



EMERALD HIGH SCHOOL, OGUNRUN-ORI END OF FIRST TERM NEWSLETTER 2019/2020 ACADEMIC SESSION

14th December, 2019

Dear Parents,

1.0 GREETINGS/APPRECIATION

Compliment of the season to you. We are deeply grateful to God for His protection over students, staff and parents from January to December 2019 as well as the achievements that we recorded during the term. Below are highlights of activities of the school for the term.

2.0 VACATION/RESUMPTION

The school vacates for First Term holiday on Saturday, 14th December, 2019. Students are required to resume school on Sunday, 5th January, 2020 from 12.00 noon to 6.00pm. This is to avoid the hardship associated with the traffic on the road.

3.0 ONLINE ACADEMIC RESULT CHECKER

Parents are requested to check their child's result online, using the child's surname and admission number (i.e. the username and password).

Please visit the school website for the link to access the result from Wednesday, 18th December, 2019. In case of any difficulty in checking your child's result, please contact our ICT personnel: **Mr Uidia – 08034294390; Mr Adesina – 07069431346 and Mr Nicholas - 07014525320.**

The 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 next 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 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.

4.0 END OF TERM ASSIGNMENTS

End of 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.

5.0 INTERNATIONAL GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (IGCSE) AND CHECKPOINT

Our Year 12 students who were registered for IGSCSE successfully completed their examination on Thursday, 14th November, 2019. The examination started on Wednesday 9th October, 2019. They were well prepared for the examination and we are expecting excellent results by His grace.

The Year 10 students who registered for the Cambridge Checkpoint Examination successfully completed the examination on Thursday, 10th October, 2019. The examination started on Tuesday, 8th October, 2019.

6.0 SCHOLARSTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT) & TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL)

Some Year 12 students wrote the SAT on Saturday, 7th December, 2019.

Also, some Year 12 students wrote the TOEFL on Friday 13th December, 2019. The tests are requirements for gaining admissions into colleges and universities in Canada and United States of America.

7.0 CAREER DAY

The Career Day Programme held on Tuesday, 10th December, 2019. The theme of the career day was "Follow Your Dream". The students were opportuned to listen to professionals from different careers and also gained relevant information that will guide them to make wise career choices. Professionals in careers such as Geology, Surveying, Human Resources Management and Interior Decoration were in attendance.

8.0 SPORTS FIESTA

The maiden edition of the Emerald High School Sports Fiesta was held on Saturday, 16th November, 2019. The Sports Fiesta provided students with the opportunity to showcase their talents, skills and dexterity in various sports as well as promote healthy competition and team spirit. The fiesta was exciting and entertaining with many schools in attendance.

9.0 EXCURSION

The Year 9 and Year 12 students visited the popular Nike Art Gallery, Lekki and the National Museum, Onikan, Lagos respectively for their excursion after their examination. Next term, after their examination, it will be the turn of Year 7 and Year 11 students.

10.0 FOREIGN TRIPS

Our students embarked on a UK Tour which held from 23rd – 29th August, 2019. The students visited London Eye, Buckingham Palace, Madame Tussad, Medsellin 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 which will take place from Wednesday, 22nd March to 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 contact the Asst. Vice Principal, Special Duties, **Mrs Ezeomah, on 08168455107**

11.0 YEAR 8 – FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAMME

The French Immersion Programme provides the Year 8 students with the opportunity to acquire hands on practical experience that will enhance their mastery of French Language. This programme will hold from Wednesday, 22nd March – Wednesday 1st April, 2020

12.0 LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME (YEAR 10 STUDENTS)

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. The programme will hold towards the end of second term in the year 2020. This programme equips students with leadership, entrepreneurial and other life-saving skills. The fee for the Leadership Training Programme is included in the school bill.

13.0 INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE (YEAR 11)

All Year 11 students will be proceeding on an Industry Experience Programme designed to acquaint them with hands on experience in the field of their future career during Easter holiday at the end of the second term. Parents are enjoined to assist their children/wards to seek appropriate firms relevant to their career choices for this programme as well as submit the name, address and phone number of such firm to the Principal's Secretary on resumption for the second term.

14.0 SERVICE LEARNING (YEAR 11 STUDENTS)

The Service Learning Programme is mandatory for all Year 11 students. It is a five (5) day programme designed to develop the virtue of charity in the students. Each student is required to render his/her voluntary service in an orphanage home of his/her choice. Parents are enjoined to ensure that their wards participate in this one week voluntary exercise. Certificate of Participation will be awarded to students who submit their reports to the school at resumption. A letter of introduction to the orphanage home where your child intends to render his/her service is enclosed in the report envelope.

15.0 EDUCATION FAIR

The maiden edition of the Emerald High School Education Fair held on Thursday, 30th May, 2019. About forty (40) representatives of schools and agencies were present.

This is a forum for parents to be enlightened about admission processes and scholarship into tertiary institutions in Nigeria , other African Countries, Europe, Canada and United State of America. The following agencies were represented:

- Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB)
- USA Education Unit, United States Information Service
- GIEVA Eduactional Services : The Representative of College Board (SAT, PSAT), American College Test (ACT); TOEFL
- Sixth form Colleges and Universities: Nigerian and foreign.

The date for the next edition is Friday, 31st January, 2020.

16.0 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This year's Christmas concert with the theme "**Natale Salvezza**" held today, Saturday, 14th December, 2019. The concert was very entertaining with our students participating in a variety of roles. It was a reminder to man the reason for the coming of Jesus Christ, which is for our salvation – "**Natale Salvezza**".

17.0 PREPARATION FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2020 CAMBRIDGE IGCSE, CHECKPOINT AND 2020 WASSCE

Compulsory coaching classes for all students promoted to Year 12 and Checkpoint students promoted to Year 10 will commence on Monday, 27th July to Friday, 28th August, 2020.

The Summer classes are designed to get students adequately prepared for the October/November, 2020 Checkpoint (Year 10) and IGCSE (Year 12) as well as April/May, 2020 WASSCE. We seek the cooperation

of parents in this regard. Details of 2020 Checkpoint and October/November IGCSE fees will be communicated to concerned parents as soon as the British Council, the organising body of Cambridge International Examinations in Nigeria, releases the information to the school.

18.0 13TH INTERHOUSE SPORTS COMPETITION

The last Inter-House Sports took place on 9th February, 2019. It was an exciting time for healthy competition amongst our children and an avenue for families to interact. Opal house came first, followed by Ruby, Amber and Jade. The next Inter-house Sports competition comes up on Friday, 7th February, 2020.

19.0 MICROSOFT IMAGINE ACADEMY

The Microsoft imagine Academy program provides educational institutions with access to a full curriculum solution for teaching technology courses and learning tools that help teachers gain technology skills and students to achieve success through employability and industry certification.

The computer suite has been prepared since August, 2019. This programme was to start at the beginning of this session in September, 2019 but due to logistics, the programme could not start. Hence, the programme will commence next term. Fees paid for this programme in first term have been converted to programme fees for second term.

20.0 INTRODUCTION OF PSYCHOMETRIC TEST: MIGENIUS

Migenius test is an effective tool that is utilized by experts to identify adolescents' natural talents, bring such talents to their awareness and guide them to careers and professions in which they can quickly excel with such talents.

Migenius test is a detailed psychological inventory test specially designed for adolescents to help them discover their natural talents and inherent potential. It is based on internationally tested and widely accepted psychological concepts and techniques currently utilized by leading organisations in the world. The test will be taken once by each student throughout High School. Only students in Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 will take the test and this will be done next term.

21.0 UNITED WORLD COLLEGES (UWC) SCHOLARSHIP 2020

United World Colleges are a consortium of International Baccalaureate Institutions established in each of the continents to provide world class education for young people in order to bridge the gaps of socio-cultural and racial barriers. Some students in Year 12 will be shortlisted for scholarship processing. Application forms cost N10,000. Parents of shortlisted students will be contacted.

22.0 TRANSCRIPTS, RECOMMENDATION LETTERS & SCHOOL FEES ISSUES

Requests for transcripts, recommendation letters, medical appointments etc. should be made via e-mail to emeraldschools1@gmail.com while follow-up call can be made through the Secretary to the Principal, Mrs Oke on 07069774322.

For issues relating to school fees, school uniforms and any other financial transactions, please contact the School Bursar, Mr Daniels Lawrence on 08169671764

23.0 THE MERGING OF SECOND AND THIRD TERMS' SCHOOL FEES (YEAR 9 & 12 STUDENTS)

Parents of Year 9 and Year 12 students should please be reminded that the fees for Second and Third Term have been merged in the bill sent to them. This is necessary because the students may not have the opportunity to come home after Christmas break due to the various external examinations they will

be sitting. We solicit the cooperation of our distinguished parents to make payments of the fees at resumption in January to avoid unnecessary inconveniences.

24.0 HAIRCUT FOR BOYS

Male students are required to return to school with decent low haircut (step 1 attachment of the barbing set). Boys are reminded to bring their personal clippers to school as they must keep low haircut always.

25.0 SCHOLARSHIP/ ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FOR 2020/21 SESSION

Application forms for 2020/2021 session are on sale at our various sales points. The first Entrance/Scholarship examination comes up on Saturday, 25th January, 2020 while the second batch entrance examination will hold on Saturday , 14th March, 2020. Please, see the admission fliers for more details.

28.0 CONCLUSION

We appreciate your patronage and wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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