



## **END OF EASTER TERM**

**MARCH 2018**

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We thank God for bringing us safely to the end of this term.

### **SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES – EASTER 2<sup>ND</sup> HALF TERM**

#### ***ACADEMICS***

The Easter Term examination for JS 1, JS 2, SS 1, SS 2 and MOCK examination for JS 3 and SS 3 classes have been conducted and concluded. We implore parents / guardians to find time to review the outcomes with their children/ward with a view to encouraging them more to achieve better.

**SUMMER TERM:** Summer Term (Term 3) is a very crucial one in the life of all students. This is when decisions are made to determine promotions to the next class. On our part, we have put all measures in place to ensure smooth transition. We hereby solicit the support of parents to counsel their children to work hard at their studies while laying emphasis on the college's promotion guidelines.

**PROMOTION CRITERIA:** At this juncture, it is necessary to reiterate the promotion criteria

**Junior School:** Each student must score a minimum of 60% in each of the subjects offered most especially the core subjects (English Studies, Mathematics, Basic Science & Technology, Religion & National Values, Pre Vocational Subjects, Cultural & Creative Arts, French Language and Business Studies).

**Senior School:** Each student must obtain a minimum of six credits (60% and above) to include the core subjects (Mathematics, English Language and the student's discipline – Science, Arts, Commercial) to gain promotion to the next class.

**JS 3 – SS 1:** At least 8 credit passes in NECO-BECE which will include Mathematics and English Language

**CHECKPOINT EXAMINATION:** This examination shall take place as follows”

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 – English Language

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 – Mathematics

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Science

**BASIC EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (BECE) – NECO:** We are yet to receive the time table for this examination. We shall inform you as soon as we have it.

**JS 3 & SS 3 EXTENSION CLASSES:** This will hold from March 26-29 and April 3-6, 2018 (excluding Good Friday and Easter Monday) from 9.00am – 2.00pm. Time table has been given out.

However, SS 3 students will start their final examination (WASSCE) during this extension classes.

**SS 2 PRE-MOCK EXAMINATION:** The SS 2 students will be writing their first MOCK examination next term. First Phase: 4<sup>th</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. Second phase will be from 18<sup>th</sup> June – 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. Time table for the first phase has been given out to the students.

**JS 3 POST EXAMINATION PROGRAMME:** The JS 3 students are planning to go on an excursion to Ghana for their post examination programme before they start their Taster lessons from 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. We shall keep you posted on the trip to Ghana.

**JS 3 TASTER LESSONS:** On arrival from Ghana, the JS 3 students will begin their Taster lessons from 30<sup>th</sup> May. Thereafter, they will take examinations on the lessons taught and results will be part of what we would use for their placement into the Senior Secondary classes. They end the session on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2018. Attendance at these programmes is mandatory.

### **ENTRANCE EXAMINATION INTO JS 1**

The last formal edition will hold on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

However, walk in examinations can be arranged for candidates on special requests.

## EVENTS

**BRESCAG :** The Brescag competition held on Friday and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2018 at Babington Macaulay Junior Seminary, Ikorodu. Competitions held in Scrabble, Chess, Athletics and Science & Arts Exhibition. At the end of the two day events, Downen College came 2<sup>nd</sup> with 1 Gold, 14 Silvers and 6 Bronze medals. We also got a giant runner up trophy.

**KING'S COLLEGE LONDON VISITS DOWEN:** We had the honour of receiving **Mr. Joseph Fort**, The College organist and Director of the Chapel Choir and Lecturer in Music, **Professor Funmi Olonisakin**, Vice – President and Vice – Principal International, Professor of Security, Leadership and Development, **Mr. Damola Aboaba** and **Mr. Barney Walsh** all from King's College London. They had a workshop with the school Choir and Orchestra. It was a wonderful experience. The team is also exploring collaborating with us on the development of leadership skills of our students.

**WORLD BOOK DAY:** World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and most importantly, it is a celebration of reading designed by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading.

The main aim of World Book Day is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own.

In our own Downen Community, we are blessed with some budding writers like Akinyemi James, the editor of **Downen Vision** , Kevin Ibeh, the editor of **Songs from the Delta** ( a poem collection published in 2008) and **Amanda and Other Stories** (a short story collection published in 2008). We also have Ibukun Ikumapayi, the author of **Lost Soul**, Nnenna Ugochukwu, the author of **Tint** , and Toluwani David-Ashiru, the author of **Dusk** and **Hero's Oath**.

In line with the spirit of World Book Day, we had some of our student-authors read for us some interesting excerpts from their books and they ignited our spirits to read and write.

- IBUKUN IKUMAPAYI-**LOST SOUL**.
- NNENNA UGOCHUKWU- **TINT**
- TOLUWANI DAVID –ASHIRU-**DUSK**

We encourage each and every one of us to embrace the culture of reading and writing.

**2018 SPE CATCH THEM YOUNG:** Our Student, Ikomi Oritsemoyowa came 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 2018 Society for Petroleum Engineers Catch Them Young Quiz Competition held at Downen College on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018. She will receive her award at the Society's Annual General Meeting in August. Congratulations Oritsemoyowa !

### **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ANNIVERSARY**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, the Rotary club of Lagos celebrated the World Understanding Day. The Interact Club of Downen College was invited where the chief speaker, a representative from the Consular General of the state of Germany presented a speech on Conflict Resolution.

Various speakers presented spoke on Conflict Management, Emotional Intelligence, Bullying in Colleges and on World Peace and our student read the 4 – way test.

### **A VISIT TO ITAMARUN**

21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018. The Interact Club visited a suburb called Itamarun village of Epe Express way by Lagos state Free Zone. The students, supported by the Rotary Club, donated items which include : Toiletries, toys, noodles, clothing materials and raw food.

The school management, the Rotary representatives and 16 students were present. They were given a warm welcome, placards, cultural dance, renditions, poems and prayers. We also visited the beach. We say a big thank you to the parents that supported us. We count on your support for our future projects in INTERACT CLUB.

**ABUJA AND DUBAI TRIP:** The Abuja trip was between 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018. Students visited the National Assembly, The Supreme Court, Nigeria Promotion Investment Council, Obasanjo Space Centre, and the People's Democratic Party Secretariat, Abuja. They also had fun visiting the local market and the Silverbird Galleria.

Students for the Dubai trip took off on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2018. We wish them a fun filled excursion.

**SEA SCHOOL (LEADERSHIP TRAINING):** Our SS 2 Students are presently on Leadership Training at the Sea School, Apapa. We wish them well.

## **ACTIVITY WEEK**

During our activity week, we had some resource persons coming to talk to the students.

First was a drama presentation by RUE studios. Though short, it was able to pass a strong message on the effects of alcohol on teenagers. Then Mr. Ken Etete, CEO Century Group had an interactive session with the students on the career opportunities in the Oil & Gas sector. Miss Feyi Oni had a motivational talk with the students. Mrs. Oluseyi Ifaturoti from Steps to Greatness Foundation lectured the students on “Etiquette”. She commended our students on good manners as every student that passed by her greeted her. The Solid Foundation Group wrapped it all up by encouraging them to develop their self confidence in a talk titled “Who Are You?”

**TEACHERS’ APPRECIATION DAY:** The students took time out to appreciate members of staff on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. It was fun as there were lots of gift presentations, foods & drinks and party.

**BUS SERVICE – EXAM CLASSES:** Parents with students in exam classes should please note that the afternoon bus service take off time will be extended till 4.00pm only when examination starts. Students who have afternoon papers that extends beyond this time will have to make alternative arrangements on affected days.

### **SCHOOL FEES PAYMENT**

We continue to request that all parents adhere to our school policy on fee payment. The fees for TERM 3 are due on the **first day of term**. Late payment of fees impairs the schools ability to honour its financial commitments and ensure that your child/children receive quality education.

Students with outstanding balances from any term will not be allowed to resume school until they have cleared previous bills in addition to those of the current term.

**Please Note:** All JSS3/ Year 9 students must settle their bills on or before resumption. No extensions will be granted after the 13<sup>th</sup> of April.

### **GRAFFITI MATTERS**

There is a growing trend by some students to deface the walls of the classrooms, toilets and general areas of school with their signatures, drawings and lewd

language. This gross misbehavior is completely unacceptable and we warn that any student caught will be heavily sanctioned and such actions put in their permanent records. We appeal to all parents to counsel their children/wards against all willful destruction of school property.

### **HOME SUPPORT IN STUDENT GROOMING**

The school will continue demand high standards in the dress code of our students. The standard of dressing by many students is on a downward slide and parents are asked to please pay attention to the grooming of their children before they leave home. Many girls come with VERY untidy hair even at the start of the week, while trousers are getting tighter and beards and moustaches over grown. Some boys are also cutting patterns in their hair!

We have had to send some children home this term after repeated warnings and calls to their parents. Our children should reflect who we are and the pride we have in them. Please help us ensure better standards next term as those who flout our rules will be sent home and/or heavily sanctioned.

**ROAD DIVERSION / STUDENTS DROP OFF:** We have been duly informed that Durosimi Etti Road may be closed anytime. Therefore, all pickups and drop offs will henceforth be at the Abike Suleiman Street (Hope Building entrance).

For easy flow of traffic, we request that entry for all vehicles be through Adebayo Doherty Road and out through Theophilus Orji Street.

We appeal; to everyone to please cooperate with the traffic control personnel.

### **CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR SUMMER TERM**

Please find attached the calendar of activities for Summer Term

**HAPPY EASTER HOLIDAY**