



FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We commend our students for their resilience and dedication to their studies thus far. As the school vacates for the Easter holidays, it is a wonderful opportunity for them to take a break, refresh, and look forward to the term ahead.

Upon resumption, they will continue their focused studies and preparations for their final exams, which will commence in April. We encourage students to stay motivated, revise with more focus, practice past exam papers, use their free periods wisely, and engage with their teachers, who are diligently preparing them for their upcoming exams. I am certain that the synergy will yield great returns.

I am grateful for your constant support and cooperation, both physically and virtually, as you follow up on our activities and monitor your ward's progress in school. Please let us maintain close supervision even while they are at home until the boat is anchored safely to the shore, so they are not distracted.

Let me use this opportunity to invite you all to the second occasion of the call-in program, "Ask the Head of School," scheduled for the resumption day, Tuesday, April 2, 2024. We will send the login details soon to the parents' WhatsApp forum.

We thank you, dear parents, for entrusting your children to us and assure you that we are committed to ensuring the success of each child.

Happy Easter to you and your loved ones!

Rev. Fr. Vincent Nnamani, CRS
Head of School

THE JOURNEY THUS FAR

As another academic quarter comes to a close, we are taking time to think about the numerous educational opportunities that have enhanced the lives of our students at The 16 Plus School. We express our thanks to God for leading us and helping us achieve our objectives this quarter.

Our dear parents, we want to express our heartfelt appreciation for the unwavering support and trust you have given us. We have achieved success thanks to your crucial partnership, and we truly appreciate the unity that characterizes us.

This academic term featured exciting achievements. From recording great academic achievements to participating in impactful extracurricular activities, our students showed their skills and commitment. We are proud of their development, which is a reflection of the dedication of both students and teachers.

We encourage all students to use this upcoming break to rest, rejuvenate, and return with renewed vigor for the opportunities that await them in the last quarter of this session.

Aniedi Akpan/Prisca Obi

STAFF TRAINING

As an institution focused on growth and development, we take our staff's career growth as important and a great requirement for success. On the 8th of Jan 2024, a training session was held for our staff and the training was anchored by the Director, Mrs. Ivie Okpanachi. The training was entitled Aligning Objectives for Success. The staff was reminded about the vision, mission, and goal of the school and how they can align it with their objectives/goals in other to achieve success.

The staff of the school have benefited greatly from this training by discovering a great deal of hidden talent and potential that may be cultivated and used for the growth and success of the school and its students. It was indeed an interactive and educative session imbued with so much knowledge and growth opportunities.

We thank Mrs. Okpanachi for availing herself of such a pleasant session, and we hope that the lessons from the session will remain evergreen in our hearts.



QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS/PARENTS' CONSULTATION

The 16 Plus School has always prioritized students' success above all. Part of this process involves the testing of our A-level students to determine their readiness level for their May/June CIE and WASSCE, thus getting clearer insights on areas for more emphasis and the next stages of learning.

This year, the qualifying examinations were held from Monday, January 29 to Thursday, February 1, 2024. Our students, indeed, demonstrated a commendable level of comprehension of all that they have been taught and the corrections they received from the start of the session in August. We hope that they keep the fire burning and perform even better in the main exams commencing in April and ending in June.

Usually following the qualifying examinations are a series of consultations with parents, bringing them up to speed on their children's level, given the test results, and steps to take based on our expertise and best practices. This year, the consultation was held on Thursday, February 8, 2024, following a thorough, standard examination of the scripts.

In all of this, we appreciate our parents for their unwavering support, reassuring them that our investments in their students will yield maximum returns.

OSSD FINAL EXAMS

We are excited to report that our OSSD students have finished their next two courses, Chemistry/International Business and Calculus & Vectors. The last exams for these classes took place on Tuesday, Jan 30th, 2024, and Wednesday, Jan 31st, 2024.

We commend our students for their dedication and effort in getting ready for the exams and acing them. We are confident that their dedication to academic excellence will lead to positive results in the future. We urge them to stay concentrated and keep pushing themselves to achieve their best in the remaining courses.

We appreciate The 16 Plus team, both the teaching and non-teaching staff, for creating a safe atmosphere for success and upholding the school's ethos of bringing out the best in you.

ADMISSION UPDATES FOR CANADIAN OSSDIPLOMA

We are thrilled to announce that our OSSD students have begun to receive various offers of admission. Nearly all of our students have been offered admission from various universities, with some receiving up to three offers, from prestigious universities like the University of Calgary, Simon Fraser University, Trent University, Brock University, and Ontario Tech University.

In addition to these offers of admission, students have also received scholarships up to \$20,000. These scholarships are a way to acknowledge the hard work, dedication, and academic excellence of our students.

As they begin their journey towards higher education, we applaud their achievements and admire their passion for their goals. We are dedicated to guiding and assisting our students through their journey, preparing them for achievement in both their academic and professional pursuits

EDUCANADA FAIR

Our OSSD students went on a rewarding experience on February 16th, 2024, when they participated in the Canadian Educational Fair held at the Federal Palace Hotel in Victoria Island Lagos. This occasion gave our students a valuable opportunity to interact with representatives from multiple prestigious Canadian universities. At the fair, our students engaged with school representatives they applied to, gaining firsthand insights on their application status. This involvement enabled them to ask any questions or worries they had and get a clear understanding of the next steps in their academic path. The students were both informed and thrilled by the experience, eagerly chatting about their goals and anxiously anticipating the results of their applications.

The EduCanada Fair sparked our students' enthusiasm for seeking educational opportunities overseas, acting as a motivating force. It gave them an opportunity to investigate a variety of academic options and make connections with well-known schools. We are dedicated to helping our students reach their goals and reach their fullest potential as they advance in their studies.



THE ART OF GOAL SETTING....

At The 16 Plus School, we also equip our students with skills essential to proper living. On February 19th, 2024, Mr. Dimkpa, the Head of Careers, facilitated a brilliant training session entitled "The Art of Goal Setting". The goal was to empower our students with tools for success.

During this session, the facilitator introduced our students to the concept of goal setting and how it greatly influences personal and academic growth. He used the PACT strategy – Purposeful, Actionable, Continuous, and Trackable, to explain the idea behind setting goals, meaningful and achievable ones at that. Our students got the inspiration to define their future from now by setting clear goals and working towards achieving them.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Dimkpa for the rewarding session, and we implore our students to imbibe everything they learnt during the session. We will continue to empower our students to thrive in all facets of their lives.



LADIES CORNER: EMPOWERING OUR FEMALE STUDENTS

On February 21st, 2024, The 16 Plus Sixth Form School hosted a knowledge-sharing session exclusively for our female students. Led by Mrs. Amede Achingale and her colleagues from a female outreach NGO, including Obianuju James Nwokocho and Fausat Sanni Yusuf, the session provided a safe space for our girls to express their thoughts, fears, and joys about womanhood. During the session, our speaker, Mrs. Amede Achingale, enlightened our students on various aspects of the female body and emphasized the importance of maintaining proper hygiene.

Our female students were exposed to invaluable insights on caring for their bodies and maintaining their health. The session also highlighted the role of education in empowering girls, making known the importance of academic pursuits for women. This session was a great opportunity for our female students to engage in open dialogue, obtain valuable knowledge, and increase their understanding of important topics on womanhood. This and more shows our commitment to developing students in all respects.



GIVING BACK TO THE SOCIETY (COMMUNITY SERVICE)

We also encourage students to engage in community service and take on social responsibilities. Our students paid a visit to an Old People's Home in Mushin on March 2nd, 2024 to engage with the elderly inhabitants. They participated in different tasks such as strolls, aiding with meals, and tidying up to help the elderly. Students engaged in important discussions with elderly individuals, obtaining an understanding of their difficulties and offering them company. The trip was a humbling opportunity that enhanced students' grasp of empathy, kindness, and compassion. It strengthened the school's beliefs and dedication to creating a beneficial influence within the community. Students showed generosity and a willingness to contribute through their service, reflecting a commitment to creating a positive impact on society. A student had the following to say:

Visiting the old people's home stirred a kaleidoscope of emotions within me. From deep empathy for their loneliness to profound sadness witnessing their neglect, each of their stories etched itself into my soul. Witnessing their plight, their heartache for warmth of compassion amidst the cold walls of their old aged home, ignited a resolve to cherish and honor my parents. – Sadiyya Shaik



POSITIONING FOR SUCCESS...

On March 8th, 2024, Mrs. Ivie Okpanachi, Director of The 16 Plus School, anchored a transformative training session titled "Positioning Yourself for Success" for our students. In this session, students were educated on how important proper positioning is to succeed. During the session, students received important advice and guidance on how to succeed in different areas of life. This involved establishing definite and detailed goals, creating long-term plans, fostering self-control and concentration, sustaining perseverance and resilience, welcoming ongoing education and flexibility, and giving importance to both physical and mental health. Mrs. Okpanachi aimed to empower students by giving them the necessary skills to shape their futures and reach their goals.

During the training, students worked together in groups to analyze real-life scenarios and suggest solutions as part of a case study exercise. Separated into five categories - *The Groundbreakers, The Stars, The Pap Squad, The Phoenix, and The Elite Society* - students displayed outstanding teamwork and presentation abilities. The Star group came out on top in the session and received a special prize - a lunch outing at ICM, where they will take a well-earned break away from the school with staff members watching over them. This event not only acknowledged their success but also promoted solidarity and friendship among students. **Our students said the following:**

"On Friday, the event we had helped me learn about the importance of teamwork, because we had to work together in order to have achieved points during the first section of the training. Even though I did not speak, I was inspired and encouraged by what my peers had to say. It was truly a very helpful session. I learnt what it takes for an individual to position one's self for success and also learnt different helpful tips on how to plan, especially academic planning. The session helped me realize an aspect of my life in which I am lagging and need to step up. I am very grateful to have experienced such an opportunity that I am going to take into my everyday life and become a better person." Olagundoye Oluwatomisin

"A goal is a specific plan which you set for yourself and make sure it is achievable and realistic enough for you to achieve. The road to achieving your goals is very lonely. I learnt that we should learn to stay true to our goals. Never set unrealistic goals. Your goals should always be realistic for them to be achievable." Molokwu Emmanuella

"I learnt that I can make learning intentional by listening actively and asking questions for clarity. We were told to write down some study techniques we apply in our school work. We were also told to maintain a stable mental health and avoid distraction and procrastination which

I am guilty of. We discussed more on how to position ourselves for success. It was interactive and engaging. The talk on the case study was most exciting and even though my group did not win, it was still very fun. My major takeaway was that I should use my planner more often and hopefully, I will."

Oladipo Inioluwa



ASK THE HEAD OF SCHOOL & TEAM 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 the 2nd of April 2024, 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. We will send the meeting link to the parent platform. 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 the 2nd of April 2024 and addressing your questions and concerns. Together, we can ensure that your children receive the best education and guidance for their future success.

The 16 Plus School (Sixth Form) is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Ask the Head of School and Team Anything.

Time: Apr 2, 2024 10:00AM West Central Africa

Venue: Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 756 868 5851

Passcode: 123456

NOTICE FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM

EXTENSION CLASSES/HOLIDAY ASSIGNMENT: The school has scheduled a three-day intensive extension classes for the students in the A level program in general preparation for the May/June CIE exams. The classes would run in the normal school schedule from 8:00am-3:00pm from Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th of March. In addition, all other programs across the school are getting an equivalent holiday intervention even as we expect the week to serve the purpose of self-reflection for the students

A-Level : Physical/Online Classes

WAEC: Holiday Assignment

UK Foundation: 2 Day Online Classes

OSSD: 2 Day Online Classes

JAMB: Practice Test on Thursday 12pm

SAT: Online Practice Test on Tuesday and Thursday

Segun Ogunkalu

NOTICE OF VALEDICTORY SERVICE.

The Valedictory Service (end of year/award ceremony) for the Class of 2024 will be held on the 29th of June 2024. It is an event for us to come together to celebrate the students' achievements after the challenges of the session and cheer them on into their new phase with prayers and good wishes.

For this year, each student will pay the sum of #100,000 to enable us to organize a good event for everyone. This early information affords you the time to plan for the funds between now and the end of May.

We appreciate your continued support throughout the session and implore your participation once again.

More information will be disseminated duly.

FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD OF PASTORAL

HURRAY!!! JESUS HAS RISEN, AND OUR JOY AND HOPE HAVE BEEN INCREASED.

May the peace of Christ in all His richness be with you all.

The season of Easter is a season of joy that opens the door to total freedom from sin and slavery for all humanity; therefore, let us rejoice and be glad that our sins are washed away.

This is another reason we celebrate this joyful season, and let us reach out to those whom we know have nothing to celebrate with, according to the Gospel of Matthew 25:40.

More so, St. Peter affirms that charity wipes away multitudes of sins; cf. 1 Peter 4:8.

As Jesus died and resurrected, so shall all our penance and sacrifices win us salvation.

Finally, may God bless us, our children, and our family members through Christ our Lord. Amen



Star Winners Lunch

God bless you.
Rev. Fr. Segun Oladeji, CRS
Pastoral Head

We wish you all a refreshing break~

The present newsletter is to help you follow up with what we have done recently. Please feel free to bring us your feedbacks. Peace be with you!

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