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## SAAS August holiday classes runs successfully



A tutor takes the students through a class

The SAAS August Holiday Tuition
Program 2024 was an outstanding success, with over 80 students benefiting from the invaluable guidance of our dedicated volunteer tutors.

Running from August 12 to 16, the program offered students a unique opportunity to receive personalized support in tackling some of the most challenging topics across various subjects.

Students were encouraged to identify areas where they struggled, and our team of tutors stepped up to simplify complex concepts and guide them through the most difficult questions.

Despite a packed academic calendar filled with secondary school games, national drama, and music festivals, the turnout was remarkable, demonstrating the students' commitment to academic excellence. We were fortunate to have a passionate group of tutors, including Beckham Agayo, Brian Said, Martin Meri (a Form 4 student), Jilton Faraja, and Brayan Bengi, who consistently dedicated their time and energy to ensure each student received the help they needed.

Their unwavering commitment to education has been central to the program's success, and we are immensely grateful for their efforts.

Special thanks also go to the board, whose support made this program possible.

Together, we have laid the foundation for future success, and we are excited to build on this momentum for an even greater program next year.

### Back to school as term three kicks off



Maria issues a school fees cheque to a student

Lenyan schools reopened on August 26, marking the start of the pivotal third term of the 2024 academic year. As families gathered at the office to collect school fees for the final term, there was a sense of anticipation and hope in the air. Among the most heartwarming moments was seeing the smiles on our young girls' faces as they received their sanitary packs and beautifully handcrafted purses to carry their essentials.

These special purses were a thoughtful donation from one of our dedicated parents, who handmade 50 of them for the girls. In a show of solidarity and support, the office contributed by purchasing an additional 50, ensuring that 100 girls received these meaningful gifts. This gesture not only provided practical support but also highlighted the importance of community coming together to uplift and empower our students.



Sylvia issues sanitary towels and a purse to one of the girls

As the term progresses towards its October conclusion, we extend our heartfelt wishes to the Form 4 students who are preparing for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) national exams in November. Their hard work and determination will soon culminate in this critical moment, and we stand with them, wishing them success as they embark on this important journey.

Here's to a successful term filled with learning, growth, and accomplishment!

#### August computer graduation ceremony



Graduates pose for a photo with their certificates

e are thrilled to announce the success of our deepest gratitude to them for their dedication. recent graduation ceremony for the May to August 2024 cohort of our computer program. Seventeen determined and hardworking students proudly received their certificates after completing an intensive three-month course, led by our dedicated team of volunteer tutors.

This achievement is a testament not only to the students' commitment to learning but also to the tireless efforts of our incredible tutors, whose passion for teaching and community empowerment shines through. Their contribution over these past

months has been invaluable, and we extend our

At SAAS, we remain unwavering in our mission to equip our community with essential computer skills, empowering individuals and closing the digital divide. This graduation is another step towards creating a more digitally literate society, and we are proud of each and every graduate who has taken this bold step towards a brighter future.

Congratulations to the graduates, you are the future, and we can't wait to see all that you will achieve.

## Students shine during Kenya Music Festival 2024



President Ruto poses for a photo with students during the winners gala

6 96th edition of the Kenya Music Festival was a vibrant showcase of extraordinary talent, bringing together students from schools across the nation to celebrate the power of music and the arts. Held in Eldoret, Nakuru County, this year's festival

featured fierce yet inspiring competition, with standout performers being selected to present their talents before the president during the prestigious winners' gala.

The theme for this year, 'Talent Development for Growth of the Creative Economy,' captured the festival's deeper purpose, highlighting the critical role of artistic expression in shaping a thriving creative economy. It was more than a celebration of talent; it was a recognition of the transformative potential of the arts in our society.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all SAAS students who represented their schools at the national level. Your dedication and passion have shone brightly, and we are immensely proud of you!

Here's to the power of talent, creativity, and a future enriched by the arts.

# **SAAS** star students

ver the years, SAAS has been a beacon of hope and opportunity for countless families, thanks to the unwavering generosity of our donors and sponsors. Through their benevolent support, we have been able to uplift and transform lives by ensuring children have access to education, Let's take a moment to acknowledge some of these a gift that continues to change futures.

We are proud to celebrate over 100 students who have successfully graduated from various universities and colleges, pursuing diverse courses and embarking on rewarding careers. These young men and women now stand as shining examples of what is possible when a community comes together to invest in its future. They are not only thriving in their professions but also empowering their families and communities in return.

remarkable individuals, who embody the true spirit of resilience and success. Their stories remind us of the powerful impact education can have and the ripple effect it creates in shaping a brighter tomorrow.

Kassim – KDF Officer



Sargent Kassim Ali Mwarua studied for a Diploma in Mass Communication at the Technical University of Mombasa (TUM). He graduated in 2019.

Kassim is now working in the communications department for the Kenya Defense Forces (KDF).

Elizabeth - Teacher



Elizabeth Naliaka is a teacher by profession.

She graduated from the University of Eldoret with a bachelor's degree in Education Science (Mathematics and Chemistry).

Elizabeth is currently a teacher at Nova Pioneer Tatu Girls in Kiambu County, central Kenya.