



NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS, FIRST TERM 2017/2018 SESSION

Time is never enough for him who have enough ideas to promote the course of posterity. The space of time is equal for every man, but the utility value derived from individual passage of time is a measure of his idealistic tendencies. So it is for the passage of first term this session in the College. The team of stakeholders is intellectually qualitative and highly idealistic, so much that within a short space of time a lot has been packaged and achieved. It is on this backdrop that I extend my appreciation to you Parents/Guardians, a major stakeholder in the team, who before had the opportunity to sit down together with me automatically keyed into the aspiration of lifting the College higher than we jointly took it over.

Our action so far has given the direction we intend to move the College, which clearly is to key into the Mission and Vision statements:

MISSION STATEMENT

To nurture youth of diverse background into men of profound character and academic distinction through teaching, mentoring, best practices and fear of God, for the greatness of the country and global community.

VISION STATEMENT

A foremost Nigerian College promoting unity in diversity and nurturing globally competitive and chivalrous gentlemen, worthy in character and learning.

We have made the College Core Values of Truth, Honesty, Obedience, Patriotism, Integrity and

Chivalry our operating words in our steps to greater heights.

In my address at the meeting we held few days ago, I have expressed the circumstance that led to my taking over and the experience on the job so far. I therefore wish to request further that we continue to collaborate to sustain the course of progress we already channeled. Nothing much have changed in our key areas of operations in the last three days, the content of my letter is therefore essentially my submission during our last meeting on these areas, except for few reminders that we need for ourselves

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEETING

The date was Sunday, 10th December, 2017 and it was the first full forum to interact as partners in progress. The meeting of Parent-Teacher Association was held and was well attended and useful deliberations took place.

The highlight of the meeting among others were:

- ❖ Briefing on stewardship of the Association by the Chairman
- ❖ Briefing on stewardship of the College by the Principal
- ❖ Condition and congestions of the Hostels
- ❖ Bed-Bug issues
- ❖ Students discipline
- ❖ Academic progress of the students

Parent expressed their opinions and asked for clarification on certain issues, which were addressed by the principal and the PTA Chairman.

ACADEMICS

Being part of the tradition of excellence in academics in the College for over twenty years and a Chemistry teacher before being appointed a Vice Principal, now Ag Principal, I felt concerned when the results in Physics of the last Senior School Certificate Examination could not complement achievement in Chemistry in particular and other subjects in general to facilitate admission into career choice in sciences for some of our candidates. I immediately arranged the recall of two retired physics teachers, who placed the College performance in physics on

enviable level in their time at the College, to nurture the young teachers we have in the unit, after the posting of all our experienced teachers.

Though our expectation is for every child having King's experience to come out with excellent result, particularly in the external examination that rub off on the image of the College, but some do not give us commensurate results to our input. This gap can be addressed if all stakeholders, particularly Parents/Guardians collaborate further with the College by close monitoring of their wards for better results.

The term's academic work has been going on schedule with the conduct of the term's Examination and marking/recording concluded. The results will be available on our website from Monday 18th December, 2017 and hard copies will be ready for collection from Friday 22nd December, 2017.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGES (FEDCOL) GAMES 2017

It was a sweet experience unlike in the past when the College struggled to register its name on medals table in this year's edition of Federal Government Colleges Games (FEDCOL) at Federal Government College Jos, between 3rd and 9th December, 2017. Our contingent of eighteen students coordinated by Physical and Health Education staff and the Vice Principal Administration and led to Jos by myself made the College proud by placing second overall on boys' medal table with three Gold, one Silver and one Bronze medals. While we are joyous in achievements, I must remind us of our challenge of inadequate sporting equipment and facilities to ensure that the College remains at the pinnacles of sports among its peers.

DOMITORY LOCKERS, BOOKS AND UNIFORMS

We addressed the issue of items paid for in our last meeting. May I just reiterate my assurance that these items will be made available at resumption and parents are enjoined to instruct their children to go for collection.

MATRICULATION CEREMONY

The ceremony to formally welcome new students to the College held on Saturday 4th November 2017.

The occasion was well attended with the representative of the Minister in attendance. Three past Principals of the College graced the occasion on invitation and shared experiences of leadership with me. It was so rewarding.

The omissions of names in the programme was addressed during our last meeting and corrected list was made available for attachment to the programme booklet.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF UNITY COLLEGES

The Annual General Meeting of Principals of Unity Colleges, where experiences are shared on management challenges and operational matters of the Colleges took place in the city of Kano between Sunday 26th and Thursday 30th November, 2017. Reports of the outgoing session about the Colleges were submitted to give score sheets of our performances. This year's theme of the meeting was **"Human Capacity Development, Veritable Tool for Academic Excellence."** It was a very rewarding experience and capacity enhancement for the Principals. The Ministers of Education and Directors from the Ministry were in attendance.

OPEN DAYS FOR SS2 & SS3

Interactive sessions with the parents of SS2, SS3 & SS1 took place on the 7th, 14th and 21st November respectively. It was the usual Open Day where progress reports of the students are checked and discussed. The interaction was fruitful and believed to have addressed pertinent issues affecting the students, particularly the issue of students' truancy and punctuality. Names of erring boys in SS3 were announced for parents to call them to order.

2017 CAPITAL PROJECT

The government appropriation for 2017 for the College captured the projects enumerated in the table but the release so far captured only the renovation of item 9, the dining hall and items 1-4 on the table.

S/N	ITEMS	QUANTITY	S/N	ITEMS	QUANTITY
1	PROJECTOR	1	6	PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF ELECTRONIC INTERACTIVE BOARDS	8
2	BLACK & WHITE PRINTER	6	7	250KVA DIESEL ENGINE GENERATOR	1
3	SCANNER	2	8	CONSTRUCTION OF 6 UNITS OF TOILET (SDG PROJECT)	
4	UNINTERRUPTED POWER SUPPLY	15	9	RENOVATION OF ANNEX DINING HALL	
5	DESK TOP COMPUTER UNITS	60	10	INSTALLATION OF MORDERN BORE HOLE AND RETICULATION	

Internal efforts have also captured renovations of SS3 hostel toilets, JSS2 Classroom Block at the Annex and various challenges of routine maintenance. The set of 1997 graduated students celebrated their 20 years of graduation from the College by creating Cricket pitch at the main campus and installing a Projector in one of the classes, bringing the number so equipped to two classes. The set also recognized the teachers that taught them while in school with certificates of appreciation.

The Mountain of Fire Miracle Church also came up with a support to the College by erecting fence barricade along the front perimeter fence of Main Campus to solve the perennial problem of bound-breaking by boys along that side of the fence.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

We joined the rest of the world in the on-going season of Christmas and had our Christmas Carol on Monday 11th December, 2017. We thank the few Parents/Guardians who could join our celebration.

CELEBRATION OF WORLD TEACHERS DAY

The world celebrates teachers on 5th October of every year to recognize the value of teachers in the development of societies and the College version of this year was celebrated in grand style by procuring uniform cloth and various gift items for the staff. King's College Old Boys Association substantially sponsored the activities and was supported by the Parent-Teacher Association to make the day a success. The theme for the year is **“Teaching in freedom, empowering the teacher.”**

LAURELS WON IN THE COURSE OF THE TERM

The College is keen in exposing our boys to competitions to encourage them develop spirit of competitiveness and aid their academic pursuits as well. This term was particularly busy in competitions. Below is a table showing how the College fared in some of the competitions attended.

S/N	COMPETITION	POSITION
1	The Nigerian child Initiative, Social impact Competition	1 ST
2	Spellbound Africa Spelling-Bee	1 ST
3	Methodist Girls High School Literary day	2 ND
4	Lagos Chamber of Commerce & Industry Trade Fair Essay Competition	
5	Mike Okonkwo Essay Competition	3 RD
6	School of Eloquence Public Speaking	1 ST , 2 ND & 3 RD
7	University of Lagos Debating Society	1 ST
8	Globe Mathematics in Abuja	4 TH
9	4X100 Invitation Relay Race, International School, Lagos	1 ST
10	4X100 Invitation Relay Race, Federal Science & Tech Coll, Yaba	1 ST
11	4X100 Invitation Relay Race, LAFGHECA Schools	1 ST

STUDENTS DISCIPLINARY CHALLENGES

We reiterated the difficulties of discipline and measures to contain them were discussed on Sunday in our meeting. Parents are enjoined once again to impress it on their children to obey the College rules. The College authorities will continue

to apply the rules of engagement as contained in the College Prospectus and measure of common sense.

STAFF MATTER

The staff strength of the College has been seriously depleted as a result of retirements without replacement. It is so challenging now that about half of the staff on roll are internally paid staff substantially supported by the Parent-Teacher Association. The level of commitment from these internally paid staff is understandably low as they see no promise of sustainable future in the job. The PTA is highly appreciated for the support in sustaining the wages of these internally paid staff.

HOLIDAY ASSIGNMENTS/HOLIDAY ENGAGEMENTS

The tradition of the College in ensuring that the boys are not idle during the holiday is sustained as assignments have been given to the boys to be accessed from the College Portal and submitted at resumption. Parents are enjoined to support their wards in completing these assignments, where necessary as they form part of their assessments for next term. I wish to encourage Parents again to scrutinize the kind of people and organization to entrust the affairs of their children to, during the holidays as many pretenders are out there to extort money for poor services.

RESUMPTION/VACATION

Parents are to note that vacation and resumption days are sacrosanct and the College authority will not compromise on early vacation and late resumption on flimsy excuses. Parents should ensure as a reminder, in particular to fix programmes requiring the exit of their children in such a way that it will not affect the College calendar of activities. Our policy of not considering request from parents to pick their wards before vacation day as a result of booking flight for their wards on time not conforming to the College vacation remains unchanged. Resumption for next term is Sunday, 7th January, 2018 for boarding students. Day students resume on Monday, 8th January, 2018

INTER-HOUSE SPORTS COMPETITION

The College Inter-House Sports Competition commences as usual with Ikoyi Run on 27th January and the final is fixed for 24th February, 2018. The event will live up to its expectation and the gain from the experience of performing well in the just concluded Federal Government Colleges (FEDCOL) Games will make the event a never miss event.

People will be entertained, records will surely be broken, talents will be showcased and new talents would be discovered that could represent the country if well encouraged thereafter. We ask with great expectations for your support in sport infrastructural development. I still wish we can be further encouraged as sports in the College is very essential in the overall development of children.

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES

The College rely on early payment of fees and this is why students will be checked at the gate and defaulters will be prevented from gaining access to the College. Parents of day students should endeavor to pay their bills to prevent their children from roaming the street. Please make enquiries on payment from the Bursary office, if you are in doubt on payment procedure.

HOSTEL ITEMS

In addition to the usual hostel items, boys are to bring the following items to be inspected during the Checking-in at resumption.

- Air Freshener (2) for Bedwetting students
- Original Izal one litre for every student
- 2 Sets of Cutlery
- 2 Stainless steel plates, the usual size

CONCLUSION

We thank God for His Mercy for leading us this far in the life of this administration and appreciate Him for the hope of further guidance for attainment of greater height.

May I use this opportunity to inform you of the continual readiness of this administration to partner with parents, to put in place landmarks upon which a conducive teaching and learning environment for our students would be ascertained. We are determined to leave our marks of excellence on the sands of time in the College.

Finally, once again, I thank you for your support and wish you a pleasant Christmas holiday with your children.

God bless you.

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Ag. Principal

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