

Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust that this newsletter finds you in good spirits as we start the second half of this term.

Generally, it is natural to be comfortable with a routine, but when change is required, we look at all the excuses not to disrupt those routines. An American entrepreneur, Jim Rohn, said, "If you really want to do something, then you will find a way. If not, then you will find an excuse." We are also reminded that life is about change; sometimes, it's beautiful, and other times it's not so beautiful. We are astutely aware that a comfort zone is a beautiful place, but nothing grows there. So, we will push the boundaries and stretch the limits to improve continuously, and we encourage our school community to share ideas and thoughts about improvement; after all, at JHC, we embrace change.

Now, we were not idle but exceedingly busy, and I would like to update you about some matters:

- (a) **Swimming** will be part of our enrichment activities in January 2025. We do not just intend to fill the pool with swimmers but to compete at a local, state, national, and international level, but baby steps first. A trio of swimming coaches will be appointed to signal our resolve in this and other enrichment activities.
- (b) Furthermore, a **tennis coach** is to be appointed shortly.
- (c) Students and parents are excited about the first-ever **JHC international field** trip. As shared previously, please contact Mr. Clement for more details.
- (d) The **JHC Open day** for prospective parents and students is almost upon us, Saturday, 16 November 2024, and more details will follow soon.

In conclusion, once a wise man was asked **what the meaning of life is**, he replied, "**Life itself has no meaning. Life is an opportunity to create meaning.**" A rhetorical question: how are we faring with all the opportunities we have to create meaning in our lives and others?

Be safe until we meet again.

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

## **MORE EXCITING NEWS!**

### **James Hope College Excels at the FMC Essay Competition**

On Thursday, October 17, 2024, James Hope College received high praise for its outstanding performance at the FMC Essay Competition during the award ceremony organised by Multi-Plan Pathway College, Lekki.

Several schools participated in the competition, including White Sands School, Kayron International School, Faith Academy, and others. Despite the strong competition, James Hope College secured first and third place. N. Sunshine Ikeyi, the first-place winner, was awarded a MacBook Air and a partial scholarship from the University of Barbados, while Oriel Onyia, the third-place winner, received a Redmi Pad SE, and Oluwafunmilola Fapohunda received recognition for her excellent attempt.

Once again, JHC demonstrates its commitment to excellence within and beyond the school environment.



**From left to right:** Oriel Onyia, Oluwafunmilola Fapohunda, and N. Sunshine Ikeyi

*Contributed by Oriel Onyia, Year 11*

## REMINDERS

### JHC 2025/26 ADMISSION SEASON

The 2025/26 Admission season has begun in fervour at JHC. New to this season is that in addition to downloading the forms, prospective parents can complete the application online. Please visit the [www.jameshopecollege.edu.ng](http://www.jameshopecollege.edu.ng) website for the application process under the Admission tab.

### CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES VISIT

This is a gentle reminder for Years 9, 10, and 11 students and parents about the visit of representatives from top-notch universities on *November 19th, 2024, from 3:30 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

### IT RELATED ISSUES

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## FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Event
<del>8 September 2024</del>	New Year 7 Boarders arrive in Student Residences
<del>9 September 2024</del>	New Year 7 Students Registration & Orientation
<del>9 September 2024</del>	All other Boarders return after 4:00 pm
<del>10 September 2024</del>	<b>Full College resumes for Teaching &amp; Learning</b>
<del>16 September 2024</del>	Eid-El-Malud (public holiday and tbc by the FG)
<del>23 September 2024</del>	Whole School Photographs -rescheduled to term 2
<del>1 October 2024</del>	Independence Day (Public Holiday)
<del>5 October 2024</del>	Visiting Day for Parents of Boarding students
<del>7 – 11 October 2024</del>	<b>Continuous Assessments</b>
4/10 – 13/11	<b>Start of Year 12 IGCSE Examinations</b>
<del>18 October 2024</del>	<b>Academic Review for Years 9, 10, 11 &amp; 12</b>
<del>18 October 2024</del>	Start of half-term break
<del>28 October 2024</del>	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	Staff INSET Day
7 January 2025	<b>Full College resumes</b> and Boarders arrive on 6/1/2025
18 January 2025	JHC Annual Formal Lunch

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