

13 March 2026

Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust that all is well.

This coming Saturday, 14 March 2026, will be parents' visiting day for students in residence. Your attention is directed to the details in the Announcement & Reminder section.

Also, please be reminded that term two (2) examinations will start on Monday, 16 March and continue until Friday, 20 March, and all examinations will finish by 4:00 pm each day. This information has already been passed on to the students. Furthermore, if a public holiday is called during this period, we will adjust the examination days accordingly. In view of this, there will be no Saturday Sports or Enrichment activities during the examination week.

On the subject of humans being willing to live just about anywhere, I found these interesting facts: Ganvié in Benin is often called the Venice of Africa. The entire town is made up of stilted buildings that rise up directly from the waters of Lake Nokoué. The town's unique position began as a strategic escape when the persecuted Fon people settled on the sacred lake, knowing their Aja raiders would not pursue them onto its waters. The Japanese town of Miyakemura sits on a volcanic island that has seen 13 eruptions in the last 900 years. Despite the constant threat, the town boasts a population of over 2,500 people. Even when it isn't actively erupting, the volcano still releases toxic gases, and during particularly dangerous periods, the entire population is required to carry gas masks just to go about daily life.

In conclusion, Maya Angelou wrote, *"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style."*

Let's be kind to each other until we meet again.

Yours truly,
Abraham. P. Swart
Principal

British International School Inter-School Chess Tournament 2026

Date of Competition: Saturday, 7th March 2026

Venue: British International School Lagos

James Hope College participated in the 2026 Inter-School Chess Tournament organised by the British International School Lagos on Saturday, 7th March 2026. The event brought together several schools for a day of competitive chess matches, providing students with the opportunity to test their strategic thinking, decision-making, and competitive skills. The tournament served as an important exposure platform for our players, allowing them to compete against strong opponents while gaining valuable experience.

The following students represented James Hope College at the tournament: Qayyum Ajide, Oluwatomisin Sokunbi, Koby Ochi, and Ulioyo Jemerigbe.

Tournament Performance

The James Hope College chess team competed against 19 other schools and demonstrated determination and resilience throughout the tournament. Overall, the team recorded an average performance of 2 wins, 1 draw, and 3 losses. Although some matches ended in losses, many of the games were closely contested and reflected the students' growing tactical awareness and composure under competitive pressure. Participation in the tournament provided meaningful competitive exposure and highlighted areas for further development, particularly in strategy, opening preparation, and endgame play.

Individual Player Performance

Player	Games Won	Remarks
Qayyum Ajide	3 Wins	Demonstrated strong tactical awareness and consistency
Koby Ochi	3 Wins	Delivered an impressive performance with confident play
Oluwatomisin Sokunbi	2 Wins	Competed strongly against top board opponents
Ulioyo Jemerigbe	2 Wins	Showed promising development and resilience

Overall, the team displayed commendable effort, discipline, and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

PARENTS' VISITING DAY for STUDENTS in RESIDENCE

This coming Saturday, **14 March 2026** will be parents' visiting day for our students in residence. We will **start** at **11:00 am** and **conclude by 4:00 pm**. If you are unable to attend but have decided with another family to 'adopt' your child for the day, then kindly inform the JHC house parents accordingly via email. To note, students are to be collected from the residences, and the meeting place will be in the Multi-Purpose Hall.

EASTER EXTENSION CLASSES for YEAR 9 & YEAR 12 STUDENTS

As part of our preparations for the upcoming Checkpoint and WASSCE examinations, the school will be organising a two-week extension programme for students in Years 9 and 12 during the Second Term holiday. These extension classes will take place from **Monday, 13th April to Friday, 24th April 2026**. Consequently, all affected boarding students are expected to return to school on **Sunday, 12th April 2026**.

Please contact the Vice-Principal (Academic Affairs), Dr. Clement Ikuyinminu at clement.ikuyinminu@jameshopecollege.edu.ng for further clarifications. We appreciate your cooperation and support in ensuring a smooth and productive academic experience for our students.

JHC WORLD SCHOOL GAMES (WSG)

James Hope College is gearing up for the **World School Games** in Doha, Qatar, next year, in January 2027. Sixteen students - 8 boys and 8 girls - will compete in **swimming, athletics, and football**. It is a big chance for them to test their skills, enjoy the experience, and maybe even surprise themselves along the way. Information has been sent to the respective parents, and your response would be appreciated if not already submitted.

FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Event
5 January 2026	Staff INSET Day & Boarders return after 4:00 pm
6 January 2026	Whole school resumes with an Assembly
17 January 2026	Second JHC OPEN DAY (only prospective parents)
22 January 2026	Full School Photographs
24 January 2026	Formal School Lunch with Special Guest
31 January 2026	JHC Entrance Examinations 2026/27 admission
7 February 2026	JHC Entrance Examinations 2026/27 admission
13 February 2026	Years 7 & 8 Academic Review and Last day of Mid-term
22 February 2026	Boarders return to JHC from 2:00 pm onwards
23 February 2026	Whole school resumes
14 March 2026	Parents Visiting Day for Boarders
16 - 20 March	Term two examinations
28 March 2026	Educational Fair
1 April 2026	Last day of school for term two (pick-up at 3:00 pm)
26 April 2026	Boarders return to JHC from 2:00 pm onwards
27 April 2026	Whole school resumes

For more information or clarification on any matter, please feel free to contact me at 0708 396 4440 or abraham.swart@jameshopecollege.edu.ng