



# GRACELAND COLLEGE ENUGU

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Dear Parents,

## **Summer Vacation Newsletter**

On behalf of the Staff and Management of Graceland Schools, I bring warm greetings to all parents and guardians, and felicitations to our graduates, the Class of 2025, and their parents for the successful completion of secondary education. I also wish to extend hearty congratulations to our ninth-grade students who recently concluded their BECE programme in the Middle School and will be moving into the High School next academic year. We pray for God's continued mercies as we look into the future whilst thanking Him for the grace that has brought us to a successful end of 2024/2025 session.

**Academics** - As always, we will continue to emphasize that beyond grooming students for disciplined and responsible behaviour, our primary concern is to equip our students with subject knowledge mastery and learning skills needed to advance their careers at the next level of education. This objective calls for strong collaboration between the school and the home. A situation where students who are yet to complete their syllabus in different subject areas are sitting for WAEC and GCE exams is absolutely counter productive and should be discouraged. All such students who missed their school exams because they were writing external exams will score zero for the papers missed.

Please note that the Evaluation Report showing the performance of students both for the term and the annual will be published online on our Learning Management System (LMS) on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Parents should download these results, study them carefully with their children, with the intent of communicating high expectations and planning for their academic progress. We wish to emphasize that from the published results, promotion into 11th grade and 12th grade will be based on obtaining the required credits and passes in the core subject areas. Students who do not meet the criteria will have to resit a maximum number of three subjects or repeat the class. Resit exam is scheduled for 30th and 31st of July and affected students will be notified.

**CBT Centre** - We have finally acquired a fully equipped CBT Centre, a testament of continuous improvement and a drive to enhance our students' learning and testing experience and also meet international best practice. In view of this development, multiple choice questions were deployed in our CBT Centre this term during CASS and exams for the High School and the exercise was successful. Furthermore, we hope to register our students for the CBT WAEC, NECO and BECE examinations next year for 12th and 9th graders and also maximize our test preparations and drills for external exams such as UTME, SAT and SSCE.

**2026 SSCE/UTME Preparation** - From next school year, all students in the terminal classes (9th & 12th Grades) will not be permitted to bring laptops to school. The CBT Centre will suffice for fortnightly test drills in preparation for BECE, UTME and SSCE examinations. Online school notes on our LMS should be downloaded and printed for ease of access since laptops will not be allowed for terminal classes. Also, to avoid undue registration errors, parents will be required to complete a proforma containing NIN, correct names and biodata of students registering for external examinations. This proforma will be issued to 12th and 9th graders at the beginning of the school year.

**Tech & Auto** - This is our signature coding and robotics programme for all classes with the exception of 9th & 12th grade (Exam classes). Since this subject is basically practical oriented and skill-based, laptops are a must for the classes, assignments, projects and exams. In view of this, meaningful learning is hampered for students who do not have a laptop. Therefore, having sufficiently informed parents to provide learning devices for their children throughout this session, from next school year, students who do not have laptops will be delisted from offering Tech and Auto.

**Summer School** - Holiday Coaching Classes will be organized for this year's long vacation from 28th July to 28th August 2025. Classes will be held between 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, Mondays to Thursdays, for 7th graders to 12th graders. The Venue will be at the Middle School for all the classes for ease of logistics and administration. Only core subject areas will be handled with remedial attention & support for special students.

**Appearance to School** - We wish to bring to the attention of parents to look into the uniforms and appearance of their children to school as some are wearing worn-out and over-grown or undersized uniforms which need to be replaced. Also note that boys should wear their hair cut low and well combed while girls should wear approved hair styles without extensions. This is an appeal to parents to ensure that our students do not appear dishevelled but smart and cultured as is proper of students who are well groomed.

**Discipline/Responsible Behaviour** - We cannot over-emphasize the role of personal discipline and responsible behaviour in enhancing academic performance and ultimately the success of every individual. The correlation between personal discipline and success in life is too strong to be ignored or given lip service. However, for discipline to be effective, structures need to be put in place such as rules, boundaries and consequences. There is a need for children and young people to be taught that their actions or inactions have outcomes, whether they are intended or not, and that they must take responsibility for the choices they make. There are misbehaviour that the school cannot condone for the safety of others such as bringing weapon to school, doing drugs and sexual offence. Such misconduct attracts outright expulsion without warning. We would like to note that the school is not a remand home. We have a grave responsibility to protect other students from negative influences. Consequently, parents should please admonish their children to remain disciplined and be of good behaviour to avoid embarrassing appeal against appropriate disciplinary actions from the school authority.

**Calendar for Next Session** - Kindly look up the attached calendar for your planning. Please note that dates are subject to change as deemed necessary.

**Resumption & Payment of Fees** - School resumes for next academic year on 15th September 2025. Boarders are to be checked into the hostels on Sunday, 14th September 2025 from 12:00 noon. Checking-in closes at 6:00pm. Please be informed that all fees should be paid on or before resumption. The fees advice for the next session will be uploaded on our LMS and shared on the parents' WhatsApp groups.

Have a restful vacation.

Thank you for reading.

Signed

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D.I. Uzochukwu  
**PRINCIPAL**