Lífeforte Internatíonal Schools



# **Genesis End Newsletter**

# 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2016

# **KEY FACTS TO NOTE**

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- Extension Classes
- Entrance Examination 2017
- School trip 2016 (Tokyo, Japan)

# **NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

## Warm compliments of the Christmas Season!

On behalf of the Chairman and CEO, Pastor and Mrs Olubi Johnson, Executive Directors, Principal and Staff of Lifeforte International High School, we wish all our beloved parents and guardians a Christ filled and Merry Christmas. May the peace of God flowing from His life, light and love be yours and extend to all your loved ones now, into and throughout the coming year in Jesus name. Amen.

We are thankful to God for his guidance, mercy and grace that have brought us to the end of this Genesis 2016 term. We sincerely appreciate you, our dear parents, for your wonderful support and patronage.

## END OF TERM/RESUMPTION

We have come to the end of the first (Genesis) term  $-2^{nd}$  December, 2016. The Bloom term (second term) begins on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of January, 2017. All students are expected to resume on this day. We strongly encourage our parents to help inculcate in our children the culture of compliance with rules. Please note that academic work will commence immediately.

#### **MENTORING PROGRAMME**

A unique feature of Lifeforte is our mentoring system which serves to ensure that all students receive the attention, support and guidance needed to increase their potential and optimise their achievement. This term, continuous assessment scores were reviewed to detect early students most likely to require support and close academic supervision; this support was provided in the form of extra classes. This process is continuous, dynamic and tailored to meet the unique challenges each student faces, whether academic or behavioural. We expect this to provide a strong foundation for a harvest of A\*s this session in all our children's lives in Jesus Name.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS**

Parents and Guardians are encouraged to monitor their children/ward closely. Please take an interest in; what they choose to read, TV programmes/films they watch and their internet and social media activity. It has been observed that themes promoting violence, immorality, ungodly values/beliefs and unwholesome language are being presented as harmless fun in the guise of children and teen programmes. Our children are destined and chosen for greatness. Let us play our part in safeguarding the great destiny God has for our precious seed.

## EARLY DECISION PROGRAMME

The selection process for the next enrolment for the accelerated Advanced Level programme is currently underway. This programme provides an opportunity for qualified students to complete the regular 2 year programme within 18 months. It has been established as an undisputed entry path into the more prestigious universities in Nigeria, the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada. Parents of students who satisfy the entry requirements for this programme will be sent letters of offer before the start of the Bloom term. Acceptance and enrolment in this programme will not alter the student's scheduled date (June 2017) of graduation from the Ordinary Level programme.

We strongly encourage parents of students in Grade 12 (the target class) to consider this most rewarding option for their children particularly those interested in studying highly competitive courses such as Medicine, Law, Economics, Engineering, Actuarial Science etc in Ivy League (US) and Russell group (Uk) universities. Students who prefer the option of a Nigerian or other African University are assured of placement via Direct Entry into the university of their choice. We will provide instructional assistance for Critical Thinking required for SATs and one to one help with University applications.

To find out more about the programme or for any inquiries regarding it please contact Mrs. Ariyo, Head of the Advanced Level School on 0805 705 7811 or Pastor Oduntan, Director of Studies and Curriculum on 0805 226 1433. You can also send us an email at <u>lifeforte@lifeforte.com</u>

#### **EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS**

Registration for the different external examinations offered by the school is in progress. The schedules below hold the details for the Registration and Sitting Dates.

Grade	Examination	Fee Applicable	Period	Closing Date
Sixth Form	Cambridge A' Level	To be communicated	January, 2017	January 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
Grade 12	Cambridge O' Level	To be communicated	January, 2017	January 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
Grade 12	WASSCE O' Level	To be communicated	December, 2016	January 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
Grade 12	JAMB (UTME)	To be communicated		
	Cambridge O' Level			
Grade 11	(qualified students)	To be communicated	January, 2017	January 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
Grade 9	Cambridge Checkpoint	To be communicated	January, 2017	January 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2017

#### **REGISTRATION SCHEDULE**

## **EXTERNAL EXAMINATION SITTING DATES**

GRADE	EXAMINATION	PERIOD
Grade 12	JAMB	To be announced
Sixth Form	Cambridge A Level	May/June 2017
Grades 11 & 12	Cambridge O Level (Grade 11 – qualified students)	May/June 2017
Grade 12	WASSCE O Level	May/June 2017
Grade 9 Cambridge Checkpoint		May/June 2017
Grade 9	IJSCE	June 2017

## **EXTENSION CLASSES**

This takes place at the end of the Bloom term to give teachers adequate time to prepare students in Grades 9, 11, 12 and A level for their imminent external examinations. A registration fee of N100,000.00 is applicable for all students concerned and should be paid along with the school fees in January, 2017. Parents of students in these classes should please note that no exeats will be issued for the purposes of the Easter holidays. Students will be expected to remain in school for this period.

# **NOTICE TO PARENTS OF GRADE 10 STUDENTS**

# **INTRODUCING THE LIFEFORTE BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) POLICY**

Lifeforte School recognises the benefits in giving students the opportunity to use tablet PCs while in school to support learning. It is intended by this policy to facilitate and support the use of the device in school in furtherance of individualized student learning. Students are expected to use their devices in accordance with the rules set out in the BYOD policy. (Please find enclosed). They will also be required to sign a declaration agreeing to abide by the rules and applicable school rules before permission is granted them to use their device in school. Further details are provided in the Digital Learning Resource (BYOD) Policy enclosed. **Please read this policy carefully, with your child. Thank you.** 

## **ENTRANCE AND TRANSFER EXAMINATIONS**

The 2017 entrance examinations into (Grade 7/JSS1, Grade 10/SS1 and A' Level) for the 2017/2018 academic session will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 at 11:00am in seven (7) centres across the country namely:

Ibadan – Lifeforte International High School, 1 Lifeforte Boulevard, Awotan GRA

Lagos – Civic Centre (Grand Banquet Hall), Ozumba Mbadiwe Avenue, Victoria Island

- Abuja Transcorp Hilton (Nasarawa Hall)
- Port Harcourt Hotel Presidential (Port Harcourt Conference Room), Aba Road

Asaba – Grand Hotel Convention Centre & Resort (Aerobic Hall), 112, Nnebisi Road

- Warri Lakeland School, Ogunu Road
- Enugu Evergreen School, 4 Ukwa St. Independence Layout

## **SCHOLARSHIP ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2016**

The Lifeforte Scholarship examination took place on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, 2016. Now instituted as an annual event, it was initially begun to commemorate Lifeforte (Junior and High) Schools' 25th anniversary. The award of scholarships to deserving students is one of the ways in which the school fulfils its social responsibility and lives out one of its guiding principles that *the essence of living is giving and giving is living*.

## **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

#### Cambridge Schools Conference, United Kingdom

Realising that learning is continuous and that excellent teaching is the most significant factor contributing to learner's development and attainment of desired results, a team of 6 teachers led by the Executive Director Curriculum & Studies Mr. Babatunji Oduntan was sponsored by the school to attend the prestigious Cambridge Schools Workshop and Conference, 2016 held at Cambridge, UK in September. The 3 day CPD event titled 'Leading Learning' exposed our teachers to cutting edge improvements in professional practice, procedures and skills to enhance teaching, lesson delivery and learning. Upon their return, the team are strategically adding value to the quality of teaching and learning in the school.

## **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

## PROJECT TALENT HUNT

Customarily our Talent Show features a display of artistic talent and creativity in the form of a competition. To celebrate the High School's 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary this year, the Lifeforte International High School Performing Arts Team gave a Command Performance in the form of a docu-drama titled 'My Music, My Life'. Narrated as the life story of an old music legend intertwined with the present day struggles of a young boy aspiring to be a musician, the musical traced the evolution of music over decades in the lives of the Negroes up till the present day. It was truly a command performance made so by the impressive acting, singing, dancing and musical skills shown by the students.

## CAROL SERVICE

Christmas is here again and there was joy in the air as Management, Staff and students gathered for an evening of carols to celebrate the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. After the opening prayer by Pastor Oduntan and a warm welcome of our wonderful Mummy CEO, Mrs Sarah Johnson and all present by Principal Mrs Aina, the carols flowed freely (*Silent Night, Hark the Herald Angels Sing*) lifting hearts and souls. Lively presentations by each grade followed 'Away in a manger' (Pre-High), 'That's Christmas to me' (Grade 7), 'Noel' (Grade 8), 'Perfect Christmas' (Grade 9), 'O Holy Night' (Grade 10), 'Long time ago in Bethlehem' & 'Joy to the World' (Grade 11), with refreshing variety in style and rhythm culminating in rousing applause for '12 days of Christmas' (grade 12) and 'Mary did you know' (A levels). A special number (acapella) by Grade 10 girls and a stirring instrumental presentation by the Lifeforte orchestra brought the programme to its final item as Management and Staff took the stage singing 'O Come All Ye Faithful' and 'Keresimesi'. Warmth and camaraderie flowed freely amidst greetings of 'Merry Christmas' bringing the celebration to a fitting climax. Mummy CEO encouraged us all to continue in His Presence for the rest of the year and through 2017 after which Pastor Kunle Sokoya said the closing prayers. Merry Christmas!

#### SCHOOL TOUR

*Kon'nichiwa, Japan!* Our tour destination this year is the land of the rising sun. The tour group led by the CEO will depart in the first week of December for an educational and cultural experience of one of the cosmopolitan and technological giants of East Asia. We trust the Lord that all the students and officials will have a memorable time. We also trust and thank the Lord in advance for a safe flight to Japan, safe passage in and around Japan and back to Nigeria in Jesus name. Amen.

## LIFEFORTE GAMES

On Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, Lifeforte had its second edition of the Lifeforte Games, which was far more competitive and interesting than the former. The student body was divided into four teams – Caleb's Candor (representing honesty), Abraham's Abnegation (representing selflessness), Elijah's Erudite (representing intelligence) and Abigail's Amity (representing peace). Students competed in a treasure hunt (clues were given in a riddle), three legged race and obstacle course. In addition to these events, this year's games involved Simon says and Musical chairs which tested the student's listening skills, speed and of course dance moves. After all the fun snack rewards and display of good sportsmanship, Elijah's Erudite emerged as the overall winner. Caleb's Candor, Abraham's Abnegation and Abigail's Amity followed closely in second, third and fourth place respectively.

## PROMPT PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING BILLS

We appreciate parents/guardians who pay promptly. We enjoin all who have outstanding fees to pay on or before resumption.

## **GENERAL**

We encourage parents/guardians to help their children maintain their consistency in daily prayers and the reading of the word of God.

On behalf of the Chairman of the Board, Pastor Olubi Johnson, our CEO, members of the Board of Directors and teaching staff of Lifeforte International High School, we commend you unto the hands of the Almighty who knows your name and will establish His good pleasure upon you and your entire family this season and into the new year in Jesus name.

'We pray that God will grant you mercy and grace to see the fruit of your labour and good expectation concerning your precious child/children/ward. While your children are in our care and when you visit our school, may you all find Lifeforte a 'second' home, may those you love be near you in your thoughts and dreams. As we get to know you and your child better, our prayer is that your child/children will prosper and flourish. May every call you make and every message you receive add to your joy. When you leave, may your journey be safe. We are all travellers. From 'birth till death', we travel between eternities. May your days be pleasant, profitable for society, helpful for those you meet and a joy to those who know and love you best in Jesus name.'

We wish you a very merry Christmas and a prosperous 2017. God bless you all. Love from us all – Lifeforte family

**Mrs Grace Aina** 

Principal