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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 welcome our students back to another week of learning, growing and sharing remarkable achievements and participating in 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 **Health Week**, slated for the duration of the week.

Visit our social media pages.

## Health Week

Marina School is celebrating Health Week, an event dedicated to promoting well-being and healthy lifestyles among students and staff. Throughout the week, the school will emphasize the importance of maintaining a healthy mind and body. A balanced meal will be highlighted as essential for physical health, fueling the body with the necessary nutrients for optimal performance. In addition, reading will be encouraged as a great way to exercise the mind, reducing stress and boosting cognitive function. To further support physical health, students will be encouraged to engage in sports or simply take regular walks, both of which improve fitness and increase energy. Health Week serves as a reminder that a holistic approach to well-being—balancing mental, emotional, and physical health—is key to leading a fulfilling life.



*Year 2 (above) and Year 6 (below) doing their part in ensuring a healthy body*



Health week starts from Monday, 13th January, to Friday, 17th January 2025. As always, the school has organised a fun-filled and educational programme of activities for the week.

The Marina Campus is already buzzing as teachers and students had an early morning stretch. Parents are highly encouraged to pack healthy snacks.

The highlight of the week will be the Walk-A-Thons planned on Wednesday 15th January for the JS Campus and Thursday 16th January for the HS Campus.

On Friday, Dr. Karen Forrest, a member of our Board of Governors and our safeguarding head, will have a session with the students to conclude the week's activities.



*Year 5, during their early morning stretch for Health Week*

# Art Exhibition

The opening ceremony for Marina School's '**Art for Education - The Key to Broadening Horizons**' Exhibition was a resounding success, drawing attention to the incredible talent of our art students. The exhibition featured stunning pieces that demonstrated not only the students' creativity but also their meticulous attention to detail and patience. Guests were thoroughly impressed by the quality of the artwork, with many praising the students' dedication and skill. The support from the Marina community was outstanding, as parents, students, faculty, alumni, and board members all came together to make the event a triumph. Special recognition goes to the art department, led by Mr. Toyinbo, whose leadership helped bring the exhibition to life.

The artwork will remain on display until January 22nd, and visitors have the opportunity to purchase or donate pieces. Proceeds from the sales will go towards funding new art materials, ensuring the continuation of this inspiring work. Keep an eye out for these young artists as their work is showcased on various media outlets, further broadening our horizons through their unique perspectives. Bravo to our budding Picassos!



*Flandersia Bahoum introducing her art piece during the tour of the Art for Education : The Key to Broadening Horizons Exhibition*



*Faculty of the English Department, Mrs. Obisike and Mr. Frank declaring the exhibition open*

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## Speaker Programme

**Fatima Tambajang, the Head of Developer Relations, Startups & VC for Africa & Middle East at Nvidia, is driving momentum among African developer communities. She equips them with the tools and knowledge needed to create innovative AI solutions. As a global technology leader based in San Francisco, Nvidia is at the forefront of the AI revolution with groundbreaking work in AI and GPU technology. Their advancements power everything from Chat GPT to African innovations.**

**Before joining Nvidia, Fatima managed a global accelerator program, working closely with high-growth startups across key African markets such as Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, and South Africa. She has shared her expertise on platforms such as TIME Magazine, BBC, Forbes, and Copenhagen Fintech Week, speaking about artificial intelligence, startups, venture capital, and developer relations.**

**Tomorrow, we at Marina are thrilled to welcome Ms. Fatima Tambajang, a distinguished alumni recently named one of the 100 Most Influential Africans.**

**Ms. Tambajang will share her inspiring journey with our students at the school hall at 9.30am. Her visit will be focused on her career in tech, offering valuable insights into the rapidly evolving world of AI and the exciting opportunities it presents. Her visit will not only celebrate her achievements but will also spark curiosity and inspiration among the next generation of tech leaders. We are incredibly proud of her accomplishments and grateful for the opportunity to learn from her expertise.**



*Ms. Fatima Tambajang  
Developer Relations, Startups & VC Ecosystem  
at NVIDIA | Democratising AI*

# 2nd Term Calendar

January 9th-20th High School Exhibition at Alliance Francaise De Banjul

January 13th-16th Health Week

January 16th - Year 6 Baseline Assessments

Wednesday, January 15th Walk-A-Thon - Junior School

Wednesday, January 15th Walk-A-Thon - High School

Wednesday, January 22nd Extracurricular begins

Wednesday, 12th February - Sports Day for Foundation, Year 1, and Year 2

Wednesday, 19th February - Sunday, 23rd February - Midterm Break

Monday, 10th March - Friday, 14th March - Mid-year Assessments

Week of Monday, 17th March - COBIS Compliance Visit

Day Tuesday, 15th April- Open Day

*"The first wealth is health." - Ralph Waldo Emerson*



## Important Date or Events

- **Health Week - Jan 13th- 16th 2025**
- **High School Exhibition at Alliance Francaise De Banjul - Jan 9th-20th**
- **Alumni Speaker Programme - Ms. Fatima Tambajang, NVIDIA**