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NEWSLETTER FOR FIRST TERM 2023/2024 TRAINING SESSION

DISCIPLINE, KNOWLEDGE & PATRIOTISM

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Dear Parents/Guardians

INTRODUCTION

1. Let me give gratitude to the Glorious God for His mercies upon the entire Nigerian Military School (NMS) community for yet another eventful and hitch-free term. We are grateful to the Almighty God for granting the Boys and all the staff good health and protection throughout the term. The NMS resumed for the First Term 2023/2024 Academic Session on 23 September 2023 and all training activities commenced on 29 September 2023. The First Term training activities were effectively and successfully executed as scheduled and contained in the School forecast of events.

2. The School had a busy term with the numerous training activities such as JSS1 orientation cadre, inter-coy interior economy competition and annual sport week which rejuvenated the passion and handiness of the Boys in various sporting events. Also, I wish to on behalf of the personnel and Boys express our sincere appreciation to our amiable Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General TA Lagbaja NAM GSS pse (+) usawc CM FCM FCMH MSS for the continued unprecedented and uncommon support to the School. Similarly, the School also enjoyed tremendous

supervisory and administrative support of all the Army Headquarters Departments to facilitate the effective implementation of the training mandate of the School. In the same vein, the administrative guidance of the Chairman of NMS Governing Board; the Chief of Administration (Army) and other Members are germane to the smooth activities in the School. The School management is very grateful for the wonderful professional direction and agenda for the progress/prospect of NMS.

3. The support of the sister units in the conduct of training activities in the First Term is as well appreciated. I would like to appreciate the parents for their support to the children/ward during the term. This Newsletter is therefore written to remind parents of their roles as stakeholders in the holistic growth and development of the Boys.

TRAINING

4. The 2023/2024 Academic Session commenced on 23 September 2023 and terminated on 15 December 2023 with numerous academics and military training activities. All the scheduled training programmes were successfully conducted. The

climax of the Training Activities in the term was the **Exercise DOGON DUTSE** for the SS 3 Boys which was held from 28 November to 14 December 2023. Details of the training activities are discussed below.

ACADEMIC TRAINING

5. The NMS is responsible for the implementation of the National Curriculum in the School. The School carries out other co-curricular activities in support of the training of the Boys. Crucial among the tasks are the classroom teaching of various subjects. The school is responsible for staff administration, academic planning, organization of seminars and workshops among others. Within the last term, the school has pragmatically undertaken a series of activities such as, teaching and learning, preparation of Boys for Olympiad Mathematics competition, debate, quiz and science exhibition competition. Others are external and internal examinations (NECO, WASSCE, BECE, and NMS Inter Command Examination). Provision of guidance and counselling services to the Boys during School session. The NMS wishes to use this medium to inform parents of all science students of SS1, SS2, and SS3 to make available Laboratory Coat for their Boys and also ensure they complete the practical's as well as the take home assignment given to them which is to be submitted on resumption day. Likewise, all JSS1 – SS3 Boys are to resume with an apron for home economics practical. During the first term 2023/2024 Academic Session, the underlisted were the highlights of some of the achievements made in the school: Teachers training workshop on the use of smart board, teaching methodology and classroom management and Successful enrolment of teachers into the electronic clock in and out attendance device

MILITARY TRAINING

6. Military training for the Boys of NMS forms the foundation on which their career as soldiers for enlistment into the Nigerian Army is built upon. The First Term 2023/2024 Academic Session commenced with series of theoretical and practical military training exercises both within and outside the school premises. The practical training exercises were successfully conducted during the training session which includes: Practical Map

Reading for the SS 1 and SS 2 Boys, Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Lectures, Field Training Exercises and Excursion to Defence Industries Corporation of Nigeria (DICON) which also formed vital parts of the training packages.

7. The climax of the Military training was termed Exercise DOGON DUTSE for the SS 3 Boys scheduled from 28 November to 14 December 2023. The exercise was carefully designed to inculcate modern fighting trend in the boys in tandem with current security challenges. More so, Exercise DOGON DUTSE was annually conducted to mark the end of Military Training for the SS 3 Boys.

CO - CURRICULA ACTIVITIES

8. The conduct of co-curricula activities for both the Boys and staff are designed to inculcate a healthy competitive spirit among the Boys and personnel. The School hosted the inter-class debate/quiz competition. The exercise was conducted to build the confidence level of the Boys. It also improved their intellectual capabilities and prepares them for future Debate/Quiz Competitions which the Boys performances were satisfactory. The co - curricula activities also ensured physical fitness and mental alertness of the Boys and personnel.

DISCIPLINE

9. Discipline cannot be relegated if an organization is to survive and develop, this is the realization that put it as a mainstay of the effective component in the Nigerian Army. The level of discipline among the Boys is relatively satisfactory. To this end, Parents and guardians are hereby enjoined to sustain the counselling of their wards to always obey all the rules and regulations of the School. Let me reiterate the resolve of the School management to deal decisively with any act that is capable of eroding discipline in NMS in line with the provision of the NMS Rules and Regulations Revised (2018) currently undergoing review.

REPORT SHEETS

10. The report sheets in both academic and military examinations for the first term 2023/2024 Academic Session is to be accessed online through the NMS portal i.e. nms.sch.ng/login using the NMS number of the Boys as a 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. Observations 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 are once more reminded to caution their Boys against being in possession of illegal contraband items. The Boys are very much aware of the contraband items. Parents have also been educated on what constitutes contraband items in NMS. They must therefore not be the remote cause for their children breaching school regulations.

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 First Term Holidays.**

The holidays for end of First Term 2023/2024 Academic Session will run from 15 December 2023 to 6 January 2024. During these few weeks, parents are encouraged to engage the Boys in take-home assignments, domestic chores and skill acquisition programme. It is typical during this period, children desire to engage in excessive trips, parents must put effort to discourage this desire for security reasons.

b. **Late Resumption.**

Parents/Guardians are reminded that late resumption of Boys under any guise will not be tolerated. Also, parents must desist from requesting to take their wards out of School before vacation day as there will be consequences for Boys who didn't participate in School activities for a stipulated period of time. All the Boys MUST resume for the Second Term 2023/2024 Academic Session on 6 January 2024.

c. **Ban On Gifts to Personnel/Staff.** Parents/Guardians are to henceforth desist from giving

any form of gift or gratification to either personnel or staff.

d. **Settlement of Bills.**

Boys have been issued with their bills for the Second Term 2023/2024 Academic Session. Parents/Guardians are to endeavour to settle all the bills before the School resumes on Saturday, 6 January 2024.

Notes to Parents/Guardians

- (1) All fees must be paid in full, not later than 5 January 2023.
- (2) All fees must be paid into NMS Development levy Account No: **1014788872** with Zenith Bank.
- (3) Copy of this bill must be produced together with the copy of teller or any other evidence of payment at the reception point on resumption day.
- (4) No payment should be made in bank draft.
- (5) Teller Evidence of payment must read the name and Class of the Boy.
- (6) Cash payment will not be accepted by the School. Any defaulter(s) in payment would not be allowed into the school.

PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES FOR EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

13. Parents/Guardians of SS3 Boys are to please note that registration fees for the 2024 WAEC/NECO Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination and Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination have been included in their bills. Additionally, Parents/Guardians of SS2/JSS3 Boys are to also note that registration fees for NMS/Inter-Command Examinations and Basic Education Certificate Examination have been included in their bills respectively.

BOYS REQUIREMENT

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

Toiletries.

- a. 2 x Tissue Paper.
- b. Coy Funds **₦1000.00.**

Uniforms.

- a. 2 x Pairs of Tetron.
- b. 2x Pairs of Camouflage.

- c. 2 x House Wear
- d. 2 x Service Wear.
- e. 2 x Brown Belt (Civil).
- f. 2 x Army Belt.
- g. 2 x Boot/Anklets.
- h. 2 x Canvas.
- i. 2 x Sandal (Brown).
- j. 2 x Vest (white).
- k. 4 x Underwear.
- l. 2 x Beret.
- m. 2 x Jungle Hat.
- n. 2 x White Bed Sheet/Pillow Case.
- o. 2 x Plum/Cap Badge.
- p. 2 x NMS Badges.
- q. 2 x Lanyard.
- r. 1 x Blanket.
- s. 2 x Pair of Shoulder Emblem.
- t. 2 x Chest Emblem.
- u. 2 x Name tag of Tetron Camo each.
- v. 2 x Pairs of Black/White Socks each.
- w. 2 x Coy Sport wear.

Other items.

- a. One x Iron.
- b. One x Flash Light.
- c. One x Wrist Watch.
- d. One x Medium Size towel.
- e. One x Packet of Soap.
- f. 2 x Medium Size of Dettol.
- g. One x Iron Bucket.
- h. One x Laboratory Coat (SS1 – SS3 Science Student's only).
- i. One x White Apron (JSS1 – JSS3 only).

The above items are compulsory for the Boys to have and failure to show them at point of entry, the Boy **WILL NOT BE ADMITTED INTO THE HOSTEL**. It is therefore compulsory for all to have in order not to attract sanction.

HEALTH ISSUES

15. The School has been proactive on issue of health and the wellbeing of all the Boys. Accordingly, the hostels and general class environment were regularly fumigated to eradicate mosquitos and insects. However, malaria related cases were often reported at the Medical Inspection Room and frequently treated. The School is considering partnering with Clearline Health Maintenance Organisation (HMO) Limited in order to provide a more robust and affordable

healthcare for Boys. Apart from the capitation received from the National Health Insurance Scheme by the School to cater for the health needs of Officers', Soldiers' and their respective Families, the school does not get any other intervention elsewhere for Boys' on health issues. However, a proposal on partnering with Clearline HMO has been sent to Army Headquarters for consideration. If approved, a total of Five Thousand Naira (₦5,000.00) only will be required yearly to subscribe for this health package which will afford the School the opportunity to provide a more robust and affordable health care for Boys. I would like to once again enjoin parents to conduct medical test for their Boys before resumption and ensure that Boys report back with medical report if any.

PROJECTIONS

16. The major activities for Second Term 2023/2024 Academic Session involving parents are:

a. **Resumption Date.** The School would resume for the Second Term 2023/2024 Academic Session on Saturday, 6 January 2024. All the Boys are to be in the School latest by 1730hrs (5:30pm) on that date. No Boy would be allowed into the school premise after this stipulated time. The Second Term 2023/2024 Academic Session will end on Friday 15 April 2024.

b. **First Continuous Assessment.** The Second Term First Continuous assessment for all the classes has been scheduled to be conducted from 22 to 26 January 2024. Parents are pleased requested to encourage their wards to prepare for the assessment.

c. **Visiting Day.** The visiting day for Second Term 2023/2024 Academic Session would be held on Saturday, 24 February 2024. Parent would be allowed in the school from 0900 – 1730hrs (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 1000hrs – 1300hrs (10:00am – 1:00pm) at Multipurpose Hall.

CONCLUSION

17. This Newsletter has intimated parents on the First Term 2023/2024 Academic Session activities. I have also reiterated our resolve to ensure that the Boys maintain high level of discipline with impeccable character and excellent academic performances. The unique and unprecedented efforts of the Chief of Army Staff at ensuring NMS as fully repositioned enviable military training institution. Parents' roles towards the effective training of the Boys are critical and have been encouraged to partner with the School to ensure that our Boys remain highly disciplined and morally upright.

18. On this note therefore, we thank our esteemed Parents and guardians for their support and understanding with the School. We recognize the fact that we are all stakeholders and partners in progress. I also want to on behalf of personnel of NMS, wish the Boys and their families Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Yours faithfully,



AD ALIYU
Brigadier General
Commandant