



ARNDALE ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Happy New Year to all Arndale Parents, Guardians and Students!! We welcome you to 2023 and to our first Spring term. We are grateful for your cooperation and support throughout the Autumn term; You are the Best! Let us also use this opportunity to welcome our new parents to Arndale Academy! You are in an unsurpassed school that is always **Dedicated To Excellence!** We hope you have a pleasant time with us. Spring term promises to be very interesting, refreshing, and educating, with lots of fantastic news and plans to keep our students engaged and active. Best wishes for a successful term.

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TO THE TEAM

The school community has evolved as expected, and courtesy of the increased number of scholars, the number of staff, too, can be seen growing. The following are new staff members and their designations:

- **Mr. Khodr Mehse**: Arndale Academy Principal
- **Ms. Oluchukwu Okoronkwo**: Early Years Teacher
- **Ms. Ramatu Mohammed**: Creche Attendant
- **Ms. Rose Peter**: Early Years Nanny
- **Mr. Quoreeb Adeshina**: ICT Teacher
- **Ms. Beatrice Harding**: Class Teacher

A Word From Our Principal, Mr. Khodr Mehse



"I feel honored to be part of Arndale Academy (AA) which will play a vital role in Nigerian education in the Federal Capital Territory.

I aim to serve your children's needs, in whom you invest such hope, faithfully, consistently and to the best of my ability. My teaching colleagues, support staff, and all dedicated members of the AA community and I shall work hard to create a safe, nurturing and stimulating teaching environment and provide a first-class education to match the aspirations of all students.

We understand that choosing a school for your child is a big decision, and we are honored that you have placed your trust in us. We believe that education is a partnership between the school, the students, and the parents. We encourage you to be an active participant in your child's education.

We look forward to a successful and rewarding time with you and your child, and we are here to support you in any way we can. We will focus on the key areas of growth and success, Academic Excellence, Community Involvement, Technology and Innovation, Student Support, and Continuous Improvement, to attract more students and families while also providing exceptional experiences for all students.

At Arndale Academy, We are DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE."



DECEMBER 2022 IN REVIEW

December 2022 marked an important milestone at Arndale Academy, the completion of our first fall term.

December was the time to reflect on what we have achieved and look forward to many more successful years to come.

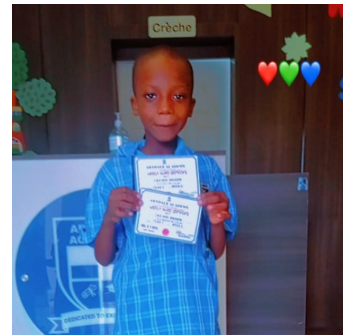
We thank our dedicated teaching staff, our amazing students and loyal parents, and our supportive community for their care and concern for our school and each other.

2022 ended with engaging activities for our students, where we held a **Fun Fair** and a **Study Camp**. It was a good break after the term and a chance for the students to enjoy themselves, gain skills, and build confidence and social relationships.

We were extremely happy with the participation and involvement at these events, especially from the parents.

We thank you for your unwavering support, and we can't but appreciate you for the confidence you have in us.

We promise to remain committed to the sound education of your children and ensure your children are well catered for.



Beyond Grateful!



Scheduled Events for Spring Term



JANUARY 24

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 2

OPEN DAY

FEBRUARY 8 -10

1ST CA TEST

FEBRUARY 18

SPORTS DAY

FEBRUARY 20 -24

MIDTERM BREAK

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 3

LITERACY WEEK

MARCH 3

WORLD BOOK DAY

MARCH 4

YEAR 7 ENTRANCE EXAM

MARCH 8

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

MARCH 14

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MATHEMATICS

MARCH 15 - 17

2ND CA TEST

MARCH 20

FRENCH LANGUAGE DAY

MARCH 22

WORLD WATER DAY

MARCH 22 - 24

REVISION WEEK

MARCH 27 - 31

EXAMINATION WEEK

APRIL 4

CLASS PARTY

APRIL 5

END OF TERM / VACATION



LITERACY WEEK BREAKDOWN

DAY 1 FEBRUARY 27	DAY 2 FEBRUARY 28	DAY 3 MARCH 1	DAY 4 MARCH 2	DAY 5 MARCH 5
Chronicle of Stories (Mystery Readers)	Spelling Bee Competition	Debates	Puppet show	Costume Day

Extracurricular Activities



REGISTRATION IS ONGOING!

After School Clubs

Kid-Preneur, Coding and Robotics, Dance, Soccer and Basketball, Gymnastics, Karate, Tennis and Table Tennis, Swimming, Bible club, Islamiyyah, and Young Readers Club.

The choice of clubs is endless, and many more clubs will soon be introduced.

As promised Last term, Extracurricular activities commenced on the second week and were also done throughout the week, on different days as stated in the club forms.

New clubs have been introduced as we believe that by offering all these opportunities outside the classroom, we can help our pupils develop more fully as individuals.



After-school clubs enable students to interact with new people, develop interpersonal skills and learn from each other.

For improved students' academic performance, developed communication and social skills, and social and emotional intelligence, we highly encourage and advise parents to sign up their children for at least one club.



BOARDING IS OPEN

Boarding means becoming part of a community where you are genuinely known, appreciated and celebrated for who you are. Each boarder's unique needs will be supported and accommodated within an environment that provides inside and outside the house care.



Life as a boarder gives students a unique opportunity to develop lifelong connections, self-reliance, and self-discipline. Students will forge life-long friendships and become self-reliant and self-disciplined. Students and staff treat one another with respect and decency so that the family values and community atmosphere can flourish.

AA has a well-established boarding section set within the school's stunning, nature-rich campus and offers a unique experience for young people as they mature into young adults.

We offer pastoral care, medical support, full meals and snacks, study time and tutoring support, all in a fun and flourishing environment with a dedicated team of professionals, house parents and boarding assistants. Excellent preparation for university life, developing independence and resilience away from home.

AA BOARDING

- Grade 7 and up
- Separated for boys & girls
- Shared rooms, 24/7 electricity, hot water, laundry
- Comfortable & spacious dormitories
- Full access to school facilities
- Friendly and family-like atmosphere
- Full security and CCTV control



STAFF TRAINING & WORKSHOPS

At Arndale Academy, we acknowledge that our teachers are the backbone of our school and society. Empowering our staff is essential to our long-term growth and improvement plans. Teacher training and professional development is a never-ending process. For this reason, we have adopted different formats such as workshops, seminars, training programs and coursework to equip them with modern learning approaches and strategies. We want to properly guide our students, better understand their needs, and meet and help them achieve their full potential as they meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

INTENSIVE "STEAM" CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHOP (January 12-15)

Arndale Academy has administered the STEAM curriculum (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) to help ensure that our students' education emphasizes on applying scientific skills, learning technology production skills, and design thinking. We want to bridge the gap between the classroom and real life with new approaches to teaching and learning where all the subjects have become more integrated.

The in-depth training program focused on the following:

Web Development, Coding, App Inventing, Robotics & Virtual Reality, the Internet of Things, and other themes were discussed thoroughly with applications.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROGRAM (January 19)

Our teachers underwent a training program that focused on professional development of educators to promote teacher learning and student achievement. The framework engages all teachers in an ongoing study, development, implementation, and review/analysis cycle.

The program focused on student achievement, success and effective learning through a collaborative, unequivocal relationship where everyone in the school succeeds.

Some of the topics covered during the program were Continuous Provision for Early Years that encourages children to be active learners, interacting with materials and available resources they can access on a daily basis. Teachers were also trained on assessment, reporting, accountability and giving effective feedback to enable them to create relevant and tailored courses for today's students.

We aim to keep up with the trends and best practices of teaching in these times where educational technology, guidelines and curriculum standards are constantly changing and evolving.



Friendly Reminders



EVENTS

- We want to remind all parents that they are invited to attend and take part in the following upcoming events:

1. Open Day (February 2)
2. Inter-Sports Day (February 18)
3. Mystery Reader (February 27)

- Your kind participation in school events is key to improving students' behaviors and achievements.

HEALTH FORM



1. Student Health Forms help our school health personnel provide necessary health services, if needed.
2. The submission of a completed health form is required and will be added to every student's file.
3. In case you have not received the form, please request your copy from the school.

MORNING ARRIVAL

1. Please make sure to have your child at school by 7:40 am.
2. Assemblies are a very important part of learning and we would appreciate it if students do not miss them out.
3. Your punctuality is very much appreciated.

CLUB FORMS

- Registration for after-school clubs is ongoing.
- Please refer to the Club Forms that were sent for availability and timing.
- Please contact us for any requests or questions about the clubs.

SCHOOL DISMISSAL

- Early Years at 1:30 pm.
- Primary Years at 2:30 pm.
- High School Years at 3:00 pm.
- Please let us know in advance if there is any change in your child's transportation schedule, so we can adjust accordingly.

BUS SERVICE

- Bus transportation service is available and provides safe travel for students from home to school and the return journey.



Follow Us on Social Media

Do you know all our social media platforms? We invite all Arndale Academy families, friends, and community members to follow our social media channels.

FOLLOW US as we share moments from our school life, school updates, photos, videos, event postings, content highlighting students, faculty, and accomplishments, reminders for upcoming events, and valuable information from organizations in the community.

Below are our OFFICIAL social media pages!

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We are unquestionably grateful to have you here at Arndale Academy!
Thank you again for entrusting your prized jewels to us!
Do have a splendid Spring term!!!