



The Grange Voice

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FROM THE CEO'S DESK



I bid you all a very warm welcome back after our Easter break. I hope you managed to achieve some rest, unlike many of our pupils and staff who were diligently in school for additional lessons, various rehearsals and external examinations!

The summer or Trinity term is always quite hectic yet purposeful. From finalising next year's school budget, to our popular talent show for pupils, external and internal examinations and assessments and of course saying goodbye to our departing Y11 pupils who will soon be alumni of Grange.

We look forward to our PTA Funday as ever, in addition to the artist in residence programme running in school for the next few weeks, our musically talent performers at the MUSON centre competitions in addition to the plethora of AISEN competitions in which many scores of pupils will surely take part.

As Grange draws to the end of its 57th year of providing a British education within in the Lagosian context please be assured that all staff members endeavour to strive as much as possible for the betterment of your children's progress. To this end our 'door is always open'. Please do not hesitate to feel that you can approach us at any time with any matter so that together we can 'nip any issues in the bud' before they become too significant.

I wish you and your children a blessed, joyous and fruitful summer term here at Grange School.

Graham J. Stothard

ACADEMIC MATTERS

Important dates

Accolades assembly: 29th April 2016
Cycle test dates: 23rd - 26th May 2016
Midstream examinations: 11th June 2016
End of term examinations: 29th June 2016

Homework survey

We seize this opportunity to appreciate parents who participated in the homework survey. The outcome of the survey will form part of the review of the homework policy.

Lent term Reports

Lent term reports were archived on Friday 22nd April 2016.

While painstaking effort and careful thought has gone into preparing the reports, we cannot rule out the possibility of human error. If you noticed any inaccuracy in your child's report, you should have brought this to the attention of your child's class teacher by close of school on that date. A separate notice was sent out to this effect.

Cambridge Checkpoint Examination Years 6 and 9

Congratulations to the Year 6 and Year 9 pupils on the completion of their Cambridge Examination last week and this week respectively. While Year 6 pupils are expected in school on Monday 25th April, Year 9 pupils are expected back on the 2nd or 3rd of May depending on when the May public holiday falls.

On their return, Year 6 will commence the Year 7 Curriculum in the core subjects of mathematics, English and science; while Year 9 will start their IGCSE curriculum.

NX Explorers (A Shell initiative for education)

Grange school is one of three leading schools participating in a food, water and energy challenge. This project is targeted at enabling young students think about the real world, explore possible solutions and bring about changes in our environment.

The programme will start in the third week of term with about twenty students. The programme is open to Year 9 students.

Library

The school library is open daily from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. Pupils have access to the library during break times as well.

Departures

Miss Jessica Wang has returned to China and will not be returning to Grange. The newly appointed teacher of Mandarin will join the school in September.



Mr. Areo (Physics teacher) has retired after many years of meritorious service to the school.

FROM THE PASTORAL DESK

Welcome to the summer term 2015/16 session. It promises to be fun, exciting and holistically educative.

We wish to particularly thank you for the cooperation in our effort to stamp out lateness of students. Huge success has been recorded so far and we wish to solicit your continued support. We will continue to drive our 6Ps. The major focus for this new term is uniform and appearance. We will be carrying out daily and regular inspection of uniform, hair and shoes. Grangers are noted for neatness and we will be maintaining this standard.

A new rewards and sanctions system is currently being developed and will be workshopped with all the stakeholders before implementation in the 2016/17 session. Other policies and practices are undergoing reviews and changes and these too will be communicated in due course.

Our theme for this term is 'EVERY CHILD MATTERS' and programmes are designed to bring this to the fore. At parents' forums, we will be speaking more about this. However, it is important that we note that the aim of the Every Child Matters programme is to give all children the support they need to:

- be healthy
- stay safe
- enjoy and achieve
- make a positive contribution
- achieve economic well-being

Our year tutor system is currently being strengthened further to drive this.

Thank you for the support of our charity programmes so far. Like Oliver Twist however we ask for more. More charity programmes will be organized in the course of the term and your usual support will be appreciated. We need to mention also that your attendance at our assemblies and other special programmes is appreciated and highly valued. It adds colour, value and so much joy to the functions.

Here are few dates for your diary:

Dates	Events	Phase
25 th April	Gifted and Talented music assembly	Secondary
26 th April	Gifted and Talented music assembly	Primary
26 th May	Bernard Ogilo remembrance soccer competition	Secondary
8 th June	Talent show	Primary and Secondary
13 th 17 th June	Charity Week	Primary and Secondary
17 th June	Year 11 School Leavers Assembly	Secondary
19 th June	Year 11 Prom	Secondary
21 st June	Year 6 Final Assembly	Primary
6 th July	Wider Curricular Accolades assembly	Primary and Secondary

Students should check the pastoral boards for co-curricular clubs allocation and report concerns to Mr. Obi and Mr. Durodola (Primary Phase) and Mr. Bewaji and Mrs. Sotunde (Secondary Phase).



School lunch

To improve the administrative process around lunch and lunch time, lunch cards have been introduced. The cards carry the details and picture of the beneficiary and are in custody of the class teachers in the primary and the pupils themselves in the secondary.

Lost cards can be replaced; please see the school administrator. Kindly note that lunch cards will be issued termly.

As from Thursday 21st April, 2016, Lunch Cards must be shown before service in the lunch room.

Please note that payment for school lunch closed on Wednesday 20th April, 2016; and as a result, payments made after Wednesday, in respect of school lunch, will be refunded to you or credited to your account. Should you require further clarifications, please contact the Events Coordinator, Miss Temitope Ogunmola on 09098870437 or t.ogunmola@grangeschool.com.

Adjustments to lunch fee

Year 6, 9 and 11 pupils will be out of school for part of the term, for varying number of days; consequently, lunch fees for these year groups have been reviewed downwards as follows

Year 6:	Twenty Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Naira (N28, 800).
Year 9:	Thirty Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Naira (N38, 700).
Year 11:	Twenty Seven Thousand Naira (N27, 000).

Parent who have made full payment will have the excess credited to their accounts; parents may also request for a refund by sending an email to bursary@grangeschool.com

GIFTED & TALENTED



The Art department is pleased to announce Professor Bruce Onobrakpeya as the **Artist in Residence** for this session.

For those who may not know him, Professor Bruce Onobrakpeya is a veteran in print making. He has contributed immensely to Nigerian contemporary art by upholding creative standards for print making, which is his preferred medium of artistic expression.

This edition promises to be another of those memorable positive experiences for the children as they work with Prof Bruce and his team. Print making is a rare form of visual art expression and we hope our gifted and talented group will develop new perspective as a result of this shared experience.

This edition of Artist in Residence will last for six weeks; it holds as follows:

Date	-	20 th April 15 th June
Days	-	Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
Time	-	3.10 p.m to 4.10 p.m.

An exhibition will take place at DIDI Museum later this term. The dates will be announced.

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Annual musical production

This year's production is 'Journey to Mount Langbodo' and it will be staged by the Primary phase pupils. The play is an adaptation of the book written by D.O Fagunwa and will be performed at the MUSON Centre on Friday 20th May 2016.

It tells the story of a journey of several hunters on a search for the secret to world peace. The play explores their trials and tribulations and how through collaborative effort and the Grace of God they succeed in their quest whilst travelling through many different kingdoms. The play provides many challenges for cast and crew as our characters visit several different worlds. The production is designed to be eclectic in nature, fusing music, dance and drama together with physical theatre providing the audience with an authentic visual and auditory experience. It's a show you don't want to miss! Tickets will be on sale soon.

We would like to thank you for all the support you gave us over the Easter holidays which has allowed us to make great progress in the production, but as the performance draws close we would like to arrange a couple of rehearsals over the next couple of weekends in preparation for the performance at the MUSON on 20th May 2016.

These are the following rehearsal times:

Saturday 30th April 10am till 1pm

Saturday 7th May 10am till 1pm

We will be running the production all the way through, so it is essential that pupils arrive on time, so rehearsals can start promptly and others are not waiting to start.

Thank you for your continuing support.

CAREERS

Grange has continued to support its students in preparing for higher classes as well as post secondary school. The process for Year 9 subject choices in preparation for Year 10 and eventually Year 11 started in February with the parents' subject choice information morning, and then the students did their subject audit, online career profiling tests and concluded this week with their subject groupings for the term. Meetings were also held with subject teachers as well as a whole Year 9 group meeting before students were allocated their new subject groups.

This term Year 10 students will be embarking on a week's long work experience programme. Pre-Work Experience forms have been sent to parents as hard copy and email and parents should please remember to fill out so we can collate where students will be doing their WE between Monday 30th May and Friday 3rd June 2016.

The deadline for the return of this form (Appendix 2) is Monday 5th May, 2016.

The students are all very excited already, looking forward their stint in the real work place and will be expected to produce a five page booklet on their experience as well as a presentation.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

While the current dress code subsist, it is necessary to remind the whole community of our expected standards. There will be information regarding the new uniform in subsequent newsletters. We count on parents support as usual to ensure children are appropriately attired for school. If you have any queries or concerns, kindly direct them to your key stage coordinator.

Hair

Boys' hair

Layering, 'fading' or other extreme hair styles are not permitted. Hair must be above the collar and not cover the ears. No afro styles and hair should be natural in texture and colour. Hair should be clean, neat, and well-groomed.

Girls' hair

Hair must be plaited into a minimum of six weaves, off the face with no fringes. Hair extensions or attachments are prohibited. Hair scrunches or ruffles should be plain blue i.e. school colour.

The school wishes to project a professional image and as such will not permit exotic and attention seeking hairstyles; therefore unconventional layering, excessive steps, weave-ons, dreadlocks and twists are unacceptable.

Uniforms

Students should be smartly dressed at all times. Uniform should be worn correctly. There should be no "sagging" of trousers and the length of skirts at the knee. Students should take pride in their appearance and present themselves appropriately whatever the circumstances. Throughout the school day, Mondays to Fridays, students should be in appropriate uniform i.e. full school uniform or particular sports kit.

School Blazers

It is compulsory that blazers (affixed with a badge on the breast pocket) be worn to general assembly, for school outings and special occasions.

Identification of personal property

All items of clothing, including shoes and other personal possessions, should be clearly marked with the student's name.

Jewellery

Jewellery may not be worn with school uniform. Medic alert bracelets may be worn and female students may wear one pair of earrings (plain gold or silver ear studs or sleepers, sleepers should be no more than 2cm in diameter). Wrist watches are permitted but straps must be plain black, blue or brown leather. Straps with charms or other embellishments are not allowed.

Cosmetics

Make up and nail varnish must not be worn.

Shoes

Shoes should be plain black lace-up leather for boys and of the approved style. Plain black lace-up leather shoes for girls. Black baby dolls are permitted for primary girls. No high heels or patents are allowed.

Socks

Only ankle length or knee length navy blue socks are allowed for secondary; primary girls wear white knee length socks and primary boys wear navy blue ankle socks

Annual school photographs

Please take note that school photographs have been scheduled for next week; starting from Wednesday 26th April to Friday 6th May 2016. The schedule is as follows: -

Wednesday 27th April	Year 11 and 10
Thursday 28th April	Year 8 and 7
Friday 29th April	Year 6 and 5
Tuesday 3rd May	Year 9 and 4
Wednesday 4th May	Year 3 and 2
Thursday 5th May	Year 1 and Reception
Thursday 5th May	Panorama (All Key Stages)
Friday 6th May	Staff.

Students are to be dressed in full school uniform, including blazers where applicable

Birthdays

Birthdays are a special time, especially for children; but in order to keep distractions to a minimum; the school asks that celebrations in school are kept as simple as possible. A single layer, 10 inch cake and a carton of non carbonated drinks are sufficient. Do remember to send a cake knife, paper napkins/plates, candles etc along with the cake. Goody bags, fizzy drinks or food of any kind is not allowed.

TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR THE SWIMMING SQUAD.

Training will resume back on Monday April 25th, 2016.

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays:	(3: 00pm - 3: 50pm)
Wednesdays and Fridays:	(6: 30am - 7: 15am)



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