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Secondary School Profile 2023 -2024

Our School Community

The British School of Lomé is a private, co-educational, university-preparatory, non-sectarian, Nursery to Year 13, day and boarding school. Founded almost forty years ago, BSL serves the international business and diplomatic communities of Togo, and offers the Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. BSL faculty are highly trained, credentialed, and experienced.

The British School of Lomé occupies a beautiful campus in a prestigious, gated neighbourhood of Lomé. Facilities include modern air-conditioned classrooms, a cafeteria, a hall, four science labs, two IT labs, soccer and basketball courts, music and visual arts classrooms, and an outdoor theatre. Student boarding houses are within easy walking distance from the school, with supermarket, private gymnasium, and pool facilities available nearby. The Secondary School is located in the main campus while the primary grades are in adjacent villas. BSL Enrichment programmes include Round Square and the International Award.

Memberships and Accreditation

- A CIE accredited Test Centre (N° TG001) since 1998, BSL offers the Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education (**IGCSE**) qualification for the 14 -16 age group.
- An International Baccalaureate World School (N° 0796) since 1994, BSL offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (**IBDP**) for the 16 – 18 age groups.
- BSL works with the College Board as an official ETS Test Centre (N° 80150). The school is also registered with the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS N° B68330E). BSL is officially an IELTS examination centre since August 2023.

BSL Students Current enrolment of 275+ students from 33 nations. Togolese 19%; French 6%; USA 5%; Indian 12%; Other 58%. Most boarders hail from West Africa.

BSL Teachers BSL faculty are highly trained, credentialed, and experienced. Academic staff number 31 and represent 16 nationalities from 5 continents. European 16%; African 55%; Other 29%.

Academic Year & Organization Our 180-day school year is organised into two semester terms. Academic reviews are held every month. Six 60-minute periods per day are timetabled within a weekly schedule. When lessons are scheduled online due to Covid-19 school closures, school lessons are reduced to 45 minute periods.

Our High School Curriculum is comprised of two 2-year programmes in the final years. For the International General Certificate in Secondary Education (IGCSE), BSL students select four core subjects within a Science, Humanities or Mixed option, along with five IGCSE electives. Progression to the IB requires passing five IGCSE subjects. Year 11 students take IGCSE examinations in May. Examinations are externally moderated by Cambridge International Examinations (CIE).

Years 10 and 11		IGCSE course offerings at BSL			
Code	Syllabus Title	Code	Syllabus Title	Code	Syllabus Title
0400	Art and Design	0470	History	0580	Mathematics
0411	Drama	0478	Computer Science	0606	Additional Mathematics
0417	Info. & Comm. Tech.	0486	Literature (English)	0610	Biology
0450	Business Studies	0500	First Lang English	0620	Chemistry
0455	Economics	0510	Second Lang English	0625	Physics
0460	Geography	0520	Foreign Lang French		



*An English-medium
international education
in Francophone
West Africa*

The Endeavour Annual Awards

BSL traditions encourage an inclusive yet diverse community of learners to partake of a wide range of enrichment activities within and beyond the classroom.

- The Endeavour Award (The BSL Award)
The Academic Excellence Award
The BSL Community Service Award
- ◇ Individual Subject Excellence Awards
 - ◇ Most Improved Subject Award
 - ◇ IB Creativity-Action-Service Award
 - ◇ The Bronze or Silver International Award
 - ◇ Global Citizenship Award
 - ◇ Student Leadership Award
 - ◇ Performing Arts Award

Athletic recognition includes:

- ◇ Junior Sports Award
- ◇ Senior Sports Award
- ◇ Leadership In Sport Award
- ◇ Endeavour in Sport
- ◇ House System Merit Group Awards
- ◇ Boarding House Cooperation Awards

PSHE Programme

Through the Personal, Social, Health, and Economic Education programme (PSHE), students gain specific knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes which help them develop necessary life skills for informed decisions.

BSL Student Leadership

The Prefect Council – Head Boy/Head Girl
The Student Council, Years 1 to 12.

BSL Service and Charity Drives

Students appreciate and interact with the local community through BSL's dynamic service learning programme. **TRACKS** is a school fundraising service for several local projects including two deaf schools and two orphanages.

BSL Athletics

Students select from a variety of sporting activities including soccer, basketball, fencing, volleyball, and swimming. Some activities are re-starting after having been restricted due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

IB Diploma Programme: A BSL student is expected to be an **IB Diploma or IB Bilingual Diploma candidate**, taking IB Theory of Knowledge and 3 Higher Level (HL) and 3 Standard Level (SL) courses, while completing an IB Extended Essay as well as fulfilling Creativity-Activity-Service (CAS) requirements. A few students choose to study for selected IB Courses rather than the full IB Diploma. Externally-moderated examinations are in May. BSL also offers the BSL Secondary School Diploma for successful candidates.

Years 12 and 13 IB Diploma Programme course offerings at BSL	
Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature (native) English A: Language and Literature HL, SL French A: Language and Literature HL, SL	Group 2 Language Acquisition (near-native; or non-native) English B HL, SL; French B HL, SL. <i>Ab Initio (SL only):</i> French, German, Spanish
Group 3 Individuals and Societies Business Management HL, SL Digital Society HL, SL Economics HL, SL Geography HL, SL History HL, SL	Group 4 Experimental Sciences Biology HL, SL Chemistry HL SL Computer Science HL SL Physics HL, SL
Group 5 Mathematics Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches HL, SL Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation SL	Group 6 Theatre HL, SL Visual Arts HL, SL

BSL Diploma Grading & Credit for IGCSE and IB Courses

IGCSE 8 point scale:	A* – A – B – C – D – E	F – G – (U = ungraded)
IB 1–7 Rubric:	HL Courses 7 – 6 – 5 – 4 – 3	2 – 1
	SL Courses 7 – 6 – 5 – 4 – 3 – 2	1
	PASSING grade earns credit	FAILING grade 0 credit

International Baccalaureate Results – past five years

Our open enrolment policy values diversity	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
IB Course Candidates	3	3	2	3	2
IB Diploma Candidates	10	12	5	12	15
Average Score IB Diploma	31	34	31	30	28
Percentage Pass Rate	83	100	60	100	67
Highest points awarded	40	39	33	35	36
IB Standard Diplomas Awarded	7	5	3	5	5
IB Bilingual Diplomas Awarded	3	7	0	7	5

Note: There are 17 candidates enrolled to sit the May 2024 IBDP examinations.

UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY BSL STUDENTS in the past 6 years

Canada	Nigeria	United Kingdom	United States of America
Algoma University Brock University Concordia University Simon Fraser University University of Alberta University of Manitoba University of Montreal University of Ottawa University of Toronto	American University of Nigeria South Africa University of the Witwatersran South Korea Dongguk University, Seoul University of Yonsei Switzerland EU Business School, Geneva United Arab Emirates American U. Sharjah, Dubai Middlesex University, Dubai University of Abu Dhabi	City University of London Hult University Loughborough University Manchester Metropolitan Univ. University of Aston University of Bath University of Birmingham University College of London University of East Anglia University of Lancaster University of Leicester University of Plymouth University of Sheffield University of Teeside	Bentley University Clarkson University, NY Cornell University, NY Georgia Gwinnet College, GA Hofstra University, NY Illinois Institute of Technology Montana State U., Billings Plattsburgh University, NY Purdue University, Indiana Temple University, PA University of Charleston, NC University of Massachusetts Amherst University of Michigan University of Oregon University of Pennsylvania University of South Florida University of Syracuse, NY University of Texas at Austin Washington State University

BSL regularly hosts international athletics competitions with participation from other schools in West Africa.

Extracurricular Activities & Ethos

BSL offers a wide range of extracurricular activities to support creativity including music & instrument lessons, visual arts and theatre productions. BSL is an official London College of Music Examination Centre. BSL does not calculate GPA or report class rank.

Minimum Graduation Requirements

BSL High School Diploma	
English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
World Language	4 credits
Sciences	3 credits
Humanities	3 credits
Physical Education	1 credit
(CAS) Service	1 credit
IGCSE Electives	8 credits
Total	27 credits

Transcript & High School Profile

US-style Transcript and BSL High School Diploma in effect since 2013.

Integrity in the University Application Process

100% of BSL graduates usually attend a four-year college within one year of graduation.

Special Educational Needs and English as an Additional Language
 SEN and EAL support are available within the school schedule.

