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NEWSLETTER FOR THIRD TERM 2023/2024 TRAINING SESSION

DISCIPLINE, KNOWLEDGE & PATRIOTISM

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Dear Parents/Guardians

INTRODUCTION

1. It is my pleasure to on behalf of the Officers, Soldiers, Civilian Staff and Boys of the Nigerian Military School (NMS) thank the Almighty God for guiding us through another Academic Session. The 2023/2024 Academic Session provided an opportunity for the School to build on previous successes. The School has successfully implemented all the scheduled training programmes and conducted traditional military activities earmarked for the Sixty Sixth Passing Out Parade (POP). Accordingly, the School received the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Lieutenant General TA Lagbaja NAM GSS psc (+) usawc CM FCM FCMH GSMH MSS who was ably represented by the Commander Infantry Corp Maj Gen OO Oluyede as the Reviewing Officer for the Sixty Sixth POP.

2. I am glad to inform our dear parents/guardians that the last SS3 boys were fully documented and enlisted into the Nigerian Army as soldiers. It is important to state that the COAS also granted automatic sponsorship to all the boys that gained admission into tertiary institutions in Nigeria.

3. The School is prepared for the commencement of the 2024/2025 Academic Session on 14 September 2024. This Academic Session is expected to commence on a high note

because of the COAS' magnanimity at ensuring the upgrade of training facilities in the School. Also, the new policy directives on promotion will enhance the boys' performance in their new classes.

TRAINING

4. The 2023/2024 Academic Session commenced on 23 September 2023 and ended on 10 August 2024 with numerous academics and military training activities. All the scheduled training programmes were successfully conducted. The climax was the colourful Sixty Sixth POP in honour of the Passing Out Boys. Details of the training activities are discussed below.

ACADEMIC TRAINING

5. The NMS is saddled with the responsibility of implementing the National Secondary School Curriculum in line with the National Policy on Education. As such, the School provides instructions in compulsory subjects like Mathematics and English language as well as other subjects specific to science, commercial and art classes. It also provides guidance and counselling services to the boys during School session. The School equally

operates and manages a well-equipped state-of-the-art library which is accessible to all for the purpose of academic research. All these and many more are carried out to support the overall training, academic preparation for external examinations and integration of the boys into the Nigerian Army and the society at large. In order to achieve all the above, the School ensures proper staff administration, academic planning and the organization of seminars and workshops especially for academic staff and corps members of the School.

6. During the Third Term, the School ensured that proper teaching and learning took place in a conducive and safe learning environment for boys and instructors. This was aimed at ensuring the boys prepare well with the needed knowledge and confidence to succeed in all external examinations such as NECO, WASSCE, BECE, NMS/Inter-Command Examination and Internal Examinations. Parents are please reminded that it is compulsory for all science students of SS 1, SS 2 and SS 3 to have their individual laboratory coats for science practicals. Parents are also to ensure that their boys complete all take-home assignments which must be submitted at the resumption date of First Term.

MILITARY TRAINING

7. The School has always reviewed the Military Training curriculum in line with AHQ training directives and current operation of the Nigerian Army. The COAS has graciously approved all the requirements for military training in the School. During the 2023/2024 Academic Session, all the scheduled outdoor exercises were successfully conducted. These training packages covered all aspects of basic military exercises (Ex) including Range Classification, Practical Map Reading, Introduction to Sand Model, Physical Fitness and Watermanship training. The climax of all Military Ex for the SS3 Boys was the final Bush Camp codenamed "Ex DOGON DUTSE" where the boys were exercised in all phases of warfare. Furthermore, military training during the term for

SS2 and JSS3 Boys was concluded with Ex IJA KEKERE and Ex CAMP INITIAL respectively. The Ex were conducted to inculcate modern fighting trends in the boys in conformity with current security challenges.

CO- CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

8. The conduct of co-curricular activities are designed to inculcate a healthy competitive spirit among the boys and personnel. The Co-Curricular activities also ensures physical fitness and mental alertness of the boys and personnel. During the Session, the School participated in the COAS Literary Competition where the boys exhibited excellent performance by emerging Second and Third positions in the Secondary Arts Category all over the federation.

ACHIEVEMENTS

9. The highlights of some achievements recorded within the Third Term 2023/2024 Academic Session are:

- a. The School recorded commendable performance in the 2024 JAMB Examination where 336 was recorded as the highest score.
- b. The School's performance in the NMS/Joint Inter-Command Examination was also commendable as 93 percent of the Boys passed both Mathematics and English. The first and second position having 7As, 2Bs, 1C while the Third position had 5As, 4Bs, 1C.
- c. In BECE, the School further recorded good performance with the overall best Boy having 5As, 5Bs, 2Cs while Second and Third positions had 4As, 5Bs, 2Cs. However, 10 Boys rewrote English language with the result yet to be released.

NMS AT 70 FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION

10. The School on 20 May 2024 celebrated its 70 years platinum anniversary. Ex-Boys from all around the world were present to participate in activities culminating to the grand celebration. Among the notable Ex Boys present was Brig Gen Mohammed Buba Marwa (Rtd), the

Chairman National Drug Law Enforcement Agency who was also the Special Guest of Honour for the occasion. The event was glamorous, with the boys thrilling spectators with a colourful parade.

DISCIPLINE

11. I am pleased to inform all parents that since the implementation of the new NMS Rules and Regulation (Revised 2023), the level of discipline in the School has greatly improved. To this end, Parents and guardians are enjoined to sustain counselling their wards to always obey all 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 Revised Rules and Regulations. I would like to appreciate all stakeholders for collaborating with the School towards this great achievement.

REPORT SHEETS

12. The report sheets in both academic and military examinations as well as examination scripts for the Third Term 2023/2024 Academic Session is to be accessed online through the NMS portal at nms.sch.ng/login using the NMS number of the Boys as the portal ID and **S123456** 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 are to be forwarded to the School authority for immediate action.

CONTRABAND ITEMS

13. It was observed that most boys, particularly SS3 boys, failed to comply with the school's rules and regulations regarding the use of phones. This will henceforth not be pardoned as any boy caught with phone will be severely sanctioned according to the school's rules and regulations. Parents/guardians are encouraged to always caution their boys against being in possession of illegal/contraband items and not be the remote cause or facilitator for their boys' misconduct while in the School. I would want to reemphasize that mobile phones and ATM Cards are outlawed in the School in addition to other contraband items well known to both boys and all parents.

LATE RESUMPTION

14. The Boys that resumed late for the third term 2023/2024 Academic Session were given appropriate punishment instead of suspension from the School. This act of leniency by the School must not be taken for granted. Let me reiterate that the School management has resolved that no late resumption will be condoned under any guise. Any boy who resumes late will receive severe punishment to serve as a deterrent. It is necessary to state that if a Boy is sick prior to the resumption date, parent/guardian of such boy must report to the School for clearance and follow the appropriate exit procedures. Failure to comply with this laid down procedures will be considered late resumption and appropriate sanctions would be meted out.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

15. The following are additional important information for parents/guardians. You are requested to carefully read and be guided accordingly:

- a. **End of Third Term Holidays.** The holidays for end of third term 2023/2024 academic session will commence from 10 August to 14 September 2024. Boys must unfailingly be in the School on 14 September 2024. During the long holidays, parents are encouraged to involve the boys in meaningful domestic activities that will benefit their training at the School. Parents/guardians must closely monitor and be aware of their children's peer groups and friends, as well as regulate their desires for trips and visits during the holiday.
- b. **Appointment Boys Orientation Cadre.** A one-week orientation cadre has been scheduled for the Boy Appointments for the 2024/2025 Academic Session. All selected appointment boys are to resume for the orientation cadre on 7 September 2024. Parents/guardians are to kindly ensure the nominated boys are adequately prepared,

as they will continue the new session immediately after the cadre. Their fees must be fully paid, and personal effects acquired before their resumption for the cadre.

c. **Settlement of Bills.** Boys have been issued with their bills for the First 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 into NMS Development levy Account Number; **1014788872** with Zenith Bank in full, 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.

- 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. Coy Track Suit including Inner T-Shirt

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. 1 x 500g of Detergent.
- i. 1 x Hoe and Cutlass.
- j. 1 x Mackintosh.
- k. 2 x Roll-On Deodorant.
- l. 2 x Body Spray.

BOYS REQUIREMENT

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

Toiletries

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

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.

These items are compulsory for the boys. Failure to present them at entry will result in **the boy not being admitted into the hostel**. It is therefore compulsory for all to have in order not to attract sanctions. 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 classroom environment were regularly fumigated to eradicate mosquitos and insects. However, malaria related cases were often reported at the Medical Inspection Room and frequently treated. I would like to once again enjoin parents to conduct medical test for their wards before resumption and ensure that boys report back with medical report if any.

PROJECTIONS

18. The major activities for the First Term 2024/2025 Academic Session are as follows:

a. **Resumption Date.** The School will resume for the First Term 2024/2025 academic session on Saturday, 14 September 2024. All Boys must be in the school latest by 1800hrs (6:00pm) on this date. No Boy will be allowed into the School premises after this stipulated time. The First Term 2024/2025 Academic Session will end on Friday 13 December 2024.

b. **Open/Visiting Day.** The visiting day for first Term 2024/2025 Academic Session is scheduled to hold on 16 November 2024. Parents/guardians would be allowed in the School from 0900hrs – 1800hrs (9:00am – 6:00pm). It is important to note that Parents/guardians are not expected to give any form of contraband items to the boys, as these items are strictly prohibited.

CONCLUSION

19. The Newsletter has intimated parents/guardians on the major activities in 2023/2024 Academic Session. The projected activities for the First Term 2024/2025 Academic Session have also been outlined. The School will ensure that the boys sustain and improve on the current level of discipline. It is our hope and desire that the creativity injected into the academics would rejuvenate academic performances of all the boys. Furthermore, parents/guardians are to continuously complement the efforts of the School by providing the right guidance for the boys in order to validate the command philosophy of the COAS Lieutenant General TA Lagbaja in transforming the Nigerian Army into a well-trained, equipped and highly motivated force towards achieving our constitutional responsibilities within a joint environment.

21. On this note therefore, on behalf of officers, soldiers and civilian staff, I wish our boys a fulfilled long vacation and happy re-union with their families. Thank you and God bless us all.

Yours faithfully

AD ALIYU
Brigadier General
Commandant