

28th March, 2013

Key Facts to Note:

- **External Examinations 2013**
- **Extension Classes**
- **International Day 2013**
- **Mentoring Support**

NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

We give all the glory to the triune God for His faithfulness in seeing us through the Bloom Term, 2012/2013 session. On behalf of the CEO and the entire members of staff of the school, we wish our dear parents a wonderful Easter, praying that your experience of His resurrection power and glory will be greater this year than ever before in Jesus name, Amen.

RESUMPTION

Today marks the end of the Bloom (2nd) term which commenced on 5th January, 2013. The Harvest term begins on Saturday 20th April, 2013. All students are expected to resume on this day. We solicit your usual co-operation in instilling the virtue of punctuality in our children especially in view of the forthcoming promotion examinations.

PROGRESS REPORT

Your child/ward's academic report for the term is enclosed. We strongly encourage parents to review the reports carefully with a view to taking full advantage of the school's Open Door policy to discuss directly with school management (kindly send an e-mail to principal @lifeforte.com) in order to evolve effective and personalized strategies that should optimize each student's performance in the Harvest term.

We would like to remind parents desiring to discuss issues concerning their children directly with the CEO Mrs. Sarah Johnson to do so by email at sarahj.enquiries@lifeforte.com or through our suggestion box link on our website (www.lifeforte.com/www.lifeforte.org).

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS AND EXTENSION CLASSES

Extension classes begin in earnest for Grades 9, 11, 12 & A level students from April 2nd 2012 extending through the Easter holiday as detailed preparations for forthcoming external examinations commence. We trust the Lord to guide our students as they prepare, empower their diligent study and anoint them with favour and an excellent spirit to reap an extra-ordinary reward of A*s and A1's this year in Jesus name.

The external exams to be written are:

1. Grade 9

- a. Cambridge Checkpoint April 2013
- b. IJSCE May/June 2013

2. Grade 11

- a. Cambridge O/L May/June 2013 (as a trial run only for students who met the set requirements)

3. Grade 12 & A level

- a. Cambridge O/A level respectively May/June 2013
- b. WAEC April-May, 2013
- c. JAMB UTME April 2013

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Morning Assembly Programmes

Morning Quiz

In the second half term, our weekly assembly quiz programme continued to witness enthusiastic participation from students across all the houses. The highlight was a special Examination Edition designed to teach students how to provide appropriate answers to questions by identifying key words in the questions asked. Some examples of these are; *identify, explain, state, evaluate, list and describe*.

Get Your Grammar Right

Human interaction is mainly word based and manner of speech defines and identifies the individual. It may register a person as cultured or set them back as uneducated, poorly educated or even slovenly. Here in Lifeforte our aim is to mould our students into global citizens and an important aspect of this is the correct usage of language. On 'Get Your Grammar Right' this half term, the English tutors focused on some very technical grammatical situations in the English language. Some examples follow:

1. *Beatify* – exists as a word separate from *beautify*
2. The expression '*honey I am with the car key*' is defective and unacceptable. The proper expression is '*honey, the car key is with me*'
3. *Outright* – *Ly* should never be added to *outright*
4. *Stinking* – As a natural adverb, should not carry the inflection *Ly*.

The *Get Your Grammar Right* exam edition drew the attention of the students to the need to present their summary and comprehension answers in complete sentences and avoid sentence fragments.

Emphasis was also laid on the one-paragraph, one point theory as the overriding standard of thought organisation in essay writing.

International Day

This much anticipated cross-national competition between the grades took place on the last day of term featuring **Ghana** (grade 7), **Malaysia** (grade 8), **Russia** (grade 9), **Spain** (Grade 10), **Saudi Arabia** (grade 11) and **South Africa** (grade 12). After an educative and exciting quiz competition assessing familiarity with facts about the nations in the morning, the various classes ensured nothing was left to chance as they finalised details about costume, food, language, history and culture including a PowerPoint timeline presentation of the countries to showcase their collective creativity, flair and skill. Malaysian costume was most attractive, the South African timeline most impressive while Ghana's ashanti presentation made an indelible impression especially with the 'azoto' dance. In a keenly contested race, Ghana edged out South Africa as overall winners with Russia in third place. We say well done

to everyone, a huge thank you to our distinguished panel of judges for their love and hearty congratulations to Grade 7 for their first-ever win in this competition! Truly, our odds are being reversed.

Mentoring Department

The creation of the weekly 'mentoring period' between mentors and protégés has improved frequency of mentoring interactions this term. Protégés are becoming more optimistic about assistance and cooperate readily with assistance provided.

General practical assistance was made available to the student body through detailed study/answering skills session aimed at teaching methods of identifying and summarising key facts. Daily grade-specific revision tutorials also took place in the auditorium as subject teachers took the opportunity to tackle specific challenging topics in respective subjects apart from revising their subjects generally.

Another beneficial innovation this term was the peer-group mentoring assistance organised in the hostels where support and assistance between relatively strong and challenged students was facilitated in a carefully supervised manner. We are optimistic that this will close the gap between high achieving and improving students in study habits and learning interest thereby creating a unique learning environment where each individual remains teachable as they grow to maximise their own potential.

PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING BILLS

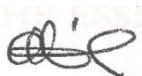
We encourage parents to pay on or before resumption for the Harvest term (20th April, 2013) to ensure a seamless issuance of clearance from the Bursary department. We pray the Lord to grant you divine enabling grace and an abundant supply of resources as you invest in our beloved children, God's heritage.

GENERAL

Please monitor your child/children's spiritual growth while at home, censoring what they read and watch. You are enjoined to encourage them in daily prayer, daily Bible reading and communion with the Holy Spirit.

God bless you all. Have a wonderful Easter holiday.

Love from us all – Lifeforte family.



Mrs. Grace Aina
Principal