APPENDIX TO HARVEST MID-TERM NEWSLETTER, 2024

CURRICULUM & STUDIES

GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION

WINNER

HIGHLY COMMENDED CREATIVE SUBMISSION

In 2023, our students enthusiastically took part in the Global Sustainable Development Competition, which was hosted by Warwick University. They showcased their knowledge and creativity through a podcast, and a video, addressing the thought-provoking question:

What is the main challenge to sustainable development in your local area (Nigeria)?

HERE'S WHAT THEY SAID ABOUT OUR ENTRIES:

- Okene Oghenemaro
Submission type: Video Podcast - Poem

> This original poem is engaging; it is an insightful reflection about Okene's country Nigeria, describing environmental issues and challenges in a clear manner. A personal reflection is also presented, embedded into the narrative of the declamation. Okene's engagement in the presentation of this poem was wonderful, rhythmic, and full of passion.
> This year's committee unanimously selected Okene's work as the winner of the 2023 GSD competition.

- David Ohiani, Momoreoluwa Afolabi, Oluwatamilore Oyekan
Submission type: Video Commentary

In this video commentary, David, Momoreoluwa and Oluwatamilore presented a very original analysis on the differences in problems related to reaching sustainable development between two case studies: Nigeria and Singapore. Although comparative case studies between developing and developed economies are common in the literature, the authors provide very interesting insights on Nigeria and an unique inter-disciplinar approach to the analysis and proposed responses.

EMPOWERING YOUNG HEARTS

THE 2024 “THINK CARE THINK ORPHANS” PROGRAM

Building on the selfless legacy of our beloved Mummy CEO, who taught us that "Giving is living and living is giving," our 2024 Early Decision and A-level class proudly presented a day of joy and compassion - the 2024 '**Think Care Think Orphans**' Program!. Organised and sponsored by the class.

On Easter Monday, we welcomed a group of invited orphans to a fun-filled extravaganza, dedicated to sharing love, care, and affection with those who need it most. Our young guests enjoyed a thrilling day of delicious food, refreshing drinks, exciting games, bouncing castles, clowns , trampoline, gifts and many more delightful surprises!

Through this heartwarming initiative, we aim to make a positive impact on the lives of these remarkable children, and inspire a new generation of change-makers to embrace the power of kindness and generosity.

BE A BUDDY

NOT A BULLY

QUOTABLE QUOTES

Oreoluwa Edun: **Be a buddy to staff and teachers by being respectful, quiet in class, and helping them carry their belongings.**

Jedidiah Beecroft: **Being a buddy can be simple; it doesn't always have to be extravagant.**

Hadassah Orororoh: **As a Lifefortean, empathy is one of our core values, and by being a buddy, we are able to exercise it.**

Imohim Ojeaburu: **A buddy is a caregiver who looks at situations from another's point of view.**

Enoch Balogun: **A buddy is a friend who takes care of you.**

UN PRESS FREEDOM DAY

DEBATE ON PRESS FREEDOM

TEAM A
VS
TEAM B

Kosisochi Okoli:
Through the press, people come to understand the plight of our planet and are mobilized and empowered to take action for change!

Temilade Adekoya:
Restricting press freedom would only provide the public with a one-sided account or propaganda.

Moronike Olusanya:
Press freedom is a crucial key to tackling the global crisis of climate change.

Tani Oni:
Without a free press, we cannot have any freedom. A free press is not a choice, but a necessity.

Ayobami Jolayemi:
As our opponents have said, press freedom is important, but it cannot be absolute, because there are times, such as environmental crises, when the press has to be regulated.

Ezenwoko Chibuikem:
When there is no strict oversight over information distribution, information can be distorted, and this can have serious ripple effects on society.

Oghenero Orighose:
Privately owned news stations tend to underreport serious issues in order to avoid conflict with the governmental bodies concerned.

Nissi Dodo:
Sensationalism is the act of manipulating information to excite the audience; it is a popular tool used in the media industry.

THE PAST VS THE FUTURE

by AYOBAMI JOLAYEMI

Illustrated by **Mandela Ojerinde** and **Chinemezu Nnabugwu**

EXCEPT FROM HIS ESSAY:

... Astonished, they alerted Kofi, who, startled from his complacency, sprinted towards the end, but it was too late. Ngozi, with her steady gait and unwavering determination, crossed the finish line to thunderous cheers and applause from the villagers. Kofi arrived, breathless and bewildered, to find Ngozi smiling serenely, her victory a testament to the power of patience, wisdom, and perseverance.

The village erupted into discussions, realizing the deeper meaning behind the race. It wasn't just about speed; it was about striking a balance between tradition and progress, the importance of patience, and the wisdom gained through experience.

Kofi learned a valuable lesson that day - that while speed and modernity had their place, they shouldn't overshadow the wisdom of tradition and the power of perseverance. Ngozi's victory became a symbol of the harmonious blend of old and new, inspiring the community to embrace both aspects of their rich heritage.

From then on, the village celebrated their diverse customs while embracing the advancements of the modern world, cherishing the lessons learned from the tortoise and the hare in their own contemporary context.

BEACH CLEANUP

by TIOLUWANIMI ASEJEJE

Illustrated by **Ayanfe Iyun**

EXCEPT FROM HER ESSAY:

... This is no time for apologies; we die faster than we can reproduce. Yes, a beach cleanup is great, but the solution is beyond that. I am just one of those fish that end up choking or suffocating to death at the coast." He said, with tears rolling down his scaly face. Within seconds, a wave of plastic material swept across the ocean.

A massive wave of plastic debris rapidly approached Dori. "Oh no, he's gone too!" I gasped, as I watched helplessly as Dori disappeared into the plastic mountain. "I hope he finds a better place now" I sighed. As the sun sets, the beach cleanup comes to an end, leaving the shore in a much improved state. I recall Dori's words, acknowledging that while this effort is insufficient, it's a step in the right direction.

Like Dori said, we humans, whether consciously or unconsciously, have caused so much damage to our ecosystem. However, we can and should do something about it; reducing, reusing, and recycling waste or using environmentally friendly materials is a great way to start. Why not make a difference today?

Your one little step can take humanity a long way.

THE QUEEN'S
COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION

EXCERPT FROM **MOTUNRAYO IWAYEMI'S** ESSAY

"What if we listened and a wave of peace washes over us, and a new tree blooms in our hearts bearing the fruit of love. Maybe religious intolerance would be eradicated. Maybe the people of nations like Nigeria could walk round the streets not being worried about whether Boko Haram or any fanatic would hurt them just because they support another religion."

EXCERPT FROM **DAMITO IYUN'S** ESSAY

"We grow up with a sort of forced inclination towards the values embedded in our Yoruba culture. This is our shield. Initially, its effect was not realized but now, we know that it was all necessary in order for them to fulfil their own part in nurturing the next generation of Nigerians who will continue the legacy our forefathers fought for. Now, no matter where we go or how much we succeed, we never forget our roots."

THE NEWS

with **Isabelle, Kelechi, Isabelle & Monjolaoluwa**

AMAZING AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION IN NIGER STATE, NIGERIA

Niger State has launched an ambitious agricultural revolution, featuring:
- 1000 tractors to boost mechanized farming
- 100 farm estates, each spanning 10,000 hectares, in 100 locations
- Reopening of Niger Foods to process and add value to produce.

With limited support from the USA, this initiative aims to transform Niger State into a hub for agricultural production, create jobs, strengthen the economy, stimulate economic growth and and address the issue of hunger.

As students, we need to aspire to learn the art and science of farming, including growing crops, raising livestock, and rearing animals to provide food, wool, and other products, so that Nigerian can become a major world supplier, thrive, and prosper.

In a bid to test our students on what they had learned about the Agricultural Revolution, we held a quiz with representatives from their respective houses

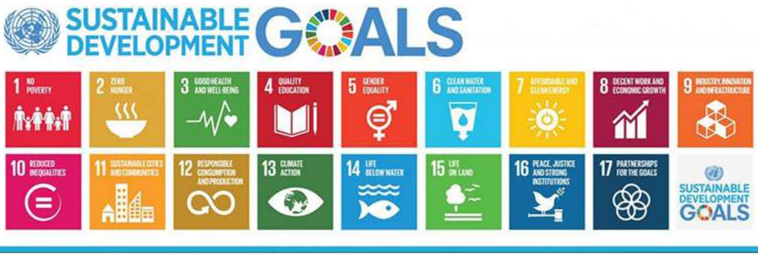
RUTH HOUSE	DANIEL HOUSE
Muna Onugu - Grade 10	Tomiwa Abiola - Grade 10
Melissa Ifeanyi - Grade 11	Kosi Okoli - Grade 11

VS

PAUL HOUSE
Martin Inok - Grade 10
Temini Harrison - Grade 11

SARAH HOUSE
Enoch Balogun - Grade 10
Francisca Adenaike - Grade 11

The results of the quiz are as follows
1st – Sarah and Paul (15/15)
2nd – Daniel and Ruth (13/15)


SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
1 NO POVERTY
2 ZERO HUNGER
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
4 QUALITY EDUCATION
5 GENDER EQUALITY
6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES
11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
13 CLIMATE ACTION
14 LIFE BELOW WATER
15 LIFE ON LAND
16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS
17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT LIFE TALK

HERE'S WHAT SOME OF OUR STUDENTS SAID ABOUT THE SDGS

GRADE 8

Brume Unajefe: Instead of killing them, (animals) we can create reserves to house them so tourists can view them and pay for them.

Ifeoluwa Familusi: I believe that when you protect your environment, you will ultimately achieve economic growth.

GRADE 9

Chidiogo Ndubuisi: Let us avoid temporary solutions and strive for better permanent solutions.

Chimobim Enebe: Let us share resources equally so everyone can benefit.

GRADE 10

Seyifunmi Kola-Adeleke: “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall remain the same.” We must have faith in the promises of God so they can come into full physical manifestation.

Dara John-Akinola: A proposition should be made to elongate the SDGs past 2030 since many countries are still underdeveloped.

GRADE 11

Tani Oni: Introducing renewable sources of energy slowly so the prices will not be too high for the average person.

Juba Aregbesola: Mastering the transition to renewable resources to protect the environment is important.

We must practice the change we want in our environment before we expect a change in the whole of Nigeria.
The change begins with us.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF LIVING TOGETHER IN PEACE

A journey through history: the world wars: the 1st world war, the 2nd world war and the cold war by Tamilore Oyekan and Ayoola Atoyebi.

Now how can we live together in Peace?

"Unity in Diversity: let's embrace and celebrate each other's cultures."
"Let's harness the strengths of our cultural differences to make Nigeria great."
"Religion should not divide us but unite us in serving God and loving Nigeria."

“Let's celebrate cultural diversity to coexist peacefully and make Nigeria great.”
“Let's cultivate patriotism and prioritize political inclusiveness for a brighter future."

SCHOOL OF KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ATTRIBUTES

HOW TO ACE YOUR TESTS

In preparation for our mid-term tests, some of our students shared tips on how they and their fellow students can excel. Some of the tips are:
- Sacrifice sleeping, chatting, and playing.
- Use your free periods wisely.
- Meet up with teachers for assistance.
- Meet up with fellow students for assistance.
- Do some extra work.

EASTER GAMES

Students competed in a series of action-packed challenge games testing speed, ability and teamwork.