

Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust that this newsletter finds you well and basking in positivity.

We would like to ***extend a warm welcome to the 2024-2025 academic year.*** Today, the newest members of our JHC community, our Year 7's, had their orientation, and again, we welcome both parents and students to our JHC family. We are excited to work together with parents to assist our children to reach their full potential and to support them in all aspects of their lives. It is critical to emphasise that both, parents and the college share responsibility for their success, and I would want to solicit your assistance in ensuring that:

- Children go to school and arrive on time.
- Finish all tasks and homework.
- Please let me know if there is any specific condition or anything else I should be aware of.

To note, the majority of our communication will happen through the ***JHC Parents Newsletter*** and the ***student planners/diaries*** where you can stay up to date on your child's tasks and events. Important, we are in the process of ***migrating from the SDS system to an improved student data system, SIMS.*** This means that parents will not be able to access the old SDS portal and all relevant information will be emailed until the new system is in place. We thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

In conclusion, Ralph Waldo Emerson shared, ***"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."*** – and how true, did a lack lustre effort ever achieve anything worthwhile? And Martha Beck noted that ***"every day brings new choices."*** - every morning we rise, we have a chance to be different, a chance to change and a chance to be better, let's make the most of opportunities to improve.

Be safe until we meet again.

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

## REMINDERS

### EMAIL & CONTACT UPDATES from PARENTS

Parents and guardians are reminded to share any change in contact details, which include electronic mails, telephone numbers and addresses. A handful of our parents/guardians are remissive 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](mailto:admission@jameshopecollege.edu.ng)

### COMMUNICATION & ESCALATION

Parents should keep the college up to date with family circumstances which 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 below to know which member of the team the most appropriate person is 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. A parent can: informally meet after college, book an appointment or email to share information or ask questions.
- The respective Vice-Principals will be the next point of contact after the Heads of Department, Year Leaders and Activities Coordinator.
- Failing the above then 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** (included) for academic, pastoral and IT matters.

### UPDATED JHC 2024/25 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The **UPDATED** JHC\_academic calendar for 2024/25 is included and parents are encouraged to plan accordingly.

## FUTURE EVENTS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
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	<b>Full College resumes for Teaching &amp; Learning</b>
16 September 2024	Eid-El-Malud (public holiday and tbc by the FG)
23 September 2024	Whole School Photographs
1 October 2024	Independence Day (Public Holiday)
5 October 2024	Visiting Day for Parents of Boarding students
7 – 11 October 2024	<b>Continuous Assessments</b>
4 – 13 November 2024	<b>Start of Year 12 IGCSE Examinations</b>
18 October 2024	Start of half term break with pick-up at 3:00 pm
28 October 2024	Start of 2 <sup>nd</sup> half term and Boarders arrive on 27/10/2024
16 November 2024	1 <sup>st</sup> JHC Open Day
18 – 22 November 2024	<b>Term 1 Examinations</b>
23 November 2024	Parents -Teachers Meeting
9-12 December 2024	Xmas Event TBC
12 December 2024	End of term
6 January 2025	<b>Full College resumes</b> 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](mailto:abraham.swart@jameshopecollege.edu.ng)

# 2024-2025

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February 2025							March 2025							April 2025						
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UPDATED 9 September 2024

Date	Event or Holiday
<b>TERM 1</b>	
Aug 25	New Year 12 Students Return (IGCSE Prep)
Sep 06	Staff INSET
Sep 08	Year 7 Boarders Resume
Sep 09	Year 7 Orientation Day / Returning Boarders Resume by 4pm
Sep 10	Whole School Resume for Term 1
Sep 16	Eid-El-Malud (Public Holiday to be confirmed by Govt)
Sep 23	Whole School Photograph
Oct 01	Independence Day (Public Holiday)
Oct 04	World Teacher's Day (Observance)
Oct 05	Visiting Day (for boarders)
Oct 18	Last day of School for the Mid-Term & Yr. 9,10,11 & 12 Academic Review Day
Oct 28	Students Return
Nov 16	1st JHC Open Day (for prospective parents only)
Nov 18	End of Year 12 IGCSE Examination (Tentative)
Nov 23	Parents -Teachers Meeting
Dec 12	Last day of School for theTerm (pick up time 3:00pm)
<b>TERM 2</b>	
Jan 05	Boarding Students Return for Term 2
Jan 06	Whole School Resume for Term 2
Jan 18	Formal Lunch
Jan 25	2nd JHC Open Day (for prospective parents only)
Feb 01	JHC Entrance Examinations 2025/26
Feb 08	JHC Entrance Examinations 2025/26
Feb 14	Last day of School for the Mid-Term & Yr. 7 & 8 Academic Review Day
Feb 23	Boarding Students Return
Feb 24	Whole School Resume
Mar 08	Annual Inter-House Sports Day (Provisional) & Visiting Day (for boarders)
Mar 22	JHC Careers Fair
Mar 28	Budget Submission
Mar 31	Eid al-Fitr Holiday (Public Holiday to be confirmed by Govt)
Apr 01	Eid al-Fitr Holiday (Public Holiday to be confirmed by Govt)
Apr 04	Last day of School for theTerm (pick up time 3:00pm)
Apr 18	Good Friday
Apr 21	Easter Monday
<b>TERM 3</b>	
Apr 27	Boarding Students Return for Term 3
Apr 28	Whole School Resume for Term 3
May 01	Worker's Day (Public Holiday)
May 10	Parents -Teachers Meeting (Tentative)
May 27	Children's Day (Children's Holiday)
Jun 06	Last day of School for the Mid-Term (pick up time 3:00pm)
Jun 09	Eid el-Kabir Holiday (Public Holiday to be confirmed by Govt)
Jun 10	Eid el-Kabir Holiday (Public Holiday to be confirmed by Govt)
Jun 12	Democracy Day
Jun 16	Whole School Resume
Jun 28	Provisional Year 12 Graduation Event
Jul 10	Annual Prizegiving Day / End of Term (pick up time 3:00pm)
Aug 25	New Year 12 students return
<b>Key</b>	
	School Days
	Public Holidays
	School Holidays
	End of term
	School Activities/Events