



Harvest End Newsletter

14th July, 2017

KEY FACTS TO NOTE

- Graduation 2017
- October/November Cambridge Examinations 2017
- Selection of subjects - Grades 9 and 10
- School Trip 2017 - Destination: Singapore
- School Calendar 2017/2018
- Holiday Projects
- Lifeforte's Got Talent

Dear Sir/Madam,

END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

We give Almighty God all the glory and praise for bringing us to the end of the 2016/2017 session in which we witnessed tremendous advancement and pervading peace that has brought much joy and gladness. On behalf of our beloved Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, Board members, Staff and students, we lift up our hearts and hands in worship and abundant thanksgiving to our faithful and merciful Triune God for making this journey so fruitful and rewarding! We also would like to express our deep appreciation to you, our beloved parents for your unwavering trust and support throughout.

RESUMPTION

The Harvest term holidays begin today, Friday, 14th July, 2017. The new session beginning with the Genesis Term commences on Saturday, 2nd September 2017. Parents/Guardians should please ensure that their children/wards return to school on this day. Punctuality is an integral part of discipline and we look to our parents to help us reinforce this culture.

PROGRESS REPORT

Report booklets containing information about your child's progress and achievement are routinely given at the middle and end of each term. In this final term (Harvest), the cumulative average scores of work done throughout the session is used as the basis for promotion. We would like to strongly encourage our parents to be an active part of their children's academic life by going through their reports, notebooks and discussing their work with them.

GRADUATION 2017

Send-off activities for the 2017 graduating set of A level and O level students kicked off with a competitive soccer match between graduating students and the rest of the school. The match was memorable for the gallant manner in which both sides played and the emphatic score line (four nil). Next was the outing to the movie theatre (Ventura) followed by the Prom Night. The colourful and festive evening included an entertaining award ceremony, song and dance presentations, best dressed fashion parade, a bespoke three course meal and time for dance dance dance! The Grade 11 students left no stone unturned to ensure their seniors were honoured. CEO's dinner was next and Mummy CEO was at her gracious best welcoming the 2017 class personally to the exclusive poolside event and giving the right incentives that set the tone for a relaxed, funny and yet frank exchange amongst the class of their Lifeforte experiences. The food was sumptuous and music ramped up the excitement as they danced and enjoyed their final evening as classmates. The evening also provided the opportunity for members of management in attendance to see the school from the perspective of the students and interact 'unofficially' with them. Deep life lessons were learnt on both sides.

The highlight of the final week of the class of 2017 was the Valedictory Ceremony – a formal, academic celebration and day of reward for hard work, diligence, faithfulness, innovation and exemplary character. The ceremony was held on the 17th of June, 2017 and the school was honoured to have as Commencement Speaker, Dr Bright Okogu, (highly accomplished technocrat and Executive Director, African Development Bank) who attended with his amiable wife Rosemary. Ms Marniee Nottingham (British Council's Country Head for Exams) and Prof. James Olopade (Dean-Elect of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ibadan) were Special Guests of Honour at the elegant occasion whose distinguished audience also included our beloved Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Lifeforte Organisation - Pastor and Dr (Mrs) Olubi Johnson, Engineer and Mrs. Okorie and Mr and Mrs Dotun Adeniyi - members of the Lifeforte Advisory Council, the latter two having a son graduate from the A level and O level class respectively.

After the powerful worship session and perfect ministration by the school orchestra, Dr Okogu in his speech inspired the class of 2017 and audience to 'Break New Frontiers' by cultivating a personal vision, pursuing it vigorously with passion and working hard to bring it (your vision) into reality. Our precious CEO, Dr. Sarah Johnson spoke to the audience about becoming 'solution providers' and using the Lord Jesus Christ as a model, identified three core characteristics required namely; truth (consistent sincerity), selflessness and limitless vision (that sees beyond itself). She also informed parents about the resoundingly excellent Top in the World and Top in the Country Awards obtained by eight students at the November 2015/June 2016 Cambridge examinations. Our beloved Chairman, Pastor Olubi Johnson highlighted the fact that the results could only be the result of divine endorsement and emphasised that we all ensure our vision is God-given. He also added that hard work is powered and directed by faith in the Mercy and Grace of God (from Dr Okogu's speech) before praying, in agreement with the CEO, for graduating students and their parents'. Mr Dotun Adeniyi and Mrs Bimbo Onakomaiya who delivered

Parents remarks recounted events that led to their choosing Lifeforte and their satisfaction with the spiritual and mental impact of the school on the lives of their children.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2017 CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATION FEES

This is to inform parents of Grade 11 students (progressing to Grade 12) who did **NOT** write the May/June 2017 Cambridge exams that registration for the Oct/Nov GCE O'Level examination has begun and is open to these students. The cost of registration will be communicated to each parent by email.

This exam is a trial run for official use only. Consequently, results of this exam will not be released until the student graduates in June 2018. The deadline for payment of exam fees is 1st August, 2017.

SELECTION OF SUBJECTS FOR GRADES 9 AND 10

1. Incoming Grade 9

Parents of incoming Grade 9 students are encouraged to discuss subject choices with their children bearing in mind their interests, capability and potential. Forms will be sent by e-mail for this purpose and should be completed by resumption.

2. Incoming Grade 10

Subject selection for Grade 10 is done on resumption in September in accordance with the student's performance in the external examinations written in Grade 9. The curriculum/subject selection forms will be sent via e-mail.

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

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

The ED class of 2018 is expected back in school on 1st August, 2017 to resume their academic schedule in preparation towards the AS examinations in October 2017.

We strongly encourage parents of Grade 11 students to consider this most rewarding option for their children. For more information, please contact us on 0805 705 7811 (Mrs. Ariyo), 0805 226 1433 (Mr. Babatunji Oduntan) or email us at lifeforte@lifeforte.com.

TOTAL ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS

The Federal Road Safety Commission, facilitated by Total Nigeria Plc, organised a three hour workshop to educate our students on safety principles on our roads. This laudable programme was interactive, with practical scenarios depicted forcing students to make choices and demonstrating the effect of such choices on their safety. Our students had a really good time and imbibed a whole lot. We hope to realise the ultimate aim of this project; raising a generation of Nigerian road users who are safety conscious. We say a big 'thank you' to the Commission and her representatives.

LIVING MERCY CHARITY FUN FAIR

Saturday 8th July was a date our students had memorized for weeks! It was the date of the annual charity fun fair organised to raise funds for the Living Mercy Voice Orphanage managed by the church. Coming up the day after exams ended, expectations were high and organisers did not disappoint! With token ticket fees, attendees at the Fair were able to access a wide variety of exciting activities such as film show, horse riding, video games, karaoke, trampoline, face painting, snooker, 'guess the cake's weight', table tennis, 'ring the bottle' with and edibles such as Jollof rice, popcorn, pizza, ice cream, hotdog, shawarma, cup cakes, candy floss and drinks. Since Mummy CEO had instructed that each student be provided with a bundle of tickets worth N2,500, our students had a splendid time and were so reluctant to leave at the end. Thank you Mummy CEO for everything!

SCHOOL TOUR 2017 - SINGAPORE!

Our annual school trips are fun-filled, highly educative and very exciting! Last year's trip to Japan was simply unforgettable and full of sweet memories. This year, our trip is to Singapore, again by popular demand, offers yet another opportunity for a rich outdoor learning experience!

Our itinerary includes:

- City Tour - Singapore is best observed from the top of a double-decker bus. From Chinatown to Little India, this hop-on-hop-off ride ensures you have the flexibility to explore sights at your leisure.
- Sentosa Island: Begin your morning with panoramic views of Sentosa Island with a cable car ride. Enjoy the breath taking views of the Underwater World Aquarium.
- The Merlion Park - A must see. Singapore's famous statue.
- Universal Studios Singapore - Explore themed areas based on your favourite films, thrilling rides, a fun filled day experiencing your favourite films come to life.
- The Singapore Flyer is a giant Ferris wheel in Singapore . Its one of the world's largest observation wheels.
- Exciting tours to Asian Civilisation Museum and Singapore Arts Museum.

- Enjoy shopping on the Orchard Road with high-end stores at every turn. The neighbourhood boasts of 22 malls, six department stores and IMAX movie theatres.
- Hats, sunscreen and cameras, camcorders are a must to travel with!

We enjoin parents to indicate interest early (before or by resumption in September as booking is on a first come first served basis. For further details, kindly contact Mrs Adesiyan (ED Admin) or Dr Sokoya (ED Mentoring & Child Support) on 08023017324 and 08052264640 respectively.

LIFEFORTE'S GOT TALENT 2017

We are in the sixth edition of this annual talent forum that enables our students showcase their God-given talent. The competition was keen across six categories and allowed fresh talent to burst on the scene and established names to raise the bar! The categories included **Song** (Rap, Christian and Contemporary), **Instrumentals**, **Poetry** and **Poem** recital, **Creative Art** (still life drawing, oil/acrylic painting), **Photography** and **Dance**.

In the dance category, BLVCK (an established male group) competed against a new two man dance team MXT and for the first time, an all female dance group! The dance routines were unique and well choreographed and kept the audience on their feet.

The song category was also quite exciting as Princewill Ganagana's powerful rendition in the contemporary genre won first place in the senior category whilst Sarah Ibrahim singing gospel clinched the junior category. The instrumentals was another close contest as Toluwase Ikubaje played the sax sonorously to seal first place although Jefferson Joshua stole the hearts of the audience singing sweetly as he played the box guitar. The photography competition was also quite encouraging given the creativity and skill displayed in the various photographs. Toni Ogunkoya's photographs proved to be the best.

Overall, it was an inspiring, enjoyable and highly entertaining afternoon (more details in appendix attached to this newsletter).

LIFEFORTE HARVEST GAMES 2017

The end of term Harvest games marked the grand finale of sporting events for the session and featured keen inter-house club duels in Basketball, Soccer (among boys) and Handball. The games were a huge success with tons of excitement and the welcome discovery of fresh talent! A summary of results is attached to this newsletter.

HOLIDAY PROJECTS

Project Read a Book over the Summer Holidays

GRADE 7 (going into 8)

The Lion and the Jewel

Wole Soyinka

Kidnapped - Unabridged Edition

Robert Louis Stevenson

A Tale of Two Cities

Charles Dickens

Allan Quartermain - Complete & Unabridged

H. Rider Haggard

GRADE 8 (going into 9)

Americana
Hope's Wristwatch
To Kill a Mockingbird
The Lion and the Jewel

Chimmamanda Adichie
Tony Marinho
Harper Lee
Wole Soyinka

GRADE 10 & 11

Great Expectations (Unabridged)
Things Fall Apart
Hard Times
The Life and Times of Frederick Douglas
(A black American Slave)

Charles Dickens
Chinua Achebe
Charles Dickens
Frederick Douglas

COMPULSORY REVISION PRACTICE QUESTIONS

In order to assist Grade 11 (to grade 12) students focus and get ready for October /November 2017 Cambridge exams, a pack of past exam questions in various subjects has been handed over to each eligible student to be answered over the holidays and submitted on resumption.

Parents should please monitor and give time to their wards to ensure the questions are completed by resumption.

THE WORLD'S LARGEST LESSON

The world's largest lesson is a project in partnership with UNICEF and UNESCO designed to introduce Sustainable Development Goals to children and young people all over the world to unite them in action. Students interested in participating in the event this year are over the holidays either:

- A. Write an essay on
- B. Prepare a power-point presentation on
- C. Illustrate through the use of comics.

Any of the following three sustainable development goals:

1. How to end extreme poverty.
2. Fight inequality and injustice
3. Tackle climate change.

To be submitted at resumption. Qualifying students will be celebrated and a certificate of merit given to the best entry. Resources and more information can be found on the internet site:

worldslargestlesson.globalgoals.org

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Our school calendar for the new session (2017/2018) is hereby attached. We enjoin all parents to note that the times of major school functions have been revised to 10:00am - 2:00pm. We would therefore like to encourage parents to arrive punctually for these programmes so they can encourage their child/children and show appreciation for the effort they have put in. Assistance with hotel bookings will

be provided for parents who desire to come in a day early to ensure that they arrive on time for the school function the next day.

PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING BILLS

We appreciate all our parents whose support we enjoy through prompt payment of bills and encourage parents with outstanding bills to settle these bills very promptly.

GENERAL

You are all encouraged to watch over the spiritual lives of the children while at home. Viewing of television, use of internet and materials read should be adequately monitored to ensure appropriateness. They should also be encouraged to continue in constant fellowship with God in prayer and Bible reading.

Have a lovely summer holiday!

Love from us all - Lifeforte family



Mrs. Grace Aina
Principal