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6<sup>th</sup>/5/2017

Dear parent/Guardian,

RE: **END OF TERM ONE CIRCULAR 2017.**

**THEME OF THE YEAR: DISCIPLINE FOR EXCELLENCE.**

1.0. **APPRECIATION:**

We are thankful to the ALMIGHTY GOD who has brought us successfully to the end of this term. We also extend our appreciation to all our dear parents/guardians for the continued support, cooperation and total commitment towards the smooth running of the school. May God abundantly reward you in all your endeavors.

2.0. **OBITUARY:**

We would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the members of staff, students and parents/guardians who have lost dear ones in the course of this term. May the souls of the deceased rest in eternal peace.

3.0. **TERM TWO SPECIAL PROGRAMMES:**

We request parents/guardians to take note of the following dates for some of the major activities.

Day and Date	Activity
<b>SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup>/5/2017</b>	<b>All students report back for term 2.</b>
<b>SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>/6/2017</b>	<b>S.4 and S.6 leaver's party.</b>
<b>SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup>/6/2017</b>	<b>S.4 and S.6 parents meeting at 10:00am</b>
<b>SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup>/6/2017</b>	<b>Old students' meeting (Alumni-home coming)</b>
<b>SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> /7/2017</b>	<b>Visitation day</b>
<b>SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup>/7/2017</b>	<b>Inter house MDD competitions</b>
<b>SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup>/8/2017</b>	<b>End of term 2.</b>

4.0. **STUDENTS' DISCIPLINE:**

Our students have exhibited a high sense of discipline and urge you to continuously guide them in the same direction. However, some few students who have failed to abide by the school rules and regulations have been advised to try elsewhere.

5.0. **ACADEMICS:**

5.1. **S.1 REPORT CARDS.**

The reports for end of term are ready and can be picked from the respective class teachers at the new 'A' level block. However reports of students with indiscipline cases shall be picked from the deputy administration and those with fees balances from the school bursar after clearing.

5.2. **MOCKS:**

S.4 and S.6 candidates shall do three sets of mocks. An extra fee of 150,000/= shall be paid by each candidate to cater for the external mocks and facilitation of the resource programs.

5.3. **ACADEMICS TOURS/TRIPS:**

We thank parents/guardians for facilitating academic tours this term. Below are some of the academic tours organized for term 2.

N <sup>o</sup>	Study tour/trip	Classes	Date	Amount	Person in charge
1	Science fair to different factories in Jinja	S.1 & S.2	8 <sup>th</sup> /7/2017	40,000=	Mr. Magumba.J. HOD physics 0774393869 or 0706579008
2	Entrepreneurship field study to Jinja (Bidco, Nyanza, Kakira)	S.6		40,000=	Mr. Arinaitwe.W HOD 0772604677
3	National Agricultural practical exhibition at Jinja	S.3,S.4 S.5&S.6	18 <sup>th</sup> /7/2017 20 <sup>th</sup> /7/2017	40,000=	Mr. Lwandagga.A HOD Agric 0782502461
4	Geography trip to South Western Uganda (5days)	S.3 & S.5		250,000=	Ms. Namubiru.R. HOD geography 0782425841
5	Entrepreneurship field study to Ntake bakery, Oscar industries, Maganjo grain millers and Nsangi clays.	S.5		30,000	Mr. Arinaitwe HOD 0772604677

#### 5.4. SEMINARS:

Our candidates shall be subjected to a number of both internal and external seminars. Students do not pay for internally organized seminars. But we request parents to give a maximum of shs **50,000=** as facilitation for all the external seminars .Please confirm with the administration by calling back to avoid conmen.

#### 5.5. WORK BOOKS/PERSONAL TEXT BOOKS.

We advise parents/guardians to but personal copies of text books for the students for their revision/research. We have departmental science work books available at school at **20,000=** each for ('O' level) and **25,000/=** for ('A' level) .A list of compulsory literature text books to be bought for term 2 is given below;

N <sup>o</sup>	Class	Name of the text book	Author
1	S.1	The Black Mamba	By John Ruganda
2	S.2	Recipe for Disaster	By Lillian Tindyebwa
3	S.3	Betrayal in the City	By Francis Imbuga
4	S.5	Prose and poetry	By Aboko Richard
5	S.5	King Lear	By William Shakespeare
6	S.5	Heart of the matter	By Graham Green

#### Note:

All candidates must come with UNEB question banks for the different subjects for adequate revision.

#### 6.0. FEES FOR TERM 2- 2017:

Our fees structure for term two is as indicated below: Candidates will note a UNEB top-up fee arising from the increase by UNEB on their registration fees earlier paid to the school.

Class	Tuition		Top up UNEB Registration	Mocks & resource persons	Ream of paper	Computer fees	Total	
	DAY	BOARDING					DAY	BOARDING
S.1, S.2 S.3&S.5	<b>500,000</b>	<b>850,000</b>			15,000	10,000	<b>525,000</b>	<b>875,000</b>
S.4	<b>500,000</b>	<b>850,000</b>	40,000	150,000	15,000	10,000	<b>715,000</b>	<b>1,065,000</b>
S.6	<b>500,000</b>	<b>850,000</b>	50,000	150,000	15,000	10,000	<b>725,000</b>	<b>1,075,000</b>

The school has introduced a new fees payment arrangement (**SCHOOL PAY**) where bank slips are not required, and parents can pay directly to the bank using Mobile Money. Each student has been issued with a special Card bearing a unique student number, with instructions to pay using Mobile Money. The Parent can just present this card to **DFCU** bank

or **CENTENARY BANK** (or simply give the unique number) and the parent will receive a printed receipt from the BANK. We have established that payment using Airtel Money is cheaper.

7.0. **WATER CHALLENGES:**

Our school water supply system is based on spring water from shallow wells. With prolonged drought the supply is limited, and during heavy rains there is some mix up with storm water. This has brought some inconvenience to our students during this term. However, the Board of Governors has approved funds for the drilling of a deep water well to provide stable and safer water to the school. Geological surveys have been done and drilling will start soon. In addition, the National water and Sewerage corporation mains have now reached our school and we shall connect soon. We should overcome the water problem in the next few weeks.

8.0. **MEDICAL ISSUES:**

Our students have generally had good health during the term. A few students have been stubbornly taking tap water which is not very safe for drinking, resulting in some cases of typhoid. Please encourage your child to have a water bottle and get drinking water from the designated taps. We plan to have several taps next term.

We have had some cases of hysteria (Nogoso or shakshake) among girls. Doctors have confirmed to us that this is more of psychological condition and not a physical or spiritual issue as some parents have suggested. We assure our parents that we take great care of the medical well being of our students and please trust us.

9.0. **NIRA:**

The National Identification and Registration Authority (NIRA) has requested that all students be registered at school. Each student will be required to register at the beginning of term 2. Parents are asked to provide photocopies of their National Identity Cards (**Endagamuntu**) to be attached to the registration forms. Students will be issued with a National identification Number (NIN) which is becoming critical in Uganda National affairs.

10.0. **CANDIDATES FARE WELL PARTY:**

This will take place on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>/6/2017** at the school. Each candidate will be required to pay **20,000/=** in addition to what the school has contributed to fully cater for the budget.

**Note:**

No student shall be allowed to possess any illegal items like phones during or after the function. We expect descent dressing and no one will be allowed to go home for any attire.

11.0. **SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS:**

Students should bring the following requirements;

- (i) **8 rolls of toilet papers.**
- (ii) **Every girl to come with a knife for peeling.**

12.0. **IRRESPONSIBLE STUDENTS:**

We have realised that some students are careless with their property and they call this “theft” in the ears of their parents. This is evidenced from the number of items like T-shirts, sweaters, after class wears, books abandoned on the compound, in dormitories and other places by students. We therefore challenge parents/guardian to tasks your children to account for all their property. We even have stuff in the school store which was collected. Some students go to even the extent of selling their property like shoes to get money.

However, we are proud to inform parents that cases of theft have reduced through abrupt check-up operations carried out. We advise parents to;

- (i) deposit pocket money beyond 5000= with the school accounts section to avoid risks involved
- (ii) label clearly all items of the students for easy identification.

13.0. **CONCLUSION:**

Dear parents/guardians, we are once again grateful for the trust put in us and pledge to serve you even better next term. We wish you all God’s blessings during the holidays.

**TO BE NOT SEEM**

Yours faithfully

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*Mr. Kaye Paul Senfuma*  
*Head teacher.*