

Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust that this newsletter finds you well. Today culminated in the last day of this term, a period filled with many activities - from examinations to inspections and celebrations to reflections.

We find ourselves in the Christmas period with **opportunities** to spoil our loved ones not only with material gifts but with the blessings of love, friendship, attention, and care. But **spare a thought** for those who are less fortunate than we are, spiritually and materially. And when the noise of this world quiets down, we can meditate on our blessings and how, as an individual, a family, and community, we can spread goodwill. After all, Margaret J. Wheatley stated, **'Without reflection, we go blindly on our way, creating more unintended consequences, and failing to achieve anything useful.'**

Importantly, students have gone home with hard copies of the **term one progress report** and **invoice for term two**. Parents can access the JHC SDS from Friday, 8th December 2023 onward for a digital copy of the progress report.

The College will **resume** for **all students** on Monday, 8th January 2024. However, students in residence will arrive from noon on Sunday, 7th of January 2024. Furthermore, **all students** are expected to **adhere to the decorum expectations** - uniform laundered, blazers dry-cleaned, boys' hair to be cut short, girls' hair neatly braided or neatly natural, and proper school shoes as per previous instructions, etc.

Enjoy the time with your treasures, and if they claim to be bored, they can read an appropriate novel.

In conclusion, I share this Irish blessing with you, **'May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields, And, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.'**

Be safe until we meet again.

Yours truly
Abraham. P. Swart
Principal

REMINDERS

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
7 January 2024	Students in residence arrive from noon onwards
8 January 2024	Full College resumes, start of term 2

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