



BIS e-Bulletin

Friday 11 January 2019

Term 2

Monday January 7th—Friday April 12th 2019
Half Term Friday 15th February-Tuesday 25th February

A welcome from the Acting Principal

A Happy New Year to all parents and pupils of BIS. I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable time with their families over the holiday period.

As many of you will know I have been at BIS as Vice Principal since the Summer of 2017. Having worked in the UK and internationally for the last 25 years I can therefore say, with absolute sincerity, that this is a very special school. It is an absolute privilege to assume the role of Acting Principal.

I have been delighted to welcome all of our students back to school. As always the second term started with a flurry of activity. Monday was a revision day for Year 10-13 students and their mock examinations are now in full flow. Years 7-9 joined us on Tuesday and have quickly settled back into the rou-

tines of the working day that are so important to academic success. The boarding houses are once again full of life and filled with the chatter of students welcoming each other after their return. It is good to be back.

Mock examinations

Mock examinations began on Wednesday of this week. Lessons will resume as follows

- Year 10: Thursday 17th January.*
- Year 11: Wednesday 23rd January.
- Years 12 & 13: Wednesday 16th January.

*Year 10 ICT practical examinations will take place during the morning of 17th January. All other Year 10 will be in lessons.

Examinations results will be published shortly thereafter.

Student Identity Cards

Students wear ID badges at all times. These are essential in managing the security of our campus and even more important in student minds because it lets them have lunch! If a student has lost their ID badge a new one can be requested by parents through the Registrar's office at a cost of 1500 Naira.

Hair and Uniform

The recent holiday and, I suspect, for some, various social events has meant that a number of students have returned with hair styles that are not in keeping with the school uniform code. Students have been asked that by Monday 14th January their hair styles meet the rules below.

Girls' hair should not be overly long and extensions should never be longer than shoulder length. All hair must be tidy, of a single natural hair colour and tied back at all times.

Boys' hair must be short but not too closely shaven or have shapes cut into it. All students are expected to be without facial hair.

A school's reputation is hard won and easily lost. Uniform is a key indicator of the standards expected elsewhere within a school. I ask all students to recognise that if they do not adhere to the uniform policy it will have a negative impact on the way that the whole school community is viewed.

After school revision programme for Year 11 students

Period 6 (2.45-3.35) revision sessions for Year 11 students will begin shortly after the mock examinations. Lessons will start on Monday 28th January (Week B) and will continue for the rest of the term.

On Monday 14th January an electronic form will be sent via email asking all parents (boarding and day) to select which revision classes they wish their sons and daughters to participate in. Should you have difficulties accessing this form then paper copies are available from the Registrars office. Returns should be made by Monday 21st January.

Co-Curricular Activities

Co-Curricular activities will begin week beginning Monday 14th January. Years 7-10 and 12-13 are encouraged to take full advantage of the range of activities available to them. Year 11 will not participate in afternoon activities as they will shortly embark on their after school revision programme.

Celebrating Success

I am keen to celebrate the achievements of pupils both in and out of school within future news letters. Currently many of our Year 11 have gained entry and some also scholarships for several of the best Sixth Forms in the UK. A testimony to the hard work of students as well as the support that they have received from parents and teachers. I am also aware that BIS students are contributing greatly to their local communities, achieving sporting success and passing instrumental examinations to name but a few areas where your sons and daughters shine. If you would like these successes to be recognised within the newsletter please email principalspa@bisnigeria.org with details.

Year 9: IGCSE Options choices

The deadline for the submission of CIE IGCSE options for Year 9 students is today, Friday 11th January. If option forms have not been completed please encourage your son or daughter to hand them to their form tutor no later than Tuesday 15th January.

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.