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# Marina Weekly Newsletter

**Our Mission:** Provide a holistic, student-centred education that enables students to reach their full potential and contribute to the progress of The Gambia and the world.

**Our Vision**: An internationally acclaimed and diverse community of students and staff committed to academic excellence and character development in a safe and caring environment.

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## Dear Parents,

We are delighted to share another week filled with remarkable achievements and exciting upcoming events at Marina International School. From our students' outstanding performances in sports to the launch of new educational initiatives, our community continues to exemplify the values of **Respect, Achievement, Integrity, Service,** and **Empathy (R.A.I.S.E.).** This week, we look forward to **the HS Spirit Week, JS end of year class parties, Open Day,** the continuation of the **HS Form 5 Mock exams** and **the Christmas and End of Year Break.**

## The Governors' Visit

The Governors' Visit is a significant event in the school year, outlined in Marina International School's constitution to ensure effective oversight of ongoing projects and the collective progress of both campuses.
Led by the Board Chair, Mr. Barry, the Board members— including the Chair of the Education Board, Ms. Sallah-Jack, as well as Ms. Faye-Joof and Mr. Sarr—visited the Junior School Campus, where they were guided by Principal Nguli and Vice-Principal Coker.
During the visit, the Board inspected the substantial developments taking place, conducted class audits, and toured key areas such as the Foundation section and the library. As the school continues its evolution into a 21st-century, forward-thinking campus, the Board had the opportunity to observe how both teachers and students are integrating technology into the learning process.

A Student Leadership Meeting was held, providing the Head Boy and Head Girl from both campuses the opportunity to discuss with the Board the issues they wish to address, as well as suggest changes they believe would enhance the student experience.
Following this, a Heads of Department Meeting took place, allowing department leaders to engage directly with the Board and share their ideas for the continued growth and development of the Marina Community.

...more on our social media channels.

***Student Leadership Meeting during the Governors' Visit***

# GenEx Training for Parents

As Marina works towards providing the best education for our students and becoming a 21st-century campus, we have adopted GenEX, a digital platform that combines traditional teaching methods with innovative technology in partnership with Cambridge International Education. GenEX aims to transform education and empower students' futures by redefining the learning journey.

While our students at Marina are already embracing GenEX, we also recognize the importance of empowering our parents to stay informed about their children's daily progress and support their learning effectively.

On Friday and Saturday, Mr. Hebert, the GenEx onsite expert, conducted training sessions for parents, guiding them through the platform and explaining its features for easy understanding.

We will be offering two additional sessions this week, and we strongly encourage all parents to attend. These sessions will provide valuable insights into our current direction and help you track your child's academic progress and expectations. Please join us today (Monday) at 3:00 PM or Wednesday at 1:00 PM at the Highschool staffroom.

***GenEx Training of Marina parents with on-site GenEx expert Mr. Hebert on Friday and Saturday***

# Life on Marina Campus

## Polio Vaccination 2

*Students receiving the 2nd round of the polio vaccination at the Nurse's Station*

As you may remember, many of our children received their first polio vaccination during the campaign held from November 12–15. We are happy to announce that the second round of vaccinations took place last week. Only children who received their first vaccination in November were eligible for the second dose. If your child missed the first vaccination, please contact your family doctor. Children who did not receive the first vaccination were not eligible for this round.

## Fire Drill

**Last week, another fire drill was held at the Junior School campus to ensure that students, teachers, and staff can respond quickly and efficiently in the event of a real emergency. As per protocol, everyone assembled at the field to ensure the safety of all individuals. Fire drills are crucial, and it is encouraging to note that the response time has improved significantly.**

## Saturday Art Club

**On Saturday, the Art Club held its final session for the term. Students created a variety of artistic pieces, from hand painting to batik, while also learning about color combinations. For a few hours, they immersed themselves in their creativity, producing original and stunning works of art that left them in awe of their own work. Book January 9th for the Art Exhibition at Alliance Francaise because the students are preparing diligently to showcase their talents.**

*The Mock Exams are still in session*

*Mr. Koroma's Math class treating angles*

# Is Santa coming to town?

*Whether Santa Claus is coming to town or not, students have been extra nice, worked hard during the term and deserve a break. The holiday break will commence from December 23rd 2024 to January 6th 2025*

*Ms. Mendy's class at the Foundation level looking beautiful*

# End of term calendar

Wednesday, December 4th HS Form 5 Mock exams (cont'd)
Monday, December 16th Report Cards Released
Thursday, December 19th FunDay: Junior and High School
Friday, December 20th  Open House
Monday, December 23rd Christmas Holiday

Monday, January 6th  School Opens
January 9th-20th  High School Creative Arts Exhibition at Alliance Francaise De Banjul
January 13th-16th  Health Week
Wednesday, January 15th Walk to School Day
Wednesday, January 22nd Extracurricular Begins

*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."*
*– Eleanor Roosevelt*

As the year comes to a close, may students and parents continue to believe in the power of growth, perseverance, and dreams, knowing that each step forward is part of a larger journey.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Happy Holidays!

## Important Date or Events

- HS Form 5 Mock exams continuation- Dec 16(cont'd)
- GenEx Parent Training - Dec 16th and Dec 18th
- Last day of school - Dec 19th
- Open Day - Dec 20th
- End of Year Break - Dec 23rd