



Valedictory Weekend Newsletter



Welcome to Valedictory Visiting Weekend, our opportunity to celebrate the success achieved by the graduating class of 2019. Once again, the students have been exemplary during the long stretch of examinations, which began for many back in October with Cambridge IGCSE. As we already know, the results of those IGCSE examinations were outstanding with over 80% of grades at A*-C. They followed these results with exceptional results in JAMB-UTME with all students achieving the cut-off for university entrance in Nigeria and more than half of the students scoring 240 or above. Particular congratulations go to Samson Adams who scored 330, which is the highest score in the history of the school. The students maintained their commitment throughout their WAEC examinations, and we expect similar results when they are published.

This weekend we have the opportunity to celebrate these students as they graduate. We are very pleased to welcome back Dr (Mrs) Taiwo Dada who graduated from Olashore in 2000 as Head Girl.

Valedictory Service is also an opportunity to celebrate students' success beyond the classroom. The graduating students have set the benchmark for leadership development in the school. Their contribution to the development of the community in Iloko has been commendable. In Year 10 they took time out from their Easter vacation to refurbish Iloko Town Hall. However, they did not stop at a building project, they ensured that the facility was used to improve the lives of members of the community. Whilst in Year 11 they organised a party for all local children as part of the rollback malaria campaign. Working with the community leaders and school clinic staff all children were tested for malaria and given drugs as necessary. The children were also educated through drama and games on how best to avoid malaria. Then, while in Year 12, they followed up with the "Are you Sporty?"

event for local children, teaching them how to live a healthy lifestyle.

In addition to this work as a year group, three students in the set, Samson, Taslim and Gaffar, have been recognised internationally by the Council of British International Schools (COBIS) for their outstanding contributions to the school and local communities.

Developing leaders based on the Social Change Model is a core part of an Olashore education and the standard set by the graduating class is inspiring younger students. This year has seen the first set of students undertake the Duke of Edinburgh Award. This is the most widely recognised leadership award and has been running for over fifty years. Students undertake a range of activities and work through from Bronze, Silver to Gold Award. This award is recognised by universities across the world.

This term the Olashore Leadership Programme has also been accredited internationally with 34 students gaining certification from The Schools, Students and Teachers Network (SSAT) in the U.K. including 10 students achieving the Gold Award. To achieve this, students submitted a portfolio of leadership and development activities. These portfolios will now form a key part for students' university applications and will allow students to apply for scholarships at their universities of choice.

The African Leadership University (ALU) has identified leadership development as a key criterion for admission and scholarships and we are very pleased to welcome Mr Fred Swaniker, Founder of both the African Leadership Academy and ALU to give the Olashore International School 25th Anniversary Lecture. The event will be held at the Shell Hall, MUSON Centre on Friday 28th June at 10.30am. All parents are invited, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.

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 and Facebook www.facebook.com/olashoreschool

Join our Online Community

Get updates on 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)
Facebook: @OlashoreSchool
(www.facebook.com/OlashoreSchool)
Instagram: @OlashoreSchool
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Admission in Progress

Admission for the 2019/20 academic session is still in progress. Examinations will be conducted in the school and at the Lagos Liaison office, 281 Ajose Adeogun Street, Victoria Island, Lagos. For further details, send an email to info@olashoreschool.com or call 08076723527.

Saturday 8th June

11.00 – 1.00pm Valedictory Service
2.00 – 4.00pm Valedictory Service Luncheon
2.30 – 6.30pm Signing out of students (hall)

Sunday 9th June

7.30 – 8.30am Religious Services
10:00–12pm PTA Annual General Meeting
1.00 – 4.00pm Academic Open Day for All students (Library Hall)
1.00 – 4.00pm Maths/ICT Departmental Fair (ICT Lab)
6.00pm All parents should have left the school compound.

Valedictory Service

The 2018/19 graduating students will be having their Valedictory Service on Saturday, 8th June 2018 at 11.00am in Oba Okunade Sijuwade Hall (School Hall). The Guest Speaker for the event is Dr. Taiwo Dada, who is an alumna and the Executive Director of Lighthouse Hospital and Eye Care Centre Ltd.

Scholarship and Open Weekend

This is to inform parents that the *Scholarship and Open Weekend* will take place from Friday 14th to Sunday 16th, June 2019 at the school premises in Iloko-Ijesa. The academic scholarship examination is open to all incoming Year 7 candidates who have received and accepted the offer of admission from the school by the payment of registration fees.

University Fair

Parents are invited to the University Fair during June Visiting Day. The fair is an opportunity for parents and students in Years 11 and 12 to meet representatives of universities and placement agencies and ask questions about university admissions.

Date: Sunday 9th June, 2019

Time: 1.00 – 4.00 p.m.

Venue: Water Meadow

Year 11 IGCSE Examinations

All Year 11 students took their IGCSE Mock Examinations at the end of Term 2. For those who did not achieve pass grades in all subjects, this was followed by one or more re-sit examinations. Entry for the final exam is conditional on achieving a C grade or above in either the mock or the re-sit in each subject to be entered. The final analysis of entries can be discussed with the Vice Principal and the Senior



Master during the Academic Open Day. Preparations for the final examinations have started and these will continue until the examination session commences in October 2019.

Year 9 Pre-Senior School Programme

Year 9 students have started their Pre-Senior School Programme. The programme is focused on introducing them to different optional IGCSE subjects. It will also prepare them further for the core subjects of maths, English and ICT which all students will study in the senior school. This programme will run until the end of term. Work is ongoing in guiding and counselling the Year 9 students in their choice of optional subjects. This process will be concluded shortly; parents can still have discussions on this with the Vice Principal and the Senior Master during the Academic Open Day.

DELFL Examination

The next set of DELFL Examinations will take place later in June and will follow on from the mock examinations which took place on 30th and 31st May. All students in Year 7 to 9 who have not previously taken the DELFL A1 wrote the mock examination for DELFL A1, while students who had already passed the DELFL A1 wrote the DELFL A2. Those who already passed DELFL A2 were asked to write DELFL B1. The results of these mock examinations will be released next week. The parents of students who are successful at the mock examinations will be contacted on the modalities of registration for the June 2019 examination.

The results of the DELFL Examinations held in November 2018 have been received but we are still expecting the certificates. However, the certificates for the June 2018 examination are

now available. Parents will be contacted directly on the process of collecting the certificates.

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 9th June, 2019.

Academic Open Day

This term's Academic Open Day will be held on Sunday 9th June, 2019 in the Library Hall from 1pm until 4pm. The subject teachers will be available to discuss the progress of your child and answer any questions you may have.

The Maths and ICT Departmental Fair will take place in the ICT labs at the same time as Academic Open Day. Please do have a look at the various activities exhibited and presented by students.

College Board SAT Tests

This is to inform parents of the SAT tests scheduled for 2019/2020. Parents are reminded that the original international passport of their child is the only valid means of registration and identification for the tests.

Test Date	Test type
October 5, 2019	SAT /SAT with Essay / SAT Subject
December 7, 2019	SAT /SAT with Essay / SAT Subject
March 7, 2020	SAT /SAT with Essay
May 2, 2020	SAT /SAT with Essay / SAT Subject

Duke of Edinburgh International Award

Students who are participating in the award and are yet to do so will be proceeding this month on their adventurous journey of three days and two





nights in June. Completing this is a key requirement for gaining the award.

Year 9 and 10 Leadership Projects

Year 9 students are planning 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.

For their project, Year 10 students intend to make, paintings, crafts, posters and various display for the beautification of the Local Authority Primary School in Iloko, and also to serve as teaching aids.

We encourage parents to support their children in realising these aspirations.

Year 7 Trip to Calabar

The Year 7 students' excursion to Calabar proved to be an enjoyable and educational experience.

Please be reminded that after the PTA meeting on Sunday 9th June, 2019, parents of children who went on the Calabar excursion should collect their child/ward's suitcase. A table will be set-up at the school hall for this purpose.

Exeat Tags

We are again making use of exeat tags during the visiting weekend. Children who are signed out are given a numbered tag. This is to enable us to monitor when each student is signed out and then signed back in.

Please keep the tag with you and submit it to the staff at 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.

Provisions

We are pleased to report that the number of instances of students attempting to sneak provisions into the hostels during visiting weekends has reduced considerably. Bringing food into the hostels is strictly against school policy and we would appreciate the continued support of parents in ensuring that this policy is followed.

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.

Amendment of School Uniforms

It is against school policy to alter school uniforms and we would appreciate it if no adjustments are made by parents or students. Adjustments can only be done by school- approved tailors who visit the school by appointment with the hostel parents.

Parental Permission

When somebody other than the parent is signing out the student, Parental permission must be received with information about the responsible adult (full name, relationship to student, address, mobile number and a scanned photo of an ID and the parent Olashore International identity card. The photo and ID are not needed if the parents are taking responsibility of their son or daughter.



Key dates for 2018/19 Academic Session

THIRD TERM:

April 14 to July 14 2018

Whole School	Saturday 27 th April – Saturday 13 th July
Nigeria is a Country	Saturday 1 st June
Valedictory Service	Saturday 8 th June
Visiting Day	Sunday 9 th June
25 th Anniversary Lecture/Alumni Gala Night	Friday 28 th June
End of Term Exeat (Students)	Saturday 13 th July

Key Dates for 2019/20 Session

FIRST TERM:

September 7 to December 14 2019

Whole School	Saturday 7 th September – Saturday 14 th December
Speech and Prize Giving Day	Saturday 12 th October (2.00pm)
1 st Visiting Day	Sunday 13 th October
2 nd Visiting Day	Sunday 10 th November
End of Term Exeat (Students)	Saturday 14 th December

SECOND TERM:

January 11 to March 28 2020

Whole School	Saturday 11 th January – Saturday 28 th March
Founder's Day	Saturday 15 th February
Visiting Day	Sunday 16 th February
End of Term Exeat (Students)	Saturday 28 th March

THIRD TERM:

April 18 to July 11 2020

Whole School	Saturday 18 th April – Saturday 11 th July
1 st Visiting Day	Sunday 17 th May
Valedictory Service	Saturday 13 th June
Visiting Day	Sunday 14 th June
End of Term Exeat (Students)	Saturday 11 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.

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.

Maths / ICT Departmental Fair

The Maths / ICT Departmental Fair will take place during Visiting Day in the ICT room from 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Please visit during the afternoon.

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 at afolabi.akin@olashoreschool.com or call 0807 450 3956.

