



# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

12<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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Dear Parents and Friends,

The end of half-term has arrived and the students will be on their way home for a short break. The Year 7 students are doing well as they quickly adapted to College routines. However, all students were encouraged to adopt a more scholarly attitude towards their studies, in fact, they have a small assignment to complete in the holidays about the meaning of being a JHC Scholar.

This newsletter is packed with information and some requires action from our parents. In a nutshell – the JHC Cultural/Independence Day celebration, our first-ever local inter-school soccer tournament, some useful information regarding the monkey pox, the BOYD programme will be operational as from 22 October, Uniform reminders, Study pathways after Year 12, etc.

Enjoy your treasures for the next week and we look forward having them back on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2017.

In conclusion, ***'Put your heart, mind, and soul into even your smallest acts. This is the secret of success';*** and, ***'Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best'.***

Yours sincerely  
Mr. Abraham Swart  
**Principal**

## Inter-School Football Competition

On 7th October 2017 James Hope College played host to the first ever Inter-School Private Secondary School Football Competition. The schools Activities Coordinator had earlier met to organise competitions among schools of like mind in the state, thus the football tournament, in a very grand manner to develop harmony and healthy environment among the schools in the vicinity.

Twenty-five invites were sent out to member schools, fourteen schools signified their intention to participate but only nine teams were in attendance at the tournament representing six schools mainly from Asaba and Agbor as follows:

James Hope College Agbor, Mary Mount College Igbodo, Ika Grammar School Agbor, Master Care International School, Asaba, Infant Jesus Academy Asaba and Redeemers International High School Asaba.



All represented teams participated with great enthusiasm. James Hope College's female team successfully bagged first position and emerged the girl's tournament champion winning all her matches in the process. Infant Jesus Academy Asaba placed first and emerged as the tournament champions for boys.

The day was a great experience in the life of all participating students. The IGCSE students from Grade 11 devotedly perform as volunteers to help in entertainment of guests, Chijioke Agu did the video recording, Isioma Ajidua and Oghenetega Bazunu served in the medical team, while few boys helped the Referees in running the lines.



The Inter-school tournament was a grand success thanks to the efforts of students, teachers and Principal of James Hope College.

**Mr Gbenga Akindele,**  
*Head of PE/Co-curricular Coordinate*

## JHC CELEBRATES CULTURAL/ INDEPENDENCE DAY

Staff and Students of James Hope College marked Nigeria's independence and Cultural Day with excitement at the Great Hall on October 2nd, 2017.

The programme commenced at about 9:00am with an opening prayer by the Vice Principal Academic Affairs, Mr. Clement Ikuyinminu. The Principal in his opening speech, took the students down memory lane on the history of Nigeria's struggle for independence under the British Empire. Thereafter, the MC's – Chijioke Agu and Eden Erazua called out the four ethnic groups in line with the programme.

The first to showcase their cultural heritage were the Yorubas. This was very lovely as they added colour to the programme with their beautiful *Agbada* for boys and *Buba* for girls. The next group were the Niger Delta Ethnic groups. They were beautifully dressed in their red beads pouring down from their head to shoulder, wrist and ankle. The Niger Delta tribes featured the Urhobos, Isokos, Isekiris, Ikas, Kalabaris, Ijaws, Efiks, Ibibios and so on.



The third and fourth presentations were by the Igbos followed by Hausa/Fulanis respectively. The Igbos came in showcasing their rich culture with their spectacular 'Ada ndi Igbo' costume which was a sight to behold. The Hausa/Fulani looked admirable, took the stage and left the audience spell-bound as Zara Sani-Musa a Year 7 student shocked everyone as she spoke her dialect fluently. She was rewarded with a resounding applause.



Various Nigerian delicacies were available for lunch. The day was crowned with novelty football matches. The first was between the Year 7 boys and the Year 11 girls. The match ended in favour of Year 7 boys with 2-1 win against the Year 11 girls in phase 1. The second phase was the Year 11 boys versus the JHC Staff. Guess what? The ever young, vibrant Year 11 boys defeated the JHC staff with an unquestionable score line of 2-1.



Both Staff and Students had a wonderful and memorable experience. "I think it was one of its kind that I've witnessed in JHC as different Nigerian cultures were represented. Staff and students were so excited and everybody looks forward to a better and more elaborate celebration event next year", said Mr. Godwin Mordi, coordinator of the events and HoD, Humanities Department.



A Year 11 student, Emmanuella Avembe was equally enthralled with the celebration. "The celebration really gave me a deeper insight into Nigeria. I was exposed to Nigerian history, the rich culture of various ethnic groups and the locations of various peoples and languages that make up the geographical entity call Nigeria."

Everybody looks forward to a more fabulous celebration in 2018.

*Contributed by:*

***Eden Osemudiamen Erazua (Year 11 Student)***

## REMINDERS

### STUDY PATHWAYS AFTER Year 12:

On **Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2017 at 11.00 am** at the **JHC campus**, Brookstone International Foundation School (in partnership with the Northern Consortium of UK Universities, or NCUK), will be holding an information seminar regarding study options after Year 12. Please note that all Year 11 students and their parents are invited to attend this. Brookstone School offers an International Foundation Programme which leads to guaranteed admission for 3 years undergraduate studies at the universities in the NCUK consortium.

### BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) – FOR YEAR 11 Students ONLY:

The JHC SLT is happy to announce the advent of the **BYOD programme**. Please **READ** the **attached information** carefully, a copy of this was sent out last year - this **privilege** is only open to our **current Year 11 students** currently and the intention is to expand it to Year 10 students later in the academic year. Furthermore, strict procedures have been put in place to ensure cyber safety protocols are adhered to; also, usage of these devices will be regulated and they are to be used only for academic purposes; as such, the laptop devices will be screened and checked for content of material and software, and any inappropriate or material and software will be removed. Year 11 students can return to College with their respective devices **on 22 October**, where it will be checked in to the House Parents and handed over to our IT department for the compulsory verification. For more information or clarification please contact Mr Alphonsus Anaukwu at +234 708 495 8866 or [alphonsus.anaukwu@jameshopecollege.edu.ng](mailto:alphonsus.anaukwu@jameshopecollege.edu.ng)

### HEALTH MATTERS:

Please note that an outbreak of **Monkey Pox** in some states in Nigeria has been reported. We as a school would like to advise our parents to take proper care of their children during the holiday and ensure proper hand washing of children at all times. Also, if your child suffered any **form of fever or malaria** during the holiday, kindly let the school know as soon as possible so we can take proper care of him/her on return to school. Please click on link for more information regarding monkey pox.

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs161/en/>

### UNIFORM MATTERS:

It has been observed that some students both girls and boys are **altering** some uniform items thus rendering it unacceptable to wear. These alterations are done over holiday time which suggests that parents are aware. In the case of the boys, **trousers** are altered to be the fashionable slim-fit or trimmed which means the leg design of the JHC trousers are altered and now unacceptable; furthermore, it becomes uncomfortable to wear as it is tight and a struggle to get the foot through the bottom part. In the case of the girls, length of **skirts** is shortened which results in exposing too much upper leg which is unacceptable. We would like to inform our parents that JHC uniform should not be altered in its design, the only alteration allowed for the trousers are the length and waist, and for the skirts, only the waist size can be altered by taking it in to fit the waist. Please ensure that your child's uniform is compliant upon their return.

Also, please ensure that ***proper school shoes*** are bought as we have noticed that some boys are wearing black sport trainers instead of the stipulated school shoes. I have attached a picture of the proper design for both girls and boys school shoes.



### **TRAVEL INFORMATION:**

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

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

As a practice, all tickets should be forwarded to [lekkyes.dadwang@jameshopecollege.edu.ng](mailto:lekkyes.dadwang@jameshopecollege.edu.ng), and [sunday.loyede@jameshopecollege.edu.ng](mailto:sunday.loyede@jameshopecollege.edu.ng) at least **two weeks before the departure date**.

### **FUTURE EVENTS:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	School breaks for half-term
22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2017	Students return from half-term break
28 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Brookstone International Foundation School Presentation to YEAR 11 Students & Parents about NCUK (Northern Consortium of UK Universities) International Foundation Programme.
11 November 2017	Academic Review for Years 7, 8 & 9 Students only and Parents Forum.
16 November 2017	JHC STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics) Fair
18 November 2017	Open Day for Prospective Students
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2017	JHC Christmas Concert
8 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	School breaks for Term 1 holidays
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Students return for start of Term 2

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