



Weekly Update

13th Marc 2026

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to confirm that registration for our **BSL Summer Schools** is now open. This year, there will be truly something for everyone, with our usual English Language Institute (ELI) Summer School and Primary section Explorers Summer Schools running as usual. For the first time, we also welcome an external company to run innovative AI-focused Summer Schools, which we hope may be of interest for our older students.

Leaflets were sent home to students in the Primary Section within the last two weeks, which include a link to our [Summer Schools Website \(bsl.tg/summer-school\)](https://bsl.tg/summer-school), where you will find lots of further information. Secondary students and parents can pick up leaflets from Reception or the ELI. Please sign up soon, to avoid disappointment!

Tomorrow (Saturday 14th March) is our annual March Madness event. Please see below for further information. After our STEM week this week, our co-curricular extravaganza continues in March with the Community Arts Week and culminates with the Secondary Drama production 'Hairspray' shortly before the end of term. It is an exceptionally busy, and also an exceptionally rewarding month for all concerned - and we do hope you will be able to join us.

We wish you a very pleasant weekend.

With best wishes,

Tom Vignoles
Head of School
The British School of Lomé

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Whole School



We are delighted to reconfirm the invitation to Saturday's annual March Madness sports tournament (Saturday 14th March), for what is always one of the community highlights of the year.

Our students will be competing against international schools of similar standing in Lomé in the traditional games of Football and Basketball. To supplement these physical activities, there will be Team Chess going on as well! Whilst this is mainly a Secondary Section event, some of our younger participants are talented and gifted athletes selected from our Primary School, whose sporting talents are clear.

Please join us in giving our visiting schools a very warm welcome to BSL. This year, we welcome four other schools to compete with our own athletes: Ecole Arc-en-Ciel, Lycee Francais de Lomé, Ecole International Mariam and the Canadian International School of Lomé.

The reporting time for teams is 07:30, with the Opening Ceremony taking place at 08:15. After that, the tournaments will begin, with games taking place in a tournament format.

Approximate start times are as follows, but please note that these may be adjusted on the day if other events are running ahead or behind schedule - so it is essential that all team players are ready to participate well in advance of these timings.

08:45.....Junior Boys' Football (U13) and Junior Boys' Basketball (U16)
09:00.....Team Chess tournament commences
10:45.....Senior Boys' Football (U18)
11:30.....Junior Mixed Teams Basketball (U12)
13:30.....Senior Girls' Basketball (U18)
17:00.....Awards Ceremony

A number of vendors will be present on site, to cater for your food and drink needs throughout the day. Please remind your children to wear sunscreen and to stay hydrated.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow onsite!

Whole School

Community Arts Week – Monday 16th to Thursday 19th March

The BSL Community Arts Week is a formal school program that celebrates our students and their ingenious artistic creations. Inspired by Henri Matisse's Open Window series, this vibrant week will celebrate creativity and artistic expression. Students will explore visual arts, performance, and collaborative projects, connecting with the wider community through shared creativity.

During the Community Arts Week, we exhibit works created by students and staff from the primary and secondary areas. We would be delighted to welcome you from Monday 16th March through to Thursday 19th March around the school, to come and see works on display, from 8:30am-4:30pm. Entry is free and you are welcome to visit with family and friends.

Secondary Drama Production: Hairspray – Friday 27th March

We will be delighted to welcome you to join the audience for Hairspray, our Secondary Drama Production. The performance for parents and guests will take place at 6pm on Friday 27th March. For ticket prices and more information, see our [Hairspray Poster](#).

It is always such a great pleasure for the school, and for our students, when parents are able to join us for special events. We look forward to seeing you soon!

DRAFT CALENDAR – 2026–2027

A reminder of the [Draft BSL Calendar for 2026–2027](#). At this stage, public holidays for the next academic year have not yet been officially confirmed, therefore it is still possible that changes to our calendar may occur at a later date.

Whole School Looking ahead

Saturday 14th March – 'March Madness' Sporting Weekend

Monday 16th to Thursday 19th March – Community Arts Week

Friday 27th March – Hairspray (Secondary Drama Production)

Friday 3rd April – End of Term (half day)



Primary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The past two weeks have been wonderfully exciting, engaging, and full of learning opportunities for our children.

Book Week

Last week, our theme was books and literacy. Children immersed themselves in stories both new and old—reading poems, sharing books with friends in other classes, and even reading aloud to their parents. One of the highlights was seeing the children dress up as their favourite book characters, bringing beloved stories to life. As Dr. Seuss reminds us: *“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”*

STEM Week

This week has been dedicated to STEM, sparking curiosity and encouraging children to ask questions and explore through experiments. A particular highlight was visiting the Secondary Science labs, where our KS3 students proudly demonstrated their knowledge and experiments. It was inspiring to see our younger learners so engaged with science in action.

Reception Trip to Lomé University Farm

I have just returned from a delightful trip with our Reception class to Lomé University Farm. The children were thrilled to see sheep, goats, cows, ducks, and chickens up close. They also explored the wide variety of fruits and vegetables grown there and learned about the irrigation systems that help them flourish. It was truly an experience to remember.

Looking Ahead: Community Art Week

Next week, we look forward to our Community Art Week. The whole school has been involved in producing artwork, and we warmly invite you to drop in and see the creativity on display.

We could not achieve all of this without your support. Thank you for your continued collaboration in making our school such a vibrant and inspiring place for our children.

Kind regards,

Gareth Jones
Head of Primary

Judith Opiyo
Assistant Head of Primary



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Secondary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move further into the term, it has been wonderful to see the energy and engagement across the Secondary school. Over the past few weeks students have been completing their in-class assessments as part of their normal learning. These assessments have taken a variety of forms including presentations, projects, practical work and written tasks. This approach allows students to demonstrate their understanding in different ways and helps teachers build a richer picture of their progress than traditional tests alone.

It is also an important moment for our Year 9 and Year 11 students, who are beginning to make their initial subject choices. These decisions mark the first steps towards a more defined academic pathway as they start to consider their interests, strengths and future aspirations.

Beyond the classroom, preparations are well underway for our upcoming events. Students have been training hard in sports and chess as we look ahead to March Madness, while the Creative Arts department is busy finalising pieces for Art Week, which promises to showcase the impressive creativity of our students.

We would also like to say how proud we are of our Year 7 to Year 9 students who volunteered to become STEM leaders this term. They stepped confidently into leadership roles to work with Mr Snell, the Head of Science Department to plan and deliver STEM activities for our Primary classes. They showed both initiative and enthusiasm.

Amid everything that is happening around us, students within our Muslim community have remained steadfast in observing their period of fasting. With dedication and faith, they have continued this important spiritual practice and will soon be completing it next week. The exact date of Eid-al-Fitr will be confirmed and shared with you once it is officially determined. As members of our community approach the final days of this meaningful journey, may this remaining time of fasting bring continued strength, reflection, and peace.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and of your children's learning.

Warm regards,

Francis E. Anquandah
Assistant Head (Academic)

Jane Snell
IBDP and Learning Development

Secondary School

Scholarships Opening Doors

The Class of 2026 has already been offered US\$342,000 (≈194 million CFA) in university scholarships – a powerful recognition of their hard work, ambition and potential.

These awards are helping open doors to universities around the world, making global education more accessible for our students and their families.



Admissions timelines vary by country, and some application portals are only just opening. As more applications are submitted, we hope to see this total continue to grow. A fantastic achievement so far – and the journey is far from over.

Key Dates

The latest version of our Key Dates for Parents is [HERE](#). Other Key Dates for this academic year will be shared at a later date, once they are finalised.