

# Half-Term Break



After five weeks of intense work and fellowship, our students are getting a Half-Term break. Steaming minds need to be refreshed, and therefore it is advisable to have a lot of fun in those 9 days! Some might be going on holidays; while others might enjoy the comfort of their homes. Either way, GISU hopes you will have an enjoyable time.

Parents please encourage your children to look at their holiday

project or any other creative activity that will stimulate their neurotic system! Holidays are the opportunity to learn differently, through self-led research and hands-on crafts. Whatever they have learned/created, they will show it to their teachers after the break:- they will be delighted to display it in class or at an assembly.

In the meanwhile, Happy Holidays!

## USA FAMILY TRIP COMMITMENT DATE EXTENSION



Dear Parents, We would like to inform you that the deadline for making the first instalment for the US Family trip has been extended to 28 February 2020. Please be reminded that the trip will cost \$3325 excluding flight. You are requested to pay the commitment fee of \$1650 to help us process visas and make early bookings.

For more information, please contact the Trip Coordinators on +256772457671 / +256781468000 or viceprincipal@gisu.ac.ug / admissions@gisu.ac.ug.

## PARENT WORKSHOP



Dear Parent,  
Galaxy International School Uganda cordially invites you for the Parent Workshop scheduled for this Saturday, 8 February 2020. This workshop aims to give parents and all other stakeholders an insight into the understanding of motivation and building resilient families and children. Brace yourself for our Guest Speaker Mr. Ethan Musolini a.k.a, "The Merchant of Success" as he takes us through the various strategies towards achieving these goals. Below is the schedule for the day. We look forward to hosting you.

### Time and Activity

8:45am - 9:15am

Arrival and Registration

9:15am - 10:30am

Session One

10:30am - 11:00am

Break / Snack

11:00am - 11:45am

Session Two

11:45am - 12:00pm

Question and Answer

12:00pm

Departure





# ISSAK Update

On Saturday, 1 February 2020 our U9 and U11 football teams participated in the ISSAK football tournament at Rainbow International School Uganda (RISU). The U11 team played against KISU and the game ended with a 1-1 draw. The U9 team played its first game against Acacia International School with a loss of 4-2 and the second game against KISU with a loss of 1-0. The U20 basketball team had another big win

against Heritage International School ( 59-42 ) on Friday, 31 January 2020 at African Bible University. Our program will continue with some friendly games in U7, U11, U13 football and U11 basketball categories against French School on Saturday, 8 February 2020 at GISU.

Thank you for your continued support.



# INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

The International Mother Language Day has been observed every year since February 2000 to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. Languages are the most powerful instruments of preserving and developing our tangible and intangible heritage. All moves to promote the dissemination of mother tongues will serve not only to encourage linguistic diversity and multilingual education but also to develop full awareness of linguistic and cultural traditions throughout the world and to inspire solidarity based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue. Every language spoken in the world represents a special culture, melody, color, and asset and to everyone, the mother language is certainly one of the most precious treasures in our lives. It's our duty and responsibility to preserve it and pass it down from generation to generation.

## INDEPENDENCE CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

Galaxy International School Uganda would like to wish families and friends from Sri Lanka, Grenada and New Zealand happy independence celebrations!



**Sri Lanka**  
February 4



**New Zealand**  
February 6



**Grenada**  
February 7



# Child Protection at GISU Raising Voices

Schools play an essential role in protecting children from abuse. As GISU, we have regular contact with children and young people so we are in a strong position to identify signs of abuse and neglect. In order to reach every student, GISU has a specific policy about "Child Protection"

## GISU safeguards children by:

Creating safe environments for children and young people through robust safe guarding practices

Ensuring that adults who work in the school, including volunteers, don't pose a risk to children

Making sure staff are trained, know how to respond to concerns and keep-up-to-date with policy and practice

Maintaining an environment where children feel confident to approach Child Protection Officers if they have a worry or problem.

Teaching children and young people about staying safe

## STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES



Galaxy International School Uganda's upcoming Student-Led Conferences are scheduled for 17 February 2020 to 21 February 2020.

Your son or daughter from Year 1 -Year 13 will present information about the curriculum content they have been working on in each of their classes, their progress to date, and their goals for the year. Each conference will take place in your child's classroom for approximately 20 minutes from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

Secondary school Student-Led Conferences will start from Wednesday 19 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020. The class teachers will make appointments to meet you between 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm on any of those days. At the conference, the student will act as a guide while together you examine the work in the portfolio, work stations and discuss the comments from the teachers. Based upon the work in the portfolio, you and your child will consider

their growth and formulate goals to guide them successfully through the rest of the year.

The format of our Student-Led Conferences offers parents the opportunity to meet with other teachers as well. If questions still remain after the conference, parents should schedule a follow-up conference, phone conversation, or email with the teacher or teachers involved. It is important that both you and your child attend the conference. We hope to see each and every parent or guardian and their child at this event, and we look forward to hearing your comments after the conference.

Please communicate your actual date and time of the conference with your child's class teacher. If we can answer any other questions, please do not hesitate to call.



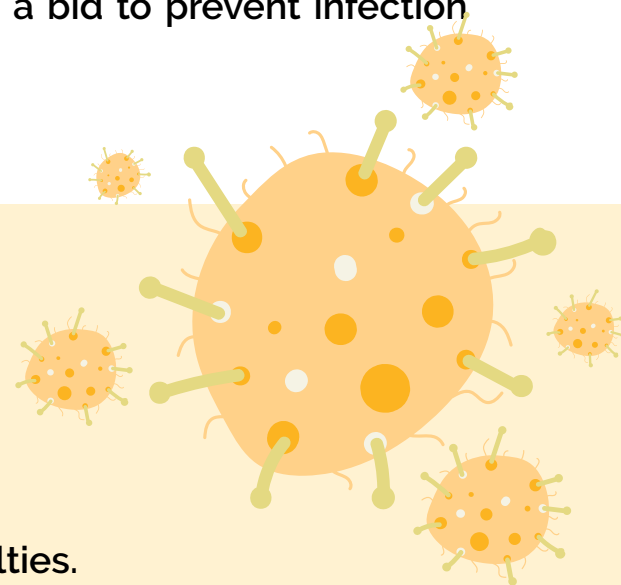
# CORONAVIRUS -ALERT



As we may all have heard, the Coronavirus is spreading fast across the continents. As we head out for the half-term break, we would like you to be extra careful by observing the following in a bid to prevent infection with the coronavirus:

## Signs and Symptoms:

Common signs of infection include


- Respiratory symptoms
  - Fever
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath and breathing difficulties.
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## Preventive measures

Regularly wash your hands with soap

Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing,

Avoid close contact with anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness such as coughing and sneezing.



*Go to the hospital as soon as you realize any of the above symptoms*