



Bonne Année 2024

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**Dear Parents, Partners, and Friends,**

As we welcome the new year, it gives me great pleasure to reflect on and celebrate the remarkable achievements of our young learners as well as bring you up to date on happenings in the school environment.

We are thrilled to note a substantial increase in enrolment this year, a clear testament to the confidence and satisfaction of our parents, our foremost advocates. We are deeply grateful for your continued trust and support.

### **Communication**

On the communication front, the integration of the MYSCOL platform has significantly enhanced communication between the school and parents, with the introduction of notifications for new messages. And our monthly newsletter, produced by the marketing department, offers a comprehensive overview of our 4.0 Education model, providing valuable insights for all members of our community.

### **Space Expansion, Programme Directors and Teaching staff addition**

The establishment of annexes at IBSA RIVIERA 3 and IBSA OUAGA 2000 has provided a secure and welcoming environment for early learning and secondary education. We are quite excited about the positive impact this will have on our community. We have also bolstered our teaching faculty with the addition of new teachers who have wholeheartedly embraced the IBSA vision and are dedicated to its implementation.

Furthermore, we enhanced the supervision of teaching and learning through the appointment of two programme directors, whose leadership has resulted in a more effective implementation of the IBSA vision and programme. Additionally, they have played a pivotal role in bridging the gap between the French and English academic cultures, thereby enriching the learning experience for our students. The programme directors have collaborated to simplify weekly classroom information (lesson plans) and term reports (school reports) in order to provide parents with a better understanding of their children's learning journey.

In fostering strong professional partnerships with educational leaders across different continents, our programme directors have spearheaded initiatives to enhance students' literary skills, resulting in a heightened interest in magazine subscriptions, libraries, and both digital and physical book clubs.

### **Notable achievements of our students:**

The 2023-24 academic year commenced with the gratifying news of admissions to higher education for our first class of IBSA graduates. They have secured placements in prestigious universities in France, Canada, the United States, and Côte d'Ivoire.

In addition, our secondary school students demonstrated exceptional prowess in the spelling competition organized by SPELLING BEES COTE D'IVOIRE. Three students from IBSA Secondary Riviera emerged as top performers in the Junior and Senior categories, earning the opportunity to represent Côte d'Ivoire at the African Championships in Kampala, Uganda.

Our robotics champions from the IBSA Tech Bots Ivoire Team and the IBSA Tech Bot Faso Team will be participating in the 2024 VEX Robotics World Championship, a testament to their dedication and skill.

### **Annual excursions:**

Each year, our GRADE 5 students embark on an educational trip to Benin Republic, called "Sur La Piste Des Esclaves," while the GRADE 9s undertake a science study trip to Ghana, providing enriching experiences for their academic and personal growth. Recognizing the financial burden of these high-impact school trips on parents, we have endeavored to minimize the associated costs wherever possible, ensuring that participation remains voluntary and that no student faces any academic disadvantage due to financial constraints.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the IBSA Innovative Education board and the parents who generously sponsored part of the budget for our robotics team in April 2023, contributing to the overall reduction of costs for families.

### **Supply Chain Management**

We launched our new supply chain management system at the start of the new school year in September 2023, we encountered initial challenges in ensuring consistent quality standards, greater efficiency, and timely provision of resources, such as uniforms and transportation. We appreciate the patience, support, and feedback of our parents as we work to address these constraints and enhance our service delivery.

### **CAN 2023**

With the upcoming **AFRICAN CUP OF NATIONS** that kicks off this week proudly in Abidjan, some parents have expressed concerns about potential disruptions to learning due to heavy traffic the tournament may create. Please be reassured that over the years, we have continuously enhanced our remote learning capabilities, enabling our students to seamlessly continue their academic progress during unforeseen closures or disruptions. We will as usual keep you informed of changes through our normal communication channels, we request that you consult your mails and the portal regularly during this period for up to date information concerning learning activities in this period.

### **Conclusion**

To conclude, at IBSA we remain committed to building and nurturing a supportive and enriching educational environment for our students, and we are profoundly grateful for the unwavering support of our parents, partners, and friends in achieving this shared vision, I wish you all a happy New Year filled with good health, happiness, and success in all your projects. May you attain new heights and may 2024 be filled with love, laughter and memorable moments for you and your loved ones.

Thank you.  
Yours sincerely,



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