

Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust that this newsletter finds you well.

The **Parents Visiting Day** was well attended, and the students enjoyed the visit from their respective families. Also, the **Continuous Assessment** week went well, and parents will be able to glean their child's scores from the **JHC SDS system** from the **29th of October 2023** onwards.

HEALTH ALERT: As you are aware, **conjunctivitis** is currently spreading through our communities, we even had a few cases amongst our students recently. Conjunctivitis is a **viral infection** and can be **extremely contagious** through contact with secretions from infected persons. We therefore advise that parents/guardians be on the **lookout for** the following **symptoms** and seek medical attention if in doubt - pink eye, teary eye, redness, irritation, swollen lining of the eye, discharge from one or both eyes and itchiness. If your child shows any of the symptoms above now and during the mid-term break, please kindly delay them at home and seek medical intervention before allowing them to return to school.

ACADEMIC REVIEW DAY & UNIVERSITY FAIR: The Academic Review Day **ONLY** involves parents (with students) of **Years 9, 10, 11, and 12** students, and that will be on **Friday, 20th October from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm**. After this, parents and students are most welcome to stay for the **University Fair**, where information and short presentations from **15 US university representatives** will be shared. This information was sent out earlier by Mr. Clement Ikuyinminu.

Importantly, it is our **mid-term break** this week. The break for the **Years 7 and 8 students** will **start at 4:01 p.m. on Thursday**, also, the students in residences can be collected after this. The **Year 9-12 students in residences will attend the Academic Review Day** with their parents but only the **Years 9 -11 in residences will leave on Friday** for their mid-term break. The Year 12 will carry on as they are still writing their IGCSE examinations. **Students in residences** will return on **Sunday, 29th of October for resumption** of the second half of term one.

In conclusion, Zig Zigler said: **"Positive thinking will let you do everything better than negative thinking will."**; and **Colin Powell** stated that **"Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier."**

Enjoy the mini-break with your children and stay positive until we meet again.

Yours truly
Abraham. P. Swart
Principal

REMINDERS

UNIFORM PRICE INCREASE

Please be informed that due to increases in global production costs, transport, and a fickle forex exchange rate, we are compelled to increase the price of uniforms from term 2. The new prices will be advertised before the close of term 1. Parents are requested to follow the prescribed process for ordering uniforms, namely, complete the uniform order form (downloadable from the JHC website, or you may request a copy from admission@jameshopecollege.edu.ng), complete payment, then send the completed form with proof of payment to the admission email address – **not** via WhatsApp. Upon receipt, the uniform order will be filled, and students informed to collect.

STUDENT LOCKERS

Lockers are now available for the students to keep their extra stationery items, textbooks and notebooks. Parents are advised to purchase a **padlock slightly larger than a luggage lock**. The combination type locks have proved to be troublesome as time goes on, thus, a padlock with keys is highly recommended. One key must be made available to their Form tutor, in case, the student misplaced their key. Please have this ready by **Monday, 9th of October 2023**.

PARENTAL ACCESS IMPROVED

We have been improving our student data management system to allow **parents access to their child's academic performances, respective schemes of work, etc.** As of 29th of October 2023, the College will share details on how parents can access this.

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	Full School resumes
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 the term
5 th January 2024	Staff INSET day
8 th January 2024	Full College resumes, start of term 2

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