



TIS BULLETIN: 23 SEPTEMBER, 2016

Thought for the Week

I never dreamed about success. I worked for it.

- Estee Lauder

Calendar

24/9/16: Sporty Family Day; Hostels' Praise night

25/9/16: Swimming club (4.00pm)

26/9/16: Trial TOK presentations

1/10/16: SAT; Pancake fundraiser (breakfast); Harbour City Mass Choir

2/10/16: Swimming Club (4.00pm): Africana Night

3/10/16: TIS Founders' Day; TIS swimming championships; board games

4/10/16: UKEAS Fair

5/10/16: International Cultural Day

6/10/16: TOK final presentations (BOL, G12)

7/10/16: Humanities Day

8/10/16: Adjavon Memorial Cup

Making Us Proud

- Grade 7 students who have been in Home Room before the bell on two occasions in two weeks. The first occasion was a TIS record. The second occasion suggests a positive habit - punctuality, something that all other classes should emulate.

Parent Reminders

- Approximately 50% of parents have not accessed MB or Naviance. If you have trouble accessing MB or Naviance, please email Ken: principal@tis.edu.gh
- Exeat forms were included in the weekly bulletin message for 9/9/16. They are also available on our website: www.tis.edu.gh Go to: Publications -> Forms -> Exeat Slips. Complete and return to xeat@tis.edu.gh. If there is an issue accessing this form, please email Ken. Please note that as the form is a WORD document and using a phone or tablet is likely to cause frustration. Please complete on a computer.
- For students returning from an exeat, school gates close at 5.00pm to allow them time to settle and prepare for dinner and prep. Arrival after this time will result in vehicles remaining outside the gates, unless prior approval has been granted by the Principal, Boarding Liaison (Alex) or Head of Hostel (Richmond or Elizabeth).

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- Closing dates for participation in MUN or AUM trips are closing next week.

Sporty Family

Well, the first colour event of the year is on our door step. Who will hold bragging rights for the next 12 months? I know Green do not want to part with the trophy. Red and Yellow houses have held several meetings this week as they seek to stock their trophy cupboard. Blue, I understand, has a few surprises for us all tomorrow. The emphasis is on fun, family and participation.

Sporty Family day will start at 8.00am tomorrow and conclude at 1.00pm. Families are invited to have lunch with their children afterwards. There will be a variety of food and drink options available for sale.

ISSAG

The International Schools' Sports Association of Ghana (ISSAG) comprises 12 schools that include TIS, GIS, SOS, AIS and GICS. There are four major activities for the year:

- Athletics championships: 29 October at El Wak
- Swimming and volleyball championships: 3 December at TIS
- Soccer, tennis and table tennis championships: 28 January at SOS
- Basketball and hockey championships: 25 February at GIS.

Sporty Family was moved this year to avoid Harmattan, and allow us to compete in the basketball and hockey championships.

The sports team is also in discussions with some schools to host interschool games for Grades 7-9 and 10-12 (boys and girls) for the purpose of additional opportunities.

TIS Swimming Championships

These will be held on Monday, 3 October, and students are required to enter online. Entries close next Thursday. To date, entries have been poor and there has been a lack of consistent training by those who should.

ManageBac (MB)

As mentioned previously, MB is our main form of communication and it allows parents to be informed about their child's progress at school. If you have registered (setting your own password), then you will be able to access the email messages that alert you. If you have not

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registered, then you will remain frustrated by not accessing important messages. All parents should have received an invitation a few weeks ago to set a new password to access MB. If you did not receive it please email Ken (principal@tis.edu.gh) so that an invitation can be resent.

Scientific Corner

Rebranding – The Robotics Club is now the Engineering Club

Members of the Robotic club in their bid to make the club more engaging and attractive to other students are launching a membership drive and rebranding campaign. This has led to the following

➤ **Change of name**

The name of the club has changed from Robotics club to **The Engineering club**

➤ **Expansion of programs run**

Apart from **Robotics** the following programs should be included

1. **Programming** (Website development, Blogging, **Creating Apps**, Games, etc.)
2. **Electronics**
3. **Engineering Projects** (Water filter project, **Power Bank Project**, **Electric motor Project**, **Heat engine project**, etc.)

The engineering club is based on the principles of physics and computer science. It aims to give students the platform to learn and apply their newly found knowledge by creating their own projects. We believe that there should be no age limit on excellence. We believe in giving students a platform to have an impact on the world even before they begin college or begin their desired professions. As an international school we are well equipped with resources that can aid the growth of this club and cultivate the habit of hard work in students. There would be different divisions in the club, like a group for programming, (HTML & CSS / Visual basic / C++ etc.) to make applications, websites, etc. , a group for robotics, which will also learn how to program robots to carry out specific tasks, a group for electronics, which will learn about circuit boards... and many more.

Below are some of the projects lined up for this year:

Invisible monitor, Amplifier, mobile power bank.....

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College Guides Update

SAT/ACT and PSAT October Reminder

Valid, unexpired passport is the only form of acceptable ID for admission for these tests. Anyone without a passport will not be allowed to write the test. Those writing SAT and ACT October or PSAT should be sure to bring their passports to school and leave them with the College Counselors by Wednesday, 28 September

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Naviance has an ACT SAT Test Prep feature which helps our students to prepare for these tests. Students are being encouraged to take advantage of this and to practise consistently.

College Visit Highlights (USA):

Duke University (North Carolina)

- 10.4% admittance rate
- 6,500 undergraduates representing 90 foreign countries
- Average SAT: 2250 (New SAT 1540) ACT: 34
- Meets 100% of financial need
- Classes are fewer than 22 students

Northwestern University (Illinois)

- 10.7% admittance rate
- 8,000 undergraduates
- 10% international students from 55 countries
- Average SAT: 2100 ACT: 34
- Meets 100% of financial need

Vanderbilt University (Tennessee)

- 8.8% admittance rate
- 8:1 student to faculty ratio
- 7.3% international students
- Average SAT: 2100 ACT: 34
- Meets 100% of financial need

Northern Kentucky University:

- 16,000 students, 100 sub-Saharan African countries represented
- Tuition fee \$30,000
- Scholarship is based on SAT scores & high IB points (30 & above) for admissions
- U.S. citizens get free tuition for 4yrs; however must pay for accommodation.

California State University (Bakersfield):

- 200 international students
- Small town good atmosphere for learning
- Popular programmes: Chemical & Petroleum Engineering, Computer Science
- Scholarship for soccer players covers all tuition fees
- SAT or ACT scores required for scholarship consideration

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University of Bridgeport (Connecticut):

- A research university
- Medium sized school, about 5000 students, 20% International students
- 120 programs
- Up to \$22,000 in scholarships available to international students
- SAT or ACT scores required for scholarship consideration

IUPUI (Indiana University- Purdue University, Indianapolis)

- Student population - 30,000
- 2,000 international students
- 250 degree programs
- Up to \$45,000 in merit-based scholarships
- SAT or ACT scores required for scholarship consideration

Highlights from UK Fair:

Many UK IB point requirements vary by program of study.

University of East London

- £4,000 IB scholarship
- 120 nationalities represented

Manchester Metropolitan University

- Paid work is available for undergraduates
- Vice Chancellor's Scholarship of £50,000-80,000

Coventry University

- No. 15 University of the year in the U.K.
- £2000 merit scholarship

Middlesex University London

- £1000 regional award
- Dean's Award is available to all nationalities

Brunel University London

- 30-31 IB points required
- Scholarships available
- Popular courses are Business and Engineering

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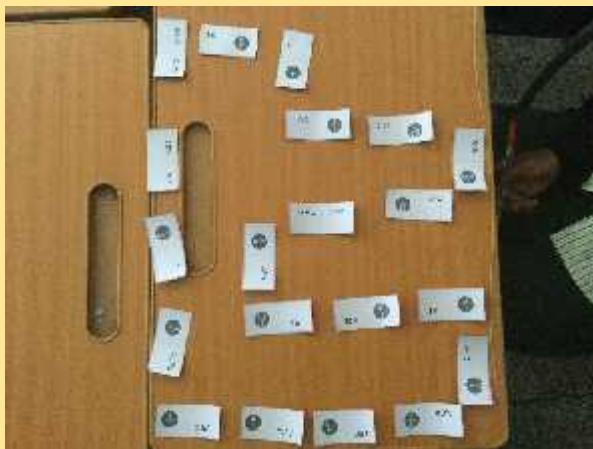


Mathematics Corner

The Grade 8 MYP Mathematics class has been very interactive and revealing over the past few weeks. Among the tasks/activities that students have been involved in is the “Group Domino Activity”. The objective of this activity was for students to establish the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages drawing from their knowledge of multiple representation.

These topics had already been discussed in previous lessons. Thus, students were put in groups and provided with a set of 20 flash cards each with any two forms (decimal, fraction or percentage). This activity is also based on the Domino Game concept. They matched each card to their equivalent forms. The first group to match the 20 flash cards correctly wins 40 bonus points.

A class debriefing (reflection) after the activity indicated that students enjoyed the collaboration and their understanding was enhanced. Students solved 20 different questions on conversion between fractions, decimals and percentages. Below are pictures of a group and their finished domino match.



IBDP Update

A warm welcome to all for the sporty family celebrations on 24-9-16, updates for the DP program for the next week are below

Short Film and Poster making Competition

IB has announced a short film and poster making competition for students on academic honesty. Quite a number of students have started the initial work. Encourage your ward to participate in this competition.

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Using Reflections option on ManageBac.

Please encourage your ward to reflect frequently on the reflections section of the ManageBac as this will serve as a good guidance tool for all to help the students positively.

Predicted Grade(PG) for University Applications

G12 students will be meeting their teachers to mutually discuss and agree on the predicted grade for university applications within the next 2 weeks. Following this meeting the PG will be consolidated and will be used for the university applications.

G11 Subject Change

By now G11 students have a clear idea on the rigour and requirements of the subjects they have chosen. Any student wishing to change their subjects or levels needs to decide by end of September 2016. Subject changes after this period will not be encouraged.

Chaplaincy Update

TIS Genesis Band to feature at Highest Praise 2016

The evergreen TIS Genesis Band is privileged to be invited to feature as a guest choir at 'Highest Praise 2016'. Highest praise is an annual musical concert organized by the Harbour City Mass Choir with the aim of assembling worshippers together to praise God, provide a platform for selected high schools to showcase their God given talents in the music in industry and also tap, equip and outdoor talents of the youth in Christian ministry. Participating schools include; Ghana Christian High School, Life International College, and Chemu Senior High School.

The event is scheduled for 1 October, 2016 at the auditorium of the Apostolic Church, Community 5, Tema at 2:30pm

It is our expectation that participation in the concert will equip Genesis members with the relevant exposure and skills in the area of song ministration. About 25 students and 2 members of staff will be attending the programme.



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HMUN 2017

Haarlem Model United Nations

March 31 - April 2

Pre-registration dates

12 - 28 September, 2016

Opened to students from Grades 7 - 11

Cost of trip - \$ 3,000

Non-refundable commitment fee - \$100

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HUMANITIES Day



Guest Speaker:

Mrs. Odette Owusua Agyemang

Theme:

"The freedom of individuals is the most important principle of modern society".

Friday, 7 October, 2016

2:00pm - 4:00pm

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Learning French can be Hard Work but also Fun !

Article N° 4 – published in Paris Marais

LEARNING FRENCH CAN BE HARD WORK BUT ALSO FUN !

For anyone who wants to learn quickly how to speak French or dramatically improve his spoken French, there's only one solution : **French immersion in France.**

A particularly effective **French immersion program** is offered by the Institut de Français, in Villefranche-sur-Mer on the Côte d'Azur, considered one of France's most intensive schools in spoken French. People with a great variety of backgrounds have been coming to the Institut from all over the world for the past 45 years. Some come for the pleasure of learning or improving their French but many, sent by their firms, governments or international organizations such as UN, UNICEF, World Bank, WHO, UNESCO, etc., have a professional requirement for learning French.

This [unique French course](#) runs for 8 ½ hours a day, 5 days a week, for 2 to 4 weeks, all year. There are 8 levels: from absolute beginners to advanced II. Each class is limited to a maximum of 10 students.

The day starts at 8.30 am with breakfast. From that point on, only French is allowed. There is a two Euro fine for anyone speaking another language. The system is quite effective: within days, total beginners are speaking French, albeit modestly.

After breakfast, the students are taken through a well-planned, diversified program ranging from audio-visual classes, language laboratory to the discussion-lunch (with a teacher), practice sessions including role playing in both everyday and professional situations, etc. At the higher levels, business French from various fields (commercial, banking, stock market) is also introduced.

The day ends at 5 p.m. after tea which is served in the dining room.

This full-day program is complemented in the evening by: cinema showings of a French film, at the Institut, with discussions moderated by a teacher, plus outings with a teacher to the theater, the cinema, a restaurant, plus a full-day excursion, etc.

It is through this “Total Approach” to French that students are able to absorb the language in all its aspects and from all angles. At the end of their stay, most can adequately converse in

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French, and sometimes with a good degree of fluency. Absolute beginners after 4 weeks are able to say much of what they want to say simply and correctly.

The key is talk and more talk in an “only French” speaking environment – in a variety of situations, using and re-using the fundamental vocabulary one needs for everyday conversation.

The program is certainly hard work but it is carried out in a such a cordial and relaxing atmosphere with many moments of fun and laughter, that at the end, you are left with the feeling of having achieved real results while thoroughly enjoying it.

On the outside, students are housed in very pleasant, private apartments managed by the Institut and located in the center of the picturesque port town of Villefranche, within walking distance of the school.

The Institut itself is housed in a luxurious Provençal villa set in terraced gardens with a breathtaking view of one of the Mediterranean’s most beautiful bays.

When you consider all these ingredients, there is no doubt that this programme makes [learning French in France](#) “the experience of a lifetime” (a quote from a former student).

CAS Updates



Weekly Overview

CAS is hands-on learning, a way of learning defined by Patrick Felicio as “learning through reflection on doing”. CAS is all about experiential learning, and the students do well in engaging through and through.

We had another busy week. The **Talented Inspiring Students** were busy doing great stuff around campus, making the best of their CAS, SA and Co-curricular time.

#PeaceDay2016 @ TISGhana

On Wednesday, the 21 September, while observing Ghana’s Founder’s Day, the IBDP class of 2018, the *Game Changers*, joined other IB schools around the world to celebrate World Peace

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Day. The moment was marked with students wishing peace to the world and also to Ghana's forthcoming general elections. Follow that on #peaceday #TISpeaceday #IBSchools #IBCAS



Weekly Club Focus

The Red Cross Society of TIS 2016/2017

A Brief Outlook by Marie-Noelle Kpatakpa (President of the Society-IB1)

Belonging to the IBDP class of 2018 named as the "Game-Changers" should solely indicate our desire to do things differently. We stand for change in our modern days due to our many differences in thinking and beliefs. **The Red Cross society** is then just a stepping-stone as it enables us to not only affect the community positively but do it creatively through the diverse methods learnt.



The workshop was indeed insightful and has taught us many core values and instructions on the administration of First Aid and the importance of

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keeping calm and cautious when approaching casualties in dire situations. Our predecessors have clearly set the bar through engagement in many activities including sporting ones and the annual independence march. However even as we will continue to build upon their progress, we plan to be spontaneously different.

While collaborating efficiently, we hope to educate individuals on the significance of First Aid by having small talks and demonstrations, be it an organization or a school. We also wish to raise awareness on the issue of safety precautionary measures in our daily lives to prevent common accidents such as choking or bleeding.

This project seeks to benefit the society at large and impact them in ways they would never forget. With this team made up of highly motivated people with the passion for change and improvement, nothing stops us from living in a safe haven at the end of it all.

Reflections from the 2016/2017 Workshop

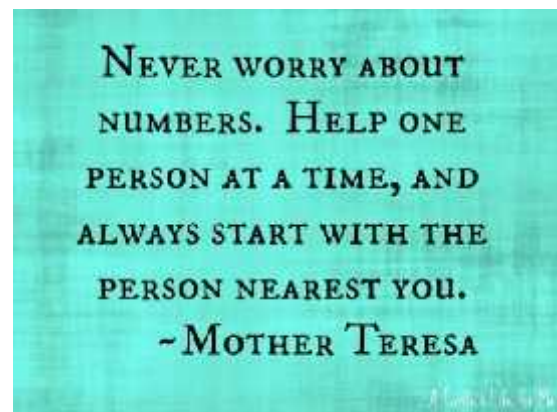


Kelsey Sena Searyoh (Grade 11) *The Red-Cross 2016/2017 workshop was definitely an unforgettable experience. We learnt new techniques and values, especially the value of teamwork as first aiders. I am beyond glad I joined the Red-Cross Society!*

Samuel Kyle Tara (Treasurer) (Grade 11 / Treasurer)
My life as the student has been full of sickness and hurdles.

My productivity has had many ups and downs like the wavelength of an opera performance. Fighting these sicknesses hasn't been easy. So as a new student of Tema International of School (T.I.S) looking for a new chance at school life, one exempt of sickness, I was ecstatic at the sound of a Red Cross club. I've learnt so much over the past week for mild situations such as cuts and bruises to excruciating burns and bone fractures. I've been part of a medical epiphany and was truly part of the Red-Cross 2016/2017 workshop.

Rachel Odartey-Wellington (Grade 11) *I have always been attracted to helping the community in one way or another so when there was an opportunity to join a group such as Red Cross I couldn't let it slip especially as an aspiring doctor. The workshop was definitely interesting and*



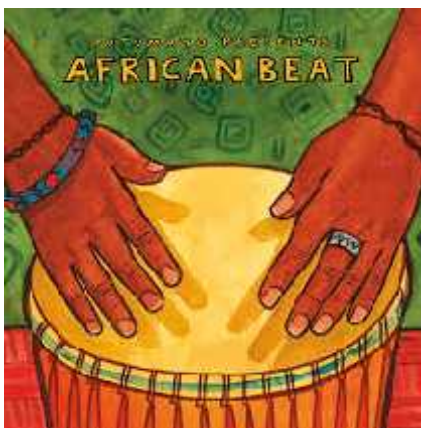
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learning things like the differences between drowning and choking was certainly enlightening and above all now I know I can happily service mankind like the motto suggests.

Bubune Eli Dzantor (Grade 11 / Vice-President) *The Red-Cross workshop has really broadened the many ways as in which I could help people. It showed me that you don't have to go through various amount of training to still be able to help someone in need. The workshop not only helped acquire the know-how of helping people in need but also showed me that anything as small as a Red-Cross Society in a school can really go a long way.*



Up – Coming Event: Africana Night – by Frank Buah Jr.

Africana night, a live band concert that will connect us with our heritage. This project motivated, student initiated night of culture and fun is going to be one to remember. The concert is to be held on the **8 of October** and is going to have a lot of interesting activities such as a fashion show, live band performances and a special performance by a guest artiste. There will also be lots & lots of food and drinks and there will definitely be tons of laughs and smile after this exclusive event. ***Be there!***

TIS 13th Anniversary and Founders' Day A Poetic Aesthetic by Gabriella Manu (Grade 10)

Celebrating 13 Years

It's been 13 great years; 13 years of Merits and Distinctions

Mr & Mrs Adjavon, You are the change we wish to see in the world.

Without YOU how were we supposed to get here so fast?

How were we supposed to know that we wanted to become the next world changers?

How were we supposed to know that we wanted to make a difference?

You have taught us in your ways what it means to be scholastic and still have fun,

And most of all how to be proud in ourselves in whatever we do, in a positive way of course.



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The number 13 connotes so many things and so many achievements that would've taken forever.
However you managed to do in a heartbeat;
13 is the number of competing nations that were involved in the second modern Olympic Games held in Paris;
13 is the number of years it took Russia to build the Trans - Siberian Railway; yet
13 is the number of years of great excellence you've brought us.

M being the **Motivation** you've procured us;
M being how **Magnanimous** you've made us;
M being how **Majestic** you've groomed us;
M being the **13th** letter of the alphabet.
All you need is a torch and a crown to be the next Statue of Liberty,
Because you have brought us freedom in Academic Excellence.

From this day forth
This would be the day that TIS changes
This would be the day that TIS will open their eyes to a 100% pass from both candidate grades
This would be the day we can celebrate you again
So let us celebrate you.
Sit back and see what you've done for us.
Sit back and see the Change you've made in our lives .
Sit back and enjoy.



Founders Day Week Celebration By Dede Coffie and Andy Nartey (Grade 11)

The organizing committee is busy getting ready for TIS 13th Anniversary celebration. This year the Founders' Day 3rd October there will be NO classes☺. A 'themed week' will take place where students will wear different attire every day; see the dress code for each day of the week and the program line up below:

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- Monday: Inter Colour group - Wear your Colour group tees and caps.
- Tuesday - Pair Up day - Dress alike with your buddy.
- Wednesday - International Day - Celebrating our Diversity and culture.
- Thursday - Grade Theme - Each grade and its dress code - Creativity at its best.
- Friday - Pink Friday - Breast Cancer Awareness
- Saturday - Sporty attired

13th Anniversary Week program:

Monday 3rd October

- Inter-Colour Swimming Championship - Sports Complex - 8:00am
- Founders Day Special Performance & Lunch - MPH 12:45 pm till 2:45pm
- Human size Inter Colour Board Games - MPH car park - 3:30pm

Wednesday 5th October -

- International Day - Celebrating Food, Fashion and Culture
- Teachers Day Celebration @ Assembly - 2:50pm
- Cultural exhibition Tuck Shop area

Friday 7th October

- Humanities day - MPH 2:00pm

Saturday 8th October

- Adjavon Memorial Cup - Sport Complex 8:00am
- Africana Night - MPH car park - 7:00pm



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We play together, win together and stay together



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Our Alumni of the Week!



Name: Selasi Torkornoo

Year group: TIS IB Class of 2015

Roles played at TIS: Deputy Cecilia Hostel Prefect (2014/2015), Prayer secretary of the Genesis group (2014/2015), SRC Representative (2013/2014), Female lead (Mrs. Potiphar) of Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat (2011), News anchor and Events coordinator of the Insight Network (2014/2015), Basketball player (2011-2015)

Hostel/Colour group: Cecilia/ Yellow Outeniqua

Achievements/Awards: Merit List (2011-2015)

Current University or college: African Leadership University- Mauritius

Level: Freshman

Programme: Social Sciences

At African Leadership University - Mauritius: Ingress Media (student-run media company), ALU Dance crew, ALU Student Marketing Council, ALCMUN Conference Marketing and Media Director

Word of advice: Savour every moment you have in TIS because you definitely miss it. Also get to know your teachers.

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