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Graduation Day – Mombasa Aviation Training Institute

Mombasa Aviation Training Institute had their graduation day on the 3rd November 2012. This was their 5th annual graduation and included four SAAS sponsored students.

Rebecca Jeremiah Moraa – Travel and Tourism Management
Kelvin Owour – Store Keeping
Margrate Ogola – Business Administration
Nancy Jeremiah Nyambeki – Food Production

Their extended families and friends as well as the Kenyan based SAAS team were invited to celebrate this momentous day with them. These students have been aided by SAAS sponsors since they started Secondary School and thanks to this invaluable support they have been able to complete their training and achieve their dreams. We wish them well as they embark on the next stage of their journey and beginning searching for jobs.

On behalf of our newly qualified graduates, we would like to sincerely thank all the sponsors who have supported them throughout their Secondary and College Education.



From left: Rebecca, Kelvin, Margrate and Nancy

Schools Closed For August Holiday

All Kenyan schools closed for the month of August, marking the end of the 2nd term. This is the longest of the three academic terms and all our SAAS students were looking forward to a well earned rest. All students reported to our Kenyan office to keep us up-to-date on their progress and take the opportunity to write to their sponsors and forward their latest transcripts.

Schools Re - Open

Schools have re-opened for their 3rd and final term of the year following a three week delay caused by Secondary and Primary School teachers going on strike. SAAS students were able to concentrate on their revision by availing of our free library facilities, for most studying at home is not possible due to chores, etc.

Commencement of Form 4 Exams

Countrywide, Form Four's are commencing their exams, including some SAAS scholars. This exam is the final one in their current form and will determine the next step in their future education. During their recent mid term break

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we spoke to them individually and they are all feeling confident about passing these exams. We wish them success and hope they will all pass with flying colours.

Computer Classes

September saw another 14 students begin their computer training through SAAS. As with previous groups, we aim to teach our students the basics of eight computer programmes, as well as basic office skills such as scanning, photocopying, printing, typesetting, etc. The course will run until December and all successful students will be awarded a Certificate of Completion. Since we began running this course in 2010, over 90 students have successfully completed it. Currently we have only seven computers available for this training but hope to be able to add to this in the future.



Wellingtone, one of the tutors busy with the Computer Students

Appointment of the New SAAS Director

The Board of Directors have unanimously elected Ursula Redmond as their newest member. Ursula is a full time student at University College Dublin (UCD) currently doing a PhD in Computer Science.

Welcome to the team, Ursula!



Ursula with two of her students Edson Michira and Lydia Michira during this year's Maths Camp

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5th Annual Maths Camp

For the 5th year running SAAS was able to offer our students extra tuition at our annual Maths Camp. 2012 was our most successful year to date with over 450 students in attendance. As usual the camp can only be run if people are willing to donate their time and skills to teaching. Volunteers this year included our existing directors, Henry McLoughlin and Gina Woods, and newly appointed director Ursula Redmond, plus newbies Kathleen Curran and Michele Ferguson together with the SAAS Youth Group. It was also a great opportunity for Kathleen and Michele to meet the students they are sponsoring and gain a better understanding of how their generosity is helping to shape these young people's future. We're looking forward to 2013 already!



Left, Kathleen teaching her Form 1 students; Right, Michele with the SAAS Youth group volunteers.

Rama the Artist

Ramadhan Athman "Rama" (26) continues to work his magic with his beautiful paintings. If anyone is interested in purchasing one of Rama's beautiful and unique paintings please contact our Dublin based SAAS team.

A selection of Rama's work can be viewed on our website: www.saas.ie



Left, Rama at work; Centre Original photo, Right the finished portrait.

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