



# The BSK Secondary Section Term 03 NEWSLETTER, APRIL 2019 - 2020



## GREETINGS

Dear BSK Parents/Guardians,  
Greetings! We hope that you and the rest of your family members are well. Please keep safe.

### Our third term is here.....

We have been preparing well for the last lap of the 2019-2020 academic year, which starts on 28th April 2020 online until further notice. All learners will receive a class timetable and the form tutors will support them develop an assignment/homework timetable during the course of week one. [As a general outline the 1-hour lessons will generally be split in 2 sessions; one half, about 30 minutes will be used for face time through audio or video conferencing, while the other half will be devoted to class work and activities delivered through "google classroom". They will be required to submit the completed work by the end of the hour. We will send out a timetable for lessons from 9:00am to 3:30pm] Please walk with us this journey because many of our children need constant reminders and supervision. Together, let us remove the barriers to access. As we get ready to take online classes, kindly check that the children sign up using their official names (this includes renaming their devices accordingly). We will also setup a default email addresses for each child to access our online learning platforms. The login credentials will be sent to the parents. Please note that for the security of the children we will not permit entry using personal email addresses. It becomes hard to register attendance and record notes on performance when the learners choose to use identities that cannot be tracked against the names that they use at school.

### Attendance policy.....

Attendance is a very important part of assessing progress. But most importantly, both the teachers and learners benefit when they consistently work together. All students, are expected to attend classes fully, Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Please work on issues that might hinder attendance now. For instance, you can consider taking advantage of the present promotions by some Telecom companies, who have "the work from home bundle," If it is network, kindly reach out to your service provider. Some service providers have been quick towards customer calls. Interesting to note, there are students who hinted to their teachers that they know spots at home which have full network. Please explore this too. Make sure the network hotspot is not in the TV or play room. If it is a matter of time, kindly plan early enough so that the learner does not miss any lessons. Please notify us know early enough in case your child is not feeling well so that the teachers can plan accordingly. From experience, we know that the children work well in an environment where the mood for learning is tuned long before study time. Kindly

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set the mood. We also know that the children work well when they follow their timetables. We therefore advise you, to avoid giving them other tasks during class time and some "foods and drinks" that may cause them to be unstable during class time. Many year 7, 8 and 9 students get extremely difficult to deal with when they have taken sugary drinks. Please keep them off the menu. However, we encourage you to give them as much drinking water. I keeps them going until the end. Do not hesitate to reach out for support when you observe some unusual behavior.

### Payment of school fees....

We appreciate the present issues surrounding us and therefore, a decision has been taken, to have a fees reduction of 15% on the shillings for this term. The fees in dollars, remain the same. Please be encouraged to pay your child's school fees as you have always done. No child will be allowed to attend online classes if they have not paid fees by the set due dates which will be communicated to you by the finance team. Also important to note, is that when we open, lunch fees will be reduced depending on how many weeks the students will be in school The Head of Finance Mr. Renuus, can be reached on mail at [rvdv2000@yahoo.com](mailto:rvdv2000@yahoo.com) in case you have any inquiries.

### Candidate classes....

The candidate will continue working with their teachers on the remaining bits and pieces. Their course still has a few pieces of unfinished work. Mr. Oliver, did a good job in updating the year 11 and 13 parents regularly about the changes that were made during the break. Kindly take those communications serious. If you have any other inquiries pertaining to academics, please reach out to him at [oliver.owori@gmail.com](mailto:oliver.owori@gmail.com), or whatsapp and phone calls (0784318575 or 0702667025). Feel free to make any more inquiries you may have about school matters from only The Head Teacher's office at [ndyanabomirian@gmail.com](mailto:ndyanabomirian@gmail.com) or whatsapp and phone calls (+256772629204) and The Head of Academics as mentioned above.

### Staff contractual obligations..

We have cautioned our members of staff to keep loyal to their contractual obligations. No one is permitted to provide a service outside the agreement we have with them. We advise our associates, not to tempt members of staff with paid services or other gifts. We prefer them to serve in a formal arrangement per our agreements with them. Such side activities like coaching/extra classes as you may know affect the quality of delivery and assessment as it results in a conflict of interest.

## List of Events...

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. We will communicate any adjustments if we must to fit the prevailing circumstances.

DATE	ACTIVITIES
Week 2: 4th-8th May	Appreciation week (Poem and letter writing)
Week 4: 18th-22nd May	Dress like a professional
Week 5: 25th-29th May	Books inspection week/PTC
Week 6: 4th-5th June	Creative wear
Week 9: 22nd-26th June	Graduation and Prom
Week 10: 29th-3rd July	Class parties

## School Dates.....

Please follow the BSK 2019-2020 school calendar. We usually share this early enough, so that you can ably plan with us. If there are any changes, we shall communicate immediately.

## Academic progress.....

Refer to our assessment policy in case you have any matters arising. Please add your voice to ours by encouraging the learners to take all the assignments given very serious. The Covid-19 updates made by our global office indicate that those students in year 11 and 13 who have had issues with attendance and commitment to doing assignments are likely to have the final result affected.

## Online materials.....

Lastly, we appreciate the several study materials other organisations have developed during this period. We advise the BSK family, both the staff and parents to avoid moving with whatever comes in our inboxes. In the Education sector, like any other sector, at both national and global level, we also have strategists who enjoy growing their brands and making money during such times. We advise you to stick with our course outlines that have been curved out of our curriculum. Let us avoid crowding the children with more than what we have planned for them.

Once again, thank you for your continuous support. From everyone at BSK, we wish all of you a successful term.

Yours faithfully,

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Head Teacher.