# Mid Harvest Newsletter

28<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

## **KEY FACTS TO NOTE**

- √ Valedictory Service 2016
- ✓ External Examinations 2016
- √ Early Decision 'A' Level Programme
- ✓ International Junior School Certificate Examination 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

## **NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

All glory and praise to Almighty God for the first half of the 2016 Harvest Term. The midterm break for the Harvest Term begins today 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

#### PROGRESS REPORT

The progress report of your child/ward is hereby enclosed. We encourage you as partners in progress to review their work, discuss their progress with them and help inspire them to prepare diligently towards the forthcoming promotion examinations. Kindly monitor their adherence to the enclosed reading time-tables to ensure excellent success.

#### **RESUMPTION**

Students are expected back in school on Saturday 4th June, 2016. We encourage parents to help ensure that this date is strictly adhered to.

#### **VALEDICTORY SERVICE**

The valedictory service for the outgoing set of 2016 will come up on **Saturday**, **18**<sup>th</sup> **June**, **2016**. Please find below the details regarding the event:

Venue: JBJ Auditorium, Lifeforte International High School

Time: **11:00am**Dress Code: **Formal** 

All parents, families and alumni are cordially invited.

#### **EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS**

The Cambridge Checkpoint examination and the WASSC examination 2016 were successfully concluded in April and May respectively. The Cambridge 'O' and 'A' level papers are still in progress till June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We appreciate our Triune God for abundant grace and favour that overshadowed our students preparation and continue to trust Him to perfect the good work He has begun in them crowning them with a bountiful harvest of A\*, A1 and 6.0 grades in Jesus name.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The success of this programme is proven by our outstanding October/November AS results (please visit our website – www.lifeforte.org). Further benefits:

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

Admission offers into top universities have already been secured by the current set of students in the Early Decision Fast Track programme. Don't miss out on this golden opportunity!!

## INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SECONDARY CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (IJSCE) 2016

The International Junior Secondary Certificate Examination written by students in Grade 9/JSS3 is based on the key stage 3 syllabus. It encourages broad based learning and the development of the skills needed to effectively relate and apply taught material to real life situation. It is the final step in the preparation towards the Key stage 4 syllabus taught at the Senior High level. Students will be examined in 14 core subjects and in their optional subjects.

The best student overall with an A\* in at least 10 core subjects (Math, English and Sciences inclusive) and 3 As will be given a scholarship of 50% OFF TUITION for the entire duration of their senior high school tenure.

The IJSC examinations will commence on May 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 and will be concluded on June 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Lifeforte operates a combined educational system - the Nigerian curriculum and the Cambridge International Examinations curriculum. Under this dual curricula system, parents may opt for either of the two streams from Grade 10.

## **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

#### MORNING ASSEMBLY

This half term, our tradition of providing our students with stimulating out of class learning continued with exciting activities designed to strengthen their collaborative, communicative and critical thinking skills. Senior and Junior spelling bees, science, math and 'What do you know' quizzes and our 'Get Your Grammar Right' class enhanced learning whilst promoting healthy competition and good composure. The News remains a popular and very vibrant show especially with panel discussions on topical issues such as the BREXIT, currency swap deal between Nigeria-China, the analysis of the 2016 National Budget and the international migrant crisis. Etiquette classes improved our awareness of fluency, good diction and clear pronunciation using 'tongue twisters'. An exciting highlight of this class was the inter-grade "tongue twister" challenge which grade twelve (12) students won. Public speaking activities were also included this half-term as grade nine (9) students thrilled the assembly with a funny and exciting debate on the American Presidential campaign titled 'Who is the better candidate, Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump'. A

didactic drama titled "Call what it is' highlighted vandalism as habitual disregard and destruction of public property and encouraged us all to cultivate the healthy habit of preserving public property.

## **SPORTS**

The sport department introduced a new competition tagged 'Sport Mini-League' which featured handball and volleyball teams for girls while boys competed in soccer and basketball. Each sport had four (4) teams each, playing against one another on a weekly basis providing memorable weekly sporting action. Team Armour have a commanding lead in the soccer league that continues next half—term. Team Rings have won the basketball league just as Team A and Team B won the volleyball and handball leagues respectively. We say 'Well done' to all participants!

## CHILDREN'S DAY

On the eve of our mid-term break, the Lifeforte community joined the rest of the world to commemorate Children's Day 2016. Series of activities were organized to educate, appreciate and celebrate our beloved 'arrows' (Ps 127:3-4). An extended morning sports routine (basketball, soccer, volleyball, handball and swimming) set the ball rolling as both beginners and advanced learners had fun! The main variety programme tagged 'Children of Purpose and Destiny' kicked off at noon with a keynote address by Kenke Bademosi (grade 12) who, using Jeremiah 29:11, preached an inspiring message to show all students that God had preordained all men to greatness in Christ through personal choice. Her persuasive message emphasized that now was the time to make that choice to pursue that quest for greatness in order to fulfil it. Next was an exciting debate on "Sustainable Development Goals: What should be Nigeria's foremost and core Development Sector: Defense, Agriculture, Power, Education, or Health" argued by a team of grade 11 students each of whom spoke eloquently to create an rapt audience with divided opinions. The duo of Konyinsola Onakomaiya and Wisdom-James Olopade, advocates of Education, were adjudged worthy winners of this discourse. Following the debate was a passionate session on Impromptu Speech which highlighted the question: "Which is more beneficial to society: Sciences or the Arts". There were certainly no dull moments as it all came down to Sewa Akinola (Arts) and Chinedu Chinedu-Okoro (Science) to win the audience over. No doubt both disciplines contribute so much to society but the Arts won the day! Finally, the children had their fun time with the competition "Don't Forget the Lyrics" won by the duo of Damilola Babs-Ajayi and Mofaramoluwa Oladipo from grade ten (10). The curtains were drawn with a movie show in the JBJ auditorium whose rich suspense and action drew frequent audience applause and admiration as refreshments; ice cream, popcorn and drinks flowed freely.

## **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

We deeply appreciate parents who have paid their children's fees and other bills promptly. All outstanding bills should be paid on or before 4th June, 2016 to ensure a ready issuance of clearance from the Bursary department.

## **GENERAL**

Parents/guardians should please ensure that their children/wards return to school with ALL notebooks from previous years in addition to the current session's notebooks. This is essential for excellent success in the promotion examination.

We encourage parents to watch over the spiritual lives of the children while at home. Television, usage of the internet and literature read should be adequately monitored to ensure appropriateness. They should also be encouraged to continue in constant fellowship with God in daily prayer and Bible reading.

Love from us all – Lifeforte Family

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