



TIS BULLETIN: 04 MARCH, 2016

Thought for the Week

Kindness is the language the deaf can hear and the blind can see.

- Mark Twain

Important Dates

5-7/3/16: Exeat weekend

5/3/16: G11 return from Akorlikope

6/3/16: TIS Red Cross assists at Tema's Independence Day celebrations

7/3/16: Exeat weekend concludes (5.00pm)

8/3/16: G12 Mock1 exams continue

14/3/16: G12 Mock 1 exams end; 11/12 sex education workshop

15/3/16: 9/10 sex education workshop

16/3/16: 7/8 sex education workshop

20/3/16: Expression 2016 (incorporating Visiting Sunday)

Sex Education Workshops

The Mbaasem Foundation, as part of their ongoing effort to prevent sexual abuse, will be conducting sex education workshops over three evenings for our students from 14-16 March

The workshops will cater for three different age groups: G7-8; G9-10; and G11-12.

The 7-10 workshop is basic sex education for pre-adolescent and teenage years that will focus on educating on the misconceptions on sex and sexuality, given lessons on teenage pregnancy and its consequences, HIV/AIDS, as well as what a healthy and respectful dating life looks like.

The 11-12 workshop will focus on the rudiments of sexual consent and also recognize situations of sexual assault and rape in order to help prevent it and raise the necessary alarms.

Outlines of both workshops will accompany this bulletin as attachments.

TIS will require parental consent for their son/daughter/ward to participate in these important workshops. To provide consent, please email the following text to Bijoux (bijoux.h@tis.edu.gh):

I give permission for my son/daughter/ward, by the name of....to be included in the sex education workshop for their grade. (Name of parent)

Wrist Watches

Parents are reminded that students should wear wrist watch at school to ensure punctuality. If your son/daughter does not have one, please resolve the issue over this exeat weekend. It does not have to be expensive or a fashion statement.



Modems (Routers)

Students must not have a personal modem (wifi router) at TIS. There is evidence that students are in possession and parents are requested to ensure these items do not return after this long weekend.

MUN NYC

Our New York Model United Nations team has been acclimatising to the weather (-3 on Thursday morning), breakfast (each meal enough to feed an army) and the Big Apple (yellow taxis and people everywhere). Updates and photos can be found on the TIS Twitter feed and the TIS website.

On their return to Accra on Monday night, parents wishing to collect their son/daughter from the airport may take them home until Wednesday, so that the students return by 5.00pm that day to the hostels. This is to assist with their recovery so they can perform at their optimal level on Thursday, 10 March

Please email Ken (principal@tis.edu.gh) if you will be taking this option, to assist us with organisational details.

Expression 2016

Save this date: Sunday, 20 March. This date is Visiting Sunday and Expression 2016 will be held at the same time. Live music, science fair, poetry and other forms of expression will be performed on this day.

[A parent inquired why they had to register to attend any Visiting Sunday. While this process may be considered an unnecessary inconvenience, its purpose is to ensure an improved security process to safeguard our most prized possessions - your sons and daughters. The days of opening the gates and letting anyone enter are over. TIS appreciates your support and cooperation. At any time there may be a difficulty with the process, then please contact Bijoux so your issue can be resolved.]

French Study Tour

Thank you to the parents who have expressed interest in their son and/or daughter attending the proposed French study tour. We are currently in discussions with the coordinating group to explore the option of limiting it to two weeks, to ensure affordability for parents and an opportunity for students. We hope to have these details by next Wednesday. As soon as we receive them, we will forward this information to interested parents to help them make a final decision about participation. If you are interested and have not already expressed it, please email Bijoux so that we can send you out further details next week.



Creative Arts Summer Workshop

Mr Elikem is proposing a 7-day summer workshop in London, titled From Page to Stage. The goal is to create and perform their own musical. Elikem has gauged interest and now wants to confirm interest to determine if this workshop is viable. The departure date is 20 June and the approximate cost per student is GBP1500. To confirm interest, or to seek further details, please contact Elikem, or Bijoux.

Three-Way Interviews

Three-way interviews will be held on Wednesday, 23 March from 7.30am-1.00pm. Details for booking interviews will be placed in next week's bulletin. Once parents have completed their interviews, they may depart with their son/daughter for the mid-semester break. Students, whose parents are unable to attend these interviews may depart for the Easter break from 1.00pm on 23 March.

2016/2017 Admission Applications Update

There are two scheduled entrance exams for 2016 admission applicants: 2 April and 7 May.

While admission applications will remain open until vacancies are filled, please note that the closing date for the TIS entrance exams are: **18 March (for 2 April exam) and 22 April (for 7 May exam).**

[Admission applications are now open for 2016/2017. Please visit: tisacademics.com to start the process. Information about the admission process can also be found on our website: www.tis.edu.gh]

Happy Ghana Independence Day!



CAS Updates

CAS/Creative Arts Service Learning Trip – Akorlikope
Students' reflections:

It's the second day of the second IB1 SL Trip to Akorlikope. As expected, students are stepping out of their comfort zones. Some are doing things they've never done while others are building up on old experiences picked up during the first Service Learning trip in September, 2015. Currently the cooking class, after treating the whole team to a delicious jollof yesterday, are preparing what



looks like another sumptuous yam & potato chips, all on their 3-legged firewood stove (which they are certainly not used to). The visual art team is on a painting spree; putting onto their canvases the beautiful and unique way of life of the Akorlikope Folks. The teaching team are doing magic in the classrooms, and the photography and theatre students are already in the village with their cameras and stories to enact.

The following reflections from some of the students summarize the whole experience so far

"As a member of the painting committee and also an art student, I have acquired a lot of ideas through observation and communicating with the people. It's been a great experience." ~ David Quampah

"Cooking has been great so far. Everyone has contributed in his/her own little way to get the food ready on time, and those who are cooking for the first time are learning a lot. Everything has just been amazing" ~Ida Williams (Head, cooking c'tee)

"I have found the experience humbling and heart rendering and a bit amazed that this part is actually part of Ghana, just a few hours drive from the capital. I'm very grateful to TIS IB Class of 2017 for this opportunity to be part of the Service Learning trip. I hope we all put ourselves behind the wheel to change lives."~ Dr. Diaba (Parent)

"As the editor of the school magazine I have had the experience of working professionally with my team members on the school magazine in a remote outdoor setting and it has been quite refreshing." ~ Afia Addai

"It has been a rather exciting time for me as a teacher. I have learnt a lot about how to work with my grade mates and also experienced the joy that comes as I see the children learn something new about their world." ~Eyram Diaba (Head Girl)

"The environment is rich with all the stories that need to be told." ~Elikem Kunutsor (Head, Creative Arts)

Red Cross Club (6 March Parade) – Members of the TIS Red Cross Club will be volunteering at this Year’s 6 March Parade. As a trained & recognized body under the Ghana Red Cross Society, the TIS Red Cross Club owes a responsibility to represent the Society at national events to provide first aid to casualties. In two groups, the Club, led by patrons will oversee actions at the Kpone Park and the Tema Sports Stadium respectively. Parents of members of the Club may pick up their wards from school or at the venues. A letter to that effect has been sent to parents

TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

EXPRESSION 2016
FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION:
A RIGHT AND A RESPONSIBILITY

MAWUENA DAVOR ATSU

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IB CLASS OF 2017 INITIATIVE

Love and compassion are necessities without which humanity cannot survive. **Mawuena Davor Atsu (2 years old)** has been diagnosed with **'Perimembranous Ventricular Septal Defect'**. His life depends on a **Heart Surgery** that will cost **Ghe 32,000.00**. Coming from a very poor home however, his only hope will come from an act of kindness and compassion from people who believe that we rise by lifting others. The survival of Mawuena depends on your generous contribution towards his surgery.

Together, we can save a heart.

For more information and to support this cause, kindly contact susan.king@tis.edu.gh

DONATE

Expression day, 2016 – The TIS annual event, *Expression*, comes off on 20 March, 2016 – 1pm. Yet again, there will be exhibition of talents as well as wares for sale. What makes this year’s *Expression* unique is that aside from the creative arts exhibitions and the CAS fair, there will also be a Science Fair in which the Science Department will showcase various innovations. The theme for this year’s *Expression* is **“Freedom of Expression. A Right and a Responsibility”**. In this age where almost everyone believes in freedom of expression, we





want to remind ourselves that there are responsibilities that come with it, and we are accountable for whatever it is that we *express*. All members of the TIS are invited to attend this event as you will not want to miss out. **20 March is a visiting Sunday.** *NB: **There will be food and drinks on sale & all proceeds go towards Mawuena Davor Atsu's URGENT heart surgery.** Help us save a life.



Donate to a good cause: If you would like to donate cash or kind to the various projects of our students, kindly contact Mrs. King for more details. surama.king@tis.edu.gh

Parents Volunteer: Parents who would like to volunteer to Chaperone students, teach a class after school or be a Parent Patron for our Colour-Group teams should kindly contact Mrs. King for details and registration. surama.king@tis.edu.gh or 0244615255



ASCCUS Update

College Visit

Friday, March 11th

Visiting: UCLAN – University of Central Lancashire

Time: 1:45

Continuing our Exploration...

This week the students in Grade 8 continued to develop their research topics. They started creating their research methodology, and have set to work on various tasks including creating online surveys and drafting interview questions. We are excited for them to report back to us with their collected data.

Our Grade 9s have presented research on universities in countries such as South Africa and Nigeria. We are looking forward to hearing from more locations, such as Botswana and Kenya, in the coming weeks.

SAT May Registration:

The Redesigned SAT Format is now in use. All students interested in taking the May SAT examination must complete the registration with the Guidance and Counseling department by the deadline;

Friday, 11th March 2016, and payment of **U.S. \$110** is due by Monday, 14 March 2016.

Test Reminders

April ACT registrations have closed. As per College Board directive, **passports** are the only acceptable IDs for test takers. We encourage students to use the upcoming mid semester break as an opportunity to prepare for the upcoming ACT.

Trip to Ashesi University Campus Summary

Students from the IB1 & IB2 classes enjoyed an informative trip to the Ashesi campus. Students noted it for the beauty and scenic views, and were able to tour classrooms and hostels. Ashesi offers courses in Business, Computer Science, Management Information Systems and Engineering.

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Application Response Countdown

Parents of our IB2 students are reminded that most U.S. applicants must expect a response from their universities by the date of **APRIL 1** and should plan to respond to university offers accordingly.

Creative Arts Update

Episode 4 of:



The Diary of an IG Creative Arts Jamboree to Likpe Todome

For inspiration to materialize into product, one needs to understand the power of collaboration. Inspiration on its own will not make an impact; but rather, inspiration with action yields the projected result. Trip outcome number 1

The Team



Action requires the ability to do; the desire to transition from thought into an activity. The creative journey is tightly strung to team work and collaboration. It is in the heart of team work and collaboration that the initial idea is brought to the fore, refined and produced into a master piece for appreciation. It is within this process of collaboration that clashes of divergent ideas, ideals and ideologies meet. It is the fertile grounds for life changing experiences to ensure; for people to feel like giving up; for friendships to take a knock and for standards

to be set. The creative journey can sometimes be a lonely one and most of the time, one will like to be in a bubble of self-indulgence. As the word CREATIVITY itself is composed, intertwined and endowed with 10 letters, each one has a role to play in order for the work to make sense. This

is applicable to the creative individual where each idea is important, where each person's thought is important; where the TEAM is needed.

Reflections:.....

Gabriella said; obviously to try something new with your friends' means you have to be able to work together, even when you're not the best of friends. This trip evidently brought more people closer, because doing this honestly isn't a one man job.

Benny also voiced out that, during the trip I got the opportunity to bond with my fellow classmates. I got to realize most of them are not a pain after all. For the first time in forever, I could actually rely on my colleagues.



Maame Ama narrated: after an unbearable hour of suffering from dehydration and weakness, I realized I needed help. I spotted my suffering friend, Heman and walked towards her. She gave me some water. I put my hand over her shoulder, as she put hers over mine. Surprisingly, we were able to hold each other up till we got to the top.

Meet our Alumni of the week!



NAME: Charles Owusu Ansah

Year Group: IB Class of 2014

Hostel: Anthony Hostel/Red Kigelia

Roles played at TIS:

-Designer of 10th Anniversary Cloth

-Publicity Director (LION KING)

-Editorial Board Member – X-File Magazine(Graphic designer)

Achievements:

- 2014 CAS Award recipient

-Math SL Award Recipient (IB1 & IB2)

Current University: University of Colorado Boulder

(UCB-U.S.A)

Level: 200

Programme: -Chemical Engineering (Major)

-Biomedical Engineering

At UCB: Director of events (African Students Association)

One Word: Hard Work



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I appreciate your support.

Dr. Ken Darvall
Principal

A photo together before the journey to Akorlikope



Akorlikope in a thousand words!



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NYC MUN 2016.....Alumni (Elom, Nyahan & Owura) hanged out with them ea.

