

Dear Parents and Friends,

On Saturday the new Year 7 students were welcomed to the James Hope College family, and on Sunday the rest of the students - they were all 'bright and bushy-tailed'! It was a great start with the news that we had the **best-ever BECE results** with five students achieving straight A's, but more on this in the next newsletter.

The students are settling in well as we focussed on the essential tasks on hand, namely, getting into our academic routines as well as completing the usual organisational matters. Furthermore, we have added **five more staff** to our family. It is my pleasure to introduce, Mrs. Prosper Aboyegi (Science), Mrs. Taiwo Sokoya (House parent and PE), Mr Kingsley Akpabio (Science and Maths), Mr. Oluchuwu Eke (Igbo) and Mr Gabriel Edeh (ICT) - they were recruited from reputable schools and brings with them a wealth of experience and good teaching practices.

This year is another **milestone** for JHC as we are now five years old with all levels in operation, from Year 7 to 12. We have grown and performed well since September 2013 and our pioneer students will sit the first ever IGCSE and WAEC examinations.

The theme for this year is '**CONSISTENCY MATTERS**' - continual encouragement and reminders will focus on the steadfast adherence to principles and behaviours which will propel us to greater heights. After all, whatever the task or project if one works harder, apply more energy and time to it, and are more consistent then the overall result will be better.

A few changes have necessitated some minor adjustments to the 2018/19 academic calendar and this will be shared soon.

In conclusion, '*There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.*'

Yours faithfully

Abraham P. Swart
Principal