

Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust that this newsletter finds you in good spirits.

'**Time flies**' is an idiom and the English translation of '**Tempus fugit**,' coined by Virgil in the first century BC. He wrote '*fugit inreparabile tempus*', which translates as '*it escapes, irretrievable time*'. That wasn't very snappy, so it has become shortened in the intervening centuries. And the statement is a sobering one in many respects. It is a fact that time lost can never be regained, and we must make the most of our seconds, minutes, hours, and days; otherwise, procrastination and tasks left unfinished will have a ripple effect with negative consequences.

We all **lead busy lives**, but we should never be too busy for important things such as family and performing our God-given duties. There are three pillars in our lives that must always be strong and maintained: family life, spiritual life, and work life. If any of these pillars are shaky, then we and our loved ones will suffer, and things will go into reverse.

As we approach the end of this term and enter the **season of goodwill**, let us remember to do good to those less fortunate than us. One of my favourite Bible verses is **Proverbs 3:27: "Do not hold back good from those to whom it is owing, when it happens to be in the power of your hand to do it."** Do I need to say more?

Parents have been invited (***via the JHC website blog***) to the Christmas event tomorrow. Please arrive a few minutes before the 9:00 am start, and the programme will conclude by 11:00 am. This is a reminder that your child(ren) will come home with an envelope containing their term one report, term two fee invoice, etc. Take time to **read your child's report card**, commend where **commendation** is deserved, and **encourage** where such is needed.

In conclusion, enjoy the break with your children, thank you for your love and support, and be safe until we meet again.

Yours truly
Abraham. P. Swart
Principal

Here are the succinct points of the **Parents-Teachers forum meeting** held on Saturday, 23 November 2024.

1. **JHC Work Experience programme:** This initiative was praised, and the process for placing students was confirmed. Due diligence will be followed.
2. **Classroom arrangement:** This is to confirm that Year 7s will be in homerooms, and other students will be migrating.
3. **Guidance & Counselling:** A question was raised about a dedicated Guidance Counsellor, and it was confirmed that we have three qualified staff currently engaged in fulfilling this role.
4. **Preparing students for SAT exams:** JHC has no special classes, but our dual curriculum is enough to prepare students for this, as evidenced by the performances of past students who consistently attempted and received superb results in the SATs.
5. **JHC Entrance Examination:** The online application system has been tweaked to provide confirmation via email instead of just a message flashing up on the screen.
6. **Academic calendar synchronisation:** JHC is guided by the Lagos State government calendar and the requirements of the British curriculum, and every attempt is made to synchronise our calendar to satisfy both authorities.
7. **Creating an account for minor medical expenses:** The current system will remain, and we can review it later if necessary.
8. **Subject selection in alignment with future studies and work:** JHC is currently doing this, with Year 9 being pivotal. These students and parents are exposed to the Careers and University Fairs to assist with decision-making regarding university studies and career selection. However, we are always looking for ways to improve, as nothing is set in stone.
9. **Call time for students in residence:** This will be expanded; however, parents are reminded that if there are exceptional circumstances, they could reach out to the houseparent to call at a suitable time. Please note that the emphasis is on exceptional circumstances.
10. **Accessing student results online:** Parents are reminded to flag any issues to the IT unit immediately. Also, JHC will be running an improved system from term two onward.

Once again, thank you for attending. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know.

REMINDERS

JHC SCHOOL FEE STRUCTURE SEPTEMBER 2025

The ***JHC – Approved Revised School Fees Structure*** was shared in the previous newsletter.

JHC ACADEMIC CALENDAR UPDATE

Please find attached the revised JHC Academic calendar for your perusal and action. The College will resume for students on 7 January 2025, with Boarders arriving in the afternoon on Monday, 6 January 2025. Furthermore, due to two consecutive public holidays in the first week of April, the College will close for term two on Friday, 28 March 2025.

JHC BLOG

Any information outside the newsletter cycle will be shared on the JHC Blog, which has its own tab on www.jameshopecollege.edu.ng

JHC 2025/26 ADMISSION SEASON

The 2025/26 Admission season has begun in fervor at JHC. New to this season is that prospective parents can complete the application online and download the form. Please visit the www.jameshopecollege.edu.ng website for the application process under the Admission tab.

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.

DECORUM NEEDS IMPROVEMENT

We have noticed that a handful of our students, boys, and girls, ***need to comply more with the JHC decorum standards***. This has to do with boys' haircuts, uniform pieces that need to be appropriately cleaned, items that are too small, etc. Parents, please ensure that if your child leaves the house, they are dressed appropriately. In next term, we will have a ***regular blitz*** on this, and any non-compliant students will be sent home.

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 Forum
9-12 December 2024	Xmas Event TBC
12 December 2024	End of term
6 January 2025	Staff INSET Day
7 January 2025	Full College resumes and Boarders arrive on 6/1/2025
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