



ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

"An organization's alumni are the reflection of its past, representation of its present, and link to its future" - Anon.

Thank you for your valuable involvement with SOS-HGIC. In interacting with many of you, I have felt your affection for your alma mater.

One of the primary goals of the Alumni Office is to help you reconnect with SOS -HGIC. We want our current students to understand, respect, appreciate, and be inspired by the contributions that SOS-HGIC graduates are making in the world. From these halls, our alumni have gone on to develop new technologies, lead industries, become engineers, doctors, judges, teachers, business owners, government officials, and yes, even national directors for SOS Children's Villages!

Please find your way to our website (<https://www.soshgic.edu.gh/>) so that you can stay in touch with the events and evolution of our school. We will continue to keep you up-to-date and communicate with you via emails. We want to harness the power of our entire alumni to support our current students who will join you soon enough as graduates of the school.

As our alumni, you are a great resource for the College. If you have not visited campus lately, I invite you to come by and let us show you some of our newest developments. I think you will be pleased.

I look forward to when we will be able to gather in our school building again to witness the creativity, passion, and character of our students, who continue to make all of us proud.

Thank You.

Mrs Eliz Dadson

ALUMNI PROFILE

Mr Moses Kabbia

Moses Kabia was born and raised in Sierra Leone, a small West African nation. Moses was fortunate to find a place he called home with SOS Children's Villages in Sierra Leone. When SOS - HGIC opened its doors in 1991, Moses was not only one of the pioneering students but the first head boy of the school.

He migrated to the US in 1995 to attend college at Bulter University graduating with honors in International Management and Marketing and a minor in French. After completing his degree, Moses began his footprints in the workforce; he worked for Target Corporation as a Retail Manager. Currently, Moses is the Vice President; Branch Leader of Trust Bank. Moses enjoys making a difference in the lives of individuals he is privileged to know and the communities he works and lives in.

He is currently a board member of Hills Academy, a school that provides quality education for under-privileged boys; a member of Rotary Club of Conyers; Board Member Atlanta committee for SOS Children's Villages USA and a Board member of Haven of Light International, an organization that supports domestic violence victims. Moses is married with three lovely children, a daughter, Isha, 14, two sons Aiden, 10, and Nkem, 1 week old, and he enjoys spending time with his family and friends. He is very passionate about giving back to the community and helping people. He credits all his success in his career and life to his education and experience at SOS - HGIC.





CAREERS DAY WITH ALUMNI

Near the end of the first semester, the Guidance Counseling department hosted Careers Day and some alumni returned to campus to speak about and shine a light on many different paths that are possible in university and beyond. From lawyers to entrepreneurs, to financial analysts, Careers Day covered a wide variety of professions. “It was really inspiring to see what so many HGIC alumni have done with their education” observed Karis, the Head of Guidance and Counseling department who is also an alumna.



All three alumni, Mr. Eugene Tawiah - Financial Analyst/Forex Trader (Class of 1999), Mr. Nana Adow Dankwa - Entrepreneur (Class of 2000) and Mr. Paa Kwesi Kudoadzi - Lawyer (Class of 2015), gave up their time to speak to students, with some staying after their talks had ended to answer a host of questions from individuals. They were able to pass on their expertise in their field and gave great tips and advice to the pupils looking to advance in similar areas. It was also good for the pupils to hear about the sometimes unexpected paths that alumni have taken to reach this point in their careers and interesting stories of their career progression which showed pupils the varied options that lie ahead.

Overall, Careers Day had a positive impact on the students and we are grateful to all the speakers who took time out of their busy schedules to come and share advice with us.



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

With Ms. Emefa Ntem

A few of you may remember her as an educator working in the library. Some of you briefly know her as the Trojan hostel or the original Viking hostel tutor and some may even remember her from the countless applications she worked on as a guidance counselor. Currently working at SOS-HGIC as the Alumni and Events Coordinator, Ms Ntem has had a very full and colorful career, seeing SOS HGIC grow from a high school with 30 students to a very reputable International Baccalaureate boarding School in Ghana with over 300 students.

In a recent interview we took a deep dive into Ms Ntem's impressive career to discover what has made SOS-HGIC the employer of choice for her for 30 years. When asked how SOS - HGIC has changed through the years, she responded "The culture and values of SOS - HGIC are focused on togetherness and all being part of one team, and you really do feel that working here. There is also more focus on the well-being and health of employees." When asked what kept her loyal and working for HGIC throughout this time she stated, "Moving around the various departments e.g. library, education, hostel tutoring, guidance counseling and the alumni office has made a big difference and given me a varied career whilst remaining at the same place.

I will always appreciate the opportunities HGIC has given me to learn and develop, both in my career and for me as a person."

Dedicated and loyal team members like Ms Ntem are what make us who we are. Thank you for growing up with us, we are truly grateful for your decades of service.



Ms. Ntem receiving her 30 years of service plaque from Mrs. Nkrumah



Ms. Ntem celebrating her award



PRESERVING GHANAIAN LOCAL LANGUAGES THROUGH VERNACULAR!

We are constantly celebrating the accomplishments of rising young alumni who are living out the mission of SOS-HGIC by using their education to impact their professions and communities. To expand on this, Belinda Gasu, a recent graduate of SOS HGIC, is working with her peers at Ashesi University to create an app called Vernacular. This app teaches people how to read, write and understand any Ghanaian local language.



They tested their app with students over the mid semester break. To Belinda, saving indigenous languages is crucial in ensuring the preservation of the cultural identity and dignity of indigenous people and safeguarding their traditional heritage. “One of the biggest problems faced by minority and indigenous languages is a lack of software support. We live so much of our lives online these days. If people can’t take their languages online too, they risk losing them,” Belinda stated.



SINGING COMPETITION

On the 30th of September 2022, the Vikings, Spartans, Titans and Trojans descended onto the Margaret Nkrumah hall armed with unimaginable talent and anxiety masked by vibrant smiles. Stepping onto the stage, hearts racing as one beat, the choirs, faced the people gathered, who waited with bated breath. 1...2...3, the conductors signaled and singing began. Bright lights shone on the choir, in a color corresponding to sporting groups and singing rang through the hall. It was truly a beautiful experience, and all the pressure was forgotten for a few moments as students sung their hearts out on that stage.

After everyone had sung, and a few breathtaking performances completed, the moment came for the results to be announced and the tension was back on as an old friend, filling the hall with a piercing silence. The first category went to the Trojans! Second category, to the Vikings! The third category; Spartans, and the final category was won by the Trojans!!!! After the declaration of the Trojans' landslide victory, screaming and shouting was heard, and the undeniable Trojan chant rang throughout the school.

When all was said and done, and parades around the school were over, the Trojans continued to silently pulsate the electrifying energy peculiar to new victors. That was one of the most intense yet rewarding competitions.



The Trojans singing



The Vikings singing



The Spartans singing



The Titans singing



Alumni Jemima Yankah and Abraham Brusam visit our campus



Joseph Martei and Kariis Senanu - Adzosii



Roberta Annan (Class of 2002) with a student



Eugene Tawiah and Nana Adow Dankwa

VISIT US!

We know that alumni remain committed to SOS - HGIC's values, even after you graduate. Alumni are always solving problems, supporting each other and working to better the world around us. Our values haven't changed since you graduated but odds are campus and the hostels have! Whether you've been gone five years or 30, you are welcome to come back and take a tour to see what's new.

MEET OUR ALUMNI STAFF



ADZO ASHIE (VICE PRINCIPAL)



JOHN KAMAU (HISTORY TEACHER)



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ALUMNI FUND

AN INITIATIVE BY THE CLASS OF 1996

On April 23, 2022, the SOS-HGIC Class of 1996 established an Endowment Fund to make the school accessible to brilliant prospective students with financial needs. The fund was well received by the school and its affiliates. The goal of the Class is to raise a seed amount of US \$50,000, and they have raised \$12,000 at present. This November 2022, they are driving their efforts to raise the remaining seed amount for this momentous initiative.

They are calling on you to please donate to ensure the success of the Fund for the benefit of all current and prospective HGIC students. You are part of the inception of an important legacy and your contribution is greatly appreciated.

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