

Dear Parents and Friends,

'No subject of study is more important than reading...all other intellectual powers depend on it.' - as such, **reading** is one of the vital activities encouraged at JHC. At the recent Monday assemblies' students had the opportunity to share the importance of what they have read over the summer holidays. This is an interactive activity that doesn't merely ask for a recall of information but answers to questions requiring deep reading. Thus far, those invited on stage, from Year 7 to Year 12 students, have risen to the challenge.

The above is one way to inspire confidence and boost **authentic literacy**. This include students reading about a subject, writing about it and speaking competently and independently about it. 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.

On another matter, previously the Year 9 students were congratulated for doing well in the Cambridge Checkpoint examinations. Currently, we now praise them for an outstanding **BECE** result, the best-ever for JHC...**CONGRATULATIONS!** For more details please read the information 'FROM THE DESK of the VICE PRINCIPAL (Academic)'.

Furthermore, carefully consider the information summarised under **'FUTURE EVENTS'** as your attendance and support will be required. In conclusion, *'A tree is known by its fruit; a person by their deeds. A good deed is never lost; he or she who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he/she who plants kindness gathers love'*; also, *'There is a magnet in your heart that will attract true friends. That magnet is unselfishness, thinking of others first; when you learn to live for others, they will live for you.'*; and, *'Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down'*.

Enjoy the week ahead and I look forward seeing you on Saturday, 6th of October for the Parents Visiting Day.

Yours faithfully
Abraham P. Swart
Principal

FROM THE DESK of the VICE PRINCIPAL (Academic)

2018 BECE Results

I am delighted to share with parents and guardians the brilliant performances of our Year 10 students in the outcomes of the just-released Basic Education Certificate Examinations results. Overall, this has been the ***best performance so far in the history of James Hope College***. Twelve (12) subjects were examined and it is interesting to share that these five students - Divine Okose, Adeife Gafaar, Oghenefejiro Mejire, Munachimso Charles-Okoro and Nnamdi Onwuzurike - made straight A's in all the subjects. These students were celebrated recently at our first Information and Celebration Assembly this term. Equally, there is no student pencilled down for re-sit examinations. This would not have been achieved but for the continuous cooperation we always receive from our parents and for the confidence they have in us.

On behalf of the Principal and other staff of JHC, I would like to express our profound appreciation to all our parents for their unflinching support in ensuring that JHC is the best school both in Nigeria, Africa and the world.

Nigerian Society of Engineers' Science/Mathematics Quiz Competition

We are happy to inform our parents that two of our Year 12 students - Chimere Ezeiruaku and Terese Ejovi - represented James Hope College in the above competition and they have progressed to the Grand Finale in Delta State. This is also a pointer to staff commitment to out-of-school learning and academic competitions to showcase our excellence and lift our good name. We will share with you the outcome of the grand finale in due course.

Students' Subject Choices in the Senior School

We would like to advise that parents do not force a particular subject on their children, especially when data from tests and examinations revealed that the students do not have the potential and ability for the subject. The effect of doing this is that the affected students are being distracted and taken out of their God-given ability and calling. I wish to state here that the era of insisting that except a child becomes a medical doctor, lawyer, architect, etc. he or she cannot become successful in the society has gone. There are many people in other fields of life (or disciplines) that earn more than this set of professionals. We look forward to having your cooperation in this regard.

Thank you.

Clement Ikuyinminu,
Vice-Principal (Academic Affairs)

REMINDERS

UNIFORM: We want to thank the parents in ensuring that our students are attired in the correct uniform. Just a gentle reminder that ***all uniform items*** (except socks, shoes and trainers) must be purchased from the College only. In addition, any tailoring contrary to College rules will require parents to ***purchase new items***.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Please note that Airpeace (www.flyairpeace.com) will be starting flight operations from Asaba Airport to Lagos and Abuja (and return) as from 8th October 2018. Once certain details have been confirmed with the operator then we shall communicate accordingly. Asaba is a better option for flight travel as opposed to Benin but we shall inform parents as soon as possible.

FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Event
06 th October 2018	Parents Visiting Day from <i>11 am to 3 pm</i>
10 th October – 14 th November 2018	IGCSE examinations
19 th – 28 th October 2018	Half-term break for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11
12 th – 15 th November 2018	British Schools Overseas (BSO) Inspection
17 th November 2018	Academic Review Year 9, 11 & 12 Students only
24 th November 2018	Open Day for prospective parents and students
02 nd December 2018	JHC Xmas Concert
07 th December 2018	End of term and students return on 6 th January 2019

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