

Dear Parents and Friends,

Our world can be a beautiful place at times, but it can also be a scary one, especially with the instability, uncertainty and chaos manifesting itself in different parts of the globe and reverberating in Nigeria.

As parents we need to be strong in the face of these challenges to provide stability and a routine of normality. To this effect, a loud praise of gratitude to our parents who always endeavour to do what is required. Likewise, encouragement to our students to continue on the path of excellence and thank you for making it a joy and pleasure to have you here.

In the next academic year, JHC will introduce a ***track suit*** to complement the current ensemble of uniform. This will consist of a jacket, pants and shorts which will be worn on fieldtrips, etc. We are also reviewing the suitability and style of the jumper and will revert soon on this.

Importantly, ***a reminder*** that the ***College blazer must only be worn at assemblies on Mondays and specially announced events***, and the ***jumper worn on other days***. Some students are now wearing the blazer throughout the week which will reduce its life cycle drastically as it will need regular dry cleaning. As from ***Monday (29th May 2023)***, we will expect full compliance and we thank the parents and students for the anticipated support.

It was Helen Keller who said, ***'Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.'*** - and on this note, be safe until we meet again.

Yours truly
Abraham. P. Swart
Principal

A FASCINATING ART



Over the years, Fascinator fashion has evolved. These exotic pieces have been worn by royalty, brides, celebrities, and many ladies all over the world -- so, you could imagine the excitement when the members of the Art & Craft co-curriculum group at James Hope College found out that they were going to learn the art of fascinator-making.

To the surprise of many of us, fascinators are relatively simple to make and can be made with a range of materials like mats, Alice bands, cloth and ankara. These are put together using basic materials including thread and fishing line.

Interestingly, the process of fascinator making is quite easy. For mat-based fascinators, the mat can be folded into any shape and then held by thread to retain its form. After that, the base can be decorated with bows, beads and feathers. An Alice band', which is a simple black headband, is attached to the base so that the fascinator can be worn.

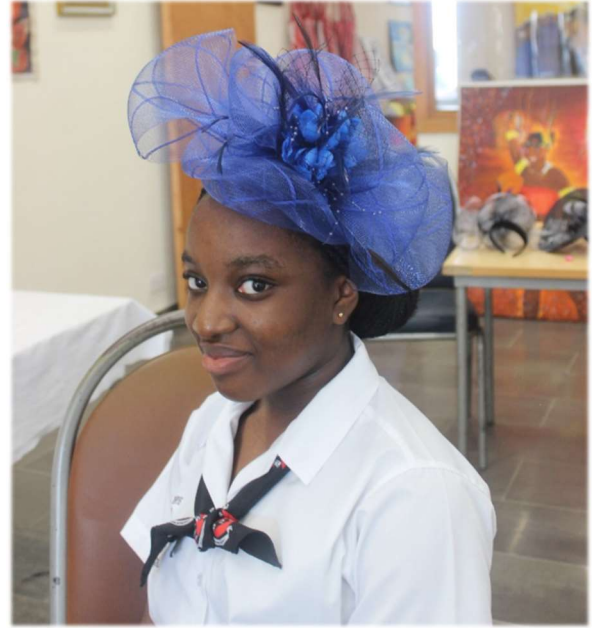
Due to the varying styles of fascinators, different bases can be used, such as fascinator caps. Also, adhesive and hot gun can be used to stick beads to the base of the fascinator as decorations.

In the coming months, our creative bunch in the Art and Craft team hope to go commercial and sell the fascinators we have made. We currently have an array of tastefully crafted and designed fascinators that can be worn to church, parties, weddings, photoshoots and more.

Here are students modelling some of the fascinators made by the team.



Sunshine Ikeyi



Solate Horsfall



Tochim Ifeora



Victoria Fasheitan

In conclusion, it is noteworthy that James Hope College continually strives to imbibe long-lasting skills that will remain a driving force in students – current and in the future.

Report by Ifunanya Onaga, Year 10

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.

PARENTS-TEACHERS VIRTUAL MEETING, Saturday, 13th May 2023

Thank you to the parents who joined us at the Parents- Teachers virtual meeting of the 13th of May. The comments and suggestions are always appreciated. Please note that as from next academic year we will reactivate the **academic review days**. However, you are most welcome to arrange a meeting with any of your child's teachers if you need to. In addition, I trust that the elucidation regarding the reason for the school fee increase is understood and we can now focus on the wonderful things ahead of us.

DECORUM EXPECTATIONS

College blazers are only to be worn at **assemblies (Mondays) and special events**, and **jumpers on other days**. 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
26 th April 2023	Resumption and start of term 3
5 th May 2023	World Book Day
13 th May 2023	Parents-Teachers Forum
19 th May 2023	'Duke of Edinburgh' Expedition
22 nd -26 th May 2023	Continuous Assessment week
31 st May 2023	Languages Day
3 rd - 13 th June 2023	Half-term Break
17 th June 2023	Year 7 Pre-orientation Day
19 th – 23 rd June 2023	Term 3 examinations
24 th June 2023	Year 12 Graduation
13 th July 2023	Prizegiving and end of term 3
4 th September 2023	Start of New Academic Year (To be Confirmed)

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