

The British School of Lomé

Secondary Newsletter



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Head of Secondary Message

Upcoming Events

March 13th to 14th - Drama School
Production 'The Woman King'

March 11th to 15th. Steam Week -
Science Department

March 16th - NCAA 'March Madness'

Dear BSL Community,

As we reach the end of an examination week, it is the perfect time to reflect on our collective efforts. We can ask ourselves honest and useful questions such as: *did I try hard enough? Will I regret not making better choices? What will I do going forward?* Teachers and parents will also ponder on whether we sufficiently motivated our students. In short, we now have the opportunity to self-assess and think about different ways to be better prepared for examinations.

After self-reflection, we need to take action. This means that we will implement new strategies to ensure that we make progress. We hope that our students will make some changes to their daily schedule and to their weekends. Furthermore, we hope that students will maximise their classroom time and be driven to aspire to greater heights.

In addition to preparing for future success, we can also enjoy the fun packed week on offer at BSL. For example, on March 14th we will have the opportunity to enjoy 'The Woman King' production. This will be a showcase of our dramatic talents and promises to be a wonderful exhibition. It will involve students of all ages so please make sure to spread the word to your friends and families. Moreover, the entire week will be marked by the Science Department leading a STEM/STEAM programme. We will have the chance to be entertained and wowed and have some 'hands-on' opportunities to learn. The weekend, March 16th, will also provide us with opportunities to participate in sporting activities and cheer on the BSL Lions as we participate in 'March Madness'. The name derives from the American collegiate sporting events and will be a thrilling tournament where multiple schools will take part in numerous sporting events. It promises to be a great afternoon. We must be cordial and welcome our visitors: especially as the other schools will be fighting for second place trophies (obviously, BSL Lions will be winning the gold medals).

Endeavour is all!

LEADER IN ME

An Interview with **Lilo Marie BOUSTANI** (Year 9) and **Sarp Deniz Koç** (Year 10)



Lilo Marie BOUSTANI (Year 9)



Sarp Deniz Koç (Year 10)

LEADER IN ME – An Interview with Lilo Marie BOUSTANI (Year 9) who is a creative and positive individual, and Sarp Deniz Koç (Year 10) who has shown great manners around the school

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

Lilo: *Studying, then sleep.*

Deniz: *Read books, study and play games.*

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

Lilo: *Play video games.*

Deniz: *Drawing.*

What's the best thing about school for you?

Lilo: *We learn and know new things.*

Deniz: *The lessons.*

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

Lilo: *Teleporting so I could go to any place I wanted.*

Deniz: *Memorise faster.*

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

Lilo: *Board games.*

Deniz: *Visiting places.*

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

Lilo: *I want to be a lawyer.*

Deniz: *A businessman.*

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

Lilo: *How to cook.*

Deniz: *I don't know.*

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

Lilo: *Paris.*

Deniz: *Turkey.*

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

Lilo: *Be happy, life is too short.*

Deniz: *Communicate with people and try to understand their situation.*

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope this email meets you well.

Kindly permit your child/ward to come to school on Saturday the 9th of March 2024 to participate in the rehearsal for the school production slated for March 13th and 14th, 2024. To this end, the cast of the show will be having a 'full house' rehearsal on the BSL Amphitheatre.

Thank you.

TIME: 9:00AM-11:30AM

StEAM week programme

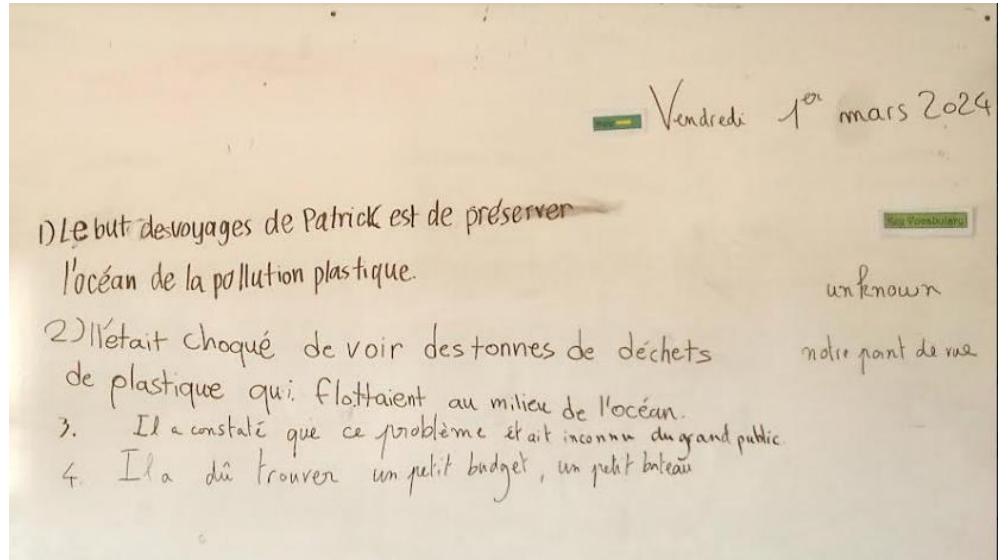


| Day/Time | Subject/teacher | Activity |
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| Monday Assembly | | Introduction to STEAM week and outline activities |
| Monday Lunchtime | Science/Chemistry in C1 | iodine clock challenge |
| Tuesday Lunchtime | Engineering/ Science in C1 | Challenge to create a ramp/pathway for a marble to travel down which will take a certain amount of time |
| Wednesday Lunchtime | DS Space Science in C1 | NASA moon lander challenge. This is a NASA designed schools activity challenge where learners make a shock absorbing system for a moon lander out of straws, paper cups, cardboard, elastic bands and mini marshmallows |
| Thursday Lunchtime | Maths and Science Quiz | Maths (and other STEAM topics) quiz in honour of pi day |
| Thursday After School | Arts | Drama production - Cleopatra |
| Friday Lunchtime | DS Engineering in C1 | Building spaghetti bridges challenge. Build a bridge out of spaghetti across a gap between two tables. The one which holds the most mass before breaking wins. |

Teaching and Learning at BSL

Year 10 French

In Y10 French SL, students attempted an IGCSE type reading comprehension exercise on the topic of the environment and ocean pollution, demonstrating the ability to work together as a class and to express their understanding of the text in sentences.



Miss Claire Bertaud,

French teacher (KS3-5 SL and Year 3 HL).

Careers Awareness Week 2024



Thrilled to announce that, as of February 2024, our Year 13 students have secured offers from the following institutions! 🎉

Their dedication during the intense application process is truly commendable. A huge thank you to every university that acknowledged our student's academic brilliance at The British School of Lomé..



🎓 Embrace the journey ahead with confidence! #Success #ConditionalOffers #FutureLeaders

After School Enrichment Programme (ASEP)

3D Animation and Modelling After School Activity

In 3D modelling club, pupils have been looking at the use of 3DS-Max to create models of cars.

Pupils have had to use a number of skills and techniques to alter 3D shapes and manipulate them into the shape of a car.

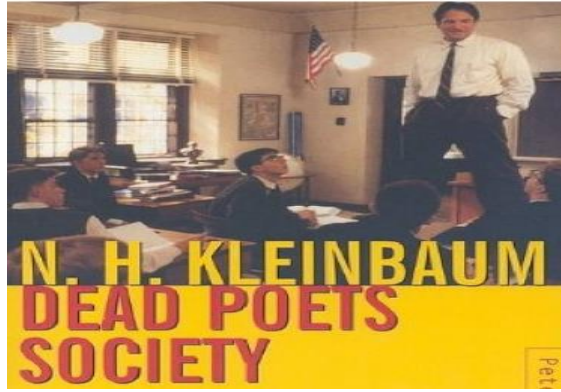
In the coming weeks, we will be adding a track or a terrain for the cars to drive across. Take a look at the designs and vote for your favourite by scanning the code below.



International Women's Day, Mothering Sunday and Ramadan Kareem

A large, colorful graphic with a blue and gold background. At the top left is the crest of The British School Lome with the motto 'ENDEAVOUR IS ALL'. Below it is a Union Jack flag. The text 'Happy Mother's Day' is written in pink cursive, surrounded by pink and purple flowers. To the right, 'Happy international Women's Day!' is written in orange and pink. Below the flowers is an illustration of diverse women's faces. At the bottom right, a crescent moon and star are shown above a mosque silhouette, with the text 'Ramadan Kareem' in gold. At the bottom, a blue text box contains a message of celebration and wishes.

On behalf of The British School Lome, we wish you a happy International Women's Day. We also celebrate the UK's Mother's Day on Sunday and wish all our mothers (and dads) good wishes. Additionally, advance Ramadan greetings to our Muslim families and friends. May this month bring more blessings to you and your family.



The Year 13 students have been revising English B themes through the well-known American novel, "Dead Poets Society". Reading and watching this film is crucial for IBDP students for several reasons:

Critical and creative thinking skills: the film prompts students to question authority, challenge norms, and think critically about their values and beliefs. The story celebrates the arts' power to inspire creativity and self-expression.

Addressing English B themes: "Dead Poets Society" explores themes such as Identity, Experiences, Social Organization, Sharing the Planet, and Human Ingenuity.

Promoting empathy and understanding: the film portrays a diverse group of characters with different backgrounds, personalities, and struggles, helping students develop empathy and understanding.

Overall, IBDP students have gained valuable lessons and insights that inspire and empower them to become thoughtful, creative, and compassionate individuals. Following the film, students engaged in a meaningful discussion about its events, characters, and themes, comparing the challenges depicted in the film with those they currently face. Additionally, our Art students — Daniella, Deborah, Othni, Alexandra, and Whitney presented their poem titled "Happiness".

HAPPINESS

Happiness a state of kind,
Where all I want is mine,
Health, wealth and peace.
I don't rely on dreams.
A reality where I am set,
Where I don't pretend.

Where my sight is clear,
Where my Lord is near,
And my burdens disappear.
A world where love hired me,
Where my job is to take care of
those I love and me.

Where those who talk behind my back
Are where they should be at.
Happiness a state of mind
Where my troubles are those
I no longer mind.

Written by Daniella, Deborah, Othni, Alexandra, and Whitney

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BSL's Secondary School
Drama Production

Internet Safety

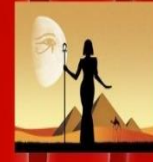


THE BRITISH SCHOOL OF LOME
PRESENTS...



Cleopatra -THE WOMAN KING

VENUE: THE BSL AMPHI-THEATRE



PARENTS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS' SHOW:

Thursday 14th March, 6PM



Entrance Fee:

1,000 FCFA for adults

500 FCFA for children

**For tickets and inquiries please contact the BSL Front
Office**