



BEGINNING OF TERM ONE NEWSLETTER 2020-2021



GREETINGS

Dear Parents,

Warm greetings from BSK. We warmly welcome you back. A special welcome to our new parents, please feel at home. BSK is a school where your child will be nurtured under a great system with great people. To our continuing parents, I hope you have had an enjoyable summer break with the children. We thank those of you, who allowed us in your homes to see what the children were up to. We were overjoyed when we saw our students engaged in different projects, especially in areas of their interest. We really appreciate the support you give them, please keep it up. Once again, thank you for choosing BSK and thank for all the references.

Our term will be virtual until a time when the Ministry of Health and Education announce the opening up of physical schooling. We urge you to keep encouraging the learners to study hard because much as the world has been hit, time keeps moving. On that note therefore, the learners should appreciate your effort towards having them in school by keeping committed to all school work, so that their progression is not disrupted.

STAFF TRAINING

Our staff is excited and happy to start a new term. They successfully completed their term 1 training on 27th August 2020. The trainings as directed by Pearson our certification body give the staff a firm start and good ending point. Among the highlights of the training are four important handles for successful teaching that include:-

- Exciting students; interest in the topic
- Using language that shows students that you are interested in what they have to say.
- Asking questions that guide the lesson forward
- Giving students time to reflect
- Acknowledging students' efforts and being positive with feedback

We shall base our delivery on those, under our school annual theme "Aligned and Focused" which will take us through the academic year successfully.



STAFFING

On our team there is a new face, although he is known to many of you. Mr. Francis Twesigawe is our new Economics teacher. Over the years, he has supported learners and young teachers in this region to enjoy economics as a subject. We know that he is going to be a strong pillar in that section.

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE:

Am glad to share the good news from our May-June 2020 sitting. We had great results from the A-Level that includes the BTECs, with and 93% pass rate, and a 95% pass rate from the IGCSE Level.

Once again our candidates have done us proud. The 2019-2020 class had a number of our pioneer students. It is a class with learners who opened The BSK doors. To their failing we would blame no one but ourselves and therefore we proudly take pride in their excellent performance.

Many of the candidates performed to both our and their family's expectations. Congratulations once again class 2019-2020. We look forward to seeing the year 12 in class next week and we wish the Year 13 well in their different colleges and Universities.

FEEDBACK FROM STUDENTS WHO HAD GAPS WITH ONLINE CLASSES

- My parents did not purchase data
- MY parents were using my study place for their meetings
- I did not hear the alarm clock
- We have network issues in our home area
- I share a laptop with my siblings
- Our house helper did not prepare my meal on time
- I failed to log on
- Our home is near the road so I get disrupted by traffic
- They are always sending me to do house work
- I went to bed late

These were the very common ones in our feedback pool. Based on those therefore, I would like to call upon you Dear parents to support the children as much as possible. Truly online school has its ups and downs and yet the world has not stopped moving. Let us prepare well for the children's school time.

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

The only change in that document is the start of class time which was moved from 8:00am to 9:00am for the virtual classes and then the end from 2:30pm to 3:00pm. Everything else remains as it is. The head Teacher and Head of Academics' are available 8:00am to 4:00pm, Monday-Friday. Please reach out if you have any inquiries.

A special info note will be shared with the students about our Lessons' standard operating procedure and other expectations. The form tutors will share the course outlines and timetables before start of school.

EXERCISE BOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS

The exercise books are available at school, to those who have cleared with the finance office. The continuing students can pass by for replacements and the new comers too, should pick theirs.

The library will be open, Monday-Friday, 10:00am to 1:00pm.

SCHOOL FEES

Please check your email for the details on school fees. Otherwise for any inquiries or pay plans on the same, please reach out to our residential Finance Director Mr. Renatus Van De Velde at rvdv2000@yahoo.com by latest the end of next week Friday 4th of September. Later in September a revised BSK school policy will be sent to all parents/guardians. The policy is aimed at improving fee collection which should lead to less interruptions of the students' education during the term.

OUR VALUES

Please continue working with us, so that your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be.

We urge you to put a great value on school and education. Explain to your child that treating everyone with respect, being on time for school activities, being mindful of the online study etiquette and working hard, are very important to them.

As Parents and Guardians, the value you place on these will be the value your child holds.

We wish you a peaceful term.

Madam Mirian Ndyanabo

BSK DATES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021

TERM 1: 69 days, 14 weeks

Monday 31st August to Friday 11th December 2020.

Half Term: Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October 2020.

National Holidays: Friday 9th October 2020 Independence Day.

TERM 2: 56 days, 12 weeks

Tuesday 5th January to Thursday 1st April 2021.

Half Term: Monday 15th till Friday 19th February 2021.

National Holidays: Tuesday 26th January, Liberation day.

Tuesday 16th February, Luwum Day.

Monday 8th March, Women's Day.

TERM 3: 46 days, 10 weeks

Monday 20th April to Friday 25th June 2021.

Half Term: Thursday 3rd - Friday 4th June 2021.

Holidays: Saturday 1st May: Labour day.

Thursday 3rd June: Martyr day.

Wednesday 9th June: Heroes day.\

LONG HOLIDAY: 9 weeks

Monday 28th June – Friday 27th August 2021.