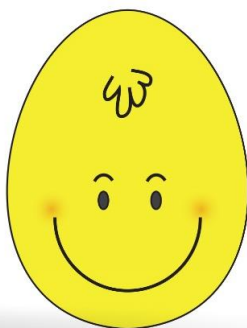




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APRIL 2016.

### Expression 2016

Thank you, students, for your wonderful efforts towards an outstanding event last Sunday. The various forms of expression on display demonstrated the many talents that TIS students possess. Thank you for all the time and effort you contributed to make this event an outstanding success.

Thank you, parents, for supporting your son/daughter on this day. Thank you for assistance in raising money to support Mawuena's appeal for heart surgery. To date, GHC20,000 has been raised, so we are still GHC11,000 short of our target, but still with five weeks to reach this special goal.

Thank you, Alumni, for being an important part of Expression 2016. You are an important part of TIS and will be an important part of our events in future. Stay tuned.

Thank you, staff, for your efforts, contributions and time to ensure everything went to plan.

### Mid-Semester Reports

These reports will be available from midday tomorrow (Thursday). Parents will receive an email when the reports are available.

### Mid-Semester Break

Students depart today for their mid-semester vacation, returning to school on Saturday, 2 April, between 1.00 – 5.00pm.

Parents and students are reminded on their return:

- girls' hair must be no longer than shoulder length;
- boys' hair should be conservative, no beards;
- internet modems or sim cards for iPads or similar devices are not permitted.

I trust students and family enjoy this quality time with students re-energising for the final session of second semester.

### French Study Tour

The two-week French study tour planned for June still has some vacancies. The cost is USD3000. Late applications to join this study tour

will close on 8 April. Please email Bijoux for more information.



### CAS Updates

On behalf of the IB Class of 2017, I wish to express my profound gratitude to the entire TIS community for answering our call to be part of this ‘life-saving’ event. A big thank you to Mrs. Karen Hendrickson for an inspiring speech (I’m sure it loosened a lot of pockets and purses). By your generous contributions, a total amount of **GHC17, 589.40** was raised, plus **GHC 4,243.00** raised during Chocolate Friendship event, giving a total of **GHC 21,832.40** raised so far, and we should be proud of ourselves for that.

However, we still need an amount of **GHC 10,167.60** to be able to meet the target (GHC32.000) in total, and I wish to use this opportunity to make a final appeal to parents who couldn’t make it to the event and to those who still wish to donate to kindly contact Ms. Bijoux Hukportie at [bijoux.h@tis.edu.gh](mailto:bijoux.h@tis.edu.gh)

There is never such thing as ‘too much kindness’. Just a little more

push and we succeed in putting a smile a little boy’s face.

The IB Class of 2017 planned to make a presentation on behalf of Mawuena at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital on the 15 May, 2016.



### Expression 2016 - CAS Fair:

“Our greatest personal fulfilment comes when we contribute to improving the welfare of others”~  
*Gail Lynne Goodwin*

With the above in mind, and with Mawuena Atsu Davor at heart, the path was clear to commence the journey to ‘save a life’. The energy of students in putting together all the wares; from Art & Craft, Bead Making, GardenHolics, Soap Making, cooking, to Photography, was simply contagious. It was a period of giving, but this time, it was not about giving material things or money. It was about giving that which could not be bought; our might, our will, our enthusiasm, and most importantly, our time. Students had already understood and believed in the cause at hand and as a result, gave their all and worked tirelessly to help achieve it

was not in the least difficult. The beautiful CAS fair that occupied the Gardens was all made possible by students who had love for what they were doing.



**Art & Craft** blessed the fair with amazing pots & craft works meticulously calligraphed by students and decorated with fashionable beads from the bead making class.



From the **Cure Aid** group came the sweet scented *Lyon Liquid Soap* for washing hands and for all domestic uses.



**GardenHolics** did their magic with all the *Cactus & Succulents* while the cooking team came up with the delicious *Yam Chips & Pork Chops* and appetising *chicken saute & vegetable rice*.

It was altogether a beautiful and worthwhile experience, and of course our students and some parents had the following to say;



“Expression is one of my favourite TIS events and it’s something I always look forward to. The CAS Fair blows my mind each year and this year, I was lucky enough to be part of it. I learnt to be patient and it enhanced my calligraphy skills. But above all, I learnt to persevere as I had to stay beyond midnight during the last few days to make sure things got done. I’m so glad knowing that I played a part in helping to save a life.” ~ **Essie Baiden (IB1)**



“Unforgettable moments in the form of printed pictures were sold by the TIS Photography Club to support the heart surgery of Mawuena. I was on duty at the stand from 4pm until the program concluded and at the end of the day I had managed to sell majority of the pictures.” ~ **Yaa Dwomoh Addai (Grade 9)**

I cannot begin to express how elated I am at the success of the CAS Fair. It was definitely worth the sleepless nights on my feet and the brainstorming sessions deep into the night. I have learnt the importance of planning and being a good communicator. It was an unforgettable experience which I know will make Mawuena’s future much much brighter. ~ **Eyram Diaba (IB1)**



“**GardenHolics** at Expression was so much fun. Planting all those cactus and succulents and seeing parents buy them with joy made me proud of myself. I’m happy I could contribute to saving Mawuena.” **Natasha Preba Arkaah (Grade 8)**

”The CAS Fair this year has been the biggest I have seen so far in TIS. I had the chance to help make the fair a success by mobilising my colleague students to get work done. It has taught me that work can be more enjoyable when there is understanding and teamwork.” ~ **Ryan Apreala (IB1)**

“I loved it...the new spatial



arrangement is good and doing the musical performances in the MPH works well” ~ **Kelly Gadzekpo (Parent)**

TIS keeps getting better and better. As a parent, I am so pleased with the leadership. The kids are developing skills for life. So encouraged to see how our daughter has developed her singing. The food prepared and served by students was delicious. The photography club showing and selling pictures of our children was a brilliant initiative. The whole atmosphere was delightful. Kudos to the organizers. ~ **Kwame King (Parent)**

A wonderful day! I loved the



settings, the products on display and the show. My favourite was the Garden products. What a proactive way to raise funds to support a great cause. Well done to the IB Class of 2017. ~ **Grace Krobo-Edusei (Parent)**



**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.

[surama.king@tis.edu.gh](mailto:surama.king@tis.edu.gh)



### 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.

[surama.king@tis.edu.gh](mailto:surama.king@tis.edu.gh) or 0244615255



Have an amazing Easter Break and enjoy quality

time with your family and friends.

**Coming up in April:** Inter Colour Dance Battle on the 8 of April – 7pm MPH and Inter Colour Spelling Bee 29 April, 7pm MPH. Watch out for more details. There is never an idle time at TIS.

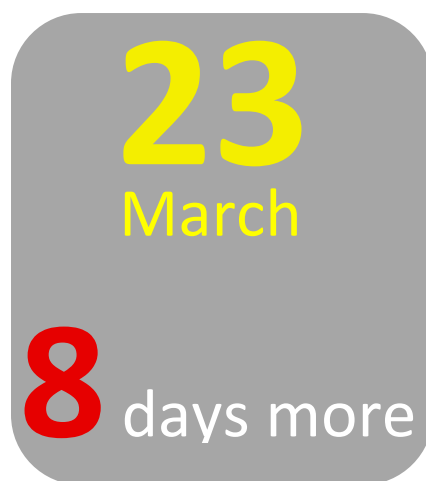
### ASCCUS Updates

#### Brag Rights:

Congratulations to our IB2 students who have received offers from the following universities/colleges:

- Mount Holyoke College
- Northeastern University
- Agnes Scott College
- McGill University

We are proud of you. Still counting down to **April 1, 2016**



### Test Reminders

- All students testing in upcoming SAT, ACT exams are encouraged to prepare for the tests during the mid-semester break.
- Test takers are reminded to return to school with their valid unexpired passports. This is the only acceptable ID for test takers.

### Session Updates



- Our Grade 7 students are eagerly putting together short stories for a class anthology. Watch out for really creative pieces. They are picking up collaborative, writing and design skills.
- Our Grade 9 students are learning to create compelling power point presentations. They are expected to apply these skills during their presentations on universities.
- Our IB1 students have been handed their self-assessment sheets. Parents are encouraged to assist their wards in completing these forms. An excellent self-assessment equals excellent teacher/counselor recommendations for college applications.

## Creative Arts Updates

### *The 6<sup>th</sup> Episode of a Creative Experience.*

#### *Learning outcome 2: Drive*

This episode begins with a number of questions.



Do I have the right to be fed-up and tired as a creative person?

Do I always need to be budding with creative ideas?

Do I always have to make art with meaning?

Do I need inspiration all the time to create?



The questions above have been asked a number of times by creative artists of different class and caliber. There is always the point where the frustration of not being able to produce, get creative ideas, be inspired enough set in. I saw a creative arts student during the week and asked her how she was progressing in her creative

work. She exclaimed in the manner above “hmmm I don’t feel I have the drive anymore” And you wonder; what took away the drive? And where did it go?

The drive as it is called is embedded in every moment that presents itself in any situation. A creative mind seeks those moments effortlessly by allowing him or herself to see possibilities in those moment. Within every moment, lies a creative potential waiting to be engaged with. The question is does one have the drive to explore it? Yes! It is ok to feel you are not inspired enough. Yes! It is ok to feel less creative. Those moments are needed to generate a number of interactions and actions. The drive enables those interactions evolve into creations.

## Message from Head of Boarding

### Student’s Appearance

According to the TIS school rules “Survival Guide” on page 18 section 8.5.

These rules clearly states that boys must have their hair short and neatly trimmed, moustaches and sideburns shaven.

For the girls, hair should be shoulder length so that it is easy to manage.

In this regards, Hostel Guardians have constantly reminded students of these rules during our common room meetings.

In regards to the above concerns, we would like to draw your attention to remind your daughter / son to redo their hair to the standard length required by the school rules and fix their moustaches/ sideburns before returning from mid semester. Otherwise he/ she will have to face the consequence of her being sent home upon arrival when we resume school on April 2, Saturday for the girls/ boys hair to be fixed and cut to maintain orderliness.

Thank you for your support.

### Birthdays

Finally TIS would like to wish our dear students, parents, guardians and staff whose birthdays fall in the month of April 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](mailto:info@tis.edu.gh) if you have any queries or concerns.

### Happy Easter

To all members of the TIS family, enjoy a happy Easter!

Warm Regards,  
Dr. Ken Darvall  
Principal

**Hard work always pays off! #Expression 2016**



Expression 2016 in a thousand words!







Amazing performances at the fair....



**Meet our Alumni of the week!**



**NAME:** Theresa Baffour

**Year Group:** IB Class of 2012

**Hostel/Colour Group:** Catherine/Yellow Outeniqua

**Roles played at TIS:**

- Member of SRC
- Pioneering Team Member of Akorlikope School Project

**Achievements (Projects/Awards):**

- Highest IGCSE Results (2010)
- Highest IB results (2012)
- Awards recipient every Achievers Day

**Current University:** Smith College (Massachusetts, USA)

**Level:** 400

**Programme:** Chemistry

**At Smith College:** Co-Chair of Smith African and Caribbean Student Assoc.

**Key Word in Life:** Principled **Word of Advice:** These are the formative years. Take advantage of the opportunities given you and that will help you grow and develop as an individual.

**Do you feel driven?**



**Dr.Ken with some heads of schools @ Africa Leadership University (ALU) in Mauritius**

