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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020

WELCOME BACK



With the sound of colourful fireworks, 2020 has knocked on our doors. Were you surrounded by friends? Were you on a beach in Zanzibar? No matter how you stepped into this new decennium, we hope it was a moment filled with joy, setting the foundations for an enjoyable year.

May 2020 be a fresh start for all, an opportunity to set new goals, pursue aspirations and feel fulfilled. At the start of Term 2, we have no doubt all students are motivated and focused on their main objective:

Develop their skills and increase their knowledge while having a blast in respect and awareness of the social web that surrounds them.

In other words, welcome back to school! GISU Hand in hand with their teachers, our students, during this new term, will work towards the stars! Happy New Year!

TERM II KEY DATES

Happy New Year to all GISU families and thank you for always being part of all the events organised and celebrated in and outside school. As we usher in the new year, kindly be reminded of the Term 2 family events.

EVENT	DATE
Family Adventure Day	18 January 2020
PTA Executive Committee Meeting	25 January 2020
Parent Workshop	08 February 2020
Student-Led Conferences	17 - 21 February 2020
Sports Day	07 March 2020
World Scholar's Cup	30 March - 01 April 2020

NEXT WEEK'S ASSEMBLY THEME

Early Years and Primary
Healthy Living

Share your Parents' feedback
 via email: pta@gisu.ac.ug

NEW TEACHERS



Maike Kohler-Richter



Alexandra Mae Petercuskie

Happy New Year! We are glad to inform you that we have a new teacher who joined the Primary Section Team. ALEXANDRA MAE PETERCUSKIE, an educationist from USA has joined us this Term and is the Class Teacher for Year 1A. We believe she will be a great asset to the GISU family at large.

MAIKE KOHLER-RICHTER, an intern from the University of South-Eastern Norway, will be with us for a 6 weeks' teaching practice working with Year 6 teachers.

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Explore SOUTH AFRICA

09 - 15 FEBRUARY 2020

**7 DAYS
6 NIGHTS \$1,400**

Galaxy International School Uganda (GISU) is organizing its annual The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award - Expedition for Bronze, Silver and Gold participants (Year 10 to Year 13). This year our adventurous journey will take place in South Africa. It will take place from 08 February 2020 to 15 February 2020. The cost of the expedition will be 1400 USD for all participants. This serves to humbly request you to give an opportunity and hence permit your child(ren) to participate in this year's expedition.

FAMILY ADVENTURE



Family Adventure Day at Busiika Extreme Adventure Park - Gayaza

We are pleased to inform you that the GISU Family Adventure Day will take place on Saturday, 18 January 2020 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at Busiika Extreme Adventure Park.

The Busika Extreme Adventure Park is located a few meters off the Gayaza - Ziobwe in the Motorsport Arena of Uganda within Busiika village, about 40 kilometers from Kampala capital city.

All interested families will be expected to transport themselves to and from Busiika.

This Family adventure is the greatest nature venture you and your family will ever experience. Please find attached a letter

which serves to seek your consent and for effective planning purposes.

There will be amazing learning opportunities, outdoor experiences, family moments and exciting activities including but not limited to.

ACTIVITY	CHILDREN	ADULT
High Ropes plus Zip		
Lining	35000	55000
Paint Ball	20000	25000
Low Ropes	20000	20000
Independent Zip Lining	30000	35000
Swimming	10000	10000
Bungee Trampoline	15000	15000
Cycling	5000	5000
Human Ludo	Free	Free
Snakes and Ladders	Free	Free
Volley Ball	Free	Free
Treasure Hunt	Free	Free
Targent Shooting (8 Bullets)	5000	5000

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS UPDATE

The registration of candidates for the Cambridge International Examinations (Checkpoint, IGCSE, AS/A Level) is already in progress. The deadline for the registration is 20 January 2020.

We thank the parents who have already paid the examination fees and we encourage those who have not yet paid to do so before the deadline.

The Parents whose children are being registered for Cambridge Examinations for the first time will receive declaration forms to confirm the spelling, order of names and date of birth before registration.

WE PLAY TRY ENJOY LEARN & WIN TOGETHER

International Fun Science Olympiad



The International Fun Science Olympiad (IFSO) is a Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) as well as Mathematics competition which will be held in Frankfurt, Germany from 27 April to 2 May 2020, and thereafter participants will go for a trip to Paris, France from 2 to 4 May 2020. The main aim is to increase the motivation and interest of the participants in Sciences and Mathematics by enabling learners of all abilities to understand the applications of STEM in daily life and also increase their self-confidence, as they compete with their peers from all over the world.

The competition involves two categories; Junior (Year 7, 8 and 9) and Senior (Year 10, 11 and 12)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE is 20 January 2020

THE TOTAL COST OF THE COMPETITION IS 2700 EUROS (to be paid to the school accounts office) AND THIS INCLUDES:

- The registration fee for the IFS Olympiad, all travel during the Olympiad program (Airport-Hotel/Hotel-Airport/All daily travel)
- Accommodation at Hotels for 5 Nights -Breakfast at Hotels, Snack Service for Lunch (Sandwiches + Drinks), Dinners at Hotels or Restaurants, -Frankfurt Guided Tour -Events Tickets to the Mathematikum Science Center (Ticket for Trainings); Experimental Science Center (Ticket for Trainings); -Entrance Ticket for PHANTASIALAND (All attractions are free all day. There is no extra fee)-Frankfurt Boat Tour Ticket -Organisation Gift Set (T-Shirt / Cap / ID card) and Participation Certificate

AFTER THE COMPETITION, THERE IS A TRIP TO PARIS, FRANCE

The total cost still includes, Transport to Paris, Accommodation at Hotels for 2 Nights, Breakfast at Hotels. Snack Service for Lunch (Fruits), Dinners at Restaurants; City Guided Tours, Events Tickets to Eiffel Tower Ticket (till 2nd floor), Louvre Museum Ticket For details contact Mr. David Ochieng, Project and Olympiad Coordinator. 0773001657. d.ochieng@gisu.ac.ug

University Counselling Professional Development Programme - Nairobi/Kenya

GISU in its endeavor to equip its staff with the 21st-century counseling skills, facilitated its Management Team members and some of the University counseling Committee members to attend a 3 days Career and Counselling workshop that was organised by the Anatolia Education Centre. This took place in Nairobi, Kenya from 31 December 2019 to 2 January 2020. The topics discussed included Studying abroad, University Admission, Scholarship Opportunities, Mapp Career Test interpretation, and Career Guidance. This will certainly enable our students and their families to be aware of scholarship processes, eligibility requirements, the general college application and enrollment processes.



Preparations for the Family trip to USA this summer from 22 June to 3 July 2020 (12 days, 11 nights) are underway. This is a golden opportunity for our GISU Family to travel, adventure, explore and learn as well as have fun together. We will visit New York, Washington DC, Orlando and Miami. For planning purposes, kindly return the consent letters to the Admissions Office or Vice Principal's Office. Please note that the first installment of \$1650 is due by the end of January 2020.

In case you have any inquiries, please contact: The Trip Coordinators on **+256772457687/ +256781468000** or Email: [m.bigirwa@gisu.ac.ug/](mailto:m.bigirwa@gisu.ac.ug) admissions@gisu.ac.ug.

DRINKING BOTTLES AND CAPS

The weather has changed to warmer days, which a lot of us are happy about! During the school day, the children spend a lot of time outside in the sun. They are engaged in a lot of activities - doing school work, playing football, playing games, etc.

Therefore, we strongly encourage you, as a parent, to make sure that your child has a drinking bottle in his/her school bag every day. We have several dispensers at school that provide us with fresh water, but, without a drinking bottle, it gets more difficult. So please, make sure that your child has a drinking bottle at school every day.

It is also a good idea to have a sun hat, a bucket hat or a cap at school. Not to wear during lessons, but when the children are playing outside. so the children will not be shifted or get a sunburn.

We hope you can help us make sure that our children have a drinking bottle and a hat to protect them from sunburn and vagaries of weather.

We are looking forward to a sunny second term!

INDEPENDENCE CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

Galaxy International School Uganda would like to wish families and friends from Cameroon, Sudan and Haiti happy belated independence celebrations!




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Family Trip to

USA

22 JUNE - 03 JULY, 2020

Travel
Adventure
Explore
Learn


 New York


 Washington DC


 Orlando


 Miami

12 DAYS
13 NIGHTS

\$3325
*EXCLUDING FLIGHT COSTS

*The Flight costs will depend on the cost of tickets at the time of booking.


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