



# GRACELAND COLLEGE ENUGU

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16<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

Dear Parents,

## **Christmas Vacation Newsletter**

On behalf of the staff and management of Graceland Schools, I send warm greetings, best wishes and prayers of Divine mercies as the year approaches to an end. May the peace of the LORD become our fortress even in these perilous times as we celebrate the yuletide.

**Exams and Academics** – Amongst other things, the focus of schooling is students learning through planned and carefully sequenced instructional activities that engage the mind in several subject areas. Therefore, as parents, it is important to review your child's end of term Evaluation Report which will be emailed after one week of vacation and emphasise this concern. Parents should set goals and give their children targets for next term.

**Book Fair** – Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. In order to cultivate a love for reading, we need to buy good books and build a library in our homes. Accordingly, we are thankful to parents who expanded their children's reading collection in our last book fair by buying books. This will be a periodic initiative to promote reading. Furthermore, we are developing other reading programmes through the school librarian. As Obama said, "Reading is the gateway skill that makes all other learning possible".

**2023 External Exams Preparations** – The possibility of an early JAMB examination for the final year students exists. In view of this, we hope to have all 12<sup>th</sup> graders who are taking the UTME registered before Christmas and also advise that all 2023 exam candidates stay engaged with the past question papers we have provided them during this brief holiday.

**New Learning Management System (LMS)** – In order to use technology to enhance learning, we have adopted a new LMS that integrates teachers, students and parents in a common platform. This will enable parents get timely notifications and updates on the progress of their children in school. This will become fully operational by next term when the database will have been completely created. It will also ensure that learning continues remotely beyond the confines of the traditional classroom.

**College Board School Code** – To help our students access higher education opportunities in US and Canada, we have received a College Board level 2 school code and joined secondary schools across the globe that offer College

Board programmes and assessments. This means that students can take PSAT and SAT in the school which will become CBT by next year. We shall enlighten parents more on this unique opportunity later.

**Discipline/Updated Rules & Regulations** – Quality learning can only thrive in a safe, secure and orderly environment. In order to ensure this, students, teachers and parents must be informed of the rules of engagement. Discipline is a critical issue not only in schools, but in homes and the wider society. There are consequences and sanctions for infractions. All members of the school community should study our published guidelines and be informed. The school management will not condone indiscipline, bullying, stealing, mischief, vandalization and vulgarity. Please be guided. Parents should admonish their children.

**PTA Meeting** – After a long absence, a PTA meeting was convened and well attended on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2022. Minutes of this meeting is attached for your perusal as election of executives comes up in the next PTA meeting scheduled for the coming term.

**QAARDAN Organized Summer Trips** – A two-week summer trip to France or UK is in place for interested parents in July and August 2022. Details of these educational tours have been posted on the parents WhatsApp groups. Parents can also obtain more information by contacting **Stephen** on **0806 900 9713**.

**Resumption** – Second term commences on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2023. Boarders are to return on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 from 12 noon. Checking-in closes by 5.30 pm.

We wish you a merry Christmas in advance and a prosperous 2023. Have a blessed vacation.

Thank you for reading.



Uzochukwu, D.I.

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