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FG WARNS AGAINST FLOUTING COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

...Rolls out Schedule for National Examinations



■ Hon. Chukwuemeka Nwajuiba, The Honourable Minister of State for Education.

The Federal Government has warned against flouting the various protocols on COVID-19 as well as guidelines aimed at curbing the spread of the virus.

The warning was not unconnected with the release of a comprehensive schedule for the various National Examinations for exit classes which would start from 17th August to 18th November, 2020.

A statement, emanating from the Minister of State for Education, Hon. Chukwuemeka Nwajuiba, on Wednesday, 29th July, 2020 in Abuja after series of meetings with Chief

Executives of examination bodies in the country and made available to JAMB Bulletin, said that wearing face masks by candidates, using hand sanitizers and adhering to other safety measures are mandatory henceforth. The statement reads in part: "It is compulsory for parents and candidates to wear face masks on the various examination days while also carrying along with them, alcohol-based hand sanitizers."

The Minister further disclosed that the West African Secondary School Certificate Examinations (WASSCE) will start on 17th August, 2020, while the National Business and Technical Examination Board, (NABTEB)

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JAMB REGISTRAR BAGS AITP AWARD

The Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has bagged the prestigious Academia in Information Technology Professional (AITP) Award.

The Award was in recognition of Prof. Oloyede's superlative performance in office as well as his immense contributions to the development of Information Technology in Nigeria.

Along with Prof. Oloyede, six other prominent Nigerians who have

distinguished themselves in the development of ICT in the country were also conferred with Awards by AITP at the 2020 Virtual International Conference on Information Technology in Education and Development (ITED).

AITP is an affiliate group with the Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) aiming at promoting quality research in education especially in the fields of Computer Science, Information Technology and other relevant fields.

AITP, the umbrella body for all IT scholars

in Universities, Polytechnics, Monotechnics, Colleges of Education, Research Institutes and Academia in Parastatals and Ministries, was birthed three years ago. Interestingly, within its short lifespan, it has succeeded in bridging the gap between academia and industry by collaborating with the latter through the promotion of quality and high impact industrial research as well as sponsorship of workshops.

The President of AITP, Prof. Afolayan Obiniyi, justifying the Awards in an

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examinations will start on 21st September and end on 15th October, 2020.

Other details of the schedule indicate that the Senior Secondary School Certificate Examinations (SSCE) for SS3, conducted by NECO, will start on 5th October and end on 18th November, 2020.

The Basic Education Certificate Examinations (BECE) for JSS 3, also conducted by NECO, will start on 24th August and end on 7th September, 2020.

Hon. Nwajuba also stated that the National Common Entrance Examination (NCEE), which is a one-day examination conducted by NECO for intending applicants into Unity Colleges (JSS1) would be conducted during the period

allotted for the NECO Senior Secondary Certificate Examinations, i.e. on Saturday, 17th October, 2020.

Meanwhile, registration for NECO (SSCE), which is ongoing, will end on 10th September, 2020 and there shall be no extension for the exercise whatsoever.

The statement further indicates that the National Board for Arabic and Islamic Studies (NBAIS) examinations will commence on Wednesday, 23rd September and end on 17th October, 2020.

The Minister, therefore, directed all examination bodies to release to the general public details of their examination timetables in the next seven

days.

Present at the meeting, which was chaired by the Honourable Minister of State for Education, were the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Arc. Sonny Echono; Registrar, Joint Admissions Matriculations Board, (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede; Registrar, National Examinations Council, (NECO), Prof. Godswill Obioma; Registrar, National Business and Technical Examination Board, (NABTEB) Prof. Ifeoma Isiugo-Abanihe; Dr. Yusuf Abbas Raji, representing the Registrar, National Board for Arabic and Islamic Studies, (NBAIS) as well as the Zonal Coordinator, Abuja, Dr. J. O. Oke representing the HNO, West African Examination Council (WAEC).

CORONAVIRUS: EXIT CLASSES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO REOPEN AUGUST 4TH

Secondary schools in the country are to reopen for only exit classes from 4th August, 2020.

The resumption notice was contained in a statement signed by the Director, Press and Public Relations, Federal Ministry of Education, Mr. Ben Goong. According to the press release, concerned students would have two weeks within which to prepare for the West African Secondary School Certificate Examinations (WASSCE) due to start on 17th August, 2020.

Mr. Goong said in the statement, "These were the unanimous decisions

reached recently at a virtual consultative meeting between the Federal Ministry of Education, Honourable Commissioners for Education of the 36 States, the Nigerian Union of Teachers, (NUT), Proprietors of Private Schools, and Chief Executives of examination bodies in the country."

Continuing, the statement reads, "It was agreed that only the exit classes should resume immediately after the Sallah break, from 4th August, 2020, to enable them prepare for the WASSCE scheduled to commence on 17th August, 2020."

Furthermore, Mr. Goong stated that the

meeting also resolved that a passionate appeal would be made to the Federal Government through the Presidential Task Force on Covid-19 and public-spirited Nigerians to render assistance to schools across the country to enable them fast-track their preparations for safe reopening as agreed.

Mr. Goong had disclosed that it was at another meeting convened shortly after that the Federal Ministry of Education and Chief Executives of examination bodies namely, NECO, NABTEB and NBAIS, agreed to harmonise their examination dates.

"BE GOOD AMBASSADORS OF THE BOARD" ...Kaduna Zonal Office Director Tells Staff



■ Malami Salihu, Zonal Director, Kaduna Zonal Office (1st right); Mohammed Augie, Coordinator, Kebbi State Office (middle) with other staff of Kebbi State Office during the Director's inspection visit.

The Zonal Director, Kaduna, Mr. Malami Salihu, has charged staff of Kebbi State JAMB Office to be good ambassadors of the Board and be dedicated to duty.

Mr. Salihu enjoined the staff to eschew any act that is inimical to the growth of the Board and be above board wherever they find themselves.

Mr. Salihu gave this charge when he paid an inspection visit to Kebbi State Office, Wednesday, 29th July, 2020 while on a working visit to State Offices within his jurisdiction.

During the visit, the Zonal Director also sensitised members of staff of the State Office on the dangers of COVID-19 and the need to adhere strictly to all safety measures put in place by the Federal Government and the Management of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) under the leadership of its indefatigable Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, to stem the spread of the pandemic.

Mr. Salihu commended the Registrar for his forthrightness, vision and untiring efforts to change the fortunes of the Board with landmark initiatives.

He said the various measures put in place by Management are not only for the safety of the Board's staff but also candidates, clients and stakeholders as well who may want to seek the services of the Board.

Earlier, the Kebbi State Coordinator, Mr. Muhammed Augie, had briefed the visiting Director on the activities of the State Office and thanked him for the visit just as he promised to take the advice seriously.

On COVID-19, he said there is no known cure for the virus. He urged the staff to protect themselves saying a healthy workforce is a pride of any result-oriented organisation like JAMB. He urged staff to take advantage of the facilities provided to enhance their efficiency adding that to whom much is given, much is expected.

EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

DAILY INDEPENDENT, SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020 –Adeleke University, Ede, Inaugurates New VC: Prof. Solomon Adebola has been inaugurated as the new Vice-Chancellor, Adeleke University, Ede in Osun. Speaking at the inauguration at the university premises in Ede, Adebola said he would ensure that the institution provides quality education and smooth academic calendar based on godliness, fairness and firmness.

DAILY INDEPENDENT, SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020 –EKSG Introduces Teaching of ICT from Primary School, Reviews Laws: Ekiti State Government on Saturday, 25 July 2020, announced the introduction of new education policy that will accommodate the mandate teaching of Information, Communication and Technology (ICT), from primary school level. The new policy was part of decisions taken on Friday, 24 July 2020, at a virtual meeting of the State Executive Council, presided over by Gov. Kayode Fayemi.

DAILY INDEPENDENT, SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020 –TETFund to Incorporate Private Institutes, Non-State Entities in N7.5bn Research Grant-Bogoro: The Tertiary Education Trust Fund, (TETFund) has said it would involve non-state entities and also invite private research institutes and educational institutions for research purposes in the N7.5 billion research grant recently approved by the federal government. This announcement came as the Ministry of Science and Technology said it had begun collaboration with TETFund to ensure the country's economy was driven by research and development. **Also in Daily Trust, Monday, July 27, 2020**

PUNCH, MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020 –Lagos Schools Hold Virtual Graduation for Pupils: Some private schools in Lagos State have held virtual graduation ceremony for their pupils as part of initiatives to cope with challenges of COVID-19 pandemic. Proprietors of the schools felt that though the schools are on lockdown due to the ongoing pandemic, it

should not stop them from virtually earning their certificates and graduations. They added that the children had finished their classes online and had done their assessments.

DAILY INDEPENDENT, TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020 –VC Applauds FG Over Reopening of Schools for Exit Classes: The Vice-Chancellor, Trinity University, Lagos, Prof. Charles Ayo, has commended the Federal Government for reopening schools for students in exit classes to take public examinations.

DAILY TRUST, TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020 –WASSCE: Students Optimistic as Teachers, Parents Fear Mass Failure: Graduating students in secondary schools across the country have expressed joy over the reopening of schools for them to write their final year examinations with many of them admitting that they were tired of staying at home and saw the reopening of schools as a glad tiding. However, teachers and some parents expressed mixed feelings with some of them predicting mass failure considering that their students and children have been at home due to coronavirus.

PUNCH, TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020 –Osun Announces Guidelines for Schools Reopening: Osun State Government has announced guidelines for the partial reopening of schools for students in the exit classes. The government said the unanimous decision was reached at a virtual consultative meeting between the Federal Ministry of Education, committed missionaries for education of the 36 states, the Nigerian Union of Teachers, the Proprietors of Private Schools and Chief Executives of examination bodies. According to the outcome of the meeting, it was agreed that teachers should resume on Tuesday, August 4 2020 while students would resume on Thursday, August 6 2020. Parents are expected to provide face

masks/nose covers for their children or wards, while principals and proprietors of schools are expected to ensure a tidy environment with desks arranged at least two meters apart.

PUNCH, THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2020 –FG Releases Schedules for WASSCE, NECO, NABTEB Exams: The federal government has released a comprehensive schedule for the conduct of terminal examinations for exit classes spanning from 17th August to 8th November, 2020 starting with the West African Examination Council's SSCE on the 17th August, 2020. The Minister of State for Education, Hon. Chukwuemeka Nwajuiba, who made the announcement, said the Senior Secondary School Certificate Examinations, (SSCE) for SS3, conducted by NECO will start on the 5th of October and end on 18th of November 2020 while the National Business and Technical Examination Board, (NABTEB) examinations will start on the 21st September and end by 15th October, 2020. Furthermore, the National Board for Arabic and Islamic Studies, (NBAIS) examination will commence on Wednesday, 23rd September and end on 17th October, 2020. Also, the National Common Entrance Examination, (NCEE) which is a one-day NECO examination for intending applicants into Unity Colleges (JSS1), will run in-between the Senior Secondary Certificate Examinations i.e. on Saturday, 17th October, 2020. **Also in Daily Trust, Thursday, July 30, 2020**

PUNCH, THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2020 – Osun Warns Private Schools Against Unauthorised Reopening: Osun State Government has warned private school owners in the state against illegal reopening of schools. According to a statement by the State Commissioner for Information and Civic Orientation, Funke Egbemode, the government had it on good authority that some private schools were planning to reopen under the cover of the partial reopening of schools to students in exit classes for the purpose of writing the

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West African Senior Secondary Certificate Examination. Egbemode warned that any private school not registered for WASSCE but found operating under the cover of the partial reopening would face the full wrath of the law.

PUNCH, THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2020 – Task Force’II Enforce COVID-19 Guidelines in Schools: The Rivers State Government has set up a task force to monitor and enforce strict compliance with COVID-19 guidelines ahead of the August 4 school resumption for exit classes. The State Commissioner for Education, Prof. Kaniye Ebeku stated that the state was prepared for the resumption announced by the Federal

Government.

THE NATION, THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2020 – 518 Sports Administrators, Teachers Train for New Normal: No less than 518 administrators and teachers have participated in a three-day retreat facilitated by the Nigeria School Sports Federation (NSSF) in affiliation with the International School Sports Federation. The training which was tagged “Towards Effective Teaching of Physical and Health Education and Management of School Sports in the New Normal” was organized to prepare teachers and sports administrators manage sport activities with the restrictions forced by the COVID-19

pandemic.

VANGUARD, THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2020 – COVID-19 Fallouts: Time to Take Quality of Teachers Serious-Ajiboye, TRCN Boss: Registrar, Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria, TRCN, Prof. Josiah Ajiboye, has said with the new normal the coronavirus pandemic imposing on education globally, it has become expedient to take the quality of teacher who would mould our future leaders serious. He added that it was in the light of this that the TRCN was stepping up its activities to rid the system of quacks and assist those who want to be trained and certificated as professional teachers.

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...JAMB Registrar Bags AITP Award

interaction with *JAMBulletin*, said, "The roles our awardees played in the development of Information Technology in Nigeria cannot be overlooked, hence, we are recognising their contributions to this our noble profession."

The AITP President said Prof. Oloyede during his five-year administration as Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, was able to turn around the fortunes of the University and its ratings soared among African Universities. In the same vein, Prof. Oloyede assumed duty as the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) on 6th August, 2016 and in the space of three years, was also able to revamp the fortunes of the four-decade-old examination body."

Prof. Obiniyi also recalled that the Registrar, on assumption of duty back in 2016, had instituted a five-point agenda, which, among other things, emphasised the need to partner with relevant stakeholders to develop a robust technology infrastructure that would ease the operations of the Board and achieve organisational effectiveness and efficiency.

Continuing, he said, "It was on record that it was Prof. Oloyede's administration that abolished the corruption-ridden scratch card system and introduced e-pin vending. This singular act, coupled with transparent and prudent use of resources

led, to the mind-blowing remittance of over N22 billion to the federal coffers in less than three years."

According to Prof. Obiniyi, other ICT-induced achievements included Candidate-Centred Initiative to ease the registration process through profile creation where candidates just send their names to a USSD Code and they are registered adding that the innovation has reduced crowds at the various centres during UTME registration exercise.

He said, "Also noteworthy was the introduction of CCTV cameras at CBT centres to monitor happenings during the UTME and this has greatly helped in deterring would-be examination cheats from perpetrating their unwholesome acts. This is a novel initiative that has been applauded globally."

"The invaluable contributions of technology to the development of the Board's e-testing had effectively reduced cases of examination malpractice to the barest minimum while improving service delivery."

The AITP President also cited the introduction of the Integrated Brochure Syllabus System (IBASS) to assist candidates to navigate the ever-increasing number of tertiary institutions in the country. He said this facility has also provided ample opportunities for higher institutions, regulatory bodies and prospective candidates to have seamless

interactions with the brochure in terms of courses/programmes, entry requirements, waivers and quota, etc."

The highly-elated Prof. Obiniyi was also impressed with the automation of the admission process into tertiary institutions through the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) and other numerous innovations.

He observed that CAPS is devoid of human interference and, as such, guarantees fairness, credibility and thoroughness in the admissions process.

In terms of test deployment, he commended the Board's migration from VSAT to VPN of Telcos with the corresponding reduction in the cost of test transmission.

In concluding his speech, the AITP President also mentioned the strict adherence to the extant guidelines on financial disclosure through the weekly publication of its financial dealings for public scrutiny. It is to be noted that the Board's weekly bulletin, *JAMBulletin*, features the weekly income and expenditure of the Board.

Prof. Oloyede was honoured alongside six other awardees, namely: Prof. Mrs. Adenike O. Osofisan, Prof. Charles O. Uwadia, Prof. David O. Adewumi, Prof. Adesola G. Aderounmu and Prof. AbdulRasheed Na'Allah.





JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD JULY 25 - JULY 31, 2020

FINANCIAL INFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (N)
1	E-FACILITIES/SALES	15,815,131.00
2	CBT CENTRE SERVICE CHARGE	42,631.00
	TOTAL	15,857,762.00

FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

OUTFLOW			
S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT(N)
1	Staff Claims & Welfare	Various	38,865,646.06
2	Remita	Bank charges	125,775.00
3	Outsourced Service	Cleaning Service	4,111,062.50
4	CBT Centre	2020UTME	1,926,900.00
5	Supervision of exam	2020UTME	226,340.00
6	Outsourced Service	Agency Service	5,195,000.00
7	De-Lawtech Computers Ltd	Maintenance of equipment	1,448,910.53
8	Cummins West Africa Ltd	Maintanance of Generators	462,789.97
9	De- Damak Nigeria Ltd.	Purchase of Motor Vehicles	36,000,000.00
10	Sabkon Integrated Ltd.	Internet Data	100,000.00
11	Outsourced Service	Gatemen Service	829,609.25
	TOTAL		89,292,033.31

JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN AUGUST 3RD 2020 – AUGUST 9TH 2020

Happy Birthday

3RD AUGUST

Michael Adamu Yoks
Mary Ejugwu Gabriel
Mahmud Bello
Boladale Christaina
Egbedokun M. Adeoye

4TH AUGUST

Gbolagade Micah Ojedele
Mark Bustwat Haruna
Salisu Ibrahim Maigida

5TH AUGUST

Matthew Chukwu Ezeugo

Linus Okpaga Ekpiri
Mary Norbert Modey-Ntol
Bara'atu Abubakar
Olanike Olusola Odekunle

7TH AUGUST

Mohammed Ogiri Otaki
Amina Wada Tabiu
Aliyu Mohammed Yakubu
Hindatu Iftisan Umar

8TH AUGUST

Modupe Mary Ajao
Nonye Mercy Ikechukwu

Florence Ugochukwu Udaya
Fatimah Hajiya Muhammad
Josephine David
Baba Abba Musa
Aminatu Garba
Njireka Moses Yamusa
Tomilola Damilola Akala
Hameedat Adebola Abbas

9TH AUGUST

Ramatu Buba Gashua
Aliyu Muhammad
Ojochide Ibrahim
Tina Bagan Kaliat





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ZONAL AND STATE OFFICES OF THE BOARD

S/N	ZONAL OFFICE	STATES IN THE ZONE
1.	Abuja	Federal Capital Territory, Kwara, Niger and Kogi
2.	Bauchi	Bauchi, Gombe and Taraba
3.	Benin	Edo and Delta
4.	Enugu	Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu and Imo
5.	Ibadan	Ekiti, Ondo, Osun and Oyo
6.	Kaduna	Kebbi, Sokoto, Kaduna and Zamfara
7.	Kano	Jigawa, Kano and Katsina
8.	Lafia	Benue, Nasarawa and Plateau
9.	Lagos	Lagos and Ogun
10.	Maiduguri	Adamawa, Borno and Yobe
11.	Port-Harcourt	Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross River and Rivers

Zonal Offices bear the names of the towns they are located.



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