

DAY WATERMAN COLLEGE



# NEWSLETTER

February 2022







1		Corona Secondary School	81991 pts
2		The Westminster School Dubai	57575 pts
3		Atlantic Hall School	43005 pts
4		Day Waterman College, Nigeria	37457 pts
5		Avenor College	35432 pts
6		Sohar International School	28006 pts
7		St George's, The English International School - DUISBURG-DÜSSELDORF	27418 pts
8		British International School Lagos	25614 pts
9		The Regent Primary School Abuja	25114 pts
10		Rainbow International School	23245 pts

# THE MANGAHIGH COBIS MATH CHALLENGE, 2022

By Mrs. Adenike Idowu, Mathematics Teacher

Mangahigh is a British company based in London, owned by the German Westermann Gruppe. It is one of the world's first gamification platforms for Mathematics, helping students develop a conceptual understanding of key topics and building their confidence in the subject. The company is dedicated to the creation of digital resources for teaching and learning Mathematics through playful and competitive games for schools. Magahigh.com published in both English and Portuguese is marketed to primary and secondary schools globally and tailored to the specific curriculum in each country. The system consists of around 700 HTML-based online activities for different maths topics which allow teachers to personalize instructions based on the learning needs of the students.

It operates in 132 countries of the world.

The Mangahigh COBIS Math Challenge which is an online competition in partnership with the Council of International British Schools (COBIS) is the brainchild of Mangahigh. In 2021, Day Waterman College participated in the competition with a little effort on the part of the students, but the result was not so impressive due to some teething problems. Therefore, early this year, with all hands on deck and adequate sensitization

and supervision by the Staff of Mathematics/ICT Department on the impact of the competition on the students, we set sail for the challenge.

The 2022 Competition was held between 24th- 31st. January with 150 COBIS schools on board globally.

The seven days of the challenge was an admixture of hope and despair for the students who were saddled with the responsibility of taking up the challenge in addition to their primary duties in the school.

It was indeed challenging!

However, by dint of hard work, perseverance, resilience, and endurance (High Performance Learning skills showcased all the way), the students were able to reflect their knowledge with DWC coming 4th among 150 schools that participated in the competition, winning a \$200 Amazon Voucher for the school and Digital Certificates for students with 200+ points in the competition. The department also rewarded participants with 200+ points with merit points and badges on Satchel One.

It was indeed fun-filled and challenging after all!



## WHY THE INTRODUCTION OF PLASTIC PACKAGING?

By Chimenweratu Okafor and Iniabasi Olaloku, Eco Prefects

There have been minimal modifications in the manner our meals as students are served. The introduction of plastic containers is one of the most significant innovations. As a result, we decided to answer some of the questions that various students have daily. We went to check out the real reason

for this innovation with the Heads of KOTS Catering here at Day Waterman College, especially since plastic is detrimental to our environment, and there was a segment of the last Science Day called S2PP (Say No To Plastic Pollution). Mr. Victor (new head) and Miss Omo were gracious enough to sit down

## WHY THE INTRODUCTION OF PLASTIC PACKAGING? (cont'd)

with us for an interview. The following are the outcomes:

**Q. How has your experience been working in DWC so far?**

A. New environment has been a good experience so far but has also been challenging.

**Q. What was the reason for introducing plastic packaging for some of our meals?**

A. The plastic containers were introduced to reduce wastage. However, over time, I have noticed that there is still wastage because students still only take a little out of the portion they have chosen and then throw away the rest. They were also introduced to keep the food hot and fresh. They are used so that the food portions are still fresh to eat and are presentable. Plastic containers were introduced to help people have the right portion they desire. If they really like the meal, then they are allowed to come back and collect extra portions. This new introduction has reduced the amount of wastage, but unfortunately, not eradicated it.

**Q. Are you aware that the use of plastic is harmful to our environment?**

A. Yes, I am, however the plastic is harmful when preheated and I do not allow the plastic to be put in an environment where it can be preheated. All the food is heated and warmed

before entering the plastic containers.

**Q. How do you feel about DWC students wasting food? Is it a major concern for you?**

A. It is a major concern, and due to this, I have an idea of giving a survey to all the students a day ahead of their meals, and then, depending on how many people pick a certain meal, the quantity of that meal that would be prepared. This is still to be worked on.

**Q. How much food, on average gets wasted every day?**

A. Carbohydrates are more wasted than the protein being served. On a daily basis, up to 40kg of mainly carbohydrates is wasted by the students.

**Q. What happens to the food after it enters the bin?**

A. All the food that is wasted and put in the bin ends up being thrown away.

Fellow, students, with this, I hope you will feel obliged to stop wasting food, as there are many others in the world who do not have the same opportunities that you do. Finally, if you have any recommendations for further ways to reduce food wastage or ways to utilize already wasted food in an environmentally responsible manner, please contact the Eco Prefects. Thank you very much.

## WORD OF THE WEEK

By Maryam Modibbo (Year 8)

**PALPABLE** *pal-pa-ble* | \ 'pal-pə-bəl

Adjective



### Definition:

1. So obvious that it can easily be seen or known, or (of a feeling) so strong that it seems as if it can be touched or physically felt.
2. Capable of being touched or felt
3. Easily perceptible by the mind

### Synonyms

- appreciable,
- apprehensible,
- detectable,
- discernible
- distinguishable,
- perceptible,
- sensible

### Antonyms

- impalpable,
- imperceptible,
- inappreciable,
- indistinguishable,
- insensible,
- undetectable

## NEWS AROUND US

By Olumurewa Adegbite (Year 8)

- **January 15, 2022** – Houston area school reported gunshots. Two students were shot, one of whom died later in the hospital. Police have arrested two suspects, but no other information has been released.
- Large chemical fire in New Jersey 'worst I've ever seen', mayor says
- One firefighter reportedly injured tackling blaze in Passaic
- Smoke so thick it was smelled in neighbouring New York City
- **January 16** – Authorities in North Carolina have responded to more than 400 crashes since midnight due to winter weather and East Coast storm pummels
- Covid-19 in Bulgaria: In past week, 526 deaths, record number of new cases
- **January 17** – Dean for the National School of Tropical Medicine Dr. Peter Hotez said Monday that a fourth dose of the Covid-19 vaccine would be "too late" to combat Omicron in the United States.
- **January 18** – The percentage of COVID-19-positive hospital patients admitted to intensive care units in Los Angeles County is rising slowly, despite suggestions that the omicron variant of the virus causes less serious infections, health officials said Tuesday
- The Biden administration has planned to buy 1 billion home tests, starting with a first wave of 500 million to order this week. As of Friday, the United States had provided 420 million tests so far, and officials said they were working to complete the final 80 million.
- **January 19** – The U.N. on Tuesday condemned airstrikes by the Saudi-Emirati coalition against a Houthi target in Sana'a, Yemen, that killed some 20 people overnight
- **January 20** – The average contiguous U.S. temperature was 31.0°F, 0.9°F above the 20th-century average, ranking in the middle third of the 128-year record and was the coolest January since 2014.
- **January 21** – Crypto.com admits that the company lost well over \$30 million in Bitcoin and Ethereum after a hack that took place on January 17th. The total value of the unauthorized withdrawals was equivalent to roughly \$15.2 million and \$18.6 million respectively, at current exchange rates – as well as \$66,200 worth of other currencies.
- The FBI and police from multiple European countries and Canada have taken down 15 computer servers that were used in "major international cyberattacks," law enforcement agencies said.
- **February 1** – The US denies it carried out military operations in Russian territorial waters, after Moscow said a Russian naval vessel chased away a US submarine in its waters in the Pacific.
- **February 2** – US Army will now immediately begin to separate soldiers who refuse



# DESMOND TUTU

By Jadesola Okunubi, Year 10

Desmond Tutu . . . a revolutionary . . . an icon . . . a legend.

Just last term in our Religious Education class, we were assigned a research task detailing Desmond Tutu's impacts in the world we know today. Popularly dubbed as 'South Africa's moral compass' or its "naughty uncle", his story is one of perseverance, dedication and most importantly – amaranthine love.

Born on the 7th of October 1931 to Zachariah and Dorothea Tutu, Desmond Tutu's early life was not necessarily a bed of roses. Being the second born of his parents' five children, he adored his family but was often angered by his father's excessive alcohol consumption and domestic violence towards his mother. Despite all this, Tutu was greatly endeared to his father for his education, as he was taught in missionary schools where his father was employed in. Though he wanted a medical career, he became a schoolteacher in 1955 due to lack of funds for further training.

Afterwards, Tutu resigned in 1957 after only two years of working there to attend St. Peter's Theological College in Johannesburg and eventually was ordained as an Anglican priest in 1961. Things started to improve for the 30-year-old-priest as he moved to London to obtain his M.A. from King's College London. He gradually climbed up the success ladder; working as an associate director for the World Council of Churches, becoming dean of St Mary's



Cathedral and Bishop of Lesotho from 1976 to 1978 – the first black man to obtain such power!

In 1978 Tutu accepted an appointment as the general secretary of the South African Council of Churches and became a leading spokesperson for the rights of Black South Africans, a decision which prompted his human rights activism, drawing national and international attention to the infamous apartheid which divided South Africa. Due to such, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984, which aided his appointment as Johannesburg's first Black Anglican Bishop and Cape Town's first Black archbishop, a historic win for South Africans and the civil rights movement.

Eventually, Tutu retired in 1990 after a long and fulfilling career, however, he began to author and co-author numerous books and publications, for which he was awarded the US Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest award a civilian could obtain for this role in changing his nation.

Tutu passed away on Boxing Day, 2021 to be reunited with his Lord and Saviour, to whom he had dedicated his entire life serving.

## NEWS AROUND US (cont'd)

Covid-19 vaccination.

- Venezuelans say deportations Biden denounced under Trump still taking place.
- **February 3** – A group of fanatic illegal Israeli colonizers attacked, on Wednesday evening, several Palestinians on their lands in the Jabal Jales.
- Facebook owner Meta Platforms Inc's (FB.O) shares plunged more than 20% late on Wednesday after the social media company posted a weaker-than-expected forecast, blaming Apple's privacy changes.
- **February 4** – Children younger than 5 in the US could soon begin receiving Covid-19 vaccinations.
- A federal judge in Oregon ruled that all inmates must receive the vaccine immediately, moving them ahead of senior citizens in the state.
- **February 5** – Hackers in Pennsylvania intercepted a Covid-19 vaccine hotline. The service was meant to help people 65 and older schedule their appointments to get the vaccine. The hacker diverted many calls without the callers knowing, according to an official report.
- **February 6** – US ambassador to the United Nations comments on strengthening ties between Moscow and Beijing
- International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation celebrated.
- **February 7** – US figure skater Vincent Zhou will not compete on Tuesday after testing positive for Covid-19.
- The first full week of February 2022 will be one of the driest in more than 30 years from Rio Grande do Sul to southern portions of Mato Grosso and Brazil.
- **February 8** – States reconsider mask mandates as COVID cases fall.
- United States legislators have held a moment of silence at the Capitol to mark 900,000 COVID deaths in the country.

## PROVERBS: A TREASURE CHEST OF WISDOM

By Mrs. Christiana Emmanuel – Editor, DWC Newsletter

“Do not count your chickens before they are hatched.”  
English Proverb

**Meaning:** Do not raise your expectations about something. They may prove false; and hence, cause dismay.

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”  
English Proverb

**Meaning:** It is better and easier to stop a problem, illness, etc., from happening than to correct it after it has started.



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**The words of our elders are wise sayings.**

# POEMS - LOOKING AHEAD

*By Olamide Oladipo, Year 8*

It was all  
perfect,  
Life was perfect,  
Now it's all inevitable  
reminiscing,  
Nothing but numbness  
to gain,  
It's pathetic how I'm  
unable to find a solution of any kind



My mind,  
Filled with confessions and emotions,  
Emotions the world doesn't deserve to  
ever know,  
Thoughts whispering in my ears,  
A desperate cry for help.

Was it cold nights that made me cold?  
Does the stress increase my hunger?  
Does the stress increase my desire?  
Tell a lie then make a promise  
Watch them lie straight to your face

It's easy to stay in a state of ingratitude,  
Focusing on all the things you wanted  
but didn't get,  
Especially when you feel like you earned  
it  
You worked hard did everything that  
was right  
And still didn't get it

It hurts so much,  
The pain the world gives me,  
Like an arrow in a blue sky  
Why don't I just end it all?  
But a day will come

A day will come when...  
The sun will smile at us  
The birds will sing as loud as ever  
The trees will dance ever so gracefully  
The animals will dance for joy

Just wait for that day  
The future isn't guaranteed  
It's been rocky road  
But I'm looking ahead  
Waiting for my picture-perfect play

All being perfect.  
Life being perfect.  
It's all inevitable reminiscing,  
Yet with nothing but numbness to gain,  
Solutions escape me while I dance in  
vain.

My mind,  
Filled with confessions and emotions-  
Emotions the world doesn't deserve to

ever know.  
Thoughts whispering in my ears-  
Desperately crying for help.

Was it cold nights that made me frozen?  
Does the stress increase my hunger?  
Does the pressure increase my desire?  
Tell a lie then make a promise  
Watch them lie at your face

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*By Ibilayo Abudu, Year 11*

Emptiness and  
Darkness  
It's not black, just  
nothingness.  
Opening and closing  
makes no difference,  
Only infuriates me and  
stimulates my impatience.



A bundle of joy brought into the dark  
A long journey I would have to embark  
on  
The world, full of colorful variation  
But for me it's left to my imagination.

Taken away before I even got the  
chance  
I could not even take a glance.  
Pain and sorrow were what I felt at first;  
As I lived on, I thought I was cursed.

They betrayed me and took my sight;  
The only thing left in me was fright  
Glowing trees. Radiant buildings. Vivid  
people, everything was as dark as the  
night.

Looking ahead, something I can't seem  
to comprehend  
For those who can, I commend  
Is that even possible? Having to see with  
your mind  
That's just how it is, being blind.

*By Edidiong I. Cornel, Year 11*

Whether there be dark  
or shadow,  
Every moon will rise.

Whether there be joy or  
sorrow,  
Impact will be made.  
Love will grow wings  
Life will follow.



So, endure  
Torture. Torment. Fill running  
Rivers with your blood and tears. Yet,  
In you a soul will bloom once more.  
Demons sprout and poison too as  
Even the strong of heart bruise

Indeed, towards a tomorrow, a light will  
guide you in the deep of  
Night. Your blinded moments  
Tilt into glory  
Once you peel away the pain.

Touch of fingers against your eyes  
linger, while  
Healing sprouts through layers of doubt.  
Evil will try to blind you

Seasons will try to shame you  
Underlying pain will try to reach you.  
But hope will find you.  
Now, open your eyes. Now, see the sun.  
Look ahead.

*By Oluwatosin Ibijesudun Adeyemi,  
Year 10*

The painful past steers  
tears  
But the future brews  
hope  
Even with the silencing  
tone of the present,  
Looking ahead is all  
we do







# AFRICA IS NOT A COUNTRY: ZAMBIA

By Naomi Chukwujindu (Year 11) and Anaya Olufosoye (Year 9)

Zambia in southern Africa, is a landlocked country of rugged terrain and diverse wildlife, with many parks and safari areas. On its border with Zimbabwe is famed Victoria Falls – indigenously called Mosi-oa-Tunya, or “Smoke That Thunders” – plunging a misty 108m (about the height of the Statue of Liberty) into narrow Batoka Gorge. Spanning the Zambezi River just below the falls is Victoria Falls Bridge, a spectacular viewpoint! Large parts of Zambia are thinly populated. Much of its population is concentrated in the country’s most developed area—known as the Line of Rail—which is served by the railway linking the Copperbelt with Lusaka, the capital, and with the border town of Livingstone.

Most Zambians speak Bantu languages of the Niger-Congo language family and are descended from farming and metal-using peoples who settled in the region over the past 2,000 years. Cultural traditions in the northeast and northwest show influences and migrations from the upper Congo basin. There are also some descendants of hunters and gatherers who seem to have been pushed back into the Kalahari, the Bangweulu and Lukanga swamps, and the Kafue Flats. In the 19th century, invaders arrived from the south: the Ngoni settled in the east, while the Kololo briefly ruled the Lozi in the upper Zambezi valley. Europeans began to enter in significant numbers in the late 19th century.

Would you like to know Zambia’s nutrition?

Zambia’s staple food is maize. Nshima makes up the main part of Zambian meals and is made from pounded white maize. It is served with “relish”, stew and vegetables and eaten by hand (preferably the right hand). Nshima is eaten during lunch and dinner. The typical Zambian diet is heavy on starch and comfort



Zambian girls



A Zambian masquerade and some dances

foods such as stews, soups and beans. Zambia’s most popular lager is called Mosi, taken from the original name for Victoria Falls. But in rural areas, you’re more likely to see locals drinking maize or sorghum beer, which is often homemade.

Fashion-wise, the style of traditional clothing varies from tribe to tribe. Generally, however, women usually wear loose dresses or long skirts and a blouse. Long trousers and loose-fitting cotton shirts are preferred by most men. Also, an important and concerning aspect is the rise in popularity of secondhand clothing

in the country. Interestingly too, if you’ve travelled to any Zambian camps, you are likely to be the proud owner of a beautiful chitenge. The chitenge(or kitenge) is an African garment like the sarong, often worn by women, wrapped around the chest or waist, over the head

as a headscarf, or as a baby sling.

Above all, worthy of note is the fact that Zambia is famous for pioneering the walking safari. Some say Zambia is the best kept secret in Africa, an undiscovered mecca for a variety of safari and game-viewing activities. It is a raw slice of Africa friendliness and with many reserved wild places worthy of any pioneer!

## POEMS - LOOKING AHEAD

(cont’d)

Eyes are placed in front  
As looking back torments our souls  
The future whispers your name,  
Like daunting ghosts  
Looking ahead is our place of peace

Often shifting our gazes to the future,  
Hoping and expecting is the daily routine  
What is coming is better than what is gone,  
Look ahead and hold on  
Gaze away from the past  
Set your face towards the sun  
Turn that page fast  
Look ahead and see the new future born

By Osarieme Aburime Valerie, Year 10

Brown footprints return  
to brown,  
each staggered step  
stumbles the quivering  
stairs,  
knees surrendered in a  
hastened fury,  
picking his weight up in barren attempt,  
his hand extends woefully,  
then, the vexed pounding in his ears  
seem to halt,  
like a clock stuck on nine,  
each gasp for air is stolen,  
like washed-up sand,  
there, he collapses,  
and lets fate do as it wills,  
gazing at his ignited skin,  
almost bewitched by the flames’ waltz,  
into an eternal distance,  
there, he lies looking ahead,  
at the gate he could never seem to  
reach.



Looking  
Ahead

# POSITIVITY AND OPTIMISM

By Oluwakanyinsola Ogundare, Year 10

## What are positivity and Optimism?

To be positive? Well, to be positive is defined as to be good or to look towards the good side of things or to show certainty. So, if you are positive in class, you would be described as a good student, with confidence in their learning!

Okay, what does it mean to be optimistic? According to Wikipedia, optimism is an attitude reflecting a belief or hope that the outcome of some specific endeavour, or outcomes in general, will be positive, favourable, and desirable. If you were an optimist with regard to your learning, you would be described as a student who has hope that they will accomplish something great in every class!

Just to be clear, being positive or optimistic doesn't mean one is oblivious or naïve; rather, it is the opposite. An optimist is usually aware, calm and patient!

## Habits of a Positivist and Optimist!

Just like you have certain norms in your life, so do BOTH POSITIVISTS AND OPTIMISTS!

OPTIMISTS – Are always grateful (and they will show it!)

- They are pleased to donate their vigour and time.
- They have interest for people and their lifestyles.
- They tend to surround themselves with lively people.
- They never listen to pessimists.
- They eventually always forgive others!
- They smile even in the face of oppositions and problems.

POSITIVISTS are very certain people, who focus on whatever they put their minds to and support good morals!

And now that we know all of this...

## Why should we be Positive and Optimistic?

Positive behaviour influences us all: we subconsciously become happier and feel lighter as a result. Referring to teachtci.com, it promotes good-decision-making skills and a positive view of directions and expectations. Other merits are indicated below:

### • YOU CAN SAVE LIVES! AT NO COST!

Because being positive takes nothing from us, this free way of living is prominent for swaying those around us to adopt its traits, and just like that you can affect that one person that never seems to look up, whilst rapidly lowering world suicide rates which currently stand at 132 persons a day!

### • IT PROMOTES SELF IMPROVEMENT

An optimist evaluates good and bad situations just like any other person. What makes them different is that they try to make the best out of all situations. So, if you are thinking of adopting the traits of an optimist or positivist, you are going to start making the best out of your time, to get the best results!

### • IT IMPROVES SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL FUNCTION

Once again, teachtci.com affirms that positivists learn how to better regulate their emotions, adjust to emotional situations, and work through situations rationally rather than focusing solely on emotions. Students show more empathy, understanding, and general kindness when they attend a school with consistent positive behaviour support implementation, as well!

In conclusion, no matter who you are or where you stand, you can make yours and someone else's life much better- giving yourself purpose- by maintaining positivity and optimism in everything you set your mind to!



# E.G.G.O PROJECT, 2022

By Oluwaseyi Lawal and Yasmin Basharu,  
Charity Prefects

**E. G. G. O**  
**EVERY GIRL GETS ONE**

E. G. G. O was initiated with the intent of helping alleviate the period poverty crisis in Nigeria.

Project is to raise at least 2000 sanitary towels for Girls within the school community.

**ACCOUNT DETAILS:**  
Day Waterman College- Charity  
0005710114  
GTBank

Pls ensure to input the description "EGGO" while payment is being made.

For how to help, contact  
**ajibola. awosola@dwc.org.ng**

In Africa, one in every 10 girls misses school during her monthly period as a result of the inability to afford menstrual products. Thus, leading to a strain on their education and increasing dropout rates of girls in school. More than 500 million young girls and women all over the world experience period poverty. That is, over 500 million young girls and women facing the risk of several health problems that could stem from poor menstrual hygiene. E.G.G.O is a student-led charity project that aims to alleviate the effect of period poverty on young girls in Nigeria.

Last visiting day, (Sunday 30th January, 2022), a car wash was held to serve as a fundraiser. Thankfully, this event was a success, and we were able to raise enough funds to achieve our goal: to purchase menstrual products for a total of about 700 girls. This project continues to grow as it aims to tackle a prominent but partially overlooked struggle that several women and girls experience in addition to the typical burden of periods on their own.

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# RIDDLES

By Revival Adewusi, Year 10

**Q:** A doctor and a bus driver are both in love with the same woman, an attractive girl named Sarah. The bus driver had to go on a long bus trip that would last a week. Before he left, he gave Sarah seven apples. Why?

**Ans:** An apple a day keeps the doctor away

**Q:** What 8 letter word can have a letter taken away and it still makes a word. Take another letter away and it still makes a word. Keep on doing that until you have one letter left. What is the word?

**Ans:** The word is starting! Starting, staring, string, sting, sing, sin, and in

**Q:** A boy was at a carnival and went to a booth where a man said to the boy, "If I write your exact weight on this piece of paper then you have to give me \$50, but if I cannot, I will pay you \$50." The boy looked around and saw no scale so he agreed, thinking no matter what the carny wrote he would simply say he weighed more or less. In the end, the boy ended up paying the man \$50. How did the man win the bet?

**Ans:** The man did exactly as he said he would and wrote "your exact weight" on the paper.

**Q:** What has a head, a tail, but has no legs?

**Ans:** A penny.

**Q:** What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?

**Ans:** The letter "m".

**Q:** What has many keys, but can't even open a single door?

**Ans:** A piano.

**Q:** What has six faces, but does not wear makeup, has twenty-one eyes, but cannot see?

**Ans:** A dice.

**Q:** Two fathers and two sons went fishing one day. They were there the whole day and only caught three fishes. One father said, 'That is enough for all of us; we will have one each.' How can this be possible?

**Ans:** There was the father, his son, and his son's son.

**Q:** I am taken from a mine, and shut up in a wooden case, from which I am never released, and yet I am used by almost everybody. What am I?

**Ans:** Pencil lead.

**Q:** I make lots of noise when changing but when done, I am bigger, more beautiful and weigh less. What am I?

**Ans:** Popcorn.

# LANGUAGE DAY 2022

By Jadesola Okunubi, Year 10



After weeks of planning and dedication, the long-anticipated Language Day Celebration was graced by us all on the 8th of February 2022. It was destined to be successful, with clear skies, cheerful students, and entertaining scheduled events.

The event promptly kicked off at 1 p.m. with the opening prayer and National Anthem duly observed. The Academic Prefect, Michelle Fakrogha, welcomed members of staff and students, stating the purpose of the event – enforcing the benefits of learning different modern foreign languages (MFLs) in an amusing and engaging manner. Next, Jadesola Okunubi and Oluwamayomikun Omolade enlightened the audience on the origins of the two MFLs learnt at DWC – French and Spanish – and offered fun facts on each of them respectively.

Furthermore, members of the MFL department went the extra mile in engaging the students with quizzes asked at intervals, and catchy foreign music from a variety of artists. Selected KS3 students from each colour house participated in the Kahoot Quiz Competition for French, Yoruba and Spanish. It was remarkable watching the leader boards change – calling the competition tight would be a vast understatement!

Finally, the different videos made by each colour house in lieu of presentations were played based on the following topics:

- The Benefits of Modern Foreign Languages in Career Development,
- The Benefits of Modern Foreign Languages in Science,
- The Benefits of Modern Foreign Languages in ICT,
- The Benefits of Modern Foreign Languages in Tourism,
- The Benefits of Modern Foreign Languages in Creative Arts and Fashion.

Watching the hard work, originality, revolutionary thinking and creativity that went into each video was jaw-dropping. Yellow House really stole the show with their catch phrases, costumes, and wacky humour, granting them first place in the entire competition, with Green House following closely in the second, and Purple in an honourable third!

The lunch time was another memorable moment with a special Spanish rice: Miam! Miam!

The entire DWC community is grateful to the MFL department for making it quite a memorable day and are excited to see what they have next in store. Till then, there are numerous other events that students can look forward to such as Sport Day, Spoken Word Competition and the likes!

Adios! Au Revoir! O d'abo!





# CAREER WEEK 2022

By Johan Okoh, Year 9

Choosing a career path is one of the most important decisions anyone must make. It can be extremely difficult especially when you're a teenager in Year 9. Sometimes you want to be exactly like your parents because they are your first mentors but most times you just want to be like the famous star you see on television.

To help my friends and me make informed decisions regarding our future, my school (Day Waterman College) decided to make this huge challenge a little easier by hosting a two-day career week. Due to the global pandemic, this year's events were done virtually (that is, the guest speakers spoke to students virtually).

Nevertheless, it was an unforgettable experience. On Monday 31st January 2022, the preparation into our lifelong journey began with various successful professionals telling us about their various careers and expertise. We were broadly educated on the various academic requirements and soft skills required for the different professions. We had seasoned professionals such

## CAREER WEEK EXPERIENCE

By Olive Agbasoga, Year 9

### What was career week?

Career Week, 2022 was a two-day event in which Year 9's had the opportunity to prepare to get involved in great jobs or internships. Starting on the 31st of January and ending on the 1st of February, it was an opportunity to develop the tools we needed for a successful job search, and to strengthen our candidacy as job or internship applicants. The school invited parents and alumni to talk to us about different professions and how we could



attain them, including the subjects we needed to study to get there.

### Why is career week important?

Career days are made to expose students to a variety of careers and jobs by connecting them with business partners, providing a realistic picture of the workplace, helping students make the connection between school and the workplace and informing career planning, which means that after this programme, we students should be able to choose careers of our greatest interest.

### How was this experience?

Personally, I think this was a very memorable event, mainly because we got to listen to parents talk to us about different careers.



We also got to understand different professionals and how they do their jobs, for example, if you need to be good at public speaking, become a fashion designer or an architect.

Being a student in Day Waterman College, I know that there are still some people that are hovering between two or three careers, but as Steve Jobs once said "The only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle." So, keep looking and you will find your destined career, and don't forget you can have more than one career such that you can be a doctor and as well own a fashion line.



In conclusion, career week was a very memorable event that has helped our Year 9 students know how to choose careers and develop tools for a successful job search. This is a very good experience that we had, and I would like to thank Day Waterman College staff, the Senior Leadership Team and parents on behalf of the whole year group for such a wonderful experience.



## MY CAREER WEEK EXPERIENCE

By Titilola Ogunnaike, Year 9

Career Week was a thrilling event for the year 9's from the first to the last career talk/seminar of the two-day session.

I would say my favourite seminar was that of Mr. Dare Art Alade, who is a renowned musical artist. He took us through the true skills you need for the music industry, how to start up and how to get better. But this was not the only captivating part of the event, every single person that came to speak to us all gave us an open mind to things we wanted to do.

Apart from the speakers, we had our own teachers come to speak to us such as Mr. Adisa on the importance of MFL in getting into school, Mr Ogundana in exploring opportunities in science subject along with Mr. Ogunseye and many more.

The best activity we had was when we played 'Guesstures' consisting of five representatives from each class, the winner emerging as Year 9A. We were then asked by Mrs. Moran to choose between money and happiness with many of us picking money 😊. But in general, I really liked the event and wouldn't mind doing it again.

# REFLECTIONS ON ONE DAY HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

By DWC History arm of the Humanities Department



I would like you all to close your eyes and create a picture in your mind's eye. Picture that you have entered a hall; imagine that in the hall is a large glass case and in it you see a huge number of shoes. Not modern shoes but old shoes, brown in colour and very faded. None of the shoes have any laces in. The shoes lie on top of each other in a rather random fashion. Keep picturing the scene. You are drawn towards some writing by the side of the large glass case. It is a poem. It reads:

*We are the shoes, we are the last witnesses  
We are shoes from grandchildren and grandfathers,  
From Prague, Paris and Amsterdam  
And because we are only made of fabric and leather  
And not of blood and flesh  
Each one of us avoided the hellfire.*

The scene that I hope you have imagined is what you would see in the Holocaust Exhibition in the Imperial War Museum in London. It is difficult for us to imagine life in Nazi Germany although the exhibition does a very good job at showing Nazi society. I know that those of you who have been to the Exhibition have been moved by the experience. However, it is difficult for us to imagine life in Nazi Germany. The education we receive is free of bias and indoctrination. We are usually able to reconcile our differences and we are able to forgive those that do wrong to us. In order to do justice to Holocaust Memorial Day which was on January 27th imagine is what we must do. Imagine a classroom where Jews and other minority groups were openly persecuted by teachers. Imagine not being allowed to sit on a park bench, imagine not being allowed to train to be a lawyer or a teacher. Imagine a society where the rights we enjoy today were crushed by a government that combined an extreme ideology with a hatred of a particular race or group of people. Imagine the experiences of victims of Nazi Germany and of modern-day genocides in Bosnia, Cambodia, East Timor, Darfur and Rwanda.

Samuel is a young man. He is twenty-seven. He has a steady job. He drives a taxi. He usually works in and around Nairobi Airport in Kenya. I heard about Samuel recently. He moved to Kenya in 1994 when he was 13. He left his homeland Rwanda, and his village just outside the capital Kigali because there was no one left. His mother, father, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles were all killed during the dark hundred days of Rwandan history in 1994. Samuel survived because he pretended to be dead next to all his relatives and friends....

Imagine you are the only person left alive from your family or community like Samuel.

The facts about Genocide speak for themselves. Millions of Jews killed, 1.7 million Cambodians killed during Pol Pots rule in Cambodia, over 1 million Rwandians killed in a hundred days in 1994. Countless people in the Darfur region of Sudan continue to be killed and thousands live in refugee camps in fear of their lives. The list goes on and on.

When a genocide occurs the fabric of society is broken. But amidst the turmoil it is always the case that human decency continues to prevail. I am always humbled when I read and learn about the acts of courage, bravery, and love shown by the victims of these dreadful events. We have already heard a little of Samuel's story. And there will be many Samuels in Rwanda, and in Cambodia, and in Bosnia. In such dreadful times, human friendship can be a great source of comfort and strength. A poem written by a young girl in the Warsaw ghetto in 1942 shows how friendship can survive in the most torrid of times. The girl is writing about her non-Jewish friend. This was a friendship that put both in mortal danger.

*From tomorrow on I shall be sad,  
From tomorrow on.  
Not today. Today I will be glad.  
And every day, no matter how bitter it may be,  
I shall say:  
From tomorrow on I shall be sad,  
Not today.*

History tells us that genocides tend to occur in societies that have come to accept prejudice and discrimination as the norm. Often these countries have a history of racial conflict and often this conflict is fuelled by economic problems. Holocaust Memorial Day this year encourages us to act. It is often said that he who forgets history is condemned to repeat it. By remembering the Holocaust we are taking a step but we need also to take steps at community level. Imagine the lives of those in Nigeria who face prejudice, hatred and discrimination and consider the role that we could play in school and in our local communities in building a society without prejudice and discrimination. The theme of Holocaust Remembrance this year is **One Day**, in the hope that there may be One Day in the future with no genocide. We are encouraged to learn more about the past, to empathise with others today, and to take action for a better future.



# KEY EVENTS FROM THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

By Crystal Ehirim (Year 8)



1  
FEB



National Freedom Day, always observed on February 1st, **celebrates freedom from slavery**. It also recognizes that America is a symbol of liberty. The day honours the signing by Abraham Lincoln of a joint House and Senate resolution that later became the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

2  
FEB



Birthday wishes go out to **Shakira** and all the other celebrities with birthdays today. Rock singer-guitarist Graham Nash is 78. Television executive Barry Diller is 78.

3  
FEB



On this day in 1870, the **Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was ratified**, guaranteeing the right to vote regardless of race and intending to ensure, with the Fourteenth Amendment, the civil rights of former slaves.

4  
FEB



On this day in 1945, during the **final stages of World War II**, the Yalta Conference opened with Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and Joseph Stalin meeting to plan the final defeat and occupation of Nazi Germany.

5  
FEB



The **Third Punic War**, the last of three between Rome and Carthage, came to an end this day in 146 BCE, culminating in the final destruction of Carthage, the enslavement of its people, and Roman hegemony over the Mediterranean.

6  
FEB



National Lame Duck Day, celebrated every **February 6**, observes the day the 20th Amendment was passed, reducing what's known as the congressional lame-duck period or the weeks between the congressional elections and their inauguration day.

7  
FEB



**British Invasion launched with Beatles' arrival in U.S.** The musical British Invasion began when the Beatles landed in New York City this day in 1964, and two nights later, as Beatlemania stormed America, their performance on The Ed Sullivan Show was watched by 73 million viewers.

8  
FEB



Mary, Queen of Scots, rival of Queen Elizabeth I of England, was **beheaded this day in 1587 at Fotheringhay Castle**, her execution being a chilling scene redeemed by the great personal dignity with which she met her fate.

9  
FEB



On February 9, 1971, a **magnitude 6.6 earthquake in California's San Fernando Valley claimed 65 lives**. The crew of Apollo 14 returned to Earth after man's third landing on the moon. In 1825, the House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams president after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

10  
FEB



On this day in 1996, **world chess champion Garry Kasparov began a six-round match against Deep Blue**, a chess-playing computer built by IBM, in which Kasparov claimed a 4-2 victory (though Deep Blue won a rematch the following year).

# KEY EVENTS FROM THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER (Cont'd)

11  
FEB



Always observed on February 11th, **National Make A Friend Day** is a fantastic opportunity to meet someone new and make new friendships. Friends serve a vital role in everyone's lives.

12  
FEB



**Lincoln's Birthday.** Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth President of the United States, was born in a single-room log cabin on Sinking Spring Farm in LaRue County, Kentucky on February 12, 1809. His assassination in 1865 contributed to Lincoln's legendary place in American history and culture.

13  
FEB



Following the **Glorious Revolution**, William and Mary were proclaimed king and queen of England respectively this day in 1689, after which they ruled jointly as King William III and Queen Mary II until Mary's death in 1694.

14  
FEB



The ancient Romans may also be responsible for the name of our modern day of love. **Emperor Claudius II executed two men** — both named Valentine — on February 14 of different years in the 3rd century A.D. Their martyrdom was honored by the Catholic Church with the celebration of St. Valentine's Day.

15  
FEB



On this day in 1898, an explosion in Havana harbour sank the battleship **USS Maine**, killing 260 American seamen and precipitating the Spanish-American War, which originated in the Cuban struggle for independence from Spain.



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