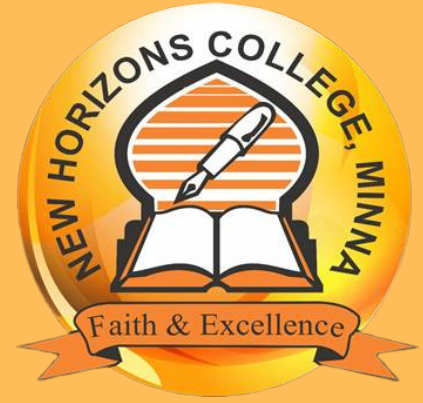


PRINCIPAL'S MID-TERM BREAK FIRST TERM NEWSLETTER



“Let parents bequeath to their children not riches, but the spirit of reverence.”– Plato

The best gifts to children from their parents is proper upbringing” (Tirmizi)

In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious and the Most Merciful.

Assalamu Alaykum Wa Rahmatul'lah Wa Barakatuh

With all reverence to Allah, the Lord of all creation, the Everlasting, the Sustainer, and the One who holds dominion over all. We express our deepest gratitude to God, who has blessed us with the beginning of a new session. May His boundless mercy and grace continue to enrich our lives. The school management warmly welcomes all new parents to the New Horizons College family.

Lastly, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to all parents who reached out to offer condolences to the school and the family of our student who recently passed away after a brief illness. May Allah reward you abundantly, grant the family of our beloved daughter, the patience and strength in faith to bear this loss, and reunite her and her parents in Al-Jannatul Firdaus.

Below are this Newsletter's key highlights:

1. Academic activities
2. Extra-curricular activities
3. Islamiyyah report
4. Students medical profile
5. SS3 students preparation for GCE in January 2025
6. SS2 Boys' poor attitude to learning
7. World History Excursion 2025
8. Checking First Term's CT Results
9. Hostel Report on choice of meals
10. Resumption From Mid-Term Break

1. Academic Activities

Before the start of the academic session and the students' return, numerous activities took place in preparation for the new term. These activities included staff training and retraining in special needs education, use of technology to enhance teaching and learning, application of AI for teaching, and implementing real-life approaches to teaching and learning, among others. The school management also conducted a recruitment exercise to replace a few teachers who left the school.

Below are highlights of staff and student activities related to teaching and learning from resumption to the midterm break.

- Our academic team went through the academic documents of all new and transfer students with a view to offering support to admitted students whose entrance exam performances in essay and mathematics were weak.
- Reassessment of students with special needs, on ways and methods to better teach them; also, to evaluate those who may no longer need such support, or to bring on board who have developed such needs.
- Listing of students who require extra support based on last session's promotion exam performance.
- Continuation of Saturday Math's clinic.
- Introduction of Commerce and Government as subjects taught in the senior secondary classes.
- Supervision of teachers in the classroom intensified to ensure they are adhering to agreed checklist for teaching and learning in the classroom.
- Continued application of Real-life application to teaching and learning during lessons by teachers.
- Centralized test for first term conducted. The results will in sha Allah be available for checking on Monday 4th November, 2024.
- Early morning Cambridge lessons for SS2 and SS3 students commenced.
- Teachers teaching the Cambridge curriculum enrolled for Cambridge curriculum workshop in Abuja
- Guidance provided for SS2 towards dropping one subject at the end of this term.
- Pre-CT academic counseling provided for students with learning difficulties.
- Career prospects in science and technology organized by the academic counselor and Basic Technology teacher.
- Follow-up on SS1 placement (from last session for JSS3 students) and recommendation feedback.

2. Extra-curricular Activities

In New Horizons College Minna, we try to give as much attention to extra-curricular activities as is given to academic activities, because it is an important component of the holistic education and curriculum of the school. Below are the activities and events thus far this term.

- Group, Class and Group counseling support continued on boy-girl relationships, bullying, nickname calling, time management, positive affirmations, etc.
- Class meeting for various classes organized by student affairs and hostel offices
- Junior personal development classes on growth mindset, belief in yourself, positive affirmations conducted by students' affairs office.
- Staff get together and picnic help before resumption
- Friendly football matches were held with FOMWAN Babes under-15 team, City Rivals FC under 15 team.
- Football matches between NHC staff and Brighter schools' staff, NHC staff and Tunga Old Timers FC, etc.

- Inter-class friendly football matches between classes in the school.
- Our football team and female volleyball team placed fourth in the Football competition for private secondary schools as well as in the volleyball competition. .
- AskDIN, a student's question and answer enlightenment session on various topics in Islam was held.
- An Orientation Programme to welcome new parents was held; the SS3 and 2 students also organized an orientation programme for new students.
- The first visiting day of the term and session was held on the 12th of October 2024.
- Train the Trainers in Shariah intelligence was conducted by SS3 students for SS1 and SS2 students. (SS3 students had previously been trained last session.)

3. Islamiyyah Update

The Islamiyyah activities began in early September with a meeting between the new Islamiyyah coordinator and Malams. The plans and targets for the session were discussed. Below are the activities and events from the beginning of the term to mid-term break.

- The term started with the screening of new students to ascertain and conform their claim with regard to where they had reached in memorization and the standard of their recitation with tajeed. Based on this result, they were placed in their appropriate classes.
- Introduction of practical Tajweed classes during Tajweed lessons on Fridays; after which, this weekly activity will serve as part of their continuous assessment.
- Malams to lay emphasis on managing behaviour for learning during their Islamiyyah classes.
- First Centralized Test for Islamiyyah conducted this term.

4. Medical Profile to be created for students

As part of the review of the health care system in the school, students have been given forms to take home and conduct medical examinations to complete the information needed to complete the form. Each child's blood group, genotype and drugs he or she is allergic to, is to be entered into the form. Students are required to submit this form upon resumption from the mid-term break.

5. SS3 students preparation for GCE in January 2025

As part of our preparations towards a successful GCE examination in January 2025, the school management and SS3 teachers, have both agreed there is need to keep SS3 students behind at the end of this term in December 2024.

Consequently, the SS3 students will in sha Allah be staying behind to make sure they are well prepared for the GCE exam. In addition, to test their preparedness to sit for the GCE, they are expected to sit for a Pre-GCE examination before the rest of the school resumes in January 2025.

We look forward to getting the full cooperation of all SS3 parents on this.

6. SS2 Boys poor attitude to their studies

The school management is concerned about the poor attitude of many SS2 boys toward their studies. Their teachers have repeatedly counseled and advised them throughout the term before finally bringing this matter to the attention of the school management.

We appeal to their parents to support the school by counseling them during the break on the importance of improving their attitude.

This change is essential for them to gain the full benefit of the preparations needed for promotion to SS3; because, any student who does not meet the required criteria for promotion, will not be promoted from SS2 to SS3.

7. World History Excursion in 2025

Alhamdulillah, this year we successfully traveled to Rome and Greece and returned safely. The school is now considering a trip to one of the following destinations next year in 2025: Rwanda or Morocco–Spain, or Saudi Arabia, where students can visit renowned historical sites and use the opportunity to perform Umrah.

Please find the slip in the envelope for parents interested in having their child participate, indicate their preferred destination. The location with the highest level of interest will be selected. Please note that only students from JSS2 to SS2 will be eligible for this trip.

8. Checking 1st Term's Centralized Test results

In sha Allah, the results from the centralized test our students wrote will be available for parents to access and check as from Monday 5th November, 2024. All new students have been provided with their login information.

You can access your child's report through the link:

<https://nhcminna.org/resultchecker.php>

Upon clicking the link, a result checker will open, prompting you to input your child's login details. Subsequently, a drop-down menu will appear, offering three options: report sheet, student behavioral report, and pocket money report. Parents can check their ward's behavioral report after reviewing the academic report.

9. Hostel Report on meals selection

At New Horizons College, we strive to provide a balanced and nutritious meal program for our students, supporting their growth and well-being. During our initial interviews, most JSS1 students parents did not indicate any allergies or specific dietary restrictions for their children. The children themselves were asked during their interview if they have foods that they do not eat. This was recorded in their files.

However, we've noticed some children expressing reluctance to try certain foods, which can lead to wasted food and missed opportunities for balanced nutrition. Many of the JS1's in particular are rejecting tuwo, semo, pounded yam, fried rice, macaroni, spaghetti, which are all normal foods.

We cannot prepare different meals for each child that is a fussy eater. We only give passes for special meals to students who have ulsar or specific food allergies.

We kindly request your support in encouraging your child to embrace a variety of foods and avoid being overly selective or picky. Some have said they will come back with medical reports even though they do not have any allergy to the food. We apologize that we will not be entertaining any such report that was not reflected in the child's application documents for admission. Thank you for your understanding and partnership in nurturing our students' growth and development.

10. Resumption From Mid-Term Break

Students are expected back from the Break on Saturday 16th November 2024, on or before 5pm. If any unavoidable circumstance arises to hinder the resumption of your child, please call ahead to notify the School Registrar on 08052662218 or 08093958767. (All new parents should please take note)

Wishing you and your family Allah's continued protection and guidance.

Wassalamu alaykum



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