

FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am more excited about this new academic session than I have ever been in my educational career, looking at the prospects that the students admitted for the 2024/25 academic year exude. Like petals, they gradually open up enthusiastically as the teachers throw light and condition them to the proper academic temperature. My only promise is that my team will work hard daily, and our actions and the results will tell the story of our commitment. We will work hard to be better and more effective each day. I look forward to getting to know each of you, and I invite you to meet with us on the 9th of November during the **Coffee Morning**. I'd appreciate spending a few minutes with each of you on that day.

My greatest strength as an administrator for the past five years here has been my skill in negotiating. The key to achieving objectives is listening to other people's viewpoints and negotiating a win-win scenario. Therefore, I am accessible to everyone and promise to find the time to sit with all stakeholders. I value your time and, more importantly, you. God bless you all.

Rev. Fr. Vincent Nnamani, CRS
Head of School

STAFF TRAINING

As an institution focused on growth and development, we consider our staff's career growth to be essential and an excellent requirement for success. On August 16, 2024, a training session was held for our staff, and the Director, Mrs. Ivie Okpanachi, anchored the training. The training was entitled *The Result-Driven Teacher*. We discussed the school's vision, mission, and goal and the necessary skills and knowledge we need to possess to help our students succeed in their different programs in the 16 Plus School.

The training emphasised being goal-oriented in planning and starting with the end in mind. Our goal at The 16 Plus School is success, and our staff have begun the session with success in mind!

Overall, it was an interactive and educative session with much knowledge and growth opportunities. We thank Mrs. Okpanachi for such a pleasant session and hope the lessons will remain evergreen.



A START OF SOMETHING NEW!

We happily welcome all students to The 16 Plus School on this platform. We officially resumed the 2024–2025 academic session on Monday, September 5, 2024, and our dedicated teachers wasted no time getting started. Since then, there have been many shades of learning and socializing.

As we continue this new session, we encourage all our students to approach their studies enthusiastically and positively. Set goals for yourself, stay organized and maximize available resources and support. Remember, your education is a valuable investment in your future, and we are here to guide and support you every step of the way.

We are confident this academic session will be filled with achievements, growth, and memorable experiences. Let us work together to make it a successful and fulfilling year for each of you.

CAMBRIDGE MOCK EXAM: PREPARING FOR SUCCESS

On Tuesday, September 17, to Friday, September 20, 2024, our school organized Cambridge mock exams for our October/November CAIE candidates. These mock exams provided our students with a valuable opportunity to experience the A-level and IGCSE exams in typical exam conditions, helping them prepare for success in their upcoming official examinations.

Following the mock exams, our teachers held special classes to address any loopholes or areas for improvement identified during the tests. This personalized attention and support will help our students refine their knowledge and exam-taking skills, ultimately enhancing their performance in the official exams.

These mock exams play a crucial role in our student's academic journey, as they provide the reality of the actual exam environment. Through this experience, our students can identify their strengths and weaknesses, allowing them to focus on areas requiring further attention and improvement.

YES!!! OUR CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENTS ARE INDEED CONTINUOUS.

At The 16 Plus School, we believe in the need for continuous assessment to measure our students' growth and progress. We are pleased to inform you that we have completed the first two ongoing assessments of the 2024-2025 academic session. The first continuous assessment occurred between September 23 to September 25, 2024. The second continuous assessment was conducted between October 16 to 18, 2024. Our teachers assessed students' understanding and mastery of the curriculum, ensuring they were on track with their academic goals. We appreciate the efforts of our students in preparing for these assessments and their willingness to improve continuously.

We encourage parents and guardians to actively engage in their child's learning journey by reviewing and discussing the assessment results with their child. This collaboration between home and school strengthens the support system for our students, enabling them to thrive academically and personally.

As we progress in the academic session, we will continue prioritizing continuous assessment as an integral part of our educational approach. We are confident that through these assessments, we will witness the growth and progress of our students, empowering them to become lifelong learners and future leaders.



Thank you for your continued support and partnership in providing the best education for your child.

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE

A VISIT FROM LANCASTER (GHANA) UNIVERSITY:

Representatives of Lancaster University Ghana also visited our school on September 26th, 2024. They shared various university offers they have for students. They are offering an affordable university alternative for students, and they will be coming to our parent's consultation day to speak with parents.



A VISIT FROM TRENT UNIVERSITY:

On September 26th, 2024, Trent University's African Recruitment Officer, Mr. Kwame Odame, came to speak to our OSSD students about their admission processes and requirements. He also informed them about some of our students in their school and their excellent academic performance so far. He also used the opportunity to congratulate the school for the outstanding mentorship of their students.



STUDENTS' ORIENTATION: A SUCCESSFUL START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR!

We are delighted to share the highlights of our recent Students' Orientation, which took place on September 27, 2024.

The orientation sessions were designed to give the new intakes a comprehensive understanding of our school programs, rules, and regulations and to foster positive interpersonal relationships among students. It was a fantastic opportunity for new and returning students to unite, connect, and embark on this educational journey as a united community.

Throughout the orientation, we covered many essential topics for their success and well-being at The 16 Plus School. Our dedicated faculty and staff members led interactive seminars and engaging discussions to ensure they understood our school's expectations and resources.

We understand that starting a new school year can be exciting and overwhelming. However, we are confident that the knowledge and skills gained during the orientation will empower you to navigate any challenges that may arise. Remember, you are not alone—our dedicated faculty, staff, and fellow students are here to support you every step of the way.

As we embark on this new chapter together, we encourage you to embrace all the opportunities that The 16 Plus School offers. We wish you a successful and fulfilling academic year ahead.

KICUNIVERASSIT EDUCATION FAIR

KICUnivassist hosted a career fair in our school on September 27, 2024. Four universities from the US came to engage our students on admission processes, requirements, and scholarship opportunities. Our students discussed and had one-on-one sessions with the various university representatives. It was indeed insightful.



THANKING GOD FOR THE GIFT OF ANOTHER ACADEMIC SESSION.

Grateful people are like fertile fields; they give back what they receive tenfold. Just like the Bible instructed us to give thanks in all things, the 16 Plus family was delighted to have our inaugural Thanksgiving service for the class of 2025 on Sunday, September 29th, 2024. It was indeed a fantastic event. It was an opportunity for

us to pray together, thank God for a new academic session, and commit the new session to God's hands for a seamless drive throughout this session.

We are very grateful to our parents for taking time from their busy schedules to honor our invitation to the event. We appreciate you, and God bless you.



THE LEADER IN ME....

At The 16 Plus School, we also equip our students with skills essential to proper living. On October 11th, 2024, Mr. Dimkpa, the Head of Careers, facilitated a brilliant "The Leader in Me" training session. The goal was to empower our students with tools for success.

During this session, the facilitator introduced our students to Leadership, its importance, and how it influences personal and academic growth. Our students were inspired to define their future from now on by being determined to be good leaders and working towards achieving it.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Dimkpa for the rewarding session and implore our students to imbibe everything they learned during the session. We will continue to empower our students to thrive in all facets of their lives.

We spoke about Thomas Sankara, an influential leader who could guide people. He set visions, inspired people, and created an enabling environment for everyone to be effective. An influential leader requires five superpowers: Decision-making, Empathy, Vision, Influence, and Adaptability. I further learned the difference

between a leader of influence and one by authority. I cherish and enjoy the training experience.

- *Oluwaseyi Olumekun*

On Friday, 11 October, the school held a leadership training session titled "The Leader in Me." The session taught us the values leaders should have and the different types of leaders. Every leader must have a vision, which is significant. A leader must be able to see the vision. Furthermore, there are two types of leaders: Authoritative and Charismatic. One must have a mix of them to be a good leader.

- *Olanma Ikenga*



OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE, THE LEARN-WHILE-YOU-SERVE INITIATIVE

We are delighted to be the first community service our students for this session engaged in last weekend. On October 12, 2024, our students volunteered their time and energy to help support our community. The students split into groups and took their time cleaning up the environment for healthy living in the community.

We are proud of our students for dedicating their Saturday morning to engage in these significant community efforts. Their volunteer work is an excellent opportunity for our students to practice empathy and team spirit and learn valuable life skills. Their selfless attitude towards impacting society aligns with our school's mission of developing well-rounded individuals sensitive to their community's needs.

As we continue this academic year, we look forward to more community service opportunities and initiatives with our students. We believe that these activities can instill in our students a strong sense of social responsibility, which will undoubtedly guide them to become future change-makers.

Thank you for your continued trust in our school.

The community service was a very impactful and educative experience. We were able to help and give back to our community. During the community service, we helped to clean up the street where the school hostel is situated. We picked up trash on the road and plucked out unwanted leaves. We used shovels to pack the dirt on the road and clear it. Overall, it helped me develop attributes of responsibility and selflessness, making me a more disciplined individual.

- *Kashifah Seriki*

During the community service, I learned a lot. It was opportune to learn the virtue of hard work while I was there. We were tasked with cleaning up the environment, and from it, we learned perseverance and dedication to the tasks at hand. I am very grateful for this experience, and it is a memory that I cherish.

- [Muyassir Ayodeji Edu](#)



OSSD MID-TERM TEST:

We have begun in earnest and are making progress! Our OSSD students have completed half their first two courses, Advanced Functions (MHF4U) and English (ENG4U). On Thursday, October 17, 2024, they took their midterm test, marking an important milestone in their academic journey. Our students have diligently prepared for this test, dedicating their time and effort to mastering the course material. The midterm test allowed them to showcase their knowledge and understanding of the subjects they had been studying. With the completion of the midterm test, our students are now gearing up for the final exams in November. They will continue to work hard and get guidance from their teachers as they strive for excellence in their academic pursuits. We wish them the best of luck as they prepare for the upcoming final exams.

WEEKLY MOTIVATION: INSPIRING GROWTH AND EXCELLENCE

At The 16 Plus School, we also promote character and personal growth. To demonstrate our dedication, we set aside a weekly time slot to present motivating videos to our students. These carefully chosen videos inspire our students by encouraging the development of the right mindset and values to overcome obstacles, reach their objectives, and enhance their personal growth.

Thus far, we have had four meetings, each discussing different aspects of student development.

The *"Punctuality is a Virtue"* meeting emphasized the significance of being timely and the steps to achieve it, including planning, prioritizing, and preparing ahead. Students actively engaged with the topic, sharing insights on how punctuality enhances personal effectiveness and responsibility.

The meeting on *"Time Management Tips and How to Use the Planner"* highlighted the importance of organizing tasks, setting

realistic goals, and maximizing productivity through the effective use of a planner. Students gained practical insights into breaking down large tasks, prioritizing their work, and creating structured study schedules to achieve their academic goals.

The *"Five Things Successful People Must Do Before 8 AM"* meeting emphasized the importance of starting the day with intentional exercise, planning, and meditation to boost productivity and mental well-being. Students learned practical strategies to prioritize their tasks and set a positive tone for the day, helping them achieve tremendous success in academics and personal life.

The meeting on *"How I Went from Failing to Becoming a Top Student"* underscored the importance of strategic planning, prioritizing tasks, and utilizing available resources like extra classes and past exam papers. Students learned actionable techniques to enhance their study habits and academic performance, equipping them with tools to achieve excellence.

During these sessions, we aim to ignite valuable discussions and promote beneficial behaviors, leading our students toward success in academic and non-academic realms.

SAT RESULTS UPDATE

We are pleased to announce the SAT results for our students who took the exam in October and started classes in August. The highest score achieved was an impressive 1480, and the average score was 1231.

We commend our dedicated teachers, who have consistently helped students achieve worthy scores, and hardworking students for their effort and commitment. These have led to these commendable results.

As more students prepare to write the SAT in November and December, with ongoing classes and preparation, we are optimistic about achieving even better results. Keep up the great work, and best of luck to those yet to take the exam!

UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS FOR OUR OSSD CLASS

We will start applying to Canadian universities and colleges for our OSSD class in November 2024. At this point, students will have finished two required courses and started two more required courses. This allows us to provide transcripts for the two courses that have already been completed, along with mid-term scores for the other two courses, giving universities the necessary information to make admission decisions promptly.

Our Head of Relationship, Marketing, and Admissions, Mr. Aniedi Akpan, will contact parents to discuss university/college and province options, a proposed budget, and other information to help with the process. If you have any inquiries, please contact him at +234 816 649 9901 or email aniedi.akpan@the16plusschool.com.

We aim to make the application process seamless and quick, ensuring that students get admission decisions from the universities they applied to at an early stage.

A MORNING COFFEE GATHERING:

We are excited to welcome you to our Coffee Morning on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in the school premises. This is an excellent opportunity to engage with other parents while enjoying

coffee, discussing our children's development, and discovering more about our school.

Whether you are a new or returning parent, we are excited to build a stronger relationship with you and find new ways to assist our students in being successful.

It will be an amiable gathering, so don't hesitate to bring any questions or ideas you want to share. We are looking forward to your presence at the event!

CELEBRATING OUR MID-TERM STARS!

As we reach the middle of the term, we are pleased to acknowledge the exceptional performances of students who have done exceptionally well in their first two tests. These students have shown academic excellence, commitment, diligence, and steadfastness. They motivate their classmates and the school.

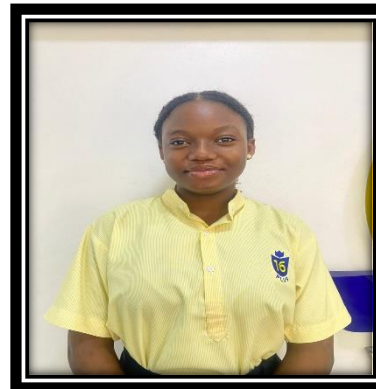
We applaud their achievements and motivate all students to strive for their objectives. Kudos to all our standout performers in the midterm! Continue to radiate brightness!



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