

13 May 2026

Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust that all is as well as it can be because at times life can be like a rollercoaster.

The JHC mini-Swimming Gala, last Saturday was a good first start to future galas. We thank the parents who attended and the students for their vigorous participation. A full report will be available with the next newsletter. In addition, the Parents Visiting day went off well too - parents are thanked for adhering to the college expectations, it is appreciated.

Examinations have started – WAEC, a few days ago which will conclude on the 18 June 2026; and Tuesday past, the Cambridge Checkpoint exams started for our Year 9's, with the final two tests in next week. A firm reminder (as per 'Future Events') that continuous assessments will commence from next week Monday till Friday. Consequently, there will be no Saturday Sports this Saturday, and no co-curricular/enrichment activities next week. Students can be uplifted at 3:20 pm every day.

And for a slight detour, here are some interesting facts inspired by the strange ways that we humans like to flash our cash:

- **Gold-plated staples** - once upon a time, Dutch design house OOOMS was making and selling 14K gold-plated staples which - you guessed it - could not actually be used to staple anything. They came in sets of 24 at a cost of €59 (or ₦100,000.00), which is about ₦98,500 more than you would pay for a pack of 5,000 regular (and usable) staples at a stationery shop.
- **A truly expensive shirt** - in 2012, Indian businessman and millionaire Datta Phuge had a USD\$240,000 (₦330 million) shirt made for himself. The shirt was made of 22K gold and decorated with seven Swarovski crystal buttons and came with an accompanying flashy gold belt in a matching design. Mr. Phuge didn't get to enjoy his fancy shirt for too long though, as he was assassinated in 2016, allegedly over a financial dispute.

In conclusion, Aristotle said, **"At his best, man is the noblest of all animals; separated from law and justice he is the worst."**; and Wayne Teasdale expressed that **"Kindness is the highest form of intelligence"** - highlighting empathy as a superior form of understanding.

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

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