

New Horizons College, Minna

Principal's Mid-Term Break Third Term Newsletter

Friday 7th June, 2024 (1st Dhul HaJJ, 1445AH)

“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 enter the first day 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. Checking 3rd term Centralized Test result and performance
5. Promotion Examinations 2024
6. Notification For Resumption in September 2024 (New Session)
7. Resumption From Eid Adha Break (Sallah Break)

1. **Academic Activities**

Below is a summary of academic activities in the school this term:

- Extra support lessons continued for students with academic challenges from 2nd term. We have continued with the system put in place to identify, support and monitor the progress of students with academic challenges after 2nd term examination.
- Application of real-life application to theoretical concepts by teachers in the classroom intensified.
- Highly commendable centralized test results recorded. The performance was unprecedented in all classes. The Principal's Honor's list was dominated by SS2 students, who had the best individual and class performance.
- Placement counseling for JSS3 on Science or Arts stream selection is currently ongoing. JSS3 students were given letters on this to take home.
- Application of career tests for stream selection conducted for JSS3 students.

- Pre-Centralized test academic support conducted for selected students.
- Career choice orientation conducted for JSS3 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.

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 forms 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:

- SS2 Geography students embarked on an educational visit to Raw Materials Research and Development Institute in Minna
- The school participated in an Olympiad competition, which the result is been awaited.
- SS2 and SS3 History students embarked on an educational visit to interview General Abdulsalam about how a Military Government is ran.
- 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 event where there were Qur'an Quiz, Arabic Quiz, drama, a Fair and other activities
- NHC club exhibitions was organized where various clubs showcased their products, craft and inventions.
- Members of Press club embarked on a visit to Prestige FM Minna.
- A colourful Jilbab night was organized for the graduating class of 2024 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

- 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.
- 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,
- 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.
- Chemistry students embarked on an educational excursion to Scientific Equipment Development Institute Minna.
- Mathematics department organized the Brainiac and Byte Quiz Competition
- Football match between SS3 graduating class and staff of the school, where the staff forced them to a one-all draw!
- Ramadan Cup, a junior and senior football tournament was held.
- Analysis and Interpretation of occupational Preference and Vocational interest data collation ongoing for JSS3 to help with their career choice.

3. Islamiyyah Update

Lessons began on the 22nd of April, 2024, and have been proceeding smoothly.

- Monitoring of classes during lessons has been improved upon where supervisors give reports of each class they are assigned in rotational bases their observations during the week at the end of every week.
- This is to further enhance the monitoring of the activities of mallams during lessons and ensure the agreed methods of teachings are upheld to.
- During the second week of resumption, we conducted a series of Quran competition screenings over two weeks to select participants to represent each categories in both the Tahfiz and Intermediate levels. The competition was held on the 4th of May, 2024. The following students emerged victorious at different levels:

Tahfiz Level:

1. Abdulazeez Momoh Jimoh Ss2B - 1st place
2. Muhammad Murtala Modibbo Ss2B - 2nd place
3. Maryam Muazu Ss2G - 3rd place

Intermediate Level:

1. Zainab Haruna Ss2G - 1st place
2. Khadija Umar Muhammad SS1G - 2nd place
3. Ahmed Kabir Ahmad Jss1B - 3rd place

Lastly, the SS3 Quran Walimah will take place on the 7th of June, 2024.

4. Checking 3rd term Centralized Test Results and Performance

The result for the Centralized Test concluded a week and half ago is ready. Students have been given all their test scripts. Parents can access their child's scores through the link <https://nhcminna.org/resultchecker> as soon as you have read this newsletter

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

5. Promotional Examination 2004

As has been the practice, all students will have to meet the set criteria for promotion of their current class to be promoted to the next class as follows:

- JSS1-3 students will have to obtain 5 credits including Maths and English to be promoted to the next class. In addition, their individual average must be above 50%.
- SS1-2 students will have to obtain 5 credits in WAEC subjects including Maths and English and score an individual average of 50%.

Depending on performance, students who fail to meet the above stated criteria will be given a Re-sit exam if they fail no more than two subjects.

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 practical exams upon resumption from the Eid break. Promotion exam proper will commence on the Thursday 11th July 2024, hence parents help us ensure that students create the time to study.

6. Notification For Resumption In September 2024

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 2024. 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 N250,000 for boarders and N120,000 by the second week of August before resumption, as confirmation that their child will be resuming with the school in September 2024. 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 22nd June 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.

Parents are again reminded that the Practical exams will in sha Allah begin on Monday 24th June, 2024. No make-up examinations will be given to students who fail to resume on time 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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