

Dear Parents and Friends,

All is well and it is a pleasure to have our students back for an engaging second term.

Due to the impending Presidential elections on Saturday, 25th February 2023, we have **adjusted the mid-term break** to take this into account. Thus, the last day of school will be Wednesday, **22nd of February and we will resume on Monday, 6th of March 2023.**

On **Saturday, 14th of January** we will be hosting the annual **JHC Formal lunch event**. This is a JHC tradition with a **guest speaker** to share pearls of wisdom on an important topic. Besides this a **three-course menu** will be served with the requisite grace of white linen tablecloths, porcelain crockery, silver cutlery, etc. This year only the Year 10, 11 and 12 students will attend due to restricted space but next year all year groups will be required to attend.

Equally important, **thank you** for ensuring that your children were prepared and ready to start school, they all looked dapper and dandy, and had the correct gear on resumption.

Moreover, the College will always attempt to provide **testimonials, references, embassy letter and transcripts** within a few days (usually **5 working days**) of the request. However, increasingly we are having demands for these at short notice and to complicate matters further, during school holidays when the authorised staff are off campus and offshore. Going forward, no references or records will be provided during school holidays and parents are reminded to ask for these at least one week before the holidays, or upon resumption. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in these matters.

In conclusion, the poet, Rabindranath Tagore, a citizen from Calcutta (India) and Nobel Prize laureate said, '**I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.**' - may what we do be a service of joy to others.

Be safe until we meet again.

Yours truly
Abraham. P. Swart
Principal

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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