

3 June 2026

Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust that all is well and that you are enjoying the cooler weather in Lagos.

Our students have returned and we are always happy to have them back. The Year 12's are about to conclude the WAEC examinations, and they look forward to a well-deserved holiday but also the Graduation on 27 June 2026. On the 19 June, the British Council Recognition and Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards (BROCLA) ceremony, under the auspices of the British Council, will celebrate the high achievers of the IGCSE examinations held in 2025. Due to an embargo, we cannot share the names of these students until after the event. However, I am at liberty to share that one student has achieved, 'First Place in Nigeria,' and the same student will be receiving eight different awards. In addition, another four students will be recognised for a variety of subject awards. In summary, JHC will be receiving 13 different awards!

At times we hear negatives things about our country Nigeria and like all countries we have improvements to make. However, let us not forget the **uniqueness** of Nigeria, often called the **"Giant of Africa"**, is the continent's most populous nation, housing an incredible diversity of over 250 ethnic groups and more than five hundred spoken languages. Positives abound such as being home to both the world's second-largest film industry (**Nollywood**) and a globally renowned music scene. **Afrobeat**, originating from here, is one of the fastest-growing music genres globally. And what about the town of Igbo-Ora in Oyo State which is world-famous for its unusually high rate of twin births, earning it the nickname the **"Twin Capital of the World."** **Sungbo's Eredo** - located in Ogun State, this 160-kilometer system of walls and moats is believed to be the largest single pre-colonial monument in Africa. Its construction required the movement of more earth than the Great Pyramid of Giza. We have a magnitude of things to be proud of, so let the 'prophets of doom' not deprive us of our legacy and heritage.

In conclusion, a wise person noted, **"Whoever tries to bring us down is already below us."**

Let us be kind to each other until we meet again.

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

## PARENT-TEACHERS Virtual FORUM

This will be held on Saturday, 6 June 2026, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Please name your device as this will assist with identification. The log-in details will be forwarded to your registered email by Friday at the latest.

## TERM THREE EXAMINATIONS

This is coming up in less than 2 weeks' time, 15-19 June 2026. After this the ***Progressive tests (this tests ability & content knowledge) in English, Mathematics and Science*** will commence for all Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students.

## FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Event
<del>26 April 2026</del>	<del>Boarders return to JHC from 2:00 pm onwards</del>
<del>27 April 2026</del>	<del>Whole school resumes</del>
27 April – 18 June 2026	WAEC examinations
<del>01 May 2026</del>	<del>Workers Day (Public holiday)</del>
<del>09 May 2026</del>	<del>Visiting Day for Parents of Boarders</del>
<del>12 – 21 May 2026</del>	<del>Cambridge Checkpoint Examinations for Year 9's</del>
<del>18 – 22 May 2026</del>	<del>Continuous Assessment week for Years 7, 8, 10 &amp; 11</del>
<del>22 May 2026</del>	<del>Last day of half term and pick-up at 3:30 pm</del>
<del>25 May – 29 May 2026</del>	<del>Mid-term break</del>
<del>31 May 2026</del>	<del>Boarders return to JHC from 2:00 pm onwards</del>
<del>01 June 2026</del>	<del>Whole school resumes</del>
06 June 2026	Virtual Parents-Teachers Meeting
12 June 2026	Democracy Day (Public Holiday)
15 – 19 June 2026	Examination week
27 June 2026	Year 12 Graduation
09 July 2026	Annual Prizegiving & End of term (students can be collected after the event)
23 August 2026	Year 12's return for IGCSE preparation
04 September 2026	Staff INSET Day
06 September 2026	New Year 7 Boarders resume from 2:00 pm onwards
07 September 2026	Year 7 Orientation
07 September 2026	Boarders return from 4:00 pm onwards
08 September 2026	Whole school resumes

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