

Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust that this newsletter finds you well and in good spirits, if not then I would remind you not to forget to **SMILE**, despite the situation we find ourselves in. Like laughter, smiling is part of the universal language which indicates positivity, acceptance, kindness and happiness; after all, **'Because of our smiles, life becomes more beautiful'**.

This term is already halfway and in a few days our students and staff will break for a respite. The respite or holidays is an opportunity for all students to reflect on the recently concluded assessments and refocus their energies to make the most of the next sessions.

The College cannot stress the importance of **parental support** in its efforts to mould and shape the students and your children, in becoming well-rounded and knowledgeable future leaders. As such, we need to always be cognisant about what we say and do around our children as anything negative can undermine our collective efforts and make our character-building endeavours nugatory. We have had instances over the last few months where some parents question College policies and processes and encourage their child not to comply with protocol and expectations. If in doubt about certain things, then you are encouraged to contact the College for clarification.

Furthermore, parents are encouraged to **read the newsletters fully** and **regularly** as they contain the most up-to-date information about JHC - these are sent out (via email) every two weeks and immediately posted on our website. Parents are also reminded to update us about addresses and contact details when changes occur. It is not good to lament that you did not get any school communication when you have not updated your email address!

On another note, I believe that we have the **most beautiful campus in the world**, manicured green spaces and world-class facilities, and maintaining it to this impeccable manner is a priority. However, we have found that during the **upliftment and dropping-off of students** at the end and start of terms, the drivers, who parents are using (whether in a mini-van, bus or SUV or car) ignore the yellow garbage bins (carefully placed around the campus) and simply dump (litter) their rubbish (food packaging, drink bottles, sweet wrappers, etc.) where they park. This is unacceptable and we ask you for your cooperation in this matter.

In conclusion, **'For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone'**.

Here is wishing you a great week until we meet again.

Yours truly



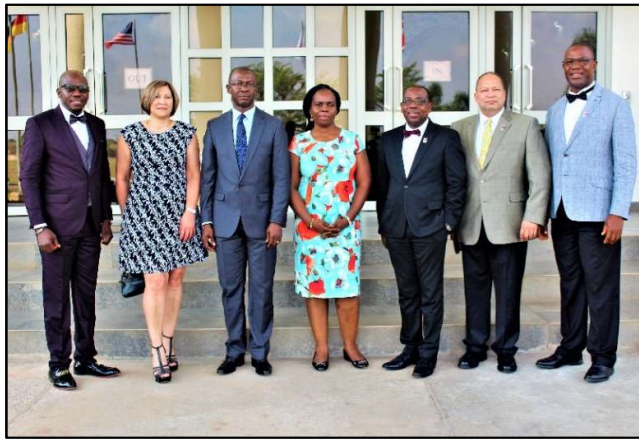
Abraham P. Swart
Principal

JHC HOLDS ANNUAL FORMAL LUNCH

The annual JHC formal lunch and etiquette was held on Saturday, 19th January 2019 at the Great Hall with the theme: '**SAY NO TO BULLYING: SPEAK UP AND SPEAK OUT.**'

The day commenced with an opening speech by the Principal, Mr. Swart. The guest speaker, Prof. Mr. Amucheazi and his wife, Dr. (Mrs) Amucheazi were introduced by Mr. Sunday Sola-Oloyede, VP Pastoral and the organiser of the event. The event kicked off with drama presentations by the students exploring the various facets of bullying and how it could be curbed.

Professor Amucheazi's presentation awaken the students' consciousness on the need to say, '*NO TO BULLYING.*' It was a success as it serves as a timely reminder to all staff and students about the delipidating effects of bullying and the need to stamp it out.



REMINDERS

HUMANITARIAN DAY REQUEST for DONATIONS

We thank the parents who contributed thus far, however, the donations were less than the previous year. 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 the February half-term break in March 2019.

HAIR CLIPPERS

Hair clippers are compulsory personal items (boys) not expected to be shared between students and each student is expected to come to school with one. However, it has been observed by the school that some boys don't have their clippers with them in school and we would like to implore our parents to ensure that each boy comes to school with a personal clipper and going forward, students without clippers may be sanctioned and have privileges withdrawn and we will be forced to buy clippers for them from their pocket money.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

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

	Benin-Abuja-Benin	Benin-Lagos-Benin
Departure: Wednesday, 13 th February 2019	11:55 am	12.10 pm
Return: Monday, 4 th March 2019	10:25 am	10:45 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
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
16 th March 2019	JHC Inter-House Sports Day
5 th April 2019	School break for the Easter holidays
24 th April 2019	School resumes for term 3
11 th May 2019	Years 7, 8 & 10 Academic Review Day

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