



Thursday 29th August 2024

Dear Parents,

As we are about to start a new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back learners and their families. I hope that you have all had a relaxing summer break and are refreshed, ready to start a new academic year.

It is exciting to see so many new learners and parents joining the IISM community, and we look forward to welcoming you all to the school. At the same time, I would also like to welcome the following new staff members who have joined us; Melanie Swanepoel (Maths), Theuns Swanepoel (Humanities), Pheob Badza (Maths), Irene Okoth (Chemistry), Emily Miller (PE) and Basil Mapara (Computer Science).

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Emily Dodd who is now Deputy Head: Head of EYFS / KS1 site. This will provide additional leadership and management capacity to the EYFS / KS1 site.

In order to develop and grow any organisation, it is important that the foundations are strong. Our staff have been working on a number of projects over the holidays. This includes the complete renovation of the Nyerere school house to become our new boarding facility, further developments to the infrastructure of the EYFS / KS1 site and improvements to some of our staff housing.

Over the holidays, learners received the results from their IGCSE, AS and A level examinations. It was great to see so many high grades, as well as the progress made by individuals. All of this was a reward for their hard work throughout the academic year and the culmination of their journey throughout IISM. Many of the learners have now been able to sign up for AS levels, progress to A2 levels and higher education.

Like any community, the stronger we are together, the greater the impact we can have. With this in mind, we have planned a number of community events throughout this year to celebrate our diversity and to provide an opportunity for the IISM community to come together and grow stronger. Our first community event will be on Friday 13th September at 3pm. More detail will follow.

Finally, you will see some updates to our website over the coming weeks. One of these is the introduction of a news section. This can be found at the top of the website and is where we will place copies of any newsletters, letters and communications that are sent home.

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MJD'.

Martin Downs
Acting Head of School