



TIS BULLETIN: 11 MARCH, 2016

Thought for the Week

The purpose of life is to contribute in some way to making things better.

- Robert F Kennedy

Important Dates

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)

23/3/16: 3-Way interviews (1:00pm students depart for mid-semester break)

02/4/16: Students return from mid-semester break

Important Action to be Taken by Parents

- **11-21 March:** Book your 3-way interviews for 23 March
- **18 March:** Closing date to nominate for 2 April Entrance Exams (new admission applicants.)
- **20 March:** Confirm commitment to French Study Trip (with Bijoux).
- **20 March:** Confirm commitment to Creative Arts Summer Workshop (with Mr Elikem).

3-Way Interviews

On Wednesday, 23 March, 3-way performance interviews will be conducted from 7.30am-1.00pm. This will be an opportunity for parents, their child/ren and teachers to discuss student performance during the second mid-semester. Interviews will be limited to 10 minutes to ensure parents can meet as many teachers as possible.

Following this interview session, parents make take their child/ren home for the mid-semester break.

Students whose parents are unable to attend may depart after 1.00pm.

To book an interview, you need to know your son and/or daughter's teachers for each subject.

From 11 – 21 March, parents will be able to book their interview times online at:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter the code: **3z5z6**

Then follow the prompts. Please note that bookings will be made on a 'first in' basis. By not booking early, it will make the selection of interview times more difficult. In the cases when there are no more available interview sessions available, parents may request a meeting with a teacher at a mutually convenient time after 4 April.

International parents may arrange interviews when they are in Ghana or via Skype (at a mutually convenient time).



MUN NY

Welcome home, Team TIS NY MUN.

All were happy to return to warmer weather. Students miss the big meals. A report for this event will appear in next week's bulletin.

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. Please join us for this special event.

French Study Tour

Thank you to the parents who have expressed interest in their son and/or daughter attending the proposed French study tour.

I am conscious that original proposal was equivalent to one semester's fees, which can restrict many students from a valuable experience.

Can a two-week program still be as valuable to the student as a four-week program? Of course! Mais oui! It is what you do after the trip that matters. Fortunately, the internet (French newspapers, television channels, pen friends) can ensure the continuity of daily practice of the French language.

As further details were received yesterday, information will be prepared today and sent to interested parents by this evening.

If you are interested and have not already expressed it, please email Bijoux so that we can send you further details next week. Please note that 20 March will be the deadline for a commitment to this French trip.

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.

2016/2017 Admission Applications Update

Next Friday, 18 March is the closing date for the TIS entrance exam to be conducted on 2 April.



[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]

Cellular iPads

Many iPads that students possess at TIS are a cellular device with a sim card to access internet 24/7. As with personal modems, the use of these sim cards is not permitted to access the internet. Students have been required to hand their sim card to the Head of Boarding, so that it can be kept in an envelope and returned to the student to take home at the mid-semester break. Students in breach of this policy will have their devices confiscated.

I appreciate those astute parents who removed sim cards from their son's/daughter's iPad/device prior to their use at TIS. Thank you.

Reading and Responding

You will notice a new section under the calendar to remind parents of any actions that may be required, based on items within this bulletin.

In recent weeks, there have been three occasions when parent responses were required for organizational purposes (exeat weekend, collection of MUN NY students, sex education workshops), but were lacking. Hopefully, this new section will assist parents, so that TIS can work with accurate data.

My congratulations go to those parents who usually respond immediately they receive their bulletin/newsletter.

Admiration

Grade 11 spent an exhausting, but satisfying three days at Akorlikope as part of their service learning experience. On top of this, there were about eleven of these students who attended the Tema celebrations for Ghana's Independence Day the following day and assisted many people in need of first aid for four hours. This week's quote is dedicated to G11. Well done.

Mrs Surama will provide more details about these events and more in the CAS update.

A special thank you to Dr Diaba who participated in the service learning experience at Akorlikope, as a parent. His involvement and support were outstanding.

IBDP Updates

After a long weekend of much needed break, school is buzzing with all the academic activities.

Updates for Grade 11

1. The grade 11 IA calendar has been released and will be in effect from 14-3-16.
2. All Grade 11 students will receive a report on their performances in various assessments conducted till 14-3-16, by 24 March

Updates for Grade 12

1. The mock examinations 1 for Grade 12 end on 14-3-16, and regular classes resume from 15-3-16.



2. Parents/ Guardians are requested to work closely with the ASCCUS team with regards to the admission confirmation.

As promised, please find below the gist of speech made by Grade11 students in the morning assembly.

David Gbate

In the **48 Laws of Power** by Robert Greene, it is suggested that in many cultures there is a lot of negativity and guilt surrounding the whole thought and concept of power. Greene however believes everyone wants power; this power doesn't necessarily mean you want to be president. It could mean you just want to have power over the people around you in the sense that when you speak to them you might be able to persuade them or even make them accept your ideas.

A lesson I have taken from this book is -**Always examine what has grievously held you back.** You're the agent of what is good and what is bad. As humans when something bad happens to us we tend to blame others, be it our mother, friends, or even teachers. However Greene suggests that there is always a part of oneself to blame when an event goes wrong. So you have to be able to examine yourself. How has what you've said or what you've done affected the outcome of an event?

Once you are able to do this, you have power. This means you're not dependent on anyone. So when examining yourself don't be too harsh, be rather light hearted keeping in mind that what you're doing is for the betterment of your life.

Daniel Ainebyona

"Outliers" by Malcolm Gladwell.

Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell is a book that discusses the factors that contribute to high levels of success. One of the key factors presented by Gladwell in the book is the "10,000-Hour Rule." Gladwell uses Bill Gates (Co-founder of Microsoft) and The Beatles (A famous English rock band) as examples to show how the 10,000-Hour Rule is a key factor in achieving success. He states that Bill Gates practiced programming for up to 10,000 hours and The Beatles practised for up to 10,000 hours, which made them sound better than other bands.

This book taught me that practice helps to get better at something and one may not be good at something, but doing it over and over again helps to improve and get better, which results in mastering different skills.

Augustus Poku Sarkodee

The Outsiders, by S.E. Hinton, tells the story of Greasers and Socs, two loosely-organized teen gangs in the mid-1960s. The Greasers are seen as the riff-raffs of the community while the Socs are the privileged kids from the wealthiest families. The main protagonist, Ponyboy Curtis, becomes involved in the killing of a Soc when he and his friend, Johnny Cade, are attacked in the park one night. The two Greasers boy go on the run, hiding out in an abandoned church for nearly a week before they decide to turn themselves in to the police. On their way to turn themselves in, they have a change of mind and decide to return to the church. Upon arrival at the old church, they find it on fire, and Ponyboy, Johnny and another of their Greaser friends who accompanied them, Dallas Winston, enter to save some children who found their way into the church. Johnny



is badly burned. Whilst in the hospital, the Greasers and the Socs get involved in a “rumble” for territorial rights. The Greasers win, however Johnny ends up dying from injuries sustained in the fire. Dallas, Johnny’s best friend, decides to commit suicide as he intentionally robs a store and allows a police man to shoot him. Ponyboy is cleared of the murder charges and is able to remain with his brothers, Sodapop and Darry, who are his only surviving family.

This book has impacted me because it has taught me a little more about stereotypes. Beyond stereotypes and negative connotations, as the Greasers were stereotyped by the Socs as bad people, quite a number of people actually have a lot of good in their hearts, no matter how they are perceived by society or others to be. This is evident in the Outsiders when Johnny, Dallas and Ponyboy risked their lives to save the children in the burning building.

ASCCUS Updates

College Visits & Fairs

This Friday, 11th March, 2016 @ 1:45pm: **University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)**

Next Wednesday, 16th March: College fair with **50 participating colleges.**

Organizers: EducationUSA & Foreign Commercial Service

Venue: Labadi Beach Hotel

Time: 3pm – 5pm

This is a good opportunity for students and parents to meet admissions officers from different US colleges.

See you there.

Participating Colleges

1. Ashesi University College
2. Binghamton University - The Graduate School
3. Bryant University
4. Central Connecticut State University
5. Colorado State University
6. Eastern Washington University
7. Educational Credential Evaluators
8. Emory University
9. Emporia State University
10. Educational Testing Service: ETS
11. Foothill-De Anza Community College District
12. Goucher College
13. Graduate Management Admission Council: GMAC
14. Hillsborough Community College
15. Huston-Tillotson University
16. IELTS USA
17. IGlobal University
18. Indiana University
19. Indiana University of Pennsylvania
20. IUPUI
21. Johnson & Wales University
22. Mercer University
23. Michigan State University
24. Murray State University
25. New York Film Academy
26. Northern Kentucky University
27. Ohio Northern University
28. Pennsylvania State University
29. Purdue University
30. Saint Michael's College
31. San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley
32. Santa Rosa Junior College
33. Savannah College of Art & Design
34. Stony Brook University-SUNY
35. SUNY Plattsburgh
36. Tarleton State University



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- 37. TCS Education System
- 38. The College Board
- 39. The George Washington University
- 40. University of Arizona
- 41. University of California Berkeley
- 42. University of California, San Diego
- 43. University of Illinois
- 44. University of Kansas
- 45. University of Kentucky
- 46. University of North Carolina Wilmington
- 47. University of Oklahoma
- 48. University of Vermont
- 49. University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point
- 50. University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
- 51. University of Wisconsin - Platteville
- 52. Webster University
- 53. West Chester University
- 54. West Virginia University

Next Friday, 18th March, 2016 @ 1:45pm: **Canadian University, Dubai**

11
March
2016

20 days more

April Visits:

8th April, 2016 @ 1:45pm: **University of Limerick, Ireland**

29th April, 2016 @ 1:45 pm: **Kingston University London**

TEST REMINDERS

Parents are kindly reminded that registration for May SAT is scheduled for **Friday, 11th March 2016**.

Payment deadline is **14th March, 2016**. Please note that once your ward completes the registration, registration fees cannot be refunded.

CAS Updates



CAS/Creative Arts Service Learning Trip –

Sometimes the most valuable of life’s lessons are not taught; they are experienced. This is one important rationale behind the SL trip to Akorlikope for the IB Class of 2017; to get out there where things are far from the usual they are used to, to have an experience of what is on the other side of life (the not too rosy side), and in the process shape their own perspectives and understanding. It was an edifying experience and our students had the following to say after going through it;

The Trip was simply awesome in many ways. Not only did the students learn something new, I did too. **(Essie Baiden)**



Akorlikope was the right mix of emotions for me. There was joy and there was empathy. This latter feeling drove me towards my goal to educate these children and aid in the betterment of their health. I'm proud of myself for being able to step out and lend a helping hand to these kids. **(Rinnah Krobo-Edusei)**



As one of the heads of the Akorlikope

Trip, I have learnt so many great tools for life such as organization and time management. The trip afforded me the opportunity to experience what it feels like to make someone's life better and that was a beautiful feeling. I feel like I have grown much as an individual because of this trip. **(Nadean Sam)**

Red Cross Club (6 March Parade) – Being part of this year's 6th March Independence Parade was fulfilling. In two batches, the TIS Red Cross Club took charge of the Kpone Park and the Tema Sports Stadium to provide first aid treatment to those who became in need of some assistance after hours of standing in the sun. The priceless looks on the faces of our students after the event proved that truly, there is no better feeling than the one you get after helping a person in need. No act of kindness is ever wasted indeed. Below are a few remarks from students after the experience;



It was a wonderful experience! Initially, I was scared because I did not know what to expect and whether or not I could really save a life. However, when the time came, all the fear was lost. I would love to do it all over again. **(Nana Akua Ahenkorah)**

It was an amazing experience in so many ways. I was able to provide health aid to individuals who required it, as well as interact with them. **(Kevin Williams)**

It was a hectic but wonderful experience. I was able to save lives by giving first aid. I made friends with a little boy called Nathaniel. I gave him first aid when he was vomiting. This experience helped me improve on my patience as well. **(Michelle Buama)**



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Expression day, 2016 – The TIS annual event, *Expression*, comes off on 20 March, 2016 from 1pm.



Download from Dreamstime.com

Do not miss this year's **CAS fair!!!** Citronella candles, ceramic pots, jewellery, inspirational quotes, garden ornaments, plants, liquid soap by Cure Aid, photography exhibition, etc. Watch out for the *GardenHolics* stand with its exotic Cactus and Succulents exhibition,



not to mention the delicious food prepared by the cooking classes. Look out for the chicken satay and the *HL spicy pork with fried yam* at the IB 1 food court. The junior cooking groups have something special for you - cupcakes and chicken pie. Do not leave without tasting the *bissap* and *asanaa* drinks by TIS chefs. Amazing things happen when a group of committed and talented students come together. Yes, all these right here in TIS.

There will be a Kente weaving display, an African cloth stand, beaded slippers and much more to explore!



All members of the TIS community are invited to attend this event as you will not want to miss out.

20 March is a


***NB: There will be food and drinks on sale & all proceeds go towards Mawuena Davor Atsu's URGENT heart surgery. Help us save a**

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EXPRESSION 2016

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION:
A RIGHT AND A RESPONSIBILITY

MAWUENA DAVOR ATSU




"Kindness is the language the deaf can hear and the blind can see".
~Mark Twain

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 Gh¢ 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. Your generous contribution will provide Mawuena with hope and an opportunity to enjoy a brighter future.

Together, we can save a heart.

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



visiting Sunday.

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Call for action:

Donate to a good course: 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



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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 0244-615255

Creative Arts Updates

The 5th Episode of A Creative Experience

Within the Team lies a collective of individual players who are vital in the exploration process. The individual's experience is what generate the happenings in the team. The Team as mentioned in episode 4, has a number of interactions, overflowing emotions and feelings. This aspect of the creative process is one of the land marks of a creative person. Allowing oneself to feel, experience and express. This can happen when one is in a state of being true to oneself and living the moment without inhibitions.

A creative block is when we stop imagining, feeling, being aware and living the moment through expression.

After close to an hour of uphill climbing with a goal, vision and hope of achievement in sight, the creative experience was blessed with rich varied and true emotions. Experiential emotions without inhibitions.

Please try your hands at naming the following expressions and what you think the feelings were!!!



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Expression 2016!!



EXPRESSION 2016

**FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION:
A RIGHT AND A
RESPONSIBILITY**

Fine art, science fair, musical performances,
art exhibitions, painting activities, sculpture & many more.

Art & Craft works by students on sale.
All proceeds go towards
Mawuena Davor Atsu
URGENT Heart surgery.

**20 March, 2016
1:00 pm
TIS campus**

10 Days more for our TIS annual Expression 2016. Have you booked your space?

10 Days more to witness a creative experience of *“Freedom of Expression; A Right and a Responsibility”*

10 Days more to a showcase of Drama, Theatre, Music and Visual Arts.

Come and witness drama, Theatre and Visual Arts in the garden. Music in the air and innovations in the making.

The hallmark of this year’s expression is the combination of Creative Arts’ performances, exhibitions, installations together with the mind blowing CAS fair and the innovative, scientific geniuses’, catching waves with a range of exhibits at the Science fair. Come and critically engage with the theme *“Freedom of Expression; A Right and a Responsibility”*

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All members of the TIS family are invited to be part of this fun filled event. Come on **20 March for visiting Sunday** and have a platform to engage with your freedom of expression.

Come and let us express our love to **Mawuena Davor Atsu's URGENT heart surgery**. Help us save a life.

Meet our Alumni of the week



Name: Maxwell Sencherey

Year Group: IB Class of 2011

Hostel/Colour Group: Francis Hostel/ Blue Cedar

Roles played at TIS:

-SRC President (2010/2011)

-Player (Football Team)

-Player (Volleyball Team)

-Character (Shakespearean Play)

Achievements (Projects/Awards):

-Deveme Class Project Leader

-TIS Best Footballer (2009 & 2010)

Current University: University of Pennsylvania

Year: 2011-2015

Programme: Economics

Currently: Director of Tarkwa Breman Community Alliance

Key Word in Life: Happiness

Word of Advice: Nothing in TIS is useless.

USA College Soccer Showcase Invitation

[The following message may be of interest to individual students.]

College Connect International (CCI) would like to invite individual players or teams to participate in the 2016 US College Soccer Showcase (Ages 15yrs – 20yrs) in Ghana on the 25th March 2016 at the Kotobabi Wembley Astro Turf Sports Complex in Kotobabi from 9am to 2pm.

CCI was officially established in 2012 in the USA, with the burning desire to change the fact that not every deserving and talented student is given a solid platform to showcase their abilities to an extent that they can be awarded a college scholarship.

At CCI we keep this fact at the forefront of everything we do, and have made it our mission to assist deserving and talented students in Africa to earn scholarships to colleges all across the USA.

It is in view of this that we are holding our first CCI Ghana Soccer Showcase 2016. Should your school team or any of your talented soccer student-athletes be interested, I can be contacted on 0243645929. Registration fee is 20GHcedis per player or for a team of 12+ it's 200GHcedis for the entire group.

We are looking forward to assist talented student-athletes in your school to gain sports and academic college scholarships to further their education in the USA.

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For further details please contact Isaac Kwapong (0243645929) or visit www.collegeconnect.com/showcase-ghana.

I appreciate your support.

Dr. Ken Darvall
Principal

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TIS Red Cross at the 59 Independence Day parade in Tema



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Service Learning at Akorlikope



