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Head of Secondary Message

The British School of Lomé **Secondary Newsletter**



Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

As we approach an exciting and critical time in our academic calendar, I wanted to take a moment to extend my well wishes and words of thanks. With the upcoming study leave commencing on the 22nd of April (in preparation for exams starting on the 25th and 26th of April), it's essential that the entire BSL community approaches this season with positivity and a hunger to succeed.

To our students, I encourage you to maximise your time during your study leave. I have been so proud with your dedication to excellence and the efforts that you have put in to achieve. I have seen students attending after school classes, weekend classes and even the evening 'preps'. I am continually impressed by your diligence and I commend your teachers and parents for cultivating your steely resolve. Remember, our doors are always open for you to seek support from your dedicated teachers. Whether you need clarification on a topic or just a boost of motivation, we're here to help. Let's aim to make every study session count and strive for excellence together. Put away your devices and other distractions and do not put off important matters till 'tomorrow'.

Parents and guardians, your unwavering support during this time is invaluable. Please ensure that your child follows their timetable diligently, gets enough rest, and is adequately prepared for their exams. Your encouragement and involvement make a significant difference in their mission to achieve. If you wish for any guidance regarding the further ways that you can support your child, do not hesitate to contact the school.

A special thank you goes out to our upcoming IB students for their dedication and enthusiasm during our recent IB Subject Choice Evening. Your commitment to shaping your academic path is truly commendable, and we're thrilled to embark on this journey with you. Kudos also to the equally engaged parents who joined us for what was a successful and informative evening. I would also like to thank our staff who sacrificed their evening to provide support and answer any questions. In the midst of our exam preparations, let's not forget to celebrate the joy of reading! World Book Day is just around the corner: on Tuesday, the 23rd of April. Get ready to immerse yourselves in the magic of storytelling and let your imaginations soar. On the day, we will have activities and fun things to do: so be prepared!

Our Y12 students will also collaborate with their MFL teachers in order to provide an International Buffet. This will take place on Friday the 26th April from 5.30 pm. We are hoping to have a wide variety of traditional dishes and hope that this will foster a spirit of international mindedness.

Lastly, a shoutout to all the students who consistently exhibit punctuality and dedication to their studies. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we are preparing a special reward to acknowledge your commitment.

As we gear up for the challenges and celebrations ahead, let's continue to support each other and strive for success. Together, we can achieve anything we set our minds to.

Wishing our Year 11 and 13s a productive study leave and the best of luck for your upcoming exams!

Warm regards,
Mr Anthony Jackson

PE Department News

The Year 11 class had the opportunity to try their hands out on the recently acquired Volleyball net during a lesson of Volleyball.



Model United Nations

<https://www.un.org/en/mun>

at BSL chaired by our proud student Rahma Abdulaziz Year 10

A new club has been introduced to the After School Enrichment Programme with Rahma in Year 10 Chairing the very first student-led Model United Nations (MUN) session last Monday. MUN aims to educate students about diplomacy, international affairs, and the United Nations. Participants are called delegates and each represents a country during formal debates that attempt to reach a mutually agreeable solution to issues linked to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Delegates will develop research skills, public speaking confidence, conflict resolution, and the ability to critically analyse contemporary global issues.

MUN is a wonderful way for participants of all ages to experience how governments and the United Nations work whilst improving a range of skills of value in the modern-day curriculum.



Model
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This week's Primary Golden Tickets

This week's Primary Awards



Freshman life after BSL- We are proud of our Alumni!

A group of recent BSL graduates studying in Switzerland gave Mr David a city tour of Geneva this week. It was an opportunity to learn more about their experience, challenges and strategies they have used to adapt to their new environment away from home. They will soon be finishing their semesters and are confident that they have done well. We wish Pamela, Yazid and Mahamadou great success in their academic endeavours.



On Thursday 18 April the Year 11 Parents, Guardians and learners were invited to an evening meeting to discuss the options and subject availability in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. The Head of School, Mr. Naqvi, opened the meeting by discussing his own personal journey with his daughter who sat the GCSE exams in the UK, and then went on to study Architecture in University. Mr Naqvi also emphasised on making soft skills along with academic achievements. He then introduced our new Marketing and Business Manager, Mrs Mariama Souna, who said a few words. This was followed by a PowerPoint presentation of 12 slides by Mr. Smith, the IBDP Coordinator, who explained the processes involved in choosing subjects in the IBDP programme. The subject's registration form was distributed to the participants and the evening concluded with questions and answers. Here are a few photographs of the event, followed by the subject availability at BSL.

Year 11 Parents IBDP Options Meeting



IBDP Subject Availability at BSL

Candidates for the full IBDP study **one subject selected from each of six subject groups**. The six compulsory subject areas are:

- **Group 1: Language and Literature**
- **Group 2: Language Acquisition**
- **Group 3: Individuals and Societies**
- **Group 4: Sciences**
- **Group 5: Mathematics**
- **Group 6: The Arts (or an elective course).**

Three subjects are studied at Higher Level (HL) (240 teaching hours) and the remaining three subjects are studied at Standard Level (SL) (150 teaching hours). Each subject is graded on a scale of 7 (highest) to 1 (lowest). There are also three possible bonus points for an Extended Essay research project and the Theory of Knowledge course submissions. A passing grade requires a minimum score of 24 out of a possible 45 points, as well satisfying a number of other conditions. The available subject options at BSL are:

Years 12 and 13 IB Diploma Programme course offerings at BSL	
<p>Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature</p> <p>(native)</p> <p>English A: Language and Literature HL, SL</p> <p>French A: Language and Literature HL, SL</p>	<p>Group 2 Language Acquisition</p> <p>(near-native; or non-native)</p> <p>English B HL, SL; French B HL, SL.</p> <p><i>Ab Initio (SL only):</i> French, German, Spanish</p>
<p>Group 3 Individuals and Societies</p> <p>Business Management HL, SL</p> <p>Digital Society HL, SL</p> <p>Economics HL, SL</p> <p>Geography HL, SL</p> <p>History HL, SL</p>	<p>Group 4 Experimental Sciences</p> <p>Biology HL, SL</p> <p>Chemistry HL SL</p> <p>Computer Science HL SL</p> <p>Physics HL, SL</p>
<p>Group 5 Mathematics</p> <p>Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches HL, SL</p> <p>Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation SL</p>	<p>Group 6</p> <p>Music (under consideration)</p> <p>Theatre HL, SL</p> <p>Visual Arts HL, SL</p>

All BSL students are encouraged to explore their interests and aspirations, empowering them to make informed decisions about their future. Seek advice from your parents and teachers and always strive to achieve excellence in all that you do.

LEADER IN ME

An Interview with Shanaiz ADOMPO and Gideon Miracle OLUWOLE-ISAAC (Year 7).



Shanaiz is appreciated for her friendliness and encouraging others. Gideon is appreciated for his sense of humour and focus.

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

Shanaiz: *Study.*

Gideon: *Play the piano.*

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

Shanaiz: *Reading.*

Gideon: *Piano.*

What's the best thing about school for you?

Shanaiz: *Talking with friends.*

Gideon: *Lunchtime and food.*

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

Shanaiz: *Area of a triangle.*

Gideon: *How bull fighting works.*

If you could create a new game what would it be about?

Shanaiz: *Learning another language.*

Gideon: *Basketball.*

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

Shanaiz: *Invisibility to scare people.*

Gideon: *Being a conductor of electricity because it would be fun.*

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

Shanaiz: *Talking about our day.*

Gideon: *Eating together.*

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?

Shanaiz: *Thailand because I like their culture.*

Gideon: *Dubai because it seems like a nice place.*

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

Shanaiz: *Play the piano better.*

Gideon: *Play the drums.*

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

Shanaiz: *Harry Potter because it's always interesting.*

Gideon: *Alex Rider because it is interesting.*

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

Shanaiz: *Talk with them and be patient with them.*

Gideon: *Talk with the person who's making them sad.*

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

Shanaiz: *Swimming.*

Gideon: *Piano.*

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

Shanaiz: *Horse riding.*

Gideon: *Art.*

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

Shanaiz: *A rabbit.*

Gideon: *A dog.*

Welcome to the BSL family!

We welcome our new students, Nihal, Y4, Ilham Y5, Ishita Y5 and Omoyemen Y1 . Thank you to their teachers and other students for helping them settle down.



BSL students visited the Confucius Institute in Lomé today!



In collaboration with the Confucius Institute Lomé, which is also offering Mandarin lessons at BSL, our students and staff were invited to their event to exhibit their drama performance, cultural show, and various other activities. BSL is very proud of this partnership.

