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NEWSLETTER FOR SECOND TERM 2024/2025 ACADEMIC SESSION

DISCIPLINE, KNOWLEDGE & PATRIOTISM

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Dear Parents/Guardians

INTRODUCTION

1. It is my honour and delight to convey our good wishes on behalf of the officers, soldiers, and civilian staff of the Nigerian Military School (NMS) through the Second Term 2024/2025 Academic Session Newsletter. The NMS Newsletter serves as a medium to provide our parents with adequate information on the general administration of the school as well as the academic development and welfare of their boys. The school resumed for the Second Term 2024/2025 Academic Session on 4 January 2025. The school commenced the term with a resolve to build on our successive gains from previous terms ensuring set objectives were achieved.

2. The successes recorded during the term could not have been achieved without the support of the various stakeholders. In this regard, we wish to express our sincere gratitude to the Army Headquarters for authorizing and providing the necessary resources for the boys' training and administration. I would like to thank the Chairman and NMS Governing Board members for their guidance towards the

attainment of the school's objectives. Similarly, we sincerely thank the General Officer Commanding 1 Division and other training institutions within the 1 Division Area of Responsibility particularly those within Chindit Cantonment for their unwavering support for training at NMS. I also sincerely appreciate our officers and soldiers as well as civilian staff for their unwavering dedication in ensuring that all scheduled packages were fully implemented. Furthermore, I wish to express my appreciation to the Parents/Guardians for their support throughout the term.

3. Throughout the term, all the boys were engaged in both academic and military training activities. The boys also participated in extra curricula activities in the term as scheduled. The various activities were tailored to meet set objectives. I wish to state that all programmed activities were successfully carried out. The details of the activities conducted during the term are discussed in the subsequent paragraphs while other aspects of concern would be highlighted.

ACADEMIC TRAINING

4. The academic packages for the Second Term of the 2024/2025 Academic Session were executed as planned. The SSS3 Boys went on excursion to the Nigerian College of Aviation

Technology. The excursion aimed to expose the boys to human capacity development required to positively influence their career choices. Also, all SSS3 Boys were successfully registered for the WAEC, NECO, and UTME JAMB examinations, while the JSS3 Boys were registered for the BECE examination. Similarly, the SSS2 Boys were registered for the Joint NAEC/Inter-Command examinations. These exams serve as criteria for promotion to SSS3, and all SSS2 Boys must achieve five credit passes, including Mathematics and English. Additionally, the SSS3 Boys have been engaged in Computer-Based Test (CBT) simulation training to enhance their preparation for the UTME JAMB examination, showing significant improvement in their performance over time.

5. Furthermore, the terminal examinations for the boys were concluded on 27 March 2025, and results will be available on the exam portal. Take-home assignments were distributed, and parents/guardians are encouraged to support their children by ensuring regular reading and completion of assignments. The take-home assignment is to be assessed online. Additionally, all boys offering science subjects are required to bring laboratory coats upon resumption, while all SSS3 Boys must also bring scientific calculators. Finally, I would also like to remind Parents/Guardians that combined extension classes for SSS3, SSS2, and JSS3 Boys are scheduled from 22 April to 2 May 2025.

MILITARY TRAINING

6. 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.

7. The climax of the military training during the term was Exercise IKE OGU for the SS2 Boys. These exercises were conducted to inculcate modern tactics and procedures in boys in tandem with current security challenges. Thereafter, military training examination was conducted from 3 to 7 March 2025 to evaluate their level of assimilation and understanding of the military subjects taught during the term. Additionally, the SS3 Boys went on an excursion tour to the Nigerian Army School of Infantry in Jaji, where they were exposed to all the platoon and support weapons in the Nigerian Army inventory, as well as their deployments.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

8. The organization of extra-curricular activities for both the boys and staff is intended to cultivate a healthy competitive spirit among participants. These extra-curricular activities also promote physical fitness and mental alertness. Throughout the term, several sporting events took place, including the inter-company athletic competition, inter-company sports competitions and the inter-company cross country competition. The inter-company cross country competition aimed to help the boys develop physical stamina, mental resilience, and teamwork in preparation for the challenges of military service. Unlike previous years, when only 40 boys from each company participated, this year, all boys, except those in JSS1 were encouraged to run, and everyone took part without any issues. Overall, the various competitions further enhanced the boys' endurance, team spirit, and camaraderie.

DISCIPLINE

9. Discipline is an essential part 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. Though the school has recorded a few cases of brutality and other acts that violated the standard norms of the school, the defaulting boys were

adequately punished. Two boys who maltreated junior boys were relegated this term, and one was stripped off his appointment and is also required to serve restriction period during the holidays. Overall, a total of **34 boys** would be serving restriction during the break for various offences. Accordingly, parents are reminded to caution their children about what constitutes major offences as outlined in the NMS Rules and Regulations (Revised 2023). Let me reiterate the commitment of the school management to enforce discipline, in accordance with the provisions of the NMS Rules and Regulations (Revised 2023).

REPORT SHEETS

10. The report sheets in both academic and military examinations for the Second 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. Parents/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, to be forwarded to the school authority for immediate action.

CONTRABAND ITEMS

11. Parents/Guardians have been severally reminded of illegal/contraband items in the previous newsletters. Parents/Guardians are once more reminded to caution their boys against having illegal/contraband items. The boys are very much aware of the contraband items as contained in the NMS Rules and Regulations (Revised 2023). 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. Parents/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/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

12. The following are additional very important information for Parents/Guardians. You are requested to carefully read and be guided accordingly:

a. **End of Second Term Holidays.**

The holidays for the end of the Second Term 2024/2025 Academic Session will be from **28 March to 3 May 2025** for JSS1, JSS2 and SSS1 Boys. Additionally, JSS3, SSS2 and SSS3 Boys will have theirs from **28 March to 22 April 2025** because of the extension classes.

b. **Late Resumption.**

Parents/Guardians are reminded that late resumption of boys under any circumstances will not be tolerated. All boys must return for the Third Term 2024/2025 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 2023), will be declared AWOL and subsequently struck off strength from the school's nominal roll. Additionally, Parents/Guardians should note the procedure for boys who fall sick during break and inform the school accordingly with the required medical report from the appropriate hospital. Parents/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 Third Term of the 2024/2025 Academic Session. Parents and guardians are urged to settle all bills before the school resumes. Please note that all fees must be paid in full into the NMS Development Levy Account, Number: 1014788872, with Zenith Bank, no later than the first day of the term. 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. Furthermore, Parents/Guardians are kindly requested to note that there will be a revalidation process for their status. Accordingly, all wards of serving personnel must bring a letter of introduction, Part 2 Orders, and a photocopy of their parent's ID card. Additionally, parents of SSS3 boys are reminded that an extra sum of ₦4,750 has been added to their wards' school fees due to an increase in NECO registration fees. Please be aware that no boy will be allowed into the school if his bills are not settled in full.

BOYS REQUIREMENT

13. 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/Pillow Cases.
- (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 Flash light.
- (4) 1 x Wrist Watch.
- (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 - ₦2,000.00.
- (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).

14. 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/Wards 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

15. Sound health is crucial, as it ensures optimal physical and mental performance, fostering resilience and the ability to effectively meet the demands of training. 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 renovated. This renovation will enhance emergency response and efficiency, ultimately supporting the overall well-being of the boys.

16. Consequently, as the boys prepare for the holidays, it is imperative to communicate the following important guidelines: Any boy who falls sick while at home must bring a medical report from the appropriate hospital upon returning to school as highlighted earlier. Similarly, any boy granted a medical pass while in school should be properly treated by his parents before returning, accompanied by a medical report. Boys on medication while at

home need to bring their medication and prescription for continuity upon resumption. For those with medical appointments during the holidays, parents should notify the school at least three days before the appointment date. Additionally, all boys are required to be immunised against meningitis during the holiday, and the immunisation card must be presented upon return. Finally, parents should conduct medical checks or tests for their boys before resumption, as all students are required to report back for the third term with a **medical certificate** of fitness. The necessary medical **checks/tests** include MP and Widal, HBsAg, HCV, urinalysis, stool analysis, RVS and Genexpert for TB. Boys will not be **cleared** without a **medical certificate** of fitness indicating all the tests listed above.

PROJECTIONS

17. The major activities for Third Term 2024/2025 Academic Session involving Parents/Guardians are:

a. **Visiting Day**. The visiting day for Third Term 2024/2025 Academic Session would be held on Saturday, 5 July 2025. Parent would be allowed in the school from **0900 – 1730hours (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 Multipurpose Hall.

b. **Major Third Term Activities**. The school will host several important activities during the Third Term. These include Foundation Day, Speech and Prize-Giving Day, Oath-Taking, Beating of the Retreat, and the Passing Out Parade.

c. **Vacation Date**. The School would vacate on Saturday, 9 August 2025.

CONCLUSION

18. This newsletter aimed to inform Parents/Guardians about the activities of NMS for the Second Term of the 2024/2025 Academic Session and projections for the Third 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.

19. On this note, we sincerely thank our esteemed Parents/Guardians for their support as we remain committed to the ideals of our founding fathers. On behalf of the officers, soldiers, and civilian staff of NMS, I wish the boys and their families a blissful holiday.

Yours faithfully



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Brigadier General
Commandant