

2019 is a new beginning! It is the start of a new journey for many.

To this end I would like to extend a warm word of welcome to all stakeholders of ORBIT TVET College! More specifically I wish to extend a sincere word of welcome to our students, especially those who have enrolled with the College for the first time.

Our profound thanks to you for having chosen ORBIT as your home away from home. On behalf of ORBIT College Management and staff, I would like to express my immense gratitude to parents and guardians for having entrusted the staff of ORBIT College with the education of your children.

To be a student is not an easy task because education was never meant to be an easy academic process. In addition to this, there are many socio-economic challenges that students encounter. This includes peer pressure.

Therefore, it is important that you should have maximum discipline when it comes to your studies. Learning is not confined to the classroom. I invite you to stretch the borders of learning beyond the classroom walls. Make ample use of all available student study aids and facilities such as our student resource centres and internet cafés.

Education is not only about providing the correct answers or finding solutions; it is mostly about the questions you ask.

Einstein said: *'If I had an hour to solve a problem and my life depended on the solution, I would spend the first 55 minutes determining the proper question to ask, for once I know the proper question, I could solve the problem in less than five minutes.'*

Hence I encourage you to ask questions in areas you don't understand. That is the real process of learning and teaching!

Management and staff will continue their pursuit in ensuring that ORBIT remains a constant fountain of knowledge. We are dedicated to helping students discover their full potential and develop their talent. The Programme Qualifications Mix offered by the College promises to provide students with an opportunity to embark on a transformational student experience.

Last but not least I wish to share with you a quote from OG Mandingo that I want you to use as a pillar to succeed in your academic journey.

*I WILL PERSIST UNTIL I SUCCEED*

*"I was not delivered unto this world in defeat, nor does failure course in my veins. I am not a sheep waiting to be prodded by my shepherd. I am a lion and I refuse to talk, to walk, to sleep with the sheep. I will hear not those who weep and complain, for their disease is contagious. Let them join the sheep. The slaughterhouse of failure is not my destiny."*

I hope you can find meaning and value in the words of OG Mandingo.

To you all, you are most welcome.