

Dear Parents and Friends,

Greetings from a very pleasant Agbor, this is a lovely time of the year as the temperatures are cooler, humidity low and no rainfall for now.

The students have settled into the college routines and the **DEAR programme** is running well. Students are reading productively, and each will have an opportunity to provide insights and lessons gleaned from their reading via a table discussion at the forthcoming assemblies. Apart from instilling time management and organisational skills through the DEAR programme, we also attempt to develop high levels of student achievement in reading, writing, and speaking about their reading. Research has shown that the most effective instructional practices include students reading about a subject, writing about it and speaking competently and independently about it – this being referred to as **authentic literacy**. At each step, the learning deepens, until the student demonstrates mastery and ownership of the knowledge, at which point they can confidently express it to others.

Furthermore, **Cambridge International Examinations** (CIE) has informed us of the dates for the Year 9 Checkpoint examination dates and fees. More details to be shared about this shortly.

A note of **gratitude** to Mrs Itanyi for delivering the talk on '**It's my choice**' at the JHC Annual Formal Lunch last Saturday – see attached report.

In conclusion, '**A smile is happiness you'll find right under your nose**'; and, '**Technology is nothing. What's important is that you have a faith in people, that they're basically good and smart, and if you give them tools, they'll do wonderful things with them.**'

Have a great weekend!

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

## REMINDERS

### CIE CHECKPOINT:

The Checkpoint examinations (English, Science and Mathematics) for Year 9's will be done from **17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2018**. This means that Year 9 students will have to resume school earlier than 22<sup>nd</sup> of April for the start of term 3. The total fees will be **N42,000.00 per student**. More details to follow soon.

### JHC ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Please find **attached** a copy of the revised **JHC Calendar 2017/18**. Changes were necessitated due to the Staff CPD on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February, thus the revised **resumption date for students on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018**; the other change is the school closing date on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2018.

We are currently working on the **2018/2019** academic calendar and will share details when done.

### 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, 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 by <b>11:50 am</b>	Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 by <b>11:40 am</b>
<b>Return</b>	Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2018 by <b>10:20 am</b>	Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2018 by <b>10:20 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, to note is that the above timings is subject to change by the airline.

### FUTURE EVENTS:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> January & 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2018	JHC Entrance Examinations
9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	School breaks for half-term
19/20 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Staff Continuous Professional Development
21 <sup>st</sup> February 2018	Students resume for second half of term 2
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2018	Academic Review for Years 9 & 11 students
17 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	JHC Sports Day & Parents Visiting Day

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