



Harvest End Newsletter

15th July, 2016

KEY FACTS TO NOTE

- Graduation 2016
- October/November Cambridge Examinations 2016
- Selection of subjects - Grades 9 and 10
- School Trip 2016 - Destination: St. Kitts & Nevis and Dominican Republic
- School Calendar 2016/2017
- Holiday Projects
- Lifeforte's Got Talent

Dear Sir/Madam,

END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

We have come to the end of another session, the 2015/2016 session. As we look back on the journey that began in September 2015 we are extremely grateful to God Almighty for His mercies alone has kept us and given us a most fruitful and peaceful school year. We also would like to express our deep appreciation to you, our beloved parents for your unwavering trust and support throughout.

RESUMPTION

The Harvest term holidays begin today, Friday, 15th July, 2016. The new session beginning with the Genesis Term commences on Saturday, 3rd September 2016. Parents/Guardians should please ensure that their children/wards return to school on this day. Punctuality is an integral part of discipline and we look to our parents to help us reinforce this culture.

PROGRESS REPORT

Report booklets containing information about your child's progress and achievement are routinely given at the middle and end of each term. In this final term (Harvest), the cumulative average scores of work done throughout the session is used as the basis for promotion. We would like to strongly encourage our parents to be an active part of their children's academic life by going through their reports, notebooks and discussing their work with them.

GRADUATION 2016

The last week of High School for the graduating set of A level and O level students was an event-filled one. Starting with a final outing together to the Film house (Ventura) and ending with the Valedictory Service, the week held the beginnings of nostalgia for the soon to be alumnae. The Prom Night traditionally organised by the Grade 11 students in honour of their seniors was all it promised to be, an evening of elegance, reminiscences, entertainment, dancing and fun. The Prom Night was followed by the CEO's Dinner. Hosted by Mummy CEO herself, exclusively for the graduating set, the evening provides an opportunity for all the students to share their life experience and what it's meant to them. It also provides an opportunity for members of management in attendance to see the school from the perspective of the students. Very insightful indeed, one school, several stories ranging from comic to sober, usually with a life lesson to be learnt.

The last in the series of events for the final week of the class of 2016 was the Valedictory Ceremony - a formal, academic celebration and day of reward for hard work, diligence, faithfulness, innovation and exemplary character. The ceremony was held on the 18th of June, 2016 and the school was honoured to have in attendance His Excellency and Her Excellency, the Executive Governor of Ondo State, Dr and Mrs. Olusegun Mimiko as Special Guests of Honour, the Deputy Governor of Central Bank - Mr. Adebayo Adelabu - the Commencement Speaker, and his wife, Mrs. Oluseyi Adelabu, Former Deputy Governor of Kogi state and his wife, His Excellency and Her Excellency - Mr. and Mrs. Abayomi Awoniyi and Elder and Mrs. UK Eke also Special Guests of Honour. The distinguished audience also included our beloved Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Lifeorte Organisation - Pastor and Mrs. Olubi Johnson and Engineer and Mrs. Okorie - members of the Lifeorte Advisory Council, whose son also graduated at the occasion.

With the joyous and edifying atmosphere in God's presence after the short worship session, Mr. Adebayo Adelabu, who is the Deputy Governor of CBN in his speech to the graduating class emphasised the importance of financial literacy, wisdom, prudence and the need to develop a culture of saving. In a nutshell what he said was this - understand the value of money, do not live above your means by trying to keep up with the Jones' or the latest fashion, save and explore investment opportunities. Sound advice relevant in these times. The CEO, Mrs. Sarah Johnson spoke about a life of impact for a lasting legacy lived by doing good. She highlighted 4 important qualities characterising a life of impact - selflessness, unflinching desire and readiness to do good, willingness to build others up and integrity. In her closing remarks she urged the class of 2016 to always bear in mind that goodness is greatness and true greatness is found only in Christ. The Chairman, Pastor Olubi Johnson gave a brief word of exhortation urging the students to believe in the greatness of their destinies ahead and give God His place in their lives. He rounded off by praying in agreement with the CEO and all graduating parents for the outgoing students. Dr. Olusegun Mimiko, The Executive Governor of Ondo state and Elder UK Eke in their remarks as graduating parents paid glowing tribute to the uniqueness of Lifeorte Organisation - academic excellence, godly training, all-round development of their children's abilities and their total

satisfaction with the impact on their seed. They strongly recommended the school to all and offered heartfelt prayers to God for the institution.

Below are some of the major points of the CEO's speech

- International School Award given to the school by the British Council and Lifeforte membership of Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
- Award to Mr. Oluseyi Obakin (Patron - Lifeforte Advisory Council) of OBE – Officer of the most excellent Order of the British Empire.
- Admission offers secured by and award of scholarships given to members of the outgoing class of Early Decision students
- HRH Kamoru & (Late) Olori Taiwo Sansi Annual Scholarship Award given to Amori David Ifeoluwa (for the entire duration of high school education) in honour of his missionary parents
- A new formula in Further Mathematics was derived for calculating the 'Meeting Point of A Tangent and a Quadratic Curve' by Tonilobia Ogunsanya (Gr 12 student) in conjunction with an A level student under the guidance of his teacher - called Ton's Tangency formula.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2016 CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATION FEES

This is to inform parents of Grade 11 students (progressing to Grade 12) who did **NOT** write the May/June 2016 Cambridge exams that registration for the Oct/Nov GCE O'Level examination has begun and is open to these students. The cost of registration will be communicated to each parent by email.

This exam is a trial run for official use only. Consequently, results of this exam will not be released until the student graduates in June 2017. The deadline for payment of exam fees is 1st August, 2016.

SELECTION OF SUBJECTS FOR GRADES 9 AND 10

1. Incoming Grade 9

Parents of incoming Grade 9 students are encouraged to discuss subject choices with their children bearing in mind their interests, capability and potential. The form enclosed should be filled and submitted on resumption.

2. Incoming Grade 10

Subject selection for Grade 10 is done on resumption in September in accordance with the student's performance in the external examinations written in Grade 9. The curriculum/subject selection forms have been sent via e-mail.

EARLY DECISION PROGRAMME (FAST TRACK ADVANCED LEVEL PROGRAMME)

This is a win-win entry path to the most prestigious universities in the UK, USA, Canada and Nigeria. The Lifeforte International Early Decision (ED) programme is an accelerated Advanced level programme which compresses the standard 2 year course into an 18 month academic course commencing in the 12th grade. The success of this programme is proven by our outstanding October/November AS results (please visit our website - www.lifeforte.org). Further benefits include:

- Instructional help in critical thinking, BMAT, UKCAT and LNAT exams
- United States SAT 1 & 2 classes
- Personalised support for application into Russell group universities in the UK, Ivy League universities in the US and top universities in Canada with whom we have established links.
- The rigour and exacting nature of the course provides adequate preparation for the demands of degree level work.

The ED class of 2017 is expected back in school on 1st August, 2016 to resume their academic schedule in preparation towards the AS examinations in October, 2016.

We strongly encourage parents of Grade 11 students to consider this most rewarding option for their children. For more information, please contact us on 0805 705 7811 (Mrs. Ariyo), 0805 226 1433 (Mr. Babatunji Oduntan) or email us at lifeforte@lifeforte.com.

ACADEMIC VISIT by CARDIFF and READING UNIVERSITIES

To further improve our students confidence and ability to meet criteria for University admissions, representatives from Cardiff and Reading Universities, UK visited us to present workshops to senior school students on writing personal statements, application procedures, course options and meeting .course entry requirements. The students enjoyed the informative workshops and the interactive session with the resource persons which permitted their individual needs to be addressed. The workshops further improved students' exposure and sharpened their motivation to secure placement into Universities of their choice.

LIFEFORTE DRAMA NIGHT - My Music, My Life

Monday, 13th June, 2016 will go down in history in Lifeforte International High School. It was the performance of '*My Music, My Life*' a drama (performed by our students) about the evolution of African American music - all the way from the 17th century Negro spiritual to 21st century Rap music.

In an attempt to accentuate the deep passion of black people for music through centuries and ages, the play created a perfect link between the past and the present, underlining the fact that though times have changed, music remains a universal language. The play was opened with the rendition of Negro spiritual songs, led by Chloe Owoade and Joshua Kwanee. This was later followed by electrifying performances of Aretha Franklin's *Sway* (rendered by Simisola Awoniyi), Lionel Richie's *All Night Long*, (performed by Tokoni Edmund-Tamnabo), Madonna's *Holiday* (performed by Temitope Ajayi), and Lionel Richie's *Endless Love* (performed by Daniel Monu and Simi Awoniyi). James Brown's hit song- *I Feel Good* (beautifully rendered by Daniel Monu) was to the delight of the audience. The dexterity with which Tokoni Edmund Tamnabo rendered *Bob Marley's One Love* song got even Mummy CEO to her feet. The members of the audience almost thought that the news of Michael Jackson's death was a rumour after all when Damilola Babs-Ajayi left them all screaming with his beautiful and masterful performance of Michael Jackson's hit *Beat It*. The audience thought it was all over until the whole auditorium stood in awe as Fela Anikulapo Kuti's song *Lady* was performed to perfection.

It was indeed a memorable night of entertainment, education and history and our darling CEO, Mrs Sarah Johnson expressed her warm appreciation to all participants including the vibrant staff of the Performing Arts department! It was really fun!

SCHOOL TOUR - ST. KITTS & NEVIS AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 2016 (Nature's Art Gallery)

Our annual school trips are fun-filled, highly educative and very exciting! Last year's trip to Brazil was simply unforgettable and full of sweet memories. This year, our trip is a special three-in-one tour of St. Kitts, Nevis and the Dominican Republic in the Eastern Caribbean – now a favourite holiday destination for celebrities and yet another opportunity for a rich outdoor learning experience! Our itinerary includes:

- St Kitts Island tour on the Scenic Railway – enjoy the spectacular vistas of oceans, cliffs and lush sugar cane plantations
- An exciting tour of St Kitts in an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) along the country side
- Exhilarating Jeep Safari drive through St Kitts' historic villages and tropical rainforests
- The Catamaran Party Cruise to Nevis - take in the charm of Queen City by inter-island Ferry and later embark on an island tour.
- Cable car Ride – Catch a breathtaking view of the Dominican Republic on Cable cars
- The Volcano Crater Tour. - a visit to a dormant volcano, one of the most spectacular trips in St Kitts
- Enjoy the Mini carnival at the foot of Olivees Mountain, one of the newest and most unique attractions
- The Land Rover drive to the base of Mt Liamuiga - takes you to Brimstone Hill fortress, known as the Gibraltar of the West Indies (a UNESCO World Heritage site)
- Disneyland is coming to the Dominican Republic!
- Visit the Ocean World - a day of adventure with the dolphins
- Full day at the Amusement and water parks – lots of rides, game and adventure
- City Shopping Tour - Agora Shopping Mall, the largest in the Republic, cinemas, food courts, shopping and lots more.....
- Hats, sunscreen and cameras, camcorders are a must to travel with!

We enjoin parents to indicate interest **early** (before or by resumption in September) by paying a deposit since a transit UK visa is necessary in addition to the visa of the Dominican Republic. Kindly contact Mrs Adesiyan (ED Admin) and Dr Sokoya (ED Mentoring & Child Support) on 08023017324 and 08052264640 for details.

LIFEFORTE'S GOT TALENT 2016

The fifth edition of the eagerly awaited show of God-given talent in our students was again breathtaking and highly entertaining. The contest showcased blossoming gifts within our students in more categories of events than the past four seasons. Categories included song (Rap, Christian and Contemporary), Poetry and Poem recital, Art in its diverse forms (still life drawing, oil/acrylic painting, birthday card design), Crochet/Knitting and Fashion design. The dance category was especially keenly contested this year by three dance groups; BLVCK, X-bots and Revolution whose dance routines dazzled the audience.

The singing category was also quite exciting as Joshua Kwanee (Gr 8), who failed to qualify last year emerged first singing 'Lay me down' by Sam Smith. David Dagogo-Jack (Gr 7) came in a close second singing 'Love Yourself' by Justin Bieber and in third place was the duo of David Ene-Ita and Ayomikun

Fajemisin (Daje), both in grade 8, who sang (with Ayomikun playing the keyboard) ‘Only One’ by Sam Smith.

Worthy of mention is the excellent recital of the poems - ‘*Enigma*’ and ‘*I know Who can save the World*’ in the Poem recital category by Ifeoluwa Babasina and Ugonwa Okonkwo. Written by Andikan Akpan and Ugonwa Okonkwo respectively, both poems revealed an amazing depth of perception and appreciation of weariness at the facades of life and voiced the yearning for something true and enduring - divine Love.

At the end, winners were Fountain Ayidu (Gr 11) and Fara Oladipo (Gr 10) (*Photography*), Rotimi Toluwani (Gr 7) (*Instrumentals*), Ugonwa Okonkwo (Gr 11) (*Poem recital*), Innocent Ganagana (Gr 8) (*Art*), Joshua Kwane (Gr 8) (*Song rendition*), Zebada Benjamins-Laniyi (Pre-High) and Mojoyin Oladejo (Gr 7) (*Rap*), Amirat Oyawoye (Gr 10) (*Fashion Design*) and Daniel Kalu (Gr 8) and Esosa Isibor (Gr 8) (*Dance*).

LIFEFORTE HARVEST GAMES 2016

The Harvest games was the grand finale of sporting events for the session and featured keen inter-house duels in Handball and Table Tennis. The games were a roaring success with tons of excitement, notable upsets and the welcome discovery of fresh talent! A summary of results is attached to this newsletter.

HOLIDAY PROJECTS

Project Read a Book over the Summer Holidays

GRADE 7 (going into 8)

The Lion and the Jewel	Wole Soyinka
Kidnapped - Unabridged Edition	Robert Louis Stevenson
The Beatification of Area Boy	Wole Soyinka
Allan Quartermain - Complete & Unabridged	H. Rider Haggard

GRADE 8 (going into 9)

Alapata Apata	Wole Soyinka
Hope’s Wristwatch	Tony Marinho
To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee

GRADE 10 & 11

Great Expectation (Unabridged)	Charles Dickens
Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe
Hard Times	Charles Dickens
The Life and Times of Frederick Douglas (A black American Slave)	Frederick Douglas

GRADE 10: BUSINESS STUDIES PROJECT: BUSINESS SUCCESS - LUCK OR ACHIEVEMENT

Students are expected to write at least 6 pages on this topic with graphs/charts/pictures or prepare a PowerPoint/Prezi presentation using a business or businesses as a case study.

GRADE 11: BUSINESS STUDIES PROJECT: “Given a start-up capital of \$100,000.00, write up a business plan for a business idea you have.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Our school calendar for the new session (2016/2017) is hereby attached. We enjoin all parents to note that the times of major school functions have been revised to 10:00am - 2:00pm. We would therefore like to encourage parents to arrive punctually for these programmes so they can encourage their child/children and show appreciation for the effort they have put in. Assistance with hotel bookings will be provided for parents who desire to come in a day early to ensure that they arrive on time for the school function the next day.

PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING BILLS

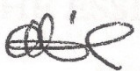
We appreciate all our parents whose support we enjoy through prompt payment of bills and encourage parents with outstanding bills to settle these bills very promptly.

GENERAL

You are all encouraged to watch over the spiritual lives of the children while at home. Viewing of television, use of internet and materials read should be adequately monitored to ensure appropriateness. They should also be encouraged to continue in constant fellowship with God in prayer and Bible reading.

Have a lovely summer holiday!

Love from us all - Lifeforte family



Mrs. Grace Aina
Principal