

*IB Diploma*  
*The British School of Lomé*

ENDEAVOUR IS ALL





## The Gateway to University

The Two Year Pre-University Programme at The British School of Lomé (Year 12 and Year 13) is world recognised as the best possible University preparation. At its heart are the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (D of E), reflecting our holistic approach to education. We promote an interactive learning environment which stimulates and encourages inquiry, initiative, creativity and academic achievement.

The IB Diploma is accepted worldwide as a University entrance examination, paving the way to the most prestigious Colleges and Universities including Cambridge, Harvard, Heidelberg, MIT, Oxford, Rotterdam Erasmus, the Sorbonne, Yale and many, many more.

Our IB Programme is well respected for its international outlook, academic rigour and focus on engaging students in a wide range of experiences. The two year (I)GCSE courses (Year 10 and Year 11) form a strong foundation for the IB Diploma, and the programme is open to pupils who have achieved a minimum of 5 passes at Grade C or above, or the equivalent. Students who haven't sat IGCSEs are able to take an entrance test to secure a place in IB.

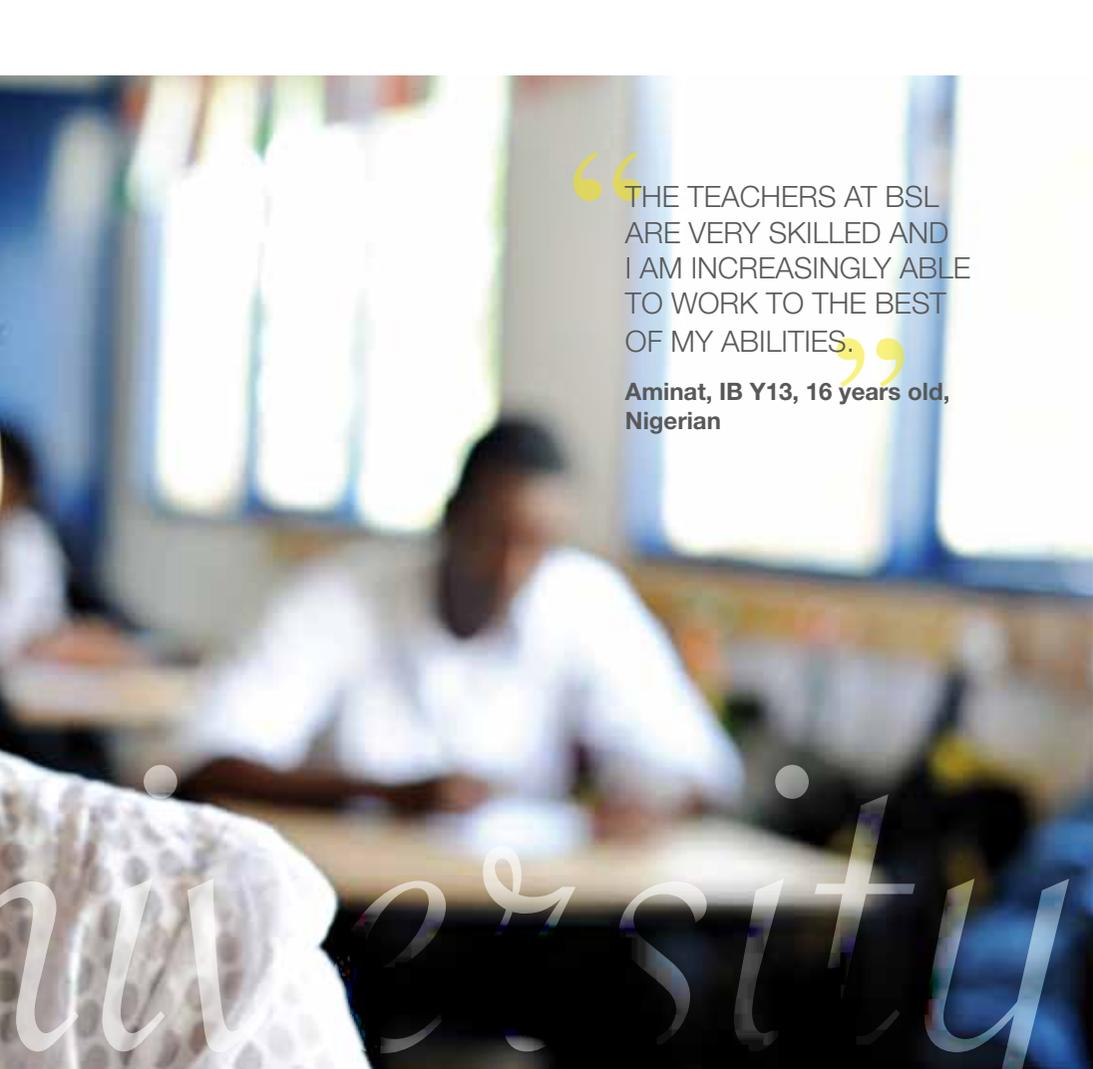
Our results speak for themselves: we have successfully placed every BSL student who completed the IB Diploma into a University of his or her choice - an astonishing 100% success rate. To make the process as simple as possible for parents and pupils alike we assist with all of the admission paperwork (UCAS for those UK bound and Common Application for the US) and help with visa applications.

We give all our Year 12 students the opportunity to earn a D of E Award, also known as the International Award. This and elements of the IB concerned with students' personal development, help to make our Pre-University Programme a challenging and truly life-changing experience.



“ALTHOUGH I HAD ONLY EVER STUDIED AND LIVED IN AMERICA BEFORE ARRIVING AT BSL, ADJUSTING TO BSL AND THE IB DIPLOMA WAS MADE EASY BY THE IB ITSELF AND THE SUPPORT OF THE BSL FACULTY. I HAVE HAD A WONDERFUL TWO YEARS IN LOME AND AM PROUD OF EVERYTHING I HAVE ACHIEVED.”

**Danielle, 18 years old American student**



“THE TEACHERS AT BSL  
ARE VERY SKILLED AND  
I AM INCREASINGLY ABLE  
TO WORK TO THE BEST  
OF MY ABILITIES.”

**Aminat, IB Y13, 16 years old,  
Nigerian**

University



The IB Diploma requires pupils to study at least six academic subjects. This must include Mathematics, a first and second language, a science, and a subject from the Individuals and Societies group which includes Geography, Business and Management, Economics, History and ITGS (Information Technology in a Global Society).

The programme has three other special requirements in addition to the six academic subjects: a course called Theory of Knowledge (ToK); an Extended Essay; and a Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) programme.

Theory of Knowledge challenges pupils to reflect critically on their learning experience. The Extended Essay exercise requires them to undertake their own personal and independent research into a topic related to one of their IB subjects and complete a 4,000 word essay to University standard. This is a particularly useful Pre-University experience, giving students a taste of what will be expected of them.

Our exciting and varied Creativity, Action and Service programme runs throughout the two years of study and is linked directly to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. It focuses on the importance of life outside the traditional places of study – the classroom and laboratory – to encourage the development of creative, physical and social skills.

Without doubt this is one of the most important components of the IB Diploma and truly reflects our school motto, 'Endeavour Is All'. There is something here to interest and stimulate every pupil, whatever their interests and abilities. Taking part in a series of camping trips and expeditions encourages students to use their initiative and become more self-reliant, developing their leadership skills and helping them learn to become good team players.

The service element of CAS gives pupils the opportunity to contribute to the well-being of other people in the wider community, engage in humanitarian projects and raise awareness of the plight of many people living in West Africa. Our students are the leaders and policymakers of tomorrow and we teach them the skills to become responsible world citizens.

Achieving the International Baccalaureate can give students the edge when applying to Colleges and Universities. IB Diploma holders gain admission to the most prestigious seats of learning in Europe and America including Oxford, Yale and the Sorbonne. There are formal agreements in place between the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) and many Ministries of Education and private institutions. Some Colleges and Universities offer advanced placement or course credits to students with a good IB Diploma. The IBO publishes and regularly updates guides to University recognition in each of its geographic regions.



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