

1ST DECEMBER, 2023

GENESIS 2023 NEWSLETTER

KEY FACTS TO NOTE

ACADEMICS

- Regular Entrance Examination January 27th 2023
- Early Decision Accelerated Advanced Level Program 2025
- Extension Program Grades 9, 11, 12 and A level
- Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition
- NIN registration and SIM card required for Grade 12 students

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

Christmas Holiday: School vacates: Fri 1st Dec 2023 School resumes: Sat 6th Jan 2024 Regular Entrance Exam: Sat, 27th Jan 2024 Bloom Mid-term: School vacates: Sat 10th Feb 2024 School resumes: Sat 17th Feb 2024 Easter Holiday: School vacates: Thu 28th Mar 2024 School resumes: Sat 20th Apr 2024 Extension Begins: Thu 28th March, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer – Pastors (Dr) Olubi and (Dr) Sarah Johnson and the entire Lifeforte Family, we would like to express our deep appreciation to our Faithful God for guiding us through this term. We are delighted by the amount of progress our wonderful students have made in their new grades and the hard work our staff have put in to make this possible. We are grateful to our dear parents for your partnership and support every step of the way.









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Over the term, focus was on welcoming students into our warm and inclusive community and in so doing provide the platform for effective learning in and out of class. Group and individual learning sessions have encouraged the development of skills necessary to navigate the dynamic world we live in. Personal development focussed on growth in responsibility, empathy and mutual respect. Grade 12 and Sixth form students wrote external examinations after extensive preparations and we are expectant that results will be outstanding.

Once again, thank you parents for believing in us, we look forward to seeing you next year. Have a restful holiday. Merry Christmas and a victorious 2024 to you all!

Lifeforte Family.

ADMISSIONS DEPARTMENT

LIFEFORTE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS - 2024/2025 ENTRY

Our Scholarship Entrance examination written online on Saturday 18th November was conducted successfully. We are now poised to contact all students and their expectant parents regarding their performance.

Applications for the Regular Entrance examinations will be open from December 20th 2023 till January 26th 2024 for the exam on January 27th, 2024. Parents are encouraged to apply for entry into Grade 7/JSS 1, 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. For more information, please contact us on 0802 301 7324 or 0805 226 4640.

RESUMPTION

The Bloom (second) Term of this session begins on Saturday 6th January 2024. Students are expected back in school on this date between the hours of 9am to 6pm. As usual, our train shuttle will be available and further information regarding this will be communicated to you.

FROM: THE PRINCIPAL

We are glad at the progress we have made this term and look forward to consolidating on our gains. We intend to focus on improving the quality of progress for each child 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 and represents 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 ability. This means satisfactorily completing all assignments, satisfactorily passing tests, and participating in class discussion as required.

Diligence in work habits

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.



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As always, we strongly encourage our parents to be actively involved in the academic progress of their child by going through reports, notebooks and question papers. We also solicit your help in ensuring that students return 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

Our guiding ethos in the Child Support and Mentoring Department is the individuality of each child. Effort is directed towards providing assistance that is best suited to each child's predominant learning style and thereby enable all our students to maximally utilize opportunities to succeed and grow. The school will be pleased to discuss or address any concerns you may have regarding your child's work; please use 0703 102 4970 (Principal) or 0805 226 4640 (Dr Sokoya). We value your input as partners in this journey to help our children embrace lifelong learning as fun.

EARLY DECISION PROGRAMME (FAST TRACK ADVANCED LEVEL PROGRAMME)

We would like to inform new parents and remind returning parents about the Lifeforte 'Early Decision' Advanced level programme. This programme is an accelerated Cambridge Advanced level programme which compresses the standard two-year course into one spanning 18 months 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 2024 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
- SAT1&2 classes

- Personalised support for application into Russell group universities (UK), Ivy League universities (US) and top universities in Canada with whom we have established links.

Selection and invitation for enrolment will begin in December 2023/January 2024 for the ED class of 2024. 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 <u>lifeforte@lifeforte.com</u>.

My 'ED' experience – Miss O.O, ED Class of 2020 (Economics A*, Sociology A* & Business Studies A*) Information Tech & Business undergraduate of University of Manchester, UK

Whenever I mention to people that I did an accelerated A-level programme, they almost always react with amazement. I believe this response is valid as ED was definitely one of the most demanding yet rewarding things I have done. The rigour of the programme prepared me for what I would later face in completing coursework at university and applying for placement with companies. I learned to enhance my prioritisation skills from having multiple drill papers to complete at once whilst still learning subject content and so in university, it didn't come as a surprise or challenge. Even now in my work style at Deloitte, there are lots of time-sensitive tasks I am able to complete with ease. Finally, being part of a relatively small cohort, we were able to receive individual focus and tailored experience when being taught and doing assessments, which helped a great deal. I believe the Early Decision Programme is one that students should strive to get into, as it is very helpful. I am thankful for the opportunity I was given.



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. All parents are required to register their children at designated NIMC centres nationwide. It is also required that each student should have a personal SIM card specifically linked to their NIN. Both the NIN and SIM card will be submitted upon resumption.

EXAMINATIONS - Grades 9, 12 and Advanced Level

Lifeforte runs a 6-year academic program split into two three year levels categorised as Junior and Senior High respectively. At the end of the first three years, students write the Cambridge Checkpoint exams and the International Junior School Certificate Exams (IJSCE). At the terminating class of their 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.

Examination	Fee Applicable	Registration Commences	Registration Closes	Exam Commences
Cambridge Checkpoint	To be communicated	January 2024	Early February 2024	To be communicated
USCE	N/A	N/A	N/A	May/June 2024

GRADE 12

Examination	Fee Applicable	Registration Commences	Registration Closes	Exam Commences
Cambridge O Level	To be communicated	January 2024	Early February 2024	May/June 2024
WASSCE O Level	To be communicated	December 2024	January 2024	To be communicated
JAMB (UTME)	To be communicated	December 2024	To be communicated	March 2024

Advanced Level

Examination	Fee Applicable	Registration Commences	Registration Closes	Exam Commences
Cambridge A Level	To be communicated	February 2024	February End 2024	May/June 2024

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 regular classes, probe to discover and strengthen areas of possible weakness, and ensure easy recall of detailed information. This approach enhances overall performance in exams. Tutors also have more time to focus on learning related skills like interpreting questions, understanding instructions and supplying relevant answers within the allotted time.



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A registration fee of N250,000.00 applies to all students concerned and should be paid along with the Bloom Term school fees in January 2024.

We solicit the cooperation of Parents in noting the following:

1. Exeats will NOT be issued for any purpose during the Extension classes. Students are expected to remain in school for this period.

2. School rules regarding prohibition of food and drinks still apply; students may not keep food and drinks during Extension.

3. Visiting Day is restricted to the Easter weekend.

Thank you very much.

THE QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION (QCEC)

We are delighted to inform you that our school participated in the QCEC for the first time and our entries won awards at both Senior and Junior categories as follows:

Gold Medal - Motunrayo Iwayemi

(Senior category)

Silver Medal - Momooreoluwa Afolabi (Senior category)

Bronze Medal - Tioluwanimi Asejeje (Junior category)

Congratulations to all our awardees as we keep moving our best higher!

BE-A-BUDDY AWARD

A new award instituted for each term, the aim being to promote empathy, kindness and mutual respect among students by recognizing publicly those who best epitomize kind and supportive behaviour. We continue to foster a community in which every child feels valued, supported and respected.

Our worthy maiden awardees are listed in the appendix.

HOLIDAY ASSIGNMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Seneca Learning: Aiming to raise your grades?

Or improve your result?

Or step up into Commendation chart?

We strongly recommend the Seneca virtual learning portal as a proven tool to boost preparation for next term. Studies have shown it enhances student learning and performance by strengthening the foundation of knowledge in subjects. It also improves overall understanding. Please log in with your login details (grades 8 to 12 students only).

For Technical Support - btw 10am and 2pm (weekdays ONLY) please call 08064544768 OR 08166203825

CLUB ASSIGNMENTS

Create opportunities for students to develop generate and test innovative ideas, cultivate soft skills, and explore learning on their own. We appeal for your cooperation as you kindly assist our children to complete these assignments by the end of the holiday. Details provided in the appendix.

COMING ATTRACTIONS IN BLOOM TERM - INTERNATIONAL DAY 2024

The International Day is a unique learning event designed to promote intercultural learning. It's friendly competition-style format encourages team work, individual engagement and research skills in the students as they take us on an exciting journey of the sights, sounds and values of our world. Countries being depicted by respective grades are:

Grade 7 – Korea Grade 8 – India



Grade 9 – Saudi Arabia Grade 10 – Brazil Grade 11 – Ghana Grade 12 - China

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

On behalf of School management, 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

- Uniform, Hair and Shoes

Parents/guardians should please ensure that their children/wards return to school dressed in their school uniform. Hair should be cut evenly low (boys) and should be braided neatly using black attachment only and of shoulder length (girls). School shoes must be black and regular leather only, not black sneakers please.

We trust that we can count on your support in this regard. Blue jeans used for Friday sports should be denim blue colour, not stone-washed or faded. Baggy bottoms and cropped jeans are also not allowed.

- 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).

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 can be an orderly, safe, healthy and happy one where all students can thrive and flourish.

Spiritual Development

Raising students to be patterned after the image of the Lord takes God's mercy. We are therefore grateful to Him for His transforming grace at work in the lives of our students. All efforts are focused on bringing them up in the fear of God and we have great expectations and hope that the gospel of Christ will bring more transformation into their lives

Please help to supervise them so that they spend, as a daily habit, time in prayer and in reading their bibles.

We wish all our students a safe trip 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