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CORONA

NEWSLETTER OF THE CORONA SCHOOLS' TRUST COUNCIL

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We welcome you to a new school year and hope that you had a good holiday. We are delighted to have the students back to school.



This term promises to be an interesting and a rewarding one, a prelude to which the teachers have attended a three-day training programme on the theme 'Delivering World Class Education'.

Interestingly too, three foreign languages would be introduced as co-curricular activities.

There are also lots of activities lined up for this term. As usual, we are joining the world in celebrating the World Teachers' Day on October 5th. The theme for this year's edition is 'Teachers for Gender Equality'. For more information on World Teachers' Day, visit www.5oct.org

Let's not forget also that October offers another opportunity for us to further reinforce our shared values, as we celebrate Nigeria's Independence Day. The Inter Schools' Quiz Competition also holds this term.

Watch out for these and many more activities.

This term, some members of staff would be going for the Association of International Schools in Africa (AISA) 2011 for Educators' Conference and School Leaders' Retreat in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Corona Alumni also have various programmes planned. Watch out for Speakers' Series, Teachers' Appreciation and Mentoring Programme. New members are warmly welcome. Visit the website for more information, www.coronaschools.org/alumni.aspx

This term will also feature Grand-Parent Series where Corona Grandparents are interviewed, getting to know their experience with the Corona Schools.

We look forward to and count on the continued support of our parents.

Do have a rewarding and successful term.

CORONA i-TEACH



First Set of CORONA i-TEACH Participants (standing) with the Trust Council Management: (L-R) The Education Administrator, Mrs. Maureen Ihonor; Executive Director, Mrs. Olufunto Igun and the Human Resource Manager, Miss Ngozi Ebo.

The Corona Schools' Trust Council kicked off its 6-month intensive training for the first set of Graduate Trainees in the Corona i-Teach Project, a 21st century teachers' development and recruitment programme.

Orientation took place in Corona School Victoria Island on Monday, July 4, 2011 featuring 25 graduates who were taken through the programme structure and expectations.

The Executive Director, Mrs. Olufunto Igun, said it was against the backdrop of the dearth of dynamic teachers in the education industry that the Trust Council had chosen to invest in trainable youths, who will be ready to impact students in a positive way. This, she reiterated, will re-establish the dignity of teaching profession in Corona and Nigeria at large.

During the orientation, the Human Resource Manager and facilitator, Miss Ngozi Ebo pointed out the critical skills and attitudes the trainees need to adopt to ensure an effective learning process and successful completion of the six months programme. The programme will involve both academic training sessions and practical training in the schools.

At the close of the orientation, the Executive Director congratulated the trainees for their selection from a rigorous and competitive process into the first ever graduate teacher trainee scheme in the education industry. She announced that over 6000 applications were received across the country and charged the participants to justify their selection with excellent performance.

She encouraged all to take full advantage of the Trust Council's investment into their career and personal development and aspire to be absorbed into Corona Schools' Trust Council.

A formal introduction of the i-Teach trainees to the Trust Council members was done recently at Corona School, Victoria Island. The forum offered the trainees opportunity to meet with the Trust Council, as they expressed satisfaction over different skills they have acquired so far.

They are happy to be part of Corona Family.



2011 SUMMER SCHOOL

In a bid to continue with the tradition of high standards and culture of excellence, the main focus of this year's edition of the Teachers Annual Summer School was tagged 'Delivering World Class Education'.



The three-day programme commenced on Monday, September 5, 2011 at Corona School, Gbagada. It's another big event that usually brings members of staff from different Corona Schools together.

Speaking at the event, the Educational Administrator, Mrs. Maureen Ihonor enumerated the skills needed to deliver world-class education in the 21st Century. She stated that to be world class educators; teachers would need to be universal in all ramifications, that is they must be open minded to current and new ideas.

She also charged the teachers to teach students about things that prepare them for life and how to take charge of their (children's) own learning.

Also speaking, the Human Resource Manager, Miss Ngozi Ebo, while introducing and welcoming the pioneering set of the Corona i-Teach, stressed the commitment of the Trust Council towards elevating the teaching profession, citing the Corona *i-Teach* programme as one of such initiatives put in place to bolster teachers' performance in the profession.

Other topics discussed at the seminar were: Assessment for Learning, Integrating Technology, Professional Teaching Ethics, and The Application of Bloom's Taxonomy.

The Administrative Staff also went through a one day session on Professionalism and Work Ethics.

We wish everyone a hitch free session knowing that we will all work towards putting all that we learnt at the Summer School into practice.



CORONA SCHOOLS' TRUST COUNCIL BAGS LAGOS STATE AWARD



The Corona Schools' Trust Council along with five other schools won the award of 'Top Six Private Schools in Lagos in Social and Academics.' The award was given by the Lagos State Ministry of Education at the 2011 Jam Feast in recognition of the Trust Councils' contribution to education in the state. Some of the schools in this category were; Green Springs School, Vivian Fowler Memorial College and Chrisland Organisation.

FOOTBALL: ALUMNI VERSUS CORONA SECONDARY SCHOOL, SENIOR BOYS' TEAM

It was a show of skill, agility and maturity at the novelty football match between alumni and the Secondary School senior boys' team. The match, the first of its kind took place on Saturday, 2nd July 2011 at the Victoria Island School.

It was pleasing to note that alumni came from as far as Kaduna and Abuja. Speaking at the end of the game, the Executive Director, Corona Schools' Trust Council, Mrs. Olufunto Igun expressed joy at the great turnout at the event of alumni from both the primary and secondary schools.

Okechukwu Ofili, one of the alumni organisers while expressing joy over the success of the event, disclosed that the event was an avenue for networking as it brought together past 'Coronas' from all walks of life. He also said that there are plans to come up with more programmes in the future in a bid to harness a productive Alumni Association.

The turnout was quite encouraging and everybody had a good time. There was no victor, no vanquished. It was just time for fun.



The teams in a display of skills



Cross section of players with the Executive Director, Mrs. Olufunto Igun, Director, CSS, Mrs. Folasade Adefisayo and PTA Chairman, Mr. Chima Diaku

Corona Secondary School, Agbara Holds Summer School, Trains Public School Teachers



Participants at the Summer School

In line with its commitment to rendering selfless service to the community, Corona Secondary School, Agbara, Ogun State, extended its training programme to 10 public school teachers from Community High School, Adie Owe, Isaga, in the Ado Odo Ota Local Council Area of Ogun State, during its annual summer school training programme which ended recently.

The theme for this year training was “Reflective Practice”. It featured topics such as Parent Conferencing and Report Writing, which were handled by Mrs. Lara Segun, the former Education Administrator, Corona Schools’ Trust Council. Other topics include Reality Pedagogy and the Use and Integration of ICT into teaching and learning.

The Vice Principal, Mr. Adesina Okunubi and the School’s Director, Mrs. Folasade Adefisayo handled Continuing Professional Development and Creative Problem Solving.

Speaking on behalf of other beneficiaries, Mr. Akin Idowu praised the management of Corona School for offering them the training free of charge. He admitted that the exercise was an eye-opener.

Mrs. Adefisayo enjoined the participants to make use of the skills offered by the conference to improve on their students’ performance. Certificates of attendance were issued to the participants.



Corona Secondary School Director, Mrs. Folasade Adefisayo Presenting Certificate of Attendance to Community High School, Adie Owe Staff Members

Corona Teachers’ College

The Post Graduate Certificate in Education [PGCE(I)] 4th cohort commenced on the 29th of June, 2011 with 44 students.

Corona Teachers’ College in Picture

