

2023 - 2024  
**Prospectus**  
Academic Session



*Preston*  
International School



... we are able





# Welcome to Preston

- Established in 2006, we are located on KM 6, Akure–Owo Road, Ondo State.
- The School currently has a landmass of over 70 acres. this is being developed to accomodate our growing population and our ultimate plans for the School.

Photo: Cross-section of the Junior Secondary Classes

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**Mr. Toyin & Mrs. Funmi Ajayi**  
Directors



## Directors' Introduction

It is yet another year of open doors for us at Preston as we begin our admissions process for the 2023/2024 session. Our hearts are full of immense gratitude to God and indeed all those who have supported our vision and mission over the years. We have recorded several successes and the teeming hundreds of successful, morally upright, fine, well-rounded, well-educated, well-cultured, respectable, God-fearing young people – many of whom are now adults and professionals in their own rights – scattered around the world, provide the evidence to support the fact that the school's vision is an ongoing reality and not just mere words on the pages of our publications. We invite you to read some of their testimonials in this publication. More can be found on our website and in other publications too. It will interest you to know that many parents too have written glowing testimonials of the powerful and positive impact that Preston has had on their children and them too.

The story of Preston International School started many years before it took off on the 16th of September 2006 when the dedicated walk of a Christian couple who were U.K. based educationists was blessed with the divine inspiration to create a school in Nigeria where God-fearing change agents will be raised. A place where young minds will be fed and nurtured on a moral and spiritual diet in such a way that they will not only be academically sound but also possess the inner spiritual requirements to succeed and excel in all of life's diverse situations.

Located in a serene and tranquil environment at Km 6, Akure-Owo Road, Oba-Ile, Akure – on the outskirts of Akure, the capital city of Ondo State, Nigeria, Preston has continued to grow in leaps and bounds as a school driven by the depth of purpose as captured in its mission statement. At Preston, we are not given to superfluity or mere façadism rather, we are objective and focused on the longer-term benefits of the education of the minds of our future leaders.

If you are a parent or a child looking for a good secondary school to attend, we hope that by going through this prospectus, you will find a good number of reasons why you should choose Preston International School. One of such reasons might be the fact that we are a very cost-effective school in addition to many other good reasons. The prospectus gives many insights into various aspects of the school. However, if you would still like to ask further questions or you seek clarification on any matter, please feel free to get in touch with us using the telephone numbers or email on the back of this publication. We would also encourage you to visit our website for more information about the school. We look forward to hearing from you. God bless you real good.

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# About Preston

*Preston International School is a co-educational Christian secondary school which was founded in September 2006 by Mr Toyin and Mrs Funmi Ajayi who are qualified U.K. trained educationists.*

The school provides a safe, caring and structured environment in which students thrive and enjoy a happy and rewarding adolescence. The directors have not only put in place physical structures and facilities that enable the school to function properly but have developed robust school policies and procedures that produce a culture of excellence where expectations are clear throughout the school and where all students flourish. Preston International School is a full boarding school. There are no day students.

'Prestonians' (as our students are popularly called) perform very well in both internal and external examinations.

As recipients of the British Council International School Award, we make bold to say that our teaching and learning curriculum has an international dimension and caters to the needs of children within and from outside Nigeria. ALL our students take the Cambridge IGCSE exams and we are a fully certified Cambridge School and a British Council International Schools Award winner. We also sit for the WAEC SSCE and NECO examinations.

A good number of our students secure scholarships to further their education outside the country. Exams such as SAT, IELTS, TOEFL, and JAMB (UTME) are also on offer.



## Our Vision

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.



## 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 well-trained teachers 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 the school's 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 toward 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 ABLE".

Our students compete in a variety of academic and sporting competitions and usually come out tops. In addition to excellent academic activities, we also 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. The robotics and coding club is also very popular. Our students – both boys and girls, play soccer, volleyball, handball, basketball, cricket, badminton, tennis and a host of other games. There are two large swimming pools in the school – one for girls and one for boys. School life is vibrant and enjoyable for all our students.





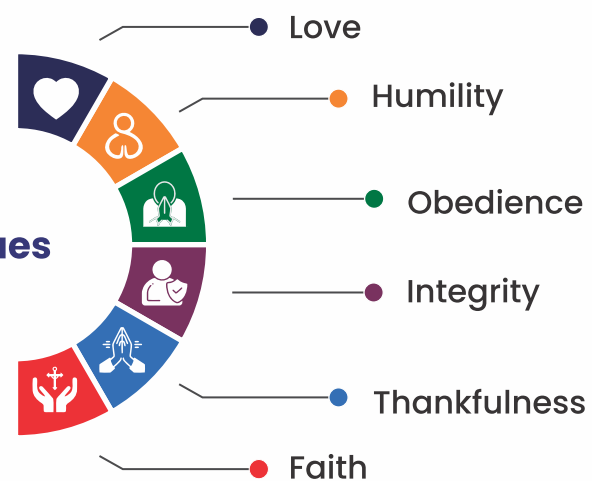
## Our Strategic Objectives

The Strategic Objectives of Preston International School are as follows:

<b>1</b>	Create a culture of excellent behaviour among staff and students.	<b>6</b>	Encourage and train pupils in entrepreneurship theoretically and practically (so they can contribute positively to the development of the nation)
<b>2</b>	Institute a culture of individual responsibility and accountability.	<b>7</b>	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.
<b>3</b>	Develop a strong sense of social justice, fairness and equity.	<b>8</b>	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.
<b>4</b>	Create a culture of high expectation and success.	<b>9</b>	Develop leadership skills at all levels of the school community.
<b>5</b>	Develop a spirit of national pride and patriotism.		



## Our Core Values



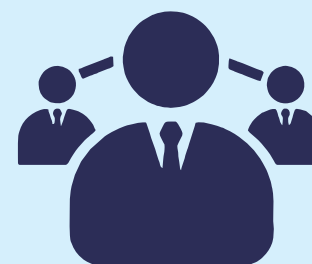
## Our School Logo



Our school logo is designed to capture the essence of our mission. It is composed of the cross and waves radiating from the middle of the cross. The cross symbolises 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 and their world selflessly with a sense of true patriotism and an abhorrence of the selfish attitudes and narrow-mindedness prevalent in society today.

## Our School Organisation



At the helm of affairs of the school is the Board of Directors who draw on the knowledge and expertise of an Advisory Board consisting of successful professionals from the legal, financial, accounting, educational and building industries. The Principal who reports to the Directors is in charge of the day-to-day running of the school in accordance with the laid down policies and procedures. He/She is supported by a Senior Management Team comprising of Vice-Principals and Heads of Administration, Finance, and Boarding. The Senior Management Team supervise the various academic and non-academic staff in the school.

Student Leaders too help in the day to day running of the school. The students' President assisted by two Vice-Presidents (male and female) lead a body of School Prefects and other student leaders. This intricate system of many parts work together as TEAM PRESTON for the express purpose of bringing the best out of all its members.



## Affiliations & Memberships



## Why Preston?



### Personalised 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 and '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, and enjoys learning. We know that this is the sure way to making positive contributions to society and also achieving economic well-being.
- In addition, 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 & Moral Development

- Having been first hand recipients of the Grace of God through the experiential knowledge of Salvation, the Proprietors 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 take root in the hearts of children, they will be blessed with the spirit of excellence leading to a highly successful life.



## Use of Technology

- In line with our stated vision, it is obligatory that we incorporate the most current technological tools in our teaching and learning process. Preston has continued to invest in educational technologies and ICT in a variety of ways.
- We deploy interactive whiteboard technology to teach a variety of subjects. Our tastefully decorated classes have projectors to enhance teaching and learning. This plays a huge role in the dissemination of knowledge as students are able to understand concepts better when they are able to see, hear and feel what is being taught.







## Pastoral Care

- Pastoral care at Preston International School involves teachers, house parents and students who promote a deep sense of care for all our students in addressing their collective and individual spiritual, emotional, physical and moral needs.
- In the academic area, class tutors under the supervision of heads of year ensure that their tutees attend school regularly, have all that they need for a smooth academic experience and pay attention to their behaviour and relationship towards one another, ensuring that the highest levels of discipline are upheld.
- Similarly, full time house parents who are university graduates look after the children in the hostels after school. The house parents support the academic work of students during prep time in the evenings in addition to their general care. The activities of the house parents are coordinated by the Head of Boarding.





## Superb Facilities

- As a school offering world class education, our campus is set on approximately 70 acres of land with every desirable facility to make a child's six years residence a truly memorable experience. Our environment is tranquil and provides pollution free air which is very conducive to learning.
- Our students have access to well-stocked libraries, fully equipped laboratories, networked ICT suites with internet access, state-of-the-art language laboratory, art studio, design and technology workshop.
- The hostel facilities are also purpose-built with in-built accommodation for hostel parents right in the hostel. We have a large dining hall, health centre, sports field with swimming pools and the tuck shop (rotunda). All our buildings are highly effective and functional. For the comfort of our students, public power supply is generously complemented by our own electricity generating sets with dedicated transformer.
- Despite the fact that all these costs a lot of money, our fees are charged with our passion and mission in mind – to offer world class education at a fraction of the usual cost to the average Nigerian family. When compared with similar schools, our fees have been described as very reasonable.







## Cost Effectiveness

- By employing cost-saving financial strategies, we are able 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 (TQM), Preston adopts very stringent measures in ensuring that processes and policies within the school – whether it be in teaching and learning, pupil behaviour or administrative work – are all very efficient, well thought out and grounded in our overarching philosophy of excellence. When compared with similar schools, Preston offers very good value for money.



## 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.



# Curriculum & Examinations on offer

## CURRICULUM



### Overview

- We offer a broad and balanced blend of the NIGERIAN and CAMBRIDGE (CAIE) CURRICULUM. Preston International School operates 3 years of Junior Secondary School and 3 years of Senior Secondary School in line with the Nigerian 6-3-3-4 system of education. However, within this structure, we have carefully mapped out and overlaid the delivery of the British Curriculum so that all our students write the Cambridge I.G.C.S.E. in their final year – SS3 in addition to the Nigerian S.S.C.E. (N.E.C.O.) and (W.A.E.C.) thus giving them opportunity for three (3) final year examinations. We also prepare our students for the American S.A.T. (Scholastic Aptitude Test) by College Board and the IELTS / TOEFL exams which are optional courses/exams for students who wish to study abroad.



### Junior School

- At the Junior Secondary School, we follow the Nigerian Curriculum (JSS1 – 3) subjects: Mathematics, English Language, Basic Science and Technology, Pre – Vocational Studies (Agricultural Science and Home Economics), Business Studies, National Values Education (Civics and Social Studies), CRS, Creative and Cultural Arts (Fine Arts and Music), French, ICT, PHE, and Yoruba. They also write the NECO BECE (Basic Certificate of Education) and the Ondo State Basic Certificate of Education at the end of JSS 3.

### Senior School

- At the Senior Secondary level, our students offer the following Cambridge IGCSE subjects: English Language (First Language), Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Further Mathematics, Geography, ICT, Design and Technology, Food and Nutrition, Religious Studies, Economics, French, Music, Art and Design, History, Accounting, Business Studies.
- Preston International School is a C.A.I.E. (Cambridge Assessment International Examinations) accredited examination centre (NG 079) registered to offer and write I.G.C.S.E. examinations.
- The WAEC and NECO subjects on offer are: English Language, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Further Mathematics, Geography, Technical Drawing, Christian Religious Studies, Economics, French, Music, Fine Art, Accounts, Agricultural Science, Animal Husbandry, Business Studies, Civic Education, Commerce, Data Processing, Food and Nutrition, Government, History, Computer Studies, Literature, Yoruba.



## EXAMINATIONS

### Overview

- Preston International School offers a wide range of international and local examinations to cater for the varying needs of our students.

### Junior School

- At the Junior Secondary School, we offer the following examinations:
- BECE – Basic Education Certificate Examination (Ondo State Ministry of Education)
- BECE – Basic Education Certificate Examination (National Examinations Council, NECO)
- Checkpoint – Cambridge International Examinations (Optional)

### Senior School

- At the Senior Secondary School level, we offer the following examinations:
- IGCSE – International General Certificate for Secondary Education (Cambridge International Examinations)



- WASSCE – West African Senior School Certificate Examination (West African Examinations Council, WAEC)
- SSCE – Senior School Certificate Examination (National Examinations Council, NECO)
- UTME – Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board)

- SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Tests, College Board)
- IELTS (International English Language Testing Service, British Council)
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language, ETS)





## Our Campus



Set on approximately 70 acres of land, Preston International School is set up in a green environment that provides pollution free air and a tranquil environment that is very conducive to learning and meditation.

Our buildings are purpose-built and designed by the proprietor, Mr. Toyin Ajayi who is a graduate of Architecture and Design from the University of Lagos and a seasoned teacher of Design. Mr. Toyin Ajayi says "...the design concept guiding the architecture of Preston International School was done in a way to achieve a feeling of home away from home".



This is presented through the development of highly efficient and functional buildings which exude comfort, fun and relaxation. They are also very responsive and complement the country-side location of the school.



## FACILITIES IN THE SCHOOL

### Administrative Block

- Offices of the Directors, Principal, Vice-Principals, Admin staff, staff rooms, finance and caretakers offices.

### Teaching and Learning Rooms

- 35 Classrooms, Physics, Chemistry and Biology Laboratories, Food and Nutrition/Home Economics lab, 2 x standard libraries, 4 x networked ICT rooms with 24/7 dedicated internet access, Digital Language lab, Technical Drawing and Fine Art studios, Music studio, Design and Technology workshops, Maths/Learning support rooms.

### General Utility Facilities

- The School Hall (1,500-seater capacity), Dining Hall (800-seater capacity), Tuck Shop (the 'Rotunda'), Health Centre, School Farm, Fish Ponds, Poultry etc.

### Sports Facilities

- 2 x Large Swimming Pools (One for boys and one for girls) Sports field for football and handball, Basketball court, Volley ball court, Table tennis rooms, etc.

### Boarding Facilities

- Students hostels are purpose built with adequate convenience (showers, toilets and laundry areas) and in-built accommodation for boarding house parents.



## Our Four School Houses



**Aqua**



**Shekinah**



**Terra**



**Tornado**



## Overview of Preston Campus Life

At Preston, we encourage our students to enjoy being students. 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. Campus life is enjoyable with lots of activities to engage all our students.

### 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 fulfilment, relaxation, exercise, self-esteem and team spirit.



### Arts & Crafts

Students choose from a wide variety of artistic activities such as drawing and painting, pottery and sculpture, murals, clay modelling, print making, tie and dye and papier mache.

### Excursions

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







## 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 school community. Students learn to play a wide variety of instruments.



## Media Skills

The media is central to 21st Century life. 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 camcorders, digital cameras and video-editing software used confidently and competently by our students.



## 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 ensure that our students engage in debates on a variety of hot topics which are quite electrifying, sprouting opportunities for the development of public speaking. Also, during daily assemblies, Prestonians have the opportunities to make presentations which could be musical, drama, poetry or short speeches. Our students regularly compete with other schools locally and nationally and they usually win. It is the school's objective to ensure that every child has the opportunity to develop their oratory and public speaking skills.



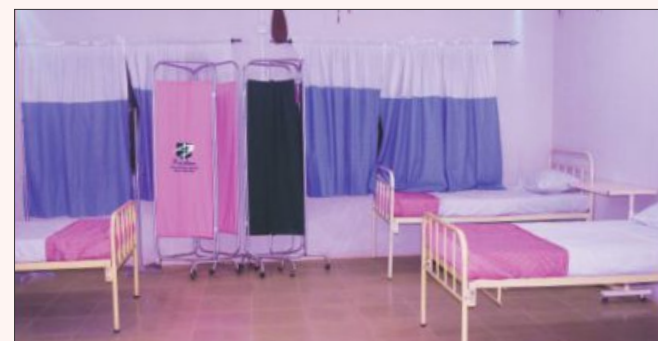


## House Parents

The care of Prestonians is uppermost in the hearts of the proprietors such that they have employed six house parents each per house, making twenty-four substantive house parents whose full-time job is to manage a small group of students. All house parents are university graduates. Therefore, they are able to support the academic work of students during prep time in the evenings in addition to their general care. 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 are supervised by the Head of Boarding.

## Dining

The 800-seater dining hall is the venue for day-to-day dining and also for regular formal dinners. The Tuck Shop also provides snacks and other consumables for the children's conveniences and well-being.



## Safety & Security

Our carefully appointed teachers, house parents and well-equipped security staff work together to ensure that a safe and secure school is ours. The school campus is fitted with CCTV surveillance covering all areas. Also, fire extinguishers are sufficiently provided as well as emergency procedure training in place.

## Medical Care

The school has a well-equipped health centre where students are looked after by competent, qualified health practitioners. Our nurses are also resident on the school premises and are available 24/7 should any child fall sick.



# School Fees Policy, Structure & Billing Arrangements

## Overview

School fees are paid termly. However, parents who wish to pay annually are allowed to do so but this does not attract special discounts. Should there be variations in the fees due to additional items or inflation, such parents who have paid the annual fees will need to pay the difference. All fees are to be paid in full before resumption each term.

## Parental Responsibility

Preston International School (RC 643308) is a limited liability company duly registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission as a business. As much as we are an educational institution, we rely solely on school fees to meet all our obligations as well as maintain our relevance in a highly competitive industry. This is why parents are advised of the fee structure, making it imperative that parents fully understand and commit themselves to fulfilling their obligations to pay in full and on time. Therefore, parents have a moral and legal obligation to pay school fees.

## Tuition Fees

Tuition fees are charged every academic term. This relates to fees charged for teaching expertise and all personnel costs relating to teaching and learning right from senior managers who oversee teaching activities right through to the clerical officer and junior staff responsible for the smooth running of academic services.

## Cambridge Fees

Preston International School is a fully registered and active member of the Cambridge Schools. It is therefore compulsory that ALL students at Preston International School sit for the IGCSE Cambridge Assessment International Exams.

The tuition, books and resources for the IGCSE exams are paid as part of the school fees in the senior classes while the actual exam registration fees are paid under an instalmental payment plan. The instalmental payment plan is based on the registration of five (5) subjects. Parents are however allowed to register their children for up to eight (8) subjects but the registration costs for the additional subjects will be paid by parents at the point of entering students for the exams. Our students sit for the Cambridge exams in October/November – the first term of their SS3 class. Results are released in January, giving our students the opportunity for early applications into universities within Nigeria and abroad.

## Siblings Discount

Parents with more than one child at the school are offered discounts on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th child as follows. 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.

## Learning Resources

This is an annual charge for the provision of study materials which includes text books and exercise books, as well as the provision, maintenance and upgrading of physical and electronic resources used in the school for educational purposes such as ICT, internet facilities, classrooms, laboratories and specialist rooms, photocopying, lockers, and such overheads associated with running the academic section of the school.

## Boarding

This relates to fees charged for boarding and it includes feeding (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and all other services related to providing decent care and conveniences in the boarding house system and staffing costs.

## Uniforms

We operate a uniforms shop from where parents purchase uniforms for their wards as needed. The cost of uniform items is subject to review as a result of fluctuating exchange rates. The school requests that parents purchase at least three sets of uniforms and house wears for their wards.

Payment for uniforms can be made into the uniforms account after which uniforms will be issued to the students in school. The school embroiders the names of students on the uniforms for a small charge.

## Tuck Shop

The tuck shop provides a variety of needed general supplies and snacks for the students such as their mid-day snacks, night cap, stationery, personal supplies such as soaps, detergents and such which may need replacement or replenishment from time to time. It is a top up account which replaces the traditional 'pocket money' system. A DEPOSIT of N25,000 is paid into the Tuck Shop Account from where the children spend their money. At the end of the term, it is required that parents 'top-up' the account. This is not part of the school fees.

## Development Levy

This is a one-off payment for new entrants to the school.

## Caution Fees

This is a refundable deposit which is held by the school for two purposes. Firstly, it is a security deposit for the replacement of any school item or property damaged should the bill to replace such damaged items fail to be settled and the perpetrator fails to return to the school. This includes books and resources that are on loan to the student. Secondly it is a holding fee which will



be refunded when students leave the school and have been cleared. The caution fee shall be refunded without interest upon a child's permanent departure from the school.

Withdrawal Fees

It is the school's policy that parents are required to give the school one term's notice in writing and to receive an acknowledgement in writing in the event that they will be withdrawing their child(ren) from school. This gives the school ample time to fill the place and/or adjust its budget for the next term. The school will charge one full term's fees in lieu of notice if a term's notice in writing is not given.

PTA Dues

Preston International School has a thriving Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) which supports the school through the giving of prizes to students who excel in various subjects on prize-giving days and also carrying out projects that are of direct benefit to the academic achievement and welfare of the students of the school. The PTA dues are paid into the PTA account and is charged per family rather than per student. The PTA Executive members (Exco) are drawn from parent leaders around the various zones in the country. There are various PTA zones that parents can belong to depending on their location. Upon resumption, parents are introduced to the zonal leaders and also benefit from the zonal transportation arrangements where reputable transport companies transport the children to and from the school. Parents also support one another through a welfare system and develop friendships depending on what operates in the zones.

Mode of Payment

The accounts department issues bills at the end of every term stating the accounts to be paid into by online transfer or other means by the parents. No cash, cheques or electronic payments are collected in the school premises. All payments are made directly into the school's accounts. It is mandatory for parents to submit copies of evidence of payment to the school – tellers and online transfer receipts should be sent to the accounts department via electronic means or in print before resumption. Parents who pay by cheque must allow for the cheque to have cleared before resumption. Receipts for all payments and clearance slips are issued by the accounts department. Students are not admitted into school without the clearance slips.

The Board of Directors has the responsibility to review and set school fees yearly or from time to time. The key factors taken into consideration when reviewing school fees include inflation, staff compensation growth curve and profit margins to ensure a healthy and thriving school.

The Board of Directors in carrying out these duties will make every effort to ensure that the increase in school fees are reasonable and communicated in a timely manner to allow for parents to plan and make the necessary adjustments to their school fees budget. A minimum of one term's notice of an increase in school fees shall be given.

School Fees Bills for New Intakes (2023-2024)

The school fees bills for the 2023-2024 academic session for new students are stated below:

JSS 1 & JSS 2 (NEW STUDENT BILL)

1st Term (School Fees)

Tuition	250,000
Boarding	300,000
Learning Resources	150,000
Development Levy	100,000
Caution Fees	75,000
<b>TOTAL (Term)</b>	<b>N 875,000</b>

2nd Term (School Fees)

Tuition	250,000
Boarding	300,000
<b>TOTAL (Term)</b>	<b>N 550,000</b>

3rd Term (School Fees)

Tuition	250,000
Boarding	300,000
<b>TOTAL (Term)</b>	<b>N 550,000</b>

Others (Non-School Fees)

Uniforms (3 sets)	Check price list
Tuck Shop	40,000
PTA Dues (per family)	20,000

SS 1 (NEW STUDENT BILL)

1st Term (School Fees)

Tuition	300,000
Boarding	300,000
Learning Resources	200,000
Development Levy	100,000
Caution Fees	75,000
<b>TOTAL (Term)</b>	<b>N 975,000</b>

2nd Term (School Fees)

Tuition	300,000
Boarding	300,000
<b>TOTAL (Term)</b>	<b>N 600,000</b>

3rd Term (School Fees)

Tuition	300,000
Boarding	300,000
<b>TOTAL (Term)</b>	<b>N 600,000</b>

Others (Non-School Fees)

Uniforms (3 sets)	Check price list
Tuck Shop	40,000
PTA Dues (per family)	20,000



# Enrichment Programmes

## International School Award

Preston International School has obtained the prestigious British Council International School's Award – an endorsement of Preston International School's commitment to developing and incorporating an international dimension into our teaching and learning curriculum. The school undertakes projects relating to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), working with partner schools in UK, India, Pakistan and Israel.

## Salem Academy of Music

The school has a music academy named Salem Academy of Music where students learn how to play musical instruments to a very high standard and also have the opportunity of undertaking professional certified music examinations of bodies such as the A.B.R.S.M. (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music) and M.U.S.O.N. (Musical Society of Nigeria).



Membership of the Academy is charged annually at N60,000.00 (Sixty-thousand Naira only for the entire academic session). We do require that the child has an orchestral musical instrument which can be bought privately or can be purchased through the school. We believe that having standard international levels of musicianship will enhance a child's life chances, give them tools and skills for worship (Psalm 150), more fulfilment and enjoyment in life and that little edge when needed in this increasingly competitive world that we live in. We know that joining Salem Academy has been of tremendous benefit to our former students during the selection process of gaining admissions into higher institutions abroad and in many other ways.

## Swimming

Students at Preston International School also have the opportunity of taking swimming lessons. This is charged at N10,000 per term presently.



## Clubs and Activities

There are about 13 clubs in the school. All students are required to belong to at least two clubs – one academic club and one community service club. Academic Clubs – JETS Club, Robotics & Coding Club, Literacy & Debating, Press Club, UN Model, Young Farmers, Health & Life, Drama Club, French Club and Home Makers' Club. Community Service 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.



## Sports

All our students enjoy a variety of sporting activities which include track and field events and other ball games such as football, volleyball, basketball, handball, table tennis and cricket. An annual inter-house sports competition is held.

## Excursions & Trips

Our students have the opportunity of travelling to various destinations within and outside the country on trips and excursions to further broaden their horizon and educational experience.

## Duke Of Edinburgh International Award

Preston is one of a network of schools offering the Duke of Edinburgh International Award to students aged 14 years and above. 'The Award' is an international award which challenges young people to dream big, celebrate their achievements and make a difference in their world.





# Admissions Procedure

## ADMISSIONS CRITERIA



## ADMISSION FORM

Applications can be made by purchasing the admission forms and prospectus from any of our centres listed below or by visiting the admissions page on our website:

[www.preston-international.com](http://www.preston-international.com)

The application fee of **N10,000 (Ten thousand Naira only)** applies for both physical and online applications and should be paid into the account below. Payments are to be made in the name of the child.

**BANK:** ACCESS BANK  
**ACCOUNT NO.:** 0009743538  
**ACCOUNT NAME:** PRESTON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS LTD

The evidence of payment [teller (scanned) or online transfer receipt] should be sent via **Whatsapp** to any of the following numbers: **+2348060805202, +2348054150117, +2348024317643** or via email to **office@preston-international.com**.

If a hard copy form was purchased, evidence of payment should be 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.

Alternatively, a duly filled hard copy form can be scanned and sent via email to **office@preston-international.com**. A member of our team will be in touch with you via the telephone numbers provided on the form to provide further guidance and confirm date of entrance examination.



EXAMINATION CENTRES

The entrance examination can be written at the examination centres below or online from the comfort of your home. The dates for the physical and online entrance examinations are stated below. Please kindly indicate your choice clearly on the admission form.

<b>ABUJA</b>  Olumawu Basic Education School 92, Adetokunbo Ademola Crescent, By AP Plaza, Wuse II, Abuja FCT.	<b>BENIN</b>  Cradle Montessori, Aideyan Crescent, G.R.A. Benin City, Edo State	<b>LAGOS</b>  Tomobid School 2, Amara Olu Street, Off Lateef Jakande Road, Agidingbi, Lagos, Lagos State
<b>AKURE</b>  Preston International School Km 6, Akure-Owo Road, Oba-Ile, Akure, Ondo State	<b>ILORIN</b>  Chryolite Children School 3, Ibitomisi Crescent, Gaa-Akanbi Downside, Ilorin, Kwara State	 Abba's Heart Montessori School Km 43, Lekki-Epe Express Way, Opposite Eko Akete, Awoyaya, Ibeju-Lekki, Lagos
<b>AKWA-IBOM</b>  Sanvee International School Plot H50, Ewet Housing Estate, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State	<b>IBADAN</b>  RoseGate School 32, Osuntokun Avenue, Bodija Ibadan, Oyo State	<b>PORT HARCOURT</b>  The Grove School Woji Road, GRA Phase II, Port Harcourt, Rivers State
<b>ANAMBRA</b>  God's Wisdom International N/P School, P.O. Box 2636, Umuemeli Street, Okpuno, Umuenem, Otolo-Nnewi Anambra State	 Mahnatez Int'l School No. 1, Kings Plaza, Alafin Avenue, Behind Total Filling Station, Oluyole Estate, Ibadan, Oyo State	<b>WARRI</b>  Lakeland School, Ogunu Road, Warri,

EXAMINATION DATES

Physical / In-Person Option

The entrance examination and interviews will be held at the various examination centres on the following dates:

- Saturday, 4th March, 2023 (9.00 a.m.)  
(All Centres)
- Saturday, 13th May, 2023 (9.00 a.m.)  
(All Centres)

Supplementary Exam

- Saturday, 5th August, 2023 (9.00a.m.)  
(This will be held ONLY on the premises of Preston International School, Akure)

Online Option

The entrance examination and interviews will be held on the following dates:

- Saturday, 25th March, 2023 (9.00a.m.)
- Saturday, 29th April, 2023 (9.00a.m.)
- Saturday, 17th June, 2023 (9.00a.m.)
- Saturday, 29th July, 2023 (9.00a.m.)

For the online examination, candidates will need a device with internet connection. A password to access the exam online will be sent to parents.

Our technical team will be on hand to give online support throughout the duration of the examination.



# School Policies You Should Know About

## Overview

Here are some of the school policies, rules and regulations which you should know about in advance and which we hope will answer a lot of the frequently asked questions by new parents and students:

### Does the School have Visiting Day(s)?

We do not have visiting days. Our students have a break every six weeks for half-term and end of term holidays. In consideration of parents from distant places and the state of our roads, reducing the risk associated with travelling every three weeks is of utmost importance. It is also for this reason that school programmes that require parents to be in attendance 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 programmes include inter-house sports day, student review days, prize giving days and graduation ceremonies.

### Does the School Allow Students to Come to School with Items Described as 'provision' or Food Items?

No. Since the school started, we have not allowed students to come to school with provision for three reasons. Firstly, 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 (which is quite filling), lunch, dinner and night cap. Having provision in the school ruins their appetite for eating the healthy meals provided by the school and it does not produce well-adjusted children who eat good food placed before them and may breed students with poor attitude to feeding.

Secondly, the school promotes equity. Traditionally, students become competitive about the kind of snacks/provision they bring from home in terms of costs and exclusiveness, which then leads to bullying, theft and other social and emotional menaces. Lastly, Preston is located in a sub-urban area with lots of vegetation surrounding it. The last thing we want is to encourage rodents from the bushes around to visit the hostels which then poses a serious health hazard.

### Does the School Allow Students to Bring in their Mobile Phones, Tablets or Laptops?

No. The school does not allow students to carry their own mobile phones, tablets, laptops and electronic games devices etc. Parents are able to speak with their children at weekends through the telephone numbers provided by the school. Each house has four (4) 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 or any other member of staff to reach their child(ren). The school has a dedicated 24/7 internet connection which enables parents and children to communicate through emails.

### What are the Health Care Arrangements in School and How Do Parents Get to Know if their Ward is Ill?

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. The health bay has two wards – one for girls and one for boys, where students who are unwell are observed whilst undergoing treatment. Parents are informed early by the Head of Boarding if their ward becomes 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 primary health care. Parents may also be asked to come and collect their children for medical attention where necessary e.g. for chicken pox or other infectious diseases.

Where a child is treated in a health facility outside the school, the parents will be invoiced directly and payment made to their account.

### What is the School's Policy on Uniforms, Jewellery, Make-up and Hair-do?

The school uniform consists of light blue shirt, dark grey trousers and skirt, navy jumper, navy blazer and 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 are provided by parents. Besides the footwear, all uniform items are provided by the school. Parents are not allowed to sew uniforms but are required to purchase from the school only. 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 braid their hair. Boys are not permitted to wear any jewellery.



**Does the School Suspend or Exclude Students for Poor Behaviour?**

Yes. The school does suspend students from school as punishment for certain offences. In such cases, parents of the child who offends and is suspended from school come over to take possession of the child and return him or her back to school after serving out the suspension.

**Does the School Organize Transportation To and From the School for Students?**

Parents of our students run zonal parents' associations and do have transportation arrangements with reputable companies to convey the students to and from school. Lists of new parents with their contact details are forwarded to the leaders of the zonal parents' associations who then make contact with the new parents to welcome them and introduce them to other members in their zones.

**Do New Students Resume Before Other Students?**

At the commencement of every academic session, all students – old and new, resume on the same day. This is because quite a number of our students have siblings who are new students. Having different resumption days will task parents to make two trips from very distant places. During resumption days, students go through a thorough check to ensure that they

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have all items on the boarding house list and that they are properly labelled as instructed. Items not labelled will be returned. Similarly, students are not allowed into the hostels until they have all their boarding house items. Parents are not allowed into the hostels on resumption days for security reasons as there are usually lots of people on the premises on resumption days. The house parents, and school prefects do a good job to give the new students a helping hand and support them in settling them down in the hostels. Parents are allowed to arrange with the school office manager should they wish to visit the hostel during term time but not on resumption days. 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 house wear or mufti.

**Are Students Allowed Out Of School For Any Reason?**

Our students are allowed out of school for special reasons when parents formally request in writing for them to be released from school for the following reasons: Attending visa interviews, special tests and interviews related to college admissions, and medical appointments. Attendance of social functions and casual visits to the school are not allowed.

**Are Students Allowed To Celebrate Birthdays In School?**

For the purpose of ensuring equity in the school, parents are not allowed to bring in birthday cakes and food into school for birthday celebrations. 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 light refreshments can be purchased through the school's Tuck Shop at a very reasonable cost.

**How Does Preston Deal With Bullying?**

We take bullying very seriously and we deal with it effectively. We have 3 categories of offences at Preston and bullying is categorised as a 3rd degree offence which attracts permanent exclusion of a child who persists in the act. We have a culture of having 'eagle eyes' where staff and students are trained to look out for signs of bullying and report the slightest indication of suspected bullying. The excerpt from the students handbook 'The Preston Scrolls' aptly captures our stance –

"Bullying is prohibited and viewed very seriously by the school. Bullying is defined as any wilful attempt to frighten or hurt another person physically or emotionally especially when accompanied by an apparent present ability to do so or any intentional display of force such as would give the victim reason to fear or expect immediate bodily harm.

We operate a 'three strikes' policy on bullying. In other words, bullies will be expelled from the school after three confirmed acts of bullying."

In addition to the above, we hold a week-long 'ANTI-BULLYING' week where students are educated and enlightened about bullying and its consequences. We promote a positive culture of caring for one another. The reputation that the school has built over the years is such that parents and students are comfortable and are satisfied with the way and manner that the school deals with bullying.



## Testimonials

### IMMEDIATE PAST STUDENTS



**Isinkaye Ayomide**

Too good to be true. Those were the words that resonated through me as a 10 year old girl reading through the Preston Prospectus given to me after my parents purchased my application form. Looking back, I realize I was totally wrong.

Preston has an indescribable yet explicit effect on all those drawn to it. As a JSS 1 pupil, I walked into Preston with a blank slate, having no idea about how to survive anywhere else than home. JSS 1 till SSS 3, I climbed the rungs of the secondary school ladder steadily, realizing the legendary transformation I went through. As a Prestonian, I began to embody valuable concepts like the 6 Ps of Preston: Punctuality, Praise, Personal conduct, Performance, Participation and Preparedness; as well as faith, truth, and most importantly, a bottomless love for God.

Droves upon droves of people flock to Preston like planets going through orbits seeking desperately for this opportunity. So many people from different places across the country and even beyond sensed against all odds that this school in the outskirts of Akure, Ondo state was way different than the others.

Honestly, Preston itself is a life changing experience. It made a girl as petite and timid as me, capable of giving speeches in front of a thousand different faces. Preston sheds light for its student to follow. Sending a child to Preston is not a mistake, rather, it is a necessity.



**Afolabi Kayinoluwa**

Preston International School. A school of grace, a school of poise, a school of brilliance.

This school has succeeded in shaping and breeding well-rounded, confident ladies and gentlemen, who go on to achieve many great things, for more than 10 years now and the school will most definitely continue to do so.

Personally, for me, Preston has really been a training ground, a place where I've really been able to unleash my potentials and grow to stages I'd never before imagined. The whole environment just literally screams at you to grow, to transform, and to develop yourself. From the teachers, to the school management, at every turn, there's some sort of challenge that requires you to test yourself. You don't always succeed, but that's the thing, you learn from your mistakes, you become better.

Change, they say, is the only constant. I can assure you, you will most definitely experience changes in this school. Very significant changes. You become a better version of yourself all round, in ways you've never even dreamt of, ways you never expect.

Now, I can boldly say I am not the same naive little girl that came to the school 6 years ago. The tides of this school have succeeded in molding and shaping me to become better, to become the best version of myself.



**Okeya Pharez**

On the 12th of September, 2015. I stepped into Preston for the first time as a student and I could already feel the loving atmosphere. Preston is not a meretricious school but one which illuminates students' heart with a variety of emotions. Spending six years in a school like Preston teaches you lots of life-required skills, qualities and characteristics. There is the quality education on offer and as always, the vibrant Prestonians who are always there to make you smile and raise your spirits should you feel down.

The spirituality in Preston is next level – ministering the word of God to students every day is not something you can get elsewhere. Let's not forget the staff members who try to help every student improve in his or her own way. The staff here are very inspiring and always motivating – starting from the Proprietor himself. Spending six years in Preston is an unforgettable experience and will take lots of extra effort to top. Six years of drama, laughter, friendships, genial friends, and lots of exciting moments. Preston prepares you for the world at large and improves you in many ways with varied extra-curricular and club activities. Preston has taken a big chunk of my heart. My Preston experience is indeed, a success.



## ALUMNI



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.

*Recently called to the Nigerian Bar having completed of her studies at the Nigerian Law School. A LL. B (Hons) degree holder from the University of Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria – the nation's premier University.*

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

*Presently works with Microsoft as a Project Manager in Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. Studied as a Biomechanics Student Researcher in the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department at Princeton University, New Jersey, USA – Ranked the best national university in the USA for undergraduate programs. Spent a year at the University of Oxford, UK under the Princeton-Oxford Engineering Exchange program, with a focus on Robotics. 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.*

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

*Oreofe is a Network Engineer at Google. She graduated with highest distinction from the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, USA with a B.Sc. (Hons) degree in Information Technology- Networking/Systems and a Masters of Business Administration (MBA). She was the first female president in Preston International School (Class of 2014)*

## PARENTS

## 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 helps 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;

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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-centred, 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 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 were 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 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. Forever and always a Prestonian Parent.



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**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.

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■ *Martin Luther King Jnr.*

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