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FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD, SECONDARY

Dear Parent or Guardian,

I hope this message finds you well. It is the end of the Christmas term of the 2023/2024 academic session. As we bid farewell to 2023, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the achievements and events that have shaped our school community over the past few months.

I am proud to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our students, who have consistently demonstrated their commitment to academic excellence. Their achievements in various subjects and co-curricular activities have been commendable, and I applaud their efforts.

Throughout the term, we have celebrated numerous accomplishments within our school community. From sporting triumphs to artistic achievements, and numerous feats on the intellectual and cultural stage, our students have showcased their talents and made us proud. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all those who have excelled in their respective fields.

The Christmas season brings great joy and festive spirit to our school. We organised our Carol of Nine Lessons, charity drives, and special assemblies in the course of the term. These events not only fostered a sense of community but also provided opportunities for our students to give back to those in need.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting lineup of events planned for the Lent term. As usual, it is a project term and I look forward to seeing the creativity of Grangers coming through.

FROM DEPUTY HEAD, SECONDARY (CONT.)

The biggest event is, of course, our Inter-house athletics competition in March 2024. It will be an event to look forward to as our students showcase their talents on the sports field and, as we also discover new and hidden talent. I have attached the term calendar to this newsletter so that you can keep abreast of all our activities.

I want to express my gratitude to our dedicated staff members who have worked tirelessly to provide a nurturing and stimulating learning environment for our students. Their commitment and passion have been instrumental in shaping the success of our school.

Lastly, I would like to thank you, our dear parents and guardians for entrusting your children/wards in our care and for your unwavering support throughout the term. I wish you all a joyful and restful holiday season. May the new year bring renewed energy, growth, and success to our entire school community.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in advance.

Kind regards,

Olufunke Sotunde (Mrs.)
Deputy Head, Secondary

LEARNING AND TEACHING

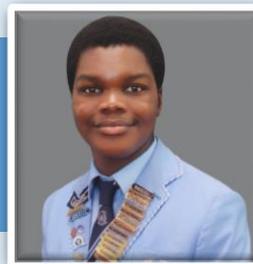
OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND SUCCESSES AT GRANGE SCHOOL

I am delighted to share the exceptional accomplishments and successes of Grange Secondary School during this academic term, which reflect the dedication and collaborative efforts of our esteemed teachers, diligent students, and your unwavering support. Your encouragement and involvement at home are integral to our students attaining their utmost potential.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:

The outstanding academic achievements of our students at Grange School are something to be proud of. During the summer term accolades assembly, we celebrated the exceptional accomplishments of two students, Aizeloje Alakhume and Toluwalase Disu, who received the prestigious Honours Award. Their remarkable feat of being in the top 10% for twelve consecutive terms from years 7 to 10 is truly commendable. Their

unwavering commitment and hard work serve as an inspiration to others, and we take immense pride in their hard work. Our heartfelt congratulations to Aizeloje Alakhume and Toluwalase Disu for this well-deserved honour.



Aizeloje



Toluwalase

Moreover, some of our students achieved a perfect 4.00 GPA in the summer term and were duly recognized at the accolades assembly:

- Year 7: Six students attained a 4.00 GPA
- Year 8: Seven students achieved a 4.00 GPA
- Year 9: Three students earned a 4.00 GPA
- Year 10: One student secured a 4.00 GPA

LEARNING AND TEACHING cont.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN IGCSE (OCT/NOV 2022 & MAY/JUNE 2023)

In continuation of our excellent academic news, two of our students, AYANA OLUWASEUN OKUNEYE and OLUWAMUREWA ANJOLAOLUWA SOWEMIMO, achieved outstanding success in their IGCSE results by securing eleven (11) straight A*s. Their exceptional achievement truly demonstrates their remarkable academic prowess and deserve commendation.

INTERVENTION CLASSES:

Our intervention classes, aimed at supporting students facing academic challenges, were successful in preparing them for the cycle test and end-of-term examinations. We are optimistic that most of our students will meet, if not exceed, their academic targets in the terminal assessment.

END-OF-TERM REPORTS:

The end-of-term reports will be promptly dispatched home following the Easter break closure. We hold high hopes that most of our students will achieve, if not surpass, their set academic goals.

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS:

Grange School excelled in various external competitions:

AISEN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION:

Our Mathematics department showcased our students' talents, securing the championship in the Key Stage 4 category, while achieving the third position in Key Stage 3—an affirmation of our students' continuous growth and development in mathematics.

KEY STAGE 4 PARTICIPANTS:

Oyinoluwa Adu, David Okoro- Sokoh and Abdulrahman Aregbe

Key Stage 3. Participants: Ogundare Moyosore, Adeboye Oluwatise and Sola-Lande Imisioluwa.

SHEFFIELD University Public Speaking:

Grange School secured second place in a national public speaking competition. Notably, Uche Onyema, Yimika Abe, and Faaq Tijani represented Grange in the KS4 category, while Manuel Chukwuocha, Imisi Sola-Lande, and Arabell Adefarakan represented and secured the second position in the KS3 category.

COBIS VIRTUAL DEBATE:

Kudos to our exceptional debaters! Grange School showcased its prowess by winning three out of four debates against schools worldwide, producing four Star Speakers—Princess Ekwueme, 'Fikayo Fagbohun, Yimika Abe, and Uche Onyema.

We are immensely proud of these achievements, which are a testament to the hard work, dedication, and talents of our students and faculty.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering an environment where our students thrive academically and beyond.

Warm regards,



CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT



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STAR SPEAKER

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO

Princess Ekwueme

For achieving the Star Speaker award in the Council of British International Schools Virtual Debate Competition December 2023



MARGARET MCCABE
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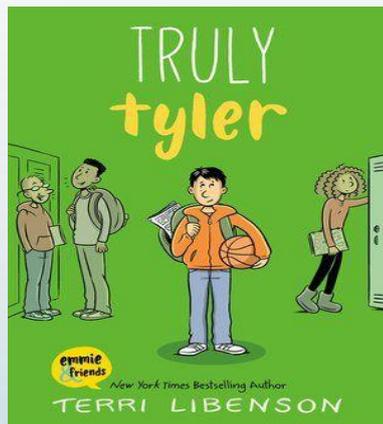
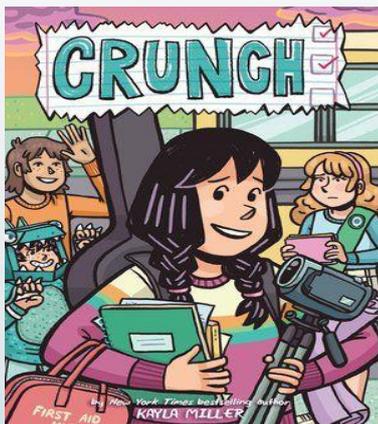
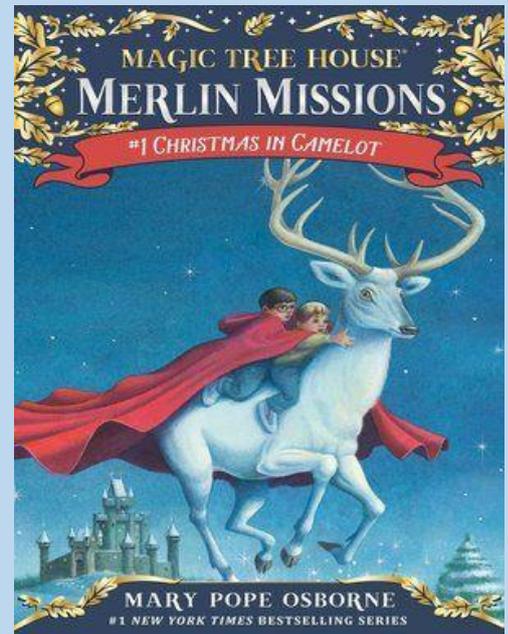
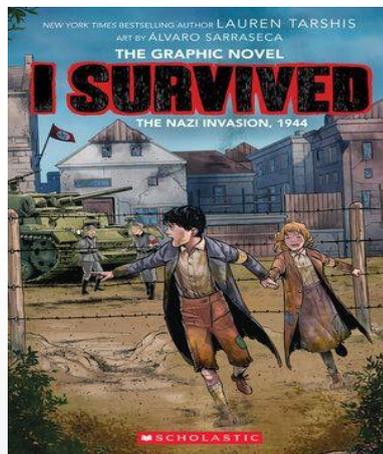
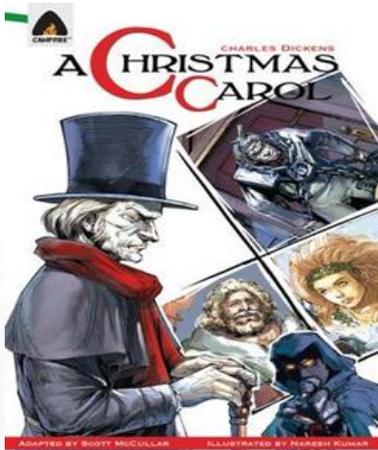
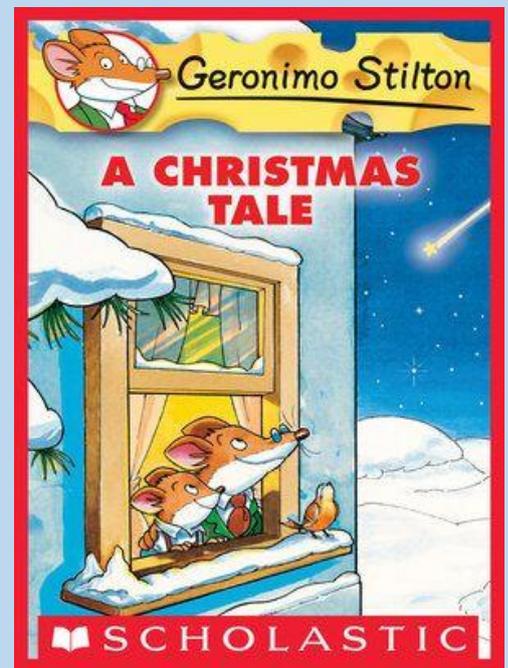
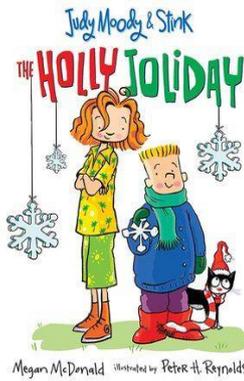
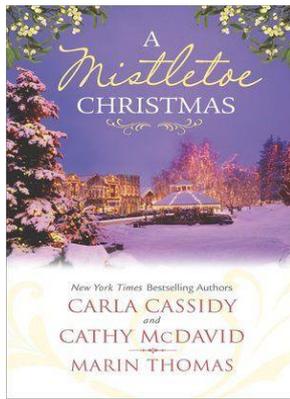
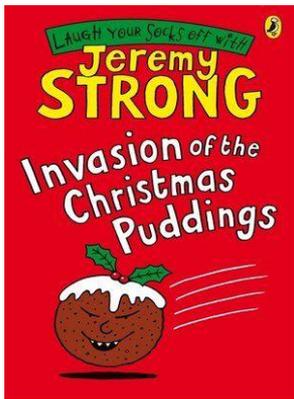


Imoniakemu Solomon Gordon (Mr.)
Head of Learning and Teaching

SEASON'S READING!

With Sora, there's no dull moment this Christmas!
Our Digital Library has a collection of eBooks and eAudiobooks that our students and staff can access anytime and anywhere this Christmas and it's free to all Grangers. Get reading! With Sora app, explore the world of eBooks and eAudiobooks this festive season and enjoy!

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FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

Christmas term is the busiest part of the academic year in the Careers Office. We started with the Education Fair which was held on Friday 13th October 2023. There were sixty - eight schools from Nigeria, Canada, UK, USA, Switzerland and other parts of Europe. We also had six agents who help make the admission process so much easier. If you would like to start the admission process early or you are a Year 11 parent and are yet to make up your mind, we still have lots of brochures and other material to help you.

Since the office is the middleman between Grange students and post-secondary schools, we receive invites for our students to participate in competitions organised by these schools. The University of Sussex organised an essay competition in collaboration with one of our home based A -level schools and Fikayo Fagboun our current Head Girl came first. She won a Mac Book Pro and we are so proud of her.

Right now the transcript compilation for the Class of 2024 is ready, references are being prepared to send off to A-level schools for them, the Year 10's are already thinking IB (International Baccalaureate) or A - levels (Sixth form) and the Year 9's have already started contemplating about their career paths, which of course will determine the subjects they choose.

All this calls for a well-deserved break and so we look forward to Christmas and wish you all a great time with family and friends.

Merry Christmas and see you in the New Year!!!

Eniola Spiff (Mrs.)
Careers Counsellor



PASTORAL

Award of Tan Blazers- Pastoral Accolade

Two well-deserving Year 11 students were awarded the Platinum Pastoral award (minimum of 660 conduct points), which comes with a Tan blazer. They were decorated with the blazers during the Accolade programme for the summer term 2022/2023. They are: Khadija Oluwafikayomi Fagbohun- Head Prefect girl David Onanefe Okoro-sokoh (Deputy Head Boy)



Khadija



David

The Lead prefects were also decorated with light blue blazers for leadership. They are: Faaq Tijani-Head Prefect boy Oluwafikayomi Fagbohun- Head Prefect girl Olanma Akaniro- Lead Mentor.



Faaq



Khadija



Olanma

Birthday Celebrations

Students and staff born in July to December had their birthdays celebrated in school. A beautiful and tasty cake was procured for each of the celebrations and photographs taken. Our appreciation goes to the PTA who provided the students with birthday cards and very nice lapel pins in the past academic year.

Winter Formal 2023

at Grange School is an annual event that takes place at the end of the Christmas Term. This is

usually organised and planned by the Charity Committee of the Year 11 students, chaired by the Social Prefect.

While the event is a time for Grangers to let down their hair, it is equally aimed at raising funds for the Year 11 Charity Project. The Winter Formal for this Academic year was held on Saturday, December 9, 2023, with the theme; The Great Gatsby. It was an evening of class. The school halls on the ground floor were beautifully adorned, giving them a different look and a great ambiance. Students came in their lovely outfits interpreting the theme of the day. All looking smashing!

The event started with a fashion show, followed by an award night. To end the evening on a high note, the DJ kicked off the after-party, prompting Grangers and guests to kick off their heels and dance the night away. The students truly enjoyed themselves. There were lots to eat and drink. Many thanks to our amazing Year 11 parents who went all out to make this happen. They indeed raised the bar. We appreciate your sacrifice.

Olanrewaju Olayiwole (Mrs.)
Head of Year 11



PASTORAL

Winter Formal Pictures



Safeguarding concerns- if you have recently disengaged a member of your domestic staff involved with the drop-off and pick-up of your child, kindly notify the school in writing, with a copy of their photograph for safeguarding reasons.

Pick-up Codes- these were changed after the midterm for security reasons. Please remember to only share your child's unique code with whoever does pick-up for the family. Also, encourage your child to exit the school the proper way.

REMINDERS

Water bottles- should be see-through plastic bottles for safety reasons.

Uniforms- Please take time to check your child's/ward's uniform to ensure that they still fit properly and are the right length and size. All students need a **white laboratory coat** for

science practical classes. It should be long-sleeved with buttons in front.

Hair- the boys should have a good haircut, and the girls should have their hair neatly done. Braids are not allowed for girls in years 7 to 10.

Lockers- a few students have misplaced or lost the keys to their lockers. They must resume with a new set of keys and locks to keep their lockers safe, as lockers left open pose a safety issue.

Phones, AirPods, and smartwatches are not allowed in school. When confiscated, they will be returned at the end of the term.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ebidoere Itemeh (Mrs.)
Head of Pastoral Care and Wellbeing

COUNSELLING DEPARTMENT

The term began with the World Mental Health Day. An assembly was held on Monday, 09 October 2023, and was anchored by the Health & Safety Prefect. The theme for the year is MENTAL HEALTH IS A UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHT.

A facilitator, Dr. Babatunde Fadipe, a highly accomplished consultant psychiatrist with extensive experience in clinical service, anchored the assembly on Tuesday, 10 October, during the PSHE lesson.

He spoke extensively on the theme. It was an interactive session in which the students were actively participated.

Furthermore, the Anti-Bullying week for this year with the theme “Let’s Make a Noise about Bullying” took place from Monday, November 13 - Friday, November 17, 2023. There were several activities such as the ‘odd socks’ day, an art display, and art work put up around the Secondary School in commemoration of the week. It was also an opportunity to remind students of the School’s ‘zero tolerance’ to bullying and to reiterate the importance of everyone speaking up if they ‘see something’.

Opeyemi Adefeso (Ms.)
Secondary School Counsellor



YEAR 11 SERVICE LEARNING- GRANGE GOES PURPLE FOR LUPUS!

Year 11 students of Grange Secondary School have a culture of supporting a charitable course in their final year as a give back initiative.

Our project this year is aimed at fighting Lupus. Hence, our support for “The Lupus Foundation”.

As part of the activities lined up for raising funds to support people living with Lupus, the Year 11 students organised a T-Shirt day on Friday 10th of November 2023.

The event was tagged “Grange Goes Purple for Lupus”. It was all shades of purple. Staff and students wore the branded purple t-shirt, while the Year 11 students differentiated themselves in white and purple.

Grangers who did not wear the T-shirt came dressed in a touch of purple and paid N1,000 to support the charity. A good amount of money was realized towards this laudable cause. It was indeed a beautiful day and these funds in addition to more generated for the Lupus Foundation will be handed over to them during the Year 11 Leavers’ Assembly in June 2024.

We are glad we are gradually getting to our target for the Service Learning Project. Our profound gratitude goes to the Grange community for their support in this regard.

Thank You.

Olanrewaju Olayiwole (Mrs.)
Head of Year 11



LET'S GO GREEN

On the 30th of November, Seven Year 8 students took a stand in the School surroundings to campaign for a 'No Litter Environment,' led by Daisy Ita and supported by other Year 8 students. The students sang, clapped, and spoke to other students about keeping the earth safe and clean for humans and animals. They cleaned the school's tuck shop

areas by picking and trashing litter the right way. The 'LET'S GO GREEN' posters were seen on various boards in the school.

Mille Omorodion (Mrs.)
Head of Year 8



Daisy ita (lead), Cala Hassan, Motunrade Adepegba, Ebunoluwa Aluko, Tofunmi Ibidapo, Faramoluwa Olugboyegun, Faderara Adedoyin, Sayomi Badejo and Kuti Mayowa



YEAR SEVEN SOCIAL INTEGRATION WEEKEND

At Grange Secondary School, we are aware that transitioning from primary school to secondary school can be quite challenging for the students. To ensure that this process does not overwhelm the students, the school has put in place a series of activities to help the students settle in. One of these activities is the Integration Weekend.

The 2023 Integration Weekend took place between Friday, 20th October 2023, and Sunday, 22nd October 2023.

On Friday 20th, October 2023, the Year Seven students and accompanying staff arrived at the school hostel which was the venue of the event. The Deputy Head of Secondary, Mrs. Olufunke Sotunde was on the ground to welcome everyone. She charged the students to be of good behaviour and take advantage of the rare opportunity to learn as much as they could.

She stressed that apart from excelling in academics, social skills are vital tools for survival in the face of an ever-changing world.

There was a health talk by Nurse Akinyemi. Thereafter, the students had group games to interact less formally with one another.

Day Two was exciting as the students enjoyed the interactive gender talk given by three parents. The students showcased their talents in tie and dye and did different sporting activities, and the day was rounded off with a movie night.

The grand finale ended on Sunday, 22nd October. The students were dressed in

their tie and dye T-shirts. Parents, families, friends, and well-wishers who were in attendance were thrilled as they watched the students make group presentations. The students also had time to share their experiences. One thing was obvious: the students wanted the programme to run for more days!

We are grateful to the Head of School, Ms. Abra Stoakley; the Deputy Head of Secondary, Mrs. Olufunke Sotunde; the Head of Pastoral Care and Well-being, Mrs. Ebidoere Itemeh, the Head of Learning and Teaching, Mr. Solomon Imoniakemu, the Head of Department in charge of year seven, Mr. Olaniyi Seje and all other colleagues who in one way or the other contributed to the success of the programme.

I thank the form tutors: Mr. Gbenga Williams, Mr. Clement Iyiola, Mrs. Felicia Akingboyede, Ms. Isabelle Nnaji, and Mrs. Siya Farojoye for their unflinching support all through the duration of the programme.

Chinyere Udunwa (Mrs)
Head of Year 7



Integration Weekend



15TH AFRICA AQUATICS

Junior Swimming & Open Water Swimming Championships 2023



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

As we come to the end of the Christmas term 2023/2024 session, it is worth noting that our students participated in the following events throughout the term.

DOLPHIN SWIMMING LEAGUE SEASON 5.

The first edition of Season 5 of the Dolphin Swimming League was held at Grange School on the 18th of November 2023. Grange Secondary School won the first edition. The second and third editions will take place in the Lent term.

AISEN UNDER 14 AND 17 ATHLETICS COMPETITION:

The AISEN under 14 and 17 track and field competition for boys and girls took place this term. Grange Secondary School came first in the girls' category with 4 gold and 1 bronze medals. Princess Ekwueme won 3 gold medals in the 100m, Long jump, and relay girls. Macayle Adibuah won a gold medal in the 400m girls' race, and Mosisienemo Gabriel, Macayle Adibuah, Oluwashindara Olatawura won a gold in the 4X100m relay girls' event.

In the boys' category, Chimjim Inekwe won gold in 4th 100m boys' and Odeyemi Kanyisola won a bronze in the 100m boys' race.

AISEN NATIONAL DEBATING COMPETITION/ UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION.

The Key Stages 3 and 4 AISEN National debating competition for the Lagos Mainland zone was held at Grange School on the 18th of November 2023. At the end of the competition, Grange Secondary School debaters finished as 1st runners up in both categories. Grange will now compete with other qualifiers at the national finals next term. Moreover, Grange Secondary School also participated in the University of Sheffield inter School public speaking competition. At the end of the event, Grange School came second.

GRANGE FOOTBALL ACADEMY.

Grange Football Academy training was held this term with tactical improvements from most of the members. Training kits will be given to them next term. Academy training will continue in the Lent term. The academy is a catch them young programme by Grange School and team Nigeria UK powered by Southampton Football Club. The academy is for boys and girls from years 1 to year 11. More information will be sent to Parents regarding registration for the Lent term.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES MATTERS cont.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR LENT TERM:

Co-curricular activities form for term 2 will be sent to parents soon. Kindly pick your preferred activity for your child and email your choice of activity to the Head of the House in charge of your child's year group. Please note that placement of students into clubs is based on a first-come, first served basis.

CHRISTMAS CAROL OF NINE LESSONS.

Secondary School had its Christmas Carol of Nine lessons on Thursday, 7th December 2023, in the Gazebo at 5.00 pm.

It was such a wonderful time as students, parents, staff, and guests sang and danced in commemoration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Carol of Nine Lessons has been our tradition for many years, and this year was particularly outstanding with the excellent presentations from the four houses, the School Choir, the Orchestra, and our soloists' performances. beautifully. The theme for this year's Carol of Nine lessons was 'Prince of Peace'.

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS COMPETITION.

Secondary school inter-house athletics competition will be held in the Lent term 2023/2024 session. More information will be sent to parents in due course.

Okechukwu Obi (Mr.)
Head of Activities



THE BOARDING HOUSE

Welcoming New Students to Our Boarding Community

The Christmas term commenced with a vibrant and delightful barbecue evening, serving as an avenue to welcome returning students and introducing new ones while extending a heartfelt welcome to our Year 7s into our closely-knit community. The evening was filled with joyous laughter, connecting our new members with the existing boarding family. It was heartening to witness friendships forming and bonds strengthening as students mingled, shared stories and indulged in the camaraderie that defines our community spirit. For the Year 7s, this event marked the beginning of an incredible journey at our boarding house.



Harmonising Academic and Social Engagement.

In our hostel, academic excellence is a priority, and we maintain a balance between social events and academics. Our activities include quizzes, Kahoot sessions, and focused study sessions, ensuring that students devote ample time to their studies while also enjoying social interactions.

Our house parents play a pivotal role in guiding and supporting students in various academic endeavors. Their dedicated assistance has significantly contributed to students' academic progress, creating an environment where learning is both engaging and enjoyable. Moreover, the stimulating group discussions conducted within our hostel have facilitated insightful conversations, expanded perspectives, and enhanced the intellectual growth of our students.



Fire Drill

During the term, a fire drill was conducted in the hostel to ensure the preparedness and safety of all residents in case of a fire emergency. The drill was executed with precision and efficiency, allowing students and staff to practice the necessary evacuation procedures.

Sporting Events and Recreational Activities

We prioritised sports and healthy competition by organising swimming and soccer sessions among the boarders. These activities not only encouraged teamwork but also promoted a spirit of sportsmanship among the students.

Aerobics and gymnastics sessions have been a staple in our hostel routine, promoting physical fitness, flexibility, and a positive approach to a healthy lifestyle among our students.



Movie Nights

Our movie nights at the hostel were a delightful escape from routine. These events were eagerly anticipated by our boarders as they offered an opportunity to unwind, relax, and immerse themselves in captivating stories. Set in a cozy atmosphere, the movie nights brought everyone together, fostering a sense of camaraderie as students shared laughter, thrills, and memorable cinematic experiences. It was a time for our boarders to bond, enjoy some downtime, and create lasting memories within our close-knit community.



Arts and Crafts Sessions

Boarders enjoyed creating festive Christmas decorations and Shamballa bracelets. They enthusiastically crafted colourful ornaments and decorations, infusing our surroundings with holiday cheer. The bracelet-making sessions allowed students to showcase their creativity through intricate designs and vibrant colours. These activities not only adorned our spaces but also fostered a sense of teamwork, relaxation, and creative expression among the boarders during the festive season.



These activities are just a glimpse of the diverse experiences our students have engaged in throughout the term. The passion, commitment, and talent displayed by our students have been truly commendable, and their eagerness to participate and learn have made these activities immensely successful.

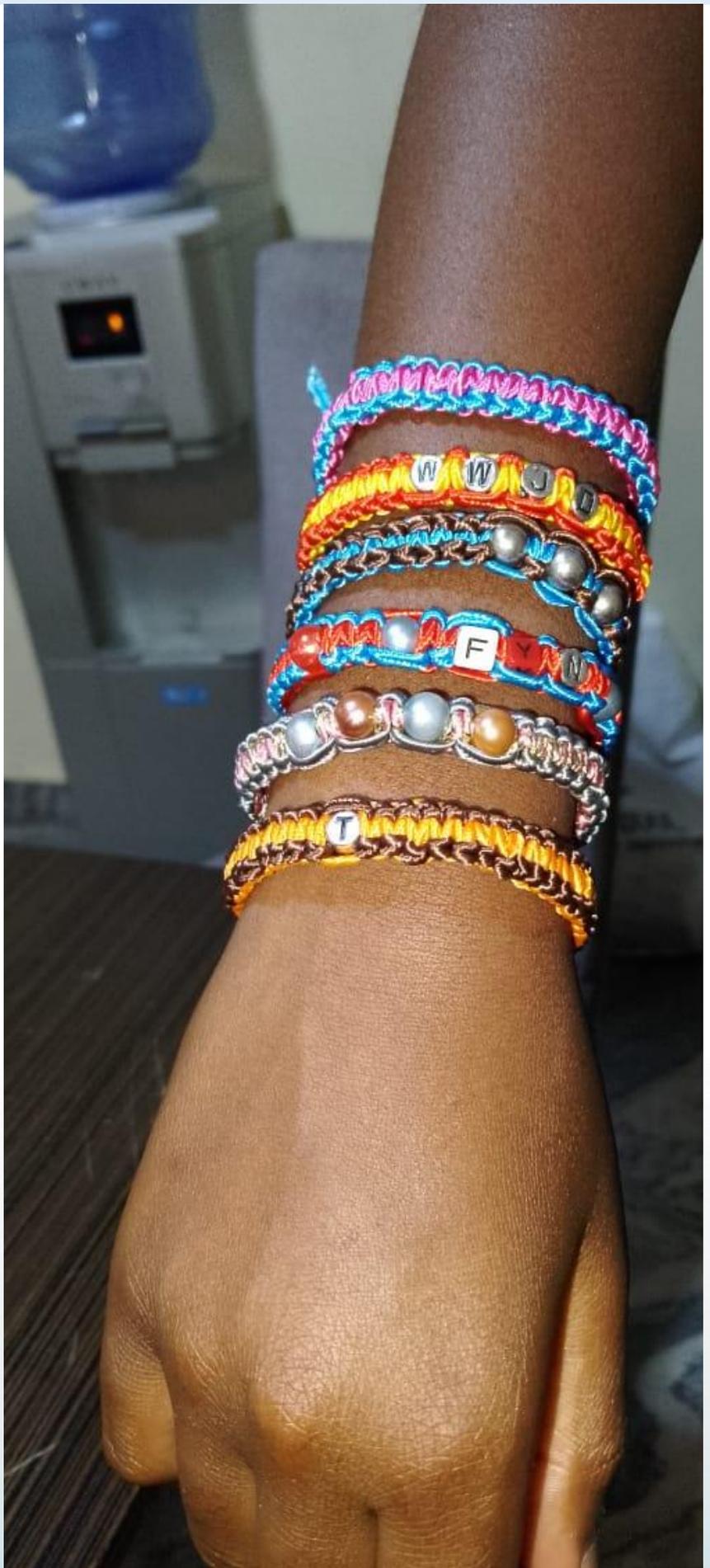
Boarding Staff Professional Development Initiatives

Throughout the term, the boarding house staff demonstrated a commitment to their professional growth and the enhancement of their roles by engaging in several training sessions. These sessions were carefully designed to equip them with updated knowledge, skills, and strategies necessary for effectively fulfilling their responsibilities within the boarding house.

We thank you for your continued support.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in advance.

Esther Akinjogbin (Mrs.)
Head of Boarding



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