



Weekly Update

29th August 2025



Our students and staff have made an excellent start to the term! As I walk around the school campus, I have received a wonderfully warm welcome from everyone I have met. Our school site is in great shape, thanks to the dedication of our Estates Team, who have carried out essential maintenance and refurbishment during the summer. It is a very proud moment for me as the new Head of the British School of Lomé.

I have very much enjoyed dropping in to see many Primary Classes, to see our students in action at this early stage of the term. Your children are already very focused on their learning, and it is especially good to see our new learners being so quickly welcomed into friendship groups.

BSL is a very special and caring community, where all of our children work together, regardless of their backgrounds and origins.

In the Secondary Section, students in the majority of year-groups immediately began their academic lessons. Meanwhile, our Year 10 and 12 students started the week with a special programme to look ahead to their IGCSE and IB programmes, ensuring that they make excellent choices at the start of these very important two year courses. At the top of the school, our Year 13 students have been focusing on their IB Core subjects, as well as looking ahead to their possible university options.

Our school years fly back so quickly. This time next year, our Year 13 IB students will be fully-fledged adults, and proud BSL graduates.

However, their learning will not stop there. In fact, our learning never stops. For one week before term started, our staff were engaged in our Staff Induction Week, combining training, collaboration, and careful planning to ensure a strong start to the year. We never stop learning!

Although we are from diverse countries and cultures, our school values unite us. We care for one another, and we collaborate on our endeavours with empathy and respect. As we grow together, our teamwork, creativity and courage will lead to great achievements. I will serve the BSL community with compassion and integrity as your new Head of School, as we strive together for excellent achievements.

Best wishes for the term and year ahead and I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Tom Vignoles
Head of School

BACK TO SCHOOL

Parent Information Evening

Parents are warmly invited to our **Parent Information Evening from 4:30pm on Thursday 4th September**. This will be an early opportunity to meet the new Head of School, Mr Tom Vignoles, as well as to meet with all other new and returning staff.

After a presentation from the Head of School, Primary Parents will spend some time with their children's class teachers. Secondary Parents are invited to attend a series of presentations regarding the Key Stage 3 (Y7-9), IGCSE (Y10-11) and IB (Y12-13) curricula, and will also have the opportunity to meet their children's teachers informally.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Key Dates for 2025 to 2026

We would like to share with you in advance a number of key dates for the academic year. Special Events where we invite parents to join us onsite are in bold, so please save these dates!

Please find the list of Key Dates attached.

Further information for each event will be sent nearer the time.

Primary Section

As we step into a brand new school year, I'd like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all our families, both those returning and those joining us for the first time. It is a genuine privilege to lead our vibrant Primary School community, and I'm excited for the journey ahead.

The start of term always brings a sense of possibility. Classrooms are buzzing with energy, children are settling into new routines, and our dedicated staff are already hard at work creating engaging, nurturing environments where every child can thrive. Whether your child is just beginning their school journey in Nursery, preparing for the transition to secondary school or somewhere in between, we at BSL are committed to supporting them every step of the way.

This year, we'll continue to focus on high-quality teaching, strong pastoral care, and fostering a love of learning that lasts a lifetime. We'll also be placing a renewed emphasis on wellbeing, creativity, and community, values that lie at the heart of our school ethos.

Please do keep an eye on our weekly newsletters, which will include key dates and updates from across the school, also we will have regular newsletters celebrating our learners achievements. We also encourage you to stay connected with us through ClassDojo, your feedback, involvement, and support are vital to the success of our school.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education. I look forward to a year filled with growth, joy, and shared success.

Kind regards,

Mr Gareth Jones
Head of Primary

Secondary Section

It has been a wonderful start to the year in the Secondary Section. Our students have returned with real energy and focus, settling quickly into lessons and embracing the challenges ahead. It has been especially encouraging to see how warmly our community has welcomed new students into the section.

As the Head of School mentioned, Year 10 and Year 12 began with an orientation programme to prepare them for their IGCSE and IB journey, while our Year 13 students are already looking ahead to university as they complete their final year. Across all year groups, there is a strong sense of purpose and commitment to learning.

We are introducing a new online platform called ManageBac. It is being used first in Years 10–13 so that students and staff can become familiar with it before rolling it out to the whole school. ManageBac, also available as a mobile app and translatable into a number of global languages, helps with organisation by sharing homework, deadlines, timetables, and important updates, keeping students, teachers, and parents connected. We will open parent access and offer training sessions in the coming weeks.

We would also like to acknowledge the hard work of our teachers, whose dedication and planning have ensured such a smooth start. Together—with your support as parents—we look forward to an exciting year of growth, achievement, and success.

Thank you.

Mr Francis Anquandah
Assistant Head (Academic)

Ms Jane Snell
IBDP and Learning Development Coordinator

Parents Information EVENING 2025-2026

THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

THE BRITISH SCHOOL OF LOME

16:30

2025-2026

Meet the Head of School, and all teaching staff

Share information about the curriculum for the year ahead

Programme:

16:30 Arrival

17:00 Head's Presentation

17:30 Primary Parents meet their children's class teachers

Secondary Parents will informally meet with Secondary Teachers, and may also choose to attend curriculum presentations, with the following timings:

17:30 KS3

18:00 KS4

18:30 IB

ENDEAVOUR IS ALL

We wish you a very pleasant weekend, and look forward to meeting you at the Parent Information Evening from 4:30pm on Thursday 4th August!