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Head of Secondary Message

The British School of Lomé **Secondary Newsletter**



Dear Parents, Staff, and Students,

As we continue to persevere through the current exam season, I wanted to take a moment to extend my deep congratulations and gratitude to each and every one of you for your dedication, focus, and support.

To our esteemed staff members, I am so grateful for your tireless efforts in guiding and nurturing our students through this challenging period. I have personally seen teachers hosting students at break, lunch and after school. Your commitment to excellence in education is truly commendable, and I am incredibly proud of the dedication you demonstrate day in and day out.

To our diligent students, I applaud your hard work and perseverance during this time. Your determination to succeed is truly inspiring, and I encourage each of you to continue seeking support from your teachers and attending our evening prep classes with Mr. Ernest and Madam Eunice. You have been a great example for our younger students and I am thankful that you are exhibiting great leadership qualities. Remember, your teachers are here to help you every step of the way, and your attendance and participation are greatly appreciated!

To our supportive parents, I extend my deepest gratitude for your continued encouragement and involvement in your child's education. At home, your efforts to ensure that your children attend school on time are instrumental in their academic success. Thank you for partnering with us in shaping the future leaders of tomorrow.

Despite the many positive things that are occurring at BSL, it has come to my attention that there have been instances of negligence towards our school premises and staff. It is imperative that we maintain a clean and respectful environment for everyone. I urge all students to dispose of litter responsibly and to treat our premises with the utmost respect. Remember, we are a community, and it is our collective responsibility to uphold the standards of excellence in all that we do. Pick up after yourself and ensure that you keep the school clean and acceptable for us all.

As we move forward, I ask that each member of our school community continues to strive for excellence in every aspect of their lives. Let us embody our motto, "Endeavour Is All," as we work together to achieve our collective goals of academic success, personal growth, and a stronger community.

Thank you once again. Together, we will continue to soar to new heights and inspire greatness in all that we do.

With warm regards,
Mr Anthony Jackson
Head of Secondary

Well done Luciana!

Chinese Proficiency Test at
Confucius Institute
University of Lomé



PE Department' News

Luciana (Y10) recently competed in the National Preliminary Round of Chinese Proficiency which was held at Confucius Institute at University of Lomé. Despite competing against pupils who were significantly older and more experienced at Mandarin, Luciana has qualified for the final round. Congratulations!

This is a huge achievement for Luciana and everybody at BSL would like to wish her the best of luck in the final round. The prize for the winner is a trip to China to represent Togo in the speaking and talent competition. So, Luciana, go for it and get your passport ready!

During the Year 8 PE lesson, Ms Chimene, our female PE specialist teacher, had an educative and informative session with the girls of the class about the positive impact of participating in physical education activities whilst the boys were busy working out.



BSL Boarding House - Home Away from Home



We are pleased to announce that our boarding house refurbishment work is progressing well. This project is designed to:

Enhance the comfort and well-being of our boarders: The refurbishment will create a more modern, inviting, and functional living space for our students, ensuring their home away from home is truly a place where they can thrive.

Uphold the highest standards: We are committed to providing an exceptional boarding experience, and the refurbishment reflects our dedication to maintaining the best possible facilities for our students.

We will soon announce an Open Day, inviting everyone to come and visit our school and the newly refurbished boarding house.

Did you know that BSL Boarding house is affiliated with the UK's prestigious Boarding School Association <https://www.bsagroup.org.uk/>, which promotes high standards of pastoral care and boarding facilities within member schools?



DID YOU ENJOY THE IBDP INTERNATIONAL BUFFET?

Last Friday 26th April 2024, this special event was held at BSL in the dining hall from 5.30 pm.

What is the international buffet?

This is an IBDP event organised by the MFL Department and the Year 12 students to enhance learners' global citizenship skills.

Organising it is the MFL DPT way to comply with one of the requirements from the IBDP syllabus.

During the event ...

Students did some informative and interesting presentations on their countries and they displayed how food can convey some cultural aspects.

After the session of presentations, a buffet was served.

Parents, teachers and students participated by bringing either traditional dishes or drinks.



What a magnificent buffet it was!

God willing rendez- vous next year for the 2025 edition!

Congratulations to our esteemed Year 12 who portrayed different learning attributes linked to the IBDP learner profile: learners were open minded and responsible persons, organised, knowledgeable, inquirers and good communicators!



An extract of a presentation in German



Some vocabulary useful words



LEADER IN ME – An Interview with Eva Jade RABATEL (Year 8) and Isaac Mathew JOHNSON (Year 12).



Eva is appreciated for her creativity and art.

Isaac is appreciated for his dignified manners and respect.

What is your favourite thing to do after school or on weekends?

Eva: *Watch YouTube and draw.*

Isaac: *Sleep or play video games.*

Do you have any hobbies or activities that you really enjoy?

Eva: *Drawing.*

Isaac: *Basketball, football, video games.*

What's the best thing about school for you?

Eva: *Learning new things and spending time with my friends.*

Isaac: *Gaining wisdom and social skills.*

Can you tell me about something cool or interesting you've learned recently?

Eva: *In Science mixing lights and colours in paint are not the same thing.*

Isaac: *Circuits, currents and charge in Physics.*

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

Eva: *Change into any animal I want because I like animals.*

Isaac: *To learn things without having to read or write.*

What's something special you love doing with your family?

Eva: *Playing board games.*

Isaac: *Swimming.*

What do you want to be when you grow up, and why?

Eva: *A documentary film producer to make films of animals.*

Isaac: *Something that deals with cars, perhaps within the military.*

Can you tell me something you really want to learn how to do?

Eva: *Write newsletters.*

Isaac: *Play a musical instrument with 100% accuracy.*

What's your favourite book or story and why do you like it?

Eva: *"Winds of Fire: The Lost Continent" because it is about a new continent and really interesting.*

Isaac: *Fables which teach a lesson such as 'The Tortoise and the Hare'.*

Do you have a favourite animal or a favourite place to visit?

Eva: *The beach. No favourite animal because I like them all.*

Isaac: *Japan.*

How do you think we can help people who might be sad or upset?

Eva: *By finding the person they are not comfortable with so that they can talk together to solve the problem.*

Isaac: *To understand their situation first, to put yourself in their shoes.*

Is there something that was difficult for you at first and then became easy with practice?

Eva: *Drawing people.*

Isaac: *Shuffling cards.*

What's something you'd like to get better at?

Eva: *Mathematics.*

Isaac: *Studying.*

If you could have any animal as a pet, even if it's imaginary, what would it be?

Eva: *An African grey parrot.*

Isaac: *A dog.*

What is your favourite food?

Eva: *Pizza.*

Isaac: *Steak.*

SKY IS THE LIMIT, its TREE ART. WHAT IS NEXT?

"Every artist dips his brush in his own soul, and paints his own nature into his pictures." - Henry Ward Beecher

Our creative and enthusiastic art teacher, Mr Oladele Obaro, led his students in a unique project where they connected with nature by using trees as their canvas to showcase their artistic talents. The students thoroughly enjoyed painting the trees in the car park. We hope you will appreciate this creative and unique artwork as well.



The Year 12 CAS experience involves the planning of activities for students at Vivenda School for the Hearing Impaired. As one of our students said, "I hope to...create a combination of fun and competitiveness in which everyone participating, even teachers, can enjoy." Learning to play pétanque/boules developed hand-eye coordination and turn-taking skills for everyone. At the same time, it introduced the Year 12s to a new range of signed words that can be used to motivate and coach someone as they master the game.





The English Learning Corner
for speakers of other languages

Be Kind to Yourself

Did you know that everyone makes mistakes? There is a famous quote which states " *If mistakes weren't a part of life, erasers wouldn't exist !*" -Anonymous.

It is important to remind yourself that making mistakes only means you're trying, and you get better by trying.

So, go on and be kind to yourself!

Next time you make a mistake, ask yourself. "What lesson can I learn from this?"

Or, let these words from **Mary Tyler Moore** guide you:

"Take chances, make mistakes. That's how you grow. Pain nourishes your courage. You have to fail in order to practise being brave."

See you next week!

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Un adverbe de fréquence décrit la fréquence à laquelle une action se produit.

Pourquoi ne pas essayer notre activité gratuite pour tester vos connaissances sur ce sujet. Scannez le code QR.



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Adverbs of frequency

How often does something take place?

always	100%
usually	90%
frequently	80%
often	70%
sometimes	50%
occasionally	30%
seldom	10%
rarely	5%
never	0%

We wish all our Ethiopian Orthodox families a happy Orthodox Easter, "Fasika-Beal."

