

## **Direct communication between Persco Headmaster and London Old Boys Association: New information provided by the Headmaster.**

--- On **Fri, 8/8/08**, david afram <davidafram@.....> wrote:

From: david afram <davidafram@.....>

Subject: Re: News from St. Peter's

To: sshoetan@.....

Date: Friday, 8 August, 2008, 7:50 PM

Dear Mr. Shoetan,

Thanks very much for your message. Here are some pieces of information for you about Persco.

1. The first phase of the Dining Hall expansion and renovation project being undertaken by the Old Students Association has been completed, i.e. the expansion and re-roofing of the building. The students have therefore been moved from the temporary shed into the building, while efforts are being made by the Old Boys, to mobilise more funds to complete the project.

2. The bus donated by the P.T.A to the school in 1999 has broken down and all efforts at repairing it have proved futile. The P.T.A, The Board of Governors and the Ghana Education Service, have given approval for its sale. The plan is that an appeal would be made to the P.T.A to top up whatever would be realised from the sale, to buy another bus. Persco is among the schools in the Eastern Region that have been allocated with buses by the Government. The bus would be presented to the school on re-opening in September 2008.

3. The death is announced of Mr. Agyenim-Boateng an Old Boy and a former tutor of Persco. He is said to be the first Senior Prefect of the school. The family is yet to decide on the date for his funeral.

Yours sincerely,

David Afram

(Headmaster)

### **ADDENDUM BY MR SAMUEL SHOETAN (1962-1966)**

Prior to Persco getting a Sixth Form, SPs were selected from among Form 5 students, and in this respect Mr Agyenim Boateng was the 5<sup>th</sup> SP in 1964-65. The late Odjidja was the 1<sup>st</sup> Upper Sixth Form SP in 1965-66. However, Agyenim Boateng created history by being selected as SP again to be the second Upper Sixth Form SP in 1966-67, after the late Odjidja. He was unique in the line up of Persco Senior Prefects as the only one to have held the post two times.

----- Original Message -----

From: SAMUEL SHOETAN <sshoetan@.....>

To: david afram <davidafram@.....>

Sent: Monday, 4 August, 2008 5:41:54 AM

Subject: Re: New from St. Peter's

Dear Mr. Afram,

I thank you very much for your reply to my mail. I am very sorry about the lengthy delay in replying. This was due to a couple of reasons; I had to take your response and request to our monthly meeting for discussion and the time of the year i.e. July is the busiest period in our academic calendar.

We were all very pleased that at last we have had a direct contact with you in as much as we can communicate directly without passing it through the Old Boys association in Ghana except, if there is a need for it.

In response to your request, I am pleased to inform you that it is under consideration amongst other projects we have planned, though we are not in a position to make any immediate pledges as yet. We also noted that perhaps due to the problems you had to go through to respond to my e-mail, you could not give us any of the requested information I was seeking on behalf of the London Old Boys Association.

The most common negative comments we get on the Persco Old Boys website (<http://www.perscoba.com>) is that there is hardly any current information from the school to be found on the web pages. We believe if we have current information from the school to post on the perscoba.com website, a future appeal for sponsorship of the school's network connection could yield positive results.

In view of this, may we suggest, that for the mean time, you please communicate with us by writing directly to our secretary (address supplied).

All correspondences will be dealt with at our monthly meetings. You could send by post photocopies of useful information which we can convert electronically for sharing with the Perscoba global community.

We thank you and the staff for the wonderful job you are doing to keep the image and the academic standard of Persco at the highest zenith. May the Heavenly Father keep blessing you all.

Mr. S. Ayisi Shoetan (Chairman).

--- On **Wed, 2/7/08, david afram** <[davidafram@.....](mailto:davidafram@.....)> wrote:

From: david afram <[davidafram@.....](mailto:davidafram@.....)>

Subject: Re: New from St. Peter's

To: "SAMUEL SHOETAN" <[sshoetan@.....](mailto:sshoetan@.....)>

Date: Wednesday, 2 July, 2008, 12:47 AM

Dear Sir,

Thanks very much for your message. I would have loved to give you an update of the major developments in the school regularly, unfortunately, the school is not connected to the net. I am using a modem from MTN for net access and this is quite expensive. The school is now discussing with Ghana Telecom to connect the school to the net. Ghana Telecom is ready to help us on condition that we pay the installation fee of 120 Ghana Cedis and a monthly fee of 400 Ghana Cedis. P.T.A is ready to pay the installation fee but not the monthly fee. We are still discussing possible ways of

generating money to pay the monthly fee if the connection is done. We shall be very grateful if the Old Boys in London could come to our aid.

Yours sincerely,  
David Afram.  
(Headmaster)

----- Original Message -----

From: SAMUEL SHOETAN <sshoetan@.....>

To: davidafram@.....

Sent: Monday, 9 June, 2008 12:16:23 PM

Subject:

Dear Mr. Afram,

Greetings from all the Old Boys in London. We are glad that at last we have got direct access to you electronically, as most of us have found this route to be easiest for regular communication.

By way of introduction, I am the Chairman to the Perscoba Old Boys Association in the UK stationed in London. I have met you on a couple of occasions at Persco during the tenureship of your predecessor, when I visited the school to make a presentation of some basic sporting items. Again, we briefly met at Krobo-Odumase/Somanya, on a very sad day, during the funeral of my classmate and your ex-colleague the late Mr. S. Odjidja (May His Soul Rest In Peace).

Last year, our representative Mr. Michael Osafo attended the 50th anniversary and he made a presentation during his speech with a promise of £3,000 to the school towards your development project in particular with regards to the Dining hall project. I am sure you are aware of the fact that this said amount was subsequently handed over to the Old Boys in Accra, who have been coordinating both the funding and the construction of the project. During the anniversary, you briefly spoke to Mr Osafo.

We have been hoping to form a direct link with you as a source of information flow from the school, mainly about the progress of the projects and all other issues concerning the development of the school. Other sources of information which might be of interest to us should include: An update of the school policies, ethos of the school, your link with the PTA, with Governors, outside agencies, school magazine, academic and sporting achievements, burning issues concerning the students, numbers moving into higher Education etc,etc. Extracts of such information, with your kind permission, can be released on our website for the interest of all Old Boys in Diaspora. We are desperate for news about our Alma Mater.

We thank you and the rest of the staff for the good work you are doing to continue to uphold the good name of Persco in fulfillment of the vision of the founders.

Greetings to you all. May the Almighty Father continue to bless you all.

Hoping to hear from you as soon as possible.

Ayisi Shoetan (Chairman, UK & Ireland Branch).