

School Song

1. School of our pride built on the rock
By order, justice and fairplay ruled
May what we dare to learn from thee in youth
Be our guidelight throughout our lives

Refrain: School of our pride we build on thee

2. Service to others not to self
Consideration for our Nation first
By our examples and not by precept
Show honest labours dignity

Refrain: School of our pride we build on thee

3. Generations shall come and go
But our pride you will for aye remain
Maybe not in the confines of your walls
But in Alumni world-renowned

Refrain: School of our pride we build on thee

Swanston

Year Founded: 1929

House Patron: E.C. SWANSTON

First House Master: BENTON EVANS

House Colour: BLUE

House Emblem: A WHITE SWAN ON BLUE WATER

House Motto: ORDER, JUSTICE AND FAIRPLAY BRING CONTENTMENT. IT IS A WILLING COOPERATION THAT MAKES A STRONG TEAM.

House History:

Swanston House, the mother of all Houses shared its history with that of the School, as it was created in 1929. The House was named after Mr E.R. Swanston, an His Majesty's Inspector of Education and later Deputy Director of Education, Southern Provinces, Nigeria. The House had Mr. W.B. Benton-Evans, a young Briton, Foundation Staff and Geography Teacher as the first Swanston House Master. He was an Oxford Blue in Football and served the School from 1929 to 1936 during which he was in charge of Football games. One of the first two Boarding Houses was named Benton-Evans Boarding House, but was later renamed to Swanston House, which remains till date. The Foundation Prefects of Swanston House were E.A. Onimole, J.H.B. Appah, G.E. Omisegba, G.E. Ehiemua, W.H. Okhawere and G.O. Adedeji.

House Song:

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Oh, Swanston House

The call, the call has come to you

To do your best to help this world along

To be like him who trod this earth before you

And died without a consciousness of wrong

But do not wait for idleness to injure you

Get up and work now that you've work to do

And when you win, be not proud nor conceited

But rest content with work well done

Oh Swanston House.

Year Founded: 1973

House Patron: LORD V.B.V. POWELL

First House Master: MR A.S. EMORDI

House Colour: PURPLE

House Emblem: LION

House Motto: "FROM EAST AND FROM WEST CAME WE....."

House History:

Powell House, the youngest of the Houses came into existence 44 years after GCI was established, precisely, February 23, 1973. The House was birthed under the management of Chief J.B.O. Ojo (1940), Principal (1968 -1974) who also doubles as an Old Boy. It was christened "Powell House" in tribute to Mr V.B.V. Powell, an eminent Educationist who had served GCI meritoriously for seventeen continuous years (1930-1947) since inception of the School and in various capacities as English and History Teacher, first House Master of Grier House and Principal (1943 - 1947). He was keen on the development of Sports in the College. The mascot of the House is 'Lion' which was coined from the respectfulness and fearfulness GCI Boys had for the maiden House Master, Mr A.S. Emordi, a Wood-Work Teacher and disciplinarian, who was greatly endowed with a well-built huge physique. Purple colour was considered to suit the royal animal and Odeyemi (1959) of Field House coloured the face of the lion which adorned Powell House. With respect to the colour, "Up Purple!" became the slogan of the House.

House Song:

1. From East and from West came we
To lodge in thee, royal host
Came to put life into thee
To make thee great is a must
What a house, it shines like as
Diamond among rough stones
We in you shall not be drones
We shall make you polished brass.
2. On the field or in the school
Towards evening or at noon
We shall employ every fool
That school glories may be won

Powell House full of young blood
In the building, in the boys
It shall not be just our noise
But our trophy-tray must flood.

3. See the violet arise
Mustard seed mixed with the swan
Born a leader Powell is
From him, older brothers learn
Neatness, sports and discipline
Beautiful environment
From these our way'll not bend
And our glory never less.

Year Founded: 1930

House Patron: SIR SELWYN GRIER

First House Master: LORD V.P.V. POWELL

House Colour: MAROON

House Emblem: A SHORT SHIELD WITH THREE FLOWERS IN THE MIDDLE, THEN AT THE BOTTOM IS WRITTEN "SAPERE AUDE" WHICH MEANS "WE DARE TO LEARN ALWAYS"

House Motto: "SAPERE AUDE" WHICH MEANS "WE DARE TO LEARN ALWAYS"

House History:

Grier House was created in the year 1930. The first House Master was Mr. V.B.V. Powell, an English and History Teacher, 'Cambridge Blue', and an English International in Athletics. The young Briton and Educationist named the second of the first two Boarding House after Mr S.M. Grier (who later became Sir Selwyn), the then Director of Education, Southern Provinces, who was a Non-Educationist but an Administrator par excellence. He brought about the birth of two Colleges for Teachers' training in 1929, one of which was Government College Ibadan. The Foundation Prefects in Grier House were J.E. Odiase, E.G. Arubayi, H.O. Fadayiro, S.O. Temietan, E.A. Adeniran, D.C. Edgal and S.O. Omenai.

House Song:

1. O Grier House, let us for thy dear honour yearn
Let us from experience past this lesson learnt
That discipline leads but to our one true goal
Devotion, true must be our unfailing role.
2. We dare to learn both from victory and defeat
If once our best is done then we all can meet
To sing loud in praise of thy untarnished fame
That both past and present cherish just the same.
3. United in Spirit we uphold thy grace!
Of unbroken justice taught in every race
Grier sons thy true greatness must strive sure to shield
We dare to learn always and we 'll never yield.

Year Founded: 1948

House Patron: CAPTAIN H.T.C. FIELD

First House Master: MR LONG

House Colour: GREEN

House Emblem: Palm Tree

House Motto: NIL DESPERANDUN meaning NEVER DESPAIR

House History:

Field House was established in 1948 and named after Captain H.T.C. Field. Captain Field was the second Principal of Government College Ibadan from 1932 - 1943. He is most remembered for the great emphasis he laid on character building of both the Institution and the Students in their formative years. The time of birth of Field House coincided with the beginning of admitting two streams of students (for a class) into the school. An increase in the numerical strength of the student population was believed to necessitate increase in the number of Boarding Houses and correspondingly an increase in the number of House Masters and House Tutors.

House Song:

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| <p>1. Foremost stands the sun in
heaven
Foremost! Field House in this
School
Field House is our inspiration
Past achievements show this well
Inspiration stirs ambition
Leads us unto better yet
Sixteen only when we started
Now unrivalled amongst the rest.</p> <p>2. Those who left us showed our
spirit
Standing well the test of life
Brave in sorrow, staunch in
service
Field House lessons held in mind</p> | <p>In the face of strife and hardship
Holding on without despair
Their achievements are our glory
Their example is our guide.</p> <p>3. Field present the calls now yours
Keep the noble flame alight
The name by which the flame
was lit
Shall ne'r die. H.Field for aye
Don't forget what Baba Job
taught
Valiant toils brings glorious name
Keep our glory and spirit
Evergreen and ever bring</p> |
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Year Founded: 1949

House Patron: HENRY CARR

First House Master: MR. ENO BAKHARE

House Colour: ORANGE

House Emblem: EAGLE

House Motto: BE PREPARED

House History:

Carr House was founded in 1949 (a year after Field House was established). The House had Mr Henry R. Carr as its first Patron whom the House was later named after. Mr Henry R. Carr was Chief Inspector of Education in Nigeria, in 1894 and was the only Black man who had a House named after him in GCI. The House Song was composed by Pritchard et. al., It had Mr Eno Bakhare as its first House Master. Twelve Boys from each of the then existing Swanston, Grier and Field Houses were selected to constitute the Thirty-six Foundation Boys of Carr House in 1949. Leading this crop of Foundation Boys was Oladeji Emmanuel Olaniyi (1944) - oldest Old Boy of GCI. Idowu Ademola (1948) of blessed memory, with the School Number 530 was one of the first set of Carr House Boys. Others were Olarewaju, J.S. Oguntoyinbo (First Old Boy of Carr House to later become House Master of Carr House).

House Song:

1. Where is the source of our great joy?
Every day we bound in joy?
A unique fruit of our ambition
It's striking initiation
Comes from this lovely home of grace
Carr House historical place
All Eaglets let us now rejoice
An exalt Carr with our voice.
2. Of all eaglets none can deny
What pleasures he has thereby
To cheer up our hopeful course
Are provided games and sports
Thus boredom swamped from our way
Never sad but always gay
We heartily thank Vigilia
May he help us forever.
3. We all are very proud of thee
Something must we do for thee
Youngest yet envied by others
Present boys, let's lead others
Our Old Boys will take charge willingly
Of greater affairs bravely
Thus fulfilling their promises
Helping Carr House in all fields.
4. Great men will from Carr House emerge
Christ from Nazareth did emerge
Glorious things for thee shall we do
We honour that great crest too
Eagle, king to birds of all types
Indicates our Patron Henry Carr
Greater may we be on earth thee