

Secondary Newsletter

Friday 08-12-2023



Upcoming Events

- ❖ Mon 11-12-23 7:00 PM– Christmas Carols at Cathedral
- ❖ Tues 12-12-23 - End of Term 1 Reports
- ❖ Thurs 14-12-23 - Parent Teacher meetings (Primary Meetings - 3:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.)
- ❖ School Closes for holidays (Primary)- Fri 15-12-23 at 12:00 PM (NO LUNCH) for - All students to go home by 1:00 PM
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- ❖ Mon 08-01-24 7:45 - School Reopens (Regular school hours)
- ❖ Mon 08-01-24 - Final IA Submission

Head of Secondary Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that the Christmas period has brought a sense of excitement and anticipation for both you and your children. As the Acting Head of Secondary, I am delighted to share examples of student success and detail a few of the ways that I hope to raise standards.

Firstly, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the warm welcome I have received since my arrival in Lomé. It has been a pleasure getting to know the vibrant community and being a part of the enriching educational environment here at BSL.

Our students are truly a remarkable group, displaying high levels of intelligence and potential. It is evident that they have the capacity to achieve great things. However, to unlock their full potential, it is crucial that we collectively invest in their education and instil the values of discipline and responsibility.

One area where your support is particularly essential is in ensuring regular attendance and punctuality. Consistent attendance lays the foundation for academic success and helps students build a strong work ethic. I kindly request your assistance in emphasising the importance of punctuality to your children.

Additionally, students must come prepared for each lesson with the necessary equipment and planners. This not only facilitates a smoother learning experience but also fosters a sense of responsibility among the students. Your encouragement in developing these habits at home will undoubtedly contribute to their overall academic progress.

I would like to bring to your attention a matter that has been addressed with the students recently. Unfortunately, there has been an increase in tardiness between lessons. In response to this concern, I will be implementing weekly Friday detentions for students who consistently arrive late to lessons. This measure aims to reinforce the importance of respecting their learning environment and being punctual.

Head of Secondary Message (Continued)

I believe that by working together, we can create an environment that nurtures the academic and personal growth of our students. Let us remind our children that respecting their education and the time of their peers and teachers is fundamental to their success.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Your involvement and support are invaluable, and I look forward to a successful and rewarding academic year ahead.

Warm regards,

Mr. A Jackson

Acting Head of Secondary

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Here are some tips to help your child stay safe while cycling:

- **Always wear a helmet that fits well and is fastened securely. The helmet should cover your forehead and not tip back**
- **Ride in the same direction as traffic. Ride in a single file line and avoid hard braking on gravel or similar surfaces, as this can cause a bicycle to slide out of control**
- **Look left, right, and left again to check for cars before entering the road. Obey all traffic signals and stop signs**
- **Wear bright clothes and put reflective stickers on your helmet so drivers can see you better. Avoid wearing loose pant legs, backpack straps, or shoelaces that can get caught in your bike chain**
- **Don't use music devices that could distract you from noises around you, such as a car blowing its horn so you can get out of the way**
- **Don't text or use a mobile phone while riding**

Student Success - Bronze Award

As part of our goal to promote hard work and effort 'Endeavour is all', we at BSL also try to celebrate success and achievements. Once again some students have attained enough merits to be awarded the Bronze Merit Award. This time around four of our Year 9 students achieved the award, handed out by our Head of Secondary Mr. Jackson.

Mr. Alistair Siri, teacher of History and Pastoral Support.



Exemplary Teaching and Learning!

In French, IBDP students were supported with their oral assessments.

Mr. Guy Missodey, IBDP teacher, and Bocar Sow, Year 13 student.



Language and Sports

In Y6 French lessons, Madam Amegnizin, Head of MFL, wanted to boost students' communication. As a result, learners were asked to describe a celebrity. They found the activity highly engaging. One student described the football legend, Cristiano Ronaldo. Here is the student's work:

Cristiano Ronaldo:

Here is a students' description:

- Le football est un sport collectif entre deux équipes de 22 joueurs.
- Cristiano Ronaldo est une célébrité dans le monde du football qui a les cheveux courts et châains.
- Il est grand de taille (1m 87).
- Il porte un t-shirt blanc et noir.
- les élèves pensent qu'il est gentil comme il aide les plus pauvres.
- Finalement, pour savoir qui est le plus aimé entre Lionel Messi et Cristiano Ronaldo, les avis ont divergé.

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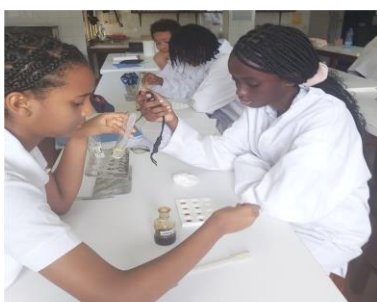
BSL Scientists

Year 8 Science students have been investigating turning forces, moments and levers. They have been considering why it is easier to open paint tins with a long screwdriver instead of a short one and why door handles are positioned as far from the hinge as possible. Most recently, they investigated how to balance a see-saw if the weights were different on each side.

Mr. Darren Snell, Head of Science.

Year 10 were investigating the effect of pH on the activity of amylase enzyme to break down starch solution, using their knowledge of food tests with iodine, which is the chemical you use to test for starch.

Ms. Diane Holder, IBDP and GCSE Science teacher.



Music Teacher intro

We are pleased to introduce Mr Seid Delwato Hussen as our new music teacher in the Creative Arts Department. He holds a degree and a music qualification and is currently pursuing his Masters. He has a passion and commitment for music education and has taught students of various musical instruments and styles for over 20 years. A proud father of three children, Seid comes from an international school background and has been involved in the school's productions. He has instructed his students on how to sing, harmonize, and play musical instruments. Seid has helped students learn the basic and advanced concepts of music theory and practice, such as rhythm, melody, pitch, and tempo. Mr Seid is an avid pianist, and violinist, and also plays Ethiopian traditional instruments among many other musical skills

We would also like to express our profound gratitude to Mr Ribouem, who has been supporting BSL by covering the music lessons for our students



BSL Business fair

This year's business fair attracted a diverse range of entrepreneurial skills, spanning from the sale of home-cooked food to jewelry, and for the first time, it encouraged eco-friendly practices. This provided an opportunity for business participants to Think, Initiate, and Create (TIC). Various skills were showcased and developed, including critical thinking, social skills such as salesmanship, and endurance. Different prizes were awarded for various achievements, such as the Flyest Flyer, Catchiest Slogan, and most entertaining posters. At the end of the week-long experience, all participants were confident that much had been accomplished.

