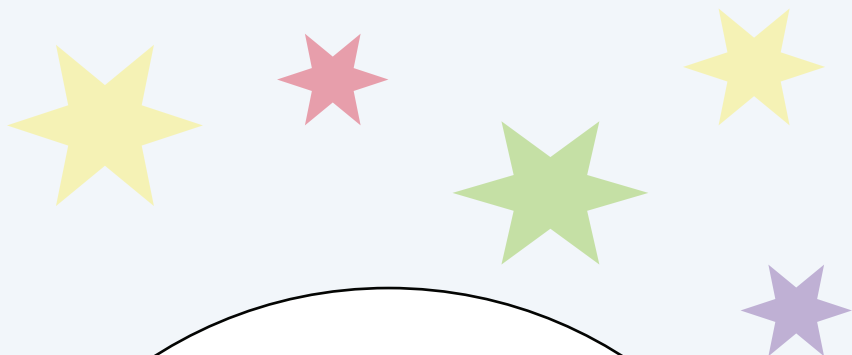


CHUKWUEBUKA DAVID OGBUELI

STEPS TO **ACADEMIC** **EXCELLENCE**

My Ongoing *Academic Success Story*
How I moved from *Average* to
★ **STAR** Student





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What people are saying about the book!

“Waohhh! Waohhhh!

A powerful and compelling story beautifully
told.”



Mrs. Adebayo

David's Vice Principal Academics at
Faith Academy Canaan Land

“It's inspiring to know that academic success
can be achieved with little steps like goal
setting and being dedicated to your goals”



Stella Adibeli

David's Grade School Teacher at
Santa's Maria Montessori School

“Indeed, this is a good book I would
recommend to all students even to tertiary
level.”



Folajimi Falomo

David's Grade School Teacher at
Divine Children's Place

“I’m grateful to God that little David has grown into a focused and determined young man. You have indeed made us proud . So good to know that you have stuck to the foundation of love, focus and hardwork laid in Santa Maria Montessori School.

I am really glad that you didn’t allow your ego stop you from asking your classmate how to become a star student. Thank you for laying out the steps you followed so clearly for other young people to follow.

There is no doubt that this is the beginning of many great things that you will accomplish by His grace.

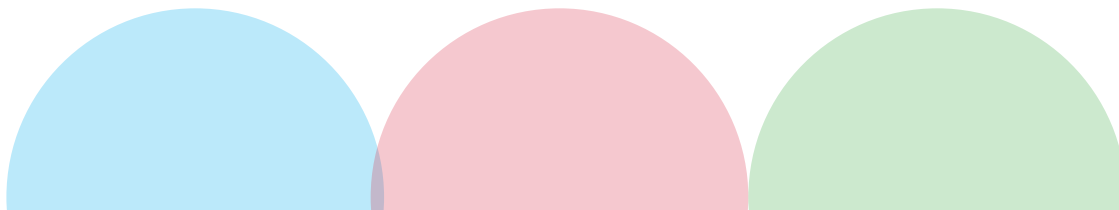
I am super proud of you, well done!”



Ayopeju Njideaka

CEO NurtureHouse Consulting

(Former Director, Santa Maria Montessori School)



“David is a brilliant boy from his primary school. He is quiet but pays attention to details.

I am proud of him and not surprise he continued the same in his secondary school.

I encourage every child to read this awesome book.

Congratulations!! David.

“SUCCESS IS NOT AN ACCIDENT,
IT IS HARD WORK, LEARNING,
STUDYING, AND LOVING WHAT YOU
DO.”



Mrs. Adekunbi Osisami

School Director at Divine Children's Place
(DCP International School) Lagos



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APPRECIATION

I want to appreciate My Heavenly Father, for giving me, the wisdom to live and write this book.

My Dad and mum for your love, sacrifices and sound advice.

My younger sisters and brother for motivating me to be a good example for you.

My Papa and Mama, Bishop David & Pastor Faith Oyedepo for establishing Faith Academy Canaan Land School. I have grown spiritually, academically and creatively.

All my teachers, for teaching me to read and write.

All my friends, for the great and memorable experiences.

“Academic Success doesn’t just happen, you must be intentional about it. You must know and define your values, you must be self motivated and disciplined, you must be consistent, you must place yourself in a conducive success environment, and most importantly, you must find a way to share what you know”.

~ Ogo Ogbueli (mum)



My Values

Love, Respect
Academic Excellence,
Honesty,

Introduction

In my first year in Junior Secondary School (JSS I), at my first termly graduation ceremony, I heard my school's Vice Principal Academics calling out the names of some students.

She called out and handed out awards to students who took the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions in their various classes. She called them STAR students.

One day at school, I thought within myself, if someone could be a star student why can't I?

After that thought, I decided to ask one of the star students (Dami) what I must do to become a star student like him.

He was nice and he gave me some advice, some being to focus on my subjects and to be disciplined to study more. I immediately put the advice to practice, and at the end of that term, my grades improved a little, but I knew that was not the end of success.

Once we got home during the short holiday, my mum and I reviewed my report card. She was impressed with my grades, but also pointed out the room for improvement, and she then began to teach me some practical steps I could take to improve more.

Since I started taking these steps, I have made significant improvement in my academics every single term. I have moved from AVERAGE to STAR student.

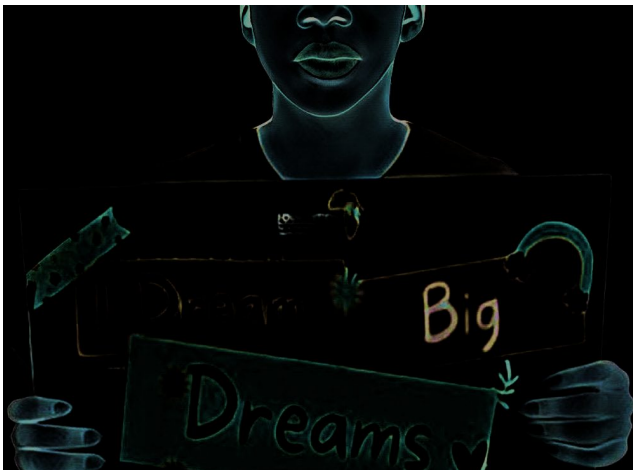
These steps are easy to follow and it will work for anyone who is disciplined enough to take them.

Enjoy the story.

Steps to Academic Success
STEP 1

Dream

"Dreams are free and cheap, no one can stop you from dreaming big or charge you for dreaming big, so DREAM BIG."



The Story starts now:

As soon as I got home, I unpacked my luggage, had my bath and ate lunch. Afterwards, I went to the living room, as the conversation began.

Mum: How was school?

David: School was great. I met a couple great friends and learnt new things too.

Mum: Amazing! Hope you did well in your academics too?

David: Yes! But I would like to do better.

Mum: What were you talking about in the car?

David: I was just asking for tips for Academic Success.

Mum: Oh, I remember now. I was just about to share with you some tips before the police stopped our car.

David: So, what are the tips you wanted to tell me?

Mum: There is no success without a dream. You must allow yourself to fantasize that great result. See yourself coming out as a star student. See it and believe it.

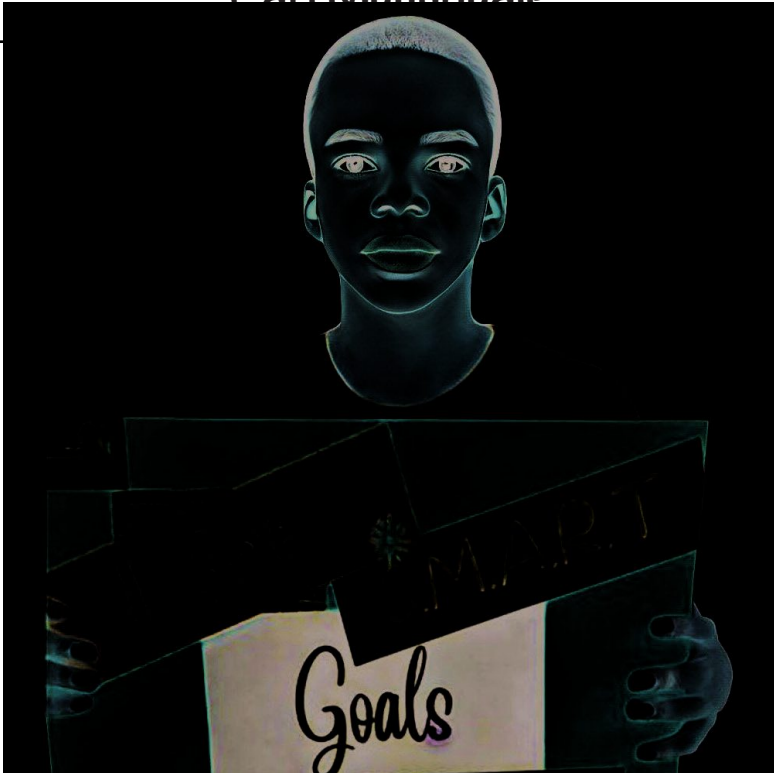
David: How do you do that?

Mum: With the help of God and your imagination. Your imagination is your image-nation where you can paint pictures of what you desire.

Steps to Academic Success
STEP 2

Set Goals!

“People who set goals succeed because
they know where they are going.”
~Earl Nightingale



David lies on his bed trying to think of something important as mum walks in

David: I've tried imagining it, but how do I put it to work?

Mum: You do that through the help of goal setting.

David: What is goal setting ?

Mum: Goal setting is the process of setting goals. Goals are written commitments of things you want to accomplish. Goals must be written down and must have a deadline. The difference between a dream and a goal is that goals have deadlines, a particular time it must be achieved. Dreams are open and free. Goals must be very clear and detailed, you must write exactly what you want.

David: Wow! So how do I set goals?

Mum: Just start by writing down all your school subjects and the exact scores you want and the grades.

David: Mum, so I must get that score?

Mum: A goal does not determine your real score, it only gives you direction and keeps you focused on the aim.

Now set a goal for yourself and make sure it is S.M.A.R.T.
SMART is an acronym that stands for:

Specific: You must decide exactly what you want to score in each subject.

Measurable: You should be able to know when you have reached your goal or if you are making progress toward it.

Attainable/Actionable: You need to be realistic about what you can achieve with the time you have available.

Relevant: You should be able to decide if your goal is beneficial towards your dream of academic success.

Timely: You should be able to achieve your goal within each term.

Mum: Do you understand this?

David: Yes, I do.

10 minutes later

David: Mum, I'm through writing my goals.

Mum: Great! This is nice. As you go back to school don't forget to place your written goals where you can see it everyday, so you can remember to implement.

David: How do I implement my goals?

Mum: You should have a plan or strategy.

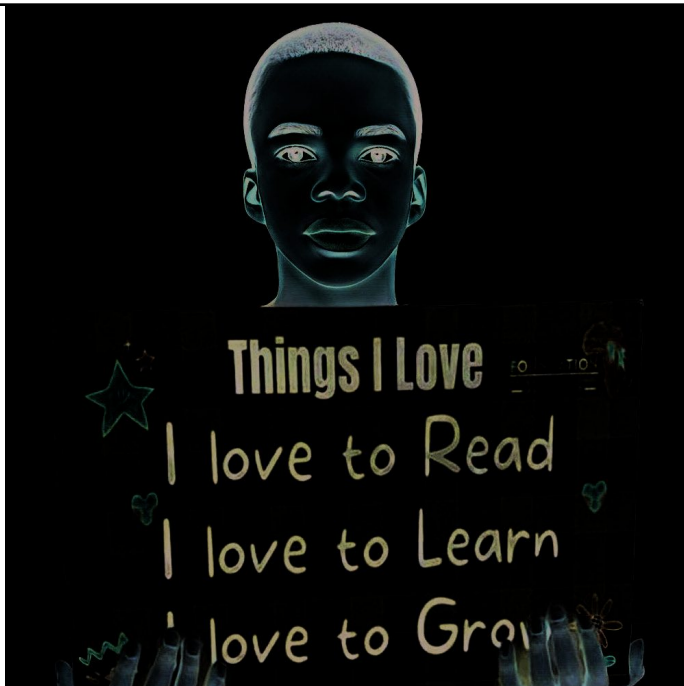
David: How can I do this mum?

Steps to Academic Success
STEP 3

Make Plans!

“If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail.”
~ Benjamin Franklin

“A goal without a plan is only a wish.”
~ Antoine de Saint-Exupéry



David: What is planning?

Mum: Planning is the ability to put together a strategy for attaining a goal. A step by step guide on things to do to achieve your goal.

David: But mum it will be hard, won't it?

Mum: I know, I know but you have to make your decision. You choose; do you want to play now and pay later? or pay now and play later after achieving your goals?

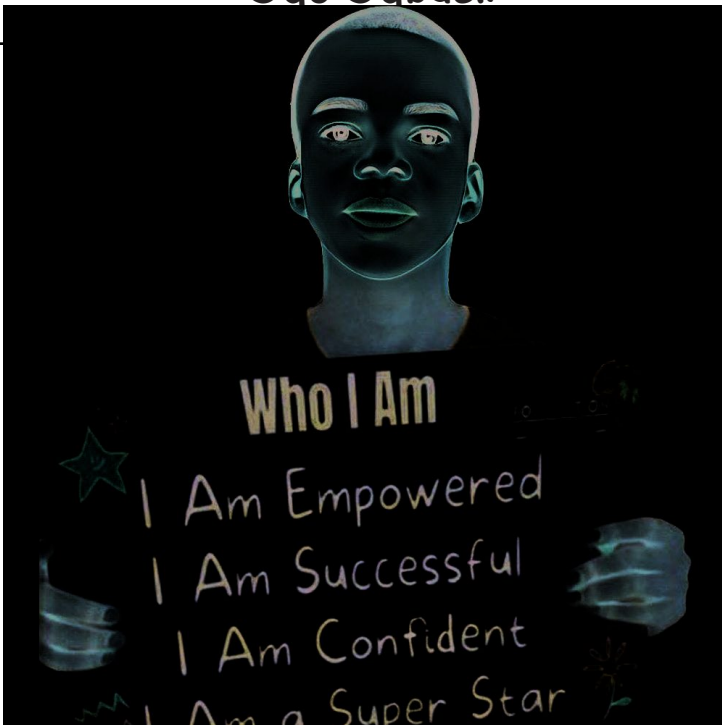
David: I'd rather pay now and play later.
I will dedicate at least 3 hours to read in the morning, afternoon and night. When other students are playing, jumping around and doing unnecessary things, I will go to the library instead to read. I will discipline myself to pay now, and play later.

Mum: Good. So let's continue this conversation later.

Steps to Academic Success
STEP 4

Get to work!

We get to work to release the potential God has placed in us. There can be no success or greatness without work. No effort, no success. Work is a way to make all your dreams come true.
~ Ogo Ogbuelli



Days later, David is getting ready to go back to boarding school, accompanied by mum.

Mum: I hope all your things are ready.

David: Yes mum!

Driver: Are you guys ready to go.

Chorus: Sure!

The journey begins

Mum: So, you're very ready for this term?

David: Yes, but you told me there was one more step to success.

Mum: Yes dear, "getting to work". This is the core step, because without this step, the other steps are useless.

David: So learning the other steps is useless? So what's the point?

Mum: This is the place where successful and unsuccessful people are separated.

Note this, the difference between successful people and those who fail to achieve success is, successful people get to work while people who fail to achieve success don't, instead they give excuses.

They find reasons why they cannot do the work.

Even though you dream big, set **SMART** goals and make great plans, your dreams cannot come to reality if you don't take action or get to work on the plans you've made.

David: Thank you soo much mum, I appreciate these lessons you have taught me. Now I know the exact things to do to become a star student.

Mum: It's my pleasure son. I am very happy you are willing to learn and implement these steps, but don't forget that you cannot do any of these without God's help. Always remember to ask God to help you at every step, and you will be sure to achieve your goals and dreams.

David: Yes mum, I know that. Thank you for reminding me again.

Few hours later, David is now at school and has entered his hostel room and unpacked.

The next day as school begins, David immediately starts putting all his goals and plans to action.

Steps to Academic Success

Live your dreams!

Dreams come true

You have to dream before your dreams can come



It's another end of term graduation ceremony. In the school hall everybody is seated, as the Vice Principal Academics, fondly called V.P. Acad comes to the stage.

V.P. Acad: Let us rise on our feet for the opening prayer. Afterwards, we had a praise and worship session which led to the award session.

V.P. Acad: Students in the house

Students: Chorus...yes!!!

V.P. Acad: It is time foouuuuuuuor (stretches her for) the award session.

Students: Rejoice!!!

V.P. Acad: First position in JSS1 ...Amanda
This continued until it got to First in JSS2 ...Dami,
Second in JSS2 ...Esther, finally Third in JSS2 ...DAVID
OGBUELI!!!!.

This shocked me, but I knew I was living my dream. I ran to the stage and grabbed my third position prize. I also saw Dami on stage. This was my first award as a

star student. I have gone on to receive many more awards by following these same steps.

So guys, you can achieve academic success if you follow these exact steps. No one is better than you, likewise you are not better than anyone.

If I can do it, you too can do it.

Steps to Academic Success

SOME GOALS, PLANS & RESULTS

Goals set

My Academic Goals 1st Term				
What do I want to achieve in my Academics this term?				
SN	Subject	Goals to be achieved	How to achieve	Overall Grade / Score Awarded
1	Math	Score 80% or above	Practice daily	85
2	Science	Score 75% or above	Read textbook	78
3	English	Score 85% or above	Write daily	82
4	History	Score 70% or above	Review notes	72
5	Art	Score 60% or above	Practice drawing	65
6	Music	Score 50% or above	Practice singing	55
7	Physical Education	Score 40% or above	Exercise daily	45
8	Foreign Language	Score 30% or above	Practice speaking	35
9	Computer Science	Score 20% or above	Practice coding	25
10	Health Education	Score 10% or above	Read health tips	15
11	Religion	Score 90% or above	Attend classes	92
12	Social Studies	Score 80% or above	Read news	83
13	Language Arts	Score 70% or above	Write essays	71
14	Math	Score 60% or above	Practice problems	62
15	Science	Score 50% or above	Conduct experiments	53
16	English	Score 40% or above	Read books	44
17	History	Score 30% or above	Watch documentaries	31
18	Art	Score 20% or above	Practice painting	22
19	Music	Score 10% or above	Practice playing instrument	13
20	Physical Education	Score 0% or above	Exercise regularly	05

Goals Achieved

OGBUELI DAVID CHUKWUEBUKA

REG. NO. E1591843

AGE: 15.3.0

SEX: MALE / Number in Class: 28 Students

ACADEMIC REPORT SHEET

Term 1 of 2021/2022 session

Assessment of cognitive domain

	CA		EXAM	TOTAL	CLASS			GRADE	POS.	TERM			AVG	STD
	1	2			AVG	HIGH	LOW			1ST	2ND	3RD		
MARKS OBTAINABLE	15	15	70	100	100	100	100			100	100	100	100	
HISTORY	14.7	13	65	92.7	80.13	95.00	55.00	A	4TH	92.70	0.00	0.00	92.70	GS
PHE	11.6	14.7	67	93.3	75.64	96.00	60.00	A	2ND	93.30	0.00	0.00	93.30	GS
BUSINESS STUDIES	15	15	69	99	85.43	99.00	61.60	A	1ST	99.00	0.00	0.00	99.00	GS
CULTURAL AND CREATIVE ARTS	14.3	13	62	89.3	81.35	90.30	67.00	A	3RD	89.30	0.00	0.00	89.30	GS
CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE	13.7	13.3	65	92	77.20	93.60	50.90	A	3RD	92.00	0.00	0.00	92.00	GS
AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE	13	14.3	56	83.3	69.36	83.70	47.30	A	2ND	83.30	0.00	0.00	83.30	GS
MATHEMATICS	13.7	15	70	98.7	81.55	99.00	45.60	A	2ND	98.70	0.00	0.00	98.70	GS
HOME ECONOMICS	14.3	15	61	90.3	76.57	90.30	53.60	A	1ST	90.30	0.00	0.00	90.30	GS
BASIC SCIENCE	14.7	14.7	69	98.4	87.51	100.00	66.00	A	3RD	98.40	0.00	0.00	98.40	GS
MUSIC	15	15	66	96	84.99	96.00	67.30	A	1ST	96.00	0.00	0.00	96.00	GS
BASIC TECHNOLOGY	14	15	67.2	96.2	75.79	96.90	51.10	A	3RD	96.20	0.00	0.00	96.20	GS
IGBD	14	13	68	95	73.95	98.30	55.00	A	2ND	95.00	0.00	0.00	95.00	GS
FRENCH	14.3	10.3	68	92.6	67.80	92.60	41.30	A	1ST	92.60	0.00	0.00	92.60	GS
SOCIAL STUDIES	11.3	13.6	64	88.9	85.61	92.00	72.70	A	9TH	88.90	0.00	0.00	88.90	GS
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	13.3	11	50	74.3	68.15	80.30	51.60	B1	9TH	74.30	0.00	0.00	74.30	GS
SPIRITUAL PROWESS	13	14.3	67.5	94.8	82.34	98.60	61.90	A	3RD	94.80	0.00	0.00	94.80	GS
COMPUTER STUDIES	14.7	14	68	96.7	79.61	96.70	50.00	A	1ST	96.70	0.00	0.00	96.70	GS
CIVIC EDUCATION	14.3	14.5	58	86.8	71.42	87.60	53.90	A	2ND	86.80	0.00	0.00	86.80	GS

KEY:

GS - IN GOOD STANDING

NGS - NOT IN GOOD STANDING

GRADING:

100% - 80%	A
79.99% - 70%	B1
69.99% - 60%	B2
59.99% - 55%	P1
54.99% - 50%	P2
49.99% - 0%	F9

Term Average: **92.13%**

Cummulative Average: **92.13%**

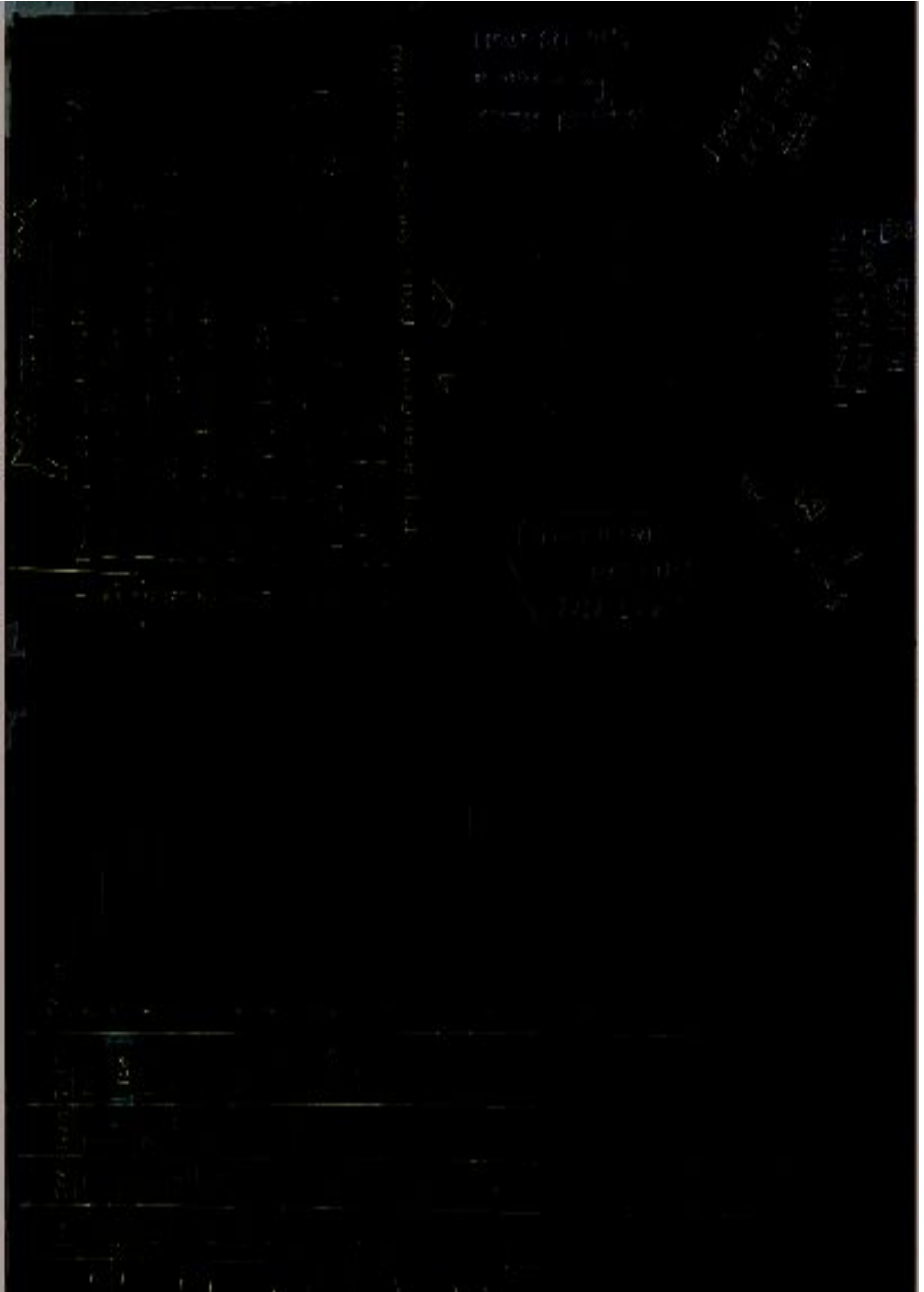
Term Grade: **A**

Cummulative Grade: **A**

PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE

2nd Dec 2021

My Drill Plan and Daily Confession Sample





Steps to Academic Success

Book Review By Peers

1

NAME : Breindel Azfredrick

AGE : 11

1. We should learn how to discipline our self to read and be focus even when we do not want to be.
2. we should learn how to ask question from people that are better than us to help us to know how they achieved being academically excellent. so that we can put it into practice.
3. We should learn how to dream big.
4. we should set goal of what we what to be or were we are going.
5. We should set goals that we can achieve and goals that will benefit us.
6. We fail to plan we are planning to fail. A goal with out a plan is only a wish.
7. It s either we play now and pay later or pay now and play later.
8. we need o put every thing to work not just them if not that knowledge will be in vain . we need to get to work to release the potential God has put in us.
9. You have to dream before you can live your dreams.

2

Name : Adeosun Shadrach

Age: 14yrs

Topic: steps to academic excellence

1. Set your goals
2. Dream big
3. Make plans
4. Get to work

Academic success doesn't just happen it is an intentional something you have to work towards it and define your value. There's a difference between dream and goal, goals have deadlines while dreams don't. Whatever goals we set must be Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely. Planning is the ability of putting together a strategy to attain a goal, it is better to pay now and play later. The most important step of all is to get to work because all the other steps are rendered useless if u don't get to work and that's the difference between successful and unsuccessful people, successful people start working while unsuccessful people find reasons why they should not work.

3

NAME: Nicole Azfredrick

AGE: 13 years

There are several steps to achieving success the include;

Dreaming big

Setting S.M.A.R.T goals

Planning how you achieve your goals

Putting your goals to work

And ultimately we need Gods help

GOAL SETTING TEMPLATE

1st Term

[illegible]

GOAL SETTING TEMPLATE

2nd Term

s/n	List of subjects	1st Test Score	2nd Test Score	3rd Test Score	Exam Score	Total Score	Grade Desired

GOAL SETTING TEMPLATE

3rd Term

s/n	List of subjects	1st Test Score	2nd Test Score	3rd Test Score	Exam Score	Total Score	Grade Desired



MY FAVOURITE QUOTES

Never give up on your dreams, no matter how painful and difficult your journey is.

~ Lisa

Keep your dreams alive. Understand, to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination, and dedication. Remember all things are possible for those who believe.

~Gail Devers

You are the average of the five people you spend the most time with. Therefore, surround yourself with successful and intentional people.

~Jim Rohn

“Knowledge is the key to freedom. It turns frustration into fulfillment, sweat into sweet. Nothing approximates the power of Knowledge. It is the key to dominion.”

~David O. Oyedepo

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.
It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.
We ask ourselves, ‘Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?’

Actually, who are you not to be?

You are a child of God.

Your playing small does not serve the world.

There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We are all meant to shine, as children do.

We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

~ Marianne Williamson



OUR



Favourite book:

21 Success secrets of self made millionaires by Brian Tracy

Age:

13 Years as of 2022

My Family:

I have 3 sisters and 1 brother

My Hobbies:

Playing board games like Chess & Monopoly

Favourite things to do:

Teaching and giving advice.

Favourite Quote:

"Failing to plan is planning to fail."
~John Maxwell

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