



END OF TERM 3 NEWSLETTER, JULY 2019



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings! The beautiful term, has come to an end. We thank you for supporting all the school activities, by attending meetings, reaching us through the numerous phone calls, emails and office visits. Your constructive feedback helps us in so many ways. Please keep it up.

This term has been quite busy. We thank you especially for attending The BSK Coffee mornings, The BSK Parents' free swimming sessions, The BSK Graduation ceremony and The BSK info evenings.

In a special way, allow me to thank the **PSA** for their continuous support to the school. They are a great link. During week four of September 2019, we shall send out sign up slips for those of us who are willing to take up PSA roles for the next two academic years. Your cooperation will help keep our PSA Link vibrant.

Next term will begin on **2nd September 2019**. Enclosed, you will find our **BSK 2019-2020 school calendar**. We share this early enough, so that you can ably plan with us. Our **list of events** herein is another guide which highlights our major events of the term. Please support your child in the various programmes as scheduled.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS

We hope the children brought home our new assessment policy. Once again get some time and appreciate it further.

We thank those of you, who have already called in to share your thoughts and appreciation. We will also enclose a copy of our new book-policy for your consideration. It will be piloted with Year 9 come September 2019, after which it will be progressively applied to the rest of the school.

OTHER SPECIAL OFFERS

Other than the usual, British School of Kampala offers a variety of Level 3 BTEC qualifications. Broadly, BTEC qualifications prepare one for a specific practical career. The BTECs revolve around coursework and very often, work experience too.

A question we get a lot at BSK is "Are BTECs easier to do than A-Levels"? Do not choose a BTEC expecting an easy life! The top grade – D or Distinction is treated as equivalent to an A* at A level and the bottom grade – P or pass – is equivalent to an E (a pass at A level). In a BTEC, due to the continuous assessment methods, you will also have to work very steadily throughout your course. To figure out whether one would find BTEC easier than A levels, think about what works for you personally in terms of learning and assessment style, and what motivates the learner?

If you are ready to decide your career direction or prefer practical learning to lots of theory or do better in continual assessments, then a BTEC at BSK could be a good fit for you. We are excited to announce that we are in the final stages of getting approval to deliver Level 1 BTEC programmes for only the secondary OLC students.

CLUBS

Every day, Club Patrons come up with ingenious ways in which to help the children benefit from the programmes. Our list has grown longer....We thank you for supporting the clubs to which your children subscribe. Please note that, starting next term, we shall expect the club fees to be paid in the Bank.

SCHOOL DAYS

Our school days are Monday to Friday. The weekends are resting days for everyone. Unless the school sends your child with an approved weekend programme from the Head Teacher's office, no child is expected to be in school during the weekend. As usual, the swimming pool is open to the public during weekends and if your child chooses to go swimming, it will be fully the parents' responsibility.

BSK SCHOOL POLICY

BSK aims to maintain an optimum fees level that will be affordable to the parents and attainable to the directors of the school. To that effect we request you to read our school fees policy, sign the slip attached and return it to school before September 2019.

UNIFORM

We are happy with the students' attitude towards uniform. We encourage you to help them plan for the week. Some of them give all types of excuses. Planning earlier helps them keep in line with the school uniform policy. If your child has outgrown their uniform, kindly get in touch with Miss Joy, the school uniform supplier on +256779402566.

EXITS

The school is open to exits. We are always ready to write recommendation letters and refund the caution fees. We would like to encourage everyone to inform the school four weeks before the need arises. This will help the people responsible to prepare well and on time.

COMMUNICATION

We have a number of communication channels that we use to reach our parents:-

- **School website:** This has all the information about BSK as it is regularly updated.
- **Newsletters:** Every start, mid and end of term, a newsletter is sent to parents. With an exception of the end of term letter, which is sent in both hard and soft copy, the rest are sent in soft copy via WhatsApp and emailed to those who request.
- **WhatsApp:** Upon a child's admission, every parent is added to their child's year WhatsApp group. This forum is used for news and reminders throughout the year. The policy is that, the school sends a message and no individual opinions are shared on the group. For any response to a school message, it should be in boxed to the sender. We request that this is respected so that we reduce the congestion our responses create.
- **Phone contacts:** The School front desk line, The Head teacher and The Head of Academics phone numbers are very active throughout the day. Kindly reach out to them whenever need arises.

- **Admin System:** The BSK admin system is taking shape and soon you will receive your child's school progress and any other communication on your email address, once it is activated.

SUMMER CAMPS

We have some programmes in place for this summer. Kindly reach out to the Front desk personnel for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - August 2019 - July 2020		
TERM 1	ACTIVITY	DATE
AUGUST	Staff inset and Planning Week	28 th - 30 th August 2019
SEPTEMBER	First Day of Term 1	2 nd Sept 2019
	New comers Orientation Week	3 rd -6 th Sept 2019
	New Parents and Students Info day	16 th Sept 2019
	Yr. 7-13 Curriculum week/ BTEC in-house week/ Uniform inspection week/ Clubs start	9 th -13 th Sept 2019
OCTOBER	The BSK Parents' Morning Coffee	4 th October 2019
	Cultural wear/ Primary staff Vs Secondary staff/ School evening dance/ Books' inspection week	8 th October 2019
	Club Fair	11 th - October 2019
	PTC's / Movie Night	18 th October 2019
	Half term/ Class trips for Yr 11, 12 and 13	21 st -25 th October 2019
NOVEMBER	Class Internal Placement week	4 th -8 th November 2019
	Swimming Gala	6 th Nov 2019
	The BSK Parents' Morning Coffee	8 th Nov 2019
	Maths Week	11 th -15 th Nov 2019
	Clubs end	29 th Nov 2019
DECEMBER	Staff Mega Meeting for end of term activities	6 th Dec 2019
	BSK MARATHON	TBC
	Talent show practice	2 nd -12 th Dec 2019
	Talent Show Day/ Last day of Term 1	13 th Dec 2019

From everyone at BSK, we wish all of you an enjoyable summer holiday.

Yours faithfully,


Madam Mirian Ndyabo
Head Teacher.