



Acorns International School

# REFLECTIONS

2017 - 18







# 2017-18 TIME CAPSULE



... the most memorable things from this year.

- Settling in new premises
- Culture day
- Sports day
- Field trips
- MYP candidacy status
- KCCA benchmarking
- Assemblies
- Parent interactions
- PYPX
- School play
- Clubs and lunches

Dear AIS family,

Our Acorns tree has seen a flourishing journey, from being a sapling to a strong, deep-rooted tree today. Fruitful, literally and figuratively, that's how I see it in retrospect.

From the size of the campus to the size of our family, the trajectory has been upward and onward, and we would like to thank everyone who has played an integral part in this exponential growth ... our students, parents and of course, invaluable AIS team.

I would like to express my gratitude to all our staff at AIS, who laid the foundation for success. Some of you were at AIS before me, many of you started with me and most of you kept joining us, to be what we are today!

Whether the Directors, a Teacher, Teaching Assistant, Head of Department, admin or auxiliary staff, we are all part of a very important job of educating, inspiring and empowering students to be happy and successful. Thank you so much for all the hard work and energy you invest in your job.



When visitors walk through our hallways, they see children learning, working, smiling and laughing. These precious moments are our 'pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.'



19 January 2018

Lalani Ameena  
Billing contact  
Acorns International School (AIS)  
School code: 050617

**Re: Request for candidacy**

Dear Lalani Ameena,

We are pleased to inform you that the application for candidacy for the MYP at Acorns International School (AIS) has been approved as of 19 January 2018. The candidacy period will formally begin on 1 March 2017.

The IB will provide the school with continued support throughout the candidate phase. Your school will be assigned a consultant, who will provide 20 hours of remote consultation and will arrange a two-day, on-site consultation visit. You will receive information about your assigned consultant at least one month before your candidacy begins. Further support for the school's work towards authorization is provided in the IB document *Consultation process: Guidelines for consultants*, which can be found in the resource library on IBO.org.

I am proud that I have the support of an entire (AIS) family that shares my vision... to create a generation that we can all be proud of!

**-Ameena Lalani  
Head of School**



*My association with AIS began almost 5 years ago, as I stepped into AIS Bukoto, with my toddler clutching my arm ready to join ECDC. When I look back, along with my child, AIS, too, has grown, spread its wings and taken a big leap.*

*Today, AIS has its own campus with state-of-the-art classrooms and full-fledged sports facilities. From a preschool to PYP IB Authorised School and MYP authorisation and Diploma programmes in pipeline, AIS has come a long way.*

*As the academic year comes to a close, I would like to thank all the teachers, non-teaching staff and administration team for all their good work.*

*-Leela Siddanmane  
Parent of Aashi*



*AIS school is one of the best schools in Uganda. It supports students very well and it works hand-in-hand with parents. It is well-organized, fully-equipped, very clean and has very good rules and regulations.*

*We really like the education system. Our children are doing great. We also follow them, support and teach them very well at home to be part of the school and the teaching staff.*

*We wish AIS the continuing prosperity and success, as usual.*

*-Mohamad Anis & Amal Hazimeh  
Parents of Karim & Selin*



*Dear AIS Management and Staff,*

*I would like to express my appreciation for the love, support, guidance and assistance that you have extended to the students. You are doing much more than you are assigned to do. The question is – Are we appreciating their efforts as parents? So, today I take this responsibility to propose a toast to the AIS family.*

*I confidently say, our children have a second trusted home.*

*We are very proud parents of the AIS FAMILY.*

*Sridevi Rameysh,  
Parents of Jyodhi and Siva*



*I'm a parent of 3 students at AIS and I can say that my decision was correct when I chose this school to be their light to the future. I see how much my kids are improving since they started and how confident they've become.*

*I appreciate the teachers and school staff for their effort and hardwork in making AIS more and more successful.*

*Jihan Hijazi  
Parent of Nour, Adam & Naya*



*I like AIS, because of the high-quality teaching system, the inclusive and equal humanistic environment, the highly responsible team of teachers, and of course, the beautiful campus. My daughter love it here very much. She has built strong bonds. Thanks, AIS. Well Done!*

*-Wang Jianwei  
Parent of Luosi*



# *Celebration of Learning 2016-17*





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*With each progressing year, our students set new milestones in how they choose to express their learnings of the year! In 2017, some chose to become Presidents of different countries, while others displayed Pluralism through cultural performances.*



# Back to School - August 22, 2017

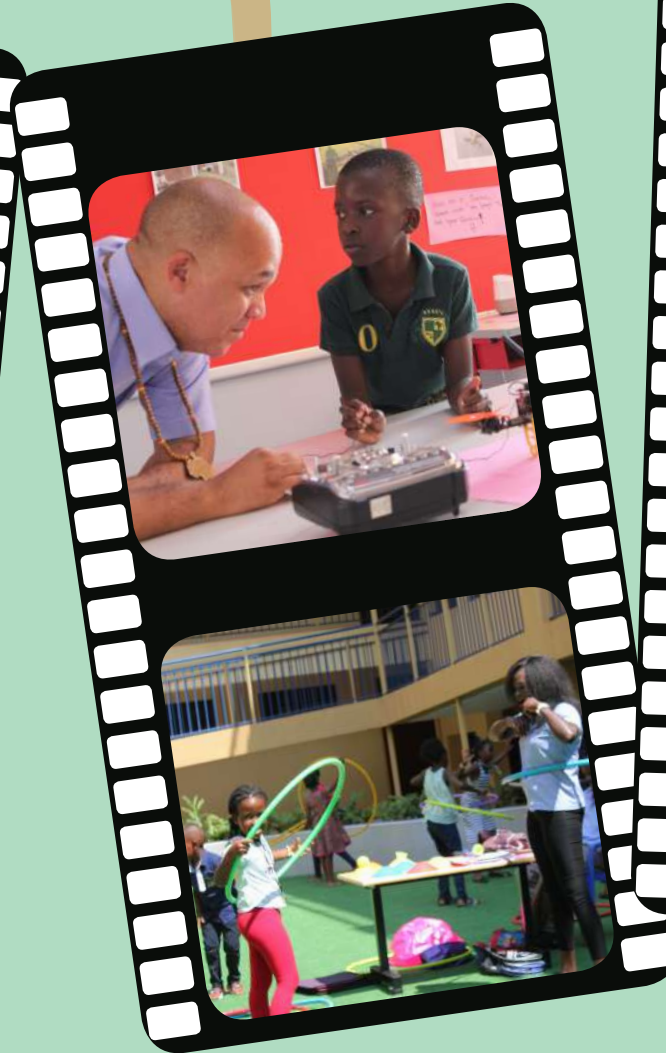


*New beginnings are beautiful, especially because they hold promise, and soar on the wings of faith!*





# Open Day 2018



*A wonderful occasion that comes once, or twice, a year, where we look forward to expanding our AIS Family with new prospective parents.*



# ECDC FAVORITE WEEK



*We celebrate individuality at AIS, and our ECDC Favourites Week was no different! From favourite snack, to favourite character, the possibilities were endless.*





*At AIS, we believe communication fortifies a relation. Our Coffee with Curriculum Coordinator (CCC) is one such platform!*



# *ECD Grandparents' Day*



*Strong roots support a strong tree. Grandparents have a similar relation with grandchildren. It is this bond that we celebrate during Heritage Week!*



# *ECDC Grandparents' Day*





# *Assemblies*

*Class assemblies are a wonderful forum for students to display learnings amassed.*





# Math Week



*Numbers can be fun, and*



*what better way to prove this theory than Math Week!*





# Culture Day



*With 31 nationalities to celebrate within the AIS Family, and many more to acknowledge around the globe, this day was a clear display of Pluralism we perpetuate!*



# Culture Day







# Teachers' Professional Development

*There's no expiry date for learning. At AIS, we are committed to delivering the very best in instructional practices to better serve the needs of our students. In 2017, we had two workshops, focussing on the IB framework for PYP. Over this academic year, we approached our Programme of Inquiry from a new angle- from ECDC to Year 6, all focussed on the same trans-disciplinary theme at a go.*





# Teachers' Appreciation Week



*We are, because they are...  
Teachers' Appreciation Week,  
at AIS, was rather special!  
From students writing notes  
to sharing delectables, there  
were more ways than one to  
show gratitude.*





# Science Week



*“The true method of knowledge is experiment”*  
- William Blake



# Science Week



*Over Science Week, all our students put their theories to practice, and also shared it with their friends from other yearbands.*



# Field Trips



*Sometimes it's about the journey,  
other times it's about the destination...  
but what trails forever are memories!!!*



# Field Trips



*During their field trips, our students explored several parts of the Pearl of Africa, and returned with lifelong lessons etched in their memories!*



# Family Tea Time



*Tea, talk and treats were the order of the day at the ECDC Family Tea.*



# Service Week



*At AIS, we believe in equality, and we practice it too. Over Service Week, students pledged to help with various tasks, in and around school.*





# Parent-Teacher Meeting





# Student-led Conference



*Parent Teacher Meetings & Student-led Conferences are one of the many occasions we invite parents to weigh in on their child's progress, as well as update themselves about the latest in school.*



# Y6 Overnight Trip



*On the threshold of the next phase of their school years, our Year 6 proved their mettle in many ways during their overnight stay.*





# MYP Ethiopia Trek





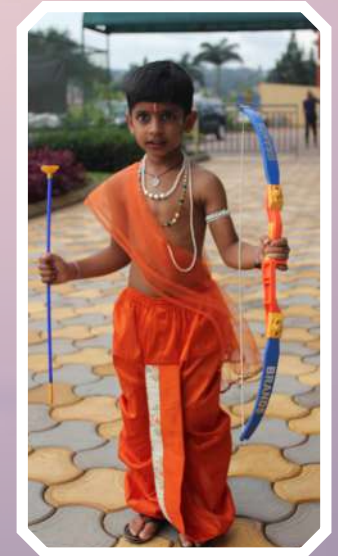


*A 100 days in school is definitely something to celebrate! And our students found some very interesting ways to do it!*





# Book Week





# Sports Day



*What a wonderful display of balance, reasoning, precision and stealth at our Sports Day!*



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EXHIBITION  
**PYPX** YEAR 6  
2018

Dance  
Band  
Powerpoint Presentation  
Action  
Exhibition  
Skit (Playwright & Friends)

**GLOBALISATION**

International Languages  
The World Wide Web  
Cultural Homogenisation  
Health  
Migration

An invitation to a conversation  
Y6 PYP Exhibition



*Our Year 6 students encapsulated their year-long journey through a perfect display, pictorial and performance.*



Y1



Y2



Y3



Y4



Y5



# Metamorphosis



Y6







# Y6 Graduation

*The confident graduand march, the speeches, the performances!!! Our Year 6 and Reception Class were the true heroes of our Graduation Day!*





# Reception Graduation



# School Play - Box



*This year, our school play was helmed by the MYP students. Through their rendition of 'The Box', they raised some pertinent points about the boxes we live in, some chosen ourselves, others chosen for us.*



# Accomplishments



This past year, AIS has managed to get engaged in academic and extra-curricular exchanges with the school communities in the larger kampala area; *Spelling Bee @ Galaxy international, Swimming @ Agha Khan, Class visits from the french school, Table Tennis Tournament @ Nakasero Primary, Badminton Tournament @ Rainbow international.* Next year we are looking forward to not only honouring more invitations but also hosting some of our very own events such as our inaugural *AIS Talent Show* -look out for posters and press.



# Clubs @ AIS



Beginnings always hold promise. That's why we love introducing new clubs, while harbouring hope that it may add another dimension to our students' experience at AIS. Over the last academic year, we added some interesting clubs such as Taekwondo, Chess and Fashion Design.





# Africana MYP Exhibition







Hirschy Immauu-el-Ahava | Zina Ami Musungu | Darsh Rajesh  
Hirani | Kiaan Virani | Maxwell Anglin | Katarina

Jade Ariella Igoru Elotu | Iqra Kayam Dareiya | Lucjr Angwenyi |  
Yolan Kibat | Umaira Babwani | Gift Namutebi





Noel Joshua | Naya Shaban | Marva Bingo Lokwang | Aadya Shetty  
Kanishka Kyla | Viaan Sanjay Vekaria | Burhanuddin



## *EC2 Lions*



Eliora uwayu Havugiman | Antara Bahizi Sultan | Kris Bright Kumar |  
Ryan prosper Serwanja | Jayson Pedro Muwanguzi | Katherine Latoya  
Karungi | Paris Marie Namate | Ivannah Wadada |  
Myler Wairimu Kagwanja | Zaabu Illario Kakooza | Kora Wasake |  
Ananya Pandey | Beyonce Ibrahim





## *EC2 Leopards*



Cedrick Johan Matton | Myra Jassani | Harshika Dokwal | Joel Asaba  
Rusoke | Christopher Richley | Larisa Abesiga | Sherine Farai | Vijay  
Sibeti | Sean Tevin | Tyra Gabriella Kawuki | Sairah Balliamanda |  
Adam Hamouda | Jayden Carl Olsson

Mohammad Areeb | Siva Ramesh | Athalie Rina Sanyu |  
Hassan Nasser | Taikhoom Haidry | Isabel Tamara Kisakye  
Raphael Nyombi | Jessie Kibwika | Amory Guster | Fitia Rabearisoa  
Roa Hammoud | Azad Biratu | Jeremiah Mukasa  
Vaidehi Sharma | Karen Gloria Nakamya | Rohail Tharani

## *Reception Rainbows*





## *Reception Penguins*



Ali Shaban | Enock Wise Ssenyonjo | Vaanika Modi | Janitha Prashant  
Yumna Kasujja | Safiya Jiwani | Martha Nalule | Conor Ashton Fallon  
Joudy Hamouda | Bhagath Gali | Irangeje Orly Nael | Shane Mathew  
Jane | Kyle Shallom | Nicholas Yauney | Trevor Daniel

Zainab | Kristian Bkama | Maanya Bhat | Manzi Baite | Nathan Bobo  
| Kirsten Otim | Gavin Moronge | Ethan Kabangu | Eliora Tettey |  
Fihary Anjara Niaiko | Tyler Dunk | Tadiwanushe Mawire | Paschal  
Ayebare | Nadine Byarugaba | Oriane Irakoze Havugimara | Joy Ruth  
Kirabo | Paulsen Ishimwe Kagoro | Ridah Charania |  
Tronellah Kateregga

## *Year 1 Sunflowers*



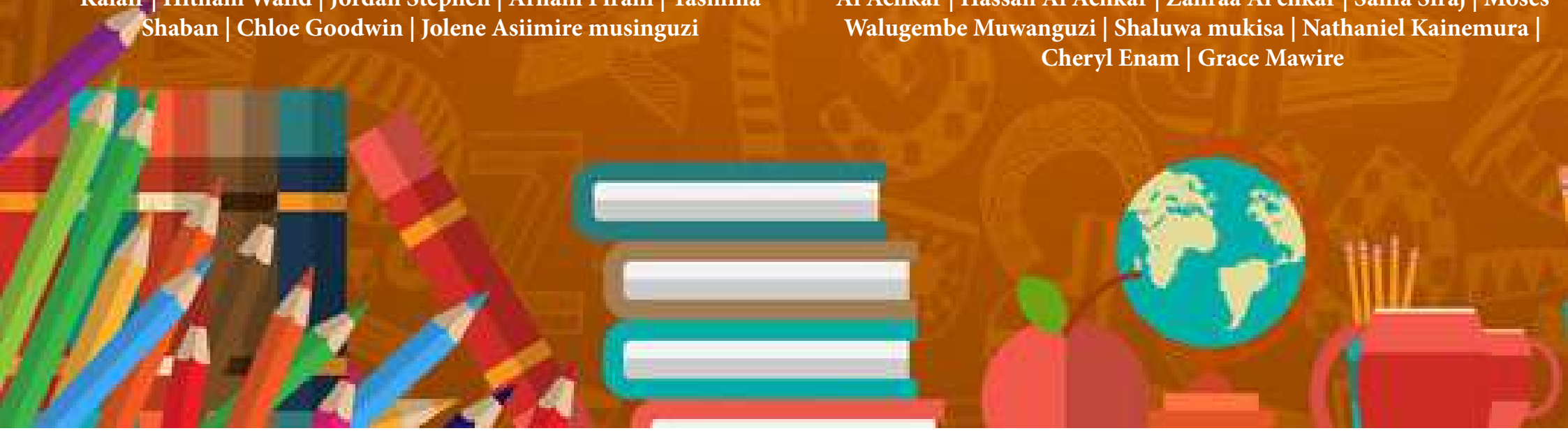




Yu (Yo Yo) Yu Tong | Natalie Byarugaba | Nadiya Olinga | Godwin Kawuki | Joshua Rugumba | Favour Kimara | Atnasya Samuel Mamo | Luosi Wang | Shana Tettey | Tory Owino | Muhammad Ali Hassan Kalair | Hitham Walid | Jordan Stephen | Arham Pirani | Yasmina Shaban | Chloe Goodwin | Jolene Asimire musinguzi



Gabriela Athena Kirabo | Adam Shaaban | Giovanni Cantini | Clara Ssekankya | Grace Ramsey Alema | Abra Sharibah Kasule | Aashi Siddanmane | Aya Nasser | Ngandu Kent Kasanda | Hussein Al Achkar | Hassan Al Achkar | Zahraa Al chkar | Sania Siraj | Moses Walugembe Muwanguzi | Shaluwa mukisa | Nathaniel Kainemura | Cheryl Enam | Grace Mawire





Samaira Budhwani | Manuella Amaari Otim | Isaac Walusimbi | Shiza Amin Minsariya | Priyanshi Bhandari | Vidita Pandey | Anagh Venacheril Manoj | Yusrah Kasujja | Jolyn Nalwanga | Kartik Kalla | Ethan Wadada | Maria Atwine | Aaron Ssozi | Josiah Ishebo Rukaari | Anuj Iyer | Kovidh Barapati | Brandon Jedidah Wapakabulo

## *Year 2 Lemurs*



## *Year 2 Chimpazees*



Mallella Ganesh | Arthur Oyuru | Tanishka Dokwal | Afsheen Afraa | Fatima Minsa | Nila Marcie Dongo | Karim Mohamad Anis Hezimeh | Dinith Sunanda | Erin Natalie Karungi | Tavish Sabharwal | Korey Alber Nkata | Seline Mohamad Anis Hazimeh | Riantsoa Marie Rosianne | Tsihorana Rabearisoa | Gadhir Hammoud Batul Haidry | Yagya Patel



## *Year 3 Polar Bears*



Aarini Patel | Eniyaah Sundar | Phionah Mbazira | Jonathan Agaba  
Rusoke | Satpreet Kaur | Seana Jivani | Liam Riley Mugumya | Shawn  
Musinguzi | Fatima Hamade | Aroura Hadassa Namawa | Aditya  
Modi | Zion Asianut Ossiya | Kayla Mubeezi Omer | Gabrielle Apio  
Olupot | Khayra Nuwe | Shivraj Ghagada | Kai Aruo |  
Nahurira Stanley

Jahnvi Reddy | Sharin Sultana Chowdhury | Hayden Sombe | Khush-  
al Reddy | Bradley Onuoha | Aaliya Punjani | Lucas Jaden Mugabi |  
Sabir Hirani | Noman Tharani | Amy Kisakka | Laetissa Anne Matton  
| Tyrell Kateregga | Mikael Meghani | Jemimah Kiara Asengo |  
Nyikirize Christianne | Tony Iteka Hope Lush | Reuben Nyombi |  
Aadhaya Maini | Naitik Shah | Jaedon Kicaber

## *Year 3 Beavers*







Mathew Kirabo Gitta | Minal Fatima | Princia Harimiora Toky |  
Dagmawi Samuel Mamo | Simba Omeino | Varunika Gangi Reddy |  
Samarth Bhavsar | Odong Gabriel Olupot | Audrey Byarugaba | Talia  
Ahmed | Graham Caleb Rugumba | Lakeisha Ashaba |  
Qahira Raqibah Kasule | Reian Vekaria | Jasmine Yauney | Jayden  
Irembo Rukaari | Alisha Adat | Aruho Tyra | Abigail Kitami



Rija Iftikhar Cheema | Nour Shaban | Geogina Asynut | Tendo Atia |  
Lucille Murungi Guma | Nabeeha Kadhani | Amyan Jivani |  
Fortune Kamagum | Ntumba Kersey Mbiya | Mishti Maradia | Leona  
Kaine Guma | Fathima Shazfa | Iqra Jassani | Aaron Jason Mugabi |  
Darsh Agarwal | Raphael jude Ariho | Jesse Omona | Ashley Micah  
Byarugaba | Rauf Tharani | Houssein Nasser | Kyle Musiime Guma |  
Satveer S Singh | Ssesanga Muzaata Anwar



## *Year 4 Gold*



Patricia Saldanha | Tabifor Glory | Angel Alice | Tyra Namata |  
Aneeba Naveed | Aarchana Umashankar | Turkiah Albasyouni |  
Dhairya Agrawal | Wapnaan Dapoet | Rima Shaban |  
Israel Sean Kakooza | Barak Otieno | Isreal Lincoln Baswete | Naveed  
Olinga | Alishba Morvi | Pauline Kagora | Darren Angwenyi

## *Year 5 Sharks*



Aayan Patel | Aafiya Hirani | Nissa Esther kisa | Sonia Kirabo |  
Kecia Anela Katasi | Kimberly Omer | Aayan Haider Cheema | Farah  
Hamza | Desmond Tutu | Laura Hirwa | Hussein Hamade



Amogh Venacheril | Mariano Rakotonirina | Rejoice Ibrahim |  
Srunitha Prashant | Prisha Mathur | Akshita Dokwal | Palak Bhandari  
| Samantha Musinguzi | Fatima Hammoud | Precious Esther Lamic |  
Vajreshwar Rao | Joshua Otim | Guy Daryl | Aine Baite |  
Krishna Keshwala | Nambuaya Carmel | Zumir Fatima



Johan Johnson Alappatt | Miles Twine | Ismaa Naveed | Jyodhi  
Karunya | Alina Shabuddin | Sukaina Muhsin | Ayaan Dhanani |  
Pauline Msariri | Ray Kakiiza | Fatuma Nansereko | Vibha Rashmi  
Kumar | Barapati Hasini | Siima Kyra | Vishwa Modi |  
Faaziya Babwani | Tanmayi Reddy | Nyaliet Riek Gai | Rida Lalani |  
Shauna Daka | Noah Otim | Godwin Prince Alema |  
Nityagna Gogulapati | Divyanshi Pandey





## *Year 7 Inventors*



Mfonobong Ukpe | Izyan | Craig Byakora | Roshan Mohammad |  
Mwesigye Yolann Jacob | Leen Ahmed | Alina Manji |  
Bridget Bitarabeho | Patrice Ibrahim | Mariam Raheed | Alisha  
Kasmani | Alisbha Naveed | Daniella Omona | Dharam Dattani |  
Carla Ninsiima | Udit Pandey | Timothy Trevor Aogan |  
Aarthi Umashankar | Batoul Al Achkar

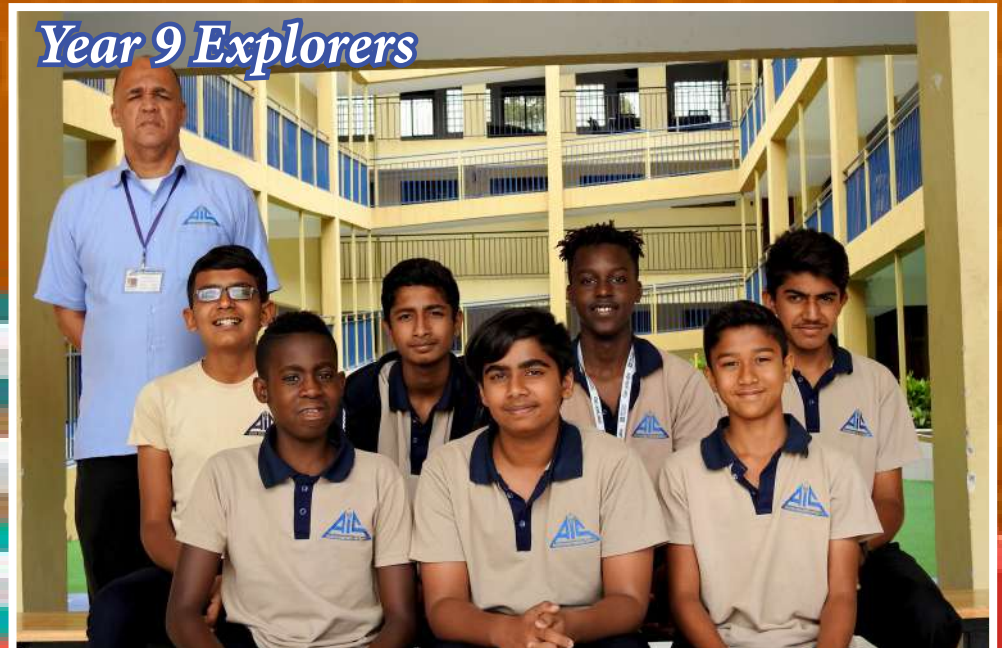
Shaun Daka | Kartik Marwaha | Aavardan Mehanathan Sundar |  
| Yash Devani | Fakrul Islam Chowdhury | Micah James Mugabi |  
Alesser Morvi

## *Year 8 Humanitarians*



Ayaan Lalani | Chris Baguma | Rachael Atukunda | Jessica Musoke |  
Qadilah Kasule | Nyawei Riek Gai | Anthony Atukunda | Harveer  
Singh Ghataore | Aliumer Kadhani

## *Year 9 Explorers*





## *Senior Management Team*



## *Teaching Staff*



## *Administration Staff*



## *Auxiliary Staff*







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