

15th February, 2014

## NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Dear Sir/Madam

The mid-term break for the Bloom term begins today. We thank God for wonderful start in this new year. We are sending you the progress report of your child/ward. As usual, students' scores are based on overall assessment from class exercises, tests, assignments and projects done thus far this term. We enjoin you to review their work and discuss their progress with them during the break.

### MID-TERM BREAK AND RESUMPTION

The mid-term break begins today 15th February and lasts for one week. Students are expected back in school on Saturday, 22nd February, 2014. We appreciate your usual cooperation in ensuring the punctual return of your child/ward to school.

### **ENTRANCE AND TRANSFER EXAMINATIONS 2014**

The Lifeforte High School entrance and transfer examinations towards the 2014/2015 academic session was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January, 2014 at 4 centres across the country – Abuja, Lagos, Port-Harcourt and Ibadan. Our gratitude goes to God and to all our highly esteemed parents for the goodwill, name and favour which the school enjoys far and wide at home and abroad which no doubt led to the good turnout at the examination centres. We extend a gracious welcome to our old and new parents to partner with us in raising the next generation chosen and destined by God for true greatness.

### **EXTENSION PROGRAMME**

The extension programme starts on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April and will end on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April, 2014. It is compulsory for students in Grades 9, 11, 12, and on the A level programme. The aim of these classes is to provide an avenue for students to finely hone their pre-acquired knowledge of their course content, familiarise themselves with the questioning style of the examining body and master the techniques of providing the expected answers to questions. We encourage the parents of the students in the classes involved to work with us to ensure that the students get the most out of this time. The programme attracts a fee of \_\_\_\_\_ naira.

### **MENTORING DEPARTMENT**

This term, we took out time to celebrate our unique mentoring culture on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Tagged 'Mentoring Day' with the theme '**God is looking for mentors**', the mentoring team set out to demonstrate to us the value of emulating this God – inspired method of building and perfecting lives. Showing that God Himself mentored Our Lord Jesus who is in turn mentoring all living Christians through the Holy Spirit, Mrs Biodun Adebayo inspired the school to awaken and use this God-given potential within us all as either teacher-mentors, peer-mentors or student-leadership mentors. With Mrs Femi Ariyo, the school listened to a moving story of how a mentor's input was powerful enough to **mould the destiny** of an alumna of our first graduating set. With this moving story, we were all encouraged like the biblical Samaritan to give what we have in spite of inconvenience when we see others who need

help as 'a small change can make a huge difference'. Mr David Agunbiade emphasised the value of two key words; **to support and to encourage** using several testimonies from the lives of alumni of the Pre-High class. Mr Seyi Agbebi highlighted key 'small changes' that make huge differences such as **Listening, Making priorities, Meeting deadlines and Effective time management**. Students also played an active role as three of their colleagues, Emmanuel Etuh (A2 class), Emmanuel Nnwoka (ED class) and Eniola Amosun (Grade 9) whose lives and grades had become an undeniable reflection of impressive transformation offered powerful testimonies to buttress the truth that mentoring is indeed God's way to make us more perfect. They were also proud to share the department's highest prize '**Best Improved Protégé for 2013/2014 session**'. Mr Agbebi and Mr Agunbiade were joint winners of the keenly contested poll for **2014 Best Houseparent Mentor(s) of the Year**. Our beloved CEO, Mrs Sarah Johnson, delighted the school as she gave out commemorative wristbands and pens to all helping to perpetuate the day's message with apt inscriptions like '**I am God's protégé, I am God's mentee**' and '**God is my mentor**'. A harvest of volunteer mentors and proteges have joined the team from this day and we are confident this red-letter day will produce great fruit of perfected lives in mentors and mentees alike as the session progresses.

## **ANNUAL SCHOOL TOUR**

Our tour this year was to China.

## **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

### **INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS COMPETITION**

### **MORNING ASSEMBLY**

Recognising that education is fast breaking away from the traditional facts and figures mould we at Lifeforte seek to impart knowledge in a manner that is application based, relevant and functional. Our line up of programmes; *Get your Grammar Right, What Do You Know, Science Quiz, Arts & Social Science Quiz, Math Quiz, Spelling Bee and The Lifeforte News*; during the morning assembly provide an excellent opportunity for students and staff members to enrich their knowledge in English grammar and rules, trivia, science, arts, social science, math, spelling and current events. This half term saw the introduction of a new element with the hand writing segment handled by one of our English Language tutors. The segment emphasises the importance of legibility, clarity and proper formation of letters both small and capital in handwriting as a vital aspect of good academic success.

### **CAREER GUIDE**

Featuring as part of the News, the idea behind the career guide is to provide answers to the perennial question – how do I make an informed career choice? With the aid of video presentations the career guide answers the more general questions related to choosing a career – *what, how to and the expected benefits (tangible and intangible)* of a particular career. This half term's presentation focused on Mechanical Engineering and Economics. We would like to use this avenue to inform parents of children in senior high especially that the school provides support and we are always available should you need any assistance in this area.

### **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

#### ***Young Entrepreneurs Club***

Young Entrepreneurs Club promoting Innovation, Creativity and Enterprise presented a business project task competition between two groups Zoe and El-dorado. The project task was to present a business idea that would yield a profit of at least \$1,500 in 6 months from a seed capital of \$1,000. El Dorado came up with the idea of a Laundromat called **RONDELLES Wash 'N' Dry** with the slogan – we clean from within. Zoe had the idea of a Hair and Nail Art salon called **Belleza**.

Both presentations showed a brilliantly researched discourse on service delivery, pricing, strategy, promotion technique, ideal location with the aid of colourful illustrations, graphs and a cash flow statement.

By a slim majority, the school audience voted the business idea proposed by the Zoe-group anchored by the Head girl Ayowade Adeleye and Anu Olotu winners; the Eldorado-group anchored by Chimnonso Nduaka and Chioma Akuchie were close runners up.

Community Service Club

### **INTERNATIONAL DAY**

This programme is intended to create an awareness of the world. Students take turn by grade to parade the national character of their chosen country beginning with its people, attire, language, culture and customs, food, products and any other notable piece of information. Traditionally held in the latter part of the second term, the event is competition based to encourage students to give their very best in planning and presentation. Last year's competition was won by Grade 7 who put on a very lovely display of Ghana. We urge our parents to support their children as they may require giving them a strong chance of winning. *May the best grade win.*

### **PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING BILLS**

We encourage parents to pay all outstanding bills on or before resumption from the half-term (22nd February, 2014) to ensure a seamless issuance of clearance from the Bursary department. We pray for divine enabling grace and supply as you invest in our beloved children, God's heritage.

### **GENERAL**

Parents/Guardians of students in grades 9, 11 and 12 should please ensure that their children/wards return to school with their grades 7 and 8 or grades 10 and 11 notes respectively. These are essential for good success in the Mock and Final examinations.

Finally, we implore parents to monitor what their children/wards read or watch on television or internet. Please ensure the continuous trend of daily prayer and reading of the word of God.

May God bless you all.

Love from us all-Lifeforte family