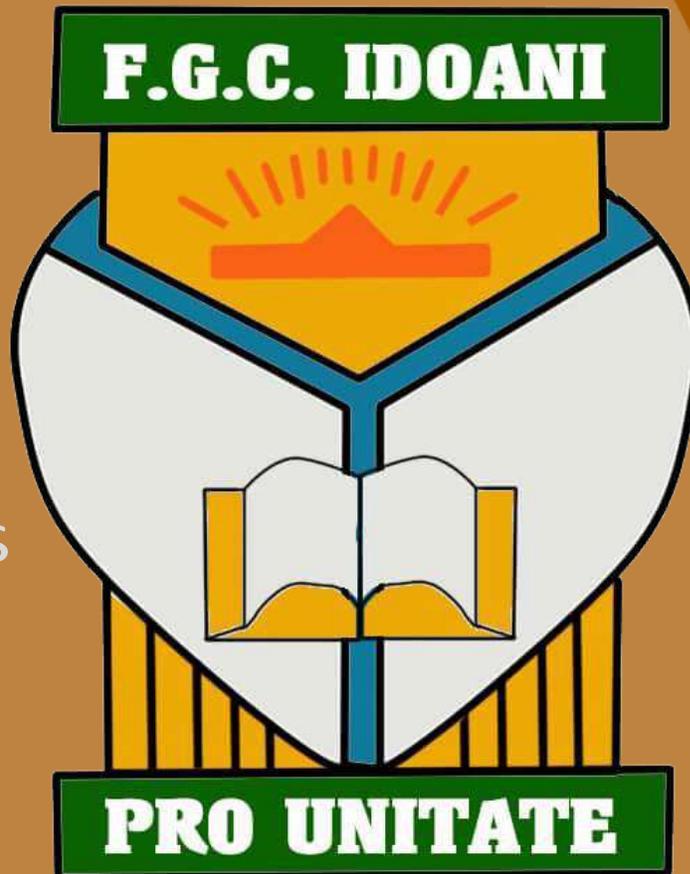


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# NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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# F.G.C. IDOANI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## National Executives



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# President's Desk

...and this shall continue to and always be our source of pride  
.....PRO UNITATE!!!

On behalf of the National Executive Committee (ExCo), I would like to greet and acknowledge all alumni members, the early sets who started the National Alumni Association and gave it their all, all those who used their homes, spent money and made significant sacrifices to host the early members and meetings, the Interim ExCo for the fantastic work they did, and finally, to the current National ExCo and to all who voted us into office.

I must highlight the initiative of the previous ExCo led by President John Osode, the decision to handover to an interim ExCo could not have been easy but it was clearly in the best interest of the alumni as a whole and I commend them for this sacrifice. I was privileged to attend the National alumni meeting that birthed the interim ExCo which has subsequently led us to where we are today. The Vision for the FGCID National Alumni Association is to have a presence and a voice in the affairs of the school and more importantly, to strengthen the network and empower alumni members in any capacity required.

To accomplish this, you can be rest assured that I, along with the ExCo and support of the entire Association will be committed to pursuing any and

every opportunity to actualize the aforementioned vision.

Obviously, for an Association that requires building from the foundation up, we have quite a bit of structural evaluations and interventions to conclude on. I promise you, we have been strategizing and working to deliver on mandates as promised and I am happy to report that we are ahead of schedule. Some of the immediate goals accomplished include the regularization of the Association with CAC, the creation and dissemination of the National Alumni Association Code of Conduct, the active generation of an Alumni Database and the creation of Operative Committees with clear Terms of Reference which will move our Association forward. Even though we have a long way to go, we are well underway and updates will be shared with the Association periodically.

I would like to wrap up by thanking you all again for your confidence in us. We are all in this together as we recognize we cannot do this alone. We are open to your recommendations and would like to continue to seek your support as we elevate the Association to greater heights. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Yours Sincerely,  
Prof. Abimbola Akintade  
President,  
FGC IdoAni National Alumni Association

# agm 2017

## 1ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2017

Time: 2pm

Venue: Beehive Hall  
L.J Dosunmu Street, CBD,  
Agidingbi, Ikeja, Lagos.

### AGM Proposed Agenda

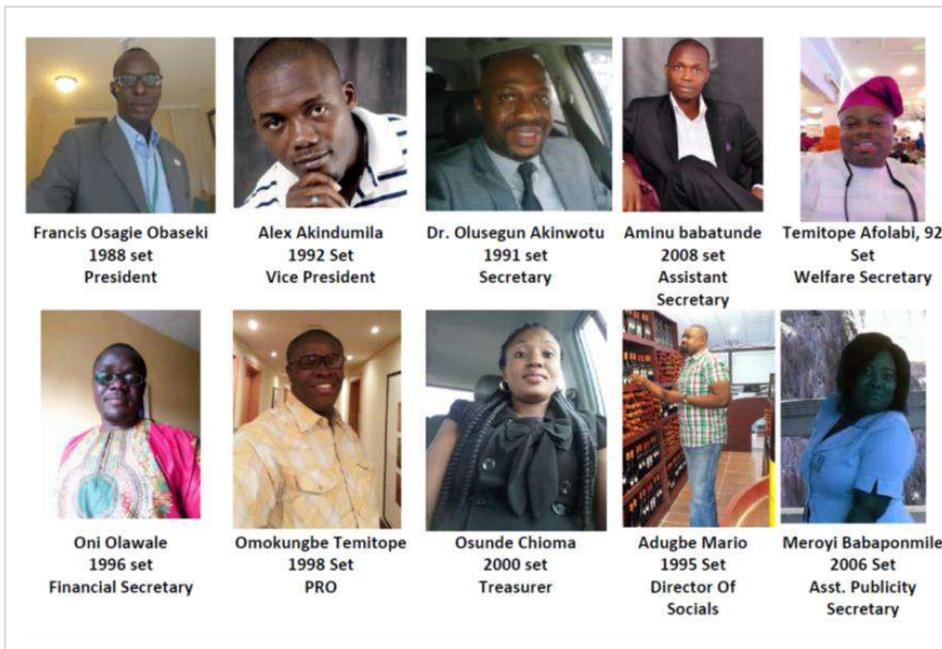
1. Intro of BOT & NExco
2. The Journey So Far
3. Chapter updates
4. Committee Updates
5. Matters Arising
6. Moving Forward

## LAGOS CHAPTER

The Lagos chapter has held four meetings so far in 2017, one each in the months of March, April, May and June. Attendance of alumni members residing in Lagos has overtime increased drastically now recording as high as 100 alumni members attending the meetings.

The Lagos chapter should be seen as a care group, in which welfare of her members is the most important of all

her activities. The Lagos ExcOs overtime evolved the meetings to be a sort of hangout and an avenue for alumni members to network and share ideas regardless of the set they finished from at F.G.C Idoani. This has helped in recording tremendous success with regards to business dealings, job offers and even gainful employment.



The WhatsApp platform created for Lagos chapter members has also gone further to strengthen and solidify the bonds amongst members in which quick information regarding business ideas, services, goods and even job vacancies are being advertised for interested members. In a bit to relieve the chapter of the financial burden of hosting the monthly meetings, different sets with members based in Lagos have taken it upon themselves to help host the chapter meetings. The 1998 set was the first set to host the chapter meeting in April, 1992 set hosted the May meeting and the June meeting was hosted by the 1990 set, while other months have been booked by some sets already.

As a care group, the Lagos chapter excos also deemed it fit to celebrate birthdays of alumni especially those whose birthday falls within the month the meeting is being held to felicitate with them. In conclusion the idea to introduce group life insurance to cater for Lagos Chapter member's uncertainty is still in discussion with the partner insurance company so that member's life can be insured in case of any uncertainty. Indeed the Lagos chapter has set the pace for other chapters. Furthermore, the meeting every month is characterized with a presentation on topics that pertain to member's life and social wellbeing

## 2017 ANNUAL DUES

Payments have been received from the following sets:

1. 1984 Set
2. 1990 Set
3. 1991 Set
4. 1993 Set
5. 1994 Set
6. 1995 Set
7. 2006 Set

Payments should be made to:

**First Bank**  
**FGC Idoani Alumni Association**  
**Acc No.: 2030231016**



## AKURE MEGA CHAPTER

### The Executives

1. Akintunde Akinsemola  
*President 1986 set*
2. Akinloye Omotola  
*Vice President 1990 Set*
3. Odunayo Elijah  
*Secretary 2006 set*
4. Bisi Ogungbemi  
*Financial Secretary 1986 set*

The Akure Mega chapter has held three meetings between January and June 2017.

The 1st meeting took place on the 29th January, 2017. The meeting had a health talk presentation "The Important Tests One Should Run as We Age". The Second meeting was also held at the same venue on the 19th March 2017.

5. Oladeji Ebisemiju  
*Treasurer 2000 set*
6. Lilian Sule  
*Assistant Secretary 2006 Set*
7. Opeyemi Adeloje,  
*Publicity Secretary 1992 Set*
8. Femi Aina  
*Assistant Publicity Secretary 1998 set*

The meetings recorded an attendance of 12 and 15 people respectively. The third meeting which was an informal meeting was hosted by Hon. Ademola Adegoroye at his residence on Easter Monday 17th April 2017. This meeting was more social compared to previous meetings and had a record attendance of about 51 Alumni.

## FGC IDOANI INTER-HOUSE SPORT

The 34th interhouse sports competition took place on the 18th February 2017.

The occasion was chaired by Hon. Muiyiwa Olumilua (an alumni of the school, 1984 set).

All the school houses participated:  
(i) Bola Olaniyan (yellow) house  
(ii) Ose (red) house  
(iii) Alani (green) house  
(iv) Owena (blue) house  
(v) School house (purple).

The school house won the match past competition. The chairman of the day gave a donation of Fifty thousand naira (N50,000) to support sport activities within the school, and a trophy for the '4 by 4' relay race.

Also at the occasion, representatives of the 1990 set gave donations of tables and chairs to the school.

## 34TH INTERHOUSE SPORTS IN PICTURES



## PORT HARCOURT CHAPTER

### **The Executives**

1. Chikwado Ani  
*President 1988 set*
2. Chinelo Ofiora  
*Vice President 1998 Set*
3. Humble Okere  
*Secretary 2000 set*
4. Adedeji Adebayo  
*Financial Secretary 2000 set*
5. Olaide Yekini  
*Treasurer 2000 set*
6. Olumide Ojo  
*Publicity Secretary 1997 Set*
7. Kehinde Nappier  
*Assistant Publicity Secretary 2002 Set*

Port Harcourt Chapter officially kicked off activities as a chapter on March 5th 2017. The chapter has had two other meetings which held on 2nd April and 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

The Chapter had a calculated break in January still gambling in the euphoria of the December end of year Party and the festive season.

The February 5th meeting was the initial intended start date but the meeting was postponed as a result of the planned IPOB Protest scheduled for the same day.

**THE PHC CHAPTER WELFARE PACKAGE:** March 5th was primarily a flag off of the robust member welfare package which is prioritized as the most prized Goal as a chapter. President Architect Ani Chikwado (1988 set) shared this vision which has since been adopted with outstanding results. This package seeks to highlight individual member welfare as our most important target. A welfare purse fully funded by member commitments was inaugurated.

This affords a representation visit and cash support for faithful and committed members. The Chapter will officially take on individual member birth anniversaries, child birth and dedication, death of member close relative, wedding ceremonies and every other major felicitation opportunity. No doubts this introduction has brought in a fresh wave of member commitment and family bond.

April 2nd meeting received three new members and a Proud Parent and mother of four Alumni members (Mrs. Alley Obalokun, mother of our able Treasurer, Mrs. Olayide Alley-Yekinni and three other Alumni members). Also powerful Grandmother of our two Alumni grandsons Olalere and Nifemi. June 4th meeting was sacrificed in the battle to holistically secure a venue putting a permanent end to PH venue challenge.

April 29 and 30 witnessed the wedding ceremony of our very own Kehinde Nappier, National Assistant Publicity Secretary and Assistant Secretary PHC Chapter. Also, the Chapter celebrated the arrival of baby Sophia Munachiso Oluwapamilerinayo daughter of Okere Humble 00set on same day April 29.

The Chapter handed fully loaded welfare bundle to Precious Ekweozor on occasion of his Wedding Ceremony. The Chapter also announced the sad passing of the Father of Akinola Kehinde and Tunde (97 & 96 set) and also Father in Law of Joke Smith (1998set). Members were encouraged to visit and offer condolences and comfort. The Chapter is proud to announce the miraculous discharge of Alfred Ayeni 98 set after a ghastly motor accident.

online group membership is still 51 which has risen from about 43 in December 2016. PHC has 34 duly registered members. However, having a consistent regular meeting attendance of about 25 members on the average has been a herculean task. PHC will go all out in the next quarter running with her member welfare drive to a climax of at least 35-40 members attending the July 2nd meeting.

### WE DON'T BEAT GIRLS HERE!

WE DON'T BEAT GIRLS HERE, DO YOU HEAR ME?

Unfortunately for me I could barely hear him, all I could "hear" was the excruciating pain from my buttocks being the aftermath of six strokes of the cane passionately delivered by Mr. Akanbi, the Vice Principal Academic. Why?

See me see trouble o, I had just been appointed Class Captain, after Niyi Aladesulu had chosen to abdicate, and having assumed executive powers I mistakenly thought the office also came with authority to exercise Marshall Law.

I generally began to throw my weight around and wielded the power to write names of noise makers like some Roman Emperor. Some of my classmates chose not to attract my ire (except Tochukwu Nwatu, who was always so stubborn and rebellious), so I took it for granted that I had the powers of life and death.

So you can imagine my surprise when I announced the need for some quiet during prep one evening, and then one small female voice expressed unusual dissension. I was deeply offended so I went in her direction and ordered her to keep quiet while I was speaking to the class. Ah, she refused to be bullied o, she said for what? All eyes were now turned to us, and I saw that my sceptre was being toyed with by this usually quiet girl. I tried one more time to shout her down, no show, she answered back. Deadlock!

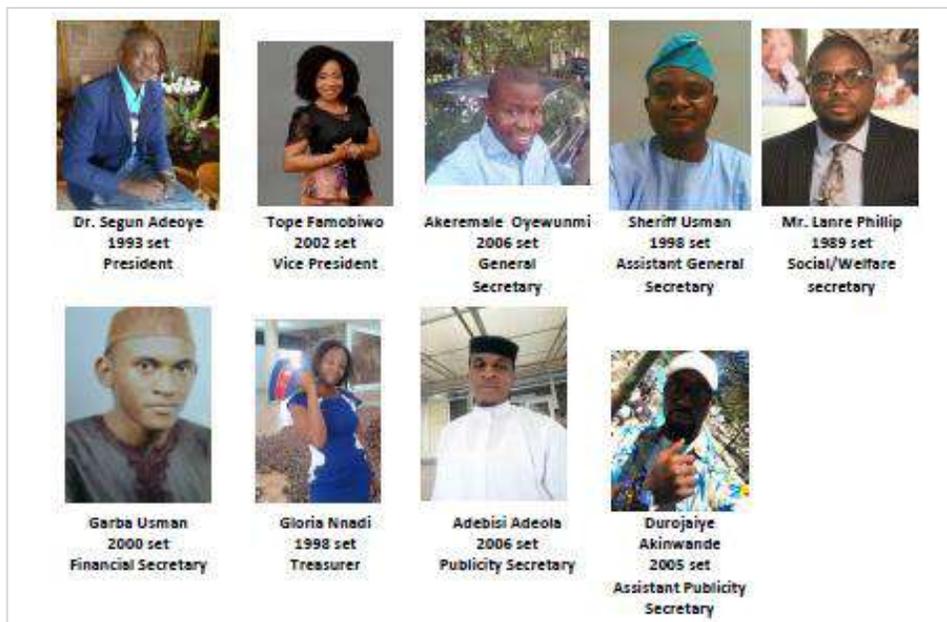
So I decided to employ some of the Marshall Law I thought was part of my powers as Class Captain, my right hand lifted from my side and my palm made contact with her face, THOSAI (what we used to call a dirty slap landed on her face).

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## ABUJA UNITY CHAPTER

The Abuja chapter which also called the Unity chapter has held two meetings so far in 2017, one each in the months of May and June, the attendance of alumni members residing in Abuja keeps increasing after each meeting, this is due to the awareness and activities of members of the alumni to let other alumni residing in Abuja aware of the Abuja unity chapter.

The main aim of the chapter is to network and share in the bond of being an alumni of our alma mater and individual members within the chapter to always makes effort to bring their set members on board and regularly bringing them to meetings and functions.



Meetings will now be held every second Sunday of the month and this has commenced from June session of the meeting, in order to ease the financial burden, different sets will be responsible in hosting of the meetings. The first set to host is 1984 set during the June meeting and it was indeed a successful meeting with the attendance of one of the former teacher of our alma mater – Mr. Iyoyin. The meetings which has gone beyond hangout and networking also have a side attraction of empowerment lectures series. The empowerment lecture series for June was on Role of Advertisement in Small and Medium Scale Business in Nigeria which was handled by Adejuwon Adegoke of 91 set and Hypertension and Healthy Living by Dr. Adeoye Adetiloye of the

same 91 set.

The Chapter has also set up a welfare committee in the previous meeting to work with the Welfare Secretary to manage the welfare of its Abuja Chapter members.

One of the notable activities that was attended by the Abuja Chapter in the time being is the wedding ceremony of Chidi Okeke of 1990 set which was well attended by the members of the Abuja chapter, particularly the 90 sets. Some members of the chapter has also published some wonderful books which can be made available to all alumni nationwide.

In Conclusion, Abuja chapter also known as unity chapter Excos and members will continue to thrive to ensure that it expands its networks and tentacles to reach out to all alumni in Abuja and its environs.

### Books Released by Alumni

**Dr Segun Adeoye:**  
**A Testament of Grace**

**Mrs. Olufunmi Fashugba Okorocho:**  
**My child and I**

**Col. Arogundade Oladele:**  
**Perceptions (unabridged)**

**Mr. Olanrewaju Olorunsola:**  
**Prison Notes**

### WE DON'T BEAT GIRLS HERE!

Continued..

The girl screamed and pandemonium erupted, she took off for the staff room which was just meters from our class, and within minute I received summons from not even a teacher but the Vice Principal himself. I had no fears, as I felt being the executive Class Captain all I had to do was explain her rebellion and I would return to prep triumphant, it did not turn out that way.

As I stepped into the staff room, the only question he asked was, did you slap her? I said yes, but before any further explanation, he told me to mount a table. Ehn, mount a table ke? He produced a cane from nowhere, my heart started beating frantically. He said, "I will give you six strokes of the cane. In this school, boys are not allowed to beat girls. You must never do that again, do you hear me?" "Yes Sir", I said with trembling lips.

As I received the six strokes, I found myself dancing on the table without the benefit of music. As I left the Staff Room, in spite of all my best efforts not to cry, water continued seeping out of my eyes. The more I squeezed my eyes so I would not cry, the more this liquid poured out of my eyes. My hand that was busy massaging the aching buttocks had to take on the additional responsibility of providing a Kainji dam for the river of tears seeping out of my eyes.

**MORAL OF THE STORY:**  
FGC IDOANI TAUGHT ME MANY LESSONS, ESPECIALLY THE NEED TO RESPECT WOMEN AND NOT PHYSICALLY OR EMOTIONALLY ABUSE THEM.

**Anthony Kpokpo (91set)**

# Operative Committees



## A. Constitution Review Committee

– Led by the Alumni Legal Adviser (Barr. Olumide Osundolire).

The goal of this committee is to collate the recommendations from Sets and Chapters for a more inclusive Constitution document.

## B. Project and Development Committee

– Led by Mrs. Shola Iyoho (nee Ogunlaja).

The goal of this committee is to stay updated on the priority needs of the School and to coordinate and make recommendations to Sets and Chapters who are interested in school based projects, monitor the projects during and after completion and maintain proper documentation of these projects. This committee will not dictate projects to sets but will require sets embarking on projects liaise with them, kindly cooperate with them to help us coordinate better, document accordingly and prevent duplication of projects. In addition, this committee will be responsible for any project the National Alumni Association embarks on as we approach the Schools 40th anniversary.

## C. Welfare Committee

– Led by Mr. Tope Afolabi.

The goal of this committee among others is to constantly explore various opportunities for improving the lives of alumni members, develop innovative proposals towards alumni socioeconomic growth and implement the approved plans. The committee will also be expected to evaluate cases that may require support for an alumnus and recommend an intervention/plan to the ExCo as well as lead the necessary follow up actions.

## D. Finance Committee

– Led by the Treasurer (Mr. Femi Akinrotimi). This committee will be responsible for putting together financial ideas to identify profitable schemes the association can take advantage of. This committee will also be expected to make financial recommendations to the school.

## E. Professional and Mentoring Committee

– Led by Barr. Anthony Kpokpo.

The goal of this committee is to identify and categorize professionals in the alumni

association and introduce a mentoring scheme, particularly for the benefit of the younger alumni members.

## F. Leaders Forum

– Led by Barr. Anu Esho. The goal of this committee is to provide a platform for inclusion and leveraging on the wisdom and experience of older alumni members.

## G. Technical Advisory Committee On Fgcid Students Academic And Moral Performance

– Led by the Assistant Financial Secretary (Mrs. Chekwube Excellence-Oluye). This committee will be responsible for brainstorming and generating reasonable and tested ideas on how to improve students' academic performance.

## H. Events and Logistics Planning Committee

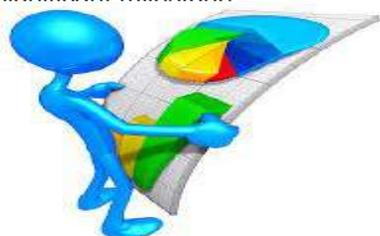
– Led by the Vice President (Mrs. Kemi Orebe-Alfonso). The goal of this committee will include the planning and documentation of National Alumni Association events including national reunion events, AGM's, etc.



**I. Publication and Technology**

**Committee** – Led by the Publicity Secretary (Mr. Tope Akinlonu).

The goal of this committee is to document and archive alumni based activities and generate a biannual publication. The committee will also be expected to create a brochure for outgoing students of the school, guiding them on how to participate in the Alumni Association. In 2018, the school will be 40 years old. This committee will be responsible for the publication that showcases this significant milestone



**J. Fund Raising Committee** – Led by

Mrs Folashade Onajobi (1984 Set). The goal of this committee is to identify and engage willing and financially capable alumnus who are willing to give to the association and the school, and to also look for organizations willing to contribute CSR and other opportunities to the school and association.

**K. Chapter President’s Committee** –

Led by myself and the Sec Gen (Mr. Toyin Ojomolade). The committee will include Presidents of all Chapters and will be responsible for creating a framework for Chapters that encompass a common mandate and vision, better oversight, synergies, etc. The committee will also provide the foundation for international chapters (i.e. US and UK Chapters).



**WELFARE COMMITTEE**

Started the year by identifying colleagues across sets who are interested in pursuing their hobbies in different crafts such as interior decor, fashion designing, piggery, and fish farming. The programmes commenced at different dates in the month of February and the candidates were physically introduced to the mentors.

We had a minimum of two people registered for each program and they are currently undergoing the business aspect of the program. However, the piggery training could not kick off as the facilitator ignored our calls when it was about time to kick off. Thank you.

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FGCID STUDENTS ACADEMIC AND MORAL PERFORMANCE**

This committee is responsible for brainstorming and generating reasonable and tested ideas on how to improve students’ academic and moral performance. The enrichment will include identifying and engaging alumni that are education specialists and others that are known to have successfully embarked on, and championed innovative and positive change concepts or led advocacy.

**THE CHALLENGE**

We’ve been able to ascertain that F.G.C. Idoani is bedeviled by the following:

- Academic decadence among students.

- Morale decadence among staff and student.
- Ill equipped library.
- Poor quality and quantity of Staff
- Lack of Staff Motivation.
- School leadership inefficiency.
- Poor academic culture/attitude towards learning by the students.
- Poor funding of the school.

**POINTS TO NOTE**

Motivation is very vital, especially for the teachers. Why? The teachers are the people to drive whatever intellectual or form of resource that will be put in place. Consistency for sustainability is very crucial. The School Management and teachers, with the right supervision from the Alumni, can ensure this. They will drive the system. We are mindful of our finance, administrative and proximity limitations. If we talk, we must walk the talk.

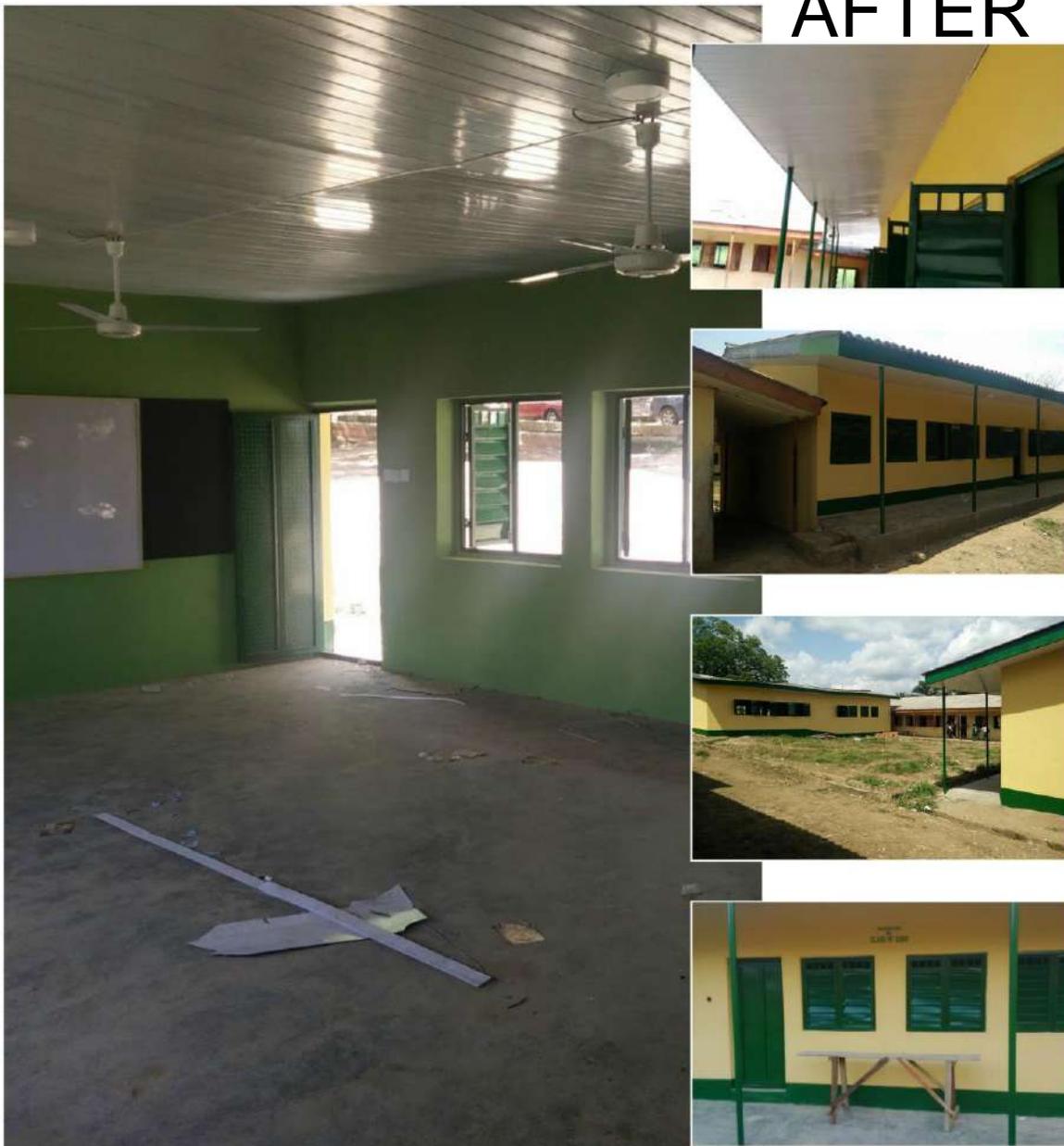


# 1993 Set Classrooms Renovation Project

## BEFORE



## AFTER



The 1993 set (Groundbreakers) have committed to completing the classroom renovation project. The project was broken into two phases.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of the project has been completed which was the renovation of 4 classrooms. The classrooms were tastefully finished as seen in the pictures. The cost of executing the 1<sup>st</sup> phase is about N2, 362,855.00

The 1993 set are committed to taking on the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the project which is another set of four class rooms. The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase is expected to cost about N2, 300,000 and would commence soon.



## THE PROJECT COMMITTEE

The committee paid a visit to the school on Friday 17th March, 2017, and after going round the premises, we conducted a survey. The essence of the survey is to help ascertain issues/problems that both students and staffs feel should be given urgent attention.

### The Survey Analysis

- From the survey results, the most popular projects voted for by the students were hostel & classroom renovation.
- Please note that the boys' survey voted overwhelmingly for renovation of hostels.
- The team visited the worst affected hostel - Alani House. It was in a deplorable state.
- The team also visited the classrooms. There are two blocks of 4 classrooms in the main classroom Block that needed repairs and an additional 6 classrooms in a PTA Classroom Block which also needed repairs.

### The Classrooms

- There were initially 12 classrooms in very bad shape as at last year.
- The team was informed that 4 of the classrooms have since been repaired just before the New Year. (This was said to have been done by parents of some new students who wanted decent classrooms for their children - the principal told this in confidence).

The four classrooms that were repaired by the parents was said to cost approximately NGN 1.6M. This amount covered:

- Fixing the roof of 4 classrooms
- Painting the walls of 4 classrooms
- Replacing the wooden windows and doors of 3 classrooms with metal windows.
- Although 1 classroom's windows and door were not replaced due to exhaustion of available funds.
  - Based on their stated costs, it can be assumed that the 12 classrooms would cost approximately NGN 5M to fix.
  - From the actual amount spent on the four classrooms less the door and window missing in one classroom, and applying the use of indexation; the remaining 8 classrooms is estimated to cost approximately NGN 4M.

### Recommendations

With very high demand for both renovation of classrooms and the boys hostel, the dilemma was resolved when the members of 1993 Set indicated their interest in renovating most if not all of the remaining 8 outstanding classrooms. As at the time of this report, efforts have commenced to work with an alumnus Quantity Surveyor from 86set who has submitted the Bill of Quantities (see also attached) which provided detailed construction estimate to enable contractors bid for the work to be done.

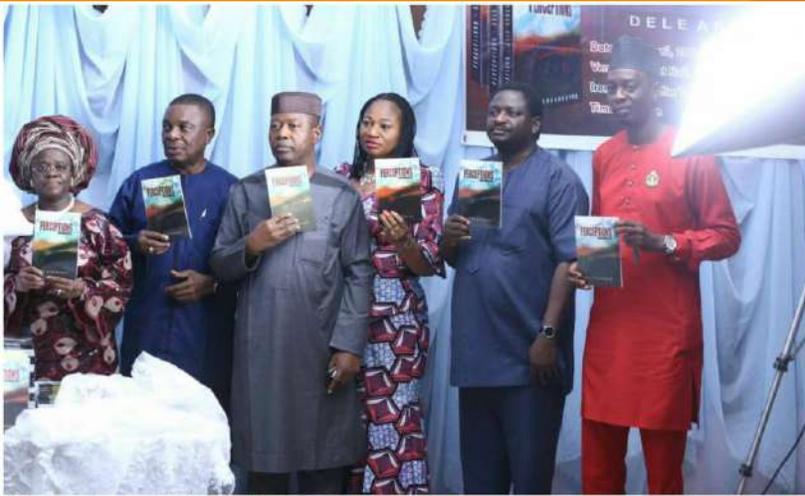
The 93 set folks have committed to completing the classroom project.

In light of this, the committee unanimously recommends that the renovation of the Alani Boys Hostel be priority project for the National Alumni to take on. As can be seen in the pictures, this is by far the most urgent project especially as the raining season has kicked off.

In addition, it was also top on the list for the principal and the second most popular for the students after classroom renovation.

The committee however believes that inasmuch as the tangible projects are 1 important in the school at this time, there are also some very crucial needs of the students that go beyond the physical needs. Based on our findings during the interview, this committee strongly recommends that in addition to doing the Alani Boys Hostel project, the National Alumni Association should also look into setting up a carefully designed professional mentorship programme that will focus ultimately on career counselling for students from junior secondary. This is expected to broaden their focus even before they decide on focal subjects to take in their senior years.

# PHOTO SPEAKS



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## JOG THE MEMORY



