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MIS says goodbye to its second A level cohort

WHAT'S LEFT THIS TERM:

MON, 18TH TO FRI, 22ND JUNE: Year 10 work experience week.

TUES 19TH & WED, 20TH JUNE: Years 7 & 8 internal exam. Year 9 decision days.

FRI, 22ND JUNE: School musical production; MOANA.

MON, 25TH JUNE: Early Years Open Day. Step up Day for Primary School.

TUES, 26TH JUNE: Primary Science Fair
WED,, 27TH JUNE: Wacky Wednesday for Key stage 1. Primary School water polo final. Banda football World Cup final.

THURS, 28TH JUNE: Reception, Years 2 & 6 graduations. End of Year Assembly.

FRI, 29TH JUNE: Parent Teacher Consultations 8.00 to 12.30.

MIS helps in government's efforts to train Tanzanian teachers.

Over the last four years MIS has gradually introduced more Tanzanian teachers on to its payroll in line with the government's drive to have more Tanzanian nationals able to teach to international standards. Two weeks ago ten teachers from Living Hope pre-Primary School in Lukobe visited MIS and stayed with us for two weeks observing lessons and gaining exposure to the British Curriculum. Thank you to all our own Primary School staff who assisted these teachers at a time when they are very busy with other end of year commitments.

Another big thank you to the PTA.

The school's wonderful PTA has just used some of its funds raised over the year to buy 190 books for our library. This follows all the tennis equipment that was donated by Dian van de Laak and her parents earlier in the year. Dian was one of our most enthusiastic and active PTA and Board members who unfortunately had to leave the country last month.

Music Evening. Thank you to Mr Otwisa for putting on a lovely music concert on Saturday evening. To see so many vocal and instrumental performances and virtually every member of year 9 singing solo in front of quite a large audience was fantastic and testament to the confidence that Mr Otwisa has instilled in our students. Even the stage lights going out near the end could not stop the show!

Last Wednesday afternoon on the main field, an audience of around 200 teachers, students and parents and other family members of our graduating students enjoyed an hour and a half of speeches and musical performances to honour the year 11 and year 13 students as they said goodbye to MIS. In the case of the Year 11 students, it is hoped that many will return to study for their A levels starting in August. For the 9 Year 13s who turned up (strangely Henrish decided not to bother), it was an opportunity to reflect on their school days and look ahead to the next exciting step in their life journey. Most of them have plans in place to study abroad including Europe, America, Malaysia, China and South Africa. Proceedings began with an introduction from Mr Green including a presentation of one of the old style nursery school shirts to our veteran of this year, Zhade Cox who started at MIS in October, 2014 before she was even 2 years old. Lucy and Gina then gave their first musical performance before Mr Street talked about the Year 13 class of 2018 and then invited Headgirl, Epi and Headboy, JC

to introduce their colleagues which they did after making their own



JC and Epi deliver very different speeches at Graduation

speeches; JC as eccentric and unpredictable as ever while Epi gave some moving words about how she had made such personal progress as part of the MIS community over the last 2 years. Mr Street presented the leaving certificates and then Faraja's dance troupe took to the stage. Mrs Edna Lyatuu Hogan is a Tanzanian lady now living in Ireland. She is a poet, author and banker amongst many other talents and she was our guest speaker. She gave a passionate speech telling of the personal challenges that she had faced and overcome in her life which inspired the whole audience. It was then time for Lucy to put on another rap performance. Mr Gibbins then gave his view of the Year 11 class for whom he had been the form tutor this year and

for many a father figure in his role as Head of Boarding. Selina then came to the stage to introduce each of the 25 of her classmates that were present as Mr Gibbins handed out their certificates. Lucy then gave her third performance of the day, this time backed up by Neema and Gina. To close the event, the new Headboy, Arish was invited to say a few words and very well presented they were as he wished the Year 13s great success in their future, a sentiment that was echoed by everyone as all the graduates left the arena to the theme of *Rocky*. A barbecue was then served at the swimming pool and everyone had a chance to have photos taken. Once again the event had been formal but fun and another great advert for our school. Thank you to everyone who contributed to its success including all the ground staff and the admin staff notably Lenarda, Dianarose, Ahmed and Aisha and also to Mussa and Mr Otwisa for the sound engineering and music.

Edna Hogan's new book *Poems for the Soul and Bold minds* is available at myBook.to/LyatuuPoems

Great fun had in Dar

On Friday the 8th of June at 12:30 boarders, Year Elevens and some lucky day students hit the road for a fun filled weekend in Dar Es Salaam. As the trip began so did the excitement. Mr Gibbins challenged all students on the bus with a quiz. One by one teams answered trivia questions about everything from astrology to famous villains. Edson, Neema and Abdallah won with the Year Sixes closely behind in a battle as they initially tied for first place.

After checking in to Hong Kong Hotel, we all went to Flames restaurant for some delicious chicken and pizza. After dinner we played in their huge playground until it was time to go home and into our

cosy beds. The next morning, after everyone had woken up, we had breakfast and another fun day began. We first went to Quality Centre to an arcade. Some people took a risk and went through the very spooky haunted house while others tested their balance in ice-skating. Before we left to head to Bounce everyone took advantage of grabbing a Subway sandwich or an ice cream.

Bounce was at a place called Mkuki House. We played basketball, bounced into big foam pits and had relay races. Once our time was up we headed back to the hotel for a quick shower and changed before heading back to Mkuki house for Pizza Hut. The night ended with an amazing 3D movie called Jurassic

World as dinosaurs leapt into our faces.

We all had an incredible time in Dar but eventually it was time to go. Mr. Gibbins did a great job planning such a fun weekend for us and Miss Talley and Miss Irene added to all the excitement. Hopefully we will do this again soon. **Report by Rahma Kassim (Year 6).**

...And finally... Well done to one of our graduating students, Allie Scaramuzzo who has been given a scholarship to attend the Oxford Royale Academy Summer School in the UK for two weeks in July. She follows in the footsteps of former MIS student, Gladencia Majule who attended last year.