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Preston
International School
Akure, Ondo State

PROSPECTUS

2019 - 2020

ACADEMIC SESSION

... WE ARE ABLE

Welcome to
Preston



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Cross section of our Administrative Block

Introducing Preston

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“ we have created a safe, caring, structured environment in which our pupils enjoy a happy and rewarding adolescence ”

Preston International School is a fully residential co-educational Christian secondary school located on Km 6, Akure-Owo Road just on the outskirts of Akure, the capital city of Ondo State. Founded in September 2006, the school has continued to grow in size and reputation over the years as a result of the quality of education on offer here and the excellent care given to our pupils. We take great pride in the care we offer our pupils and the opportunities that are available to them to develop academically, morally, spiritually and socially.

At Preston, we recognise the importance of the adolescent years as a 'make or break' phase in life. Therefore, our programmes are designed to develop our students into fine, well-rounded, well-educated, well-cultured, respectable, God-fearing ladies and gentlemen. Testimonies abound from parents, leaders in various communities and the students themselves of how their attendance at Preston has led to a positive transformation of their lives.

To our students, Preston is home away from home. Here, we have created a safe, caring, structured environment in which our pupils enjoy a happy and rewarding adolescence. The directors who are U.K. trained educationists,

have put in place structures, policies and a culture that reflect a truly international secondary school with students drawn from all parts of Nigeria and beyond. We know that children flourish in a structured environment which provides safety, order and regular routines. We provide such an ordered framework, incorporating opportunities for creativity and growth. Our students perform very well in both internal and external examinations namely, WAEC, NECO and Cambridge IGCSE exams. Our students also all sit for the J.A.M.B. (U.T.M.E.) examinations into tertiary institution. All these exams are compulsory. The optional exams are SAT and TOEFL. Our students compete in a variety of academic and sporting competitions and usually come tops. We have therefore had the rare privilege of representing Ondo State and Nigeria at various competitions within and outside Nigeria.

In addition to excellent academic activities, we provide a wide variety of extra-curricular activities that produce well-rounded students. We train students on musical instruments such as the piano, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, tuba, french horn, violin, viola, cello, drums etc. Also, there are numerous opportunities for sports and games and lots of

clubs to join. Our students - both boys and girls - play soccer, volley ball, hand ball, basket ball, cricket, badminton, tennis and a host of other games. There are two large swimming pools - one for boys and one for girls. School life is vibrant and most enjoyable for all our students.

No matter how hard we try, much of what we do cannot be expressed in words. However, we hope that the contents of this prospectus will provide the evidence you are looking for to choose Preston International School as the alma mater of your child. At a fraction of the usual cost, Preston International School offers world class education to the average Nigerian family. Passionate, enthusiastic, committed and resourceful, the directors of Preston International School are delivering an education that is truly world class at an affordable cost. We know that when you go through the prospectus, you will make up your mind to join the growing hundreds of proud and happy Prestonian parents who are getting the best possible deal for their children. Please feel free to get in touch with us for an informal chat or any other enquiry that you may have. We look forward to hearing from you.



Mr. Toyin & Mrs Funmi Ajayi
Proprietors, Preston International School

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Our Mission...

Our mission is to provide cost-effective world class education in a safe, peaceful, disciplined and intellectually stimulating environment. Our team of dedicated and internationally trained teachers purpose to raise fine, well-rounded, well-educated, well-cultured, respectable, God-fearing ladies and gentlemen who will make huge contributions towards the promotion and protection of human dignity in our society. We aim to achieve this through the effective deployment of state-of-the-art technology and modern pedagogical approaches in addition to rich moral instruction – which reflect our Christian ethos.



Our Philosophy...

We are ardent proponents of social change. We believe that the highest level of human achievement is service – service to God and man. In our own little way, we have conceived the creation of Preston International School as our contribution towards the betterment of educational opportunities available to young people in our society. We hope that through the cost-effective provision of world-class education at Preston International School, it can be demonstrated that a lot more is possible than we think. We believe that our youngsters deserve better and that there is enough success for all. With a bit of human will, we can all work together to stamp out the 'scarcity mentality' so prevalent in our society and replace it with the 'abundance mentality' where everybody is a winner. Together, we can do great things and leave behind us a lasting legacy by making a big difference to the lives of many, hence our motto - “WE ARE



Understanding our Logo...

Our school logo - designed to capture the essence of our mission - is a much more contemporary design than the traditional crest. Our logo is composed of the cross and waves radiating from the middle of the cross. The cross – the traditional emblem of Christianity symbolizes our Christian ethos and beliefs while the waves demonstrate the far-reaching, powerful influence and potency of embracing Christian principles not only in our lifestyles but in all aspects of human endeavour including academic excellence.

The school is named after a city in England - Preston. Preston was founded by priests and as such was called "Priests' Town" and was later shortened to "Preston". Priests are consecrated, self-less people, whose main duty is to serve God and man. We believe that this is the highest level of human achievement – service to God and man. 'Prestonians' therefore, are ladies and gentlemen who are being brought up to serve our nation selflessly with a sense of true patriotism and an abhorrence of the selfish attitudes and narrow-mindedness prevalent in society today.

Admission Criteria



Strategic Intents (SI)

SI1

Create a culture of excellent behaviour among staff and students.

SI2

Institute a culture of individual responsibility and accountability.

SI3

Develop a strong sense of social justice, fairness and equity.

SI4

Create a culture of high expectation and success.

SI5

Develop a spirit of national pride and patriotism.

SI6

Encourage and train pupils in entrepreneurship theoretically and practically (so they can contribute positively to the development of the nation)

SI7

Keep the cost of educating pupils as low as possible by seeking other creative ways of increasing school income so that world class education is within the reach of the average Nigerian.

SI8

Develop life-long relationship with students that they may support their Alma matter and vice versa towards the common goal of total emancipation for Africa.

SI9

Develop leadership skills at all levels within the school community.

School Fees



Fees for 2019/2020 session for new JSS1 students are as follows:

	1ST TERM		2ND TERM		3RD TERM		
TUITION	120000	Tuition	120000	Tuition	120000		
BOARDING	160000	Boarding	160000	Boarding	160000		
RECREATIONAL	20000						
INTERNET FACILITIES	30000						
DEVELOPMENT LEVY	90000						
BOOKS DEPOSIT	40000						
UNIFORMS	100200						
YEAR BOOK	7000						
TUCK SHOP	25000						
TOTAL	592200	TOTAL	280000	TOTAL	280000		1,152,200

Total Fees For New Jss1 Students 2019/2020 Session = N1,152,200

** Please contact the school for the school fees schedule for admissions into JSS2, SS1 and SS2*

SIBLING DISCOUNT

1st Child - Full fees 2nd Child - N12,000 less on tuition 3rd Child - N18,000 less on tuition 4th Child - N24,000 less on tuition

OPTIONAL BILLS: Special Swimming Training - N10,000 per term Salem Academy of Music - N60,000 per session

Examination Centres...

Admission Forms and Prospectus for 2019/2020 session now on sale at the following centres for N10,000 (or download from our website) www.prestoninternationalschool.com

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LAGOS

Tomobid School
2, Amara Olu Street,
Off Lateef Jakande Road,
Agidingbi, Lagos, Lagos State.

PORT HARCOURT

The Grove School
Woji Road, GRA Phase II
Port Harcourt,
Rivers State.

WARRI

Lakeland School,
Ogunu Road, Warri,
Delta State.

ILORIN

Topmark Academy
19, NNPC Pipeline Rd.,
Gaa-Akanbi, Ilorin
Kwara State

ABUJA

Olumawu Basic Education School
92, Adetokunbo Ademola Crescent,
By AP Plaza, Wuse II,
Abuja FCT.

ANAMBRA

God's Wisdom International N/P School,
P.O. Box 2636, Umuemeli Street,
Okpuno, Umuenem, Otolu-Nnewi
Anambra State

BENIN

Cradle Montessori,
Aideyan Crescent,
G.R.A, Benin City.
Edo State

AKURE

Preston International School
Km 6, Akure-Owo Road,
Oba-Ile, Akure,
Ondo State.

IBADAN

RoseGate School
32, Osuntokun Avenue,
Bodija, Ibadan,
Oyo State.

Mahnatez Int'l School
No. 1, Kings Plaza Alafin Avenue,
Behind Total Filling Station,
Oluyole Estate, Ibadan,
Oyo State.

Examination Dates:

The Entrance Examination and Interview will be held on the following dates:

- Saturday 2nd March, 2019 (9.00 am.) (All Centres)
- Saturday 18th May, 2019 (9.00 a.m.) (Exams will be held at all centres)
- Saturday 3rd August, 2019 (9.00 a.m.) SUPPLEMENTARY EXAM which will be held only at the site of Preston International School, Akure.

Downloaded Forms:

Return downloaded forms with proof of payment (photocopy of bank teller of non-refundable amount of N10,000 made payable to Preston International Schools Ltd account number 0009743538 at any Diamond Bank branch). Payments are to be made in the name of the child.

Purchase and Return of Forms:

Payments for forms should be made to the account number provided above in the name of the child and teller produced at the centre to collect the form. Forms must be returned to the centre where it was purchased at least a week before the examination and must be addressed to: Student Admissions Office, Preston International School, P.M.B. 786, Akure, Ondo State.

Why Preston is ideal for your child

ACADEMICS...

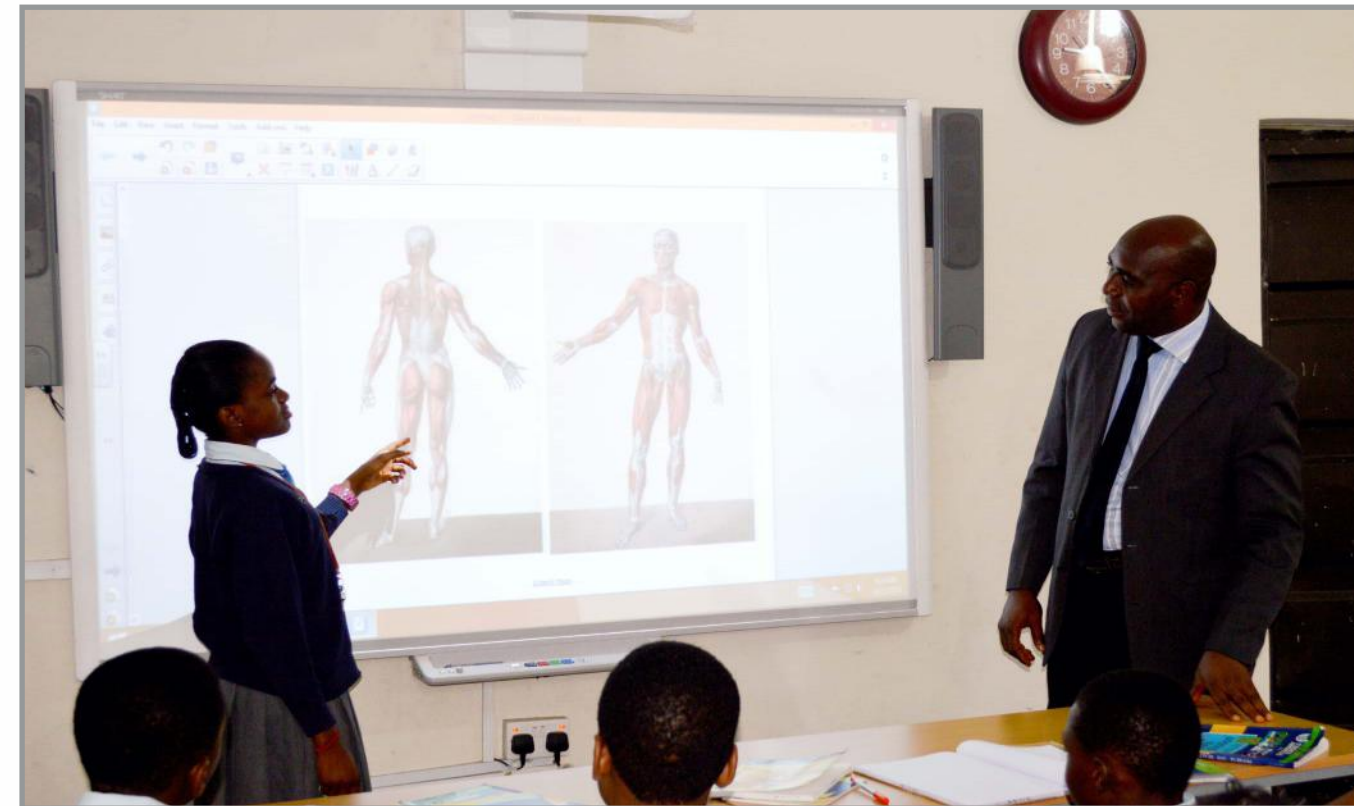
Curriculum

The curriculum at Preston is a unique blend of the Nigerian and British curriculum. While the curriculum structure is in accordance with the 6-3-3-

4 education system which obtains in Nigeria, the curriculum content reflects the British National Curriculum for Secondary Schools, thus providing a much more enriching and enthusing curriculum. This is made possible as a result of careful planning, the methods of delivery and the learning resources put to use.

Subjects offered at JSS level are: English Language, Literature in English, Mathematics, Basic Science,

Business Studies, Social Studies, Christian Religious Studies, Fine Art, Music, Basic Technology, Information and Communication Technology, Agricultural Science, Home Economics, Yoruba, French, Civic Education and Physical and Health Education. The Senior Secondary School, pupils at Preston have the opportunity of sitting the International Cambridge IGCSE Examinations and the Senior School Certificate Exams (SSCE), NECO and UTME in their final year.



Why Preston is ideal for your child

Methodology

The school adopts innovative but proven methods of teaching in line with the most current trends obtainable in the world. As current players in international education systems, the proprietors and staff of Preston are right at the cutting edge of modern techniques and possess an enviable repertoire of teaching styles with the ability of reaching a wide range of learners. For example, we believe that to be successful in academics, sourcing of information, logical documentation and presentation are essential components in the learning process.

Sometimes pupils are given projects to work on as a group and freely access major sources of information such as books, CD ROMs and the internet on their own. They learn how to organize their ideas logically using a range of presentation techniques and computer software and thereafter make stunning presentations in class using multi media projectors and presentation equipment.



Why Preston is ideal for your child

□ Personalized Learning

We understand that every child is different and as such must be treated as an individual. We ensure that our teachers are trained to cater for the individual learning needs of every child. We seek to 'add value' to the life of every child. We do this by following the "Every Child Matters" agenda. Here at Preston, we ensure that every child is safe, healthy, enjoys and achieves through learning, makes a positive contribution to society and achieves economic well-being. An individual

education plan (I.E.P.) is drawn up for every child ensuring that he/she makes progress academically, socially and spiritually. We benchmark pupils as individuals, carry out a detailed diagnosis of their areas of weakness before embarking on a vigorous trouble-shooting exercise which culminates in every child making progress over and above what is expected.

□ Spiritual and Moral Development

Having been first hand recipients of the Grace of God through the experiential knowledge of Salvation, the directors ensure that the students and staff are morally upright and adhere to the high standards of deep spirituality and moral behaviour published in the school's policies, rules and regulations. Preston International School is a Christian school and seeks to promote excellence in all spheres of human endeavour through subscribing to the lofty principles of a Christ-centred education. Most of our teachers are pastors and preachers who share the Word of God with the students and staff on a daily basis. At Preston International School, we know that when the fear of God which is the beginning of wisdom and the Word of God takes root in the hearts of children, they will be blessed with the spirit of excellence leading to a very, very successful life.



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□ Use of Technology

At Preston, we are committed to using the most current technological tools in our teaching and learning process. The school continues to invest in ICT in a variety of ways. Our teachers use the interactive whiteboard to teach a variety of subjects. This plays a huge role in the dissemination of knowledge as students are able to understand concepts better as they are able to see, hear and feel what is being taught. Also, the school has 24/7 internet connectivity and several computer stations from where students are able to browse the internet, send emails and do their projects and assignments.

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□ Cost-effectiveness

By employing cost-saving financial strategies of world-class organizations, the location of Preston International School in the suburban countryside has meant a reduction in land and labour costs in the building of the school when compared with cities like Lagos. Also, fresh food and fruits from farms at reduced costs mean that we can pass these savings straight on to you – the customer, giving you excellent value for your money. As an organization that believes in Total Quality Management, Preston adopts very stringent measures in ensuring that processes within the school – whether it be in teaching and learning, pupil behavior or administrative work – are all very efficient, well thought out and grounded in our overarching philosophy of excellence.

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Why Preston is ideal for your child

□ Superb Facilities

As a school offering world class education, we are in the process of building a campus with every desirable facility to make a child's six years residence a truly memorable experience. First class boarding facilities, library, laboratories, I.C.T. suites, health centre and sick bay, dining hall, sports fields, swimming pool, etc.

Our fees are very reasonable. The quality of buildings and facilities that we have provided such as our latest microwave internet facilities, exclusive domain-based email for every child, electricity generating sets, transformer, hot water heaters, treated boreholes and lots more all cost a lot of money. However, when compared with similar schools, we give excellent value for money. Our fees are charged with our passion and mission in mind - to offer world class education to the average Nigerian family.

□ We Value People

Preston International School is a people-oriented institution. We value people. Your contributions will be highly valued. We are change agents with a social change agenda in support of the common man and we believe that with your support, we can do really great things. Our structures are quite flat and we have fairly deviated from cumbersome hierarchical structures. The directors and members of the senior management team are all very open and approachable to all parents and pupils and do encourage direct communication through emails, telephones and pre-arranged meetings. We have started and we invite you to join our campaign by choosing Preston International School.



Why Preston is ideal for your child

OUR CAMPUS

Set on 40 acres of land, Preston International boasts of pollution free air and a tranquil environment conducive to learning and meditation. The buildings are purpose-built and all designed by the proprietor who is a graduate of architecture and design from the University of Lagos and a seasoned teacher of design.

The facilities being developed at the school site comprise:

Administrative Block - Housing:

The offices of the Principal, Vice Principal, Office Staff, Medical/Welfare, Staff Room, Finance and Caretakers.

Teaching Rooms -

34 Classrooms, Food & Nutrition Laboratory, Physics, Biology & Chemistry Laboratory, 4 Networked ICT Rooms with Internet access, Design and Technology Workshops, Art Studio, Music Room,

Digital Language Laboratory, Maths Support Room. General - Assembly Hall, Dining Hall & Tuck Shop (the 'Rotunda')

Sports Facilities -

Swimming Pool, Sports Hall, Olympic Size Sports Field, Basket Ball Court.

Boarding Facilities -

Students hostels are purpose-built with adequate conveniences (showers, toilets and laundry areas), Common Rooms with adjoining flats for Staff members who take on the roles of house parents.



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OUR 4 HOUSES



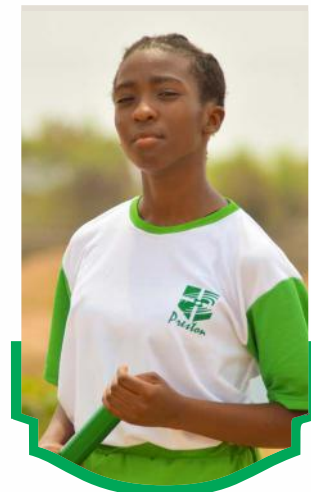
AQUA



SHEKINAH



TERRA



TORNADO



Campus life at Preston



Our School Anthem: May We Be A Shining Light

01

May we be a shining light to the nations,
A shining light to the peoples of the earth
Till the whole world sees the
glory of Your name
May Your pure light shine through us

02

May we bring a word of hope to the nations
A word of life to the peoples of the earth
Till the whole world knows there's salvation
through Your name
May Your mercy flow through us

03

May we be a healing balm to the nations
A healing balm to the peoples of the earth
Till the whole world rings with the praises
of Your name
May your song be sung
through us

04

May we sing a song of joy to the nations
A song of praise to the peoples of the earth
Till the whole world rings with the praises
of Your name
May Your song be sung through us

05

May Your kingdom come to the nations
Your will be done in the peoples of the earth
Till the whole world knows that
Jesus Christ is Lord
May Your kingdom come in us
May your kingdom come in us
May Your kingdom come on earth

Campus life at Preston

Arts & Crafts

Students choose from a wide variety of artistic activities such as Drawing & Painting, Pottery & Sculpture, Mural, Clay Modelling, Print making, Tie & Dye and Papier Mache.

Excursions

The most memorable learning experiences often take place off campus. Preston International students have the opportunity to be involved in field trips to industrial, historical and architectural sites both in Nigeria and abroad.

Sports

Pupils at Preston International School have plenty of opportunities in undertaking sporting activities. We believe that sport and fitness are integral to a holistic education, providing lifelong pleasure and fulfillment, relaxation, exercise, self-esteem and team spirit. Inter house sports are held annually.

Music

In terms of self-expression, self-awareness and interpersonal skills, the arts are central to the school's holistic ideals. Music provides the lifeblood for the health and vitality of the whole community. Students learn to play a wide variety of musical instruments. We aim to have one of the best school orchestras in Africa. Prestonians present very challenging choral pieces such as George Frederick Handel's 'Hallelujah Chorus' in four parts, 'And The Glory' etc at special events.



Media Skills

The media is central to in 21st Century life and both parents and teachers often stress 'personality development' as a central issue of a holistic education. Our students are taught to express themselves clearly, knowledgeably, confidently and with conviction in a variety of situations. There is an active and vibrant Press Club with up-to-date technological equipment such as cam-corders, digital cameras and video-editing software being used confidently and competently by members of the club.

Clubs and Activities

There are 13 Clubs in the school. All students are required to belong to at least two clubs - one academic club and one community service club. Sports and Music are compulsory after-school activities for all Prestonians. Parents who would like their children to receive expert professional tuition in musical instruments have to pay an additional charge.

Academic Clubs (9 Clubs) - JETS Club, Literary & Debating, Press, UN Model, Young Farmers, Health & Life, Drama Club, French Club and Home Makers Club. Community Service Clubs (6 Clubs) - Man O' War, Army Cadets, Boys and Girls Brigade, Red Cross, Road Safety and Scouts.

Here, children learn to give of themselves and their resources as patriotic citizens in a highly disciplined and well-structured set up. Programmes are designed around bringing the best out of every child in terms of understanding their civic responsibilities in society.



Design and Technology

Design and Technology - This is currently being offered as part of the Cambridge IGCSE curriculum and has been introduced as a co-curricular activity to augment Introductory Technology at Junior School level. This involves designing and making simple products such as mechanical toys, electronic alarms, and architectural models and can lead eventually to the production of commercially viable products at IGCSE levels. It includes electronics and graphics in addition to such areas as engineering in wood, metal and plastics. It is an excellent introduction to many courses both locally and abroad and is a valued skill by many employers.

Debates & Public Speaking

Prestonians are known for their self-confidence in public speaking and ability to engage in debates. The regular inter-house debate tournaments- which can be described as the "the battle of the elements" as the four houses, Shekinah, Aqua, Terra and Tornado debate on a variety of hot topics - are quite electrifying and are opportunities for the development of public speaking. Also, everyday in assembly, Prestonians have the opportunity to make presentations which could be musical, drama or poetry.

Our students regularly compete with other schools both locally and nation-wide in various subjects and they usually win. It is the school's objective to ensure that every child is developed and given opportunities to develop their oratory and public speaking skills.



Campus life at Preston



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Pastoral Care

Boarding life at Preston provides almost endless opportunities for personal development. There is abundant time for study, sports, co-curricular activities, quiet reading and meditation and for simply enjoying the company of classmates. The family atmosphere at Preston provides a secure environment within which strangers rapidly become friends. The house fathers and house mothers liaise closely with other teachers to monitor the quality of the students' prep and other academic work. Most importantly, the house parents carry a major responsibility for the happiness and integration of students and for keeping in close touch with the parents by email or other means. The activities of the house parents are coordinated by the head of boarding.



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Dining

The 800-seater dining hall is also the venue for day-to-day dining and for regular formal dinners with a wide range of guest speakers. The Tuck Shop referred to as 'The Rotunda' as a result of its peculiar design - provides snacks and other light refreshments to everyone on campus. All installations are planned to be of international hygienic standard with state of the art hot and cold counters, juice and cold drinks dispensers, dish washers and waste disposal. The individual daily menus include continental and traditional dishes. Meals are carefully planned by expert dieticians and only premium quality water, juice and organically cultivated fruit, vegetables and eggs will be served as these are in abundance from farms within the locality of the school and the suburbs another added advantage for Preston International School.



Safety & Security

Our carefully appointed teachers, house parents and well-equipped security staff are set to work together to ensure that a safe and secure school is ours. The school campus will have CCTV surveillance of all entrances and exits, smoke detectors and a range of security equipment.

Medical Care

The school has a well-equipped sick bay where pupils are looked after by competent, qualified health practitioners. Four residential full time qualified nurses are employed to be available 24/7 should any child fall sick. Also, a qualified doctor visits the school regularly. Referrals to Hospitals are made whenever required.



Frequently Asked Questions by Parents and our response

Here are some of the school policies, rules and regulations which we need to communicate to you now and which we hope will answer a lot of the frequently asked questions by new parents and students.

VISITING DAYS

Does the school have visiting days?

No. We do not have visiting days. Initially, we had visiting days but we had to cancel this when parents requested that we do so. Considering the nationwide catchment area of the school with parents having to travel huge distances on bad roads with all the attendant challenges, a consensus was reached that since the children come home every six weeks for half term and end of term, it is better to reduce the risks and that six weeks is not too long before they come home again. It is for this reason also that programmes that require parents to be in attendance in school are fixed for end of term or end of half-term so that parents can return with their children without having to come to the school exclusively for those programmes such as Inter-house Sports Days, Student Review Days, Prize-giving Days, Graduation Ceremonies etc.

PROVISION

Does the school allow students to come to school with provision (food items)?

No. Ever since the school started, we have not allowed students to come to school with provision for three reasons:

1. The school feeds the children well and as such, there is no need to bring provision from home. Our students eat five times a day as follows: breakfast, mid-day snack (tuck shop - which is quite filling), lunch, dinner, night cap. Having snacks in the school ruins appetite, does not produce well-adjusted children who eat good food placed before them and may breed students with poor attitude.
2. The school promotes equity. Traditionally, students become competitive about the kind of snacks/provision they bring into school in terms of costs and exclusiveness, which then leads to bullying, theft and other social and emotional menaces.
3. The school is located in an environment that is surrounded by bushes and having food in the hostel will certainly attract rodents from the surrounding bushes which then becomes a serious health hazard.

COMMUNICATION

Does the school allow students to carry mobile phones or tablets?

No. The school does not encourage students to carry their own mobile phones. Also, bringing gadgets into school such as laptops, ipads, tablets, electronic games devices etc. are not allowed. Parents are able to speak with their children at weekends through the telephone numbers provided by the school. Each house has two official telephone numbers through which the parents may speak with their children. Parents are not allowed to call the personal telephone numbers of the house parents. Also, the school has 24/7 internet connection. Therefore, parents and children are able to communicate via email.

HEALTH CARE

What are the health care arrangements in school and how do parents get to know if their ward is not well?

The school has a well-equipped and well staffed purpose-built health centre headed by a qualified matron who leads a team of five nurses who are resident in school with their own admin staff and store/dispensary keeper. The health bay has two wards - one for girls and one for boys where students who are unwell are kept and observed whilst undergoing treatment. Parents are informed early by the head of boarding if their wards become unwell and may need to be taken to the hospital in town to see the doctor. We have reputable private hospitals, that we refer students to following the matron's advice. The health centre in school only provides basic (primary) health care. Parents may also be asked to come and pick their children for medical attention where necessary e.g. for chicken pox or other infectious conditions.

UNIFORM RULES

What are the expectations regarding uniforms, use of jewellery, make-up and hairdo?

The school uniform consists of light blue shirt, dark grey trousers and skirt, navy jumper, navy blazer and the school's blue silver lined tie. Black school shoes (plain black shoes without laces for boys and Mary-Jane style school shoes for girls with a single strap across) to be worn with white socks and this is provided by parents. The house wear consists of light blue polo neck t-shirt, brown chino cargo shorts for boys and brown chino skirts for girls. Brown sandals and black socks is provided by parents. Besides the footwear, all uniform items are provided by the school. Parents are not to sew or purchase school uniforms but are required to purchase from the school. small, plain gold or silver studs are the only earrings allowed for girls. No make-up, nail varnish or paints are allowed. Girls are required to plait their hair in school (fortnightly) or cut their hair. Boys are not to wear any jewellery.

SUSPENSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

Does the school suspend or exclude students for poor behaviour?

The school reserves the right to suspend students from school as punishment for certain offences. Whilst this occurs rarely, it is the expectation of the school that the parents of the child who offends and is suspended from school for a certain period of time have the responsibility to come and collect the erring child and return him/her back to school after the expiration of the period of suspension.

TRANSPORTATION

Does the school organize transportation to and from the school to major cities in Nigeria?

Preston International School is blessed with highly effective Zonal P.T.A.s who organize transport arrangements to convey the students to and from school during holidays and resumption days. Lists of new parents with their contact details are forwarded to the leaders of the Zonal P.T.A.s who then make contact with the new parents to welcome them and introduce them to other members and intimate them with more details about the transportation arrangements.

RESUMPTION DAYS

Do new students resume before other students?

At the commencement of every academic session, all students resume on the same day - new students as well as returning students. This is because quite a number of our students have siblings who are new students and having different resumption days will task parents to make two trips from very distant places. Upon resumption, the accounts department will need to issue clearance slips to students as full payment for the term is required before resumption. Once this is done, a very thorough check is done to ensure that students have all items on the boarding house list and that they are all labelled as instructed. Unlabelled items will be returned until they are labelled. Once this is okay, parents are to kiss their children good bye and hand them over to their house parents. We do not allow parents into the hostels on resumption days for security reasons as we are unable to tell who is who and also to facilitate the work being done by the house parents, wardens and prefects. Parents are allowed to arrange with the school office manager if they would like to visit the hostel during term time when there would not be many people in school. When going on holidays and when returning to school after the holidays, all students

are expected to be fully dressed in their school uniforms as good ambassadors of Preston International School. Students are NOT to return to school in their housewear.

EXEAT

Are students allowed out of school for special reasons?

Pupils are allowed out of school for special reasons when parents formally request in writing for them to be released from school for brief periods of time. Such reasons may include attending visa interviews, special tests and interviews, medical appointments and some family events. Each request is considered on its own merit. Once the school grants approval, an exeat slip is issued and is to be completed and submitted to the front office when the student returns to school. Parents should always ensure that they fix family holidays during school holidays as we are unable to release the students during term time. The calendar is usually available a year in advance.

BIRTHDAYS

How can I arrange for my child's birthday to be marked in school with his/her friends?

For the same purpose of ensuring equity in the school, parents are not allowed to bring in birthday cakes and food into school. Parents are encouraged to wait till the children come home for holidays so they can have their birthday parties at home. However, if parents will like their children to celebrate their birthdays in school, a modest cake and refreshments is purchased by the school and some of their friends come around to celebrate with them for a very reasonable cost of N10,000.

Testimonies

PRESENT STUDENTS TESTIMONIALS

ADIJI AYOMIPOSI

Stepping into Preston in JSS1 – I came in a fresh slate ready to be written upon. This school taught and showed me how to see life from a different perspective, its beautiful infrastructures gave me the assurance that I was in the right place.

Preston, the right school balancing both academics and morals, never emphasizing one more than the other, and not to leave out the extra-curricular activities put in place, ranging from the sporting activities to the club activities.

Her religious activities is something not to be left out, hearing the word of God every day is something not every school does but that's what makes Preston what it is today, filling its students with the word of God is one unique property of Preston which I believe has made me what I am today. If you are looking for the school that can prepare your child in the way of the Lord and also grow them spiritually, physically, emotionally and definitely academically then I assure you are glancing through the pages of the right place. Come and you won't be disappointed.



OBIDIKE UNWANA-ABASI D.

Love! Laughter!! Smiles!!! Are the things that make up this beautiful place called Preston. As small and petite as I was in Jss1 the first thing that caught my attention in Preston was its ravishing and stunning beauty that can take away the breath of any individual away. Not only was the beauty outstanding but also the heart of each person I met was beautiful, everyone treated me like they had known me all their lives and gave me the warmest welcome I had ever received. Apart from the social and physical beauty of Preston, its spiritual loveliness is something to really appreciate. The school teaches us the undiluted word of God and molds us into better Christians.

Preston has its way of rubbing off on a person and, my life has seriously been positively influenced since I came to Preston: I am pretty physically just like the surroundings of this beautiful school, I am socially inclined just like the Preston's warm heart and most of all my spiritual life is now a thing of joy to me and my family because Preston has really rubbed off on me. The most beautiful thing about Preston is that it gives you the opportunity to have a home that always fills your heart with rays of sunshine, friends who love you, house parents who care for you and teachers who pray, teach and inspire. Preston is the best – anytime and anywhere and there is never a doubt in my heart that anyone would experience the same things I did when they stepped into Preston.



AFUWAPE MARY OLAMIDE

There is a reason for everything. Coming to Preston wasn't a mistake because my life here has been more than a dream. Preston is a place where a parent can't just overlook because, it has more than what a school should have. It is no longer a school to me but will always be my home.

When I stepped into Preston, I was scared because I didn't have any family friends which made me feel alone. As time went by, I felt that I was not alone because I had God with me. In Preston, the word of God comes every day and feeds our spirit man every time. I have learnt a lot in Preston about Christianity because I improved in my spiritual life to the extent that I got the baptism of the Holy Ghost right in Preston.

In Preston, you can't be bored because there are different extra-curricular activities and clubs to lighten up the mood. We are privileged because we have access to lots of facilities in Preston. Sport is one thing that Prestonians love because they enjoy themselves. There is room for socialization so we have family meetings with a teacher as the head. Music is really cherished in Preston so every voice, skill and talent is very important to all.

Our teachers can't be forgotten because they have impacted our lives academically, morally, spiritually, socially, emotionally and in all areas. Their efforts in our lives can't ever be forgotten because they have really tried – this goes to both teaching and non-teaching staff members. In Preston, every time spent is not a waste. We are one big family and are well able. I am glad to



PAST STUDENTS TESTIMONIALS

LAYOMI OYEWOLE

Preston is much more than a school one passes through for a six year period, only to write your finals and move on to the next stage of life and forgetting about the experience.

Preston was my safe haven. I saw it as a home. A lot of skills and assets that I have today, I got the foundation in Preston – from the use of computer and coding to engaging in good conversation and not forgetting cooking.

Through Preston, I was able to find where my passion lied (that I belonged in the Arts and not the Sciences) and Preston helped me to build on it...I left Preston with so many awards (another thing I love about my precious alma matter, rewarding good feats.) No regrets about choosing Preston. The next generation will surely go there.

*Presently studying LAW at the **University of Ibadan**, Oyo State, Nigeria – one of the leading Universities in the country*



FASAWA OLUWAFIROPO

Preston holds a very special place in my heart. As I look back on six fruitful years of secondary school, I realise that the values of hard work, consistency and passion that I hold dear to me were crafted during my years at Preston. It was the first time I experienced a form of independence that helped me take ownership of my learning. The teachers were amazing and approachable, always ready to help. I explored opportunities within sports, music and academics: I joined the boys' football team, played my violin in the



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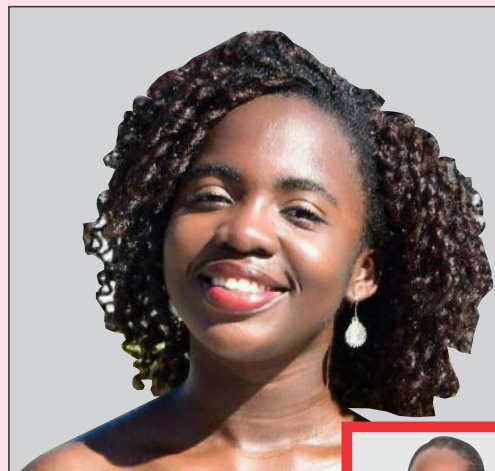
school orchestra, and participated in several Mathematics and Science competitions. I learned how to take care of myself physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. Till today, the friends I made at Preston remain dearest to me; we might not be together, but the bonds that we formed through late night studying and fun activities has kept us together till today. I have no doubt that every child that attends Preston experiences a form of education that opens their

OYELOWO OREOFE

I remember my first day at Preston like it was yesterday. I was traveling to my hometown in Oyo State, and my parents decided it would be nice to stop by and see the school. I was given a tour of the campus, and the staff that showed us around were very friendly. I could hardly wait to resume with them the next session. Preston was all I imagined it to be and more. In this institution, I discovered myself and developed potentials that I did not even know I had. I experienced growth academically, spiritually, physically and emotionally, and I developed lifelong relationships with members of staff and students alike. Preston gave me the chance to grow as a leader, and the opportunity to deepen my relationship with God. I also learnt the importance of being intrinsically motivated, but perhaps the most important lesson I learnt from my time at Preston is that “I am able.” Those three words have been imprinted on my heart because of how much they were re-iterated during my 6 years at Preston, and above all, because of the example that the directors of the school set – that anything is possible when we trust God and obey.

eyes to well-rounded living. I am a proud product of quality education at Preston.

Presently studying Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at **Princeton University**, New Jersey, USA – Ranked the best national university in the USA for undergraduate programs. Was a student at the prestigious **African Leadership Academy, Johannesburg**, South Africa after his graduation from Preston International School, at Preston he was the President of Class of 2015.



I still carry those words with me as I face college and the new challenges that life brings my way.

Presently studying **Information Technology-Networking/Systems at University of Cincinnati**, Ohio, USA. She was the first female president in Preston International School (Class of 2014)

PARENT TESTIMONIALS

ANGELA MUKORHO

We are incredibly blessed to have had our children attend Preston International School, Akure. Thus, it is with great pleasure that I write this testimonial for Preston International School.

Over the past 10 years, I have had three children attend Preston International and to say they have enjoyed the time there is an understatement. They thrived in this environment. Mr. Ajayi and his wonderful staff make each and every child feel special and unique whilst providing them with the special and academic skills needed as they make the transition from Secondary to the University. This is exactly what I as a parent want for my children.

I recall dropping off my children at school. Each day you are greeted by such friendly, engaging and nurturing educators. They take the time to know each child and their families so that everyone is comfortable; the children and the parents!

Preston International School addresses the educational needs of each child as well as their emotional and social wellbeing. The children participate in programs and activities that encourage them to engage, question and analyse the world around them, enriching their lives and forming a love of learning. These help build them a balanced life – spiritual, academic, cultural, social, emotional and otherwise!

Preston International School promotes a wonderful community spirit and we couldn't speak more highly of this wonderful Secondary School. Through the staff's guidance and structured activities, we have watched the confidence grow and important social skills develop in our children that they will need, in particular, as they progress through the university life and life in general.

The genuine affection and concern that the staff showed the children at the centre truly makes Preston a child's “home away from home”. I remember how my daughter returned after her

first term and still looked so good, it was hard for family and friends to believe she had gone to Boarding School in Nigeria! I know it is rare to find a Boarding School with all these outstanding qualities which is why I cannot recommend Preston enough to friends, family and anyone who wants a wonderful caring and nurturing learning environment for their child.

Some friends who pulled their children to other schools eventually had to bring them back. While I was coordinating the Warri Team, I remember a parent who had to return to Preston, saying how their children had said 'Mummy if you want our good, please take us back to Preston.'

Children are treated, without exception, with kindness and respect, each child is made to feel so valued and important at Preston International School. As a parent, I have always found the lines of communication between the staff at Preston and myself open at all times. It was easy for me to communicate with my children, who always had one good thing to say about the school or more; and it was also easy to state my opinion and receive feedback from teachers and hostel staff when necessary. I recommend Preston International School in the highest of terms.

This truly was an awesome experience for my family. At first, it was not such an easy decision to make – my husband was not in support of a school at such a far distance, but came to love Preston International School, therefore, allowing our three children go through this wonderful school.

The school grew with each child that resumed and graduated. It is an excellent school with great staff, amazing admin staff, family atmosphere, current academics, always making improvements to the school due to student growth, many different extracurricular activities for all.

If you are looking for a Christ-centered, Biblical worldview education and want to partner with the faculty/staff to educate your child(ren), then Preston is exactly where you should be.

ADEMOLA B. C. ADEGOKE

Preston International School, Akure: A School Committed to Distinction and Excellence.

As one of the pioneer Prestonian parents who were in the school on September 16th 2006 when the very first set of students resumed in Preston International School, Akure and with my two sons now alumni of the School, I can, with no fear of contradiction whatsoever, attest to the fact that since take-off in 2006, the school has never deviated from its avowed vision of keeping to world class standard and best practices in all ramifications. This is one school noted for distinction and unalloyed commitment to excellence in nurturing young minds to global champions.

There is so much to be said about the sterling qualities of the school as well as stellar character of its staff members but constraint of time and space limits the volume of what can be said here. Suffice it to just say a good ware needs no much advertisement. The achievement of the school within its relatively short period of existence say much more than word can adequately capture within the available space.

I nurse no hesitation in recommending PIS to all parents who desire the very best for their wards. With your gracious permission, I wish to avail myself of that well-known cliché, a trial will convince you.

OTONYE ADELAJA

I can write a 50 page book about Preston and will still discover that I have left out something. I saw the advertisement for admission in my sons' school in Port Harcourt in 2006 while he was in Primary 4 and something struck me. Then I didn't know it was for the first set. But I made up my mind that he would apply the following year, and we did. I had this peace beyond human understanding about the school to the extent that I didn't bother to apply to any other school. When we moved to Lagos in 2007, I reluctantly applied to another in Lagos but didn't follow up because I was certain about Preston. The rest is history. My two sons passed out of Preston with the 2nd and 4th sets.

Preston was home away from home for me and my sons. From the Proprietors, academic and non-academic staff, the love, care and understanding was unprecedented. The Ajayis took the children like their own biological children.

I want to thank Preston for everything: academic lessons, moral lessons, extra-mural lessons. Thanks for creating the right atmosphere for our children to grow and develop their potentials. Thanks to Mr & Mrs. Ajayi for their vision, love and care. For providing quality education to students coming from varied socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. Thanks to the teachers who went out of their way to provide free extra lessons to ensure no child is left behind. Thanks for all the moral and religious lessons. They still guide my children to this day. We still keep in touch with many of these teachers even after their exit from Preston.

You were and are amazing people. Thank you for fostering the best educational experience for my children. You met all my expectations and more.

I must admit I actually enjoyed all those trips to Akure. What can I say about the wonderful parents I met along the way? They have become lifelong friends. Some are friends that I have not met face to face, but regularly communicate with. That is the spirit of Preston.

■ **Preston International School** is located on
Km 6, Akure-Owo Road, Oba-Ile, Akure, Ondo State, Nigeria

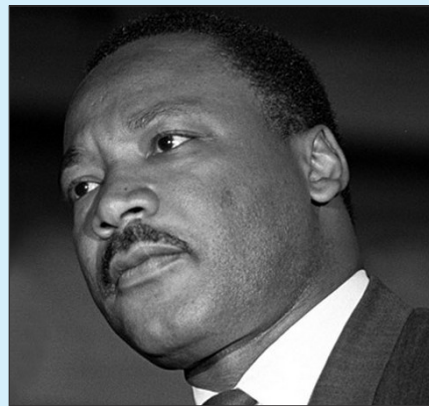
■ **Preston International School** was established
in September 2006

SITE PLAN

- A - Administrative Block, JSS Classrooms,
Library, ICT Suites, Labs and Studios
- B - 'Rotunda' Snacks/Tuck Shop
- C - Girls Hostels
- D - Staff Quarters
- E - Dinning Hall
- F - Kitchen
- G - Health Centre
- H - Gymnasium
- I - Sports Field
- J - Swimming Pool
- K - Boys Hostels
- L - School Chapel



“*The prosperity of a country depends not on the abundance of its revenues, nor in the strength of its fortifications. It consists in the number of its cultivated citizens, in its men of education, enlightenment and character. Here are to be found its true interest, its chief strength, its real power.*”



Martin Luther King Jnr.



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