

PARENTS' BULLETIN: 20 NOVEMBER, 2015

Thought for the Week

Children want the same things we want. To laugh, to be challenged, to be entertained and delighted.

- Dr Seuss

Important Dates

20/11/15: Sarafina: Opening night

21/11/15: Sarafina: Finale

28/11/15: Interschool swimming carnival and volleyball competitions (both @TIS)

30/11/15: End of semester exams commence (Grades 7-11)

4/12/15: Farmers' Day (Public holiday)

5/12/15: SAT testing session

9/12/15: Christmas lunch

10/12/15: Board meeting

12/12/15: ACT testing session

13/12/15: Christmas Fiesta

14/12/15: Joint Hostels Christmas Party

15/12/15: 3-Way Conferences (7.30am-4.00pm) Students leave for Christmas break

17/12/15: Semester 1 Reports published

7/1/16: Staff recommences duty; Admin office opens; staff in-school workshop commences

8/1/16: Staff in-school workshop continues (Day 2)

9/1/15: Students return to school

11/1/16: Semester 2 commences

16/1/16: TIS Fun Fair

17/1/16: Semester 2 Thanksgiving service

Interschool Athletics Carnival

Congratulations go to the TIS athletics team that performed credibly last Saturday at the interschool athletics carnival. You made us proud.

Freedom is Here! Now!

Have you booked your tickets for Sarafina? This great school production premieres tonight, Friday, 20 November with the finale performance will be held tomorrow night, 21 November.

Tickets are on sale now. Don't miss out on this memorable event.

Interschool Swimming and Volleyball Carnivals

TIS will be hosting this year's swimming and volleyball carnivals on Saturday week, 28 November from 9.00am. As always, parents are welcome to attend.

MYP

TIS will be seeking candidacy as an IB MYP (Middle Years Programme) School by March 2016 so that MYP can be trialled in the junior secondary classes from August 2016. The purpose is to ensure a smooth transition from the junior secondary to the senior secondary school, where the exit credential is the IB Diploma Programme. The value of the IGCSE is the external examination at the end of Grade 10. Now that MYP has external examinations in a style in which DP is expected to move to within 5 years, it is important to ensure continuity in teaching and learning practices. In the short term, IGCSE will be incorporated within MYP. In second semester, parents will be provided with information about MYP and its implementation at TIS.

Typhoid

One case of typhoid has been detected at TIS. As you are aware, the common cause is contaminated food or water. It emphasises why TIS does not allow cooked food in the hostels due to the high risk of contamination. Yet, security still detects cooked food being concealed amongst items being dropped off for students. While all sources of possible contamination are monitored closely, the most common time for upset stomachs is on Monday morning, especially following visits.

We all love snacks, or perhaps, most of us do! However, the doting parent who provides some home cooking for their son and/or daughter to enjoy in the hostel is actually putting their child's health at risk. This action is also putting other students' health at risk, if any contaminated food is shared.

There is a huge amount of supplies dropped off for students on any day. If we combined all these supplies, TIS could operate its own supermarket! TIS needs the support of all parents to ensure no items are sent to their sons and/or daughters that are a potential risk for contamination. Noodles, which are not allowed, are an easy example. While they may be kept in a sealed packet and only require some hot water to create an instant meal, if it is not consumed and placed in a cupboard, or under the bed for later, the food becomes contaminated.

IBDP Update

We are looking forward to strong patronage from the extended TIS family for our prestigious production 'Sarafin'. Students are exhibiting an array of learner profile attributes this week. Being 'Balanced' in giving equal importance to the play preparation, as well as the end of semester exam preparation, is what makes the "Totally Impressive Students" of TIS.

Major activities for the respective IBDP grades are listed below.

Grade 11

- The Extended Essay subject selection process has started and students have been provided with the subject choice form. Students have been asked to choose 3 subjects of their choice, preferably their higher level subjects. This process is to ensure that not more than 4 students are assigned a teacher for their extended essay supervision. You can check your ward's extended essay subject on ManageBac in 2 weeks.
- Next week will be the revision week for the end-of semester exam, a gentle reminder that the TIS pass grade for a subject is 4

Grade 12

- We will be closing all Internal Assessments of Grade 12 next week. A schedule will be shared by close of business today 20 November, 2015. Please note that the marks scored by the students in their IA's will be entered as the exam grade for Grade 12 students. Marks from other assessments like class tests, exercises and hostel work will contribute to the course work grade.
- In this day and age, despite having the access to best technological devices and being "online" most of the time, it pains me when someone tells me their laptop has crashed and they have lost all their data and need to start afresh. May I request Parents/Guardians insist their ward to mail the latest draft of all their IA's to their parents/guardians with a cc to me. Students should regularly back up their work on two separate devices to avoid a stressful situation.

Students and parents have received their May 2016 exam registration details along with an individual schedule of exams. Please find attached the full schedule for the May 2016 examination for your reference. Please note students will be writing two mock exams, one is scheduled to start on 15-2-16 and end on 27-2-16, the next mock exam will start on 7-3-16 and end on 18-3-16. The schedule for the mock exams will be shared at the appropriate time.

The 2016 IBDP Exams schedule is available on the last pages of this bulletin.

CAS Update

Annual School Play Photography

The stage is set for the showdown. Sarafina will lead the young people of Apartheid South Africa on a quest to end their suffering.

For the information and attention of all attendees, individual photography will not be allowed (still/motion) during the production. This has become necessary as players have been distracted by photographers in the past, and some audiences have had their views blocked by others in front of them. It is therefore in the best interest of all that this measure is observed accordingly.

Arrangements have been made for professional photographers to record the performance from vantage points, causing as minimal distraction as possible. Interested persons can therefore make orders for copies of DVDs after the show.

For all parents whose wards are engaged in this production, we kindly ask for your support towards our after party. The entire CAST & CREW is approximately 90 people. Drinks, pizza, KFC, and any other delicious delicacy from you are welcome. Note that the after party is on Saturday only, after the finale. Send a message to Ms. Grace (CAS) - 0244 626805 to confirm your support.

Parents are reminded, once again, of the heavy traffic that mounts up on the Tema-Akosombo road during weekends and hence, the need to set out early enough as the show will start at exactly 7:00pm. Upon arrival, parents who have made ticket reservations should kindly approach the designated desk (RESERVED) to be attended to.

Donations towards our Students Initiative and Community Service Projects are welcome. Contact Ms. Bijoux. No amount is too small. Coming up on the 5th of December the Box of Love Christmas Outreach, we are counting on you.

The wait is finally over!!! Freedom is indeed coming tomorrow!!! Come let's celebrate our children.

Don't miss this experience.

PS: There will be food and beverage for sale after the show

ASCUUS Update

Early Start

We are excited to work on profile building with Grade 10 students. Our candidates have been assigned counselors to guide them into building strong profiles for college. This summer will be a perfect opportunity for our candidates to initiate projects that are relevant to their intended majors. Let's encourage our candidates to work towards an outstanding profile.

TS College Tour

Wouldn't you love to tour your wards' dream university with them? Visiting university campuses is one of the most influential factors in deciding on a school. Most international students are disadvantaged in this regard.

The TS College Tours is the only program that focuses exclusively **on the backgrounds, needs, and interests of international school** students like ours! Tours will be led by experienced international school counselors who will share their knowledge with your wards, and assist them on various admissions-related topics. TS tour leaders understand our students' experiences, and can guide them in finding the right colleges. Registration is open. Kindly email enquiries@tscollegetours.com to make enquiries. You can also visit www.tscollegetours.com for more details.

College Visits

Last Friday, we had a great time with Shawn and Whitney of Cornell and Columbia University as they shared important information with us about both schools. Who knew Cornell was big on agriculture? Cornell students are *infinitely adaptable*, says Shawn; we are proud to have **Nana Entsiwaa Adenu – Mensah (IB Class of 2013) as one** such student. Columbia University is attracted to self-aware, independent and energetic students who think critically and engage in global conversations. It is a pleasure to have our cherished alumnus **Naana Nyaneba Jackson (Class of 2014)** in Columbia's daring family of thinkers.

Vassar, Colby and Grinnell colleges send their sincere apologies for not visiting as scheduled. They hope to visit another time.

This Friday, admissions officers from **ALU, Drexel and European University** will be hosted at a mini fair (**New Exam Hall, 1:45pm – 2:45pm**). Students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to attend. You are invited.

Case Closed

Finally, we've come to a conclusion that the environment and genes are overlapping factors when it comes to the topic of intelligence. Well, our eighth graders think so after their research and talk with a psychologist. It was interesting to see such young students explore multiple perspectives.

I appreciate your support.

Dr. Ken Darvall
Principal

Slave King starts shooting in Dec

By Forgive Adjoa Forfoe

MOVIE lovers are expected to be thrilled when a young filmmaker, Gilbert Ramy Carrey, 15, releases his first movie, *Slave King* featuring some seasoned Ghanaian actors next year.

Gilbert, is a student of Tema International School unveiled his project, production team and some cast members made up of actors Fred Nii amugi, Edinam Atatsi, Stella Animah Anakwah, Jose Tolbert among others at a press conference hosted at the Kofi Annan ICT Training Centre, Accra on Monday.

Playwright and CEO of Globe Productions, Latif Abubakar, who also graced the occasion revealed he was going to produce a play written by young Gilbert soon.

Speaking to *Showbiz* on his take on the Ghanaian movie industry, Gilbert said "I don't really like the storylines of some of our Ghanaian movies. Others are good but I still think there is room for improvement. My movies are going to be different because I look at the flaws in our local movies and think of ways of avoiding such mistakes in mine."

The young aspiring filmmaker who has no role model on the Ghanaian movie scene said "my

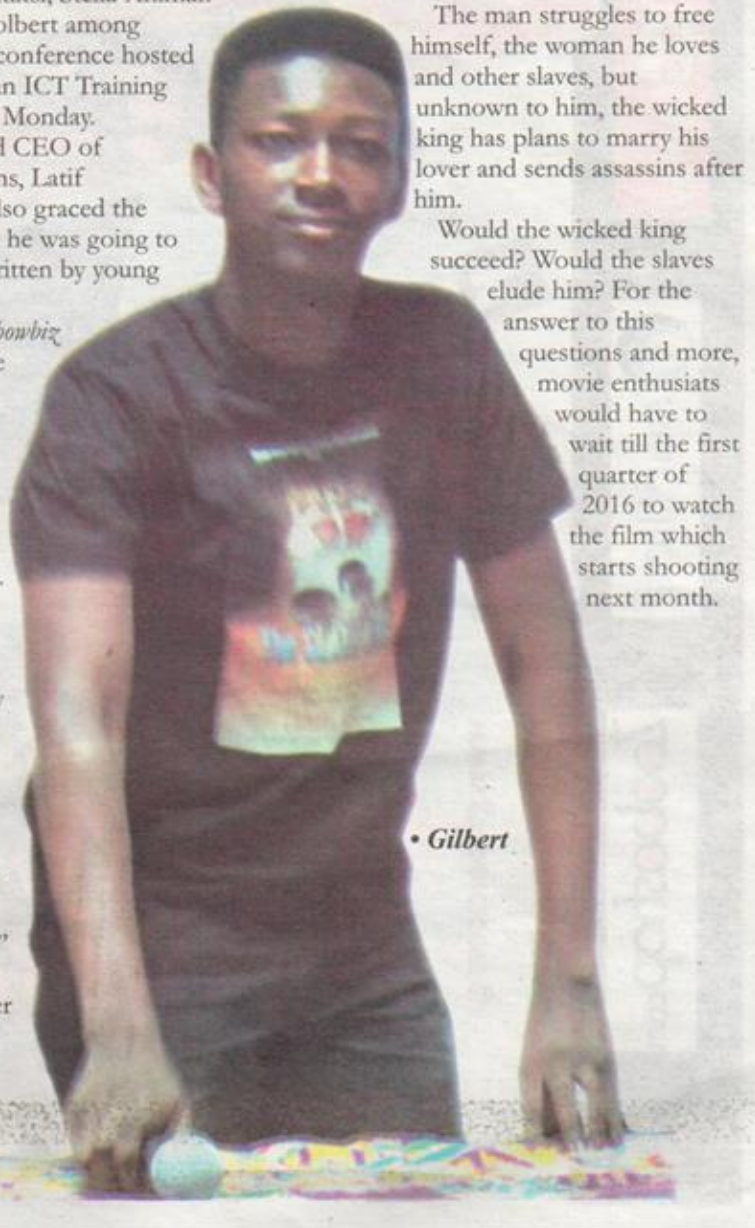
motivation rather comes from my schoolmate who is not an actor".

Produced by Ultimate Screen Productions (USP) and Grams Films International (GFI), *Slave King*, takes its structure from the slave trade historical era.

The film is about a young man who dreams of marrying his lover but finds himself a slave to a cruel, ambitious king. The king also captures the young man's lover and makes both of them serve as his slaves.

The man struggles to free himself, the woman he loves and other slaves, but unknown to him, the wicked king has plans to marry his lover and sends assassins after him.

Would the wicked king succeed? Would the slaves elude him? For the answer to this questions and more, movie enthusiasts would have to wait till the first quarter of 2016 to watch the film which starts shooting next month.



• Gilbert

**IB Diploma Programme
IB Career-related Programme**

May 2016 examination schedule

Morning examinations must start after 0700 hours and finish by 1300 hours local time.

Afternoon examinations must start after 1200 hours and finish by 1800 hours local time.

An examination cannot be rescheduled without authorization from the IB Assessment Centre.

Friday 29 April 2016			
am	School-based syllabus SL paper 1 School-based syllabus SL paper 2		pm --- No Exams ---
Week 1			
Monday 02 May 2016			
am	English A Literature HL paper 1 English A Literature SL paper 1 English A Language & Literature HL paper 1 English A Language & Literature SL paper 1 English B HL paper 1 English B SL paper 1 English ab initio SL paper 1 Literature & performance SL paper 1	2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m	pm Economics HL paper 1 Economics SL paper 1 1h 30m 1h 30m
Tuesday 03 May 2016			
am	English A Literature HL paper 2 English A Literature SL paper 2 English A Language & Literature HL paper 2 English A Language & Literature SL paper 2 English B HL paper 2 English B SL paper 2 English ab initio SL paper 2 Literature & performance SL paper 2	2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 1h 30m	pm Economics HL paper 2 Economics HL paper 3 Economics SL paper 2 1h 30m 1h 1h 30m
Wednesday 04 May 2016			
am	Biology HL paper 1 Biology HL paper 2 Biology SL paper 1 Biology SL paper 2	1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m	pm Computer science HL paper 1 Computer science SL paper 1 Language A Literature HL paper 1 Language A Literature SL paper 1 Language A Language & Literature HL paper 1 Language A Language & Literature SL paper 1 Language B HL paper 1 Language B SL paper 1 Language ab initio SL paper 1 Except: English, French, German & Spanish
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Thursday 05 May 2016			
am	Biology HL paper 3 Biology SL paper 3	1h 15m 1h	pm Computer science HL paper 2 Computer science HL paper 3 Computer science SL paper 2 Language A Literature HL paper 2 Language A Literature SL paper 2 Language A Language & Literature HL paper 2 Language A Language & Literature SL paper 2 Language B HL paper 2 Language B SL paper 2 Language ab initio SL paper 2 Except: English, French, German & Spanish
Friday 06 May 2016			
am	Physics HL paper 1 Physics HL paper 2 Physics SL paper 1 Physics SL paper 2 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 1 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 2	1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m 45m 1h 15m	pm History HL/SL paper 1 1h

Week 2

Monday 09 May 2016

am	Physics HL paper 3 Physics SL paper 3 Sports, exercise & health science SL paper 3	1h 15m 1h 1h	pm	History HL/SL paper 2	1h 30m
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Tuesday 10 May 2016

am	Classical Greek HL paper 1 Classical Greek SL paper 1 Spanish A Literature HL paper 1 Spanish A Literature SL paper 1 Spanish A Language & Literature HL paper 1 Spanish A Language & Literature SL paper 1 Spanish B HL paper 1 Spanish B SL paper 1 Spanish ab initio SL paper 1	1h 30m 1h 15m 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m	pm	Mathematical studies SL paper 1 Mathematics HL paper 1 Mathematics SL paper 1	1h 30m 2h 1h 30m
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Wednesday 11 May 2016

am	Mathematical studies SL paper 2 Mathematics HL paper 2 Mathematics SL paper 2	1h 30m 2h 1h 30m	pm	Classical Greek HL paper 2 Classical Greek SL paper 2 Spanish A Literature HL paper 2 Spanish A Literature SL paper 2 Spanish A Language & Literature HL paper 2 Spanish A Language & Literature SL paper 2 Spanish B HL paper 2 Spanish B SL paper 2 Spanish ab initio SL paper 2	2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m 2h 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h 30m 1h
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Thursday 12 May 2016

am	Chemistry HL paper 1 Chemistry HL paper 2 Chemistry SL paper 1 Chemistry SL paper 2 Design technology HL paper 1 Design technology SL paper 1 Design technology SL / HL paper 2	1h 2h 15m 45m 1h 15m 1h 45m 1h 30m	pm	History HL paper 3	2h 30m
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Friday 13 May 2016

am	Chemistry HL paper 3 Chemistry SL paper 3 Design technology HL paper 3	1h 15m 1h 1h 15m	pm	Psychology HL/SL paper 1 World religions SL paper 1	2h 1h 15m
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Week 3

Monday 16 May 2016

am	Geography HL/SL paper 1	1h 30m	pm	Psychology HL paper 2	2h
	ITGS HL paper 1	2h 15m		Psychology HL paper 3	1h
	ITGS SL paper 1	1h 45m		Psychology SL paper 2	1h
	Philosophy HL paper 1	2h 30m		World religions SL paper 2	1h
	Philosophy SL paper 1	1h 45m		30m	
	Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 1	1h			
	Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 1	1h			

Tuesday 17 May 2016

am	Geography HL paper 2	2h	pm	French A Literature HL paper 1	2h
	Geography HL paper 3	1h		French A Literature SL paper 1	1h
	Geography SL paper 2	1h 20m		30m French A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h
	ITGS HL/SL paper 2	1h 15m		French A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h
	ITGS HL paper 3	1h 15m		30m French B HL paper 1	1h
	Philosophy HL/SL paper 2	1h		30m French B SL paper 1	1h
	Philosophy HL paper 3	1h 15m		30m French ab initio SL paper 1	1h
	Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 2	2h		30m	
	Social & cultural anthropology HL paper 3	1h		Latin HL paper 1	1h
	Social & cultural anthropology SL paper 2	2h		30m	
				Latin SL paper 1	1h
				15m	

Wednesday 18 May 2016

am	Environmental systems & societies SL paper 1	1h	pm	French A Literature HL paper 2	2h
	Mathematics HL paper 3	1h		French A Literature SL paper 2	1h
				30m French A Language & Literature HL paper 2	2h
				French A Language & Literature SL paper 2	1h
				30m French B HL paper 2	1h
				30m French B SL paper 2	1h
				30m French ab initio SL paper 2	1h

Thursday 19 May 2016

am	German A Literature HL paper 1	2h	pm	Business management HL paper 1	2h
	German A Literature SL paper 1	1h 30m	15m	Business management SL paper 1	1h
	German A Language & Literature HL paper 1	2h		15m	
	German A Language & Literature SL paper 1	1h 30m		Further mathematics HL paper 1	2h
	German B HL paper 1	1h 30m		30m	
	German B SL paper 1	1h 30m		Global politics HL/SL paper 1	1h
	German ab initio paper 1	1h 30m		15m	
	Latin HL paper 2	2h			
	Latin SL paper 2	1h 30m			
	Music HL paper 1	2h 30m			
	Music SL paper 1	2h			

Friday 20 May 2016

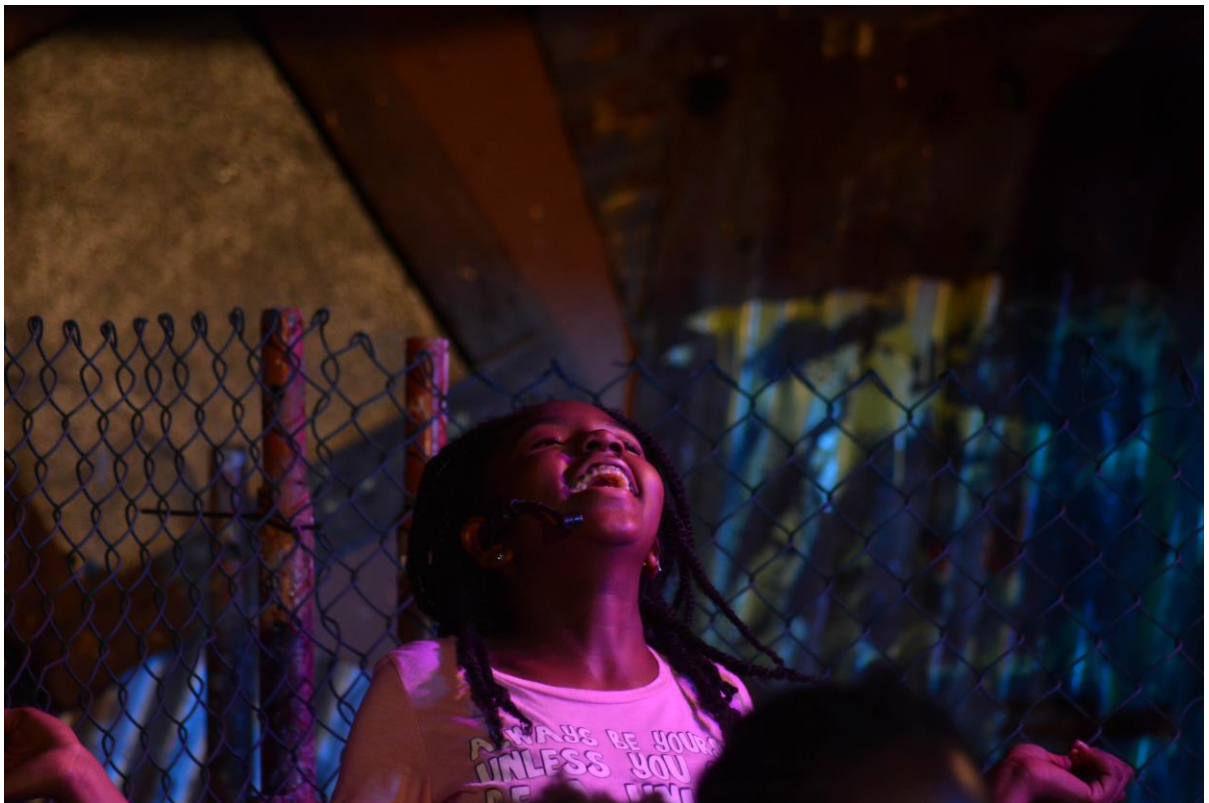
am	Business management HL paper 2	2h 15m	pm	Environmental systems & societies SL paper 2	2h
	Business management SL paper 2	1h 45m		German A Literature HL paper 2	2h
	Further mathematics HL paper 2	2h 30m		German A Literature SL paper 2	1h
	Global politics HL paper 2	2h 45m		30m German A Language & Literature HL paper 2	2h
	Global politics SL paper 2	1h 45m		German A Language & Literature SL paper 2	1h
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				30m German B SL paper 2	1h
				30m German ab initio SL paper 2	1h







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