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NEWSLETTER FOR THIRD TERM 2024/2025 ACADEMIC SESSION

DISCIPLINE, KNOWLEDGE & PATRIOTISM

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Dear Parents and Guardians

INTRODUCTION

1. I am highly delighted to convey the successful completion of the Third Term 2024/2025 Academic Session through the Third Term Newsletter. The term ended in a grand Passing Out Parade in honour of the Passing Out Boys of Year 2025. Undoubtedly, the term which began on 3 May 2025 and indeed, the entire session was a remarkable success. This is following a seamless attainment of set goals concerning academic, military, and co-curricular training activities scheduled for the term. The goals were particularly in the areas of teaching and learning, infrastructural development and overall improvement in the welfare of boys and staff alike. All set goals are intended to create a conducive training environment, in line with contemporary best practices and for the holistic development of the boys.

2. The school administration has continued to emplace deliberate and coordinated efforts towards the development of the school. To this end, let me to, on behalf of the entire members of staff and boys, express our profound gratitude to the Army Headquarters for its concerted efforts towards infrastructural development and provision of vital training resources. Similarly,

the Governing Board and other critical stakeholders have contributed immensely to the successful completion of the term. Let me also appreciate parents and guardians that have supported the school by ensuring they follow laid down administrative provisions and their boys adhere strictly to school rules and regulations. You are, therefore, pleasant partners, contributing meaningfully to moulding the boys into responsible members of the society.

3. This newsletter aims to acquaint parents with vital general administrative and sundry information. This is to ensure effective dissemination of information to parents who remain crucial stakeholders in the tripartite relationship between the school, boys and parents. To this end, the newsletter will cover academic and military training, extra-curricular activities and other necessary sundry matters.

ACADEMIC TRAINING

4. The academic packages for the Third Term of 2024/2025 Academic Session were executed as planned. In line with contemporary pedagogical approaches, the school has

remarkably adopted information communication technology for effective teaching and learning. The school has begun the deployment of high-end smart boards with integrated range of educational resources in boys' classes, to support effective teaching and learning. Similarly, the school has also introduced the computer-based testing in the conduct of its internal examinations. These noteworthy efforts are all geared towards adequately preparing boys with requisite skill sets to the planned transition from paper based to computer-based examinations by the West African Examination and National Examination Councils.

5. Furthermore, I am pleased to note that the term's results are ready and could be accessed by parents immediately through the portal. More so, the SSS 2 Joint Inter Command/NMS and BECE examinations were hitch free. However, it was also observed that the academic performance of some Boys during the academic session was not satisfactory. Accordingly, the Boys that fell into this category would be made to repeat their respective classes. Furthermore, some Boys absented themselves from examinations without cogent reasons and following the appropriate channels. To this end, parents and guardians are to please note that any boy who absents himself from scheduled examinations will attract automatic relegation. Additionally, all boys offering science subjects are required to bring laboratory coats upon resumption, while all SSS 3 Boys must also bring scientific calculators upon resumption.

6. The school will continue to provide the enabling environment for boys to thrive and compete optimally with their peers and ensure that the school surpasses the enviable height it has always attained. In meeting this objective, the school participated in various academic competition during the term such as Interswitch SPAK and the BT Hub Robotics where the school came tops. We will continue to participate in such competitions towards raising academic standards in the school.

MILITARY TRAINING

7. Military training in the school forms the foundation for preparing the boys for enlistment into the Nigerian Army. The term commenced with a series of theoretical and practical military training exercises both within and outside the school. The practical training exercises successfully conducted include practical map reading, field training exercises, skill-at-arms training, and physical training. Similarly, watermanship training exercise, which formed an integral part of the training package, was conducted.

8. The military training programmes during the term culminated with the conduct of Exercises IJA KEKERE for the SSS 2 Boys and YAKIN KARSHE for the SSS 3 Boys. Both exercises were conducted to further expose and train the boys on the planning and conduct of basic tactical operations in tandem with current security challenges. The military training examination was conducted from 7 to 10 July 2025 to evaluate their level of assimilation and understanding of the military subjects taught during the term. Additionally, the JSS3 Boys were introduced to their first outdoor military exercise nicked named "Exercise CAMP INITIAL" which is a practical exercise aimed at improving the boys' knowledge on Quarter Guard Drills, Tent Striking/Pitching and Admin in the field. The exercise was deliberately designed to introduce the boys to camp life which would be a basis for their subsequent outdoor exercises in the school. The First Introductory Shooting for the SSS 2 Boys was also conducted on 13 June 2025 at the Depot Nigerian Army Small Arms Range in Dogarawa area.

9. Military training programme for the Boys during the term and indeed the academic session was successfully implemented, as the boys were equipped with necessary skills, discipline and leadership abilities to excel in their future career as soldiers. The rigorous training programme which covered physical fitness, combat skills,

leadership and general studies, has been instrumental in shaping the boys into well-rounded individuals. The Wing looks forward to consolidating on the gains of the current training Year and further developing the skills and character of the Boys.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

10. The organization of extra-curricular activities for both the boys and staff is intended to cultivate a healthy and balanced lifestyle. These extra-curricular activities also promote physical fitness and mental alertness. During the term, several sporting events took place among others. These include the conduct of the Obstacle and Drill Competition while there was a novelty football match with the Ex-Boys during the Foundation Day activities. The Boys did us proud by winning the match as well as the tug of war.

DISCIPLINE

11. Discipline is an essential component of character development as it helps develop a solid sense of responsibility, leadership and teamwork. The level of discipline recorded among the boys during the term was relatively satisfactory. Regrettably, the school recorded a few cases of indiscipline such as brutality and other acts that violated the school's rules and regulations. Accordingly, the defaulting boys were adequately sanctioned. Among others, 2 boys that maltreated their juniors were relegated this term, one was stripped off his appointment and 2 others were dismissed from the school.

12. Accordingly, parents are reminded to caution their children about what constitutes major offences as outlined in the NMS Rules and Regulations (Revised 2025). Let me reiterate the commitment of the school management to enforce discipline, in accordance with the provisions of the School's Rules and Regulations (Revised 2025).

REPORT SHEETS

13. The report sheets in both academic and military examinations for the Third Term 2024/2025 Academic Session are to be accessed online through the NMS portal i.e. nms.sch.ng/login using the NMS number of the boys as the portal ID and S1234 as password.

14. Parents and Guardians have it as an obligation to carefully peruse the report sheets and reward or scold their boys' performances to spur them. Observation(s), if any, are to be forwarded to the school authority for immediate action.

CONTRABAND ITEMS

15. Parents and Guardians have been severally reminded of illegal/contraband items in the previous termly newsletters. The boys are very much aware of the contraband items as contained in the NMS Rules and Regulations (Revised 2025). Parents have also been educated on what constitutes contraband items in NMS. They must therefore not be a remote cause for their children breaching school regulations. Unfortunately, during this term, several boys were caught in possession of mobile phones, which is a serious offence that can lead to outright withdrawal.

16. Parents and Guardians are reminded that if they wish to enquire about their wards, it should be done through the official line in the Boy's Battalion Headquarters. As a reminder, the number is **08111639833**. Furthermore, Parents and Guardians who wish for their wards to have phone to monitor their progress during travels should submit the phones to the Boy's Battalion Headquarters on resumption. These phones will be given back to the boys when proceeding on breaks.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

17. The following are important information for Parents and Guardians. You are requested to carefully read and be guided accordingly:

a. **End of Third Term Holidays.**
The holidays for the end of the Third Term 2024/2025 Academic Session will be from 9 August 2025. Similarly, resumption for selected potential boy appointments will be on 14 September 2025, while the school will fully resume on 20 September 2025.

b. **Late Resumption.**
Parents and Guardians are reminded that late resumption of boys under any circumstances will not be tolerated. All boys must return for the First Term 2025/2026 Academic Session on the specified dates. Any boy who fails to report on the stipulated date without a valid medical reason, as outlined in the NMS Rules and Regulations (Revised 2025), will be declared Absent Without Leave (AWOL) and subsequently struck off strength from the school's nominal roll. Additionally, Parents and Guardians should note the procedure for boys who become ill during break and inform the school accordingly with the required medical report from appropriate hospital. Parents and Guardians should also note that any boy with severe medical conditions that prevent him from participating in school activities for 30 days will be recommended for withdrawal.

c. **Settlement of Bills.** Boys have received their bills for the First Term of the 2025/2026 Academic Session. Parents and guardians are reminded of the increase in the school fees and urged to settle all bills before the school resumes. Please note that all fees must be paid in full through the **e-bills platform**.

The payment should be made with the boys' details such as NMS Number, name and class for reference and reconciliation purpose. Parents and Guardians are strongly requested to adhere to this guidance, as failure to do so could result to reconciliation problems, hence the inability of the boy to be admitted into the school. A copy of the bill, along with the teller or any other evidence of payment, must be presented at the reception on resumption day. Payments should not be made via bank draft, and the teller or evidence of payment must clearly indicate the name and class of the boy. Cash payments will not be accepted by the school.

BOYS REQUIREMENT

18. The following are the personal items for boys to return with:

a. **Toiletries.**

- (1) 2 x Tissue Paper.
- (2) 1 x Packet of Bathing Soap.
- (3) 2 x Medium Size of Dettol Liquid.
- (4) 3 x Roll-On Deodorant.
- (5) 3 x Body Spray/Body Midst.

b. **Uniforms.**

- (1) 2 x Pairs of Tetron.
- (2) 2 x Pairs of Camouflage.
- (3) 2 x Pairs of House Wears.
- (4) 2 x Pairs of Service Wears.
- (5) 2 x Brown Belts (Civil).
- (6) 2 x Army Belts.
- (7) 2 x Pairs of Boot/Anklet.
- (8) 2 x Pairs of Canvas.
- (9) 2 x Pairs of Sandals (Brown).
- (10) 2 x Vests (White).
- (11) 4 x Underwear.
- (12) 2 x Berets.

- (13) 2 x Jungle Hats.
- (14) 2 x White Bed Sheets/Pillowcases.
- (15) 2 x Plumes/Cap Badges.
- (16) 2 x NMS Badges.
- (17) 2 x Lanyards.
- (18) 2 x Pairs of Shoulder Emblems.
- (19) 2 x Chest Emblems.
- (20) 2 x Pairs of Name Tags for Tetron/Camouflage each.
- (21) 2 x Pairs of Black/White Socks each.
- (22) 2 x Coy Sport Wears.

c. Other items.

- (1) 1 x Army Box (Wooden).
- (2) 1 x Pressing Iron.
- (3) 1 x Flashlight.
- (4) 1 x Wristwatch.
- (5) 1 x Medium Size Towel.
- (6) 1 x Iron Bucket.
- (7) Room Freshener (Sun Flower).
- (8) 1 x Mackintosh.
- (9) 1 x Mosquito Net (New).
- (10) Company Funds -
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- (11) Medical Certificate of Fitness (See Paragraph 16).
- (12) Laboratory Coat (SSS1 – SSS3 Science Students only)
- (13) Scientific Calculator (SSS3 only).
- (14) Maths Set (JSS1 – JSS3 only).
- (15) 1 x Blanket.
- (16) Housewife kits (thread, needle, 20 pieces green buttons and razor blade).

19. These items are compulsory for the boys. Failure to present them at entry will result in **the boy not being admitted into the Boys Lines**. Parents are advised to **desist** from **defacing** their boys **uniforms/house wears** in the guise of

securing it from theft using unconventional methods to **inscribe** on it.

HEALTH ISSUES

20. Sound health is key and a fundamental aspect of all lives. Military training is built on the foundation of sound health, psychological and emotional stability of an individual. Accordingly, the school has been proactive regarding the health and well-being of all the boys. The hostels and general classroom environment have been regularly fumigated to eradicate mosquitoes and insects. However, malaria and typhoid-related cases are often reported at the Medical Reception Station and are frequently treated. Severe cases are referred to Depot NA/NMS Medical Centre, Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital, and 44 Nigerian Army Reference Hospital Kaduna for expert management. The school has also maintained the purchase and supply of adequate medications to the MRS for treating the boys. Additionally, I am pleased to inform all parents that the Medical Reception Station is currently being upgraded to enhance emergency response and efficiency, ultimately supporting the overall well-being of the boys.

21. Consequently, as the boys embark on holidays, it is imperative that parents should ensure that their children's health are taken seriously during the holidays as the school does while in session. In view of this, parents are to note the following important guidelines:

- a. Any boy who falls sick while at home must bring a medical report from the appropriate hospital upon returning to school as highlighted earlier.
- b. Similarly, any boy granted a medical pass while in school should be properly treated by his parents before returning, accompanied by a medical report.
- c. Boys on medication while at home need to bring their medication and

prescription for continuity upon resumption.

d. For those with medical appointments during the school period, parents are to notify the school at least three days before the appointment date.

24. On this note, we sincerely thank our esteemed Parents and Guardians for their support. On behalf of the officers, soldiers, and civilian staff of NMS, I wish the boys and their families a blissful holiday.

Yours faithfully

PROJECTIONS

22. The major activities for First Term 2025/2026 Academic Session involving Parents and Guardians are:

a. **Visiting Day.** The visiting day for First Term 2025/2026 Academic Session would be held on Saturday, 15 November 2025. Parent would be allowed in the school from **0900–1730 hours (09:00am – 5:30pm)**. As usual, parents would only be allowed to see their wards after the Commandant's brief and the PIA meeting from **1000 – 1100 hours (10:00am – 11:00am)** at the Multipurpose Hall.

b. **Vacation Date.** The School would vacate on 19 December 2025.

CONCLUSION

23. This newsletter is aimed at informing Parents and Guardians about the activities of NMS for the Third Term of the 2024/2025 Academic Session and projections for the First Term. The school management would continue to sustain and improve on efforts to provide a conducive teaching and learning environment ensuring that the boys maintain a high level of discipline, exemplified by impeccable character and excellent academic performance.



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