

Dear Parents and Friends,

As we are rushing to the end of this half-term a certain anxiety grips us, whether we are students or teachers – for teachers it is, 'Have we done enough to prepare our students for the impending examinations?', and for students, 'Have I done my utmost and studied hard enough to be successful?'

Irrespective, we need to maintain focus on the task at hand, and for the remaining time which is dwindling fast, each student is reminded and encouraged to give their very best and finish strong!

Here are some thoughts to keep in mind...

The greatest Joy.....GIVING

The most satisfying work.....HELPING OTHERS

The ugliest personality trait.....SELFISHNESS

Our greatest natural resource.....Our YOUTH

The most powerful force in life.....LOVE

The most prized possession.....INTEGRITY

The most beautiful attire.....SMILE!

The most powerful channel of communication.....PRAYER

The most contagious spirit.....ENTHUSIASM

Enjoy the rest of the newsletter until we meet again.

Yours sincerely

Abraham P. Swart

Principal

Important Information to Parents of Year 9 Students

Our Year 9 students will be taking their Edexcel Checkpoint tests from Wednesday, 31st May to Friday, 2nd June 2017 and thereafter they will commence the Delta State Basic Education Certificate Examinations (BECE) from Monday, 5th June to Monday, 12th June 2017. They are permitted to go home from Tuesday, 13th June 2017. However, all students must be in school by 6.00 pm on Sunday, 18th June 2017. Those who are unable to go home will be taken care of by the school.

Year 9 students will commence the Senior Secondary School and the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (Key Stage 4) programmes on their return. Therefore, they have some decisions to make in terms of subject choices as they progress through this key stage. Consequently, they will be given a form to complete when they are coming home for their half-term break and we would like parents to make their inputs by having extensive discussions with their wards about their future careers and choices. Parents are also expected to endorse their columns on the form. Considerations should be given to achievements and performances from Years 7 to 9. Forms should be returned to House-Parents on or before Monday, 19th June 2017. We are aware that students choose subjects because they would like to be in the same group with some of their friends. James Hope College reserves the right to put a student in any subject group that we deem fit for him or her based on academic performance in the past years (Years 7 to 9).

For all enquiries about subject choices, please contact the Vice-Principal (Academic) via his e-mail address: clement.ikuyinminu@jameshopecollege.edu.ng or telephone 0708 349 5906. Calls may not be answered while in the classroom.

Mr Clement Ikuyinminu
Vice-Principal (Academic Affairs)

Duke of Edinburgh Award

JHC has now become the first school in South-South/South-East zone to be offering the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh (DoE) International Awards for our students from age 14 and above.



Also, four of our staff members are now accredited Award Leaders for the programme and in the nearest future, our students will be taking part in Bronze Award expeditions which may involve distance walk, sports, camping or a vocational exercise based on students' interest.

Students on Social Media:

We implore our parents to monitor their children's activity on all social media platforms especially during the holidays because they don't have access to personal telephones in school. The social media is a BIG distraction for our students at the moment and they have been educated on the negative influences of the platform but parents are responsible for their kids at home and as a School we want all our parents to compliment the school's effort in making sure our students are focused at home and in school.

Chicken Pox:

A few of our students have been infected with the Chicken Pox virus and this has caused for them to be taken home abruptly by their parents to prevent the spread. Therefore, we advise our parents to PLEASE ensure that their children are immunised against the virus as soon as they return home. We have educated the students on the need to avoid body contact and maintain healthy personal hygiene at all times.

Telephone:

We have been having concerns with our service providers recently and we know that some of our parents have been experiencing challenges in speaking with their children during call times. Please feel free to call any of your children's House Parents whenever you are unable to reach your child through the House telephone lines until we are able to resolve the network issues.

Mr Sunday Sola-Oloyede

Vice Principal (Pastoral Affairs)

Art is an expression of individual talent. It is an individual's ability to express his or her feelings within the available resources or art media. In art, "everyone is talented and every child is unique". Creativity starts from the cradle, and differs from one individual to another. According to Pablo Picasso, a Spanish painter, sculptor, and printmaker, "*Every child is an artist. Art is the lie that enables us to realise the truth. Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.*"

At James Hope College, we recognise this fact, coupled with the belief that talent itself is inborn, and could only find its way out of inquisitiveness and exploration in a conducive environment. In some of the areas of Art, we have experimented with craft work (calabash decoration and leather work), painting, collage, motif design, drawing of animate and inanimate objects.

Art is fun, life is art." *The only time I feel alive is when I`m painting`* - Vincent Van Gogh. Teaching and learning of ART in James Hope College is a Bath of Fun!

Working with Calabash:

CRAFT: This is the use of bare hands with little or no technological aid, to produce an art piece. One of the topics learnt this term by Year 8 students is Calabash Decoration.



Calabash can be used as domestic utilities, musical instrument, souvenir to celebrants, plate to offer sacrifices to gods, mask for masquerades, vital role in some community's coronation ceremony and treasures in living room for enhancement.

'Creativity is contagious. Pass it on' – Albert Einstein

Mrs Margaret Ogbe-Asenguah

Art & Design Teacher

ASPIRATIONS

'Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude'



Name: Ifeoma Anonyei
Class: Year 7
Aspiration: Accountant



Name: Olisamedua Jeremy Isichei
Class: Year 7
Aspiration: Accountant



Name: Chukwuemeka Ifeanyi Onugha
Class: Year 8
Aspiration: Neurosurgeon



Name: Delight Chigozie Okose
Class: Year 8
Aspiration: Electrical Engineer



Name: Naomi Isioma Ajudua
Class: Year 9
Aspiration: Forensic Pathologist



Name: Nathaniel Oladele Hotonu
Class: Year 9
Aspiration: Civil Engineer



Name: Oluwatobi William Tachie-Menson
Class: Year 10
Aspiration: Aeronautic Engineer



Name: Francess Chinyere Chinedum
Class: Year 10
Aspiration: Architect

REMINDERS

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Here follows the travel information for the **Air Peace bookings** (www.flyairpeace.com):

	Benin-Abuja-Benin	Benin-Lagos-Benin
Departure	Friday, 26 th May 2017 by 11:25 am	Friday, 26 th May 2017 by 2:20pm
Return	Sunday, 04 th June 2017 1:55 pm	Sunday, 04 th June 2017 1:45pm

As a practice, 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**.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Date	Event
26 May 2017	Half Term Break. Year 9 students to be on campus for BECE and Checkpoint review and examinations.
31 May – 2 June 2017	Year 9 Check Point Examination at JHC.
04 June 2017	Students returning from half-term break.
05 - 12 June 2017	Year 9 BECE examinations & End of Session Examination for the whole school.
08 July 2017	JHC Annual Prize Giving and end Academic year.

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