



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

28th September 2023

Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust that you are having a great week and that you are safe and healthy.

Not so long ago, a parent asked me, "*Mr. Swart what are your KPI's as school leader as you surely have expectations from us as parents?*". Now a **KPI** or a **key performance indicator** is defined as a quantifiable measure of performance over time for a specific objective, usually used in a business context. I answered but over the subsequent days I started to reflect a bit more on KPI's, in our school setting, what each of our stakeholders (parents, students, teachers, etc.) expect from us.

Firstly, our Creator has KPI's for us as his creation, for example, to do good to others and always attempt to be faithful to Him. Secondly, as a father or mother, son or daughter, employer or employee, there are expectations and goals involved, or KPI's. Now as a school, there are several KPI's but the three most important are, (1) to ensure that our students are in a safe and enabling environment, (2) that students are taught well, challenged to do better and exceed, and become well-rounded young men and women, (3) and when they leave JHC, to be equipped with knowledge and skills to make a success of their lives post college.

We remain steadfast in our continued commitment to academic excellence, innovative practices, school safety, and inclusive excellence. We are proud of our achievements and grateful for our parents, students, staff and Founders - our school community. And if you find us wavering in our commitment, or could do better, then feel free to reach out as my door is always wide open.

Stay safe and stay healthy until we meet again.

Yours truly
Abraham. P. Swart
Principal

WHAT'S HAPPENING @JHC

Google Workspace for Education Core Services

We would like to inform all parents that there are some changes to the use of Google Workspace for Education Core Services - including Gmail, Drive, Classroom and others. These core services are covered under the Google Workspace for Education agreement. While James Hope College is "pushing" to become a Google school, there are certain conditions that must be met. One of the conditions is as stated below:

"If you have end users under the age of 18, your institution is required under the Google Workspace Agreement to get parental consent before allowing these users to use additional services..."

Consequently, a consent form will be sent to all parents to endorse and return to us as soon as possible. Please, watch out for this form in your inbox by tomorrow.

Message from Mr. Clement Ikuyinminu, Vice-Principal (Academic Affairs)

COMMENDATION: Chimdindu Michelle Ijioma

James Hope College joyfully celebrates Chimdindu Ijioma Michelle (Year 11) for clinching the 2nd position in the 2023 FMC Essay Competition. She brings pride to our school, making it indisputable that our students can compete with their contemporaries across the country and beyond and emerge as one of the best. The Senior Leadership Team, Staff and Students appreciate your hard work, dedication, and intelligence. We hope that you will seize more such opportunities in the future and make James Hope College proud once again.



Principal Swart handing over the prize, an Apple iPad, to Chimdindu.

Meet our newest JHC Scholarship awardees.



From left to right: Naetochi Ogbunude, Nneoma Obinna-Thomas, Mofiyinfoluwa Iwayemi, Salma Daudu & Diekolaraoluwa Ogunyemi.

The James Hope College scholarship programme is offered on ***merit*** by the Board, to a handful of new Year 7 students each year. These awardees must have achieved the highest scores in the top tier, with overall excellent performance during the interview process. To continue enjoying the benefit of the scholarship, they must ***consistently perform*** at a high level and lead by example in decorum. If standards are slacking, then the awardees are at risk of forfeiting the scholarship.

We wish the new Year 7 scholarship awardees, Naetochi, Nneoma, Mofiyinfoluwa, Salma and Diekolaraoluwa well and we know that they will continue to excel!

REMINDERS

JHC INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

On Friday, **29th of September 2023**, JHC will have its **Nigeria Independence Day celebration**. A reminder regarding this has already been distributed earlier in the week. Notwithstanding, in assisting our students to experience our rich cultural heritage, a range of activities have been arranged, this includes students dressed in traditional Nigerian attire. Please ensure that your child's/children's attire is appropriate and adheres to our standards of modesty.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Of importance, **Monday, 2nd of October 2023 is a public holiday – Nigeria Independence Day**, and as such, **day students are not expected to be at school**. However, all boarding students will be engaged at College.

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. Furthermore, you are encouraged to adhere to the **colours of bags (full black or grey) and rain jackets (black, grey or red)** as per uniform regulations.

FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Event
4 th -September 2023	Staff INSET DAY
5 th -September 2023	New JHC Students ORIENTATION Day
6 th -September 2023	Full College resumes for term 1
28 th September 2023	Eid-El-Malud
2 nd October 2023	Nigeria Independence Day
5 th October 2023	World Teacher's Day
7 th October 2023	Parents Visiting Day for Boarding Students
20 th October 2023	Academic Review Day for Years 9-12 and Start of Mid-term break
30 th October 2023	Students resume
6 th November 2023	Whole School Photographs
16 November 2023	End of Year 12 IGCSE examinations
18 th November 2023	Parents-Teachers Virtual Meeting
7 th December 2023	Last day of term
5 th January 2024	Staff INSET day
8 th January 2024	Full College resumes, start of term 2

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