



TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



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Thought for the Week

Destiny is not a matter of chance; it's a matter of choice. It's not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved. - William Jennings Bryan

Welcome to 2016/2017

The start of the new academic year has arrived and staff is looking forward to arrival of all new students on next Wednesday, 17 August, from 12.00 midday, and the return of continuing students on Saturday, 20 August. Please remember gates close at 5.00pm.

Our staff has been very busy this week being involved in two IB in-school workshops, Introduction to MYP, and Theory of Knowledge (TOK). We have been fortunate to enjoy expert workshop leaders in Martin McCurrach (MYP), Ate Hemmes (MYP), David Spooner (TOK) and Steve Hreha (TOK). [The best news is that Ate Hemmes has commenced as our MYP Coordinator.]

Making Us Proud

Congratulations, IB Class of 2016 and IG Class of 2016, on your results.

- Our IB class achieved a 91% pass and had the equal highest average points.
- Our IG class achieved a 100% pass, with 47% achieving Distinction, and 47% achieving Merit.

Important Things to Remember

- Semester fees should be paid prior to arrival at the hostels. Parents seeking a payment plan must make an initial payment and have a payment plan approved, if the semester fees are finalized by 31 October.

- School shoes must be black.

- 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.

- There will be a school meeting for new parents and students at 2.00pm on Wednesday, 17 August, at 2.00pm in the MPH.

- Confirmation of the national elections in December has resulted in a revised calendar for the 2016/2017 academic year. The revised calendar can be found here: <http://d.pr/f/zfQI> or on the school website: <http://www.tis.edu.gh/tis-calender/>

See you soon.

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