

**Allaken's Computer Department
in Full Swing**

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Several of our MACs are starting to offer computer services and training in their offices. Please make sure that you contact Mary for advice; she has built up the Allaken IT business and has invaluable experience in this area.

Services provided by Allaken MAC



Allaken students at work!

Allaken MAC is situated in Othaya and covers the Nyeri, Nyandarua and Laikipia districts. It is a small commercial enterprise that offers client services to get better access to local, national and international markets. At the Allaken office we provide computer services and training, agricultural information and advice.

A Full IT Department

Allaken's main income stream comes from computer training. We offer IT services and computer training. Our clients include school leavers from Form 4; civil servants (there is a requirement that every civil servant has to have IT skills) including teachers from primary and secondary school, policemen etc. We also have people coming in at the weekend to relax and play computer games.

I see the business doing very well although I am still going to work hard on advertising through our IB and increasing our income.

Our classes have been full in January and February with more than one person working

¹ Interviewed by Anne Dennig in November 2008 and February 2009.

on each of our six computers. Our training is divided into modules. Our first module is Introduction to Micro Computers; it lasts for 10 hours and costs 400/ Ksh. Our more advanced courses include, Computer Repair and Maintenance and Adobe Photoshop CS2. Our course on Web Designing lasts 20 hours and costs 2,000/Ksh.

We set an exam at the end of each of the modules. The pass mark is 60%; then the students receive a certificate to show what they have achieved. The students attend the courses for two hours per day but while the students are attending the course they may practice on the computers free.



Our IT business continues to grow. We would also have a market for selling laptops if we could find a company willing to use us as an agent and are looking into this possibility.

MODULE	Hours	Price
Stage I		
> Introduction to Micro-Computers	10 hrs	400/=
> Windows 98, ME, XP, Windows Vista	20 hrs	400/=
> Desk Operating System (Ms-Dos)	20 hrs	400/=
> Word Processing (Ms-Word)	20 hrs	400/=
> Spreadsheet (Ms-Excel)	20 hrs	750/=
> Database (Ms-Access)	20 hrs	800/=
> Presentations (Ms-PowerPoint)	20 hrs	800/=
> Adobe PageMaker 6.5, 7.0	20 hrs	1,000/=
> Ms-Outlook Express	20 hrs	700/=
> Internet Explorer and E-mail Browsing	20 hrs	1,000/=
Stage II		
- Quick Books	20 hrs	1,500/=
- Typing Master	20 hrs	2,000/=
- Software Installation	20 hrs	2,000/=
- CorelDraw Suite 11, 12	20 hrs	1,500/=
- AutoCAD	20 hrs	2,000/=
- Computer Repair and Maintenance	25hrs	3,000/=
- Adobe Photoshop CS2	20 hrs	1,500/=
- Web Designing	20 hrs	2000/=

Other Modules also available

NB: - Free exams on completion of each module
- Pass mark 60%
- Internal and external exams
- Free practising hours to all students
- The attendance is 1hr per day but extra time may be arranged on request
- Well trained and experienced computer instructors and tutors

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