

Dear Parents and Friends,

We are now truly into the rhythm of this term with activities being intensified, in both academic and co-curricular matters to enhance learning. For this reason, parents are encouraged to ensure a conducive environment for studying.

As shared since last term JHC offers ***Karate, Taekwondo and Dance*** as a parent-paid activity and we thank you for enrolling your child. The idea is not just to have them participate but also the opportunity to develop further through competitions and promotions. Consequently, the purchase of the activity specific uniform through the coaches is vital. We are now into the fourth week, and we still have some students without their uniforms, this despite parents being reminded ad nauseam. As a final reminder, these uniforms must be purchased before the next week as we cannot train and present our students for competitions and promotions in anything other than the designated outfit.

An ***update*** regarding the ***JHC buildings*** is that the anticipated completion of the Admin/Classroom block and Student residences will be at the end of this term. But as with all new buildings there are always snagging to be done but I am confident that all snags will be sorted by term three. The next major project after this will be the development of the sports field with swimming facilities.

At JHC, we have the same standards and expectations in decorum for all students. However, we have noticed that some of our boys (day students) are not complying with the College's rule on haircut. Thus, for clarification purposes, students should cut their hair **twice every half term** and keep the haircut at ***low-cut level one*** (zero being completely bald) and not needing combing or grooming. Also, girls are expected to have all-back-black-braided with extension hair style.

In conclusion, Maya Angelou, an American memoirist, popular poet, and civil rights activist shared that ***'Love recognises no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope.'*** – may the love we give others fill them with hope and the love we receive, sustain us through 'thick and thin'.

Be safe until we meet again.

Yours truly
Abraham. P. Swart
Principal

THE JAMES HOPE COLLEGE ANNUAL FORMAL LUNCH

On Saturday, 14th of January 2023, James Hope College hosted as per tradition, the Annual Formal Lunch and the theme for this year's event was "*Diversity and Inclusion*".

This topic was to be delivered by the guest speaker – Mrs. Chinenye Uwadileke, Education USA, USA Embassy, Lagos. She mentioned that diversity involves the ways in which people are different and inclusion is making sure nobody is left out because of these differences. Additionally, she emphasized that not all differences are physical and can take the form of our beliefs and opinions, social rank, etc. She also highlighted some ways we could become more accepting, like - avoiding assumptions, engaging in mindful communication, being conscious of our privileges, and being educated. Prior to Mrs. Uwadileke's speech, the boys' and girls' residences gave presentations on the theme. The former demonstrated that people of any gender should be free to pursue any profession they desire; while the latter demonstrated that no one should be subjected to prejudice based on their class, ability, or economic class.

In between these, we had a three-course meal: staff and students had to choose between bread/butter and goat-meat pepper soup for the first course. This was followed by the main course where Caribbean rice and Yam pottage were served. These meals concluded with dessert - fruit salad and ice cream.

The event was educational and entertaining, and the students and staff look forward to the next Formal Lunch event.



Mr. Swart in full flow with the welcome speech.



Mrs. Chinenye Uwadileke...speaking



The Boys doing their bit.



The Girls short drama.



Enjoying the feast...yummy!



Thank you, Mrs. Uwadileke!

Report by Emilomo Uangbaoje and Pere Biakpara, Year 12's

REMINDERS

CO-CURRICULAR CHANGE for the 2023/24 Academic Year

As shared in the previous newsletter, the College continually strives to fine tune operations to improve the best outcomes for students and parents. As such, from the next academic year, September 2023, we intend to ***add an additional afternoon of co-curricular activity***, in other words, instead of two days we will have ***three days in the week***. The additional afternoon will include activities and clubs to enhance skills development of our students.

JHC ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

Please note that the ***ASSESSMENT DATES for term 2*** are, Continuous Assessment week – 6th to 10th of February 2023, and Second term examination, 20th – 24th of March 2023.

JHC ENTRANCE & ADMISSION Exams 2023/24 INTAKE

As a once off, the Board has granted *mid-stream admissions* for ***Year 8 and 10 students only*** for the September 2023 intake. Examinations will run on ***11th & 18th of February 2023***. Please request an application form from the Registrar's office at admission@jameshopecollege.edu.ng , or visit our website, www.jameshopecollege.edu.ng

FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Event
9 th January 2023	School resumption and start of term 2
14 th January 2023	JHC Annual Lunch Event
21 st January 2023	2 nd JHC Open day for Year 7 prospective parents & students
28 th January 2023	1 st JHC Entrance Exams/ Admission 2022/23
4 th February 2023	2 nd JHC Entrance Exams/ Admission 2022/23
6 th – 10 th February 2023	Continuous Assessment week
22 nd February 2023	Half-term break
6 th March 2023	Start of second half-term, term 2
20 th – 24 th March 2023	Second term examinations
25 th March 2023	JHC Careers Fair
6 th April 2023	End of term 2 and start of Easter break.
26 th April 2023	School resumption and start of term 3

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