



LIFEFORTE INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Wishes you a Joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year

3RD DECEMBER, 2021

END OF GENESIS TERM NEWSLETTER, 2021

KEY FACTS TO NOTE

- Lifeforte wins the British Council International School Award 2021-2023
- Academics
- Early Decision – Accelerated Advanced Level Program 2023
- Extension Program – Grades 9, 11, 12 and A level

Upcoming Events

- Lifeforte Regular Entrance Examinations (2022/2023)

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

Thursday 6th January 2022- All students resume for the Bloom Term

Saturday, 29th January, 2022- Lifeforte Regular Entrance Examinations

Saturday, 12th February, 2022 – Midterm Break

Saturday, 19th February, 2022 – School resumes from Midterm Break

Friday, 1st April, 2022 – End of Bloom Term

Tuesday, 4th April, 2022 – Extension Classes Begin

Dear Parents and Guardians,

'Let us with a gladsome mind praise the LORD for He is kind, for His Mercies aye endure, ever faithful ever sure'. On behalf of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer – Pastor (Dr) Olubi and Pastor (Dr) Sarah Johnson with the entire Lifeforte Family, we offer thanksgiving to our Faithful Triune God and sincerely appreciate you for the support you have given to your children, the staff, and the school over this term. We wish you a merry Christmas ahead. As we look back on the outgoing year, we invite you to celebrate with us on the achievement of:

The International School Award (ISA) 2021 to 2023, November 2020 Cambridge Outstanding Learner awards across different categories from Cambridge International Examinations and



British Council and our students' outstanding results at the Cambridge May/June 2021 examination.

We wish to sincerely thank and appreciate our staff at all cadres of service for all their efforts at moving Lifeforte forward. Once again we thank you our parents for believing in us, accept our best wishes for a blessed 2022, we hope you and your family have a happy holiday.

Lifeforte Family.

ADMISSIONS DEPARTMENT

LIFEFORTE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION DATE – 2022/2023 ENTRY

Applications are being accepted for entry into the school towards the 2022/2023 academic session. Parents are welcome to apply for entry into Grade 7/JSS 1, and for entry into Grade 10/SSS 1 and A' level. All candidates seeking a place at the school are required to visit the school's website (www.lifeforte.org) and complete the online application form. The examination will take place ONLINE on 29th January, 2022. For more information please contact us on 0802 301 7324 or 0805 226 4640.

RESUMPTION

The resumption date for the Second (Bloom) Term of the 2021/2022 session is Thursday 6th January 2022. Students are expected back promptly from the holidays between the hours of 9am to 6pm. Parents will be notified closer to resumption regarding any arrangement the school may be considering towards transportation of the students from Lagos. Parents who may wish to request the assistance of the school in meeting and picking up their children from the airport should please notify us promptly in the usual way.

FROM: THE PRINCIPAL

The first term has come to an end and we have made progress. Whilst we are pleased with the improvements we have made, we realise that there is still much to do. Our aim is to sustain our progress as we continue to build on our successes. We intend to focus on further improving the quality of progress for each student and the spheres of progress for us as a school. Your child's report will be sent to you by email. For the benefit of our new parents, this report is the final one for the Genesis Term. It is a cumulative assessment of the work done over the term. It contains information in three categories.

The Academic Grade- indicates the individual progress of a student in relation to class standards as set by the teacher and the curriculum.

The Affective Grade- indicates how well a student is behaving in class.

The Effort Grade- these are generally considered to be the most significant. They indicate whether or not a student is working up to his/her own ability level.

These Grade categories are a professional assessment of a student's character and ability in:

Achievement

Meeting the requirements of the course on the basis of innate ability. This means satisfactorily completing all assignments, satisfactorily passing tests, and participating in class discussion as required.

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Putting in the level of effort required by using assigned study time for study, bringing required texts and necessary materials to class, keeping work well organized, paying attention to instructions by teacher or presentations by class-mates, doing independent work, making the most of the prep time in the hostel and completing assignments on time.

As always, we strongly encourage our parents to be actively involved in the academic progress of their child by going through their reports, notebooks and question papers. We also solicit your help in ensuring that students return to school with all books, Genesis exam question papers and marked scripts for revision and correction forming a strong foundation for the Bloom Term. Students in Grades 9 and 12 are to return with notebooks of grades 7 & 8 and grades 10 & 11 respectively for review towards external exams.

MENTORING AND CHILD SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

The guiding ethos in the Child Support and Mentoring Department is the individuality of each child. We make every effort to assist students individually and to adapt to different learning styles so that each student has every opportunity to succeed and fully maximise their God-given potential. 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. We value the input and impact of our parents as we partner together to assist our students to find success in school and embrace learning as an enjoyable lifelong process.

CURRICULUM & STUDIES DEPARTMENT

International School Award (ISA) - 2021/2023

ISA is a global benchmarking initiative of the British Council that recognizes the outstanding work done by schools that are committed to developing international dimension in their curriculum in order to nurture learners who are global citizens. The award ceremony took place at the Sheraton Hotel, Lagos and was chaired by the Hon. Commissioner for Education in Lagos State, Mrs Folasade Adefisoye. Our Director Mentoring and Child Support, Dr Kunle Sokoya was invited to share with the audience the impact of ISA on our community and spoke about the school's slogan "I, You, Us for a Better World" made up of 5 components namely:

1. My choices and way of thinking matters (I)
2. Self awareness and awareness of the feelings of others (I) (You)
3. Cultural empathy (You)
4. Ethical decision making (Us)
5. Positive involvement in community (For a Better World)

The talk received spontaneous applause from the appreciative audience.

It is our pleasure to inform our community that the Cambridge curriculum is revised every five years and this has been done. From this academic year, we have been teaching the new curriculum, teachers have been duly trained and the school has procured the books most of which have already been given to the students. We are already looking forward to another great term; our teachers are committed to building a school of excellence with a continuing focus on students' learning and we encourage you to take an active part in your child's education.

Early Decision Programme (FAST TRACK ADVANCED LEVEL PROGRAMME)

We would like to inform our new parents and remind our returning parents about the Lifeforte



'Early Decision' Advanced level programme. This programme is an accelerated Advanced level programme that compresses the standard two-year course into a one year and 6-month course commencing in the 12th grade. Successive sets of students admitted to the programme have set highly impressive records and secured multiple offers into prestigious universities in the United Kingdom, United States, Canada and Nigeria proving the merits of the programme. The current ED class of 2022 have concluded their Cambridge AS examinations and we trust God to reward their hard work with A* grades.

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.

Selection and invitation for enrolment will begin in December 2021/January 2022 for the ED class of 2023. We strongly encourage parents of Grade 12 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.

EXAMINATIONS – INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL

IMPORTANT NOTICE– to Parents of all Grade 12 and A level students

NIN (National Identification Number)

The National Identification Number (NIN) is now a prerequisite for students to be able to register for some external examinations. The National Identity Measurement Commission (NIMC), the body responsible for registering citizens, has various designated registration centres nationwide; all parents are therefore advised to take advantage of the holidays to register their children if this has not already been done. Please ensure that your child returns to school in January with proof of registration – their National Identification Number.

EXAMINATIONS - Grades 9, 12 and Advanced Level

Lifeforte runs a 6-year academic program split into two 3 year levels categorised as Junior and Senior High respectively. At the end of the first 3 years, students sit for the Cambridge Checkpoint exams and the International Junior School Certificate Exams (IJSCE). At the terminating class of the entire secondary school career – Grade 12, students have the option of sitting for EITHER WAEC and UME or the Cambridge O level exams. Due to the coincidence in the sitting dates of the two exams (WAEC & Cambridge) a student may not opt to write both.

GRADE 9

Examination	Fee Applicable	Registration Commences	Registration Closes	Exam Commences
Cambridge Checkpoint	To be communicated	January 2022	Early February 2022	To be communicated
IJSCE	N/A	N/A	N/A	May/June 2022

GRADE 12

Examination	Fee Applicable	Registration Commences	Registration Closes	Exam Commences
Cambridge O Level	To be communicated	January 2022	Early February, 2022	May/June 2022
WASSCE O Level	To be communicated	December 2021	January 2022	To be communicated
JAMB (UTME)	To be communicated	December 2021	To be communicated	March 2022



Advanced Level

Examination	Fee Applicable	Registration Commences	Registration Closes	Exam Commences
Cambridge A-Level	To be communicated	February 2022	February End 2022	May/June 2022

Extension Classes – Grades 9, 11, 12 & A levels

These classes are run during the Bloom (2nd) term holidays. The aim is to; reinforce syllabus content that has been taught in the regular class periods, probe to discover areas of possible weakness, strengthen them and thereby ensure easy recall of detailed information. This approach enhances their overall performance. Tutors also have more time to focus on learning related skills like interpreting questions, understanding instructions and supplying relevant answers within the allotted time. A registration fee of N100, 000.00 is applicable to all students concerned and should be paid along with the Bloom Term school fees in January, 2022.

Parents of students in these classes should please note that:

1. No exeats will be issued for any purpose during the Extension classes. Students will be expected to remain in school for this period.
2. School rules regarding prohibition of food and drink (except on visiting days) applies; students may not keep food and drinks.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Our parents have overwhelmed us with their unwavering support as they have played their part to help protect our students from exposures and have willingly and honestly followed our health and safety protocols. In January we will continue with the measures we have in place which have been highly effective in ensuring any risk of an outbreak of Covid-19 infection in the school is minimised. This has played a significant part in ensuring a smooth and uninterrupted academic session for our students. We continue to rely on your support, even while at home and particularly during this festive season when there is bound to be a lot of socialising, to ensure children understand and adhere to the following expectations to keep safe:

1. Wearing of a face mask or shield when going out particularly in crowded spaces such as shops, malls or places of worship or entertainment
2. Frequent use of hand sanitisers
3. Maintaining social distancing

As always, we continue to place the children at the heart of every decision we make and every action we take and it has never been more important for home and school to work together. Therefore, we once again please remind you that your child/children will be required to return to school with evidence of a negative **Covid-19 PCR test** done at an NCDC accredited laboratory. Please note that the sample for the test should not be collected **EARLIER** than **Thursday, 30th December 2021**. The approved list of laboratories can be accessed below:

<https://covid19.ncdc.gov.ng/laboratory/>
<https://covid19.ncdc.gov.ng/privatelabs/>

In the unlikely event that your child or anyone else in your household shows symptoms of Covid-19 for example, high temperature, coughing or lack of smell or taste, we advice that you do not allow the child to return to school, but follow government guidance relating to testing and isolation. You can also call us for advice.

It is our fervent prayer that tide of this pandemic fully abates so that we can return to our normal routine especially regarding visiting days.



BURSARY DEPARTMENT

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. Attached to the email notification of results is your child's/children's fee schedule. Fees for 2nd term should be paid during the holidays if this has not already been done since parents have the option of paying the fees per term or at once in a lump sum. 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.

PASTORAL MATTERS

Appearance

1. Uniform and Hair

Parents/guardians should please ensure that their children/wards return to school dressed in their school uniform. Hair should be cut low and evenly (boys) and should be braided neatly using black attachment only (girls). We trust that we can count on your support in this regard especially in the area of the hair cut for boys. It takes away from the time that could have been spent on seeing to other legitimate needs of students when we have to take steps to ensure that your child's appearance conforms to that required by the school.

Blue jeans used for Friday sports should be denim blue colour and not stone washed or faded. Baggy bottoms and cropped jeans are also not allowed.

2. Sportswear

We want to solicit our parents' assistance in ensuring that the clothes supplied for sports are fit for this purpose. Short sleeved, loose fitting, low hanging tops with joggers for girls (no thin strap, crop or high riding tops) and short sleeved, loose fitting tops with joggers or football style shorts for boys (no sleeveless tops).

The Use of Phones and Electronic Gadgets or Devices

Please ensure that your children/wards do not return to school with mobiles, electronic devices or other unauthorised items. We recognise that some children may have to travel unaccompanied at times and require their phones for communication, if this is the case with your child please let us know so we make suitable arrangements for the safekeeping of the phone once the child arrives at school. On no account must phones be kept with house parents. This is expressly against the rules of the school.

Order and Discipline

Order and discipline are integral parts of the system of the school. In line with our belief in the home-school partnership, we implore all our parents to counsel their children to continue to obey school rules. Rules are in place so the learning and living community and environment can be an orderly, safe, healthy and happy one where all students can thrive and flourish. We will not condone incorrigibility in any child neither will we compromise our stand on discipline.

Exeats – Middle of the Term

Parents are advised to arrange family programs, celebrations and events around the school holidays when the children will be available at home. Requests for exeats to pick up children during the term for the burial of aged extended family members, birthdays, wedding celebrations, memorial or other related activities will not be granted because they cause distractions to the students and take away from the orderly-law abiding message which we are always eager to impart to our students.



Monitoring and Oversight - Heart to Heart Talks

There was a need to hold talks with the students (female counsellors for girls and male counsellors for boys) to help educate our students in the way they need to conduct themselves. These talks will be held regularly now at the beginning of the term and as needed. We ask that parents please help us reinforce the message of godliness by making it a matter of importance to personally monitor and be interested in their child/children's activities (especially online) while at home. We ask that you encourage them in daily prayer, bible reading and fellowship.

Spiritual Development

Raising students to be patterned after the image of the Lord is a task that cannot be accomplished by human strength. It takes God's mercy for lives to be truly transformed and conformed to the image of Jesus. We are therefore grateful to Him for His transforming grace at work in the lives of the students. All efforts are focused on bringing up our students in the fear of God. We have great expectations and hope that the gospel of Christ will bring more transformation in the lives of our students as we pray, teach and direct them to the saving power of God. The soul and spirit are strengthened on fellowship days.

We wish all our students a safe trip back home, may God's presence and protection be with them throughout the holidays and beyond in Jesus name. We look forward to receiving them back in school in the New Year.

Love from us all,

Mrs. Grace Aina
Principal