

New Horizons College, Minna

End of Session Newsletter (2024/2025 Session)

Saturday 26th July 2025 (20th Muharram, 1446AH)

“A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.” — George Bernhard Shaw.

“If you want to focus more on Allah in your prayers, focus more on Him outside your prayers.” [Yasmin Mogahed]

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh,

Dear Esteemed Parents,

Subhana-Allah, Alhamdulillah, La ilaha illallah, Allahu Akbar.

All glory and praise belong to Allah. There is none worthy of worship but Him, and He is the Greatest. He is Allah, besides whom there is no deity—the Sovereign, the Pure, the Perfect, the Bestower of Faith, the Overseer, the Exalted in Might, the Compeller, the Supreme.

We begin by expressing our deepest gratitude to Allah (SWT) for His mercy and guidance throughout this academic session. *Alhamdulillah*, we have successfully come to the end of a session that was both demanding and fulfilling. It has been economically challenging—for both the school and parents. Yet, your unwavering support, especially through levies and active academic involvement in your children’s lives, has been instrumental in ensuring stability and progress. We sincerely thank you.

Below are important updates and highlights:

1. Calendar for 1st Term 2025/2026 (September – December 2025)

- **Saturday, 13th September 2025** – Boarders Resume
- **Monday, 15th September 2025** – Day Students Resume
- **Saturday, 20th September 2025** – JSS1 Students Resume / Orientation

- **Saturday, 11th October 2025** – Visiting Day & PTA General Meeting
- **Monday, 27th October 2025** – Mid-Term Break (on campus)
- **Monday, 3rd November 2025** – Lessons Resume after Mid-Term
- **Thursday, 27th November 2025** – 1st Term Examinations Begin
- **Saturday, 13th December 2025** – Vacation and End of Term

2. Academic Activities

Academic engagements after the mid-term break focused on preparing students thoroughly for their promotion exams. Highlights include:

- Following the release of Continuous Assessment results, performance analyses were carried out. These informed the organization of intervention classes, especially in core subjects such as Mathematics and English.
- WAEC-style science practical sessions were held for SS1 and SS2 students, followed by formal practical examinations as part of the promotion exams.
- CBT-based e-examinations were implemented for SS1–SS2 students during their promotion exams, encouraging digital literacy and exam readiness.
- Academic counselling sessions were conducted for students across all levels who were identified as struggling or underperforming.
- Career interest surveys for JSS3 students were analyzed, with personalized career guidance given based on test results.
- Orientation sessions were held to guide students on compulsory, optional, and relevant subjects for senior school pathways.
- Guidelines were issued for SS1 students on procedures for switching subjects after the first term.

- Overall, results were impressive: two classes recorded average scores above 80%, and all other classes achieved averages above 71%. Additionally, 23 students scored individual averages of 90% and above.

3. Co-Curricular Activities

A range of enriching activities took place after the mid-term break and during the post-exam free week:

- The Mathematics and Languages Departments hosted their respective “Subject Nights.”
- The Student Affairs Department organized personal mentoring and counselling sessions for selected students.
- A Junior Boys 5-a-side football league was successfully held.
- Inter-school and inter-level sporting events were organized:
 - NHC JSS1 boys vs NHCNPS Primary 5 & 6 (football)
 - NHC JSS1 girls vs NHCNPS Primary 5 & 6 (basketball)
 - NHC staff vs SS3 boys (football match)
 - NHC staff vs Minna-based external team (football match)
- Personal development and junior leadership classes were delivered to JSS students, helping build life skills and confidence.

4. Islamiyyah Report

Activities post-midterm focused on recitation, memorization, supervision, and capacity building:

- Graduating students were prepared for their *Walima*, which was successfully held.
- Students were assisted in achieving their memorization and recitation targets.
- Islamiyyah staff supported students in preparing for their exams.
- Interviews were conducted for the recruitment of a new supervisor.

- Letters were distributed to day students' families to help align school and home Islamiyyah content.
- A 2-day capacity-building workshop on behavioral management was held for all *malams*.
- New tracking systems were put in place to identify students who missed scheduled tests and exams and follow up accordingly.

5. Online Summer Lessons for JSS2–SS2 Students

Before opening registration to students from other schools, we are offering early enrollment to our current students who will be in JSS2–SS2 as of September 2025. Participation is optional but highly encouraged.

Subjects for SS1–SS2 (students may select 5–6 subjects):

- Mathematics, English Language, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Economics, History, Geography, Financial Accounting, Commerce

Subjects for JSS2–JSS3:

- English, Mathematics, Basic Science, Basic Technology, Computer Studies

Tentative Duration:

- **Start Date:** 11th August 2025
- **End Date:** 5th September 2025 (*in sha Allah*)

Registration details will be shared via the parents' WhatsApp class groups.

6. Confirmation of Resumption in September 2025

This is a kind reminder to all parents to inform the school if their child will **not** be resuming for the new academic session. In previous years, parents have often delayed this communication until well after the session begins—typically only responding when contacted by the Registrar.

This delay unfairly deprives students on our admissions waiting list of a spot and disrupts the school's budgeting and planning processes. Kindly recall the agreement reached with the PTA Executive Committee regarding such cases: failure to notify the school on time may result in the implementation of agreed consequences.

We appeal to parents to notify the school in good time to avoid this.

7. Disciplinary Action Taken Against Some Students

A serious incident involving gross misconduct by SS2 students was thoroughly investigated and handled decisively. Summary:

- An SS1 student (repeating the class and originally meant to be in SS2) smuggled a phone into the hostel and allowed SS2 students—his former classmates—to use it.
- The phone was later stolen by a group of SS1 students who conspired with a day student (also repeating SS1). Upon discovering the theft, the SS2 boys switched off the lights in their room and organized a brutal assault on the three SS1 students.
- The assaulted boys did not report the incident immediately because they, too, were involved in phone smuggling and were being blackmailed into silence by the SS2 students.
- Further investigation revealed that the same day student who planned the theft also brought pepper spray into the school. He used it on one security guard and gave it to another student to use on a second guard.

After a thorough three-day investigation and two disciplinary sittings:

- **Three students were expelled.**
- Others received varying degrees of **suspension**.
- The PTA Chairperson delegated the Vice-Chairman to represent the PTA Executive during the disciplinary hearings.

8. Resumption Date and Time for 2025/2026 Session


School resumes **Saturday, 13th September 2025**, and **all boarders are expected back by 5:00 PM**. If you anticipate any challenges meeting this resumption deadline, please notify the school in advance to avoid disruptions.

Conclusion

We close by thanking you—our parents—for the love, sacrifice, and support you continue to extend to your children and to the school. Your cooperation is deeply appreciated.

We ask Allah to ease the economic hardship we are all facing and to continue to bless and protect our children. May they return after the holiday refreshed, recharged, and ready for another year of growth.

Wassalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah Wa Barakatuh.

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Mustapha Mas'ood
Principal