



**TIS BULLETIN: 10 JUNE, 2016.**

## **Thought for the Week**

Don't count the days. Make the days count.

- Mohammad Ali

## **Important Dates**

11/6/16: Achievers' Day (10.00am start); students depart for the summer break following Achievers' Day)

14/8/16: Prefects return

17/8/16: New students arrive at TIS for the new academic year.

20/8/16: Returning students, including G11, return for the new academic year.

## **Important Action to be Taken By Parents**

- 21/8/16: Advise Mr Richmond or Mr Odame if your son/daughter is interested in attending the proposed Biology/ESS/Geography field trip to UK in late October.

## **Doing Themselves Proud**

- Gilbert Carrey (G10): wrote the screenplay for the Slave King and has just published *Adventures in Pencilvania* (on sale tomorrow at the Achievers' Assembly.)
- G10 Students: They completed their final IGCSE exams today after a long month. I congratulate those few remaining students who had exams this week for their commitment and focus they have demonstrated during the entire exam period. Well done. Best of luck to all our G10 students. May your results reflect your effort and consistency.

## **Big Occasions**

### • *Dream*

David Quampah (G11) wrote and performed his own song, *Dream*, as part of the Inter-Colour Singing Competition in first semester. Last Sunday, David and a group of singers and musicians recorded the song in a professional music studio in Accra. It was a fabulous and eye-opening experience for those involved.

### • *Challenge Week:*

While G10 students were finishing their final IGCSE exams and G11 students were completing their Group 4 project, G7-9 students were either involved in the Creative Week Challenge, or NXplorers. For Challenge Week, students in their House Colour teams had two challenges.



Challenge 1: Short Film. The short film challenge was to create a 6-minutes short film about the Essence of TIS. This film had to tell the story from the perspective of the filmmakers, according to the nominated/chosen required element. Films were judged on: story, writing, treatment, cinematography, directing, sound; location, editing, costume, and innovation.

Challenge 2: Visual Arts Challenge. The art challenge was based on creating a mixed media visual artwork from your chosen/nominated required element of the Essence of TIS. Artwork was judged on: originality of idea, choice of materials, effective execution of idea, and creativity and transformation of idea.

Green was the overall winner and will be presented with their trophy tomorrow at Achievers' Day.

### • *NXplorers*

The Junior Community Service group completed their NXplorers program, developing and demonstrating the leadership skills required to bring about positive change. You will find more news about NXplorers in the CAS Update within this Bulletin.

### • *Staff Farewell*

Yesterday afternoon, staff had the opportunity to farewell their colleagues who are retiring, or resigning to seek other opportunities. We acknowledge and thank our colleagues for their contribution to TIS and the TIS family. We wish them good health, happiness and future success in what they may do next.

Departing staff include: Emmanuel Ado- Saforo, Lily Agbezuge, Eku Ampah, Ernest Asante-Agyei, Joseph Botwe, Felicia Sackey, Solomon Sackitey, Godwin Dorssor, Michael Dzorkpata, Jeremiah Essuman, Djek Gbemou, Jerry Hodo, Charles Kissi, Lawrence Odoi, Major Damian Diyuoh, Nicholas Nuvor, Samuel Mensah, James Nyame, Victor Nyadzi and Raymond Tang.

### • *Undiscovered Authors' Prize*

Jackie and Charity, our Undiscovered Authors, were presented with a donation of books for the Adjavon Library today, as part of their prize for winning this title. Well done, Jackie and Charity. Proud of you.

### • *Mawuena and Emmanuel*

We were provided with a dilemma this week. Mawuena, for whom we raised the required amount to pay for his hole-in-the-heart operation, has shown some natural healing and the Children's Heart Foundation Ghana has advised that Mawuena requires a further 6-12 months monitoring to determine if an operation is required.



Meanwhile, the foundation has recommended that Emmanuel Selassie would be a suitable recipient for the heart surgery funding that G11 students organised as part of their major project.

It is a dilemma as the whole TIS community rallied behind Mawuena and we were all thrilled to reach a big target. However, the foundation ensures a due diligence process and, at this stage, Mawuena's operation will not proceed. As the ultimate purpose of the fundraising was assist a young child who required open-heart surgery, it is important that we provide the funds to the next child on the waiting list.

We pray that Mawuena's heart continues to heal naturally so that surgery is not required in the future. However, if assistance is required in the future, TIS will attempt to support him in the most appropriate way.

Again, thank you, G11, for their successful project to save a life. Special thanks to everyone who contributed to this worthwhile cause.

- *Merit List, ISSAG and G7/8 Subject Awards*

Tonight, after dinner, students will be presented with their merit list awards for the current academic year, ISSAG certificates, and G7/8 students who gained first place in their individual subjects will receive certificates.

## **Devices for Students in G7-9**

From the start of the 2016/2017 academic year, students in Grades 7-10 will be able to bring one device to school for use in the classroom, under teacher guidance. Devices exclude mobile phones and the preferred device for students is a laptop computer. Students in G11-12 may bring two devices.

Parents should note that a device is not mandatory and the choice is the parents' decision. However, a device will provide convenience to students, as all students will be accessing ManageBac (MB) from August, as well as Naviance, a guidance program to support students right through to the submission of their university applications.

Parents are reminded that students with devices may only log onto the TIS network and not bring their own internet modems to school. For those students using a tablet, parents must ensure the sim card is removed or disabled if the device is cellular.

## **MYP**

It is a pleasure to announce that Mr Ate Hemmes has been appointed as the TIS MYP Coordinator from 1 August. Ate is currently the Head of Middle School and MYP Coordinator at the International School of London. He has been a MYP Coordinator since 2008 in schools in Qatar and London, and he is looking forward to returning to West Africa, having enjoyed his time at the British School of Lome prior to his Qatar experience. Ate will be accompanied by his wife, Carin.



## ASCCUS Update

### Reminder – IB1 Parents

Thank you for supporting our students through the initial stages of the application process.

The summer break is the ideal time to discuss final choices for the colleges/universities that our students will be attending. Expect an email from your ward's counselor on some important information relating to their applications and progress.

### Test Reminders

#### **The Preliminary SAT / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT / NMSQT), 2016:**

We will be registering students for the upcoming PSAT exam, scheduled to take place in October 2016.

The PSAT exam is a simpler version of the New SAT Aptitude test required by most U.S. universities as part of the admission requirements. It is **open to Grade 10 students**. Interested students will have to sign up as soon as school resumes and parents will be informed of the registration fee and registration deadline early next semester.

#### **Advantages of taking the PSAT exam:**

- ✓ The PSAT exam offers an opportunity for students to become conversant with the format of the New SAT.
- ✓ It serves as a practice exam for students to get better acquainted with the various sections of the New SAT exam; Evidence Based Reading & Writing, Mathematics (with and without the calculator).
- ✓ Students receive feedback on the areas they scored poorly on and are able to identify their errors and strengths and improve their test taking skills.
- ✓ It is shorter and easier than the NEW SAT exam
- ✓ Eligible Grade 10 students (U.S. citizens) who score highly on the PSAT stand the chance of winning scholarships for university through the NMSQT.

For more information, sample questions and test preparation materials on the PSAT, please visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and click on "PSAT."

**June ACT is scheduled for this Saturday. (June 11, 2016);**



All test takers have been reminded of their **valid unexpired passports**, as the only acceptable form of ID based on strict ACT Inc. directives (USA).



Photocopies or printed scanned copies are unacceptable.

Scores are usually available online, 6-8 weeks after the test date, by logging into your child's account using his/her username and password.

Reporting time for test takers is 7:15am and the exam is scheduled to end at about 12:45pm.

Test takers are reminded to have their passports for the test.

## College Discovery: Lawrence Technological University (<https://www.ltu.edu>)

Yes, they are one of the best colleges in the “Midwest” – Princeton Review 2016

### Key facts:

**Location:** Michigan, USA

**Scholarship/ financial aid:** Average aid \$23,663

**Popular Majors:** Architecture, Engineering, Business Management

**Student – Faculty Ratio:** 12:1

**School Size/ Enrollment:** 2,779

## English Department Update

### Write From The Heart book donation



As always, TIS students set the pace and excel in many endeavors. Recently, the Undiscovered Author Short Stories Competition brought the whole school together to support Jackie Buba and Charity Fafa Apreku. Our collective efforts ensured that they won first place in the inaugural competition.

As part of their winning prize, the organisers of the competition have donated books worth GHC 1000.00 to the school library.



In a short ceremony held at the Ajavon Library, Ms. Bertha Wensa (Write From The Heart) presented multifarious books to the school library.

We are very grateful to Write From The Heart for giving TIS the opportunity to be part of the competition. Our appreciation goes to the management, staff and students of TIS who in diverse ways supported Jackie and Charity.



Special thanks go to Jackie and Charity who took a bold step to be part of the competition and eventually made us all proud. Kindly note that *Tales of the Undiscovered Author*, a collection of short stories from the competition, and *Whispers: Creative Expressions* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition), an anthology of the works of participants of the Creative Writers Workshop (2015), will be available for sale during the graduation ceremony tomorrow.

We are sure of more successes in the future.

Jerry

(Coordinator, Creative Writing Workshop/ Writing Lab)

## CAS UPDATES:



As the 2015/2016 academic year has come to a close, and as one key component of CAS is to reflect, we take a journey down memory lane and we are proud of what we have accomplished within the year. We are grateful for the numerous successfully organized events and projects, but most importantly, we are gratified for the growth and developments we have witnessed in the lives of our students who were engaged in these events and also through all the various CAS & co-curricular activities. We are also grateful for the challenges we faced as we have become better persons in the process. We made it through the year because we worked together. We wish our students a restful break and we pray that we all come back rejuvenated for another awesome academic year. What a wonderful year indeed. It's Achievers day and a time to celebrate such a dynamic community of learners.



It's been a privilege to be part of this community and to coordinate such program as CAS and the Extracurricular Program.



To all our students, enjoy quality time with your family and friends and also spend time reading, learning something new, reflecting about this past year and planning for the year ahead.

To our upcoming IB 1s please make use of your free time during summer and start thinking about a significant CAS project and initiative. The CAS handbook will be sent to you via ManageBac. Participate in voluntary work and learn a new skill.

To our IB 2s, there is work to be done; IB 2 is a big deal 😊. Spend your free time wisely.

Social media is a good thing if handled well; too much of it is distractive and time consuming. Live in the moment and do something cool. 😊

To our dear teachers and staff enjoy the break and see you next year ready for another amazing experience. Thank you for always giving your best.

*Now below are a few CAS Updates;*



**Achievers' Day Stand:** there will be a colourful stand during Achievers Day to exhibit and showcase the products of student initiated projects. Souvenirs such as the Sarafina DVD, the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Whispers Anthology, Tales of the Undiscovered Author, all the previous editions of the TIS annual Magazine, and of course, the newest addition to the magazine family, the "A" edition. The community should also watch out for the comic written by our Grade 10 student Gilbert

Carrey; *Adventures in Pencylvania*, as it will be out and on the stand come Saturday. Do pass by the stand before & after the ceremony for copies of these works and remember that while you are purchasing a copy of any of the souvenirs, you are encouraging our students to do more and at the same time helping us raise funds for more of such projects.



## CREATE. CHANGE.

**Nxplorers Workshop:** members of the Junior Community Service (JCS) were taken through the Nxplorers workshop where they were equipped with the knowledge and tools with which to identify and solve the needs of society. These students are now ready to transfer the knowledge acquired from their training to finding real solutions to problems in their communities. Next semester, they will be tasked to reach out to their colleagues and impart them with the fruits of the workshop so that together, we can all be the change that we want to see.

**MORP Fundraiser:** planning and ahead of time is one of the most important pre-requisites of any successful venture. It is one of the core values we consistently remind our students to practice and thus, it comes as no surprise to know that our grade 9s, even though they have a whole year ahead of them, are already planning for their PROM. The IG class of 2017 organized a fundraiser in the form of a restaurant to help raise funds for their 2017 PROM. Selling assorted snacks such as pizza, popcorn, Oreo-Milk shake, cotton candy, ice cream etc. the PROM team were able to raise an amount of GH¢1300. Subsequent fundraisers will take place to raise more funds towards the event. We want to commend the IG Class of 2017 for their early planning and we are grateful to parents who donated food items to support the cause.



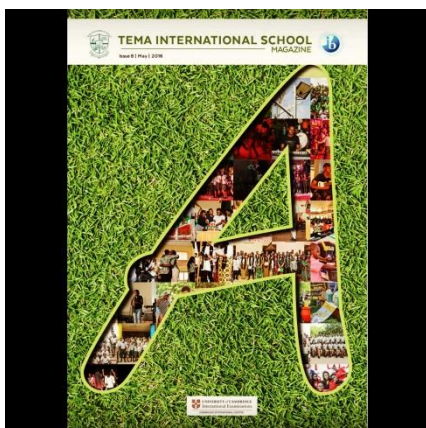
### The CureAidGhana Initiative - Lyon Barbeque Fundraising.

*Thirty good minutes, that's how long it took to get the grill going but it was worth it. The rain surprised us yesterday, giving us some unexpected challenges. However, we managed to pull through. Today we will continue our sales as we had so much ingredients donated by our parents.*

*We made a significant amount of money, though we are yet to finalize the account, all thanks to the support from our parents and teachers. Shout out to*

*Michelle's mum and Edwina's Dad for the hands on support and generous donations and to all parents who provided us with one thing or the other.*

*Now we have enough funds to start our soap making and distribution in order to make Ghana a cleaner and safer place to be. It was an amazing experience and I wouldn't mind reliving. The CureAid team and Lyon committee. -Eyram Diaba*



**TIS Magazine, 'A' edition is the talk of town!** Students from Grades 7 to 11 invade the CAS office to sign up for the copy of TIS Magazine. Below are some of their comments:

*Felix Gray: I feel very good about the magazine knowing my very own grade mates crafted it. I was overjoyed to see myself in the magazine as it was really unexpected. It is a beautiful piece of work.*





**Shanda Otchere:** *I feel much honoured to read this magazine since it's the first magazine I would be seen in. In some of the pictures, I didn't look the best, but it made me cherish the moments I had. I'm happy and satisfied with this edition. It is very spectacular.*

**Ivan Katey:** *I like the school magazine a lot. The quality of the pictures is just on point and I like how the A-team was able to put in a lot of pictures.*

**Betty Adjavon:** *I am very excited and honoured to read this magazine. The text is much more legible for me to read and the pictures are very clear. Indeed, the magazine is on point.*

**Frances Quartey-Baiden:** *This magazine sums up the highlights of the academic year in a fun way on bright pages. Although I would have loved some dry jokes and "gbaaments", the magazine is entertaining and outstanding.*

**Rinnah Krobo-Edusei:** *Since this is my first school magazine, I am beyond ecstatic at what I witnessed. The fact that TIS students, my grade mates to be specific, were able to create this magazine is very amazing. Look out for me; I am the ever-smiling IB1!*

**Georgina Brassor Anaafti Mensah – Auntie Gina.** *This year's A-magazine is one of the best magazines so far. Simply put it was: Adorable, Amazing, Attractive, Alluring, Audacious, Adaptable, Adventurous, Affable, Affectionate, Ambitious, Amusing and Awesome. Kudos to Afia Addai and Eyram Diaba and their team. You simply make things happen. Thank you and keep up the spirit.*

**Setor Adih (Asst.Librarian) - The Library Team** *would like to congratulate the editorial board and all students and staff who contributed immensely to the publication of this year's issue of the TIS magazine. The 'A' edition of the TIS magazine truly portrays the qualities of the school and exhibits how much TIS has achieved during the 2015/2016 Academic year. I am a proud reader of 'A' and I highly recommend to anyone who wants to know what TIS is all about. TIS Indeed is more than a school.*

**Bijoux Hukportie - A-M-A-Z-I-N-G!!! A-W-E-S-O-M-E!!!** *No wonder this year's magazine is called the 'A'. I feel elated and super proud of the "A" team. I cannot count the number of times these brilliant minds walked in and out of the administration block to work on submitted articles etc. Good job, Afia Addai ,and your "A" team!! Ayekooo!*

I appreciate your support.

Dr Ken Darvall

Principal

From the Diary of the Creative Challenge where a short film and a mixed media visual art work was realized. It was challenging, mind boggling, creative and a learning curb.





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The process of ensuring a good treat for all those who will be present at Achievers Day. The dedication and commitment is contagious.



The ABRSM exams will give us nothing but 14 certificates in return for the talents and skills of our students. They had fun and enjoyed the process.



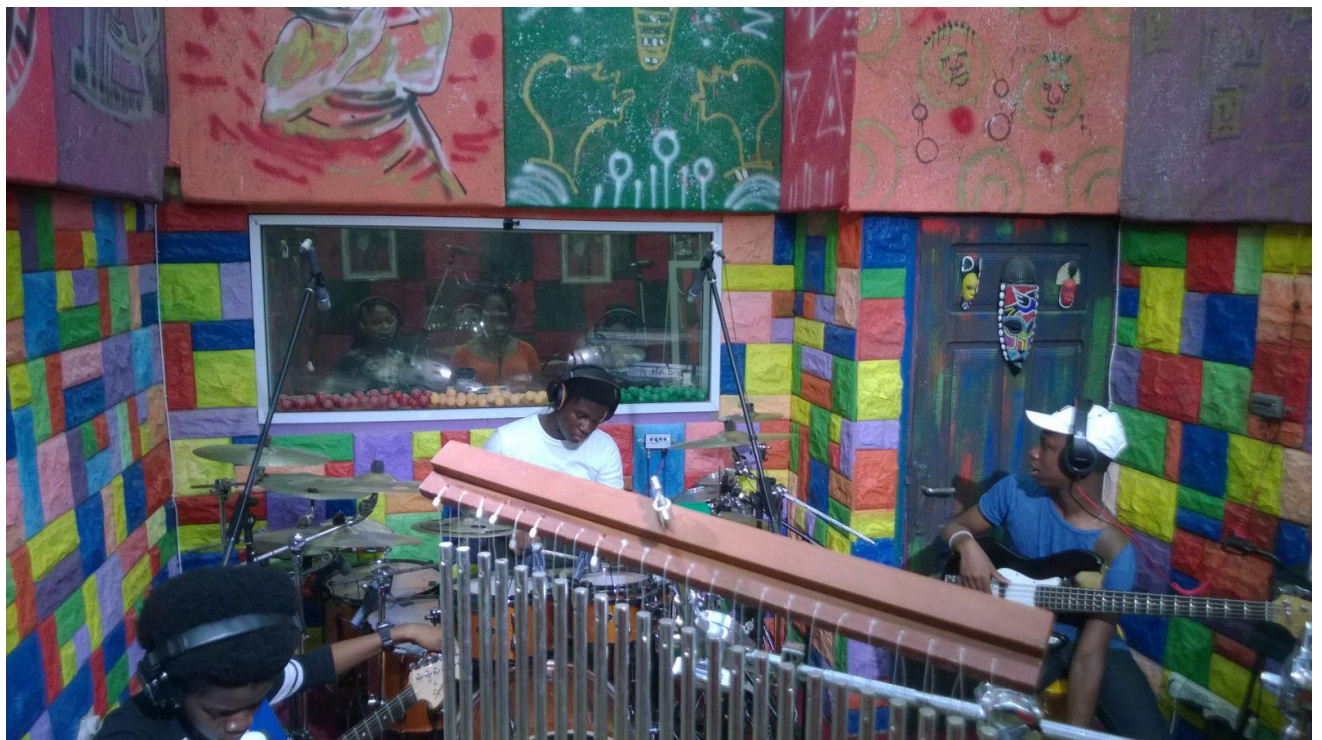
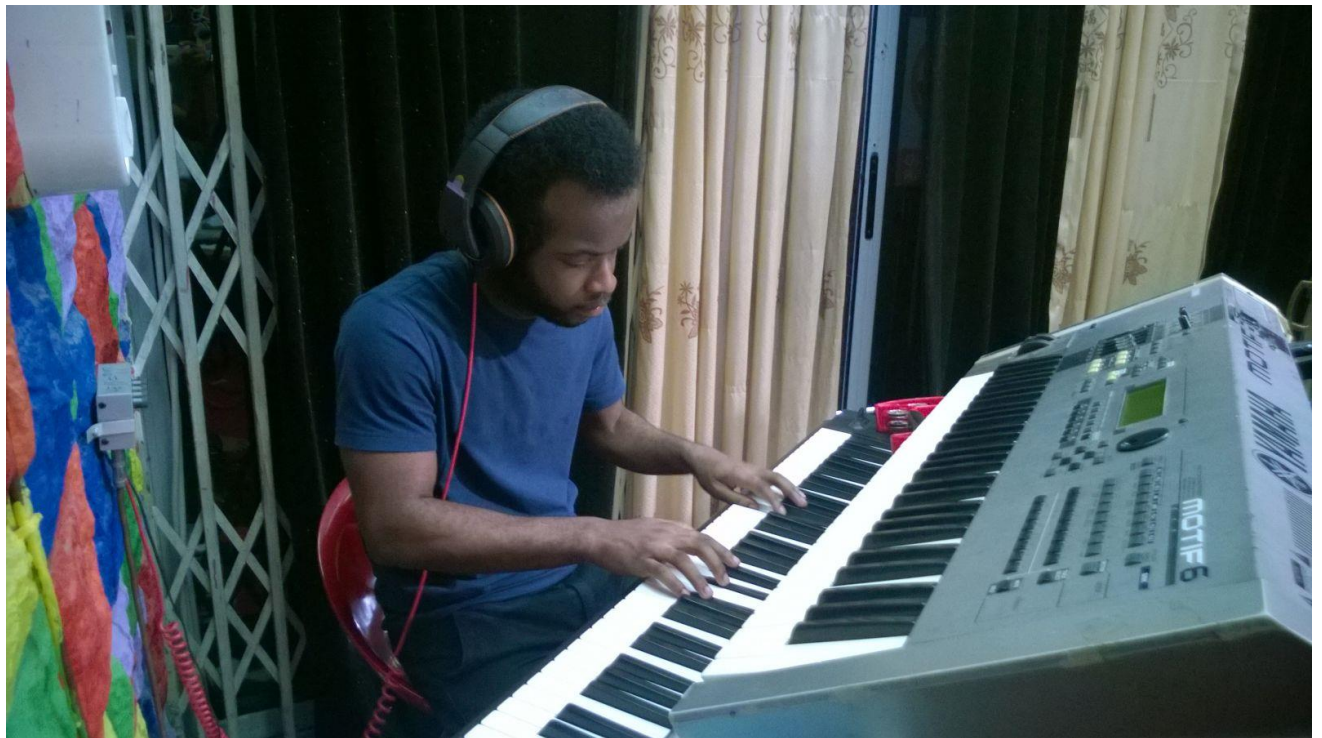


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The making of the DREAM song. Compose and performed by our own TIS students. Please watch out for this ground breaking single.







## Write From the Heart Book donation



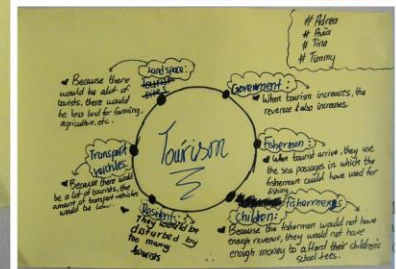
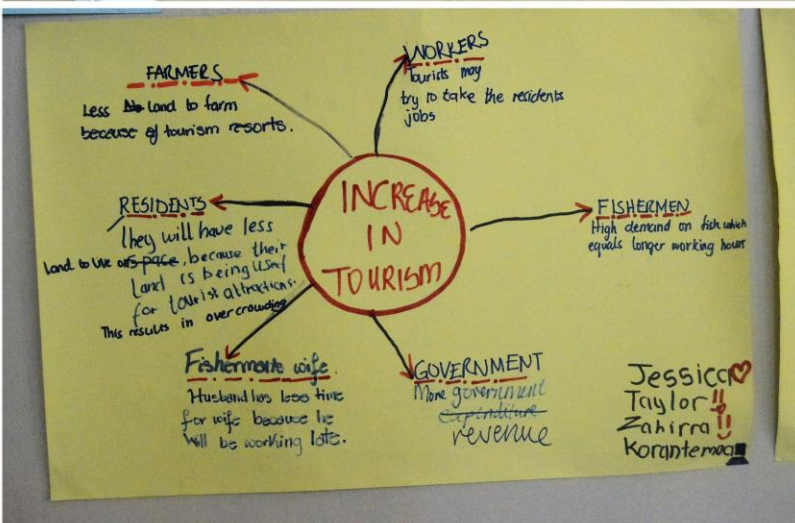
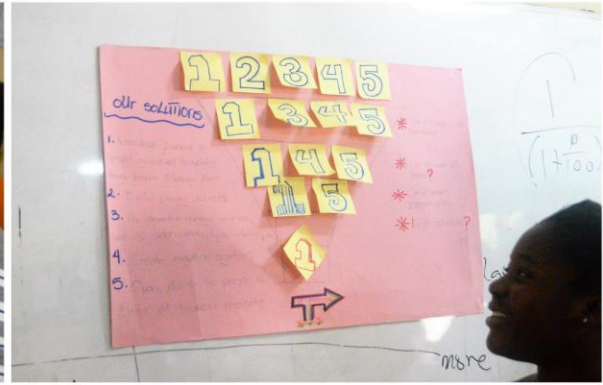
## The Lyon Restaurant.....Before the pork got onto the grill







## NXplorers



## Staff meeting in pictures....





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AMOUNT Thirty-two thousand three hundred ₵ 32,380.00

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IB Class of 2016/2017  
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TIS Parents, Staff, Students  
& Alumni

TIS Junior Community  
Service Club



*Ken Darvall*

Tema International School  
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