



Friday, November 13, 2020

Term 1

Monday September 7th — Thursday December 17th 2020

Continuation on Return to school

From Monday 16th it is expected that every pupil meets all of our uniform expectations. In particular, I would draw attention to:

Hair length:

Boys hair should be short (typically setting 3 on a barber's trimmer) and of uniform length throughout with no patterns cut in. Girls' hair MUST NOT be longer than collar length, unless it is their natural hair and, in ALL cases, must be firmly tied up above collar length throughout the school day. Many of our girls have had extensions added during the lockdown period. This IS NOT an accepted part of school uniform and should be corrected before school resumes on Monday.

Footwear:

Shoes should be formal black leather NOT trainers. Trainers which are leather are not permitted. I understand that with restricted travel and the recent return to full time schooling some families will not have had the opportunity to purchase formal shoes for this academic year. If this is the case, please email your son or daughter's form tutor to confirm that they have your permission to wear an alternative while new shoes are purchased. This "shoe amnesty" will end at the start of Term 2. In the meantime, all footwear must be black, neat and without a raised heel.

All other uniform expectations are outlined in the attached document.

Due to our covid 19 protocols, the following exceptions to our uniform rules continue to be in place

- No ties should be worn
- Blazers should not be worn although an official (badged) school jumper may be worn
- The reason for these exceptions is that neither ties nor blazers can be easily washed on a daily basis.

Meetings with the Principal

I am available to meet with any parent each day of the week. An appointment system is run to avoid parents needlessly waiting if my diary is full as well as to ensure that sufficient time is set aside to discuss issues fully and without interruption. Please contact the Principal's PA on 0908 701 4833/0814 813 9481 or email: principalspa@bisnigeria.org to book an appointment.

I do appreciate that it may be more convenient, particularly for shorter meetings, to meet having dropped off your child in the morning. With this in mind 8.15—9.15 each day has been set aside for this very x

PTA: Elections to the Exco

Thank you to all parents who have submitted nominations for the vacant roles within the PTA Exco. All current members of the PTA may vote via the ballot box in school reception from Tuesday 17th Nov to Friday 20th Nov. Results will be announced shortly thereafter. The Ballots can be collected from reception

Years 7-10 and 11-13 examinations

Please note that all examinations take place in the week beginning 30th November. For Years 8-10, this is one week later than previously stated so as to compensate for lessons lost due to the recent protests and their aftermath. Year 10 exams start on Monday 8th, Years 7-9 exams from Wednesday 10th with all examinations concluding on Friday 12th.

These examinations will focus on Term 1 work AND where appropriate also test work completed at the end of Term 3 of academic year 19/20. Pupils will be guided on this by their teachers and a summary will be shared with parents at the beginning of next week.

Years 11,12 and 13 mock examinations will now take place at the end of January rather than the beginning. This is again to allow for more teaching and to ensure that pupils are not disadvantaged should they be required to self-isolate after travelling during the Christmas break.

Pupil in the News

I was delighted to read the excellent piece on Anna Akwukwuma, our former Head Girl in the This Day newspaper. A copy of the article can be read here:

<https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2020/11/12/positioned-to-break-boundaries/>

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