



6th July, 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians,

END OF SUMMER TERM/SESSION 2017 / 2018

We have successfully completed 2017 / 2018 session. We thank you for partnering with us in the noble duty of educating the total person of our children. We specially appreciate parents for finding time to attend special activities and year parents' meeting.

We are looking forward to brilliant performances in all our external examinations.

Academic activities for other classes were also as scheduled culminating in Pre-Mock exam for SS 2 and promotion exams for the whole school. The result packages are available and are to be collected from the Home Room Tutors at Open Day today.

JS 3 SUBJECT SELECTION FORMS: JS 3 students who are yet to submit their subject selection forms should kindly do so on or before Wednesday 11th July, 2018. This is to enable us complete all placements before the new session. However, any parent who wishes to discuss further with the school counselor can do so between Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th July, 2018. Forms are still available in the school for those who have misplaced theirs or wish to change their subjects.

HOLIDAY ASSIGNMENTS: CDs of holiday assignments are included in the result packages for students.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2ND HALF OF TERM'S ACTIVITIES

- 1. KING'S COLLEGE LONDON LEADERSHIP TRAINING SESSIONS:** The first session was held on Wednesday 6th June, 2018 with some invited Heads of School followed by the Leadership Training Session on Thursday 7th June, 2018 which is a pilot, the first to be delivered in Nigeria for carefully chosen students.

The learning objectives included introducing and connecting students with emotional intelligence and self awareness, transforming students' perspective on and understanding of leadership and enhancing student global problem solving perspective

The sessions were centered around brainstorming and group activity, global problem solving, personal mastery, current views on leadership in introduction to King's College London & their African Leadership Centre.

The training team was made up of two professors led by the Vice-President of the College and Professor of Security, Leadership and Development. Also on team were four experts and Ph.D scholars from the university. The aspects covered included an Introduction to Leadership, Preparing for Global Leadership and Reflecting on Global Problem Solving. The students had a wonderful time and left the programme having the right perspective of Leadership with an aspiration to becoming one right now and developing their skills in the near future. Certificates were given at the end of the training.

- 2. STUDENTS' TRIP TO KENYA:** During the King's College London Leadership Training session with the students, two of our students, Thembelihle (Lilly) Allie (SS 2) and Nnenna Ugochukwu (SS 1) won the **'Best Team Player' and 'Most Influential Person'** awards respectively. This held on 7th June 2018. They were invited amongst the 40 participants at the workshop to the African Leadership Centre's Biennial Conference in Nairobi, Kenya. This took place on 25th and 26th June, 2018. Other participants were the school Alumni, Scholars, Peace and Security Fellows as well as Mentors. It was an all expenses paid trip with the ALC. They were also given \$100 as spending money. We are so proud of them.
- 3. CAREER COUNSELLING:** After their trip to Ghana and a short break, the JS 3 students resumed their Taster Classes. They also had series of career counseling and workshops. We would like to thank our parents who were part of the resource persons.
- 4. SS 3:** Valedictory Service and Graduation Ceremony for outgoing students was held on Friday 8th June followed by a graduation dinner. Our Distinguished Guest of Honour and Guest Speaker was Professor Mrs. Folasade Tolulope Ogunsola, Deputy Vice – Chancellor (Development Service), University of Lagos. Our Valedictorian was Emake Omo - Lamai. Special awards were given to deserving students who distinguished themselves.

CO-CURRICULAR

- **BADAGRY TRIP:** The trip was organized for JS 1 students on Saturday 30th June and they had a good time visiting Badagry.
- **Points system:** As earlier explained, the Downen College House Point System rewards members of each houses for good dispositions and sanctions them for actions which are considered to fall short of the norms. This term, apart from the points accumulated by each house during classroom teaching and learning, points were also obtained from participating in inter-house debates, impromptu speeches, quizzes, football, etc. Points here were awarded as follows: 1st – 40 points, 2nd – 30 points, 3rd – 20 points and 4th – 10 points.
On the whole, at the end of this (Summer) term, the standing of the Houses were:
Emerald House – 650 points – 1st
Ruby House – 550 points – 2nd
Sapphire House – 460 points – 3rd
Topaz House – 420 points – 4th
- **TOGO TRIP:** Some of our students also went to Togo on a French Immersion Programme. They left on Sunday July 1st and are expected back today July 6th.
- **ACTIVITY WEEK:** The students were involved in a series of activities starting with a community service of cleaning the school compound on Friday 29th June. They listened to a talk by Mentally Aware Nigeria Initiative. Health Talk / Aerobics by Maje Ayida and a presentation by Rue 14 Studio were on Tuesday 3rd July. They had Motivational Talks by Solid Foundation, VJ Adams of Sound City and Prime Innovation Institute of Technology on Wednesday 4th and Mufti Day / Class party on Thursday 5th July. They also participated in series of Games.

SCHOOL FEES

We wish to remind all parents of our policy on fees. School fees are payable on or before the first day of the term. Please note also that no boarder will be allowed into the hostel without evidence of FULL payment.

- **EXAM CLASSES:** Parents should please note that payment for Exam Classes (JS 3 & SS 3) are in 2 tranches (September and January).
Registration for external exams will only be upon receipt of full payment of fees.
- **Boaters** are a part of our school uniform. All female students are expected to resume with new boaters next session. Please note that this has been included in the bill.

- Please note that as a result of poor grooming of boarders, we are requesting that all parents ensure that those in the hostel come with money for grooming and hair styling in addition to their regular pocket money.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

We would like to bring to your attention that infraction on our dress code or shoes is not allowed in the school.

We have included a description of how to wear our uniform to this newsletter. We kindly ask parents to support the students to comply with these rules. Please take note of the underlisted reminders.

- Plain formal laced black leather shoes (not trainers)
- Boys must be clean shaven
- Boys haircuts must be even with level one clipper cuts (No Mohawks)
- There should be no facial make up
- White shirt should be worn with **top button fastened** complete with the school tie
- Only plain white vests or t-shirts with no writing and patterns under shirts
- Short or long sleeved approved school shirts may be worn.
- Nails should be short for health and safety reasons
- Boys should wear trousers round their waists not 'sagging'.
- Black or navy blue socks only. No sheer tights or ankle socks.
- Boys' belts should be plain black
- Girls' hairstyles should be tidy with no hair extensions or braids
- Girls can wear one pair of small stud earrings on their ear lobes
- Girls should not wear underwear of a colour visible through their shirts
- No bracelets, rings or charity bands
- No nail varnish – clear or pink nail varnish is acceptable
- Skirts should sit below the knee.

INFORMATION:

1. **Job Experience/Career Placement:** The school is incorporating a two week Unpaid Work Experience (UWE) into our curriculum. The aim is to expose our students to the professions they intend to pursue in future. Introductory Letters have been given to SS 1 & 2 students and are available in the School Office.
2. **Breach Repairers** will be running her annual youth camp from Monday 30th July – Saturday 4th August and it promises to be very enriching, impactful and mind moulding time out for young people. For further details, please call 08033350995, 09068833533.

3. A 1-Day internship programme organised by Sujimoto for SS 1 – 3 students interested in pursuing programmes in Real Estate Industry / Construction (Architecture, Civil Engineering, Quantity Surveying) is coming up on 27th July, 2018 at their GuilianoBySujimoto Construction site in Banana Island. Prizes will also be won. Interested parents should contact The Counsellor, Ms. Yinka - Babalola - 08065509282 for more details.
4. The Royal School of Church Music is organizing a one week course from August 20 – 25 2018 at Downen College for children from age 4. For further details, please contact Mr. Olawuwo on 08023030357.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please find attached the calendar for next session. Also note the following important dates:

- Book Store / Uniform Store Opens – Monday August 13, 2018 (9am – 2pm)
- Orientation for new Students – Friday August 31st, 2018
- Boarders Resume – Sunday September 2nd, 2018
- Whole School Resumes – Monday – Monday September 3rd, 2018
- Excursion to Tinapa – Obudu Cattle Ranch will be coming up.
- School Offices (Admissions, Bursary, Secretariat) are opened throughout the holiday (9am – 2pm)

Holidays are usually a refreshing time of relaxation and fun for students. We also encourage students to take time out – to listen to the news, read novels, newspapers, explore educative sites under parental guidance, learn how to code, acquire a new skill, etc.

SAT Holiday classes for SS 2 students will take place for two weeks between the 17th and 27th July, 2018. Please contact the VP for further details.

We look forward to an exciting new session after a restful holiday.

SIGNED

MRS. ADEBISI LAYIWOLA

PRINCIPAL & HEAD OF SCHOOL