

Residential Update



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A Great Start to a New Academic Year!

The residential community is now at 80+ students! Orientation and Eid Mubarak!

The beginning of the school year started early with the arrival of the orientation crew and new residents of the Aga Khan Academy, Mombasa's Residential programme. The orientation crew, a group of



returning residents, arrived on August 19th to prepare an array of fun and engaging activities for the new students joining the residential family. The orientation team consisted of Rishad, Shezin (Committee Chairpersons), Terry, Aleesha S, Kashyap, Stephen, Rahim (Dorm Captains), Alykhan,

Nausheen, Bevertone, Zakir, Brian K, Mary, Asterix, Faith, and Salima.

The three-day orientation started with the arrival of the new residents and their families to campus on Friday afternoon. The orientation crew and dorm parents conducted introductions and helped residents settle in to their rooms. After dinner, the group participated in ice breaking activities including Prezo and musical chairs led by the orientation crew. As residents began getting more acquainted and comfortable with each other, it was important that they also became familiar with the residential programme's vision and goals for the residents. The Dean of Students, Mr. Naheed Bardai, discussed key points about the Academy, the importance of the residential environment and addressed any concerns from the residents.

Saturday morning was a time for residents and parents to take care of uniforms and any other administrative issues before the parents departed. After lunch, the students were split up in groups to embark on a treasure hunt to explore all the hotspots on campus and get to know their environment better before school began. The evening program took place in the MPH with an exciting game of Mafia. The residents' strategic skills were put to the test as the citizens and investigators worked together to vote out the mafia.

On the last day of orientation, the residents had time to bond as they created a piece of art that represented them as individuals and as a

quad. They continued with sports activities including a sack race, football and swimming! The afternoon was topped off with a relaxing walk to Mama Ngina Drive. The residents had an opportunity to socialize with their new friends while enjoying the famous madafu and cassava chips and the breathtaking sea view.

Although the students came from different parts of the world, the diverse nature of the environment and the warmth and friendliness of the community helped create strong bonds and enabled a smooth transition into the Academy.

The residential orientation was a great success and could not have been possible without the preparation, hard work and involvement by the orientation crew, dorm parents, students and their parents. Thank you!

We would like to cordially welcome the following new residents to our community: Munira, Malindi, Savannah, Rufayda, Sabrina, Karishma, Salina, Ziana, Fatema, Adiba, Amreen, Farah, Alisha H., Shifa, Anjiya, Michelle, Ruth, Nilufar, Aleesha S., Fatma, Adeel, Saad, Sam, Jameel, Ifran, Miqdad, Erick, Farhaan, Heisei, Chilla, Aleem, Mitul,

Karim, Martin, Ham, Mohamed, Kashyap and Stephen. Karibu!



Since orientation, the community has been busy engaging in various activities including a tour of Mombasa, trip to the beach, sports tournaments, skit nights and problem solving night. Last weekend was especially festive, as we celebrated Eid.

Many students went to their respective places of worship to celebrate. The holiday was topped off with BBQ Eid dinner on Saturday night!