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GOVERNMENT COLLEGE LAGOS OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

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Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu

His Excellency, The Governor of Lagos State

~~Round House~~ *Governors Office*

Lagos State Government Secretariat

Alausa, Ikeja

Your Excellency Sir,

APPEAL TO RESTORE GOVERNMENT COLLEGE LAGOS, ERIC MOORE ROAD, BACK TO MODEL COLLEGE STATUS

We the Old Boys of Government College Lagos congratulate Your Excellency on assumption of office as the Executive Governor of Lagos State.

We appreciate your Excellency's commitment to delivering **A Greater Lagos**, not least in the Education sector. With this in mind, we humbly appeal to your Excellency to help save our Alma mater by approving the restoration of Government College Lagos back to its original status as a Model College.

Founded on 23rd September 1974, Government College Lagos (GCL) was one of the 5 flagship model Secondary Schools established by the government of Lagos State in 1974. One for each division of the State, the others being, Government College Ojo (Badagry Division), Government College Agege (Ikeja Division), Government College Ikorodu (Ikorodu Division) and Government College Ketu-Epe (Epe Division).

Brainchild of Chief Adeniran Ogunsanya, Q.C, S.A.N., Commissioner for Education under the Military government of Brigadier General Mobolaji Johnson, these state owned model colleges were envisioned to rival the likes of Kings College, Lagos and Barewa College, Zaria and achieve academic excellence comparable to the highest standards anywhere in the world.

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As one of the original 5 model colleges, Government College Lagos turned out outstanding products year in year out until institutional neglect set and consequently deterioration in infrastructure and educational standard.

As we approach our 45th year anniversary (23rd September, 2019), Government College Lagos sadly lies in ruins, thereby betraying the dream and legacy of her Founding Fathers. It is worth mentioning that contemporaries like Government College Ojo (renamed Lagos State Model College, Ojo), Government College Ketu-Epe and Government College Ikorodu continue to enjoy original model college status as part of the 16 Lagos State Model Colleges/Upgraded Junior Secondary Schools.

For the labours of our past heroes not to be in vain, we humbly appeal to your Excellency to kindly approve the restoration of Government College Lagos back to her original status as a Model College; a crucial step towards restoring the glory of our Alma Mater and bringing back the highest standard of education GCL was once known for.

Government College Lagos, established on a very large expanse of land on Eric Moore road, has the advantage to accommodate a standard Model College with adequate educational, boarding and recreational facilities as originally intended by her Founding Fathers.

We hope that our request for a return to Model College Status and consequent reversal of name back to **Government College Lagos (GCL) Junior and Senior School** will meet your Excellency's kind approval.

Kind regards sir.

Yours sincerely,

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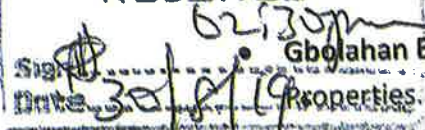


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SOME DISTINGUISHED OLD BOYS & PUBLIC FIGURES WHO ATTENDED GCL

- Fela Bank-Olemoh, Senior Special Assistant on Education Interventions to the Vice President and former Special Adviser on Education, Lagos State, Founder of Code Lagos Initiative.
- Tokunbo Abiru F.C.A. - Group Managing Director, Polaris Bank
- Surajudeen Adedeji Lawal - Deputy Director, Central Bank of Nigeria
- Prof Kole Sodipo - Professor of Law, Babcock University and foremost (Authority on Intellectual Property Law in Nigeria)
- Chidi Ajaegbu F.C.A. - Past President, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria
- Segun Ajibola, S.A.N. - Senior Partner, Bola Ajibola & Co
- Gbenga Adeyinka - Multi-award-winning Actor, Comedian, Radio & Television Presenter, Writer and MC.
- Ola Onabule - Internationally acclaimed British-Nigerian Jazz Singer
- Demola Eleso - Telecoms expert and former CTO, MTN
- Femi Obaweya - Regional Pastor, RCCG
- Kunle Soname - Founder Bet9ja



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1. Secretary to the Lagos State Government
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