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May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. Psalm 67:3&5



We have had a great start to the term, receiving five girls returning to the dorm from last year and six brand new ones. With 11 students we are now a little busier with more questions, more homework to help with, more sports games to support, more hearts to nurture, more hair to braid, more hot chocolate to make, more jokes to be listened to (we have one girl who has a whole notebook of bible jokes!) more medications to administer and more parents to liaise with.

Our role as dorm parents is so special and we are grateful to God for trusting us with the care of these 11 precious people at such a vulnerable age and stage. They are very mouldable and influenced by the world around them and we have the chance to step in whilst parents are away and take on the noticing; the growing of their personalities, characters, understanding of themselves and God, friendships, habits and hobbies.

Every day includes seeing them off to school in the morning, helping with homework, leading evening devotionals, serving a snack and praying before lights out. The girls eat all their meals in the school cafeteria so we do not have to cater for them in that way. (A frequently asked question!)

Please pray that their friendships with each other will be healthy and strong, that they will be bold to encourage each other in their faith, and that they would choose good study habits. There is a wide range of backgrounds and cultures within the dorm, please pray we can honour everyone to create a warm and welcoming environment with clear expectations and boundaries. Lastly pray it can be loads of fun for everyone!



Zoe is happy with her new Kindergarten students, she has ten kids representing seven nations; China, Austria, Libya, Italy, Kenya, USA, and England! The Italian girl speaks fluent English, Italian and Swahili. Her father is apparently an atheist but she loves the Lord and prays beautifully every day. She says Jesus wears a sparkly dress! Zoe also has an adult helper with her this term who is great and a big blessing. ***Please pray Zoe can find time to plan her lessons well as she juggles this with her other responsibilities in the dorm.***



John is teaching 7th grade World History and enjoys it. But coaching the JV (Junior Varsity) (under 17s) football team is his favourite thing. Every day between 3:30pm and 6pm he can be found on Upper Field training. Games and tournaments are held most Wednesdays after school and Saturdays either home or away. RVA regularly organises fixtures with other international schools in Nairobi. It takes around 1hour 30mins to reach the other schools but the bus rides are a huge part of students' core memories of fun, friendship-building and celebration. When teams return home after games, you know if they've won because you hear the bus horn beeping through the campus as they drive in!

John also mentors three high school boys, having lunch with each one weekly, and leads worship regularly for Sunday Chapel. He's also on the African Field Studies team which means he's helping organise the annual big trips which take place in March. ***Please pray for John's health as he has recently undergone a minor operation to remove a cyst on his neck and constantly suffers with allergies of some kind here (cypress trees maybe?). Also please pray for him as his hearing in one ear has just about gone and we would like to try for surgery at some point as advised by the doctor.***



Sadie is now in her final (senior) year and is starting to think about plans to return to the UK next year for university. ***Please pray she can decide what and where to apply to.*** She is also enjoying teaching private piano lessons to younger students and working shifts at the 'Senior Store' selling donuts at sports events hosted here on campus. Sadie is the co-leader of a student worship team which provides a worship space for students every Sunday night called SNL (Sunday Night Live) which she loves.

Amber has begun 9th grade this year (year 10) and is now officially in high school. She has chosen subjects geared towards applying for courses in paediatric medicine/nursing when she graduates. She is part of a small team of students who go down to Cure Hospital early on a Sunday morning before church to visit the sick children. They sing worship songs for/with the children and then visit the bedsides to talk with the patients and their parents and to pray with them. ***Please pray she will be a blessing to the children and grow in her own faith as she ministers in this way.***