



# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

4<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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Dear Parents and Friends,

With a flurry of activity our term is fast coming to an end with a well-deserved break beckoning from this Friday onward. But as usual time flies when we are on holiday - we shall all return by the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2018.

Well done to all who have laboured and toiled to complete tasks and reaching goals – to the students who have done well in both academic and non-academic areas, to the staff who made a positive difference, to our parents and other stakeholders for their efforts in making James Hope College a great school, and finally, our gracious founders, Mr and Mrs. Ovia for their staunch support, enduring love and passion for JHC.

I found this delightful story... ***'The Pastor Stole Our Spoon!'***

*A pastor had dinner at the home of a couple in his church. After he left, the wife said to the husband, "I think he stole our spoon!". This bothered her for a whole year. A year later the couple had the pastor for dinner again. Unable to resist, the wife asked, "Did you steal our spoon last year?" The pastor replied, "No, I put it inside your Bible."*

I guess the lesson is to read regularly as you might find the answers to what you are looking for.

Please note that this issue of the newsletter contains important information which all parents needs to act on. In conclusion, ***'Be careful with your words, once they are said, they can only be forgiven, not forgotten'***; and, ***'Every gift which is given, even though it be small, is in reality great, if it is given with affection.'***

Enjoy the break with your loved ones, happy holidays and may God bless you abundantly.

Yours sincerely  
*Mr. Abraham Swart*  
**Principal**

**Academic Review Exercise:**

We had a successful Academic Review Day for students in Years 7, 8 and 10 on Saturday, 11th November 2017. As some parents were unable to meet up with all teachers due to elongated discussions, we encourage parents to contact the teachers concerned. ***Academic Review for Years 9 and 11 will come up on 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2018.***

**2018 CAIE Checkpoint/BECE Registration:**

The registration for the Cambridge Assessment International (Checkpoint) Examinations for students in Year 9 will start shortly after the Christmas holiday. This will be followed by that of the 2017/2018 BECE. We will inform parents/guardians about the fees when we get the details from the British Council and the Delta State Ministry of Basic & Secondary Education. Meanwhile, all Year 9 students are to return to school in January with the following:

- (a) Eight (8) copies of their passport photographs taken in their school blazer against a white background.
- (b) A copy of their Primary School Leaving certificate (in Year/Primary 6) or the Cognitive/Placement Examination Results for Primary Six pupils.

Registrations for these examinations will be according to the names found on the child's birth certificate.

For further information on any academic matter, please dial 07083495906 or e-mail me at [clement.ikuyinminu@jameshopecollege.edu.ng](mailto:clement.ikuyinminu@jameshopecollege.edu.ng) and you will be provided with a response as soon as possible.

I wish all our parents a merry Christmas and a prosperous 2018 in advance.

***Mr. Clement Ikuyinminu***  
***Vice-Principal Academic***

## REMINDERS

### JHC SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS:

Please note that as of recent JHC has been updating its social media links. To link up you need to visit the *JHC web site* and click on the *Facebook*  and *Twitter*  symbols.

### JHC DEAR PROGRAMME:

**DEAR** is an acronym and stands for **D**rop **E**verything **A**nd **R**ead. As from term 2, it is compulsory for all students to bring a minimum of two (2) novels to school for reading. These must be age appropriate, **not be** a picture book and can be non-fiction or fiction. Furthermore, we have created space in our timetable for this schoolwide programme as it is one of our goals to improve reading throughout the school. Students will have opportunities to share insights gained from their readings at assemblies, etc. A student asked if it was acceptable to bring the Bible and the answer was an emphatic yes – after all it is a collection of 66 books. However, we also want students to read as widely as possible. Thank you for your support in this important matter.

### PARENTS of YEAR 11 DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS:

This is to inform parents of Year 11 students taking Design & Technology for the IGCSE in 2018, that they need to complete a school-based assessment as part of the requirements. The affected students have started the course work and are expected to complete the design aspect and return to school with the materials for completing the projects in January 2018.

Do give your ward the necessary support for the grand success in this subject.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. For further clarifications, please contact **Mr Taye Abanika** at e-mail [abanika.taye@jameshopecollege.edu.ng](mailto:abanika.taye@jameshopecollege.edu.ng) and you will get a response as soon as possible.

### YEAR 10 YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROJECTS

The Year 10 Civic Education students will be embarking on their Youth Empowerment projects as part of the curriculum, from Monday, **19th February to Monday, 5th March 2018**. Students have selected two (2) topics and the theme for their individual projects (e.g. political, economic, social, educational, etc.). They are expected to purchase material and bring this to school. The project will be done during lesson time under the supervision of **Mr O. Sogunro, Humanities Teacher**.

### ZENITH YOUTH PARADE

James Hope College has been chosen to take part in the Zenith Youth Parade coming up on Sunday 10 December in Lagos. Therefore, some Lagos based students have been chosen to represent the school at the event and Mr. Oloyede who will be with the students at the event will be contacting parents of the selected students for pick-up and drop-off arrangement. For further information about the event, please call **Mr. Sunday Oloyede** on **0708 5533 507**.

## AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENT YEAR 7

The planting season/practical at JHC is always fun and exciting for the students. It is a good opportunity for the students to engage in various farming activities/field work on the College farm. Also, it provide a chance to be able to work effectively and safely as part of the requirement for Agricultural Science; every student in Year 7 is advised to bring along with him/her, from term 2, the following items:

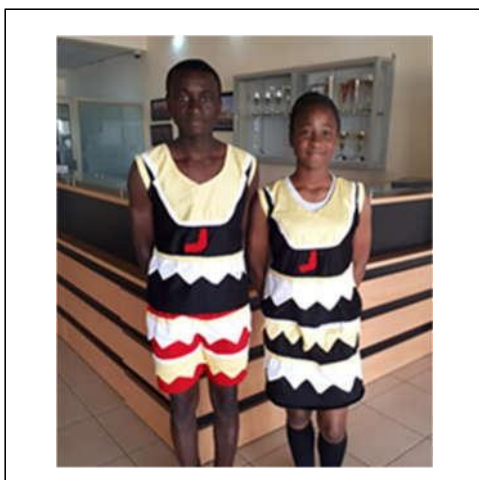
- A pair of black Wellington boots
- A blue overall farm cloth



If you have any queries, please contact **Mr Nsikan Monday** on **0701 828 3736**, or electronic mail, [nsikan.monday@jameshopecollege.edu.ng](mailto:nsikan.monday@jameshopecollege.edu.ng)

## AFRICAN DANCE CLUB

The African Dance Club is in the process of showcasing a cultural dance that the students have been learning over the last few months. As part of the preparation for this event, they need a costume to display the dance. The student members have been given samples of cloths for the costume with a mosaic of four colours (white, black, yellow and red) styled differently for the girls and boys. Whilst the girls' costume will be a skirt with an inner short attached and a sleeveless blouse to fit, the boys will be simply a sleeveless shirt and a short cut to fit (see the pictures below for details). All student members need to buy the materials, produce it to the specific design with the appropriate colour mosaic and return it to school on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The brand of the material is called **CULTURE** and it can be sourced in any local market of your choice.



If you have any queries, please contact Mr Alphonsus Anaukwu on 0708 495 8866, or electronic mail [alphonsus.anaukwu@jameshopecollege.edu.ng](mailto:alphonsus.anaukwu@jameshopecollege.edu.ng)

## JHC SCHOOL UNIFORM

An important **REMINDER**: All **SCHOOL BLAZERS** are to be **DRY-CLEANED ONLY** and not washed in a machine as it will damage the fabric and shape. Also, the **SCHOOL JUMPER** needs to be **HAND-WASHED ONLY**. We have noticed that some school jumpers are in a sad state due to not following the **washing instructions** which can be found on a label on the inside.

## ATTACHMENTS

**Delta State Award of Excellence 2017**  
**JHC Xmas Concert 2017**

## 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, 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 by <b>11:50 am</b>	Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 by <b>11:40 am</b>
<b>Return</b>	Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 by <b>1:55pm</b>	Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 by <b>11:10 am</b>

Please note that the above timings are **subject to change** by the airline.

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**. Also note that the above timings is subject to change by the airline.

## FUTURE EVENTS:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
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
27 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2018	JHC Entrance examinations for 2018/19 Admission
9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Half-term Break starts
19/20 February 2018	Students to resume after half-term break, however, this date is <b>still to be confirmed</b> as all JHC might be involved in professional development.

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