



TIS BULLETIN: 17 JUNE, 2016

Thought for the Week

When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too.

- Paulo Coelho

Important Dates

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

TIS Team MUN NY: The Secretary-General has acknowledged how impressive you were in NY. Congratulations.

G10 Students

I certainly hope most of our G10 students will be returning in G11 to complete their final two years, culminating in the award of the IB Diploma. Apart from gaining your gold-class passport to universities across the globe, the final two years component of the TIS experience is what makes our graduating students unique. You certainly can't get the TIS experience elsewhere, as I believe the small size of our school and the family atmosphere are the tipping points, along with all the opportunities available.

As incoming IB1 students, you are reminded that you will resume on the same day as other returning students. This is different from previous years to ensure we can maximize available learning time without having to cram time at the end due to a late start.

If you would like to get an early start to some coursework resources in the following subjects, please email me (principal@tis.edu.gh) so that you can access resources on Kognity, the digital textbook platform:

- Biology SL/HL
- Chemistry SL/HL
- Physics SL/HL
- Environmental Systems and Societies (ESS) SL/HL
- Economics SL/HL
- Mathematics SL/HL
- Mathematical Studies SL

MUN NY

Jennifer Padilla, Secretary-General of National High School Model United Nations 2017 has sent the following message about our 2016 MUN NY delegates.

"I wanted to send you a long overdue message regarding your group of students who attended NHSMUN this past March.



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Schools that are new to our conference often experience a "learning curve" (the students are shy, it takes them a while to get comfortable, they prefer to observe rather than participate, etc.). Your students were very different -- I'd go as far as to say that your group was the best new school we've had in my time with this conference and organization. Kudos to those who conducted the training and worked to prepare the students. Plus, I know how logistically complicated it can be to plan an international trip of this nature. We were really impressed with your operation.

In short, we really enjoyed having your students at the conference. In the meantime...just wanted to drop you a note and thank you for a wonderful group of students!

Best,
Jennifer Padilla
Secretary-General

Well done TIS Team MUN NY. It is always nice to have affirmation that you are brilliant TIS ambassadors. Special thanks to Mr Samuel Atindana, Mrs Adelaide Ferguson, Mrs Elizabeth Osei Poku and Mr Sylvester Wellington who supervised the students.

Achievers' Day 2016

Congratulations to the following 2015/2016 prize winners who were recognized on Achievers' Day last Saturday;

Charity Fafa Aku Apreku
Torence Mwindaare
Jerry-Reuben Agyeman
Nana Esi .K. Donkor
Enam Nana Yaa Hermon
Etonam Awo Attipoe
Maame Ama .A. Benyarko
Ewuradwoa .O. Dabanka
Maame Serwaa Bawuah
Abena Owusu-Ansah
Kwadwo. K. Ohemeng
Kirk Kwabena Alistair
Tiffany Agyarko
Jeremy Sunkwa-Mills
Joseph .K. Fosu Okyere
Elisabeth K Appafram
Ohene Kofi Sakyi-Addo
Benita Adwoa Kusi
Yehowahi Sekan
Faye Gifty Osafo

Rachel Odartey-Wellington
Salim Roland
Elikem Kofi Hermon
Anna-Maria Maame Poku
Samantha Dede Azu
Naa Momoh Odarteifio
Jared Paa Kwesi Quampah
Nana Osei Mainoo
Eunice Opoku Gyebi
Nubuke Gadzekpo Amoah
Alexander Odartey- Wellington
Effie Esoun Maison
Afia Opokua Addai
Essie Sedinam Baiden
Ryan Kevin Apreala
Nana Akua Ahenkorah
Adwoa Sekyiwa Peprah
Fafa Rachel Afua Mac-Deh
Sean Nana Yaw Evans-Totoe
Patrice Terri Bunatal

Louis Awuku-Aboagye
Stephanie Eyram Diaba
Abena Achiaa Boateng
Sarah Emefa King
Nicolas Edem Coffie
*Naqib Kasule,
*Danielle Abena Achiaa Kusi,
*Matthew Opeyemi
Oladunjoye
India Agyemang
Michel Kumi
Sophia Apreala
Fauziah Ibrahim
Nana Yaw Apau Oppong
David Quampah
Red Kigelia
Elom Tettey-Tamakloe
Dela Attikese
Gilbert Ramy Carrey

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.

France Trip Update

This year's Language Immersion Program promises to be another educative, insightful and exciting one. A total of 16 students accompanied by two adults will be flying to France via KLM for 2 weeks.

The group will be in the southern part of France (Antibes) during this period. The Organizers (Horizons du Monde) and host parents are waiting in anticipation for their arrival on Sunday 19 June 2016.

Bags checked, passports and tickets checked! France nous voila!!

Admission Fees

Every new student is required to pay admission fees only once throughout their stay here in Tema International School. Students who move from the IGCSE/MYP to do the IBDP will not be required to make another payment as admission fee for the new program (IBDP) as they are a continuing student.

CAS Updates:



Social Media for #positivechange - In today's ever-changing world, it is almost, if not impossible to live without social media, especially for our youth. However, although the use of social media can have very positive effects on one's life if guided by reasoning, it can have some very devastating outcomes. *How can students use social media to contribute to a better world rather than to instigate violence, bully and tarnish the reputation of TIS or any other institution and their own families?* We want to remind

our students that we are responsible for the actions we take, and as such, we urge them to use social media to promote positive change and to build themselves socially within their communities, rather than engaging it in ways that may result in damning consequences. Don't use social media to impress people; use it to impact on people.



“Everything you post on social media impacts your personal brand, how do you want to be known?” ~

Lisa Horn “



TIS presented a cheque of GHC 32,380.00 to The Children's Heart Foundation Ghana (CHFGhana) for Selasie's surgery & Mawuena's treatment - It was a beautiful sight in the Multi-Purpose Hall of TIS last Saturday as the two children who stand to benefit from the generosity of the TIS community were presented during the 2016 Achievers' Day ceremony. Following a miraculous occurrence in which the hole in the heart of Mawuena Atsu Davor seems to be closing by itself, the TIS community agreed that the funds which were raised for

his surgery be used to pay for that of Emmanuel Selasie, another child in critical need of surgery. A cheque of the amount of GHC 32380.00 was therefore presented to The Children's Heart Foundation Ghana during the ceremony. Representatives of Tema International School Mr. Samuel Atindana, Grace, Louis (CAS team) and a group of students with the Trustees of CHF Ghana attended the Korle-Bu Cardio Centre on 16 June, 2016, to pay for Emmanuel Selasie's surgery and also another 10 children who will benefit from the Foundation's Fund. We want to say a big thank you once again to all who made it possible to put a smile on the faces of these families. To the TIS parents who took upon themselves to cater for Mawuena's medication for a year a big thank you. May the good Lord bless you all. TIS indeed a caring family.



Following a just ended Achievers' Day where TIS presented a cheque of GHC 32,380 to the Children's Heart Foundation, a delegation including Mr. Benjamin Darko, the Deputy IB coordinator, Mrs Frances Okudzeto, Deputy General Manager, Mr Atindana, IGCSE Coordinator, and the CAS team were present today at the Cardio Thoracic Centre at Korle Bu, together with the trustees of CHF and other sponsoring entities to pay for, and meet the various families who have benefitted from this generous cause.

It was disheartening to learn that children of such a young age have to go through this unbearable pain, but also a relief to see a solution to the problem. Guardians and parents of the beneficiaries, amidst tears, were full of praise and gratitude as they learned that the lives of their children have been saved.

We met the surgeon Dr Sereboe who has conducted over 1000 surgeries to his credit. He also expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the sponsors and encouraged the group to continue to exhibit their corporate social responsibility.

We met Emmanuel Sellasie and his mum who were also present and, as well, continued to express her appreciation to the entire TIS community for their time and contribution.



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TIS Colour Group of the Year 2015/2016 After months and months of promoting healthy competition amongst our four traditional colour groups at TIS: **Red Kigelia**, **Green Wisteria**, **Yellow Outeniqua** and **Blue Cedar**, we are excited to announce to the entire TIS community that **RED KIGELIA** is the Colour of the 2015/2016 academic year. A big trophy was presented to the colour group during the Achievers' Day celebration for their passion and thirst for success and we want to once again congratulate all the members for giving their all to ensure that their colour

emerged the winner. We say **AYEKOO** and well done and we urge them to come back with more energy for the competitions during the next academic year. To the other colour groups, if the just ended academic year was for the Kigelians, the next one could be yours. We also congratulate **Green Wisteria** for coming first in the Creative Challenge Week. They also received a trophy at Achievers' Day ceremony.

TIS is all about celebrating our student's efforts and achievements.



Achievers' Day and Appreciation – The long awaited ceremony, Achievers' Day, where students, parents and teachers gather to award deserving students for their academic efforts all year round took place, last Saturday. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Alumni and guests who took time off from their busy schedules to come and interact with our students. The highlight of the ceremony was the presence of Emmanuel Selasie and Mawuena Davor

(children with heart condition and beneficiaries of TIS fundraising) and the CHF trustees who explained the urgency in supporting such a life threatening disease. We want to use this platform to say a big 'thank you' to our Guest Speaker, Mr Anis Haffar, and also to our alumni speaker, Ms Priscilla Akoto-Bamfo, Class of 2007, for her inspirational and thought provoking words. We are confident that our students are better thinkers because of you. Also, to everyone who made it to the ceremony with their time, contributions and speeches, we are eternally grateful to you.





The Triple S Award – This is the Principal’s initiated award for all round students who exhibit maximum effort in terms of their **Studies, Service, and Sports**, hence the name the triple S award. This is to motivate students to be versatile and flexible to enable them think outside the box. It will be awarded based on how many sporting activities and school events this individual is involved in and also thriving brilliantly in his or her academics. Simply put a star inside and outside the class. The first ever winners of this award announced during the achievers were

Triple S Boy – David Quampah

Triple S Girl - Elisabeth Kwasiwah Appafram

Congratulations to our first ever winners. Keep it going, guys!

Helping Hands: This is a student initiated project to support an ongoing project of other groups who need a hand. They have been in a number of activities to raise funds and on Friday, 24 June, the group will be taking a trip to the Central region, Assin Ochiso to be precise, to make a donation of books and money towards a library project at the Heritage Academy. These passionate students include, *Alexander Odartey-Wellington, Essie Baiden, Rinnah Krobo-Edusei, Salim Yakubu, and David Gbate.*



Last Bulletin

This will be the last TIS Bulletin for 2015/2016. I thank parents for their support and goodwill throughout the year. I thank staff for their efforts to ensure a rewarding learning environment for our students. I congratulate all students on their achievements throughout the year. Relax, recharge and return ready to commence an exciting, but busy, 2016/2017/
The TIS August Newsletter will be emailed to parents during the first week of August.

I appreciate your support.

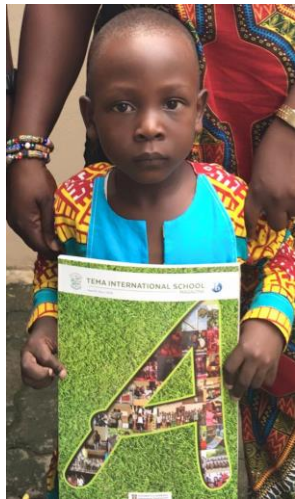
Dr Ken Darvall
Principal



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Emmanuel and Mawuena celebrating with TIS students. Look the smiles on their faces. 'Feels good to do good.'



Celebrating our Achievers for 2015/2016 Academic Year





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