



# GRACELAND COLLEGE ENUGU

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Dear Parents,

## Summer Vacation Newsletter

It is with pleasure that we forward this newsletter to present our news brief during the term and programmes for the coming session. Let us start by thanking God for the 2023/2024 session which has been successfully concluded. We are grateful for God's mercies and faithfulness despite the present, challenging economic situation we are passing through. We also wish to express our gratitude to you for your faith and trust in committing your children's education to us. It is our solemn pledge to give our best.

### Summative Evaluation Report

Your child's Summative Assessment Reports have been uploaded in our Learning Management System. The reports consist of a third term summary and an annual summary. Please ensure that both results are accessed, downloaded and perused. For students who are not promoted into next class in the coming academic session, resit examinations have been scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024. For such students, a mail or message has been forwarded on their result portal. Notifications will also be sent to parents.

### Class of 2024 Graduation Events

In honour of our final year students for successfully completing six years of secondary education, a Valedictory/Thanksgiving Service was held on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024 in the school hall. Thereafter, they had their prom on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July and the Graduation Ceremony on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Parents who desire to have a photo album of these closing ceremonies for the class of 2024 as a memorabilia can call on Tachi Studio (0806 338 5565)

### Home-School Collaboration

To foster a culture of excellence and lifelong learning in students requires a strong partnership between the school and our homes. This is crucial for the overall development and success of our students. To encourage this collaboration, we have deployed an online platform (LMS) that shares critical academic information on the progress of every student and facilitates communication between the school and families. Parents are encouraged to periodically use our online platform to check for updates on their children's education. Furthermore, we encourage parents' participation in school activities and events, and we are open to discussion on students' progress, areas for improvement, and strategies for support both in school and at home.

## **The Role of Discipline**

Just like in all worthwhile pursuits, discipline is critical to academic success of students. Discipline helps students to remain focused and develop consistent study habits that lead to improved performance. They **are able to** set goals, **prioritize** task and stay committed to achieving them. However, students who show certain negative character traits are generally distracted from learning and lose interest in academic work. If we are to build a strong learning community, discipline must be embraced both in school and at homes. For instance, while occasional late coming **to school** may be excused, a habitual tardiness is an indication of underlying weakness and indiscipline which will **lead to** other negative ripple effects.

## **New School Structure and Culture**

From the next school year, Graceland College will be separated into a High School for 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and a Middle School for 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> graders. The Middle School is located at #16 Park Avenue, GRA, just beside DSS, **on the way to New Market through Parklane Hospital**. Therefore, all returning Junior School students will resume at the Middle School from September 2024. Amongst other advantages, this strategic movement will enhance discipline, students control and the management of students' behaviour. It will also help manage students' population and create a more conducive learning environment and most importantly, it will provide an opportunity for a school-wide paradigm shift in culture, leadership, management, orientation and discipline. We welcome you to our transformational move. This is **just** a new dawn in Graceland Schools!

## **Compulsory Boarding for Final Year Class**

With the new school structure in view, and envisaged boarding space, we would like all 12<sup>th</sup> grade students to board **from next session** as a way to create a unique teaching and learning **experience** in their final exams year. It should be noted that after their secondary education, they will naturally leave home to explore further education. The foundation for this should be properly laid in their final year. Let's have them as a full boarding class, completely dedicated to our transformational school experience in their final year.

## **Tech and Digital Upskilling**

With our ongoing Tech and Auto Classes in various programming languages and robotics, we implore parents who have not **yet** provided laptops **for their children** to do so by next session. **Students** without learning devices may be **barred** from tech classes **next session**. Going forward, we shall be introducing photography and media in the Senior School to upskill our students in content creation and exploring the power of media.

## **Printing of Online Notes**

As usual, all returning students are aware that our lesson notes are uploaded on our Learning Management System for students' access. A check in our calendar reveals when the notes will be available. However, to reduce screen time for the boarding students, it is important that these notes are downloaded and printed which would be part of the checklist when returning into the hostels. To make this printing convenient, parents can reach out to Prince on 0813-420-1583 or Promise on 0806-339-7271.

## **Calendar for Next Session**

The calendar for next session is attached for your planning. Although dates and programmes are not cast in stone, we will endeavour to prevent changes.

**Resumption for 2024/2025**

School resumes for next session on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Boarders are to return for checking-in on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024 from 12 noon. Please note that students cannot be checked into the hostels without payment of fees. For all day students, a grace period of two weeks is given for payment of fees **in the new session**.

Thank you for your attention. We wish you a restful vacation.



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## SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2024/2025 ACADEMIC SESSION

S/N	DATE	ACTIVITIES
1	16th Aug. 2024	Submission of E-notes to VP Acad.
2	23rd Aug.	Upload of E-notes on LMS
3	26th – 30th Aug.	Training Week for staff
4	30th Aug.	Submission of all test instruments (CASS and Exam questions)
5	3rd Sept.	Pre-resumption meeting of ALL staff
6	8th Sept.	Check-in of boarders into hostels
7	9th Sept.	School resumes and classes commence
8	9th Sept.	Class allocation
9	12th Sept.	Fasting and Prayer session for the new academic year (Middle & High School)
10	13th Sept.	Orientation Programme for Middle and High school
11	16th Sept.	Eid-el-Maulud
12	23rd Sept.	Extension Classes Resume( UTME & SSCE)
13	25th Sept.	Prize Giving Day for Middle School
14	27th Sept.	Monthly Birthday celebration(August & September)
15	1st Oct.	Independence Day Anniversary
16	2nd Oct.	Prize Giving Day for High School
17	4th Oct.	Endurance Walk
18	5th Oct.	World Teachers' Day
19	6th Oct.	School Thanksgiving Day
20	11th Oct.	International Day of the Girl Child
21	14th -16th Oct.	Continuous Assessment Week
22	18th Oct.	Open Day for both Middle and High school
23	18th Oct.	Students vacate for Mid-term Break
24	21st- 25th Oct.	<b>MID – TERM BREAK WEEK</b>
25	21st Oct.	Deadline for Upload of Continuous Assessment scores
26	27th Oct.	Boarding students return from mid-term break
27	28th Oct.	Classes resume after mid-term break
28	31st Oct.	Monthly Birthday Celebration
29	5th Nov.	Career Day
30	10th Nov.	World Science Day
31	26th Nov. -5th Dec.	Mock 1/End of Term Exam
32	1st Dec.	World AIDS Day
33	6th Dec.	Christmas Concert/ Vacation
34	12th Dec.	Deadline for upload of scores
35	6th Jan. 2025	<b>RESUMPTION FOR NEW SCHOOL TERM</b>