

# Residential Update



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## New Student Orientation!

The Aga Khan Academy, Mombasa welcomes 20 new students to the family! This brings our currently enrollment to 56 students.



On January 4, our returning students arrived back to campus. The Dorm Parents were happy to see their students return after a restful holiday. The Dorm Parents also enjoyed some time with their

friends and families.

However, on January 8 is when the real fun began. The Academy and residential programme welcomed 20 new students and to the programme. New students come from neighbouring countries as Uganda, Rwananda and Burundi, and from domestic locations such as Kisumu and Eldoret.

Joining us in the male dorm is Yasin, Aabid, James, Mordecai, Raghu, Bevertone, Brian, Blaise and Khalid. Joining us in the female dorm is Adhmina, Rachael, Grace, Dhruvi, Gillian, Moira, Senze, Pauline, Esther, Mildred and Xenia. Welcome to all of you and your families.

New students had a busy first weekend settling in getting used to the schedule. On Friday night, the community was treated to music by various students in the school, including Flora and Ilma, both residential students. Students then had time together in the Multi Purpose Hall playing sports before going to bed.

On Saturday morning, our new students were busy trying on uniforms and rushing to Bata. But in between, we had time to do some community service- cleaning Mama Ngina Drive. Student worked hard and collected over 20 bags of

garbage, in an effort to help make our wider community cleaner.

Saturday evening started with a celebration: Yasin's birthday. He was serenaded by over 100 people, including the entire residential community and Year 6 students who were invited for the party. Afterwards, all the Year 6 students played ice-breaking and team-building games into the night, led by our Dorm Captains Shezin and Rishad.

Sunday was a bit more relaxed, with new students participating in an art exercise hosted by two of our IB Diploma students, Soraiya and Saaqqa. Students then spent time with their Dorm Parent and had a lengthy discussion on what it takes to build community.

After all the talking, students were ready for a walk to Mama Ngina Drive, this time to enjoy the Ocean, the breeze and snacks. On the whole, it was a great weekend!



We are very fortunate to have a new Dorm Parent moving into the female dorm. Nadia Kusminoff is a PE teacher from the UK and has joined us from Greensted near Nakuru, where she

also served as a Dorm Parent. During your next visit to the Academy, I am sure you will have the opportunity to meet her.