



21st February, 2022.

Dear esteemed Parents,

GREETINGS / APPRECIATION
We express our heartfelt gratitude to God for a peaceful and successful half-term.

The vacation for midterm coincided with the 15th annual Interhouse Sports competition. The students are to resume on Sunday, February 27.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

All classes went on as usual. Midterm results were issued in hard copies to ease assessment. Please feel free as usual to make your observations.

I. Academic competitions: Inter-class quiz in the humanities for both junior and senior students will take place on March 10. As expected, it is aimed at sharpening the students' knowledge of the humanities such as Christian Religious Studies, History, Government, Social Studies, Civic Education etc.

ii. Olympiad Mathematics Competition comes up on Saturday February 26.

iii. Fantastic IGCSE and Checkpoint results: We took the delivery of IGCSE and Checkpoint results where most of our students had distinctions.

iv. Debate: Our students gave a very good account of themselves at the two-tier debate organised by the Association of Private Educators of Nigeria (APEN)

v. Years 9 & 12 Extension Classes: The extension classes for years 9 & 12 shall be between April 4 and 14. The students had to be released for the midterm break to enable them to relax from the rigours of the Interhouse sports preparations. They are expected to go through the extension programme with the presence of their minds.

CODING AND ROBOTICS

Arrangement is being made for the students to engage in Robotics and Coding. This is to further expose the students to the science of creation especially in the field of technology. It is coming as a club activity and fees will be charged for it. We shall communicate to you subsequently when the arrangement is finalized.

EMERALD SCHOOL OF VOCATIONS

The School of Vocations had a wonderful training session with the students across the various classes. They were fully engaged in practical sessions with emphasis on individualized practicals. Recently, the cosmetology department was beefed up with specialists who have already started doing practicals with the students. The interest and response of students towards learning these trades are encouraging.

SOCIALS

I. There has been a deliberate increase in students' entertainments. The objective is to recreate and make the students relax well enough to face the arduous task of academic. It is also a subtle way of engaging the students in their idle time. As the saying goes, the idle mind is the devil's workshop.

ii. Fire Drill took place on February 2. As usual, the fire outbreak simulation was aimed at equipping the students and staff with the right response or readiness should there be any such incident.

iii. Anti-Bullying Week: The second term took off with anti-bullying week which was well anchored by the school's Anti-Bullying Club popularly called ABC. The objective was quite clear; to drum the unequivocal stance of the school further into the consciousness of the students.

iv. Education Fair: We had a very successful Edufair on February 4. It was a well attended event with a clear objective to canvass the most formidable tertiary institutions locally and internationally.

v. The 15th Annual Interhouse Sports Competition: We rounded off the first half of the term with the 15th annual Interhouse sports competition. It recorded great attendance and the standard was quite high.

vi. Postponed Book Fair: The Book Fair which was formerly scheduled to take place on February 15 was postponed to allow for adequate preparation for the Interhouse sports competition. The new date will be communicated in due course.

DISCIPLINE

We continue to tackle all cases of indiscipline head on. For us, it does not matter the level of indiscipline; it must be confronted outright with the commensurate measures.

i. Bonding of all the students: On the first day of second term, all the students were bonded to oaths of allegiance to some specific rules of the school arising from incessant cases of misdemeanours and delinquencies.

ii. Making students accountable for their wrong doings: Students who break the rules now write statements which are filed for the rainy day.

iii. Suspension of culprits: As a way of stepping up measures against bullying, affray and other delinquencies, the school management has had to suspend no fewer than five students since the beginning of the term. These suspensions are accompanied by community service.

iv. Parent Feedback Form: In line with our firm resolve and zero tolerance for indiscipline and to ensure that the most accurate measures are taken, we designed and sent to you a form aptly tagged Parent Feedback Form. We implore you to fill in the form diligently and return it to us when you bring your child back to school. The form shall be administered at the end of each half term and full term. Please, we are very serious about it. The submission of the form shall be the first stage of clearance whenever you return your child to school from midterm break or full term holiday. Parents who are unable to bring back their forms will be asked to fill out the form on the spot before proceeding to the next stage of clearance. Please take note especially.

v. Principal's Special Report: The principal now issues reports on certain categories of students. The report clearly indicates the offence committed, the date, action taken and recommendations. Five students got this report on them. Please parents of the affected children should redouble their efforts to ensure that the children turn over a new leaf.

THE SEA SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TRAINING 2022

The leadership training programme could not take place in 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 academic sessions due to the ravaging covid-19. Owing to the utmost importance of the programme coupled with slight liberation from covid, we decided to send the students for the programme this time around. Emails have already been sent to the parents of the students concerned. Please refer to those emails for more details.

i. Students for the sea school programme will depart on March 13. Year 12 students will return to the school on March 22.

ii. Sea School requirements:

It is essential that each candidate should bring:

- Cutlery: spoon, fork, knife, drinking cup
- A pair of bathroom slippers
- A towel and toiletries: comb, soap, razor, sponge etc.
- 2 bed sheets and pillow cases
- 1 mosquito net (optional)
- 1 torch with extra batteries
- Swimming costumes and decent cap
- Sport Wears (2 Knickers for girls shorts for boys plus 3 T-shirts each)
- Jeans trousers or any other trousers (5pairs)
- A pair of Canvas or Trainers
- 4 T-shirts or Blouses
- 4 personal clothes (for outing, evening and church wears)
- A pair of outing shoes
- A sweater**
- 2 exercise books & 2 writing pens
- A pack of masks and hand sanitizers.
- Two recent passport photographs (compulsory)

Medical certificates: Candidates must have medical certificates duly signed by a recognized medical officer declaring them fit without medical challenges for this programme.

iii. Clearing the doubts and assumptions: We have received some complaints about the inclusion of year 12 students in the sea school programme. We wish to clarify that the inclusion of the year 12 students was not necessitated by the desire to account for the money they paid per se. Their inclusion is borne out of the genuine desire to ensure that they do not miss out on the leadership training which they may not get from academic work alone. The school prides itself on the production of a total child as espoused in the vision and mission of the school. Kindly trust us to equip your child with all that they need to face the world as they advance.

iv. French Immersion Programme: Detailed emails about this programme have been sent earlier. The students will depart on March 18 and return to school on March 24.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Please recall that we already sent you an email about this. All Year 11 students will proceed on an Industry Experience Programme during the Easter Holiday i.e. the end of 2nd term. Parents are to submit the address for places of their children's Industry Experience to the school Secretary on resumption from mid-term break. The programme is designed to acquaint them with organizational experience in the field of their future career.

HAIRCUT FOR BOYS AND ONLY BLACK BRAIDS FOR GIRLS

Male students are required to return to school with low and decent haircut (step 1 attachment of the barbing set). Boys are reminded to bring their clippers to school as they must keep low haircut always. Girls are no longer allowed to do any coloured hair apart from black. And the braids must not extend beyond shoulder level.

WORN-OUT/OUTGROWN UNIFORMS

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.

THE 15TH ANNUAL INTERHOUSE SPORTS COMPETITION
The 15th annual Interhouse sports competition took place on February 19 with a lot of fanfare. It was well attended despite the challenges of the times. We shall certainly build on the successes recorded in the subsequent editions.

ADMISSION

Admission forms for 2022/2023 academic session are on sale. The first Entrance/Scholarship examination was held on Saturday, 29th January, 2020. The second batch entrance examination will take place on Saturday, 12th March, 2022. Please see the admission flyers on our website for more details.

INCENTIVES FOR REFFERALS

We implore parents to continue to refer students for admission. Emerald High School Board of Advisors maintains its stand to compensate parents who refer students to the high school.

- (i) N5,000 for selling an admission form on behalf of the school.
- (ii) N30,000 for introducing a new student.

We are sure that the parents who have assisted in this direction were not disappointed.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- i. Quiz for junior and senior students in humanities: Thursday, March 12.**
- ii. Jeans Day: March 11.** Please only normal blue or black jeans are allowed. Students with torn or punched jeans will be penalized severely.
- iii. Second batch entrance examination: Saturday, March 12.**
- iv. Sea School Programme: March 13 – 22.**
- v. French Immersion Programme: March 18 – 24.**
- vi. Second term examination: Commences March 14.**
- vii. Vacation: March 25.**

APPRECIATION

We heartily appreciate you all for your massive attendance at the 15th annual Inter house sports completion. Special thanks go to the donors and sponsors. May God continue to reward you and replenish all your spending on the children. Thank you for your unwavering cooperation and support.

God bless you.

Please, check our website @ www.emeraldschools.com for more news update.

Thank you.

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