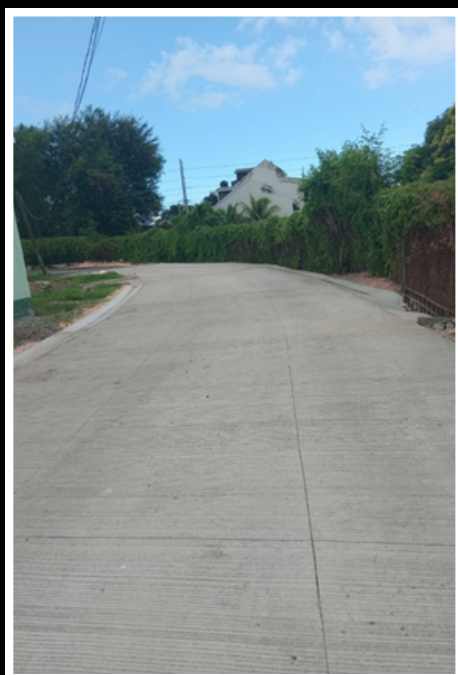


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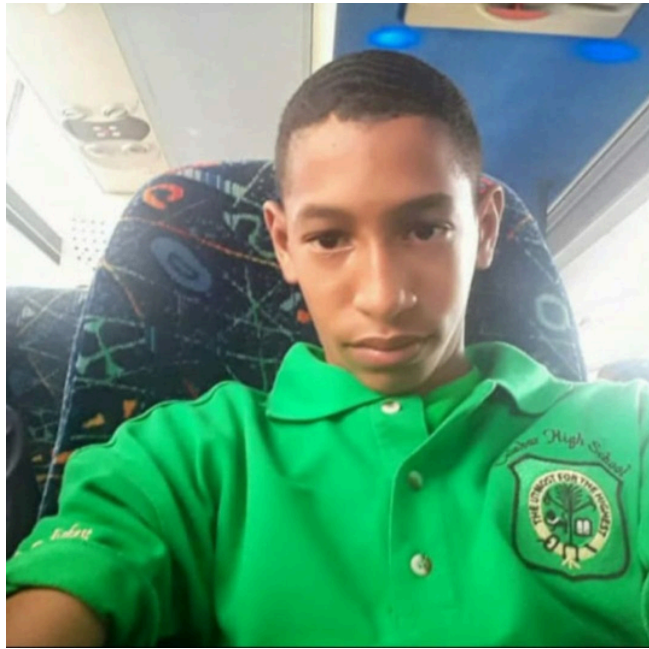
Over the summer, various activities took place to enhance the school environment. The Grade 7 Block was cleaned by current students, supported by Old Boys, and the road behind the Science buildings was relaid with concrete, making it durable and easier for vehicles traversing the route. In addition, the Lion statues, on either side of the driveway as you enter the school, were elevated off the ground to stand on their own plinth - a symbolism of what it means to step onto the hallowed school grounds to every young man, teacher, parent, and friend.

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**Christian Chatrie, Our Cricket Captain**

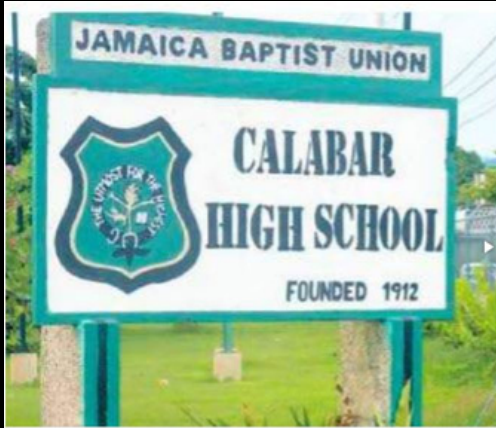
**Extracted from the PTA, 61 Foundation & COBA letter (dated August 8th):**

**“It is with a heavy heart that we reach out to you today on behalf of one of our young promising Calabar Lions, Christian Chatrie, who is in urgent need of our support. Recently, Christian suffered a tragic fall from a tree, resulting in a spinal injury. He is currently in the hospital and requires critical emergent surgery to address the impact to his spine. This medical intervention is both time-sensitive and costly, and our young Lion and his family are in need of immediate financial assistance. The spirit of Calabar is one of brotherhood and unwavering support, and it is in this spirit that we ask for your help. We are seeking financial contributions to cover any medical expenses for his care and surgery. Any donation, no matter the size, will be accepted and deeply appreciated, as it will bring us one step closer to ensuring he gets the care he desperately needs. All donations can be sent directly to the 61 Foundation, as follows: Zelle: [info@the61foundation.org](mailto:info@the61foundation.org) (Please reference Christian Chatrie when making your donation) For further information regarding this appeal, please do not hesitate to contact Simmo @ (+1718) 724-3774). Thank you for your generosity and for upholding the legacy of care and community that defines our great school. HERE SIR!”**

**Local donations can be made to: Roger Robotham +1876-381-0613**



# The School's Strategic Plan



Recently, the school's draft strategic plan was circulated to those individuals who attended a two-day workshop about strategic planning. They have been tasked to urgently submit any comments when a final version can be completed. Principal Sian Wilson has also committed to organising a meeting of all Calabar stakeholders to take place before the end of September. At this meeting, the implementation plan to achieve the targets will be defined, and the requirements of every stakeholder for it to succeed. A long time in the making, COBA is looking forward to participating and contributing to this defining moment in the school's history.



The New York Chapter commissioned two plinths at the front entrance of the school. Small plaques will be attached to the columns, where OBs will have the opportunity to invest in a plaque that will carry their name in perpetuity. The Lions were previously on the ground. Dr Philibert, New York Chapter, gifted the Lions, and thanks go to Shaun Abrahams and the New York Chapter for this initiative.

## Lions At The Gate



## Road Repair

It has been a rough road and an eyesore, but after several years of negotiating with the Cement Company, the project to repair the road leading to the sports field is finally underway. The Lion who led the charge, Peter Moses, deserves his flowers for making this a reality. Kudos also to the Cement Company for facilitating with labour, equipment and materials.



COBA's next major infrastructure project is to refurbish the library. This will involve the rebranding and renaming of the library to the "Student Research and Resource Center". The plan is to transform it into a modern, comfortable, and technology-enhanced learning space by updating the flooring, windows, and air conditioning, adding essential equipment, i.e., computers, a smart TV, and a librarian station. The environment will be conducive to research, study, and collaboration. The estimated cost is JMD\$9,820,800. The project document, outlining the details, accountability, and transparency, will be circulated shortly to all Chapters and Interest Groups. This project will go a long way in enhancing the Young Lions' education. **ANSWERING THE CALL OF CALABAR! HERE SIR! HERE SIR!**

# COBA's Next Major Project



## Our Young Lions Need You!!



Today, more so than ever, young men need the guidance of their elders. We have a lot to give - our stories, experience, knowledge, and wisdom. The mentorship team is seeking additional mentors for today and going forward. The programme recommenced this month. Fifty mentors are needed, and as of 1st September, only twenty old boys have answered the call. We are making a special appeal to Old Boys to become mentors.

**COBA Mentorship Registration for Academic Year 2025 -2026.**

**Contact: calabarmentors@gmail.com**

**Register (click the link):**

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# The Museum

Peter Moses is leading a team to reorganise the museum. The aim is to make the history of Calabar an integral part of the Young Lions' Orientation Week. Every single new student will be encouraged to take the tour, to learn about Calabar's esteemed history and, importantly, the green and black blood that flows through their veins.



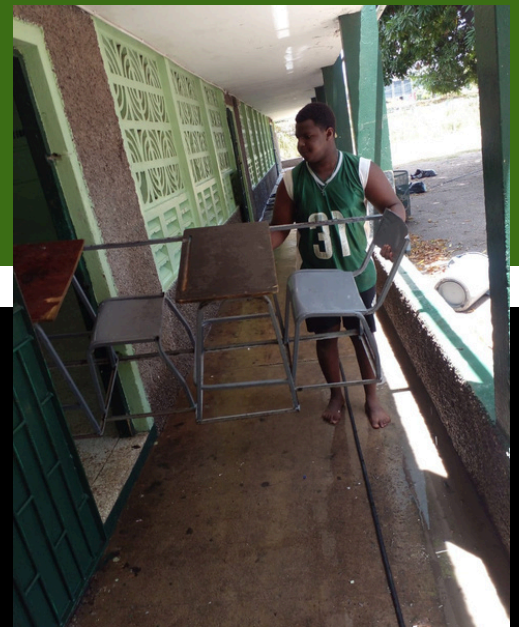
## Grade 7 Clean-Up

The London Chapter and Class of '83 undertook the task of cleaning out the Grade 7 classrooms before the start of the new school year. Kudos to the London Chapter for leading with this groundbreaking project.





# More from the Grade 7 Clean Up



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## Top Performing Boys From Grade 9 Heading Into Grade 10



Left to Right: Teon Lloyd Hughes, Jaden Lyew, Jourdain Smith, Nathan Magnus, Jameer Coward, Malieke Rodney, Amani Cross, Elijah Purser

Absent- Alexander Ramharack, Kevon Latouche

# Welcome Service

CALABAR OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION



CALABAR HIGH SCHOOL  
WELCOME SERVICE



Sunday, September 7, 2023

The School's Chapel

At 3:00pm

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Stephen Jennings,

Pastor Mona Baptist Church

Attendees are asked to be seated by 2:45pm

On Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, the school convened its annual Grade 7 Welcome Service, held in the Chapel. Guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Stephen Jennings, gave a rousing speech to the young men who were welcomed by OBs with a guard of honour, at the end of the service.



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# JCF Visits On The First Day

Police Officers from the Jamaica Constabulary Force's Community Safety and Security Branch (CSSB) in the St. Andrew North Division, alongside CSSB Headquarters members, were present at Calabar High School on the first full day of school.



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# Manning Cup Season 2025

Overview **Matches** Players Stats

|                    |                  |   |   |  |                |             |
|--------------------|------------------|---|---|--|----------------|-------------|
| 09-11-2025 3:00 PM | Calabar          |    | v |    | Mona High      | Calabar     |
| 09-15-2025 3:00 PM | Pembroke Hall    |    | v |    | Calabar        | Excelsior   |
| 09-19-2025 3:00 PM | Dunoon Park Tech |    | v |    | Calabar        | Dunoon Tech |
| 09-23-2025 3:00 PM | Calabar          |    | v |    | Wolmer's Boys  | Calabar     |
| 09-27-2025 3:00 PM | Calabar          |   | v |   | Meadowbrook    | Calabar     |
| 09-30-2025 3:00 PM | Calabar          |  | v |  | Hillel Academy | Calabar     |
| 10-03-2025 3:00 PM | Ascott           |  | v |  | Calabar        | Ascot High  |

**Let's Support Our Team!**



The Manning Cup Team receiving much-needed equipment during pre-season training



# Track Team in Training



The track team is shaping up well with the new coaching staff and a strong management team providing support. The early July training sessions have been productive, and with a cohesive leadership structure in place, the team is poised for a successful 2025-2026 season.



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## Atlanta Chapter

- An extensive scholarship programme for Calabar students.
- Dispatched school supplies and 60 pairs of shoes for students.
- Made financial donations for the Breakfast Program and scholarships. A portion of which will be disbursed in increments or a lump sum to cover lunch and transportation.

## Class of '83

- In conjunction with COBA Atlanta, COBA Washington, Carrington Mahoney, and Richard Wright played a leading role in the refurbishment of the Guidance Counsellor's Office.
- Worked in association with the London Chapter - the leading group - to coordinate the clean-up of the Grade 7 Block, for the start of the 2025-2026 school year

## Washington Chapter

- Organised and coordinated with other chapters the Teacher's Appreciation Day.
- Promoted as well as supported the David Wagga Hunt Scholarship Initiative.
- Partnered with the Class of '83 on the renovation of the Guidance Counsellor's Office.
- Hosted a dinner for the Penn Relay team and management in Philadelphia and provided financial support for the track program.
- Funded and supported the football programme.
- As well as coordinated the Back-To-School token for teachers, September 2025.

## Florida Chapter

- Provided a laptop for pool use in the Guidance Counsellor's Office
- Supported the Teacher's Appreciation Day, several scholarship programmes and Wellness Programme Care packages.
- Supports the Track & Field programme and Champs Week house support.



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COMPOSITION BOOKS  
DONATED TO THE GUIDANCE  
COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Picture: Sept 9, 2025 - Patrick Phillips, member  
of COBA Jamaica, presenting books on behalf  
of Calabar Alumni Florida, to Mrs. Jarrett,  
Guidance Counsellor

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## Sons of Rabalac

- Hosted a successful Calabar Alumni Day 2025 in its 15th year.
- In addition to providing major support to the football programme.

## New York

- A tablet was donated to the most improved student at Calabar Alumni Day.
- A mentoring session with Grade 11 students and the Guidance Counsellor.
- Also, a mentorship presentation was done for students for Career Day.
- A contribution was made towards the Teacher's Appreciation Day, and support was made for members of the school's 4x200 Team record breakers at the Puma New York International Showcase in January.
- Uniforms were sent to needy students.
- Supported the Track Team with accommodation at UWI.
- Hosted luncheon in Brooklyn for the athletes representing Jamaica at the Carifta Games, including Calabar students.
- Covered the costs for accommodation for the Track and Field team at Penn Relays.
- Hosted students at the annual Pocket Rockets Foundation Student Athlete Summit.

## Sons of Herb

- The group provided lunch, tuition, and transport costs for several students.
- Contributed 70 tablets to students and hosted educational summits, led by Daniel England, supporting students transitioning to the United States for scholarship opportunities.
- Provided uniforms for over 50 students every year.
- Assist college students with tuition payments, helping them overcome financial challenges.
- The group sponsors the track programme by supporting student athletes, from the Champs preparation (including Christmas camp) onward.
- Sponsor the basketball team, encouraging teamwork, discipline, and athletic excellence.
- And provide sponsorship for the Penn Relays team, led by Floyd Howell, providing student athletes with valuable opportunities to compete and excel on a larger stage.

## UK/London Chapter

After a period of inactivity since Covid, and the death of one of its key members, Bobby Bennett, COBA UK underwent a process locally of reconnecting with its membership. A number of social events were held, and plans were made to actively identify projects that could have a major and far-reaching impact on Calabar. After much debate, it was decided that the best solution and most pragmatic and impactful way was to work jointly with other Alumni and special interest groups for the common good. The decision was taken to fund a joint project with the graduating class of '83 and the Atlanta Chapter.

The project of refurbishing the Year 7 / First Form block was successfully costed and then undertaken by a mix of volunteers, comprising staff and students. Our gratitude to them cannot be understated. Due to family and increasing professional commitments, current COBA UK President Dr Dave Thomas is unfortunately unable to fulfill his responsibilities as president. The association is grateful to him for his stewardship. In the next two months, the plan is to have an election to determine a new leadership group and also to decide what direction the UK group takes. Subsequently, Mr Chris Lowe will temporarily serve in the office as president of the chapter.