

DAY WATERMAN COLLEGE



NEWSLETTER

TERM 2B



A NEW ERA!

Newly Elected Prefects, SRC Leaders
and UN Ambassadors

(2023/2024 ACADEMIC SESSION)





MATHS WEEK EXPERIENCE

By Ireoluwa Owosibo (Year 7)

Maths week has really been fun and the best week this term, especially Maths Day. When I heard that I was representing my colour house, I was anxious and excited at the same time, but I encouraged myself.

For the first round of the competition I was fine because my partner was with me but when it came to the second round, as they called my name my heart was racing fast and I was really scared, but as soon as the questions started and I started answering them, it wasn't so bad after all because I felt confident and better when I was done.

On Friday, I really enjoyed the games. There was so fun such that I enjoyed the whole of Maths exercises.

By Daniel Kalu (Year 8)

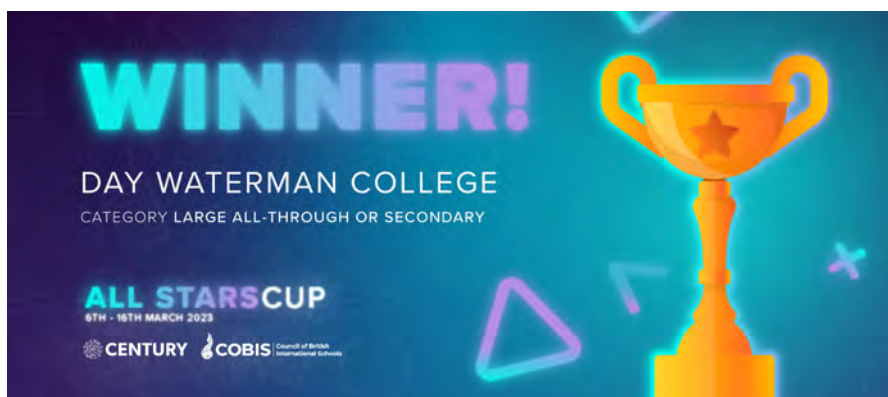
I recently had the opportunity to participate in a Maths Week at my school. It was an amazing experience that I will never forget. I was able to learn so much about the different branches of Mathematics and how they related to each other. The week was filled with fun activities such as playing Math-related board games, solving puzzles, and taking part in math competitions. We were also able to explore other areas of Mathematics such as Geometry, Statistics, and Calculus. Each day was a new adventure and I was able to come away with a new appreciation for the subject. I now have a much better understanding of how Mathematics can be used to solve real-world problems.

I also participated in the Century Tech + COBIS All-Star Maths Competition which was great. I am very grateful for the opportunity to participate in Maths Week and I will remember it for a long time.

I used the analysing and meta thinking to reason through most of the questions and to link them to the topic I was been taught by my teacher.



CENTURY TECH + COBIS ALL STARS CUP MATHS CHALLENGE EXPERIENCE



By Oyindasola Fabamigbe (Year 7)

I am honoured to have ever participated in the Century Tech competition and I was able to do so many nuggets using the HPL skills such as hardworking, speed and accuracy. When I first saw the mail I was not in school yet so the day it started, I woke up by 4 am, did it the whole day during online class; while I was eating and every other minute of the day till 10pm. Math has always been fun and easy to do for me but Century Tech made it easier and fun. However, I will not have been able to do this without my friends, and my Math teachers. Everyone in the school worked so hard for 10 days straight, and I am so happy our work paid off by us winning. I am excited that Day Waterman came first globally in our category.

By Sophia Andrew-Agu (Year 7)

I am grateful for having the opportunity to do CENTURY TECH+COBIS ALL STARS CUP MATHS CHALLENGE that helped me and DWC in the improvement of our Math & other subjects through the use of HPL skills like speed & accuracy as we completed a huge amount of nuggets within a short period of time (10 days or more), linking (to connect it to our classes, learn and participate in class), and finally, hard-working (to work hard to achieve a lot of activity). I would not have been able to do this without DWC and my friend OYINDA. I, hereby, congratulate DWC in coming first place and say a huge 'Thank you' to the CENTURY TECH + COBIS ALL STARS CUP organizers. Thank you!

THE GIFTED AND TALENTED GROUP (HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS): YEAR 9 PROJECT

By Nimiye Boham (Year 9)



The Gifted and Talented Group is a group of special students who were specially selected based on their exceptional performance in the CEM Intelligence Test (MidYis) conducted for every student in their first year at Day Waterman College. My faction of the group is the Year Nine Gifted and Talented Students consisting Richard Jideofor, Ayomide Alaba-Foluso, Iteoluwakishi Alikah, Anegbode Ijewere and I.

We were all given the task to think of a project which would positively benefit the school. We thought about it for a while, before finally deciding that since this generation of people would rather have something they can access digitally, we ought to make a game. We

decided that the game should be a 2-D runner game, as they are the most popular. But for it to benefit a school, of course, it would have to be educative.

So, we made the said game. To play the game, every time the sprite in the game dies, a question with a timer will pop up on the screen. If the player answers it correctly, they get to revive at the last checkpoint they passed. If not, they start all the way from the beginning. There will also be various tokens spaced throughout the game and a counter for them on the top corner...

We were privileged to showcase this rare invention to the entire school at one of our whole-school assembly in Term 2B, and it was well received.



By Richard Jideofor (Year 9)

With a sense of excitement and fulfillment, we arrived at our camping site here at Day Waterman College on the beautiful Friday afternoon of 24th March, 2023.

We were going to have our introduction to the camp with our first lecture there and many others for the duration of the camp. Furthermore, since we were early, the boys went to the basketball court outside and played until it was time for the start. We were then re-introduced to our Red Cross trainers, Instructor Bayo and Senior Instructor Fidelis. Then, we divided into houses where we would be for the camp. However, due to the late arrival of some students, everything was still a mess at first and we were unable to set up our tents in the daylight since it was a bit of a rush against the clock for dinner. Nevertheless, we ate and freshened up then came back to the Multi-purpose Hall (MPH) for our evening lectures.

We learnt a lot and had fun about the aims of first aid and levels of response. Following that, it was time to set up our tents! The whole year group took a few flashlights and trekked for over five minutes down to the smaller pitches at the entrance of the school. Due to the absence of light, it was a whole war trying to find the correct rods for each tent, and the insects added

to that, but we pushed through. It was finally lights out and from true experience, I can tell you the scene was absolutely stunning! Ogun's night sky with its vast array of stars, the aroma of sweet tree sap, the feeling of cool breeze on your skin in your cozy, comfy tent combined with the little jitters of students causing trouble: it was a really wholesome moment! Sadly, I could not enjoy it for long due to the warning earlier given to us that we would be woken up at 5.am the following morning because as you know , "Early to bed, Early to rise, makes a man healthy wealthy and wise."

Woken up with a bell from God knows where, all students both boys and girls filed out grudgingly from their tents and trudged towards the open field for a head count. Of course, some students were late and were sanctioned; nothing too extreme though. After that, we started a light morning jog to wake up our bodies in the cool weather. Astonishingly on the path, we encountered a lot of wildlife like frogs and bees. We continued until we had reached the MPH for a quick stop then we dispersed to get some more rest in the boarding house and freshen up once again.

At about 9:30 am we were all seated (this time early) in the MPH to resume our lecture session,



we talked about bleeding, types of fractures, wounds, and types of wounds. It was by far the most fulfilling day with us learning practical on how to tie a triangular bandage and how to carry a casualty. It was thrilling and quite funny. Added to that, there was a sports competition between DWC and some other schools in the majority of the sports so in the afternoon, the Year 9s in their respective school teams filed out to challenge every school in every single sport! Truly I say, it was a day to remember as this was about 75% of the entire camp.

As usual, near the evening time we went to freshen up once again for the last time in the camp. Moreover, we came back on time, but to our surprise, the seating arrangement had changed and we found out that to end the camp we were going to have a trivia night hosted by the amazing Year 10s. It was a blast with the excitement of finding different items in the room, the nerve-racking questions on the history of our motherland, the attention needed to keep a train of thoughts going... In three words..., Best Day Ever! Unfortunately, it was all coming to an end because we had to sleep early and prepare for our test in order to attain the certificate. Lights out...

Early and bright, we arose to our usual morning routine and packed up our tents to our boarding houses. Later, you could see all students studying for the test as they finished breakfast and made their way to the examination hall. We quickly got seated and began the astounding 53 questions objective and theory test! I can't say it was easy but as high-performance learning students, we pushed through, and hopefully, we got above 80% to achieve the certificate!

This is one of the most memorable experiences I have had, and I will probably ever have. Hope you can experience it too!



PROVERBS: A TREASURE CHEST OF WISDOM

By Mrs. Christiana Emmanuel (Editor, DWC Newsletter)

“

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

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English Proverb

Meaning

However big a task is, it starts with a small step

Sentence Example

I'm feeling overwhelmed by the prospect of completing 4,000-word paper by next week, but I guess I'll start by writing 500 words every day. After all, a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.




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The words of our elders are wise sayings.



THE 2023 AISEN SPOKEN WORD COMPETITION

Hurray! DWC celebrates again as we clutch the trophy for the 2023 Association of International School Educators of Nigeria (AISEN) Spoken Word Competition. It was indeed an intense virtual competition involving twenty-four contestants from twelve schools within the Years 11 and 12 categories across Nigeria. Our very own Oluwakanyinsola Ogundare gallantly emerged winner of this year's competition after graciously winging her way to the second and final stage, which witnessed an artistic tussle among six champions! This was certainly a display of meta-thinking, intellectual confidence and resilience! Below is our TITAN's winning piece!



WOW! Can you believe it

You needn't see it, just hear!

The words to be conveyed are but an understatement to the reality of the event...

I GOT INTO UNI-LAG!

I'm still shaking; the prospect poking, leaving ripples on my skin in its waking.

You've just got to be kidding me, when did I become capable, when-

When did I create time for this great feat...when?

When did I last have time for myself...what...no.

The juxtaposing feelings are like darned drunken dummy fire ants,
dancing to the beat of ancestral drums in my mind, my heart quickens.

Not only have I gotten into UNI-LAG but I've discovered something... some feeling....

Some unintelligible reeling

fills my head...

asking me to look back and recount, recount and-

See,

I was never the brightest, failed every test,
couldn't even dream of making it into state college...

So what changed? How did the sleepless nights, the mental fights, the 100 song
lo-fi playlists change me?

I studied harder; yes but... my little mental box was always the fullest-

Oh, oh, oh- NO WAY! I GOT A BIGGER BOX

A BIGGER HOME TO FOLD AWAY STOCKS

OF KNOWLEDGE;

a privilege.

I took my crafting tools, though few *laugh*

And I made myself out of the fumes,

a morose act of preservation?

No, the birth of an antibiotic to my insuperable integration...

I became what they said I couldn't be,

adapted to survive, reproduce, and dream,

more and more! My dreams will spill like the Niagara Falls...

More and more, and my box will explode in curls

no more confinement, academic limits, and dreams

flurries of gold, green and dried glue;

my colours too, will show through.

I will become empty space ready to tough it out again.

NO BOX.

I will lose myself a thousand times to reach such insane
levels, and like a puzzle, I will piece myself back together...

or not, whatever it takes I will persevere forever.

The words have been conveyed and a new sort of weapon, lays, left to stay.

Oluwakanyinsola Ogundare (Year 11)

Winner of the 2023 AISEN Spoken Word Competition



SPORT FIXTURE WITH LEAD CITY SCHOOL

By Olaotan Ismail (Newly-elected Sport Prefect, Male)

On the 25th of March, 2023, Day Waterman students had a very eventful day as we welcomed the school, Lead City in friendly competitions in a variety of sports, such as : Male and Female Football, Male and Female Basketball, Male and Female Swimming, Male and Female Badminton.

The first competition that took place was swimming in which our swimmers performed to the best of their abilities and made the school very proud, coming first in almost all our race. Next event was the Junior Boys Football Match, which we won as well. Thanks to our well trained Junior Team who put in their very best ensuring their victory and proving they could earn their spot on the team, with the result coming out as 5-1. Following was the girls and boys' volleyball match. Our girls humbly brought us the victory, deeming themselves worthy of being on such an elite team. Although the boys lost their match, they tried their best hoping that next time they would not be defeated.

Girls' football was no shock to us, taking the lead within first half and ending the match with 4-0 was splendid! Out Basketball Team both girls and boys never let us down: the girls dominating the court as always. As for the boys who were losing in the beginning, they pushed and came up with an amazing strategy to fight back and take the lead at the end.

Lastly, we can't forget the senior boys' match, the match of the day. Doing what we do best, striving to make sure we come out on top, even though we knew it was going to take a lot of work. We were determined to put in the work which always turned out to be worth it. To end the day, we had a bit of socialisation that showed excellent sportsmanship.

RIDDLES

By Nimiye Boham (Year 9)

Q: You can hold it without using your hands or your arms. What is it?

Ans: *Your breath.*

Q: I can fall off a building and live, but in water I will die. What am I?

Ans: *Paper.*

Q: What can be found at the beginning of eternity the end of time and space the beginning of every end?

Ans: *The Letter "E".*

Q: If you have me, you want to share me. If you share me, you haven't got me. What am I?

Ans: *A secret.*

Q: A plane crashed on the border of US and Canada. Where do they bury the survivors?

Ans: *Nowhere, because the survivors are alive.*

Q: Everyone has me but nobody can lose me. What am I?

Ans: *A Shadow.*

Q: Take one out and scratch my head, I am now black but once was red.

Ans: *A match.*

Q: I have holes on the top and bottom. I have holes on my left and on my right. And I have holes in the middle, yet I still hold water. What am I?

Ans: *A sponge.*

Q: Where does divorce come before marriage?

Ans: *In the dictionary.*

Q: What starts with a P and ends with an X and has hundreds of letters in between?

Ans: *A post box.*



THE DWC 2022/23 SPOKEN WORD COMPETITION

The DWC 2022/23 Spoken Word Competition organised by the English Department was held on Tuesday, 21st March, 2023 at a whole-school assembly. A keenly-contested competition that featured unique expression of wit, grit and creativity, it was a struggle for the trophy among seven contestants who had emerged winners after the semi-finals held at a weekend event in the school. Before the semi-finals, there had been a preliminary stage where selected students from different English and Communication Skills classes had presented their spoken word to a bench of judges in the English Department. Those who excelled at this stage made it to the semi-finals; and seven students to the finals to present on the theme of perseverance. Eventually, THREE TITANS emerged winners: Richard Jideofor, Year 9(First); Marvelous Ositadimma, Year 7 (Second); and Anaya Olufosoye, Year 10(Third).

Below are the champions' experiences and their pieces:

MY SPOKEN WORD JOURNEY

By Richard Jideofor (Year 9 – First Position)

I was surprisingly chosen for this prestigious competition held annually and I was not ready. The Spoken Word invitation was presented to me through Teams and to another 32 people all striving for the first place goal. Minutes after receiving the invitation, I got to work and through some YouTube inspiration and bright ideas, I had crafted my first masterpiece. But there was one problem... I had gotten the theme wrong! I had to quickly restart with about 24 hours to spare before the first presentation, and luckily, I finished. Deadline day came and although it was stressful added to schoolwork and the rushed process, I managed to secure a spot in the next round coming 2nd out of all the contestants!

Then, it was time for the real deal.

Astonishingly, it felt easier. Writing another freestyle masterpiece lacking both a properly working netbook and subpar Wi-Fi was easier because that initial pressure was gone, and the words flowed in harmony as I turned them from mind to matter. D-day Two arrived quicker than expected and although being distracted by the arrival of one of my classmates, I pushed through and came first for the semi-finals out of 15 people!! Unbelievable.

Just one more to go...

The finals were by far the hardest with that stress of school sports and social life coming back. You may not know this, but I've reached the finals of over 3 English language competitions throughout DWC, and I haven't won any. This was my time to shine. When the time came, the hall was dead silent to listen to my poetic prose on perseverance. A roar of applause followed the ending with a satisfied look on my face and the judges were completely dumbfounded by what they had just witnessed. Following that, we were called up on stage for the announcement of results... "and first place goes too... Richard Jideofor!"

As soon as I heard that sentence, my mind was at peace as the gold medal I had been craving was delightfully given to its rightful owner! To end this journey, I will say as Mandela used to say, "It always seems impossible until it's done."

Thank you!

GO FAR

By Richard Jideofor

'Go far, make it in life; achieve your dreams,' they said, but the hard work was never fast instead it stopped, was quit halfway, left for dead. Son of God fell not once, not twice but three times carrying his own deathbed. Yet some can't finish petty schoolwork? Described as doing deeds despite difficulty or delay. The zeal to obtain persistence and endurance while lacking assurance of your destined brilliance. As Mandela used to say "It always seems impossible until it's done." If you ever wanted to get straight A's and be Valedictorian, then that F that you may get for not concentrating on a test wouldn't stand for failure... it would stand for find another answer, never stop.

How do you think common everyday items were invented? Do you think our phones were mistaken? Do you think the internet was a concept forsaken and recently retaken? It is the song of an exiled believer who clenches unto hope when everything else has been swept away. Tenacity in the face of uncertainty like a candle almost burned out in the windowsill of the unknown: the difference between where you are and where you want to be. As a reference, some might say Thomas Edison failed 99 times, but I say he found 99 paths to lead to his ultimate success. Believe in angles more than angels.

Unlike other virtues like love and courage, it's appalling like an awful-tasting medicine you never knew would heal, you so in the end some of your greatest pains become your greatest strengths. Even as the walk of life has its ups and downs, we can't stop because it will just pass us by. My uncle always says keep your grit, go ready into tomorrow regardless of your current situation or your future destination.

Keep clogging away and remember that success comes to him who beats his time. And to end it all, a famous quote by the victor of World War 2, Winston Churchill states: "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."



MY SPOKEN WORD JOURNEY

By Marvelous Ositadimma (Year 7 – Second Position)

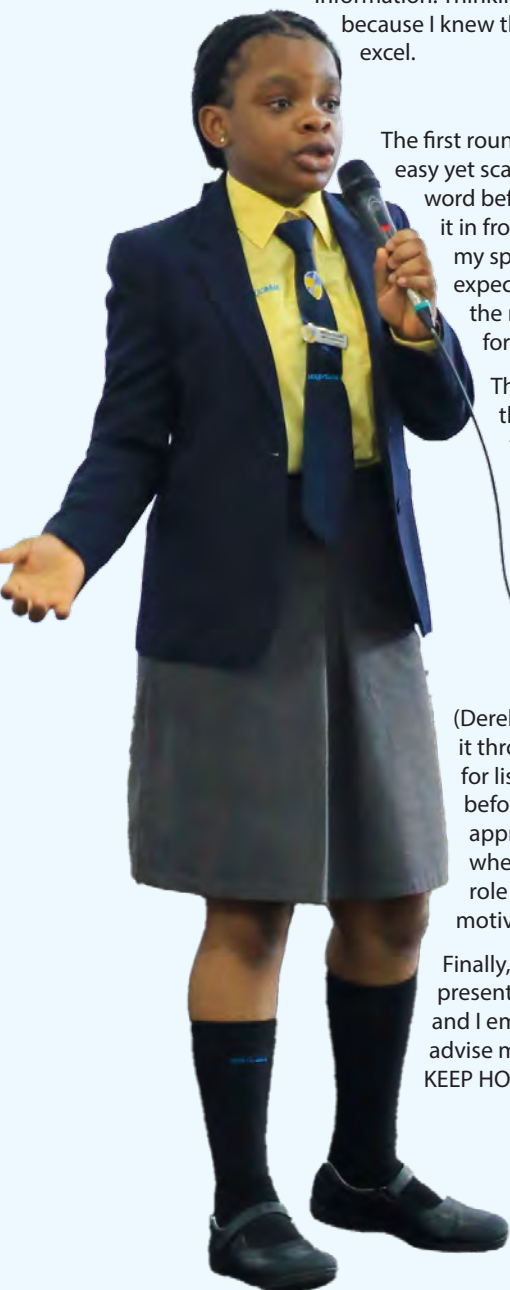
I got selected into the spoken word competition by my CSK teacher (Mr. Bakare). I was told this information a day before I came back to school meaning that I was at home when I got the information. Thinking about this mounted so much stress on me because I knew that everyone in my family counted on me to excel.

The first round which was the quarter finals was quite easy yet scary for me because I had never done spoken word before, but the good thing was that I didn't do it in front of the whole school then, so when I said my speech, I was shaky but then, I said it and left expecting the results. I was not really excited for the results because I thought I would not qualify for the semi-finals.

The results finally came out and I got into the semi-finals; this time, it had to be before the whole school. Petrified still, I prepared for my second speech, ever grateful to my parents who supported me all through the journey.

The day of the speech with intensified pressure: I just wanted to breakdown and cry because of the uncertainties surrounding me. However, being cheered on by my amiable friends (Derek, Ricarda, Wura, Azeemah, Desire), I made it through! And to my indefatigable roommate for listening to every single one of my speeches before my presentation on stage, I really appreciate you, Michelle C. I was super happy when I made it to FINALS! I so much cherish the role of Mrs. Oba and Coach Vicky in guiding and motivating me as well.

Finally, during the grand finale, astonishingly, my presentation was greeted with so much ovation, and I emerged in the second position afterwards! I advise my fellow students to continue trying and KEEP HOPE ALIVE!



KEEP HOPE ALIVE

By Richard Jideofor

*For every challenge in life
There is a lesson to learn,
Never you turn or quit;
A goal set is best to earn.*

*Life may pose a threat
Stumbling block may appear on the way
With vigour and determination,
A mountain so big is conquered.*

*Though quitting may feel easier
And less frustrating,
Perseverance breeds true success,
That's something worth stating.*

*We can't give up or
Stop along the way
With an eye on your goals,
The end is nearer than you thought.*

*Keep pushing forward through the hardships and
strife
Not deterred by the challenges we must fight.
So long as our existence lasts,
Never give up the duty of cheerfulness and hope.*

*Great dreams don't just happen,
As fruit on a tree, they must first ripen,
The best of life comes to the resilient,
People who persevere till their all is spent.
You will win if you don't quit.*

*The mountains cannot stop you,
the seas are there to drive you.
Pain is the raw material for power,
It is the fuel that drives our dreams every hour.
So rise up to the challenge that life presents*

*Like the young birds that fly and fall,
and next time they can keep up a little longer,
It's the coward who quits to misfortune,
Your wings will grow stronger by the day,
For nothing good in life comes without trial.*

*Success is failure turned inside out--
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far,
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit--
It's when things seem worst that you must not
quit.*

*Persevere, persevere, persevere!
You were built to be a champion.
There's no such thing as impossible,
when we believe the God who is unchangeable
He who has guided us through the day,
will also see us through the night
SO KEEP HOPE ALIVE*



MY SPOKEN WORD JOURNEY

By Anaya Olufosoye (Year 10 – Third Position)

Going into the competition, I was very worried and much unprepared although I had one of these competitions before: that was when I was in Year 8. I had a very tight schedule on the first day of the competition, quarterfinals. So, I maneuvered my way through that tight schedule and still found my way to where the quarter-finals were to be held. Fortunately, I qualified for the semi-finals, but a part of me told myself I wanted to drop because the stress and anxiety levels I had were too high.

However, again, why stop now that I'm winning so far? Let's at least make it to top 3. Now fast forward to the day of the finals: my head swirling and my heart pounding. I climb on stage, and no doubt, I improvise my way out; still managing to give an impressive spoken word. People were crying, standing up and cheering! My Spoken Word 'Our Fight' was a hit! Even though I came third, I still was happy because of the reaction to my presentation. Thank you.



OUR FIGHT

By Anaya Olufosoye

*Ladies and Gentlemen, may I please have your attention,
Our brothers and sisters are dying for your generation's children,
Fighting for a cause that some choose not to believe in,*

*We must pave our own way,
Instead of always looking for the aid of the greats,
Because there was a time they didn't have what we have today,*

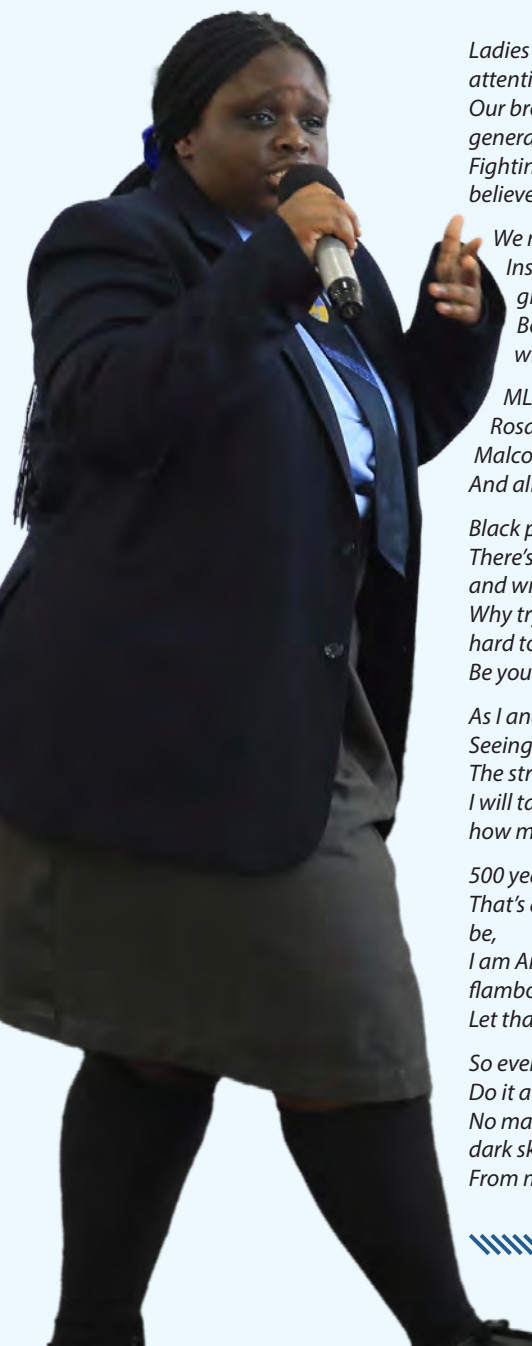
*MLK spoke peace to the KKK's,
Rosa Parks did not give up her seat that day,
Malcom X said that they will pay,
And all it takes is for us to do the same,*

*Black people rise,
There's a reason why we eat Jollof, wear Ankara and wrap Gele,
Why try so hard to fit in, in a society that tries so hard to shut us out,
Be your prideful Bonike not your reserved Linda,*

*As I and many others pave the way,
Seeing the power in our hair and in our skin,
The strength we receive in each flow of Melanin,
I will take my brother with me so he understands how meaningful it is to be him,*

*500 years past and they'll still call me a monkey,
That's alright because I know who I'm meant to be,
I am Anaya Olufosoye and I will say it flamboyantly loud and proud,
Let that surprise the crowd,*

*So even if I lose still I win,
Do it all as I work with perseverance,
No matter what you say I will stand strong in my dark skin,
From my ancestors to me this is my gift.*



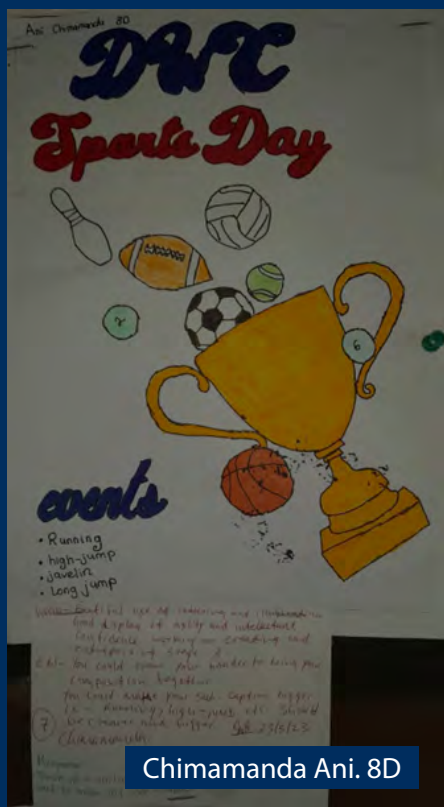
HPL-FIED PAINTINGS, POSTER DESIGNS, AND DRAWINGS

The Performing and Creative Arts Department continues to bring the best out of our students. Part of our efforts to do this is through Art and Design.

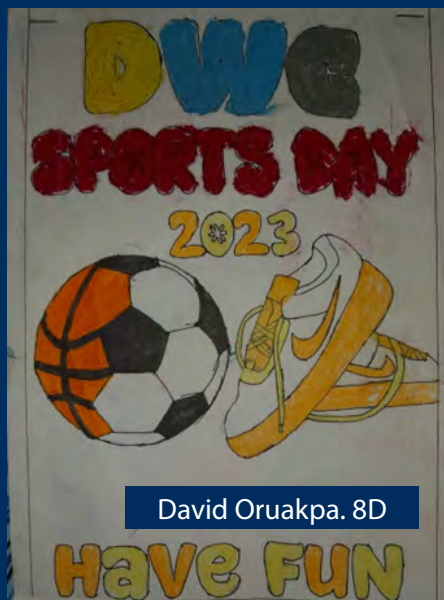
The Year 7 students were engaged in the painting of an apple, the Year 8 students were engaged in designing HPLified Posters for the just concluded Sports Day, while the Year 9 students were engaged in still-life drawing from reference pictures.

The students were able to take into consideration the elements and principles of art and design. We have discovered some talents right from Year 7, whom we are nurturing as they continue to soar higher.

Below are few of the artworks produced by the students during Term 2B. Please, enjoy your view.



Chimamanda Ani. 8D



David Oruakpa. 8D



Onyinyechukwu Onuko. 8D



Tunmise Adigun. 8A



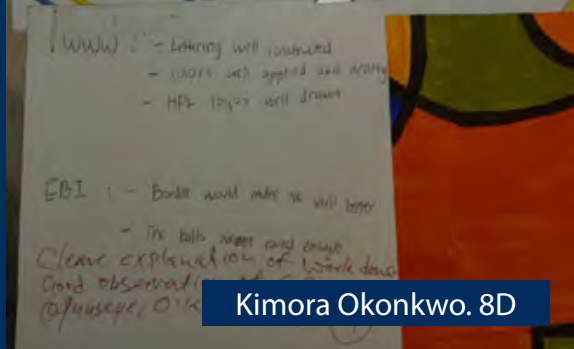
Obruche Onyemelukwe. 7A



Faderera Afonja. 8D



Abiel Yunusa. 9A



Kimora Okonkwo. 8D



Efe Akpeneye. Year 7D