

Dear Parents and Friends,

It was good to receive our students on Monday, all looking refreshed for a good start to this short half term.

Furthermore, it was heartening to notice that most parents ensured that their children had the proper decorum and correct gear on Monday. However, we are also disappointed that a handful of parents didn't bother at all, as some haircuts were not done, uniform items not adjusted, a student with no blazer at all, etc. – this despite the numerous reminders and an email sent to all parents on Saturday to remind again of the JHC standards. I have shared this before that we will only be successful in moulding our students (character, attitude, and knowledge) into responsible young men and women but only if parents are also doing their part as well. It is the responsibility of a parent to ensure that your child leaves the home dressed correctly, that their uniform is neat and tidy, have completed the prescribed homework, projects, and studies to continue with the important task of getting on with learning. Calls have already been put to the affected parents to correct this imbalance, and we will expect your support and immediate compliance.

Undoubtedly, all our students are a pleasure to have at College, and I am happy to report that 99.99% of our students are following through on College procedures. But as usual, there is the handful that does not follow through despite repeated reminders. For these, we will have the Principal's detention and parents will be informed several days in advance. This will always be on a Saturday from 8:30 am till 11:30 am and parents will have the responsibility of dropping them off and picking them up from campus. I thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

In conclusion, we all love music irrespective of nationality or ethnicity, and the Greek philosopher, Plato wrote, 'Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything.' - how true, even when words fail, music gives meaning to what we experience.

Be safe until we meet again.

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

## **JHC ALUMNI MATTERS**

Recently we had the opportunity and privilege to connect with our JHC alumni to catch up with their progress – from Nigeria to North America, Europe and all around the globe. We had eighty two (82) alumni joining on the Zoom platform and what a joy to see and hear them. Over the next few weeks I will be sharing some of their notes.

**Adeife Gafaar**, class of **2016** is currently enrolled at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and began studying in August 2021. She is following programmes in Business Administration and Decision Science and intends to achieve a double degree. After graduation in May 2025 Adeife in Human Resources Management and Public Policy Advising.

She further states, "Since starting at CMU, I have been on the Executive Board of a few of clubs. I served as the Design Coordinator for SPIRIT Fashion Show my freshman year where I now serve as Logistics Director. I also currently act as the VP Marketing for Feminists Engaged in Multicultural Matters and Education. I am also involved in Strong Women Strong Girls as a Mentor to third to fifth grade girls every week.

Additionally, during the summer of 2022, I worked two jobs. One was as a Student Ambassador for my university's Telefund; while, the other was in Patient Filing for Alpha Medical Clinics. Currently, I work on campus as a Teaching Assistant for American Sign Language as well as a Student Grader for Reason, Passion and Cognition. I have secured an internship over the summer working in Human Resources. And, will be doing research with one of my professors next year.

Finally, I wrote a paper on a Human Rights Issue in Nigeria which was published by my university."

**Aroesiri Enameguono**, class of **2015**, writes, " I am currently in my third year of study at Nile University of Nigeria, Abuja, Nigeria studying Mechanical Engineering. My preferred career is in the field of engineering, and I would love to dabble in leadership. I intend to complete my Bachelors in 2025 after which I would love to pursue a Masters, Ph.D. and become a professor.

My experience so far has been eventful. University life has stimulated growth within me at exponential levels. With the invaluable teachings and discipline, I received in secondary school, I have been able to cope with tertiary education thus far. Classes are much more different from secondary school especially with the presence of devices. It is quite easy to get distracted and even miss classes on a whim. It takes a lot of discipline and character to remain committed to studying given that supervision is quite lax. Nonetheless, I have enjoyed university life thus far and I look forward to the day my skills would be used for societal improvement and development. Recently, I was elected to be the vice president of the Nigerian Universities Engineering Students' Association (NUESA) Nile chapter. I am looking forward to serving in this capacity and embracing the many opportunities that come with this position.

My advice for those aspiring to obtain a tertiary education in the near future, is that they should not be passive in their quest for success. The first year is a prime year to capitalise on the not so difficult scheme and ensure your CGPA is as high as it can possibly be. Aim for the stars from the very first day you step into university. Wishing everyone the very best."

It was certainly an awesome and uplifting experience to see how these students have and are adapting and knowing that they can and will be ***catalysts for positive change***.

## 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.

### Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023, HALF DAY

Please note that next week ***Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2023, the College will close at 12: 55 pm***. Parents are advised to collect their treasures at 1:00 pm latest, and those using the College bus service to ensure that someone is at home to collect the student from the bus.

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

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