

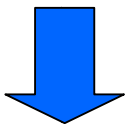
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# The British School of Lomé

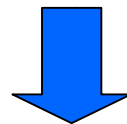
# BSL BUZZ

# Welcome Back!

A warm welcome to all members of the school community to a new school year here at BSL! As you will see, many improvements have been made over the summer break which will enhance your child's experience at the British School of Lomé.



**The ICT Lab gets a makeover!**



**The return of an old icon of BSL!**



We have totally renovated and upgraded our main school ICT lab. The lab now holds 25 computers and an interactive white board. We have also installed 26 digital projectors across the school. All primary classes have one and most secondary classrooms. The projectors will dramatically enhance already great teaching and learning at BSL and really brings us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

After much petitioning an old icon of BSL has now returned! The giant chess board expands our 'play area' and has been donated by our community project Tracks as part of our in-school community development projects. Last year Tracks donated 500,000CFA to the school Library to buy educational resources.

The learning support and ESL department has been expanded both in terms of classroom space, resources and staffing. For the first time both the Primary and the Secondary schools have full time ESL and learning support staff who are ready to support students in achieving their potential here at BSL. One of our mathematics classrooms has also been refurbished to create a significantly better teaching space.



**Our New Community Notice Board**



**26 digital projectors went up around school over the holiday. That's nearly one in every classroom!**

We have also upgraded our school uniform including new polo shirts for both the Primary and Secondary schools with the embroidered school crest and fantastic new PE shirts in all new house colours. New uniforms are available from the school uniform shop at reception. Old uniforms may be worn until October half term when they must be replaced with the new uniform.

Other smaller improvements include a community notice board and community bike racks!

The school football pitch which desperately needs recovering will have new astroturf in the next few months as soon as it finds its way here from China!

As you can see, BSL has made many improvements over the summer that will enrich your child's education. We all look forward to a great year!

**Empowering Learners  
Excelling Through Life  
Every Child Matters  
Empathy For Others  
Enriching Lives  
Excellence**

# A Warm Welcome to Our New Staff at BSL!



Helen Bowen joins us from Sudan as the Head of the Creative Arts Department. She will teach Drama, Theatre Studies and English.



After a short break in Ghana, Kris Ayree rejoins the school as a popular Physical Education teacher.



Lynette Pelzer-Zikpi joins the Primary School from the USA. She will be teaching Year 1.



Julia Austin Elo joins the Primary School from the USA. She will be teaching the Reception class.



Lis Fogt from the USA is joining the school as both our Librarian and as an English teacher.



Esther Gaglo is joining the growing Learning Support Department as a part time ESL teacher.



# Important Changes in Responsibilities at BSL!

Dear Parents,

There have been many changes to the structure of the school this year that you need to know about so you can contact the right person for specific information. Staff contact details can be found on our website.



**Mr. Guy Colborne**  
Headteacher and  
International Award  
Coordinator



**Mr. John McGuinness**  
Deputy Head and  
Head of Secondary



**Ms. Alice Schreyer**  
Head of Primary



**Mr. Emmanuel Botchway**  
Head of Boarding and  
Mathematics teacher



**Mr. Philip Smith**  
International Baccalaureate  
Coordinator and  
Head of Mathematics



**Ms. Martha McGuinness**  
School Careers Counsellor  
and University Applications

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**Ms. Sarah Fuchs**  
Secondary Curriculum  
Coordinator and  
Head of English



**Ms. Lindsey Spence**  
Athletics Director and  
Secondary Extra Curricular  
Activities Coordinator



**Ms. Kim Deditch**  
Primary Pastoral  
Coordinator



**Ms. Stephanie Brownbridge**  
Primary Learning Support  
and ESL Coordinator and  
Extra Curricular Activities  
and Service Coordinator



**Ms. Lucy Licence**  
Secondary Learning  
Support and  
ESL Coordinator



**Mr. Ernest Dagbovie**  
Community Development  
Officer and CAS and  
Secondary Service  
Coordinator

# Get Involved!

Make sure that your child makes the most of the opportunities available to him or her at BSL this year. As well as a rigorous academic programme we offer unparalleled enrichment activities to enhance the education and development of the whole child. What many people forget is that universities accept students based on both academic grades AND the character and achievements of the applicants! Get involved!



BSL offers both the Bronze and Silver International Awards

## After School and Weekend Clubs

BSL offers lots of creative and active after school enrichment activities



Get involved in BSL's service in the community projects!



Learn about protecting the environment in BSL's Eco Council



Get involved in this new award at BSL which recognises leadership, environmental action and service.

# Enriching Lives!



Learn a musical instrument with our private after school music lessons



## Week Without Walls

## The Performing Arts

Learn a musical instrument or unleash your acting talent and perform on the stage at one of our performance nights!



Join a sports club and play for BSL Lions in fixtures and tournaments!

## The Student Councils

Join the student, prefect or boarding councils and practise those leadership skills.



# Private Music Lessons



The Music Department would like to announce that private instrumental music lessons will be commencing as of Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> August. We offer tuition in piano, acoustic and electric guitar, electric bass, drums, saxophone, trumpet and flute. All lessons are one-on-one. If your child would like to take lessons in one or more of these instruments please see Mr. Kay for the relevant information regarding timetabling and costing, or have your child collect a registration form that contains all of the pertinent information from the Music room.

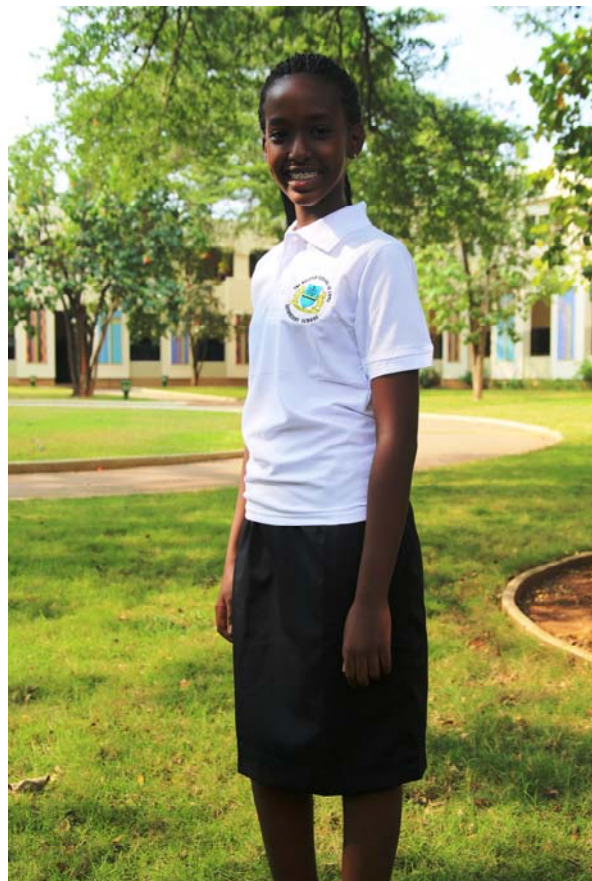
The Music Department is also pleased to announce that it will be recommending the London College of Music Examinations for performance, both instrumental and vocal, and also theory.

For more information on this please email Mr. Kay at [michael.kay@bsl.tg](mailto:michael.kay@bsl.tg)



# BSL New School Uniform

Our new school uniform is on sale now! The new polo shirts with the embroidered school crest, the new PE Shirts and trousers, shorts and skirts are all available now from the school uniform shop.



Please note that we are replacing the blue and white striped dresses, blouses and skirts for girls. The old uniform maybe worn to school until October half term 2015 when it must be replaced with the new uniform.

<b>Primary Girls</b>	<b>Costs from school uniform shop</b>
Pale blue polo shirt with school logo embroidered on it	6000cfa
Pale blue button up shirt with school logo embroidered on it	6000cfa
Blue 'skorts' (shorts with a skirt front) or blue shorts	10,000cfa/5000cfa
White, navy blue or black socks/tights	-
Navy blue sweater or cardigan	10,000cfa
Shoes –black or navy-blue closed-toed shoes or black or white sports shoes.	-
<b>Primary Boys</b>	-
Pale blue polo shirt with school logo embroidered on it	6000cfa
Pale blue button up shirt	6000cfa
Blue shorts	5000cfa



White, navy blue or black socks	-
Navy blue sweater	-
Shoes – black or navy-blue closed-toed shoes or black or white sports shoes.	-
<b>Primary Sports Kit</b>	
PE T-Shirt in house colours (Please check if your child is a Caracal or a Cheetah before purchasing)	5000cfa
Navy blue shorts (elastic waist)	3000cfa
Standard swimming costume	-
Sports shoes (black or white) and a change of socks	-
Hat or Cap	

<b>Secondary Girls</b>	<b>Costs</b>
White Polo Shirt with embroidered school crest	6000cfa
Navy A-Line skirt or navy blue tailored trousers	6500cfa
Black, brown or navy leather shoes with white, navy blue or black socks	-
Plain, knitted navy cardigan or jumper	10,000cfa
Navy blue or black hair band	-
<b>Secondary Boys</b>	-
White Polo Shirt with embroidered school crest	6000cfa
Navy blue tailored trousers	6500cfa
Black, brown or navy leather shoes with navy blue or black socks	-
Plain, knitted navy blue jumper	10,000cfa
<b>Secondary Sports Kit</b>	-
PE T-Shirt in house colours (Please check if your child is a Caracal or a Cheetah before purchasing)	6000cfa
Navy blue PE shorts	3000cfa
Sport trainers	-
Standard swimming costume	-

### **New PE and House T-Shirts**

We are also replacing the current house system with two new houses the 'Caracals' (a blue T-Shirt) and the 'Cheetahs' (a yellow T-Shirt). These T-Shirts must be used for PE and house events. Students will be organised into their houses early in the new school year. PE kits will be available to buy from the school uniform shop in August 2015. Please note that the original price for these T-Shirts of 3000CFA has changed to 5000CFA for Primary and 6000CFA for secondary. The original T-Shirts were simply not good enough quality so we have upgraded to a better quality product.

### **IB Students**

IB students' school uniform will remain the same as before although all IB students will need to purchase a sports/house T-Shirt.



# Tracks and International Weekend

Our annual celebration of internationalism, culture and fun will take place this year from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November to Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2015. International Weekend is one of the highlights of our school year where the school community comes together to enjoy colourful performances and inspiring speeches, to savour exotic foods and, of course, to raise funds for our community project Tracks. Tracks has achieved much in the past four years including refurbishing a hospital, supporting a local orphanage with food, medicines and toys, and supplying hearing aids to a number of deaf children in Lomé. Tracks also supports in-school improvement including donating 500,000CFA to the school Library and creating the new giant chess board!

## We need your help!

### TRACKS JUMBLE SALE!

TRACKS will be organising a Jumble Sale (Yard Sale/Flea Market) during the International Weekend Fete. If you have any old books, DVDs, games and toys that we can sell during the fete please donate them at the school reception. Old clothes and shoes can also be donated however these items will be given directly to our service projects and not sold. Thank you in advance!

### TRACKS RAFFLE!

Raffle Tickets will be on sale during the various International Weekend events with some amazing prizes including at least one flight to Europe! If parents would like to donate raffle prizes, please see Mr Colborne, Ms Brownbridge, Mr Dagbovie or Ms Licence as soon as possible. Many thanks for your help!

### PARENTS AND NGOs STALLS


At the International Weekend fete the students set up game and food stalls linked to a particular country. Parents are invited to set up their own stalls if they wish although the aim should be to raise money for the school community projects. NGOs or other local charity organisations are also invited to join the event and are welcome to keep their profits.



# Up-Coming Events at BSL!

1. Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2015: Boarding Houses Open
2. Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2015: School Opens
3. Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: Primary Parents Information afternoon
4. Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September: Primary Family Quiz Night
5. Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September: International Award Bronze and Silver Expedition
6. Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September: Peace One Day
7. Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September: House Events
8. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October: International Award Bronze and Silver Expedition
9. Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October: World Mental Health Day
10. Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: Half Term Holiday
11. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2015: International Weekend

Please note: After School activities will start for both primary and secondary students on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

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The full school calendar can be downloaded from our website along with lots of other information about the school.



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