



KVK2 Prospectus

Kivukoni Secondary School - KVK2 - is a vibrant, values-driven learning community nestled between the mangroves and the ocean on the beautiful coast of Kilifi, Kenya.

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We offer a holistic, inclusive approach to education that nurtures curiosity, critical thinking and a deep connection to the natural world.

Rooted in both global best practice and the richness of our local context, our Secondary department prepares students for success in life while championing environmental stewardship, meaningful human connection, and the core values of Respect, Responsibility, and Readiness—values that guide both our learning culture and community relationships.



Why Kivukoni Secondary?

At Kivukoni Secondary, we believe that education is not simply about passing exams—it's about becoming a whole, confident, engaged and engaging human being.

Supported by a dynamic community in an outstanding environment, our school is uniquely placed to offer a learning experience that is academically and creatively challenging, and deeply rooted in the natural world. Our approach is grounded in respect for each individual, for differing perspectives, and for the ecosystems around us.

We nurture responsibility—in learning, in actions, and in relationships—and cultivate a sense of readiness to engage with the world, both within and beyond the classroom.

Our students benefit from passionate teachers and a strong pastoral system that prioritises emotional wellbeing and connection. We are proud to be a diverse, multicultural, and inclusive community where each student is valued for who they are.

Around 40% of our students benefit from financial assistance, reinforcing our belief that access to quality education should not be determined by background alone.

We follow the Pearson Edexcel curriculum leading up to IGCSEs, preparing our students for further education both in Kenya and internationally. Yet our students don't just graduate with excellent results—they leave with the confidence to think critically, the curiosity to keep learning, and the compassion to contribute meaningfully to the world around them.



Project-Based Learning

In Key Stage 3, (Years 7 and 8) Project-Based Learning (PBL) is a cornerstone of our approach, empowering students to engage deeply with real-world challenges in meaningful, age-appropriate ways. Through hands-on, interdisciplinary projects, learners develop critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and communication skills, all while contributing positively to their community and environment.

For example, students might collaborate to design and build an environmentally conscious playground for a local school, using recycled materials and indigenous plants to promote sustainability and inclusivity. In another project, learners could research and present to parents about healthy and sustainable food choices, integrating science, ethics, and persuasive communication to inspire thoughtful change at home.

These authentic learning experiences cultivate academic growth and deepen our students' curiosity and appetite for diverse ideas and communities, building the readiness needed to navigate an evolving world.

Laptops are used purposefully during PBL, but the emphasis generally is on engagement, collaboration, and hands-on learning.



IGCSE Subjects at Kivukoni



Our IGCSE curriculum is grounded in the Pearson Edexcel framework, designed to prepare students for both local and international higher education pathways.

Students typically take between 7–9 subjects, with flexibility to support a more modular or staggered approach to exams where appropriate.

Overview of our subject offerings:

Subject	Core/Optional	Overview
English Language & Literature	Core	Develops analytical reading, expressive writing, and confident communication. Students engage with diverse texts and write across genres.
Mathematics	Core	Builds numerical reasoning, problem-solving, and practical application of mathematical concepts. Students may take Core or Extended depending on ability.
Science (Single/Dual/Triple)	Core (Choice of level)	Offers flexible pathways depending on the learner's needs—covering Biology, Chemistry, and Physics either as combined or separate disciplines.
Global Citizenship	Core	A dynamic, interdisciplinary course promoting ethical reasoning, intercultural awareness, and real-world problem solving.
Kiswahili	Optional	Builds fluency, cultural appreciation, and pride in East African heritage. Focuses on oral and written expression.
French	Optional	Expands global communication skills and deepens understanding of French-speaking cultures. Emphasis on practical use.
Art & Design	Optional	Encourages self-expression through drawing, painting, sculpture, and mixed media. Links local inspiration with global art movements.

“My daughter now understands how she learns, not just what she learns—and that came from Psychology and the open conversations it sparked.”

Parent of Year 11 student

“Geography made me value our coastline so much more; we study it in class—and then we get to kayak through it!”

Year 10 student

“At Kivukoni, science is something you live, not just learn.”

Parent of Year 10 student

Subject

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Drama	Optional	Develops creativity, collaboration, and confidence through performance, playwriting, and stagecraft.
Music	Optional	Offers exploration of rhythm, melody, and composition. Students may use voice, instruments, or digital tools.
Geography	Optional	A dynamic, inquiry-led course focused on environmental systems, human development, and local-global interconnections.
History	Optional	Builds critical thinking through the exploration of global and African history, diverse perspectives, and primary sources.
Psychology	Optional	Introduces students to human behaviour, brain function, and mental health—grounded in scientific method and real-life application.
Physical Education	Optional	Promotes physical wellbeing, resilience, teamwork, and strategic thinking. Includes theory and practical performance.
ICT & Computer Science	Optional	ICT focuses on functional digital literacy, while Computer Science delves into coding, algorithms, and computational thinking.



A Flexible Approach to Learning and Assessment

No two learners are the same. At Kivukoni, thanks to our high teacher-student ratio we are able to know our students well and support them in the unique ways they each need. We are shortly to offer modular pathways and varied assessment methods to further support students who may not thrive in traditional exam formats.

Our focus remains on building deep understanding and transferable skills—not just memorising facts.

“We are educating children for a future we can’t possibly predict... the best we can do is to help them develop the capacities of creativity and adaptability.”

Sir Ken Robinson

Kivukoni Sports

Sports at Kivukoni is about far more than competition—it is about cultivating stamina, teamwork and a lifelong love of physical activity. Our expansive coastal environment and great facilities provide the perfect environment for the wide range of sports we take part in: swimming, football, hockey, cricket, netball, basketball, tennis, baseball 5, athletics and triathlon, rounders, cycling, tae kwondo and table tennis.

There are sporting events most weekends between other international schools on the coast, as well as local school tournaments.

Students train and compete in a supportive atmosphere where effort and sportsmanship are celebrated as much as results. Those with a passion for competitive sports are supported to compete beyond the coastal community.

One of the highlights of our sports programme is our triathlon training, where students swim in the ocean, cycle through local trails and run through the plantation. Participating in triathlons teaches our students to set goals, persevere through challenge and discover the strength within themselves. It’s in these moments—pushing through the last stretch - that our students build not just physical fitness, but determination, courage, and self-respect.

Whether students are seasoned athletes or trying a new sport for the first time, they are supported to find their stride and take pride in their achievements. At Kivukoni, we believe that developing a healthy body and a strong spirit go hand in hand.



“Sports teaches you character, it teaches you to play by the rules, it teaches you to know what it feels like to win and lose – it teaches you about life.”

Billie Jean King, tennis champion and advocate for education and equality



Performing Arts

The creative arts are a vital part of our students' development, offering a space where collaboration and self-expression come to life. Through drama, art, music, movement, and storytelling, students learn to work as a team - listening and creating alongside one another. At the same time, they build self-confidence, finding their voice and courage as they step into the spotlight.

We draw on the rich talents within our community—welcoming artists, musicians, and performers from the wider Kilifi area and beyond to inspire and mentor our students. Our calendar is filled with vibrant events, from intimate open-mic evenings under the stars to lively musical productions and dynamic drama showcases.

Every other year, our Key Stage 3 students take part in a high-quality musical production, drawing an audience from far and wide. A recent highlight was the unforgettable performance of *Oliver*, staged outdoors in our natural baobab amphitheatre under a full moon—an experience that brought the entire school and wider community together in a celebration of creativity.

The 'Beats Benefit', a newly introduced fund-raising musical collaboration hugely enjoyed by parents, staff and students alike, offers an informal, interactive and vibrant evening of musical performances from all in our community - whilst raising money for the evolving Kivukoni Orchestra.

By engaging actively with the performing arts, Kivukoni students develop not just skills in performance, but also a meaningful sense of connection that inspires them far beyond the stage.



“For a small school, Kivukoni rocks the performing arts! It’s been amazing as a parent to enjoy this side of school life for our students - and to see the impact beyond the stage”

Year 10 parent



Extra-Curricular and Engagement

Learning at Kivukoni stretches far beyond the classroom walls. Our terms are alive with opportunities for creative expression, physical activity, leadership, and service. Students might take part in theatre productions, permaculture gardening, music sessions, coding clubs, and incredible residential trips that offer life changing experiences and life long memories.

We actively encourage student voice and participation, with student-led initiatives, house events, and peer mentoring playing an important role in school life. Environmental stewardship is woven into everything we do—from beach cleanups to biodiversity monitoring—cultivating a deep, active connection to our surroundings and reinforcing our shared responsibility to the planet.

Our students thrive in intellectually stimulating environments, taking part in inter-school debate

competitions, Model United Nations (MUN) conferences and programmes such as the World Scholars Cup. These experiences empower students to engage thoughtfully with real-world issues and diverse perspectives.

Community partnerships are also central to our ethos. Through volunteering, internships, and local collaborations, students gain insight into real-world challenges and discover the intrinsic rewards of contributing meaningfully.

At Kivukoni, extra-curricular activities are not 'extra'—they are essential. They build confidence, spark passions, and help young people grow into thoughtful, capable, and compassionate citizens of the world—ready to make a difference.





Facilities

Our development at Kivukoni has been organic and intentional, nurturing the vibrant growth of both our students and the natural world around us. It has resulted in unique and wonderful facilities, built in a sustainable style, supporting local artisans and enabling the resurgence of the natural ecosystem - which in turn inspires and delights the students.

Our facilities include:

Spacious ICT Hub

Science Laboratory

25m swimming pool

Wellbeing/yoga space

Rock Climbing wall

Music and Drama block

Community

Kivukoni students are part of a diverse and widespread community, belonging not only to a deeply invested network of local creators, entrepreneurs and innovators - but to the dynamic global community that calls Kilifi home yet connected to the wider world. Our students go on to experience this global connectivity - studying in India, Switzerland, UK, USA and beyond, often with Scholarships. Our learning community is simultaneously inspired by our local context alongside the evolving pedagogies being advanced around the world.

Double art studio

Indigenous Tree Forest (planted by the students)

An Eco Hub

Tennis Courts

Multiple Sports Pitches

Outdoor Theatre Space

Kivukoni's Teaching Standards

The foundation of an exceptional school must be exceptional teachers, dedicated to their students and the continuous advancement of their understanding and pedagogy. At Kivukoni we know that the best teachers are also keen learners, so our staff is constantly engaged in professional development and inquiry. This development rests on existing foundations of multiple higher degrees, all with specialisations or even further degrees in education. The lived experience of our teachers is also core to their ability to connect with our learners and see them as individuals

Kivukoni Youth Club

Outside of school, the Kivukoni Youth Club offers a weekly platform where students come together informally to explore pressing issues for them – from social pressures and identity, to entrepreneurship and community impact. Facilitated by supportive mentors, the club fosters open dialogue, creative action, and peer-led initiatives, helping young people grow in confidence, awareness, and purpose. It's a space where our students can navigate diverse views, develop their own self esteem, and get ready for a world that needs their creative ideas and constructive energy.





What is a Day Like at Kivukoni?

No two days are ever quite the same at Kivukoni!

Students might begin their morning with a check-in under the mango tree, before diving into a science lesson in a lab overlooking the creek, followed by Kiswahili, humanities, or Project-Based Learning. At breaktime, you'll find young people chatting in their hangout den, sketching in their art books, or playing basketball on the field—with no phones in sight.

By afternoon, after a wholesome school lunch and quiet reading, most will be taking part in creative arts or

sports, with guided sessions ongoing in the Key Stage 4 study hub—a learning space designed by the students themselves.

There might be visitors sharing about their passion projects, or presentations from student groups. There may be preparations for the Eco-Festival, or a school performance. We may be running from the rain, or enjoying School Council Charity Day. One thing's for sure—it's never boring.

Our days are carefully balanced to nurture both academic focus, endless curiosity, and emotional wellbeing.

We build in time for reading, music, games, and meaningful conversation. The natural rhythms of our environment are reflected in the structure of our day; students are encouraged to notice the changing tides, budding trees and bird calls as part of their living education, connected to the real and beautiful world around them.

While we prepare students thoroughly for exams, we never let tests define the learning journey - or the true potential of each student.

With all that we have to offer, we aim to ensure that KVK2 is a place where students thrive.

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