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BODIES OKAY VISA FOR SSCE, NECO, IGCSE

Voyage International School, Abuja has been granted express government approval to enroll and conduct Senior Secondary School Certificate Examinations (SSCE) for College final year students.

The Senior Secondary Certificate Examinations organised by the West African Examination Council (WAEC) and the National Examination Council (NECO) will now be conducted in the school's well-equipped multipurpose Hall.



This feat was achieved following the visitation of a team of inspectors from the Department of Quality

Assurance to the facilities of VISA for on the spot assessment.

The delegate which visited on the 26th September, 2016, went ahead to ascertain the structure, quality and learning resources of our institution.



The Team which was led by Mr. Kolo Timothy, commended the Directors for the level of learning support Materials and facilities provided at the College. Mr. Timothy stated, "I'm impressed with the school's achievements; the giant strides taken to attain such academic excellence is indeed commendable"

The inspectors equally applauded the VISA team of highly qualified educators for professionalism and passion for the Job.

Our students were also commended for their resilience, learning strength and positive outlook.

VISA was equally adjudged qualified to write Cambridge examinations having satisfied requirements by the British Council. The feat was achieved on November 30, 2016 when its inspectors led by Mr. Jatau John evaluated the School.

Reacting to the much welcome development, our students expressed happiness and gratitude to the management for providing them with Vistas of opportunities at VISA. "The whole thing is just fantastic! I feel privileged and proud that I'm in a school that has all the conducive learning facilities to make a WHOLE Child." says AbdurRahman Driyomi, a Senior Achievers 2 student of VISA.

For the Educators, it's just the dawn of greater things to come.



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VISA BAGS BRIDGE BUILDERS AWARD

It was all glitz and glamor on Tuesday, Fifteenth of November 2016 as VISA stepped out in style to receive the award conferred on her by the National Orientation Agency and Love to the World Initiative.

The event which took place at Sheraton Hotel and Towers Abuja had many dignitaries in attendance including representatives of various state Governors.



Highlights of the event include recognition of guests, welcome address by the Director General of the National Orientation Agency, Dr. Garba Abare, keynote address by President of the Nigerian Labour Congress, Comrade Ayuba Waba, Welcome speech by

former Head of State, General Yakubu Gowon, ably represented by his brother, Dr Dauda Gowon and the award presentation proper.

Receiving the Bridge Builder Award on behalf of the school, the Deputy Head of School, Engr. Iskeel Ismail said that the award is an encouragement and a call to further service.



Similarly, another VISA Student of Achievers Two, Amina Aliyu Iya, equally received an award at the event.

The award was conferred on her for her active participation in helping the less privileged in communities and IDP Camps especially in the North East.

Other recipients of the awards are: former Kaduna State Governor and two time Senator Ahmed Mohammad Makarfi, former Minister

of Education, Oby Ezekwesili, Delta State Governor, among others.

VISA Recruits More Staff, Admits More Students

As part of her drive towards strengthening the existing WHOLE Child structure, Voyage International School Abuja embarked on a massive human resource recruitment drive this term.

The recruitment which cuts across board of highly experienced and qualified personnel of both Local and Cambridge Certified persons to man various units and departments of the Institution, was a thoroughly and carefully conducted process to ensure the best hands are brought on deck.

New Staff that joined the dynamic VISA Staff Team this term include Engr. Iskeel Ismail (Deputy Head of Schools); a seasoned Engineer, Educator and Administrator with many years experience in the field, Mr. Abiola Ibrahim (College educator); a dynamic young man of great technical expertise, Mrs



Rashidat Bello (Voyager educator); A vibrant and promising young lady with visions to achieve the next level. Others are Mallam Mutohir Ajadi (House Master), Mr. Jamiu Showunmi (Librarian), Fatima Binta Ogohi (College educator), Mrs Halima Lamidi (Voyager Educater), and Mrs Suaburah Shuaib (Voyager Educator). Furthermore, successful educators in Darrussalam are – Ustaz Aliyu Agaisa, Ustaz Aliyu Zubair, Ustaz Isa Ismail, Ustaz Ilyas Dan Bawa and Ustaz Abdulbasit Mohammad. While in the Admin Unit we have Mr. M.D. Lawal, Mr. Mohammad Alhassan, and Mrs. Raodoh Kuye. While we also added another hand in our existing recovery service in the person of Nurse Maryam Baba Mohammed.

Expressing enthusiasm and confidence on the newly recruited team of professionals to deliver professionally and efficiently on their mandate in the VISA fold, Chairman of the Board of the School, Alhaji Yusuf Oriyomi said, "While establishing this School, we had a clear cut mission and vision, so we needed to assemble professional hands who share the same vision with us." he further

stressed. that, "having successfully emerged through the various phases of our recruitment process, this new staff will obviously join the old ones and go with us on our mission and vision"

The new Staff expressed delight for being part of a system whose only goal is the development of a WHOLE Child. They pledge to deliver on their mandate to the best of their ability with maximum efficiency.

Equally, more than a hundred students were admitted in both the Early Years and College wings of the School for both Day and Boarding.

Admitted students joined from various schools within and outside the FCT.

VISA Sponsors Students for Convention

Voyage International School Abuja has sponsored over eighteen of its students to attend the 'Teen Session' of the recently concluded Peace and Unity Convention 2016 organized by Iummah.

The event took place at the International Conference Center between 3rd and 4th December 2016 from 09:00am – 01:00pm daily.



The theme of the event which featured National and International Scholars such as, Mufti Ismail Menk, Sheikh Said Regeah, Sheikh Muiz Bukhary, Summayyah Saddiq, Abdullahi Musa Abdul, Muhammad Daibu, Farida Muktar among other notable scholars and Orators, was: **Responsibility Starts Now.**



Speaking to reporters after the occasion, Maimuna Wali, a Senior Achievers Two student, confessed that the event was really an eye-opener for today's Muslim Teenagers. She hoped the event would be recurrent in order to help the Muslim teenagers get their footings right especially as regards responsibilities.

PTF: When VISA Parents Talked the Walk

It was indeed a field day when Parents, Staff and Stakeholders of Voyage International School Abuja all converged in the College Multipurpose Hall on Saturday, Twelfth of November, 2016 to discuss issues bordering on students' academic, social, emotional, spiritual and physical development vis-a-vis the efforts put in place by the School in the walk thus far.

The meeting was chaired by President of the Parent Teachers Forum (PTF), Mr. AbdulHamid Fashola ably represented by the Deputy President of the Forum, Hajiya Aliyu Iya.



Welcoming parents to the event, the Deputy Head, Mr. Olawale AbdurRaheem, gave a brief citation on the new Deputy Head of Schools, Engr. Iskeel Ismail.

Assuring parents that he is a man that is bringing with him decades of experience to the fore, he encouraged them to feel relaxed with their wards under his leadership.

He also stated the need for parents to have his contact digits and that of Mr. Ibrahim Sanusi who is the Coordinator of the Primary Section in order to reach them on issues.

While appreciating Mrs Yussuf and Mrs Zainab for putting the school on their toes, he pleaded with parents not to allow issues degenerate before taking them up.

He further urged everyone to "connect with us and make VISA a dream school for all."

Also Speaking, the Deputy Head of School, Engr. Iskeel Ismail, outlined the programs and skills put in place by the school to ensure the development of the WHOLE Child. He emphasized that the unreserved commitment of the School to that end is non negotiable.



In his own remarks, Coordinator of the Primary section, Mr. Ibrahim Sanusi, stated the skills program and challenges being faced by the School. He urged parents to join hands in ensuring set goals are exceeded.

Other highlights include issues of the Forums registration with the Corporate Affairs Commission, a Bank account, its Constitution and PTF levy which were all



highlighted by the Forum's Public Relation Officer, Mr. Usman Aliyu.

Parents then volunteered their Lawyers to vet the final draft of the proposed constitution which has scaled through 1st and 2nd reading.

New EXCOs were also elected to fill existing vacancies wherein Mr. Ibrahim Abiola emerged unopposed as PTF secretary while Dr. (Mrs) Garba emerged as treasurer unopposed.

There was however a melodrama when a vote cast in favour of PTF Levy be tasked per parent instead of per Child was annulled by the Chairperson of the occasion stating that per parent levy will favor only those with few wards in the School. She however assured that the EXCO will deliberate further on the issue and give feedback in the next PTF meeting.

Other issues deliberated upon included the curriculum, the Islamiyyah structure, Subject combination of the School, accessibility and logistics.

The DHoS urged parents to take advantage of the School's unique offering which Includes British/Nigerian Curriculum.

In the end, it was a unanimous consensus that in the walk so far, VISA has indeed taken giants strides worthy of emulation and commendation. For VISA Staff it is just the beginning.



I am 'Achievers everything' - Senator Binta

Senator Binta Masi Garba has stated that she is an 'Achievers everything' just like the college students of Voyage International School Abuja who are being referred to as 'Achievers.'

The Senator Representing Adamawa North made the hilarious statement during a press session when Staff and Students of VISA paid her a courtesy call in her office in the course of an official excursion to the

National Assembly.

Recognizing the unique structuring of VISA system after the students have introduced themselves as Explorers, Voyagers and Achievers, the Senator Congratulated the students for witnessing their "daddies and mummies and grannies deliberating on very crucial and very important bills today which have to do with the INEC in trying to amend some of the clauses that can give way for better general elections in 2019."



She expressed optimism that among the students gathered in her presence there are potential politicians who aspire to lead the country someday.

She thanked the Staff and Students for finding time out of their busy classroom schedule to be at the National Assembly. She noted that it is also an Educational visit in



trying to know what “we” the parliamentarians are doing to pave way for the future generation as probably among the students there are Senate Presidents, Speakers, Leaders, Wives of Governors, Presidents et al.



She stated that she honestly pray that she would live to one day see the students doing Nigeria Proud in any area of endeavor God Almighty has destined them for, emphasizing that in the next 15 – 20 years she might be the one paying the visit with her walking stick in hand.

She craved the students’ indulgence to be good ambassadors of their school, to stand out among their peers and to make their parents proud noting that they are all privileged to be where they are unlike she who had to attend public schools, do one or two jobs to assist her parents. She further urged them to give their parents all

the necessary respect that is accorded to them.

She further corrected the erroneous public impression that one Chamber of the National Assembly is the Higher Chamber while the other is a Lower Chamber, clarifying that there is only a Red Chamber and a Green Chamber as recognized by the constitution.

The Coordinator of the Press Crew, Mr. M.D. Lawal on behalf of the Management, Staff and Students of VISA, thanked the distinguished Senator for granting the students such a rare privilege.

When Voyagers Stunned Media Practitioners

Students of Voyage International School Abuja stunned the Muslim Media Practitioners of Nigeria and its guests on the occasion of its 10th Annual Lecture held at the National Mosque, Abuja.

Rising to their feet, the entire guest marveled at the students as they recited the Nigerian National Anthem in Arabic among

other presentations.



In his opening remarks, the Host Chairman, Sheikh Abdurrahman Balogun, gave a brief overview of the Muslim Media Practitioners of Nigeria urging stakeholders to join hands in moving the association to greater heights.

He stressed that the role of the Media in ensuring good governance cannot be over emphasized.

In his own remarks, Chairman of the occasion and former Director General Voice of Nigeria (VDN), Mall. Abubakar Jijiwa, urged Muslims to always go to bed with a forgiving heart.



Citing narrations from the History of the Sahabas the veteran Journalist enjoined



Muslims to imbibe "Sympathy, Empathy, Care and Tolerance." Noting that some of the little things we take for granted might be the very key to Jannah.

Delivering his lecture titled **"Islamic Position on Good Governance."** The Chief Imam of the Nigerian Navy; Directorate of Islamic Affairs, Navy Commander Taofiq Migdad Gidado, charged Muslims to be proactive in their religion.

He berated Muslims for not stepping up to evolutionary trends while Imams are being relegated to the background allowing those with mere ceremonial titles call the shot in Islamic Affairs.

Other Special guests at the Occasion include veteran NTA Reporter, Hajiya Keji Busari Ahmad who gave a brief citation on Sheikh Taofik Migdad Gidado. Other recognized special guests are veteran NTA news reporter and now Deputy Director of News, Nigerian Television Authority; Aiyinde Shwaga, the Proprietor, Voyage International School; Alhaji Yusuff Oriyomi and his wife Hajiya Dhakiroh Animashaun-Oriyomi.

Voyagers Emerge Champions Of Termly Quranic Competition

Pupils of the Primary section of Voyage International School have emerged Champions of a fiercely competitive Qur'an competition held between the Primary and College wing of the school.

The competition which holds termly took place between 30th of November and 1st of December 2016, at the College Multipurpose Hall.



The first phase of the competition witnessed the screening of Representatives for the competition in each wing of the School to which 5 competitive winners emerged.

At about 2:30pm on December 1st, everyone converged at the College Multipurpose to witness the final phase of the competition.

After about 2hrs battle between representatives of the two wings, Ka'ab Muhammad of Voyager 2 emerged overall winner clinching the 1st position, Hannat Salau of Foundation Class emerged runner up clinching the 2nd position while AbdurRahman Yusuf Oriyomi of Snr. Achievers 2 followed suit clinching the 3rd position.

Expressing delight after the competition, mother of the 2nd runner up expressed gratitude to Allah for the successful completion of the program to which her daughter clinched a prize.

"For just spending a term in VISA, I have seen a lot of changes in my children. Kudos to VISA, they have really done well." Mrs Salau further appraised.

Also responding, the Abba family said, "The evidence of quality education is all over, the improvement in the Children has brightened our hearts altogether. May Allah continue to guide the teachers and their employers and reward them for justifying our collective trust in them."



Inside The National Assembly: The Legislators, the Laws and the Two Chambers

For students of VISA it was a day to behold as we approached the National Assembly after requisite security clearance.



Our Buses zoomed towards the

entrance of the imposing parliamentary edifice with Aso Rock conspicuously towering above the massive structure, providing a pleasing aesthetic feel.

We were ushered into the Hearing room-1, popularly referred to as the White House, where the Supervisor of the Sergeant-At-Arms Mrs. Faithola Popoola acquainted our Students with the Primary role of the Legislature.

She further explained to our students that the Mace represents the symbol of authority and legislation.

She urged our students to strive as abiding citizens in order to qualify them towards being great representatives of the people in the near future.

Afterwards, the students were divided into two groups with one group led to the House of Representatives and the other escorted to the Senate chambers.

Climax of the visit was when Senate President Bukola Saraki acknowledged the presence of Staff and Students of Voyage International School Abuja in the Senate Chambers, and we all stood up for recognition. An act also performed by the Speaker of the House Hon. Yakubu Dogara.

The Senate President read a letter from President Muhammadu Buhari asking for a slot on Wednesday, 10:00hrs to formally present the 2017 appropriation bill and ways to take Nigeria out of recession.



With that, legislative proceedings for the day commenced.

After witnessing the legislative session in both Chambers where the two split groups of Voyagers swapped intermediately, to have a feel of both Chambers, the students were also privileged to have a one on one press session with Senator Binta Masi Garba, Senator Representing Adamawa North Federal Constituency.

She urged Voyagers to interact with her like a mother and not a Senator.



The distinguished Senator fielded questions from VISA Students Press club after which the floor was thrown open for other students to ask and interact.

The session ended with a Photo ops with the distinguished Senator outside the Senate building.

Senator Kabiru Ibrahim Gaya quickly joined



the photo ops when he was passing by and could not resist the temptation of posing for a shot with our exceptionally distinguished students.

Other Senators joined in the interaction and Voyagers had a fun filled time.

The visit was quite interesting and exciting and for all our students, it was indeed a great opportunity to extract a goldmine of knowledge and inspiration that would gear them towards being great citizens and of course representatives.

Voyagers Visit IDP's, Orphanage



It was yet another memorable day for Voyagers as they visited the Internally Displace Persons Camp at Kuchigoro and Al-Halal Children's Home at Lugbe on the 22 of November, 2016.

The visit was earlier scheduled for Al-Halal Children's Home, however, the overwhelming volume of items received from parents for the visit informed the decision to split the gifts into two groups.

With the arrival of group A from the Internally Displaced Persons camp at about 09:45am, group B set out on a journey to Al-Halal at about 10:00am.

Voyagers were warmly welcomed by Mrs. Bassa upon arrival.

This was followed by a brief introduction and the question and answer session was held.

Afterwards, Du'a was observed and the gift items including cash were presented.



INTERVIEW: I Hawked Bread and Groundnut to Go to School - Senator Binta

Senator Binta Masi Garba is the Senator Representing Adamawa North Federal constituency. Born from a humble background, Senator Masi Garba has trailed many blazes in her life and career. She was first female Chairwoman of a major Political Party, first politician to represent two different constituencies, first vice



president of commonwealth women parliamentarians among other feats.

Popularly called Iron Lady, Senator Binta in this interview with VISA Press Club's Fa'izah Sulaiman, Firdaus Audu, Sara Abubakar and Mardiya Dahiru among other students in attendance bared her mind on sundry issues including how she hawked bread and groundnut to sponsor her studies. Excerpts...

VISA: As we all know, you are a politician, business woman an administrator and surely a mother at the same time, how are you able to combine all this tasks and still function effectively?

Sen. Binta: In my little introductory speech I made mention of what is expected of children to their parents, and as a mother I expect to see disciplined children that are very respectful not to me as a mother but to the extended family and community that she or he would find himself. Maybe if you meet with Bilkisu (her niece who is a VISA student) she would tell you that ah my mummy is good but don't cross her path because she could

bite you. She calls me big mummy anyway (laughs). So it's good to let the children know who they are, encourage them to be better than you are as a parent and to make them understand the society is waiting for a rare gem, a rare breed of people that can change the direction of our great country to a better and prosperous height.



VISA: What message do you have for students like us out there who look up to people like you as role models?

Sen. Binta: The message I'm giving to you and I have been giving the message before now and I will continue to give is that I was once like you, now I am a mother, very soon I'm going to be a grandmother and I strongly believe that someone who wants to be like me would try to give the same advice to other children or people they would come across. Secondly I have to go back to the

first lady that asked how I'm able to combine being an administrator a politician and a mother at the same time. God gave us 24hrs in a day and out of that 24hrs, maximally an adult needs 7 – 8hrs of sleep or rest, so the remaining 17hrs is for you to see how you can use those quality time apart from the time you spend in praying or reciting the Qur'an you have approximately about 10 – 12hrs so that you can begin to see how to allot such hours to the family to friends, to your work and even to political activities. It's not easy anyway because there is the belief that politics is a man's job, some of us have made ourselves to fit in a shoe that is not meant to be for us so they said but the joy of it is that women are performing better, with due respect to the boys here. A woman has divergent activities that she bears while you are a mother sometimes you have to be even a civil servant or a public servant and like us now you now have to go in to become a politician so it depends on how you prioritize your activities within the stipulated time that would now make you to achieve your set



goals but the noble thing to do is just to set goals.

VISA: Please tell us something very interesting and inspiring about you, maybe something that has never been heard of?

Sen. Binta: You people are privileged, I wasn't as privileged as you were I started primary school when I was eight years old and then you must touch your ear before they now know that you are six years and above but now they don't ask you to touch your ear. How old are you? (Pointing to a VISA student to which she answered 9yrs), what is your class? (asking the same student to which she answered primary 4) you see primary four at 9. At my time at 9 you must be in primary 3.



Why did I start primary school late? An aunt of mine took me with the intention of putting me in school unfortunately they never did

that so I was almost like a house help for three years before my mother came in and saw me and went and told my dad to come and take me and that is why I started primary school late from there I went to secondary school my father never knew how I went to secondary school because I became a hawker of bread I hawked bread to go to school I am from a very poor home and I told myself I have to break the jinx of poverty in my family. So, I hawked bread, I hawked sugarcane, I hawked groundnut. The moment you see those kids out there hawking, don't despise them, because they are not as privileged as you are. Maybe if they are privileged they would have been better off. So sometimes when I see those girls doing that kind of thing I normally buy the things off from them so they can go back home so probably some people don't know much about me on that and that is why I have passion for education.

And unfortunately when I was 18 I was forced to get married and I don't think that should be your portion anyway but even at 18 I was

very strong and I said with a condition whoever is going to marry me must let me go back to school and I was shocked they said I didn't go beyond secondary school some couple of weeks in the media but that is it. So I think that is the part of my life that I have to let you know to encourage you girls that you must have focus of what you want to achieve. Have a long time, medium time or short time projection of what you want to be in life

VISA: Having invested so much in philanthropy and other humanitarian services, what are your contributions towards Education?

Sen. Binta: One of my legislative agenda is for the girl child education because they say if you educate a man you educate an individual but when you educate a woman you educate a nation because as a mother you can produce children and in the process



of producing Children any child born is a generation because you are going to born another set of human. So that is my cardinal legislative agenda till date. I have dedicated my almost 14yrs in the parliament on education, more especially the girl child education targeted at eradicating poverty among women, and because women are synonymous to poverty, how do we eradicate it? When you give a woman little amount of funds especially in the rural area she can turn that fund to become something. Like me my mother is one person that stands as my pillar even in the process of that trying moment she would look at me and say wahala bai kashe mutum (suffering doesn't kill) the more you aspire the more you are strengthened and the more you are focused. So, I didn't have a very lavish livelihood that you guys are having because I went through a lot.

Even as a parliamentarian I normally give out scholarship but of recent in am having issues with that. Should I pay for those writing JAMB, or should I pay for those writing GCE or should I concentrate on those

that are in the University. But I don't have funds to shoulder everything. Those are the issues.



VISA: Ma, we read about you, they said you went to Harvard University now you are saying you come from a poor home so how did you afford to go to Harvard?

Sen. Binta: (Laughs) I attended the executive school of governance in Harvard its about a month program and I majored in public financing so it is the National Assembly that foot the bill for my humble self to acquire the knowledge and at that time as a committee member on appropriation.

VISA: Please reveal more of your identity to us, your Religion etcetera?

Sen. Binta: That's a good one. I am from Adamawa state, Mchika Local Government I

was born in Kaduna State so I have both origin. I went to army children school hayin banki kaduna, Government day secondary school Kofan mashi Kaduna, Kaduna

Polytechnic College of Administrative and Business Studies, I got married at 18, had my first baby at 22, second baby at 26, last baby at 39. Won't you clap for me (laughs and applauds). My grandparents are Christians my father became a Muslim and now I am a Christain. Finito?

VISA: Why do they call you Iron Lady?

Sen. Binta: (Laughs) I wouldn't know, but I think this issue of iron lady did not start if I remember vividly until in my year two in the Polytechnic where one of the lecturer was trying to intimidate one of our female colleagues in the class and the girl was a little bit scared that he might fail her and I dared her to challenge the lecturer she said she doesn't have the capacity I said can I do that for you and I challenged the Lecturer. Before then if she had an A he would give her a D if she had a B he would give her something less and when a lot of people



were afraid of confronting him I did and we took the matter to the head of Department and from there to the Dean of the College and after that the matter was resolved. I was so surprised when we came to the Parliament and some of my Colleagues started calling me iron lady. When I ask why do you call me iron lady, they said it was because I did certain things that were not in the nature of women to do.

VISA: What inspired you to be a politician?

Sen. Binta: That's a good question. When I finished my OND I worked with the New Nigerian newspaper and after 7 years, promotion came out and I was promoted two steps and my other Colleague was promoted 7 steps ahead and I asked why his promotion was higher than mine as the work schedule are the same, the qualifications are the same and the Manager looked at me straight in the eye and told me the man was a family man and he had a lot of Children then I said what about me am I not a family woman? He said no 'you are under your husband' and I

felt so insulted. I told him that should not be a basis for higher promotion than myself. The MD of the organization then, he is the present Executive Director of the Nigerian University Commission in the person of Professor Abubakar, he was then my MD. I confronted him and he still repeated the same thing and I told myself if me with my big mouth can be frustrated and intimidated what about those timid women out there that cannot speak out? And I said, I think the first thing I have to do is to go to the National Assembly and be the voice of the people. In fact after I did that, they now demoted me again one step downward for confronting who I am supposed to confront. So I just wrote my resignation letter in 1996 and came to Abuja to one of the political parties that I want to register and contest and they said no you have to go back to your community and register in your ward and start from there and the rest is now history.



VISA Students to Learn Martial Arts

Students of Voyage International School Abuja are now on a continuous Martial Arts Training Curriculum.

This is as a result of the need to expand it's sporting options, equip the WHOLE Child with requisite defensive skills, boost their Physical fitness and mental alertness.

Students of the School have expressed happiness with the development stating that they can't wait to be belters in the world of Martial Arts.





MENTORING: BEYOND CLASS ROOM EXPERIENCE

by Dr. Saidat Abisola Akanbi

The importance of revolutionary mentoring for the appropriate transformation of a Child cannot be overemphasized and Voyagers are not exempted.

It is against this backdrop that VISA College hosted Dr. Saidat Abisola Akanbi, an International Health Expert.

Dr. Akanbi took our esteemed Achievers through the topic: "How to Achieve your dreams" which she broadly delivered and our students were highly elated.



She told the students to, "Always pray as if your life depends on it, and also, study as if your life depends on it."

Dr. Saidat Akanbi, an Internationally reputable medical expert, is a young and dynamic Muslim Surgeon; She graduated at the top five of her undergraduate class in Medicine and Surgery at the prestigious University of Ibadan. She was also an

NNPC/Chevron National Merit Scholar all through her study in the University of Ibadan. Upon graduation, she immediately enrolled for further studies in the same University where she read her Masters in Health Policy and Management . Afterwards, she proceeded to the University of Oxford, in the United Kingdom for another Masters in International Health and Tropical Medicine; purely on Exxon Mobil Merit Scholar.

After the session, it was a general consensus that Dr. Akanbi had successfully instilled and inspired into our students the requirements that shapes one into a successful and global Muslim citizen.

MENTORING: WITH MR. IDRIS BELLO



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A comprehensive reflection on VISA resumption week was a huge success story. Both returning and new students had an educative, interactive and mentoring session with Mr. Idrees Bello.

VISA students were excited much more beyond listening to music and entertainment. Our interaction with Mr. Idris Bello also reinforced our stance to be actively involved and responsible for making VISA an excellent SCHOOL for everyone; that we are all responsible and capable of effecting a change in our homes, communities and wider society. As a school we want to explicitly work with the children so that they can develop these vital skills and attitudes to be responsible, successful and celebrated global Muslim Achievers.

VISA is ever at the forefront of educational innovation! Therefore more than ever, we need to 'stand up right' and 'keep the flag flying high'. This spirit in consonance with our mission and vision statements we presented to our students and staff – Mr. Idris Ayodeji Bello.

Idris Ayodeji Bello is an 'Afropreneur', award-winning strategist and global thought leader with far-reaching and diverse experience in technology, strategic planning, and project management in different sectors (energy, healthcare, education, consumer goods, NGOs, government).

A consummate connector, he has developed a thriving social and business network spanning five continents, and which particularly includes many of the established and upcoming African developers, innovators, and leaders.

Listed among CNN's Top Ten African Technology Voices in 2012 and profiled as The Huffington Post's "Greatest Person of the Day"

in 2011, he works

on the frontlines of African social and technological development and has committed his professional career to the



development of innovation-driven, technology-enabled social enterprises that empower the underserved and develop transformative ideas to change lives on the African continent.

A First Class Honors graduate of Computer Engineering from Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria, his educational trajectory mirrors his diverse social interests: He has an MSc. in Computer Science & Data Mining from the University of Houston; an MBA in Entrepreneurship & Strategy from Rice University in Houston where he was the 2011 Jones Scholar and Jones Citizen, and also won the 2011 SallyPort Award for leadership and top academic performance; and an MSc in Global Health Science from the University of Oxford, where he was the 2011 recipient of The Lord Weidenfeld Scholarship for demonstrating remarkable potential as a future leader from an emerging economy. He is the first Nigerian-American recipient of The Lord Weidenfeld Scholarship.



Extremely impactful during his Oxford stay, he served as the President of the Oxford University Africa Society. He was pivotal in organizing and executing the 2012 Pan-Africa Youth Leadership Conference with 300 participants from 51 countries, and also served as the Graduate Medical Sciences Divisional Officer for the Oxford University Students Union.

He has worked with the Clinton Foundation Health Access Initiative where he played a major role in the deployment and evaluation of Swaziland's first mobile health patient appointment reminder system as part of the country's National AIDS Program. He has

also participated at the annual Clinton Global Initiative University (CGIU) meeting where he publicly engaged with President Clinton on the issues of leadership in Africa and convinced him to intensify efforts targeted at leveraging past African leaders to play a role in public policy affecting youth and women.

Prior to studying at Oxford, he spent over six

years working at the Chevron Corporation, where he led several large upstream technology projects across the USA and Sub-Saharan Africa. He also played a role in facilitating a healthcare innovation partnership between Rice University's 'Beyond the Borders' program and the Government of Liberia with financial support from Chevron. In his previous role as Planning Manager at Procter & Gamble West Africa, he led several supply chain projects and facilitated product promotion and introduction into several West African markets. His volunteer leadership experiences include serving as the Founding Executive Secretary for Mumineen Foundation Inc., US-based 501-c3 non-profit founded to cater to the development and leadership needs of African-American & African immigrant youths in Houston.

As a leader, he has mentored and catalyzed scores of contributors across the growing African landscape.

EXCURSION TO DIALYSIS CENTER

During the period under view, VISA students embarked on an excursion to Stafford Renal Dialysis Centre Abuja.

Headquartered in Houston, Texas in the United States of America, the world class dialysis center took our students through a stimulating ride of practical dialysis process.

The visit which is in line with our scheme in Chemistry and biology for the term was a wonderfully enriching one for our students.



Upon our arrival, we were welcomed by a medical team and the top management staff of the Center.

Before the commencement of the lectures by the medical team, a test in the form of multiple choice questions was administered



to our student for the duration of 3 minutes in order to ascertain our students' level of classroom learning experience and the results were highly impressive we recorded a positive proof of classroom learning objectives.

Leading the Medical team, Dr Ryan presented a lecture on kidney and dialysis: Its functions; causes of failure; and Prevention of damage.

Afterwards, we had another session with the Chief



Medical Laboratory Scientist on how a test/investigation can be carried out in order to detect the status of the kidney.

After this session, we were taken to the dialysis unit. Fortunately, a patient was undergoing the dialysis and our students were able to witness first hand the dialysis process.

We were made to understand that the dialysis unit has New 24 dialysis machines. Mr. Eze explained in details how dialysis machine works and he showed us the artificial kidney called dialyzer.

RECREATION

Boarding students took time out for recreational activities at The Wonderland Amusement park, Abuja. This was planned to boost their physical and psychological wellbeing. These activities have proven helpful to the improvement of their cognitive



function and in taking stress off.

NTA EXHIBITION

Four students of VISA, with two teachers were at this year's Exhibition hosted by NTA 5.

The students gained the necessary exposure. They also had the opportunity to see other projects on exhibition and they were inspired by the commendation given to our student Ummu Salma (Grade 8).



PTDF EMERGING TALENT COMPETITION

We participated in the November 28, 2016 PTDT "Emerging Talents Science Competition" organized by FCT Agency for Science and Technology. It was a remarkable outing for us as our students were outstanding in their presentation.



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STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Staff were wowed by the expertise of a Researcher and an educationist based in the United Arab Emirate, Mr. Ibrahim Bamgbopa.

Mr. Ibrahim Bamgbopa redefined our perspectives on Education by taking us on the journey of Home Schooling and gave us a brief into Galvert Educational Curriculum. He took us through and gave some current learning resources for Nigerian and British Curriculums as well as for Darussalam section. These materials have complemented our archive of e-learning resources. We have upgraded our effort to satisfying the

differentiation in the categories of learners - Visual learners, Kinesthetic learners and Auditory learners.



The interactive session has helped us to

further redefine some strategies and concepts of teaching and this has enabled VISA staff to perform better and VISA students to enjoy more flexibility in learning.

Mr. Ibrahim Bamgbopa has an Msc. He is the Head of Project Management Office. Project Engineer PMI-PMP & RMP, LEED AP BD+C,CCP,ENV-SP, Certified ISO 31000. Lead Risk Mgr-(PECB), Certified Trainer - MUC Oil & Gas Engineering Consultancy.



He has worked on different educational research such as ".....demanding set of cost and management criteria by a rigorous examination, experience, education and ethical qualifications."

VISA STUDENTS PARLIAMENT

Another set of VISA Students Parliamentarians were inaugurated 12th October 2016. VISA witnessed another historical era as the honorable members of VISA parliamentary council conclude their elections and took The Visa Students' Parliament Oath of Office for the 2016/2017 academic session.



The elected executive members on a single file took the Parliament Oath of Office with the hand stamp of acceptance with an individual signature on the school wall of "what I want to be remembered for" They have since been working to uphold VISA students affairs with honour. They have done a great job in navigating the challenging pathway between aspirations and reality!



They have been involved in meal / menu concerns, ablution and solat management among other leadership roles within their constitutional rights!

TAKING THE MANTLE OF LEADERSHIP

Students and pupils democratically elected their leaders into offices for the 2016/17 session - VISA Student Prefect Council.



Amongst them are: the Head Boy – Farhan Idrees and the Head Girl - Khadija Sa'ad Ahmed. At the primary school, we have Abubakar Garba Sadiq and Fatima Ahmed Gummi as the head boy and head girl respectively. They have since proved and justified the opportunities given to them to groom themselves and learn about leadership skills during their academic life.

They have used their leadership skills to help themselves and their peers in their practical life – by their involvement in meal , menu monitoring, ablution and solat management, team building and cooperation spirit, fostering confidence, creating responsibility sense among others.

VISA WALL OF FAME: MEET THE AWARDEES

FASTEST MATHEMATICAL BRAIN:



ABDULBASIT ORİYOMI

OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SPEAKER:



KHADIJAH MOHAMMAD AUDI

MOST RESPONSIVE:



MARYAM MOHAMMAD

MOST HUMBLE



MUSTAPHA AHMAD GUMI

MOST PROMPT IN ACHIEVEMENT RECORD BOOK ENDORSEMENT AND SUBMISSION:



HUZUZ AKHTAR ISAH



VERSATILE AND SMART:



ABDULRAHMAN YUSUF

club an asset to any school. Students have made their own cakes, taught themselves how to tie head gear, make throw pillow, apply make - up costumes among others.



TECHNICAL SKILLS

CLUB PROJECTS

ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB

There's been an explosion of interest in entrepreneurship at our school; this was against the background education given to our students. They have realized that successful entrepreneurs are not only out of commercial or business department; they're students of biology, physics, and English. They know that students have the opportunity to decide if entrepreneurship is something they might want to have in their future. The foundational role of startups in our economy makes an entrepreneurship



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SPECIAL PROJECT: VISA CLUB GREEN

During the period in view, VISA Students' Green Club members were introduced to the science of animal husbandry through the setting up of a poultry farm.

Thirty two (32) birds (two weeks old chicks) were brought and reared for nine (9) weeks with very low mortality rate. The students' (members) of the club were dedicated to the feeding and taking care of the birds throughout this period.

Twenty eight (28) birds survived and were sold to both parents and staff on the day of vacation at subsidized rate.



CENTER STAGE

Students with a talent and passion for drama adore nothing more than taking to the stage and performing to an audience. This term has seen two impressive performances with Achievers 1 students presenting a play titled 'SAY NO TO EXAMINATION MALPRACTICE'. The play was directed by Mr. Olawale AbdurRaheem. Also, students from Achievers 3 wowed their audience performing in the school's own production of HISTORY OF NIGERIAN CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT, directed by Mrs. Binta Fatima Ogohi. Both presentations were extremely well received by audiences and would remain evergreen.

CO-CURRICULAR LIFE

Getting it right

Acts of worship: This is an important feature of our school life. We memorise various prayers (adkars), learn their meanings and applications. We commence quiet reflection, moral and value-based education on the assembly. We help our students develop a sense of identity with the school; share their experiences, stories, anecdotes with others; provide them training in good social behavior desired in a global citizen; we motivate students by positive

reinforcement in the form of praise or rewards awarded in public.

Mathematics: A slot featuring common mistakes in mathematics and other key notes was held for the benefit of all students almost on a daily basis. The session was designed to correct mistakes students usually make in mathematics examinations. Examples of these mistakes (with correct answers) were presented using instructional materials followed by a short quiz to test how the concept had been grasped. The model had helped students performed brilliantly in classwork.

English Studies: An active participation of students' in all aspects of the English studies was achieved. One of the areas introduced included Spelling bees. Standard Expressions (British Pronunciation and accent) also featured and it focussed on training the students for international communication by removing the taint of the mother tongue in their spoken English. Public speaking, Etiquette and Social graces were also unraveled.

We believe the school assembly is a critical aspect of the school curriculum which has the potential to nurture a positive school ethos and the development of interpersonal intelligence.



Novel Creativity: The introduction of Sign Language to our school community was one of the very special packages planned with its uniqueness. Students were taught how to sign and interpret sign language on the assembly.



It has been an exciting experience for us all! Our students simply find it fascinating, beautiful, unique, graceful and expressive. The knowledge of Bilingualism is a great booster for brains.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS

PROGRESS REPORT

We are sending electronic results to your WhatsApp numbers. We have enclosed your child's academic performance for the First Term. Please check through the report sheet and your child's examination scripts, class notes, tests and assignments.

If you desire to discuss your child's progress with us, do feel free to do so during the holiday on school numbers or upon resumption.

END OF TERM/RESUMPTION

The first term which commenced on September 19, 2016 ends December 16, 2016.

The second term begins on Sunday, January 8, 2017 with resumption of boarding students and Monday January 9, 2017 for day students.

This is the first of our new e-newsletters and we hope that you find it an effective way of keeping you updated about what's happening in the school.

We welcome your feedback on this and any other aspect of the school's work and we enjoin you to contact us at any time.

KEY DATES FOR 2017

Feb 1st & 2nd (VISA Qur'an competition)

Feb 16th (Open Day)

March 4th (VISA Inter-house Sport Day)

March 13th (National Commonwealth Day)

March 21st (VISA Commonwealth Day)

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

- Enrolment for Cambridge May/June examination usually takes place in January. This includes the Checkpoint, IGCSE examinations. Parents will be informed early in January of the examination fees.

- Registration fee for the two Basic Education Certificate Examination

(Junior Secondary School Certificate Examination) namely National Examinations Commission Examinations for Junior Secondary School Students and Education Resource Centre Exams for Junior Secondary School Students will soon commence. We will inform parents of the exam fees in January 2017. Exam Period is March – May.

ADMISSION! ADMISSION! ADMISSION!!

Voyage International School, Abuja (VISA), hereby announces its supplementary Entrance Examinations into:

1. Creche
 2. Nursery
 3. Primary and
 4. Secondary (Day and Boarding)
- Entrance Exam holds on Saturday 7th January, 2017 at the School Premises.

For Inquiries Call:
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Discount packages for family of three and above apply!



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SPECIAL FOCUS: VISA EARLY YEARS



MUSLIM JIBRIN IN ACTION!



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CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES



THE YOUNG SHALL GROW: A CHILD IMITATING ADULTS



JOLLY HAPPY CHILDREN!



WALL OF FAME: ALIYU ELAYO ABDULAZEEZ
BEST IN SPELLING BEE



WALL OF FAME: SHASMEEN AJIBADE
BEST DANCER



ALL WORK AND NO PLAY MAKES JACK A
DULL BOY





SWIMMING TIME IS FUN!



A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



MORE EARLY YEARS PHOTO SPEAKS...



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