

15th October, 2011

NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Dear Sir/Madam,

We bless Almighty God for His steadfast Love, Mercies and Favour that has ushered us through a wonderful beginning in this new 2011/2012 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 in the lives of our children and the school. Thank you so much for choosing Lifeforte!

MID-TERM BREAK/RESUMPTION

The mid-term break begins today i.e. Saturday 15th October, 2011. Students are expected to be back in school on Saturday 22nd October, 2011 between 09.00 hours and 18.00 hours. All students are expected to resume on this day. We enjoin parents to cooperate with us to ensure that the children return to school promptly so as to inculcate in them the virtues of obedience and compliance to rules.

PROGRESS REPORT

The report of work done this half-term is hereby 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 progress with them. We also solicit the assistance of parents/guardians to ensure that all exercise books and textbooks are returned to the school when the students resume next week.

2011 EXTERNAL EXAMINATION RESULTS

With much praise and glory to our Gracious and Excellent God, we are happy to announce a bumper harvest of A*s which has been and continues to be our track record in the Cambridge GCE examinations. We are highlighting some of our best results in the Appendix I attached. We give God all the glory, great things He has done! Please check our website www.lifeforte.com for more details.

REGISTRATION FOR EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS 2012

In keeping with our culture of promoting academic excellence, our Grade 11 students have the opportunity to sit for the Cambridge 'O' Level examinations **as a trial run and results are used for official purposes only as they will not be released until after the graduation ceremony**. The analysis of their performance in the exam provides useful information for teachers to improve their preparation towards their terminating examination in Grade 12.

We reiterate that registration of Grade 9 and Grade 11 students for the May/June 2012 Cambridge Checkpoint and the Cambridge O Level examinations respectively are subject to their performance at the end of the Genesis (first) term.

Students must obtain the approved cut-off score in Math, English and Integrated Science to write the Cambridge Checkpoint exam (Grade 9) while students in Grade 11 must obtain the approved cut-off score in at least eight subjects including Mathematics and English.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

In keeping with our tradition of offering students a rigorous and balanced educational curriculum that enriches lives, the first half term provided series of exciting activities including **Project Talent Hunt, Independence day celebration, Spelling Bee Competitions, 'Get Your Grammar Right' , News Presentation, Club Meetings** (including practical classes on learning instruments) and the newly introduced **'Public speaking / Social Graces and Etiquette** classes.

Project Talent Hunt

Project Talent Hunt 2011 turned out to be a breathtaking success and featured an artistic presentation of scintillating creativity, astounding talent and excellence demonstrated in poem recital, song rendition, fashion display, art and craft, choreography, instrumentals, cultural dance and drama.

Parents and students were thoroughly entertained by various presentations in the keenly contested event. Sarah House emerged overall winners for the 4th consecutive year as Ruth, Daniel and Paul Houses were 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively. Details of the performance by the Houses in various events are available in Appendix II.

In-Traditional Day

Recognition of the need to demonstrate heartfelt appreciation to God for His Faithfulness to the Nigerian nation inspired *In-Traditional Day* when Lifeforte students celebrated Nigeria's independence in a grand way. The morning session began with fervent prayers for the nation around noon and ended with passionate praise and worship session to the Lord. Later in the evening, students trooped out dressed in beautiful cultural outfits representing various ethnic groups in Nigeria. From the Tiv to the Edo, the Yoruba and the Calabar with the Ibo and Fulani not left out, the strength of the Nigerian nation in her rich diversity was highlighted by choreography, timelines, fashion shows and even a short drama depicting royal engagements in Igboland. Awareness of Nigerian music of different genres (R&B, Gospel, Rap etc) was the theme of the exciting 'Don't forget the lyrics' game. The day ended with on a relaxed note with a family movie.

Public Speaking Classes

Public Speaking and Social Graces are "Critical Real World Skills" that prepare students for the real world of work and community. They are essential for every student's confidence, self esteem and success in life. In a bid to further consolidate the chances of our students success in a highly competitive world where so-called 'minor issues' are critical, the CEO, Mrs. Sarah Johnson launched a series of Public Speaking, Social Grace and Etiquette classes, through the Director of Curriculum(Junior) School Mrs. Nkechi Adekoya ably assisted by our English Literature and Grammar tutor, Mr. Adekun. A dramatic and compelling introduction, during which the CEO graciously

provided considerable expertise and support emphasized the broad aim of the classes in helping us recognize and demonstrate 'proper' ways of speaking and comporting ourselves and left the school audience in no doubt about details to watch out for in our poise, attitude, voice volume, eye contact and smile. The atmosphere in school has really stepped up now as the entire school community looks forward to more sessions of learning and practice as we cultivate and sharpen these critical life skills. Formal greetings are the current emphasis!

Practical Music, Drama and Creative Art Classes

In our characteristic manner of continuous improvement, grooming the innate abilities and talents of our students, more practical classes for instrument playing, drama, fine art, voice training and public speaking have been structured into the school curriculum. We enjoin parents to partner with us in this regard to provide your child/ward with the musical instrument of his/her choice (**keyboard, saxophone, guitar, clarinet, flute, drums** etc) to improve their proficiency with these instruments once they return from the mid-term break.

LIFEFORTE SPORTS COMPLEX

Work on our Sports Complex continues to progress despite significant weather challenges. The neatly demarcated layout of various parts of the Complex is exciting to behold (heated swimming pool, multi-purpose court, athletics track, soccer pitch, changing rooms etc) and gives vivid picture to what an excellent facility the Complex will be. In addition, consignments of imported specialized sports materials from Germany including artificial turfs are also arriving as we prepare to launch into the next phase of this huge project. We continue to appeal to our beloved parents for fresh and continued support to make this dream a glorious reality. Thank you!

SCHOOL TOUR

Our school tour to Barbados and St. Kitts tagged '**A Magical Experience**' is proving to be a huge hit with students and parents with one of our largest numbers yet! Spaces have been snapped up by students across all grades in a relatively short space of time with only few vacancies left. As visa formalities have been concluded, we now can only take the remaining few out there with live British visas, British, American, Canadian and Irish passports wishing to take this rare opportunity for exposure and learning that prepares your child better for the diversities and intellectual breath now required for your child to be a well trained and informed 'global citizen of the world'.

We also request that outstanding balance payments for the trip be kindly settled by resumption from mid-term to enable us finalise our hotel and other arrangements.

PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING BILLS

We encourage parents to pay all outstanding fees on resumption; otherwise the children will not be given clearance passes.

