



## TIS BULLETIN: 18 MARCH, 2016

### Thought for the Week

We aim above the mark to hit the mark.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

### Important Dates

**20/3/16:** Expression 2016 (incorporating Visiting Sunday)

**23/3/16:** 3-Way Interviews; students depart for mid-semester break

**2/4/16:** Students return from mid-semester break

**4/4/16:** Classes resume after mid-semester break

### Important Action to be Taken by Parents

- **11-21 March:** Book your 3-way interviews for 23 March
- **20 March:** Confirm commitment to French Study Trip (with Bijoux).
- **20 March:** Confirm commitment to Creative Arts Summer Workshop (with Mr Elikem).

### Expression

This Sunday is Visiting Sunday and 2016 Expression. Students have been working very hard in their spare time to produce plenty of items for sale to raise money to support Mawuena's open-heart surgery. We will appreciate everyone's support in this worthy cause. It will be a wonderful afternoon. More details are included in this bulletin.

### African Leadership University

I have had the privilege to attend the Re-Imagine Education Conference and the Gala Opening of the African Leadership University (ALU) in Mauritius this week. Both TIS and ALU share and pursue a similar goal: to produce future leaders. ALU is a young, focused and innovative tertiary institution that will make a strong and positive impact across Africa with its outstanding graduates. Its focus is on real learning and as TIS Alumni, Selasi Torkornoo, said in her welcoming speech to guests on Tuesday night, 'I wake up each day ready to enjoy another day of learning at ALU.' Each student I have met at ALU this week is enthused and excited about their learning, their coursework and the innovative approach to learning that makes ALU stand out as a unique university. For our students, there is a strong Ghanaian, and TIS, connection with ALU. I certainly recommend ALU as a university for students who see themselves as leaders who want to make a difference to the Africa's future. Importantly, as a young university, it has that personal approach that is missing from nearly every other tertiary institution. ALU is a breath of fresh air.

### 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.



**Please advise your son and/or daughter of your expected arrival time so that they may meet you at the classroom block entrance. This will save time trying to locate them.**

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](http://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.

## Mid-Semester Reports

These student progress reports will be available online by noon on Thursday, 24 March. Parents will receive an email when these reports are available and how to access them.

## CAS Updates

### CAS Fair: Expression 2016!

The following wares are up for grabs: Citronella candles, ceramic pots, jewellery, inspirational quotes, garden ornaments, plants, Lyon liquid soap by Cure Aid, etc. Watch out for the Photography Club's digital exhibition, the *GardenHolics*' stand with its exotic cactus and succulents, as well as the delicious food prepared by the cooking club - TIS chefs. There will be a Kente weaving display, an African cloth stand, beaded sleepers and much more to explore!

All these will be happening at the **TIS Expression 2016 CAS Fair**. Come prepared because there will be so much to take home, and there will be a lot of blessings as we will be contributing to saving the life of **Mawuena Davor Atsu**.

**YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO MISS OUT ON THIS EXPERIENCE, BECAUSE IT WILL HAPPEN JUST ONCE: TIS EXPRESSION 2016.**

TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
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](mailto:surama.king@tis.edu.gh)

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## SEX EDUCATION WORKSHOP:

TIS hosted *Nana Akosua Hanson* - from the Mbaasem Foundation- and her team in a 3-day Sex Education Workshop.

Recognising that young adults and teenagers in today's world of social media need to be well informed and educated on sex-related issues, and thus be prepared adequately and cleared of all myths and misconceptions about sex, there was the need for this workshop which dealt extensively with issues such as consent, boundaries, sexual assault (rape), safe sex, STIs &

HIV/AIDS, especially for our Grade 12 students who will be leaving for university in less than a year. It was a very interactive exercise in which students gained a deeper understanding of issues. Below are a few remarks.

“It was an interesting talk. It made me conscious of some things I was totally oblivious of. For example, the different ways that people can lure you into having sex. It also cleared some misconceptions I had about the characteristics of a potential rapist.”

*(Peter Gyarteng-IB1)*

“I found the talk very interesting and beneficial. It made me aware of the various issues regarding sexual abuse and sexual consent, and how to address them. I especially enjoyed the activities the facilitators made us engage in.”

*(Eileen Kumi-IB2)*

“It was very educative and engaging. I think the workshop was inspiring and gave me a whole new perspective on sex. I had a good education on dating life after listening to people share their views and stories. It was a great experience.”

*(Nuna Attipoe-Grade 10)*

“The facilitators educated us on ideal and safe relationships, dangers associated with having unprotected sex and also, the misconceptions about what the ideal body type is, and about sex in general. I really benefitted from the workshop and I believe it will help me make very well informed choices and decisions in future.”

*(Yehowahi Sekan-Grade 10)*

It was very educative and informative. It made me aware of certain issues and more conscious of things I used to take for granted.

*(Natasha Preba Arkaah-Grade 8)*

### Call for action:

**Donate to a good cause:** 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](mailto:surama.king@tis.edu.gh)





**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](mailto:surama.king@tis.edu.gh) or 0244-615255

## ASCCUS Update

### Important Reminders

The time has come for you and your ward to select your top choice universities.

During this mid-semester break, IB2 parents are reminded to select their **top 6** school choices. These will be entered in **the IB** system so that students' IB results will be sent directly to these selected institutions. Please discuss and make sure to submit the list of six schools by **April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**.

**NB:** These schools should be the student's preferred choices. However, IB only allows one Canadian and one U.S. school. The other four schools can be in Ghana, UK, Hungary, Mauritius, or anywhere else that your ward has applied.

Please include **all** Ghanaian Universities to which your ward is applying.

Kindly keep the following factors in mind as you choose your top 6 schools:

- **Location**
- **Affordability**
- **Programme of study**

We hope to hear from you soon.

### Session Updates

- Our Grade 8 students are currently working on data collection instruments for their various research topics. They are enjoying the process of creating questionnaires, online surveys and interview design.
- Our Grade 9 students are still roaming Africa in their quest for information on universities. We stopped by Kenya this week and are eagerly looking forward to our trip to Nigeria and other interesting destinations in the forthcoming weeks.
- Grade 10 students are scheduling one-on-one meetings with their assigned counselors to discuss their IB subjects.
- This Friday, our IB1 students will be finishing their personal statements. They will also be choosing two IB teacher recommenders as we take them through completing their self-assessment forms. Parents are encouraged to assist their wards with self-assessment forms during the mid-semester break.





## **Others**

We are rounding up our IB1 parent meetings. Thank you so much for honouring your appointments with us. The mid-semester and summer breaks are fine opportunities to discuss school choices with your child/ren. We are always here to assist.

## **NHSMUN Report**

The National High School Model United Nations (NHSMUN) Conference trip to New York City was a wonderful experience. Twenty-eight delegates comprising seventeen males and eleven females represented two countries (Djibouti and the Federated States of Micronesia) in 15 committees including ECOFIN, AU, World Bank, SOCHUM, SPECPOL, FAO, WTO, UNESCAP, DISEC, LEGAL and UNESCO. Our cherished delegates and four teachers left the shores of Ghana on Sunday, 28 February and reached their destination on Monday, 29 February, 2016.

## **Visit by TIS Alumni**

Three of our Alumni, Elom Tettey Tamaklo, Nyahan Tachie-Menson (IB Class of 2015) and Kwaku Dapaah Opoku (IB class of 2014) paid us a visit at the hotel. The leader of the group, Elom Tettey Tamaklo, being a seasoned MUN student director, shared his experiences with our delegates and encouraged them to be on point during committee sessions.

## **Opening Ceremony**

The opening ceremony was held at Hilton Grand ballroom (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor) on Wednesday, 2 March, from 5.15pm-6.15pm. It was a colourful event with over three thousand and eight hundred (3,800) delegates from one hundred and fifty-seven (157) schools. The Secretary-General, Costanza Cicero, finally declared the conference open at 6.15pm.

## **Committee Sessions**

The delegates had their Committee Session I on 2 March from 8.45pm -11.15pm. In total, there were five Committee Sessions with thirty-one (31) committees. Some of these committees were overcrowded, especially, LEGAL, ECOFIN, UNESCO and AU which impeded fruitful discussions and debates. However, some of our delegates managed to get their resolutions passed.

## **Mission Briefings**

Thirteen delegates accompanied by two teachers had their Mission Briefing at the Permanent Mission of Djibouti, 866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 4011, New York, NY 10017 at 10.00am on Thursday, 3 March, 2016. The rest of the delegates of the Federated States of Micronesia with two teachers also had their Mission Briefing at the Hilton Hotel Midtown at the same time. These mission briefings served as an eye-opener for our delegates and increased their confidence levels during their committee sessions.

## **Position Papers**

As part of the pre- conference requirements, our delegates submitted their position papers on two topics in each committee. The feedback from NHSMUN staff was excellent and we are very proud of our delegates. Our delegates would have won so many awards had it not been NHSMUN's policy of



**de-emphazing awards** during conferences and **recognizing entire delegations** rather than individuals in each committee.

## **Meals**

A daily breakfast buffet was served at the Hilton Hotel Midtown and our delegates really enjoyed themselves. They had their lunch and dinner from eatery spots around the hotel being accompanied by the teachers.

## **Closing Ceremony**

The conference finally came to an end with the closing ceremony at the United Nations General Assembly Hall at the UN Headquarters at 1.45pm on Friday, 4 March, 2016. Only three schools were given awards for continuously attending the conference for the past ten years and over.

## *Reflections from some of our delegates*

### **Maame Ama Hammond (Grade 8) Delegate of Djibouti in ECOFIN**

The NHSMUN trip was fun and exciting. I learnt a lot of things I did not know. It taught me to be responsible. It has also improved my public speaking skills.

### **Maurice Quartey (Grade 9) Delegate of Micronesia in UNESCO**

It was a very inspiring trip. The trip to the United Nations' headquarters especially sparked an interest to join the UN someday.

### **Madge Sintim-Aboagye (Grade 9) Delegate of Micronesia- LEGAL**

The conference was very helpful. I feel that now I can go to Haarlem and not be scared because of the people I have met and the experiences. I learnt new words and motions and met people from around the world. I will miss NHSMUN 2016!!!!

### **Hannibal Richter-Addo (Grade 9) Delegate of Micronesia in ECOFIN Committee**

The NHSMUN conference was a new and pleasant experience which really opened my eyes to the social problems the world deals with and how the world tries to solve them.

### **Dwayne Gyateng (Grade 8) Delegate of Micronesia in HLPF Committee**

The NHSMUN this year was very interesting. I had fun, visiting new places, meeting new people and a lot more. I really enjoyed it and I hope to go again next year.

### **Baaba Egyei-Mensah (Grade 8) Delegate of Djibouti in SOCHUM Committee**

This was a very fun conference. It helped me gain some confidence and I would like to do it again.

### **Abena Achiaa Boateng (Grade 11) Delegate of Djibouti in LEGAL Committee.**

As the world keeps evolving, world issues keep rising. NHSMUN granted me the opportunity to discuss world matters with intellectual students across the globe. From committee meetings to bonding with my friends to exploring New York City, it is definitely an experience to remember.

### **Abena Danquah Okai (Grade 9) Delegate of Micronesia in LEGAL Committee.**



This year's Model United Nations taught the delegates of Micronesia a lot. Micronesia wishes to go through such an amazing and educational trip again. The delegates will encourage other aspiring delegates to sign up because it will not be a waste of their time, but teach them tangible things they can use in future and say thank you. National High School Model United Nation (NHSMUN), see you New York with snow soon!!!!

### **Adrian Lokko (Grade 9) Delegate of Micronesia in ECOFIN Committee**

MUN was a thrilling experience not only because we were in New York, but the fact that we were meeting people from all over the world. I was the delegate of Micronesia in the ECOFIN committee (Economic and Finance). One thing I learnt from the trip was "United we stand, divided we fall", because without team work we couldn't have done some stuff. For example, without Hannibal, all our research was in vain because he wrote everything we spoke about. I also got to talk to people that I don't usually talk to.

### **Ashley Copper (Grade 9) Delegate of Djibouti in ECOFIN Committee**

For me, MUN was an amazing experience, filled with all sorts of adventures. From the beginning my expectations for the NHSMUN conference wasn't set high. However, my perception was proven wrong. I truly enjoyed every moment of it. You felt like you were a part of something big, something exciting. You were given the opportunity to be a critical thinker in finding solutions to real economic problems. You were given the chance to make new friends with people from all over the world and we were given the chance to explore the beautiful city of New York. I am so grateful to TIS for giving us this opportunity. This was something. I would have regretted not going to it.

### **Michael Quaye (Grade 9) Djibouti-AU**

NUSMUN was an exciting, inspirational and educational experience which has equipped me with many skills, such as public speaking. The city was very welcoming and the MUN staff was extremely kind to us. I encourage all those who wish to embark on the next MUN trip to take that the opportunity as they will reap many intellectual skills. It will be an experience you'll never forget!

### **Mawuena Gadzekpo (Grade 11) Djibouti-SOCHUM**

The NUSMUN was a great experience for me. Not only did I learn a lot, but I also had a lot of fun. This conference took place in New York at the Hilton Midtown and it happened to be my third model United Nations conference. But this conference stands out because of the magnitude of the people who participated, as the total number of people was about 3000 and in my committee there were almost 400 people. These numbers intimidated me at first, but as time went on, I had to adapt to it. In the model UN conference, procedures and protocols differed from the other conferences that I had attended, and it taught me a lot. On one of the days, we had a mission briefing where we got to meet the delegates of the countries that we were representing and on the last day, we had the closing ceremony at the UN headquarters. This was a great experience and I am grateful that I was a part of it.

### **Fiona Kufuor (Grade 9) Djibouti-WHO**

The MUN conference was a breathtaking experience. It was very educational and taught me and many others public speaking skills and so on. The conference was exuberant.

### **Cyril Quansah (Grade 9) Micronesia-SOCHUM**



This MUN conference was very educational and an eye opener. I learnt very important things that I did not know I had the ability to learn. For one, I am a much more confident speaker and it is thanks to this conference.

### **Samuel Kumi (Grade 9) Micronesia**

My committee, DISEC-Micronesia, was rather fun. Even though it was quite large, I managed to make contributions and I really enjoyed my experience.

### **Enam Hemon (Grade 9) SPECPOL-Djibouti**

This year's MUN conference hosted in the Hilton Hotel, New York, was a huge learning experience for me. Especially during committee sessions, new ideas and solutions emerged and overall, I have gained a lot from the conference. Outside the conference, New York life was great, and it was very enjoyable.

### **Hannah Elise Mark Cofie (Grade 9) AU-Djibouti**

MUN was a good experience. I have learnt a lot and I am hoping to go again.

### **Kwabena Okai (Grade 9)**

Personally, I enjoyed the conference and did not face any problems while in New York. I think it was a very wonderful trip, and I am looking forward to participating again in IB1.

### **Kwasi Ankama-Asamoah (Grade 9) HLPF-Micronesia**

MUN was amazing. I felt so alive in most of the HLPF meetings. They made me feel happy and also welcome, even though the work was a bit tough. In general, it was a great experience.

### **Ohene Berchie Acheamfour (Grade 9) UNESCAP-Micronesia.**

MUN was amazing and nice. I felt like I got a lot of information from people and I also explored a lot about my country, Micronesia.

### **Tarawaye Findley–Antonio (Grade 9) Micronesia**

This MUN conference was very helpful. It made me aware of some of the problems of the world and also taught me countries that I had never heard about, like Fiji.

### **Adom Berchie (Grade 7) Delegate of Micronesia-SOCHUM**

The 2016 MUN conference was the best conference I had ever been to. I was able to hear so many things I never knew about. There were so many interesting topics to talk about and I learnt a lot. I hope to attend the next conference come 2017.

### **Salim Yakubu- Head delegate, DiSEC committee (Federated States of Micronesia)**

As the head delegate for the NHSMUN conference, working with the teachers that came for the trip was quite hard. Managing all the students and ensuring their safety was stressful, however, it was my duty to do that, hence it was terrific. It was also moving, waking up in the morning to see all the delegates dressed up formally, looking very prepared. It was amazing as we met different people from diverse areas of the world and we all shared our ideas and took advice from our faculty advisors. This was also promotion of globalization. To sum everything up, my experience was very marvelous and advantageous.

### **Alistair Kirk, (Grade 9) Delegate of Djibouti- LEGAL Committee**





MUN, as usual, was a delight. When I first heard about NHSMUN I couldn't believe that I was going to participate in it. I would like to thank TIS for allowing me to be part of the biggest MUN conference in the world. I can vividly recall when I entered my legal committee. It was so enormous I couldn't even find a place to sit. At the end I was able to overcome all my fears and interact with fellow delegates and make meaningful contributions and resolutions.

## Meet our Alumni of the week!



**NAME:** Rita Bunatal

**Year Group:** IB Class of 2012

**Hostel/Colour Group:** Catherine/Yellow Outeniqua

**Roles played at TIS:** -CAS/Compound Prefect

-Member of SRC

**Current University:** Ithaca College-USA

**Year:** Senior

**Programme:** Communication Management & Design

### At Ithaca College:

-CEO/Owner & Founder of Malaika Apparel Co.

-Campus Impact Award - Ithaca College Student

Government Association, October 2014

-Margaret Reid Memorial Scholarship - Ithaca College  
Student Government Association, May 2015

-Class of 2006 Endowed Scholarship - Ithaca College

Office of Student Engagement & Multicultural Affairs, May 2015

-Big Apple Internship Award - Ithaca College Roy H. Park School of Communications, May 2015

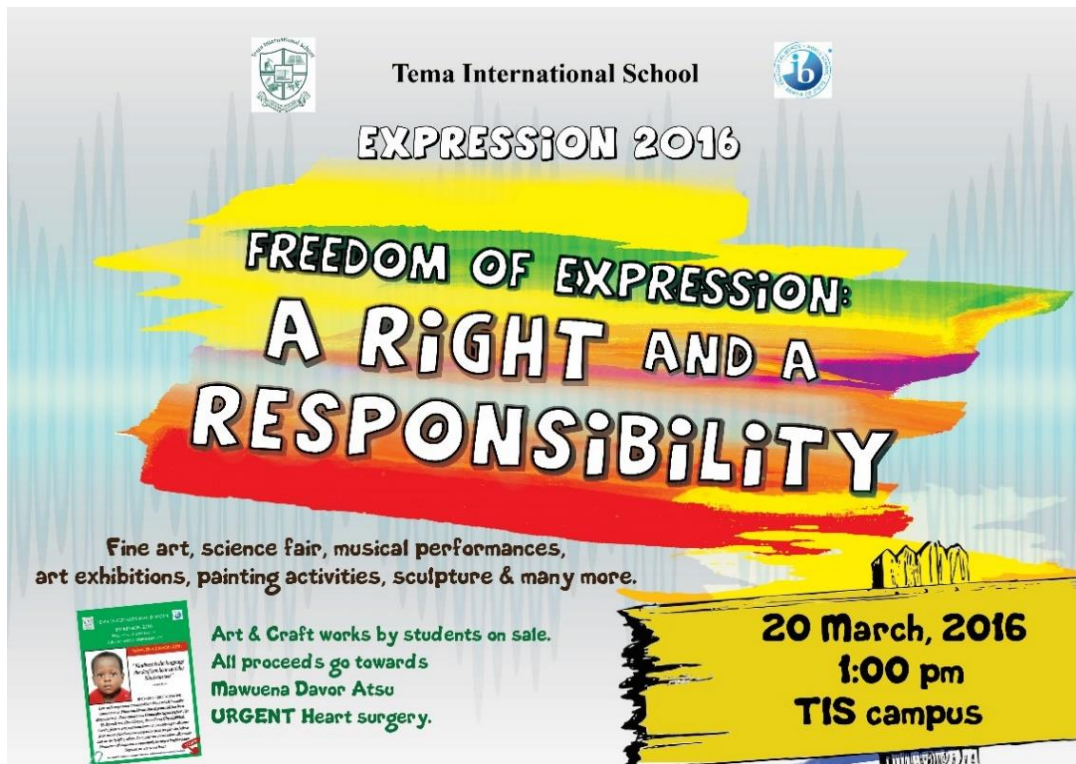
-The Real Africa: Fight the Stereotype Photo Campaign

-Co-President of African Students Association, Residential Assistant

**Word of Advice:** It is okay for your goals to change. We all grow up and experience things that will change and reshape the vision of our future. It is all a part of growing up. Also, don't be afraid to try new things.

I appreciate your support.

Dr. Ken Darvall  
Principal



Tema International School

**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**

Buy any of these @ Expression 2016..... Save a life! #OpenHeartSurgeryForMawuenaAtsu





## The Production of Lyön Liquid Soap.... From the Making to Packaging #IncredibleTeam









## An Interactive Sex Education Workshop..

