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2007: construction begins



2008: School opens 3 classrooms completed



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS & OUR MILESTONES

2010: 3 temporary classrooms built



2012: new kitchen



2013: Former Head Teacher Roland visits Ecole Moser and Florimont in Switzerland



2014: A temporary classroom converted into a library & laboratory store.



2013: new land purchased and 2 more classrooms built, as well as a new set of toilets.



Over 10 years: Collecting over 50 trophies along the way and moving from 6th to 3rd position in the County in 2017 out of 152 schools.

2011-2017 ACADEMIC RESULTS

The table outlines seven years of International Village School (IVS) results in the Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) (Form 4 school final exams, set and marked by the Government).

Class	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	TOTAL
A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A-	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	7
B+	4	2	4	4	2	0	4	20
B	6	5	2	11	9	1	3	37
B-						3	2	5
C+						9	7	16
B-	2	6	6	7	11			32
C+	2	7	3	3	1			16
C	4	4	2	0	2	9	5	26
C-	1	1	0	0	0	6	5	13
D+	0	1	1	0	1	3	2	8
D	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
D-	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
E	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
# Students	19	30	21	25	26	31	29	181
Mean Score	B-	C+	B-	B	B-	C+	C+	
# points	8.05	7.07	8.48	8.64	8.35	6.97	7.19	
Deviation		-0.99	1.42	0.16	-0.29	-1.38	0.22	

University Loan		47%
College Loan		27%
College Entry Pass		22%
Class Pass		5%
Fail		0%

In 2016, the Government revised the university entrance qualification down from a B grade to a C+. Exams have also become more difficult, with less students getting an A grade nationwide. IVS 2017 results compared to nationwide results shown in table on the right.

2017 Mean Grades	National		IVS	
A	142	0.02%		
A-	2,714	0.44%		
B+	7,344	1.20%	4	13.79%
B	12,628	2.07%	3	10.34%
B-	19,385	3.18%	2	6.90%
C+	27,860	4.56%	7	24.14%
C	40,474	6.63%	5	17.24%
C-	61,040	10.00%	5	17.24%
D+	88,447	14.49%	2	6.90%
D	135,550	22.20%	1	3.45%
D-	179,381	29.38%		
E	35,536	5.82%		
Total # students	610,501		29	



SPONSORED STUDENTS

The school opened its doors in 2008, and in 2011, 4 years after we opened we had our first set of graduates. The school has continued to grow starting with just 19 students and now boasts more than 115 students with a teaching staff of 10.

Thanks to our sponsors and friends who continue to support International Village School!

Many of our sponsors are private individuals, but also include **SeaQuest Marine** (Geneva) as well as several organisations including **Friends of the International Schools, FOTIS** (Geneva) and **Tushirikiane** (Spain). FOTIS currently sponsor 25 students in our Form 3 class (photo above).



PRIZE GIVING



MOST IMPROVED STUDENT
FORM 4, BELVINE,
RECEIVING A BLANKET



MOST IMPROVED STUDENT
FORM 3, CHARLES
RECEIVING A BOOK



HEAD GIRL, LEAH, RECEIVING
HER 2018 CERTIFICATE FROM
THE HEAD TEACHER

SPORTS

In 2018, the netball team achieved excellent results again, reaching the semi final where they lost to the Regional defending champions. They finished 4th overall in the region (photo left).



FIELD TRIPS

The Form 4 students also enjoyed their annual Geography and Biology Trip to Kisumu. All Agriculture students also went to the Bukura Institute to see the farming equipment. Most students have only seen the hand-held hoes that are used on their small farms. The trip includes reviewing different irrigation techniques, seeing combine harvesters and various tractors. (right photo Geography student learning mapping techniques)





FUND RAISING EVENING RAISED CHF 17'070

At the school we are going to build a science laboratory and staffroom to provide an optimal environment for both students and teachers. To help finance these two buildings, we organised a fundraising evening on Saturday 28th of April 2018 at the municipality hall of Duillier in Switzerland.



Beautiful harp solo by Alice

The evening was most successful and enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this wonderful event we raised **CHF 17'070** and including a further generous donation on the Connect-Swiss bank account in total we raised **CHF 27'070.** Funds continued to be donated during the year, and since late 2017, when we began fund raising, at the end of October 2018 we have raised a total amount of **CHF 39'455.** We are most grateful for your support.



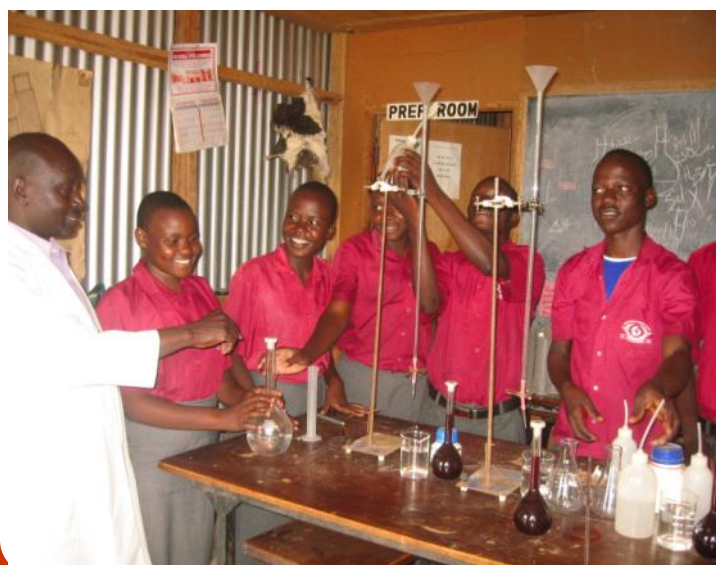
French songs by Bénédicte, Marie & Christophe





The Staff Room

Our teachers work in a small metal shed, which is extremely hot most of the year. We want to build a permanent building, better adapted to their activities and more comfortable. This will significantly improve their work environment especially during the preparation and correction of exams.



Science Laboratory

The Secondary School needs a laboratory to effectively conduct the required scientific experiments for chemistry, physics and biology. In the absence of a suitable room, the current laboratory is mobile and the equipment is transported from class to class as needed. Since the inauguration of the school in 2008, the experiments have continued to be carried out despite unsuitable conditions. Edward Osinde, our laboratory assistant puts all his energy into preparing the best for the teachers and ensuring the maintenance and safety of the equipment.

INTERESTING FACTS

School Houses

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 Sea-Quest Marine (in Geneva) as well as several organisations 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.



If you would like to make a donation to International Village School, or sponsor a student for USD 600 per year, online donations can be made directly to the bank account or through www.connectswiss.com/donate.htm:

Swiss account details:

Account holder: ConnectSwiss
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BIC/SWIFT: UBSWCHZH80A
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NEWS FLASH—UPDATE

As of 3 December 2018, the start of construction of the School staffroom and the science laboratory.

