



Nairobi Jaffery Academy
The Quest for Excellence
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Dear parents and guardians.

I pray that you are well and keeping safe adjusting to the new normal.

Eleven weeks ago, we started this term, unsure of how things will turn out but motivated and driven with our objective being to ensure that our pupils do not miss out on learning due to the pandemic.

Our virtual team has worked extremely hard to ensure that our children continue with learning despite so many changes around this time. Working together with you, we were able to come up with a learning schedule that works, you provided devices and ensured that the pupils had access to internet and for this we are grateful.

Additionally, the MS Teams platform has been improved drastically over the last months enabling us to improve on our lesson delivery. We have been able to achieve so much virtually this term—we have covered intended syllabus; had virtual trips to various countries; conducted virtual assemblies; virtual parent teacher consultations, and so much more.

Third term is very important in the academic journey. It enables us a chance to assess the students' understanding of concepts, through examinations, before they can proceed to the next class. Therefore it was very important for us to find a way to conduct the end of term examinations.

While embracing the new normal – virtual school, our new challenge then became, **how would we conduct the examinations virtually?**

As we have communicated before through our newsletter, we will be using an online platform, Exam.net to conduct the examination. This platform provides a secure exam mode where pupils cannot access anything else on their device during the examination.

The students will be assigned exam rooms through Teams from where they will then join Exam.net through a link that will be shared. Once on Exam.net, they will get a code to unlock the exam. See a video of the same [here](#).

If using an iPad, they will need to download the Chrome App. The student will log onto Teams using Chrome and then proceed to Exam.net. They should not use the Teams App as this will not allow the camera to remain on. See video [here](#).

We have already successfully used this platform with the Year 10's who started their exams this week.

To ensure credibility of our examination:

- All pupils will be expected to have their videos on so the invigilator can observe them. In the case that the students' video is off, they will not be allowed to take the exam.
- The exam papers will be timed and will be submitted at the end of the allocated time.
- The student will be required to be in a quiet room and dressed formally.
- The teachers will be able to view the students' work during the exam to ascertain no form of copying.
- There will be more than one teacher invigilating the exam and the students will be allowed to seek clarification during the exams.

COMING UP

Monday 6th July	Commencement of End of term Exams Years 1-6
Wednesday 8th July	Commencement of End of term Exams Years 7-9
Friday 17th July	SCHOOL CLOSSES EYFS Concert and Graduation
Wednesday 22nd July	EYFS Virtual PTC 9am - 3PM
Thursday 23rd July	EYFS Virtual PTC 9am - 3PM

- There will be more than one teacher invigilating the exam and the students will be allowed to seek clarification during the exams.
- The teachers will terminate the exam if and when they suspect that the student is getting support either from someone or other materials.
- There should be no any other electronic gadget in the room when the exam is going on. If any is detected the students exam will be withheld.
- An adult or a guardian is requested to be within the exam area to help enhance the exams credibility.
- Students are not allowed to leave the exam room at any time during the exam or leave the exam window as the platform will automatically lock them out. Bathroom breaks are discouraged. The students should ensure they visit the washroom before the exams.

How can you help?

- Ensure that your child has a laptop or tablet with a camera as we will need their video to be on throughout the exam. Working on a phone, or a small screen will be cumbersome for the child.
- Ensure they have stable internet connection and a backup plan in case of internet hitches.
- A power backup is encouraged or a fully charged laptop.
- Ensure that your child is ready and on time for each examination – we have two papers per day. They should be online by 8:30AM for morning paper and 1:15PM for afternoon paper.

Our weather and power are unpredictable. If your child experiences power failure or internet interruption during the examination, call the hotline number **0732 475 591** immediately. You can send us an email on exams@jaffery.ac.ke

We are not sure what next term will look like with the pandemic, but we are very happy that our children did not miss any lessons and their learning was not interrupted, this term.

Thank you so much for all your continued support and we look forward to a successful examination period.

Carolyne Sila
HSOF

Early Years Foundation Stage News

"A life well lived requires great service and the urgent question it begs is; What are you doing for others?" The Pre Nursery classes have been exploring more on their theme this term "Community Helpers". The students engaged themselves in different activities done by people in various occupations and their roles, for instance; doctors, police and more. In relation to that the students and teachers took a virtual trip to visit various occupational places.

Here are some of the photos :



Our gratitude to our EYFS children who are doing their best in learning despite the pandemic that we are all facing. They have maintained the energy as we come to the end of the term. Well done beautiful angels! This are some of the activities they have engaged in.



Thank you
EYFS Team

Shared thought and experiences from the primary pupils during the week:

Ahmed Butt Grade 4B



My name is Ahmed; in our school we are taught different values. Respect is emphasized a lot. Respect is a kind act showing care about a person. You can show respect during online classes by raising your hand instead of shouting and muting yourself when not answering or asking questions. Cheating at school or home shows that we do not respect others.

We should respect our parents because they are the ones who take care of us while we were young up to now. Respecting our parents is an appreciation from us because they provide shelter, food and clothing. We show other people respect by being kind, polite and thankful.

LIFE WITH A VIRUS.



Living with COVID-19 is a new experience for me. But also, it has helped me very much. Sometimes I prefer life at home while other times I don't.

Firstly, I can spend more time with my family. We can do many things together. For example, I can play with my baby sister more because there is a lot of time for me to play with her. I can also ride my bike but on school days I could only ride on the weekend.

Secondly, I can read more story books and also revise more but on school days, I had to focus on homework more. I can read different books and I can also have fun at the same time but I have to balance between fun and education.

Next, I can help my mother with chores around the house. Mostly, I cook. I am also learning how to bake a variety of cakes. I also make breakfast with my sisters and my mother on weekends.

Finally, I also do exercise with my family. We ride bikes in the morning and we also play soccer. I revise with my dad. He helps with my math work when I don't understand and that's it!

REMEMBER: STAY AT HOME AND STAY SAFE. By: Ayman Abas

long holiday to do whatever we want to do. There are about 13 subjects. Even if we study for one everyday it's not bad. Also remember that it is not only about grades it is also about effort.

Spend time with your family

This is the perfect opportunity to spend time with your family. Everyone will be free at one time or another and it is good to spend time together.

By Shabbir Kassam.

HOW TO ENJOY A QUARANTINE SUMMER?

To enjoy a quarantine summer, you can have all sorts of fun. You can play with younger or older siblings, you can exercise, have fun and get creative. But having a quarantine summer can also be kind of sad.



That is why I will tell you the advantages and disadvantages of a quarantine. You might think that that summer is fun no matter what, but I do not think so. I think I can have all sorts of fun like make a sock ball or play basketball, cricket, baseball, and many more at the comfort of my home.

But also in another way it can also be boring and not fun. I know you can do many things but you will also miss your friends to play with. I know you can play with an older sibling but it is just not the same without your friends who are closest in school and help you when you are hurt or stuck.

You can also get to know other people and make new friends and have fun, you can swim, if possible you can even exercise. I also tried being creative I made a card for father's day, I made plans for revision, I also very much enjoy chores. I also try to keep safe and sanitize. I think this summer we should think of ways to defeat the covid 19.

I also recommend we keep at least 1 meter away from each other - Abdirahim Hassan

My name is Mohammed Butt I have been doing virtual classes and I attend all my lessons. Everyday I ensure that I do all my homework. When I finish my virtual classes, I play with my brother football, carom, ludo, chess, drawing and more others. These are my newfound hobbies. Later, I study for an hour then read my favorite book BFG.



Things you can do in quarantine

Art

You can have fun drawing and painting things around you and at the same time practice for art.

You can also do origami using papers that have already been used. That helps because you are recycling and at the same time occupying yourself. Another type of art you can do is paper mâché. It is fun and it also uses recycling paper or old newspapers.

Studying

Studying is not fun. It is serious but exams are coming up. We need to study so that we can get A*s in every subject. After that we have a

The year 9 subject selection is ongoing and individual career guiding and counseling booking is still in progress virtually. Parents and students are encouraged to book appointment for the sessions after school. We wish to thank the parents and students who have already been attending for their valuable input in the process. Career is expected as a matter of course, which depends on subject selected, to lead to success- which in common context is normally defined in material terms.

However, at NJA we take time to advise our pupils because the person who works just for money will need to be pushed and closely supervised to do their job, and will, do only the bare permissible minimum to allow them hold onto that job. The result of all this is inefficiency, discontentment, perpetual complaint and whining, dishonesty, unreliability and disloyalty. *We believe to find personal fulfilment in ones work, one must therefore find their career.*

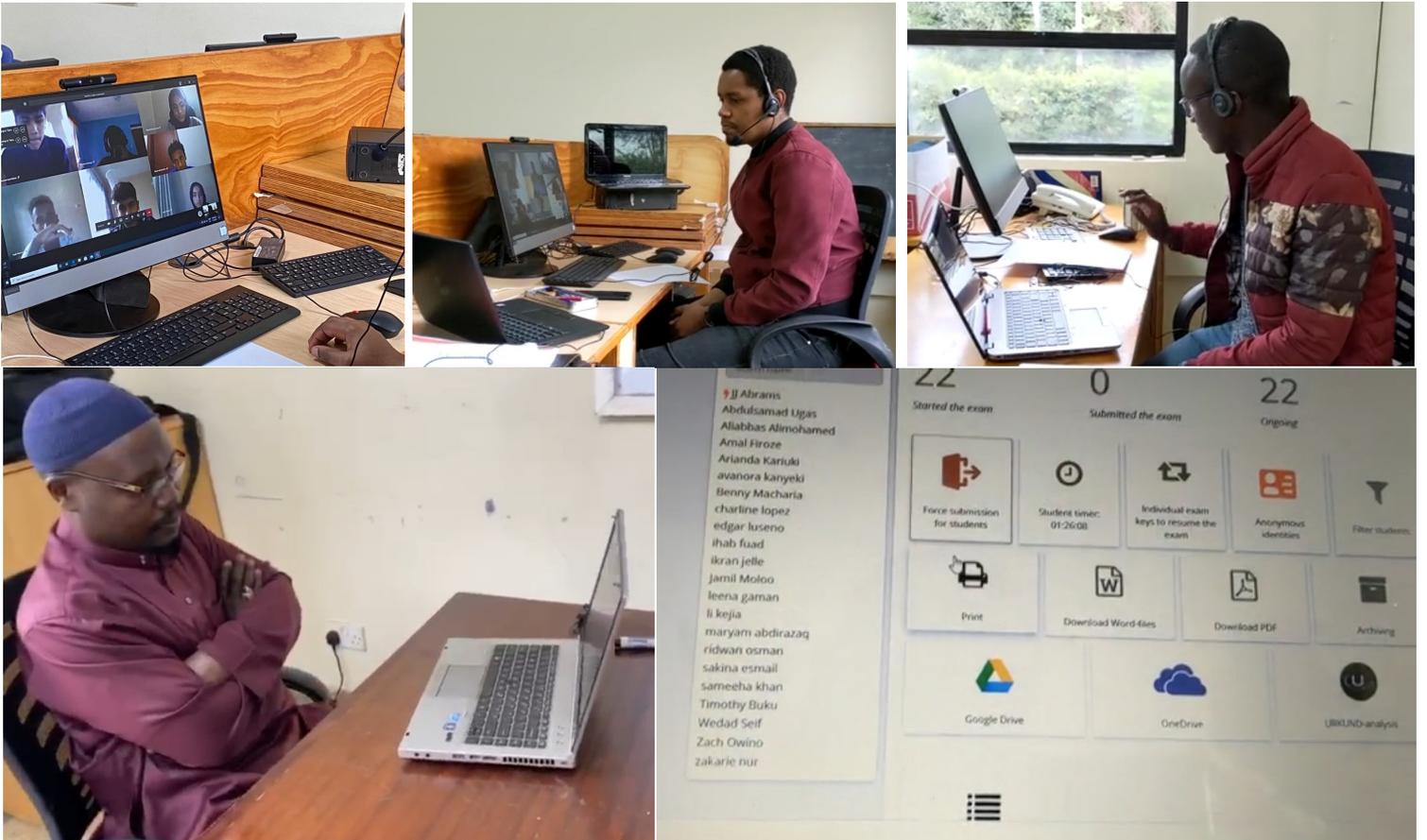
Exam Department

Importance and scope

We have begun administering our end of year examinations virtually. The process has started off smoothly with the greater majority of the Year 10 students being able to log in and complete their examinations seamlessly. We have been able to pick up on some issues which we feel may impede smoother running of the process and we really need everybody to be on board to ensure that we resolve these challenges.

These exams will assess on what has been covered throughout the year since the students are transitioning to the next level and it is important that teachers as well as the students get a true reflection on what has been mastered during that period. We therefore expect all the students to treat the exams with utmost seriousness just as they would any other sit-in exam.

Year 10 students doing their examinations



Training

Students have been given instructions through scheduled training on how to use the platform alongside Microsoft Teams. They will be expected to use the timetable and plan in advance for their examinations.

They are advised to ensure they use a device that can keep power for at least 2 hours during the session. The camera and microphone should also be functional. Students using iPads and other tablets have been advised on how to run the Teams app and Exam.net concurrently.

Exam Day

Students must adhere to the set rules of the exams. Breaking these rules will be considered as malpractice.

During exams the student will be expected to log into Teams and join the specified exam room. They MUST have their cameras switched on and have their microphones unmuted. The room or space they will use for the exams needs to be quiet and without any disruptions or distractions whatsoever.

After the students have all joined the team and the time is right, the main invigilator will provide a code to the teachers invigilating who will share it out with the students. Students will be expected to enter the code on Exam.net and fill in other important details. Upon successful log in they will be placed in a lobby to wait for the exam start time. The exam will then be opened by the main invigilator and all students will start at the same time. Once in the Exam.net platform they will not be allowed to leave the exam or the room so they should prepare in advance. They can chat to the main invigilator within the Exam.net platform and will still be able hear the other invigilator when he or she speaks to them.

Bonjour!

French for You.

It has been a challenging period all spheres of life as a result of covid-19. Not has been an exception to lovers of foreign languages. However, the challenges have come its shares of innovations as far as learning languages in concerned.

Learning of French is still fun and Great!

Through the **Ambassade de France au Kenya et Somali** the Kenyan Association of Teachers of French (KATF) is now giving Free French Lessons through Zoom sessions. To the French students and the **Jafferians** willing to learn French a link will be shared with us in order to catch up with the lessons during this approaching summer holiday. We can also learn French in an interactive and fun way using the recommended online Applications:

Duolingo, Babel, Coffee break, Memrise, Easy Languages and Learn with Alexa in YouTube



#StopTheSpread

How to use a mask? By Mehdi Rowjani

Source: World Health Organization



Before Putting on a Mask:

Clean hands with **alcohol-based hand rub** or **soap and water**.

While Wearing a Mask:

1. **Cover your mouth and nose.** Make sure there are no gaps between your face and the mask.
2. **Avoid touching the mask.** If you do, clean your hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.
3. Replace the mask with a new one as soon as it is damp. **Do not re-use single-use masks.**



To dispose of the mask:

1. Remove the mask from behind using the strings. **Do not touch the front of mask.**
2. Discard the mask **immediately** in a closed bin.
3. **Clean hands** with **alcohol-based hand rub** or **soap and water**.

Thank you
Secondary Team



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This flyer is from Mr Hassan Macki



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