

Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust that all is well and that your week has been a productive one thus far.

We had a good turnout for the **Parents Teachers Forum** on Saturday, with 100 parents logging on to the Zoom platform, which is fantastic. The feedback was good, and it became clear that the College and parents have some things to improve. However, it's an exciting journey, and together we will take the College to new heights!

There are only two weeks left of this term, and with so much more to be done, a 24-hour day is not enough; we need a 48-hour day.

James Hope College is a **British Schools Overseas (BSO) school**, and from Monday to Wednesday next week, we will have our inspection - this is done every three years. The BSO is the UK Government's inspection scheme for British international schools. It enables schools to compare themselves to leading independent schools in England and many other British schools worldwide. It is the only accreditation scheme endorsed by the UK Government. Only schools with valid **BSO accreditation** can **call themselves 'British Schools Overseas.'**

An **essential element of the inspection** is considering the extent to which the British character of the school is evident in its ethos, curriculum, teaching, care for students, and achievements. By achieving BSO accreditation, participating schools will be able to demonstrate that they provide a British education with similar characteristics to an education in an independent school in England. The inspection scheme also **considers local laws, customs, and traditions**, ensuring that outcomes both **reflect and celebrate the international nature of schools**. Please [click on the link](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/british-schools-overseas-standards-for-schools) below, which will provide more information about what criteria must be met.

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The college will close for the term break on **Thursday, 7 December 2023**. On the morning of the 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be an intimate **Christmas function**, and parents are invited—more details to follow soon.

In conclusion, Henry Thoreau said, **'I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual.'** A reminder that we must be grateful during the good times and when we are enduring trials and tribulations.

Be safe until we meet again.

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

## REMINDERS

### JHC PARENTS TEACHERS FORUM SUMMARY

Here is a summary of the information shared and clarifications:

1. The incident raised about the ***treatment of a student*** has been thoroughly investigated, and the staff could have handled the situation better. All concerned have been spoken to. I also encourage these matters to be raised in the ***proper forum*** where due considerations for privacy and confidentiality can be observed. If you have ***any concerns***, contact me or the respective SLT member immediately - we will ***respond within 24 hours***.
2. The ***Twin Lakes Estate entrance/exit (opposite Chevron)*** can still be used. However, the College's main gate is at Omoba Murphy Adetoro Street. Also, there will be ample parking on campus once the construction is done.
3. The concern about ***'too much' homework*** will be reviewed. However, it should also be recognised that traveling to and from school absorbs time that could have been spent productively on other essential matters.
4. The mention of a ***possible change*** in the ***end-of-term examinations is not a fait accompli***. It was an idea touted that still needs plenty of discussion.
5. The challenges with the ***Karate and Taekwondo uniforms*** is being resolved - no student should wait this long. The College will arrange these uniforms directly as leaving them with the 'coaches' has not resulted in a good process.

### JHC SCHOOL SHOES & SOCKS

Please see the ***attached document*** for the type of ***school shoes and socks JHC requires***. This was shared previously, and parents of students who fall short of expectations are requested to arrange for the proper shoes (**black**) and socks (**black, ¾ to long**) ***immediately***.

### 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](mailto:abraham.swart@jameshopecollege.edu.ng)

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The socks must BLACK and be mid high, 3/4 or below knee.

**NOT SOCKETS, ANKLETS or SPORT SOCKS**