



THE BSK END OF TERM TWO NEWSLETTER

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“Every day, we aspire to build character, inspire dreams, encourage creativity, build confidence and instill a lot of learning.”

GREETINGS

Dear Parents and Guardians,
Greetings from the British School Kampala.
Our term two 2021-2022 has come to an end. Without your continuous support, we would not have been able to register another very successful term. Surely, it has been a great one.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

The staff and the students have anchored the teaching and learning on the Daily Learning Objectives (DLO) that are posted on the white board before the start of every lesson. These have become a custom of everyone. The students will wonder, once the teacher starts teaching before posting the DLO. This seemingly small change has helped us keep aligned to the subject goals across board.

POST LOCKDOWN SEASON

We are happy to say that, we have pulled through carefully from the different places Covid -19 had taken us to. The BSK community is stable and happy to live normally again. From the Covid -19 Pandemic, we have carried with us a number of great lessons that were learnt during the lock down season. These have been strengthened further so they can become a part of us going forward.

SCHOOL INFO NOTES

Dear Parents, we would like to encourage you to continuously read from your child's school and check any messages that are generated from the School Management System. The growth and successful operations of any great Day School depend on how welcoming and cooperative the parents are when it comes to reading school info notes, reaching out for clarification on any matters and responding to the school communications in a manner that is constructive. Our info notes are always short and helpful in highlighting important issues. Please look out for them. Some of them have information that is important for tomorrow.

ATTENDANCE

The students' attendance on Mondays and Wednesdays is wanting. We have observed this for the last twelve weeks. We call upon you to observe and where need be, address it. This pattern, has affected the performance of some students and their assessment records in our system. On the same issue, we would like to encourage you to sound the reminders for preparing for School on Saturday morning and not Sunday night. Let everything that will be needed the next week be set earlier than later. We have learnt over the years that Sunday is the shortest day and therefore, it cannot be used to prepare for the incoming week. Experience shows that Saturday is the longest day and it should therefore be used to do most of the preparations of the week. Monday being an excuse day, not just to the young ones but to many who misuse their weekend time, we call upon you to keep your parenting buttons more active so that you can embrace the challenges that come with parenting teen agers especially the many who have a number of beautiful and suitable excuses to forego or miss a planned activity.

TIMINGS and CLUBS

Our departure time on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays have changed from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. This is to cater the the clubs and school assemblies and any other activities that may require practice or further academics or pastoral engagements.

FOCUSING ON THIRD TERM

Let us encourage the students to use the remaining time to research widely on topics that they may have given less attention in the past months. This call is

not to the senior students only. The junior learners too should spend more time working on the gaps realized during the term. This period should be an opportunity for the children to strengthen their reading culture. As you may know, the curriculum requires one to be widely knowledgeable.

THE STUDENTS CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

It is unusual for us to reecho ourselves on our code. This is because we invest a lot in nurturing trust and love in our learners whenever we receive them. This we do with a lot of gracefulness. At BSK, it is normal for the children to tell the truth. But, with no doubt this has been nurtured. Moreover, without telling the truth, given the manageable number of our students, our system can easily track a child who is trying to sway or be swayed. Our approach is to quickly bring them back to order with the students' code of behaviour as our guide. That is one of the reasons why we do not usually have many indiscipline cases. Needless to say, we are aware about the times and the effects of this to the world where our children live. Therefore, based on the above, we would like to encourage you to reach out to us as soon as your child reports anything bad about the school, his/her company, the members of our staff or even other than the mentioned. Please don't wait; don't hold back. Work with us more when you observe drastic changes in your child's dress code, the language used, when he/she begins to hide while on phone, when they begin to keep their schoolbag away from you, when they look tired throughout the day, when they no longer look at you in the eye, when they talk ill about their teachers and they discourage you from meeting them, when they constantly want to go for sleep overs and many other new tendencies. We have learnt that, whereas our code of behaviour is helpful, some households have different codes that affect the strength of ours sometimes. We would like to request you, to parent with us because together we produce the best.

ADHERENCE TO HEALTHY FEEDING AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT

To make our climate change campaign more meaningful and living healthy real, we have abolished with immediate with effect the supply or packing of carbonated drinks. These will not be sold in the school tack shops. The students are encouraged to pack fresh fruit juice or water. Disposable plastic plates and cups have also been burnt. from the school. Please cooperate and support with our initiatives.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our uniform is beautiful and simple. This should make it easy for everyone to enjoy putting it on. We have observed the carelessness attached to the word uniform. We do not want to change it at all. If anything we have even made it easier for those with excuses of washing during the week and their uniform not drying. Our Thursday uniform top is going to be a black polo shirt starting next term. It can be bought from the school reception at Uganda Shillings 30,000 only.

BSK@10

We shall end with this beautiful piece of information. Please join us as we celebrate 10 years of growth on 12/9/2022. We have a number of pre D-day activities. These are going on well. Soon we shall engage you on some BSK@10 programmes. We look forward to working with you. It is on this note that we would like to introduce to you a change in our Thursday wear. Instead of the white polo shirt, we shall have the black polo which has a badge and hashtag at the back. It costs Uganda Shillings thirty thousand only. You too can purchase one or two for your yourself or friends.

ABOUT NEXT TERM

Next term begins on 20/4/2022 and ends 24/6/2022. We would like to thank you for supporting the school. All the info notes that include the BSK annual calendar , the list of events, the aspiring prefects SOPs and the list of clubs have been inboxed.

Our third term is going to be a short one. Ten weeks to be exact. It will be busier, with final touches, consultations and reach outs to the learners in the areas where there is more need for support.

We shall also have some pastoral activities like the voting and swearing of the students' leadership board, the year 11 and 13 graduation ceremony, the prom party and end of year class parties. The whole list of events has got the other termly events that have been shared separately. Please print it or pin it somewhere in view. The dates for each of these activities will be shared. We encourage you to share the school newsletters and discuss the end of term reports with the students. You will receive the end of term reports electronically by the end of 2 April 2022. It is very important that they also get know where we are placing emphasis.

On behalf of everyone, we wish you a joyful break with the children.

BSK Secondary School Management

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