



## TIS BULLETIN: 5 FEBRUARY, 2016

### Thought for the Week

Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.

- Dalai Lama

### Important Dates

5/2/16: Inter-Colour Current Affair Quiz Night (7.00pm - 8.30pm)

6/2/16: Student Leadership Handover Day

7/2/16: Visiting Sunday (1.00 -5.00pm)

13/2/16: Chocolate Friendship Day

15/2/16: IB2 Mock 1 Trials commence

20/2/16: Sporty Family Day

25/2/16: UK universities @TIS (2.30-4.30pm)

### Visiting Sunday

Visiting Sunday is this Sunday. The first 40 cars will be allowed to park inside near the hostels. A similar number will be allowed to park near the admin building area.

Registration for Sunday closes at 5.00pm today.

### Student Medication

Any student medication must be sent to the Infirmary, along with medication instructions. A recent incident highlighted the issue that sometimes parents are unaware that their son/daughter has taken some medication from home, without parent awareness or consent, and has been brought it to school, and not informed anyone. Such practice can place the student at risk. Parents are always advised to check what their son/daughter is bringing back to school on their return from a school break or exeat.

• *Parents are also reminded that students are not allowed to have their own modems at school.*

### ISSAG

Last Saturday, TIS participated in the ISSAG soccer, tennis and table tennis championships at SOS. Mawuena Gadzekpo reached the semi finals in table tennis, while Christhel Dekuku and Michael Kumi reached the semi finals in tennis. The girls' soccer team came third and the boys' soccer team were runners up. The students were great ambassadors for the school for the duration of a very long day.



While pleased with our performances, and TIS excels in team events, the day was disappointing and disturbing. Like the ISSAG athletics carnival, this event did not start on time and towards the end of the girls' soccer events, their matches were two hours behind schedule. Again, like the athletics carnival, we departed the venue after 6.00pm. This is crazy and not beneficial to the players or their coaches.

However, the disturbing aspect was an attack on a referee, initially by a player from other school, and then by other team mates and school supporters. The incident started when the player refused to collect a ball that he had kicked away in frustration. After instructing the player three times to collect the ball, the referee then pushed the player. This silly action immediately developed into a fracas. To my disappointment, the carnival was not abandoned. At an ISSAG meeting on Thursday, the referee incident was not deemed to be an important issue, much to my surprise. (These meetings do not start on time!)

The episode makes me question our future involvement in ISSAG. Should TIS look to other school sport organisations or organise its own interschool matches? Sport and sporting carnivals are not about winning. What is important is how you play the game, with an emphasis on enjoying the experience. Sporting teams are an essential experience as individuals learn to develop their skills and actions as a single unit. In today's world, everyone needs to be able to work as part of a team. It is also critical to respect decisions, if even they may appear to be incorrect at the time. While it can be easy to criticise, anyone who has had the opportunity to officiate in sporting activities will appreciate the intensity and urgency of decisions being made at any time. While most officials always make the right decision at the time, everyone involved hopes it's always the correct decision.

At a school level, our priority is to develop skills and expertise in several sports, and not just one or two. It is also about participation and involvement.

I am happy to hear parents' views on this topic. Please email to: [principal@tis.edu.gh](mailto:principal@tis.edu.gh)

On the subject of sport, please remember Sporty Family Day will be held on Saturday week, 20 February. We hope you will join us for this special event on the school calendar.

## **2016/2017 Admission Applications**

Admission applications are now open for 2016/2017.

Please visit: [tisacademics.com](http://tisacademics.com) to start the process.

The first entrance exams will be held on Saturday, 2 April.

## **Exeat Weekend**

Please note that there will be an exeat weekend from 5-7 March to coincide with Ghana's Independence Day long weekend. Students may depart after 5.30pm on Friday 4 March and must return before 5.00pm on 7 March.

## CAS Updates:



**Chocolate Friendship day and Concert Night:**  
The IB Class of 2017 is organizing

**‘#PULSE, Every Beat is a Dance!’** to make a difference as All proceeds go towards **Davor Mawuena and Clementina Nyozie’s** urgent Heart Surgery. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of February, there will be a night of chocolate, friendship, live music & games.

**Remember, love makes the world go round**

☺ Have a Heart. Save a Life.

**Inter-Colour Sporty Family, 2016 – Who are you supporting?**

**Red Kigelia, Yellow Outeniqua, Blue Cedar or Green**

**Wisteria???** Come and participate in a colorful competition as students, parents and all members of the TIS community engage in a day of sports and fun.

There will be an electric Aerobic session at 8:15 to start off the day. You can enjoy the following modalities before the competitions:  
*Swimming, Squash, Badminton, Basketball, Table Tennis and Tennis*



Parents are encouraged to compete in the following categories: **Team Walker, Fill the bottle, Sack Race, Lime and Spoon, Tug of Peace, 4 x 100 (2 students, staff and parents), 100m (students, staff and parents), Eating Competition, and Feel and Reveal.** Sign up will be done during visiting Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> of February.

This is an Inter-Colour FAMILY affair. Support your Wards’ Colour Groups.

**Venue:** TIS Sports Complex

**Date :** 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

**Time :** 8am to 1pm

**TIS Magazine, 2016 edition** –Don’t miss this opportunity to be part of the TIS magazine, 2016 edition. **Advert:** There are limited spaces for advertisement. Parents who wish to advertise their companies should kindly contact [surama.king@tis.edu.gh](mailto:surama.king@tis.edu.gh)

All proceeds from our School magazine go towards Community Service Projects.



**Mock for IGCSE (Gr 10) & IBDP (Gr 12) – Mock 1** will start on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February. Our candidates are working towards 100 %. Join us in motivating our students to success. Send your message to [info@tis.edu.gh](mailto:info@tis.edu.gh), titled: ‘**To our Candidates**’. These messages will be posted around campus as a reminder of how much we believe in them. 100% is possible.



**DONATE TO: TIS GardenHolics Club** – We need garden tools, hand fork, spades, watering cans, seeds and mini pots.

*GardenHolics; Turning trash into Treasure!!!*

## TIS Red CrossClub:



- Volunteering in the Red Cross was a tremendously eye-opening experience for me. I was able to acquire certain skills I didn't even know I had. I look forward to demonstrating these skills at school and in my medical career. ~ *Fafa Mac-Deh*
- *Red Cross oh!* Being a first aider has been a wonderful experience. I have learnt so much it is unbelievable! I hope that I can use this knowledge to impact on the world in a different way. Looking forward to volunteer at the 6<sup>th</sup> of March parade. ~ *Nubuke Amoah*
- Red Cross has been an insightful and knowledgeable experience. I grasped a wide range of skills and relevant techniques and learnt how to employ them in the appropriate situations. I can now look forward to saving lives and improving living conditions of the vulnerable. ~ *Nii Odartey-Wellington*



- Joining the Red Cross was no mistake for me. It has always been my dream to save a life. My experience with Red Cross has been very pleasurable and informative. I have learnt a variety of skills which will enable me to accomplish my dream: so now, as long as I am alive, I will never have to watch someone suffer again. ~ *Salim Yakubu*

## ASCCUS Reminders

Kindly be reminded that Friday **February 12, 2016** is the deadline for **ACT April registrations**.

IB1 students considering the US for higher education are highly encouraged to take the test.

After our session on the benefits of taking the ACT, our IB1 students agree that:

- It is easier and quicker to send scores to schools of their choice online with ACT
- The test highlights students' proficiency in the Sciences (good for those pursuing science related fields)
- Writing the test ACT satisfies subject test requirements for the application process.
- The test is relatively more straightforward in timing and format.

We are proud of you: **Eileen, Derek and Kwame** for sharing your ACT experience with our IB1s. Thank you so much.

\*As per College Board directive, passports are the only acceptable IDs for test takers. Please be reminded.

A gentle reminder to parents of the Yale Global Scholars Program; deadline for application submission: **Thursday 11 February, 2016**. Kindly encourage our applicants to complete the process early.

## College visits for this week:

Vancouver Island University: **Thursday, 4 February, 2016 @12:00pm.**

University of Ghana: **Friday, 5 February @1:45pm. (New Exam Hall)**

## IBDP Update

As the students brace themselves to take part in the current affairs quiz on 5-2-16, here are the updates for the next week.

1. Grade12, the batch of May 2016 have successfully completed their Individual Oral Commentary (IOC) in English this week.



- Grade 12 will have the Individual Oral Commentary (IOC) of French/Spanish next week. Schedule for the same will be shared with the students.
- The newly elected prefects of Grade 11 had their orientation this week from Monday to Thursday.
- Grade 11 students will have a presentation by University of Ghana on 5-2-16, followed by a session on fine tuning their research questions.
- Grade 11 will present and defend their extended essay research questions with their supervisors in the next EE session on Monday 8-2-16
- Grade 11 students and parents will receive the internal assessment calendar by 10-2-16 to track the progress of your child in the various subject areas.

Positive Action on Environment- TIS students especially Grade 11 students have started multi-pronged strategy towards plastic usage in campus. At one end we have the advocacy of reducing the plastic usage and at the other end there is active research in reusing plastic for environmentally safe applications. You will hear more about this in the coming weeks. Have a great week ahead.

## Meet our Alumni of the week!



**NAME:** Rhema Ewurama Andah

**Year Group:** IB Class of 2014

**Hostel:** Cecilia Hostel /Blue Cedar

**Roles played at TIS:**

-Hostel Prefect (Cecilia)

-Make-Up Artist (LION KING)

**Current University:** Mount Holyoke College  
(Massachusetts, USA)

**Level:** 200

**Programme:** -Economics

-French

**At Mount Holyoke College:** Secretary (African Students Association-ASA)

**One Word:** Discipline

## Garden Club – Making Compost







## Inter – Colour Spirit







## Red Cross Workshop; Practical sessions

