

Dear Parents and Friends,

If time was a river, then at this moment it is rushing like a fast-flowing torrent at James Hope College as we are heading toward the end of this term with multiple tasks to be concluded.

What is **PROGRESS**? One person recently contemplated the importance of PROGRESS, and in this we can learn implications and applications, whether you are a student, teacher or parent, in our personal and professional lives. 'Progress literally means to move forward. It is always a positive movement and is the one which will take society (person or organisation) to greater heights. But for progress, a person, organisation or society must take critical and risky decisions which may prove to be fruitful or might end in vain. Let's take a company for instance. Assume it has been using the same principles for years together with the same levels of profit without any advancement or growth. This is definitively not a sign of progress. The company must work in order to achieve more and more in the forthcoming years and should not be stuck to the same place for years as there is no progress when you stand in the same spot from the beginning of the game.

The **obstacles** for progress occur majorly due to fear and the comfort people experience in their current state. If not now when! How will you know what is going to happen if you haven't tried even once? As we all know, what's life without risk. It is not that it's going to be a failure all the time, and failures are the stepping-stones to success which is synonymous to progress. In this highly competitive world progress is the key to survival. To be on the safer side people tend to make decisions which are out of fashion and they believe that that is enough to keep them in a safe position.

It can be understood that a lack of progress will result in the gradual decline of success. It must also be noted that progress is **not a one-time act** but a **repetitive process** and must always be the foremost goal of any person, organisation or society for it to achieve the greatest peaks'.

Enjoy the rest of the newsletter.

Yours sincerely

Abraham P. Swart

Principal

The 2016/17 academic session started on a very bright note with hopes and aspirations especially from our new students. Most of our new students settled down quickly but a few of them struggled at the beginning because it was their first time living away from home. However, they have now settled into the rhythm of living in a residential school and enjoying all it has to offer.

NEW RESIDENCES:

Our new student residences are now fully completed and furnished, despite some delays in the installation of furniture. However, all of this have been resolved and we hope to improve on a few snags.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP:

Student leadership is an integral part of any modern learning environment and JHC now have its full complement of our student leaders comprising of 10 Prefects, 8 Student Council members and 4 House Captains. Amongst other things, meetings are held on a regular basis to deliberate on how to improve our school. All concerns raised from the meeting are passed to the Senior Leadership Team of the school for discussion and implementation if required.

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES:

As a 21st Century school, JHC strives to develop the whole student. Therefore, we organise events for them on Saturday evenings such as inter-House quiz, Inter-House Spelling Bee, Movie Night, Social Night and Variety Night, where most students come forward and showcase their performing arts talents and skills which has really helped in boosting their confidence and team spirit.

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR:

It is expected that our students display a very sound and upright attitude in being organised, peer-to-peer relationship, time management, respect for school rules and a positive attitude to learning. All students are aware of the school's reward and sanction policy as well as our discipline chart and any student who engages in any of the misconduct as stated in our discipline chart will face consequences such as detention on Saturday or Sunday, withdrawal from social activities, parent invitation to school and may not have opportunity to represent the school in any out of school events.

In conclusion, a positive Parent-School partnership and meaningful communication are essential in the growth and development of the student, as such for any pastoral concerns, please feel free to contact me on 070 8553 3507 or sunday.loyede@jameshopecollege.edu.ng

Thank you.

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Vice Principal (Pastoral)

Science is important because it influences most aspects of everyday life, including food, energy, medicine, transportation, leisure activities and more. Furthermore, Science improves human life at every level, from individual comfort to global issues. In fact, without science we would not have electricity which would mean no mobiles, internet, iPads, computers or Facebook, we would not have fridges to keep food fresh, television to entertain or even cars to travel in...imagine that!

The Science Department at James Hope College is headed up by Mr Alphonsus Anaukwu. Biology, Chemistry and Physics are taught which forms the back-bone of the curriculum. Not only theory and content are taught but also experiments are conducted to put knowledge into action. However, the Sciences are not just about new technology, inventions or new medicines. Science is about a whole lot more than that and to sum it up we believe that science is a way of helping the brain grow in finding new knowledge and helps us satisfy our curiosity of how the world develops and works today.

In Chemistry, our Year 9's learnt how to make ***Copper Sulphate Crystals***. Students had to follow strict instructions and then make blue copper sulphate crystals from copper oxide and sulphuric acid through the process of crystallisation.



ASPIRATIONS

'Some journeys don't have endings; they lead to new beginnings. These are the journeys that lead to great adventures!'



My name is **Stephany Odigie (Year 7)** and I aspire to become a world-renowned **Neurosurgeon**. I like my school because it's a great school. The facilities, food and the staff are fantastic.



I am **Kamsi Mbachu (Year 7)** and it has always been my aspiration to be an **Engineer**. James Hope College is a good school because of the facilities and the classes.



My name is **Kannasicho Ezirigwe (Year 8)**. I would like to become an expert **Software Engineer**. James Hope College is a great school because of the nice staff, good classrooms and all the facilities within the school.



I am **Adeife Gafaar (Year 8)** and I would like to become a successful **Lawyer**. This is a great school because of the residential facilities and the experienced teachers.



I am **Abekwuchi Asonye (Year 9)** and I aspire to be a great **Computer Engineer**. I like the teaching facilities at JHC and the way I am treated here.



My name is **Thelma Gbe (Year 9)** and I want to be the best **Petroleum Engineer**. James Hope College is a good school because of the facilities, the staff; we have the best of the best. I also love the fact that at JHC, no child is left behind.



My name is **Success Ibeh (Year 10)**. I would like to become a **Lawyer** of great repute. James Hope College is a good school because of the teaching facilities, the positive learning environment and the encouraging teachers.



I am **Oseloka Isichei (Year 10)** and it is my goal become a great **Electrical Engineer**. I like the facilities of our school, the quality food, the teaching staff and the good education.

EVENTS

Last week Saturday, 19th of November 2016, we had the first **JHC OPEN DAY** – this was an opportunity for prospective parents and students to visit our campus and see, feel and experience the college for themselves. An open day can be an emotional experience, for parents can look online and study a school's brochure sent to them, but no matter how good those resources are, you can't experience the atmosphere of the school remotely; you have to visit the school.

The JHC Open Day involved hands-on classes for prospective students while parents chat to staff and current students. Some of our students then lead a tour of the school, after all our students are great ambassadors for the college. Furthermore, meeting the prospective student also gives the school a chance to see how well they will fit in. The event was well attended with **more than 80 prospective parents and students** turning out. They were treated with entertainment from the JHC Orchestra then led on a tour of the campus...here are some pictures that captured the day.



REMINDERS

INVITATION

The staff and students of JHC cordially invite all parents to the Annual Music Concert for 2016.

Theme: 'You are Great'

Date: Sunday, 4th December 2016

Time: 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Venue: Great Hall, JHC campus, Agbor

UNIFORM MATTERS

JHC School Jumper: Please note that the JHC School Jumper is *available* to be purchased now. Due to a limited amount available, we can only issue one jumper per student at this stage. Scholarship students will be attended to by the Registrar. The JHC jumper is to be worn on days when the blazer is not required - this is a *compulsory uniform item* and no other jumper will be allowed to be worn as from *January 2017* onward.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please note the following regarding flight bookings for Arik Air:

	Benin-Abuja-Benin	Benin-Lagos-Benin
Departure	Friday, 9 th December 2016 by 9:55 am	Friday, 9 th December 2016 by 11:30 am
Return	Sunday, 8 th January 2017 by 8:30 am	Sunday, 8 th January 2017 10:00 am

All tickets should be forwarded to lekkyes.dadwang@jameshopecollege.edu.ng, and sunday.loyede@jameshopecollege.edu.ng at least *two weeks before the departure date*.

For more information or clarification on any matter, please feel free to contact me at 0708 396 4440 or abraham.swart@jameshopecollege.edu.ng