

### **OUR PURPOSE**

To nurture minds from the cradle, train them through the precarious years of adolescence, to a place where they will know the difference between good and evil, and have the strength of character to choose good.





# **18TH FEBRUARY, 2023**

# **BLOOM MID-TERM NEWSLETTER, 2023**

## KEY FACTS TO NOTE:

### Academic

- Extension Classes, 2023
- Inter-house Athletics Competition 2023
- International Day, 2023

### **IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES**

- Saturday, 4th March, 2023
- Friday, 31st March, 2023
- Saturday 1st April, 2023
- Friday 7th April, 2023 Monday, 10th April, 2023

### Dear Parents and Guardians,

Bloom Half-Term Holiday Ends Bloom Easter Holiday Begins Extension Classes Begin Easter Weekend

Warm greetings to all our parents/carers from our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Pastors (Drs) Olubi and Sarah Johnson and the entire family at Lifeforte!

The atmosphere this term has been busy and exciting with a healthy balance of work and play. Our children have had so much to learn in terms of knowledge, values and skills. In addition, Visiting Day was in-house for the first time in three years and it was an amazing time together. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to you for the support and cooperation we have come to count on. We trust God to continue to keep us all safe and our beloved nation at peace as we look forward to what should be our most credible national elections very soon.

The next half of term ushers us into the busiest time of the school year with the commencement of the exam season. In addition to end of Bloom term examination for all, students in Grades 9, 11, 12 and A level are required to attend the mandatory extension program scheduled for the Easter break.

We therefore seek your support to help them get a good rest during this time at home. We look forward to seeing you again; have a very refreshing holiday!

Lifeforte Family



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## FROM: THE PRINCIPAL

### ACADEMICS

Learning and well-being of students is always optimal when home and school partner together. The feedback we provide in the form of reports provides parents the opportunity to be a part of their child's learning process. Half-term reports will be sent to reflect work done so far and we expect you will go through this with your child – commending, encouraging and inquiring as the occasion demands.

We are available to discuss your concerns about your child's work through the Director of Mentoring and Child Support (Dr Sokoya) on 08052264640 and Principal (Mrs Grace Aina) at principal@lifeforte.com.

### RESUMPTION

Students are expected back from this half term holiday on Saturday, 4th March, 2023. The train shuttle facility from Lagos to school will be available and parents can take advantage of this for convenience. We strongly encourage our parents to help reinforce the values of punctuality and obedience by ensuring that their children/wards resume on the specified day. Academic work will resume immediately and delays are not in the student's best interest.

### **EXTENSION PROGRAMME**

The extension programme for students in Grades 9, 11, 12 and A levels commences on Saturday 1st April, 2023. This programme is strategic and affords teachers more time to prepare students for the external examinations. We are working to create a disciplined and supportive academic atmosphere that maximises student preparation and hope you will work with us to minimize distractions. Visiting is limited to the Easter weekend and we will explain modalities closer to that time.

Kindly understand that exeats will NOT be issued during this period. In addition, all school rules regarding electronic devices, food items and money remain in effect. Thank you.

### MENTORING AND CHILD SUPPORT

Our team has been working alongside teachers to support and guide in areas needed on a general as well as individualized basis to students in need. Academic and pastoral support are being provided and we will include specific strategies such study tips, exam techniques and practice revision once the second half-term commences. We look forward to an improved performance in the upcoming end of term examinations.

## FROM: CURRICULUM & STUDIES DEPARTMENT

### **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

To stimulate curiosity and the passion to become lifelong learners, our learning activities outside class focussed on public speaking, problem solving, shaping a global mindset and building their ability to think critically. We encourage you go through Appendix 1 (attached) to get a feel of the amazing experiences our children have had.

### **INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS COMPETITION**

Due to election-related adjustments made to our calendar, the much anticipated 2023 Inter-House Athletics Competition took place on January 26th in-house. Enthusiasm and expectation were high as students trooped out in house colours to vie for medals while staff cheered on from the stands. Beginning with march-past, events followed in succession until the relay and staff races closed the curtain to a very exciting day!



Daniel house emerged overall winners with 14 gold medals while Ruth house (11 gold) came in second. Sarah house (10 gold) and Paul (5 gold) made up the quartet. Congratulations to Motunrayo Ogunsugba (Best senior female athlete) with 5 gold medals, John-Fortune Agada (Best male senior athlete) with 4 gold and Uche Okeudo (Best junior male athlete) and Joelynn Efoma-Oruerio (Best junior female athlete) who both had 2 gold medals each. Well done to all the athletes and houses! Please use <u>this link</u> to access a short video of the event. We look forward to having you with us next year!

### **HOLIDAY ASSIGNMENTS/ACTIVITIES**

Projects and activities create opportunities for our students to develop soft skills, generate innovative ideas and explore learning on their own. We will be grateful as you assist the children to ensure these assignments are completed by the end of the mid-term break. Details are available in Appendix 2 (attached).

### **VIRTUAL SCHOOL (OVER THE ELECTION BREAK)**

Due to the extended break as a result of the general elections, the second week of the mid-term break is considered a working week. Students are therefore expected to attend virtual classes from February 27th (Monday) to March 3rd (Friday) 2023. These classes are hosted on the Google classroom platform and consist of structured lessons, assessments, references to the Seneca Learning site, YouTube videos and PowerPoint tutorials. Marks earned from these assessments will form part of each student's continuous assessment scores for the second half-term. Details are on Appendix 3. We appreciate your support.

### **COMING ATTRACTIONS - INTERNATIONAL DAY**

This is a unique event designed to enable our students imbibe knowledge, values and culture from diverse nations and peoples all over the world in line with our emphasis on intercultural learning. With a competition format that encourages collaboration and individual engagement, each grade in school is tasked with taking the school community 'on a journey' by depicting the sights, sounds and values of countries they have selected.

We look forward to presentations in drama, art/craft, dance, poetry, fashion, cuisine and general knowledge as we 'travel' to South Africa (grade7), Israel (grade 8), Australia (Grade 9), Greece (Grade 10), Mexico (Grade 11) and Japan (Grade 12). We appreciate your invaluable support always. Thank you so much.

### **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. 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**

### Important Note

Male students are expected to return to school with a functioning barbing kit. All students are reminded to adhere to school standards regarding haircuts, acceptable hair attachments (girls) and regular deep-blue denim jeans (both sexes) for use in school.



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### **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 continue to encourage them in daily prayer, bible reading and fellowship.

Stay safe! Love from us all,

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Mrs Grace Aina Principal