

Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust that this newsletter finds you well. If you are facing challenges or setbacks, we wish you the strength to overcome them and the wisdom to make the right choices. A worthwhile reminder is that 'setbacks are only temporary, as long as you don't give up.'

Our students have been spending time getting fit and ready for the inter-house sports competition this **Friday**. This is a low-key affair with ***only our students and staff*** in attendance for this year, but next year, it will be a grand event, and all parents will be invited. As an **update**, we will be using the new **sports field** for the limited events, and we anticipate having the entire complex available soon. In addition, the **multi-purpose hall** (MPH) has been completed, and we are in the process to fit it out promptly. Notably, the MPH will be our day students' new **drop-off and collection point**.

Please note the following:

1. This Friday, the students may come dressed in their **sportswear** from home.
2. On **Saturday, 23 March 2024, from 10h00 to 13h00**, we will host more than thirty representatives/consultants from universities (local and overseas) at the annual **JHC Careers Fair**. All Year 9, 10, 11, and 12 students with parents are invited to attend. Do not miss out on important information regarding career choices, universities, and scholarships. We will convene in the new **MPH at 10:00 a.m. sharp**.

In conclusion, author Ralph Marston wrote, **"Excellence is not a skill, it's an attitude."**, which makes me remember what Martin Luther King said, **"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as a Michaelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.'"** - do I need to say anything else?

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
<del>8 January 2024</del>	Full College resumes, start of term 2
<del>13 January 2024</del>	JHC Annual Formal Lunch
<del>20 January 2024</del>	JHC Open Day
<del>27 January 2024</del>	JHC Entrance Examination 2024/25
<del>29 January — 2 February</del>	<b>Continuous Assessments</b>
<del>3 February 2024</del>	JHC Entrance Examination 2024/25
<del>9 February 2024</del>	Academic Review Day for Years 7 & 8 and start of mid-term break
<del>19 February 2024</del>	Full College resumes
<del>2 March 2024</del>	Parents Visiting Day for Students in residence
<del>11 — 15 March</del>	<b>Term Examinations</b>
<del>23 March 2024</del>	JHC Careers Fair
<del>27 March 2024</del>	Last day of term 2 & start of Easter break
<del>15 April 2024</del>	Full College resumes for the start of term 3

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