

# **International Baccalaureate Diploma Program News (6<sup>th</sup> Form) – February 2010**

## **Mock Exams**

The year 13 students (IB2) have completed their mock exams and are now reflecting on the results. The mock exams provide students with a valuable insight into the rigorous exam timetable that will follow in May. It also enables students to understand their weaknesses and focus their revision in order to achieve the results they need to move onto their chosen university.

Based on their reflection, each student has put together an individual learning plan with specific targets to be reached during the final 8 weeks of their study time here at BSL. We have put together a program of workshops based on students' needs and the wide range of abilities amongst the teaching staff. The workshops will cover topics such as 'making effective flash revision cards', 'exam preparation' and 'managing stress'. The purpose is to enable students to enter the exam room fully prepared, calm, focused and confident.

## **University Applications**

All year 13 students have completed their university applications and are eagerly awaiting their offers. The majority have applied to UK universities and a small number have applied to universities in Canada. The offers they receive will help them formulate their learning plans and focus their revision. This is a very exciting and yet tense time for year 13. It can be a time of great joy as they realize that all of their hard work has paid off, unfortunately it can also be a time of great stress for the small number of students who maybe didn't do so well in their mocks. These students need extra support and guidance in order to remain positive and focused. Here at BSL we are very proud of our pastoral system and have every confidence that we have systems in place to enable students to succeed.

## **Education UK Exhibition 2010 – Ghana**

Year 12 students spent the weekend in Ghana recently visiting the Education UK Exhibition in Accra. Over 30 UK universities attended, and this provided a fantastic opportunity for the year 12's to ask questions and find out more about the universities they may be considering. Attending the exhibition has enabled the students to begin thinking about university applications in preparation for next year. Investigations undertaken now will speed up the filtering process on the decision making timeline and free up time for students to focus on their personal statements.



A wonderful time was had by all.....

## **Peer Mentor Program**

The program has undergone its first evaluation. The younger students are very positive about their mentors and feel that the program has made a difference to their lives in BSL. Feedback from teaching staff has also been positive and some have seen a marked improvement in attitudes towards learning. The mentors have commented on the development of their own social and interpersonal skills and how the program has given them a better understanding of some of the wider issues within the school.

## **Junior Achievement – Company program**



Year 12 students are taking part in the Junior Achievement Company Program. JA is the International arm of Young Enterprise and has recently opened an office here in Togo. We are very proud to be a part of this program and look forward to hosting the celebration dinner at the end of the academic year. This is an opportunity for all young people involved in the program to get together, display their 'business', make new friends and celebrate success.

## **Graduation 2010**

Plans are well under way for Graduation 2010. This is a huge event for year 13 students here at BSL as they celebrate their achievements in the company of their peers, family and teachers. It is often an emotional time but one that fills us with great pride. The musical entertainment for Graduation 2010 will be performed by BSL students. The event takes place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 10.00am and is followed by 'music and lunch on the lawn', a less formal opportunity to congratulate each other and say goodbye.

## **Prom 2010**

Graduation is always followed by Prom. The theme this year is 'Caribbean' and the prom team are busy fundraising. Prom 2010 will take place in a newly built hotel within close proximity of BSL. The menu has been organized and dresses have been ordered.....watch this space.

And finally .....

## **Recruitment 2010**

Recruitment is well under way for the new IB1 cohort. The marketing team recently visited Nigeria and an open evening for year 11 parents was held in the main hall here at BSL. Both events were a success and numbers are looking very strong for 2010. Any student wishing to apply should in the first instance contact the headteacher at [headteacher@bsl.tg](mailto:headteacher@bsl.tg). An application form will be forwarded and you will be invited to book an entrance test.

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