

Dear Parents and Friends,

The half-term break is upon us, and if you are the parents of a student in residence/boarding, then I am sure that you are eager to have your treasures home, to hug them, and to find out how they are doing. This is a gentle reminder that College resumes on Monday, 28 October, with residential students arriving on Sunday, 27 October.

Firstly, the SLT would like to thank our parents who attended our first-ever **Coffee Morning (CM)** last Saturday. It was well attended, and we appreciate the robust discussion and feedback; after all, you are our partners, and we all have a stake in JHC's success. We are already working on some suggestions and will provide feedback soon. The next Coffee Morning will be in the second half-term of term two.

Secondly, the half-term break will allow parents to acquire proper shoes (not black sport shoes) and socks (the proper length to be just under the knee) for the students who are **not compliant** at the moment. I thank our parents who are making sure that their children are ready for teaching and learning and appropriately dressed.

Thirdly, a reminder that the Year 7 and 8 students will not be required to attend the **Academic Review this Friday, 18 October 2024**, and it is only for the parents and students of **Years 9, 10, 11, and 12**. This means the students' last day in Years 7 and 8 will be at 4:00 pm on Thursday. In addition, the Academic Review will run from 8:00 am to 1:55 pm, and parents are reminded to be prudent; in other words, only visit teachers of subjects where students need improvement; also, ten minutes per interview per teacher is scheduled. Finally, a reminder that any parent can schedule an interview with any teacher at any time to discuss their children's progress.

In conclusion, Eleanor Roosevelt shared these encouraging words: **"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts."** At times, we are so caught up in the hustle and bustle of our routines that we forget the opportunities a new day brings—let us be wise about this.

Be safe until we meet again.

Yours truly
Abraham. P. Swart
Principal

EXCITING NEWS!

Chimdindu Ijioma Wins 2024 Commonwealth Essay Competition

Chimdindu Ijioma, our Year 12 student, won a gold medal in the 2024 edition of the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition final. The competition is open to all high school students in the 56 Commonwealth-member countries.

In her category, the participants were told, 'At the heart of the Samoan way of life is 'aiga,' meaning 'family' values including selflessness, hospitality, cooperation, respect, and dignity. What core values and ideas from your culture can be used to enhance cooperation and community in the Commonwealth?'

Her response explores the resilience and cooperation the Igbo in southeastern Nigeria exhibited to rebuild their lives following the Biafran war and the communal sense of 'Nwanne' they now share with their fellow Nigerians both at home and in the diaspora.

With 34,939 entries from all Commonwealth regions, Chimdindu emerged as one of the gold medal finalists in this year's edition. It should be pointed out that Chimdindu equally won a gold medal in the same competition in 2023.



Congratulations Chimdindu, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie in the making!

And now, we would like to **introduce our Year 7 scholarship recipients:**



From left to right: Ethan Essien, Asannia Enemmo, Oritsemisan Fregene, Ochi Koby, Bryan Eben-Spiff and Chidubem Azike.

Well done! Always remember that your decorum needs to be above reproach, and we know that you will do us proud, like everyone before you.

Furthermore, another exciting event to look forward to, and parents are welcome to attend, are **representatives from top-notch universities** visiting on ***19 November 2024, from 3 to 4.30 pm.***

University of Alberta – Alberta; Carleton University – Ottawa; Victoria University – British Columbia; University of Guelph – Ontario; Scotland Rural University College – UK, and the University of Ottawa - Ottawa

Also of interest is that elections were completed for the **James Hope College Student Council Members**, and the members are: Year 11- Denzel Granville (Council Chairman); Year 7J- Monye Amarissa (Council Vice Chairman); Year 9H- Anjola Arinoso (Council Secretary); Year 8C- Sophia Aduloju (Council Vice Secretary); Year 7H- Kayla Bazuaye (Council Member); Year 7C- Okoli Nonimechi (Council Member); Year 8J- Atuba Chizaram (Council Member); Year 8H- Lucky-Deekor Dunebari (Council Member); Year 9J- Mbagwu Chimdindu (Council Member); Year 9C-Osemeka David (Council Member); Year 10- Ekpenisi Raymond (Council Member); Year 12- Ayomikun Adekeye (Council Member); and, Year 12- Onochie Kamsiyochukwu (Council Member)

REMINDERS

IT RELATED ISSUES

If you are experiencing any ***IT related challenges*** such as emails to be updated, not receiving any mail or newsletters, misplaced or can't remember your parent login, etc. then email our IT helpdesk at IThelpdesk@jameshopecollege.edu.ng
Mr. Komaiya and his team will gladly assist and provide feedback within 24 hours.

FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Event
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
4/10 – 13/11	Start of Year 12 IGCSE Examinations
18 October 2024	Academic Review for Years 9, 10, 11 & 12
18 October 2024	Start of half term break
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

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