

New Horizons College, Minna

Principal's Mid-Term Break Third Term Newsletter

Thursday 7th July, 2022 (7th Dhul HaJJ, 1443AH)

“Each day of our lives, we make deposits in the memory banks of our children.”- Charles R. Swindol

*“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

All praises to Allah Lord of the Worlds, the Ever living, Ever Lasting, Owner of Dominion, the Sovereign, the Eternal and the Absolute. Alhamdulillah for Allah's mercy that has enabled us to see this day. May He continue to permit us to be sheltered by His mercy and grace.

Below are the highlights of this Newsletter:

1. Academic activities
2. Extra-curricular activities
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6. Change in Grading Format For SS1-3 students
7. Notification For Resumption in September 2022 (New Session)
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9. Update on School's Security Arrangement
10. Feedback On Flight Arrangement
11. Reminder on PTA Security Levy
12. Resumption From Eid Adha Break (Sallah Break)

1. Academic Activities

Below is a summary of academic activities in the school since we resumed:

- Extra support lessons continued for students with academic challenges from 2nd term.
- Supervision of teachers in the classroom intensified to ensure they are adhering to agreed upon checklist for teaching and learning in the classroom.
- Application of real-life application to theoretical concepts by teachers in the classroom now a key feature of teaching in the classroom. Heads of departments, Senior masters, Vice-Principal and Director of Training and Development actively checking its implementation through regular class visits.

- GCE subjects' selection and combination orientation conducted for SS2 students.
- Placement counselling conducted for JSS3 on Science or Arts streams selection.
- Application of career tests for stream selection conducted for JSS3 students
- Teachers enrolled for Cambridge IGCSE online training.
- Online training for Students Affairs Department staff on Neurolinguistic Training (NLP)
- Cambridge and WAEC Examinations concluded for SS3 students
- Saturday Maths clinic continued.
- Early morning Cambridge lessons commenced.
- Weekdays extra lessons towards preparing SS2 for GCE started.
- Centralized test conducted and the Senior Secondary students performed better than the Junior Secondary students. The senior students were more in number on the Principal's Honors list.
- Students to commence exams upon resumption from Eid Adha Break (Sallah Break)

2. Extra-curricular Activities

In New Horizons College Minna, we try to give as much emphasis to extra-curricular activities as we give to academic activities, in order to provide a holistic education to each child that gets the 6-years of the NHC experience! Below are some of the extracurricular activities for this term:

- Personal Development and Leadership training continued for SS2 and SS3 students; also, the junior version of the same training called "Big Life Adventure" for JSS1-3 was also continued.
- The Students Affairs Department of the school has continued to engage in counselling and re-directing students with behavioural challenges. They have also continued with Hostel Hangout where they visit the students in their hostels and rooms to engage them on their school and hostel experiences. Also continued is their mentoring of students.
- There were Inter-class football and basketball friendly matches between various classes. There was a friendly basketball match between ABU alumni team and the NHC team which we narrowly lost. There was also a friendly football match between the NH staff college team and the NH primary school team which the primary staff lost by nine goals to one!

- There was a Mathematics Department Challenge Quiz night for the SS students.
- The School's Debating team came first in a schools debating competition organized by Search FM to mark this year's Children's Day.
- Excursion to Search FM by members of the Press club.
- An excursion by Press club to NSTA Minna was also organized.
- The school's Press club also visited Prestige FM Minna.
- AskDIN, a student's question and answer enlightenment session on various topics in Islam was held. Over thirty questions compiled from the students were answered by brother Nuruddeen Lemu of the Islamic Education Trust.
- The school is making plans to introduce students to Islamic calligraphy next session in sha Allah.
- The students were able to display the skills they had acquired in their various clubs during the club exhibition nights organized for clubs.

3. Islamiyyah Update

The school management in active collaboration with the Islamiyyah supervisors has continued in their quest to improve the school's Islamiyyah system through sustaining various initiatives and improving on others as follows:

- Improved supervision of Islamiyyah malams and weekly meetings and briefings on teaching and learning during the week.
- Weekly reports on the malams by the supervisor
- Weekly tracking of students' progress
- Introduction of external supervisor and observer to examine the malams and their teaching methodology from time to time.
- Quranic recitation and memorization competition was held on Saturday 4th June. At the end of the competition, in the recitation category, the first position carted away a cheque worth N100,000, while the second position went away with N50,000 and the third placed student received a cheque for N20,000. In the memorization category, the winner received a cheque equivalent to his first term's school fees, while the second position received a cheque worth 50% of his school fees, and the 3rd position received a cheque equivalent to 25% of his first term's school fees.
- The Walima for SS3 graduating students was held on Saturday 18th June by 12 noon. A few of the parents of the graduating students attended the occasion.

- A colorful Jalbab night was organized for the graduating class of 2022 with their parents in attendance. The night started with a series of presentations by all the classes in the school, before the graduating students were treated to a sumptuous dinner in the Tafsir Hall.

4. GCE 2020 Result

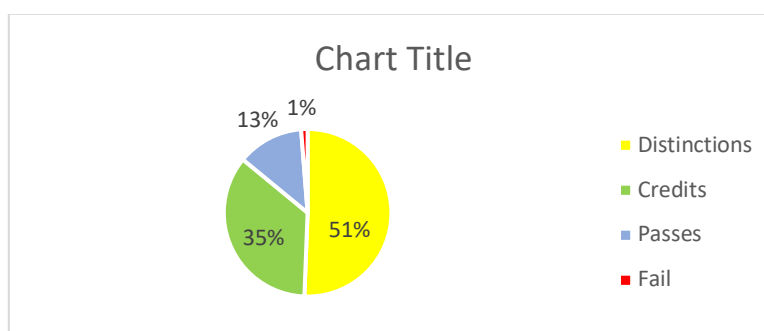
2022 GCE RESULT ANALYSIS FOR 76 STUDENTS

SUBJECTS	DIST.	CREDIT	PASS	FAIL	NO OF STUDENTS
ENGLISH	18	48	10	-	76
MATHS	37	20	16	3	76
BIOLOGY	8	17	5	1	31
IRS	42	16	2	-	60
GEOGRAPHY	19	16	2	1	38
ECONOMICS	15	10	7	1	33
PHYSICS	25	23	7	-	55
CHEMISTRY	12	21	15	-	48
LIT. IN- ENG.	7	10	4	-	12
AGRIC SC.	3	4	2	-	8
F/MATHS	5	4	-	-	9
F/ACC.	6	2	-	-	8
C/EDU.	65	-	-	-	65
T/DRAWING	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	262	191	70	6	529

% ANALYSIS OF GCE FEB. 2022 RESULT

TOTAL	%
DISTINCTIONS : 262	49.53%
CREDITS : 191	36.11%
PASSES : 70	13.23%
FAIL : 6	1.13%
GRAND TOTAL :484	100>00%

Percentage Credit and Distinction = 85.95%



After the results were released, we have worked on students with deficiency in the required university requirements to ensure they make up for the deficiency in the WAEC examination they are currently sitting for.

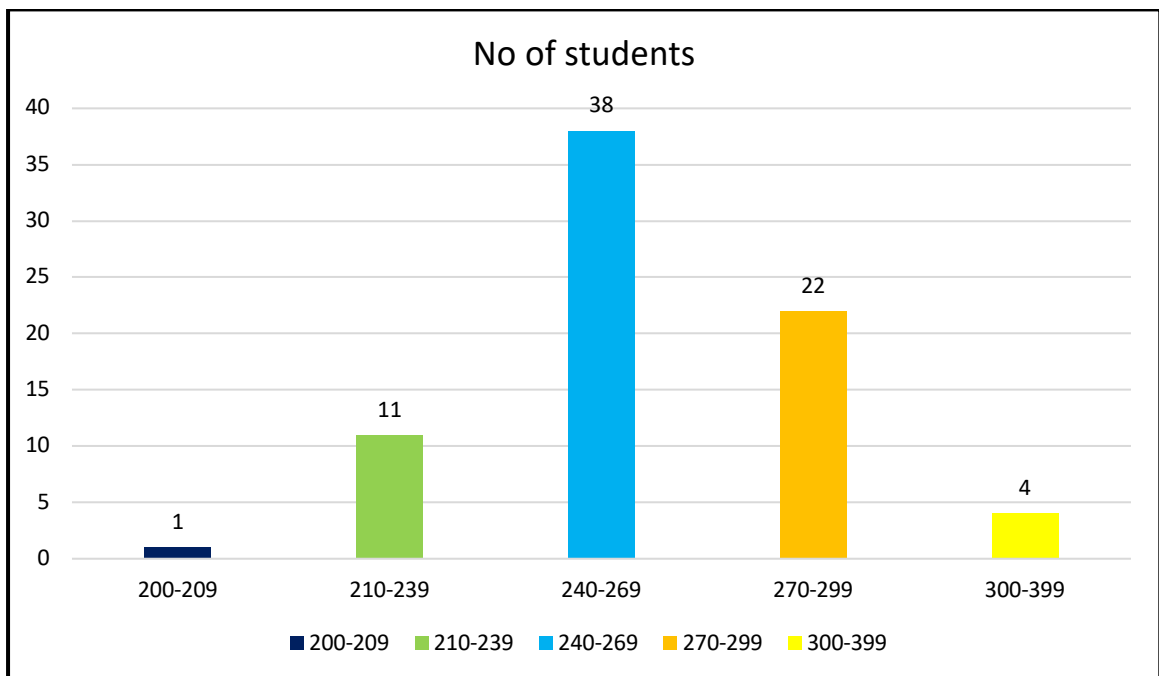
5. JAMB 2022 Results

JAMB 2022 Result Analysis for New Horizons College Class of 2022

RANGE OF SCORES	NO OF STUDENTS	PERCENTAGE (%)
300-399	4	5.26
270-299	22	28.95
240-269	38	50.00
210-239	11	14.47
200-209	1	1.32
TOTAL NO. OF STUDENTS	76	100%

Highlight of the Results

- All students scored 200 points and above; represents a 100% Pass rate.
- 83% of the students scored 240 points and above
- The lowest score amongst the boys was 220 points



6. Change In Grading Format For SS1-3 Students

As part of our strategy to prepare our students to write WAEC examinations, the school has changed the grading system for SS1-3 students in line with the

current reality that students are graded in WAEC over 80% and sometimes 100%. The school has decided to change its assessment system such that end of term examinations will be 80%, while the centralized test and second continuous will carry 10% each.

7. **Notification For Resumption In September 2022**

It is pertinent to note that there is a greater need for parents to inform the school if their child will in sha Allah be resuming in September 2022. This is because of the prevailing economic situation in the country that has adversely affected the budget of schools.

The school needs to know actual numbers in planning for uniforms, teaching resources, textbooks, facilities in the hostel, etc. Hence, we cannot afford not to know the number of students we should be planning for.

In addition, we have students who have passed the entrance exam and have been placed on a waiting list. We hope to use those on the list to replace students who leave, so as to meet up with a minimum of students required to comfortably implement the budget and run the school efficiently and effectively.

We appeal to parents to fill and return the notification of resumption form when their child is resuming after the Eid Break. (Parents who have filled and returned the form during the last Visiting Day /PTA Meeting General Meeting, should please ignore this message.) **However, parents who filled and returned the form stating that they are unsure, should please now confirm the status of their child for next session.**

Henceforth, all parents will pay a non-refundable school fees deposit of N100,000 for boarders and N50,000 by second week of August before resumption. In addition, if a parent fails to inform the school of the withdrawal before school resumes, he or she will pay part of the school fees for the loss of income on the part of the school before he or she can be issued with transfer certificate or transcript.

8. **Plans For Current SS2 Students**

We are currently exploring the possibility of having the current set of SS2 students write their GCE examinations in October 2022 when they would have just resumed first term as SS3 students. However, this will be based on our observation of how well prepared they are by the end of this term in July 2022. To this end, we have done and are planning the following:

- Daily extra lessons in the afternoons after school.
- Saturday lessons from 8:00am to 2:00pm
- Allowed them to drop one subject now and are to drop another when they resume in September 2022.
- The option of having them resume mid-way into their long vacation (end of third week in August 2022) or have lessons online.

9. Update on School's Security Arrangement

The PTA Exco has approved for the school to engage two extra men from the Civil Defence Corps to bring their number to six against the current number of four men. In addition, approval was given to the school to engage the State Vigilante as additional protection and cover for patrol outside the perimeters of the school. Also included, is the purchase of more security gadgets for the school security men.

The school on its own has an arrangement with the GRA police station, whereby their patrol team drive around the school environs at night.

10. Update On Flight Arrangements

As was discussed during the emergency online PTA meeting on security concerns, the school sent out slips for parents to indicate interest in the proposed flight arrangement for students. After collating the slips returned by students or their parents after resumption for 3rd term, only 13 parents indicated interest in the flight arrangement. Unfortunately, this number is not sufficient to encourage any airline to fly to Minna especially due to the hike in aviation fuel.

11. Reminder On PTA Security Levy

We want to use this opportunity to remind parents yet to pay the N5000 PTA security levy for boarders or N2500 for day students, to please do so as soon as possible. (Those who have can ignore this message)

This will help fund the PTA Exco's request to the school to increase the Civil Defence manpower from 4 men to six men, get four State Vigilante men for patrolling the perimeter of the school, additional school security men, security gadgets for the school security men, etc.

It is pertinent to note that the school before now has borne the cost of paying for the four Civil Defence personnel since September 2021 (N359,000 per month), given PR to GRA Police station patrol team for close to a year now, and other security expenditure.

12. Resumption From Eid Adha Break

Students are expected back from the Eid Break on Saturday 16th July 2020, on or before 5pm. If for any unavoidable circumstance arises to hinder the resumption of your child, please call ahead to notify the School Registrar on 08052662218 or 08093958767.

Parents are to note that the Promotion exams will in sha Allah begin on Monday 18th July, 2022. No make will be given to any students who fails to return for the exam.

Wishing you a blessed Day of Arafat and Eid in advance.

Wassalamu alaykum

Mustafa Mas'ood
Principal

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Confirmation of Resumption in September 2022 Slip

My child of Boys/Girls.

- Will in sha Allah be resuming with the school in September, 2022.
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