

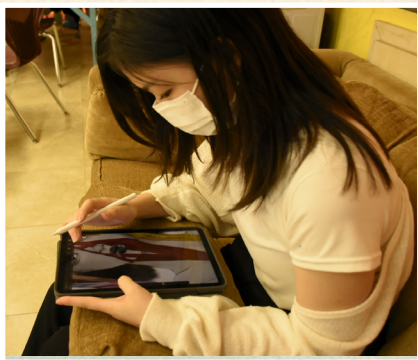


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News from the trunk!  
Sunday August 28th, 2022

**ART HAS**  
THE ROLE IN EDUCATION  
OF HELPING CHILDREN  
BECOME LIKE THEMSELVES  
INSTEAD OF MORE  
LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.  
-SYDNEY GUREWITZ CLEMENS

## A LOT IS HAPPENING IN THE ART ROOM!



Back to School  
Night  
Welcome

Wednesday August 31st, 5 – 7pm

This is an opportunity for parents to meet their children's teachers. There will be the opportunity to learn more about what is being taught in class, how assessment works and any other pertinent information.

Please note this is an **adult only** event.

# Letter from the Superintendent, Bridget Davies

Dear KAS Community,

I hope your children are enjoying school and are into a good routine of coming to campus every day.

I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the importance of all students arriving on time to school. Although we know there are many complicating factors in Khartoum to being punctual, I would ask you to prioritize this aspect of the day.

For younger students the beginning of the school day is a crucial time in many ways. Teachers have a set routine which takes place as soon as children enter the classroom; this helps them to feel safe and settled. Moreover, in Elementary school often the important classes of reading, writing and mathematics take place first thing in the morning.

For Middle and High School students, Advisory time allows teachers to share important information and for students to connect with their peers. Missing this time is detrimental enough, but when students arrive after 8:05am they are missing their academic classes.

Finally, punctuality and timeliness are life skills that are not just relevant at school but also will be used in college and work. The more our children practice it now the better they will become.

Thank you for your support and partnership in your children's education.

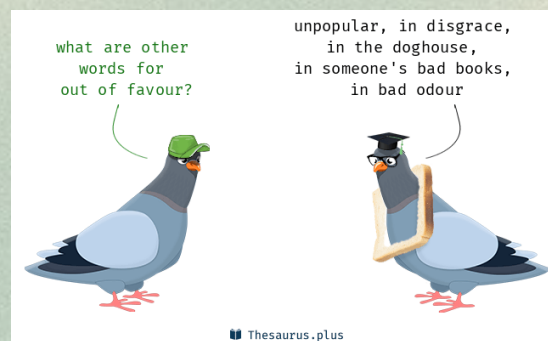
Best wishes,

Bridget Davies

## Saying

To be In Someone's Bad Books means one is not liked or treated kindly by someone e.g. He remains in her bad books after that outburst. In the Middle Ages, 'one's books' meant 'one's reckoning or cognizance'. So to be 'out of someone's books' meant you were no longer part of their life or of interest to them.

Minette van der Bijl  
HS EAL Teacher



# Letter from the Principal, Bruce Doig

## Structured for Success

Success is measured by many different things depending on the area. In business, it is measured by metrics like growth and revenue. In personal fitness it is muscle and endurance. In education, it is parental support and involvement in their children's learning (Khajepour; Aremu, Tella, et al; and more). So, what does this involvement look like?

1. Talk to your children about school. Ask them how their day went. Ask them about what they are working on in class. Ask them about their successful and not-so-successful assignments. This allows students to share their day with parents, validates the importance of school, and reinforces student perception of the importance of school.
2. Make sure that your child has an area for doing homework, research, and studying. Here are 6 steps towards creating a learning place (Marysville University):
  - a. Create a space that is free of distractions
  - b. Make it comfortable
  - c. Make sure there is enough space
  - d. Control the light (both natural and artificial). Make sure it doesn't interfere with seeing laptop screens.
  - e. Keep it clean.
  - f. Personalize it.
3. Help your child be organized. Have a conversation about how he or she organizes school work that needs to be done. Does she or he make a to-do list each day? Does s/he check off completed items and add new items each day? Does s/he use a day-by-day planner instead? Is he or she checking Schoology every evening to see what is due and its due date?
4. If your child doesn't have a home learning schedule – a daily time when he or she is doing homework – help them set this time up and keep it protected, so that it is a routine. This helps develop and enhance positive learning habits.
5. Does your child have a regular sleep time and cycle? Younger and older students ALL need regular sleep, with 7-9 hours being cited as the ideal sleep range.
6. If your child has a phone, does s/he turn it off or put it in silent mode when he or she goes to sleep? Do they turn the screen brightness down all the way? Do they put it in airplane mode? Many tweens and teens with phones keep them on and respond to them all through the night due to FOMO – Fear Of Missing Out. Unfortunately, this cuts into deep sleep and negatively affects learning understanding and knowledge retention.

If you are already doing different things from this list, you are already on your way to helping your son or daughter succeed at school. If you aren't.

Bruce Doig  
School Principal

# Advanced Placement Program at KAS

As part of our mission and vision our focus is to ensure that our students are prepared for life after high school. This includes supporting students with academically rigorous classes that gives them the opportunity to study at competitive universities. This is exactly what the Advanced Placement (AP) program is aimed at accomplishing. At KAS students have the opportunity to take university level classes while they are still in high school.

## What is Advanced Placement

- 35 first-year university-level courses in English, World Languages, History & Social Sciences, Math & Computer Science, Sciences, and Arts, plus two Capstone Diploma courses
- The AP program was developed by and is managed by College Board
- Externally examined on a 1-5 scale
- In-depth study of the subject
- Typically taken in Gr. 11 - 12

## The Benefits of the Advanced Placement Program

### Rigor

- University intro-level coursework
- Combines an emphasis on communication and analytic problem solving skills with mastery of content knowledge

### Worldwide Recognition

- Most accredited universities worldwide accept students who meet their AP admissions policies
- Improves competitiveness of university applications
- Course equivalency and credit in North America

### Flexibility

- Students can select individual exams according to interest, university goals, and ability level and complete the AP Capstone Diploma Program

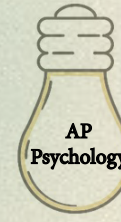
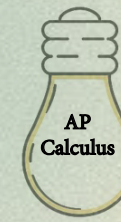
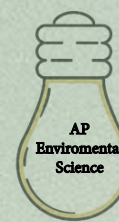
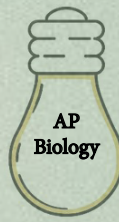
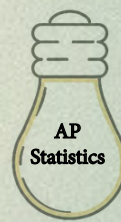
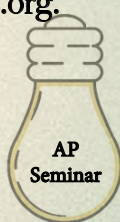
Click on the link below for more information regarding the Advanced Placement Program and College Board or you can email me at [sfrancis@krtams.org](mailto:sfrancis@krtams.org).

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Kind Regards,

Ms. Francis - MS/HS Counsellor



## ART

Art encourages cognition, critical thinking, and learning.

At KAS we recognize that the arts are not a "frill" or enrichment activity, the arts are basic to education. With the many challenges we are facing with differentiation within a classroom today, combining art with academic subjects in the classroom becomes increasingly important.

Art is an outstanding tool for teaching not only developmental skills, but also academic subjects such as math, science, and literacy. The most effective learning takes place when children do something related to the topic they are learning. When children study any given concept, they learn it better and retain it longer if they do an art activity that reinforces that learning.

This information has been recognized by teachers since the time of Confucius, when he said: "I hear and I forget. I see and I remember; I do and I understand."

Ms Mai Hassan - Art Teacher