

New Horizons College, Minna

Principal's Mid-Term Break Third Term Newsletter

Friday 23rd June, 2023 (5th Dhul HaJJ, 1444AH)

“A child educated only at school is an uneducated child.”– George Santayana

“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 honor belongs to Allah, the Creator of the Worlds, the Everlasting, Ever living, Dominion-Holding, Sovereign, Eternal, and Absolute Being. We Thank God for His generosity, which has allowed us to experience the first nine days of Dhul Hajj. May He allow us to continue to benefit from His mercy and grace. Below are the highlights of this Newsletter:

1. Academic activities
2. Extra-curricular activities
3. Islamiyyah Update
4. JAMB 2023
5. Promotion Examinations 2023
6. Notification For Resumption in September 2023 (New Session)
7. 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. A system put in place to identify, support and monitor the progress of students with academic challenges before and after the centralized test. The office of the Vice-Principal and that of the Senior Master, ensured parents of such students were updated regularly on the progress of their wards.
- Supervision of teachers in the classroom intensified to ensure they are adhering to agreed 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 Master, Vice-Principal and Director of Training and Development actively checking its implementation through regular class visits.

- A former student, Fatiha Ta-dutse, is to receive an award a British Council Award in Lagos on the 6th of July, for have the best English Language result in the Cambridge IGCSE examination of 2021.
- Highly commendable centralized test results recorded. The performance was unprecedented in all classes. In the senior secondary, over 80 plus students scored eight out of 10 marks in almost all of their subjects, while in the junior secondary, 30 plus students scored eighteen out of twenty marks.
- Placement counselling was conducted for JSS3 on Science or Arts stream selection.
- Application of career tests for stream selection conducted for JSS3 students.
- Cambridge and WAEC Examinations concluded for SS3 students.
- Saturday Maths clinic continued.
- Early morning Cambridge lessons for SS1 students commenced; while SS2 students continued the Cambridge lessons from where they stopped last term.
- Weekend extra lessons towards preparing SS2 for GCE continued.
- **Teaching for the term came to an end on Friday 23rd June, and students are to commence revision and then exams after resumption from the Eid Adha Break (Sallah Break)**

2. Extra-curricular Activities

In New Horizons College Minna, we do our best to pay as much attention to extra-curricular activities as we give to academic activities, which form part of our visible curriculum 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:

- Several sessions of Personal Development and Leadership training were organized for SS2 and SS3 students.
- There was a Mathematics Department Challenge Quiz night for the SS students.
- 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. There were two sessions this term.
- Deen Fest was an Islamic theme night where there was Qur'an Quiz, Arabic Quiz, drama on salat and other activities
- Candle-making class was organized by staff in charge of craft with the support of the Students Affairs Department

- Big Life Adventure {Leadership Training for Juniors} was organized for students of JSS over four sessions.
- A colourful Jilbab night was organized for the graduating class of 2023 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.
- Group and personal Counselling sessions were organized by the Students Affairs Department
- Group and personal Mentoring sessions were also organized by the Students Affairs Department
- Murabbi Circle Sessions over four sessions with Director, Training and Research.
- The staff of the Students Affairs Department were enrolled on Online Personal Development Courses
- Uni-Prep, a university preparatory class was organized for the SS3 graduating class.
- Several Exit programs were organized for SS3 Students.
- Online session on pornography addiction was twice organized for SS3 boys
- Separate sessions of Girls Talk and Guys Jist were organized for SS3 girls and Boys, where they were taken through sessions on navigating relationships with the opposite sex in preparation for marriage, questions to ask a prospective husband or wife, and rights and responsibilities of husbands and wives, etc.
- Several sessions of Personal Development and Leadership training were organized for JSS3 Boys and Girls, and Public Speaking training was conducted for selected SS3 boys, Nurain Takuma who is a former student, organized discussion sessions on life with SS1 boys, JSS3 boys and SS2 girls.
- Yoghurt-making classes were organized for interested selected students.
- Annual Qur'an Recitation/Memorization and Nasiha Competition held. The winner of the Memorization Competition prize was a cheque to cover the tuition of the student in the First term.
- Clubs exhibitions were held where clubs showcased what students had learnt or created during their club activities.
- A spelling Bee competition was organized by the languages department.
- Maths Quiz competition organized between classes by the Mathematics department.
- Football match between SS2 and staff of the school, where the SS2 students managed to force the staff to a one-all draw!
- Ramadan Cup, a junior and senior football tournament was held.

- The school's volleyball and basketball teams engaged Al-Inara Islamic School in volleyball and basketball-friendly matches.
- The staff team defeated the SS3 graduating in a farewell match to mark the completion of their WAEC examination and departure from the school.
- Analysis and Interpretation of occupational Preference and Vocational interest data collation ongoing for JSS3 to help with their career choice.

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. Also, weekly reports on the activities of the Islamiyyah were submitted to the Director of Training and Research.
- Weekly tracking of students' progress intensified.
- A Quranic recitation and memorization competition was held on Saturday 10th 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 her 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. Alhamdulillah for the great improvement witnessed during this session's competition as attested to by two members of the National Qur'anic Recitation Committee who were invited as judges.
- The Walima for SS3 graduating students was held on Friday 23rd June by 4:30 pm. Quite a few of the parents of the graduating students attended the occasion.

4. JAMB 2023 Result

Please see below the JAMB result for the class of 2023

SCORE RANGE	NO OF STUDENTS	PERCENTAGE %
200-209	2	3.03
210-239	15	22.73
240-269	29	43.94
270-299	17	25.76
300-399	3	4.55

TOTAL	66	100%
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Alhamdulillah, this result represents a 100% success, as no student scored below 200 points.

5. Promotion Examination 2023

This third term and session are finally coming to an end, alhamdulillah. As students come home for the Eid Adha/Mid-term break, we draw the attention of parents to the commencement of the promotion exams for this session, which will in sha Allah commence on Thursday 13th July 2023. Parents should please endeavour to ensure that their child/children prepare for their examinations, as students who fail to meet the criteria for promotion, will be made to repeat the class.

In the JSS category, students will be required to obtain credit passes in Maths, English Language and any three subjects, and obtain an average score of 50% and above.

In the senior category, students who are science students must get credit in Maths, English, Chemistry, Physics and any other subject, and an average of 50% overall. For Art or Humanities, students in this category must obtain credit in Mathematics, English Language, History, Literature, and any other WAEC subject, as well as an overall average of 50% and above.

6. Notification For Resumption In September 2023

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 2023. 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, 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 out and return the notification of resumption form when their child is resuming after the Eid Break.

As was implemented last session, all parents will pay a non-refundable school fees deposit of **N180,000** for boarders and **N80,000** by the second week of August before resumption, as confirmation that their child will be resuming with the school in September 2023. 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.

7. **Resumption From Eid Adha Break**

Students are expected back from the Eid Break on Saturday 8th July 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.

Parents are again reminded that the Promotion exams will in sha Allah begin on Thursday 13th July, 2023. No make-up examinations will be given to students who fail to resume on time for the examination without cogent reasons.

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

Wassalamu alaykum

Mustafa Mas'ood
Principal

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Confirmation of Resumption in September 2023 Slip

My child of Boys/Girls.

- Will in sha Allah be resuming with the school in September, 2023.
- Will not be resuming with the school in September, 2023.
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2022/2023 THIRD TERM EXAMINATION TIME TABLE

DAYS	CLASS/PAPER 1	TIME	CLASS/PAPER 2	TIME		
THURSDAY 13/07/23	JSS 1 > B/TECH JSS 2 > ISP JSS 3 > S/STUDIES SS 1 > CHEM/HIS. SS 2 > GEOGRAPHY	8:00 – 11:00 AM	JSS 1 > COMPUTER JSS 2 > W/HISTORY JSS 3 > LITERATURE SS 1 > IRS SS 2 > COMPUTER	12 - 2 :00PM		
FRIDAY 14/07/23	JSS1 > B/SCIENCE JSS2 > B/SCIENCE JSS3 > B/STUDIES SS1 > PHYSICS/LIT. SS2 > ENGLISH 1&2	7:45 – 10:45A M	JSS1 > ENGLISH JSS2 > ARABIC JSS3 > IRS SS1 > ENGLISH SS2 > ENGLISH 3	11:30 - 1:30PM		
SATURDAY 15/07/23	JSS1 > ISP JSS2 > LITERATURE JSS3 > ENGLISH SS1 > ISP SS2 > ECONS/F.MATHS 1	8:00 – 11:00 AM	JSS 1 > ARABIC JSS2 > S/STUDIES JSS3 > COMPUTER SS1 > W/HISTORY SS2 > F/MATHS 2	12 - 2 :00PM		
MONDAY 17/07/23	JSS 1 > MATHS JSS 2 > MATHS JSS 3 > MATHS SS 1 > MATHS 1 SS 2 > MATHS 1		- - - SS1 > MATHS 2 SS2 > MATHS 2			
TUESDAY. 18/07/23	JSS1 > LITERATURE JSS2 > B/STUDIES JSS3 > B/TECH SS1 > GEOGRAPHY SS2 > CHEM/HIS.		JSS1 > HAUSA/FRENCH JSS2 > IRS JSS3 > ISP SS1 > COMPUTER SS2 > CIVIC EDU.			
WEDNESDAY 19/07/23	JSS1 > S/STUDIES JSS2 > H.ECONS/AGRIC/ART JSS3 > B/SCIENCE SS1 > ECONS/F.MATHS 1 SS2 > PHYSICS/LIT.		JSS1 > IRS JSS2 > ENGLISH JSS3 > ARABIC SS1 > AGRIC/TD/F.NUT./ART SS2 > LIT 3			
THURSDAY 20/07/23	JSS 1 > B/STUDIES JSS 2 > B/TECH JSS 3 > W/HISTORY SS 1 > BIO/F.ACC/ELECT. SS2 > BIO/F.ACC/ELECT.		JSS1 > H.ECONS/AGRIC JSS2 > COMPUTER JSS3 > STEAMLEDGE SS1 > Q/ARABIC SS 2 > IRS			
FRIDAY 21/07/2023	JSS1 > STEAMLEDGE JSS 2 > HAUSA/FRENCH JSS 3 > HAUSA/FRENCH SS1 > F/MATHS 2 SS2 > AGRIC/TD/F.NUT./ART		7:45 – 10:45A M		JSS 1 > V/ART JSS2 > STEAMLEDGE JSS3 > H.ECONS/AGRIC SS1 > MERRION IT SS2 > T/D 3/ART 3	11:30 - 1:30PM