JAMES HOPE COLLEGE

PRINCIPAL's NEWSLETTER

11 November 2026

Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope you are well; lately, we have been experiencing four seasons in one day in Lagos.

We thank the parents who attended the ***Coffee morning,*** with over one hundred parents in attendance. The interactions and Q&As were relevant and robust. Also, the pertinent questions which only the Board can answer have been duly communicated, as promised.

This is a reminder that the ***Parent-Teachers Forum (PTF)*** will be held on ***Saturday, 21 November 2026,*** with a prompt start at ***10:00 am***. As usual, please share any questions you may have before the meeting so we can address them during the session. With the last PTF, some parents were unable to join. We reached out to Google, which confirmed that the platform can support a maximum of 500 connections. So we hope for a better experience.

From **Monday, 16 – 20 November,** JHC will be engaged in **term one examinations**. Students must be on campus by **7:45 am** and can be uplifted at **4:10 pm**. Furthermore, there will be no Saturday Sports this weekend in preparation for the examinations, as per JHC examination policy.

Our Year 12 students will conclude their **IGCSE examinations** tomorrow, then enjoy a worthwhile break until resumption on 4 January 2027. If they complain that they are bored, remind them that they can review the '12-in-One SSCE Past Questions & Answers' booklet. This was a gift given to each of them to assist with the WAEC examination preparations.

What are the greatest gifts we can give our children? Hodding Carter answered, ***"Two of the greatest gifts we can give our children are roots and wings."*** Roots mean giving children a strong sense of identity, values, family history, and unconditional security so they know where they come from. Wings mean giving them the independence, confidence, and life skills to fly out on their own and chase their own dreams. But there is also a balance: true parenting is not holding on too tight out of fear, nor letting go too early; it is grounding them firmly, so they are brave enough to explore the world.

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

Yours truly,
Abraham. P. Swart
Principal

NEWSPAPER ANALYSIS & REVIEW

It's a JHC tradition for students to participate in newspaper analysis and reviews and share the benefits of their preparation with the college audience. Newspaper analysis is essential for students because it builds critical thinking and sharpens communication skills. Rather than passively absorbing headlines, actively analysing news reports and editorials trains students to evaluate evidence, spot bias, and form independent viewpoints.

This programme supports academic and language growth as regular exposure to well-edited journalism introduces students to rich vocabulary and varied sentence structures. This directly improves reading speed and comprehension across all school subjects. Also, observing how journalists organise headlines, lead paragraphs, and persuasive essays gives students practical models for their own academic writing. News stories also provide current examples that bring textbook lessons in history, economics, science, and geography to life. It also supports civic awareness and career readiness. Following local and global affairs helps students understand government policies, social issues, and economic trends. This awareness fosters empathy and encourages responsible participation in their communities. In addition, staying updated on current events provides a strong foundation for competitive exams, group discussions, and university placement interviews.

Our JHC Newspaper Reviewers in action at Monday's Assembly



Left to Right: Joshua Okwor (Y8), Mirabel Chukwuka (Y7), Zurishaddai Ukaonu (Y7), Salma Daudu (Y10), Al-Ammen Ajide (Y10), Oluwademilade Lawal (Y8), Ifeoluwa Oyedele (Y10) and Jayson Akpomedaye (Y10).



Ifeoluwa sharing her thoughts.



Jayson vocalising his insights.



A pensive Zurishaddai listening.

SCHOOL EXCURSION REPORT

Educational Career Pathway Excursion to Chevron Nigeria Ltd.

On 9 November 2026, the Year 10 cohort participated in an educational excursion to **Chevron Nigeria Ltd.** as part of the school's Work Experience and career pathway Programme. The visit aimed to expose students to the operations of a leading energy company and provide insight into the wide range of career opportunities available within a large corporate organisation. The excursion also enabled students to interact with professionals from various departments and learn about the skills and qualifications required for success in different fields.

Summary of Activities

The excursion commenced with our arrival at Chevron Nigeria Ltd. at approximately 9:23 a.m. We were received at the Integration Operations Centre, where company representatives delivered an introductory presentation on Chevron's operations in the oil and gas industry.

During the presentation, students learned about the processes involved in exploring, drilling, producing, and refining hydrocarbons. The presenters also explained the industry's three key sectors: upstream, midstream, and downstream operations. We were also introduced to major production facilities and equipment, including reservoirs, wells, wellheads, flowlines, platforms, and separators used to extract and process crude oil and natural gas.

After the introductory session, students participated in a question-and-answer segment and received company souvenirs.

The second phase of the excursion involved presentations from professionals representing different departments within the organisation:

- **Human Resources and Occupational Health:** Students learned about employee management, workplace wellbeing, and career opportunities within Human Resources and Occupational Health.
- **Engineering, Operations and Safety:** This session highlighted the engineering processes involved in energy production and emphasised the importance of maintaining high safety standards in industrial operations.
- **Finance:** Students were introduced to careers in accounting, auditing, and financial analysis. The presentation also stressed the importance of ethics, professionalism, and relevant professional qualifications.
- **Information Technology and Digital:** The final presentation focused on technology-driven careers, the skills needed to succeed in the digital sector, and the importance of early preparation through appropriate subject choices.

Educational Value and Lessons Learnt

The excursion gave students a broader understanding of the oil and gas industry and showed how different departments work together to achieve organisational goals. Students gained valuable knowledge about career paths in engineering, finance, information technology, human resources, and occupational health.

The visit also highlighted the importance of workplace skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, adaptability, professionalism, and ethical conduct. Students also learned that career development requires both academic excellence and practical skills relevant to their chosen fields.

Conclusion

The excursion to Chevron Nigeria Ltd. Was highly educational and rewarding. It gave students practical exposure to the operations of a multinational energy company and deepened their understanding of the diverse career opportunities available in the modern workplace. The experience was both informative and inspiring, encouraging students to make informed decisions regarding their future educational pursuits and career aspirations. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, and students departed the premises at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Report submitted by Mr. Olumide Sogunro

REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JAMES HOPE COLLEGE REVISED SCHOOL FEES STRUCTURE 2027/2028 ACADEMIC SESSION		
Description	**Current Fees**	**2027/2028 Fees**
Tuition (including Snack & Lunch)	~~₦~~ 8, 508, 000.00	~~₦~~ 11, 060, 400.00
Boarding Fees	~~₦~~ 4, 000, 000.00	~~₦~~ 5, 200, 000.00
School Photograph (optional)	~~₦~~ 30, 000.00	~~₦~~ 40, 000.00
Yearbook (optional)	~~₦~~ 40, 000.00	~~₦~~ 50, 000.00
Development Levy (New Year 7 only)	~~₦~~ 2, 000, 000.00	~~₦~~ 2, 600, 000.00
Caution Fee (New Year 7 only)	~~₦~~ 500, 000.00	~~₦~~ 650, 000.00

1. **Parents - Teachers Forum (Virtual)** on 21 November 2026, starting at 10:00 am. The link will be shared well before the event. Please send your questions before the event via the principal's email address below.
2. ***Documents shared***: 2026/27 Academic calendar, JHC Organisational chart, Contact details of the Pastoral and Academic leaders, Complaints and Communication policies, and JHC School Fee increase for 2027/28.

FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Event
~~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~~
~~21 September 2026~~	~~Whole School Photographs~~
~~30 September 2026~~	~~IGCSE examinations start~~
~~01 October 2026~~	~~Independence Day (Public Holiday)~~
~~03 October 2026~~	~~Visiting Day for Parents of Students in residence~~
~~5-9 October 2026~~	~~Continuous Assessment week~~
~~16 October 2026~~	~~Last Day of College for mid-term break and Years 8 & 10 Academic Review Day~~
~~16 – 18 October 2026~~	~~Pan-African School Games at JHC~~
~~25 October 2026~~	~~Boarding students return after 2:00 pm~~
~~26 October 2026~~	~~All students resume~~
~~31 October 2026~~	~~Coffee morning with Year 7 Parents~~
12 November 2026	IGCSE examinations conclude
14 November 2026	1st JHC Open Day
16-20 November 2026	First Term Examinations
21 November 2026	Parents-Teachers Meeting
03 December 2026	Last Day of school for term 1 and Xmas event
04 January 2027	Staff INSET Day & Boarders return after 4:00 pm
05 January 2027	Whole school resumes

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