



## Founder's Day Newsletter, 2018/19



Welcome to Olashore International School for the first Visiting Day of the term. This weekend will be an exciting one as we will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the opening of the school as part of our annual Founder's Day celebrations. The Founder's Day celebrations will take place on Saturday. During the event we will also celebrate members of our alumni and their commitment to the school and the wider community. We will also be launching the OISA Foundation, an exciting project to allow us to continue and extend our support for education and health projects in the local community.

Academic excellence has been the foundation on which the success of the school has been built since the founding of the school twenty-five years ago. It was very pleasing this term to see that the standard of excellence is being maintained. The Cambridge IGCSE results for Year 12 students were released in January. Once again, the performance was outstanding across the board. Particular congratulations to Taslim and Tayo, who each scored six A\*/A grades.

The school is committed to ensuring that each child achieves their full potential, academically and in other core skills as well. Each year we set aside time in January to measure each student's academic progress using standardised assessments through GL Education. The students take assessments in core subjects including maths, science and English, alongside cognitive ability tests and an attitude survey. This allows us to work with

parents to ensure that each child is progressing well and performing to the best of their ability. These assessments have now been completed and the reports will be sent to parents in the coming week.

In addition to academic success, we encourage children to develop a wide range of talents. I am looking forward to the Founder's Day programme where the cultural dance troupe and the school choir will again perform. I am also pleased to see students taking responsibility for anchoring the event. This term has also seen the school host a 25th anniversary soccer tournament for schools in the South-West region. Congratulations to all who organised and took part in the event, and particular congratulations to the OIS girls soccer team who took first place!

Alongside academic and sporting success, this weekend is a first in the history of the school as the Olashore Debate Team is currently in Bucharest, Romania where they are representing Nigeria at the COBIS World Student Debate competition. The team are currently AISEN National Debate champions and winners of the Akintola Williams Debate. We wish them all the best and are very proud of their success.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents who took time to join us at Open Events across the country in January. It is a pleasure to meet so many of you and I look forward to meeting many more at Open Events in the coming months.

Wishing you a safe trip to and from school.

*Derek Smith*  
Principal and CEO





## 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](http://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.

Twitter: @OlashoreSchool

([www.twitter.com/OlashoreSchool](http://www.twitter.com/OlashoreSchool))

Facebook: @OlashoreSchool

([www.facebook.com/OlashoreSchool](http://www.facebook.com/OlashoreSchool))

Instagram: @OlashoreSchool

([www.instagram.com/OlashoreSchool](http://www.instagram.com/OlashoreSchool))

### Founder's Day / Visiting Weekend Activities

This weekend there will be a number of events and parents are encouraged to attend wherever possible. During the weekend the following activities will be taking place.

#### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February

11 – 1.30pm Founder's Day programme

3.00 – 6.30pm Signing out of students (hall)

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February

7.30 – 8.30am Religious Services

7.30 – 8.30am 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Service (Oba Samuel Olashore Anglican Church)

10.30 – 1.00pm Founders' Day Athletics (Dr. David Burgess Stadium).

1.30 – 4.00pm Academic Open Day for all students (Library Hall)

1.30 – 4.00pm Science Departmental Fair

6.00pm All parents should have left the school compound.

### Founder's Day Celebration

This year's Founder's Day is tagged 25th Anniversary Founder's Day to mark the 25th Anniversary of the school. This year's Founder's Day is unique, as the school will not only celebrate the founding father and recognise staff who have served the school meritoriously for 10 and 20 years but will also give awards to 3 outstanding Alumni for their contributions to the school. Other activities on that day include the presentation of the 25th Anniversary book by Amb. Dr Eniola Ajayi and the launching of the OISA Foundation by HRM Oba Adedokun Abolarin, Aroyinkeye 1 and Dr Akin Ogunbiyi.

The event takes place on Saturday 9th February, 2019 and starts at 11.00 am prompt in Oba Okunade Sijuwade Hall (School Hall).

All parents are welcome.

### Secondary School Fair at Amville School, Lagos

This is to inform parents that Olashore International School will be participating in Amville School annual secondary school fair 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.

**Date:** Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Time:** 10.00am – 2.00pm

**Venue:** Amville School, 10 Olowogbowo Street, Ilupeju, Lagos.

### Olashore Annual Open Events in 2019

The Olashore Open Event is part of our outreach strategy to meet with our parents across Nigeria and in the United Kingdom. The event is also designed to encourage our current parents to bring friends and family seeking boarding school





education for their children in the coming year to come and learn more about what we offer at Olashore International School. The event is hosted by Prince Abimbola Olashore (Chairman, Board of Governors) and Mr. D.K Smith (Principal & CEO) and supported by current and past parents of Olashore.

**Olashore Annual Open Events in 2019**

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

**UK** Open event at The Hilton London Paddington, 146, Praed Street, London, W2 1EE, United Kingdom.

**March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Akure** Open event at Heritage Continental Resort Hotel, 40, Henry Fajemirokun Avenue, Ijapo Estate, Akure.

**March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

**Ekiti** Open event at Midas Hotel, 15-16, Midas Avenue, Iworoko Road, Ado Ekiti.

All open events in Nigeria start at 4.00pm while the UK open event start at 3.00pm.

**GL Assessment**

The GL Education Assessment for the 2018/19 session took place from Monday 28th January to Friday 8th February. All students in Years 7-11 were involved in the digital online assessment. The results of GL Assessment provide accurate information on the aptitude of each individual student, their progress in Mathematics and English, and their attitudes towards school. We plan to use this assessment information, which identifies the individual strengths and challenges faced by each child, to develop individual learning plans and to assist students in the setting of academic targets. Later this term a summary report for the GL Assessments done by each child will be sent to parents.

**Externally Moderated WASSCE Mock Examinations**

Year 12 students completed their timetable of externally moderated mock examinations and the results of these examinations will be released shortly. Students have since returned to class to begin a comprehensive final revision and examination conditioning programme. When they are released, the results of the mock examinations and the accompanying examiner's reports will be used to further support the plans we already have in place to fully prepare the students for the final examinations.

**Registration for UTME and WASSCE**

The registration process for the 2019 WASSCE and UTME sessions has been concluded for all Year 12 students. The UTME is scheduled to be held from 16th to 23rd March, 2019. Please note that the timetable for WASSCE is not released yet; it will be made available as soon as we receive it.

**IELTS Tests**

This is to inform parents that IELTS UK-VI and IELTS standard tests have been scheduled for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2019.

**College Board SAT Tests**

Parents are reminded that the original international passport of their child is the only valid means of registration and identification for the tests.

Test Dates	Test type
March 9, 2019	SAT /SAT with Essay
May 4, 2019	SAT /SAT with Essay / SAT Subject.

**Year 11 Mock Exams**

Final examinations are just around the corner for Year 11 students. They have started preparation for the IGCSE mock examinations. These will take





place at the end of this term. The results of these mocks will then determine whether students have qualified to be entered for the final IGCSE exams in October/November. Please note that although IGCSE is optional for students in Year 11, the mock exams are compulsory for all students and the results may be used for transcript purposes.

---

### Options Presentation

We are reaching the time of year where Year 9 students are starting to consider their choices of optional subjects for their Year 10 courses. To help guide parents through the process there will be a short presentation in the library at 2pm on Visiting Day. This will also be a short question and answer session chaired by Mr Thomas.

---

### Work Experience

During the Easter vacation all Year 11 students are expected to take part in a two-week work experience programme. The aim of the programme is to provide students with the opportunity to gain experience of the world of work. This experience can prove useful in gaining university entrance and scholarships as well as future employment.

If possible, we would like parents to secure a slot for their child and inform the school of the company he/she will be undertaking his/her work experience programme with on visiting day.

---

### Academic Open Day

Academic Open Day for all students will take place in the Library Hall from 1.30pm 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. If you have more general issues you wish to discuss, the following staff will also be available:

The **school counsellors**, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Ogidan, can be approached confidentially to

discuss any non-academic issues relating to student welfare.

Mr Okunlola, **Head of Senior Students**, will be available to discuss issues regarding student options.

Mrs Oladejo, **Head of Junior Students**, can be approached over any issues concerning students in Years 7-9.

Mr Thomas, **Senior Master**, and Mr Toscano, **Vice Principal**, will also be available to meet you at the library top to discuss any general concerns you may have.

---

### Science Departmental Fair

The Science Departmental Fair will take place during Visiting Day in the Science block from 1.30pm – 4.00pm

Please visit during the afternoon and see a range of interesting student-centred activities and displays.

---

### Year 9 and 10 Leadership Projects

Year 9 students plan to place both natural and artificial ornamental plants around the classroom area; each class will have one flowerpot that they are to collectively take care of.

They are also taking on the responsibility of providing clean water to the Iloko community. They have plans to repair four boreholes in Iloko community. You can partner with them by donating through their GoFundMe link: <https://www.gofundme.com/manage/xy99j-clean-water-and-sanitation> or directly to Olashore International School's First Bank Account, 2002119427 with the description 'Clean Water'.

Year 10 students intend to come forth with paintings, crafts, posters and various displays for





beautification and even as teaching aids for the local authority primary school in Iloko.

We encourage parents to support their children realizing these aspirations.

---

### Nigeria is a Country

This session's edition of 'Africa is Not a Country' is one for celebrating unity diversity in Nigeria especially because it is an election year. It is tagged 'Nigeria is a Country'. Students are therefore expected to carry out research on facts around the history and culture of the states they will be representing. They are also expected to be clad in the traditional wear of the state their representatives picked as listed below. Kindly help your child prepare adequately for this special opportunity to celebrate our country, Nigeria.

S/N	YEAR	STATES
1	7L	Bayelsa, Borno and Ogun
2	7E	Kebbi, Delta and Gombe
3	8L	Sokoto, Adamawa and Osun
4	8E	Jigawa, Nasarawa and Imo
5	9L	Kaduna, Akwa-Ibom and Lagos
6	9E	Ebonyi, Kano and Kwara
7	10L	Plateau, Oyo and Anambra
8	10E	Niger, Zamfara and Rivers
9	10A	Taraba, Benue and Edo
10	11L	Cross River, Bauchi and Yobe
11	11E	Ondo, Enugu and Kogi
12	11A	Abia, Ekiti and Katsina

---

### Exeat Tags

Once again, we are using a system of exeat tags for visiting weekend. On being signed out your child will have been 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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

---

### Impromptu Parental Visits

Dates for Visiting Days are published well in advance so that parents can plan their visits well ahead. **We do not encourage parents to visit the school at other times** to meet their children as this can be very disruptive to school routines and pose security risks.

---

### Hairstyles

This is a reminder regarding the school policy on haircuts. All boys are expected to keep low hair and to be clean shaven at all times. Moreover, 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.

---

### Jumpers

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





### **End of Term Luggage**

We would like to repeat our request that at the end of each term students should go home with at most two items of luggage. We assure you that students' personal effects left in school will be safe.

---

### **Birthday Celebrations**

Parents who are interested in celebrating 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.

---

### **Provisions**

It has come to our notice that during Visiting Days some parents still give provisions to their children while visiting them in the hostels. This is strictly against school policy; any such items will be confiscated, and students involved sanctioned. We would appreciate it if no food items are taken to the hostels.

### **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 but are prohibited from wearing wristbands and bracelets. Any such items will be confiscated.

---

### **Amendment of School Uniforms**

It has come to our notice that some of our students particularly the male students slim fit their school uniforms during the holidays making the trousers look ridiculously tight. It is strictly against the school policy to alter the uniforms in any manner whatsoever. We would appreciate if no such adjustments are made. Amended uniforms will be confiscated.





# Olashore Entrance Examination Dates

## Olashore Entrance Examination in 2019

This entrance is open to the general public, referrals and transfers into Year 7, 8 and 10. Examination starts at 10.00am.

## Entrance Examination Dates in 2019

City	Centre	Dates
Warri, Delta State	Lakeland School, Ogunnu Warri, Delta State.	Saturday, February 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2019.
Lagos	Olashore International School Lagos Liasion Office 281 AJose Adeogun Street, Victoria Island, Lagos State.	Saturday, March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2019.
Ibadan, Oyo State.	Sonbeam Preparatory School, No 1, Sonbeam Crescent, New Bodija Ibadan, Oyo State.	
Iloko, Osun State	Olashore International School, Iloko Ijesa, Osun State.	Saturday, March 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2019.

## Supplementary Entrance Examination

**Examination date:** Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2019 at 10.00 am

Abuja Premier International School, Wuse 2, Abuja.

Rivers State: Montessori International School, Phase 2, 64 King Street, G.R.A, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.





# Key dates for 2018/19 Academic Session

---

## SECOND TERM:

**January 12 to April 6 2019**

Whole School	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> January – Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April
25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Founder's Day in Iloko	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
1 <sup>st</sup> Visiting Day	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> February
UK Open Event	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February
2 <sup>nd</sup> Visiting Day	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March
25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary School Play, Akure	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March
Akure Open Event	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March
Ekiti Open Event	Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
End of Term Exeat (Students)	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 10/11 Excursion to France	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 10 Community Service	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April – Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April

## THIRD TERM:

**April 27 to July 13 2019**

Whole School	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April – Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July
Valedictory Service	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June
Visiting Day	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June
25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lecture	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Friends of Olashore Gala Night, Lagos	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June
End of Term Exeat (Students)	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> 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 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 Founder's Day Athletics. Parents should **collect their children from the hostel** after the Founder's Day Athletics for picnics on the Water Meadow.

**PARENTS** are allowed into the hostels, but males are not allowed into Senior Hostel for Girls.

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

Parents are allowed to eat with their children in the refectories. Please note that male students (siblings) are not allowed inside female hostels; likewise, female students (siblings) are not allowed inside male hostels.

**PLEASE 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.

### Science Department Fair

The Science Departmental Fair will take place during Visiting Day in the Science Block.

Please visit during the day.

### Academic Open Day

Academic Open Day for all Students will take place in the Library Hall from 1.30pm 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 will be available on the Eduportal from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February. 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](http://www.olashoreschool.com). If you have not received your password, please contact the Head of ICT via email on [afolabi.akin@olashoreschool.com](mailto:afolabi.akin@olashoreschool.com) or call 0807 450 3956.

