



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

5th September 2017

Dear Parents and Friends,

A hearty welcome to all students, old and new, who arrived over the weekend for the start of the 2017/2018 academic year! Also, a very warm welcome to our new parents.

This is just a brief letter to inform you that your loved-ones are doing well and to share with all some important information and dates. Please note that a more generous newsletter will follow soon.

At our first assembly on Monday, I shared with students our expectations of them...in part, here is the ***gist of the encouragement***:

'The focus is the ***responsibility*** each student has for their education. I want to start with the responsibility you have to yourself. Every single one of you has something you're good at, and you have a responsibility to yourself to discover what that is. That's the opportunity James Hope College provides. But at the end of the day, we can have the most dedicated teachers, the most supportive parents, and being educated at the best school in the world – and none of it will matter unless all of you ***fulfil your responsibilities***. Unless you pay attention to the teachers; listen to your parents, and other adults; and put in the hard work it takes to succeed. What you're learning in school today will determine whether we as a nation can meet our greatest challenges in the future.

That's why today, I'm calling on each of you to ***set your own goals for your education*** – and to do everything you can to meet them. Your goal can be something as simple as doing all your homework, paying attention in class, or spending time each day reading a book.

So today, I want to ask you, what's your contribution going to be? What problems are you going to solve? What discoveries will you make?

Your families, your teachers, and I are doing everything we can to make sure you have the education you need to answer these questions. We expect you to get more serious this year, to put your ***best effort*** into everything you do. I expect great things from each of you. So, don't let us down – don't let your family, teachers or yourself down. Make us all proud. I know you can do it.'

In conclusion, ***'We should not give up and we should not let the problem defeat us'***; and, ***'If you do what you love that is the best way to relax'***.

Have a fantastic week ahead!

Yours sincerely
Abraham Swart
Principal

REMINDERS

STUDENT RESIDENCE CONTACT NUMBERS:

Please see *attachment*.

YEAR 11 EXAMINATION FEE REMINDER:

As a *dual curriculum* (Nigerian and British) school we are teaching and preparing all our students to sit both *IGSCE* and *WAEC* examinations in their final year. Current registration fees for IGCSE can range from N39,000 to N41,000 per subject, and for the WAEC +/-N20,000 for the full examination. However, as soon as we have the updated fees then it will be communicated as well as due dates for payment.

JHC 2017/2018 ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

This is available as a download from the JHC website, however, a copy is *attached*.

CIE CHECKPOINT & BECE RESULTS

Congratulations to the students and staff on the excellent results achieved for the EDEXCEL Checkpoint! We will do a collective summary of these in the next newsletter and celebrate our high performers. To date we are still to receive the BECE results for our Year 9 students, however, once received then we will distribute accordingly.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Date	Event
4 th September 2017	Formal teaching resumes
23 rd September 2017	Parents Visiting Day
2 nd October 2017	Cultural Day
13 th October 2017	College closes for half-term break
22 nd October 2017	College resumes for 2 nd half-term

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

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

	Benin-Abuja-Benin	Benin-Lagos-Benin
Departure	Friday, 13 th October 2017 by 11:50 am	Friday, 13 th October 2017 by 11:40 am
Return	Sunday, 22 nd October 2017 1:55pm	Sunday, 22 nd October 2017 1:45 pm

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**.

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