



# Weekly Update

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11th September 2026

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Dear Parents,

IB schools form part of a global network, in over 160 countries. More than 110 countries worldwide recognise the IB Diploma (IBDP) for university admission. It is the gold standard of school leaving certificates, and the strongest gateway to university entry in the world. At BSL, we are proud to be a long-established IB World School, and the IB philosophy is at the absolute core of BSL's identity and ethos.

IB schools collaborate regularly. Tomorrow I shall be travelling to Addis Ababa, at the invitation of the IB, to be part of the IB evaluation team for another IB world school. This is in connection with the other school's IB 5 year evaluation, a quality assurance process which the IB implements to ensure that all IB schools continue to meet extremely high standards. I will have the pleasure of seeing another long-established IB school in action, helping them evaluate their own policies and procedures, existing strengths and areas for development. My input will be useful to them for their own development, and the insights I gain will also be invaluable for BSL.

This academic year, BSL is also undergoing its IBDP 5 year review. Our staff have already begun an intensive process of self-review, which will culminate with a two day Evaluation Visit from other leading IB educators in mid-April. Prior to the Evaluation Visit, we will also be submitting extensive self-review documentation to the IB - and your input as parents will be very important for us! Later this month, as mentioned at last week's Parent Information and Social Evening, we will be inviting parents to volunteer as Parent Representatives: part of their role will be to help us convene periodic parent voice forums to help us gain a better understanding of parents' perceptions of BSL, and this process will link strongly with our IBDP self-evaluation.

This is my sixth IB school - and I was recently asked to write an article to share my thoughts on how IB schools prepare students for international life. You can read my article here:

## [Preparing Students for a Global Stage](#)

I hope you find this interesting - and I look forward to collaborating further with many of you later in the academic year, as we seek to further consult with our parents to help BSL move ever onwards and upwards.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of BSL and of everything that we do.

With best wishes,

**Tom Vignoles**  
**Head of School**  
**The British School of Lomé**

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# BSL Co-Curriculum

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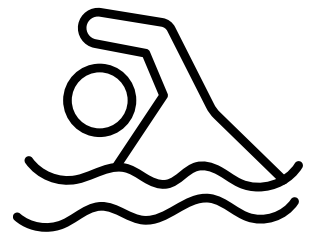
## Swimming Updates

Swimming classes are scheduled to begin from the week Beginning 14th September.

|           | 1<br>8:10–9:10 | 2<br>9:10–10:10               | 3<br>10:30–11:30            | 4<br>11:30–12:30      | 5<br>1:15–2:15        | 6<br>2:15–3:15        |
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| Monday    |                |                               |                             |                       | P.E. Yr 3<br>Swimming | P.E. Yr 6<br>Swimming |
| Tuesday   |                | P.E.<br>Reception<br>Swimming | P.E.<br>Nursery<br>Swimming | P.E. Yr 7<br>Swimming | P.E. Yr 1<br>Swimming |                       |
| Wednesday |                | P.E. Yr 5<br>Swimming         | P.E. Yr 2<br>Swimming       |                       | P.E. Yr 4<br>Swimming |                       |
| Thursday  |                |                               |                             |                       |                       |                       |
| Friday    |                |                               |                             |                       |                       |                       |

## Requirements for Swimming classes are as follows:

1. One-piece swimming suit (girls) / swimming trunks (boys)
2. Durable swimming goggles (protects the eyes)
3. Swimming cap (keeps long hair in place);
4. A Towel (wiping off after swimming);
5. Shower gel (to be used after swimming for the skin);
6. Flip flops (the tiles can get really slippery sometimes);
7. A Wet Bag (keeps your items in one place, safely).



Swimming is a life skill lesson, so any child exempted from Swimming should please bring a doctors note explaining this.

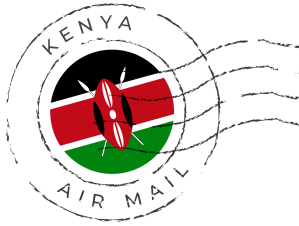
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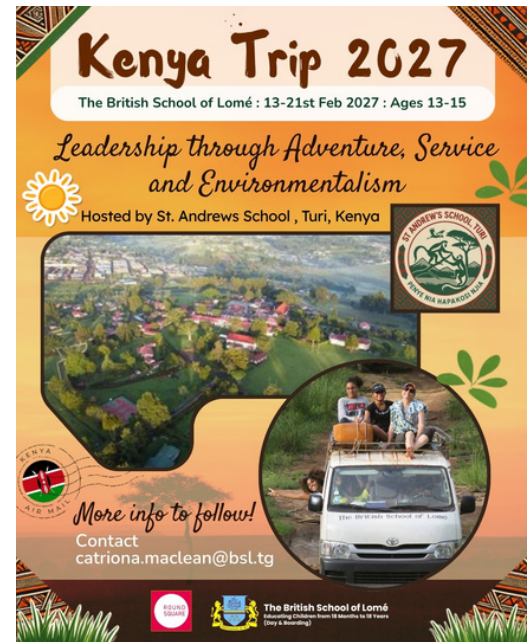
# BSL Co-Curriculum

## 2027 Round Square International Conference Trip to Kenya

Letters have been 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.



**An initial response and financial commitment is required by Wednesday 16 September 2026 to secure BSL's place at the conference.**

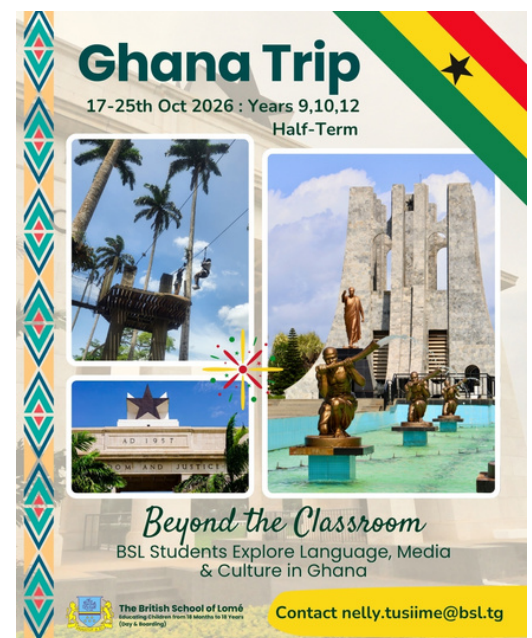


## CHANGE OF DATES FOR PARIS TRIP



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.

Information will be coming soon for our proposed Ghana Trip for the Secondary School. Please look out for further communications in the near future, and in the meantime, **please save the dates if your children are interested.**



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# Whole School

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**DELf exam dates have been released.**

The MFL Department will provide more details in the coming weeks.

## Primary section:

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|  | <b>EXAMEN DELF A11</b><br>Inscriptions<br>06 octobre 2026- 10 octobre 2026 | ép. collectives : 17 novembre 2026<br>ép. individuelles<br>17 novembre 2026- 20 novembre 2026 |
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## Secondary section:

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## ManageBac Access for Parents

A few parents were able to attend our parent ManageBac training session on Wednesday, and we hope you found this useful. Many of our parents are already very familiar with ManageBac now which, as you know, is essential for you to access various types of information relating to your children's education, including their school reports when we reach that stage.

For those unable to attend, here is a link to the slides from this training session.

### **Getting started with ManageBac+ as a parent – Sept 2027.**

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

## PAMC Update

Last week, our Parent Association Management Committee (PAMC) wrote to you to invite you to their annual General Assembly, at 6pm on Thursday 17th September. You can read a copy of their message [here](#).

## 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](#).

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# Whole School Looking Ahead

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**Thursday 17th September @ 6pm** – PAMC General Assembly

**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

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this message finds you well.

Here at BSL we are always looking for ways that we can partner with parents, guardians, and tutors to give our students a **secure, supportive, and inspiring learning journey**.

I am writing to share some important reminders regarding our approach to the use of core subject textbooks in BSL Primary School, as well as to ensure that our students are ready to learn every day.

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## Textbooks

Our Cambridge textbooks are an important classroom resource, but they are not followed rigidly page by page. Instead, they serve as a foundation to enrich and supplement our teaching and learning. Our highly experienced teachers draw on a wide range of materials and strategies, combining the textbooks with other carefully selected resources to create engaging, balanced, and effective lessons for every child.

To further support learning beyond the classroom, we are pleased to offer the option of buying English, Mathematics, and Science textbooks for use at home. Parents may buy an official copy of the textbooks directly from the school. These books may be used to support homework and revision.

- Please fill in a separate [order form](#) for the books. Or contact your child's teacher.
- Bring the payment to the Finance Office.
- Collect the books from Mr. Emmanuel in the Library.

## Safe Play in the Playground

Our trained and experienced staff are always on hand to supervise and ensure that every child feels secure, supported, and engaged throughout the day. However, it is very important that children also play safely. Please help us reinforce this by speaking to your child at home about safe play. Examples include:

- **Use equipment properly** – swings, slides, and climbing frames should be used as intended.
- **Respect personal space** – no pushing, shoving, or rough play.
- **Take turns** – waiting patiently helps everyone enjoy playtime.
- **Stay within boundaries** – children should remain in supervised areas.
- **Sun Safety** – Bring a wide brimmed sun hat to protect yourself from the sun.
- **Report concerns** – if something feels unsafe, tell a teacher immediately.

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# Primary School

## Ready to Learn – Every Day

At the Primary School, we do supply everything that your child needs in the classroom but many children like to have their own stationery items in their pencil cases. A well-stocked pencil case helps children feel prepared and confident each day. We encourage students to bring the following essential items:

- **Pencils**
- **Eraser**
- **Sharpener**

- **Ruler**
- **Coloured pencils/markers**
- **Pens (If appropriate)**

Of course, being “learning ready” is about more than equipment. It also means:

- **Arriving on time**
- **Getting enough sleep**
- **Eating a healthy breakfast**
- **Bringing a positive attitude**

## Discovery Heroes

Every week in assembly we learn about a different *Round Square Discovery Hero*.

- Last week we learnt about **Responsible Rami** – *I take care of myself, my things, and the world around me because I know my actions matter.*
- This week we learnt about **Communication Cara** – *I love to listen to others and share my ideas clearly so we can understand each other!*

It is very important to become more like Responsible Rami by playing responsibly and being prepared for learning. Being more like Communication Cara is also vital: listen to others, talk to the teacher if you have a concern, and share your ideas clearly.

**Be a Hero next week, and you may receive a certificate!**



**Communication Cara**

I love to listen to others and share my ideas clearly so we can understand each other!

**Responsible Rami**

I take care of myself, my things, and the world around me because I know my actions matter.



Kind Regards,

**Gareth Jones**  
**Head of Primary**

**Judith Opiyo**  
**Assistant Head of Primary**

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# Secondary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are delighted that so many new families have decided to enrol their children in the secondary section at BSL this academic year. Sometimes the number of new students joining a class can necessitate minor timetable adjustments – and due to the high number of students currently attending Science practical lessons, it has now become necessary to divide the **Year 7 and Year 8 Science classes into two sets.**

This adjustment is intended to ensure appropriate class sizes and provide a **safer, more effective, and better-supported learning environment** during practical Science lessons.

Students have been allocated to the two sets according to their **Form Tutor groups as currently reflected on ManageBac.** Each set comprises students of mixed abilities, and **both sets will follow the same curriculum and be taught to the same academic standard.**

The teaching allocation will be as follows:

**Year 7 – Set 1:** Dr Saker

**Year 7 – Set 2:** Ms Snell

**Year 8 – Set 1:** Dr Saker

**Year 8 – Set 2:** Mr Jones

This new arrangement will take effect from Monday, 14 September 2026.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we make this adjustment to enhance the quality and safety of our students' practical Science lessons.

Kind regards,

**Francis E. Anquandah**  
**Deputy Head: Academic**

**Jane Snell**  
**Deputy Head: Student Development,**  
**IB Diploma Coordinator**

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## Key Dates

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