



PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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The British School of Lomé

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ Sat May 25th 11:00 AM - GL Parents Workshop and Coffee Morning with the Head of School
- ❖ Mon 27th May Reception – Y9- Standardised Assessment Week
- ❖ Primary Sports Day – Coming soon!
- ❖ Fri 14th June Year 6 Graduation and Whole School Honours Day
- ❖ Fri 14th June Last Day of Term
- ❖ Swimming Gala – Coming soon!

Message from The Head of Primary

Dear Parents and guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. I was reminded this week as I circulated around our school at lunchtime about the importance of safe ways to play.

At BSL, the safety and happiness of your children are our top priorities. To that end, we continuously strive to maintain a secure and enjoyable environment for them to play and learn. However, we need your help in reminding your children about the importance of safe play, particularly when using the climbing structure and other playground equipment.

Here are some key points to discuss with your children:

- **Play Gently:** Encourage them to play gently with their friends and avoid pushing or shoving which can lead to other things.
- **Use Both Hands:** Remind them to use both hands while climbing and always face the climbing structure rather than climbing down backwards.
- **One at a Time:** Teach them to wait their turn and avoid overcrowding on the equipment.
- **Appropriate Footwear:** Ensure they wear proper footwear— no slippery shoes or studded football boots— to help prevent slips and falls.
- **Respect for Rules:** Emphasize the importance of following the playground rules and **listening to the supervising staff.**
- **Awareness of Surroundings:** Help them understand the importance of being aware of their surroundings and the other children playing nearby.

In the Event of an Incident or Accident:

We have established protocols to handle any incidents swiftly and effectively. Our staff are trained in first aid and is committed to providing immediate care if a child is injured, we also have nurses on site and available at the infirmary at all times. Should a significant injury occur, we will contact you immediately and take the necessary steps to ensure your child's safety and wellbeing.

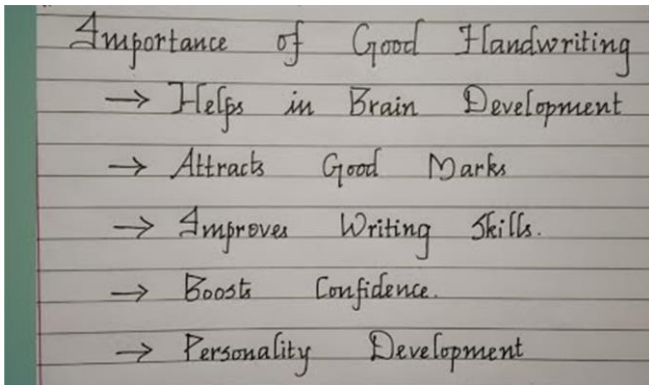
By working together and reinforcing these safety measures, we can help create a safer playground environment for all our children. Your support in discussing these points with your child is invaluable and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

Kind regards,

Gareth Jones
Head of Primary

The Importance of Good Handwriting

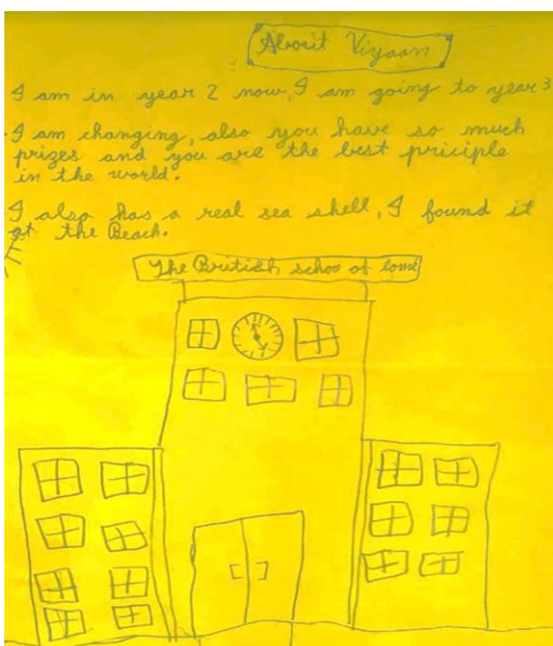
Commendation for Year 2 student Viyan for Exceptional Cursive Handwriting



Good handwriting offers numerous benefits that extend beyond simply producing neat text. It improves understanding and focus by requiring the writer to slow down and carefully consider each word, which in turn boosts memory retention. This deliberate process stimulates brain activity, engaging areas responsible for both cognitive and motor functions.

Viyaan dazzled the Head of School, Mr Naqvi, by presenting him with his short biography, showcasing his cursive handwriting skills at such a young age. Well done to Viyaan, and thank you to his teachers for helping him learn to write so beautifully. For the next academic year, our staff will be focusing on helping students improve their handwriting from a younger age, ensuring it is legible and cursive.

We thank Viyaan for being a good role model and pacesetter.



Summer Work Experience for IBDP Students

Exciting Summer Work Experience Opportunity for IBDP Students

Dear BSL Community,

We are thrilled to announce an enriching opportunity for our IBDP students to engage in practical work experience this summer. This program, a crucial part of our career orientation process, offers students a unique chance to immerse themselves in the professional world, gain valuable insights, and develop skills that will be essential for their future careers.

The Importance of Work Experience

Engaging in work experience placements is incredibly beneficial for our students to:

- Develop a strong work ethic and professional skills.
- Gain clarity on their career interests and aspirations.
- Build a network of professional contacts.
- Enhance their resumes with practical experience.

Parental Support and Involvement

We kindly request the support of parents in encouraging their children to take full advantage of this opportunity. Students are encouraged to seek and secure their own placements with parental approval, ensuring they find a role that aligns with their interests and career goals.

Invitation to Our Community

We also extend an invitation to our community members who might be interested in hosting one or more of our students in their establishments. If you can provide a work experience placement, please contact us to discuss the necessary arrangements. Your participation will greatly contribute to the growth and development of our students.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to

Mrs Anna Anquandah, Head of Humanities and Business/Economics teacher, at anna.anquandah@bsl.tg

LEADER IN ME – An Interview with **Aina Aya Anouk VAN TILBORG MARTINEZ** and **Hayoung YOON** (Year 1).

Aina is appreciated for being outspoken and creative. Hayoung is appreciated for being very quiet and respectful.

What is your favourite food?

Aina: *Pizza, plantain and edamame.*

Hayoung: *Carrots and cheese.*

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

Aina: *Hand embroidery and skateboarding.*

Hayoung: *Football and skating.*

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

Aina: *Swimming in the pool.*

Hayoung: *Swimming in the pool.*

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

Aina: *English, I love writing.*

Hayoung: *Maths.*

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

Aina: *Singing and skateboarding to always make it perfect.*

Hayoung: *Skating so that I never fall.*

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

Aina: *Adventures.*

Hayoung: *Making money.*

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

Aina: *A singer because I sing beautifully.*

Hayoung: *A scientist.*

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

Aina: *Engineering.*

Hayoung: *Making mugs.*

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

Aina: *Isadora Moon because she's calm and nervous at the same time.*

Hayoung: *I like all of them.*

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

Aina: *A caracal. Spain.*

Hayoung: *My grandmother's house in Korea.*

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

Aina: *Ask them 'What is the matter?'*

Hayoung: *Say to stop crying.*

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

Aina: *A bunny and a hamster.*

Hayoung: *A hamster and an axolotl.*

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

Aina: *Skateboarding and gymnastics.*

Hayoung: *A backward flip.*

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

Aina: *Skateboarding.*

Hayoung: *Skateboarding.*



Photo: Hayoung (Year 1)

BEAT THE SCREEN - Summer School @ BSL

Summer holidays are just around the corner. Do you want a summer of fun for your kids? Are you looking for an opportunity to play and learn on a daily basis?

With activities ranging from Rock Climbing to Pottery, Music to Magic Maths - there are plenty of reasons to join the BSL Summer School!

Click the link and sign up for our exciting summer programme at BSL!

[Summer Sign Up](#)



The one and only English speaking...

Summer SCHOOL

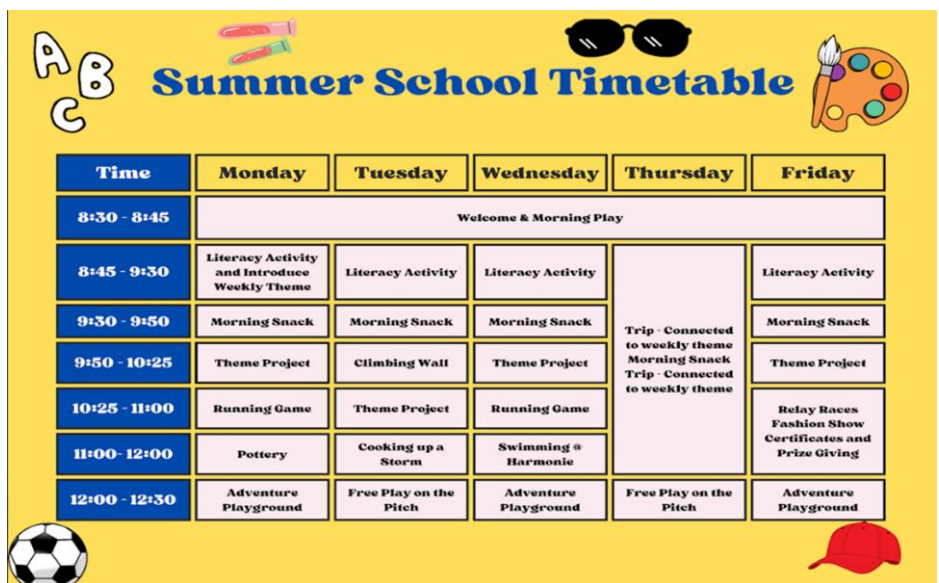
A summer of fun @BSL

24th June - 19th July
Ages 3 - 12

8:30 - 12:30 DAILY!

Sign up is open

The British School of London
ENDEAVOUR IS ALL



ABC Summer School Timetable

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 - 8:45	Welcome & Morning Play				
8:45 - 9:30	Literacy Activity and Introduce Weekly Theme	Literacy Activity	Literacy Activity	Trip - Connected to weekly theme Morning Snack Trip - Connected to weekly theme	Literacy Activity
9:30 - 9:50	Morning Snack	Morning Snack	Morning Snack		Morning Snack
9:50 - 10:25	Theme Project	Climbing Wall	Theme Project		Theme Project
10:25 - 11:00	Running Game	Theme Project	Running Game		Relay Races Fashion Show Certificates and Prize Giving
11:00 - 12:00	Pottery	Cooking up a Storm	Swimming @ Harmonie		Adventure Playground
12:00 - 12:30	Adventure Playground	Free Play on the Pitch	Adventure Playground	Free Play on the Pitch	Adventure Playground



English SUMMER SCHOOL coming soon

PARENTS' WORKSHOP

PARENTS' WORKSHOP AND HEAD OF SCHOOL COFFEE MORNING

We'd like to invite you to two exciting events focused on enhancing your child's educational experience at BSL:

1. **GL Assessments Workshop:** As part of our ongoing commitment to excellence, BSL is introducing yearly UK/international standardised assessments from Reception to Year 9, to enhance the overall standards of education leading to the IGCSE and IB programmes. This initiative will provide valuable insights into your child's progress and ensure their preparedness for future academic challenges.

2. **Head of School Coffee Morning:** Join the Head of School and leadership team for a casual coffee morning! This is a great opportunity to: Learn more about the GL assessments. Discover new developments, including the establishment of the Wellbeing & Learning Support Department, MFL department, Boarding House, Summer School and upcoming staff additions. Hear about the Language Institute and other exciting plans for next year. Most importantly, share your feedback on all the developments and changes you've noticed this year. Your input is crucial as we plan for the future of BSL.

Please join us:

- **Date:** Saturday, May 25th
- **Time:** 11:00 AM

RSVP: We would be grateful if you could confirm your participation in the above event by calling the school office on **+228 2226 4606** or sending an email to contact@bsl.tg. Please let us know how many people will be attending with you. We look forward to seeing you there!

GL Education

- Progress Test in English
- Progress Test in Maths
- Progress Test in Science
- Rapid**
- New Group Reading Test

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SATURDAY, MAY 25TH

PARENTS' WORKSHOP

and MEETING WITH HEAD OF SCHOOL

BSL Graduation and Prom 2024

BSL Graduation Ceremony and Prom 2024

We had two major events last Saturday, 18th May 2024: the Graduation Day Ceremony and the Prom for our Year 13 students to give them a befitting farewell. The Graduation Ceremony this year was well organised by the leadership of our staff, Ms Laura and the team, and showcased the highest university-level standards. We invited the first female pilot of Togo, Ayele Jessica Kouevi, as our guest speaker.

The Head of School, Mr Akif Naqvi, while addressing the ceremony, reminded the graduating class to remember their dedicated teachers who ignited a passion for learning and the operational staff who ensured the smooth running of the school, from the cafeteria, estates, security, and cleaning to the office staff who helped navigate research journeys. Their silent contributions made the students' paths smoother. He also acknowledged the parents and families who provided unwavering support, a shoulder to cry on, and a fierce belief in their dreams. Parents who sacrificed countless hours and siblings who cheered on their triumphs were integral to their success. The guest of honour, Pilot Ayele Jessica Kouevi, shared her life story and the challenges of becoming a pilot. She advised the students that perseverance and belief in oneself make any dream achievable.

Valedictorian Zuriel Dussey also thanked The British School of Lomé for helping them reach this far, expressed gratitude to the teachers and parents, and wished his fellow students good luck for their future endeavours. Mr Jackson, Head of Secondary, and Mr Smith, IBDP Coordinator, sent messages of support and encouragement for the graduating students in the concluding speech. Ms Laura added fun, enjoyment, and emotion to the event by singing a song especially prepared for this year's graduating class.

The Prom ceremony in the evening was fun and elegant, meticulously organised by Ms Eliane and the team, supported by Year 12 students for the graduating class. Our alumni, Ms Maeve, gave the students a wonderful surprise by inviting the famous Togolese singer Santrinos Raphaël to perform. His performance added a special touch to the evening and was a highlight for all attendees. We have received very positive feedback about both ceremonies from parents, students, and visitors, for which we are grateful.

We wish good luck to our Year 13 students and all the best for their future endeavours.

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Various activities took place during Prom dinner 🍷 -

- Watching the video of Y13 , displaying some memories.
- Voting for the Prom 2024 VIPs (Prom Queen , Prom King, Princess and Prince)
- Musical chairs
- and dancing.

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Please enjoy looking at some amazing photos! Wonderful souvenirs of Prom 2024 which was a night in disguise to remember!

Ms Eliane Amegnizin

Prom Committee Chair

Confucius Institute Chinese Proficiency Competition!

Well done Luciana!

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news! Luciana Holder, a Y10 student, secured 3rd place in the Confucius Institute Chinese Proficiency Competition!

This is an incredible accomplishment, especially considering Luciana competed against older participants with more Mandarin experience. Despite a microphone malfunction during her presentation and song (which required a staff member to hold it for her!), Luciana delivered with remarkable confidence and skill.

Congratulations to Luciana, her mum, and all her dedicated teachers. We also extend a big thank you to Mr Andrew for his initiative and constant encouragement, which undoubtedly played a role in Luciana's success.



Reminder: Le Caise Compound Speed Limits - School Zone

As a friendly reminder, please ensure drivers picking up or dropping off students at Le Caise Compound adhere to the posted speed limits throughout the compound, especially near the school zone. Safety is our top priority, and many children and parents are crossing roads during these times. Even if running late, please encourage drivers to slow down and exercise extra caution. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe.





A croque monsieur is a simple hot, French sandwich that you can make quickly – in less than 20 minutes – with ham and cheese.

The Year 12 CAS service group decided to teach the pupils from the Vivenda School for the hearing impaired how to make this sandwich that can be eaten as a snack or a light meal during lunchtime.

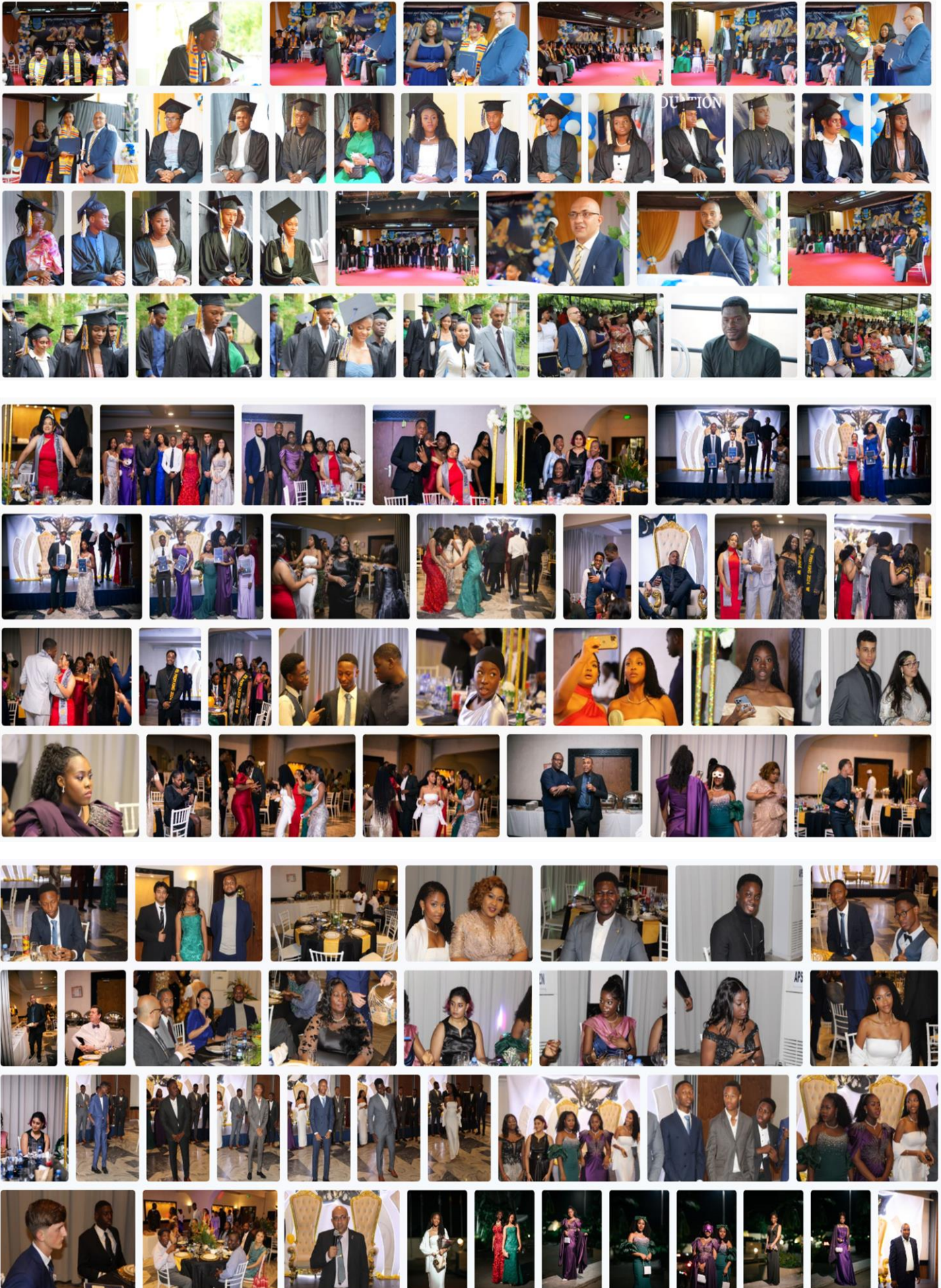
The ingredients used for the sandwich were; butter, sliced mozzarella cheese, grated cheese, sliced turkey ham and sliced bread.

Take two slices of bread, butter the surfaces lightly and one surface put a slice of turkey ham and then a slice of cheese on top of the ham. Put the other slice of bread on top of the one with the ham and cheese. You may want to add some grated cheese on top of the closed sandwich. Cook both sides of the sandwich on a griddle (or a sandwich maker) for about 3 minutes on each side. Try it at home and you would love it!

The CAS Team



BSL Graduation and Prom 2024-Gallery





Friday 24th May

Harmonic Harmony

at Le Patio!



Harmonic Harmony at Le Patio!

Join us for a delightful musical evening featuring a talented group of BSL students and staff!

- **Date:** Friday, May 24th
- **Time:** 7:30 PM
- **Location:** Le Patio Hotel and Restaurant
- **Admission:** Free (you only pay for any meals or drinks you purchase from the restaurant)

Unwind after your busy week and enjoy an evening filled with beautiful music. This performance is more than just entertainment; it's an opportunity for our students to build confidence, hone their skills and share their passion for music with the community.

Come witness their musical magic, celebrate their achievements and experience a truly refreshing evening!

Please call the restaurant to book your table Phone: (+228) 96 96 96 67

Friday 24th May

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at Le Patio!



HARMONIE AU RESTAURANT LE PATIO !

Rejoignez-nous pour une délicieuse soirée musicale mettant en vedette un groupe talentueux d'étudiants et de membres du personnel de BSL!

- **Date :** Vendredi 24 mai
- **Heure :** 19h30
- **Lieu :** Restaurant Le Patio
- **Entrée gratuite** (vous ne payez que les repas ou boissons que vous consommez au restaurant)

Détendez-vous après une semaine bien remplie et profitez d'une soirée de belle musique. Ce spectacle est plus qu'un simple divertissement, c'est l'occasion pour nos élèves de renforcer leur confiance, d'affiner leurs compétences et de partager leur passion pour la musique avec la population.

Venez assister à leur magie musicale, célébrer leurs réussites et vivre une soirée vraiment rafraîchissante!

Merci d'appeler le restaurant pour réserver votre table. Téléphone : (+228) 96 96 96 67