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REVAMPED SAAS WEBSITE

Many thanks to one of our SAAS alumni students, a senior software developer named Daniel Otieno, who revamped our website. The website is live and accessible to all our donors, sponsors, SAAS students and all our SAAS friends. Please check it out www.saas.ie
Let us know what you think.

AWAITING STUDENTS



Hajra is 15 years old, she is one of the students who are in our reserve list. She was hoping to join High School in August but due to lack of fees, this was not possible. Hajra lives with her mother and she has never met her father. Her mum works casually as a salonist within the Kongowea area. Her income barely covers their food and rent. Hajra's dream is to become a nurse.

Currently, the SAAS organization has 77 students who require support to enable them to go to school. We have a number of these students up on the SAAS website so you can read more about them there, www.saas.ie

THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2021

All schools over the country opened their doors for a new academic year at the end of July. This school year will end in March 2022. During this time, students are expected to cover all the 3 terms. Currently, there are only ten weeks per term, meaning they have limited time to cover the syllabus. Term 1 finishes on 1st October.

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COVID 19 CONTAINMENT MEASURES

COVID-19 infections have gone down thanks to the various safety measures that have been put in place by the government. The government has encouraged citizens to get vaccinated, wear masks, sanitize, avoid public gatherings and imposed a night curfew. These measures have helped minimize the rate of infection. At least 700,000 people have been fully vaccinated in Kenya to date.



One of the SAAS team, Maria Nekesa receiving her covid vaccine.

COMPUTER ENROLLMENT AND GRADUATION (JUNE-AUGUST INTAKE)

We were delighted to have enrolled over 43 students for the computer certificate course in June. The turnout was high this time around as most applicants had completed their secondary education and were in need of computer skills and knowledge. We had to limit the number due to COVID-19 restrictions. The students who completed the course were very happy as they graduated with their certificate in computer studies in August. Much appreciation and gratitude goes to all our tutors Daniel, Charles and Wellington. They gave up their time to make sure the three months were smooth and successful.



Left: Orientation of computer students in June. Right: Graduation photo of them in August

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KENYA CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION 2020 RESULTS (K.C.S.E)

K.C.S.E examinations mark the end of secondary education and prepare one to join a College/ University. The SAAS organization had 29 students who sat for the 2020 final exam.

We are grateful that all of our students did their best and performed extremely well. Our sincere appreciation and congratulations go to the SAAS top four students. We appreciate Abraham Joshua Charles, who made us proud by scoring an A- with 76 points. We also have Graham Oyigo and Bradley Brian, who both achieved a B with 66 points and Patrick Gideon Zuma got a B with 65 points. We wish all our students the best of luck as they move to the next level of their education.



Top 4 students Left; Abraham Charles, Graham Oyigo, Bradley Brian and Patrick Zuma.

EVENT OF THE YEAR

In the month of June, the SAAS family had a wonderful blessing, the wedding one of the SAAS directors David Maguire and his fiancée Claire McKeegan. We join in sharing their joy and happiness and we wish them all the best in their marriage and life together.



Congratulation to Mr & Mrs Maguire

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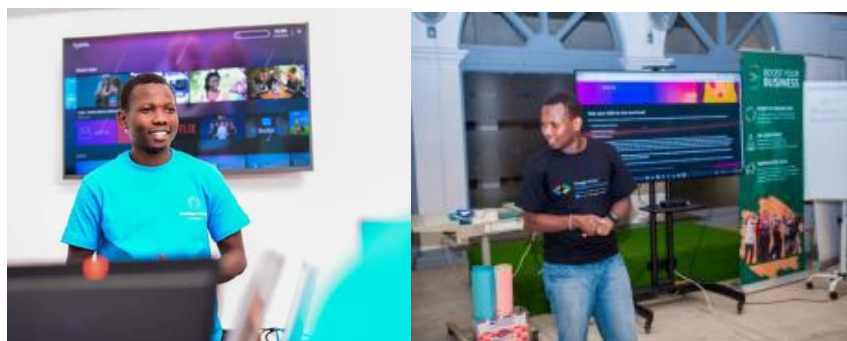
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REOPENING TERM 3 AND SCHOOL CLOSING

Schools opened in May this year for term 3 to mark the end of the 2020 school calendar. Students were happy to rejoin school and finish this term at the same time. This term was carried forward from Sep/Oct 2020 due to COVID which messed up the school calendar in 2020. Term 3 lasted 10 weeks before closing in July. The students then reported to the office and gave us their term cards.

STAR STUDENT



Daniel Otieno (27)

Popularly known as Danny, graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and Mathematics. He specializes in Software development. Danny is an ambitious young man who is very keen and a perfectionist in his work. Danny revamped the SAAS website. Currently, he is developing websites for one of the SAAS directors. One can reach him through <https://linktr.ee/danielotieno> for any software needs.

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