



TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

**INTER-COLOUR
SPORTY
FAMILY
2016**

One team, one spirit, one win

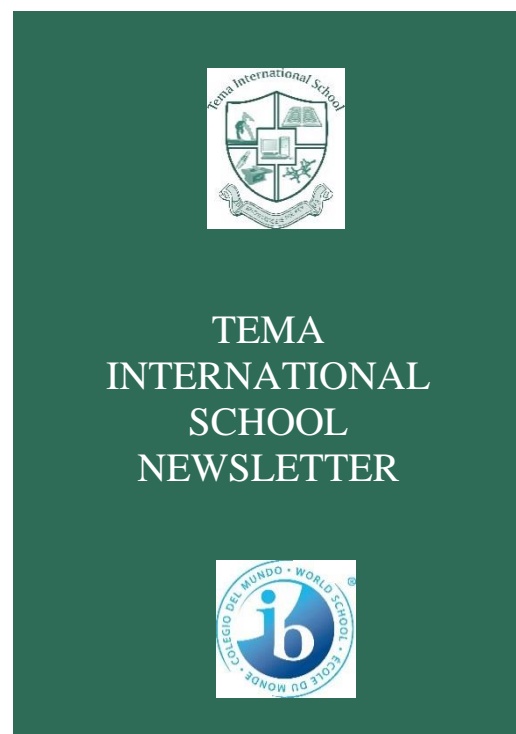
DAY Saturday 20 February 2016

TIS Sports Complex

8:00am - 1:00pm

Events
Aerobics
Swimming
Squash
Badminton
Basketball
Table Tennis
Tennis

Competitive (Inter-colour)
Team Walker
Fill in the bottle
Sack Race
Lime and Spoon
Tug of Peace
4 x 100m (2 students, 1 staff, 1 parent)
100m (students, staff and parents)
Eating competition
Feel and Reveal



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NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2016,

Calling Interested Grade 9-10 Students Interested in Computer Science

Nii Ako Boi-Doku (Northeastern University, '19, College of Computer and Information Science) is an alumnus from the graduating class of 2015 of Tema International School and would like to inform you of a possible learning opportunity for Tema International School students during the summer holidays of 2016. He, along with a few other alumni, would like to commence a project which is aimed at introducing and/or furthering the knowledge of computer science among middle and high school students. They believe the students

of Tema International School may benefit greatly from this program as it would enhance their interest and skills in the field.

Since this is their first time executing the operation, they would like to start with a pilot test in order to measure the capacity of their project. Features like the depth of complexity, duration and scalability of their project must be tested in order to ensure a well-executed project. As a result, they would like a team of 20 to 30 highly motivated and interested students from Grades 9 and 10 who would like to be a part of the pilot test. They would create a social networking page which would allow them to be in contact

with this team. This would facilitate data collection and also the planning of the pilot test for the summer.

Students who are interested should email Dr Ken (principal@tis.edu.gh) so that the pilot test group can be established.

Wow! Our TIS Alumni are fabulous and we really appreciate their continuing support and involvement with TIS. To find out more about our Alumni, please visit our website: www.tis.edu.gh

2016 Student Leaders

Congratulations to our new student leaders for 2016 who were inducted following last Sunday's Thanksgiving Service. I thank our

outgoing student leaders for their commitment and diligence during 2015. One of the school's strengths is student leadership and there are many opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills from G7 upwards. While there were strong leaders inducted last Sunday, there were also many strong leaders who were unsuccessful in the elections. There were many strong leaders who declined nomination.

Visiting Sunday – 7 February

Mrs Felicia got a bit excited about Visiting Sunday on 7 February and at our weekly assembly on Monday she informed the school that this event would be this weekend. The website calendar was quickly updated to show this (until corrected yesterday).

Parents are reminded that Visiting Sunday will be on 7 February from 1.00-4.30pm.

We apologise for any confusion caused at the start of this week.

Invitations to attend Visiting Sunday were emailed this morning to those who registered for the October event. If you did not receive an invitation, then please use the direct link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/tis-visiting-sunday-in-february-tickets-21009079723?ref=estw>

Please note that registration closes at 3.00pm on Friday, 5 February.

Please email Bijoux or Ken if you have any problems registering.

- For our international parents, as mentioned on previous occasions, please advise me when you are in Accra so that we can arrange a visit to meet with your child/ren.

MYP

A brochure about MYP, Middle Years Programme, will accompany this newsletter. TIS is applying as a Candidate MYP School from 1 August 2016.

Orientation Sessions

Last Saturday, Sam and Dev presented overviews for Grade 9 and 11 students in 2016/2017 and provided parents and their son/daughter an opportunity to make initial selections for subjects in the next academic year. Subject selection and choice will be discussed with students during this mid-semester. For Grade 11 students (2016/2017), their initial selection will be considered in relation to their intending degree program so that all future options are available, based on what we know now. Further guidance and conferences will be held with parents and students to complete this process. Outlines of last week's presentations and subject selection forms will accompany this newsletter.

ISSAG

TIS sporting representatives will travel to SOS tomorrow (Saturday) to compete in tennis, table tennis and soccer. We wish all players and teams the best of luck.

Parents' Survey

A parents' survey will be distributed today to inform the Board of Directors' academic sub-committee. It is a WORD document, so please complete and return by Friday, 5 February

Departing Students

Parents of students who will be withdrawing their son/daughter at the end of the year should notify admissions by 29 February. Students who will require a transcript and reference must advise admissions by 15 February, so that these can be prepared. Otherwise, requests may not be fulfilled in a timely manner. Intending schools that require a test or interview with a student must liaise with TIS to ensure a mutually convenient time.

Personal Modems

Students should not have personal modems at school. While there have been connectivity issues in the past, these have been resolved now. Why? Some students like to download and watch movies instead of focusing on their studies. Accessing (or addiction to) social media either minimises

study time or sleep time, and students need plenty of each. If your son or daughter has a personal modem at school, then please collect it from them on Visiting Sunday.

2016 G10 Prom Request

The TIS Grade 10 IGCSE class of 2016 would like to wish all parents and guardians a prosperous new year. We would like inform all parents about our prom which will take place on 17 June, 2016. There is a lot of excitement and enthusiasm as this day will highlight the last night we will get to spend together as a grade and bid farewell to our friends who will not be joining us in the IB Diploma Programme. Preparations for our prom have begun very early due to our upcoming exams.

Any donations and sponsorships in terms of money in order to help us reach our budget of GHC20,000 will be a great joy to the IG class of 2016. For more information about our unforgettable night, please contact Ms Bijoux Hukportie.

We are counting on your wholehearted and untiring support. The IG Class of 2016.

IBDP update

IB Student Registry Launched
Students from 15-19 years of age in the Middle Years (MYP),

Diploma (DP) and Career-related (CP) programmes can attract attention from universities worldwide by building a personal profile page in the new IB Student Registry. Universities can use the registry to search and recruit DP and CP students and share their recognition policies. Furthermore, IB World Schools can showcase their profiles. The site is: registry.ibo.org

Thanks for the support of Grade 10 Parents/ Guardians for the IB orientation on 23-1-16. Please feel free to contact Dev for any clarifications.

Special classes for Grade 12 are on this week to complete the remaining syllabus enabling a 2 week revision for the students before the first mock exam starting on 15-2-16. Grade 12 students will be having their Individual Oral commentary (IOC) for English, next week. A detailed schedule of the same will be shared to all stakeholders on ManageBac. IOC for modern languages will happen in the second week of February (from 8-12 Feb, 2016) and a detailed schedule for the same will be shared with all stakeholders on ManageBac.

Positive action on Environment-
Student and staff members of TIS have started reducing the usage of disposable water containers and are working towards complete

avoidance of the same in future. Thanks to the support of the CAS team and Grade 11 students for actively taking up this environment-friendly project.

ASCUUS Update

Best College Essay Competition

The mission of Best College Essays is to honor and showcase the stories, lives and dreams of students about to take the most important journey of their lives.

Best College Essays 2015-16 welcomes original college admissions essays from students applying to college for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Deadline: February 15, 2016
Our IB2 students are encouraged to enter this competition.

Prizes:

First prize winner: **\$1000** and featured publication in Best College Essays 2015-16.

Two second prize winners: **\$500** each and featured publication.

Runners up will be published in Best College Essays 2015-16.

*Fee waivers available on request.

Feel free to email Gabrielle Glancy, Series Editor, at info@bestcollegeessays2016.com with any questions.

Yale Young Global Scholars Program (YYGS) Deadline

Parents and applicants for the YYGS program are reminded that the application deadline is **11**

February, 2016. Let's encourage our students to apply as early as possible.

Please email african.scholars@yale.edu if you have any questions.

Parent–Student Interviews.

IB1 parents are reminded that between **February and March**, there will be one on- one meetings with counselors on the college application process. Kindly make sure to book appointment slots with your ward's counselors by **1st February, 2016.**

Test Reminders

April ACT registration ends on **12 February, 2016.** All IB1 students considering US schools are especially encouraged to register.

As usual, passports **are the only acceptable ID for test takers** (College Board directive)

To encourage our IB1 students to register for the ACT, some of our IB2 students: **Eileen Kumi, Derek Bonsu and Kwame Poku Acheampong** have volunteered to speak to our IB1s about the benefits of taking this test, how to ace it, etc. The talk is **this Friday 29 January, 2016**

CAS UPDATES:



GardenHolics Club –

“*Gardenholics*” is a gardening Club that nurtures Herbs and vegetables. It is a refreshing Club that seeks to give students the opportunity to appreciate the environment, growth, and source of food on the whole. It aims at making students understand how important it is to *recycle* almost everything.

The garden is made up of passionate and committed



students, and at the moment, the club has mustard, spring onions, parsley, basil, chili, hot pepper, thymes, spinach and lettuce rocket at the nursery. Raised beds are

being prepared for transplanting and materials are being gathered to make compost as well.

The main objective of the “*Gardenholics*” is to enable biology students to marry the garden activities and their observations to what is taught in the lab/classroom for a better and deeper understanding, and also to produce vegetables for the TIS community.

The Club would be grateful to receive some donations in the form of tools and materials. Simple hand tools like hand fork, spades, watering cans and seeds would be very much appreciated.

GardenHolics; Turning trash into Treasure!!!



Red Cross: Today marks the third and final day for the theoretical sessions of the Red Cross Club Workshop, organized for the IB Class of 2017. The practical sessions will take place on Sunday, 31 January, 2016. Below

are a few remarks from participants (students & staff):

“Great presentation. It has been interactive and students have been well engaged and disciplined”. ~ **Jeremiah Essuman (Staff, Department of English /Patron)**

“I have learnt a lot of things from this workshop even though it is just the second day. I will love to take this up as a profession”. ~ **Solomon (Staff, Kitchen)**

“It has been very engaging and interesting and I am enjoying it much more than I expected. It has been especially helpful to me because I want to go into healthcare.” ~ **Eyram Diaba (Student)**

“It has been amazing so far. The idea of ‘Red Cross’ didn’t sound as exciting at first, but the instructor has really facilitated learning.” ~ **Kevin Williams (Student)**



Inter-Colour Current Affairs Quiz: A night of an academic and fun competition among colour groups. 5 February, 2016 will see

TIS witness its 1st Inter-Colour Current Affairs Competition. It will be a quiz of four rounds filled with thought provoking questions from **Sports, Entertainment, Business, Politics, Science & Technology**, and of course, **Affairs in TIS**. It will be a battle of brains, battle of memory, a battle of historical perspectives, but most importantly, a battle of **‘currency’**. Parents are welcome.

Chocolate Friendship day and



Concert Night: The IB Class of 2017 is so prepared for their very special Chocolate Friendship day & Concert Night. A time to say a special thank you to a friend. Share chocolates and bond.



Inter-Colour Sporty Family, 2016 – Who are you supporting?

The **Red Kigelia, Yellow Outeniqua, Blue Cedar or Green Wisteria???** Come and participate in a colorful competition as students, parents and all members of the TIS community engage in a day of sports and fun.

There will be an aerobics session along with swimming, basketball, ‘fill in the bottle’, ‘tug of war’, 4 x 100 and a variety of sporting activities with your health in mind.

Healthy food and drinks will be on sale.

Come along with family members, friends and loved ones to test your fitness level and share in the fun!!!

Please support you child/ren’s colour group.

Venue: TIS Sports Complex

Date : 20th February, 2016

Time : 8am to 1pm



Mock for IGCSE (Gr 10) & IBDP (Gr 12) – Mock 1 will start

on the 15th of February. Our candidates are working towards 100 %. Join us in motivating our students to success. Send your message to info@tis.edu.gh, titled: **'To our Candidates'**. These messages will be posted around campus as a reminder of how much we believe in them. 100% is possible.

TIS Magazine, 2016 edition – Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the TIS magazine, 2016 edition. The editorial board made up of students of the IB Class of

Meet our alumni of the Week!



NAME: Stefan Amegashie

Year Group: IB Class of 2015

Hostel/Colour Group: Anthony Hostel/Green Wisteria

Roles played at TIS:

- Hostel Prefect
- Character (LION KING)
- Member of Red Cross
- Soccer Team Player
- Athlete

Achievements (Projects/Awards): Best Sports Student (2014)

Current University: Morns Ville State College (New York, USA)

Year: Freshman Year

Programme: Agricultural Engineering

At Morns Ville: Member of African group responsible for Community Service

Key Word in Life: Determination

Word of Advice: Life is like a box of chocolate

2017 is working tirelessly to put together a compilation of events, stories, interviews, pictures of our school year.

All proceeds from our School magazine go towards Community Service Projects.

Birthdays

Finally, TIS would like to wish our dear students, staff, parents and guardians whose birthdays fall in the month of February Happy Birthday!

Feedback

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We welcome your comments and suggestions on how to make this newsletter more relevant to you. Do not hesitate to contact us via info@tis.edu.gh if you have any queries or concerns.

Warm Regards,
Dr. Ken Darvall
Principal





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- Present rich information on your IB experience
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The IB Student Registry enables you to build your own profile page to attract attention from universities that interest you - and to be noticed by universities you might not know about!

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In a cool seat with the principal



TIS Gardening Club



Second Semester Health Walk



Monday's Morning Assembly



Noni Club @ TIS



Red Cross Workshop



Prefects & SRC Induction Service

