



TIS BULLETIN: 20 MAY, 2016.

Thought for the Week

Everybody comes to a point in their life when they want to quit, but it's what you do at that moment that determines who you are.

- David Goggins

Important Dates

23/5/16: End of Year exams commence; IGCSE exams continue

27/5/16: Leavers' Dinner

28/5/16: Graduation Day

7/6/16: Challenge Week commences (G7-9); G11 coursework continues.

11/6/16: Achievers' Day

Important Action to be Taken By Parents

- **27/5/16:** Last opportunity to order a copy of the Sarafina DVD. Great production. Great price.

Doing Themselves Proud

G12: Congratulations to Grade 12. Final exams end today. Congratulations on your focus and determination. I hope the special holiday is named after your cohort.

Kelvin Ennison: Faculty Scholarship Awardee, Calvin College

Mary-Anne Kamara: Dean's Scholarship Awardee, Calvin College

Isaac Clement-Owusu: Faculty Scholarship Awardee, Calvin College

Leavers' Dinner

Our G12 students should take note that the annual Leavers' Dinner on 27 May will commence at 6.55pm. There will be no entry after 7.00pm. This event will conclude by 9.00pm. Please ensure you allow for typical Friday night traffic to ensure arrival by 6.30pm, when students (Leavers) will make their entrance into the MPH

Proposed Biology/ESS/Geography Field Trip to UK

The teachers of Environmental Systems and Societies (ESS), Biology and Geography are piloting an educational field trip to UK. The above trip is open to DP ESS, Biology and Geography students (including current G10 students who are planning to choose these subjects in G11). It is planned for 30 October to 5 November, 2016.

During this trip, students will have the opportunity to develop their understanding behind core aspects of the syllabus, by carrying out series of investigations to build their case study knowledge. The trip will give students the skills, techniques and confidence to apply their theoretical knowledge to real life situations



They will also gain practical experience of environmental systems and real life examples of science in action. This is an excellent opportunity for students to develop within the IB learner profile; acquiring necessary skills to become effective scientific inquirers and communicators through first-hand experience. Apart from teachers from TIS, other experienced facilitators at the centre with in depth subject knowledge will inspire students to question the natural world.

A special note with specific details will be emailed to relevant parents early next week to gauge the level of interest to determine if the proposed field trip is viable.

2017 Prom Planning Committee

The Planning Committee for Prom 2017 will be undertaking their first fundraising activity on 3 and 5 June. On Friday, 3 June, they will be selling pizza, sharwama, popcorn, soft drinks and milkshakes from 4.00-6.30pm. On Sunday, 5 June, students will be able to enjoy the same range of food and beverages from 12.30-4.00pm.

[My congratulations to this Planning Committee for planning ahead. Well done.]

MYP Projects

Schools implementing MYP offer students the opportunity to engage in both the community project and the personal project. The community project and the personal project are known together as MYP projects.

The *community project* focuses on community and service, encouraging students to explore their right and responsibility to implement service as action in the community. The community project gives students an opportunity to develop awareness of needs in various communities and address those needs through service learning. As a consolidation of learning, the community project engages in a sustained, in-depth inquiry leading to service as action in the community. The community project may be completed individually or by groups of a maximum of three students. At TIS, the community project will be completed by the end of Grade 8.

The *personal project* encourages students to practise and strengthen their approaches to learning (ATL) skills, to consolidate prior and subject-specific learning, and to develop an area of personal interest. The personal project provides an excellent opportunity for students to produce a truly personal and often creative product/outcome and to demonstrate a consolidation of their learning in the MYP. The project offers many opportunities for differentiation of learning and expression according to students' individual needs. The personal nature of the project is important; the project should revolve around a challenge that motivates and interests the individual student. Each student develops a personal project independently. At TIS, the personal project will be completed by the end of Grade 10.

MYP projects are student-centred and age-appropriate, and they enable students to engage in practical explorations through a cycle of inquiry, action and reflection. MYP projects help students to develop the attributes of the IB learner profile; provide students with an essential opportunity to demonstrate ATL skills developed through the MYP; and foster the development of independent, lifelong learners.

MYP projects prepare students for further education projects and presentations, such as those in the DP. There are strong links between the MYP projects and subject-specific assessments in the DP, such as the global politics engagement activity, through the nature of the task and the presentation style of the report; however, MYP projects relate most directly to the core the DP.



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The DP core comprises the extended essay, theory of knowledge and creativity, activity, service (CAS). The focus on service in CAS and the style of the theory of knowledge presentation are both mirrored in the service as action and the presentation of the MYP community project.

While the personal project enables students to pursue their personal interests further in the MYP, the DP extended essay enables students to pursue an academic interest through a research essay. The personal project is not necessarily a research essay; however, personal projects always involve research, including the use and collection of information and sources.

The community project and personal project emphasise experiential learning, which is developed further in community and service in the DP. Through MYP projects, students experience the responsibility of completing a significant piece of work over an extended period of time, as well as the need to reflect on their learning and the outcomes of their work - key skills that prepare students for success in further study, the workplace and the community.

[Source: *Middle Years Programme Projects Guide, IB, 2014.*]

Final Reminder

Sarafina

Last year's Annual School Performance (Sarafina) DVD is available. All interested parents should please pre-order their DVD's with Bijoux at Bijoux.h@tis.edu.gh

The price for a DVD is GHC50 and is great value as you receive two discs: the Friday night performance; and the Saturday night performance.

Updates from Chaplaincy

Genesis at Joyfulway Mini – Explo Performance

Last Saturday 14 May was phenomenal!

The Genesis Ministry embarked on a trip to Wesley Girls Senior High School in Cape Coast. The group had been invited by a renowned gospel music ministry, Joyful Way Incorporated, to perform at a concert dubbed *Mini Explo*.

Our trip to Wesley Girls High school, was amazing. Everything, from the bus ride to the singing on stage, screamed that God was with us. On our way there, we screamed and sang to the gospel songs blasting from the radio. To top it all off, we had sleep breaks in the middle of our pre-concert jam, so we would sing for like 30 minutes, take a nap and then sing again. When we got to Wey Gey Hey, we were a little shaky at the beginning because the compound was flooded by so many students; however a quick prayer and a short 10-minute practice reassured us that everything was going to be alright.

Soon it was time for us to enjoy a healthy blend of ministrations by prominent schools such as Mfantsipim Senior High School, Prempeh College (Kumasi), Ghana National College, Adisadel College, and the host school Wesley Girls' Senior High School among others. When it was the turn of Genesis, we treated the gathering to two songs: *Praise Him in Advance* by



Marvin Sapp and *He Did It Again* by Sinach. Our ministrations went smoothly and by the time we were ending, there was a loud applause amidst screams from the audience. It was really awesome and we could testify that they were blessed. Soon after, others performed and the room was filled with worship and praise. It was an experience we will never forget.

A significant aspect of the program was an exhortation by Prof Stephen Adei (former Rector of GIMPA) on the topic "*Abiding in Him*". He encouraged us to accept continuous discipline since that is a sure means by which we can achieve our goals and realize our dreams of making an impact in our generation.

During the bus ride back, we danced and sang our favorite gospel tunes once again; totally oblivious of the Kasoa vehicular traffic jam. We felt refreshed, were enlightened and more confident in ourselves and we hope that we will be able to attend this event every year. We are very grateful to the management of TIS for giving us the opportunity to participate in the programme and also appreciate the support of our patrons.

David Quampah & Nubuke Gadzekpo
(President & Organizer, Genesis Ministry)

Science Department Update

GRAF (Ghana Robotics Academy Foundation) 2016 BOOT-CAMP is organizing a Robotics Boot Camp for all students who are interested in Robotics.

Dates: August 11, 12, 13, 2016

Venue: Knutsford University College, East Legon;

Cost per participant for the three days: GHS 200

All interested students (including those who are not members of the TIS Robotics Club) should contact the Science Department (L. Ladson, G. Quaye and E. Amenoo) for the necessary arrangements before the school goes for the summer holidays, since this programme will take place before students report back to school on 20th August 2016.

CAS Updates:



To our IB Class of 2016 CONGRATULATIONS as you finished your last paper. We believe come 7 July we will have a lot to celebrate.

*It has been a tradition in Tema International School that every graduating class is given the opportunity to embark on an educational trip around Ghana by the Founders.

This year, the **IB Class of 2016** is embarking on a **three – day and two night stay** trip to Elmina. They will visit the **Cape Coast, Elmina Castle and Kakum National Park.**



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What an amazing treat after such hectic weeks of exam. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to our dear Founders.

Departure from TIS: 21 May, 6:00am

Arrival in TIS: 23 May, 7:00pm

This is a great opportunity to bond and create memories. Keep our students and the IB trip team in your prayers.

IB Trip team - Mr Alex Tay, Mr Louis, Ms Grace, Ms Bijoux, Mr Wisdom, Mr AB, Mrs King.

If you have any questions regarding the trip, kindly contact Mrs King. +233 244615255



LEAVERS DINNER – 27 May, 6:30pm. Be at the MPH for the grand entrance of our graduands, as we dine for the last time with our dearest class of 2016. Grade 11 is doing their very best as they prepare a special night for their seniors.



We just ended a very intense revision week. Now time to nail those papers guys. We wish the best to our Grade 10 candidates as they continue their final exams. To our Grade 7, 8, 9 and 11 students we wish you the best while you start your end of semester examination on Monday, 23 May. ‘Countdown to end of semester!!!’ Oops... sorry, Dr Ken doesn't like count downs. ☺ ;)

TIS 10th Graduation Ceremony – Theme: “Seeking Excellence, no excuses.”

Do not miss 10th Graduation Ceremony on the 28 May. Join us at 9:00am for an inspiring exhibition and 10:00am for the graduation ceremony with the launch of Alumni Association and the Roll Call wall. TIS Taking steps in straighten relationship with our dearest Alumni. #IB Class of 2007



Graduation File: A personalized leather file will be given to the graduating class of 2016, during the graduation ceremony. This file will contain a letter from Dr. Ken Darvall (Principal) and Dr. John B. Bader (IB Chief External Academic Relations officer), TIS certificate of completion, CAS certificate and their profile and group picture. The cost of the file is GHC 60.00 – Note that this amount is to cover the cost for the file only. Payment

should be made to Ms. Grace Kabukie - CAS office.

CREATE. CHANGE.

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.

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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.

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Yes!!!! We made it!





Meet our Alumni of the Week!



Name: Abena Kusi

Year Group: TIS IB Class of 2015

Roles played at TIS: CAS Compound and Compartment

Prefect (CCC :-P) 2014/2015

Assistant Student Director of Annual School Play, "This Is our Chance", 2014

Deputy Chief Legislator of the Debating Society, 2013-2015

Organiser, Genesis Group, 2014/2015

Initiator of Anti-Litter Campaign, 2014/2015

Dining Hall Rep, 2011/2012

Grade Art Prefect, 2009/2010

Colour Group: Blue Cedar

Hostel: Catherine Hostel

Achievements: History Prize four years in a row (2012-2015)

Language and Literature HL prize two years (2014-2015)

Chemistry SL prize two years in a row (2014-2015 CAS and Co-curricular Activities Award (2015)

Current University: University of Warwick, UK

Level: First Year

Course: Politics and International Studies

Other involvement in Uni apart from Academics: Publicity Officer on the executive board of the Debating Society

Group leader in the Christian Union

MUN

University Achievements so far: Winning team for the Cardiff 2016 Debating Competition (Novice Final)

Represented Warwick at Reading MUN

A word of advice to your juniors: "It always seems impossible until it's done" - Nelson Mandela

Key Word in Life: Forward

Creative Arts Updates

A Parting Gift to the Creative Arts Department



The Creative Arts department will like to thank Miss Oluwadamilola Johnson, an outgoing IB2 music lover and a creative germ for the donation of her personal 3/4 violin to the department. Miss Johnson has been a phenomenal contributor to the department over her years of being in TIS. Her love for music saw her impacting positively in the lives of many and this gesture attests to that fact. We will continue hearing her voice, seeing her dance and applaud her dexterity in playing the violin.

Creative Arts Update: A Dramatic Experience in Pictures





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Joyfulway Mini Explo @ Wey Gey Hey!!!







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Clara Burgess (English Dept.) donating some books to TIS.



This is it!!! We are moving onto the next level.....#AdieuTIS





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**This is how the final batch ended their IBDP Exams.....A word of prayer.
#ReverenceToTheMostHigh**

