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TERMLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE CONCLUDED 1st TERM, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC SESSION DATED 19/12/2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are delighted to bring you the end-of-term newsletter highlighting the exciting accomplishments and updates from your Peter Harvard International Schools. As the term comes to a close, we would like to express our gratitude to the Almighty God and you - parents and guardians for your outstanding efforts and dedication to the progress of our learners in particular and the school in general.

Academic Excellence

Our students have demonstrated exceptional academic achievements throughout the term. They have consistently exhibited strong work ethics, participation, and creativity in their respective classes. We commend their commitment to learning and their efforts in achieving outstanding results. We would also like to extend our appreciation to our dedicated teachers, who have nurtured and supported our students' academic growth.

Extracurricular Activities

The term under review was resplendent with extra-curricular activities and we have witnessed tremendous enthusiasm and passion among our learners in their involvement in these activities.

Club Activities:

The school has seven functional clubs at the moment. These include JETS Club, Press Club, Home-makers Club and Young Farmers Club. Others are Health & Wellness Club, Drama Club and Road Safety Club. They all had full activities during the term.

<u>Skill Acquisition</u>: Our learners were taught hands-on computer skills such as graphics and Microsoft PowerPoint among others.

Career Day:

We also organized a Career Day where all the learners appeared in the outfit of their dream career. We held career talks to enable the children to peep into their dream careers and educate them on what to do to realize their potentials.

Excursion:

The students in secondary school embarked on excursions to the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) and Daar Communications, owner of AIT and RayPower 100.5 FM both in Abuja during the term under review. Their experiences are eye-openers to the world of science both in the fields of agriculture and communications.

In-House Seminars:

Different in-house seminars were organized for learners in the secondary school by the directors at different times. These seminars addressed core issues such as peer pressure, bullying, sexual matters, hooliganism, drunkenness etc. that affect children in their adolescence. Questions and contributions from the students showed that they appreciated the contents. Answers given by the students to some questions suggested that students learn inappropriate behaviour from family members and friends. It is therefore imperative that parents watch over their kids more closely and show them good examples. As a school, we shall continue to advocate for discipline and moral uprightness among our learners.



End of year party

The end of year party was held 15th December to mark the closure of the term. It was a thrilling moment of winding down for students, parents and staff as we all celebrated the end of the year and term in grand style. We thank our parents who keyed into this.

Preparation for 2ND Term, 2023/2024 Academic Session

 ϖ **Resumption date** – The School shall resume on **Monday, 8th January,** 2024 for 2nd Term, 2023/2024 academic session subject to any further directives from the FCT Education Secretariat. We expect the term to run from 8th January to 29th March, 2024.

 ϖ Academic activities – It is our resolve to always improve on the contents of our syllabi including the way and manner we deliver them to our learners. So, more demanding pedagogic activities and *home-fun* should be expected.

 ϖ **PTA meeting** – We look forward to having a robust PTA meeting this term.

 ϖ Inter-House Sport Competition - The school is planning to have an Inter-house Sport Competition next term, late February or early March. We shall inform you of the details as we make progress in this direction.

 ϖ Child Protection Policy (CPP) – We have a very robust CPP and we constantly review it to ensure our learners are safe from harassment, bully, sexual abuse, accidents etc. at all times.

 ϖ Staff retention rate – The school staff retention rate was 98 % during term under review. This shows that the cordial teacher-management relationship we enjoy was near perfect. Consequently, the negative impact of frequent changes of teachers on learners was significantly avoided during the term under review. We shall strive to improve on this.

ϖ School fee

We thank you for the prompt payment of last term school fee. We appeal that you make payment during holiday to help us in our planning. **Our school fee policy still remains that 70% and 30% balance be paid on or before resumption and mid-term break respectively**. It is our prayers that you shall not lack anything good in the coming year and beyond. There are no changes to school fee as earlier scheduled in the 3rd term, 2022/2023 newsletter. Nonetheless, we shall resend it to you separately. The school fee accounts are stated hereunder:

(i) Peter Harvard Int'l School, Zenith Bank, current account no. 101-541-6248

(ii) Peter Harvard Int'l School, GT Bank, current account no. 075-270-4488

ϖ Shuttle fee

Given the high rate of default experienced in payment of transport fee coupled with the unending increase in pump price, the school has stopped the collection of transport fare in arrears. Hence, parents using shuttle services are required to pay transport fee separate from school fee ahead of resumption. The route schedule and rates will be sent to the existing users. Intending users are to contact the transport section via 08140281380. The account details for the shuttle services are:

Peter Harvard Int'l School, **FCMB** current account no. **2000139848**. **N.B. Only students who paid before resumption will be picked on the first day of resumption.**



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ϖ Prohibition of making a U-turn in front of the school

As decided at the PTA meeting, there should be no turning in front of the gate to allow free movement of vehicles and students; this will also help to prevent accidents. All u-turns should be done at the end of the school fence. Also, those who want to enter the school for enquiries or payment of fees should not to park on either side of the school frontage.

ω Hygiene

We take issue of hygiene very serious; and on our part, we shall do all that is necessary to ensure the environment is clean and healthy for all our learners. We are in a harmattan period that comes with cold and dusty breeze. It is therefore important that you kit our learners properly, fortifying them against cold and dust; they should put on their blazers or cardigans as the case may be. Kindly contact the head teacher if you are yet to get a cardigan for your child. We also advise you ensure their food flasks and water bottles are in good shape and clean at all times.

Latest Updates

Secondary Section Building

We wish to officially inform you that the secondary school building has been completed with the state-of the-art science laboratories, library and ICT laboratory, and occupied by our collegiate (JSS 1 to SS 3 students) since the beginning of the just conclude term in September 2023.

WAEC Examination Centre

We are glad to inform you that the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) has also approved our school as a WAEC Examination Centre last week having found it to meet the required standard in terms of qualified teachers, well-equipped laboratories and other facilities. The implication of this is that we are qualified to enroll students for Senior Secondary School Certificate Examinations with effect from January 2024. Hence, it is heart-warming that our SS 3 students will write their examinations comfortably in their own school hall.

Release of Results

The results of 1st Term, 2023/2024 examinations have been released and accessible via our website <u>www.peterharvardschools.com</u>. The procedures on how to navigate to the result page will be sent to our family WhatsApp page shortly. The analysis of the results suggested that our learners significantly understood what they were taught.

Finally, we would like to thank our parents and guardians for their continued support and collaboration. Together, we cultivate an environment that encourages growth, excellence, and success for all our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We wish you all compliments of the season and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term next January.

Warmest regards,

PeterHarvard

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