



PRINCIPAL'S RESUMPTION REPORT`1 TO THE P.T.A 20TH SEPT. 2020

I welcome our precious returning parents, and invaluable teachers back to school; and to our dear new parents, welcome to the Nobelhouse family. Welcome to our college! We are so very pleased to welcome everyone to school to begin a new school year. Indeed it's been a profound year 2020 so far, and we are grateful for life and health to face the future.

I trust that our children are looking forward to returning to active school work, and I assure you, we are starting strong with our virtual school assembly at 8:00am tomorrow, Monday 21st September. We expect every student to be in full school uniform for every assembly with their videos on. Only new students are permitted to be in formal personal wears at the assembly. Monday assembly is a tradition at Nobelhouse college, and we are returning to that tradition virtually through to physical resumption. We acknowledge the students who would not be resuming physically until the second term. These students, will receive the assembly details weekly in their official emails to join every Monday assembly virtually, and we will make every school assembly available for their repeat viewing on the school facebook page.

ACADEMICS

I will not dwell on the previous school year, but will highlight a very important achievement. For the benefit of parents who are not aware of the IGCSE result achieved by the June 2020 cohort, we are thankful to record an incredible performance in the June examination series.

100% A* to C. CONGRATULATIONS to our class of 2020, June Cohort.		
1	First Lang English	9A*, 5A
2	Mathematics	3A*, 3A, 4B, 4C
3	Add Math	2A*, 1A
4	Biology	5A*, 2A, 4B, 3C
5	Chemistry	6A*, 3A, 1B, 1C
6	Physics	5A*, 3A, 2B, 1C
7	Economics	5A*, 3A, 2B, 3C
8	Environmental Management	1A
9	Second Language French	3A*, 2A, 1B
10	History	2A*, 1A
11	ICT	3A*, 5A, 6B
12	Literature	3A
SPECIAL RECOGNITION: First Language English from ESL		

We are particularly pleased to recognize the performance of the students in First language English which the school management decided to adopt after scrapping English as a Second language at the school. This gives the upcoming students the confidence that they have what it takes to excel as they cooperate with their teacher, and give the subject the commitment required. We are truly grateful to God for giving the class of 2020 and the staff the grace to work assiduously to achieve this commendable outcome which began with the students **impressive Jamb scores in March, 2020**. Thanks to the parents of the students too who kept faith with us and remained supportive. We continue to work with the 6 students in the October IGCSE Examination and pray for an equally commendable performance.

It is important that I share the valuable lesson from the Evidence-grading process used by Cambridge International to grade students in the June examination. We saw that students' commitment to their academic work and any other school assessment /evaluation must be an ongoing commitment. The evidence that stood for each student who remained in the June cohort went as far back as Year 9 to determine their Predicted Grades. It was based on this evidence the school was confident to contest the initial grades the students were awarded.

I use this opportunity to encourage parents to follow up with their children's attitude to their work from attendance, to compliance, and the effort they put into their learning, and private study. Progress reports as usual is sent during the half term break, then, the end of term report. When that is not received, please reach out to the school as soon as possible. The purpose of those reports is to monitor and track students' progress, ask questions, and strategize on the effective ways forward with the school when the student's performance or learning has not gone as expected. For the benefit of our new parents, we practice an open door policy at Nobelhouse College. Apart from days set aside as open days, which are on the day students close for half term break and at the end of the term, we welcome you after academic hours any day should you want to interact with your child's teacher, the V.Ps or the Principal. It is best to identify issues early and nip them in the bud.

Other important plans for the new school year include the following:

1. The school resumes virtually for academic work as expected tomorrow, Monday 21st. You would have received timetables, booklists, for the new Year 10 students - a subject choice form which must be submitted as instructed to the V.P Academic, and other financial notices.
2. Our virtual school will run for 2 weeks, and NHC would resume for in-person (physical) classes on Monday Oct 5, 2020. The hostel will be open to receive boarding students on Sunday Oct 4.

3. Orientation for new boarding students will be on resumption to in-person schooling on October 4, and academic orientation for day students and others will be on Monday October 5.
4. Please note that we require students coming into the hostel to have been treated for malaria before returning to the boarding house. Students are to come along with a recent malaria test result (preferably microscopy report) before they would be allowed into the hostel.
5. Day students are required to resume daily with a hand sanitizer in their bags and the boarders as part of their requirements for school. I refer to the 'Preparation For Resumption: Covid 19 School Policy' document sent to parents at the beginning of September for details of expectation and our practice as we resume. This document will be shared again with new parents.
6. Extracurricular activities will resume in the week of October 5 physically, and virtually to students who are running alternative schooling this term. However, to our virtual students the available extracurricular (classified as E.C. A in your bill) will be chess, scrabble, mobile App and web design. These will be available to them at the weekend only.
7. At the moment, the school calendar will be shared per term as we cautiously return to the new normal and receive guidance from the government. Other important dates to note are:
 - Half term Break Nov 2 – 6, 2020
 - End of first term: Dec. 18, 2020
8. NHC will still offer weekly boarding this school year. Note that this is not an arbitrary arrangement. Parents who are interested in boarding their children during the week, and taking them home at the weekend can opt for that service which is a termly arrangement and would be required to sign up to the terms and conditions before acceptance. Details can be got from the bursary.
9. It is the tradition at Nobelhouse College to request that every Year 11 students become boarders in the second term because of extended classes and examination coaching. We look forward to that still happening from January, 2021. Parents concerned should please plan for that.

I hope that I have been able to keep my remark short enough as the program of events states – 'Principal's remark'. Above all, we are very hopeful that the 2020/2021 school year would be a very successful one as we look forward to receiving more new students into the school, and working with all stakeholders in the best interest of the students. God bless you all and your families. Thank you.

