

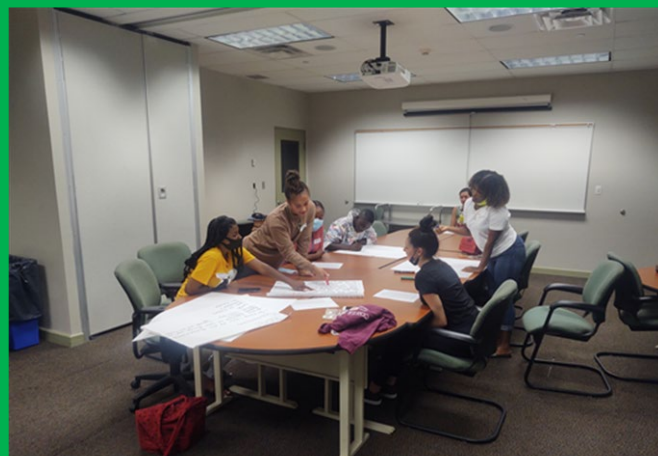
# The Berkeley Institute "Weekly Times" Week of September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## Our Mission Statement

*"The mission of The Berkeley Institute, a diverse senior school with a rich heritage and tradition of excellence, is to ensure a stimulating learning environment that prepares all of its students to lead full and purposeful lives and to assume leadership roles in both the local and global communities."*

*Revised April 2019*

## Provisional Prefect Leadership Forum



## Principal's Corner:

As you are aware, there has been great concern over the past few days with regards to the uptick in local positive cases and loss of life due to the COVID-19 virus. We pray for the peace and strength of those families who are grieving. The impact on our school environment is not known at this time; however, we rally around everyone in our school community and the wider Bermuda public at this disconcerting time. As a result of the challenging times we are experiencing,

here are some school updates: We will continue with Remote Learning until further notice. Currently we have 62% of our students whose parents/guardians have consented to them participating with the ongoing Saliva Testing Programme for our school. We are sending another humble request to those who have yet to consent as one last effort to have as many students tested on a regular basis to ensure that we can safely return to and maintain in-person learning. Special kudos goes out to the ISD

team, Mr. Lawrence and year-level teams for being overly responsive to the technological needs of our students and colleagues. Without your support, we could not sustain the robust remote learning strategy that we have in place.

## Kiandre Spencer Seeks Local Support to Climb Pop Music Charts

The Berkeley Institute S3 student, Kiandre Spencer, is seeking support from the local community to make his songwriting talent recognized globally. Kiandre's stage name is Ynmidas after the mythological king with the golden touch. Ynmidas was inspired by his brother, Mikal Minors, to start making music two years ago. He has had assistance from Kellan Lewis of Rawyal Family Management & Entertainment to release his EP called *The Coronation*. When the COVID-19 pandemic allows, Ynmidas plans to perform live on the local and global stages. In the meantime, he is requesting that Bermudians download and listen to him music. Ynmidas has been invigorated by the response he has had to the music he has out on streaming platforms. He conveyed to the Royal Gazette newspaper, "People like my music. I want to tour around the world performing my music, selling my music globally – on all continents, all countries – and then bring the industry back to Bermuda in the end."



**Ynmidas Touch** – Kiandre Spencer is seeking support for his songwriting.

# Leading from Behind to Challenge Decision-Making, Values and Beliefs



**#TakeRoot&Bloom**



**#SherpherdTendingToFlock**



**#ProblemSolvingPipeline**



On Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, S3 students who applied to become Prefects participated in a Prefect Leadership Forum held in the Staff Room of The Berkeley Institute. Thirty-five Prefect applicants engaged in a forum that included peer mentoring, group work, and an oral presentation. Leadership Committee members, including the administrative team, facilitated the initiative and deliberated after the session to confirm the number of successful applicants for provisional leadership positions. The applicants were organized into groups of five hopefuls and given one of the following scenarios to problem solve: cyberbullying, inappropriate bus behavior, gambling, illegal weapons on campus, self-harm, reckless riding, drug usage on campus, de-escalation of fights, and alcohol usage in school. Prefects are often challenged with decision-making when confronted with the aforementioned scenarios while on duty or in social arenas. Rather than telling the applicants how to deal with the aforesaid scenarios, the aspirants relied on their own values and belief systems to conjure decision making models for the scenarios provided. Shepherds lead from behind, staying behind the flock while letting the most nimble go out ahead; whereupon, the others follow, not realizing that all along they are being directed from behind. This blueprint for leadership is polar opposite to the traditional top-down management hierarchy. The Prefect applicants across the various teams were encouraged to express ideas, thereby fostering a quick and nimble type of problem solving pipeline. On behalf of the Leadership Committee and the administrative team, I wish to congratulate the aspiring Prefects for providing frameworks to haunting issues that will take root and bloom.



**#ChallengeDecisionMaking**



**#BlueprintForLeadership**



**#AspiringPrefects**



# Berkeley Shorts: Nominations, Awards, & Scholarships

## Mr. King Nominated for Teacher of the Year Award



Mr. Troy King, Mathematics ITL at The Berkeley Institute, is one of ten finalist in the running for a teacher of the year award. The Bermuda Education Network (BEN) organized the Outstanding Teacher Award. The teachers up for the award were nominated by colleagues and the educational charity asked parents, pupils, and teachers to help the judges decide. Let's get behind our own Mr. King! To support our nominee, email [admin@ben.bm](mailto:admin@ben.bm) or comment on BEN's Facebook page.

## Mahogany Bean Honored to Join Carey Olsen



The Berkeley Institute graduate, Ms. Mahogany Bean, has been awarded a two-year training contract with Carey Olsen Bermuda through the law firm's pupillage programme. Ms. Bean obtained her LLM (Barristers) and was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2019. She studied law with criminology at the University of Birmingham. She will work across the firm's cooperate, dispute resolution, and litigation, employment, and trusts and private wealth teams. Under the supervision of partners Gavin Woods and Mary Ward, Ms. Bean will gain invaluable insight into all aspect of offshore law.

## Tierrai Tull Awarded Seven of Eight Scholarships Worth Half a Million Dollars

The Berkeley Institute graduate, Tierrai Tull, was awarded more than half a million dollars' worth of scholarships to fund her university degree. Ms. Tull was awarded seven out of the eight scholarships she applied for during the summer. However, she could only accept three of the seven grants she was given as a result of awards policy. The scholarships are renewable for up to four years dependent on her academic stature, community involvement, and continued financial need. Ms. Tull appealed to scholarship providers to spread awards widely across the spectrum of those in need.



# The Berkeley Institute

## Hours of Operation

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
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School Telephone Number: (441) 292-4752  
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Fax Number: (441) 295-5646

## Athletics: Bermuda Women's U-20 Championship Qualification



Bermuda's U-20 women's national football team advanced from group A of the Concacaf Championship Qualifying campaign after they hammered St. Vincent & the Grenadines by a score of 4-0 at the Ergilio Hato Stadium, in Curacao. Berkeley's own Jahni Simmons opened the scoring in the 26<sup>th</sup> minute before adding a second four minutes before the stroke of halftime. Bermuda needed only a draw to top the group after St. Vincent and the US Virgin Islands drew 1-1 in the other match. The winner of each of the four groups advanced to the knockout stage of the championship which will include teams like; Mexico, Jamaica, United States, Canada, and Haiti.

## The Week at a Glance

- ❖ Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021
  - Remote Lessons Resume – no students on campus
- ❖ Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2021
  - Student Council Campaign Week

### Saliva Screening Programme

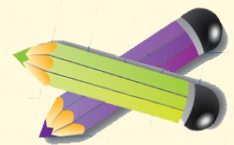
Parents/guardians are encouraged to give consent for their child/ren to participate in the Saliva Screening Programme as another safety measure for schools. We sincerely thank those parents who have signed up. Moreover, we encourage those who haven't signed up yet to do so.

## Berkeley Pictures of the Week



From left to right:

1. Prefect hopefuls take a moment to smile for a picture during the Leadership Forum.
2. Leading Ladies: aspirants look on as another group presents.
3. S4 Year Head, Ms. Camara, 'leads from behind' as Prefect applicants prepare for an oral presentation.



## Respite Finem! Keep the End In View!

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