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*Official Launch*

*By His Excellency  
Hon. President  
Uhuru Kenyatta*



**Thinkers  
Doers  
Leaders**

*A Look Back*

**On Wednesday 25th October, 2018 was no ordinary day at the MPESA Foundation Academy.**

*We had a date with Content...We had a date with Pride...*

*We had a date with Gratitude....We had a date with Excellence....*

**It is on this day, that we officially launched the M-PESA Foundation Academy. His Excellency the President of Kenya; Uhuru Kenyatta Muigai graced us with his presence among many other dignitaries. Three years in to creating Thinkers, Doers and Leaders His Excellency the President of Kenya; Uhuru Kenyatta commended the work being done by the M-PESA Foundation Academy in giving hope to thousands of young Kenyans and equipping them with the proper tools to take Kenya forward as nation. It was such a delight! They say , "A picture is worth a thousand words" so join us as we reminisce on what a beautiful day it was through pictures and a word from the Director of Teaching and Learning, Dr. Stephen Walker.**

*Welcome,  
Gloria Ireri*

*The Only Time You  
Should Ever Look Back,  
Is To See How Far  
You've Come.*

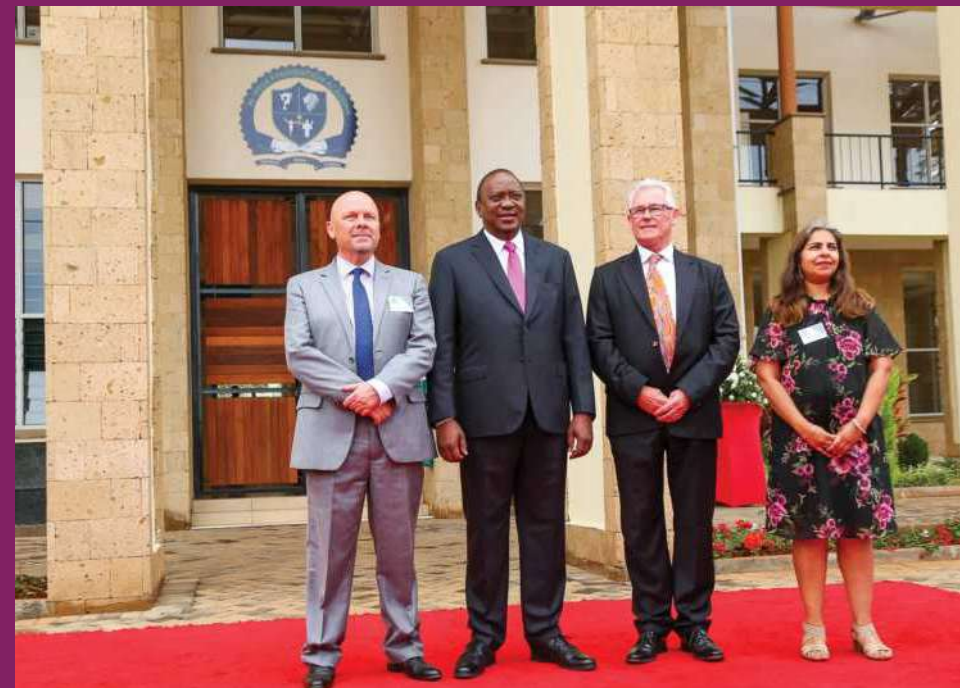


**PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO  
MPESA FOUNDATION ACADEMY**

*Dr. Stephen Walker  
Director of Teaching and Learning*

I wonder how many ordinary Kenyans get to meet their President and those few that do must feel so honoured. I am not Kenyan, but for me it was a great honour to meet His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta on 24th October 2018, accompanied by the former CS of Education, Ambassador Amina Mohammed. It was an event that had been rumoured might happen ever since I joined the Academy in April 2016, but almost 2 years later it finally happened. His Protocol Team had informed us that we were the first of 3 official visits that day and he may be able to spend up to an hour with us, for that we were grateful. And so the eventful day finally arrived .... he was due to arrive at 10am, but 10am came and went, so did 1030am ..... as did 11am, had we been bumped off his schedule? Then, at 11:15am, the main gate opened, the blue flashing lights roared up the main drive followed by the Presidential cavalcade. He was met by the County Governor of Kiambu, the Board of Trustees of Mpesa Foundation and representatives of the Academy's Board of Governors. After planting a tree, the tour of the Academy began but our CEO who was meant to be accompanying the President got pushed to the back of the escort party by a number of uninvited guests who wanted to get the attention of our President! But bit by bit, I could see a white-haired torch amongst the crowd, being brought to his rightful place beside our VVIP guest by our CS Education - well dome CS Amina! But then there was on

another hitch, the Presidential Protocol Team dismissed Stanley Koiyi and Jabu Issah whom we had prepared to walk with the President and introduce him to all the student exhibits that we had arranged on a brief walk around the Academy. Stanley and Jabu came up to me and said with forlorn eyes 'we've been told to go away'. So my military training came into fruition, it was time to be sneaky and I told them to run ahead to the Resource Center, wait for him at the entrance and then just latch yourselves onto him. And that is what they did, it was great to see the huge smiles on their faces as I saw them bringing their President around the various stations. During his tour he saw the site model of the Academy, the Resource Center with two staged lessons for him to participate in, our STEAM projects, our use of IT in the curriculum and our entrepreneurship projects. The President was finally taken into view the Auditorium where he just stood for at least 10 seconds in silence, then just said "WOW"!



From here he entered the main arena where the formal part of the proceedings began. Here we heard speeches from our CEO 'Mr Les', Mr Michael Joseph the Chairman of Mpesa Foundation, CS Education, Ambassador Amina Mohammed and also our very own Joyce Nyawira. Then our President addressed the audience in such a relaxed 'fatherly' way, obviously delighted to be in the company of young people, before formally opening the Academy. However, all was not over, he spoke to the students directly and invited them to ask him some questions .... dangerous ..... for up popped the bold Joyce again, the future Chief Justice of Kenya and asked 'Sir, what do you hope will be the lasting legacy of your tenure in office as President of the Republic of Kenya!' Everybody clapped, including the President and the TV cameras kept rolling, for that was the video clip that made the TV news and national newspapers. Well done Joyce! Go find the clip on YouTube if you want to hear his answer. And so the official part of his visit was over, it was now gone 1pm and we expected the President to move onto his next appointment. Out of politeness, our CEO invited him to stay for lunch, expecting a decline, but to his surprise the President was delighted to accept! He then enjoyed his lunch at leisure, I was sat at the table directly below his and could see how relaxed he was and enjoying the ambience of the event. He finally arose to leave at about 2:15pm and started to say his 'goodbyes'. At this point he walked down from his table and the CEO introduced me to the President, what a privilege and honour and a picture that will remain in my Office for years to come. Having been told the President may stay for an hour, he

finally drove out of the Academy compound at 2:45pm, some 3 and half hours later! I think he enjoyed himself, I know we all did! A fantastic and memorable day in our personal lives and that of the unfolding history of the Academy.

I wonder did he ever make to his 2 other appointments?!!





MPESA Foundation Academy CEO, Les Baillie warmly receives His Excellency Hon. President Uhuru Kenyatta to the Academy



His Excellency Hon. President Uhuru Kenyatta plants a Tree at the Academy for posterity.



His Excellency Hon. President Uhuru Kenyatta signs the MPESA Foundation Academy Esteemed Visitors Book.



MPESA Foundation Academy CEO, Les Baillie shows His Excellency Hon. President Uhuru Kenyatta an architectural model of the Academy. Onlooking, is Michael Joseph, (Safaricom Board Member & former CEO) and Hon. Ferdinand Waititu among others.



His Excellency Hon. President Uhuru Kenyatta is taken through the use of IPADs in classrooms for learning by two students, Ashley and Brian.



Form 4 Student, Amina Isaak takes CS Amb. Amina Mohammed through the use of IPADs in learning.



A captivating demo of STEAM robotics.



His Excellency Hon. President Uhuru Kenyatta visits the Academy resource centre.



Captivating Traditional Dance by the Mpesa Foundation Academy Students.



His Excellency Hon. President Uhuru Kenyatta experiences an literature lesson at the Resource Centre facilitated by Miss Beverly Moraa.



MPESA Foundation Academy student, Jabu Issa takes His Excellency Hon. President Uhuru Kenyatta through the art gallery.



Joyce Nyawira Form 4, shakes His Excellency Hon. President Uhuru Kenyatta's hand after giving a very impressive speech.



His Excellency Hon. President Uhuru Kenyatta receives a portrait from an art student.



Mpesa Foundation Academy, Resource Centre Staff at the event.



Mpesa Foundation Academy, Staff at the event.



Mpesa Foundation Academy, Students at the event.



*We Seek to Inspire Entrepreneurial Leadership  
and always aim to Create Well-rounded Students.  
The journey of transformation  
continues!*