

# ACADEMIC INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER JANUARY - APRIL 2025

Greetings from Academic International School! As we conclude yet another eventful term of the academic year, we are glad to present a detailed account of the January to April 2025 school term which has been busy with activities taking place inside and outside the school campus.

### **Cambridge International Education Inspection Report**

In November 2024, the School received the report of the inspection conducted by Cambridge International Education in June 2024 and we gladly inform you all that Cambridge International Education has ranked AISS as a **very well-run centre** with **completely satisfactory** grading.

### **Examinations registrations - May/June 2025**

This year the school has registered 94 IGCSE candidates, 47 GCE Advanced Subsidiary candidates and 31 GCE Advanced Level candidates making a total of 172 registered candidates for Cambridge International Examinations to be conducted in May-June 2025. Cambridge International Exams are scheduled to commence on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

IGCSE and GCE mock examinations were conducted from 5<sup>th</sup> March to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Marked answer scripts and report cards were given out to candidate students.

82 Grade VII students are registered for the Common Entrance Examinations which will

take place in the first week of June - from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

### **Saturday classes for Grade VII students**

The sixteen-week Saturday classes programme for the students of Grade VII are being successfully held since 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025 in order to familiarize the students with the structure of the Common Entrance exams and to assist them in the revision of the core subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, Geography and French. We are thankful to the parents of Grade VII for providing the necessary support to ensure that students abide by the specified guidelines.

### **PRESTIGIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **Arden Kefa Masige's University Acceptance**

It is with great pleasure that we announce the prestigious achievement of Arden Kefa Masige, our 2023 GCE A Level Science stream topper who got accepted to world renowned Yale University, Rice University, Wheaton University, Illinois Institute of Technology & Hong Kong University - all through the regular/standard decision round. He has chosen to join Yale University with a full ride scholarship.

Hearty Congratulations to Arden Kefa Masige on this stellar achievement and we wish him a thrilling academic journey!

#### **Tanzania's Qualification to ICC U19 Cricket World Cup**

Tanzania U19 Men's Cricket team under the illustrious captaincy of Laksh Snehal Bakrania – GCE A level student of AISS created history by qualifying for the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup to be held in Namibia and Zimbabwe early 2026. Tanzania defeated 5 countries to emerge as Champions in the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup Qualifier - April 2025.

History has been made and for the first time, Tanzanian team under Laksh Bakrania will fly

Tanzania's flag at the International Cricket Competitions in 2026. Laksh, who emerged as the Player of the Tournament has not only become the pride of AISS but also the pride of the nation.

### **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

#### **East African Chipkizi Swimming Championship 2024**

Abbas Salim Abdulali from Form IV participated in East Africa Chipkizi Swimming Championship 2024 on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 in Arusha and Abbas won 8 gold medals winning the title Best Overall Swimmer in under 15 years category and Iron Man cash prize for the Best Overall Male Swimmer.

#### **Workshop on Percussion Musical Instruments**

On 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025, AISS in collaboration with the High Commission of India organized a workshop for O Level students on percussion musical instruments.

#### **Charity and Awareness Walk**

AISS organized a Charity & Awareness Walk in collaboration with CRDB from TPDF Headquarters Ground, Upanga to Muhimbili National Hospital on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The aim of the walk was to create social commitment among students and to submit the contribution of TZS.14,080,000/- raised by AISS students in support of Tumaini La Maisha's Piggy Bank Campaign for fight against childhood cancer. Participation in community outreach programs usher a lot of merit to the university application procedures of our learners.

#### **Competition Month in January**

Throughout January, the students of primary school were engaged in various inter house extra-curricular competitions such as elocution, recitation, debate, creative writing and essay writing to make the students aware of the importance of variety

of skills required in addition to the knowledge gained within the classrooms.

Topics for the competitions were given grade-wise much in advance to ensure maximum participation and the selection was done by the teachers of the respective houses. The enthusiastic recitation by Grade VI students of the poem 'Don't Let Anyone Steal Your Dreams' and confident speeches of Grade VII students on the topic 'Moral Values' for their elocution competition remained the highlight of the series of competitions. The winners of the competitions were awarded certificates during the morning assemblies to encourage and appreciate their efforts.

#### **Annual Sports Days**

- The kindergarten sports day was held on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 in the AIPS School Hall. The team of teachers at Nursery School did a great job of compiling a list of events to encourage the students and the event concluded with the energetic physical training drill performed by the students.
- The annual sports day for primary school, was conducted on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 at the IMTU Sports Ground located in Mbezi Chini. The sports teachers had planned various games and activities for students of all grades aiming at maximum participation of the students. The winners of events like 100m, 200m and 100 x 4 relay race were awarded the medals soon after the event. For all other events the distribution of certificates and medals was done in the following weeks during the morning assemblies.
- Annual Sports Week at secondary school was held from Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January to Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The Annual Sports Day was conducted on 24<sup>th</sup> January at Boko Veterans Sports Ground. Special awards, medals and certificates will be distributed to winners and participants on the last day of the term.

## **24<sup>th</sup> JQA International Environmental Children's Drawing Contest**

The artwork submitted by Meenakshi Kodthiwada of Grade VII in April 2024 has been published under the honourable mentions in the international section of the award-winning works of the contest. Currently, the Art teacher is working to encourage student participation in the contest for the current year which is open until end of April.

## **Economics Project on 'Externalities and Human Welfare'**

GCE A Level Economics students did a project on 'EXTERNALITIES AND SOCIAL WELFARE' and presentation of the project was held in the School Multipurpose Hall on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025. The Director of Internal Audit - CRDB PLC, Mr. Godfrey Sigalla who was the Guest of Honour of the event was impressed by the quality of the project and instructed the school to forward him the documents so that he can liaise with Frankfurt School of Finance & Management, Germany to explore the possibility of the work being published to the wider world.

## **Creative Writing Competition**

The annual creative writing competition at AISS was held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Three categories [Form I & II, III & IV and V & VI] were given level wise topics to bring out the creative best of our learners. Special awards and certificates of achievement will be awarded to winners and participation certificates to all participants on the last day of the term. The Department of English will endeavour to bring in more competitions in order to continue harnessing the creative depth of our students.

## **Dubai Swimming Championship 2025**

Crissa Dennis Dillip from Form III participated in Dubai Swimming Championship 2025 held in Dubai from 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Out of 1300 participant swimmers from 20

countries, Crissa won a silver in 50 metre backstroke and a bronze in 200 m backstroke. It was a remarkable accomplishment which made Tanzania proud.

## **Kenya Aquatics Swimming Competitions 2025**

Romeo Mihaly from Form V participated in Kenya Aquatics Swimming Competitions 2025 held in Kenya on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025 where he represented Tanzania and broke both competition and national records winning 2 gold, 1 silver & 2 bronze medals.

## **Dar es Salaam Development Swimming Competition**

In the swimming competition organized at FK International School on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025, five students – Ethan Mushi from Grade II, Leon Damian and Gian Panya from Grade III and Feibi Mushi from Grade IV - took part in their respective age categories in the events like Kickboard Race, Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly 25 metres. We are glad to note that all five students were placed either first, second or third in various categories.

## **Tanzania on Canvas Painting Competition**

Malvin Martin Matthew (Form IV), Nigel Tadiwanashe Mupfumira (Form V) and Paolina Albertini Didier (Form IV) from AISS participated in a painting competition titled 'TANZANIA ON CANVAS' organized by the High Commission of India on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025. All the paintings are kept for exhibition at the High Commission of India and the winners will be announced by the end of April 2025.

## **Akili ni Mali Interschool Quiz Competition**

4 A level students namely Ayman Arif Haji, Benjamin Issa Ngwegwe, Shreya Petwal and Vivan Hitesh Hirji participated in Inter Secondary School Quiz organized by Uhuru

Walk Community Service Project on 26<sup>th</sup> February and won the second position.

### **Toyota Dream Car Contest**

Thirty students from the primary school had taken part in the thought-provoking inter-school annual art competition organized by Toyota in which the students are encouraged to portray the vision of their own dream car. We are proud that Neev Chohan of Grade VI won the contest at the national level with his artwork 'Mom Robot Car'. He received the winning certificate in the 8-11 years age category along with art supplies and a gift voucher of TZS. 500,000/- redeemable at EduZone. All other participants received participation certificates.

### **10<sup>th</sup> National SIP Abacus Competition**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025, 9 students from various grades of primary school participated at their corresponding levels in the 10<sup>th</sup> National SIP Abacus Competition held by Rising Stars Activity Centre. It is a matter of pride for us that Mokshith Seelam from Grade V was the overall winner at Foundation Level 4, Vanshika Patel from Grade VII was the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up in Advance Level 4, Areeb Rattansi from Grade V was the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up in the Foundation Level 2 and Aahil Rattansi from Grade II was the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up in Sip Junior Level 3 category.

### **Second Term Parent Teacher Meeting**

The Parent Teacher Meeting for this term was held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. The turn up of parents was commendable and we encourage all parents to attend the meetings as working together as partners has proven to be one of the vital factors affecting the success of students.

### **School Committee Meeting**

The School Committee Meeting for the second term was held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025. We are greatly obliged to all the members of School Committee for a fruitful session and their valuable contributions.

### **Procurement of Textbooks for The Next Academic Year**

As part of the preparations for the next academic year, the procedures for the procurement of the textbooks had been initiated earlier this term. The school has signed a contract with Elite Bookstore for the supply of textbooks to the parents for 2025-2026 academic year.

### **Admissions for The Next Academic Year**

The application forms for enrolment of the students into the next academic year have been made available to the parents from 01<sup>st</sup> March 2025. Admissions at nursery and primary school are available from Pre-KG to Grade V only and the interview for the new students would be conducted on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Admissions to secondary school are also open for all levels from Form I to Form V.

### **CCTV Installation**

In order to strengthen the overall security on the school premises, the school has completed the installation of CCTV cameras in the corridors and open spaces within the primary and nursery school compound.

### **Four Term Academic Year for Grade VII and A Level**

Considering the vast syllabus of the Common Entrance 13+ examinations and the challenges faced by the teachers in completion of syllabus and planning the revision, the school had introduced a four-term academic year that begins in July for the students of Grade VII. Similarly, considering the number of learning hours required to complete the A Level syllabus,

the school year for A Level is also arranged in four terms. For the next academic year, Grade VII and A Level classes will start on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

### **Second Term Exams**

The terminal exams at AINS, AIPS and AISS were conducted between 8<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025. The students of nursery school will receive their report cards on the last day of the term and students of AIPS and AISS will receive the marked answer scripts and the report cards after the term break.

### **NHIF Student Health Insurance Policy**

We are glad to notify the parent community that the school has successfully embarked on the registrations of the students who have applied for the NHIF Bima kwa Mwanafunzi 2025.

### **School Trips for Students**

- On 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025, Form I & II students had an exciting one day trip to Fun City, Kigamboni while Form III & IV students went to Pugu Kazimzumbwi Forest Nature Reserve on a day trip. Accompanied by committed teachers, students really enjoyed the trips arranged by the school.
- Form III & IV Arts Stream students along with A level students who have chosen commercial subjects combination had a study trip to CRDB PLC Headquarters on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025. The trip proved gainful to our students as they listened to enlightening lectures on recruitment procedures & policies of banking sector, employee engagement, financial literacy, importance of investments and budgeting, management of funds and strategic planning. Our sincere thanks to CRDB for fruitful collaboration.
- On Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025, students of Grades I, V, VI and VII will go on school trips to Dar es Salaam Zoo, STEM Park – Msasani, Historical Sites in Bagamoyo and Mikumi National Park respectively. Students will take

part in these trips accompanied by their class and subject teachers for proper supervision.

### **School Hours**

We take this opportunity to remind the esteemed parent community of the following school timing:

Kindergarten - 07:45 to 11:30 hrs  
Grade I to Form VI - 07:45 to 14:15 hrs

Parents of all students using private transport are urged to maintain punctuality and make arrangements for your child to reach school before 07:40 hours and to be picked from school not later than 14:45 hours.

### **Payment of School Fees**

Parents are reminded that the transport fee and the school fees for the next term must be paid one week before the commencement of the term into the school accounts held at CRDB Bank.

#### School account numbers:

AINS & AIPS - 01J1095493600  
AISS - 01J1095493601

With continued efforts being made by the school in the implementation of strategies that promote positive behaviour and address misconduct, we remain committed to supporting our students in developing a healthy character and positive mindset for their holistic growth. In our endeavours, we are grateful to the parent community and all other stakeholders of Academic International School fraternity for the continued collaboration and support provided to the school in the effective management of all school activities. The school will remain closed for Easter holidays from 18<sup>th</sup> April to 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Classes will resume for the next term on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025. We take this opportunity to wish all our candidate students of Grade VII, IGCSE, GCE AS and GCE A Level great success in their final examinations.

Happy Easter wishes to all!