



#### FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's time for us to break, to enable us to recharge our energy and forge ahead for the arduous task of bringing out the best in our students.

We have gone through the first half of the first Semester, and I can say that the students are fast grappling with the day-to-day activities of the school and what they are expected to be doing for their progress. More emphasis should be placed on reminding them that their time in school is brief and does not require any form of distraction.

I wish all families a good stay with their wards. Always remind them that break time is not a total break from studies. We look forward to reuniting again on Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, for boarders and Monday, the 30<sup>th</sup>, for the rest of the students. God bless you all.

**Rev. Fr. Vincent Nnamani crs**  
*Head of School*

#### THE START OF SOMETHING NEW!

We happily welcome all students to The 16 Plus School on this platform. We officially resumed the 2023–2024 academic session on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, and our dedicated teachers wasted no time getting started. It has been all shades of learning and socializing since then.

As we continue this new session, we encourage all our students to approach their studies with enthusiasm and a positive mindset. Set goals for yourself, stay organized, and maximize the resources and support available. Remember, your education is a valuable investment in your future, and we are here to guide and support you every step of the way.

We are confident this academic session will be filled with achievements, growth, and memorable experiences. Let us work together to make it a successful and fulfilling year for each of you.

#### TEACHERS' TRAINING: ENHANCING EDUCATION THROUGH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

At The 16 Plus School, we prioritize the continuous development of our staff to ensure that our students receive the highest quality education. We firmly believe that investing in our teachers' growth and providing them with opportunities for professional development is essential in creating engaging and effective learning experiences for our students.

Recently, we organized a training session titled "Effective Teaching and Leadership and Workplace Effectiveness" for our dedicated teachers. This session was facilitated by Dr. Peter Ogudoro, an esteemed educationist and career management practitioner known for his expertise in the field. During the training, our staff were reminded of their role not just as teachers but also as leaders in their classrooms and the school community. They were encouraged to embrace their leadership roles and strive for effectiveness in all aspects of their work.

We are immensely proud of our dedicated staff's commitment to professional growth and unwavering dedication to providing the best possible education for our students. Their active participation in this training session is a testament to their passion for teaching and commitment to excellence. As we embark on the 2023-2024 academic session, we are excited to witness the positive impact of this training on our students' learning experiences.

#### OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE, THE SERVE-WHILE-YOU-LEARN INITIATIVE

We are delighted to share some community service our students engaged in last weekend. On October 2, 2021, 45 students volunteered their time and energy to help support our community.

The students split into groups and took their time to clean up the environs for the community's healthy living.

We are proud of our students for dedicating their Saturday morning to engage in these significant community efforts. We believe their volunteer work is an excellent opportunity for our students to practice empathy and team spirit and learn valuable life skills. Their selfless attitude towards impacting society continues to align with our school's mission of developing well-rounded individuals who are sensitive to the needs of their community.

As we continue to navigate this academic year, we look forward to more community service opportunities and initiatives with our students. We believe that through these activities, our students can be instilled with a strong sense of social responsibility, which will undoubtedly guide them to become future change-makers.

Thank you for your continued trust in our school



#### BOARDING STUDENTS' SOCIAL EVENING – AN OPPORTUNITY TO UNWIND!

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of Oct, 2023, our boarding students had an incredible opportunity to unwind and connect during a special social evening. Our beloved Head of Pastors organized the event, Rev Father Segun Olajide, who ensured it was a night filled with relaxation, merriment, and memorable experiences.

Under his guidance, the students participated in various entertaining games and activities. From team-building exercises to friendly competitions, everyone had the chance to showcase their skills and have a great time. The event provided a much-needed break from academic rigors, allowing our students to relax and rejuvenate. As the evening progressed, delicious refreshments were served, adding to the festive ambiance. The joyous atmosphere was a testament to the strong sense of community that thrives within our boarding student population. The social evening not only offered a chance for students to have fun but also allowed them to interact with Rev Father Segun Olajide on a more personal level.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Rev Father Segun Olajide for organizing such a delightful evening for our boarding students. His dedication to their well-being and happiness is truly commendable. We

We express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Peter Ogudoro for his valuable contribution to our teachers' growth and development and his expertise and dedication to improving education worldwide.

### CAMBRIDGE MOCK EXAM: PREPARING FOR SUCCESS

Our school recently organized Cambridge mock exams for our October/November CAIE candidates. These mock exams provided our students with a valuable opportunity to experience the A-level and IGCSE exams in typical exam conditions, helping them prepare for success in their upcoming official examinations.

Following the mock exams, our teachers held special classes to cover any loopholes or areas of improvement that were identified during the tests. This personalized attention and support will help our students refine their knowledge and exam-taking skills, ultimately enhancing their performance in the official exams.

We believe these mock exams play a crucial role in our student's academic journey, as they provide the reality of the actual exam environment. Through this experience, our students can identify their strengths and weaknesses, allowing them to focus their efforts on areas that require further attention and improvement.

### STUDENTS' ORIENTATION: A SUCCESSFUL START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR!

We are delighted to share the highlights of our recent Students' Orientation, which took place on September 21 and 22, 2023.

The orientation sessions were designed to give the new intakes a comprehensive understanding of our school programmes, rules, and regulations and foster positive interpersonal relationships among students. It was a fantastic opportunity for new and returning students to unite, connect, and embark on this educational journey as a united community.

Throughout the orientation, we covered many essential topics for their success and well-being at The 16 Plus School. Our dedicated team of faculty and staff members led interactive seminars and engaging discussions to ensure that they had a clear understanding of our school's expectations and resources.

We understand that starting a new school year can be exciting and overwhelming. However, we are confident that the knowledge and skills gained during the orientation will empower you to navigate through any challenges that may arise. Remember, you are not alone – our dedicated faculty, staff, and fellow students are here to support you every step of the way.

As we embark on this new chapter together, we encourage you to embrace all the opportunities that The 16 Plus School offers. We wish you a successful and fulfilling academic year ahead.

would also like to thank all the students who actively participated and contributed to the success of this event.



### ASK US ANYTHING!

What better way to help our lovely parents clear their doubts and air their opinions?

We are excited to announce an upcoming opportunity for you to have your questions answered by our heads of school, curriculum, and careers. On November 9, 2023, we will be hosting an "Ask Us Anything" session where you can gain valuable insights and address any concerns regarding your children's welfare in these areas.

The session will be held virtually. Soon, we will send the meeting details to every parent. We encourage all parents to attend and make the most of this interactive forum.

We understand that your children's education and future are of utmost importance to you, and we want to provide you with all the information and support you need. This session will serve as a platform for open dialogue and collaboration between parents and our school leadership.

We look forward to seeing you on November 9th and addressing your questions and concerns. Together, we can ensure that your children receive the best education and guidance for their future success.

### FROM THE OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ADMISSION COUNSELLORS:

As we enter the month of November, it is an exciting time for our students as they begin applying to universities. We are pleased to announce that applications for progression to Canadian universities have started, and forms will soon be sent to parents. These forms will





## RELATIONSHIP/MARKETING TRAINING: EMPOWERING OUR TEAM FOR SUCCESS

At The 16 Plus School, we understand the importance of a strong relationship/marketing team in promoting our school and ensuring its continued growth. To ensure that our team is always at the top of their game, we prioritize their training and personal growth.

On the 25th of September, 2023, we organized an Advanced Sales and Marketing Training session for our dedicated relationship/marketing team. The session was facilitated by Dr. Seyi Adenuga Adekoya, a renowned expert in the field known for his expertise in sales and marketing strategies.

During the training, our team members were equipped with advanced techniques and strategies to enhance their sales and marketing skills. Dr. Adekoya shared valuable insights on effective communication, building relationships with prospective families, and implementing successful marketing campaigns.

We are confident that the skills and strategies gained from this training session will enable our relationship/marketing team to excel in their roles and contribute to the continued growth and success of our school. Their dedication to ongoing learning and improvement is commendable, and we are proud to have such a committed team representing our school.



## OUR CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENTS ARE INDEED CONTINUOUS!

At The 16 Plus School, we believe in the importance of continuous assessment to track our students' growth and progress. We are pleased to inform you that we have completed the first two ongoing assessments of the 2023-2024 academic session. The first continuous assessment occurred between September 28 and October 2, 2023. The second continuous assessment was conducted between October 23 and 25, 2023. Our teachers assessed students' understanding and mastery of the curriculum, ensuring they were on track with their academic goals. We appreciate the efforts of our students in preparing for these assessments and their willingness to improve continuously.

We encourage parents and guardians to actively engage in their child's learning journey by reviewing the assessment results and discussing them with their child. This collaboration between home and school strengthens the support system for our students, enabling them to thrive academically and personally.

As we move forward in the academic session, we will continue to prioritize continuous assessment as an integral part of our educational approach. We are confident that through these assessments, we will witness the growth and progress of our students, empowering them to become lifelong learners and future leaders.

help facilitate the application process and ensure all necessary information is provided to the universities.

For those students interested in pursuing higher education in the United States, we are happy to inform you that applications through Common App are in the advanced stages. Common App is a widely used platform that allows students to apply to multiple universities using a single application. Our guidance office will provide further guidance and support to students throughout this process.

Students considering studying in the United Kingdom should know that this is the perfect time to indicate their interest. Our consultants are available to provide information and assistance regarding the application process for UK universities.

For students interested in Nigerian universities, please be informed that the application process will start in January 2024. We will provide more updates and guidance as we approach the application period.

We encourage all students and their parents to stay informed and take advantage of the resources and support available from our guidance office. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the guidance office. We are here to support you every step of the way.

## VISIT FROM TRENT UNIVERSITY – THE UNDERGRADUATE JOURNEY BEGINS NOW!

Our students are getting exposed to foreign universities already. Mr. Kwame Odame, the international recruitment officer for Trent University in West and South Africa, recently visited our school to provide valuable information about the admission process to Trent University, Ontario, Canada. During his visit, Mr. Odame engaged with our students and shared essential insights on the criteria for admission to Trent University. It is with great pride that we share that five of our students from the previous session have successfully progressed to Trent University. This achievement is a testament to their hard work and dedication, as well as the support provided by our school and Mr. Odame's guidance. For more information about Trent University and the admission criteria, please get in touch with us. We will happily provide further guidance and support throughout the application process.



## VISIT OF THE SOMASCAN SUPERIORS:

We were honored to welcome the esteemed Somaskan superiors to our school on October 9, 2023. The Somaskan fathers, a congregation of Catholic priests based in Italy, have been instrumental in the administration of our educational institution. Our heads of school and

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in providing the best education for your child.

### CAMBRIDGE ASSESSMENT INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATIONS

It is with great pleasure that we inform you that the A-level and IGCSE exams, administered by Cambridge Assessment International Examinations, have commenced at The 16 Plus School. These exams officially began on October 1, 2023, and will continue until November 16, 2023. We are proud to share that our students have been diligently preparing for these exams, and we have every confidence in their abilities to achieve excellent results. Our dedicated teachers have been working tirelessly to ensure our students are well-prepared for this important milestone in their academic journey. We thank our esteemed teachers for their unwavering commitment to our students' success. As the exams progress, we encourage our students to remain focused and dedicated. Our teachers are readily available to provide additional support and guidance whenever needed.

### NOTABLE RESULTS YET AGAIN!

The 16 Plus School has always prioritized providing a rich curriculum and exceptional training for this important exam, and the hard work and dedication of our students have indeed paid off.

Our SAT classes, which began on August 2, 2023, were designed to equip our students with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in the exam. Throughout the program, our students received consistent assessments and problem-solving tuition, allowing them to identify their strengths and areas for improvement.

We proudly announce that our students achieved outstanding results in the October 7 SAT exam. Among the top performers were Noble Adike, who scored an impressive 1540 out of 1600; Zoe Ahmiegbe, with a remarkable score of 1510 out of 1600; and Oluwasemilore Senbore, who achieved an excellent score of 1430 out of 1600. These achievements are a testament to their hard work and the quality of education they receive at our school. We want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the students who participated in the SAT classes and achieved remarkable results.

At The 16 Plus School, we strive to provide our students with the best possible education and support for their future success. We will continue to prioritize their academic growth and ensure they are well-prepared for any challenges they may face.

### OSSD MID-TERM TEST

Yes, we have begun in earnest and are making progress! Our OSSD students have completed half their first two courses, Advanced Functions (MHF4U) and English (ENG4U). On Wednesday, October 18, 2023, they took their midterm test, marking an important milestone in their academic journey.

Our students have diligently prepared for this test, dedicating their time and effort to mastering the course material. The midterm test served as an opportunity for them to showcase their knowledge and understanding of the subjects they have been studying.

With the completion of the midterm test, our students are now gearing up for the final exams in November. They will continue to work hard and get guidance from their teachers as they strive for excellence in their academic pursuits. We wish them the best of luck as they prepare for the upcoming final exams.

### THE BE-BOLD-TO-TAKE-THE-MIC INITIATIVE – PUBLIC SPEAKING TRAINING BY KIKE RAJI

pastorals, Rev. Fr. Vincent Nnamani and Rev. Fr. Olusegun Oladeji, respectively, are a part of the congregation. Their guidance and expertise have contributed significantly to the success of our school.

During their visit, we had the privilege of hosting Very Rev. Fr. Jose Antonio Sepulveda Nieto, the Superior General of the Order of Somascan Fathers, and Rev. Fr. Gracious Kuttiyil, the 4th Councilor and General Procurator of the Somascan Fathers Congregation. They took the time to greet our school community and provide words of encouragement to our students. Their presence was genuinely inspiring and served as a reminder of the importance of striving for excellence in all aspects of our lives.

Following their interactions with the students and staff, the Somascan superiors graciously participated in a photography session, capturing memorable moments with our school community. Subsequently, they met with the Bishop, further strengthening our ties with the local diocese and emphasizing the significance of our Catholic identity.

We are grateful for the support and guidance provided by the Somascan fathers, and their visit served as a reminder of the strong partnership between our school and the congregation. Their dedication to education and spiritual growth continues to shape the lives of our students, enabling them to become well-rounded individuals.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Very Rev. Fr. Jose Antonio Sepulveda Nieto and Rev. Fr. Gracious Kuttiyil for taking the time to visit our school. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Somascan fathers as we strive for excellence in education.



### UNIVERSITIES FAIR AT THE 16 PLUS SCHOOL

KICUnivAssist, in collaboration with The 16 Plus School, will be hosting a university fair right here on our school compound. This event will occur on November 1, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It will provide our students with a unique opportunity to meet representatives from prestigious universities around the world.

At the fair, our students will have the chance to engage with representatives from renowned institutions such as Huron at Western University in Canada, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and The University of Hong Kong in Hong Kong. Additionally, representatives from Indiana University Indianapolis, Kansas State University, Lee University, Ohio University, Ohio Wesleyan University, University of Central Missouri, University of Connecticut, and The University of Oklahoma in the US will also be present.

This event will enable our students to gather valuable information about various universities and their programs.

We encourage all our students to attend the fair and take advantage of this valuable opportunity.



We are thrilled to announce that our students have been given a unique opportunity to enhance their public speaking skills through an engaging and transformative training program led by Mrs. Kike Raji. This initiative aims to empower our students with the confidence and eloquence needed to excel in various aspects of their lives. One of our students had the following to say:

*The speaker, Kike Raji, described public speaking, helping me view it as an art and a skill. She gave the rules of public speaking, what to do and what not to do when delivering a speech. Also, I learned from her presentation how to captivate and relate to an audience. She then spoke about how to confidently communicate and deal with anxiety while speaking –*  
Akinoluwa Fagbuyi, OSSD Student.

After the session, the students who were grouped into five were made to work together by analyzing a case and picking a representative to speak on behalf of the group, showcasing the various principles of public speaking that they were exposed to. In the end, group 4, represented by Oluwadamiyan Adeniba, won the public speaking contest. They will be taken out for lunch soon. Beyond this, we hope that they are confident enough to speak publicly. They will be made to present before fellow students occasionally, as the learning process is continuous.

Kike Raji's training will equip our students with the tools necessary to express themselves effectively and leave a lasting impact on their audience.

We are incredibly grateful to have Kike Raji as our mentor for this program. We encourage all students to take advantage of this exceptional opportunity. Let's unlock the power of effective communication together!



### ...TOWARDS SHAPING OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE!

We proudly announce that we will host our annual Career Day on November 10, 2023. The purpose of this event is to help our children gain valuable insight and guidance on choosing the right career path for them.

During Career Day, our students will have the opportunity to interact with professionals in various fields, learn about different industries, and ask any questions they may have about specific careers. We believe that through exposure to other career options, our students can make informed decisions about their future and have a successful career.

We encourage parents and guardians to join us on this day to support and inspire our students. We also implore parents and guardians to expose their children to different career options ahead of Career Day so

### LET'S DISCUSS OVER A CUP OF COFFEE, SHALL WE?

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming coffee morning on November 11, 2023. This event will be an excellent opportunity for parents and students to connect and engage in discussions on topics that matter.

Our lovely host, Chidinma, will address the vital subject of "Know Your Child." During her presentation, she will provide valuable insight into better understanding your child's unique abilities, interests, and learning styles. This understanding will help both parents and teachers to support every child's individual needs and facilitate their academic and personal growth.

We invite all parents and guardians to join us for this meaningful discussion over a cup of coffee. We believe that it will be an engaging and enlightening morning that will benefit everyone who attends.

We appreciate your support and look forward to having you. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact our school office.

### WELCOMING OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS!

We started the session with something new and are thrilled to introduce it – our latest addition to The 16 Plus family! Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our talented and dedicated new staff members who joined us this session. We are excited to have them on board and look forward to the positive impact they will make in our school community.

they can be better prepared to ask more relevant questions when interacting with professionals.

We are excited about this event, and we believe it will be an enriching experience for our students. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact our school office.

*We wish you all a refreshing break~  
The present newsletter will help you follow up with what we have done recently. Please feel free to bring us your feedback. Peace be with you!*

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