



# BIS e-Bulletin

Wednesday 13th February 2019

## Term 2

Monday January 7th—Friday April 12th 2019  
Half Term Wednesday 13th February - Monday 25th February

---

### Half Term Holiday

As announced previously school will end lessons on Wednesday 13th February and we will resume as normal on the 25th February.

You may be aware that there is the possibility of additional closures of some schools around the 28<sup>th</sup> February. At this time no formal decision has been made at BIS and we will continue to monitor the situation. Teaching, particularly, of examination classes, remains paramount.

---

### Morning Lateness

A small number of students appear to be lapsing into morning lateness. I would like to remind all students that they must be in school for a prompt start to the day at 8am. Students arriving in school after this time will be registered as late and will attend detention on the same day. Year 11 students will take their detention on the first day that they do not have a P6 revision class.

---

### Student Birthdays

Each month we have a small number of students who wish to celebrate their birthdays with their friends in school. As a boarding school it is particularly important that we can support this as students are not always with their families on this special day. Since I have been here I have run ad hoc birthday celebrations from my office. However, in my new role this is now not always possible. Form tutors have very kindly offered to take on the mantle. If you would like your son or daughter to have their birthday recognised in school, please contact the relevant form tutor the week prior to the celebration. The tutor can then find an appropriate day and time during the lunch break for the form group to meet. As these celebrations will be taking place in teaching rooms we ask that only a cake or equivalent is provided. Hot food such as pizza is not appropriate as the rooms will be taught in shortly afterwards.

## Prefect Elections

Last week saw the election of our new prefect body. All pupil and staff voted on Monday of last week and from this 20 students were selected. I am delighted to announce that following interviews and presentations Anwana Amba and Anna Akwukwuma will serve as Head Boy and Head Girl. They will be supported by their deputies Radha Opubor and George Koranteng.

The selection of prefects will always lead to disappointment for some pupils. In a school with such impressive young people not all students who were capable of being excellent prefects were elected. I have impressed upon all of those students that there are many other opportunities in school to take on responsibility, contribute to the community and to develop skills such as leadership and public speaking. That some of these students have already come forward speaks loudly of the quality of their character.



---

## Student emails and Microsoft 365

At the beginning of last term BIS introduced Microsoft's 365 system for staff. 365 provides email, calendars, cloud storage and online versions of Microsoft software. This term 365 will be rolled out to all pupils. In order to gain access to the 365 portal we ask that all pupils and parents read the student AUP (acceptable use policy) document that has been distributed via form tutors and return a signed copy to school upon resumption after Half Term.

As part of 365 for students Microsoft also provides free copies of the Office package. This software can be downloaded to any computer that the student might use. Each pupil will also be given an @bisnigeria.org email address that will allow for easier communication between staff and pupils.

365 is a web based and this also means that whether students are in school, boarding house, home or traveling they will have access to their work, emails and Office software.

---

## Inaugural Concert in the Park

Today saw the first of our monthly Concerts on the Park. During lunchtime students took to the outdoor stage to showcase their talents. My thanks to Mr Shosanya and all the pupils who worked so hard to make the event such a success.



## Sports Day

Friday saw the annual House Sports Day take place. Rain and a water logged track meant that events were delayed for two hours. Despite this a full programme of events took place and there was even time for the parents race!

Athletes and supporters must be congratulated for the sportsmanship displayed throughout the day. Due to the delayed start we all had to wait until Tuesday's Assembly to hear the news that we were all waiting for. The winner of .....



the parents race was Mrs Ogunbajo

There was also the small matter of who won the overall competition. This year it was TOPAZ.

Well done to all who supported or took part and a particular thank you to the PE department who put together an excellent event in what was, due to the weather, a difficult day.

---

## Nigeria Canada Alumni Association

The Canadian Deputy High Commission is looking to identify Nigerian students currently resident in Nigeria who have studied at Canadian Schools or Universities. The NCAA (not to be confused with the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority!) will have its inaugural reception on the 28th February. If you wish to register or attend please contact the Deputy High Commission via the email below.

[Alexia.Jablonski@international.gc.ca](mailto:Alexia.Jablonski@international.gc.ca)

---

## Meeting with the Acting Principal

I am available to meet with any parent **each day of the week**. An appointment system is run to avoid parents needlessly waiting if my diary is full as well as to ensure that sufficient time is set aside to discuss issues fully and without interruption. Please contact the Principal's PA on **0908 701 4833** to book an appointment

I do appreciate that it may be more convenient, particularly for shorter meetings, to meet having dropped off your child in the morning. With this in mind 8.15-9.15 each day has been set aside for this very purpose. **No appointment is necessary.**

The relationship between school and parent is crucial to both the happiness and academic development of each child in our care. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any issue that you would wish to discuss.

## Entrance test day Saturday February 9th

On February 9th we will hold the second of our 3 entrance test days for students wishing to join our Year 7 September 2019.

If you have family or friends who are considering us for their children's secondary education please let them know. Further information is available from the Registrar's office [registrar@bisnigeria.org](mailto:registrar@bisnigeria.org)