

Dear Parents and Friends,

Greetings from a cool and beautiful Agbor. Our students have just completed their examinations and will be sharing progress reports when we break for the Easter holidays.

Education Outside the Classroom (EotC) which include fieldtrips is an important part of learning. It has a host of benefits, for example, it can help to bring many school subjects alive as they focus on real results and consequences, provides experiential opportunities allowing students to respond positively to opportunities, challenges and responsibilities, to manage risk and to cope with change. Quality learning experiences in 'real' situations have the capacity to raise achievement across a range of subjects and to develop better personal and social skills. When these experiences are well planned, safely managed and personalised to meet the needs of every student they can:

- Improve academic achievement.
- Provide a bridge to higher order learning.
- Develop skills and independence in a widening range of environments.
- Make learning more engaging and relevant to young people.
- Develop active citizens and stewards of the environment.
- Nurture creativity.
- Stimulate, inspire and improve motivation.
- Improve young people's attitudes

On another note, I want to thank our Year 9 and 11 parents who attended the ***Academic Review*** day to discuss the progress of their children. It is the expectation that parents will partner with us in our effort to ensure the children achieve to the best of their abilities but also exceed in the respective external examinations.

A gentle reminder...this weekend, Saturday 17th March 2018, JHC will be holding its annual Sports Day event combined with Parents Visiting Day. It promises to be an exciting day and the students are eagerly looking forward to this day. Parents are welcome to bring along drinks and food items to share with their children. We look forward to seeing you all. The event will start by 10:00am.

In conclusion, this edition of the newsletter features reports on some of the events that took place during the term. We appreciate and look forward to your continuous support of all our school matters both academic and non-academic.

Stephen Hawking, a renowned scientist said: 'People won't have time for you if you are always angry or complaining.'; and, 'However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at'.

Yours sincerely

Abraham P. Swart

Principal

EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO THE DELTA STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY in ASABA

Like all subjects and JHC programmes, the Humanities Department is committed to providing practical learning experiences to ensure that every student is inquiring, aspirational and achieves at a high level in areas of academics, effort and behaviour. To make it work, we encourage students to be proactive investigators who are empathetic citizens that look beyond the self and see the whole picture, from multiple perspectives. This became a reality when on the 6th of February, a few Year 10 and 11 students selected from Government and Civic Education classes visited the Delta State House of Assembly to witness a life plenary (sitting session) of the hallowed chambers. This learning experience is aimed at further developing our students' integrity and life-long skills that will make them global citizens.



The plenary session commenced at 9:45am and the speaker, the Honourable Chief Sherriff. F.O. Oborewore, acknowledged the presence of James Hope College Students. The students observed the plenary session, and watched with enthusiasm how representatives present petitions, deliberate on issues and perform such other functions necessary before a bill could be passed into law. They were excited at the loud 'Ayes' and 'Nays' said by the representatives and the loud sound of the gavel. The students gained a first-hand knowledge of the procedure and hierarchy of the chamber in addition to how issues are deliberated in the House of Assembly all over the country.



At the end of the plenary, the students were given opportunity to ask questions. And a tour of the complex was conducted by the senior Legislative Officer, Mr. Festus Ukah. Thereafter, we had a brief meeting with Hon. Festus Okoh representing Ika South constituency where he emphasised the importance of education and cultural values and encouraged the students to avail themselves of similar opportunities while commending the founder and staff of James Hope College.

Godwin Mordi

Head of Humanities Department

JHC Duke of Edinburgh Teaching Service

The Duke of Edinburgh (DoE) International, JHC chapter participants embarked on volunteering service in the form of a teaching exercise to Nosiere Primary school, Agbor-Obi Agbor on Tuesday, 27th of February 2018.

The entire team set off in the morning fully prepared, with all necessary teaching materials (including lesson plans, lesson notes, science practical demonstrating apparatus and chalk board writing materials).

We arrived at the school as scheduled, and were warmly received by the Head Mistress, Mrs. Ezegbe. Pleasantries were exchanged, and the purpose of the visit was reiterated. Shortly our students rearranged into six groups of 10 students each group to cover classes 4A, 4B, 4C, 5A, 5B and 5C respectively.



Image 1: Miss Success writing on the chalkboard for the pupils.



Image 2: Miss Uchechi delivering English lesson

In the primary four classes subjects such as Mathematics (Division of numbers), English (Stress Pattern), Science (Water project on evaporation and condensation), Social Studies (Employment) and CRS (Jesus' crucifixion) were taught. In the primary five classes subjects such as English (Debate on a familiar topic), Mathematics (uses of percentages), Agricultural science (pest and diseases of crop plants) and CRS (Jesus Conquered the devil), were taught between 10 am till 12 noon.



Image 3: Miss Lauretta taking a lead and writing on the chalk board.



Image 4: Miss Oghenetega leading a group of pupils

The DoE participants enjoyed the teaching experience, it was fun and interactive. The pupils were duly engaged by our students and they were engulfed with the teaching to the extent that they do not want to go for their break.

The Head Mistress expressed her appreciation and wish we come back again for other engagement soon.



Image 5: One-on-One tutoring



Image 6: Teaching in progress



Image 7: Interaction between DoE participants and year pupils during the teaching of agricultural science



On behalf of the JHC DoE participants and respective staff, we wish to express our sincere gratitude to the school management and our parents for giving us this opportunity.

Taiye Abanika
JHC DoE Coordinator

2018 WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATION

James Hope College joined other international schools to celebrate this year's **World Book Day** on Thursday, March 01, 2018. The event was set aside to sensitise the school community on the importance of the Library, celebrate African authors, promote the power of books and inculcate a reading and writing culture. For JHC, this year's focus was on **African Literature** (facts about African authors and their books) and the theme of the event was "**READING AND WRITING: A NON-STOP JOURNEY**".

Our special guest, **Rev.Fr. Stan-Collins Ubaka**, renowned author of the book, '**A Cry of Innocence**' graced this year's celebration. He spoke expressively (providing down-to-earth approaches) about reading and writing different genres of literature. His speech was captivating and inspiring. Students enjoyed the privilege of an interview session where thought-provoking questions were asked.



JHC students and students from the invited schools participated in the **Book Quiz and Book Cover Design competitions**. The Book Quiz (which tested students' knowledge in African Literature) saw us carting away the first prize; Prime Secondary School and Calvary Secondary School settled for the 2nd and 3rd positions respectively.

Furthermore, selected students with technical and artistic skills, expressed themselves in the Book Cover Design competition. JHC proved its creativity by taking the first position, Calvary Secondary School second and Prime Secondary School third.

Book Character costume competition: This activity was for the JHC Year 7 and 8 students and the following students won prizes for **Most Creative outfit** and **Best Portrayed** book character.

Year 7 - Most creative outfit boy- Amadi Izuchukwu; Most Creative outfit girl- Ezirigwe Kaine ; Best portrayed book character boy- Onyia Peretz; and Best portrayed book character girl- Ezirigwe Kaine

Year 8 - Most creative outfit boy- Nzewi Chiagoziem; Most Creative outfit girl- Ebimami Doye; Best portrayed book character boy- Shiyانبola Damilola; and, Best portrayed book character girl- Osarenkhoe-Amdin Ehimwenma

Avid Readers Award: Students who distinguished themselves by reading a minimum of five African books during the Easter term were also rewarded. Indeed, it was a memorable day.

Evangelista Lewechi

School Librarian

JHC HUMANITARIAN DAY CELEBRATION

The annual JHC Humanitarian Day was celebrated on the 23rd February 2018 and it was a success. This programme affords us the opportunity to support schools, churches, old peoples' homes and orphanages within our community.



The programme, as organised by the Humanities Department received the support of our students and esteemed parents with loads of donations of items such as food, clothing, shoes toiletries, stationeries and so on. Places visited include:

1. Pro-Labore-dei Orphanage Home – Agbor-Obi
2. Dein Palace Secondary School – Agbor-Obi
3. Redeemer Primary School – Agbor-Obi
4. St Vincent De Paul (Elderly People) Agbor – Obi
5. Kingdom Heritage Model School - Owa
6. Holly Infant Secondary School - Agbor -Obi



We wish to specially acknowledge the support given to us by our parents in ensuring the success of the programme, as well as the school leadership for guidance and necessary logistics. But not forgetting those who worked hard behind the scenes to, your blood, sweat and tears are highly appreciated.

Godwin Mordi

Head of Humanities.

REMINDERS

JHC INTER-HOUSE SPORTS & PARENTS VISITING DAY

Our annual Inter-House Sports competition and Visiting Day will be on **Saturday 17th March** between **10:00am-1pm**. Thereafter, the Visiting day will commence, and parents can bring food and drinks for their children and also to celebrate the inter-House sports with friends and family. Please be informed that all food must be consumed in the Great Hall and we expect all our parents to leave campus by 3:00pm. Parents are expected to come in colour of their child's house to be identified with the house and get ready for parents' races.

WITHDRAWAL CONDITIONS

A reminder to parents wishing to withdraw their children due to relocation, etc. Now is the time to inform the school as per the James Hope College Terms & Conditions. A term's notice must be given and if less than a term's notice then a term's fees in lieu of the notice are due.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

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

	Benin-Abuja-Benin	Benin-Lagos-Benin
Departure	Wednesday, 28 th March 2018 by 11:30am	Wednesday, 28 th March 2018 by 11:40 am
Year 9 Only Early Return	Sunday 15 th April 2018 by 1:55pm	Sunday 15 th April 2018 by 11:10am
Return	Sunday, 22 nd April 2018 12:40 pm	Sunday, 22 nd April 2018 11:10 am

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

FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Event
17 th March 2018	JHC Sports Day & Parents Visiting Day
28 th March 2018	School breaks for term two holidays
15 th April 2018	Only Year 9 students return for CIE Checkpoint examinations
22 nd April 2018	Other students return for the start of term 3
25 th May 2018	Mid-term break begins
03 rd June 2018	Students return

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