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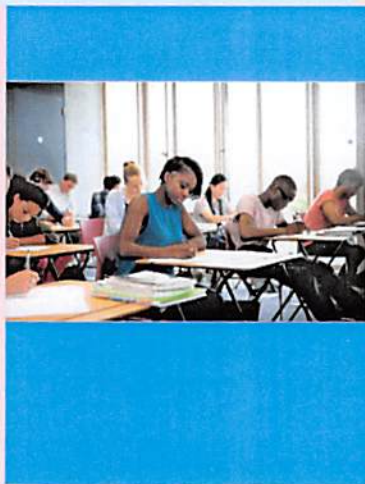
I have a keen understanding of what is happening in the economy, and I know that school fees are becoming a struggle for a lot of parents. As you take, what could be one of the most important decisions in the lives of your children, let me give you some important information. I know that one of your greatest goals is for your ward to be admitted into the University. AIC stands ready to help you realize this goal. One of the most important standards for accomplishing this task, is doing well in the WAEC exam, not only is the WAEC essential in Nigeria, it is the exam used for acceptance in both Britain and Canada. The

standard has been receiving a C6 in Mathematics, English, and three other subjects. This is how we have done:

Percent passing Mathematics, English, and three other subject; C6 and above:

2014	33.8%
2015	35.0 %
2016	65.1%
2017	85.7%

How did we do this? One of the main reasons we can do this is because we refuse to participate in, or allow any form of exam malpractice. Teachers and students know that they have to work hard to receive high grades, because no other way will be tolerated. So it is obvious that we have progressed. This is extremely important. Failure to pass at credit level in the WAEC usually results in the necessity to put the student in some kind of foundational program, incurring an extra year of costs. We will continue doing everything possible to ensure the success of your child and we will do it "in the fear of God".



SAT Examinations

For those parents interested in sending their wards to the United States for university study, the SAT exam is a critical aspect of their preparation. One of the reasons to consider the U.S., is because the U.S. universities offer numerous scholarship op-

portunities. Three of our current and former students that are waiting to go to the U.S. next August, have received scores of 1450 and above. This means that they will probably receive full scholarships. To accomplish these

kind of scores, it is important to understand the dynamics of the test. One of the things to know is that almost every student does better the second time they take the test. An understanding of what is tested and a reduction in stress due to familiarity with the environment usually results in a higher score.

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American universities only look at the students' highest scores. One of our students increased his score this year by 100 points, just by taking the test again. Because of this, we suggest the following timeline. Students should begin studying for the SAT at the beginning of SS1 and take the exam the first time at the end of SS1. They should retake the SAT at the end of SS2. At the beginning of SS3 they can then begin to apply as most applications for international students are due by the end of December of their SS3 year. They can apply and begin

attending university the August after they graduate. If you have any thought of sending your ward to the U.S., or even if you believe that a scholarship would be helpful, you should seriously consider enrolling your ward in our SAT classes as soon as possible. The classes are offered by The Gilgal Foundation, a local organization here in Abuja. It's ₦130,000 for the training and materials. Classes starts 10th January, 2018. Payment is through the Account Department of the school.



Performance Enhancement Coaching

Performance Enhancement Coaching (PEC) is a dynamic new program that we added to the school, after the PTFF voted to add it to the curriculum. The program focuses on helping young students discover their strengths and enhancing those strengths. Students only get the full benefit of the program when parents pay for the program. There are costs connected with the program, such as

the teacher and the materials needed. This is a program that the PTFF adopted for the school because of the potential benefits. As we begin to do the assessments related to the pro-

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gram, please do not let your wards miss out on these important experiences. Paying for the program will allow your ward to do the assessments that will give you and your child important information to guide their futures.

Tuck Shop

Parents need to understand that it is our greatest desire to keep your children healthy and happy so that they can soar to greater heights. This is one of the reasons that they have meals three times daily and given tea break and night cap. They are fed five time a days. I go to lunch with your children daily and they are fed very well. Their needs are taken care of.



With this in mind, we are begging parents to stop dropping extra money in the Tuck Shop for their children. This will no longer be allowed. Students must discipline themselves to buy those few items that they might

need; pencils, notes, etc. This will still allow them money to buy a few snack items. Parents can also still drop off the school items that students might need at the gate. If students take care of their things, they really shouldn't need anything that can't be replenished at either the mid-term break, or the end of term break.

Extra Lessons during the Break

One of the things that I have learned in my time at AIC is that our best students take extra lessons during the breaks. They are engaged in important work and not just wasting all their time. Why is this important? The most important reason is that when parents engage their children in extra lessons, they are sending a very clear message to their children about the importance of education. This lets the students know exactly how important education is to their parents. This setting of priorities is extremely important as our young students are

growing and setting their own priorities. The second reason is that it allows students to review important topics covered in class and solidify those concepts in their minds. This is the difference between just being familiar with a topic and really understanding a topic. Finally, we know from research that during breaks, students lose or forget some amount of information that they have recently learnt. Extra lessons during the break ensure that students don't regress and lose important information that they will need for end of term/

session and external examinations. Extra lessons are one of the best ways to encourage your children to do very well.



JAMB Brochure

Every student and parent in Nigeria should be very familiar with the JAMB Brochure. By the end of JS3 every parent should download and become familiar with the UTME Brochure. This is the brochure with the information with every course in every university in Nigeria and the requirements for taking the course of study. The brochure can be downloaded at www.jamb.gov.ng. I

would just skip to the end of the list and download the entire brochure. This brochure will tell you what subjects are needed for JAMB and what subjects must be passed in WAEC for entrance into a university. This is vital information as students are deciding what subjects to take in SS1. Please get this information before your wards enter into SS1.



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Meeting with SS3 Parents

On the Sunday of resumption, 7th January 2018, at 4 pm., we would like to meet with all of the SS3 parents. It is important that we discuss some vital issues before the students go into this season of external examinations. We need to address the extra lessons that we have been having and the attitude of the students toward the extra lessons. We also want to share the

students' CAs that will be presented to WAEC with parents, so that you are aware of their current standings and also, so that we can be sure that all their information is correct for the upcoming external examinations.

Please make sure that you are here for this extremely important meeting.

NOTICE

AIC Entrance Examination
The 1st batch of the entrance exam for 2018/2019 Academic session is on the 17th March, 2018. Forms are available in the school.

Parents should please make sure they tag their children's items before coming back to school next term for easy identification

You are welcome to attend our Book Fair @ AIC!

Date: 9th February 2018

Time: 10:00am

Call: 08039731659 for more information

Resumption

Junior students should return to AIC on 6 January, 2018 between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. Senior students should resume on 7 January, 2018 between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. SS3 students should come earlier as we have a meeting at 4:00 pm with all SS3 parents, and check in should be completed for SS3 students by 4:00 pm.

Checking of the first term results online starts on the 28th December, 2017.

Registration is ongoing for a two weeks summer in the UK (July 2018).

Interested Parents should contact the Counseling office: 07030383729

Season's Greetings

The time is upon us to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I feel especially blessed this year. We just had our last staff devotion meeting for the year and every department did a presentation or a hymn. I was uplifted and filled with the Spirit. I am so grateful for my testimony and the privilege of being counted with the believers in Christ. I am truly blessed and grateful to be serving here at AIC and in Nigeria with my family. In this season of celebration, let us truly rejoice in the knowledge of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ and let us continue to be blessed as we continue to serve. I pray that each and every one of you have a wonderful and joyous Christmas.



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