



1st Visiting Weekend Newsletter



Welcome to the first Visiting Day of the 2018/19 academic session. This is always an exciting time as it is the first opportunity for our new year 7 students to show their parents how they have begun to settle into school life. As a school, we are very proud of our outstanding record in external examinations and expect each child to perform at the highest level. However, for parents of Year 7 students it is important to understand that the move from primary to secondary school is a significant change and it may take time for your child to settle down and achieve their best. I hope you have been able to see your child's marks for the different subjects during CA1 online. If you are having difficulty accessing them, staff will be available in the ICT room on Sunday to assist. Please also take the time to meet your child's teachers during the Academic Open Day on Sunday in the library hall.

I am particularly pleased to welcome so many new families to the Olashore International Community. Twenty-six new families have joined the community this session along with the fifty-three new families that have joined in the previous two sessions. I would encourage our long-standing parents to get to know the new families. The support offered via the Parents' What's App forum has been very encouraging and I am sure it will continue.

As I write this newsletter in preparation for visiting day we are also celebrating World Mental Health Day across the school. This morning I attended the Year 8 assembly where the students had developed an excellent presentation on the importance of mental wellbeing. During Thursday's Achievers' Assembly we will have both poetry and an iMovie prepared by the students. The Olashore Mental Wellness Initiative was launched at the Lagos Business School in May and is an ongoing programme both within the school and the community. As part of this, one of our parents, who is a child psychiatrist, will give a talk during the PTA meeting. She will also be available to meet parents individually on Saturday to share her experience. If you

would like to make use of this opportunity please email the school on info@olashoreschool.com.

This is a very special year in the history of Olashore International School as it marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the school. In order to celebrate this occasion we have planned a number of events in school and also around the country. I would like to draw your attention to the programmes we have scheduled for term 1 and encourage your participation. On **November 10th** we will be holding our **Speech and Prize Giving** celebration. This year we are excited to welcome back to the school Bode Olanipekun. Bode was one of the first set of students who graduated in 1999. In July 2018 he became the youngest ever Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN). We look forward to hearing his experience and advice for our students. In order to allow as many parents as possible to attend the event, we will begin at the later time of **2pm**. I encourage as many parents as possible to attend to see children receive their prizes and the outstanding choir and cultural dance troupe.

Later in November the school drama troupe will perform the school play in **Abuja, Ibadan and Lagos**. The dates and details are included in the newsletter. This is a great opportunity to share the value of an Olashore education with friends who may be interested in finding out more about the school. Following the event there will be a chance to meet with staff and alumni.

Finally, in December, the Friends of Olashore are planning an event in **Port Harcourt**, bringing together current and past parents along with alumni and current students. There will be performances by our current students and I look forward to attending the event along with members of the Board.

I wish you all a safe trip to and from school and look forward to meeting you during the weekend.

Derek Smith

Principal and CFO





Information For Parents

The following information is to make you aware of the arrangements for Visiting Day. The newsletter will also be available on the school website, www.olashoreschool.com

and Facebook page

<http://www.facebook.com/olashoreschool>

Join our online community

Get updates of all events and activities that your children will be involved in this academic year by joining our online community and following all our social media handles.

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Saturday 13th October

2.00 – 6.30pm Signing out of students (hall)
 5.00 – 7.00pm PTA Exco meeting
 8.00 – 9.00pm New Parents' Forum

Sunday 14th October

7.30 – 8.30am Religious Services
 10.00 – 12pm PTA Congress meeting
 10.00 – 12pm Year 11 Fund raising (Royal Park)
 1.00 – 4.00pm Academic Open Day for All Students (Library Hall)
 1.00 – 4.00pm Humanities Departmental Fair (Geography Lab)
 1.00 – 5.00pm University Fair (Water Meadow)
 2.15 – 3.45pm Year 7 iPad handover
 6.00pm All parents should have left the school compound.

New Parents, Forum

There will be a special forum for parents who are new to the school this session. This will take place on Saturday 13th October 2018, at the Royal Park

Hotel between 8.00pm – 9.00pm. The forum will enable new parents to meet and interact with the top managers of the school and learn more about the vision and programmes of Olashore International School.

Siblings Entrance Exams

The school is organising a special entrance examination for Olashore International School siblings who are of the school's admission age and class. The examination will take place on Sunday 11th November, 2018 (2nd visiting day) at 10.00 am in the school compound.

Parents can complete the application form online from the school website (www.olashoreschool.com) or collect a copy directly from the school's Registrar by emailing nicholas.bako@olashoreschool.com or calling 08077124290

Monthly Payment of School Fees

The Board is mindful of the economic challenges and as a result allows parents to pay fees on monthly basis subject to the receipt of an acknowledged copy of direct debit instruction from the parent's bank by the school.

Please contact the account department of the school for further details through email account@olashoreschool.com and/or phone number 08107232901.

Exeat Tags

Children on exeat will be given a numbered tag. This is to enable us monitor when each student is signed out and then back in.

Please keep the tag with you and submit it to the staff at the reception or the school gate when your child is returned to the care of the school.

If you are accompanying your child to one of our religious services, please bring the tag with you.





Year 8 & 9 Leadership Excursion to Cotonou

Everything is now ready for the Year 8 and 9 leadership excursion to Cotonou in October, 2018. Parents who have registered their child/ ward for the trip are expected to submit the students' pocket money of N10,000 and a suitcase containing the students' personal effects no later than the first visiting day in term 1; Sunday the 14th October, 2018 at the excursion table in the school hall.

Year 7 Excursion to Calabar

Year 7 students will visit Calabar in May, 2019. Letters with full details of the trip should be collected from the hostel parents on the first visiting day - 14th October, 2018.

Year 10 & 11 Cultural Excursion to France

Year 10 and 11 students will visit France in April, 2019. Letters with full details of the trip should be collected from the hostel parents on the first visiting day -14th October, 2018.

Parents who would like further details about any trip can contact the Quality Assurance Manager.

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Leadership Projects

Some of the leadership projects presented last term will be executed this term, particularly the Year 8 classroom decoration that has a Christmas theme and the Year 11 Health to Help Initiative.

Year 8 students proposed decorating the classrooms with a Christmas theme.

Year 11 students have pledged to improve the quality of service provided in the Iloko Health Centre and improve the living standard of some orphans in Iloko through the donation of clothes, books, toys, mattresses, bedsheets, mosquito

nets, pillows, and cleaning equipment. These items are all expected to be brought this visiting weekend towards fulfilling this pledge.

Year 11 Leadership Training Programme

Year 11 parents are encouraged to pick up, complete and return consent forms from the leadership personnel positioned in front of the school hall for their child's participation at the Leadership Training in Ibadan.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

We also encourage all Year 10 and 11 parents to visit the Duke of Edinburgh Award Stand on the Water Meadow on Sunday to indicate interest in their child's participation in the Award.

Academic Open Day

Academic Open Day for all students will take place on Sunday 14th October in the Library Hall from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Parents should please note that Humanities teachers will be available in the Geography Lab due to the Humanities Department Fair.

Departmental Fair

The Humanities Department will be holding a fair to showcase the students' work in subjects within this department. It will take place between 1.00pm and 4.00pm in the Geography Lab. Please note that parents can meet staff of the department at the venue to discuss their child's progress.

IGCSE 2018

The Year 12 students who were registered for Oct./Nov. 2018 IGCSE started the examination on Wednesday 10th October, 2018 with the ICT practical examination. The written examinations will begin on Monday 15th October, 2018.





Year 12 Exam Registration and activities

Parents of Year 12 students that have not submitted the **Exam & Activities Form** are reminded to submit the form to the Senior Master to confirm the exam and activities that their children will be involved in.

DELFL Examination

Following the partnership set up earlier in the year between Olashore International School and the Alliance Francaise, Ibadan, the first set of DELFL Examination took place in June 2018. The results were excellent and we are expecting the certificates which will be sent from the French Ministry of Education. We look forward to the presentation ceremony later in the year.

The next set of the DELFL Examinations will take place in November and will be preceded by a mock examination on 16th and 17th October. All students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will take part in the mock examination at the appropriate level.

Following the mock exam, parents of students who are recommended for entry for the formal exam at this stage will be contacted to confirm the registration for the November examination.

Parents wishing to hold further discussions on the DELFL examination can meet with the Head of Languages, Mr Taiwo Ajisafe or the Senior Master, Mr Olayinka Thomas during the Academic Open day on Sunday 14th October.

PTA Swimming Gala

The annual PTA Swimming Gala will be held on Sunday 11th November 2018 at 11.00am. The venue is the swimming arena.

We look forward to having our esteemed parents and other guests at this spectacular event.

Olashore Exhibitions in Lagos

This is to inform parents that Olashore International School will be taking parts in exhibitions in Lagos as scheduled below. We are seeking the support of parents to refer prospective parents, friends and family seeking boarding school education for their children in the coming years to come and learn more about what we offer at Olashore International School.

Lagos Mum Annual Parenting Conference.

Date: 13th October 2018
Time: 9.00 – 4.00 pm
Venue: Harbour Point, Victoria Island Lagos

Union Bank Education Fair

Date: 22nd – 24th October 2018
Time: 9.00 – 4.00 pm
Venue: Harbour Point, Victoria Island Lagos

25th Anniversary School Play

Parents are cordially invited to the presentation of the 25th Anniversary School Play as scheduled below. We encourage parents to bring friends and family seeking boarding school education for their children in the coming years to come and learn more about what we offer at Olashore International School.

Lagos

Date: Wednesday 21st November
Venue: MUSON centre, Lagos Island,
Time: 5.00 pm

Ibadan

Date: Saturday 24th November
Venue: Art Theatre, University of Ibadan,
Time: 3.00 pm

Abuja

Date: Saturday 1st December 2018
Venue: Merit House Hall, Maitama,
Time: 5.00 pm





University Fair

Parents are invited to the 6th edition of University fair during visiting day in school. The fair is an opportunity for parents of students in Years 10 - 12 to meet representatives of universities and placement agencies and ask questions about university admissions as scheduled below:

Date: Sunday 14th October 2018
Time: 1.00 – 5.00 pm
Venue: Water Meadow

College Board SAT Test Dates for 2018/2019

This is to inform parents of the schedule for College board SAT tests for 2018/2019. Parent are reminded that the original international passport of their child is the only valid means of registration and identification for the tests. International passport for students writing December SAT **must** be submitted to Mr. Rufai (08074503992) on or before 10th November, 2018.

Test Dates	Test type
1 st December 2018	SAT /SAT with Essay / SAT Subject
9 th March 2019	SAT /SAT with Essay
4 th May 2019	SAT /SAT with Essay / SAT Subject

Provisions

It has come to our notice that during open/visiting days some parents leave provision for their children while visiting them in the hostels. This is strictly against the school policy. We will appreciate if no food item is taken to the hostels as children found with food items will be subject to disciplinary action.

Birthday Celebrations

Parents who would like to celebrate their child’s birthday should pay a maximum of twenty thousand naira into the school account at least a week before the birthday. The school will get the necessary items for the birthday. **Under no circumstances should parents bring birthday items to school for their children.** As much as possible we want to discourage rivalry among the students

Appropriate Haircut

We deem it necessary to reiterate the school policy on haircut. All boys are expected to keep low hair and to be clean shaven at all times.

Male students are expected to have their personal clippers. In an attempt to avoid having regular haircuts, some of our male students deliberately do not bring their clippers to school, so we would be most grateful if parents could make it a point of duty to ensure that their wards come to school with clippers.

Footwear and Bracelets

It important to note that students are only permitted to wear black sandals and “cros” with their house wear. Under no circumstances are students allowed to wear contrary footwear, particularly when they are leaving the hostels for the school area. Parents should endeavour to provide their children with the recommended footwear.

Students are allowed to wear wristwatches; however, they are prohibited from wearing neck jewellery, wristbands and bracelets. Any such items will be confiscated.





Jumpers

We deem it necessary to reiterate the school policy on appropriate jumpers. Students can wear plain white, grey or black jumpers ONLY. Kindly bear in mind that hooded jumpers are not allowed.

School jumpers can be purchased through the school uniform supplier. Please contact the Director of Finance on 0807 450 3972 or peter.ajibade@olashoreschool.com for details

Bedding

It has come to our notice that some of our students have just one set of bedding. When this is taken to laundry they are left without proper bedding until it is returned.

We would appreciate it if parents could provide their wards with at least two sets of bedding.

Coloured Singlets

Students are expected to wear either white or black singlets. Coloured singlets are not allowed.

In 2018, Olashore International School graduates became the youngest SAN in Nigeria's history, Maersk Line's first female operations manager in Nigeria and two graduates appeared in the Forbes Africa Under-30.

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Key dates for 2018/19 Academic Session

FIRST TERM:

September 8 to December 15 2018

Whole School	Saturday 8 th September – Saturday 15 th December
1 st Visiting Day	Sunday 14 th October
Speech and Prize Giving Day	Saturday 10 th November (2.00pm)
2 nd Visiting Day	Sunday 11 th November
25 th Anniversary School Play	
• Lagos	Wednesday 21 st November
• Ibadan	Saturday 24 th November
• Abuja	Saturday 1 st December
End of Term Exeat (Students)	Saturday 15 th December
Friends of Olashore Gala Night, Port Harcourt	Sunday 16 th December

SECOND TERM:

January 12 to April 14 2019

Whole School	Saturday 12 th January – Saturday 6 th April
Founder's Day	Saturday 9 th February
1 st Visiting Day	Sunday 10 th February
2 nd Visiting Day	Sunday 10 th March
End of Term Exeat (Students)	Saturday 6 th April

THIRD TERM:

April 27 to July 13 2019

Whole School	Saturday 27 th April – Saturday 13 th July
Valedictory Service	Saturday 8 th June
Visiting Day	Sunday 9 th June
End of Term Exeat (Students)	Saturday 13 th July

Students should not be taken out of school during mid-term





Visiting Day Procedure

At Olashore International School we believe that the safety of all students is our paramount concern. This has led us to develop this policy on visitors to the school.

Visiting Day Arrangements

All children will attend their religious service at 7.30am following which they will return to the hostel. Parents are welcome to join the services. Students will return to the hostel after the services. Parents should **collect their children from the hostel** after the PTA Meeting for picnics on the Water Meadow.

PARENTS are allowed into the houses, but males are not allowed into Senior House for Girls.

PLEASE NOTE SENIOR HOUSE FOR GIRLS IS OUT OF BOUNDS TO ALL MALES

Parents are allowed to rendezvous with their children in Junior House refectories. However, male students (siblings) are not allowed inside female hostels; likewise, female students (siblings) are not allowed inside male hostels.

DO NOT TAKE FOOD ITEMS INTO THE HOSTEL.

Parents should leave the hostels by 5.30pm at the latest. All parents should have left school by 6.00pm to allow students to prepare for the evening's activities.

Humanities Departmental Fair

The Humanities Departmental Fair will take place during Visiting Day in the Geography Lab from 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Please visit during the afternoon.

Academic Open Day

Academic Open Day for all students will take place in the Library Hall from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. The subject teachers will be available to give you an update on your child's progress and answer any questions you may have.

Eduportal

All student results for CA 1 are available on the Eduportal. Assistance will be available in the ICT lab for any parents who would like to check results online.

The Eduportal can be accessed via the school website on www.olashoreschool.com. If you have not received your password, please contact the Head of ICT via email on afolabi.akin@olashoreschool.com or call 0807 450 3956.

