



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

4th December 2018

Dear Parents and Friends,

With the end of this term upon us and holidays in sight, we need to carve out time in our busy schedules to reflect on important matters. From a JHC perspective it has been an engaging term with several joyous highlights, such as the Academic Review Day, JHC Open Day and Xmas Concert – opportunities to meet parents (and prospective ones), share information regarding your sons and daughters, etc.

However, an **important milestone** was also reached in mid-November, James Hope College is now an **accredited British Overseas School**. The UK Government's Department for Education (DfE) operates an inspection scheme which is designed to measure British Schools Overseas (BSO) against the standards that apply to independent schools in England. This inspection scheme is designed to inform and reassure parents about the quality of education offered by the school. As a result of this inspection, done by Penta International, the school has demonstrated it meets the Standards for British Schools Overseas. This judgement is endorsed by the British Government, quality assured by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) and is valid for a period of three years.

In **summary** the report states that, 'JHC meets all the standards for a British school overseas and has many good and some outstanding features. Academic attainment is high. The behaviour of the students is exemplary. The care and support offered to students, including in boarding is very high quality. The unique curriculum and the breadth of subjects offered are strengths.' Once received then we will share the full report with all our stakeholders. All of us are ecstatic as the staff, students, the school leadership and Board of Governors have toiled non-stop to ensure that the College attain, maintain and is on the path to exceed world class status.

On behalf of the JHC family, I wish all our parents, friends and their families, 'happy holidays' and remember that **'Holidays - any holiday - are such a great opportunity to focus on bringing the family together'**.

Enjoy the time with your sons and daughters until we meet again.

Yours faithfully
Abraham P. Swart
Principal

From the Desk of the Vice-Principal (Academic)

1. *Registration for WAEC Examinations has commenced*

We have received details of information on the procedure for the e-registration of students for the West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) for School Candidates, 2019. The offline registration will close on December 31, 2018 while the online registration takes place from January 2 to January 31, 2019.

The normal entry fee is N13,950.00 per candidate but there are other charges, e.g. photographs etc. All parents of students in Year 12 will be advised by our Accounts Department on the total fee for this registration when fully known. However, I would suggest that a sum of twenty-five thousand naira (N25,000.00) be set aside for this purpose per candidate.

2. *The Need for Extra Study while at Home*

The WAEC examinations for school candidates will commence in March 2019 and this means that our Year 12 students have not got the time to do other things while at home. Also, in view of the General Election slated for February 2019, it is very likely that they will not be in school for extension classes if we are to yield to suggestions from most of our parents. Therefore, we would like to advise affected parents to ensure that their children/wards spend quality time, while at home for the Christmas break, to do a lot of independent studies. We don't want these children to be carried away with Christmas lights and candles; rice and chicken; and other celebrations. They will have plenty of time for these in the future.

3. *Thank you to our Parents*

On behalf of the Principal and members of the Senior Leadership Team of JHC, I would like to thank our parents for the support given to our Year 12 students during their IGCSE examinations that they concluded sometimes in the middle of November. The students were so confident before and after the examinations. We have no doubt that they will produce excellent results by the time we receive the outcomes of the examinations in January 2019.

For any enquiry on the above information, please call my mobile number which is 07083495906 and you may send an e-mail to clement.ikuyinminu@jameshopecollege.edu.ng and you will get a response.

I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year ahead.

Clement Ikuyinminu

Vice-Principal (Academic Affairs)

REMINDERS

HUMANITARIAN DAY REQUEST for DONATIONS

We wish to inform you that 2019 Humanitarian Day Celebration will take place on Friday, 18th January. We appeal for your generous donations to enable us reach out to orphans, widows and the needy in Agbor community. Items (old/ new) such as clothes, shoes, bags, books, food etc. will be highly appreciated. Kindly send your donations through your children as they return from Christmas holidays.

AGRICULTURE PRACTICALS YEAR 7's

Just a gentle reminder that the parents of Year 7 students were sent an email with attachment regarding the need to bring to College on resumption a Coverall (Overalls), Wellingtons (rubber boots).

UNIFORM MATTERS & THINGS CONSIDERED to be CONTRABAND

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. Also, boys' trousers *not to be slim-fitted* (taken in by the leg width) and girl skirts *not to be shortened* in length.

Parents need to check (physical check and asking) that students **don't bring any** earphones, headphones, computer games, USB watches, flash drives and laptops (Year 11's) with music or movies uploaded (the music and movies must be removed) or any other non-compliant devices to College. ***Year 12 students don't need to bring any laptops*** as the WAEC preparations do not require these.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

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

	Benin-Abuja-Benin	Benin-Lagos-Benin
Departure: Friday, 7 th December 2018	11.30 am	11.40 am
Return: Sunday, 6 th January 2019	1.55 pm	11.10 am

As a practice, all tickets should be forwarded to lekkyes.dadwang@jameshopecollege.edu.ng, and sunday.oloyede@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
07 th December 2018	End of term and all students and academic staff on holiday
06 th January 2019	All students return for the start of term 2
11 th January 2019	Closing date for Entrance Exam applications
18 th January 2019	Humanitarian Day
26 th January 2019	JHC Year 7 Entrance Examinations 2019/20 First Sitting
9 th February 2019	JHC Year 7 Entrance Examinations 2019/20 Second Sitting
13 th February 2019	School closes for half-term break
4 th March 2019	School resumes for second half of term 2

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