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• Winners of the 2023 Junior Graphic essay contest beaming with smiles after receiving their prizes. Pictures: EDNA SALVO-KOTÉY

## 2024 Junior Graphic essay competition launched

### • 2023 Winners receive prizes

By Priscilla Asantewaa Obeng

The 2024 edition of the *Junior Graphic* National Essay Competition (JGNEC) organised for upper primary pupils and junior high school students in the country has been launched

at an impressive ceremony held in Accra last Friday.

The Deputy Director-General of the Ghana Education Service (GES) in charge of Management Service, Mr Stephen Kwaku Owusu, was assisted by the acting Managing Director (MD) and Director, Marketing of



• Mr Franklin Sowa (left), acting Managing Director (MD) of the Graphic Communications Group Ltd, Mr Victor Yaw Asante (2nd left), MD, FBN Bank and Mrs Hannah Acheampong Amoah, Editor, Junior Graphic, together with Mr Stephen Kwaku Owusu (right), a Deputy Director-General of the Ghana Education Service launched the 2024 Junior Graphic essay contest.

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## Fix condition of police barracks

**D**ear Editor, The police barracks are buildings or group of buildings to accommodate police personnel as they render gallant service to protect individuals, properties and the nation.

However, the barracks these days keep deteriorating which gives the police force a bad image.

The buildings have been left unattended to in terms of painting, finishing works and sanitation. I was sad when my little brother and his mates made fun of the barracks on our way to school. They later said they would never want to be recruited into the Police

Service.

Residents at the barracks live just like other people in rented houses. They engage in minor businesses — from selling of iced water, iced block and petty trading to supplement their salaries.

My question is: whose duty is it to keep the barracks clean or renovate them to match the revered image of the police service?

I am worried about the future of these structures and the fact that they are discouraging people from joining the service. Would the story be the same or worsen as the years go by?

I humbly suggest that something should be done

about the barracks and the general sanitation to encourage the little ones to keep believing in the police

force to make the right choice in future.

*Eva E. K. Baab,  
Student,  
Mamprobi, Accra.*



• The President recently commissioned an ultramodern police barracks in Kwabenya in Accra.

## Our highways are not safe

**D**ear Editor, According to the National Road Safety Authority (NRSA) 2,276 persons died in 14,135 reported road crashes last year. The crashes involved 23,998 vehicles.

The NRSA statistics also

revealed that within the same period, 15,409 persons suffered varying degrees of injury from the crashes while 2,559 pedestrians were also knocked down.

The statistics are indeed worrying. A new year has begun and usage of our roads is a daily

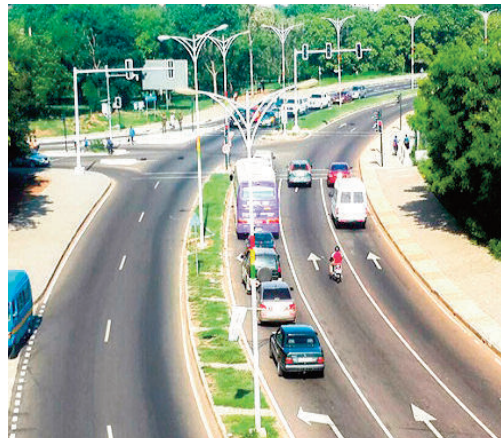
affair. A lot of attention must be given to our roads and the vehicles that ply them. The police, in collaboration with the NRSA and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA), should see to it that vehicles are in good shape and only qualified drivers with valid licences should be allowed to work.

The three bodies should put in measures to check reckless driving on the roads and culprits brought to book.

The Ministry of Information can also help through public education on various media platforms and television channels.

I urge drivers to avoid drinking alcoholic beverages while driving. They should rest when they are tired. Some drivers want to make more money and so will not rest even when they feel sleepy and sleeping while driving could lead to an accident.

*Justina Cudjoe,  
Korle Bu, Accra.*



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## Complete work on road to Obrachire SHS

**D**ear Editor, The Obrachire Senior High School is about half kilometre from the main Bawjiase – Agona Swedru trunk road.

In the year 2020, gutters were seen being constructed from the main road towards the school. Till date, it has remained at that stage.

This half kilometre road needs tarring as erosion and trenches have developed at various portions of it.

I am, therefore, humbly requesting for the Member of Parliament and other authorities concerned to give a facelift to the road by tarring it.

Also, a nice signboard that depicts the image of the school should be erected at the junction road.

*Brother Simon,  
Baptist Church,  
Obrachire.*