

# ALSYD NEWS



## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the second edition of Alsyd News. We hope you found the first edition useful and interesting. Since the school is experiencing quite an appreciable degree of vibrancy, we are earnestly moving with the times to bring visible innovation to your doorstep, all aimed at improving efficiency and communication.

Management is grateful to parents who took time off their busy schedules to attend the recent Student-Led Conferences. We were also pleased to provide opportunities for parents who were unable to attend on the specified days to have meetings with teachers.

We hope those of you who were unable to attend this term's conferences will make it a point to be present for your children at future conferences.

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We are also thankful to those parents who completed the online survey we sent. We are now reviewing the information received and are certain that your thoughtful feedback will assist us tremendously to improve the student-led conference experience.

Felix K. Boahene  
(Editor)



## A SIGNIFICANT RETIREMENT

*Retirement of Mrs. Alberta Quarthey as Chief Executive Officer (C.E.O) of Alsyd Academy*

At 93, our visionary founder and pillar of all that is Alsyd Academy, has decided to retire from the Academy. The communique from Alsyd Academy's Board of Directors to announce this development, reproduced below for your direct reference, captures most accurately all our thoughts, feelings, and sentiments about Mrs. Alberta Quarthey's retirement and imminent exit from Alsyd Academy.

### **Board Announcement:**

*It is with deep respect and heartfelt gratitude that the Board of Directors and Management of Alsyd Academy announce the retirement of Mrs. Alberta Quarthey from the role of Chief Executive Officer of Alsyd Academy, effective October 2, 2025.*

*Mrs. Quarthey's decision to step down comes after a lifetime of distinguished service and leadership in education. From its inception, and for over nearly five decades, Mrs. Quarthey has been the guiding force behind Alsyd Academy's growth into one of Ghana's leading institutions of basic education with a renown for academic excellence, discipline, and moral integrity.*

*Under her visionary leadership, generations of Alsyd Academy students have received the nurturing*

*necessary to achieve their full potential as well-rounded learners.*

*As well, countless educators and*

*administrators have benefited tremendously from her professional modelling of quality leadership*

*rendered distinctively by her remarkable personal discipline, dedication, wisdom, and compassion.*



*As Mrs. Quarthey embarks on this new chapter of well-deserved rest and reflection at the remarkable*

*age of ninety-three, we celebrate her extraordinary achievements and express our profound*

*appreciation for her lifelong commitment to shaping minds and building futures.*

*Plans are underway to honour Mrs. Quarthey's remarkable contributions to Alsyd Academy. Details of this special event will be communicated in due course.*

*Please join us in extending our warmest wishes to Mrs. Quarthey for continued good health, peace, and fulfillment.*

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW CEO

Born and raised in Ghana, West Africa, Isaac Quist has enjoyed a long, extensive, and rich career as an educator. His work in education began in 1985 when he was appointed as a teacher of English at Achimota School in Accra.

Isaac's experience as a classroom teacher spans a variety of national and international school contexts including Achimota School, the Ghana International School (GIS), the SOS-Hermann Gmeiner International College (HGIC), and the University of Ghana. He has also taught at Wesley College Melbourne and at the University of Melbourne, in Australia. Alongside his formal classroom teaching, Isaac has also facilitated professional learning workshops for staff of a number of national and multinational firms located in Ghana.

Isaac comes to Alsyd with deep experience of educational leadership in Ghana and elsewhere. In Ghana he has held leadership positions across a broad diversity of roles including: Housemaster (Achimota School), Deputy Senior Housemaster and Head of English (SOS-Hermann Gmeiner International College), Examiner/Acting Chief Examiner and Examination paper-setter/Moderator for the West African Examinations' Council (WAEC), Textbook reviewer and Trainer of trainers in support of Ghana's educational reforms in 1989-1990. From 1991, his participation in examining and curriculum development activities took on a distinctly international dimension when he started supporting the work of the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO), first as an examiner and, subsequently, as a curriculum reviewer.



ISAAC QUIST

At the start of 1998, Isaac relocated to Cardiff, Wales, in the UK, to work directly, and fully, for the IB, initially as a Subject Area Manager for all the language courses of the IB Diploma Programme. He was, subsequently promoted to the position of Curriculum Area Manager for Languages and Internationalism. In this role, Isaac had direct oversight responsibility for the ongoing review, development, and implementation of the IB's language programs world-wide. The role entailed deep and sustained professional engagement with academics, researchers, curriculum and assessment experts, schools, school leaders, teachers, examiners, workshop leaders globally and from diverse cultural and linguistic contexts, and traditions.

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## INTRODUCING OUR NEW CEO

Between 2006 to 2022, Isaac was based at Wesley College Melbourne in Australia, where he held diverse roles in curriculum leadership, culminating in the position of Executive Director for Curriculum and International Strategy. In addition to directing Wesley's implementation of the IB's curriculum programmes, Isaac was also instrumental to the creation and implementation of new frameworks for learning such as Wesley's Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP). He also shaped and directed Wesley's international partnerships for learning with a variety of schools around the world, from countries such as China, Colombia, France, Germany, Japan, Spain, and Thailand.

Prior to taking up the role of CEO at Alsyd Academy, Isaac initiated the establishment and operation of the NuBuED Group, comprising:

- NuBuED IMMERSE which aspires to create, offer, and support schools and school communities with a range of immersive learning programs targeted towards:
  - enhancing the quality of teaching and learning in K-12 education in Ghana and elsewhere
  - equipping young people with a detailed understanding of how the world works and supporting them to develop the competencies needed to harness its opportunities and, also, navigate its challenges

Additionally, Isaac continues to operate as an educational consultant who works with interested schools worldwide to adopt and implement international curriculum programmes. He also undertakes curriculum development and broader educational consultancy for a variety of institutions in Ghana and elsewhere.

Isaac currently serves as a director/board member for a number of educational institutions and organizations, including the Global Connections Network of schools.



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## TEACHING & LEARNING

### BASIC 9 – 2026 BECE

As part of our commitment to improving outcomes for our Basic 9 students, the early-morning (7:00a.m.) lessons which have already begun, will continue through terms 2 and 3 as we prepare for the 2026 BECE next May. These sessions are designed to strengthen our students' mastery of core subjects and boost their confidence ahead of this pivotal examination.

### *END-OF-TERM EXAMINATIONS*

End-of-Term Examinations commenced on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November and will end on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

We wish all our learners the very best in their examinations. We are confident that their hard work and dedication throughout the term will reflect positively in their performance.

## CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION (CIE) UPDATES

*"If we teach today as we taught yesterday, we rob our children of tomorrow." John Dewey*

At Alsyd Academy, our commitment to the full Cambridge pathway remains unwavering. We continue to invest in the structures, training, and resources that will guide our learners seamlessly from the lower levels of Cambridge education through to qualifications that prepare them for university and future academic pursuits. Our goal is to ensure that every learner receives a world-class education in an environment that supports their growth, curiosity, and aspirations.

### CHECKPOINT ASSESSMENTS

We are pleased to confirm that students of Alsyd Academy will participate in the October 2026 session of the Cambridge Checkpoint Assessments. These serve as important benchmarks to assist us in evaluating the readiness of our learners for the next stage of their academic journey. Further information about timelines and preparation arrangements will be shared with parents in due course.

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## ALSYD INTRODUCES YEAR 10

We are looking forward with great excitement to the introduction of the Year 10 class at Alsyd Academy in August/September, 2026. This development will usher Alsyd Academy into its very first experience of senior secondary education. This is historical!

The Cambridge Year 10 lays the foundation for the internationally recognized International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE). The progression to Year 10 marks a significant milestone in Alsyd Academy's Cambridge journey, as we continue to expand opportunities that nurture in our students, the habits of academic excellence, global competence, and learner autonomy.

We look forward to welcoming **all** students currently in Year 9 **and** Basic 9 (GES) to join our pioneer class of Year 10 who will constitute our first cohort of IGCSE graduates in June 2028.



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# HIGHLIGHTS

## Celebrating French Language & Culture @ Alsyd



Alsyd Academy organized its annual French Week Celebration from Monday, 17th November to Friday, 21st November, 2025. The week-long event was designed to immerse students and staff in the French language and culture. Throughout the week, the Alsyd community participated in a variety of engaging activities.

### 17 Monday – Opening Assembly

- Entire assembly conducted in French
- French hymn, Lord's Prayer, and marching song

### Thursday – French Quiz & Drama

- Inter-sectional French quiz
- Drama performance in French showing culture and creativity

### Friday – Grand Finale

- Morning assembly in French
- French poetry recitals
- Reading presentations
- Country exhibitions
- Exciting dance competition

It proved to be a stimulating week of fun, learning & culture! Students enjoyed an exciting experience that improved their French skills and deepened their awareness of both French and the francophone cultures of Africa and globally. Alsyd staff also had the opportunity to revise and refresh their own knowledge of the French language. Vive le Français!



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## CRICKET TRAINERS' TRAINING

On Friday 28th November, 2025, 14 teachers of Alsyd travelled to Awutu Winton SHS (Awutu Bereku) in the Central Region to train as cricket trainers. It is hoped that the knowledge and skills they have acquired will serve our community well as we endeavour to establish cricket as a high profile sport at Alsyd Academy.



## JUNIOR MILE RACE 2025

Alsyd Academy participated in the 2025 Junior Mile Race which took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2025 at the University of Ghana Main Field. The competitive event featured 17 schools in Accra. The programme started at exactly 8:00 am and ended at 5:00 pm. It included a variety of lively and engaging sports activities which were organized to promote both fitness and fun among school children. Our students participated enthusiastically and skillfully in all events. Cheered on by their friends, school mates and families, they performed creditably and earned themselves many medals of recognition.

### Running Race (Marathon)

- Jason Nunoo McKenzie (Year 8) won 3rd place in the senior category out of 800 athletes.

### Football

- Junior team won 2nd place (silver).
- Senior team won 3rd place (bronze).
- Deen Opoku (Year 7) was awarded Best Player (Golden Boot).

### Sack Race

- Four athletes from the school won gold medals.

### Lime and Spoon Race

- Three athletes won gold medals.

### Chess

- Our only participant won gold.

### Musical Chairs

- Three out of the five players won gold.

### Table Tennis

- The school won silver for 2nd place.

Alsyd Academy performed the best overall and topped the medal table.

The programme was attended by the Minister for Sports, Hon. Kofi Adams and the Minister for Education, Hon. Haruna Iddrisu

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## REMINDERS

### *Parents / Guardians Contact Information*

Parents and guardians are reminded, once again, to provide the school office with their current email addresses and other contact information. This is important as we will be sending official information, including end of term reports, to parents and families via email. Parents of learners in our GES division, in particular, are asked to note that starting this term, all termly reports will be sent electronically. We look forward to receiving your updated information by **Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2025** at the latest so that we are able to issue this term's reports in a timely manner.



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## REMINDERS CONT.

### ***DROP EVERYTHING AND READ!!! (DEAR TIME)***

- Parents are reminded that DEAR time begins at 7:30am daily. DEAR time is designed to cultivate a school-wide culture of fostering positive reading habits, and enhancing literacy skills among Alsyd students. Participation in DEAR time is mandatory for all students. We therefore urge parents and guardians to ensure that their wards are in class by 7:30am to participate in this important habit forming programme. We fully expect all students to be seated in class in order that they do not compromise their participation in DEAR time. Learners who are on the compound but not in their class at 7:30 a.m. are considered to have arrived late to school.

### ***Pickup Time***

- The latest pickup time is 5:00 p.m. Parents should make every effort to pick up their children before this time so that staff can also leave to their various destinations. If for any reason you are going to be late (ie. arrive to pick up your child after 5:00 p.m.) please notify the school in good time.

### ***DRIVING ON OUR CAMPUS***

In the interests of the safety and security of all our community, particularly our students:

- Parents are advised to respect the zebra crossings in the car park.
- Please observe the maximum speed limit of 5 kmph when driving on our campus.



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## UPCOMING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### END OF TERM ACTIVITIES - DECEMBER 2025

You are warmly invited to participate in the Alsyd Academy End-of-Year Activities scheduled for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025, as follows:

#### *Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – End-of-Year Festival*

- The festival will feature a Christmas Play entitled, *The Royal Visitor*, which will be interspersed with Christmas songs.
- Please note that there will be no classes on this day. Parents are kindly requested to come to school with their children at **1:00 p.m.** to join us for the programme to end the first term with a joyful celebration.

#### *Attire: Ceremonial Cloth*

- Boys: Short-sleeve shirt, black trousers, and black shoes
- Girls: Slit and kaba with black dressing shoes

#### *Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – Children's Party*

- Time: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Attire: Decent party dress

Please note that the term officially ends on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

We look forward to welcoming your family to Alsyd for these festivities.

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### GREEN DAY @ ALSYD

Our Early Years and Key Stage`1 will be celebrating Green Day on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2025.**

Purpose: To encourage creativity, celebrate nature, and enjoy a colourful day together.

To mark this special event, we kindly ask all learners to come to school dressed in green clothing or any green-themed attire. This could be a T-shirt, dress, scarf, hat, or any item that helps them join in the fun.

### THE WORLD IS OUR CLASSROOM



**French Language and Culture Immersion in France**

**Ages 10-15**

DATE: JULY 2026

COST: TBC

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST DEADLINE: 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026

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## THE WORLD IS OUR CLASSROOM CONT.

**ALSYD ACADEMY**  
DARE TO DO RIGHT

### KNOW GHANA BUILD GHANA

A transformational journey to develop the social consciousness and love for country needed for impactful, ethical and compassionate leadership.

**15 DAYS**  
Leadership Development through:  
• Cultural bridging  
• Community engagement  
• Collaborative problem solving  
• Immersion in local creativity  
• Innovation and entrepreneurship  
• Character building

**YOUNG PEOPLE  
(AGES 13 TO 19)**

**12 DAYS IN  
NORTHERN GHANA**  
Tamale | Bolgatanga | Navrongo

**2 DAYS IN  
ASHANTI REGION**  
Kumasi | Lake Bosomtwe | Bonwire

**COST  
TBC**

**Package Includes;**  
Flight Fare  
Accommodation  
All Meals  
Activity Materials  
Ground Transportation  
Security and Emergency Support

Interested parents should confirm their interest asap via the contact information below by 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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**ALSYD ACADEMY**  
DARE TO DO RIGHT

### EXPERIENCE KENYA WITH KULE JULY 2026

**Key Activities**

- Community Building: engagement with KULE - adopted local community schools, orphanages
- Culture and Heritage sharing with the local Gikuyu community
- Adventure: Safari at Masai Mara & sightseeing in Nairobi.

**Benefits**

- Develop leadership, teamwork, and cross-cultural skills.
- Fulfill CAS requirements and enhance your college applications.
- Build lifelong friendships and memories.

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**ALSYD ACADEMY**  
DARE TO DO RIGHT

### STEAM+ IMMERSE EDUCATION IN THE USA

for 8-19 year old students / pupils

**DATE: JULY 2026**

**2-Week Option**  
• Washington DC  
• Houston, Texas

**3-Week Option**  
• Washington DC  
• Houston, Texas  
• San Francisco

Interested parents should confirm their interest asap via the contact information below by 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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**ALSYD ACADEMY**  
DARE TO DO RIGHT

### Spanish Language and Culture Immersion in Spain

(an intensive two-week immersive learning experience in Spain)

**Leadership Summer Camp**  
14 - 18 yrs

**Language Summer Camp**  
10 - 13 yrs

**DATE: JULY 2026**

**Cost Includes:**

- Full Program in both Benidorm (10 days) and Madrid (4 days)
- All accommodation and meals at both sites
- All ground transportation
- Economy class Airfare: Accra-Madrid Return
- Travel/Health Insurance
- Visa Fees (Valid Passport is required)
- Chaperone.

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## RECENT STAFF DEPARTURES

Mrs. Eunice Yeboah (Science Teacher) left Alsyd on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025 to pursue other opportunities.



Mrs. Afia Owusu Bobie (Year 3) proceeded on a year's personal leave from 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025.



We wish them the very best in all their endeavours.

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