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NEWSLETTER FOR FIRST TERM 2024/2025 TRAINING SESSION

DISCIPLINE, KNOWLEDGE & PATRIOTISM

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Dear Parents/Guardians

INTRODUCTION

1. Let me give gratitude to Almighty God for His mercies upon the entire Nigerian Military School (NMS) community for yet another eventful and hitch-free term. We are grateful to Him for granting the boys and all the staff good health and protection throughout the term. The School resumed for the First Term 2024/2025 Academic Session on 14 September 2024 and all training activities commenced on 16 September 2024. The first term training activities were effectively and successfully executed as scheduled and contained in the school's forecast of events.

2. The School had a busy term with numerous training activities such as JSS1 Orientation Cadre and the various Field Training Exercises. The Academic Session commenced on a high note because of the Chief of Army Staff's magnanimity at ensuring the upgrade of training facilities in the School. Particularly, for the remodelling and renovation of the Boys' Lines which is currently ongoing. 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 NMS Governing Board, the Chief of Administration (Army) and other members are germen to the smooth running of the activities in the School. The School management is very grateful for the wonderful professional direction and guidance 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. Let me also appreciate the parents for their support to their 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 First term had numerous academics and military training activities. All the scheduled training programmes were successfully conducted. Details of the training activities for the term are discussed below.

ACADEMIC TRAINING

5. The Education Wing in the School is responsible for the implementation of the National Education Curriculum. The wing carries out other extra-curricular activities in support of the training of the boys. Crucial among the tasks are the classroom teaching of various subjects. The Wing is also responsible for staff administration, academic planning, organization of seminars and workshops among others. Within the last term, the Wing has pragmatically undertaken a series of activities such as, teaching and learning, preparation of boys for debate, quiz and science exhibition competitions. Others are the provision of guidance and counselling services to the boys during school session and external / internal examinations.

6. Consequently, the school wishes to use this medium to inform parents of all SS3 boys that, their wards are required to download an online form for JAMB registration during the holiday. Similarly, the SS3 Boys continuous assessment scores have been successfully uploaded and registered in line with the requirement for eligibility to write WASSCE. Furthermore, parents of science students of SS1 - SS3 classes are to provide laboratory coat, lab goggles and scientific calculator for their boys when resuming for second term. Additionally, all JSS1 – SS3 home economics students are to resume with an apron each for use during practical periods. Finally, parents are please requested to ensure their wards complete the take home assignment given to them which is to be submitted on resumption.

MILITARY TRAINING

7. Military training for the boys of NMS forms the foundation on which their career as soldiers on enlistment into the Nigerian Army is built upon. The First Term 2024/2025 Academic Session commenced with series of theoretical and practical military training

exercises both within and outside the school premises. The practical training exercises that were successfully conducted during the training session includes: Practical Map Reading for the SS1 and SS2 boys, Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Lectures and Field Training Exercises which also formed vital parts of the training packages.

8. The climax of the military training for the term was Exercise DOGON DUTSE for the SS3 boys which held from 2 - 12 December 2024. The exercise was carefully designed to inculcate modern fighting trend in the boys in tandem with current security challenges.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

9. The conduct of co-curricular activities for both the boys and staff are designed to inculcate a healthy competitive spirit among the boys and personnel. The extra curricula activities also ensures physical fitness and mental alertness of the boys and personnel.

DISCIPLINE

10. 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 the school in line with the provision of the NMS Rules and Regulations (Revised 2023).

REPORT SHEETS

11. The report sheets in both academic and military examinations for the First Term 2024/2025 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 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

12. 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 as contained in the NMS Rules and Regulation (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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

13. 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 2024/2025 Academic Session will run from **13 December 2024 to 4 January 2025**. 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. All the boys must resume for the Second Term 2024/2025 Academic Session on 4 January 2025.

c. **Settlement of Bills.** Boys have been issued with their bills for the Second Term 2024/2025 Academic Session. Parents/Guardians are to endeavour to settle all the bills before

the school resumes. Parents/Guardians are to also note that, all fees must be paid in full into NMS Development levy Account Number; **1014788872** with Zenith Bank, not later than the first day of the term. A 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. No payment should be made in bank draft and the teller/evidence of payment must read the name and class of the Boy. Cash payment will not be accepted by the school.

PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES FOR EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

14. Parents/guardians of the SS3 Boys are to please note that registration fees for the 2025 WAEC/NECO Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination for the SS3 Boys had been included in their bills as well as the JSS3 Boys respectively. Additionally, parents and guardians of the SS3 Boys would be communicated with the details of the requirements for the registration of their wards for the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination as soon as details are published by the regulatory body.

BOYS REQUIREMENT

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

Toiletries

- a. 2 x Tissue Paper.
- b. Scrubbing Brush.
- c. Izal.

Uniforms

- a. 2 x Pairs of Tetron.
- b. 2 x Pairs of Camouflage.
- c. 2 x Pairs of House Wears.
- d. 2 x Pairs of Service Wears.
- e. 2 x Brown Belts (Civil).
- f. 2 x Army Belts.

- g. 2 x Pairs of Boot/Anklet.
- h. 2 x Pairs of Canvas.
- i. 2 x Pairs of Sandals (Brown).
- j. 2 x Vests (White).
- k. 4 x Underwear.
- l. 2 x Berets.
- m. 2 x Jungle Hats.
- n. 2 x White Bed Sheets/Pillow Cases.
- o. 2 x Plumes/Cap Badges.
- p. 2 x NMS Badges.
- q. 2 x Lanyards.
- r. 1 x Blanket.
- s. 2 x Pairs of Shoulder Emblems.
- t. 2 x Chest Emblems.
- u. 2 x Pairs of Name Tags for Tetron/Camouflage each.
- v. 2 x Pairs of Black/White Socks each.
- w. 2 x Coy Sport Wears.
- x. Housewife kits (thread, needle, 20 pieces green buttons and razor blade).

Other items

- a. 1 x Pressing Iron.
- b. 1 x Flash light.
- c. 1 x Wrist Watch.
- d. 1 x Medium Size Towel.
- e. 1 x Packet of Bathing Soap.
- f. 2 x Medium Size of Dettol Liquid.
- g. 1 x Iron Bucket.
- h. Room Freshener (Sun Flower).
- i. 1 x Mackintosh.
- j. 3 x Roll-On Deodorant.
- k. 3 x Body Spray/Body Midst.
- l. 1 x Mosquito Net (New).
- m. 1 x Stainless Steel Plate.
- n. Set of Cutleries.
- o. Company Fund N2,000.00.

16. These items are compulsory for the boys. Failure to present them at entry will result in **the boy not being admitted into the hostel**. 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

17. 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 and typhoid related cases are often reported at the Medical Reception Station and frequently treated. Let me use this medium to address and debunk the false media reports claiming an outbreak of strange illness at the school, which allegedly led to the death of two boys and others been hospitalized. No doubt that this malicious and irredeemable claim was orchestrated by some mischievous elements whose aim was to bring disrepute to the image of this noble institution. However, to set the record straight, there was no outbreak of any strange illness within the school and I wish to inform you that our boys were safe all through the term and they lived within a medically friendly and serene environment. The institution however, with a deep sense of sorrow lost two of its boys to the cold hands of death, one resulting from cardiovascular failure and the other one post-surgical complications.. On this sad note, I wish to commiserate with the families of the deceased boys.

18. The School is making frantic efforts to provide a more robust health care services for the boys. Part of this effort was by engaging with Clearline Health Maintenance Organisation and the engagement is currently at the final stage. Consequently, parents are to please note that, as soon as the administrative issues are completed, the boys will be uploaded into the scheme and they are expected to pay the approved sum for the subscription. Furthermore, parents are required to ensure that their children's health are taken seriously during the holidays. They are to conduct medical test for their boys before resumption and all boys are required to report back for second term with **medical certificate of fitness**. In the event of a boy falling sick at home, the parent should endeavour to immediately intimate the school on this and make sure such boy comes along with a detailed medical report on resumption. Parents are to also ensure boys on medication come along with their medications and

prescriptions papers for continuity when resuming back to the school from holiday.

PROJECTIONS

19. The major activities for Second Term 2024/2025 Academic Session involving parents are:

a. **Resumption Date.** The School would resume for the Second Term 2024/2025 Academic Session on Saturday, 4 January 2025. 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 premises after this stipulated time. The Second Term 2024/2025 Academic Session will end on Friday 11 April 2025.

b. **First Continuous Assessment.** The Second term first continuous assessment for all the classes has been scheduled to be conducted from 27 to 31 January 2025. Parents are pleased requested to encourage their wards to prepare for the assessment.

c. **Visiting Day.** The visiting day for Second Term 2024/2025 Academic Session would be held on Saturday, 1 March 2025. 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

20. This Newsletter has intimated parents on the First Term 2024/2025 Academic Session activities. I have also reiterated our resolve to ensure that that the boys maintain high level of discipline with impeccable character and excellent academic performances. The school appreciates the unique and unprecedented efforts of the COAS 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.

21. 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



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