

quality education

Through sports, our students are taught the values of sportsmanship, team spirit, hardwork and pursuit of excellence, as well as understanding the long-term benefits of living a healthy lifestyle.

This academic year, sports began with a bang with the introduction of Uganda basketball national team coach Mandy and an international football coach. We expected a lot of change and we got it.

The victories we got include the basketball and football teams reaching the finals of the International School Sports League.



Karol Gallagher, Sports Teacher

In September last year, the International School League campaign began with four GEMS secondary football teams and four

GEMS primary basketball teams contesting for a chance to reach the finals.

In October, GEMS organised the International Secondary School Athletics meet at Nelson Mandela Stadium. We emerged fourth among seven schools.

In November, we participated in the basketball and football finals which were held at International School of Uganda. The U9 boys and girls lifted the International School League titles when they beat Kampala International and Rainbow to become champions.

Also, U16 boys football final was played with great sportsmanship and came to a close game ending 2-1.

In December, we held the Secondary inter-house football competition. Rhinos coming out on top for year 10, 11, 12, 13 and leopards winning year 7, 8 and 9 in the competition.

The squad pool party was another accomplishment. All GEMS squads came together to celebrate a great term success in sports, with delicious pizza, soda and great music by the pool. We would like to thank all parents, students and staff who have been of great support for our team's success.



James Ingham, Head of Creative Arts

The music department is growing from strength to strength and the vibe is fantastic. We are proud to offer instrumental lessons in partnership with the Kampala Music School. As a result, presently, one in six students have private tuition on a range of instruments.

Rounding off the successes from last year, our IGCSE students achieved 100% A grades and we had our first three Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music certificates awarded for violin and singing.

Our music technology numbers have grown at level 3 Btec in the sixth form and the studio is developing each day.

In April this year we shall host the International Primary School's Music Festival here at GEMS and after the success of our secondary musical 'Hairspray' last year, we are preparing for the primary musical this June.

GEMS CIK is committed to creating and maintaining a safe, happy and child-centred environment in which children are inspired to become purposeful.

Every child is unique, so they are constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.

In early years foundation stage, our aim is that on leaving this level, GEMS students have a strong sense of self-esteem and feel positive about their abilities as learners and are confident communicators.

To support quality and best practice in early years foundation stage, we follow the cornerstone curriculum, which is an enquiry four-stage pedagogy built on academic research and years of practical teaching experience.

Children explore different stages to engage, develop, innovate and express their learning.

We also follow children's interests to inform planning. We observe them to assess their interests, progress and attainment by using an app called 2Simple.

It tracks children's learning journey and informs teachers in planning for individual children needs and next steps. All classes in early years foundation stage have interactive whiteboards, which facilitate teachers to

use these as a learning tool. They make learning more engaging and enjoyable for the children.

Children go to specialist lessons for French, physical education, swimming, music and attend enrichment activities. We have an early years foundation stage LEGO studio with educational sets, activity packs, teacher resources and programming tools.

GEMS CIK has a dedicated team of early years teachers and centre to provide children with the finest surroundings for their best first school experience.



Naomi Kabanyomozi, Head Of Foundation Stage



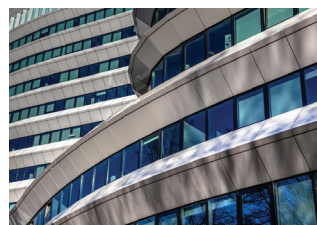
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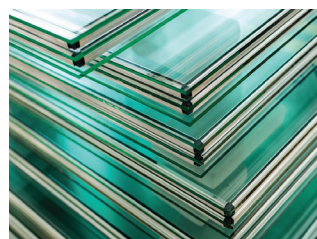
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