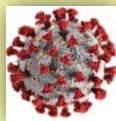




# GETS News!

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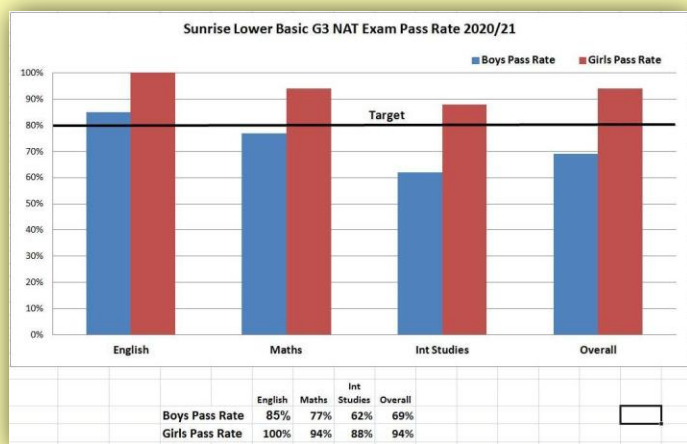
## Covid-19 in The Gambia

This has been another difficult year as we practice living within the protocols of the Gambian Education Department (MoBSE) that say we must continue with certain restrictions.

We've interpreted that to limit interactions with masses of parents, children and students to hopefully limit any spread due to school activities. So no assemblies, sports days, external days out or graduation or other parties. This is such a shame for children and staff.

Many schools aren't practicing these policies, it seems, so there has been lots of pressure to break these precautionary rules. The current levels of Covid-19 in Gambia are less clear at this time.

## School is operating otherwise normally



Ancient news but we did a reasonable job with our externally marked exams (NAT), given all the disruptions due to school closures, for Lower Basic Grade 3 (taken a year ago now).

Our LB5 pupils did their NAT exams very recently and we will get their results around Nov 2022.

Looking at the G3 results, the girls did really well and the boys fell down badly in Integrated Studies. This is quite an unusual result. Maths is often a week area in performance.

Staff turn-over is much higher than we've enjoyed previously. The picture shows 3 new Lower Basic teachers for 2021/2. Details of these staff are shown in our Blog – access via [www.getsuk.org](http://www.getsuk.org)

Two other teachers joined us but have since left. Mrs Ida Cham helped with developing Cookery and Pastry whilst Mr Gassama helped to deliver Numeracy and English to our Skills Training Students. Both these positions are in the process of being advertised.

## Weather News

The Gambia coastal area has been subject to extremely heavy rain and strong winds in the past few days. This appears to have damaged many buildings and roads. (11" of rain in a day at the airport!)

Sunrise has suffered damage to roof areas and our LB soakaway has collapsed. GETS has managed to fund expensive repair work but many local people will struggle to rebuild.



## AGM 2022 – 3<sup>th</sup> Sep 2022 Virtual on Zoom

We'd like to be able to meet up for an AGM but for a number of reasons we decided to have a virtual meeting again. Not ideal but we hope to see you – more details to come soon.



# Fundraising for GETS



We were delighted to have help from Angie Ndow again with a proportion of sales from her Mandika crafts stall at Driffield Show (E Yorks). Angie is a long term supporter who puts so much into spreading the word about all that GETS achieves. She was able to pass out sheets for us with our Logo and Link to the charity.

The stall to the left of Angie's was the local Driffield Cadets – 873 Squadron, who raised the cash to build our sports area in Sunrise, used every day. They also passed out our GETS "Logo and Link" to visitors to the stall to spread our name a little further. Thank you all so much.

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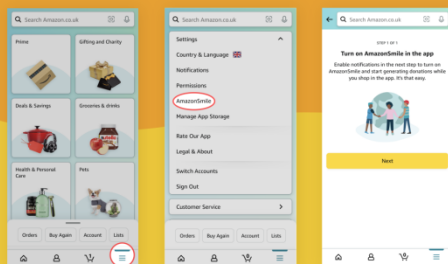
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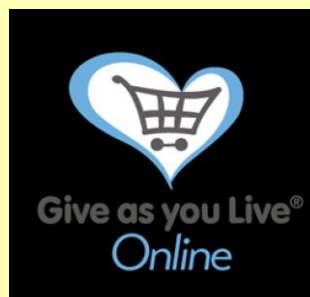
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## >70% still finding Skilled Jobs



2021/2 Skills Training Year 3 Students at the start of Term 1

It's great to hear that although Gambia has suffered from lower tourism and other financial pressures, more than 70% of Students in Skills 3 have been offered the chance to work after their work placements.

This shows we continue to make a real difference for young people coming to the Sunrise Centre.

## More to see on Web site – View our Blog



Polio Vaccines



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Playground refreshed



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