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FORMER STUDENT RETURNS AS TEACHER AT IVS

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE AND GIVING BACK TO IVS

Dear IVS friends and sponsors, students and teachers,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. It fills me with immense joy and pride to reconnect with the International village school community, a place that has played an instrumental role in shaping my life and career. I am thrilled to share my journey with you and express my eagerness to return to my former School as a teacher.

My association with international Village School began years ago when I enrolled in the school back in 2013 January in form one class. Looking back, it was one of the most transformative periods of my life. The education I received was top-notch, and the support and guidance from the school were truly exceptional. It wasn't just about acquiring knowledge; it was about imbibing values, fostering creativity, and developing a passion for lifelong learning.

During my time as a student, I had the privilege of experiencing the goodness of International village school in many ways. The inclusive and diverse environment encouraged me to broaden my horizons, while the extracurricular activities helped me discover my interests and talents. I made lifelong friends and mentors who continue to inspire and support me to this day. After completing my KSCE exams in December 2016, I embarked on a fulfilling journey in my career. The strong foundation and skills I gained here enabled me to excel in my chosen field; Bachelor of Science in Agricultural extension and education.

Now, as I stand at the cusp of a new chapter in my life, I am thrilled to announce my return to International village school not as a student, but as a teacher. The decision to come back to my school is rooted in my deep gratitude for the institution that has given me so much. I am excited to pay it forward, to inspire and guide the next generation of International village school students, and to be a part of the institution's ongoing commitment to excellence.

I would like to express my heartfelt happiness in rejoining the (IVS) community. The prospect of giving back to the school that has given me so much fills me with immense joy and a sense of fulfillment. I look forward to reconnecting with old friends, colleagues, and mentors while also forging new relationships with the bright young minds of IVS.

In closing, I want to thank International village school community for the incredible journey it has offered me thus far, and I am excitedly looking forward to the new adventure that waits as I step into the role of a teacher. Together, let's continue to build a brighter future for international Village School and its students.

With gratitude and anticipation,
Dennis Namale Eyameti

(Right: Dennis with Head teacher, Godfrey)





REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS: MORE THAN A DECADE OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS AT IVS (2011-2023)

In the span of twelve years, from 2011 to 2023, the educational journey at IVS has witnessed significant advancements and notable outcomes. The table below encapsulates the yearly results and progression of our students. It's noteworthy that an impressive 55% of our students have pursued higher education with the support of government loans.

This data reflects our commitment to academic excellence and the successful transition of our students to the next phase of their educational journey. We celebrate not only the numerical achievements but also the dedication and hard work that have paved the way for such commendable results at IVS.

The KCSE 2023 results are especially noteworthy for students who started their journey in 2020 during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite disruptions in 2020, they successfully completed a condensed three-year curriculum, managing to cover four years of education. Their achievements highlight not only academic success but also resilience and adaptability in overcoming challenges. These results reflect the commitment and perseverance instilled in students at IVS.



Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
A-	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				7
B+	4	2	4	4	2	0	4	1	2	3	4		1	31
B	6	5	2	11	9	1	3	3	7	5	2		4	58
B-						3	2	5	6	7	4	7	3	37
C+						9	7	3	4	8	12	11	10	64
B-	2	6	6	7	11									32
C+	2	7	3	3	1									16
C	4	4	2	0	2	9	5	8	6	1	6	9	10	66
C-	1	1	0	0	0	6	5	9	1	3	3	2	4	35
D+	0	1	1	0	1	3	2	0	0	0				8
D	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0				2
D-	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0				0
E	0	0	0	0	0	0								0
Entry	19	30	21	25	26	31	29	30	26	27	31	29	32	356
Mean Score	B-	C+	B-	B	B-	C+	C+	C	B-	B-	C+	C+	C+	
# points	8.05	7.07	8.48	8.64	8.35	6.97	7.19	6.50	7.69	7.70	7.26	6.79	6.88	
Deviation		-0.985	1.4152	0.1578	-0.2925	-1.3775	0.22	-0.69	1.192	0.008	-0.44	-0.47	0.09	

University Loan		55%
College Loan		13%
College Entry Pass		28%
Class Pass		3%
Fail		0%

* Grant = Government will give each child a loan for their further studies

IMPACTFUL FUTURES

IVS graduates have pursued diverse and impactful paths in higher education, shaping promising futures. From Likalani Shadrack's Bachelor of Education in Maths/Computer Studies at Maseno University to Wilson

Masika's Diploma in Veterinary Science at Bukura Institute of Agriculture, each student's choice reflects a unique journey.

These educational credentials from esteemed institutions like Alupe University, Technical University of Mombasa, and Masinde Muliro University signify not just academic achievements but a commitment to knowledge and skill acquisition. As they embark on degrees in education, nursing, criminology, business management, and more, these students are poised to make meaningful contributions to society, embodying the essence of lifelong learning and personal growth. Witnessing these students overcome financial barriers to access higher education is truly inspiring, promising not only personal success but also contributing to the welfare and development of their families and communities. The table below shows the credentials of just a handful of our 197 students who have gone to university in the past 12 years.

KCSE	STUDENT	EDUCATIONAL CREDENTIAL	INSTITUTION
2020	LIKALANI SHADRACK	Bachelor of Education (Maths/Computer Studies)	Maseno University
2020	CHARITY AMUNGA	Bachelor of Education Science (Phycs/Chemistry)	Maseno University
2020	LIKUNDA DENNIS	Bachelor of Medical Laboratory	Alupe university
2020	CELESTINE AMBANI	Bachelor of Education Science (Maths/Chemistry)	Masinde Muliro University (MMUST)
2020	ATAMBA JULIUS	Bachelor of Education Arts (Swahili/History)	Maseno University
2020	MWANJE MAURINE	Bachelor of Education arts (Swahili/Geography)	Masinde Muliro University (MMUST)
2020	NYANDIWA VELMA	Bachelor Arts and Information technology	Maseno University
2021	CHURCHIL SIANZU	Bachelor of Nursing	Kaimosi university
2021	ERIC OSINDE	Bachelor of Education Science (Maths /Physics)	Maseno University
2021	FAITH AYUMA	Bachelor of Education Science (Chem/Math)	Maseno University
2021	MERCILINE DELEWA	Bachelor of Business Management	Maseno University
2021	COLLINS AGUFA	Bachelor of Education Arts (English Literature)	Alupe University
2021	ANNE NYAKOA	Bachelor of Education Science (Math /Biology)	Alupe University
2021	LOICE KADENYI	Bachelor of Social Work	Kaimosi university
2021	JACK MONDE	Bachelor of Political Science	Technical University of Mombasa
2021	OKECHA PATSON	Diploma in Building and Construction	Technical University of Mombasa
2022	PHANICE KAGEHA	Bachelor of Arts with Psychology	Bometi University
2022	MARGARET THATCHER	Bachelor of Criminology	KAIMOSI
2022	ESTHER AWINJA	Bachelor Mass Media Communication	Masinde Muliro University
2022	WILSON MASIKA	Diploma in Veterinary Science	Bukura Institute ofAgriculture
2022	GLEN WAMALWA	Bachelor of Education Science (Maths /Business)	KANGUMU
2022	BEVIN SEMO	Bachelor of Education Arts (Language and Communication with IT)	Maseno University



In Form 3, a student demonstrated impressive artistic skills, creating detailed science drawings for his biology class.

The illustrations, a blend of creativity and understanding, added depth to the learning experience, leaving a lasting impression on peers and educators.



CAPTURING MOMENTS OF SCHOOL LIFE

- Biology Class.
- 10 Tushirikiane sponsored students.
- Science Laboratory lesson with Lab Technician, Edward.
- Moses, Board of Management Chairman with Dean of Studies, Amos.
- Teaching team of 10 educators.



STUDENT WELLBEING & SUPPORT

Valerian, a bright student under our sponsorship, frequently complained of headaches and squinted in class. Concerned, we took her to an optician in Kisumu. An eye exam revealed she needed glasses. Thrilled with her new specs, Valerian can now see the board clearly, her headaches have vanished, and she wears them proudly, ready to ace her studies! Here she is with her classmates in the Science Laboratory.



IVS ATHLETES SHINE: FLORENCE AND JUSTUS



Two IVS students, Florence and Justus, made their mark in sports in 2023, showcasing their talent and dedication.

Florence, a skilled netball player, led the school team to success throughout the year. Her individual talent impressed, with invitations to play for two women's clubs, including Vihiga Queens. Her performance also helped the school reach the county level in interschool competitions.

Justus, a talented runner, excelled at regional trials and joined the Vihiga County team. At nationals, competing against 31 Kenyan athletes, he secured a commendable 5th place in the 110m hurdles, all while overcoming the absence of hurdles in IVS's curriculum. His natural ability shone. Having left Form 4, we look forward to seeing him continue his running journey.

Florence and Justus's achievements bring pride to IVS and inspire all aspiring athletes within the school community.

INTERESTING FACTS

Students are allocated to a School House and remain in that House for the duration of their 4 years at secondary school. The Houses foster good team spirit and friendly rivalry in school sports and competitions. The School Houses (created by the students

themselves in 2008) are:

Newton: Sir Isaac Newton, the great mathematician and physicist.

Ngugi: Famous Kenyan writer, original name James Thiong'o Ngugi. East Africa's leading novelist, who's popular "Weep Not Child" (1964) was the first major novel in English by an East African.

Atlas: The Titan who supported the heavens from the ranges now called the Atlas Mountain range, and governs the moon. He personified the quality of endurance. In one tradition, Atlas led the Titans in a rebellion against Zeus and was condemned to bear the heavens upon his shoulders.

Shakespeare: The English playwright & greatest sonnet poet in history, William Shakespeare.

School Motto: Education Through Participation

Besides Guidance & Counselling, the students also have weekly **Life Skills** lesson. When we have overseas visitors the students especially enjoy their time learning about their visitor's country and culture.

All 10 teachers are also « **foster-parents** », and each takes a group of about 10 to 15 students who they meet with and discuss any issues at home and at school on a weekly basis.



About International Village School

The International Village School, Emuhaya district in Western Kenya opened on 1st March 2008.

The construction and running of the School is sponsored by many private donors, including FOTIS (in Geneva) and Tushirikiane (Spain).

Most of the fundraising is done through ConnectSwiss in Switzerland.



School Mission
To provide quality education to needy but high performing students and give students exposure to international visitors to broaden their horizons beyond the village experience.