

Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust all is well and that you had time to spend with family and friends over the festive season.

Our students in residence returned on Sunday, with the whole school resuming this Monday. Some students found it challenging to stay alert at the assembly as they were still in holiday mode and nodding off. But we will soon shake off the rust of the holidays and full steam ahead in the routines of teaching & learning and co-curricular activities. We want to thank our parents for ensuring that the students turned up ready and having the right gear.

Furthermore, I trust that you had the opportunity to read your child's report, commend where necessary, and encourage where improvement is required.

Notably, James Hope College has been *inspected and met* the **British Schools Overseas standards**. The British Government endorses this judgment, and the quality of the inspection process is assured by the Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED). You are invited to read the report by clicking on one of the following links:

<https://www.jameshopecollege.edu.ng/british-schools-overseas-bso-inspections/>, or

<https://www.pentainternational.co.uk/bso-reports/>. The Department for Education (DFE) UK will publish the report on its website later. This international recognition would not have been possible without the dedication of our staff and students, the support of our parents, and the enduring generosity and passion of our founders, Mr. Jim and Mrs. Kay Ovia.

In conclusion, let us seize each day, make the most of it, and be thankful for small mercies. As Martha Beck said, '**Each day brings new choices.**' - we have several opportunities to do beautiful things and make a positive difference.

Be safe until we meet again.

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

## REMINDERS

### JHC ANNUAL FORMAL LUNCH

This is a reminder that the ***JHC Annual Formal Lunch*** is coming up on Saturday, 13 January by 12noon-2:00pm. The event is one of our pastoral care events where students showcase their etiquette skills in a three-course meal formal event which will have a guest speaker to talk about a chosen theme and, some selected students will be making a presentation to support the theme.

**ALL** students (Day and Boarding) are expected to attend in full school formal uniform with their blazers. Day students are expected to be dropped in school by 11:30am and to be collected by 2pm on Saturday 13 January 2024.

For further clarification please feel free to contact Mr. Sunday Oloyede, at [sunday.loyede@jameshopecollege.edu.ng](mailto:sunday.loyede@jameshopecollege.edu.ng)

### FUTURE EVENTS

| Date             | Event   |
|------------------|---|
| 8 January 2024   | Full College resumes, start of term 2                           |
| 13 January 2024  | JHC Annual Formal Lunch   |
| 20 January 2024  | JHC Open Day  |
| 27 January 2024  | JHC Entrance Examination 2024/25                                |
| 3 February 2024  | JHC Entrance Examination 2024/25                                |
| 9 February 2024  | Academic Review Day for Years 7 & 8 and start of mid-term break |
| 19 February 2024 | Full College resumes  |
| 2 March 2024     | Parents Visiting Day for Students in residence                  |
| 23 March 2024    | JHC Careers Fair  |
| 27 March 2024    | Last day of term 2 & start of Easter break                      |
| 15 April 2024    | Full College resumes for the start of term 3                    |

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