

23rd November, 2018

**BEST WISHES MS LIZ**

We wish Ms Liz Parker all the very best as she temporarily leaves us at GEMS CIK to begin her maternity leave, she goes with all our best wishes and we hope for good news in the coming weeks. As she will be away from school, her Biology exam classes will be covered within the Science team with the help of Mr Ben Green and Mrs Hannah Green. Both are Oxford University qualified Biology and Science teachers, so parents should be reassured that they are in good hands until Easter. Please do get in touch if you need more details.



**GEMS CIK OPTIONS EVENING**

Tuesday 4th December will be the GEMS CIK options evening. There will be a presentation at 1600hrs for Year 9 students and their Parents, followed by a chance to discuss potential choices with subject teachers. There will be a second presentation at 1700hrs for parents of Year 11 age students, followed by some time to meet with subject staff for further discussion. Everyone will leave with a brochure outlining the options available, and a period to think choices over.

**SCIENCE FAIR**

The GEMS CIK Science Fair took place on Friday. Every student from Pearls to Sixth Form got to experience the planetarium dome film show, and lots also were treated to an exciting show by the Mad Scientist and his team. Special thanks must go to Ms Liz and her Science team Mr Abdul, Mr. Caesar, Mr James and Mr Isaac for their support of the Science Fair over many weeks, the results were really fun and informative.

**TASTER WEEKEND**

The weekend of the 30th November –2nd December is a boarding taster weekend. If you have ever wanted to try out boarding now is your chance. At no cost come and join boarding activities, experience the excellent pastoral care and enjoy very comfortable facilities whilst living and working with old friends and making new ones. Please contact Mrs Hannah Green for further details h.green\_cik@gemse-du.com because spaces are limited.



**EYFS AND YEAR ONE CHRISTMAS SHOW**

Early Years Foundation Stage and Year 1 proudly present, a Christmas show on Wednesday 12th December 2018, at 9:00 am, at the rooftop of the main building. Please refer to your child's Edmodo page or await a letter from your class teacher for more details regarding costumes and other important information.

You are cordially invited to join us for our EYFS and Year One Christmas presentation. Please come and join us in our Christmas performance to showcase Christmas songs around the world and through time. Enjoy our amazing acting, spectacular singing and dazzling dance grooves. We look forward to seeing you all.

**SCHOLARSHIPS ARE ON**

GEMS CIK intends to offer a scholarship programme for entrance to the school in 2019, for those students going into Year 10 and 12. Do keep following the newsletter for further details, in the coming weeks.

**MATH CHALLENGE EXCELLENCE**

Well done to all those Mathematicians who returned from Galaxy International School with certificates, after taking part in the Maths Challenge event last weekend. Special congratulations to Prabhav Year 7 for his excellent performance.

**GIRLS LIKE THAT**

Girls Like That tickets go on sale this week for 10000UGX. Performance dates are 7th 8th December. They are limited in number and will not be available on the night so do get them early (note that this performance has an age advisory limit of 13+ years).



Please contact Ms Sibyl for further information s.rolle\_cik@gemse-du.com

**CIPA CHRISTMAS CRACKER**

Save the date – CIPA Christmas Cracker and Fireworks on Saturday 8th December here at CIK between 3pm and 7pm.



**26th November**  
Enterprise Day

**27th November**  
Parental Engagement on Baseline Testing

**7th & 8th December**  
Drama Production

**8th December**  
CIPA Christmas Cracker

**12th December**  
EYFS and Year One Christmas show

**13th December**  
Celebrating GEMS at 5 & School Christmas Concert

**14th December**  
End of Term One



**YEAR 1 IN THE SCIENCE LAB**

Year 1 had a fantastic visit to the Science Lab this week where they dressed up as scientists and learned about senses. Thank you to James for making them feel so welcome, they are looking forward to a follow up visit.



**KUDOS TO OUR SENIOR BASKETBALL AND PRIMARY FOOTBALL TEAMS**

Well done to our Senior Basketball teams who have got the season off to a very encouraging start, they are training hard and enjoying the energy being brought to the coaching by the Sports Team. We wish them good fortune for the ISSAK season ahead and look forward to sharing the highs and lows with them as supporters.