

## 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*

### Tree of Peace Plant at Fort Saur



## Principal's Corner:

Good morning Parents and Guardians,

Happy Monday! I hope you all had a relaxing weekend.

We start the week by celebrating our incredible athletes and their dedicated PE teachers for their outstanding performance at the Interschool Cross Country meet! We won medals in every category, a fantastic achievement for our school.

A huge congratulations to:

- U16 Girls**- 2nd Place
- U16 Males**- 3rd Place
- O16 Females**- 3rd Place

🏆 Individual Medalists:

- **Azari Jones**- 2nd Place (U16 Female Race)
- **Khari Sharrieff**- 3rd Place (O16 Male Race)

Well done, team! 🎉

**Important Reminders for the Week:**

★ **Professional Development Day for Teachers:**

- Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 2025
- Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 2025

★ **Mid-Term Break – Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> through Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 2025**

✦ **School Closed: Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 2025** - Election Day Polling Station for Pembroke West Central at The Berkeley Institute

✦ **S4 Cap & Gown Pictures – Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 2025** for those S4 students who were absent for Cap & Gown photographs last week Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 2025

✦ **\$3.00 Grub Day – Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 2025**

Wishing everyone a great day and wonderful week ahead!

Kind regards,

Keisha L. Douglas

Principal



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**Respice Finem!**

## Tree of Peace Planted at Fort Scaur



**Trees of Life:** Parents, students, activists and politicians in front of two peace trees at Fort Scaur.

On Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 2025, family members shared fond memories of Razi Garland and Amon Robinson, two teenagers who lost their lives, when trees were presented in their memory. Family members spoke after activist Glenn Fubler presented two trees that symbolized peace at Fort Scaur. Mrs. Renée Riley, Razi's mother, shared with the Royal Gazette newspaper that The Berkeley Institute graduate always prioritized school and other tasks over leisure time. Sidukhani Robinson, a corporal in the Royal Bermuda Regiment and the aunt of Amon Robinson, fondly remembers when they went to Atlanta, Georgia, together after he graduated from The Berkeley Institute. Two cedar trees were planted at the fort to recognize the teenagers, as well as the negotiations that eventually ended violence in apartheid South Africa, which took place in 1990 at the Lantana Guest Cottages.



**Razi Garland**



**Amon Robinson**



# Prefects Reflect on Community Solutions



On Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 2025, our S4 Prefects participated in a workshop entitled, Interactive Intergenerational Gathering – Community Solutions. The *interactive intergenerational gathering* was held at the **Seventh Day Adventist Hall** on King Street in Hamilton from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** This free engaging workshop; under the theme *Always Learning*, was the 2.0 version of the one held last year at the Bermuda Industrial Union entitled, *Sharpening Personal Tools for Collaborative Networking*. This years' *interactive intergenerational gathering* commenced with accessing lessons from the stories of challenging youth journeys of: Victoria Pearman (former Ombudsman), Gene Steede (Bermuda's Mr. Hospitality), and Kendrick Zuill (entrepreneur/activist). The second phase of the workshop was a *Fish Bowl* session exploring the goal of accessing Community Solutions. Those in attendance included: The Paget/Warwick Community Collaboration HUB; Principals of Paget Primary, Purvis Primary, and Warwick Academy; Sporting Club Presidents of Paget FC, Pembroke Hamilton Club, and Warwick Workman's Club; and Pastors of Bright Temple, Christ Church (Warwick), and Rehoboth Church of God; and of course our own S4 Prefects of The Berkeley Institute.



# Berkeley Students Embrace World Hijab Day



A large poster for the World Hijab Day event. The text on the poster reads: "WORLD HIJAB DAY AT THE BERKELEY INSTITUTE Celebrating WOMEN around the world WHO CHOSE. HELP US BREAK STEREOTYPES &amp; SHATTER BOUNDARIES BY JOINING US FOR AN INTERACTIVE SESSION &amp; TRY ON A HEADSCARF WEDNESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY, 2025 LUNCH TIME in the Upper Atrium". The poster features a background of a woman wearing a purple hijab.



On Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 2025, Social Studies teacher, Mrs. Elamin-Steede, facilitated the recognition of World Hijab Day during the lunch period in the Upper Atrium of The Berkeley Institute. World Hijab Day is an annual event founded by Nazma Khan in 2013, taking place in February each year in more than 140 countries worldwide. The stated purpose is to encourage women of all religions and backgrounds to wear and experience the hijab for a day and to educate and spread awareness on why hijabs are worn. Students learned the historical significance of World Hijab Day from Mrs. Elamin-Steede who hosted the event. Our female and male students relished the opportunity to put on hijabs and taqiyahs.

# The Berkeley Institute

## Hours of Operation

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Student Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

School Telephone Number: (441) 292-4752  
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## Athletics: Field Hockey



Owen Curley: has scored 11 of Griffins' 18 goals this season for the developmental junior boys' team.

## The Week at a Glance

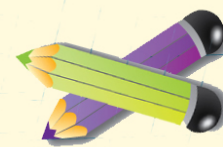
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- ❖ Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 2025
  - Teachers and Students Return

## Berkeley Pictures of the Week



From left to right:

1. Principal honor students enjoy a meal in the Staff Room compliments of Principal Douglas.
2. **Having their cake and eating it too** – Berkeley students are treated to a cake commemorating the attainment of Principal honors.
3. **Lined-up for success** – Principal honor recipients wait in line for food.



Quincy Paynter  
Deputy Principal  
Editor

## Respice Finem! Keep the End In View!