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Friday, May 22, 2020



PLEASE NOTE: KAS IS CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER BREAK AND WILL REOPEN ON AUGUST 12, 2020.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT 2020: HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

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ABDALLA ABBAS

Accepted to the **University of Michigan, University of Eastern Michigan, Michigan, US; University of Western Michigan, Michigan, US; University of Central State, Ohio, US; University of Leeds, United Kingdom; University of Sussex, United Kingdom; University of Surrey, England and University of Lancaster United Kingdom.**



FAWZIA OMER

Accepted to the **University of Toronto St. George, Toronto, Canada; Scarborough Toronto University, Toronto, Canada; University of British Columbia Vancouver; King's College London, United Kingdom; SOAS University of London, The University of Manchester, and Cardiff University, Wales, United Kingdom.**



KAREEM EL SANOUSI

Accepted to the **University of Leeds, United Kingdom; University of Reading, Reading, United Kingdom; University of Surrey, England; Kingston University London, Kingston, England and De Montfort University, Leivester, England.**



JOSHUA UDOCHI



OSAMAH AL SUHAIQI

Accepted to the **UBC, Vancouver, British Columbia; York University, Toronto, Canada; Trent University, Toronto, Canada; Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada and Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada.**



IBRAHIM FADL

Accepted to the **University of Toronto Tri-Campus, Ontario, Canada; University of British Columbia Vancouver and Okanagan, Canada; University of Waterloo, Canada; York University, Toronto, Canada.**

Superintendent's Message

Dear KAS Community,

For those celebrating, Eid Mubarak!

As we have reached the end of the school year I would like to introduce the new teachers we have arriving at KAS next school year:

Derrick Zamzow will be the new Middle School and High School science teacher. He currently teaches science and math at the American International School of Freetown in Sierra Leone. Derrick is an American citizen.

Deana Welker will be an Elementary teacher next year. She currently teaches at the American School Foundation in Mexico City. Deana is an American citizen.

I also want to reassure you that I, and the whole administration team, are spending a great deal of time currently researching best practice for reopening campus. We are planning for social distancing,

PPE and providing the best quality learning environment for your children.

I would like to thank you for your support throughout this school year and particularly during this time of distance learning.

Bridget Davies
KAS Superintendent
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Letter from the Middle & High School Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Thank you for another productive school year!

I hope that you are all safe and well in these turbulent and unusual times.

We understand the pandemic has had and is still having an enormous impact for all people around the world, causing great concern and unpredictability for students and, of course, their teachers as well as all the school staff and administration. Keeping this in mind, I would like to thank each and every one of you for the amazing extra work that you have put into our online learning program.

To all our students – Thank you for all your hard work throughout the school year. I am so honored to be your principal; you make me proud. I smile every time I see you or think of you.

To our graduates – Congratulations on your achievement! We wish you all the best as you move on to the new chapter of your life. We know that each of you has gained a firm foundation for your education while at KAS. We hope that many of you will visit us at the school in the coming years and proudly share your achievements.

I am looking forward to next year when our 11th graders return with all the confidence and knowledge they need to have a successful senior year.

As I look back at our middle school students, I personally find it hard to believe that our 8th graders are going to become high schoolers in August. They started in middle school as children but they are now on their way to becoming young adults. I wish them all the success in their high school years.

I would like to welcome our 5th graders to middle school. I know and understand that they are a little bit nervous because they know the workload will increase and the pace will speed up. I am very sure that with the support that our students receive from school and home they will rise to the challenge.

Hope you stay safe and have the very best summer break.

Best wishes

Susan Boutros
Middle & High School Principal

Saying of the Week

If we are **Barking Up The Wrong Tree** we have misunderstood something and are now pursuing the wrong course of action. This is a phrase of north American origin and comes from the old practice of racoon-hunting dating back to the 1800s. Racoons are nocturnal animals and hunters would roam around the forests in darkness, using dogs to pick up a scent. Frightened racoons would scurry to safety in the branches of trees but hunting dogs would stand with their paws on the base of a trunk barking. A hunter would then climb the tree for the catch, but would sometimes find the racoon nowhere to be seen. When that happened it was said the dog had been 'barking up the wrong tree'.

Minette van der Bijl
High School English Department



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SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

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For the first time, KAS is offering a scholarship program to promote excellence to highly achieving students who have completed their IGCSE (University of Cambridge, International General Certificate of Secondary Education) mock exams or equivalent schooling (MYP, US curriculum etc.) The KAS scholarship program aims to provide a high standard of American curriculum pre-university education to academically gifted students, who are interested in pursuing their higher education at an international university.

The scholarships will be awarded for a two-year period (Grades 11 & 12).

If you are interested in applying, please submit your application by one of the following two methods:

1- Complete the Scholarship Application Form, found at:

<https://www.krtams.org/welcome/links/2020-21/Scholarship%20Form.pdf>

Email the application form, plus a copy of the information page of your passport to admissions@krtams.org by **June 25th 2020**, by 3pm Sudan time.

To edit the application form visit the following website:

<https://www.pdfpro.co>

OR

2- Complete the Scholarship Application Form, found at:

<https://www.krtams.org/welcome/links/2020-21/Scholarship%20Form.pdf>

Submit the application form, plus a copy of the information page of your passport at the guard's station at Khartoum American School by **June 25th 2020**, by 3pm Sudan time.

The scholarship program is open to any student that meets the application criteria.

CELEBRATE OUR FIFTH GRADERS!

A rite of passage is a ceremony that marks important transitions in a person's life. The ceremony usually involves a ritual meant to signify the end one stage of life and prepare the individual for their role in the next stage of life. These include birth, puberty, marriage, having children, death, and most importantly for us... graduations.

Typically, our fifth-grade students have a graduation ceremony to celebrate the end of their elementary years and beginning of their middle and high school years. Due to school closure, this important event must be postponed for the time being. However, we invite you to read the reflections of our fifth graders and celebrate their graduation rite of passage "virtually" this year. Here you will find a "selfie" with descriptors each student designed for themselves, along with their reflections on:

1. What is your favorite memory of fifth grade?
2. What will you miss most about elementary school?
3. What are you looking forward to most in middle school?

Please take a moment to read and celebrate our fifth graders, and wish them a virtual congratulations!



Abdelrazag

My favorite memory of 5th grade is when we build the wall for the tortoises. The reason why I liked it's because I like animals so much and getting to help them just makes me happy. In addition, it was fun learning how to do the easement and what you should do before putting it, it was a fun experience. The things I'm miss most about elementary school is normal P.E. I'm sure some of you are wondering what do I mean by that well what I mean is the in middle school we are going to have to wright S,A we are not going play like a kid any more. and one more thing that I will miss is my fifth grade teachers. they are the one how went through the straggle for my learning and knowledge. The thing that I'm looking forward to I'm middle school is the freedom. I feel like in middle school there is way more freedom. For example, getting to get your phone, not walking in a line and more things. One more thing the I'm looking forewords to is the responsibility when you have that much freedom the you get more responsible like making sure you shut down your phone before class going to the class you have to be in on time. That's what make you responsible.



Ahmed Abbas

For me coming in a new school and meeting new friends Fun, joy, unseriousness (new word) play in spirit week, and not hard work I will do adult stuff, new experiences, and more diversified



Ahmed Adani

My favorite memory of 5th Grade is when we went on the field trip. I will miss elementary because I won't be able to play with the little kids and make them happy. I am looking forward to 6th grade because they will make me big brain.



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Ayesha

My favorite memory of 5th grade is when Ms. C read us books. I will miss recess from elementary school. I will like middle school because it will be different.



Dana

When we did not have homework. I will miss my friend and teachers. I am looking forward for an hour of lunch



Mohammed Tarig

My favorite memory in grade 5 is when we went to the farm. I will miss my teachers I looking forward to walk alone and go to classes by myself.



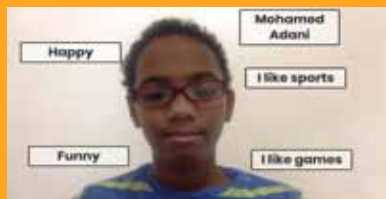
Murad

My favorite memory was when we went to the field trip to Mr. Magdi's farm I won't miss anything because I am excited for middle school I am looking forward to learning more serious stuff



Stefan

My favorite memory is Sudan day. I will miss my teachers. I am looking forward to middle school because we get to make new memories.



Mohamed Adani

My favorite memory in 5th grade was where we were doing experiments The thing I will miss about elementary is my friends from other classes The thing I am excited about in middle school is we will be able to play in the huge basketball area after what's happening in the world



Tarig

My favorite memories in elementary school are always the last day of school because there will be no school for 3 months. I usually travel during the summer holidays so I get really excited in the last day of school. What I will miss most about elementary school is less homework than middle school and we don't have exams. What I'm excited about in middle school is that we have a bit more freedom and we have more subjects.



Hala

What is my favorite memory of fifth grade? I have many so I will list 3 of them: In the morning when we would have math we would always joke about things that were totally off topic. When we were on the field trip to Mr. Magdi's Farm we saw that the line for Gas next to the gas station was really long. In Mr. Magdi's farm the boys and the girls would always fight over the chair swing. What am I going to miss the most about elementary? I will miss the playground where I basically grew up with and also the wooden structure. What are you looking forward to most in middle school? I am excited for not standing in a line and I want to meet new teachers.



Eleazar



ABDALLA ABBAS

Abdalla Abbas received two Blue Honors Awards for his academic performance. He served as the high school Student Council President for the 2019-2020 school year. He was the Basketball Varsity Captain, and Captain of the Varsity Football team.

"I have been in KAS for more than 5 years. I have seen myself strengthen every year. I was blessed to have special teachers at KAS like Mr. McMullen, Miss, Utecht, and Mr. Locheman. They were the teachers that made me spark in my academics, and also athletics. They were more than teachers to me they were like friends, they guided me towards the right way, and made sure that I believed in myself and that I could do anything I wanted. They made sure that this was my mentality."

"I would like to say a special thank you for Mrs. Mallory for making this all happen, and most importantly our middle and high school principle Mrs. Boutros who made sure that not just I, but all my classmates were on top of our work. She also made sure that we were in the library after school studying, and making sure that we were focusing in class, and enjoying our time at KAS." "I would like to thank the cleaners and security guards for making sure that we came to a clean and safe environment. I would also like to thank Mrs. Mona for all the hard work that she has shown and also the amazing events in KAS that she had planned and carry out. I really sincerely appreciate all the hard work that all the KAS faculty have shown me."

"I would like to thank all my classmates for the help that they helped me with during the hard times. I could finally say we me made it guys. I can't describe how honored I am to be part of this special class."

"Lastly, I also would like to thank my father Abdelgadir Abbas, and my mother Habab Giha, for blessing me with high standard education. I also thank them for always being there for me through thick and thin. I am more than blessed to whom I am today. Thank you KAS."

Abdalla plans to pursue a degree in Economics, Marketing. Abdalla has been accepted to the **University of Michigan, University of Eastern Michigan, University of Western Michigan, University of Central State - United States of America. University of Leeds, University of Sussex, University of Surrey, University of Lancaster - United Kingdom.**

Favorite Class(es) at KAS

"My favorite class was AP Macroeconomics, it was my favorite class because, I personally really endure and enjoyed learning economics. Also, I had a special teacher, Mrs. Egbal. She made sure that I was enjoying the class and most importantly, that I was learning to my full potential. We also had very special moments in class that were really fun to be part of."

Favorite High School Memory

"When I represented K.A.S abroad in Kenya playing football, it was a pleasure and most of all a very good experience."

Advice for Future Seniors

"Keep working hard the same way you were and most of all make sure that you don't give up. There will be sometimes where you feel like it's to late to fix things, but trust me, it's never to late. So always make sure you are doing the best you can."



FAWZIA OMER

Fawzia Omer started her education at KAS at the beginning of her education journey, Kindergarten. During her time at KAS she was on the Basketball team for six years, receiving the MVP award and played on the soccer team for five years. She served as on the Student Council for three years. Fawzi was an active member of the Yearbook club and MUN club. Fawzia volunteered for the Green for Sudan and was awarded the AISA Award for excellence in 2016.

"I have been a Student at KAS for 13 years now. It truly is a place I call home as it is where I grew up from my childhood to my adolescence. KAS has been a major contributor to who I am today. It taught me what community is, and what it means to care for the world we live in. It helped me learn basic mannerisms such as respect, politeness, and integrity. Most importantly, the teachers and community here showed me how to believe in myself and believe in the impossible. I will forever love you, KAS. Thank you."

Fawzia plans to pursue a degree in Political Science with a Minor in Psychology. She has been accepted to the **University of Toronto St. George and Scarborough, University of British Columbia Vancouver, King's College London, SOAS University of London, The University of Manchester, and Cardiff University.** Fawzia has been awarded a scholarship from the University of Toronto and Cardiff University.

Favorite Class(es) at KAS

"Every class with Mr. McMullen because he was truly a gifted teacher who made us understand the world around us. Art with Ms. Maie because she really is an

outstanding art teacher who makes the classroom feel exactly like home. Biology with Ms. Juliane, English with Mr. Michael and Ms. Minette who were both teachers that did not only teach us was inside the textbook but what was also outside the school walls. Math in grade 6-7 with Mr. Joel and Algebra 2 with the lovely Mattie Boyce. My ESL class in kindergarten with Mr. Ross (where we were first introduced to baby shark)."

Favorite High School Memory

"My favorite memory in KAS overall was when I was in fourth grade and the rain caused a flood. All students and teachers went outside and played in the rain. I will still remember this day in detail and forever treasure it. As for high school, my favorite memory was simply sitting on the orange couch in the library with my friends Zobeida, and Dandoon (unfortunately, they moved that couch)."

Advice for Future Seniors

"My advice for the junior class is to really balance things out. They should work hard, then play hard. High school is a place to find yourself, interests, friends, etc. and also have fun. Overall, I advise the junior class to believe in themselves no matter what. When you put your mind to something you love, and keep trying, you will eventually get there. Most importantly, I know a lot of you care about grades, however, do not let marks be a distraction to what you really are here for, and that is to learn (I have made that mistake in the last two years unlike my first two years). You are given great resources and support in KAS, and I advise you make use of all the things you have access to and use them to feed your curiosity."



JOSHUA UDOCHI

Joshua Udochi has been a student KAS since 8th grade. Joshua has a love for music and physical activities. Joshua is interested in pursuing an undergraduate degree in Music Production.

Joshua is known for his ability to reach out to his fellow classmates. He was elected by his peers to represent the student body as Treasurer for Student Council. Joshua has participated in several extra curricula activities over the last several years, such as the Khartoum American School Model United Nations and the Khartoum American School basketball and soccer team. Joshua also took part in the Khartoum Community Service project planting trees in the local community and creating a mural with his senior class.

Favorite Class(es): "P.E, Team Sports, and Music are my favorite classes because I like being outdoors and I love playing sports, as well as I enjoy making music."

Favorite High School Memory: "I would say it would be a pool party that happened 2 years ago. I can't remember why I liked it so much, but I just did."

Advice for future Seniors: "Do not procrastinate."



KAREEM EL SANOUSI

Kareem El Sanousi has achieved a variety of leadership awards throughout high school. He has earned a Citizenship, Character, and Leadership awards in the annual 4'C Awards. Kareem has directed a school play and danced in a few school events.

Kareem has played in the Basketball and Football team every year throughout his high school years. He was captain of the Basketball team in his senior year and was point leader in the Basketball team last year. He has participated in the Model United Nations for 5 years where he served as Deputy Secretary General for MUN and recently, Senior Class Representative.

Kareem was also a delegate in THIMUN Qatar, and Deputy Secretary General for Khartoum American School MUN. "I would say I am very experienced as I have participated in an overseas conference."

"I'd like to thank Ms. Boutros for being my mother at school. Always pushing me to do my work and making sure I stay out of trouble. I will forever be grateful for your mentoring and wish you nothing but the best for the future. Also, a big shout out to Coach P! I've only gotten to know him for this year but has been without a doubt the best coach of my high school career. Merci and Ici c'est Paris!"

Kareem plans to pursue a degree in International Business and Marketing. He has been accepted to the **University of Leeds, University of Reading, University of Surrey, Kingston University London, and De Montfort University.**

Favorite Class(es) at KAS

"AP Macroeconomics was a favorite class because I got to learn something related to my university major. Class with Ms. Egbal was a fun experience, as she always came up with interesting lessons and ways for us to succeed and learn in the class."

Favorite High School Memory

"I've been at KAS for 14 years. It is my second home and everyday has left me with beautiful memories."

Advice for Future Seniors

"As my classmate Cecil once said, work smart, not hard. Appreciate your teachers, they only want the best for you."



OSAMAH AL SUHAIQI

Osamah Al Suhaiqi enrolled at KAS in August of 2018, transferring from European Lebanese School. Osamah was an active participant on the Khartoum American School soccer team for the past two years.

Osamah plans to pursue a degree in International Business and Administration. He has been accepted to **UBC, York University, Trent University, Carleton University and Wilfrid Laurier University**. Osamah has been awarded a scholarship from Carleton University.

Favorite Class(es) at KAS

"Team sports was the class that I could have fun and forget about all the work I had to do because it was a lot fun."

Favorite High School Memory

"Sudan days last year because it was with seniors, class of 2019."

Advice for Future Seniors

"Stay focus on your work."



IBRAHIM FADL

Ibrahim Fadl began his high school journey at KAS in August of 2016 as an incoming 9th grader. During his high school years, Ibrahim served as President of GA1 KASMUN X, Co-founder and teacher in MUN for middle school. He received the Character Award, Community Award, and the Gold/Blue Honor Rolls all four years of high school. Ibrahim volunteered in the creation of new baby tortoise's sanctuary during the Week Without Walls. He represented KAS in THIMU. He was a member of the Accreditation Committee 2018 and a member of both the basketball and soccer varsity teams.

"I would like firstly to give thanks to my parents, the pillars to my success. Words cannot conjure my gratitude for them, so I hope my efforts make them proud. A great thanks also goes out to my four sisters, as without you there is no Jackson five and I would not be the Michael I am today. Allah Ikhaleekom ley. I would like to extend my warm thanks to every teacher, staff, and faculty member in the KAS family for four wholesome years. As for the boys, you guys made it tolerable. To the class of 2020, we finally made it. Maybe not in the fashion we would like, but we move. Heads high for we drink to our accomplishments."

Ibrahim is undecided on a major of study. He has been accepted to the **University of Toronto Tri-Campus, CA. University of British Columbia Vancouver and Okanagan, CA. University of Waterloo, CA. York University, CA.** Ibrahim has been awarded the the University of Toronto of Scarborough Admission Scholarship from the University of Toronto.

Favorite Class(es) at KAS

"AP Chemistry and AP World History. Great Admiration for Mr. Bill Collins and Mr. Owen McMullen, respectively."

Favorite High School Memory

"Alumni dinner 2019. It might not be the favorite overall but the most recent thrilling memory of the togetherness of the class of 2020 thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Sara Abugarja and Mrs. Egbal Mohamed. Thank you very much to the both of you."

Advice for Future Seniors

"'Bititjazaf' (You can pull through)."