

## THE 16 PLUS SCHOOL

News Letter for First Semester, 2019/2020 SESSION

28th November, 2019



We thank the Almighty God for His Mercy & Grace as we come to the end of the first semester in the 2019/2020 academic session.

### **A Level Qualifying Examination**

The A-Level Qualifying exams for the A2 class will be taking place from the 13<sup>th</sup> of January to the 16<sup>th</sup> of January, 2020. Students involved should please take note and be well prepared for it, to be able to progress in January into the A2 class.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Mock Examinations (WASSCE/IGCSE)**

Preparatory examinations for WASSCE/IGSCE will also be taking place from 13<sup>th</sup> of January to the 16<sup>th</sup> of January, 2020.

### **Recognition List:**

TOEFL: A new record of 115/120 has been set by Inioluwa Davies, beating the previous score of 110/120. This new score is recognized in the world's top 5 percentile TOEFL rating

### **High performing students**



Inioluwa Davies (TOEFL)

### **Most Improved students**

Jessica Okolo (SAT)

Amanosi Ikhianosime (A LEVEL)

### **Community Service:**

In giving to our community, we invest in our future, this year we invested in two community services at Pacelli school of the blind & partially sighted, Surulere and Ilupeju Secondary on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2019



*Students presented enlightening talks on key topics:*

*Drug Abuse: Vincent, Mofiyin and Ngozika*

*Personal Hygiene: Morayo and Ore*

*HIV/AIDS Awareness: Fatima and Tamilore*



*“At the Pacelli school for the blind and partially sighted, we were enlightened on the history of the school and their mission which was very inspiring. We all interacted with and shared stories with the students, we read to them some short stories and they read to us using braille which was amazing to us. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and left the place with stories that we will forever carry” Ngozika Peter*

### **Syllabus and Past Questions:**

Syllabus and past questions have been sent to every child's mail. We encourage students to print them for their use.

## Welcoming new staff

We warmly welcome our new staff into The 16 Plus family, and pray that the diligence of their work may reflect greatly in the overall success of our institution.

### **MR KEHINDE OLUMIDE EBENEZER**



**State of origin:** Osun state

**Qualification:**

BSc. Biochemistry

University of Lagos

**Marital Status:** Married

**Subject Areas:** Chemistry and Mathematics

**Favourite Colour:** Sky Blue



### **MISS DORIS JIDENMA EJIWOKO**

**State of origin:** Imo state

**Qualification:**

BSc. Biochemistry

University of Lagos

**Marital Status:** Single

**Job Description:**

Marketing Officer



### **Newly Appointed Social Prefect**

Ifenna Nwankwo



### **Most Resilient Student**

Ngozika Peter

## Christmas Party

With the permission of the school, the student representative council expects to hold a Christmas party on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2019

by 7pm and is to take place in the school hall. Chaperones will be present during the event.

## Sports



Tennis, Board games and Badminton are available to students. The management understands that play time is necessary for every student and that the available game facilities are only but a few, but we must all place extra priority on the focus required for our students to be outstanding in their performances

## Training:



A training on Goal-setting and Effective study skills was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2019.

Facilitator: Mrs Egbe Ekuase

*As students, we constantly face challenges on how we can improve our grades, score better than before and be more motivated. Our facilitator, Mrs. Ekuase, answered all those questions effortlessly. The first hour and half, she talked about the importance of goal setting, how to set SMART goals as well as sharing encouraging words which I am certain had a great and positive impact on us.*

*"I never have enough time," these are the words that seem to unconsciously fall from our lips. We get so clustered with work that we feel it's completion is unattainable. This is where the importance of goal setting comes in. It lets us have a view of what we must complete, making it easier to divide our time responsibly. It helps us layout and acknowledge our*

distractions so we can keep them at bay. It allows us to see what we can actually attain in 24 hours and this is where the importance of keeping a daily planner comes in hand.

Some students face some challenges when it comes to writing their planner (In this case goals). We learned that when setting goals they should be SMART goals, meaning, they should be Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant & Realistic and Time bound. She then shared a video with us which we had to analyze. It was really insightful.

After talking to us about goal setting she encouraged us with her inspirational words. She told us we should not aim to be like everyone but to be the best version of ourselves and that every failure we face in life is just a curve ball and it does not mean we are failures. In order to succeed we need to fail sometimes.

The last thirty minutes, her daughter told us her story about her high school and university life. She told us how she went from a low-grade student in high school to a strong 2:1 student in university. It was quite inspiring. The facilitator and her daughter then gave us some tips to make our studies more effective such as reading ahead, reading every day, completing notes, ask whenever in doubt no matter how people may view it, being friends with our subject and many more. The facilitator was great and what we enjoyed the most was how interactive she was with us. We would love to have her again and tap into the reservoir of her knowledge.

Written by Ngozika and Mofiyin



*"I learnt that goal setting is to aim for a great result, but you have to start off with a plan by writing it down and always looking at it to remember your purpose and what you want to*

*achieve, it is also an inspiration or drive to keep you moving and most of all pray to God to help you in achieving your goals, and He will surely see you through and back you up during your hard work and persistence*

### **Farewell and Welcome:**

This semester comes to an end on 13th December 2019; the school welcomes a new term on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of January, 2020 at 7.30am. Boarders are to resume on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2020.

*on achieving your goal. I also learnt that failing is not a one-time event, it is when you give up that you fail totally and it is also a learning curve, so when you fail do not give up, re-strategize! No one is a failure unless you decide not to be one" ~Molade Salu*

### **Reviews on last Semester**



*"My stay in The 16 Plus school for the first few months has so far been good. I feel with the results I have gotten I have improved and still need to improve. The teachers here are very helpful and I feel the motto*

*of the school "Bringing out the best in you" is very helpful and is the truth. I have made lots of friends both Positive and Negative; but I have been able to turn my negative friends into positive ones.*

*Here at The 16 Plus; I will like to thank Fr Tobias for giving me a second chance; Fr Vincent, Mrs Anthonia for helping me and leading me in the right path; Mr McDike and Mr Maxwell for pressuring and advising me. We have watched various motivational videos this term and to be honest, they have helped a long way in a good sense. I will love to watch more videos to help me more" ~Samaila Dikko*



*"The first semester has been calm and peaceful. I have been able to foster stronger relationships with my teachers and my fellow students. Although nothing much has happened this semester, I really enjoyed it. I have improved academically and also as a person. I thank the school for giving me the opportunity to do that" ~Chisom Ude*



*"Upon arriving to school this semester, Our teachers were on their feet, going the extra mile with all of us and pushing us to produce better results. Our stay has been peaceful and with care and support from most of the staff members we've felt at home in a friendly environment. Although short, I personally have been impacted positively during my stay here (Spiritually, Academically, Morally and Socially) and even as the semester has come to an end, I look forward to what the school has for us next semester" ~Restoration Chibundum*

### **Reflection from Pastoral**

*This is a short story of the 14 year-old Kevin. His mother discovered lately that he was coming home late from school almost every day. He also seemed moody and distracted at home. He grew his hair long, was doing poorly at school and ate little. When his mother found a cigarette and some wrapped substances in his jacket, she knew there was a problem. When the mother confronted him, his temper went out of control...his grades in school started slipping...his relationship with his sister became far from great...and on and on.*

My dear friends, adolescence is the age of change. The exuberance can be a very dangerous thing if left unchecked. It is a vulnerable time when kids can develop unhealthy habits that grow into problems in their adult life. It can even leave an indelible negative mark on an individual for the rest of his or her life. Behaviour issues of adolescence, which are quite common, also crop up during this time, making it impossible for parents and school administrators to reach out to their teenagers. These are the challenges that adolescent exploration can throw up in their lives.

These are normal but they need to be worked on before they stick on you like a way of life. Always remember this dictum: ***Bad habits are easy to learn but hard to break.*** Give ear to wise counselling so that your ways will be directed properly. Let this wise counsel of St. Paul permeate into our hearts: ***Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."*** (1 Corinthians 15:33). Beloved in Christ let us come back to our senses as quickly as we can, and stop every form of transgression. Are you still an adolescent?

I rejoice with you, but you need to give heed to what the Spirit of God says to you in the Book of Ecclesiastes: ***You who are young, be happy while you are young, and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart and whatever your eyes see, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment. So then, banish anxiety from your heart and cast off the troubles of your body, for youth and vigour are meaningless.*** (Eccl 11: 9-10). Be mindful of the fact that in today's world the internet never forgets, the enemies of your destiny will hunt for any information about your youthful mistakes when they realise you are on your way to the top. Be careful with the kind of company you keep during this Yuletide. My prayer is that the light of God will direct your feet in the pathway of salvation through Christ our Lord. Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to you all.

**Rev.Fr. Vincent Uzo Nnamani crs**



## Christmas message from Head of School



Dearest students,  
Highly esteemed  
parents and amiable  
staff of The 16 Plus  
School (Sixth Form);  
From the desk of the  
Head of School, with  
deep love and  
fraternal

commitment, I wish to felicitate with all of The 16Plus family on the occasion of Christmas 2019 and New year 2020.

Christmas is significant to all humanity, irrespective of our religious leanings, because at Christmas, we celebrate God's decision to change human history from a brutish reign to a reign of love; from the reign of war to the reign of peace. Christ comes to be the judge between the nations to re-establish the kingdom of peace, that is why the Prophet Isaiah in Chapter 2:4 announces that they shall beat their swords into plough shears and their spears into pruning hooks, nations shall not lift up sword against nations, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Christmas is the introduction of a new civilization of love and peace; I wish you this love and peace at every level of your existence- in your hearts, homes, places of work, and in your places of daily living.

**Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!**

Rev.Fr. Tobias Ihejirika crs

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