



# THE REBIRTH

AN EXPEDITION TOWARD EXCELLENCE

## Principal's Corner

### Dear AA Community,

As we bid farewell to the autumn leaves and embrace the winter chill, it is with great joy and pride that I pen this message for our End of Autumn Term Newsletter, aptly titled "The Rebirth: An Expedition into Excellence."

This term has been a transformative odyssey for our students and educators alike, marked by unwavering dedication, resilience, and a commitment to reaching new heights of academic and personal excellence. The season may change, but our pursuit of knowledge and growth remains constant.

In the spirit of rebirth, let us reflect on the accomplishments, challenges, and the collective spirit that defines our esteemed Arndale Academy. As we embark on this journey into excellence, let it be a testament to our shared values and the limitless potential that resides within each member of our community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our exceptional students, dedicated faculty, and supportive parents for contributing to the vibrant tapestry of learning and achievement at Arndale Academy. Together, we have laid the foundation for a future filled with promise and success.

May the spirit of the season inspire us all to continue striving for greatness, embracing change, and nurturing the flame of curiosity that burns within every Arndale student.

Please, read along as we chronicle the activities of the Autumn term. Wishing you a joyous conclusion to the autumn term and looking forward to the exciting journey that lies ahead.



**ABDULKAREEM Olayiwola Ahmed**  
Principal

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- COFFEE MORNING- 1
  - INDEPENDENCE DAY- 1
  - FLEXIBLE/BOARDING- 5
  - SCIENCE FAIR -2
  - EXCURSIONS -2
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  - FRUIT DAY -2
  - SCIENCE FAIR -2
  - OPEN DAY -2
  - ELECTION -5
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- AND MANY MORE!**

### Coffee Morning:

The term began with a Coffee Morning on September 16, 2023, fostering a vital connection between parents and the school community. This event served as a platform for open discussions, allowing parents to engage with the school system, exchange perspectives, and collaborate on achieving excellence, the school's overarching motto. The session provided a valuable opportunity for mutual understanding and shared goals among parents and the educational institution.

### Independence Day:

The Independence Day Celebration, held on September 29, 2023, commemorated Nigeria's independence. The event aimed to both celebrate the nation's freedom and educate scholars about their country's history. Through organized activities, participants gained insights into significant historical facts, fostering a deeper appreciation for their beloved country.



### World Food Day/ Fruit Day

The school actively participated in World Food Day on 10th of October 2023, engaging students in a Junk Food Challenge and community service. Scholars demonstrated unity and compassion by visiting an orphanage and donating food items. The highlight was the Fruit Day, fostering creativity through a fruit extravaganza. The week aimed to instil values of empathy while celebrating the global event.



### Science Fair

The Science Fair held on 16th of November 2023, was an educational celebration that provided scholars with a platform to exhibit their knowledge through active experiments and practical demonstrations. The event aimed to highlight scientific findings, creating a memorable experience for all participants.



### The Funfair

On the 9th of December 2023, the school hosted a vibrant and enjoyable funfair, creating a day filled with excitement and engagement for the school community. Children and parents participated enthusiastically in a variety of entertaining games, making it a memorable event for all involved.



'EVERY CHILD YOU  
ENCOUNTER IS A  
DIVINE APPOINTMENT'

Wes Stafford

### Open Day

On 3rd of November 2023, the school experienced a remarkable Open Day with a significant parent turnout. This event provided parents the chance to engage with their children's teachers, fostering discussions on academic milestones, challenges, and strategies for enhancing educational success.



### World Teacher's Day

Thursday 5th of October, 2023 was yet another moment educators in Arndale and the world at large were celebrated. The day was marked with several exciting activities for the teachers to enjoy and express themselves. Indeed, it was a day for Arndale Academy staff to always remember.





### Excursion Exercise

This term, scholars participated in educational excursions. The Early Years and Primary section visited BMT gardens; the Zoo, Legacy Hall, and the library. Meanwhile, High School Scholars explored Media Space for a historical tour and virtual reality experience, enhancing their learning through engaging activities across various subjects and disciplines.

### Competitions

The school excelled in various competitions, including Olympiad, Chess, Scrabble, Football, Spelling Bee, and Quiz competitions. Their participation yielded outstanding results, showcasing the students' achievements across diverse fields. The events ranged from intellectual challenges like Olympiad and Chess to physical activities such as Football. The in-house Spelling Bee and Quiz competitions also demonstrated the students' well-rounded skills, contributing to the school's success in multiple areas of competition.



### World Nursery Rhymes Week:

The Early Years Department experienced a vibrant and educational week from November 13th to 17th, 2023. The activities, ranging from rhyme singing to creative messy hands-on experiences, offered both entertainment and valuable learning opportunities. Pyjamas' day added to the excitement, leaving scholars with lasting memories of a well-spent term.

### Drop Off & Pick - Up

The school expresses gratitude to punctual parents for timely scholar drop-offs but addresses concerns about lateness affecting morning drills. Urging parents to ensure scholars arrive on time for improved academic progress, specified school hours are:

**Resumption at 7:15 am, High School closing at 3:45 pm, and Primary School closing at 2:00 pm.**

**The school gate closes at 8:00 am for compliance. A late pick-up fee of N5,000 applies.**

For after-school care inquiries, please contact the front desk officer or school manager.

Timely adherence to these times is emphasized for the benefit of scholars' overall learning experience.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The autumn term featured a range of engaging extracurricular activities aimed at fostering learning and acquiring new skills for growth. These activities provided an opportunity for scholars to explore their interests, develop social skills, and boost self-confidence while having fun.

### SWIMMING PROGRAMME

The swimming program, a valued part of the school curriculum, not only offered enjoyment but also provided essential physical and health exercises. Participants gained experience in water safety, improved memory, and concentration. Parents are encouraged to enrol their children in the swimming program for the next term, with specific schedules outlined for different age groups. The swimming fee of N30,000 will now be included in the overall term school fees. Swimming schedule are as follow for parents who would like to join:

- ◆ Tuesdays                      Play Class, Nursery & Reception
- ◆ Wednesdays                 High School
- ◆ Thursdays                  Primary School

## ACADEMIC POLICY

In order to foster and sustain a culture of academic excellence among our students, we are implementing a two-week grace period for Upper Primary (Year 4-6) or High School (Year 7-11) students who receive a deficient grade (D, E, or F) in any subject following the term's examination. This window allows them the opportunity to adequately prepare and retake the exam during the vacation period.

## USE OF COMPUTER

At Arndale Academy, the significance of computer-aided learning cannot be overstated. High School students are strongly encouraged to bring a suitable laptop for learning on designated days of the week as determined by the school. The days will be communicated to the parent on the WhatsApp Platform.

## HAIR STYLE POLICY

At Arndale Academy, we emphasize the importance of students defining themselves through their words and actions rather than conforming to fashion trends. Our policies are guided by core values, encouraging scholars to be respectful, responsible, resilient, compassionate, collaborative, and honorable. This specific policy reflects a philosophy promoting self-respect, dignity, and personal hygiene while considering cultural and genetic predispositions. The school manager will share the Hair Style policy document on the parent WhatsApp group, and we appreciate your cooperation and compliance.



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JOHN F. KENNEDY

## BOARDING AND FLEXIBLE BOARDING SYSTEM

We are excited to share details about our boarding system, with a special highlight on our flexible boarding program. Recognizing the challenges parents face in balancing childcare and work commitments, we've introduced the **FLEXIBLE BOARDING** option to address these concerns.

Here's how it operates: Students will attend school on Monday and stay until Friday, returning home at the end of the week, allowing parents or guardians to pick them up. Isn't that fantastic? For further details, please feel free to contact the school manager at **0818 633 0326**.

## STUDENT COUNCIL AND PREFECTSHIP ELECTION

On 13th of October 2023, the scholars of Arndale Academy exercised their voting rights to elect deserving candidates for various positions in the High School Student Council and to appoint prefects for the Primary scholars. The students actively engaged in the electoral process, participating in activities such as declaring their interest by obtaining interest forms, campaigning, reading manifestos, and adhering to other election formalities. The event was a success.

## ACCOUNTING BRIEFS

We extend our gratitude to parents who have diligently settled their wards' fees. May God continue to shower blessings upon you and enhance your prosperity. However, we kindly urge those who are yet to fulfil their payment obligations to do so promptly, including providing clear payment descriptions for our records. Additionally, please share the receipts of your payments with Mr. Zakari, the accountant, at 0803 292 0005.

It's essential to emphasize that our school strictly adheres to a cashless policy. We encourage all parents to make payments exclusively into the school account. Thank you for your cooperation.



# Important School Updates

## School Uniform Policy

At Arndale Academy, adherence to the school uniform policy is anticipated from our students. It is essential for students to dress according to the specified guidelines and don appropriate attire suitable for each school day. This practice is crucial as it fosters a sense of camaraderie and belonging to the school's core values. To stay informed about the specific attire requirements for different days, the school manager will disseminate the uniform policy on the parent WhatsApp group.

## Tuition Increment

Dear Esteemed Parents,

In light of the prevailing global economic challenges and rising operational expenses encompassing staff welfare and retention, the school has decided to implement a 20% tuition increase and a processing fee of N1,000 starting from the upcoming second term.

This decision is not the easiest for the management as we have carefully considered and juxtaposed the pros and cons before reaching this conclusion. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for entrusting us with your children's education, and we assure you of our unwavering commitment to excellence.

To express our appreciation for your timely financial commitment, we are pleased to offer a 10% discount for early payment of school fees until January 3, 2023. Attached is the fee schedule for the upcoming 2nd term of the 2023/2024 academic session. We value your continued cooperation.

Warm regards,  
Management.

## Club matters

Arndale Academy is an institution that focuses on grooming her scholars from all aspects thereby incorporating hands on learning and activities to the scholars' routines. Below is a list of all paid clubs. **Note, every scholar is encouraged to be a part of 2 or 1 at least.**

- Kidspreneur - N25,000
- Gymnastics - N25,000
- Ballet - N25,000
- Karate - N25,000
- Coding and Robotics - N25,000
- Young Authors - N25,000
- Football club - 25,000
- Bible Club - N25,000
- Islamiyya club - N40,000
- Swimming - N30,000

*Below are unpaid clubs, every scholar is encouraged to be a part of 1 unpaid club;*

- ♦ Press club
- ♦ Young Farmers
- ♦ Chess and Scrabble

*Please note that scholars must remain in their chosen clubs for a session. They may be allowed to take up an additional club at the beginning of a new term depending on their academic and main club performances .*

Thank you for choosing Arndale Academy. Wishing you a joyful Yuletide Season!

## RESUMPTION DATE

**THE 2ND TERM OF THE 2023/2024 ACADEMIC SESSION RESUMES ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024.**



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