel Theberge & Mr Temitope Ahmed
Open Boys- Mr. Hans De Heer & Mr Temitope Ahmed

Whole School- Cross Country and Athletics

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Racquel Theberge,
Director of Sport.
MORE PHOTOS FROM DIRECTOR OF SPORTS

[Images of various sports activities and interactions among players and coaches, including a player in action with a soccer ball, and a coach speaking to players on the field.]
Dear All

Happy Diwali and New Year to all who celebrate this wonderful festival of lights. I hope you all enjoyed your celebrations.

ISSAK/CLUBS
Season 1 ISSAK is approaching, with the Finals taking place this coming weekend – I would like to wish all teams who have qualified, all the best – good luck and remember your sportsmanship.

The new ISSAK season 2 trials will begin next week – please ensure you read the sports section for more details regarding try-outs.

Club A session finishes on Friday 21st November, with new club selections for Club B being available to parents on the KISU website from Wednesday 18th November. Registration forms will no longer be emailed individually to each and every student/parent. The new Club B registration forms can only be submitted from Monday 23rd November, any Club B registration forms sent to the sports department before this date, will not be accepted.

There will be NO clubs during the week of registration – Monday 23rd to Friday 27th November. Club B session will begin on Monday 30th November.

CPR’s
Thanks for all you do and hard work, it is appreciated and as CPR’s – you play a vital role in communication between the teachers’, school, PTA and parents. Unfortunately I have had feedback from a few parents who have said that they are not receiving any emails, so I would kindly like to request that I am copied in on all emails sent to class parents to ensure that parents are receiving all emails/communication – pta@kisu.com

Have a pleasant weekend.
Kind regards

Rose Bowmaker,
PTA Chair.

CAREER’S DEPARTMENT
The Career’s department hosted Mr. Stewart Lampe, a representative from University of British Columbia, Canada on Wednesday 11th November. He briefed to I.B. students on Criteria for admission at the University. He guided students on programs offered and the application process. He made a presentation on the universities profile, accreditation, Fees, scholarships, accommodation and campus life. During the session students were given a chance to ask personal questions. The session was very rewarding as it gave them an opportunity to make a right education pathway. The department is grateful for having hosted Mr. Lampe for this talk.

Emma .O. Sempa
University Guidance Counselor.