



EMERALD HIGH SCHOOL, OGUNRUN-ORI, OGUN STATE

MID-TERM (FIRST TERM) NEWSLETTER

2019/2020 ACADEMIC SESSION

Saturday 19th, October, 2019

Dear Esteemed Parents/Guardian,

1.0 GREETINGS/APPRECIATION

We are deeply grateful to God for a peaceful and successful half-term. We also appreciate our esteemed parents for their support to the school.

2.0 VACATION AND RESUMPTION

The school vacates on Saturday, 19th October, 2019 for Mid-term Break. Resumption from Midterm Break is scheduled for Sunday, 27th October, 2019.

3.0 OPEN DAY

Open Day holds today, 19th October, 2019. Parents are expected to check and compare the achievement of their wards with their set target. It is also important for parents to obtain a frank assessment of their ward's behaviour and performance from the subject teachers, mentors, house parents and the academic supervisor.

4.0 MID-TERM RESULTS

The mid-term result of each child is a true reflection of the child's effort. Parents are advised to go through the result with each child so as to encourage him/her to work harder for better performance at the end of the term.

Please, (i) go through the result with your child **(ii)** make a copy of it **(iii)** behind the copy, make your comments about the result or on any other issue of concern to you and **(iv)** submit it to the houseparent who will give it to the form tutor or mentor for performance discussion.

5.0 WEST AFRICAN SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (WASSCE), 2019

The performance of Emerald High School was impressive and outstanding in the WASSCE May/June, 2019 result. The result shows 100% in the following subjects: English Language, Civics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Accounting, Commerce, economics, fishery, Geography, Computer, CRS, Lit-in English, TD, Government, PHE, Food & Nutrition, Agric Science and Catering Craft. Mathematics and Further Mathematics were 97.9% and 95.2% respectively. Noteworthy is that the school made 89.55% distinction grades overall.

6.0 UNIFIED TERTIARY MATRICULATION EXAMINATION (UTME), 2019

The performance of Emerald High School in the UTME result released by the Joint Admissions Matriculations Board (JAMB) was also remarkable as the least score was 221 out of 400. Five of the students scored above 300.

7.0 NATIONAL EXAMINATION COUNCIL – BASIC EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (NECO – BECE)

This is the examination that students in Year 9 sit to transit to Senior School. Emerald High School had 100% performance in the examination.

8.0 INTERNATIONAL GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (IGCSE), 2019

The October, 2019 IGCSE commenced on 9th October, 2019 and will end on 11th November, 2019.

The Year 12 students writing IGCSE will stay back in school to continue their examination during this mid-term break. Everything has been put in place in preparation for the examination and we are expecting excellent results.

9.0 CAMBRIDGE CHECKPOINT EXAMINATION, 2019.

The Checkpoint Examination commenced on 8th October, 2019 and ended on 10th October, 2019.

10.0 MID-TERM ASSIGNMENTS

Mid-term assignments are enclosed in every child's envelope. Parents are enjoined to guide their children in completing the assignments before resumption. The assignments can also be accessed on the school website.

11.0 VACATION FOR END OF FIRST TERM, 2019

The vacation date for First Term, 2019/2020 session has been changed from Thursday, 19th December, 2019 to **Saturday, 14th, December, 2019.** This is to facilitate movement of parents who are travelling out of Lagos with their children and avoid the hardship associated with the traffic on our roads.

12.0 DISCIPLINE

The school has a vision backed up with firm action to ensure that all students do not only excel academically but are morally upright. Every child will be positioned to be a source of glory to God, source of pride to the school and source of joy to their parents. It takes collective effort to achieve this. We therefore solicit the cooperation of all parents to constantly admonish their children to be law abiding and be of good behaviour at all times within and outside the school.

There is a renewed effort on the part of the school to ensure that every student acts right and no act of indiscipline is condoned. The Counselling Unit with all members of staff are ready to ensure that every child get adequate attention to behave orderly in school.

13.0 SPORTS FIESTA

Emerald High School will hold her maiden Sport Fiesta on **Saturday, 16th, November, 2019**. The sports festival will provide students the opportunity to showcase their talents, skills and dexterity in various sports as well as promote team spirit.

14.0 EDUCATIONAL TRIPS – Association of Independent Schools in Africa (AISA) TRIP

The 2020 AISA – GISS will hold in Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire, from 16th – 20th January, 2020. Students of Emerald High School will be deliberating on Global Issues with students from other International Schools in Africa.

The space for participants for this programme is limited to 10 students. The summit costs \$1,515. Parents of students in Year 9 to 11 who wish their wards to attend the Summit should complete the consent form inserted in the envelope containing the mid-term report and return same to the Principal on resumption from mid-term break.

14.1 FOREIGN TRIPS

Our students embarked on a UK Tour which held from 23rd – 29th August, 2019. The students visited London Eye, Buckingham Palace, Madame Tussah, Muson of Natural Science and other places of interest. It was a huge success.

We have commenced preparation for various foreign trips coming up next year such as:

- ❖ The Global Issues Service Summit (GISS) holding in Abidjan Cote d’Ivoire from 16th – 20th January, 2020.
- ❖ Canada Trip, 2020 – This is a Summer Trip and costs \$5,835 per student.
- ❖ Spain Trip, 2020 – This is a Summer Trip and costs €2,950 per student.
- ❖ French Immersion Programme for Year 8 students which will take place from Wednesday, 22nd March – Wednesday, 1st April, 2020.

To get the flexible payment plan which spans from November, 2019 to April, 2020 for the Canada and Spain Trips, interested parents should signify interest by contacting Mrs. Ezeomah on 0816 845 5107

14.2 LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME

Parents of Year 10 students should begin to prepare their wards for the Leadership Training Programme at the Citizenship and Leadership Training Centre (Sea School), Apapa, Lagos. In this programme, the students are equipped with leadership, entrepreneurial and other life-saving skills.

More information on the programme will later be communicated to the parents.

14.3 INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

All Year 11 students will be proceeding on an Industry Experience Programme during the Easter holiday. This is an early information to parents in order to assist their children/wards to seek appropriate firms relevant to their career choice for this programme.

14.4 COMMUNITY SERVICE

We express our appreciation to all our parents who have consistently supported the school both in cash and kind. The students will be embarking on community service visitation to orphanages at the end of the term. We implore parents to please support them with gift items for the less privileged in our society.

15.0 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This year's Christmas Concert with the theme "Natale Salvezza" comes up on Saturday, 14th December, 2019. The concert promises to be very entertaining as preparations are in top gear for the event. We implore our parents to ensure to be part of this celebration.

16.0 SCHOOL OF VOCATIONS

Vocational training went smoothly from the beginning of the session and the students are doing great in their different vocations.

We are requesting that every student in the following department come with the underlisted items to enable them have a store of their personal made craft which is strictly meant for their own use.

16.1 TAILORING DEPARTMENT

Year 10 and 11 students of tailoring are requested to come with four (4) yards of at least three different fabrics (Ankara, Chiffon, suit material, and stretchy materials), stones, beads and trimmings.

16.2 BEADS AND HAT DEPARTMENT

Year 7 students in Bead and Hat Department should bring crystal beads of size 6 and 8 (four strings each) fishing line (size 0.3mm, 0.4mm) one each and sand beads size 3.

16.3 BARBING DEPARTMENT

Year 8 – 12 students in barbing department are requested to give someone a skin cut and send the picture/video to this WhatsApp number: 0803 096 7948.

16.4 HAIR DRESSING DEPARTMENT

Year 7 – 9 students are requested to come with the following for their personal practice which they can later take home.

1. Mannequin head with hair (1)
2. Attachment (5).

Year 10 and 11 have been given a list of items for their personal practice. The items are for their personal use and to showcase what they have learnt so far.

17.0 WORN-OUT/OUTGROWN UNIFORMS

Parents are advised to check their children's uniforms to ensure that the children's worn-out and outgrown uniforms are replaced. Students with worn out clothes will not be checked in into the hostel. Parents should discourage their children from wearing uniforms that bear names of another student as such will be confiscated.

17.1 SCHOOL SHOES AND SANDALS

Every student is required to return to school with two pairs of lace-up black shoes as well as two pairs of sandals. "Crocs" are not allowed, please.

17.2 BED SHEET BEDDINGS

Students are required to return to school with two (2) white bed sheets as well as two (2) house bed sheets. Many students often sleep on bare mattress and reduce the lifespan of such mattresses. Similarly, blue coloured duvets are recommended for students.

17.3 HAIR CUT FOR BOYS

Boys are reminded to bring their clippers to school as they must keep their hair low and tidy always. It is safer to use personal clippers for haircut. Boys should return to school with a decent low haircut.

18.0 ADMISSION IN PROGRESS

Application forms for 2020/2021 Academic Session are on sale. Entrance & Scholarship Examination into Emerald High School will take place on Saturday, 25th January, 2020 in Port Harcourt, Warri, Eket, Abuja and in the school premises.

The school appreciates every parent who has been recommending the school to other parents. Parents who refer students to the school will enjoy an appreciation token of ₦30,000 per student introduced to the school as soon as the candidate resumes in the school.

19.0 DONATION OF BOOKS TO LIBRARY

This is to solicit from parents donation of books to the School Library. Please find below a list of suggested authors. We encourage that parents partner with the school to revive reading culture in our teenagers.

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| 1. Francine Rivers | 2. Enid Blyton |
| 3. Rachel Renee Russell | 4. Jetty Kinney |
| 5. Ben Garson | 6. Jodi Ficutt |
| 7. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie | 8. Rowling J.K. |
| 9. Nancy Carson | 10. Emily Bronte |

11. Babara Taylor
13. David Williman
15. Chris Ryan
17. Jacqueline Wilson
19. Myles Munroe
20. Maureen Lee
23. Donald Trump
25. Nick Vujcic
27. Kathryn Kuhlma
29. Napoleon Hill
31. Joyce Meyer
33. Adolf Hitler
35. Olusegun Obasanjo
37. John Maxwell
39. Napoleon Hill
41. William Shakespeare
43. Kenneth Hagen
45. John Hagen
47. Spencer Johnson
12. Meg Cabot
14. Joel Ostein
16. Kathy Reichs
18. Benny Hinn
20. Josephine Cox
22. Miles Kelly
24. Stormie Oma
26. Jack Welch
28. Rory Vaden
30. Brian Tracy
32. Wole Soyinka
34. Nelson Mandela
36. Zig Ziglar
38. Robert T. Kiyosaki
40. Joel Osten
42. Jack Canfield
44. Obafemi Awolowo
46. John Mason
49. Rick Riordan

20.0 CONCLUSION

We appreciate your patronage, feedback, support and partnership.

Please, check our website – www.emeraldschools.com for other news update.

We wish you and our students a refreshing mid-term holiday.

Yours faithfully,

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