



BEGINNING OF TERM THREE NEWSLETTER

APRIL 20th 2021

GREETINGS

Dear Parents,
Warm greetings from BSK. I hope you have had an enjoyable time with the children. Term three begins on 20th April 2021 and ends on 25th June 2021.

Our staff is excited and happy to start the new term. They have been undergoing a number of trainings and the last one for this season will be completed on 19th April 2021. These as usual gives them a firm starting point.

BSK in its quiet and fresh environment looks beautiful and very conducive for studies. We would like to urge you parents to encourage the children to take advantage of this cool atmosphere. There is totally no reason for every child in their different abilities not to excel.

Please encourage the students to use the remaining time to get set for term three and also prepare all their scholastic materials. Be sure they have all their items labelled clearly. Our lost and found point fills up with items that have no name tags. This on the other hand makes it difficult for us to trace the owners.

It is always lovely to see children returning to school, looking so smart in school uniform.

We pledge to do everything we can, to help your child remain smart and even smarter. At BSK we believe that a smart looking child is a ready to learn individual. Whenever the children come in looking unprepared and out of the norm, we tend to struggle with them and this ends up spilling in the time of our planned activities. Needless to say, we shall be happy to support you if you realise that your child is not cooperating when it comes to preparation for school. Do not hesitate to let us know if we can support you in any way whatsoever. In case you want to make an appointment with the uniform supplier, please reach out to Joy on +256696597/+256779402566

RESOUNDING OF OUR VALUES

We continue to urge you parents and guardians, to put a great value on school and education. Explain to your child that treating everyone with respect, participating in planned school activities, being on time in school every day, wearing the correct uniform and working hard is important to them; these are also important life skills. The value you place on these, will be the value your child holds. Encourage the children to feel free to ask or talk about anything that they may feel trapped in or anything someone might want to introduce them to. We also encourage you to be interested in knowing who your child's friends are. This will help you appreciate your young adult child more. It can be tough being an adolescent. Please walk the journey with your child.

GENERAL UPDATES FROM HOME

It will be extremely very useful information if you reach out to management specifically not teachers, incase you are running late that one time or if your child is to miss school on a particular day. Whenever you inform management on time and in turn we give this information to our staff, it helps them to support the child in what he or she will have missed but also for purposes of tracking attendance genuinely other than having no reason to the absence. Please be aware that many colleges/universities require us to mention more about the students' attendance and this in most cases is based on what we have tracked over the years.

ARRIVAL

It is understandable that our roads can have high stagnant traffic especially in the morning. The school has tried to adjust its timings over the years to accommodate families that come through routes that have heavy traffic. However, we have noted that everytime we adjust, the same families come in later than usual. We have therefore re-introduced the late bench. It is in front of the Admin' block. It will be used to hold those students who come after 8:00am until the first lesson ends. This will reduce on the disruptions in the morning lessons by late comers. We therefore encourage you to keep time so that your child is not seen on the late bench several times.

Please let the children know that arriving on time, starts with a well-kept and respected bed time programme, favorable enough to allow the family to rest early, so that they can get up earlier and find, no or lesser hold ups on the road.

COMMUNITY SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (THE BSK RUN)

We are thankful to our PSA team and the parents' body at large for your involvement in the 2020 BSK RUN. Ladies and Gentlemen, even in a time when the fears of the pandemic were growing higher, you joined us in the RUN 2020. Thank you for running and thank you so much for giving. You have surely continued to support our CSR activities without holding back. As a school we

believe that our students can now appreciate the importance of the community around them and the goodness in supporting their needs. Other than that, we continue to encourage their involvement because some Colleges/Universities, have that as a requirement for admission. It scores the child a mark or two.

It is on that note that, this term we shall take a team of students to handover maternity equipment to the health center we have been fundraising for. Clips of this event will be run on line, on Television and other media outlets. We look forward to continuing to develop and improve the good work of our whole school and the community around us.

DEPARTURE SAFETY MEASURES

The safety of all the children is of utmost importance to us, and therefore we would just like to remind you that all children under self-drive/private transport must be picked on time at the end of the school day. This must be done by the designated parent/guardian. Please ensure your child is aware of the home pick time arrangements, for instance if they are to wait for an adult to collect them, or if they are to go home on their own or to go after-school clubs time.. You MUST contact the school office on +256705052089 if there is a change, for example if another adult will be collecting your child; we will not let your child go home unless we are notified. On the other hand if your child uses the school buses and you need clarity on transport issues, please reach out to Milton on +256774530767/+256752530767.

CLASS INFO EVENINGS

As a heads-up, our INFO days are as follows:

- **BSK Year 8 – Friday 9th June at 2:40pm – 3:40pm**
- **BSK Year 11 – Friday 7th May at 3:00pm – 4:00pm**

It is really important that at least one parent/guardian can attend as we shall be discussing the subject options and combinations.

Each class meeting lasts about an hour.

THE LIST OF EVENTS

- BSK Year 11 begin exams-26th April 2021
- BSK Year 13 begin exams-24th May 2021
- BSK Open air campaigns for 2021-2022 students leaders -26th -30th April 2021
- BSK Voting Day-30th April 2021
- BSK Swearing of incoming prefects and handover ceremony of outgoing prefects-7th May 2021
- BSK Twinning day-14th May 2021
- BSK Denim Friday-21st May 2021
- BSK Dance and Movie Night-11th June 2021
- BSK Step up day for year 6-1st June 2021
- BSK Inter house debate and spelling Bee Day-16th June 2021
- BSK Graduation day and Prom evening-18th June 2021

MEALS

For children who choose to have a packed lunch and snack, please ensure it contains a healthy balance diet, with no fizzy drinks or sweetened foods. We are happy again, to share our observations with you especially with the younger students. Some drinks and eats get them extremely hyper and less controllable and yet when the energies go down they get lazy. This calls for more time from us to engage in re-directing the students instead of doing constructive planned school work.

EXAMS TIME

We have observed that some students tend to get an anxiety in the third term. They panic and this affects their performance ultimately. To calm them down and support them in this season, we encourage you to develop a study timetable with them. As usual, their form tutors are always ready to support you in this, so that the students learn the importance of time management and planning early enough before exams. These two create calmness and readiness for the season. Once again, we would like to discourage some of our parents, who engage the teachers for extra lessons at a cost for this service. This is against our school policy. We therefore, request you to stop.

Anyone who engages the teachers, should inform management so that the teacher is granted permission to do so.

Lastly, please pin up our list of events somewhere in view of everyone at home so that you all can track the different dates for the different activities at school. This will help you to prepare well in case any of them needs your support.

We wish you a peaceful term.

BSK Secondary Management