



# NEWSLETTER



## Dear Parents and Guardians,

In this week's edition of the newsletter, I am writing from a place of reflection and hope that you will journey with me as I reveal my thoughts. I think that they will be beneficial to our community as a whole with the hope of improving our relationships with our young people.

Many of us may have been raised in a home or a culture where children were expected to be *seen and not heard*. Forgive me if this is a British idiom that does not translate as well in your Mother tongue.

We were expected to be obedient and not stir up trouble or disrupt our parents in their busy moments. Without realising it, we became distant and reluctant to express our views. As children we may not have understood that our parents were tired, busy or occupied with matters beyond our imagination. Nonetheless, it was impactful.

We are now in a position where we do not need to repeat this cycle. I am still a big believer in children being respectful and polite and approaching their parents with the honour that they deserve; however, we need to **empower** our children and provide them with the confidence to self advocate. We cannot expect them to follow our instructions blindly – and our answer to their queries should never be: “because I said so”. If we cannot rationally explain our positions, then we cannot expect our children to understand why they should follow an instruction.

In the coming weeks, we will be launching our student council in the Secondary school. This is a vital initiative and we expect our young leaders to be principled, open-minded and caring. However, this responsibility will also involve them providing their teachers with constructive criticism and championing causes that are dear to their hearts. They may wish to challenge some of our practices and ask for an improved approach to our day-to-day procedures. If we wish for our young people to become future leaders, then we need to truly listen to them and see how best to consider their views. We may not always agree with them: in fact, we will probably disagree with them more often than not. But we need to respect their views, teach them to properly express themselves and allow them to make their own minds up.

To conclude, please provide your child with a platform to express themselves. Explain to them the benefits of compromise. It will help them to become better learners if they are provided with an opportunity to reason and listen to a counterargument. If this is already your practice or if you have questions about anything that I have expressed, please send me an email because we are holding a Parent Roundtable on the 17th October which is a designated day to have discussion with the Secondary school leaders, but may also serve as a great opportunity to dialogue about Student voice and the ways that we can collaborate.

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# YEAR 13 SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE PRESENTATIONS: A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

This past Monday, October 7, 2024, the Year 13 students had the opportunity to present their summer work experience projects during a special assembly in the school hall. The event was a fantastic showcase of the students' hard work, dedication, and the valuable insights they gained from their time in various industries.

The presentations highlighted a range of experiences, from internships in corporate environments to hands-on roles in creative fields, offering inspiration to younger students about the diverse career paths ahead of them. The confidence and professionalism displayed by the Year 13s were truly commendable.

A huge thank you to the Tutors for ensuring their tutees were present and on time, and to the staff and students who attended for their enthusiasm and support. This event once again demonstrated the importance of work experience in shaping our students' futures.

These students received a letter of appreciation and recognition from the Head of School, Mr Akif Naqvi, which will also assist them in their future careers and university admissions. He is very keen to support their career paths and is passionate about helping our students achieve successful careers in life.

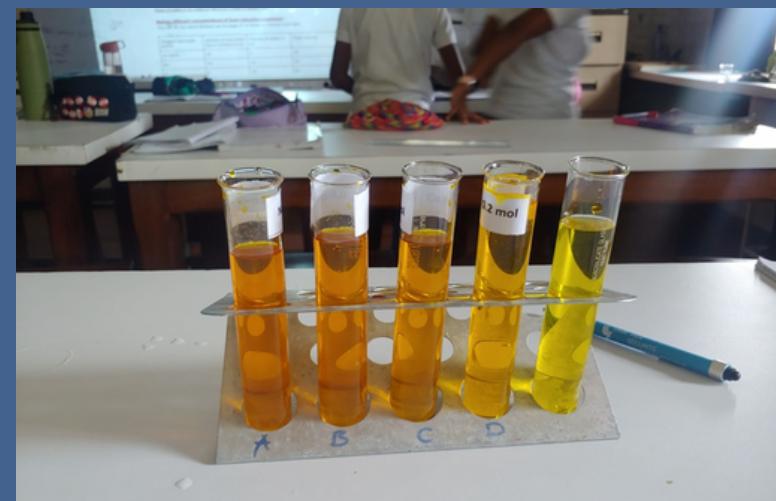


## SPECIAL SCIENTISTS!



Practical work on how to make the different concentrations of a solution with Year 8.

Different concentration of a food dye solution in  $\text{cm}^3$





## BOARDING AT BSL



Stirling House at present has six students, four girls and two boys with two live-in houseparents, Mr Ernest for the boys and Ms Eunice for the girls.

There are three IB students and three IGCSE students. Since joining the boarding house the group attests to the fact that they have learned to live with people from diverse backgrounds and upbringing.

Some of the qualities that have acquired are orderliness, time management, care for the opinions and views of others, personal care and a sense of responsibility. They also enjoy the outings to restaurants, the cinema and the time to distress and take a break from school work.

The community encourages visits to see for themselves the benefits of boarding. There are full time as well as flexi-boarding options.

For further inquiries, please come to school and arrange to see the house and discuss your options.



# TARGETED PARENT CONFERENCE



On Thursday 17th October we would like to invite new parents and guardians to BSL to meet the leaders of the Secondary School. We are also asking that those who we invited via email, also come to meet us as we would love to partner with you to make an action plan for your children. All other parents are welcome to attend our Parent Round Table Discussions.

We will be focusing on IGCSE Transition, IBDP Transition, Well-Being and Learning Support and BSL Initiatives!

We will be sending out more detailed information via email and will attach a Google Forms to help us to make the appropriate plans for your child.



## UNIVERSITY OF LANCASTER GHANA VISIT – INVITATION TO IGCSE, IBDP STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY

We are excited to announce that the University of Lancaster Ghana will be visiting our school on 14th of October to present their academic programmes and scholarship opportunities.



### SAVE THE DATE

14th October 2024  
3.30 pm  
in the Hall

Lancaster University 

Ghana



GB7. Encounters with further and higher education

University and Career Guidance

**Date: 14th October 2024**

**Time: 3:30 pm**

**Venue: The Hall of British School of Lomé**

# LEADER IN ME

## NDEY ANA / ELIKEM WARREN (YEAR 8)



## Elikem Warren



Ndey Ana

- ***What makes a good leader?***

**Warren:** When they have discipline, and they teach the rest of the class.

**Ndey:** A good leader is somebody who listens to other people and is able to find a way to make everybody happy. And the good leader is always somebody who always tries to do the right thing.

- ***What leadership qualities do you possess?***

**Ndey:** I'm a very kind person. Discipline and also I am knowledgeable.

**Warren:** I will say open minded, discipline, and kindness.

- *How can the leadership at BSL improve?*

**Ndey:** The leadership at BSL can improve by the Student Council [who] can talk to their classmates about what they want and what they want to see in the school in the future.

**Warren:** We can meet so that the leaders can make the school better. Make the pupils happy.

- *What advice would you give to anybody who wants to become a leader?*

**Warren:** So for me, be the type of person who should be focused on who he wants to be as a leader and start by leading in something!

**Ndey:** The advice I would give to anybody who wants to become a leader is even though it's gonna be difficult, I think you just have to move forward. And, obviously, not everybody's gonna like you. Not everybody's gonna think that you're a good leader, but you just have to set your mind on making your community a better place for everybody.

## DID YOU KNOW IT'S BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH?

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a special time dedicated to learning about and supporting the fight against breast cancer.

This disease affects millions of people around the world, including mothers, sisters, and friends.

By raising awareness, we can help spread the word about early detection and support those who are going through treatment. Simple acts like wearing a pink ribbon or joining a local awareness event can make a big difference.

Let's come together to support the cause and show we care!



## PRIMARY NEWS



Stars of the week



Mr Akakpo, our Computer Teacher, gave out certificates to celebrate children learning to code.



# WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY



Our Year 1 students did a fantastic assembly about World Mental Health Day, which is celebrated on 10th October.



## MUSIC ON THE GRASS



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# ENGLISH FOR EVERYONE!

We are thrilled to announce that after some much-needed refurbishments, our English Language Institute is ready to welcome students back!

The upgrades have enhanced our learning environment, providing even more comfort and a modern, dynamic space for everyone. Thank you for your patience during this time – we believe the improvements will greatly benefit our students.

Starting next week, our evening English courses will officially resume. Classes will run **Monday to Thursday from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**, offering high-quality instruction for learners at all levels. Whether you're just beginning or looking to perfect your skills, our certified teachers are ready to help you achieve your goals.

We are also excited to announce the potential launch of two new programmes:

**Day Classes:** For those with more flexible schedules, we are planning to introduce a daytime Beginners course running from **10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**, perfect for those looking to improve their English in a relaxed, interactive environment.

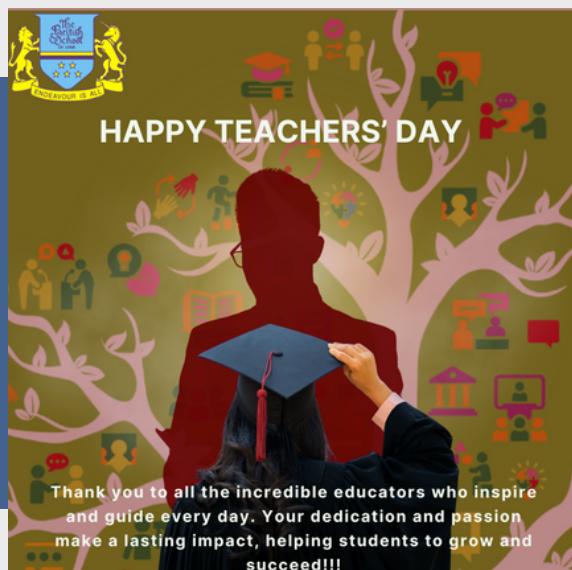
**Afternoon Practice Sessions** specifically designed for students from French schools, these sessions will run in the afternoons and focus on improving conversational skills and practical use of English, providing an opportunity to immerse in the language while engaging with peers.

Stay tuned for more details about these new offerings, and don't hesitate to contact us on 22 26 46 06 or email us at [englishcentre@bsl.tg](mailto:englishcentre@bsl.tg) if you're interested in signing up or learning more.

We look forward to welcoming you back and helping you succeed in your English learning journey!

Contact us now to reserve your spot and let's get started!

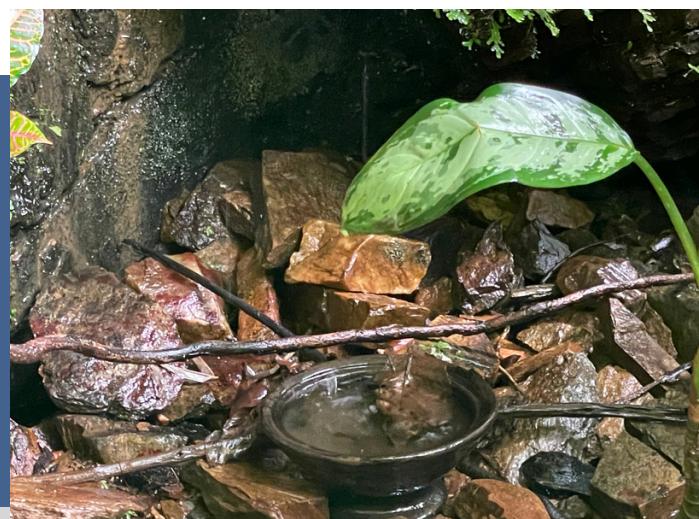
## SOCIAL MEDIA POST



Last Saturday a group of staff and their children traveled to Kpalime to complete a recci trip in preparation for the **Duke of Edinburgh International Award** Adventurous Journey.

In November, 18 **Year 11 participants** will follow the routes that we have mapped out, camp in tents, cook their own food, and explore the fauna and fauna over **two days of walking along the mountain trails**. The recci trip ensures that the risk assessment is accurate, that the trip is planned based on local advice for adverse weather conditions, and that all adult leaders are familiar with the area.

The group enjoyed the fresh air and camaraderie, as well as the opportunity to purchase fresh local produce directly from the producers and we look forward to returning next month.





**Educating Children from  
18 Months to 18 Years  
(Day and Boarding)**



## GATEWAY TO UNIVERSITY ENDEAVOUR IS ALL



- CRECHE & EARLY YEARS
- PRIMARY
- SECONDARY
- UK GL ASSESSMENTS
- CAMBRIDGE IGCSE EXAMINATIONS
- PRE-UNIVERSITY IB DIPLOMA COURSE
- CAREERS GUIDANCE AND INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY PLACEMENTS
- ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS

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