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MD'S Welcome

BUILDING OUR COUNTRY THROUGH GODLY CHILDREN

As we celebrate our children today for the successful conclusion of A level programme which is a step to higher academic pursuits. I will like to also congratulate our parents for their responsible parenthood.

As we know that not all parents are responsible.

Our decision to enrol our wards in a standard A' level school like Ascending College

Our commitment to paying their school fees, even during recession

Our care on them, on daily basis, until the completion of their A' level programme.

I cannot but appreciate Ascending College staff for

the high quality education and moral standard.

We need to understand that countries are made of families and families are shaped by schools

We all talk bad about the Nigerian economy, corruption, infrastructure, security, health, etc. It is the collective failure of families and schools. The present set of leaders in the country are formed and nothing much should be expected. They have lost the sense of right and wrong, true and false. This is a country where leaders lie and it looks normal.

Let's come back home. Our schools need to design programmes that will build our children on a high level of moral and academic stan-

dard. We need children that have a sense of truth, We need children that have a sense of values. I mean:

Respect for one another
Respect for other culture and tribes

Respect for properties and things

Respect for the rule of law

In my house, there are rules, e.g., you don't brush your mouth in the dinning sink. We set boundaries for children. Also, our children should be able to correct our wrongs without being silent. The exposure we give them here in Africa is very bad - aggression, bad language, temperamental and moral decadence, in-

decent dressing, inordinate relationship and the uncontrolled T.V shows they watch.

The school needs to train and mould their staff to have these values, language, relationships, dressings e.t.c.

Parents need to re-train themselves to be examples and not to silence the good training their children receive from a school like ours. May God help us to build a great nation. Thank you all.

ADEOSUN ADELEYE J.
Managing Director



EDITOR'S WELCOME

Welcome to the fifth edition of Ascending Outlook. For the past five years, we've been keeping a track record of our students' brilliant performance at the Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), et al. In this issue, we focus on the impact factor of Ascending College, Ibadan, on young adults in the community of pre-varsity schools and colleges in Nigeria. We are proud to say that within the last fourteen years, Ascending College has become a force to reckon with in the post-high school business. Besides, we take a cursory look at the post A' level experiences of two of our alumni, both in their career and professional pursuits. Again, the current edition offers all you need to know about the Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), the Joint Universities Preliminary Examinations Board (JUPEB) programme, Association of Business Executives (ABE)/ the Ascending Business School (ABS), and our newly-introduced degree and HND conversion programmes in partnership with Ajayi Crowther University (ACU), Oyo, Nigeria. Dear reader, we are glad to inform you that each year Ascending College breaks a new ground and celebrates a new feat!

AKINTUNDE OLASUPO
Editor-in-Chief



FOREWARD

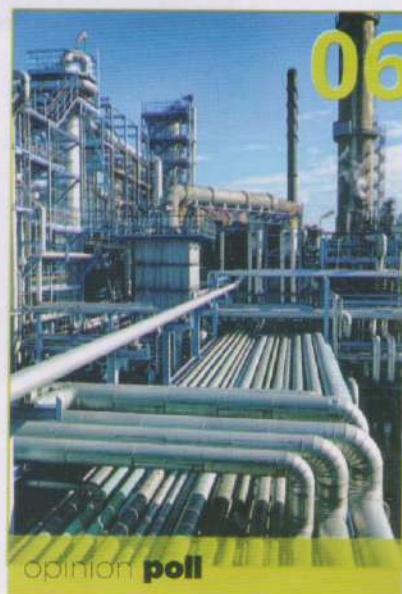
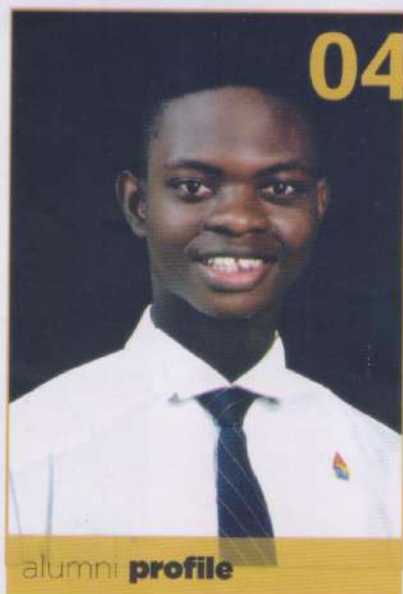
There is an adage that says, "One's input determines one's output." The kind of seed that you plant determines the kind of harvest that you reap. The kind of educational foundation you give your child/ward determines their future career and well-being. Enrolling in Ascending College is a journey that will transform a child's thoughts and desires in life. This volume is a handbook written primarily as a testimony of students' brilliant performance at the Cambridge International Examinations (CIE), the Joint Universities Preliminary Examinations Board (JUPEB), and the overall impact factor of Ascending College in the post-secondary school educational business. This edition of Ascending Outlook offers information on various pre-varsity and university programmes offered at Ascending College, such as the CIE, JUPEB, Association of Business Executives (ABE, UK), etc.

The author attempts to give a summary of the Alumni profile and opinion polls of Ascending College and readers will definitely find it's worthwhile reading topics on "brain teasers," "Reaching the peak in life's endeavor," etc.

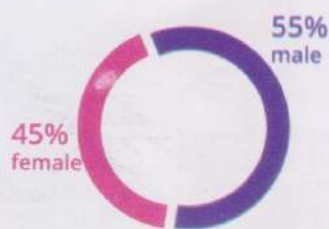
Finally, I would like to recommend the Outlook to all parents and guardians, current and potential students.

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CONTENT



student **survey**



Below are some details taken from our survey of A' level students who registered at Ascending College, Ibadan, over the past 12 years.

Responses from over 15 states in Nigeria
45% female **55%** male

100% secures university admission after completing their A' levels @ Ascending College



making one distinct from the outset.

There is an ever memorable saying by Albert Einstein that "Education is what remains when you have forgotten all that you have learnt in school." This is the idea I consider most germane in everything I write here. I think it is inescapable that one forgets things as basic as the name of the monarchs who reigned before the French Revolution and the ideas of the enthusiastic positivist sociologists. But certain things about real education, and in this case the Cambridge A' level, would always remain with one long after schooling. A number of my accomplishments in my faculty's debating society, including my recent success at the Joint Tax Board Debate, 2017, can indirectly be attributed to the refined enrichment of language Mr Olasupo, my literature lecturer, would always advocate. We would usually say debating is a play of passion but

language is what reflects passions and my own A' level literature refined my language. Did I mention that I have a legal blog now? The workings of it and its success I can indirectly attribute to the knowledge of sociology. The world today is an attention/ interaction economy; I know knowing is power and I know my A' level courses have been instrumental.

Forgive my short conclusion and please ruminate on the following ideas; one, "If you don't build your dream, someone will hire you to help build theirs;" two, "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing" – Helen Keller.



...Cambridge A' level is, in this regard, a cheat code that boosts your appearance before the porters of the doors of opportunity.

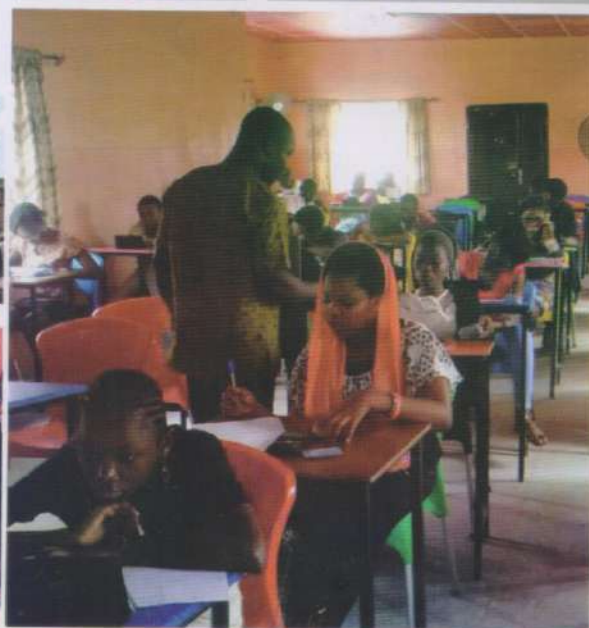
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(Command Secondary
School, Apata, Ibadan; CIE –
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School; CIE – Oct/Nov, 2017)



Winner Chijioke
(FGC, Odogbolu; CIE – Oct/
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(Goodwill International Sec-
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Nov, 2017)

Petroleum is one of the important resources in Nigeria. It is considered as a major source of Nigeria's income; so, it can be considered as a blessing though it has caused instability in the economy.

I think it's a gift because, although we have other resources, it makes most of our foreign income. It was thought to be a death trap, when we so much depended on it, which is bad because it is non-renewable. But now, hopefully, Nigeria may start depending less on it and I think we now have our own refinery...

Crude oil to Nigeria has been a gift because it has been the nation's major source of income. Assuming there is no oil, Nigeria would have been in a big mess.

Hmm... Crude oil can be said to be both. It is a blessing in the sense that it is a natural resource which we have in the country that requires everyday use. If used wisely by the government, it would yield a lot both within and outside the country. It should not be called a curse but in a way. At the wake, that is, at the discovery of crude oil, our people diverted from agriculture, our former praised resource, and paid more attention to crude oil. Through agriculture, however, we could also achieve a lot as a nation.

Petroleum has transformed countries into rich ones, deserts into watersheds, and bankrupt nations into creditors, Nigeria inclusive.



Timilehin Aderaju
(Mayflower Private School,
Ikenne, Ogun State; CIE –
Oct/Nov, 2017)



Gladys Tomolaju
(SPED International Second-
ary School, Oyo; CIE – Oct/
Nov, 2017)



Emmanuel James
(Government College,
Ibadan; Oct/Nov, 2017)

It is actually a gift but has turned to a death trap because people in power are going crazy for the wealth coming from it, which is supposed to be shared.

It's a gift from God because it is a natural resource but it is also a death trap because we are too dependent on it as a source of income.

Crude oil (black gold) is a blessing because it serves as a huge source of income for Nigeria, and has also brought the country to international limelight as the 6th largest oil producer in OPEC.

* BEST WRITER'S AWARD *

TOPIC: *"A Good health is the responsibility of the individual"*

PARTICIPANTS: *Students currently in Secondary Schools in any part of the world.*

INSTRUCTION: *Write an essay between 450 and 600 words*

CLOSING DATE: **February 28, 2018.**

At the end of the essay, write your name, sex, age, school, phone number, and address.

Send to ascendingcollege@yahoo.com

Award: Cash.

Note: Best article will be published in our next (2018) Ascending Outlook

YOU ALREADY ARE ALL THAT YOU THINK YOU ARE LACKING

Oyindamola Grace Osinubi, a Student of the Oct/Nov CIE 2017 Set- and a member of the editorial board of Ascending Outlook - writes to motivate both students and the general public on maximising their potentials to the full

You already are all that you think you are lacking. And much, much more.' I stumbled upon these words in an e-book I was reading on my phone. Ever since then, I've come to appreciate myself more and sail through life needing no veneer or façade.

Inherent in every human being are unique strengths and weaknesses as well. However, we tend to focus more on our weaknesses or "inadequacies" – the areas in which we reason we do not measure up to others. As a result, we accept the self-imposed fate that we are predestined to be mediocre, that we were never meant to stand a shoulder above the masses. We see that we lose our enthusiastic zest for life and begin to swim in our own tight radius, living the grit and grind of mere existence.

No one is inadequate. No one is predestined to be mediocre in everything. The Creator planted in each and every one seeds of greatness. But when we get caught in the vortex of comparing our lives with others, we fail to see our essence and start the game of wishing. As long as we live in a world of wishes, our potential will ever be a mirage. No one needs to become anybody to succeed. No one needs to act and talk like someone else to be great. It's advisable to emulate the skills you admire in someone else, but you do not need to become them ultimately.

To the outgoing students, my fellow students (presently), and aspiring A-levels certified students, never for once downplay your potential. Move beyond ordinary self-imposed limitations. Become one of the ordinary people who choose to do extraordinary things. For A-levels students, CIE- Cambridge International Examination- is not beyond you; it's a fortress you can conquer. You have the grace and the ability. Go for it. To every other person, let this write up challenge you to grow like a tree, not like a mushroom. Remember, YOU are Energy refining itself. YOU are Life experiencing itself. YOU are Life becoming more. YOU already are all that you think you are lacking. And much, much more.

till we meet again, fair fortune be yours

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The objective is to fill the 9x9 grid so that each column, each row and each of the nine 3x3 boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9. A cell is the smallest block in the game. A row, column and region consists of 9 cells and the whole game consists of 81 cells.

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climate change

Mr Oluwaseyi A Omotoye,
a Physics Lecturer at the As-
cending College, gives a critical
exposition on issues regarding
climate change.

Climate change, which is often referred to as global warming, is a long time shift in the statistics of the weather. Is a change in average weather conditions, when that change lasts for a long period of time (around decades to millions of years). Climate change is a normal part of the Earth's natural variability, which is related to interactions among the atmosphere, ocean, and land as well as changes in the amount of solar radiation reaching the Earth. Climate change is one of the defining issues of our time. It is evident that the global climate is currently changing. The last decade of the 20th Century and the beginning of the 21st have been the warmest period in the entire global instrumental temperature record, starting in the mid-19th century. It is now more certain than ever, based on many lines of evidence, that human beings are changing Earth's climate. The atmosphere and oceans have warmed, accompanied by sea-level rise, a strong decline in Arctic sea ice, and other climate related changes. Scientific evidences are being gathered around the world, and assumptions and findings about climate change are continually analysed and tested.

CAUSES OF CLIMATE CHANGE

There are varieties of potential causes for global climate change, including both natural and human induced mechanisms (anthropogenic forces). Science has made great impact in determining which potential causes are actually responsible for the climate change that occurred during the 20th Century. Investigations so far have revealed that greenhouse gases released to the atmosphere by human activities are the main cause of temporary global warming. In summary, the causes of global climate change could be analysed as follows:

Greenhouse Gases: A greenhouse gas is a gas in an atmosphere that absorbs and emits radiation within the thermal infrared range, thereby trapping and holding heat in the atmosphere. The major greenhouse gases in the Earth's atmosphere are water vapour, carbon (iv) oxide, methane, nitrous oxide, ozone and chloro-fluorocarbons. Greenhouse gases are responsible for greenhouse effect which ultimately leads to global warming. Greenhouse gases are relatively transparent to incoming solar radiation, allowing the sun's energy to pass through the atmosphere to the surface of the Earth. The energy is then absorbed by the Earth's surface, used in the processes like photosynthesis, or emitted back to space as in-



frared radiation. Some of the emitted radiation passes through the atmosphere and travels back to space but some is absorbed by greenhouse gas molecules and then re-emitted in all directions. The effect of this is to warm the Earth's surface and the lower atmosphere. Carbon (iv) oxide (CO_2) and water vapour (H_2O) are the two largest contributors to the greenhouse effect. Methane (CH_4), nitrous oxide (N_2O), chloro-fluorocarbons (CFCs) and other greenhouse gases are present only in trace amounts, but can still have a powerful warming effect due to their heat-trapping abilities and their long residence time in the atmosphere. Without the greenhouse effect, Earth's average temperature would be around -0.4°F (around -18°C), rather than present being around 60°F (around 15°C). Concentrations of greenhouse gases most especially carbon (iv) oxide have risen over the past two hundred and fifty years, largely due to the combustion of fossil fuels for energy production. Since the industrial revolution in the eighteenth century, the concentration of carbon (iv) oxide in the atmosphere has risen from about 270 parts per million (ppm) to about 370 ppm. Concentrations of methane have also risen due to cattle production, the cultivation of rice and release of landfills. Nearly one third of human-induced nitrous oxide emissions are as a result

of industrial processes and automobile emissions.

Land – use change: The combustion of fossil is not the only anthropogenic source of carbon (iv) oxide. When ecosystems are altered and vegetation is either burned or removed the carbon stored in them is released to the atmosphere as carbon (iv) oxide. The principal reasons for deforestations are agriculture, urban growth, and harvesting timber for fuel, construction and paper. Findings have revealed that, up to a quarter of the carbon (iv) oxide emissions to the atmosphere can be attributed to land – use change.

Sulfate Aerosols and Black Carbon: Sulfate aerosols and black carbon are two important additional of anthropogenic influence on climate. Sulfate aerosols, which enter the atmosphere naturally during volcanic eruptions, are tiny airborne particles that reflect sunlight back to space. Industrial activity has recently increased their concentration in the atmosphere primarily through the burning of fossil fuels containing sulfur. Anthropogenic emissions of sulfate aerosols have been associated with a net cooling effect.

Black Carbon: Soot generated from industrial pollution, traffic outdoor fires, and the burning of coal and biomass fuels. Black carbon is formed by incomplete combustion especially of coal, diesel fuels, biofuels and outdoor biomass burning. Soot particles absorb sunlight, both heating the air and reducing the amount of sunlight reaching the ground.

Climate change has been serious environmental issues in the recent time. Our environments have been adversely affected due to effects of climate change. Many systems like agriculture, forests, wild-life, rivers and lakes etc. which serves

as means of surviving in our communities have suffered from these effects of climate change. Out-borne diseases are more pronounced in our environment due to climate change. Effects like flood and draught are also being experienced in some regions of the world as a result of climate change. Hence, having realised that major causes of climate change is anthropogenic, then human activities in the communities need to be checked and controlled to manage and regulate the effect of climate change in our communities.

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Rebecca Ajayi, an alumna of Ascending College and a 400-level student of the Department of Communication and Language Arts at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, shares her Cambridge A' level experience and how it is helping her to cope with university challenges.

My academic journey has been challenging and remarkable. It epitomizes the saying that nothing great comes without a price. I finished from Federal Government College Odogbolu in the year 2012 and proceeded to Ascending College.

At Ascending College, I was able to imbibe a good studying culture and the ability to analyse examination questions beyond the surface meaning. In secondary school, many of us never learned how to give a deeper explanation to examination questions. For me, I can categorically say that the Cambridge A' level experience built me up for university life because lecturers wouldn't expect you to give them only what they taught you; on the contrary, they expect that you think "out of the box." Students are expected to ruminate on questions and succinctly discuss their answers without missing out important points – that I learned during my Cambridge A' level programme at Ascending College and by the grace of God, right now, I am one of the best in my class.

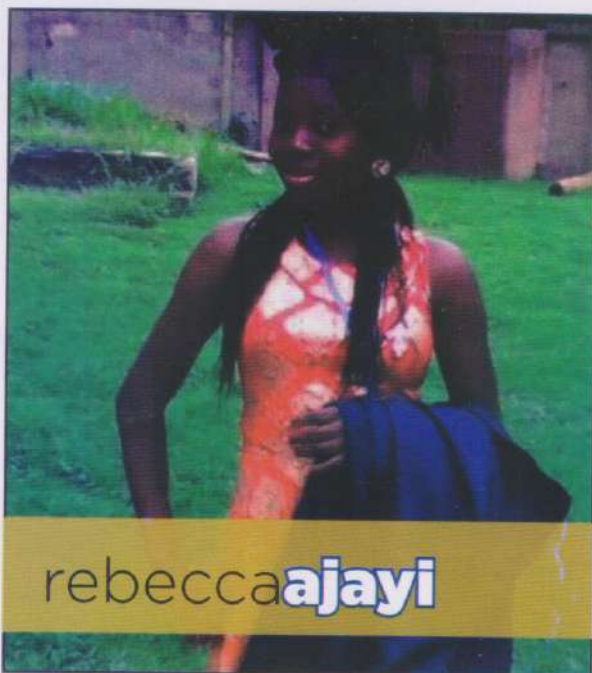
Another thing I developed at the College was stepping up the art of studying. Many students find studying difficult but I tell you, although studying can be quite challenging because you have to sit down in a place and deny yourself of certain things, when you think of what you stand to gain if you study, it becomes a fun for you. All you need to do is focus on the prize. In secondary school, many of us had teachers who would force us to go for prep and even punished us when we wouldn't read. As a matter of necessity, Ascending College provides a designated time for students to prep but more than that, we were taught to be responsible students. I learned how to discipline myself and study when necessary. Subsequently, at the University of Ibadan, I have faced a lot of distractions but my A' level experience has taught me how to discipline myself and manage my time prudently.

For me, Ascending College, I can proudly say, was part of God's plan for my life and I am happy I made a great use of the opportunity. The lessons learnt are a part of me, helping me fulfil my dreams at the University and even helping me in the journey of life. It takes someone who has learned the art of holding and shaping his or her life's destiny to triumph and, I tell you, Ascending offers a plethora of that! All you need to do is to be receptive enough, so you learn all that is necessary. When we do so, we can be assured that the sky is our starting point. See you at the top!

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Reaching the peak in life's endeavours

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Akintunde Olasupo,

Lecturer (Ascending College) and editor-in-chief (Ascending Outlook)

Shares tips to ensure that you get to the top of your academic dream.



Reaching the peak in any endeavour is the surest source of an enduring joy and fulfilment in life. No one could be said to have lived a life well-spent if nothing gave them joy and happiness, and if they never attained the peak of their dreams and desires in life. "Reaching the peak," therefore, is the key to our fulfilment in life – in school/college, business, family, and in society at large. It is the pivot that gives us a holistic uplift. For a student, "reaching the peak" is more than passing examinations: it is passing them well enough; it is more than topping the class: it is making yourself globally competitive and relevant; it is more than acquiring knowledge: it is developing an all-round ability for creating solution to the problems around us. "Reaching the peak" is, thus, an impetus, a drive, and a flame that should engulf a student's passion and pursuit for excellence and fulfilment in life. It is, therefore, synonymous to excellence, which will make you to –

- i. Re-order your priorities;
- ii. Read and study for "a purpose;"
- iii. Release your energies – mental, psychological, physical, financial, and material;
- iv. Wrestle (strive) and not nestle (relax);
- v. Rise above your peers;
- vi. Rate yourself high (self-esteem); and
- vii. Rest on God's abilities and strength.

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What is excellence?

Excellence is the state of an extremely high quality; a state of choiceness, distinction, first-rateness, greatness, perfection, superiority and supremacy. "To excel" is "to be better than others;" it is "to be distinguishable by superiority;" and "to surpass others" in an activity or an endeavour. This quality of greatness ought to be the desire of every young adult. How do we have hunger for excellence?

- i. Desire it;
- ii. Make it an attitude and a life-style;
- iii. Let it be your waking and sleeping thought; and
- iv. Give all you have for it (time, strength, focus/concentration, etc.).

Although many students desire excellence, only a few pay the price willingly, cheerfully, and timely.

Before excellence can be achieved and attained in any endeavour, there are common and peculiar hurdles which must be surmounted. The hurdle of

- i. Laziness and idleness – intention without a corresponding action achieves nothing;
- ii. Procrastination – a thief of time;
- iii. Bad association – show me your friend and I'll tell you who you are. Also, birds of a feather flock together;
- iv. Negative use of Information Technology (IT) and its gadgets – the Internet, the Smartphones, the Tablets, the iPad, the iPod, and the social media, which have, arguably, done more harm than

good to youths today;

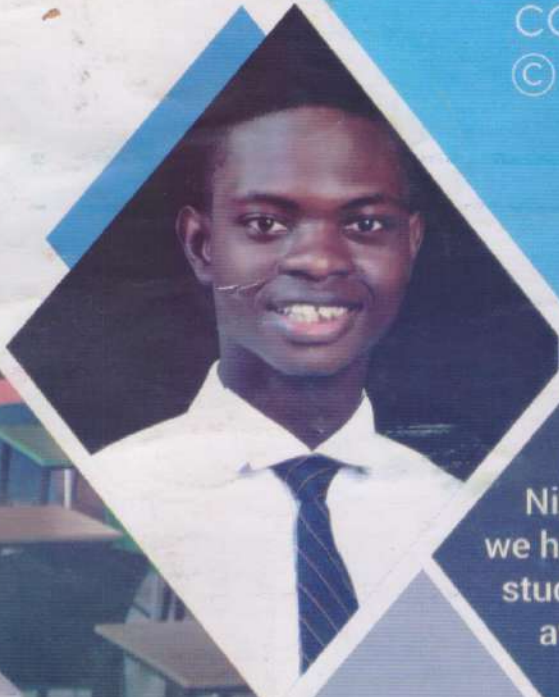
v. Low or lack of self-esteem, which is synonymous to self-defeat;

vi. Faithlessness in God; and

vii. Sin – Solomon, the wisest man of his own time and era, reveals clearly that **"Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people"** (Proverbs 14:34).

God has good and great plans for every young person, regardless of our age, colour, tribe, and gender. In His own words, He says, **"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end"** (Jeremiah 29:11). In other words, for you as a young person, God wants to give you a hope and a future. So, excellence in assignments, tests, and examinations (which are a means to an end and not an end in themselves) can be guaranteed if we would willingly, cheerfully, and timely pay the price. Therefore, to reach the peak in our studies and other endeavours, be above others, and be above only, we must:

- i. Sleep less and study more;
- ii. Talk less and think more;
- iii. Hear less and listen more;
- iv. Chat less with friends and chat more with God;
- v. Quantity less and quality more;
- vi. Dream less and do more; and
- vii. Travel less and tarry more in the reading room and in school.



For more than ten (10) years, Ascending College, Ibadan, has been offering scholarship opportunities to secondary school leavers in selected secondary schools across Nigeria. In fact, in this edition of Outlook, we have introduced to secondary school students another award called 'best writer's award'. Parents and their wards should avail themselves of these opportunities towards the realisation of their academic/career goals.

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