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NEWSLETTER FOR SECOND TERM 2021/2022 TRAINING SESSION

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Dear Parents/Guardians

INTRODUCTION

It is my honour and delight to convey our good wishes on behalf of the Officers, Soldiers and civilian staff of NMS through the Second Term 2021/2022 Academic Session Newsletter. The NMS Newsletter serves as a medium to provide teeming parents with adequate information on the general administration of their Boys in order to enhance the academic development and welfare. The School resumed for the Second Term 2021/2022 Training Session on 8 January 2022. Within the term, all the Boys were exposed to both military and academic training as scheduled. Our sincere gratitude goes to the Chief of Army Staff **Lieutenant General F Yahaya NAM GSS psc (+) ndc (Chile) FCMH GSMH MIAD** for authorizing and providing the necessary resources for training of the Boys. I wish to also appreciate the Chairman and members of the Governing Board for their support towards the huge success. Similarly, we sincerely thank the General Officer Commanding 1 Division and other training institutions within 1 Division Area of Responsibility for their unflinching support towards training in NMS.

TRAINING

The school commenced the Second Term 2021/2022 Training Session with a resolve

to build on the successive gains. All the scheduled training activities both military and academic for the term were successfully conducted with the set objectives realized. I sincerely appreciate the NMS training teams for their dogged sacrifices at ensuring that all the scheduled packages were fully implemented. Details of the training activities conducted during the Second term are as follows.

Academic Training. The academic packages for the Second Term 2021/2022 Academic Session were conducted as scheduled. The summary of training activities as it pertains academics are discussed as follows:

External Examinations. All the SS3 Boys were successfully registered for WAEC and UTME JAMB examinations while registration for NECO for SS3 Boys is still ongoing. Additionally, the firm entry and registration for Inter Command and NMS MOCK exams for SS2 Boys has been concluded while registration of JS3 Boys for BECE for 2021/2022 Academic Session is currently ongoing and will be concluded in April. The Inter Command/NMS exams as always will again serve as criteria for promotion to SS3. All SS2 Boys MUST obtain 5

Credit passes including Maths and Eng. All Boys will be adequately prepared ahead of the external exams respectively.

Terminal Examinations. Terminal examination for Second Term 2021/2022 Academic Session for JS1, JS2 and SS1 was concluded on 19 March 2022 while the results are available on the exam portal vide www.nms.sch.ng.

Take-Home Assignments. Take-home assignments have been given to all Boys. Parents/Guardians are requested to sustain the academic effort of the School by ensuring that Boys read regularly while at home and complete these assignments.

Conduct of Combined Extension Classes. The combined Extension classes for Boys are scheduled to be conducted from 8 April – 7 May 2022. The normal extension classes for JS3, SS2 and SS3 Boys will now be combined with poor performance extension classes for academically weak Boys across all classes namely: JS1, JS2 and SS1. The aim of the poor performance extension classes is to ensure Boys who are academically weak improve and pick up. The sum of **Twenty Four Thousand Naira (₦24,000) only** is to be sub-charged from parents of affected Boys for their feeding for 24 days as the school did not arrange for their RCA.

Introduction of Best Teacher of the Month Award. The school introduced the **Best Teacher of the Month Award** as an incentive to boost the morale of the teachers. The Education Wing fortnightly analyzes the records of proceedings from the Teachers input record viz lesson notes, lesson plans, Registers and implementation of weekly records of work. Additionally, the Boys notes for each subject are obtained fortnightly for analysis after the end of everything the weekly records are used to determine the best performing teachers of the week and eventually for the month.

JAMB/Computer Based Test Training for SS3 Boys. The SS3 Boys are often engaged in Computer Based Test(CBT) simulation training to ensure the Boys adequately prepare for the

UTME JAMB examinations. The SS3 Boys are divided into 2 groups and exposed to simulation of writing JAMB in batches up to 6 times each. This has greatly ensured their improved performance on the simulation test over time.

Conduct of Inter-Coy Essay Writing Competition. The Inter-Company Essay Writing Competition was planned in 2 categories for junior and senior division from 1 - 4 March 2022. English teachers were attached to each of the Companies to assist in proof reading the essays. At the preliminary stage of the competition, 30 essays each were submitted by the Companies respectively. By the end of the Quarter finals, 15 essayists were selected from the 30 entries earlier submitted. For the semi-final stage, a new topic was given out and 15 entries accepted from each Company's essayists. At the end of this stage, a new topic was given out and 5 essayists each submit entries for the final stage. At the Intra-coy level, 3 finalists emerged 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Additionally, the best essayist for each coy locked horns for the star prize to determine the overall winner of the competition. Finally, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions for the Inter-company competition emerged from the 7 finalists for both categories.

Conduct of Inter-Company Quiz/Debate Competition. The Inter-Company Quiz and Debate Competition was conducted for junior and senior division from 22 - 30 Mar 22. The SS3 and JS3 Boys were exempted from the competition due to volume of academic work ahead of them. Additionally, to spice up the Quiz/Debate Competitions, Spelling Bee, Written Bee, Scrabble and Chess Competitions were organised in between each round of the original competition. Finally, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions for the Inter-coy competition emerged from the 7 finalists for both categories.

MILITARY TRAINING

Military training for the Boys forms the foundation on which their career as soldiers on enlistment into the Nigerian Army is built upon. The Second Term 2021/2022 Academic Session commenced with series of theoretical and practical military training exercises within and outside the school. The practical training exercises were successfully conducted during the training session which includes: Practical Map

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Reading, Field Training Exercises, Skill at Arms Training and Physical Training. Equally, Watermanship training exercise which formed an integral parts of the training packages as conducted. Consequently, routine and weekly endurance trek, swimming classes and sport competition have been organized for the Boys to improve their endurance and boost survival instinct in Boys. The climax of the Military training during the term was Ex IKE OGU for the SS2 Boys. The exercises were conducted to inculcate modern fighting trend in the Boys in tandem with current security challenges. Some of these exercises are: First Range classification for SS3 Boys, Practical Map reading for SS1 and SS2 Boys, Introductory Shooting for SS1 and SS2, Watermanship training for SS1 Boys and Ex IKE OGU for the SS2 Boys. Thereafter, Military training examination was conducted to evaluate their level of assimilation and understanding of military subjects taught during the theoretical classes. Additionally, the Boys were also exposed to the organization of NA units and formations as well as unit as they went on excursion tour to Nigerian Army School of Infantry (NASI) Jaji.

Mandatory Swimming Practice. In line with the NA Policy directives to incorporate swimming into the training curriculum, it is now mandatory for Boys to learn swimming before passing out from the school. We have placed swimming as a pre-condition for a Boy to pass out from NMS henceforth. Consequently, practical swimming classes are organized for the SS3 Boys by 1600Hrs on Saturdays every week.

FUTURE PLANS

The military wing reviewed the training curriculum and carried out some amendment in training activities as follows:

Introduction to Sand Model Exercise. Sand model Exercise was introduced to the military training curriculum of the Boys. The Ex is first of its kind in NMS, Boys were made to give section briefing prepared by Instructors.

However, with the introduction of sand model Ex, Boys were made to prepare model and deliver the section briefing on model/Sketch produced. This has aided in their leadership development which has given them the impetus for clear directives and bold handling of subordinates.

Introduction of Asymmetric Warfare.

Asymmetric warfare training was introduced to military training curriculum of the Boys. This aspect of warfare has been the response to the contemporary security challenges. The introduction of asymmetric warfare was based on AHQ directive during the COAS Annual Conference. The Boys were taught on the Forward Operating Base concept and special operations such as raids, attacking the enemy camp, night patrols and ambushes as well as counter/anti ambush drills. This would enable the Boys to blend with the troops and prepare them adequately for the current realities in the field upon enlistment into the NA.

Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Package.

Improvised Explosive Device(IED) Package was inculcated in the military curriculum. The Boys were introduced to the types of IEDs and the various kind of switches used in initiating IEDs. The aim of the lessons was to enable the Boys to have a fair knowledge of the principles and methods of disposing IED when enlisted into the NA.

DISCIPLINE

The importance of discipline in NMS cannot be over emphasized although, there has been tremendous improvement in the level of discipline of boys. Parents are still enjoined to further educate their wards to be disciplined as anyone caught contravening the school rules and regulations will not be spared. It must also be mentioned that Boys who leave the school without obtaining permission will be severely sanctioned.

INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

NMS has continued to sustain the development of infrastructure to ensure a

conducive learning and teaching environment. It is my pleasure to mention that the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) has approved the total renovation, fully equipping and furnishing of the library of NMS library. The new library includes installation of e-library comprising of additional 50 Computers, current textbooks, digital repository, and audio-visual materials. It is pertinent to state that an ultra-modern fully equipped library when combined with the newly constructed Computer Based Test Centre shall revitalize the academic standard in the school. Accordingly, all works on the projects are ongoing. My sincere gratitude goes to COAS for the unprecedented intervention and support. These facilities on completion will give NMS a facelift and also enable a conducive learning environment. The following are some of the ongoing construction works in NMS:

Ongoing Construction of Multi-Purpose Hall.

The ongoing construction of a Multi-purpose Hall in the school was aimed at addressing a major challenge of classroom space for the teaching of military subjects. The 2,000 capacity hall will conveniently take all Boys. The Hall will be fitted with projectors and smart boards to accommodate the large number of Boys at the same time. This will surely improve teaching and provide good learning environment for both Boys and instructors. It will also provide a venue for school activities such as Speech and Prize Giving Day.

Ongoing Construction of Messes/Soldiers' Club.

The NMS Officer's and WOs/Sgts' Messes were at various degrees of dilapidation. The Soldiers' Club was even temporarily relocated to a make shift structure at NMS Car park while Officers' Mess was relocated to a Golf House owned by Depot NA. This imparted negatively on regimentation and relaxation of personnel after working hours. Consequently, NMS secured COAS intervention for the construction of messes/soldiers' club. The 3 projects are ongoing.

Completion of Computer Based Test (CBT) Centre.

The School constructed a CBT Centre where Boys register for their Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME). The 600

capacity Centre is serving both NMS and outsiders. Equally, the Centre is set to be used by NMS Boys to write objective questions of their internal exams.

Construction of Central Dinning Hall.

The ongoing construction of a 2,000 capacity central Dining Hall in Boys line was initially initiated in partnership with the Parents Instructors Association. However, the COAS intervened and released funds for the completion of the project.

Ongoing Construction of Road Networks.

The challenge of the deplorable condition of road networks in NMS posed a hazard on training activities requiring use of roads. The poor state of road network affected conduct of route march, endurance trek, combat race and routine jogging. This compelled the school to request for intervention project from Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA). The school carried out a follow up by visiting FERMA Kaduna Office where an Ex-Boy facilitated the first phase of the project through re-surfacing the COAS Road from NMS main gate to Jushi Gate. The 3km road network in the school has been completed.

PRODUCTION OF TRACK SUITS

The school introduced use of track suit for NMS Boys due to cold weather conditions in Zaria. Consequently, the parents are sub-charged Three Thousand Two Hundred Naira (₦3,200.00) to be paid by parents for track suit issued to their Boys.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

The following additional information are to guide Parents/Guardians:

Closing Date. The end of term holiday for the JS1, JS2 and SS1 Boys that have met the requirements is scheduled to commenced Friday, 8 April 2022.

Resumption Day. The resumption day for Third Term 2021/2022 Academic Session is on 7 May 2022.

Late Resumption. Let me commend most of the parents for the level of compliance with the resumption date during the Second Term 2021/2022 Academic Session. It is

pertinent to reiterate the resolve of the School management not to condone late resumption under any guise. Parents should therefore seek for permission on resumption date before a Boy stays away from the School on medical ground with fully back up medical report from a recognized hospital. Any Boy who failed to comply with this directive forthwith will be sanctioned.

Visiting Day. The visiting day for Second Term 2021/2022 Academic Session is **25 June 2022**. Parents would be allowed in the school from 0900hrs - 1730hrs (09:00am-5:30pm). It is important to note that parents are not expected to handover anything form of Contraband i.e. phones and other items to the Boys as it remain out of bound.

Settlement of Bills. Boys have been issued with bills for the Third Term 2021/2022 Academic Session. Parents should endeavour to settle all bills before the School resumes. Outstanding bill have been added for those owing the school Books money for additional collection. Parents of Boys who are staying back in school for extension are to visit on Saturday 9 April 2022 and ensure payment of school fees. The School bills are to be paid through a bank deposit, the teller should be presented at the reception point on resumption and a receipt issued by the school. Cash payment would not be accepted. Defaulter(s) in payment would not be allowed into the school while those already in the school will not be allowed to sit for external examinations.

Note: The official Account Number for the payment of bills is as stated below:

- * **Account Name:** NMS Development Levy.
- * **Account Number:** 1014788872
- * **Bank:** Zenith Bank

CONTRABAND ITEMS

The School has always reminded parents/guardians of illegal/contraband items that **MUST NOT BE** in the possession of the Boys. Parents are to caution their Boys against being in possession of those items. The Boys are very much aware of the contraband items. Parents have also been educated on what constitutes contraband items in NMS.

UPDATE ON PARENTS INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION

Details of the activities are enclosed in the PIA Newsletter for your perusal.

BOYS' REQUIREMENTS

The following items are required for Boys to report with on resumption for Second Term:

Toiletries.

- a. 2 x Tissue Paper.
- b. 2 x Germicide (Izal).
- c. 1 x 725 ml Germicide (Harpic) and 1 x Hypo for washing of white.
- d. 1 x Air freshener.
- e. 1 x 5 Kg Detergent.
- f. 2 x Brooms.
- g. Company Fund ₦500.00.
- h. Cutleries.
- i. 1 x Sachet of Balloon.
- j. 2 x Ribbon Coy Colour.

Uniforms.

- a. 2 x Pairs of Tetron.
- b. 2 x Pairs of Camouflage.
- c. 2 x House wear.
- d. 1 x Service wear.
- e. 1 x Brown Belt (Civil).
- f. 1 x Army Belt.
- g. 1 x Boot/Anklets.
- h. 1 x Canvas.
- i. 2 x Sandal (Brown).
- j. 2 x Vest (white).
- k. 6 x Under wear.
- l. 2 x Beret.
- m. 2 x Jungle hat.
- n. 1x White Bed Sheet/Pillow Case.
- o. 1 x Plum/Cap Badge.
- p. 2 x NMS Badges.
- q. 1 x Lanyard.
- r. 1 x Blanket.
- s. 1 x Pair of Shoulder emblem.
- t. 1 x Chest emblem.
- u. 1 x Name tag of Tethron and Camo each.
- v. 2 x Pairs of Black/White socks each.
- w. 1 x Coy Sport wear.

Other Items

- a. 1 x Iron.
- b. 1 x Flash light.
- c. 1 x Wrist Watch.
- d. 1 x Medium size towel.
- e. 1 x Packet of Tetmosol Soap.

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The above items are Compulsory for the Boys to have and parents should ensure that these items are properly checked as the use of dirty, torn and inappropriate uniforms will not be tolerated.

HEALTH MATTERS

The school has been able to sustain the purchase and supply of adequate drugs to NMS Medical Centre to treat Boys. However, severe cases are being referred to Depot NA/NMS Medical Centre, ABUTH and 44 NARH respectively for expert management.

Consequently, it is imperative to state as follows:

- a. Any Boy that falls sick while at home for holiday should come along with a medical report when resuming school.
- b. Any Boy that is granted pass on medical ground while in school should be treated properly by parents before returning the Boy to school with a medical report.
- c. A Boy who is on medication while at home should come along with the medication and prescription for continuity when resuming.
- d. For Boys with medical appointment while at home, Parents should communicate the school at least 3 days to such a date.
- e. All Boys are to be immunized against meningitis during while at home for holiday and

the immunization card be tendered upon resumption.

CONCLUSION

This Newsletter intimated parents on the activities of NMS for Second Term 2021/2022 Academic Session and projection for Third Term. I have also reiterated our resolve to ensure that Boys maintain high level of discipline with impeccable character, crowned with excellent academic performances. The efforts of the school to provide conducive teaching and learning environment through continuous infrastructural upgrades and the unprecedented interventions of the Chief of Army Staff was clearly appreciated with gratitude.

On this note, we sincerely thank our esteemed parents and guardians for their support and understanding with the school authority. We are committed to the ideas of the founding fathers not to let your children and future generation down in any way. On behalf of Officers, Soldiers and Civilian Staff of NMS, I wish the Boys and their families, a blissful holiday.

Yours faithfully,



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