

GOVERNMENT COLLEGE, IBADAN

THE REPORT OF 2016/2017 ACADEMIC SESSION GIVEN BY THE PRINCIPAL, (DR. B.T. ODEKUNLE)

AT THE COLLEGE VALEDICTORY/SPEECH AND PRIZE-GIVING DAY CEREMONY
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY 2017 AT GCI OBA HOUSE

**The Guest Speaker,
The Hon. Commissioner for Education, Science and Technology
The Permanent Secretary,
All Directors of the Ministry,
The Chairman, GCI Governing Board,
The Distinguished GCI Old Boys,
Eminent Parents,
Distinguished Guests,
Gentlemen of the Press,
Our Graduands,
Ladies and Gentlemen.**

Let me first appreciate Almighty God for his love and protection, most especially, for me being given a rare privilege as the sixth (6th) Old Boy to serve as Principal of our great College.

On behalf of the entire Management, Staff and Students of this College, I welcome you all to this occasion marking the end of 2016/2017 School year. In every focused academic setting, after performance comes evaluation which prompts motivation. In essence, we are here to celebrate excellence, motivate hard work with the view to increasing the probability of working hard among staff and students.

ADMINISTRATION

Since I assumed office as Principal, I am happy to note and appreciate God that no life has been lost either among staff or students. My Junior Schools' Principals, Messers Oluwale Adewale and Alhaji Yunus Ibrahim have been highly wonderful for extending to me hands of fellowship and spirit of comradeship.

STUDENT POPULATION

SCHOOL	POPULATION
Junior School I	715
Junior School II	730
Senior School	1305

This population calls for the management(s) to braze up in terms of rigorous academic work and moral discipline with the view to achieving a desirable result.

The disarticulation into two (2) Junior Schools and one (1) Senior School notwithstanding, the entire School still maintains a common identity in terms of dedication to duty, uniformity of standards and discipline.

THE SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

This is a revolutionary initiative of the present administration in Oyo State with the view to repositioning education in the State.

The GCI Governing Board comprises:

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| (i) | Mr Banwo Smith | (Chairman) |
| (ii) | Engr. Femi Babalola | (Old Boys' Association) |
| (iii) | Mr. Yomi Jones | (Old Boys' Association) |
| (iv) | Prince Remi Adeyemo | (Community Rep.) |
| (v) | Elder Olajide Olanrewaju | (PTA Chairman) |
| (vi) | Alhaja Muibi A.O. | (PTA Representative Junior School 1) |
| (vii) | Master Olaitan Samuel | (HOS Senior School) |
| (viii) | Master Promise Olanrewaju | (HOS Junior School 1) |
| (ix) | Master Akinyemi Ismail | (HOS Junior School 2) |
| (x) | Mrs. M.F. Akande | (L.I.E.) |
| (xi) | Mr. O.Y Ibrahim | (Principal, Junior School 2) |
| (xii) | Mr. O E Adewale | (Principal, Junior School 1) |
| (xiii) | Dr. B.T. Odekunle | (Principal, Senior School- /Secretary) |

Let me state clearly that the Board had met severally and the deliberations have kept us on our toes as stakeholders and this has been instrumental to the major landmarks or transformation taking place in the recent times. I appreciate you all.

GCI OBA

Government College, Ibadan Old Boys' Association under the able and dynamic leadership of Chief Abiodun Jolaoso has recorded remarkable achievements and added immeasurable value to this College in terms of academics, infrastructure and other School developmental programmes.

Jolaoso and his cabinet in their usual magnanimous spirit gave us the privilege to utilize this GCI OBA Hall for this programme for the first time in the history of the School. His predecessors, Dr. Lalekan Are and Mr. Banwo Smith are equally worthy of appreciation for

creating a desirable leverage for their successor to build on. This tireless Association is still forging ahead to ensure the school reclaims its place of pride.

In the diaspora, Roluga, Popoola and their Executives never renege on their “*Service to others and not to self*” spirit as Yomi Jones monitors activities within and outside the country.

You are all worthy to be praised for your renovations, teachers recruitment, motivation in forms of Scholarships to mention but a few.

PARENTS-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Without mincing words: this Association under the headship of Mr. Olaide Olanrewaju has in no small measure contributed to the development of the school. The executive members of the association pay periodic visits to the School sensitizing parents on the needs of their children / wards.

However, parents are enjoined to braze up by:

- (i) promptly paying their levies with the view to ensuring desirable results for their wards.
- (ii) providing children/wards with relevant textbooks and other necessary educational materials.
- (iii) discouraging their children from registering for terminal examinations (WAEC) in rural schools tagged “*miracle centres*” so as not to mortgage the lives of these innocent children.

COMPETITIONS, PRIZES WON AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Ladies and gentlemen, I am happy to inform you that:

- (i.) GCI came 1st at the 2017 Oyo State Cricket School League (Governors Cup)
- (ii.) A football competition was organized by Space FM. GCI defeated Evangel College by 11-0 and Command Secondary School by 2-1
- (iii.) Adesuyan Kayode of GCI came 2nd at the Splash FM inter-secondary school oratory contest which took place on 26th May, 2017.
- (iv.) GCI came 3rd at the NTA children’s day summit organized debate competition title “Tackling corruption in a recessed economy”.

Moreover, with the supports of all of you present at this gathering; since I assumed office;

- (i) Our hostels have been given a palliative facelift and now habitable-courtesy 1976 set

- (ii) A new standard cricket pitch is under construction-courtesy Olubi Adejobi (1976 set)
- (iii) The notorious forest at the back of Technical Drawing Block where truants hibernate has been deforested-courtesy 1991 Jan. set.
- (iv) The newly refurbished Library (courtesy 1966 set) is now functional.
- (v) The toilets donated by North American OBA are now opened for students' use.
- (vi) The Nigerian Red Cross is being inaugurated today for the first time in the School's history.
- (vii) Clubs and Societies are now activated in the school viz; Literary and Debating, JETS, Press, Young Farmers.
- (viii) Demonstration farms are now being put in place for students' Agric. Science practical and skills acquisition
- (ix) GCI students embarked on excursion on Wednesday 19th July for the first time in the last eight (8) years.

APPRECIATION

At this juncture, this report remains inconclusive if I fail to appreciate His Excellency, Senator Abiola Ajimobi, Oyo State Governor and our amiable Commissioner for Education, Science & Technology, Prof. Adeniyi Olowofela (*Ceazar of change*) for their laudable achievements in education. My outgoing Permanent Secretary now (Chairman, Oyo State Universal Basic Education Board) Mrs Aderonke Makanjuola, the Director of Schools - Mrs. Adekanbi and other Directors in the Ministry. The Chairman Governing Board , GCI, Mr. Banwo Smith and other Board members, all the Old Boys in Nigeria and in the diaspora, my amiable Vice Principals, Messers Oladipo, Adebayo, Abideen and Staff, the School Prefects, all my Boys (Students). You are all wonderful.

Lastly, Professor Adebola Ekanola (the Guest Speaker) is a Philosopher of repute and an erudite scholar. He is the Dean, Faculty of Arts, the only Premier University (University of Ibadan) Adebola, Ekanola, a silent achiever and product of GCI (1980 Set) is also a golden fish that has no hiding place. I appreciate you, sir for giving these children the opportunity to benefit from your wealth of experience or repertoire of knowledge.

I thank you all.

DR. B.T. ODEKUNLE,
Principal.