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TIS BULLETIN: 2 JUNE, 2017

Thought for the Week

The eyes only see what the mind is prepared to comprehend.
Robertson Davies

Calendar

2/6/17: Leavers' Dinner

3/6/17: Achievers' & Graduation Day; Students commence vacation (except G10 IG students)

9/6/17: IG exams end; Last day for teachers

16/8/17: New TIS students commence

19/8/17: Continuing students return to hostels

21/8/17: Classes commence for 2017/2018

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Parent Reminders

- Second semester reports for students in G7-9 and 11 will be available on MB from Friday, 9 June. Parents will receive an email as soon as they have been published.
- Students in G10 and 12 must complete exit forms before departing. All textbooks must be returned and school accounts finalized for these students to access their exam results when they are released for DP (July) and IGCSE (August).
- Continuing students return to hostels on 19 August. Please ensure your son/daughter returns on time and not late.
- If you are experiencing TIS email hassles (and not internet provider issues), then please forward them to support@tis.edu.gh

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Making Us Proud

- While many G10 students have now completed their IG exam obligations, students studying music and/or economics will finish on Friday, 9 June. These students continue to remain calm and focused and on their external exams. It's been another big week for them, and almost all remaining students will enjoy some home study before returning to school for the final exams.

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2017 Achievers' and Graduation Day

Tomorrow, Saturday, 3 June, is the final day for students, with the exception of those G10 students who still have final exam papers to complete on 9 June (music and economics).

The TIS 2017 Achievers' and Graduation Day will commence by 10.00am and **students will not be allowed to depart on this day until the ceremony has concluded.** Parents are requested to arrive early as this event is likely to start early.

The Hub

The 2017 TIS Annual Magazine, The Hub, will be on sale tomorrow at Achievers' and Graduation Day. It is an incredible publication that exceeds the high standards set the previous year. You will enjoy every page, with most providing accurate recounts of TIS events throughout the current academic year. The photos will bring back a rush of memories, while those special and funny moments are also captured. Don't leave tomorrow without your copy.

The Initiators

The start and end of school years comprise a frenetic pace of activities. However, two invigorating and anticipated tasks were reviewing The Hub and the IB Class of 2017 personal profiles. Both tasks illustrated the importance and value of the TIS Experience. The Hub, as mentioned above, is essential and powerful reading, and viewing.

The personal profiles of our outgoing DP students are personal reflections about their time at TIS. These annual reflections are also essential reading by all members of the TIS Community. Common themes occur throughout: students' appreciation of their parents for enabling them to enjoy the TIS Experience; the range of opportunities that students seized to develop their individual personalities; the defining maturity of students that is the hallmark of the IB Diploma Programme; the strength and unity of the TIS family and its impact on students; and their desire to serve others, as a direct consequence of their CAS experiences. The Initiators also provide valuable advice that is repeated annually: a regret of not being involved in more TIS activities and experiences; and, although rigorous, DP is not hard if you prioritise, manage your time well, be consistent in your effort, and not be distracted by the things that do not matter (viz., meet your deadlines). These profiles will be displayed tomorrow. Please don't leave without reading them.

I congratulate our Initiators on their footprint at TIS, thank them for the special memories they have left us, and remind them of their obligations as Alumni members of the TIS family.

I appreciate your support. See you tomorrow at Achievers' Day and Graduation.

Dr Ken Darvall

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MYP Corner

The end is there.



Over the last weeks both students and staff have been counting the days but then suddenly it's the last day of school. Surprised as to how quickly a year can pass but also relieved and tired. It's towards the end, where the pressure builds up together with the level of frustrations. People get a bit edgy and realise that it's just the need for a holiday. The academic year was one of challenges and these do not always come easy. We like our habits and rather stick to the status quo.

Having said that, the students welcomed changes, and especially the Grade 7 & 8 students who really got into the MYP. They like the flexibility, the creativity and the use of different strategies. Although Grade 8 will be heading the IGCSE next year, we do hope to have a continuation of the teaching and learning in a true IB way.

Ending the year also means it is time for transitions. Our Grade 12 students leave TIS to engage in a new chapter in their lives at universities in different parts of the world. Grade 10 students will either continue into the DP, or at a different school. In that sense it is also a sad time of the year. Having lived in TIS for many years, means one will have to say goodbye to many friends. I wish the leavers all the best in their future educational careers.

Transition means we will also see new faces next year. Some teachers will leave TIS and new ones will arrive in August. Also, amongst the students we will see many new faces in the different year groups. In this, Grade 7 will be full of new faces. Last weekend, we had the interviews for new students and it was a pleasure to meet some of the newbies and they were

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all just great kids. One girl stood out especially. At the moment she is at Lincoln Community School in Grade 6. She had gone through primary as well at Lincoln, meaning that she has done the IBYP (Primary Years Program). Talking to her was a delightful experience where she was really speaking the IB language. She mentioned how much she liked the PYP and now the MYP, and how exciting school can be with all the projects they were doing. A real asset to TIS she will be, and we might be able to learn from her as well.

Students leave but staff still has one more week to go. It will be a busy week with wrapping up, finalising reports and preparing for the next academic year.

This leaves me to wish all of you a well-deserved holiday. Don't forget school entirely but do enjoy the weeks off as much as possible and come back full of energy!

Ate Hemmes
MYP Coordinator

Creative Arts Corner

ABRSM Bulletin



On Wednesday 31 May 2017, between 8:30am and 2:40pm, 17 students from TIS sat for the ongoing ABRSM practical exam at Music Havens (Kokomlemle). It was an exciting moment for students because they had really practised their

pieces and were overconfident. The feeling is unusual because we always have a number of students not completing the tasks on the exam day, but this year was different.

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Many have questioned the relevance of ABRSM exam and its benefits to students, “Can’t students learn music and play musical instruments without this exam?” Research has proved that the best instrumentalists in almost all universities have sat for an ABRSM exam or have completed. This is so because, every grade in ABRSM challenges students to go through technical exercises in addition to their pieces. This makes students acquire high level of dexterity on their instruments. Technical exercise in music is like a warm up for footballers and we know, a footballer can never succeed on the pitch without

warming up before.

Again a grade 8 ABRSM practical is equivalent to a degree in music (performance) meaning that students with musical talents can enroll in ABRSM and will be at the same level with their colleagues that will offer music in the universities. Here at TIS we have a Grade 9 student who just completed the Grade 8 exam. Practically this Grade 9 student is at the same level with level 100 or 200 music students. Meanwhile IGCSE music requires a minimum of a Grade 4 practical for these students.

Although the journey to getting students work through the ABRSM pieces is very rough, tiring and discouraging, the destination of seeing them play 3 different pieces from different eras and various technical exercises is just a glory. That is our only motivation. By this, we are hoping to receive certificates for all participants in the next month.



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Counselor's Corner



Naviance Test Prep Is Available On Naviance For All IBDP Students.

Reminder: **Naviance provides test preparation resources** for students (SAT Test prep). It can be accessed through students' Naviance accounts. Students should access test preparation resources through their Family Connection account on Naviance. Naviance provides a platform not only for test preparation, but also to research universities, track university applications, and to research and apply for scholarship opportunities. IBDP1 & IBDP2 Students are encouraged to make use of their Naviance accounts this summer to work on the college application process and prepare for exams.

Link: Connection.naviance.com/temais

Upcoming ACT & SAT 2017-2018 TIS Testing Dates

Below are the TIS ACT & SAT test dates for the 2017-2018 academic year at TIS (payment deadlines however are tentative). Rising seniors (IB2s) and juniors (IB1s) considering U.S.A. universities, should register ahead of time. You will observe that not all SAT tests are available on all test dates- College Board, has revised their testing schedule. Please take note.

In 2017/2018, G11 students will be expected to complete their SAT or ACT testing requirements by the end of IB1.

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ACT 2017-2018

SAT 2017-2018

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DEADLINE
Sept. 9 2017	May 31, 2017
Oct. 28, 2017	Sept. 1, 2017
April 14, 2018	Feb. 16, 2018

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE
Oct. 7, 2017	Aug. 23, 2017
Nov. 4, 2017*	Sept. 6, 2017
March 10, 2018**	Jan. 9, 2018
May 5, 2018	March 6, 2018

SAT SUBJECT TESTS ONLY *

REGULAR SAT ONLY**

PSAT 2017: The 2017 Preliminary SAT (PSAT) exam will take place on **Saturday 14 October 2017**. All **interested Grade 9** students have been asked to see their counselors before the close of this academic year to sign up (next week, Wednesday). To complete registration, students are required to pay for the exam between now and early next semester (4th week in August.) Parents are to send an approval email to the Guidance & Counseling Department. **PSAT Registration fee: U.S. \$30.**

Some benefits of writing the PSAT:

- The PSAT helps prepare students for future SAT tests by giving detailed explanations of results
- Helps students to identify areas for improvement when preparing for SAT
- Allows you to compare your performance to others, to see where you rank statistically
- The PSAT allows you to receive information from colleges that match your areas of interest
- The PSAT provides some access to scholarship opportunities (especially for U.S. citizens- NMSQT)

For more about the PSAT and for practice tests visit:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psatnmsqt-psat-10> or take practice tests at Khan Academy <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

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Why Is Reading Important?

“Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.” (W. Fusselman)

People sometimes wonder why reading is important. Reading is not only fundamental to life, and to finding a job, **but it also develops the mind.**

The mind is muscle that needs exercise. In fact, reading for pleasure is strongly correlated to academic achievement, and increased employment

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opportunities and civic engagement. Reading is likely to improve SAT and ACT scores. Not to mention, reading is fun! Here are some interesting facts about reading:

- People who read are more likely to vote
- Reading reduces stress
- People who read are more likely to exercise
- Reading enhances your memory
- Reading fiction increases the ability to empathize with others
- Reading boosts your vocabulary

Let's all make it a point to apportion time to read daily, especially this vacation! Happy Reading! ☺

Sources:

<http://www.lifhack.org/articles/lifestyle/10-benefits-reading-why-you-should-read-everyday.html>

<https://www.unbelievable-facts.com/2013/09/10-scientific-facts-about-reading-books.html>

It's been a great school year!

The College Guides/Counselors wish the TIS family a fantastic summer vacation!

**Grade 10s we look forward to meeting you in IB1 to continue the university application process. Rising IB2s, we encourage you to make the most of your summer with internships, test preparation, and plenty of rest. Congrats to our Achievers!!!
Graduating Class Of 2017- We Are So Proud Of You & Pray For The Very Best!**



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Our Alumni of the Week



Full name: Oluwadolapo (Dolly) Haastrup-Quornoo

Year group: 2010

Hostel & Colour group: Cecilia, Yellow-Outeniqua

Roles played at TIS: Deputy Academics Prefect, TIS Choir, Football, Partaking in Interhostel Competitions.

Achievements/Awards in TIS: Award for most promising IB student (2009), Awards for best student in History and Economics (2009/2010)

Most memorable experience in TIS: It is very tough to choose one out of the many memorable experiences. But I must make mention of the joys of scrubbing (though it was meant as punishment). I particularly remember having an awesome two hours with the rest of my class (in Grade 8 or 9) when we were punished to scrub the entire school block!

Graduate university: University of Warwick

Year of graduation: 2013

Major/ area of specialisation: Law

Achievements in College: Served as President/Vice President/Treasurer on various committees for societies including Warwick Volunteers, UNICEF, Student Action for Refugees; Recognition for my contribution in pro bono work (Gold Awards)

Achievements out of college: Still in the early years of my career and other than little fist pump moments every now and then, I am yet to have achievements to share...watch this space!...

Currently working at: Clifford Chance LLP (A corporate/finance law firm)

Position held: Trainee Solicitor

Key word in life: Commitment (to developing yourself and to assisting others in anyway that you can); Determination (to achieve excellence); Faith (in God that He can see you through all seasons of life)

Word of advice: You have not failed until you stop trying, so keep trying your very best at everything.

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CAS & SA – Updates

MYP Service in Action Project

Calvary Presby School



This semester the MYP Students embarked on a Service in Action project that has created the opportunity for the students to learn even more outside the classroom. They located a nearby local school, Calvary Presby and initiated a number of projects and grown with them. The MYP students were happy to know their environment and get to meet their neighbours, as

the students in Calvary were equally excited to always meet us. The main objective of this collaboration was to provide a platform for students to nurture bonds, inquire, care and be open- minded. Being in the driver's seat all the way through, students developed ideas and minimal projects they engaged together with their new friends to strengthen the bond.



After months of visiting each other, the Grade 7s have nursed a variety of seeds to kick off the gardening project named "Calvary Green". The growing parts have been left for their partners



to care for it as we go home for summer. The other group initiated the teaching and learning project for the crèche and during the last visit, handmade posters of the Alphabet made by our MYP students were pasted around their classroom after a teaching session. The grade who will be in grade 8 next academic year are looking forward to a more engaging session with their counterparts.

The Grade 8s on the hand planned and implemented a concept to put up a mural at Calvary. Together with their friends they agreed to create an idea that characterizes peace, unity and friendship. A draft has started on the wall, but due to the recent rains, the group has not been able to finish but intends to modify the idea to redo the mural next academic year. The other class in Grade 8 engaged in different sports activities with their friends which created a more flexible way of bonding and getting to know each other, especially among the boys making our students more familiar with some local games.



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This exercise has improved on the learning skills of the students as they have incorporated these activities into their learning inside the classroom.

From the CAS team



It's been a yearlong, even if it seems like a fortnight, and so much awesome things have happened, with CAS & SA. From school events, to students CAS projects, extra-curricular activities and Grades 7 & 8 Service in Action activities/projects, we couldn't have asked for any more. The CAS Team is humbled by the tremendous support from the entire TIS Community, SMT, Administration, Teaching Staff, Kitchen Staff, Maintenance Staff, Infirmary Staff, Transport Staff, Parents, Alumni and the

Student Body. A special appreciation to our abled and committed CAS & SA supervisors/instructors: Mr. Alex Tay, Mr. Sylvester Wellington, Mr. Alfred Kunutsor, Chander Dev, Mr. Amoah, Mr. Emmanuel Osei Owusu, Ms. Constance Quaye, Ms. Setor Adih, Mrs. Carin Hermes, Mr. Senanu, Emmanuel, Caleb, Mr Arnold, Mr. Raymond. *'Teamwork certainly makes the DREAMWORK'*.

To the soon to be TIS Alumni, we thank you for the many feats you attained. We bear witness to your growth and development, and pray that you continue to positively impact wherever you find yourselves. Remember that TIS will always be your home.

To our incoming Grade 12s, the indefatigable **Game Changers**, we look forward to more commitment in your second and final year. The world is made up of boundless ideas, but ideas by themselves do not change the world. It takes committed and consistent actions to make an impact. As you go for the summer break, we wish that you will open up to learn new skills and have reflections over what you have been able to do and wish to do in your final year.

To our incoming Grade 11s, we are expectant of your coming. There are many opportunities for you to explore. There is a new block under construction where CAS is moving to; that comes with a lot of great advantages. A bigger space, a media studio, a gallery, design room, the maker room and much more. All that to allow you to explore, create and have a lot of fun.

Enjoy summer... Enjoy family time... learn something new... reflect over the past experiences... read good books... watch inspiring movies... some TED talks will do... surround yourself with positive people... and come back ready to continue our journey because one thing we know for sure is: **2017/2018 Academic year is going to be extraordinary.**

See you,

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CAS – DP TIS Magazine

9th Edition – The Hub

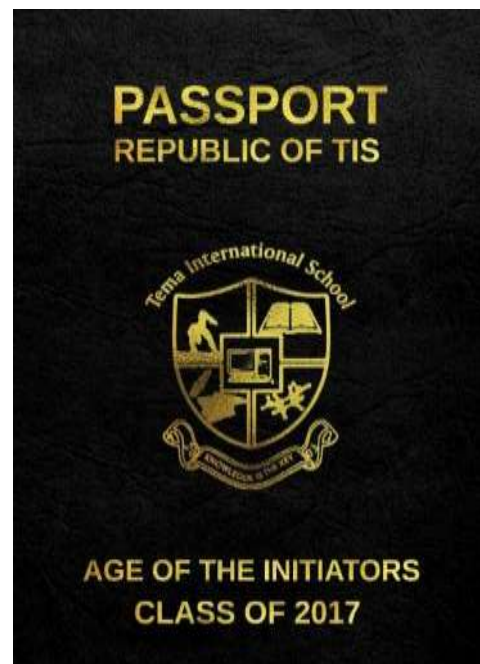
It's almost here. All efforts throughout the year have almost come to its climax. On the 3 June, the 9th edition of the TIS Magazine, **The HUB**, will be shown to the world. Such a splendour it beholds. With finesse crafted words into articles by the outstanding writers of the editorial board, magnificent photographs taken with the eagle's eye of the photographers, and the simplicity of design works by the designers, **The HUB**, is an epitome of a world class magazine.

The HUB will be sold for GHS. 50.00. You'll definitely be impressed by the creativity which is displayed in this magazine, a true reflection of Tema International School.

TIS DIGITAL YEARBOOK

First Edition – Age of the Initiators

Out of sight isn't always out of mind,' if there are memories to keep our loved ones close to us. The 1st Edition of TIS' Digital Yearbook, dubbed **Age of the Initiators**, has put together amazing memories of the IBDP class 2017, 'The Initiators' for them to be remembered as they bid farewell to TIS as students. The Yearbook captures the memories of yesterday, the cherished moments, and the thrills and festivities that we will not want to forget. The digital and animated Yearbook gathers pictures, videos, stories and Q&A's to make an indelible memory of the class and the entire student body. The Yearbook will be hosted on the school's website. www.tis.edu.gh – Make sure you get your Visa to this land of amazing memories.



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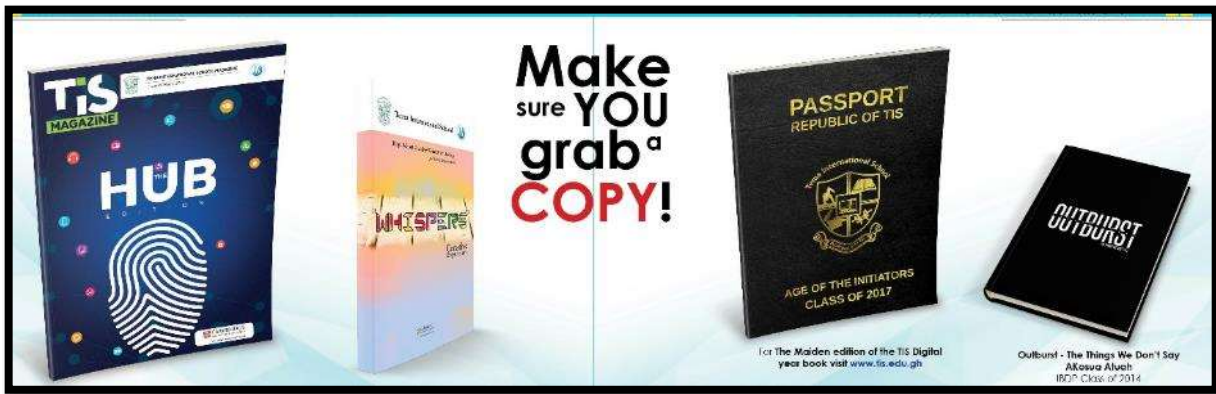


Leavers' Dinner - IB2 it's a Bigger Deal with The Legends – IBDP Class of 2017

Indeed it's so hard to say good bye, especially for our dearest seniors who have shared amazing moments with us. Today we will dine with the Class of 2017 while celebrating the many memories...

TIS Publications

Grab your copy on 3 June at our Achievers' Day and Graduation Ceremony.



Graduation!!!

TIS IBDP Class of 2017 will finally throw their hat.

TOMORROW!!!

Date: Saturday-3 June

Time: 10:00am

Venue: TIS Campus.

Theme: "Being Successful in an Uncertain World."

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Ayodele Agboola Ige

***Kindly set off early to avoid the heavy traffic at the motorway roundabout due to construction works.**



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IB Class of 2017

Legacies and Lasting Memories

The IBDP Class of 2017, ‘**The Initiators**’, having walked along the shores of TIS for two (2) years for their DP Programme, have made memorable imprints on the minds and hearts of many. Here are what some staff and students have to say of these legacies and lasting memories.

SHAROOOOO! *I’ve known you for about 8 years. 8 years of being friends with you has been one of the exciting things to happen to me. Your bubbly and enthusiastic self makes me admire you. There’s never a dull moment around Sharoooo. I remember all the advice you gave me once I stepped foot into TIS. You told me to be real and always remain true to myself. I listened, just because you told me. I really thank God for bringing you into my life and for always putting a smile on my face when I am upset. Wish you a safe journey in your life after TIS. I know you got this!* – **Audrey Antwi-Asimeng**



David Quartey; *Bro, after all the arguments and the emotional times, I know you will forever be my bro. You were always there when we needed you. Your friendly nature is what makes us all love you. This summer, we have to chill before you leave us for Uni! We know that even though you’re leaving TIS, our bond will never be broken because you’re a real one. Stay real and stay true to yourself because that’s what you taught us. Stay Safe bro!* – **Nana Osei Mainoo**

Captain Koomson!!!! *(Inside joke) Casey is evidence that you should never judge a book by its cover. I looked forward to coming to some meals, not because I wanted to eat, but because it was practically the only time in the day I would talk to Casey. You would always see Casey roaming the IB corridor aimlessly, but you would also find his name amongst the first on the merit list. He was what we TIS students would call a "snake", but I liked that about him. I wish you all the best in life Casey, and I’d never say this to your face but I will miss you Captain K! All the best.* -



Marie-Gabriella Nwokolo



Adwoa Preprah! *One of my favourite Roomies! Being in the same room with you made me realize how amazing you are because I highly doubt that if I had not been placed in the same room with you, we would have ever spoken. I consider you being my roommate, a huge blessing! Those lengthy discussions we had about life in TIS meant a lot to me. I remember the time you woke me up early to fetch water*

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because the taps were not running to avoid being late. I appreciate you so much for this because if I had been late that day, I would have received a punishment I'd never forget in my life. The world is yet to discover you, a lady of poise, finesse and decorum, a true Catherine lady! The world is not ready for you! Go get em Adwoa! – Audrey Antwi-Asimeng

Hall of Fame IB2 – Do not miss the Biographies Exhibition of the incredible IB Class of 2017 as they share with us their future plans, unforgettable moments, role models, favourite IB Learner Profile, Achievements, their journey in TIS and much more. They expressed their gratitude to the entire TIS Community, some in a very personal level. These biographies are inspiring and a very touching validation of the great work parents, teachers, juniors and seniors, management of the TIS Community and all stake holders are doing. Join us tomorrow at 9:00am when we open the exhibition.



Gratitude



So soon we have come to the end of a very exciting journey at TIS. As parents we have enjoyed every single activity the school has had to offer and we are extremely proud and sincerely grateful to have had the privilege of sending our children, Frederick & Augustus, to this prestigious school.

May TIS be blessed in all your endeavours in moulding our children to become what they are today and, most especially, in bringing out their creative talents. May

TIS be showered with wisdom and continuous strength to continue to churn our responsible citizens to the society at large. God bless you all.

Banahene & Ewurabena

Parents of Frederick (IBDP Class of 2016) & Augustus (IBDP Class of 2017)

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Summer CAS Projects

Medical Supplies donation to the Burn Center of Tema General Hospital and Kolerbu Teaching Hospital. This semester our Grade 11 students organized a number of fundraisers during *Chocolate Friendship Day and Expression* towards the Burn Center of Tema General Hospital and Kolerbu Teaching Hospital. After the fire incident at the Trade Fair last January, our students were eager to do something after they knew most hospitals do

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not have enough medical supplies to attend to all the injured, and most of the people affected by the fire could not afford the treatment. On 13 June, a Group of grade 11 and upcoming grade 12 will present the donations to the hospitals. We are proud of our students initiatives and their commitment to Service.

Art Therapy @ Keta: TIS students have collaborate over the years with the *Kofi and Amma Foundation* from Germany with the aim to use art to reach out to children in the rural communities. Our students find this collaboration a life-changing experience. For the past years we have taken art to different communities and the works produced during the workshops are sent to Germany and an art magazine is produced. All participants get a copy of the magazine. The reaction of the children when seeing themselves and their work published is priceless. This year we are spending 5 days in Keta (Volta Region) facilitating a number of workshops. An email will be sent to the parents of all participants with more details. Stay tune. Let's encourage our children to do something good for others and with others during the break. If you like to participate kindly contact the CAS team on 0244-615255



The reaction of the children when seeing themselves and their work published is priceless. This year we are spending 5 days in Keta (Volta Region) facilitating a number of workshops. An email will be sent to the parents of all participants with more details. Stay tune. Let's encourage our children to do something good for others and with others during the break. If you like to participate kindly contact the CAS team on 0244-615255



Cervical Cancer Conference at the Accra Conference Center, 7 June, 9:00 am to 12:30 am. Cervical Cancer is a very important issue concerning women's health. 20 girls from Grades 11 and 12 will be participating. The event is organized by the Ghana International Women's Club.

The TIS Girls United #CAS project are leading the trip. They plan to share the knowledge they will gain at the Conference with as many girls as possible in and out of TIS.

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Girls United Outreach to Mahean Ante-Natal Clinic on 9 June, 2017, and Tema General Hospital on 13 June 2017. The aim of the outreach is to afford the students a first-hand interaction with teenage mothers to know more about their plights and provide them with some care and support as they do so. On their trip, they hope to further understand the issues girls of different calibers are facing and grant them encouragement as well. This is because Girls' United Ghana isn't an initiative



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just channeled at the more fortunate, but girls of many streams and hope to also let them know that there is forever light at the end of the tunnel.

Enjoy the break and always remember that you are an Ambassador for TIS. See you in August!



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