



NEWSLETTER

HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Guardians, Family Members, and Friends,

Welcome to the start of a new academic year at BSL!

Congratulations to all our students for last year's excellent exam results, which surpassed many international standards. For those who didn't achieve their expected results, we are here to support them and help them find pathways to success. On Monday, 2nd September 2024, we welcomed our students and their families back.

It was wonderful to see our students arriving in full uniform, with smiles on their faces. We were pleased to welcome both returning students and parents, as well as new students and families. We had a great start to the academic year with an opening speech by Chef Albert, our most senior staff member. He shared his experiences at BSL and offered words of advice to our students: *work hard and be successful, as you are privileged to be at one of the best schools. Don't waste time, as time never returns. Always look forward and give your best.*

Last week, all our staff were busy preparing for the reopening to provide an exciting experience for our students. We held many training sessions, meetings, planning, and discussions to ensure BSL was ready for the new term. I would like to thank the operational staff and many other team members who have been working tirelessly during the holidays to carry out repair and maintenance work.

I am excited for the journey that lies ahead as we continue to build on our achievements from last year. It was a challenging year for all of us, as we made a number of important decisions and significant transformations aimed at raising the standards of our school. Along the way, we learned many valuable lessons, which we are now building upon as we continue to improve. I am thankful to everyone on the team who played a vital role in this transformation – without their support, we wouldn't have achieved so much.

This year, we are counting on our students to join us in making this academic year even better than the last. Remember these four words that will help you succeed not only in your studies but also in life:

Resilience, Curiosity, Self-Discipline and Kindness. These traits align closely with our Vision and Core Values as well as the IB Learner Profile and embody qualities that will help you grow into lifelong learners and compassionate global citizens.

I would like to remind our parents of the important Coffee Morning on Saturday, 7th September, starting at 9:00 AM. Please join me to discuss our development plans, answer any questions, and connect with parents and staff. This occasion is also planned for parents of Year 7, Year 10, and Year 12, to help them understand the transition their child is making to the next important phase of their education. I hope to see you there.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to attend our Open Day last Friday. I would like to express my gratitude to our existing parents for their continued trust and to our new families for choosing BSL for their child's educational journey.

We are here for you every step of the way: supporting your child's journey to success.

Sincerely,

Akif Naqvi
Head of School



FORGET ME NOT

- Saturday, 7th September - 09:00 AM :
Head of School Coffee Morning, Year 7, IGCSE and IBDP Induction Presentation
- Thursday, 12th September - 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM :
Parents Meet & Greet

Our successful IBDP Induction Week organised by our new IBDP Coordinator, Mr Abdulaziz Mohammed for students new to the International Baccalaureate Diploma programme. This week provided an insightful introduction to the IB philosophy, curriculum, subjects and expectations, equipping students with the knowledge and skills necessary for their academic journey. Additionally, Mr Anquandah facilitated the IGCSE Induction, guiding students through their subject choices and clarifying the expectations of the IGCSE programme. Both initiatives aim to ensure that our students feel supported and well-prepared as they embark on these rigorous academic pathways.

NEW FACILITIES FOR ENHANCED SUPERVISION



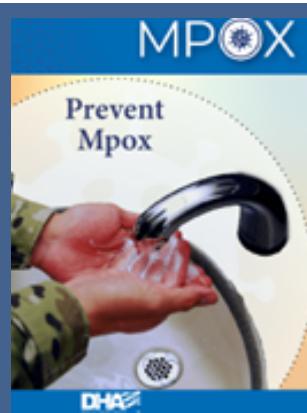
We are excited to announce the opening of new changing rooms, which offer enhanced supervision for our students.

LANGUAGE INSTITUTE PROGRESS

The Language Institute is nearing completion, and we are actively exploring international affiliations to broaden our educational offerings.



HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATES



In health updates, our infirmary is implementing MPOX measures in line with the Togolese government's guidelines to ensure the safety of our community. We are ready for any developments. be vigilant for symptoms of Mpx, such as fever, rash, and swollen lymph nodes, and to report any concerns promptly. Encourage frequent handwashing with soap and water or the use of hand sanitiser, especially after using the restroom and before eating.

INSPIRING BSL TALKS

We are also launching BSL Talks similar to Ted Talks, an alumni outreach initiative aimed at inspiring our current students through shared experiences. We invite alumni, parents and family members and friends to come forward and participate in these enriching discussions.

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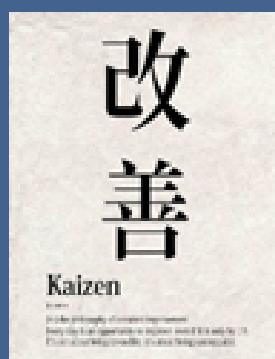
Stay tuned for ongoing developments on our website and social media, where we will be sharing updates about upcoming trips to Ghana, as well as excursions within Togo and abroad.

MUN AND DUKE OF EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL AWARD AND TRIPS

We are thrilled to introduce the Model United Nations (MUN) at BSL and to rejuvenate the Duke of Edinburgh International Award programme. We are working on giving our students more opportunities to have trips within the country and abroad. More details will follow.



KAIZEN- COMMITMENT TO CONTINUOUS LEARNING



Learning never stops at BSL! During the holidays, our staff engaged in various UK and international online certificated courses, with five staff members nearing completion of the advanced UK/International Teaching Diploma. Our Head of School has also completed an MBA course and attended workshops to stay current with the latest educational trends, sharing this knowledge with our team.

COMMUNITY INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES

We are launching internship programmes that support our alumni, family members, and the wider community by providing valuable volunteer work experience.



SUPPORT FOR OUR MUSLIM STUDENTS

Did you know? BSL has a mosque, complete with an imam, to support our Muslim students, especially those in boarding.

DELF (DIPLÔME D'ÉTUDES EN LANGUE FRANÇAISE)

We are excited to announce that our school will be introducing the DELF (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française) exams for the first time this academic year. The DELF certification, recognised globally, assesses students' proficiency in French across various levels, helping them to enhance their language skills and gain valuable qualifications. This initiative aims to foster a deeper understanding of the French language and culture, while also providing our students with an excellent opportunity to stand out in their future academic and professional pursuits. We look forward to supporting our students on this enriching journey!



BOARDING MARKETING & OUTREACH

We're also planning visits to Nigeria and several other countries to meet our alumni and find out how life has been treating them. We would love to welcome our boarders back to BSL and look forward to meeting potential parents to share more about the enhanced opportunities at our school, which we proudly consider a hub of excellent education and a gateway to university.

GOOD LUCK AND BEST WISHES TO THE CLASS OF 2024



As you embark on your new journeys, we want to wish you the very best of luck in all your future endeavours. You've made us incredibly proud with your achievements, and we are confident that you will continue to shine wherever life takes you. Remember, no matter where you are, BSL will always be your home, and we are always here for you. Keep in touch, and good luck!

WELCOME ABOARD TO BSL AND TOGO



Mr Archie Visser- Reception Teacher

Ms Isabeau Totterer- Year 4 Teacher



Ms Judith Opiyo – Year 6 Teacher and Assistant Head of Primary

Mr Nigel Tickner- English Teacher



Mr Nicholas Lambert- Business Management and Economics teacher

Mr Carl Zammit – Geography & History Teacher



Marie Charlotte Amabegnon – Language Teacher

Mr John Luce – Laboratory Technician



MEET THE WINNING TEAM (SECONDARY)



CREATIVE ART

BSL's Creative Arts Department is the faculty where creative designs, intellectual rapport, collaborative skills, aesthetics of space management, vibrancy in vocal presentations and helping our students come to par in the realization of their musical, dramatic and artistic potentials. It is a 60% practical and 40% written academic hub for polishing latent talents and nourishing students to analyze and interpret subjects of great cultural significance.



ENGLISH

The BSL English Department's mission is to provide learners with the essential skills needed to achieve fluency in the global language of diplomacy, business, education, science, and the arts. By studying English and literature, we nurture our learners' communication abilities, critical thinking, and emotional intelligence. Ultimately, this fosters their compassion and empathy, shaping them into more globally-minded individuals.



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HUMANITIES

Welcome to our dynamic Humanities Department, where innovation meets tradition to offer an enriching educational experience. Our team of seasoned educators and passionate scholars leverages extensive resources to foster critical thinking and cultural understanding. Through a diverse curriculum and hands-on learning opportunities, we prepare students to engage thoughtfully with the world and its complexities.



WELCOME TO THE BSL MFL DEPARTMENT!



If you fancy improving your linguistic skills, then join MFL Department to speak French, Spanish and German which are the languages taught to broaden students' cultural awareness. From KS3 to IB, as various syllabus are mostly topic - based (to tackle the IGCSE and IBDP exams), students have the opportunity to improve both their expression, receptive, productive and critical thinking skills. BSL is offering the bilingual diploma as IB French A is taught and this is our plus.

To conclude, to raise the MFL department profile and showcase it, extra curricular activities are also organised such as trips abroad, exchange with other schools (locally or abroad), the IBDP international buffet and Assemblies (primary and secondary area).



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SCIENCE

The mission of the BSL science department is to create knowledgeable, scientifically literate and technologically capable problem solvers.

We aim to foster a spirit of inquiry, nurture our learners' curiosity and bring current, relevant and real-world science and technology into the classroom experience. We want to prepare our learners to become informed citizens who are capable of comprehending, analysing and making well-reasoned judgments on global issues as future leaders.



WELLBEING AND LEARNING SUPPORT

Welcome to the Wellbeing and Learning Support Department!

We work to ensure all learners receive academic and emotional support, including one-to-one sessions with learners.

We also work together with our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) and external specialists where required for our learners with Special Educational Needs.



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION



The British School of Lomé's Physical Education Department is made up of six dedicated sports people who are very keen on promoting a healthy, active lifestyle for the students through the diverse programmes on offer at the school. These specialists strive to arrange and carry out programmes that the students are very keen on and through which the students develop competitive, winning attitudes and team-building acumen.

Our team includes: Dedicated female and male Swim Coaches who focus on swimming techniques and water safety, a Tennis Coach who provides specialist tennis instruction and match preparation, a Basketball Coach whose speciality is to develop the students' basketball skills and accompanying team play, an Outdoors Adventure Leader who assists the school's important Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) hiking and camping programme, the Department Coordinator who manages the department's programmes and offers support to staff as an all-Round PE Specialist teacher and Instructor through school-wide multi-sport education. Together, we aim to inspire students to embrace physical activity and develop lifelong fitness habits.



ENGAGING SUMMER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME)

Since the school closed for the holiday, we have continued to offer a fantastic array of engaging activities for our students. This year's Summer School, part of our After School Enrichment programme, was a tremendous success, sparking creativity and enthusiasm in all our participants.

The activities included exhilarating trips to the beach, creative sandcastle art, a lively beach disco, thrilling horse riding, adventurous rock climbing, refreshing swimming at Harmonie, delicious cooking sessions, energetic running games, a fun-filled scavenger hunt, exciting foot golf, stimulating maths and language activities, imaginative art and craft sessions, hands-on clay work, dynamic speed ball, and, of course, the beloved and very special game of duck, duck, goose!

A huge thank you to all our staff members for organising this year's summer school, which received a 100% approval rating in our survey. For information about the upcoming activities for Term 1, please contact Mr Andrew Williams, our enthusiastic and energetic After School Enrichment Programme Coordinator.



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The children love the activities and did not feel left out because of the language barrier.

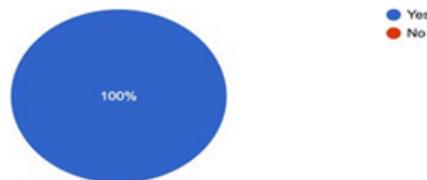
My child really enjoyed it.

my son absolutly loved it And Staff was so above expectation

The kids had a great time and looked forward to each day.

Would you recommend the summer school to a friend?

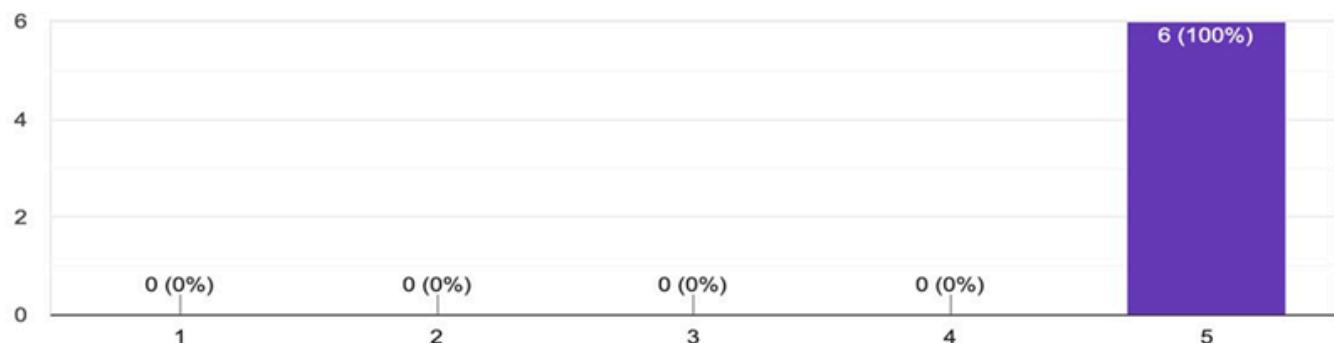
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How satisfied were you with the summer programme at BSL?

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