



DOWEN COLLEGE LAGOS

13th December, 2019

Dear Parents / Guardians,

END OF CHRISTMAS TERM 2019 NEWSLETTER

All glory, honour and adoration to God who has seen us through to the end of the year 2019 and end of Christmas Term 2019/20 session.

ACADEMICS

The school resumed as scheduled for the second half of the term on Monday 4th November, 2019. Lessons started immediately.

Our examination classes (JS3 and SS 3 students) have fully completed their schemes and done the first Mock examination all in readiness for the forth coming public examinations. The place of home – school collaboration in getting the students ready for these examinations (Checkpoint and BECE for Junior School, WASSCE and IGCSE for Senior School) cannot be over – emphasized.

We advise that all their subject notebooks for JS 1 / JS 2 and SS 1 / SS 2 respectively should be put together ready for inspection on resumption.

Please be informed that the final mock examination for SS 3 students will come up on 29th January – 18th February. **Extension Classes for all JS 3 and SS 3 students will hold from Monday 16th – Friday 20th December, 2019 for further preparations.** Those who wish to stay in the boarding house for this period are to pay N25, 000. This can be paid into UBA Acct No 1005549754, Downen College.

External Examination schedules are as follows:

JUNIOR SCHOOL – CHECKPOINT (APRIL 2020)

- BECE (APRIL - MAY 2020)

SENIOR SCHOOL – WASSCE (LATE MARCH - MAY 2020)

- IGCSE (APRIL - JUNE 2020)

Registration for IGCSE / WAEC closes in January 2020.

Please save the following dates for those writing SAT, TOEFL and IELTS

SAT – DECEMBER 7, 2019 (DONE WITH)

IELTS – JANUARY 18 2020

TOEFL – FEBRUARY 1 2020

2ND HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

- **JS 3 Seminar:** A seminar on examination techniques with a special focus on BECE examination took place on 23rd November in the school hall by an external facilitator. It was a success and we thank our parents for their support.
- **LAST VISITING DAY FOR THE TERM:** Visiting Day of Sunday 24th November, 2019 for boarders, being the last for this term, was a special one. We made it a family fun day for our boarders and their parents. We appreciate our parents for taking time out to be with their wards.
- **VISITATION TO THE MOTHERLESS BABIES HOME:** On the 10th of December, 2019, some members of the charity club visited the motherless babies' home in Lekki and made donations to the home. The students were received by members of staff of the home who were very happy to see them. Charity club members were later introduced to some of the children in the home who played with the children until it was time to leave for school. It was a rewarding and memorable day for the members of the charity club
- **EDUCATION FAIR:** As part of our efforts to continually provide students with all the necessary support needed to ensure their successful transition to tertiary institutions as well as amazing opportunities for scholarships, career advice, new study destinations, etc, Downen College 10th edition of annual education fair was held on the 9th of November, 2019.

Over 30 universities and top a-level and foundation schools including agencies/organizations representing UK, Dublin, Dubai, Russia, Canada, Ireland, Ghana, Germany, Australia, were fully represented. Also in attendance were some Nigerian universities including Nile University and Pan Atlantic University. They provided answers to the academic and mentorship needs of the students including scholarship opportunities.

Some parents and our own students from the SS 1, 2 and 3 were in attendance.

- **SCIENCE & MATHS QUIZ COMPETITION:** Downen College organized a Science and Mathematics Quiz Competition for primary schools on Wednesday 13th November, 2019. Very educative and exciting, the pupils put up a brilliant performance. At the end of the quiz, The Rock Montessori School came 1st. Diamond Private School and Greenwood House School came 2nd and 3rd respectively. We are proud of their performance.
- **ACTIVITY WEEK:** As usual, our activity week was full of various extra curricula activities including sports – football, aerobics, and games, Arts & Crafts, Talk on

Total Wellbeing, Debate & Hot seat, Movies and Class party. We would like to remind our parents that all activities during the Activity Week are part of the school's statutory programme and all students are expected to be part of it. If for any reason a child will be absent, parents are to kindly inform the school in due time.

- **CHRISTMAS CAROL – JOY TO THE WORLD:** We thank all our parents and guardians who attended the last carol service on Wednesday 11th December, 2019. The Guest Preacher was Ven. Tayo Aduloju of the Church of Nativity, Parkview Estate. We also had students from the Federal Nigeria Society for the Blind. One of them, Mr. Wale Shittu, read a poem at the service.

To our dear parents, your attendance and support contributed in no small measure to the great success of the programme. We look forward to many more periods of fun together in the nearest future.

COMING EVENTS:

1. **Panorama Pictures:** will be taken in February, 2020. Parents should please ensure that students are available and well turned out in school at all times.
2. **DCL Theatre Drama Presentation:** There will be a drama presentation on Friday 31st January, 2020 by the DCL Theatre. More information will be given later.
3. Annual **Afternoon of Praise** comes up in February 2020. This is a community hymn singing to celebrate the New Year. Details will be communicated at the beginning of next term.
4. Annual **Inter House Sports** competition – Friday 14th February, 2020
5. **DOWEN COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION INTO JS 1 FOR 2020 / 2021 SESSION**
- (A) SAT 8TH FEB, 2020
(B) SAT 7TH MARCH, 2020
(C) SAT 4TH APRIL, 2020
6. **Students' Red Tie Dinner:** There will be a formal Red Tie Dinner for all students on Saturday 28th March, 2020. The event promises to be a memorable one and the cost is already included in the fees for next term.
7. **Sea School Leadership Training:** One of the objectives of our programmes is to develop committed, upright and fearless leadership in our students. In pursuance of this objective, the school will organize leadership training for all SS 2 students at

the Sea School Apapa in April 2020. Fees payable and other information shall be sent later.

8. **EXCURSIONS TO NEW YORK, USA and Erin Ijesa Waterfall:** Both will come up in February, 2020. While arrangements are being concluded for the trip to New York, details about the Erin Ijesa Waterfall trip will be communicated to you.

OTHER MATTERS

- **EXEATS / MEDICALS:** Once more, we are appealing to our parents and guardians to give us at least 48 hours notice for exeats for visa interviews or hospital appointments.

The need to bring up children to learn to live within the rules and regulations of any organized and sit through official ceremonies cannot be over-emphasized. It is wrong when parents come in at any time to pick children from school while programmes and ceremonies are still on or “because he or she is finishing examination early and has no more papers for the day”.

No child will be released before the close of school. Kindly bear and cooperate with us. Please register medical peculiarities of children with school clinic to prevent adverse drug reactions.

- **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:** We use this opportunity to remind parents that birthday celebrations within the school are limited to **cup cakes** or **maximum 12” cake and non carbonated drinks** only. Any other items brought to school will be confiscated.

- **EXAM CLASSES AND SCHOOL FEES PAYMENT:** We appeal to parents to please adhere strictly to the Account Numbers given to them for fee payment especially exam classes. This is to ensure smooth registration and identification of candidates. Details of Bank payment is below:
 - a) JS 3 SCHOOL FEES – UBA / DOWEN COLLEGE / 1005549754
 - b) SS 3 SCHOOL FEES – ACCESS BANK / DOWEN COLLEGE / 0034501317
 - c) EXAMINATION FEES – UBA / DOWEN COLLEGE / 100270333Please note that only fully paid students / candidates will be registered. Payment deadline is Friday 17th January, 2020.

- **ALUMNI FORUM:** We are always glad to receive progress reports from our alumni. It has been pleasing to discover that most of our students have been pulling their weight in various higher institutions at home and abroad. Such reports of excellence and achievements are welcomed from parents and students as new heights are attained.

- **DRESS CODE:** Parents should please take note of the underlisted reminders on school's Dress code.

Boys

1. No slim fit trousers
2. No weird hair styles
3. Comply with regulation shoe style (No patent / sports shoes or bathroom slippers).

Girls

4. Skirts must reach below the knee not shorter than 2 inches below the knee
5. No visible underwears.
6. Stud earrings – Silver, gold, black. No other colours permitted.
7. No hair ornaments. Hair bands must be black, navy blue or white.

Parents are advised to monogram their children's uniforms and write names on their textbooks. We have constantly picked up abandoned blazers, books whose owners we cannot trace. Such picked-up items of uniform are available in the uniform store, already washed and ironed. Interested parents can buy off such @ N2, 000 each.

- **PRINCIPAL'S LIST / SCHOLARSHIP:** Please be reminded that hardworking students are rewarded in the area of provision of scholarship. Any student who makes at least 90% average for three (3) consecutive terms shall qualify for scholarship in the following session, such students are placed on the Principal's List.
We hereby encourage all our scholars to work very hard so as to maintain this status while challenging many other students to come on board.
- **EASTER TERM RESUMPTION:** Boarders resume on Sunday 5th January while day students resume on Monday 6th January, 2020. (See full calendar attached).

We wish you a pleasant holiday. Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year (2020).

SIGNED
MRS. ADEBISI LAYIWOLA
PRINCIPAL & HEAD OF SCHOOL