

New Horizons College Minna

Principal's Special NewsLetter on Centralized Test

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Assalamu alaykum wa rahmatul-lah wa barakatuh

Dear parents,

I pray this newsletter meets you in the best of health and Iman. May Allah continue to be with all of us during this pandemic and beyond.

Our children and students will in sha Allah start their centralized tests on Monday next week, which is 8th of June 2020. If you recall, this information was mentioned in the text message of the 26th of April, 2020, which referred parents to the Principal's Newsletter on the school website under the parent's section for more details.

Below are the details of this newsletter:

1. Why the school management fixed 8 pm for the time of the test.
2. What we are doing to prepare students to use the portal for the test
3. Why parents should ensure students do not miss the test
4. The issue of the second continuous assessment

1. Why the school management fixed 8 pm for the time of the test.

The issue of network congestion during the daytime is why we have opted to have this test written at night by 8 pm. The idea is to minimize disruption due to network issue and congestion, and because the networks are faster at night.

Each test will be between 30-35 minutes, which students are to write between the hours of 8 pm to 10 pm as from Monday 8th of June.

2. What the school is doing to prepare students for the forthcoming centralized test

One of the actions we took was to cancel the teaching of new topics this week and instruct teachers to instead go over topics covered within the past five weeks of e-learning.

Besides, teachers have also subjected students to sample questions in the same format of the centralized test they are to write next week.

We have instructed teachers not to give students any new assignment or quiz not related to the centralized test they are to write, especially during the week of the test.

3. Why parents should ensure that students do not miss the centralized test

This test for JSS students is 30 marks out of the 100%; while for students in SS, the test is 20 marks out of possible 100 marks. It will not be fair to ask our teachers to set a different set of questions for students who miss the test without any real justification, because of the rigorous process involved in setting the questions.

We are pointing this out based on the number of students who have missed several quizzes and assignments within the past five weeks of e-learning. Most times, it is when all teachers submit lists of absentees for the week and calls are made to parents that we become aware of why such students were absent!

For the centralized test, no make-up test will be allowed for any student who misses any test without having called ahead before the day and time of the test. **The number to call is 09038884000 for reasons why a student will not be available to write a test and for technical hitches during the test, the number to call is 09071675716.**

4. The issue of the second continuous assessment

The series of continuous assessment students have so far done will be added to form the second CA, which is also 30 marks for JSS and 20 marks for SS students. We noticed the trend of students not attending their online lessons and hence missing the quizzes and assignments without any accompanying reason.

We did notify parents of this trend several weeks ago when we informed parents that 80% attendance is one of the criteria to be used before a student can be allowed to write the online promotion exam at the end of this session in July.

We implore parents to ensure that students do not miss either of the remaining days of online lessons nor the accompanying quizzes and assignments.

Wassalamu alaykum



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