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## Faith in God

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As we come to the close of another academic year, I want to thank God for the immense grace He has bestowed upon the school, our students, and personally upon my family. I have come to understand in a real way, that the most important thing we do at AIC, and in life, is to serve God. One of the greatest joys I have is the opportunity to teach Sunday School here at AIC, and to see the spiritual growth that our students realize over the course of time. I want to thank every parent for the trust that you place in us, and the opportunity to work with your children. Each and every child that comes to AIC is important and I want to assure our parents that we will do everything in our power to uphold our duties and to fulfill our stewardship. Your children are our utmost concern. We spend time praying for each and every one of them, and

then we work as diligently as possible to ensure the success of each child. Enjoy this time with your children as they are home for the break. Join us in prayer as they are constantly on our minds. In the end, we know that we are only partners with you and God in the upbringing of these wonderful children.

## SAT Examination

For 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., because a good number of U.S. universities offer numerous scholarship opportunities. 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.

## SAT Examination

An understanding of what is tested and a reduction in stress due to familiarity with the environment, usually results in a higher score. 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 then 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 if you believe that a scholarship would be helpful, we advise 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.



## Perform Enhancement Coaching

Performance Enhancement Coaching (PEC) is a dynamic new program that we added to the school, after the Parents, Teachers and Friends Forum (PTFF) voted to add it to the curriculum. This program is a great benefit to students at every level of their education. The program focuses on helping young students discover their strengths and enhancing those strengths. For many students, it enhances their belief in academic excellence, it boosts the creativity of the mind, it builds their self-esteem, and it improves their learning and assimilation rate. 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 program, please do not let your ward 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/children important information to guide their futures.

## 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 avoid idling. 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 learned. Extra lessons during the break ensure that students don't regress and lose important information that they will need for term end, final, and external examinations. Extra lessons are one of the best ways to encourage your children to do very well.

## Jamb Brochure



I believe every student and parent in Nigeria is acquainted with the JAMB Brochure. Unfortunately, I just had a student find out at the end of SS1, that he didn't take the courses needed for the course of study he wants to take at the university. He never asked anyone and he never looked at the brochure. By the end of JS3 every parent should download and become familiar with the UTME Brochure. This is the brochure for 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](http://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 on the JAMB and what subjects must be passed on the WAEC for entrance into a university. I download the brochure every year. It doesn't change very much, but it's important to be sure. This is vital information as students are deciding what subjects to take in SS1. Please get this information before your children enter into SS1.

## Dates and Information

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| ◆ Vacation for the students    | 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2018                          |
| ◆ Results Available online     | 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2018                          |
| ◆ Extension classes for SS3    | 5 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2018     |
| ◆ New students resumption      | 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2018                      |
| ◆ Orientation for new students | 10 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 |
| ◆ Returning students (JS1-3)   | 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2018                     |
| ◆ Returning students (SS1-3)   | 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2018                     |
| ◆ Lesson starts                | 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2018                     |

Please follow these dates closely. These events are very important and we want to be timely about the resumption of the students.

## Homework Assignments

Over the break we give our students holiday assignments. These should be completed before returning for the new session. This is to keep our students working a little so that everything they have learned so far is not forgotten. This will then become their first grade in the new term. We want them to start out on a positive note. Please encourage your children to get these assignments done, on their own. This should be a very positive experience. We want their first grade to be a very good one.

## Checking of Results

The school wishes to remind parents of our requirement concerning the checking of results;

- The scratch card (result checker) is to be used to check your ward(s) current and previous results.
- Parents are expected to check the results and print out the annual results.
- A copy of the printed annual result should be signed and submitted to the school on the 2018/2019 academic session resumption day to the house parents
- Parents are encouraged to discuss the results of their ward's academic progress as reflected in the result
- The subject /career choice forms for **SS1** can be downloaded from the schools result portal. All completed forms must be returned to the Guidance and Counselling unit upon resumption for the 2018/2019 Session

## Contact Information

Parents are advised to update their directory with the following AIC contact details:

- Admin Office: 09069056235/08034704261
- Male Hostel: 08163970669/08109583722/08163718889
- Female Hostel: 08142868380/08124411270
- WhatsApp: 09069056235
- Website: [www.aicabuja.com](http://www.aicabuja.com)
- Email: [aicasokoro@yahoo.com](mailto:aicasokoro@yahoo.com)
- Facebook: Africa International College
- Instagram: Africa International College

Please feel free to add us up on all our social media platforms, like and share our picture and remember to tell someone about AIC today.

Have an awesome vacation. Stay blessed.