



LIFEFORTE INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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.



14TH JULY, 2023

HARVEST TERM NEWSLETTER, 2023

KEY FACTS TO NOTE:

- Valedictory Service 2023
- CEO - Grade 11, 12 & A level parents meeting
- Singapore 2023
- Selection of subjects - Incoming Grades 9 & 10 students
- Oct/Nov 2023 Cambridge Exam Registration - A Level class & Grade 12
- Holiday Assignment 2023

2023/24 SESSION: GENESIS (1ST TERM) BEGINS - 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Pastors (Drs) Olubi and Sarah Johnson, we would like to thank you all for your support during the 2022/23 school year. We have come full circle again and it's the end of another academic year. It has been our pleasure and privilege to meet new parents and welcome new and returning students and their families. We appreciate your choosing Lifeforte and look forward to engaging with you further in the coming session as we continue with this partnership to educate our children.

We want to heartily congratulate our dear CEO, Dr. Sarah Johnson, for a very successful and inspirational completion of her tenure (2021-2023) as the first person of colour and woman representative for Sub-Saharan Africa on the Cambridge International Education Advisory Board.

We have seen some truly amazing work from students and staff reflecting our core values of character, advance and excellence. It has been a privilege to see our students tackle head on and overcome challenges they have been faced with. This growth on a personal as well as community level is heartwarming and encourages us to keep reaching for more now and in the future.

We are deeply grateful to our Faithful Triune God for all His help even as we continue to look to Him who is our Hope for the future. Our warm appreciation also goes to our dear and dedicated staff for the commitment and hard work demonstrated in going the extra mile to achieve the gains made and targets we have been able to exceed.

The holidays are here and while it is perfectly fine for us to give our children the space to 'let down their hair' we strongly encourage you to take a keen and watchful interest in how they choose to entertain themselves especially online.

It's time to take a well-deserved break and from us all at Lifeforte, we wish you all a lovely summer holiday.

Lifeforte family.



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FROM: THE PRINCIPAL RESUMPTION

The Harvest term holiday begins today, Friday 14th July 2023. The 2023/2024 session begins on Saturday 2nd September 2023 for all new students and those in Grades 7, 8 and Pre-High. Students in Grades 9 to A levels are expected back in school on Sunday September 3rd 2023. Parents are reminded to help ensure that their children resume on the date stated for their grade. Thank you for working with us to instil our core value of responsibility of which punctuality is a vital part.

PROGRESS REPORT

At Lifeforte, teachers and staff that support the curriculum actively monitor student progress and take care to understand and support the students as individual learners. We strongly encourage our parents to be actively involved in their children's learning as well by going through their reports, scripts and notes. Reports about each student's progress and achievement are routinely sent 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 into the next grade. The school through the Principal Mrs Grace Aina (principal@lifeforte.com) and Director of Mentoring and Child Support Dr Kunle Sokoya (0805 226 4640) will be pleased to discuss or address any concerns you may have regarding your child's work.

For Grade 9 students, the results of the Cambridge Checkpoint and IJSCE (after processing and validation) will be sent in August.

VALEDICTORY SERVICE 2023

The ceremony in honour of the O and A level graduating class of 2023 took place on 17th June, 2023. It was a beautiful occasion as parents, family members and staff of the school attended in good numbers to celebrate the students for their achievement as a graduating class and for various individual character and academic accomplishments recognised by the school and by the British Council Cambridge Outstanding Learner initiative.

Our CEO – Dr Sarah Johnson urged the students to see themselves 'as the best that God has saved for the last' using the story of the wedding in Cana of Galilee to impart a strong sense of destiny. As a new dawn arises for them, she charged them to embrace opportunities to keep learning in order to keep up with the demands of a rapidly changing world. Our Chairman – Pst (Dr) Olubi Johnson urged the graduating class to maintain that sense of destiny and face the future with the truth 'greater is He that is in me than He that is in the world'.

The Head Girl Divine Agada, in her speech, took the core values of the school CREATE a step further by adding a D drawing a parallel between the truth that "in the beginning God created" and our core values CREATE with a D for 'diligence'. According to her, CREATE with diligence will enable Lifefortians build their future of greatness.

Our thanks, continued well wishes and appreciation goes to all our parents for their demonstrated love for the school and goodwill. We also want to thank Dr Segun Oso and Mrs Oghale Ojeaburu for their gracious and stirring speeches revealing the depth of the positive impact the school has had on their children.

SINGAPORE 2023

Our school tour destination this year is the exciting island nation of Singapore! We look forward to what promises to be an unforgettable trip in the first two week of December – visiting the ArtScience Museum, exploring Marina Bay Sands, rubbing minds with Singaporean students, chilling on the beaches of the Sentosa, checking out Universal Studios and so much more!!! Give your child this opportunity to learn about, experience and explore first-hand the world around them.

For more details, please call +2348023017324 (Mrs Adesiyen) or +2348052264640 (Dr Sokoya).



VISITING DAY

We appreciate the co-operation of our parents with the changes we have made to the venue of visiting. It is our duty as a school to continue to ensure that wherever the venue, we maintain a calm and friendly atmosphere, our students conduct themselves properly and that all things are done with due order. We crave your indulgence to support us in the following:

- Parents can visit their children from 10am and the day officially ends by 5pm. Parents are welcome to stay as long as they wish within those hours. Students will be taken back to their hostel once their parents leave. We will not encourage a student staying on to visit with another family.
- Parents who are unable to come should kindly notify the school office of any arrangements they have made regarding their children well ahead of the day.
- Requests for a student to be visited by another family should only come from the parents of that student and should be made directly to the office.
- Please do not encourage your child's request that another student visit with them except the relationship is a familial one known to the school.
- Food, drinks and snack items should be brought in moderation. Just enough for your child/children to eat at one sitting.

FROM: CURRICULUM & STUDIES DEPARTMENT

CEO MEETING WITH PARENTS OF GRADES 11 and 12

We would like to invite parents of students in Grades 11, 12 and A levels to a meeting with our CEO, Dr Sarah Johnson to discuss 'what next' for their child/children. The tentative plan is to hold this during Genesis term 2023. Details will be announced shortly after resumption to enable parents plan ahead. Please keep this in mind and make it a date with us.

SELECTION OF SUBJECTS FOR GRADES 9 AND 10

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 email for this purpose and should be completed before resumption and handed in on resumption.

Incoming Grade 10

- Subject selection for Grade 10 will be done on resumption in accordance with the student's performance in the Cambridge Checkpoint/IJSCE. The curriculum/subject selection forms will be sent by email to concerned parents in due course.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2023 CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATION REGISTRATION

This is to inform parents of grade 11 students (progressing to grade 12) that registration for the Oct/Nov examination has commenced. Sample registration forms were given to students earlier to be filled in with their subject choices after consultation with their parents. These have been returned for processing and emails will be sent shortly to all parents concerned to communicate the registration details and exam fees payable.

Please note that the feedback from this exam is vital for the school's academic purposes. Consequently, results of this exam will be made available when the student graduates in 2024. The deadline for payment of exam fee is 5th August 2023. 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 United Kingdom, United States, Canada and Nigeria. The Lifeforte International Early Decision (ED) programme is an accelerated Advanced level course which allows students complete the standard 2 year course in 18 months. The course begins in the third term of 12th grade.

The success of this programme is proven by our outstanding October/November AS results (please visit our website- www.lifeforte.org) and in the resilience it has been shown to build in the students as well as the capacity to work successfully under pressure.



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 student in the ED program).

The ED program for the class of 2024 will resume on 1st August, 2023. The students will begin intensive preparations towards their AS exams in October/November 2023.

We strongly encourage parents of Grade 11 students to consider this most beneficial option for their children. For more information, please contact us on 08057057811 (Mrs. Ariyo), 08052261433 (Mr. Babatunji Oduntan) or email us at lifeforte@lifeforte.com

HOLIDAY LEARNING

As the reverse is true for the time worn cliché 'all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy', we have put together a combination of assignments, projects and schedules to keep our students' minds honed. Our aim is for learning to continue but in such a way that encourages the development of soft skills and innovative thinking. Holiday learning is a combination of tasks made up of self-regulated classes, projects and club activities. The self-regulated classes will take place online using Seneca. Seneca online is an engaging and interactive learning and revision platform that includes explanatory notes, active learning exercises, videos and assessments. Login details have been handed over to students and will also be re-sent by email along with their results for the term.

Details of the assignments are in the appendix. We enjoin parents to help ensure they are completed over the holidays. Thank you for your support.

CO-CURRICULAR LEARNING

This half term, our tradition of providing our students with stimulating out of class learning continued with activities designed to strengthen their collaborative, communicative and critical thinking skills. Junior Spelling bees, a Math quiz took place with a special presentation on "Learning is Fun" to inspire our students to 'catch the bug' of life-long learning!

The News remained very popular and vibrant especially when a special topic was introduced for debate "Is it time for Nigerians to own guns for self-defence against incessant armed violence?" As we prepared for Promotion exams, a series of 'how to get A*' presentations in various subjects was shared by seniors with proven record of excellence in particular subjects. The highlight was the presentation by the graduating Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award winners who spoke on "How To Sustain and Improve on this Legacy".

Please see the appendix for highlights.

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. We highly appreciate your partnership, patronage and support.



PASTORAL MATTERS

At Lifeforte we recognise that safeguarding our students is a collective responsibility. Currently we are in the process of reviewing our policy and refining our practices where safeguarding is concerned. A draft will be shared later with our constituents for their input. To further this end, a safeguarding policy development seminar was held in the course of the term. More details will be provided in due course.

We encourage you to personally monitor and be interested in your child/children's activities while at home. Please encourage them strongly in daily prayer, Bible reading and fellowship.

Love from us all – Lifeforte Family

Mrs. Grace Aina
Principal