

2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2011

## **NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS**



Compliments of the Christmas season!



We are very grateful to God for bringing us to the end of the Genesis Term of the 2011/2012 school year. We thank the Lord for enabling us effectively execute all our goals this term and wish to appreciate all our dear parents for your support and the confidence reposed in us.

### **END OF TERM/RESUMPTION**

The first term which commenced on September, 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011 ends today. The Bloom term (second term) begins on Saturday, January, 7<sup>th</sup> 2012. 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.

### **PROGRESS REPORT**

We have enclosed your child's academic performance for the Genesis Term. Please check through the report booklets and your child's examination scripts, class notes, tests and assignments. If you desire to discuss your child's progress with us, do feel free to do so during the holiday on 234 – 8052264640 or upon resumption.

### **MENTORING PROGRAMME**

Our Mentoring department was boosted this term by the inclusion of two new staff on the initiative of the CEO, Mrs. Johnson to further enhance effective delivery of support to our students. This has improved day to day efficiency of our support for new and existing mentees. Fresh efforts will explore improving the quality of support lessons for students through cooperative efforts with teachers and ensuring follow-up practice of material taught.

### **EARLY DECISION PROGRAMME**

Our Early Decision programme, an accelerated route in our A level programme aiming to compress the two year programme into a possible eighteen (18) month programme, continues

to grow and we look forward to a harvest of A\* grade scores from their maiden AS exams in Jesus Name.

We enjoin parents of students in Grade 12 to strongly consider the highly unique win-win situation this programme offers to students interested in studying key courses such as Medicine, Law, Economics, Engineering, Actuarial Science etc in Ivy League (US) and Russell group (UK) Universities, not to mention the opportunity of direct entry placement into the very best Nigerian and African Universities and the instructional assistance for Critical Thinking and University applications.

Therefore qualified students in this current class of Grade 12 will be invited in January to start their AS programme compressing the A level programme, based on each child's ability, into an 18 month programme. However, the grade 12 students invited for this programme will still graduate with the 2012 graduating class in June next year.

Parents of students invited into this Early decision A level programme will receive letters of offer in the course of the holiday from the Executive Director (Studies & Curriculum).

### **EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS**

- i. Registration for the WASSCE 2012 is in progress. This will be followed by registration for JAMB 2012. Both registrations cost N30, 000.00 only per candidate.
- ii. Enrolment for Cambridge May/June examination usually takes place in January. This includes the Checkpoint, O level and A level examinations. Parents will be informed early in January of the examination fees.

Please find below the 2011/2012 Examination schedule:

### **EXTERNAL EXAMINATION TIMETABLE**

	<b><u>GRADE</u></b>	<b><u>EXAMINATION</u></b>	<b><u>PERIOD</u></b>
1.	Grade 12	JAMB	March 2012
2.	Sixth Form	Cambridge A level (for Grade 12 students and qualified students in AS level)	May/June 2012
3.	Grades 11 & 12	Cambridge O level (for qualified students in Grade 11 & 12)	May/June 2012
4.	Grade 12	WASSCE O level	May/June 2012
5.	Grade 9	Cambridge Checkpoint (for qualified students)	May/June 2012
6.	Grade 9	Federal JSCE	May 2012

Parents of Grade 12 students are required to fill the form attached to signify their intention to have their children write the 2012 JAMB UTME examinations. Forms should be returned to the school at resumption to facilitate registration before the deadline date.

## **EXTENSION CLASSES**

The present Grade 9, 11, 12 and Early Decision A level program students will remain in school for intensive coaching during the Easter holidays to effectively prepare them for their forthcoming external examinations. The Registration fee is N100, 00.00 and is to be paid along with the school fees in January 2012.

## **ENTRANCE AND TRANSFER EXAMINATIONS**

The 2012 entrance examinations into Lifeforte International High School for the 2012/2013 academic session will be taking place on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2012 by 12.00 noon at 3 centers namely:

1. Lifeforte International School #1, Lifeforte Boulevard, Awotan GRA, Ibadan
2. Montessori International School, 58, King Perekule Street, GRA, Port-Harcourt
3. Transcorp Hilton (Nasarawa Hall), Abuja

Interested candidates should pick up a registration form from the centers above or at our liaison office at 156, Awolowo Avenue, Ikoyi for N15, 000.00 (which also includes a scholarship form). Scholarship places will be awarded based on an outstanding performance in the examinations. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a panel interview and will be required to demonstrate in a practical assessment a level of excellence and natural aptitude in their chosen category.

## **CAREER TALK**

Plans give life to purposes and pursuits make purpose a reality. This was the essence of the career talk given by Dr. (Miss) Itunuoluwa Johnson, an alumnus of the first set of Lifeforte and a graduate of medicine from University College London. Dr. Johnson is the first child of our CEO, Mrs. Sarah Johnson and was also the very first pupil of Lifeforte Junior School!

Motivated by a passionate selfless desire to give back and see those coming after her achieve their goals, she took time out of a holiday lasting only a few days to return to her alma mater to advise the entire student body on how to choose a career, ways and means of increasing one's eligibility for selection into top colleges, what admission officers look for in suitable candidates and most importantly how to write winning personal statements. Attended by the CEO, directors, principal and teachers, the session was brief and interactive, engagingly interspersed with video clips and quotes that stimulated us all and gave the students much to think about. Dr. Johnson welcomed questions from the students. Below, in paraphrase, are some of the questions that were asked and her response.

***Q. Do I really need an education given the examples of Bill Gates and Steve Jobs?***

A. There are three aspects to self-discovery and achieving success – Talent possessed, formal education and being a good student of the school of life. The great majority achieve success through the second. To dispense with the need for education will require talent of an extraordinary sort, the kind that birthed Microsoft and Apple in combination with good success in the school of life which only a few have achieved.

***Q. I believe I am talented enough to pursue a career in the dramatic Arts, how do I pursue my dream?***

A. In the absence of exceptional (emphasis on exceptional) talent in this fiercely competitive field, the best advice would be to focus on getting a good education and find a useful and realistic avenue to give expression to your talent.

***Q. I am interested in a particular career but I am not doing well enough in a subject considered critical for that career?***

A. There is a distinction between career interests and academic pursuits. It is better to identify and focus on one's academic strength to attain excellence in those subjects and then pursue your dream career. Employers in the business field for instance will more likely hire a first class History graduate than a second class lower division Business Management graduate.

***Q. What would I need to include in my personal statement to distinguish it from so many?***

A. A well written personal statement is sincere. It gives voice to the personality of the writer. It must contain convincing information on what led to the choice of a career including steps taken so far to know more about the career in theory and practice. Details should be provided of all achievements and awards. Most importantly it should be free of grammatical and spelling errors and mistakes.

The CEO also amplified some of the key points mentioned illustrating with simple but profound everyday examples. The entire Lifeforte family says a big thank you to Dr. Johnson as we pray upon her the favour of distinction in her profession and wholesome success in Jesus Name.

## **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

### 1. Morning Assembly Activities:

#### **Getting it right**

**Mathematics:** A pre-examination slot featuring common mistakes in mathematics was held for the benefit of the junior high students. The session was designed to correct mistakes students usually make in mathematics examinations. Examples of these mistakes (with correct answers) were presented in power point followed by a short quiz to test how the concept had been grasped. The students performed brilliantly.

**English:** This feature focussed on training the students for international communication by removing the taint of the mother tongue in spoken English of students. The aspects of English addressed were those that defy the common rules of English grammar. These areas resist logic and as such have to be taught peculiarly. Some examples are;

- i. You have to buckle down (not buckle up)
- ii. Many protesters converged on London to express their displeasure (converged on, not at)
- iii. The word 'queue' collocates with 'in' not 'on'. So we should say "Are you **in** the queue, please?" And not "Are you **on** the queue?"

## **2. Public speaking, Etiquette and Social graces.**

Manners reflect on your elegance. No one is born with good manners. We all have to learn them. Learn the "Wonder Words" – Sorry, Thank you, Excuse Me & Please. (S.T.E.P.)

Eliminate words like – Yeah, Nah! What? & Huh?

Always bear in mind the words of this poem

*Hearts like doors*

*Will open with ease*

*To very very little keys*

*And don't forget that four of these*

*Are sorry, thank you, excuse me and please*

## **SPORTS COMPLEX UPDATE**

Our God is faithful indeed as we behold with much anticipation the wonderful reality of our ultramodern sports complex unfolding right before our eyes. We enjoin all our parents and children to join faith with us in full agreement that He who has begun this great work will surely complete it on schedule with excellence. Thank you so much for all your support!

## **SCHOOL TOURS**

Arrangements for our 2011 School tour to Barbados and St. Kitts tagged 'Magical Experience' have been concluded and our team of 60 are geared to leave on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2011. We commit the entire contingent headed by our beloved CEO unto the Lord for a safe, most favourable, exciting and truly refreshing trip – our best trip ever!

### **INTER- HOUSE VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION**

The Inter-house Volleyball competition rounded off sporting activity for the year 2011 as the houses competed in Boys and Girls categories. The final event for Boys between Sarah and Ruth was keenly contested with Sarah winning 2-0. The final event for Girls was a contest between Daniel and Paul with Daniel edging out Paul 2-1. The team lists of the contesting finalists and the scores of qualifying matches are below:

SARAH (Inioluwa Olorunnishola , Kosi Gerry- Ofor, Chidi Akubeze, Afam Ezechukwu, Ikemefuna Ezechukwu, Jonathan Itamah)

RUTH ( Somto Okpala, Daniel Adesiyon, Promise Olutuase, Ife Omisesan, Brian Kalu, Tim Itamah)

QUALIFYING MATCHES: (SARAH 2 VS PAUL 1); (RUTH 2 VS DANIEL 1)

### **GIRLS**

PAUL: (Lota Obikili, Neto Obikili, Bussoma Ude, Victoria Alukpe, Tolu Dada, Glory Wejinya, olamide Oloko,

DANIEL: ( Victoria Okorie, Dolapo Adeniji, Bethany Ogbeifun, Rachel Isaac-Idung, Ijeoma Ohiri, Joy Ahiakwo)

QUALIFYING MATCHES: (PAUL 2 VS SARAH 1); (DANIEL 2 VS RUTH 0)

### **CAROL SERVICE**

It was a memorable family evening as students and staff gathered to commemorate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The programme flagged off with a playlet titled 'seed of the woman' vividly depicting mankind's journey from ruler under God to slave and through Christ to conqueror. A short and powerful exhortation by our spiritual Father and Chairman Pastor Olubi Johnson showed us the deep significance, from God's perspective, of Christmas in allowing Jesus Christ to be born in us, to grow in us and to be manifest to others through us. An acapella presentation, piano recitals, instrumentals and the novel 'Lifeforte' version of the popular 'twelve days of Christmas' contributed to a richly edifying time in His Presence. The well anticipated staff presentation of 'Noel' and 'Keresimesi' brought the programme to a joyful climax in an atmosphere that was palpably full of love, spontaneity and unity reminiscent of the spirit of our CEO though she was unavoidably absent on official duty.

Her appearance at the students' colorful carol Dinner later on blessed the children tremendously as she came in her characteristic loving manner wishing them all a very merry Christmas and a glorious year 2012. Spurred on by the motherly endorsement, the children helped themselves to sumptuous food whilst entertaining themselves with an impressive fashion show, 'don't forget the lyrics' and thoroughly enjoyed after-party.

### **PROMPT PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING BILLS**

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

### **GENERAL**

We encourage parents/guardians to monitor the children closely. Please censor what they read and watch on television. They need to continue with daily prayers and the reading of the word of God.

On behalf of the Chief Executive Officer and the entire members of staff of Lifeforte International High School, we wish you a merry Christmas, a joyous ending of 2011 and a rewarding and a fulfilling New Year 2012.

God bless you all.

Mrs. Grace Aina  
Principal



