



Weekly Update

18th September 2026

Dear Parents,

Everything we do must be sustainable – and next week is our Sustainability Week at BSL.

Sustainability can mean many different things. However, globally, the word 'sustainable' has become strongly associated with environmental sustainability. In this technological age, the modern human race has perhaps understood less well than our distant ancestors that our planet's resources are finite, not infinite. As the world wrestles with global issues such as climate change, famine, and poverty, it is more important than ever that we educate our children – the leaders of the future – to respect environmental sustainability.

We therefore introduce our official BSL Community Goal for 2026–2027, to:

Rapidly install a substantial number of solar panels at BSL.



At this time when the world is experiencing a number of energy shocks, we must do everything we can to become self-sufficient for our energy needs. We are all increasingly short of energy: we know that our school generator is insufficient for modern energy usage across the school, and is also approaching the end of its working life. Lomé is blessed with considerable annual sunshine, and we have a significant amount of roof space which can be utilised. Therefore, when investing for the future, we would prefer to invest in sustainable energy, rather than in fossil fuel energy.

Solar panels have the potential to save electricity costs in the long-term, ensuring school funds are available for other projects, and we would like to rapidly install a significant number of solar panels at BSL. However, we can only rapidly advance this with help from the wider BSL Community. We hope that our community will choose to support us with this initiative, perhaps through awareness-raising, identifying potential community partners and/or fund-raising activities.

We are sure that our students will also be big champions of this project! Environmentalism is a pillar of our Round Square ethos, and many students already select sustainability projects as their areas of focus for CAS, DoE or other community projects. Next week at BSL, we will be sharing information about this project with our students – and we are certain that they will engage strongly to support us in any way they can.

The future is bright at BSL!

With best wishes,

Tom Vignoles
Head of School
The British School of Lomé



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BSL SUSTAINABILITY WEEK – Saturday 19th to Friday 25th September

Saturday 19th September – join the global community to take action for World Cleanup and International Coastal Cleanup Day.

Families should register with Let's Do It! Who are hosting the event and will provide more information to participants – [here is the online registration form](#)

Appt. - 19/09/2026
Beach Front of Hôtel de la Paix
06.30am



Monday 21st to Friday 25th – Sustainability Week in school

The week in school will have a daily challenge, which we hope families will join in with at home and in their work places.

Lessons across school will have a sustainability focus such as learning how to save water when washing hands and teeth, sustainable energy debates, junk modelling, making ecobricks, and evaluating the sustainability of different settlements globally.

The week will end with a mufti (non-uniform) day when all members of the school community are encouraged to wear green to represent sustainability, or white in recognition of the International Day of Peace. Students should still be appropriately dressed for a day at school including closed in shoes or trainers.

Visitors, teachers, and students will lead activities or showcase their knowledge at lunchtimes to further spread a message of sustainability.

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Sustainability Week

As a whole school community, we are also launching our BSL Community Goal 2026-2027 for the rapid installation of solar panels at BSL, to ensure the sustainability of our energy supply for the future, and help to reduce our pressure on the Togolese energy network.



SUSTAINABILITY WEEK

21 - 25 September 2026

Throughout the week, we'll take part in a range of fun, engaging activities and events to explore sustainability, raise awareness of how it affects our lives and our planet, and discover the positive changes we can make together.

We would love to have you join us! if you are interested in running or assisting with an activity, Q&A or a workshop, please contact our Cocurricular Team.

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BSL SUSTAINABILITY WEEK PRESENTS

A NETFLIX FILM

THE BOY WHO HARNESSSED THE WIND

BASED ON THE INCREDIBLE TRUE STORY (inspired)



WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22 | 16.30-18.30

THE SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS 500 CFA OPEN TO AGES 10 +

SNACKS & DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



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Sustainability Week

Community Challenges for Sustainability Week.

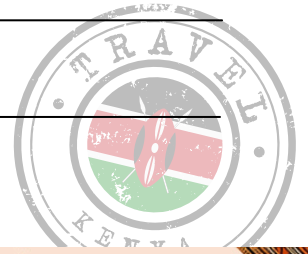
Collection points will be set up and clearly labeled on the school site.

Monday 21st	What can you do to make our school more sustainable?	Pledge Day
Tuesday 22nd	Challenge day - Bring clean empty plastic bottles for the recycling/upcycling collection	Plastic Water Bottles
Wednesday 23rd	Challenge day - Bring clean empty cans for the recycling/upcycling collection	Cans
Thursday 24th	Challenge day - Bring clean empty sachet for the recycling/upcycling collection	Water Sachets
Friday 25th	Wear green for sustainability or white for International Day of Peace	MUFTI Day 500cfa

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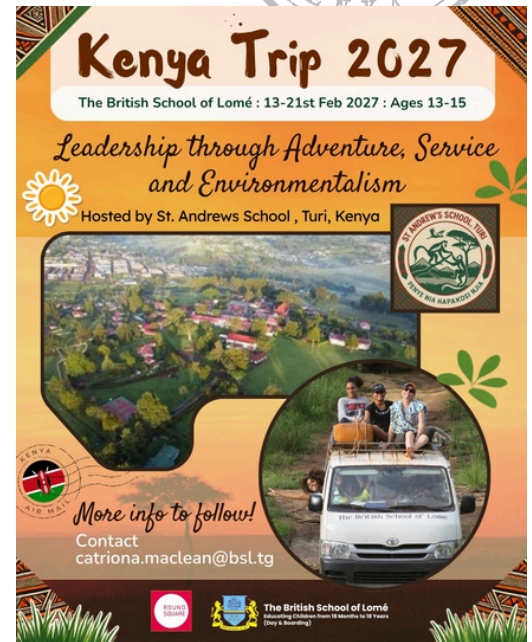
BSL Co-Curriculum



2027 Round Square International Conference Trip to Kenya

Letters were recently sent via Manageback to parents of students in Years 6–10 for the Round Square International Conference trip to St Andrews International School, Turi, Kenya, in February half term. St Andrews International School have confirmed participating schools from Ecuador, Canada, USA, UK, Germany, Ghana so we know that this will be a very special opportunity for our students to meet other like-minded students and share their experiences.

The trip is nearly full now, with just a small number of places remaining for late applicants – so please return your forms as soon as possible if your child is interested.



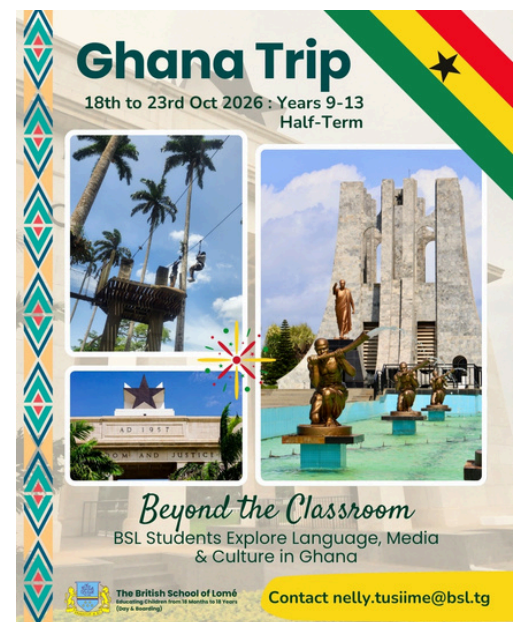
CHANGE OF DATES FOR PARIS TRIP



Following advice from our Embassy partners, we have made the decision to postpone the Paris trip until the Easter holiday. This change will also provide families with more time to complete visa applications and travel preparations. The Co-Curriculum Team is now revisiting the plans to update costs and explore the opportunities available to students during the revised dates. Further information will be shared with families soon.

Letters regarding our Ghana trip will be sent to students and parents directly via Managebac. Year 9 and up, watch out for this information dropping into your inbox!

Please look out for this in the near future.



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DELf exam dates have been released.

The MFL Department will provide more details early next week.

Primary section:

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Secondary section:

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ManageBac Access for Parents

If you need further guidance on using ManageBac, here is a link to the slides from our recent training session.

[Getting started with ManageBac+ as a parent – Sept 2027.](#)

Please reach out to our IT Team (itstaff@bsl.tg) at any time if you need any assistance in logging in or navigating ManageBac.

Lunch Menu

Here is the lunch menu for [August and September](#).

BSL Calendar – 2026–2027

Here is our [BSL Calendar for 2026–2027](#). Please note that some public holidays have not yet been officially confirmed, so further minor changes could still be possible.

Parent Handbook

Here is a link to our [BSL Parent Handbook](#). Further information can also be found on the [BSL Website](#), including the current list of [Educational Staff](#).

Whole School Looking Ahead

21st to 25th September – Sustainability Week

Thursday 29th October – Open House at BSL

Saturday 14th November – International Weekend Community Event



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Primary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Another week has flown by, and it has been wonderful to see our children so engaged in their After School Activities—from sports to cooking, drama, art, and much more. Their enthusiasm for such a diverse range of experiences is truly inspiring.

As you know, we celebrate birthdays each week in assembly by singing Happy Birthday to those students. If you would like your child to mark their birthday with a small classroom celebration, please note the following guidelines:

1. **Advance notice** – Inform the teacher at least two days beforehand.
2. **Simple party** – Cake and juice only. Cupcakes are preferred; if bringing a cake to cut, parents must do so themselves. Please ensure cakes take into account food allergies. Drinks should be juice or water (no fizzy drinks).
3. **Timing** – Celebrations should be agreed with the teacher and held at the end of the day, during the last 20 minutes, preferably on a Friday.
4. **No goody bags** – We discourage gifts or bags for all students, as this can become competitive.

These rules help ensure celebrations remain respectful, safe, and do not disrupt learning.

Today's assembly was led by Year 6, who taught us a song with a powerful message: *"When a problem comes your way, do not panic, it's OK. Take your time and think it through, there are many things to do. Work together, try your best. Put your worries to the test."*

Finally, we were delighted to introduce our new Primary Student Council, who will represent their peers and give our students a strong voice in school life.



Thank you for your continued support in helping us build a vibrant, respectful, and joyful community.

Kind regards,

Gareth Jones
Head of Primary

Judith Opiyo
Assistant Head of Primary

Secondary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you are well.

We are pleased to share that **school is running smoothly**, and the students have settled well into the rhythm of the term. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

Coming up next week is **Sustainability Week**, an opportunity for our students to explore what sustainability means in their everyday lives and to consider the practical changes we can all make to protect our environment and use our resources responsibly.

Throughout the week, students will be learning about and discussing themes including **reducing waste, recycling and upcycling, conserving water, biodiversity, sustainable energy, climate change and responsible consumption**. The aim is to move beyond simply learning about these issues and encourage students to think about the actions they can take themselves.

We hope the week will be both educational and enjoyable, while giving our students the opportunity to see that sustainability is not simply a topic studied in the classroom, but something that connects to the choices we make every day.

We would be grateful for your support with the daily challenges and recycling collections. Please ensure that any materials sent to school are **clean and safe for students to handle**.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to an engaging and purposeful week ahead.

Warm regards,

Francis E. Anquandah
Deputy Head: Academic

Jane Snell
Deputy Head: Student Development,
IB Diploma Coordinator

Key Dates

Here is our Key [Dates Calendar for 2026–2027](#). Please save the dates for key events in your schedule!

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