

Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust that all is well.

A quick update on JHC matters:

1. The College started well, and our new students are getting used to the routines and rigours of college life. We have about 75 students registered as day scholars, and a soft reminder to parents to ensure that before they leave for home, they are **ready for teaching and learning with appropriate uniforms, all gear packed, and looking smart**. Furthermore, please ensure they do not bring any items classed as contraband to school.
2. I have visited all classes over the last few days. Both staff and students have been encouraged to do their best and never forget why they are here. **Students have been reminded to appreciate their parents'** sacrifices to have them at JHC.
3. We are pleased to inform you that the whole **school athletics programme** (in preparation for the athletics activities for term two) will start this **Saturday, 21 September 2024**, and every Saturday after that. The event will commence at **9:00 am and conclude by 10:30 am** at our newly built sports field. We kindly request all parents of day students to be punctual in dropping off and collecting their treasures. We anticipate having **the rest of the facilities** (basketball and tennis courts, swimming pool, etc.) handed over soon.
4. To ensure regular interaction between parents and the College, we will start our **'Coffee/Tea mornings'** in October, but more on this later.

In conclusion, Tony Dorsett, the American professional football running back, shared, **"To succeed, you need to find something to hold on to, something to motivate you, something to inspire you."** the question for us is, what motivates and inspires us?

Be safe until we meet again.

Yours truly
Abraham. P. Swart
Principal

REMINDERS

UNIFORM MATTERS

Please note that students are required to wear ***blazers on Mondays for assemblies and any other formal events*** that are announced early. On ***Fridays***, they can wear the JHC ***tracksuit top*** (not the full tracksuit, only the top), and on any ***other days in between, the jumper/jersey***.

EMAIL & CONTACT UPDATES from PARENTS

Parents and guardians are reminded to share any change in contact details, which include electronic mail, telephone numbers, and addresses. A handful of our parents/guardians are remiss in fulfilling this responsibility. Parents must be contactable should the need arise. Please be so kind as to send this to admission@jameshopecollege.edu.ng

COMMUNICATION & ESCALATION

Parents should keep the College up to date with family circumstances that may affect the schooling of their son/daughter(s). In addition, parents have the freedom to contact the College and request a meeting should they have an issue that they wish to discuss. In this scenario, parents should refer to the table below to determine which member of the team is the most appropriate person to help them with the specific issue.

- The Head of Department (academic matters), Year Leader (pastoral matters), and Activities Coordinator (co-curricular matters) will be the first point of communication for parents. Parents can informally meet after College, book an appointment, or email to share information or ask questions.
- The vice-principals will be the next point of contact after the head of the department, year leaders, and activities coordinator.
- If the above is not met, the Principal will be the next point of contact.
- Any unresolved concerns will then follow the 'Complaints procedure policy.'

Please refer to the **updated list of college contacts** (shared previously) for academic, pastoral, and IT matters.

UPDATED JHC 2024/25 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The **updated** JHC_academic calendar for 2024/25 was shared in the previous newsletter, and parents are encouraged to plan accordingly.

FUTURE EVENTS

| Date | Event |
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| 8 September 2024 | New Year 7 Boarders arrive in Student Residences |
| 9 September 2024 | New Year 7 Students Registration & Orientation |
| 9 September 2024 | All other Boarders return after 4:00 pm |
| 10 September 2024 | Full College resumes for Teaching & Learning |
| 16 September 2024 | Eid-El-Malud (public holiday and tbc by the FG) |
| 23 September 2024 | Whole School Photographs -rescheduled to term 2 |
| 1 October 2024 | Independence Day (Public Holiday) |
| 5 October 2024 | Visiting Day for Parents of Boarding students |
| 7 – 11 October 2024 | Continuous Assessments |
| 4 – 13 November 2024 | Start of Year 12 IGCSE Examinations |
| 18 October 2024 | Start of half term break with pick-up at 3:00 pm |
| 28 October 2024 | Start of 2 nd half term and Boarders arrive on 27/10/2024 |
| 16 November 2024 | 1 st JHC Open Day |
| 18 – 22 November 2024 | Term 1 Examinations |
| 23 November 2024 | Parents -Teachers Meeting |
| 9-12 December 2024 | Xmas Event TBC |
| 12 December 2024 | End of term |
| 6 January 2025 | Full College resumes and Boarders arrive on 5/1/2025 |
| 18 January 2025 | JHC Annual Formal Lunch |

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