



DOWEN COLLEGE LAGOS NEWSLETTER

16th Dec, 2022

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

END OF CHRISTMAS TERM 2022 NEWSLETTER

We deeply appreciate you for the cooperation received from you since the inception of the Christmas term which ended successfully today. We are thankful to God for His mercies over us all. We do have every reason to be grateful as most of our activities were carried out as planned.

During the term, we had series of activities for our 25th Anniversary Lecture and Thanksgiving Service, Students Red Tie Dinner, Maths, Science and Spelling Bee Quiz Competitions for invited Primary and Secondary Schools, Education Fair and so on

We also had series of celebrations and achievements ranging from our clinching the International School Awards, coming tops in the Maritime Quiz Competition, The Queens Commonwealth Essay Competition recognitions, and a whole lot more. Our most recent being the N100, 000 prize won by our team at the Produce Africa Code Challenge which took place on Saturday 10th December, 2022.



NO CHILD IS LEFT BEHIND

We do appreciate the presence of our parents who attended our Christmas carol on Wednesday 14th December, 2022. We had a great time. Special thanks to DCL Choir and Orchestra and their tutors.

Again, we thank you, our dear parents and appreciate our diligent and resourceful staff and our very wonderful students for ensuring that we had a successful term.



Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. – Nelson Mandela



● ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES ●

Teaching and learning activities commenced at the onset of the Christmas term culminating in the examination which took place at the end of term.

Our examination classes (SS3 & JS3) have fully completed their schemes of work. The SS3 students also had their Pre Mock examination. The final Mock examination for SS3 students is scheduled to take place in February, 2023. The tentative schedules for external examinations are as follows:

Junior School –	Checkpoint	–	April 2023
	BECE	–	May 2023
Senior School:	WASSCE	–	Late March – May 2023
	IGCSE	–	April – June 2023

Registration for the examinations is usually done within the first few weeks in January.

Other examination schedules for the SS3 year group are as follows:

IELTS – February 2023
TOEFL – February 2023

● ACTIVITY WEEK ●

On Monday 12th December, 2022, we had our Inter House Maths Quiz and Spelling Bee competitions. Ruby House came first at both senior and junior categories in the Quiz. In the Spelling Bee competition, Topaz House came first in the Junior category while Ruby came first in the senior category.

Lagos State Fire Service: The school community was engaged for a lecture and tutorials by officers from the Lagos State Fire Service on Wednesday 14th December, 2022 in furtherance of safety consciousness. Among other safety issues, students and Staff were engaged in tutorials on preventing and extinguishing fires. They were also reminded about emergency lines 112 and 66.

Neatest / Most well Behaved class: After a term long competition among all classes (junior and senior) in the school, JSS2C, headed by Mrs. Lufadeju, came 1st overall as the neatest and most well behaved class this term. This healthy competition started last session and we look forward to which class will emerge best overall for the session based on cumulative points.

● PLANS FOR THE EASTER TERM ●

The following events are tentatively being planned and will be executed depending on the prevalent health and safety situation in the country.

1. Annual Inter House sports – Friday 27th January, 2023
2. Annual Songs of Praise – Friday 10th February 2023
3. Panorama Pictures – March 2023
4. Safety Day- Saturday 4th March, 2023
5. Downen College Entrance & Scholarship Examination into JS1 for 2023 / 2024 session
 - (A) Saturday 18TH FEB 2023
 - (B) Saturday 4TH MAR 2023

Please find attached the Easter term calendar for the full schedule of activities.

- **EXEATS / MEDICALS:** Once more, we are appealing to our parents and guardians to give us at least 24 hours notice for exeats for visa interviews or hospital appointments. Excepts for emergencies, exeats will not be given out randomly. We thank you for your understanding.
- **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:** We use this opportunity to remind parents that birthday celebrations within the school are limited to **cup cakes or maximum 12 inch cake and non carbonated drinks** only. Any other item brought to school will be confiscated.
- **SCHOOL FEES:** School fees are payable on the first day of school. The school will maintain a strict stance in the prompt payment of fees as from next term.
- **WITHDRAWALS:** We wish to remind parents of our withdrawal policy of giving a term's notice / a term's fee in lieu of notice.
- **GROOMING:** Parental supervision is required. Unkempt hair, sprouting sideburns, beards and moustaches should regularly be cleaned up. Slim – fitted trousers, short skirts, undersized shirts are to be replaced.
Prescribed style foot wears should be adhered to. All items of uniforms must be complete including belts. All students should be properly turned out on resumption. Students are not allowed to come to school in slippers under any circumstance. In case of injuries, black sandals should be worn.



- **CONTRABANDS:** Parents are again reminded that phone, laptops and I pads as well as smart wristwatches are contrabands and are not allowed in the school no matter the occasion except when requested by the school (in case of laptops). These items, once seized by the school, will not be returned until the end of the term.
- **EASTER TERM RESUMPTION:** Boarders resume on Sunday 8th January while day students resume on Monday 9th January, 2023 (See full calendar attached).

All school offices (admissions, bursary and the secretariat) will be open during the holidays. Sale of forms is ongoing and walk in entrance examinations can be arranged for interested parents. We implore you to assist us by informing your friends and relations who need to have their children join us.

Merry Christmas and a happy holiday.

Dr. Adebsi Layiwola
Principal

