



The British School of Lome

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Secondary Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

As we embark on yet another year filled with promise and excitement at The British School of Lomé, we extend our heartfelt welcome to all returning students, both familiar faces and those joining our community for the very first time.

The school is currently buzzing with positivity as we work tirelessly to ensure that every individual feels the warmth of belonging. We take immense pride in embracing a diverse group of students, hailing from various corners of West Africa and beyond, contributing to our truly international school.

A special note of welcome goes out to our new Head of School and teachers who have chosen to embark on this educational journey with us. Your dedication is deeply appreciated, and your presence enriches our academic family. Rest assured; our staff team remains resolutely committed to providing unwavering support to every child within our school community. We are unwavering in our pursuit of offering the very best support to nurture young minds and foster a vibrant learning environment.

Once again, welcome to The British School of Lomé, where opportunities abound, friendships flourish, and dreams take flight.

School Uniform

As part of the identity of the British School of Lomé all learners are required to wear a school uniform. The uniform enhances the learning atmosphere and increases a sense of pride and community. BSL learners are expected to dress in a way that demonstrates a positive self-image and an attitude of excellence in performance and achievement. Smartness and cleanliness should be observed at all times.

Please consult the Handbook for guidance on correct uniform. Uniform will be regularly checked and students spoken to if necessary. I ask that as parents you support us in the endeavour to help the students look smart and bring about pride in our school.

Lateness to School

We know there is lots of traffic in Lome in the mornings and sometimes it is difficult to arrive at school on time. We are encouraging our students to get every day and every lesson off to a positive start. Being late affects them, it affects the teacher and the fellow students. Lateness to school will be closely recorded and if necessary, a meeting with the parents may be called.

Use of Personal Laptops

As part of our commitment to Safeguarding learners and to protect our school wifi system we have made some necessary changes to our Digital Devices Policy. This includes the use of personal laptops and telephones.

As a staff we believe that students in Year 7 to 9 do not need laptops in the classroom as we want the students to focus more on the teaching and minimize distractions. We also have class sets of Chrome books that will be used in the classroom if necessary. Therefore, we ask that students in Year 7 to 9 do not bring a laptop into school,

We encourage learners in Year 10 – 13 to bring their laptops to school as they can be fantastic learning tools and we want to teach independence and responsibility. Students and parents will need to sign an acceptable use agreement which will outline the conditions of their use.

Use of Telephones at School

Telephones must never be seen in the school. There is strictly no exception to this rule and if a teacher takes a phone, it will not be returned. Parents will need to collect.

For Parents the use of telephones within the school for photography, recording or video is strictly forbidden and if caught will lead to further action being taken

Working together is essential. We value each and every one of you and your feedback, we are constantly looking on how to improve and develop so please come and talk to me, make an appointment and get involved in school life. You are most welcome to contact myself if you have any matters that you wish to discuss. Please join our Google Classroom Parents Page and we will try and navigate together through another busy year.

I look forward to meeting with you at our Secondary Information Evening on Thursday 7th September at 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm.

Mr. Scott Fairlie
Head of Secondary

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