



ASJA Girls' College  
Tunapuna

In the Name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful. Assalaamu Alaikum (Peace be unto you)...

# WELCOME TO A NEW TERM!

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018

As we enter 2019, we reflect on the past year and the many blessings received. This newsletter attempts to give you a glimpse of some of them. Special thanks to the students, teachers and parents who contributed to the many successes of 2018.

### FIRST PLACE!



Zaria Black won the WASA Riverspeak Spoken Word Competition with her powerful piece entitled "Troubled Waters". Zaria was assisted by Aaliyah Dunbar and Sameera Mohammed. *Co-ordinating Teacher: Mrs. Paula Ramnath-Nagassar.*

Zaria once again demonstrated her spoken word skills by winning the En ToTo Challenge Trophy for her performance entitled "Keys to Success" at City Hall, Port-of-Spain. *Co-ordinating Teachers: Mrs. Rabia Mohammed-Khan, Mrs. Ramnath-Nagassar.*



## JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT DEBATE SERIES SEMI-FINALISTS



Social Media and National Borders were two of the topics critically analysed and debated by Ellia John and Sameera Mohammed as they progressed all the way to the semi-finals of the Junior Achievement Debate 2018. Both Sameera and Ellia received Outstanding Debater Awards for their excellent performance. *Co-ordinating Teacher: Mrs. Juliana Ramroop-Ramnath*

## CSEC RESULTS JUNE 2018

SUBJECTS	% passed	SUBJECTS	% passed
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	100	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	100
ENGLISH LITERATURE	98	PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTS	95
MATHEMATICS	89	PRINCIPLES OF BUSINESS	100
SPANISH	81	SOCIAL STUDIES	97
BIOLOGY	100	GEOGRAPHY	94
PHYSICS	100	CARIBBEAN HISTORY	100
CHEMISTRY	88	VISUAL ARTS	67
H.S.B.	97	ADD. MATH.	77

\*CVQ DATA OPERATIONS 100% (All students received certification)

Teachers and students worked extremely hard to produce our CSEC results for 2018. We continue to strive for even better results in 2019.

**FIRST DEAN!** In 2018, Mrs. Shabanna Ali-Hosein became our first ever appointed Dean.

### UPCOMING EVENTS (Dates subject to change)

**Form 2 Parents' Day**  
- 7th March 2019 (tentative)

**Form 4 Parents' Day**  
- 8th March 2019 (tentative)

**Only End of Term Reports will be issued due to the short term**

**End of Term Form 4/Mock Examinations Form 5**  
- Start (tentative): 18 March 2019

**End of Term Examinations Form 3.**  
- Start (tentative): 20 March 2019

**No formal End of Term Examinations for Forms 1 & 2.** Teachers will give projects & mini assessments during this term.

**Class Photo Day:** 6th February 2019

**Inter-House Competition – Friday 1st March 2019**

**World Down Syndrome Day– Rock your Socks - 21 March 2019** (students are allowed to wear colourful socks to mark the day)

**Form Five Prayer & End of Term Award Ceremony - 4th April 2019**



## REMINDERS

Our revised Cell phone policy was sent to you. Should you **need** your daughter to bring a **NON-SMARTPHONE phone for safety reasons**, such request should be made **in writing** to the Dean/Vice Principal/ Principal. The letter must state the reasons for the request. Permission is valid for one Academic Year (Sep't-July). Phones **must** be handed in to Form Teachers by 8:05 a.m.

**WATCH SKIRT LENGTHS!!!** Any skirt hem which falls **LESS than 3"** below the **BASE** of the knee will be ripped, **OR** a new skirt must be bought.

**SPORTS DAY** Co-ordinating Teacher: Ms. Melissa John

Our biennial Sports Day was held at the Larry Gomes Stadium, Arima on 08 February, 2018. Students demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, house-spirit and discipline during the event. As usual, houses displayed creative marching uniforms and routines.



**Winning House Overall:**  
Nailah



**Winning House March Past:**  
Dhakirah

**CAREER DAY** Co-ordinator: Mrs. Gillian Garcia-Guidance Officer

Form Five Students enjoyed the opportunity to “dress for success” as they listened to advice from Mr. Dave Ramkissoon, CEO  
EIG, and visited booths by Hugh Wooding Law School, USC, UTT, COSTAATT, UWI Open Campus and UWI. Students also had pre- sessions on Professional Attire from Ms. Yolande Agard-Simmons, President of AFETT and Ms. Dixie Ann Bravo, past student, conducted sessions on Professional makeup.



**REMINDERS**

**ABSOLUTELY NO CHANGES TO HAIR COLOUR - STUDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO DYE HAIR BACK TO THE NATURAL COLOUR.** Please be cautious about putting anything on your daughter’s hair which may alter its colour. Students must be able to attend school without the pressures of having the latest hair style / fashion.

**LEAVING THE COMPOUND.** Students are NOT allowed to leave the school compound during school hours, unless they are collected and signed out by a parent / guardian or person authorized **in writing** by a parent / guardian. Please do not ask us to allow your daughter to travel home.

**ONE PAIR ONLY.** Students are reminded that they are only allowed to wear one pair of gold or silver earrings on their lobes ONLY (no stones).

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

The following is a list of *some* of the improvements done over the past year. Thank you to the members of staff, the PTA Executive, parents and the ASJA Board who made these possible.

1. Refurbishment of the students’ washrooms (PTA)
2. Construction of new cafeteria (ASJA Board)
3. Repairs to cracks caused by earthquake
4. Repainting of corridors, back stairwell, office area etc.
5. Installation of a lockdown alarm for emergencies
6. Intercom/ doorbell system
7. Student Information Management System (online access to reports and students’ progress charts etc.)
8. School Times changed to 8:05 a.m. -2:25 p.m.
9. Approval obtained for a change in School Uniform to a navy blue skirt (from September 2019) Optional for present form 1-4 students
10. Water tanks cleaned (August 2018)
11. Septic tank cleaned (August 2018)
12. New vision and mission created (Dec. 2018)
13. Creation of a Dean’s Office; New windows in Art Room

**OUTSTANDING PAST PUPILS**

In December 2018, we presented awards to past pupils who obtained five or more grade Is at CSEC 2018 (see chart below)

NAME OF STUDENT	# OF GRADES IS
1. CANDICE D.S. RAMCHARATA	5
2. DOMINIQUE C. INNISS	5
3. EJA D. RICHARDS	5
4. ISHIKA S. GOPIE	5
5. LAKSHMI D. NARINE	5
6. LEANDRA A. RAMSAROO	5
7. NABEELA S.K. MURADALI	5
8. NARISSA N. BANDO O	5
9. NICOLE ALEXANDER	5
10. TAMIKA S. BOYCE	5
11. ALEXIS D. ALI	6
12. EMILY R.S. KHAN	6
13. KAMILAH M.P. JOHNSON	6
14. KATHRINA F. MAHABIR	6
15. RACHAELEN S. GILES-KEITH	6
16. KELE D.A. MARTIN	7
17. KRISTAL S. McDOWALL	7
18. JAIDE E.R. RIVERS	8
19. LEANNA Y. KALLOO	8

**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

In addition to outstanding CSEC performers, we also celebrated the success of past pupils Sanaasha Ali and Crystal Toolsie both of whom won Open Scholarships for Bishop Anstey Port of Spain and Hillview College respectively. Crystal shared her experience with students. She advised them to believe in themselves, set high goals, stay humble and never give up.



**BEST FUTURE CRITIC**

Past pupil, Ms. Celine Dimsoy won the Best Future Critic Award at the Trinidad and Tobago Film Festival 2018. She is a third



year student of the Ken Gordon School of Journalism at the College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago (COSTAATT).