

New Horizons College, Minna

Principal's Mid-Term Break Second Term Newsletter

Saturday 18th February, 2023 (27th Rajab, 1444AH)

“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 successfully guided us to one half of this term. As we approach the election period, may Allah keep us safe and give us leaders who will put the interest of the people first.

Below are the highlights of this Newsletter:

1. Academic activities
2. Extra-curricular activities
3. Islamiyyah Update
4. Hostel Information
5. Update on School's Security Arrangement
6. Resumption From Election 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. The Vice-Principal has been giving parents of such students updated.
- Supervision of teachers in the classroom intensified to ensure they are adhering to agreed upon the checklist for teaching and learning in the classroom.
- Application of real-life application to theoretical concepts by teachers in the classroom still been monitored and implemented.
- SS3 students registered for JAMB and WAEC examinations.
- MOCK examination for SS3 students conducted and completed. Cambridge IGCSE exam registration also completed for students who registered for the exam. (It is not compulsory for all SS3)
- Centralized tests conducted and completed for JSS1-SS2 students.
- Teachers enrolled for Cambridge IGCSE online training.

- Cambridge and WAEC Examinations concluded for SS3 students
- Saturday Maths clinic continued.
- Early morning Cambridge lessons for SS2 students continued.
- The office of the Academic Adviser organized the following programmes: 'Re-learn to Read' reading programme for some students; Followed through with some SS1 transfer science students who were struggling in First term; Group counseling sessions for both career and academics conducted; Inauguration of career counselor assistants/students career counselor for JSS3 students.

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, all in a bid to provide a holistic education to each child as they pass through the 6-years of the NHC experience! Below are some of the extracurricular activities for this term:

- Personal Development and Leadership training conducted for SS3 students thrice since they resumed this term.
- The school came first in the drama, painting and singing competition of the HIEFEST competition in art and culture for secondary schools in Niger state. The school won the prize for the Best-Behaved School during the competition. Lastly, the school placed third in the "On-spot" Non-fiction writing competition.
- The Students Affairs Department of the school has continued to engage students on academic and non-academic affairs. Some of these include: collaboration with class teachers in dealing with issues as they affect the students; preliminary investigation of disciplinary cases; Posters making, Friday Prayers coordination, vetting of books and other social affairs to be presented, organization of class meetings, One-on-One counseling sessions, organization of class meetings, etc.
- 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.
- Educational visit by SS2 Chemistry students to Science Equipment Development Institute (SEDI) in Minna
- ICT club members attended the "Google Developers Festival Conference."
- Our students placed First in the Aisha Lemu Quiz competition and Second position in exhibition category of the competition.

3. Islamiyyah Update

Alhamdulillah, we are beginning to see visible progress and improvement in the teaching and learning during the school's Islamiyyah classes. Below are Islamiyyah activities recorded this term:

- . Self-improvement recitation and memorization programme continued after subhi and before maghrib prayers.
- . First ten minutes in Tahfeez lesson is used for revision, before the start of normal lesson every day.
- . Islamiyyah quiz was introduced to assess and give students a better understanding of the knowledge of tajweed.
- . Intra-class competition was organized across all classes.
- . Tajweed class have continued to witness progress and improvement, by employing or engaging in more practicals than theoretical concepts during normal Islamiyyah lessons.

4. Hostel Information

The school has been organizing craft activities for students for a while. Some students usually buy materials used for crafts from their pocket money account. Since materials are a bit more expensive and deducting from the account will deplete their pocket money quickly, we are giving the students the option to pay for the materials separately by bringing the money when they resume, or they can buy the materials at home and bring them to school.

Some of the craft activities will hold in 2nd and some in 3rd term in sha Allah.

The craft activities they can chose from are:

(They can pick one or all. Please check the ones you want them to participate in)

1. Candle Making: 15k ____
2. Resin Art: 15k ____
3. DIY Design and Printing - Mug Personalization: 6k ____
4. DIY Design and Printing - Fabric (T-shirt, throw pillow cover and drawstring): 6k ____
5. Paper Craft; box making and notepads: 6k ____

Payment is to be made into the school account, in the child's name with the word Crafts next to their name. Or, on the day of resumption to the Bursary department. Please ensure you get a receipt.

They must return this form with proof of payment when they resume. Thank you.

5. **Update on Security for outside perimeter of the school**

We are pleased to inform parents that we have successfully engaged the Niger State Vigilante body to patrol the outside perimeter of the school from 6pm to 8am. The school has also continued the contract of protecting inside the perimeters of the school by the members of the Civil Defence Corps. (NSDC).

6. **Resumption From Election Mid-Term Break**

Students are expected to resume from the break on Saturday 4th March 2023, 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.

We wish all Nigerians a peaceful and successful election. May Allah keep us all safe, and return our children safely back to school when the time comes.

Wassalamu alaykum

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