

Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust that you are well.

Our **Year 9, 10, 11, and 12 students** will leave this afternoon for a well-deserved break. However, the **Year 7 and 8 students with their parents** will attend the **Academic Review Day** on **Friday, 9 February** which will start at **8:30 am until 2:00 pm**. The entire school will resume on Monday, 19 February, and as per practice, the students in residence will arrive on Sunday, 18 February.

We have **concluded our entrance/admission examinations** last weekend and after the results have been received a shortlisting for interviews will happen with admission offers, etc. We aim to conclude the whole process by end of March. Of importance is that the **JHC Yearbook for 2023** is available, and each child was issued with one, it makes for good reading and to be saved as a memoir.

In conclusion, Will Durant has stated that **"The family is the nucleus of civilisation"**, and from history civilisations disintegrate when the family structure falls apart. Tom Delay noted that **"A woman can take care of the family. It takes a man to provide structure, to provide stability."** Yes, a partnership benefits all within that circle of love and trust. Importantly, Bernice Weissbourd shared, **"Parents need all the help they can get. The strongest and the most fragile family requires a vital network of social supports."** - are we nurturing our network of supports? At JHC, we are part of that network, and we will assist and support as much as we can for the sake of the most vulnerable in the family, the children.

Be safe until we meet again.

Yours truly
Abraham. P. Swart
Principal

REMINDERS

DECORUM EXPECTATIONS

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. We all lead busy lives, but decorum is of utmost importance, and a **BIG THANK YOU** to the parents who are complying.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

We have experienced some parents using the wrong email address to request information or a service. Please **do not send** any communications to the JHC [donotreply](#) or [info](#) email addresses as the first is an unattended mailbox, and the second is for public information requests. Parents have been supplied with the direct email addresses of staff, who will always respond within 24 hours and even sooner.

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
29 January – 2 February	Continuous Assessments
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
11 – 15 March	Term Examinations
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

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