



PARENTS' BULLETIN: 18 SEPTEMBER, 2015

Thought for the Week

When I let go of what I am, I become what I might be.

- Lao Tzu

Important Dates

18/9/15: Recital Colloquium (7.00-8.30pm)

19/9/15: Weekend at home begins. Service learning trip for IB1

20/9/15: Service learning trip for IB1

21/9/15: National Founders' Day Public Holiday. Students return from weekend at home by 5.00pm.

22/9/15: Classes resume. Australian Universities Expo @TIS

24/9/15: Eid Al Adha- Public Holiday

26/9/15: Parents' Information Session (9.00-10.00am)

27/9/15: School play audition

28/9/15: Inter-hostel basketball, squash and badminton competitions

30/9/15: Inter-color math evening

Appreciation

Special thanks to those parents who were able to join us last Saturday morning for the annual health walk.

ABRSM 2015

ABRSM (Associated Board of Royal School of Music) is an international body which aims to support high quality music making, learning and development throughout the world by examining students in the theory of music and practical on any instrument. There are eight grades for which students are eligible to register depending on the strength of the individual. There are two components of the examination - theory and practical - on any instrument of choice.

The IGCSE performance examination, which is one component out of three, requires that candidates' performances must be grade 4 ABRSM standard or above. The TIS Music department thus encourages students to register for ABRSM each year from Pre-IGCSE so



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that by the time they reach Grade 10 they might have at least sat for grade 4. At this week's assembly, students were awarded their certificates from their recent exams.

Eid Al Adha

There is a public holiday on next Thursday and students will appreciate the opportunity to catch up with any outstanding work, as well as preparing for upcoming deadlines.

Personal Modems

Students should not have personal modems at school. While there have been connectivity issues in the past, these have been resolved now. Why? Some students like to download and watch movies instead of focusing on their studies. Accessing (or addiction to) social media either minimizes study time or sleep time, and students need plenty of each. If your son or daughter has a personal modem at school, then please collect it from them during the weekend at home.

Request for Guardians for Our International Students

We wish to find out if any families are willing to act as guardians for some of our foreign students. This has become necessary because their parents and families reside outside this country and are usually unable to travel down to Tema as often as we allow visits or participation in school events.

If you are willing and happy to step in for our parents who reside outside Ghana, we would like to meet with you to discuss this further. Kindly let us know via email or telephone conversation by close of business on 30th September, 2015 and we will be pleased to pass on the contacts plus other information of the parent(s) abroad to you.

Twitter

The school Twitter account is: #TISGhana

ASCC US (Academic Support & College Counseling Unit for Success)

We are a new department that offers to students, special academic support and college advising services. Our most desired target is to work hard and see our students achieve their fullest potential in all aspects of their school lives.

Our support services include:

Peer Tutoring

Students excelling in specific subject areas tutor other students who may be experiencing challenges in those subjects. We are proud to have about **forty students** involved in this programme.



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Study Skills

At these weekly and monthly sessions, we teach our students how to learn as this is a core part of academic excellence. Time management, note taking and learning strategies are some of the activities in which we engage them.

College Advising:

We are concerned about our wonderful students and where they experience higher education. The competition is keen, the anxiety is high and sometimes the confusion about what to do and where to go can be a bit unsettling for them. ASCC US provides students with all the guidance that they need in this stressful period of college applications. We are excited that you are with us on this rewarding journey.

Do we have all the answers? Maybe not, but we are definitely ready to help!

College Tasting

When the music starts, stand and dance around the tables until the music stops. Then sit; you will definitely find a university brochure. Read on until the music starts again... It's like musical chairs.

This is how we have got our wonderful **IB Class of 2016** to enjoy their college application journey. Last Friday, through this fun activity, our students explored many universities and took interest in some. Our **IB Class of 2017** gets to taste colleges this week; it's never too early. We are counting on you to continue the discussion on college options with your wards as they spend the weekend at home.

Careers' Day

We are indeed excited about Careers' Day. On 6th November, Tema International School is hosting an event where the school community will interact with professionals from a wide variety of careers. Our students will learn about different careers. We are looking forward to having you volunteer as one of the professionals at the fair. Our students are depending on you to make some of their future decisions.

Kindly contact Adwoa Abrafi on Adwoa.Opoku-Mensah@tis.edu.gh to confirm your interest.

College Visits

You're invited to the upcoming College visits-

Duke & Stanford Universities,

Next Friday, Sept. 25th, from 2:30pm – 3:15pm, in the New Exam Hall (Handel-Picasso)

Canada was excellent! Next is Australia. For the first time on TIS campus, we have the rare opportunity to host 17 universities from Australia. The date is **Tuesday, 22nd September, 2015** and the time is **2:30pm**. Please be reminded that parents are invited.



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Tema International School welcomes AUSTRALIA Inaugural Exhibition



For the 1st Time

**17
Schools**

2.5 Hours

**22,000
Courses**



**Sept.
22nd**

2:30-5:00pm





SAT & ACT Tests

Please note that the **only acceptable form of identification** for your ward to be admitted in the examination halls for the SAT & ACT Standardized tests **is the valid (unexpired) original passport**. This is in line with the directive from the Testing Agencies in the U.S. We appreciate your cooperation in providing passports for interested students ahead of the test day. Without the valid passports, students would not be allowed to take these tests.

Parents Information Session

There will be a Parents' Information Session at TIS on Saturday, 26 September from 9.00am-10.00am. This session was planned as an opportunity for parents to be informed about what is happening at TIS. It is also an opportunity for parents to ask questions. Any relevant information from this meeting will be included in future bulletins and newsletters.

Recital Colloquium

Tonight will be an evening of great musical recitals by our very talented and passionate students and guests. Parents are welcome to enjoy the evening from 7.00 – 8.30pm.

Inter-Colour Maths Evening

Last night's Inter-Colour Maths Exhibition was won by Yellow. The presentations were superb and students demonstrated the ability to explain difficult concepts in a way everyone could understand. Each presentation was impressive.

Use of External Counsellors

Our school counseling team provides guidance and support to our IB students in terms of undergraduate options post-IB. This includes teachers' recommendations, college essays, personal statements and submission of applications, as well as 1:1 guidance, and assistance in choosing the best university options. I am concerned that the use of external counselors can be counter-productive to a student's ultimate goal

I appreciate your support.

Dr Ken Darvall

Principal