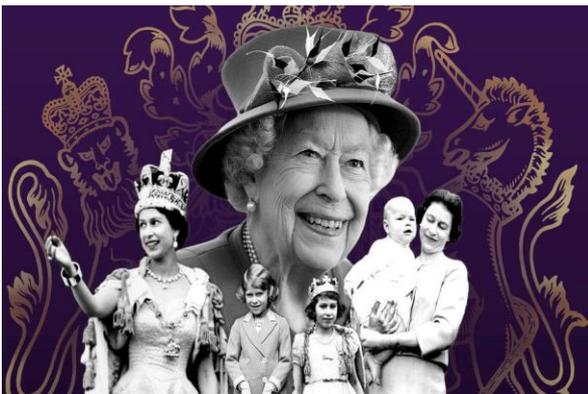




## HM QUEEN ELIZABETH

*Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth passed away peacefully 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Balmoral Castle at the age of 96 years. Her majesty left with the grateful thanks of the British Nation and Commonwealth for 70 years of dedicated service to her people.*



*Mausoleum where she was due to arrive at 10am to lay a wreath at the tomb. A metallic blue Rolls Royce noiselessly rolled up. The Vice-President Mwai Kibaki stepped out followed by the Queen who wore a pink dress with white gloves. Before she entered the gates of the Mausoleum, a bank played the British National Anthem followed by the Kenyan Anthem. Then the Queen majestically walked up the red carpet and laid the wreath. Having done this she came out of the Mausoleum and was greeted with loud cheers. She then stopped and accepted some flowers from a few of the Kenton boys. After this she walked on to the Parliament building followed by Prince Philip who also stopped to talk to some of the Kenton students.”*

*November 1983, Kenton students went to meet Her Majesty when she visited Nairobi. A Kenton student wrote about the experience:-*



*“On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 1983 the whole school went to see the Queen. We waited outside the*

*Rest in Peace Ma’am*

*Long Live King Charles III*

## INTRODUCING DIANA N. ONGUSO



*Ghostwriter for Kenton's Centenary Book*

**Wordsmith | Creative Curator | Editor | Ghostwriter | Communication Consultant | Brand Storyteller | Gallery Facilitator**

A versatile, multi-faceted and creative individual, Diana is a former Johannesburg (SA) – current Nairobi (KE) based Writer, Editor and Communications Specialist. She boasts an extensive skillset in Technical writing, Creative writing, Research and PR. Over the years, Diana has serviced and built an integrated network of clients and associates within the SA borders and beyond. These range from corporates, government agencies, creative agencies, individuals, SME's, not-for-profit organizations, as well as multinationals.

Diana's professional services vary from editing, proofreading, transcription, copywriting for advertising and digital media, content generation for various business and marketing communications e.g.: brand narratives; research; ghostwriting (books, articles, speeches, features, profiles, blogs etc.); press

releases; web content; social media management; personal and professional bio's; company profiles; impact and sustainability reports; right down to providing rapporteur services for conferences, workshops and seminars. In addition, she has helped facilitate art gallery exhibition events in Johannesburg SA, working in tandem with a collective of well-known South African visual and performing artists; for the purposes of enhancing the public understanding and enjoyment of art in all its forms.

The former alumni of the *AAA School of Advertising (SA)* has many achievements she is proud of. She credits those that stand out for her as the publishing of her poetry pieces and two plays, which received British Council recognition in Nairobi (circa 1998/1999). In addition, Diana curated, produced and hosted the very first Engage Talk in Johannesburg-South Africa (January 2021). The production, which is an offshoot of the Ted Talks/TedX model, was the first of its kind in Johannesburg and of many more installments to come. In the art scene, Diana has facilitated and helped to curate well-orchestrated art gallery events in creative collaborations with respected brands such as the FNB Art Joburg, The Nelson Mandela Foundation and BMW SA & Nelson Makamo art curatorship's (2016-2019; Jhb, SA).

Diana's love for manuscripts and literature is evident from some of the ghostwriting projects she has undertaken over the years. Diana has been commissioned to ghostwrite several books for/on behalf of a number of private and

published South African authors. In addition, she has infused her creative language skills into re-writing and/or editing a couple of non-fictional books available in the RSA market and beyond.

On a more intimate level, the self-professed ambivert is an avid reader who enjoys documentaries, jazz, opera, and classical music. On occasion, she enjoys socializing but is most content pursuing solitary hobbies such as still photography, creative writing, and teaching herself to play the guitar. Her passion for humanitarian advocacy, positive social activism, knowledge, and higher consciousness mean that she always acknowledges the importance of having equilibrium in life.

Her additional interests lie in the visual and performing arts, volunteer work, science and technology, as well as travel. In 2008, driven by a desire to leave an indelible mark in society, Diana founded the *Kilimanjaro Volunteer Network* in her home country of Kenya. The community based, non-profit, volunteer organization set out to place volunteers and interns from around the world in community development and humanitarian projects in Kenya, East Africa. Although the network is no longer under her operation, Diana is hopeful that she can one day revive a similar community outreach program to serve the marginalized and underprivileged.

In the interim, Diana chooses to live intentionally; Curates spaces in which she and others can demonstrate their highest expressions of self; Leverages her strengths and

core competencies in the communities in which she lives and serves.

*Kenton's Centenary Book is in Diana's very capable hands and we continue to:*



Kenton Centenary 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Countdown clock on the Kenton website – [www.kentonschoolnairobi.com](http://www.kentonschoolnairobi.com). We look forward to receiving your ideas for the celebration and please do share your memories at [alumni@kenton.ac.ke](mailto:alumni@kenton.ac.ke) or [admin@kenton.ac.ke](mailto:admin@kenton.ac.ke) and send in any memorabilia you come across stored away in cupboards.

Remember Kenton's 90th celebration?-

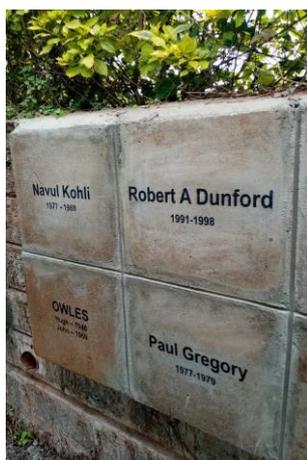
*KENTON 90th CELEBRATION  
Saturday 18th Jan 2014 12-5 pm  
Music & Refreshments  
Launch of the Paving Stone Project.*

Since the launch, this project has gone from strength to strength. Paving stones now frame the swimming pool area, past students always remembered at Kenton. It is this time of year

that we gather names for a new group of paving stones.



The swimming pool wall along the walkway from the car park is now home to the engraved paving stones.



Waiting for the 'finish' to the top.

If you have not ordered a paving stone yet, there is still time so please be in touch with [alumni@kenton.ac.ke](mailto:alumni@kenton.ac.ke) and we will include you on the next list.

## NEWS OF OLD KENTONIANS



On 20th August, in All Saints Church, Somerset, stunning bride and Old Kentonian **Sabsy Appleton, leaver 2005**, married Ivo Cunningham. OK school-chum **Chhaya Kapila, leaver 2005** was Sabsy's Maid of Honour.



Brother **Sam Appleton, leaver 2010**, looking very smart and proud on the day.

Many Congratulations Sabsy & Ivo.

Old Kentonian **John Ironmonger, leaver 1967** will return to Kenya during 2023 and looks forward to a trip down memory lane, introducing his wife, Sue, to Kenton. John was born in Nairobi, and attended Kenton until 1967 when he left for St. Lawrence College. John studied as a Zoologist at Nottingham and Liverpool universities. His PhD thesis was a study of the ecology of freshwater leeches. John lectured for a short while at the University Ilorin, Nigeria before taking up a career in Health Computing in the UK.



*"John Ironmonger also published as J. W. Ironmonger, is a British writer and literary novelist whose debut novel was shortlisted for the [Costa First Novel Award in 2012](#). His novel 'Not Forgetting the Whale' (also known as 'The Whale at the End of the World') was an international bestseller. His works have been translated into thirteen languages."*

**Congratulations on your novel "Not Forgetting the Whale", John.**

How many OKs are novelists? I know of a few. It will be wonderful to include copies of Old Kentonians books in the Kenton library. If you know of any who are willing to donate a copy to our library, please contact me at [alumni@kenton.ac.ke](mailto:alumni@kenton.ac.ke).

On a gloriously sunny day, Old Kentonians met for a round of golf (EA Golf Day) at Liphook Golf Club and enjoyed a curry lunch afterwards.



**Quentin Prebble 1956 – 1961**  
**John Dunt 1952 – 1957**  
**Nigel Draffan 1958 – 1963**  
**Nigel Bishop 1955 – 1961**  
**Francis Lipscombe 1942 – 1947**

Thank you Nigel, for sharing this photograph and for keeping in touch with this office. It is always wonderful to include news of Old Kentonians, so please write in with your news and include a photo or two.

## DEVELOPMENT AT KENTON



*Middle School classrooms roof receiving a makeover.*



*Under the 'pillars', opposite the swimming pool and facing Longonot pitch; building is under way for new music rooms for peripatetic lessons. There will be a total of twenty; eight already in place and twelve are to be added.*

## TRINITY TERM AT KENTON

Congratulations to our Year 8 pupils on their outstanding academic achievements this year! They have earned the highest set of Common Entrance results since 2014. 98.5% of our exam grades were A\* to C grades, with 60% being A and A\* grades. Five pupils gained A/A\* grades in all subjects.

This year, 37% of our exam papers were marked by external schools (unlike the previous 2 years). Scholarship awards were given by their senior schools to 40.6% of the cohort, with 13 pupils achieving 15 scholarship awards.

Thank you to all those teachers and Heads of Departments who have expertly guided Year 8 pupils to this wonderful conclusion to their academic studies at Kenton

Two days after finishing their Common Entrance exams, the Year 8s headed to Savage Wilderness in Sagana for a week of white water rafting, kayaking, climbing, archery and much more! Over the course of the week, the pupils experienced a host of exciting challenges, which enabled them to embrace leadership skills, teamwork and build confidence

### **REFORESTING THE ROADS**

Year 8 Environmental Leaders launched an appeal for plants and trees to donate to a tree-planting project which was started by Cathy Watson (Chief of Partnerships for the Centre for International Forestry Research and World Agroforestry) to reforest the bare areas along the Redhill Link Road. Their appeal was a terrific success, with over a hundred trees and plants donated by Kenton pupils and parents. Thank you to everyone who helped with this fantastic cause. Cathy and her team were delighted to have your support!

### **KENYA DAY CELEBRATIONS AT KENTON COLLEGE**

Kenya Day kicked off with sounds of Sauti Soul at Wake 'n Shake led by the very able Year 7 Dancing Crew. The pupils then went off to their classrooms to have their Kenyan outfits judged by the Kenton Admin Staff, who had a difficult time choosing whose outfit deserved a prize. This year the theme was Kenyan Shirts however, any Kenyan outfit was welcome. Mr Ball and Ms Moipei were voted the best-dressed teachers. We celebrated the day by taking part in lots of fun and energetic activities. The Salto Jamboree

Drummers were a new entry and they proved to be popular with the staff and the pupils. Katika Kids Dancers created a party atmosphere in the school with their African beats and groovy dance moves on Front Pitch. Different classes used different techniques to create artistic Kenyan pieces using; paints, spray paints, glue, kanga materials, beads, and chalk, charcoal and clay pots. The Kiswahili Treasure Hunt and the Kenyan Games allowed the pupils to do what Kenyans do best, "RUN" long distances and have fun while doing it. Lunchtime's menu had dishes from all corners of the country. The Kenton Kitchen churned out many delicious local treats at break time and the lunch buffet was an endless choice of Kenyan delicacies including; mboga, ugali, githeri, mshenye matoke, nyama choma, tilapia, mutura, pilau rice, chapatti and many more.

### **YEAR 7 TRIP TO NGARE NDARE FOREST**

Year 7 pupils headed away for 4 days of adventure to Ngare Ndare Forest. It was certainly a busy four days filled with adventure, education and opportunities for the pupils to push themselves outside of their comfort zones as well as enjoy each other's (and the teachers'!) company away from school life.

Nearly all pupils voted canyoning as their favourite activity despite the *very* cold water! After jumping from waterfalls, walking down rivers, zip lining and swimming underneath a waterfall to discover a secret cave, it is easy to understand why the pupils loved this adrenaline charged activity! Other exhilarating activities included rock-climbing, mountain biking, archery, bouldering and a Tree Canopy Walk 30 metre above ground level.

The Year 7 pupils also participated in helping to ensure the future of the Ngare Ndare Forest and we spent time planting new trees and weeding in the Forest Nursery as well as learning about the different crops grown in the area. The second most favourite activity of the trip was our visit to one of the homes in Ngare Ndare village where we were shown one of the 75 Bio-Digesters which uses cow manure to create and supply households with gas for cooking as part of an initiative to minimise the deforestation of Ngare Ndare Forest. Pupils collected fresh cow dung,

mixed it with water with our hands and then added it to the Bio-Digester to create gas. It was a very humbling and educational experience and pupils came away wanting to move Kenton's gas supply to a more sustainable source – they are hoping we can get a school cow and a Bio-Digester!

We were very lucky to be fed like royalty and we all especially loved the mandazi and hot chocolate!

### **YEAR 6, TRIP TO SAVAGE WILDERNESS**

Year 6 travelled to Sagana to spend a few days doing adventurous activities with Savage Wilderness. The children enjoyed activities such as climbing, zip lining, obstacle courses, canoeing in inflatable "duckies", and the main attraction of white water rafting. On the Wednesday evening the children were treated to a darkness line walk, which some enjoyed more than others did!

The teachers were also treated to an excellent talent show on Thursday evening.

### **YEAR 5 TRIP TO TAFARIA CASTLE**

Year 5 pupils undertook their first pastoral trip in two years to The Tafari Castle in the Aberdares. Located at about 2600m above sea level it was a cool environment with a lot for the pupils to do. Pupils visited the Tafari Museum, which is the most advanced museum outside Nairobi in Kenya. They enjoyed a lot of team building activities and just being away from their comfort zones

The theme of the programme was 'responsibility' and this was evident as the pupils learnt to work together in small groups and deal with the various challenges that were presented to them.

It was a very successful inaugural trip by Kenton to the Tafari Castle

### **YEAR 8, TRIP TO OL PEJETA**

As part of their Wider Horizons programme, Year 8 spent three days in Ol Pejeta last week, learning about some of the conservation programmes currently taking place there, as well as having the opportunity to view some of Kenya's famous wildlife. Ol Pejeta is well known for its rhinos and we were lucky enough to see a large number, along with elephant, giraffe and numerous plains animals on our first afternoon in the conservancy. The next morning, we joined the dog patrol unit and met the bloodhounds used to track poachers. The pupils washed the dogs and cleaned their kennels, before we were given a demonstration of the dogs' prowess as they tracked down some pupils!

In the afternoon, we joined the rhino patrol team and quickly discovered how tricky it is to track down even large animals in terrain covered in thick bush. We were also lucky enough to see a couple of lions from the safety of our vehicle.

Our trip concluded with a visit to see Baraka, a blind but friendly rhino, and Fatu and Najin, the world's last two remaining northern white rhinos. The pupils had the pleasure of cleaning out their trough, whilst learning about what is being done to try to prevent them from becoming extinct, before having the chance to get close to them for a photo.

*Another extremely busy term for Kenton students. Well done the leaving year of 2022.*

## HOUSE OF THE TERM - KUDUS



Our granddaughter on her first morning at Kenton. Mum, **Sophia Spyropoulos-Cocker**, leaver 2000, and Dad, Jamie were more nervous than Jade.

## HOUSE OF THE YEAR 2022 -KUDUS



A new President of Kenya, a new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and a new intake at Kenton. Welcome Year 2, an adventure awaits.



Old Kentonian **Kunal Bid**, leaver 1988, and his wife, Ekta now have two sons at Kenton, Aaryan & Rayyan.