

Dear Parents and Friends,

'Mo gbẹkẹle pe gbogbo rẹ dara ati pe a ni ibukun paapaa nigba ti a ko ba lero ni awọn igba.'

And it is always good to have our students back after the short break. However, there are still a few parents who need to do more to ensure that their children are appropriately dressed, correct school shoes, have clean uniforms and appropriately monogrammed, boys' haircuts not short enough, etc. This request has now been shared for the umpteenth time and it's getting long in the tooth. Do not be surprised if the College calls you to collect your child to become compliant.

The term is jam-packed, but we love being busy! To share, the second University Fair, which we hosted on Tuesday, 31 October, was another success - the students and parents attending enjoyed the interaction with the university counsellors.

Your attention is required of the following announcements:

1. On Monday, **6 November 2023**, the **JHC All School Photographs** event will happen. Full compliance regarding appearance and dress is mandatory (as it is every day), and students must comply to have their pictures taken.
2. Our Year 12 students will round off their **IGCSE examinations** within the next two weeks and will have approved leave to return home immediately. They will return when College resumes in early January 2024.
3. On **Saturday, 11 November 2023**, the College will have an **Open Day** for prospective parents and students. Please note that this is only for prospective parents and students, and we will muster in the Atrium. The attached Open Day flyer has more details.
4. The **admission season for 2024/2025** has begun. Please see attached advertisement for dates, etc. Furthermore, more information can be gleaned from the www.jameshopecollege.edu.ng website with a link to download the requisite application form.

In conclusion, John C. Maxwell said: **"Time management is an oxymoron. Time is beyond our control, and the clock keeps ticking regardless of how we lead our lives. Priority management is the answer to maximizing the time we have."** and **Rudyard Kipling** shared that **"Gardens are not made by singing 'Oh, how beautiful,' and sitting in the shade."** – in other words, getting our hands dirty, sweating and toiling is required.

God bless until we meet again.

Yours truly
Abraham. P. Swart
Principal

REMINDERS

UNIFORM PRICE INCREASE – FINAL REMINDER

Please be informed that due to increases in global production costs, transport, and an erratic 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 will be informed to collect.

STUDENT LOCKERS – FINAL REMINDER

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 troublesome as time passes; thus, a padlock with keys is highly recommended. One key must be available to the Form tutor, in case, the student misplaced it.

PARENTAL ACCESS IMPROVED

The JHC student data management system (SDS) is now accessible to parents. If you have any challenges, please email all queries to IThelpdesk@jameshopecollege.edu.ng . We anticipated a few gremlins, which are being worked on for an error-free experience.

FUTURE EVENTS

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

For more information or clarification on any matter, please feel free to contact me at, 0708 396 4440 or, abraham.swart@jameshopecollege.edu.ng