



December 17, 2021

### ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The term witnessed a lot of academic activities. Schemes of work were fully covered. We stepped up academic competitions in order to widen the students' scope of learning and build their confidence base. Our students performed quite impressively in WASSCE and NECO examinations. We shall certainly build on these successes in subsequent academic sessions.



Dear Parents,

**GREETINGS/APPRECIATION**  
Greetings from the entire management and staff of Emerald High School. We are grateful to God for the successful completion of the first term and the grace to witness another yuletide season.



### FIRST TERM IN REVIEW

- A. Please recall we have given you reports on the following in the half term's newsletter:
  - i. Orientation programme for new students.
  - ii. National Day celebration.
  - iii. Cocktail party for new students.
  - iv. External examinations
  - v. Graduation party
- B. Activities covered in the second half of first term are as follows:
  - i. **Fire Drill:** Fire Drill came up on November 2. Staff and students were engaged a mock fire outbreak. It was designed to put both students and staff on red alert should there be any fire incident.
  - ii. **Jeans Day:** This took place on November 19. It was an occasion designed to inculcate the virtue of charity in the students. On the occasion, the students wore blue jeans trousers and made donations of which have been sent to orphanages. Students also assembled in the school hall to listen to lectures on charity.
  - iii. **Interschool Invitational Spelling Competition:** Emerald High School hosted six schools of its calibre in spelling duel on November 20. The competition showcased spelling, grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation at the highest level. We came first in both the senior and junior categories.
  - iv. **Career Day:** The career day was Wednesday, November 24. The day was set aside to educate all the students on various careers or professions. Experts in various fields were invited to give lectures on the successes they have made in their chosen professions.
  - v. **The Parents-Management Forum (PMF):** The PMF meeting was held on Sunday November 28. It was quite interactive as issues bordering on the school were trashed out. All the contributions made by parents have been noted for improvement of the system.
  - vi. **Christmas Concert:** This was the last event which brought parents and staff together to honour our Lord Jesus Christ, the saviour of mankind. It took place on December 16, 2021.

### TRANSCRIPTS, RECOMMENDATION LETTERS, INTRODUCTION LETTERS & SCHOOL FEES ISSUES

Requests for transcripts, recommendation letters, introduction letters, medical appointments etc. should be made via e-mail to [emeraldschools1@gmail.com](mailto:emeraldschools1@gmail.com) while follow-up call can be made through the Secretary to the Principal, Mrs. Oke on 0706 977 4322. For issues relating to school fees, school uniforms and any other financial transactions, please contact the Ag. School Bursar, Mr. Fatai on 0802 756 6014.

### WORN-OUT/OUTGROWN UNIFORMS AND OTHERS

We observed that some students' uniforms, belts and shoes are worn out. We request that parents should check their children's uniforms in order to ensure that worn-out and outgrown uniforms are replaced. Parents are also enjoined to discourage their children from wearing any uniform that bears the name of another student.

### HAIRCUT FOR BOYS, HAIRDO FOR GIRLS AND EARRINGS

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 clippers to school as they must keep low haircut always. It is safer to use personal clippers for haircut. We would be left with no choice than to use the school clipper if students fail to bring their personal clippers.

Female students are required to return to school with neat well-made braided shoulder length hair in one colour of either brown or black. No other hair colour will be allowed. Earrings must be the stud type without any extension. And very important, please kit up your children with protective devices against covid-19 on their return.



# STOP BULLYING

SEE IT - SAY IT - STOP IT

### PREVIEW OF SECOND TERM ACTIVITIES

- A. Adjustment in second term calendar: Please note that some adjustments have been made in the second term calendar as follows:
  - i. Second term ends March 25, 2022 (As against April 7, 2022 earlier scheduled)
  - ii. Extension classes for years 9 and 12: April 4 – 14, 2022. (No longer April 11 – 22)
- B. Activities lined up for second term as follows:
  - i. Return of all students: Sunday January 9, 2022.
  - ii. Mental Alertness Confirmation Test (MACT), formerly known as Welcome Test: Wednesday 12 – Monday 17, January 2022.
  - iii. Anti-Bullying Week: A week of somber reflections on previous bullying cases with a view to igniting serious campaigns against bullying.
  - iv. Entrance Examination (1st Batch): Saturday January 29, 2022.
  - v. Fire Drill: Wednesday February 2, 2022.
  - vi. Education Fair: Friday, February 4, 2022.
  - vii. Book Fair/Exhibition: Tuesday, February 15, 2022. This is a novel programme designed to inculcate the culture of reading in the students. Book dealers shall be invited to erect their pavilions and display books on different aspects of human endeavours. Parents will be invited to tour the book stands and pick books for themselves and their children.
  - viii. Continuous Assessment Week: February 7 – 11, 2022
  - ix. Interhouse Sports & Mid Term Break: Saturday, February 19, 2022.
  - x. Return from Mid Term Break: Sunday, February 27, 2022.
  - xi. Quiz for Junior & Senior Students (Humanities): Thursday, March 10, 2022.
  - xii. Jeans Day: Friday, March 11, 2022. Parents are implored to procure normal blue or black jeans for their children. Torn, tattered or 'crazy jeans' will not be tolerated.
  - xiii. Entrance Examination (2nd Batch): Saturday, March 12, 2022.
  - xiv. Second term examination commences: Monday, March 14, 2022.
  - xv. French excursion/immersion: March 20 - 23, 2022.
  - xvi. Vacation Day: March 25, 2022.
  - xvii. Resumption for 3rd term: Thursday, April 28, 2022.

### SCHOOL POLICY ON LAPTOPS



The following policies governing students' use of laptops should be strictly observed and adhered to:

- i. Students are not allowed to watch movies, cartoons or play games on their laptops.

- ii. Students are not allowed to bring external and storage devices such as flash drives, modems, wi-fi, mi-fi, etc to school. They will be confiscated.
- iii. Students are not allowed to swap or exchange laptops.
- iv. Students must surrender their laptops to the school Technical Team for investigation whenever the need arises.
- v. Students must sign in to class account during classes.
- vi. Students will be penalized for careless misplacement of laptops.
- vii. Any student who damages his/her laptop out of careless and rough play shall be penalized.

### MISCELLANEOUS

- i. Parents are implored to warn their children to abstain from forming chat groups as this often leads to unwarranted activities.
- ii. Action against bullying: The school has stepped up measures against bullying. The students have been highly sensitized to stand up against bullying. In addition to the installation of CCTV in the hostels, Anti-Bullying Club has been formed with membership cutting across staff and students. Coupled with this, anti-bullying signposts have been mounted in the school premises to constantly remind the students that the school has zero tolerance for bullying. We implore parents to equally step up their parenting on the children with a view to achieving total abstinence from bullying.
- iii. Covid-19 is still ravaging. We enjoin all parents to subject their children to covid vaccination or test before they come back for second term. The school will not allow any student without proof of vaccination or test to enter the school on resumption.

### CONCLUSION

We appreciate your patronage, support and partnership. We wish you merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year in advance

Thank you.

Signed:  
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PRINCIPAL.

