

Dear Parents and Friends,

We had a ***terrific response*** for this year's Entrance/Admission examinations, and I know that this is in part due to parents, who are the foremost ambassadors. THANK YOU!

This has been an engaging week with teachers completing marking of the ***continuous assessments*** and ***providing feed back*** to the students. I also had the opportunity to write to a handful of parents about the academic underperformance of their children and I am sure that the encouragement to do better will continue during the half-term break. Also, I am confident that they will do better at the next examination session in March 2023.

We have found a few worrying trends amongst some students and for this reason I am reiterating and reminding the parents of the following:

1. Students are issued with a Student Planner/Diary and it's the ***parents' responsibility to read this daily and sign it every week***. The Student Planner is the primary communication tool as it contains notes, messages and important information regarding your child and school matters. We expect an improvement in this regard.
2. The bringing of ***food, snacks, sweets, bubble gum or any beverages to College is strictly prohibited for health & safety reasons***. Only those students that have a ***prescribed medical condition, verified by a medical doctor***, for example, being gluten intolerant and bringing their own gluten-free food may do so with the ***SLT approval***. And this handful of students are also reminded not to share their food with others as this is not in the interest of health & safety.
3. In the interest of ***safety & security***, parents are reminded to drop their children off at the college from 6:00am onwards and not earlier. The ***school gates open from 6:00 am*** and staff will be on site to receive your child but ***not before 6:00 am***. Similarly, ***uplift your child in the afternoon by 5:00 pm latest***.

I thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Be safe until we meet again.

Yours truly
Abraham. P. Swart
Principal

LAGOS STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY VISIT

Fifty senior school students journeyed to the Lagos State House of Assembly in Ikeja on Friday, February 10, 2023, for an educational excursion. The sitting room, where official meetings, debates and proceedings take place was our first stop after arriving at 9:30 am. The Honourable Omotayo Ahmed, the secretary of the Committee for Health, informed students of the structure of the Hallowed Chamber: 40 chairs on the floor of the house representing the forty members of the House were situated at the epicentre of a sizable room that had several velvet chairs surrounding them. Further, he noted that there were forty delegates: two from each of Lagos State's twenty Local Government Areas. Prior to the rows of chairs for the honourable members, there is a larger table reserved just for the Speaker of the House, followed by a row of seats for the other five officials, including the Deputy Speaker, Chief Whip, Deputy Chief Whip, Majority Leader and the Deputy Majority Leader.



Whilst still admiring the opulent beauty of the room, we were engaged in an interactive, enlightening session anchored by the Honourable Omotayo Ahmed, Mrs. Olajide Adejoke, and Mr. Badmus. We learned about the eight primary duties of the House, certain rules that each member must abide by (such as adhering to the dress code and mode of communication on sitting days). Additionally, he highlighted the criteria to be met to join the House; a thorough explanation of the legislative/law-making process and several facets of parliamentary records. Beyond these insightful revelations, we were educated on the significance of the maze – especially its power and authority to decide the commencement of any sitting. Several information-packed minutes later, we headed out to where the large maze statue on the building was to take long-lasting memories in the form of pictures and off, we were.

Each student was gifted with a souvenir bag that contained a book and some stationery. All in all, it was an educative, entertaining, and enlightening experience! Without a doubt, each of us learned at least one new thing including igniting a drive to stand in the House of Assembly one day as a member!

Report by the Honourable Sochikamma Umeigbo, Year 12

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 (now completed) , and Second term examination, 20th – 24th of March 2023.

DECORUM EXPECTATIONS

Parents must ensure that the students 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.

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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