



## Our Mission

Providing a balanced and innovative international education that enables students to achieve their individual potential while preparing them to be successful citizens who make positive contributions to society and the world.



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## Head of School Notes

Dear ISZ Community

Next week Wednesday marks the end of term 2. We will be sending home report cards that day, and on **Thursday, March 18, from 1-4pm, we will conduct parent/teacher conferences**. I will be communicating more details early next week about the conferences and how to safely social distance on campus. Please stay tuned.

Also, next week, we will start to de-escalate our corona protocol. Many of you have shared

your feelings about the current situation with me, and we thank you for your openness. We respect the differences within our community, and please rest assured that we are working hard to open up the school while ensuring that enhanced hygiene and social distancing measures are enforced on campus. Below you will find more details about these measures. Please understand that this will only work IF WE ALL FOLLOW THE RULES. You will receive the same message from homeroom teachers and we are sending hardcopies home as well. Thank you all for your understanding and continued support.

Our IGCSE, AS and A Level students have some busy weeks ahead. In a short time, we will start mock examinations, and briefly thereafter, students will be sitting exams. Everyone has been working hard to get ready. Hang in there guys, you can do this!

You can find our Cambridge IGCSE and A level exam schedule on our website by clicking here <http://isz.co.tz/cambridge-igcse-a-level-exam-schedule/>

Wishing everyone a peaceful and relaxing weekend, I remain,

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. James W. Pilton

## **ISZ De-escalation Plan**

### **Kupunguza Vikwazo vya Mpangilio wa Janga**

**What I need to do to prepare for the upcoming de-escalation.**

**Mahitaji na matayarisho ya kupunguzwa vikwazo vya mpangilio wa janga.**

- **Please inform the school immediately if there are any Covid-related concerns in your family. OUR MEASURES WILL ONLY BE EFFECTIVE IF ALL FAMILIES COOPERATE. Tafadhali toa taarifa haraka iwezekanavyo, ikiwa kutakuwa na maambukizi au wasiwasi wa maambukizi kwenye familia yenu. MIKAKATI YETU YA KUPUNGUZA**

**MAAMBUKIZI ITAFANIKIWA PALE TUTAKAPOKUWA  
TUNASHIRIKIANA.**

- **Please inform the school if you plan to travel internationally. Tafadhali toa taarifa ikiwa familia yako itakuwa na mipangilio ya kusafiri nje ya Tanzania.**
- **Keep your child at home if you have a member of your household who is sick with Covid-19 or shows Covid-like symptoms. Tafadhali wazuie wanafunzi nyumbani iwapo kutakuwa na maambukizi au dalili za maambukizi nyumbani kwenu.**
- **Please get tested right away and share the results with the school. Ikiwa kuna maambukizi au wasiwasi wa maambukizi, tafadhali fanya vipimo na utujulishe matokeo ya vipimo hivyo.**
- **We highly recommend that families follow social distancing and hygiene practices outside of school as well. Tunasisitiza kuwa familia zichukuwe tahadhari za usafi wa mikono na kufuata maelekezo ya kukaa mbali kwa masafa tunapokuwa kwenye mazingira ya maisha yetu.**
- **Families for primary aged children may choose to have their child wear a mask while indoors at school. In that case, please make sure that your child brings at least 3 clean masks to school each day along with a container/bag to store used masks. Students should change their mask after morning recess and after lunch. Ikiwa familia yako itafanya maamuzi ya kuwa mwanafunzi avae barakoa anapokuwa darasani. Hivyo, hakikisha kuwa mwanafunzi huyo anakuja skuli na barakoa zisizopungua tatu kwa kila siku, na kuwa na sehemu ya kuhifadhia barakoa zilizokwisha tumika. Wanafunzi watabadilisha barakoa zao, baada ya kipindi cha mapumziko cha asubuhi na pia baada ya kipindi cha chakula cha mchana.**

What my child can expect when at school.

Matarajio ya mwanafunzi anapokuwa skuli.

- For the time being, we will divide our student body into “pods” or “bubbles” with the aim to limit interactions between age groups. Each class forms a “bubble”, only interacting with their classmates both in and out of the classroom. Those secondary groups that have combined classes will form bubbles. Wanafunzi watagawanywa kwenye makundi ili kupunguza maingiliano baina ya wanafunzi. Kila darasa litakuwa ni kikundi kimoja na watashirikiana ndani ya darasa na kucheza pamoja wakiwa nje ya darasa. Madarasa ya sekondari yaliyochanganywa yatabaki kama kikundi kimoja.
- Our goal is that in the event of a positive test within our community, we can limit actions to a particular class or bubble. Mategemeo yetu ni kuwa kutakapojitokeza maambukizi ni rahisi kuchukuwa hatua muwafaka kwa kile kikundi kilichoathirika tu.
- ISZ teachers will encourage and enforce social distancing and/or hygiene measures in the classroom and on campus. Walimu watatilia mkazo sheria za usafi na pia kuwataka wanafunzi kukaa kwa masafa ya umbali ndani ya darasa na pia nje ya darasa.
- Any non-compliance of students regarding measures (observing social distancing, mask wearing and hygiene procedures) will be dealt with as a discipline issue - see Family Handbook: Disciplinary Procedures. Iwapo mwanafunzi hatofuata masharti ya usafi, uvaaji wa barakoa na kuheshima masafa ya umbali unaohitajika basi mwanafunzi huyo atachukuliwa hatua kama ilivyo kwenye Family Handbook.
- Students in Year 2 and below will share a desk and resources with only one other student. Year 3 and older will each have their own workspace and resources to use throughout the day. This applies for

secondary as well. Wanafunzi wa chekechea hadi Year 2 wataendelea kutumia meza moja kwa wanafunzi wawili na kuendele kama kawaida kutumia vifaa vya darasani kwa kushirikiana. Kwa wanafunzi wa Year 3 hadi sekondari, kila mwanafunzi atakuwa na dawati lake na kutumia vifaa vyake peke yake.

- Specialist teachers will travel to the classroom (where possible) to limit the sharing of desks and resources in Specialist classrooms. Waalimu wa kiswahili/kifaransa watakuwa wakiwafuata wanafunzi kwenye madarasa yao.
- ISZ teachers are expected to wear masks when interacting with students and adults. Staff will facilitate/reinforce the wearing of masks where required by the school or requested by parents. Waalimu watalazimika kuvaa barakoa watakapokua na maingiliano na wanafunzi, ndani au nje ya darasa.
- School will dismiss at 3pm and all students should leave campus by 3:15pm. Wanafunzi wataruhusiwa kwenda nyumbani, saa 9 kamili, na wanafunzi wote wawe wameshaondoka kwenye eneo la skuli ifikapo saa 9.15 mchana.
- After school activities will not run during this phase of de-escalation. Hakutokuwa na vipindi vya michezo baada ya masaa ya masomo kwa wakati huu.
- Families who choose to keep their child at home can expect teachers to provide work to do at home. The completed work will be evaluated and assessed. Teachers will connect with children virtually up to 2 times per week to check-in regarding the students' well-being and learning on the whole. (These check-ins are not intended to be a tutoring session.) Familia zitakazofanya uamuzi wa kuwaweka wanafunzi nyumbani, wanafunzi hao watapokea kazi za masomo kufanya wakiwa nyumbani, kazi hizo zitaangaliwa na kusahihishwa na

walimu. Walimu watajitahidi kuwafuatilia wanafunzi hao kwa njia ya mtandao angalau wiki mara 2. Ikumbukwe kuwa mikutano hii ya mtandaoni ni kumsaidia mwanafunzi tu na sio kumsomesha.

What I can expect from the Admin team at ISZ.

Matarajio ya wazazi kutoka skuli.

- The Main Office will be following up with every child who is not on campus to determine the reason why and if there is reason to suspect Covid-19. Wazazi watapokea simu ya kufuatilia iwapo mwanafunzi hatofika skuli ili kujuwa sababu za kutofika kwake na kutaka kujuwa iwapo kuna maambukizi ya homa ya mapafu.
- The school administration will continue to monitor the situation in Zanzibar and will immediately notify the community if there are any changes. Uongozi wa skuli utaendelea kufuatilia mwenendo wa maambukizi na kutoa taarifa kwenye jamii yetu pale itakapohitajika.
- The decision making process is open and transparent. Mipangilio ya maamuzi haya ni jumuishi na ya uwazi kabisa.
- All communications with the school are strictly confidential, and information is only shared on a need to know basis. Taarifa zote zinazopokelewa skuli zitabaki kuwa ni siri na zitawafikia wale wanaostahiki tu.

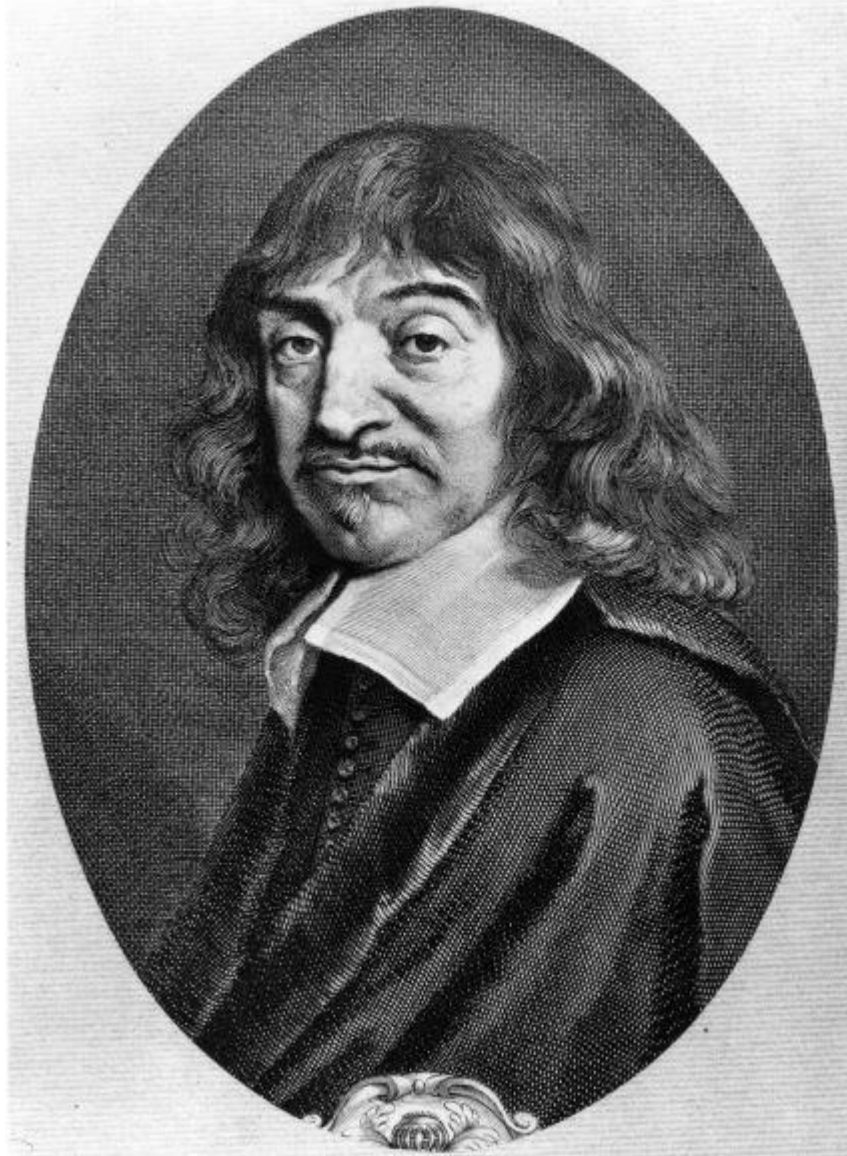
## Mathematics with Mr. Sam

In Year 10, we have been working at understanding coordinate geometry, and, having spent a lot of time looking at slope (gradient) and the features of straight-line graphs, we are now covering the equations of parallel lines and perpendicular lines. Pose the following three questions to your child, and I will give an extra credit point to each student whose parent emails me the answer that they extract from their child!

1. What do we know about the gradients of parallel lines?
2. What is the relationship between the slopes of perpendicular lines?

3. What equation can we use to prove two slopes are perpendicular to each other?

We have a test next week AND will be starting an end-of-unit project, so keep an eye out for both items! Pictured is French philosopher/mathematician René Descartes (1596-1650), who gave us the Cartesian (coordinate) plane.



French with Mme Pacque

This week in French, our students in Years 8 to 11 attended their French virtual lessons with success! On the program: virtual classes on zoom, work in groups on zoom with breakout rooms access, interactive exercises sheets online, interactive games, French website quizzes and videos, online speaking tests and Google quizzes. Our students showed that they were able to adapt their learning routine in a really good way and they had the occasion to exploit new material.

Our IGCSE French class had the opportunity to reflect in French about what kind of profession they would like to do thanks to a French website that helps youth to find their path among different opportunities.

Well done everyone!

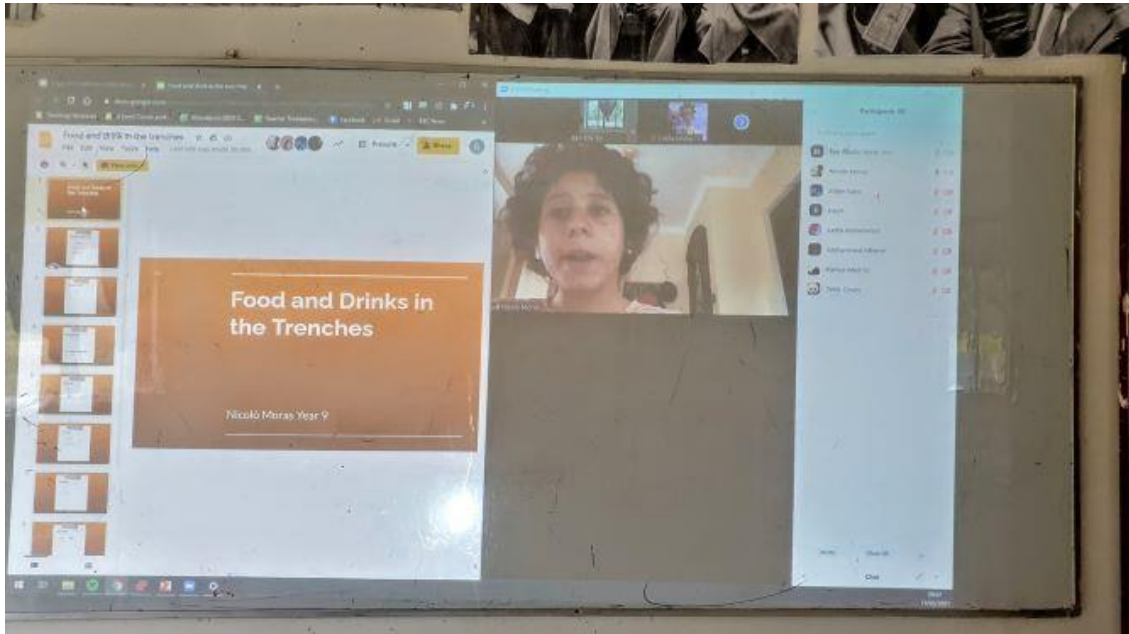




## History with Mr. Ben

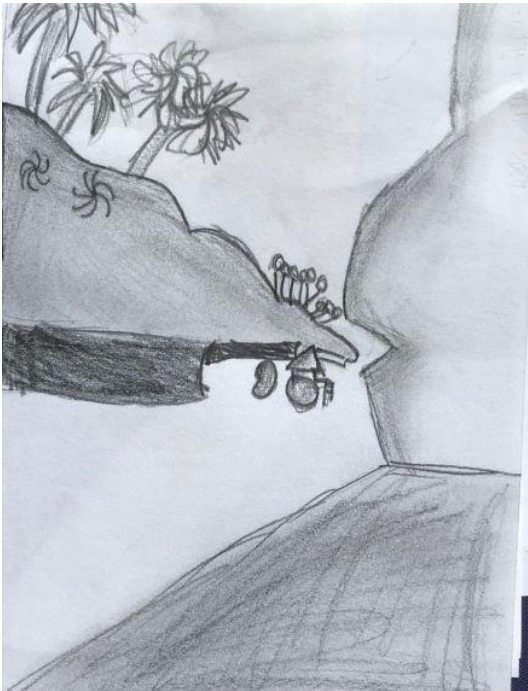
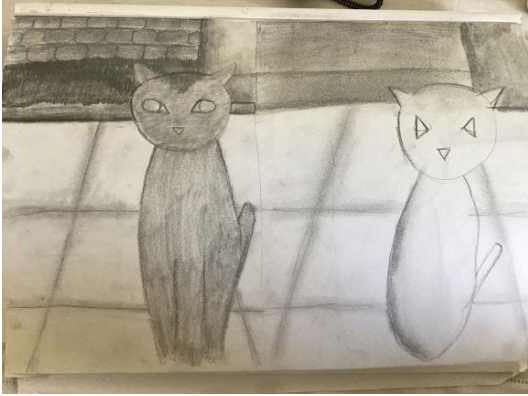
In Y9 Humanities, after writing our essays on the causes of the First World War, we have turned our attention to the difficulties faced by soldiers living in the trenches. Students have been researching their chosen topics about life in the trenches, and are now presenting their findings to the rest of the class. Virtual learning has not stopped us from improving our presentation skills! Here is Nico delivering his fantastic presentation about food and drink in the

trenches! Did you know that soldiers brewed their morning tea from water stored in old petrol cans? The petrol smell added a distinct flavour to the drink!



## Art with Ms. Wild

This week in Art, students submitted their original watercolour paintings. Please find great examples of the work of Hanifa (Y8) and Latifa (Y9). Students are now experimenting with pencil drawings for ways to abstract a chosen reference photo to create an abstracted version of it. Both Amelie and Francesca in Y8 have simplified shapes and forms in their drawings effectively. Well done! All drawing classes during online learning have been conducted using live video demonstrations and tutorials on zoom, well done middle school!



## Talking to Your Child About Covid-19

Here is a wonderful resource shared by one of our parents about how to talk to your child about the current pandemic and what children can do to stay safe and help stop the spread of the disease. It even has the PDF file for download.

Thank you Maha for passing this on.

Have a great day.

<https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/iasc-reference-group-mental-health-and-psycho-social-support-emergency-settings/actions-heroes-guide-heart-heart-chats-children-accompany-reading-my-hero-you-how-kids-can-fight>



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- OFFICE HOURS FROM 8AM TO 3:30PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
- End of term 2 on March 17
- March 18 Parent Teacher Conferences
- GRADUATION June 12, 2021
- Last Day of School June 24, 2021

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