# Lifeforte International Schools Mothers and educationists first choice 'O' & 'A' LEVELS



# Mid Genesis Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> October, 2015

## **KEY FACTS TO NOTE**

- Pastor Olubi & Mrs. Sarah Johnson are Grandparents!!!!!
- Introduction of the Personal Digital Learning Resource
- JAMB UTME 2016 Registration
- 2016/2017 Scholarship Entrance Examinations
- School Tour Brazil 2015
- Talent Hunt 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

## **NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

We bless God Almighty for His steadfast love, mercies and favour that have ushered us through a wonderful beginning in this new 2015/2016 session. On behalf of our Chairman, CEO and Board of Directors, we warmly welcome our beloved parents and guardians (old and new) to another landmark session. Thank you so much for choosing Lifeforte!

#### **MID-TERM BREAK/RESUMPTION**

The midterm break begins today i.e. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 2015. Without exception, all students are expected to return to school on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 between 09:00 hours and 18:00 hours. We enjoin parents to cooperate with us to ensure that the children return to school promptly thereby reinforcing in them the culture of obedience and compliance with rules.

## **PROGRESS REPORT**

The report of work done this half term is enclosed. Students' scores are based on overall assessment from tests, class exercises, assignments and projects. Effort grades are also indicated. Parents are encouraged to review the work done and discuss their child/ward's progress with them. We also solicit the assistance of parents/guardians to ensure that **ALL NOTE BOOKS AND TEXTBOOKS** are brought back to school when the students resume next week.

## **EARLY DECISION FAST TRACK A LEVEL PROGRAMME**

The fast track A level programme coined 'Early Decision' is a condensed sixth form programme which allows qualified students to complete the ordinary 2 year A level programme within an academic year. The maiden class of a select few set a highly impressive record and secured multiple offers into prestigious universities in the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, and Nigeria and proved beyond doubt that the programme is a golden opportunity too good to be missed.

The ED Class of 2016 is currently writing the Cambridge AS examinations and we look forward to the supernatural and extra-ordinary harvest of A\*s from the Lord, graciously crowning their diligent efforts in Jesus name.

We enjoin parents of students in grade 12 to strongly consider this most rewarding option for their children. For

more information, please contact us on 0805 705 7811 (Mrs. Ariyo), 0805 226 1433 (Pastor Oduntan) or send us an email at <a href="mailto:lifeforte@lifeforte.com">lifeforte@lifeforte.com</a>

#### **REGISTRATION FOR EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS 2016**

## **Cambridge O-level examinations**

In keeping with our culture of promoting academic excellence, Grade 11 students who qualify are given the opportunity to sit the Cambridge O level examinations in June 2016 as a trial run for purposes of internal assessment and evaluation. The results from this examination are used for internal official purposes only and will be released when the student graduates. The analysis of students' performance in the examination provides useful information for teachers to improve their preparation strategy towards students' final examinations in Grade 12.

## **JAMB UTME 2016**

The registration exercise for the JAMB Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations has commenced. Parents of Grade 12 students who would like their children to write these examinations should fill the details in the form included in their report. This form should be returned to the school no later than the **24**<sup>th</sup> **October, 2015**.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE PERSONAL DIGITAL LEARNING RESOURCE

To prepare our students for life beyond lifeforte which is becoming increasingly cyber and digitally driven, the school has introduced the personal digital learning resource (which we would like to reemphasize is an option offered to parents and not mandatory). This initiative is directed, firstly, at the entry class into senior high school – Grade 10. The resource, a Samsung Tab A working on Samsung Smart School Platform, will be loaded with uniform academic content which will be updated frequently and new content will be installed yearly.

We have decided not to adopt the BYOD (bring your own device) system so that we can effectively supervise and monitor a student's activities on the device and safeguard our children even in the internet environment using licensed Samsung Knox.

For purposes of care, handling and safekeeping the tablet will remain the property of the school until the last recognized day of a student's academic career in Lifeforte, that is, on the day of graduation, thereafter the tablet becomes the student's property.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2016/2017**

A range of merit based scholarships for the Smart and Gifted from Grade 7/JSS 1 to A levels are to be awarded to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lifeforte International Schools' inception in November 5<sup>th</sup> 1990. The scholarships are for excellence in ACADEMICS, MUSIC, ART, PUBLIC SPEAKING and SPORTS. Students qualify for these scholarships based on their outstanding performance in the scholarship entrance examinations and must demonstrate in a practical assessment a level of excellence and natural aptitude in their chosen category. Details are as follows:

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> of November, 2015

Time: 11am.

Venue: Lifeforte International High School, 1, Lifeforte Boulevard, Awotan GRA, Ibadan

#### **ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2016**

The entrance examination towards the 2016/2017 admission into the school will hold on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January, 2016. The examination will take place in 4 centres around the country.

Ibadan – Lifeforte International High School, 1, Lifeforte Boulevard, Awotan GRA, Ibadan

Lagos – Civic Centre, Grand Banquet Hall, Ozumba Mbadiwe Avenue, Victoria Island, Lagos

Abuja – Transcorp Hilton (Nasarawa Hall)

Port Harcourt

Asaba

Warri

Applications forms are available at the school, 1, Lifeforte Boulevard, the Liaison Office – 156, Awolowo Road, Ikoyi, Lagos, Lifeforte International Junior School – 3, Oshin Street, Kongi, Bodija, Ibadan or in a downloadable version at www.lifeforte.org

#### A BLESSING IN THE FAMILY

We invite all our beloved parents to share our joy as we announce the birth of Zoe Asta (Norwegian Esther) Oluwamayode Treseder the granddaughter of our Chairman and CEO Pastor and Mrs. Olubi Johnson. Zoe Asta is the daughter of Oluwadara (nee Johnson; A.B. Harvard, MBA Stanford) & William Treseder (alumnus Stanford). Oluwadara, an alumna of Lifeforte High School with her older sister, Dr Itunuoluwa Sogbetun (nee Johnson MRCP, MBBS BSc (UCL) were the first fruits of Lifeforte Junior School at inception on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1990. We pray that we will continue to reap in Lifeforte fruits like these that brings forth after their kind in the lives of all our children in Jesus Name. Unto the Lord be all glory great things He has done!!!

# **SCHOOL TOUR**

The current trend of education aims to develop an all-round intelligent child, cultured and with an impressive view of the world around him/her. Consequently, the school organizes annual trips for its students to widen the scope of their awareness and knowledge of the world around them and equip them to handle diversity with confidence and intelligence.

This year, by popular choice, we have decided to re-visit Brazil. A unique tourist destination, Brazil has an amazing natural appeal. Think Brazil, think

- Rio de Janeiro & Sao Paulo for a taste of truly cosmopolitan cities
- Sugarloaf Mountain, Maracana Estadio, Corcovado Cristo Redentor
- Helicopter Rides, Rio Water Planet, Hopi Hari Theme Park, Aquario de Sao Paulo
- Centro Cultural Banco Do Brasil home to ever changing art and history exhibitions
- Sala Sao Paulo enjoy a taste of Sao Paulo State Symphonic Orchestra presentations
- Bara Shopping Mall Rio's biggest shopping centre, cinemas, indoor theme park, bowling alley, shopping and lots more

The total package is: \$5950.00 per student and deadline to submit documents is the date of resumption from mid-term (24<sup>th</sup> October, 2015).

Arrangements are being concluded for our tour group to travel by the 5<sup>th</sup> of December and return by the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. The group will be led by the CEO, Mrs. Sarah Johnson. We encourage you to give your

child the benefit of an unforgettable experience. To register your child, call +234 802 301 7324 (Mrs Adesiyan) / +234 805 226 4640 (Dr Sokoya)

#### **TALENT HUNT 2015**

The talent hunt is Lifeforte's annual showcase of our students' God given creative abilities in drama, singing, dance, handling musical instruments, poetry, design, arts and crafts. It is a competition that aims to bring out latent abilities and create a healthy camaraderie within the whole school right at the beginning of the session as the students work alongside and get to know each other. Held on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October, 2015 parents had the opportunity of seeing their children take part in the different activities and enjoyed themselves hugely.

The main events for the day began with the Poem Recitals for which 2 houses (Sarah & Daniel) qualified. Victoria Adetula recited a poem – *Faces* written by Danielle Eke and Jadesola Ayodeji gave a most moving and commendable recitation of her deep and thought provoking poem *Judicious*. The poem recitation was followed by the choreographed high tempo Samba dance performed by Ruth House and the hip swaying ballroom cha cha dance by Paul House. Next was the drama presentation – comical excerpts from the popular playwright Ola Rotimi's 'Our Husband has Gone Mad Again' and 'The Lord of Chaos' by Akin Adejumo. This was presented by a cast of four each from Ruth House and Daniel House respectively. Stuart Townsend's *On Christ Alone* was the chosen piece for Paul House instrumental performance while Daniel House chose the *Nettleton Tune* by John Wyeth for the display of their artistry in this category.

The genre chosen for this year's song recital was classical, a song titled 'Holy City' by Stephen Adams and Frederick Weatherly. Performed by Sarah House and Daniel House in turn it was a song that tested the vocal range of the contestants and had separated the 'men from the boys' during the heats. Akan Okung and IbukunOluwa Owoade gave a stirring performance on behalf of Daniel house but it was the Sarah house presentation by Tega Pius-Uwhubetiyi and Tare Donbraye that stopped the show and earned a standing ovation.

This year's cultural display in dance featured dances from the western and southern parts of Africa. Paul House performed the rather energetic and warlike Agbekor dance from Ghana, Bata from the Yoruba speaking tribe of Nigeria was beautifully executed by Ruth House, Sarah house displayed the rich culture of the land of Chaka, in the Zulu dance from South Africa and Daniel House dancers gave a convincing performance of the Igbo Atilogwu dance. Style, class and elegance were revealed in the designs for the fashion display in which all houses participated. At the end of all the excitement, Sarah House led by House Captain Danielle Eke emerged the overall winner of the contest. The Chairman of the Board of Directors — Pastor Olubi Johnson who attended the program tendered the CEO's apologies for her absence and prayed the entire blessings of Psalm 128 over all our parents, staff and well wishers especially that the Lord will cause us 'to see our children's children and peace upon Israel' in Jesus Name. He specially acknowledged the presence of the Executive Governor of Ondo State, His Excellency Dr Olusegun Mimiko and thanked everyone who attended the program before taking the closing prayer. We would like to thank the distinguished panel of judges for making their expertise available, our team of dedicated teachers for their sacrifice and our esteemed parents for their steadfast support.

#### MORNING ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

Morning assembly provides opportunities for out of class learning sessions. **Get Your Grammer Right** sessions focused on removing redundancies in written and spoken English while keenly contested Junior and Senior **Spelling Bees** improved vocabulary. **Science, Social Science and What-do-you-know** quizzes enhanced grasp of important subject facts and the weekly **Newscast** kept us up to date with international/national events with updates in sports, technology and entertainment.

#### **PUBLIC SPEAKING, SOCIAL GRACES AND ETIQUETTE LESSONS**

This half term, we sharpened our students' social skills by introducing etiquette as acceptable societal codes and customs that allow us to interact with one another smoothly, safely and comfortably. Emphasis was placed on assembly, audience and dining etiquette.

We would like parents to encourage students to wear their manners at all times paying close attention to greetings, appreciation, polite excuse, introductions and so forth. Impolite, loud and obnoxious behavior must be avoided so that when people come in contact with us, their opinion about us is that we are cultured and well mannered individuals.

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

We very much appreciate all our parents who paid their children's fees promptly. We encourage Parents with outstanding fees to please pay all bills on or before 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2015

#### **GENERAL**

Parents should please keep an eye on the children/wards even during this half term break to ensure a healthy spiritual life style. They should maintain the routine of daily prayer and the reading of the Bible.

Have a wonderful mid-term break.

From the Lifeforte family

God bless you all.

Mrs. Grace Aina

Principal