

FEDERAL SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE, IKARE AKOKO
SECOND TERM 2018/2019 ACADEMIC SESSION NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Guardians,

1.00 **INTRODUCTION:**

With heart full of praise and thanksgiving we thank Almighty God for a peaceful and successful term.

2.00 **DURATION OF HOLIDAY**

The Break is from 13th April 2019-Sunday 5th May, 2019. The Prefects are to resume on Saturday, 4th May, 2019 while other returning students will resume on Sunday, 5th May 2019 not later than 6p.m. Lateness will not be tolerated as this will attract a very strict sanction of going back home till mid-term break.

3.00 **PAYMENT OF FEES:**

All students are to come back to the college with the 3rd Term fees paid and this is not subject to choice. I commend the majority of the parents that are up and doing and I enjoin the very few to assist in curbing the act by paying promptly. Payment of school fees is through Remitta Account as indicated on the school bill, please!!! No cash payment will be entertained

4.00 **ACADEMIC MATTERS:**

4.01 EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

Our Final Year Students have commenced writing their external examination starting with the South-West Joint Zonal Mock Examinations which commenced on 21st February, 2019 while WASSCE took off on Monday 8th April, 2019. The Computer Based UTME Test will commence on 11th April, 2019 and end on 15th April, 2019. The College Management will provide transport to all the Students that registered in the College to convey them to the venues of the Examination.

4.02 RESUMPTION OF JSS 3:

All JSS 3 students are to resume fully on Monday, 22nd April 2019 not later than 6.00p.m. They will be continuing BECE coaching classes which started immediately after their Mock Exam for few days before the commencement of BECE. Parents are advised to pay all fees and make adequate provision for their stay in the college throughout the exam period.

4.03 HOLIDAY ASSIGNMENTS/PROJECTS:

Students have been given (except JSS3, SS3 & Technical 3) assignments in all their subjects; this is done in order to further keep up the pace of intensive academic work. Parents/Guardians are enjoined to monitor their children/wards and ensure that the assignments given in various subjects are thoroughly done. Parents may wish to visit the portal for the uploaded assignments.

4.04 PRINCIPAL'S RESUMPTION TESTS:

Parents/Guardians are also to note that the first two days after resumption (Monday and Tuesday) will be devoted to writing Principal's Tests. This will form a part of their C.A. test scores for the term.

4.05 TERMINAL RESULTS:

Parents/Guardians are requested to access the second term results of their wards online from Monday 15th April 2019.

4.06 BLOCK LAYING, BRICK LAYING AND CONCRETING (BBC) STUDENTS

All the students offering B.B.C. (Blocklaying, Bricklaying and Concreting) are to come along with their personal tools that comprises 7.5m (25ft) measuring tape, hand towel, plumb, rubber shoes and site helmet for their practical work.

4.07 CLASSROOM FURNITURE

Parents should support their children by replacing lost or broken classroom lockers and chairs in their class colours. On this note, Parents/Guardians should ask their children/wards if they still have classroom furniture and if not, they should replace in order to redefine their comfort in school. Students without classroom furniture may be advised to go home for the purchase of a new one.

4.08 PRINCIPAL'S FORUM WITH THE STUDENTS

The Principal of the college, along with the Vice-Principals and Heads of Departments held series of meetings with the students on different days. Many burning issues such as the students' academic performance, discipline, promotion criteria, welfare etc. were discussed.

4.09 RIGOROUS TEACHING AND COACHING EXERCISES:

These exercises were carried out with adequate and effective monitoring in preparation for Mock Examinations, 2nd Term Examinations, JAMB and other External Examinations (WASSCE, NFCO

(SSCE), BECE and NABTEB). Although there were few challenges but the overall academic performance of students has been excellent

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BOARDING HOUSE MATTERS:

5.01 CONTRABANDS:

Possession of contraband items such as cell phone, bottled drinks, cooked food, bottled groundnut, canned food, indomie noodles, dropping earrings, alcoholic drinks, electronic gadgets, charms, cigarette and any clothing items that do not conform with the set standard in the college is a serious offence. The offender will be punished accordingly.

5.02 PROVISION OF CUTLERIES AND CUPS: The situation of students not having cutleries or cups has deteriorated to the extent that students are using key holders to scoop rice and beans in the dining hall in addition to using their bare hands to eat or drink water. Therefore, all students are mandated to come with complete cutlery set and cup. If they don't they will be sent to the college tuck shop to purchase the items. Hence parents are to provide their wards with enough funds.

5.03 VISITING DAY:

This comes up every 2nd Saturday of the month and parents are implored to always create time to visit their ward(s). Parents are enjoined to advise their children to always be contented with whatever they have. Cooked food on visiting days should not be brought to the hostel but taken in the presence of their parents. This information should be taken with all seriousness as heavy sanctions will henceforth be imposed on offenders.

5.04 MISSING ITEMS:

It has come to the notice of the Management that students are giving their parents excuses of items that they cannot bring home/locate as being stolen. As much as the management cannot dispute that such act may be existing, majority of those items are not stolen but abandoned/misplaced as some items had been brought to assembly or out in the open in the hostel. Only those whose names are written on the items could only be returned to the owners. Therefore all parents are advised to **engrave** the names of their wards on the items which will be checked at the resumption. If these instructions are not followed, the parents should come to the school with enough funds because they will be sent to Fashion Designing Centre for **engraving**. This will also help to discourage the act of stealing. It is now a serious offence for any student to come to school without **engraving** his/her name on his/her materials.

6.00 DISCIPLINARY CASE:

Cases of bullying of junior students (especially the boys) are surfacing. Parents and Guardians should endeavour to join hands with the college authority to further counsel their children/wards to do away with these menaces and embrace love, peace and decorum. Students are expected to conduct themselves properly within the confines of school rules and regulations. Breaking is still in force. Parents and guardians are therefore enjoined to call their wards to order.

7.00 SCHOOL UNIFORMS/WEARS:

Students are advised to strictly comply with the correct uniforms this coming term (3rd term). Similarly house wears and church/mosque wears should be sewn based on the approved styles. Both the Christian and Muslim students are to put on white for their worship on Fridays and Sundays. The male students must wear their white trousers and long sleeve white shirt with their ties in place; while their female counterpart must wear white dresses. Muslim girls are to wear white hijab sewn with the skirt/pinafore stuff and house-colour check hijabs on their house wears in the approved size. All students are to appear in their complete uniform for all college assemblies (Uniform, tie, white socks, Cortina, beret/hijab for girls). Any uniform/wear not sewn according to school specifications will be confiscated and owners of such will not be allowed into the college at the checking point if tight or will be sent to Fashion Centre for correction if torn. Approved footwear for the college are black Cortina shoes with white socks on the uniform and black Eco-sport on house wear. Other types of footwear will be confiscated if worn. All students are expected

to put on always their complete set of uniforms for assembly and girls should put on their school berets/hijab for assembly and their Sunday worship service. Violation will be severely dealt with.

8.00 MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES:

Parents are to warn their children to desist from vandalizing school properties, any students caught will be surcharged. The School Management has zero tolerance to this act of ill behaviour. Parents are also advised to counsel their children on maintenance culture. Funds were committed to repairs and renovation works in hostels, classrooms, dining hall and on utilities before resumption of 2nd Term and throughout the term.

9.00 HEALTH MATTERS

9.01 HEALTH WEEK

The week of Monday 21st to Friday 25th January 2019 was loaded with series of activities to mark our health week. Both staff and students benefited from various programmes like medical check, deworming exercise, nutrition campaign, health awareness seminar, etc. Seasoned medical practitioners were on hand to attend to various health issues throughout the term. It is expected that the enlightenment thereby received will help us take better care of our health and live better.

9.02 CLINIC:

Parents/Guardians should please pay proper attention to their children's/wards' health challenges and act promptly to their health needs before they are brought back to school next term. Please ensure that your children/wards' keep their gari, provisions and other eatable substances in a tight covered container in order to prevent them from contamination.

10.00 OTHER COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:

10.01 PTA ELECTION

The PTA Election was held on Saturday, 9th February 2019 where new PTA EXCO for the next three years took place and the successful candidates were sworn in. Members have since swung into action. The Management wishes them a successful tenure.

10.02 COMMONWEALTH DAY:

March 11th which was the 2nd Monday in March was loaded with activities to mark the Commonwealth Day. Both staff and students benefited from the lecture delivered, the flag parade, the documentary and the cultural display by the students.

The aim of marking the commonwealth day of this year was to renew the vision of having a common future among the member countries.

10.03 CULTURAL DAY:

For the first time, our students participated in celebrating this year's indigenous languages day. Many of them wore various beautiful traditional attires and had their pictures taken. The pictures can be accessed on the College Portal. We hope to have a better turn out next year with more students and stakeholders participating.

10.04 FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION:

Our founder day is to be marked on Wednesday 8th May, 2019, rather than the actual date of 25th April which falls within the 2nd Term Holidays.

10.05 JSS3 GRADUATION CEREMONY:

The Management is hereby informing parents that arrangement for the ceremony has started. The ceremony comes up on Saturday, 11th May 2019. We use this forum to invite our parents to grace this occasion with us as it is the maiden Edition of the event. Parents of JSS3 students are to rent the graduation gown at the price of N700. The gowns are to be returned on or before 6.00p.m on that day.

10.06 APPRECIATION OF PTA

The Management wishes to use this forum to express our sincere appreciation to all Parents through the PTA EXCO for their support morally, in cash and kind towards provision of adequate care of the students and development of the College. May all your children (our Dear Angels) continue to make you proud. And you shall all reap the fruits of labour over them by the special grace of God. (Amen).

11.00 CONCLUSION:

LOVE LETTER TO MY ANGELS:

Dear Parents please deliver my love letter to my angels as follows;

My dear ANGELS, I want to commend you for behaving well this term and doing well in your studies. Please work harder in your studies and do better next term. I wish you a safe journey home and back to school in May. Have an enjoyable Easter season and be good children at home. I look forward to seeing you next term.

I also seize this opportunity to wish all our Christian parents/guardians a Happy Easter in advance. Thank you and God bless you all.

IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS IN THE COLLEGE FOR 3RD TERM

RESUMPTION OF PREFECTS

- SATURDAY 4TH MAY, 2019.

RESUMPTION OF OTHER STUDENTS EXCEPT (JSS3, SS3 AND TECH. 3)

- SUNDAY 5TH MAY, 2019

GRADUATION CEREMONY OF JS3 STUDENTS

- SATURDAY 11TH MAY, 2019 @ 10.00A.M

DEPARTURE OF JS3 STUDENTS

- SATURDAY 11TH MAY, 2019

CHILDREN DAY

- 27TH MAY, 2019.

❖ ID-EL FTTRI

- 5TH JUNE, 2019

DEMOCRACY DAY

- 12TH JUNE, 2019

❖ ID-EL- KIBIR

- 12TH AUGUST, 2019

❖ KEY: SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

❖ GRADUATION CEREMONY OF SS3 STUDENTS-10TH JULY, 2019 – 2ND AUGUST, 2019

All activities for the Graduation Ceremonies (Prefects' Retreat, Ankara Day, Prom Nite, Speech Day and Prize-Giving Ceremony) of SS 3/Tech. 3 students will take place. Parents will be informed of exact dates very soon.

Dr. Mrs. M.A Olobo,
PRINCIPAL

