

Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust that all is as well as it can be.

Here is an update on JHC matters:

1. I am glad to announce that our ***first Coffee Morning*** will occur on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024, from 9:20 to 10:20 am in the Atrium. This is an opportunity to share and exchange information and, more importantly, to get to know each other better. I understand that some parents cannot attend due to location or other commitments, but this is a start in the right direction.
2. Another good news is that the ***tennis and basketball courts with the swimming pool have now been completed***, and the students are already using them, except for the swimming pool, as we are in the recruitment process of appointing the Swimming coach and Lifeguard.
3. Please note that parents will be able to view their ***child's progress*** after the continuous assessment, which will start next week. The intended date is the afternoon of ***17 October 2024***. To our ***new Year 7 parents***, the usernames and passwords will be shared with you soon so you can access the SDS parent portal.
4. Important events – ***Parents Visiting Day for Students in Residence/Boarding***, Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024, starting at 12 noon until 4:00 pm. ***Academic Review Day parents and students of Years 9, 10, 11 & 12***, from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. Also, note that the ***Years 7 & 8 students'*** last day will be Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024.
5. Good fortune to our Year 12s who have started their ***IGCSE examinations*** today.

I came across some nuggets of wisdom that I would like to share, ***"Seeking advice doesn't reveal incompetence. It reflects respect for another person's insight. Requesting feedback doesn't signal insecurity. It demonstrates that you care more about your learning than your ego. Asking for help doesn't display weakness. It builds strength."***

Be safe until we meet again.

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

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM our Vice-Principal (Academic Affairs)**

Kindly take note of the following academic information.

### **1. Year 9 English Language Booster Classes (On Saturdays)**

In an effort to continue supporting your child in preparation for her/his B.E.C.E and CHECKPOINT **English Language**, we are excited to announce that the school will engage a new timetable for the 2024/25 academic school year. For the Year 9 students, this academic schedule will now feature **Saturday Classes** which will commence on the **12th October, 2024 from 11.00 am to 12.00 noon**. This allows students to explore more classes and potentially accelerate the pace of pathway preparation and completion for their external examinations. We appreciate your continued support in ensuring that your child gets the best from James Hope College.

### **2. Continuous/Formative Assessments Timetables**

The Continuous/Formative Assessments for this term will take place from Monday, 7th to Friday, 11th October, 2024. Please, find attached the timetables for the assessments – Years 7-9 and Years 10-11.

### **3. Visits of some University Representatives from the US, Canada and South Africa**

James Hope college will be hosting the representatives of the universities listed below on Friday, 11th October, 2024 from 3.30–5.00 pm. These representatives will be talking to our Years 9 to 12 students. On the other hand, our students will use the occasion to ask questions about curriculums and availability of scholarships in these universities. Parents who are available are welcome to attend this meeting. This could be used to establish relationships with these representatives and know more about their fees and scholarship opportunities.

1. Rollins College
2. Lakehead University
3. John Cabot University
4. George Mason University
5. Indiana University
6. DePauw University
7. St. George's University
8. Rutgers University (New Brunswick Campus only)
9. Syracuse University
10. Georgetown University, Qatar
11. University of Johannesburg

If you have any questions on any of the information above, please do not hesitate to contact the Vice-Principal (Academic Affairs) at [clement.ikuyinminu@jameshopecollege.edu.ng](mailto:clement.ikuyinminu@jameshopecollege.edu.ng) .

## REMINDERS

### UNIFORM MATTERS

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

### 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)
5 October 2024	Visiting Day for Parents of Boarding students
7 – 11 October 2024	<b>Continuous Assessments</b>
4/10 – 13/11	<b>Start of Year 12 IGCSE Examinations</b>
18 October 2024	<b>Academic Review for Years 9, 10, 11 &amp; 12</b>
18 October 2024	Start of half term break
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

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