

Introduction

Mea Mater Elizabeth High School (MMEHS) is a unique non-profit-making, comprehensive, co-educational boarding school established in September 2004 to break new grounds in the area of facilitating and actualising the potential of its students. The major goal of MMEHS is to equip its students, utilising its abundant facilities, with all they require to live a useful life in any part of the world.

It is our conviction that the products of this school would be articulate, focussed and endowed youth who are fully developed academically, spiritually, morally, socially and culturally, youth who would, between two diverged roads in a wood, take the less travelled by in order to make all the difference - unique personalities.

MMEHS is a ***student-centred school*** where the classroom, dormitory, the refectory, the sports field, the laboratories and workshops are structured to give the best to the students.

Location

MMEHS is located at Ojiagu-Agbani in Nkanu West Local Government Area of Enugu State. Situated in a serene environment, about 20 kilometres from Enugu metropolis.

Mission

The Mission of Mea Mater Elizabeth High School is to bring about the development of a total person who would be self-sufficient in character and knowledge, who would be adequately equipped to fend for himself under any situation and who would develop his hands, brain and his mind for his personal advantage, his family and the society. In a nutshell, the mission is encapsulated thus:

- (i) to impart quality education;
- (ii) to bring about the development of self assertiveness and confidence in the students;
- (iii) to produce students who can adapt to any situation;
- (iv) to instil in the students socially acceptable values;
- (v) to inculcate the essence of dignity of labour through hard work and skill acquisition; and
- (vi) to guide students towards appropriate career selection and to teach students to appreciate the diverse Nigerian Culture.

Vision

The vision of Mea Mater Elizabeth High School is to assist in the development of a unique generation of students who are genuinely disciplined, creative, physically fit and who are exposed to sufficient opportunities to actualise their potential.

Philosophy

The concept of Mea Mater Elizabeth High School is based on the philosophy of ***man is the architect of his own fortune*** and that every man has something tangible to give, if provided the opportunity. That is, every individual can excel if properly nurtured, exposed and directed in facilitating environment. Man is a dynamic process that is always changing. He is a being in existence and not a being in essence; he is totally free and responsible for his acts and actions. Man is searching, thinking and feeling. He is growing and choosing goals according to his abilities.

Adequate opportunities are provided for each student to believe in himself and his potentialities. There is focussed and sustained interaction between the school and the home in a way that when decisions are taken on the direction that a child would follow, it would earn parental concurrence. A lot of emphasis is placed on extra curricular activities, dignity of labour, citizenship and moral education.

Motto

The Motto of MMEHS is ***Be All You Can Be***. It is the undercurrent that propels the actualisation of our focus for our students. Abundant opportunities have been provided for each child to appreciate and actualise his potential. MMEHS leaves no stone unturned in its pursuit of academic, social and moral excellence for its students. Once a child steps into MMEHS, he starts a pleasant journey into a profitable future. MMEHS is an experience, an innovative educational ideal designed to instil hope and confidence in our student - the future generation.

Students' Daily Programme:

Monday - Friday

- 0500 Lights-in

0515 - 0525 Morning Prayer

0530 - 0600	Morning Exercise
0600 - 0640	Morning Functions
0645 - 0655	Morning Treat
0700 - 0735	Morning Assembly
0745 - 0940	Lessons
0945 - 1015	Breakfast
1015 - 1430	Lessons
1430 - 1500	Lunch
1500 - 1550	Siesta
1600 - 1730	Afternoon Prep
1730 - 1830	Evening Games/Club Activities/Sanitation Exercise
1830 - 1900	Evening Activities
1900 - 1930	Dinner
1930 - 2130	Night Prep
2130 - 2145	Night Cap/Night Prayer
2200 -	Lights-out

Saturday

- 0600	Lights-in
0600 - 0800	Morning Games/Sanitation
0800 - 0930	Morning Functions
0930 - 1000	Breakfast
1000 - 1200	Classroom Activities
1200 - 1330	Hostel Activities
1330 - 1400	Lunch
1400 - 1550	Siesta
1600 - 1800	Skill Acquisition
1800 - 1900	Hostel Activities
1900 - 1930	Dinner
1930 - 2130	Social Function/Prep
2130 - 245	Night Cap/Night Prayer
2200 -	Lights-out

Sunday

- 0500	Lights-in
0600 - 0800	Catholic Mass
0800 - 0830	Breakfast
0900 - 1100	Non-Catholics' Service
1100 - 1300	Classroom Activities/House Meetings
1330 - 1400	Lunch
1400 - 1550	Siesta
1600 - 1800	Moral Education/Family Meetings
1800 - 1900	Hostel Activities
1900 - 1930	Dinner
1930 - 2130	Prep
2130 - 245	Night Cap/Night Prayer
2200 -	Lights-out

Curriculum

Our curriculum is broad and well grounded to equip our students for a life of excellence and a better appreciation of humanity. We prepare our students for JSCE (both state and national), SSCE (both WAEC and NECO), UME (JAMB) and SAT. Presently, we are operating with the current UBE curriculum, which includes subjects like Civic Education, Cultural and Creative Art.

Academic Facilities

Our academic facilities are the best in this part of the country. Our conventional library is rich and stocked with relevant and recent books on sciences, arts, commercial, vocational and other areas of general interest. Since reading makes a man, our students are tasked to read at least two novels per week. Weekly essays are also in practice to prepare students in the art of creative writing.

Our science laboratories are first class. The school produces its own distilled water, which are used in practical tests as well as during exams. Our music laboratory is well equipped with modern musical equipment to assist in the development of our students. Others include Vocational and Technical Workshops comprising Technical Drawing, Basic Technology, Building Technology, Wood Work as well as Home Economics, Home Management and

Foods and Nutrition Laboratory, Visual Art Studio, Geography and Agric Laboratories. In addition are our integrated Language Laboratory, Mathematics and Computer Laboratories, among others.

Grading System in MMEHS

MMEHS recognizes any score below 60% as failure; a senior secondary student is considered to have passed **if he/she credits at least six subjects including Mathematics and English and his/her core subjects**; a junior secondary student is considered to have passed **if he/she credits at least nine of subjects including Mathematics and English and his/her core subjects**.

Class Grouping

In MMEHS, there are the Junior School and the Senior School and each of these has a Vice Principal (Academic). The Junior School comprises J S 1, J S 2 and J S 3 while the Senior School comprises S S 1, S S 2 and S S 3. Each of these classes has the following arms: Diamond, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Copper with not more than 25 students in a class. There is a class teacher for every class in MMEHS. The class teacher is in-charge of the overall supervision of the class.

Repetition of a class in ONLY ONCE IN MMEHS

Subjects Offered in MMEHS

In MMEHS, students have a wide range of accredited subjects to offer at both the junior and senior secondary levels.

The subjects for the junior secondary level are: *Mathematics, English Language, Basic Sciences, Basic Technology, Creative and Cultural Arts, Civic Education, Social Studies, Nigerian Language (Igbo, Hausa and Yoruba), Islamic Studies, Christian Religious Education, Home Economics, Business Studies, Agricultural Science, Physical and Health Education, French and Computer Studies*.

A student in junior secondary three is expected to offer eleven of these subjects in Junior NECO.

The subjects for the senior secondary level are: *Mathematics, English Language, Nigerian Language (Igbo, Hausa and Yoruba), Computer Studies, Further Mathematics, Biology, Economics, Physics, Chemistry, Government, History, Christian Religious Education, Accounts, Commerce, Foods & Nutrition, Home Management, Clothing & Textile, Building Technology,*

Applied Electricity, Technical Drawing, Health Education, French, Music, Visual Arts, Typing & Shorthand, Geography, Literature-in-English,

Senior Secondary Students are grouped into Sciences, Arts and Vocational/Technical. Each student in the senior secondary three is expected to offer nine subjects in the WASSCE and Senior NECO.

Besides WASSCE and NECO, MMEHS students are also exposed to SAT, TOEFL, JAMB and IGCSE. The school does not encourage parents to remove their children from the school in order to write the WAEC/NECO November/December GCE.

School Programmes

MMEHS offers your child a great deal of opportunities to explore all possibilities in life. This it does through a wide range of programmes attended by both the students and staff for the purpose of supervision. These programmes include:

- (i) **Inter-House Academic Competition:** This comes up every weekend (Sunday Nights). They include Quiz, Debate, Public Speaking, and Impromptu Speech, Mastermind, Spelling and Reading.
- (ii) **Preparatory Session/Classes:** MMEHS organises a well-supervised intensive prep sessions for the students between 4:00p.m. and 5:30p.m., and 7:30p.m and 9:30p.m everyday. Special Preparatory Classes are also organised for students in examination classes between the hours of 5:00a.m. and 6:30a.m. Mondays through Saturdays.
- (iii) **Inter-House Sports Competition:** This takes place every Second Term of every session and it involves Soccer, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Handball, Long Jump, High Jump, Discus, Shot-put, Javelin, Races, and so many others.
- (iv) **Community Development:** This is a regular event whereby the school engages in clearing some public places within the host community, or any other kind of assistance as deemed fit by the School Authority.
- (v) **Religious Programmes:** The School has a Chapel with a resident Chaplain and a visiting Priest, as well as a Mosque for the Muslim staff and students. Everyday is started with visit to the Chapel or Mosque for prayers.

MMEHS recognises only Christianity and Islam. Christian Worship as either Catholics or No-Catholics

- (vi) **Morning Exercise:** This is a regular physical fitness exercise done every morning to keep the body and mind alert for the day's job. It is a general exercise for both the staff and students. It takes place between Mondays through Fridays.
- (vii) **Evening Games/Sports:** This is a time when the students play as much as they want between 5:30p.m. and 6:30p.m. everyday. To ease off fatigue after the day's academic activities. It takes place twice a week.
- (viii) **Route March/Endurance Trek:** This exercise takes the entire physically fit staff and students through the host community covering about 10 kilometres. It is usually done once in a session.
- (ix) **Mathematics Learning Support/Mathematics Clinic:** MMEHS provides learning support centre for student who are of high proficiency as well as students who are deficient in Mathematics. Revising long-forgotten Mathematics topics provides assistance for the students. The Mathematics Learning Support Centre is here in MMEHS to assist students and enable them to enhance their understanding of Mathematics and develop confidence in the subject.
- (x) **Excursions:** The students periodically embark on educational excursions to interesting places.
- (xi) **Social Nights:** Social nights are organised to spice up the students' lives. Various activities are grouped under this programme. They include:
 - a. **Birthday Party:** There is always party for students born in each month at the end of the month, mostly last Saturdays. Special recognition is given to every student at celebration.
 - b. **Talent Hunt:** This is an avenue for students to showcase their latent talents in the areas of dancing, singing, miming, drama presentation, hands-on on musical instrument, etc.

- (xii) **Strategic Family Grouping:** Staff and Students of MMEHS are members of one big family. The Strategic Family Grouping is unique to MMEHS in that it is an innovation in supportive communal living. All the staff members of MMEHS have social roles to play in ensuring that students have somebody they can turn to whenever they need attention. Teaching is just a tiny aspect of the functions of teachers in this family. Every student belongs to a family grouping and he is treated by other family members the way family members are expected to treat each other. Surrogate parents are introduced to the school family and a symbiotic synergy results. Through this system, good values are learned, academic performance enhanced, home and school families interact, and every member of the school community becomes a shareholder in a venture designed to bring the best out of MMEHS family members. Ours is one big, focussed and happy family.
- (xiii) **Clubs and Skill Acquisition:** Clubs and Skills are designed for the training of the MMEHS students to imbibe the background of our domestic culture, which requires application of knowledge, mind and body in creativity and skill mastery. They are statutory co-curricular components of MMEHS.

Every student is expected to belong to at least one Skill Acquisition Centre and two Clubs (one academic and one social). Each Club and Skill has a Patron appointed by the School authority to oversee the activities of the Club and Skill.

Clubs and Skills in MMEHS aim at the following, among others:

- a. to develop skills for coping with daily needs in a dynamic society;
- b. to recognise one's own capability to optionally use them to benefit oneself and the society;
- c. to preserve the physical environment and identify resources available for development.

Skills in MMEHS include: Hair Dressing, Barbering, Hat Making, Baking, Horse Riding, Speech Making, Auto Mechanics, Interior Decoration & Bid Making, Fine Chemicals, Hairdressing.

Clubs are classified into Social Clubs and Academic Clubs.

Social Clubs include: Chess Club, Youth Tourism Club, Cultural/Drama Troupe, Cadet Club, Homemakers Club and NISSMUN Club

Academic Clubs include: Literary and Debating Club, NAFDAC Club, Young Farmers' Club, French Club, JETS Club, Press Club, Fine Arts Club, Maths and Computer Club, Business and Economic Club.

Hostel Life

The school is a coeducational institution. The hostel rooms are well constructed to make it comfortable for two students to stay in. The Kings' Hall (Boys Hostel) is some scores of metres away from Queens' Hall (Girls Hostel) with strict supervision of the Superintendents and House Masters and Mistresses to ensure sanity. There is a Common Room in each of the Hostels that is well furnished with Digital Satellite Television (DSTV), which provides the students learning opportunities through some educational channels.

House Grouping

MMEHS is grouped into four houses: *Blue, Green, Red and Yellow*. Each house has its own identity: flag, motto, anthem and pledge, as well as guiding rules and principles, all pointing towards the Mission and Vision of MMEHS. House Master and House Mistress head each of the houses and every student is assigned an adviser who is in-charge of the overall supervision of the student's day-to-day activities: academics, sports, social functions, health, turn-out and so on. Most competitions are based on houses.

The houses have house officials and meet regularly under the supervision of the housemaster and house mistress.

Welfare

The School has a fully-fledged Students Affairs Unit that attends to the complaints of students. Through this Unit, the students are given access to their parents/guardians. The Unit controls the entry and exit of students.

Medical Centre

There is a well-staffed and equipped Clinic that offers medical assistance to sick students, with a residents Doctor. Where the sickness could not be handled within the school, the patient (student) is referred to a hospital in the city in consultation with the parent/guardian of the student.

Admission

MMEHS gives admission to brilliant and intelligent young boys and girls every year. Entrance Examination is conducted in the second quarter of every year to select qualified candidates. Suitably qualified candidates are given admission after admission interview.

Prior to the entrance examination is the sale of Admission Forms, which starts at the last quarter through the first quarter of every year. The forms can be obtained at various sales outlets, which include:

- (i) Mea Mater Elizabeth High School Agbani, Enugu
- (ii) Air Force Primary School, GRA Enugu
- (iii) Diamond Bank Plc branches in Enugu
- (iv) Branches of FinBank Nig in Enugu
- (v) Branches of Intercontinental Bank Plc in Enugu
- (vi) Mount Olive Primary School, #1 Ridge Road GRA Onitsha
- (vii) International Unity School, Shell Staff Educational Cooperative, #17 Ekere Street, off Old Aba Road, Rumuobiakani Port-Harcourt Rivers State
- (viii) FAAN Staff School (Domestic Wing), Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Ikeja Lagos State.
- (ix) Government Day Secondary School, Garki Abuja.

The Forms can also be obtained through the following foreign contacts:

- (i) USA: Dr Ngozi Okose. Tel: 281-482-6235; 832-606-9614 (cell) Texas. E-mail: nokose@earthlink.net
- (ii) UK: Mr Ben Etiaba, 139 Jamaica Road, Tower Bridge, London SE164SH. Tel: 020-73946492. e-mail: anambra2007@yahoo.co.uk

The Entrance Examination is held at the following Exam Centres every year:

Enugu Centre

- (i) Mea Mater Elizabeth High School, Agabni Enugu

Onitsha Centre:

- (ii) Mount Olive Primary School, #1 Ridge Road GRA Onitsha

Port-Harcourt Centre:

- (iii) International Unity School, Shell Staff Educational Cooperative, #17 Ekere Street, off Old Aba Road, Rumuobiakani Port-Harcourt Rivers State.

Abuja Centre:

(iv) Government Day Secondary School, Garki Abuja.

Lagos Centre:

(v) FAAN Staff School (Domestic Wing), Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Ikeja Lagos State.

The School does not offer Admission by transfer. Any prospective student MUST pass through the admission exercise and qualify to be given admission into JS 1 (Basic 7).

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