



# Kenya link update

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## AGORO OYOMBE FACTS:

- Founded in 1989 with 2 pupils
- The founder was Mr Joshua Osuri
- Now has in excess of 500 pupils
- The Headteacher is now Mr Fredrick Odhiambo
- Eight Kenyan students are visiting West Buckland this December

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## Kenya exchange visit—July 2013

West Buckland School has a lively and innovative partnership with Agoro Oyombe Secondary School, Kenya. The partnership was established in 2005 and developed solely to establish joint-curricular projects between the schools' Geography departments.

These successful projects, involving students at both schools, are still operating. After the first visit by a teacher in 2007 and the planting of the first of over 5000 trees that, a

number of other projects have occurred in Music, English, Biology, Food and Nutrition, PHSE and the Prep School.

The pupils have learnt a lot about each other in the classroom, but it is time to move onto the next stage in the link.



Nineteen West Buckland students and four staff will travel to Kenya for two weeks from 5th-21st July. A reciprocal visit involving eight students and two staff will take place in the following November.

These exchange visits will not only be the pinnacle of the partnership, but they will also provide excellent opportunities for all the students to learn about their partner school, the lives of their peers and the region in which the schools are located.

## Itinerary: first week at Agoro Oyombe

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

11:45-Leave West Buckland School for Heathrow Airport  
20:00-Fly from Heathrow to Nairobi

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July

06:30-Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta Airport, Nairobi  
10:55-Arrive in Kisumu  
14:00-Arrive in Siaya and check into the Mwalimu hotel

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July

13:00-Welcome reception at Fredrick Odhiambo's house (Headteacher) in Siaya

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July

08:00-Courtesy call at County Education Offices in Siaya to meet the District Education Officer  
10:00-Assembly at Agoro Oyombe Secondary School  
10:30-Tour of the school compound  
11:30-Signing of visitors' book  
12:40-Lessons  
16:00-Clubs and societies

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

07:15-Arrival at Agoro Oyombe Secondary  
07:30-Lessons  
16:00-Debate

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

07:30-Agoro Oyombe Primary School



### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July

07:15-Arrival at Agoro Oyombe Secondary School  
07:30-Lessons  
16:00-Triangular netball tournament: Agoro Oyombe secondary school, West Buckland School and Obambo Secondary school (Kenyan national champions)

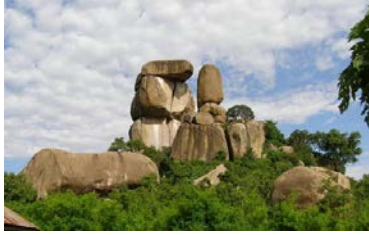
### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

07:30 PTA/AGM cum prize giving/ book donation day



# Second week at Agoro Oyombe

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July**  
08:00-Visit to Kakamega Rainforest Reserve



**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
07:15-Assembly at Agoro Oyombe secondary school  
07:30-Lessons  
16:00-Media making/clubs



**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July**  
08:00-Visit to Mama Sarah Obama's home, Kogelo and Kit Mikayi tor



**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**  
07:15-Assembly at Agoro Oyombe secondary school  
07:30- Lessons  
16:00-Cultural evening



# Into the Rift Valley and Nairobi



**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**  
07:00-Hell's Gate National Park: cycling, hiking and animal spotting

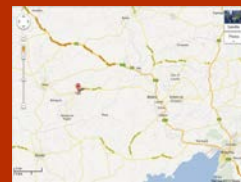


21:00-Travel to Jomo Kenyatta Airport  
23:40-Flight to London

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July**  
07:00-Leave Siaya and travel to Naivasha  
14:00-Tour of a geothermal plant in Naivasha  
17:00-Evening activities



14:00-IDP camp: conduct an outreach (both food and medical)  
18:00-Travel to Waitika on the edge of Nairobi



**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July**  
08:00-Visit a flower farm on the shores of Lake Naivasha  
13:00-Travel to Mai Mahiu, a town outside of IDP camp (internally displaced persons), NE of Nairobi



**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July**  
09:00-Start city tour, including a giraffe sanctuary, elephant orphanage, crocodile park  
13:00-Souvenir shopping  
17:00-Visit an Agape Orphanage

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July**  
06:45-Arrive at London Heathrow  
12:00-Approximate time of arrival at West Buckland School





# Year 12 students



Georgia Cope



Hannah Evans



Laura Wormington



Amy Davies

Rachel Groome



Cicely Pring



Emily Small



# Year 11 students



Charlotte Woodman



Holly Lancaster



Kate Bowman-Openshaw

Isabelle Brown



Olivia Sanford Wood



Lydia Wheeler



Brendan Darley



Harry Cobby

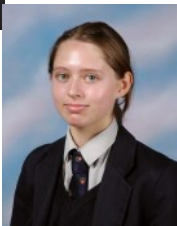


Hannah Sullivan

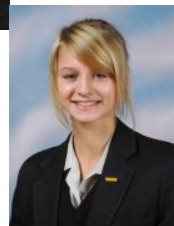
Candice Dehnavi

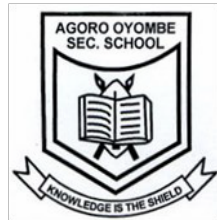


Olivia Prentice



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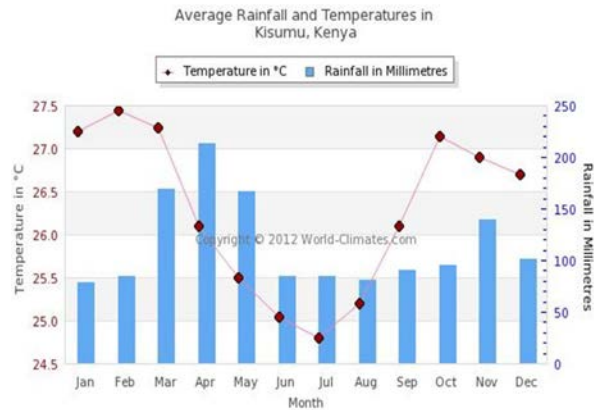
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The temperature will be relatively cool in July, but still in the mid-high twenties. Even though the school is just north of the equator, it is 1400 metres above sea level. It can actually be quite cool at night time.

The two main wet seasons are in Easter and November, but it can rain at any time.



## The staff

Mr Matt Brimson

Trip Leader

Head of Geography

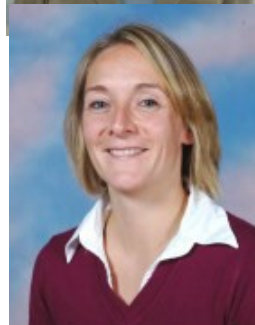
Deputy Head of 6th Form

Cricket coach

Miss Katrina Venner

Mathematics teacher

Netball coach



Miss Mary Dendle

Deputy Head of Preparatory School

