



*Lifeforte
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END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER HARVEST 2019

19th July, 2019



KEY FACTS TO NOTE

Graduation 2019
Selection of subjects – Grades 9 & 10
Payment for October/November 2019 Cambridge Exam fees due
School Trip 2019 – Dubai, Malaysia, Thailand
Holiday Assignment 2019
School Calendar 2019/2020

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

1st August, 2019 ED/A Level students' resumption
7th September 2019 Genesis (1st) Term Begins
19th October, 2019 Project Talent Hunt & Mid Term Holiday
26th October, 2019 Resumption from Mid Term Holiday
29th November, 2019 Vacation Begins

Bloom (2nd) Term

4th January, 2020 Bloom (2nd) Term Begins

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar detailing the major events of the incoming session (2019/2020) is attached. For the convenience of our parents we have revised our time schedules. Programs will now start by 10am and end by 2pm strictly.

We would like to solicit the support of our parents in reinforcing the culture of adherence to rules and practices upheld by the school. You can support us in this by making a note of the scheduled resumption and closing dates of the school when making plans for holidays or family events. Except in cases of emergencies, unavoidable, or vital family situations pre-closure exeats will not be issued.

We thank you and hope we can count on your support.



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Dear Parents/Families,

On behalf of our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, we bring you greetings from Lifeforte. Thankfully, to God Almighty, this has been a wonderful year and as usual a very busy Harvest half term. Examinations are over and we commend our teachers, students and staff for the hard work that went in to making sure that the students were adequately prepared. We thank our parents as well for their support; all this was made possible because you believe in us. At the beginning of the year we had the privilege of welcoming new students into the school, across all grades and at the end it gave us great pleasure to send forth the O' and A' level class of 2019 unto greater heights of achievement.

We take delight in our students' achievements and once again we congratulate all the awardees recognised under the Cambridge Distinguished Learner Awards. The last term of the academic year presents an opportunity to measure the progress made by the students throughout the year. This is reflected in the report made available to parents. Looking back across the year there have been a wide range of high quality activities planned to ensure that the students engage in curriculum experiences beyond the classroom. Activities spanning areas such as music, drama, art, dance, culture, sports and global trends. We have a wonderful team of teachers and support staff who commit their time to give the students a great academic, social and boarding experience. We are privileged to work with such a dedicated team of colleagues who genuinely care about the students and give their time so generously.

A sincere thank you to parents and families for your continued support. We very much appreciate your being a part of Lifeforte. A final thank you to our students for their co-operation, belief in the godly values of the school and love for learning. You are chosen and destined for greatness and we highly value teaching you and learning together. We hope you have a restful and lovely summer.

Lifeforte Family

FROM: THE PRINCIPAL RESUMPTION

The Harvest term holidays begin today, Friday, July 19th 2019. Students are expected back from the summer holidays on Saturday, 7th September, 2019. Parents/Guardians should please ensure that their children/wards return to school on this day. Punctuality is an integral part of discipline and culture of excellence. We appeal to our parents to support us in reinforcing this culture by planning accordingly so that return flights, celebrations where possible will enable the timely return of students.

PROGRESS REPORT

Reports 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 of marks achieved throughout the session is used as the basis for promotion. We would like to strongly encourage our parents to be actively involved in the academic progress of their child by going through their reports, scripts and notebooks. The school through the Directors of Mentoring and Child Support will be pleased to discuss or address any concerns you may have regarding your child's work.

GRADUATION 2019

Year after year, under the visionary leadership of the Chairman and CEO, the Lifeforte academic, pastoral and administrative team have worked to produce alumni who are able to stand shoulder to shoulder with peers on a global platform. This year proved no different. We say congratulations to all parents, family and friends of the 2018/2019 O and A level graduating set. You have been our partners in progress indeed and we can say the journey has been well worth it. This year's graduands as with other graduating sets produced - learners officially recognised for their high achievement in the Cambridge Exams and beneficiaries of the Top in the World and Top in Nigeria Outstanding Learner awards given by the British Council. Events to celebrate the graduating set featured time honoured traditions such as CEO's Dinner and Prom.

The Valedictory Service, a formal ceremony to celebrate achievements of the graduating set and send them forth officially was held on the 15th of June. The ceremony was presided over by the Chairman and CEO – Pastor Olubi and Dr. Sarah Johnson. It was an honour to have in our midst the Commencement Speaker, Mrs Ibukun Awosika (Chairman, Board of Directors, First Bank of Nigeria Ltd and Founder & CEO of The Chair Centre Group), Elder Urum Kalu Eke, Group MD First Bank Holdings Plc & Chairperson of the Lifeforte Advisory Council, Her Excellency Mrs. Olufunsho Amosun (former First Lady of Ogun state) and Mr and Mrs Thomas Etuh, distinguished members of the Lifeforte Advisory Council. We sincerely appreciate all our parents, guests and alumni who took time out to be with us for the occasion.

**FROM: CURRICULUM & STUDIES DEPARTMENT
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 before 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.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2018 CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATION FEES

This is to inform parent of grade 11 students (progressing to grade 12) that registration for the Oct/ Nov examination has commenced. Registration forms were given to students over the mid-term break to take home and discuss with parents. These were returned and processed and emails sent to all parents communicating the registration details and exam fees payable. This exam is a trial run for official use only.

Consequently, results of this exam will not be released until students graduate in 2020. The dead line for payment of exam fee is 26th July 2019. Statement of results/ certificates will be available for collection at graduation.

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. (Testimonial by former participant in the ED program)

The ED class of 2020 is expected back in school on 1st August, 2019 to resume their studies in preparation towards the AS examinations in October 2019.

We strongly encourage parents of Grade 11 students to consider this most beneficial 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.

SCHOOL TOUR 2019 – AMAZING THREE-IN-ONE PACKAGE TO DUBAI, THAILAND, MALAYSIA

The current trend of education is moving towards developing an all round intelligent child, well read and with an impressive view of the world around him. Consequently, in Lifeforte, we organize annual trips for our students, giving them the necessary exposure and widening the scope of their knowledge and awareness of the world around them.

Over the years, the school has visited several countries; Brazil, Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Egypt, Dubai, Thailand, China, Singapore, Barbados & St Kitts, Japan amongst others. This year, we have an amazing 3 in 1 package as we will be visiting Dubai, Thailand and Malaysia. The group will be led by our CEO, Dr Mrs Sarah Johnson.

ITINERARY

Dec 1st : Arrive Dubai, transfer to Hotel – Palm Atlantis

Day 1 – (Dec 2nd) : Half Day City Tour

Later enjoy the Dow City Cruise in the evening, gliding down the Dubai Marina on a traditional Arabian Dhow with a lavish dinner

Day 2 – (Dec 3rd) : Ski Dubai - enjoy the ultimate in indoor snow resort at the Middle East's First Indoor Ski resort

Day 3 – (Dec 4th) : All day Fun time at the Atlantis Aqua venture Water park.

Later enjoy a sumptuous dinner at the World's most luxurious hotel, the Burj Al Arab.

Day 4 – (Dec 5th) : Enjoy hotel facilities, early afternoon pick up for the exciting Desert safari, a 4x4 drive into the desert followed by a visit to the traditional Arabic Bedouin camp, treat yourself to a scrumptious dinner

Day 5 – (Dec 6) : Check out and transfer to Bangkok, Thailand

Day 6 – (Dec 7) : Half Day City Tour, study the culture and history of Thailand.

Day 7 – (Dec 8) : School Group educational exchange visit to a Secondary School in Bangkok.

Later enjoy the Siam Niramit Show, with dinner

Day 8 – (Dec 9) : Full Day at Dream World Park – Enjoy the rides, Snow Town and a Buffet Lunch

Day 9 – (Dec 10) : Chill, enjoy the hotel facilities/ Shopping, shopping

Day 10 – (Dec 11) : Check out, depart for Kuala Lumpur

Day 11 – (Dec 12) : City tour, visit the Petronas Twin Towers - the most iconic landmark, the historical district of Kuala Lumpur, Merana KL Towers, the tallest communications tower touches the heavens! The Batu Caves – 272 steps to the top, an easy climb, Illusion – the 3D Art Museum and lots more.



Day 12 – (Dec 13): Educational Exchange Programme with a Secondary School. Followed by a visit to the National Science Centre - a crowd puller with its vivacious, educational and just-plain-fun, hands on science and technology exhibits.

Day 13- (Dec 13): Full Day at Times Square Water Theme Park – Malaysia's premier multi-park destination with more than 90 attractions and Asia's First Nickelodeon Themed Land.

Day 14- (Dec 14): Chill, enjoy hotel facilities.

Later spend the evening at the Matic Malaysian Cultural Show with dinner

Day 15 – (Dec 15): Check out of hotel, depart for Lagos.

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 Adesiyen (ED Admin) or Dr Sokoya (ED Mentoring & Child Support) on **08023017324** and **08052264640** respectively.

HOLIDAY ASSIGNMENT

Our regular summer holiday assignment has been put together as an activity pack which consists of: active learning drills, exercises and club activities for all students and are designed to enhance better performance in the new academic year. The packs have been handed out to students and parents are enjoined to partner with the school to ensure that they are completed over the holidays and submitted upon resumption in September.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

CLUB 2030: At the beginning of the session we set out with a mandate to educate our students on the import and relevance of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) of the United Nations. We are delighted to announce that this goal was achieved as we explored goals 16 and 17 this half term. We are eager to see our young leaders use this as a platform to develop empathy, devise strategies and initiate discussions that will cause this great continent of opportunity, Africa, to arise!

SDG 16 –PEACE AND JUSTICE INCORPORATING WORLD MUSIC DAY 2019: What is the allure of music to peace? Through an ebullient presentation by Eyimofoluwa Toru, Isreal Ekebafé, Atinuke Olukoya and Jonathan Bassey, we discovered that music lifts spirits, heals hearts, clears the head and fosters peace in the world. As they said "you call it music, we call it therapy", "music is the wine that fills the cup of silence" and "when words fail, music speaks"! We also learnt to always seek justice as a foundation for lasting peace.

SDG 17 PARTNERSHIP FOR GOALS: SDG 17 binds all other goals together and is sub divided into 5 crucial components: Finance, Capacity Building, Systematic Issues, Technology and Trade, which are the pillars on which other goals can be achieved. Thank you Sarah Ibrahim, Ofega Onojivwe and Temiloluwa Owoade for bringing out the essence of this goal concisely.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2019: On World Environment Day, 5th June 2019, we were educated by Firesola Osobajo, Daniella Obidi, Joshua-David Olopade and Chrismorgan Mogaha on air pollution and its effects. Their presentation exposed us to new terms such as hygroscopicity among others. There was also an engaging spelling contest that focussed on new words learnt during the presentation. Posters were put up around school to further provide practical tips on how to prevent air pollution such as using tarpaulin to cover construction materials.

BURSARY DEPARTMENT

Enclosed in your child's/children's report booklet is the fee schedule. Parents have the option of paying the fees per term or at once in a lump sum. On behalf of the management of the school we wish to appreciate all our esteemed parents/guardians for the prompt payment of their children/wards' fees and bills. This always ensures prompt and seamless issuance of clearance from us. We highly appreciate your partnership, patronage and support as we ask you to help us serve you better. Fees are due on the first day of term.

FROM: THE ICT DEPARTMENT**Tips to staying safe Online**

Don't post any personal information online – such as your address, email address or mobile number.

Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it and may be able to download it. It's not just yours anymore.

Keep your privacy settings as high as possible.

Never give out your passwords.

Don't befriend people you don't know.

Don't meet up with people you've met online. Speak to your parent or carer about people suggesting you do.

Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are.

Think carefully about what you say before you post something online.

Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude.

If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried; leave the website, turn off your computer and tell a trusted adult immediately. Stay safe!

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PASTORAL MATTERS

HOSTEL RENOVATION: The next phase of our Hostel Renovation Project has taken off. Work has commenced in earnest on the Grades 8 and 10 male and female hostels. Parents who are interested in being a part of this project are welcome to contact the school office.

MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT: Please make it a point to personally monitor and be interested in your child/children's activities while at home. We ask that you encourage them in daily prayer, bible reading and fellowship.

Love from us all – Lifeforte Family



Mrs. Grace Aina
Principal