

24 March 2026

Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust that all is well.

We are about to conclude term two examinations today, and reports will be available when college closes next Wednesday, 1 April 2026- and this is no April Fool's joke!

Furthermore, the co-curricular programme will start tomorrow, Wednesday, but due to the Educational Fair on Saturday (*see the Announcements & Reminders section*), there will be **no** Saturday Sports.

Regarding human creativity, here are some forgettable inventions. Before his name became shorthand for controlled core tremors, **Joseph Pilates** tried to reinvent sleep by patenting a V-shaped bed. With higher edges and a dip in the middle, this was the bed that Pilates believed would keep spines straight and limbs properly supported. The public, as it turned out, preferred their rest horizontal rather than on a sideways incline. The **Dynasphere** was a petrol-powered monowheel (essentially a three-meter-tall tyre that you sat inside), invented in the 1930s and capable of reaching 48 km/h. Steering was imprecise, parking was dubious, and abrupt braking could trigger "gerbiling", a technical term for being flung around the interior like a hamster in a wheel. Needless to say, they didn't catch on.

In conclusion, Thomas Edison reminds us that, "***Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.***" And lastly, Theodore Roosevelt encouraged, "***Believe you can, and you're halfway there.***"

Let's be kind to each other until we meet again.

Yours truly,  
**Abraham. P. Swart**  
Principal

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

### JAMES HOPE COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL FAIR

We are pleased to remind you that the James Hope College Educational Fair will be held on ***Saturday, March 28th, starting promptly at 10:00 am*** in the Multi-Purpose Hall. The invitation is for ***all Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students, and parents***. To ensure smooth access and minimise traffic delays, kindly take note of the following directions:

- Parents coming from the Ajah axis: Please access the school using the Twin Lakes Estate gate at the Chevron traffic light.
- Parents coming from the Lekki axis: Exit the Expressway at Igbo Efon bus stop and follow the road to connect to Omoba Murphy Adetoro Road, entering the school through the gate by the market. Although this road is untarred, it provides a faster alternative to waiting in traffic along the Lekki–Epe Expressway.

We look forward to welcoming you.

### EASTER EXTENSION CLASSES for YEAR 9 & YEAR 12 STUDENTS

As part of our preparations for the upcoming Checkpoint and WASSCE examinations, the school will be organising a two-week extension programme for students in Years 9 and 12 during the Second Term holiday. These extension classes will take place from **Monday, 13th April to Friday, 24th April 2026**. Consequently, all affected boarding students are expected to return to school on **Sunday, 12th April 2026**.

Please contact the Vice-Principal (Academic Affairs), Dr. Clement Ikuyinminu at [clement.ikuyinminu@jameshopecollege.edu.ng](mailto:clement.ikuyinminu@jameshopecollege.edu.ng) for further clarifications. We appreciate your cooperation and support in ensuring a smooth and productive academic experience for our students.

### JHC WORLD SCHOOL GAMES (WSG)

James Hope College is gearing up for the **World School Games** in Doha, Qatar, next year, in January 2027. Sixteen students - 8 boys and 8 girls - will compete in **swimming, athletics, and football**. It is a big chance for them to test their skills, enjoy the experience, and maybe even surprise themselves along the way. Information has been sent to the respective parents, and your response would be appreciated if not already submitted. Furthermore, it is to be noted that with the current turmoil in this region plans might change and we will communicate accordingly.

## FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Event
<del>5 January 2026</del>	<del>Staff INSET Day &amp; Boarders return after 4:00 pm</del>
<del>6 January 2026</del>	<del>Whole school resumes with an Assembly</del>
<del>17 January 2026</del>	<del>Second JHC OPEN DAY (only prospective parents)</del>
<del>22 January 2026</del>	<del>Full School Photographs</del>
<del>24 January 2026</del>	<del>Formal School Lunch with Special Guest</del>
<del>31 January 2026</del>	<del>JHC Entrance Examinations 2026/27 admission</del>
<del>7 February 2026</del>	<del>JHC Entrance Examinations 2026/27 admission</del>
<del>13 February 2026</del>	<del>Years 7 &amp; 8 Academic Review and Last day of Mid-term</del>
<del>22 February 2026</del>	<del>Boarders return to JHC from 2:00 pm onwards</del>
<del>23 February 2026</del>	<del>Whole school resumes</del>
<del>14 March 2026</del>	<del>Parents Visiting Day for Boarders</del>
<del>16 - 24 March</del>	<del>Term two examinations</del>
28 March 2026	Educational Fair
1 April 2026	Last day of school for term two (pick-up at 3:00 pm)
26 April 2026	Boarders return to JHC from 2:00 pm onwards
27 April 2026	Whole school resumes

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