



## TIS BULLETIN: 15 JANUARY, 2016

### Thought for the Week

The more I live, the more I learn. The more I learn, the more I realize, the less I know.

- Michel Legrand

### Important Dates

18/1/16: ASA commences

23/1/16: Health Walk; SAT; Parents of Grades 8 and 10 Orientation

24/1/16: Thanksgiving service and induction of new student leaders

30/1/16: ISSAG soccer, tennis and table tennis @ SOS

### A Great Start

Students have enjoyed a great start to second semester. Students in Grade 10 and 12 are very focused on completion of their course work and internal assessments, before they commence their mock exams. For these students, it is a case of minimum distractions so that they can focus on achieving or improving their predicted grades.

### ASA

The After School Activities (ASA) program commences next week. There are a range of activities spread across the entire week, from Sunday to Saturday. Students in Grades 7-9 and 11 must select a minimum of two activities and a maximum of four for the semester. Students select their activities online and this process will close on Sunday night. At this stage, art and craft (7-8), cooking (7-9), cosmetology (8-9), junior community service club, red cross club and yoga are the most popular clubs, having been fully booked within 12 hours.

### TIS Alumni

It is always great to see our TIS Alumni members when they return to Ghana. Many Alumni returned home to celebrate Christmas and New Year with their families and took the opportunity to call in and meet staff and students. We value our Alumni and always welcome and encourage their involvement. Yesterday, Maxwell Sencherey (DP Class of 2011) & Elom Tettey-Tamaklo (DP Class of 2015) spoke to our Grade 10-12 students and provided our students with valuable insights to university admissions, courses, universities and success tips for school, university and career.

As part of our valuable Alumni network, we are encouraging out students to make contact with Alumni members to get their feedback on students' plans for their next big step. Additionally, we will be continuing our important feature, Alumni of the Week, in our weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters. These features will also be placed on our website.



## Calendar

An updated calendar of events will be included with this bulletin. Please note there are quite a few changes to ensure a better balance and avoid congestion for activities.

## Health Walk

The second semester health walk will be held next Saturday, 23 January. Parents are welcome to join us. The walk will commence at 6.00am.

## Parents of Grade 8 and 10 Students Orientation

Parents of Grade 8 and 10 students are invited to attend an orientation session on Saturday, 23 January at 9.00am in the MPH. This meeting will provide parents with information about IGCSE and DP courses and subjects for the 2016/2017 academic year.

## Thanksgiving Service and Induction of Student Leaders

This service and event will be held next Sunday, 24 January, commencing at 3.00pm. Parents are invited to attend.

## YYGS Scholarships

[The Yale Young Global Scholars Program](#) (YYGS) is offering six financial need-based scholarships for high school students from the African continent to attend YYGS this summer at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, USA. We ask that you please share this opportunity with anyone you think may be interested.

**The scholarship will cover tuition, airfare and travel expenses to the program.**

The Yale Young Global Scholars Program is open to students who have one or two years of secondary school remaining, and offers six unique two-week sessions. The program is a rigorous academic experience, featuring lectures from renowned Yale faculty.

To be eligible for the full scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a citizen of an African country and currently reside in that country;
- Have attended school in that country for most of the applicant's education;
- Complete the [Yale Young Global Scholars online application](#), **including the financial aid portion**

**The application deadline is February 11, 2016.** In order to be eligible for this scholarship, students must meet ALL of the requirements listed above and complete the application, including the financial aid portion, by the deadline. No additional steps required.

If you have any questions, feel free to email [global.scholars@yale.edu](mailto:global.scholars@yale.edu).



## ASCUUS UPDATE

### Brag Rights

Happy New Year! We are here again with exciting offers.

Congratulations to our IB2 students who have received offers from **Temple University, Rider University, Acadia University, Webster University, Seton Hall, Ryerson University, Mount Saint Vincent University, Carleton University, Brock University, SUNY Buffalo, King's University College, Wilfrid Laurier, Wilson College, University of Bristol and University of Manchester**

Looking forward to more interesting offers! Keep your fingers crossed with us ☺.

### Parent – Student Interviews

Our IB2s are enjoying brag rights and it's the turn of our IB1s to start making the college decisions.

IB1 parents are reminded that between **February and March**, there will be one on- one meetings with (individual counselors). Kindly note that these customized meeting slots will be a replacement for the usual college application meeting originally scheduled for **12<sup>th</sup> March, 2016**.

We will communicate specific dates, duration and format of these meeting in due course.

### Summer Camps

It's not too early to make summer plans. Here are some opportunities for students:

#### **California College of Arts (CCA) Summer High School English & Arts/Design Program:**

**(3 weeks / July 9-31)**

Does your ward want to enjoy spending three weeks in the San Francisco Bay Area while developing English language and studio skills?

Then this summer program is their best bet!

#### **Eligible to apply:**

**International high school students of ages 15-17 who have just completed 10th, 11th, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade.**

Participants explore verbal and visual languages and experiment with a range of processes and materials. They work closely with faculty to complete and document studio projects for their college-admissions portfolios; they also receive guidance on developing college application essays.

Please visit [cca.edu/summer-english](http://cca.edu/summer-english) for more information and to apply.



## Pre-College Program (4 weeks / June 27–July 22)

*If your ward is 15-18 years and is completing grades 10, 11 or 12, then this is for you.*

**CCA's four-week summer Pre-College Program**, for international students with fluent English proficiency, **offers 20 different art, architecture, design, and writing course options**. Participants earn **3 units of college credit**.

## Education USA Academy (3-4 week summer academic program) for 15 – 17 year old students

### Participating students will receive:

- ✓ English language courses, college preparatory content, tours of diverse colleges and universities, and cross-cultural activities
- ✓ An overview of secondary and higher education systems in the United States and the U.S. college/university admissions process, develop critical thinking and leadership skills, and participate in enriching cultural and social activities.

For more details, please visit the [Education USA Academy website](#).

## Oxford International College, Switzerland: 2 weeks

- ✓ This summer camp offers the chance to interact with students from around the world, as well as spending time in some of the most stunning locations in Europe.
- ✓ Interested students will be coached, guided and challenged in various media and techniques
- ✓ **Exclusive access** to professionals, events and *networking opportunities*.
- ✓ Students will learn skills that will *help them prepare for a career as a professional*
- ✓ Hands-on opportunities for students to travel, connect, and build a network which does not exist at any other European international school.
- ✓ **Students will study 2 hours of intensive language sessions (English, French or German) each day.**

Read more about Oxford Int. College on [www.oicswitzerland.com](http://www.oicswitzerland.com)

**\*Look out for more summer programs in our future bulletins.**



## College Visits

• Minerva College	Wed. Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup>	2pm
• Lancaster Univ.	Friday. Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2:45pm
• Webster Univ.	Friday. Jan. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1:45pm
• Univ. of Stirling	Tues. Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	12noon
• Vancouver Island Univ.	Thurs. Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>	12noon
• University of Ghana	Fri. Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>	1:45pm
• UK Fair	Thurs. Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	3pm – 5pm

Parents are welcome to attend!

## SAT Reminders

The January SAT exam takes place on Saturday, 23 January. **A valid unexpired passport is the only acceptable form of identification.** This is in line with strict directives from the College Board, USA. Parents should please arrange to bring passports in no later than **Wednesday, 21 January, 2016**. Photocopies and scanned copies of passports are unacceptable.

## Zonta International Scholarship Award

As a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy, Zonta International Young Women in Public Affairs (YWPA) Awards Program has established a scholarship program to empower young women in gaining the skills needed to be able to participate in public affairs.

To apply for the scholarship program for your child please visit their website, [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org) for more information and to download the application form.

## IBDP update

Grade 12 is on the home run to complete syllabus requirements with the IA's now being submitted. The syllabus for all the subjects is to be completed by 29-1-16. Students will have 2 week revision for their first mock exam starting on Feb 15, 2016. By God's grace we are well on our goal towards 100% DP results for the May 2016 batch.

Grade 11 has made a start attempt to the extended essay by having an initial meeting with their supervisors. I suggested the following topics as a guidance for their extended essay during the school assembly

1. Ways to increase tourism in Ghana
2. Health benefits of coconut oil and cocoa.
3. Sustainable power generation ideas to help rural populace.
4. Producing electricity from waste.
5. Environmental impact of the sustained use of tissue papers.



6. Natural ways to curb mosquito multiplication.
7. Ways to increase generic drugs production in Ghana.

The above are just a few ideas when as an IB student, you can think locally and act globally. We look forward to a healthy walk with parents on Saturday week followed by the parent orientation for IGCSE and IBDP.

## CAS Updates

**CAS Online Sign-Up** –CAS sign is now completed online. The portal has been opened since 14 January, 2016, and will be closed on 18 January, 2016 at 8pm. Students have the opportunity to choose a minimum of 2 After School Activities (ASA) and a maximum of 4. There is the need to maintain a balance between academics and co-curricular activities. Parents should therefore encourage their children to step out of their comfort zones and sign up for different activities.

**IB1 Service Learning Trip**- The 2<sup>nd</sup> service Learning trip to Akorlikope for the IB Class of 2017 was scheduled for January 29-31, 2016. However, since the ISSAG Soccer & Tennis competition will take place on 30 January, 2016, and a number of students from the IB Class of 2017 are core players of the teams, there is the need to reschedule the date for the trip. 5 -7 of March, 2016. This is therefore the new date and letters will be sent to respective parents in due course.

**The ComeBack Festival** – In previous bulletins and newsletters, this event had been scheduled to take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, to raise funds in support of two children suffering from serious heart conditions, and in need of surgery to survive. However, due to the inability of some invited artistes and schools to attend, the event has been postponed. A new date will be scheduled and communicated in due course.

**Inter-Hostel Competitions** – Within the week a number of sporting events took place amongst the various hostels and the following are the results.

### Inter-Hostel Soccer

Catherine 1 – Cecilia 0

Francis 1 – Anthony 0

### Inter-Hostel Table Tennis

Catherine 2 – Cecilia 1

Francis 3 – Anthony 1

## Alumni of the week!



**NAME:** Owura Kwaku Dapaah Opoku

**Year Group:** IB Class of 2014

**Hostel/Colour:** Francis/Blue Cedar

**Roles played at TIS:**

- SRC President(while in Grade 10)
- Publicity team (LION KING)
- Initiated Campus tree labeling project
- Designer (X-File magazine cover)
- Played Pharaoh in 'Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat'

**Current University:** Parsons the New School of Design

**Level:** 200

**Programme:** -Integrated Design (Major)  
-Contemporary Music

**At Parsons:** Head Graphic Designer (Office of students' Development and Activities)

**One Word:** Perseverance

I appreciate your support.

Dr Ken Darvall  
Principal

## Some of our Alumni visit TIS









