

Genesis End Newsletter

1st December, 2017

KEY FACTS TO NOTE

- Early Decision Programme 2018
- Extension Classes
- Entrance Examination 2018
- School trip 2017 (Dubai & Singapore)
- Project Talent Hunt (Lanke 2017)
- CIS Global Forum on International Admissions
- Lifeforte Genesis Games 2017

NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Season's Greetings from the Lifeforte Family!

We echo the timeless declaration – peace on earth, goodwill to all men and wish all our dearly beloved parents and guardians a Christ-filled Merry Christmas with a wonderful New Year ahead. May the joy and 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 2017 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 -1^{st} December, 2017. The Bloom term (second term) begins on Wednesday the 3^{rd} of January, 2018. 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

Lifeforte is a proudly African initiative, specifically an institution established in Nigeria and therefore subject to and guided by the educational policies, regulations and models prescribed in the country. In line with Federal Government educational model the 6-3-3-4, our curriculum (a blend of the national and international) is designed to cater for a **6 year** academic experience, meet both national and international requirements and provide a springboard for either Advanced level or Undergraduate studies. We prepare our students for examinations of the West African Examination Council and Cambridge Assessment International Education (GCEs, Advanced Level and Checkpoint).

MENTORING PROGRAMME

The mentoring team welcomed Dr Ojetunde Aboyade on board as Director of Mentoring in recognition of his dedicated commitment to student wellbeing and positive impact on their academic performance. As work for the term began, general measures of supervision, to ensure completeness of notes and effective reading at prep, were swiftly put in place. Next, mentors were assigned to follow-up specific students so that compliance with reading plans, personalised support and closer monitoring was provided. Weekend extra classes were also introduced across several subjects for juniors while seniors took extra lessons during free periods in the course of each week. We are thankful to our students and protégés for their measure of cooperation this term. We look forward to greater strides and more impressive grades next year!

EARLY DECISION PROGRAMME

The selection process for the next enrolment into 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 on this programme will not alter the student's scheduled date (June 2018) 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, Executive Director of Studies and Curriculum on 0805 226 1433. You can also send us an email at lifeforte@lifeforte.com

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.

REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Grade	Examination	Fee Applicable	Period	Closing Date
Sixth Form	Cambridge A' Level	To be communicated	February 2018	February 2018
Grade 12	Cambridge O' Level	To be communicated	February 2018	February 2018
Grade 12	WASSCE O' Level	To be communicated	December 2017	January 2018
Grade 12	JAMB (UTME)	To be communicated	January 2018	January 2018
	Cambridge O' Level	To be communicated	February 2018	February 2018
Grade 11	(qualified students)			
Grade 9	Cambridge Checkpoint	To be communicated	February 2018	February 2918

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION SITTING DATES

GRADE	EXAMINATION	PERIOD		
Grade 12	JAMB	To be announced		
Sixth Form	Cambridge A Level	To be communicated		
Grades 11 & 12	Cambridge O Level (Grade 11 – qualified students)	To be communicated		
Grade 12	WASSCE O Level	March/May 2018		
Grade 9	Cambridge Checkpoint	To be communicated To be		
		communicated		
Grade 9	IJSCE	May/June 2018		

EXTENSION PROGRAMME

This is a preparatory period that comes on the heels of the end of the Bloom term. It is intended to give both teachers and the students in Grades 9, 11, 12 and A level time to prepare towards the different examinations coming up during the course of the Harvest Term. A registration fee of N100,000.00 is applicable for all students concerned and should be paid along with the school fees in January, 2018. Parents of students in these classes should please note that no exeats will be issued for any purpose during the Easter holidays. Students will be expected to remain in school for this period.

ENTRANCE AND TRANSFER EXAMINATIONS

The 2018 entrance examinations into (Grade 7/JSS1, Grade 10/SS1 and A' Level) for the 2018/2019 academic session will take place on Saturday 27th January, 2018 at 11:00am in 7 centres across the country:

Lifeforte International High School, 1, Lifeforte Boulevard, Awotan GRA
 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 Street, Independence Layout

SCHOLARSHIP ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2017

The Lifeforte Scholarship examination took place on the 25th of November, 2017. 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 CIS CONFERENCE

The Council of International Schools held it's prestigious annual **Global International Forum on International Admissions** in Edinburgh, Scotland on November 15th/16th 2017. The conference brought together 850 delegates representing 447 Universities/Colleges and 373 International High Schools world wide to update knowledge on current trends and to network with one another. Educational institutions were tasked to train the current generation of students to possess a global mindset that values personal identity, yet respects differences inherent in all cultures as they forge partnerships that will serve as

springboards to overcome global challenges. Dr Kunle Sokoya represented the school and will collaborate with colleagues to add value to our current practice across various departments.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

PROJECT TALENT HUNT - LANKE: OUR AFRICA

Africa My Africa, just as the opening lines of the famous poem by David Diop invites its readers to embrace their ancestry so also was this year's discovery and celebration of talent in our students a call to embrace and celebrate our African heritage. Lanke, a Yoruba word meaning to cherish/treasure was the persuasive theme of this year's Talent Hunt programme. In a rich and multifaceted display of acting, singing, elocution, dancing and modeling talent and skills, Lanke tells the story of a young girl's journey from Africa to America. She arrives in America and is immediately thrown off balance by the stark contrasts in culture. Our heroine however, finds stability in two things – strong parental support and a decision to embrace and celebrate her African heritage rather than deny it. The story was punctuated by poem renditions, musical performances, cultural displays (clothes and hair-dos) from the 4 corners of Africa cleverly woven into the performance to showcase Africa our Africa at its best!

CAREER TALK: MINI UK UNIVERSITIES FAIR

Our commitment towards exposing our students to important information on "What Next" after secondary school was instrumental to our hosting a visit by six UK Universities namely Universities of Nottingham, Leeds, Reading, Cardiff, Sussex and Nottingham Trent.

The meeting began with an interesting presentation by the universities on what studying in the UK is about followed by one showcasing trending careers and professions beyond the traditional degrees and ended with a discussion on how to write a successful personal statement. A break out session was held during which students had one-on-one talks with the six representatives gleaning information on specific courses, entry requirements and details about scholarship.

The occasion was successful and rewarding! Our warm appreciation goes to the six schools and their representatives.

CAROL SERVICE

Our annual Carol service is a joyous family celebration in song and dance as we welcome the Christmas season. The service took place in the evening of Thursday 30th November and was a time of inspiration and worship for staff and students in God's presence. Each grade sang a known Christmas song: Pre-High (Santa Claus in coming to town), Gr 7 (Mary did you know), Gr 8 (Joy to the World), Gr 9 (We three Kings of Orient are), Gr 10 (Drummer Boy), Gr 11 (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen), Gr 12 (Long time ago in Bethlehem) and A level class (O Holy Night). Our comperes for the evening, the duo of Mofope Akinyemi and Jonathan Bassey Albert (both in grade 7) were refreshing with their direct style. See you next year!

SCHOOL TOUR

From Exotic to Cosmopolitan, Arabia to Asia, our tour group this year is outward bound for loads of fun, education and experience in culture. The group led by the CEO will depart in December for Dubai and Singapore. We trust in and thank the Lord that all the students and officials will have a memorable time, a safe flight to both destinations, safe passage in and around Dubai and Singapore and back to Nigeria in Jesus name. Amen.

LIFEFORTE GENESIS GAMES

The Genesis Games was the grand finale of sporting events for the year and featured keen inter house competition in Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Table Tennis and Lawn Tennis. The games were a huge

success with lots of excitement, plenty of fun and the welcome discovery of new talents. Highlights of the games were the exhibitanting gymnastic display and the exhibition girl's soccer match! It was a befitting end to the year and memories will linger for some time to come. A summary of the results is hereby attached.

MEDALS TABLE

HOUSE	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
PAUL	6	3	1	9
SARAH	3	5	0	8
DANIEL	3	1	2	6
RUTH	0	2	1	3

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. Parents and Guardians are also 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.

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 2018. God bless you all. Love from us all – Lifeforte family

Mrs Grace Aina Principal