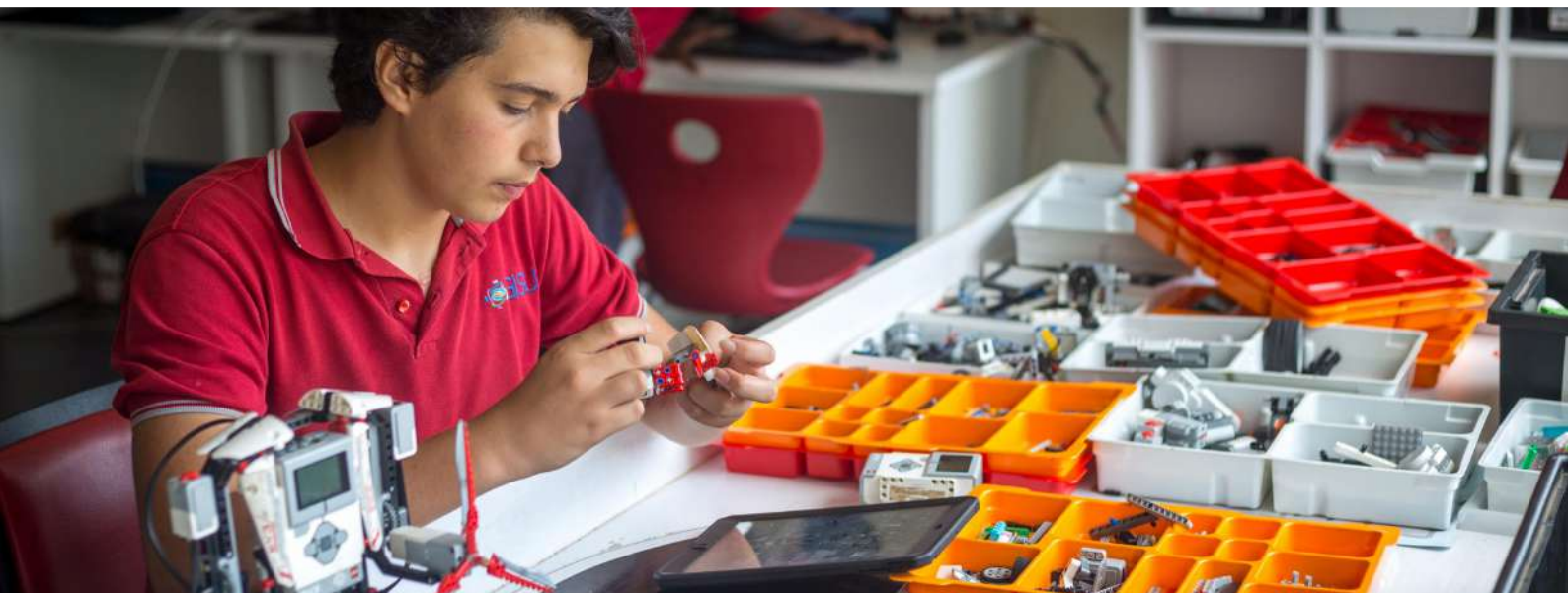


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International day of Charity

BY: NOLAN NORONHA
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Today is the international day of charity where we celebrate the people who give to charity and make a difference. What is charity: the voluntary giving of help, typically in the form of money, to those in need. With Charity organizations set up, we might finally be able to eradicate poverty. Throughout history we have had many great people who have funded and done charitable works. This is usually referred to as Philanthropy.

In the year 1845, a man named Thomas John Bernado was born. In Victorian London 1868 is when Bernado established 'Hope place' his first attempt at aiding the estimated 30,000 'destitute' children in Victorian London. Many of these children were not only impoverished, but orphaned, as the result of a recent cholera outbreak. For those unable to afford private education, the school offered education which although Christian-based in nature, was not exclusively religion-focused.

Bernardo started Philanthropy when a cholera epidemic swept through the East End, leaving 3000 people dead and many orphaned children. The young Bernardo felt an urgent need to help. This drove his cause which helped thousands of children. As a young man, he went to London to work as a doctor. When he arrived, he found children living in bad conditions and no education.

Poverty and disease were so widespread that one in five children died before their fifth birthday. This made philanthropy and charity Bernado's passion. His initiative brought many children to safety. During world war II was when Bernado had a big impact. The disruption by the war had a harmful impact leading to separation of families and children, because of Bernardo the disruption was reduced.

Later after Bernardo died his organization continued on. Today Bernardo has helped countless children in the hope to eradicate poverty. Poverty is one of the major problems in society. Our community should strive to end poverty by donating to charities. Charities are very important to the world.

This is one of many charitable organizations that have helped throughout history and many more organizations are to come. Today the most popular Charity is the United Nations with its vast reach over countries, they aid so many people in poverty.



SAT's

BY MR. GODFREY

Galaxy International School Uganda in conjunction with Cognita Consultancy Ltd is pleased to present to you the ONLINE SAT TRAINING SESSION slated for 28th August 2021 to 1st October 2021. The program will run from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm every weekday and 9:00 am to 12:00 pm every Saturday.

The SAT test is highly recommended for students who intend to apply to universities in the United States and Canada since it is a requirement for admission in many institutions. Therefore, this training is intended for students in year 12 and 13. Upon successful completion of the test, it is valid for a period of two years.

Every participating student will be required to pay \$200 in order to receive the necessary training/tutorship that will help them sit for the SAT test on 2nd October 2021.

Additionally, the SAT exam fee of approximately \$100 is not part of the training fee and will be paid separately.

To make a booking or any other inquiry about this program, please contact the Programme Coordinator, Mr. Mehmet Adsan via uganda@cognitaconsultancy.com or call +256782668903



Featured Students



Daniella

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Congratulations to our A Level and IGCSE candidates who excelled in the last concluded May/June 2021 Cambridge Assessment International Examinations.

Special recognition goes to Daniella and Laurine for their outstanding results.



Laurine

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New Students Orientation

BY MR. BAGUMA



This academic year Galaxy international school Uganda continues to welcome several families that have chosen to enrol with us for their children's education journey. We are very grateful to them for choosing us.

As a custom, the school's well-being department will be initiating an orientation program for all the new students including all the Yr.7's who have previously been with us but in the primary section.

The facilitators will share with the new students alot of specific details to enable them to get more comfortable as they transit from their previous school routines and get assimilated into our unique and exciting routine programs.

This is a students only program and will take place this Friday 27th August 2021. There will be separate sessions for Primary and secondary as indicated here below.

In secondary;

The students will join the orientation meeting on ZOOM starting at 1:55 PM to 3:30 PM. The links will be shared in Firefly through the announcements page.

In Primary;

The new students meeting will follow-on directly after our Friday morning assembly. Students should join the assembly by clicking on the Assembly link in the Firefly timetable. Assembly begins at 8.55am and new students will stay in the meeting for their orientation, which will begin at around 9.40 AM.

Our new students will in the future, continue to undertake other mandatory orientation training during the course of the term as will be communicated in due course. Such training will include best health and safety practices, online safety and others.

We gladly look forward to a safe and exciting learning process with all our new students.



Child Protection

BY MS. JULIET

As we embrace online classes it's exciting to see how much technology has evolved and our children are adopting the current system. However this comes with lots of challenges and key to note is cyber bullying. Studies indicate that around twenty per cent of children have suffered cyberbullying. There is some evidence of a strong transition in cyberbullying: those who have been bullied can go on to do the bullying themselves.

What is Cyber-Bullying?

Cyberbullying includes bullying via text message, via instant-messenger services and social network sites, via email, and via images or videos posted on the internet or spread via mobile phone. It can be used to bully for the same reasons as other forms of bullying e.g. race, sexuality, disability etc.

As parents and carers please note that when a child is the target of cyberbullying, bullying via mobile phone or the internet, they can feel alone and very misunderstood. It is therefore vital that, as a parent or carer, you know how to support your child if they are caught up in cyberbullying. Hopefully, this short guide will help you.

How to Prevent Cyber-Bullying?

Where to start:

The best way to deal with cyberbullying is to prevent it happening in the first place. Although it may be uncomfortable to accept, you should be aware that your child may be as likely to be a target of cyberbullying, and that sometimes children get caught up in cyber-bullying simply by not thinking about the consequences of what they are doing. It is therefore crucial that you talk with your child, and understand the ways in which they are using the internet and their mobile phone.

Use the tools: Most software and services on the internet have in-built safety features. Knowing how to use them can prevent unwanted contact. For example, Social-networking sites such as Facebook have tools available, e.g. young people can keep their profile set to 'private' so that only approved friends can see it.

Reporting Cyber-Bullying

There are a number of organisations that can help you if you need to report incidents of cyber-bullying:

- The school: If the incident involves a student, or students, at your child's school, then it is important to let the school know who can work with you to end the bullying. They have measures in place to support the person being bullied and to apply disciplinary sanctions to the student doing the bullying.
- The provider of the service provider: Most service providers have complaints and abuse policies, and it is important to report the incident to the provider of the service.
- The police: If the cyberbullying is serious and a potential criminal offence has been committed you should consider contacting the police. Relevant criminal offences here include harassment and stalking, threats of harm or violence to a person or property, and any evidence of sexual exploitation, e.g. grooming, distribution of sexual images, or inappropriate sexual contact or behaviour.



Key advice to Students on Cyber-Bullying



Anti-Cyber-Bullying Code

Being sent an abusive or threatening text message, or seeing nasty comments about yourself on a website, can be really upsetting. This code gives you eight important tips to protect yourself and your friends from getting caught up in cyber-bullying, and advice on how to report it when it does happen;

- Always respect others: Remember that when you send a message to someone, you cannot see the impact that your words or images may have on the other person. That is why it is important to always show respect to people and be careful what you say online or what images you send. What you think is a joke may really hurt someone else. Always ask permission before you take a photo of someone. If you receive a rude or nasty message or picture about someone else, do not forward it. You could be assisting a bully and even be accused of cyber-bullying yourself. You could also be breaking the law.
- Think before you send: It is important to think before you send any images or text about yourself or someone else by email or mobile phone, or before you post information on a website. Remember that what you send can be made public very quickly and could stay online forever. Do you really want your teacher or future employer to see that photo?
- Treat your password like your toothbrush: Don't let anyone know your passwords. It is a good idea to change them on a regular basis. Choosing hard-to-guess passwords with symbols or numbers will help stop people hacking into your account and pretending to be you. Remember to only give your mobile number or personal website address to trusted friends.
- Set High Standards: Make sure your settings for social network sites are secure allowing only limited access to your friends. Do not "friend" anyone you do not know in person.
- Block the Bully: Most responsible websites and services allow you to block or report someone who is behaving badly. Make use of these features, they are there for a reason!
- Don't retaliate or reply: Replying to bullying messages, particularly in anger, is just what the bully wants.
- Save the evidence: Keep records of offending messages, pictures or online conversations, use screen shots (print screen) to capture them. These will help you demonstrate to others what is happening and can be used by the school, internet service provider, mobile phone company, or even the police to investigate cyber-bullying.
- Make sure you tell;
 - a. You have a right not to be harassed and bullied online.
 - b. Tell your parents who can help you to report it to the right place.
 - c. Tell your school. Your teacher or counsellor at your school can support you and can discipline the person bullying you.

Finally, don't just stand there. If you see cyber-bullying going on, support the victim, take screenshots of what you have seen and report the bullying to a teacher. How would you feel if no one stood up for you?



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The International Day of Charity

BY MR. BAGUMA

The International Day of Charity is an international day observed annually on 05 September 2020. It was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012.

The prime purpose of the International Day of Charity is to raise awareness and provide a common platform for charity related activities all over the world for individuals, charitable, philanthropic and volunteer organizations for their own purposes on the local, national, regional and international level.



New Parent's Orientation

BY MS. GEMMA



We warmly welcome all our new parents to attend an orientation programme at 10am on Saturday, 28 August, via Zoom.

You will be able to meet senior staff and important support staff, including our well-being coordinator, student counsellors, and learning support coordinator. You will also have the opportunity to break into small groups and ask questions of the section coordinators for early years, primary and secondary sections.

Please join on the following zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92374740203>



Resources Collection

BY MR. BIGIRWA

We thank all the parents who have so far turned up in big numbers to collect stationery as earlier communicated. Parents yet to pick are urged to make time and pass by school so as to complete this necessity. We also announce that student course books will be available starting Tuesday, 14 September 2021.

We apologize for the delay in delivery of the same.



Important Dates

BY MR. BIGIRWA

As we come to the end of the second week of the term, please take note of the following dates:



Date (s)	Programme
11 - 15 October 2021	Half - Term Holidays
18 - 22 October 2021	Early Years and Primary, student led conferences (SLC)
25 - 29 October 2021	Secondary, student led conferences (SLC)
9 December 2021	Term I - Last day of school
10 December 2021	Parent Teacher Conferences (PTC)

Independence day - Uruguay 25 August ,Malaysia, Trinidad and Tobago 31 August

BY MS. BONITA

Galaxy International School Uganda would like to wish families and friends from Uruguay, Malaysia Trinidad and Tobago happy Independence day celebrations.

