



Weekly Update

28th November 2025

Dear Parents,

It is a time of the academic year when people are getting tired. As we approach December, we have been in term-time mode for several months now - and we applaud the way in which our students and staff have tried to make the most of every minute of every day, maximising learning gains in so many different ways. This week has been assessment week for many students - but we remind our students and parents that the last two weeks of term are equally important for learning for the future. Please do not switch off quite yet! The festive holidays, and our hard-earned rest will come soon but please continue to make the most of every working day in the meantime.

Our staff are here to help and support our students in any way they can - and we have many staff who have an overall responsibility for the well-being of our students. Our Secondary Tutors, our Specialist Teachers, and our Primary Class Teachers and Assistants of course have a general responsibility to support the well-being of the students in their classes, as well as their academic progress. Additionally, we have:

- Our Pastoral Leaders in Secondary and our Primary SLT who have oversight of well-being in specific sections of the school;
- Our SENCO and Learning Support Department, who support students with a range of learning and language issues;
- Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) to support students with any issues that may unfortunately be more serious;
- Our University Counsellor to support students with their transitions beyond school;
- Our School Nurses to support students with any medical issues.

Please encourage your children to reach out to us at any time if they need any extra-support. We are here to support all members of our very special BSL community in any way we can.

With best wishes,

Tom Vignoles
Head of School
The British School of Lomé

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INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND

Thank you again for your contributions to our International Weekend! In case you missed our recent International Weekend Newsletter, here it is again **here**.

Congratulations to the Year 12s who coordinated the International Weekend raffle. Thank you again to our generous sponsors for the prizes that were donated, and all who purchased raffle tickets. This raised an incredible 623,035CFA which will be divided between local children's charities. We look forward to sharing details of this as it happens over the coming weeks.

A decorative banner with a string of colorful pennants in shades of pink, yellow, and teal, hanging across the page.

STAYING SAFE IN THE HEAT

In our hot climate, it is important for students to stay healthy and safe, taking every sensible measure to avoid overheating and sunburn. The school provides water, however with our commitment to sustainability, it is important that your children remember to bring reusable water bottles from home. Please also ensure that your children remember to bring hats and sunscreen, to allow them to access any periods of time outdoors.

OPEN HOUSE

We enjoyed a successful Open House event on Friday, 21st November. A big thank you to all the parents who attended. We will be running a further Open House event later in the academic year and look forward to further parents joining us.

Whole School - Looking Ahead:

Christmas Carols in Lomé Cathedral 8th December

Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

The autumn term is drawing to an end with a buzz of activities to celebrate and reflect on as a community. Kindly mark your calendars for the following key dates.

Join us for a truly unforgettable evening of entertainment for the whole family. The excitement is building for our spectacular magical night at BSL: The Primary Drama Production showing 'Aladdin' on Friday 5th December. We look forward to seeing you there to support our brilliant performers.

Click here for the poster.

The Primary Term One Reports will be sent home on **Monday, 9th December** as a summary of your child learning journey to celebrate academic progress and achievement in Term 1.

The Primary Parent Teacher Evening on **Tuesday, 10th December**. Kindly connect with your child's teacher to discuss your child's report in more detail during the discussion of their progress, and set positive goals for the new term. Booking details for the appointment slots will be sent out shortly.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to sharing these special events with you as we finish the term on a high note.

Kind regards,

Gareth Jones
Head of Primary

Judith Opiyo
Assistant Head of Primary

Primary - Looking Ahead:

Primary Drama Production - Aladdin 5th December

Primary Reports Sent Home - 9th December

Primary Parent Teacher Evening - 10th December

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Secondary School

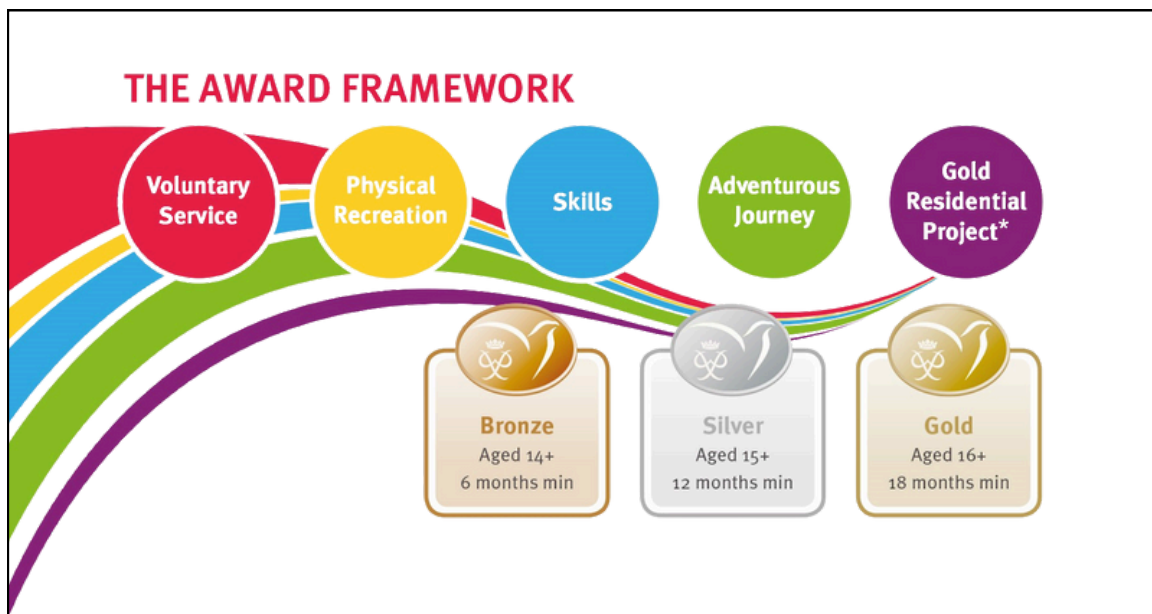
Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week our focus has been on completing the November Assessments. Students have been sitting both their in-class subject exams and the DELF language assessments, which have taken place concurrently.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Special Educational Needs and Learning Support Department for ensuring that students who required exam accommodations received the appropriate support. Also to the MFL Department for the time spent preparing students for the DELF exams, and in accompanying them to the French Institute for their assessments. We are pleased to share that the assessment period has run smoothly and that students have approached their exams with maturity and focus. These assessments not only help them build confidence and exam readiness for the future, but also provide valuable feedback that will guide our teaching and learning in the months ahead.

Looking ahead to the last week of term, we will be sending reports home for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 on Thursday 11th December. Years 11 and 13 already received their reports at the mid-term break, so parents of Years 11 and 13 are invited to join us for a face to face meeting on the same day.

Duke of Edinburgh International Award Adventurous Journey Le Mérite International de la Jeunesse - Togo



Source: The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award. "About." *The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award*, 2025, <https://intaward.org/about/>

This weekend, the Year 10 and Year 11 Bronze Award participants will travel to Kloto in the Plateaux Region to complete their practice Adventurous Journey (AJ), ahead of their assessed AJ the following weekend. Over the course of two days, students will spend 12 hours hiking and conducting research on a topic of their choice.

In preparation, each group has planned its own menus, routes, equipment lists, and risk assessments, and they will be required to remain self-sufficient throughout the assessed expedition.

We are incredibly proud of the resilience and teamwork they have demonstrated during their training sessions, and we are confident that they will enjoy the experience and create lasting memories together.



Secondary - Looking Ahead:

Secondary Parent Teacher Evening (Year 11 and 13 only) - 11th December.
The Parent Teacher Evening for other year-groups will be on Thursday 5th February.

Secondary Reports Sent Home (Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 only) - 11th December
Years 11 and 13 already received their reports earlier in the term.

Kind regards,

Francis E. Anquandah
Assistant Head (Academic)

Jane Snell
IBDP and Learning Development

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.