



## TIS BULLETIN: 07 OCTOBER, 2016

### Thought for the Week

If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.  
- Wayne Dyer

### Calendar

- 7/10/16: Humanities Day
- 8/10/16: Adjavon Memorial Cup; Africana Night
- 13/10/16: Board of Governors meeting
- 14/10/16: TIS athletics carnival
- 15/10/16: PSAT
- 22/10/16: TIS Annual Performance
- 28/10/16: Ghana MUN
- 29/10/16: ISSAG Athletics championships; Ghana MUN
- 30/10/16: Ghana MUN; ESS/Biology/Geography excursion to England

### Making Us Proud

- Sarah King and Michael Quaye are great ambassadors showing visitors around TIS.
- Genesis, who performed at the Harbourside Mass Choir last Saturday.
- G11 students who organized a superb Founders' Day and Week of celebrations.

### Parent Reminders

- Please read the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter, and take action as required.
- Parents must submit an exeat form for any occasion a student needs to exit the school. The information required is: student's name; hostel; reason for the exeat; time and date for student to commence exeat; time and date for student to return from exeat; name of person requesting the exeat; their relationship to the student. As many parents are unable to access the exeat slip from the website as they use devices, please include the above details in an email to [principal@tis.edu.gh](mailto:principal@tis.edu.gh). Please ensure you include all details. 48 hours notice is expected

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- Gates close at 5.00pm. After this time, vehicles remain outside the gates, unless prior approval has been granted by the Principal, Boarding Liaison (Alex) or Head of Hostel (Richmond or Elizabeth).
- Please email Ken or Bijoux if you have any problem accessing ManageBac (MB) or Naviance.

## TIS Founders' Day and Week

It has been the most important week on the TIS school calendar and an important opportunity to appreciate the dream and reality of TIS Founders, Mr and Mrs Adjavon. The involvement of their family ensures a family school tradition that adds that special touch to TIS.

There will be various reports throughout this bulletin about events this week. However, it is not over yet. The Adjavon Memorial Cup featuring a soccer challenge (male), volleyball (female) and basketball (mixed) will be held tomorrow (Saturday) from 8.00am. There will be close games and funny sights tomorrow and sore bodies onwards. Parents are most welcome to enjoy the day. Africana night will be held on Saturday night and the Founders' Week will conclude with a Thanksgiving service on Sunday at 9.00am.

On behalf of the TIS community, I congratulate Mrs Adjavon and her family on this 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the achievements of TIS to date. I know the late Mr Adjavon has been smiling and laughing all week at the way this special week has been celebrated.

## TIS Swimming Championships

Founders' Week commenced with the annual TIS Swimming Championships. Yellow held onto the swimming trophy by managing to be 5 points ahead at the end of the carnival. Unfortunately, our stronger swimmers have been doing little training so far. However, training will commence for ISSAG from 1 November. Nevertheless, there were 16 new records set on the day. These were:

- India Agyeman: 14 years girls, 25m freestyle; open girls 50m freestyle; open girls 25m butterfly;
- Natasha Edgal: 15 years girls 25m freestyle
- Oluwaseyilayo Olagbami: 16 years girls 25m freestyle; open girls 25m backstroke
- Marie-Gabriella Nwokolo: 17 years girls 25m freestyle
- David Adarkwah: open boys Champion of Champions 25m freestyle; open boys 50m

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freestyle.

- Michael Kumi: 13 years boys 25m freestyle; open boys 25m backstroke; boys open 25m butterfly.
- Fikayomi Olagbami: 14 years boys 25m freestyle.
- Henry Findley-Antonio: 15 years boys 25m freestyle
- Yellow: 4x25m mixed freestyle relay; 4x25m mixed medley relay

Our swimming champions from 2015 hold onto their titles in 2016: India Agyeman and Michael Kumi.

Our fastest swimmers are India Agyeman and David Adarkwah.

Oluwaseyilayo Olagbami won the family battle to set the most records (2) from her younger brother, Fikayomi (1).

The following swimmers join the TIS Swimming Team for 2016/2017: David Adarkwah, Michael Kumi, Nana Osei Mainoo, Nana Obeng, Edem Coffie, Henry Findley-Antonio, Babune Eli Dzantor, Ryan Apreala, India Agyeman, Oluwaseyilayo Olagbami, Natasha Edgal, Adoma Agyare, Phoebe Dadson and Elizabeth Appafram. More students will be added once training starts on 1 November.

## **TIS Athletics Championships**

Next Friday, 14 October, TIS will conduct its athletics championships from 8.00am. Events will include: 100m, 200m, 800m, 1500m, champion of champions (100m), 4x100 relays, high jump, discus, javelin and shot put. Performances at the carnival will result in selection for the ISSAG athletics championships on 29 October. Parents are welcome to attend from 8.00am-1.00pm

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## Scientific Corner

*Practical of the Week: Grade 9 students separating the pigments in chlorophyll using paper chromatography.*



## MYP Corner

### Founders' Week and International Teachers' Day

It has been a week full of events, celebrations and activities, showcasing the best sides of TIS. It's always a pleasure to see how much creativity there is in a school and being able to witness the high level of performances.

As each day had its own theme, we have also been enjoying the different ways everyone was dressed. (well almost everyone; teachers take an example of the students!)

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The colourful national dresses, the more than funny look-alike twin day outfits and the theme day on Thursday. So much work and thought has gone into this and I guess some of the parents had their hand in to this as well.

As it states in the IB Mission Statement: *“The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.”* And indeed this is how we have seen the students act this week, where we can be proud again on what our students achieve in other areas than being the student learners.

In this, as part of the Teachers’ Day, in some lessons the students took over and acted as teachers. Believe me, some of them can serve as role models for us, teachers. It feels good to be recognized during this international teachers’ day, as we know that it can be a tough job. Having said that, it is also one of the most fulfilling jobs that exist and I would like to encourage those risk-takers who took over this week's lessons, to endeavor a career in education.



Thank you students of TIS for this great week!!  
Ate Hemmes/ MYP Coordinator

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## Alumni Corner

It is no secret that the success of any organization depends, to a very large extent, on the efforts of its members. For a venture to thrive, stakeholders will need to make conscious attempts at bringing their efforts together. This collaboration and teamwork is what is required of all of you as alumni in order to move this venture (association) to that level we all wish to see it.

Against this backdrop however, we all agree that there is the need for leaders who will be at the forefront and who will inspire us to do our best for our 'green' association. Leaders who will not only ask us by word of mouth to act, but who will do so through their own actions and initiatives. This is what necessitated the formation of the *TIS Alumni Representative Council (ARC)*, and now the *TIS Alumni Executive Council (AEC)*.

Ladies and Gentlemen, as decided by the members within each year group the following have been selected by their classmates to represent them.

### **The Alumni Representative Council (ARC)**

Dean Amegashie '07, Albert Osei '07, Akosua Mate '08, Nana Adjoa Asante '08, Somi Umolu '09, Selase Dela- Brown '09, David Mate Azu '11, Nana Kwame Agyeman- Duah Mensah '11, Elikem Tettey-Tamaklo '12, Budu Koomson '12, Jesse Oddoye '13, Enstiwa Adenu Mensah '13, Kwabena Agyare '14, Derrick Worchie '14, Beryl Sawyerr '15, Aziz Timbilla '15, Nana Kwame Brown '16, Akua Ofeibea Sakyi-Addo '16.

Following an election contested by alumni and old students, and voted by members of the ARC, we present to you the executives of the TIS Alumni Association. Their term of office is from August 2016- July 2018.

### **The Alumni Executive Council (AEC)**



**Treasurer-** Mr. Aicon Andah 09 Alum

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**Secretary/PRO-** Miss Maame Efua Agyare- Kumi '15 Alum



**Organiser** – Mr. Dela Attikesse- Old Student (Class of 2010)



**Deputy Organiser-** Mr. Henry Kumi '2010 Alum

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Board of Directors, Staff, Students, Parents and fellow Alumni; it is with sincere humility that I accept this honorable position as President. I would like to first and foremost thank my fellow alumni representatives for electing and subsequently entrusting me with this coveted role.

I am deeply humbled by your faith in me, and I promise to uphold this office with the utmost respect and dignity.

Secondly I would like to thank my parents for providing me with the opportunity to have been a part of this prestigious establishment that has ultimately led me to this position.

Last but certainly not the least, I would like to express my appreciation to the TIS community for accepting my role as president, and for all the support I have been given since I stepped into this role. I aim to live up to the trust you all have placed in me.

As one of the first individuals to walk through the doors of Tema International School, with no idea of what to expect, I had nothing but faith, my suit cases, and the fearful stares from my parents as they thought to themselves “what have we gotten her into”.

Our now proud school was a mere six room girls’ hostel, a barely completed boys’ hostel, a partially completed MPH, four classrooms and a fifth and a sixth classroom that we called a library and a computer room, respectively.

So when I was asked why I wanted to be President of the Legacy of this nationally-renowned establishment? My answer was, because I literally saw it get built from the start, because of the leap of faith that the pioneer parents and students such as myself, took on that 3rd day of October, 2003, made history and we subsequently became part of what is now TIS history.

I thought to myself who would be better to lead this force than someone who was part and parcel of its genesis.

When I look at the products of TIS, I see so much more than just excellent, dynamic, diverse individuals, who have gone on to accomplish so much with the platform that was awarded to them through the TIS education. I see the networking across political, social and business arenas.

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During my tenure I will work closely with the ARC members, to create and to foster a strong networking community, encompassing both local and international Alumni. This will be aimed at not only creating a forum for Alumni to network for career advancement, but also to elevate the TIS name to a world renowned status.

I plan to implement a Big Brother program that will zero in on more effective mentoring techniques. This program will be different from the group-based mentoring that we currently have. It will be a one on one affair, where pre-screened Alumni will serve as sponsors to each student. I call this the “**Foster Program**”.

The TIS brand is known nationwide, but I believe that it can travel even much further than within our African borders. When I moved to the US, I noticed that a lot of institutions were unaware of the IB program. I believe that a growth in the Alumni’s visibility can create awareness for the program and for TIS, as we excel within these international communities. The best marketing strategy is usually realized, when a product is able to sell itself and with the caliber of individuals that TIS has produced, it will be an easy sell to the international markets, if showcased well. I am very willing and able to drive this exposure to transcend across borders.

In conclusion, as the president, I aim to revolutionize our Alumni group into formidable force to reckon with. This will in turn elevate the status of TIS, its current students, the Alumni and the TIS community as a whole.

Again thank you all for this privilege, I will not let you down.

Thank you,

**Emelia Doku, 2007 Alum  
President**



## College Guides



**NAVIANCE:** On World Teacher’s Day, our Grade 7 students took on the role of teachers and taught us with a Naviance lesson about the three different learning styles (visual, auditory, kinesthetic), and how to develop study habits for different ways of learning. Grade 8 students brainstormed their interests and how to develop them further. Especially appropriate for World Teacher’s Day, our Grade 9 students shared a marvelous Naviance lesson with us about working well with your teachers.

*Here are the pictures of some of our student-teachers! We are so proud of them!*

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**Top: Nina-Abbie-Grade 7 student-teacher; Amanda & Michael- Grade 8 student-teachers.**

**Bottom: Charity, David & Nana Afia – Grade 9 student-teachers**

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## ACT and PSAT October Reminder

A **valid unexpired passport** is the **only** form of acceptable ID for admission for the test. Anyone without a passport will not be allowed to write the test. This is in line with strict directives from College Board and ACT Inc, USA. Those writing ACT and PSAT in October should be sure to bring their passports to school and leave them with the college guidance department in the coming week. These should be brought by Wednesday, 12 October.

- Study materials are available in the office and have been provided for student use. PSAT math prep has been arranged for subsequent Fridays until the date of the exam.

**December ACT and SAT** – December registration for SAT and ACT starts this week. The deadline is next week Thursday, 13 October for interested students. All payments should be made in U.S. dollars only. The SAT is \$110 and the ACT is \$100.

## College Visits (USA)

**17 October** – Johns Hopkins University, 1:45 p.m (Handel Picasso Exam Hall)

**20 October** – SCAD (Savanna College of Art and Design), 1:45 p.m (Handel Picasso Exam Hall)

**21 October** - Carnegie Mellon University, 2:45 p.m (Handel Picasso Exam Hall)



### Founder's Week Celebrations

For this year's Founder's Week, the College Guides say a deep thank you and send a message of appreciation for the wonderful work of the Adjavon family. During our theme dress up day on Thursday, the university guidance counselors wore Ghanaian university polo shirts to represent some of the wonderful schools we have right here in Ghana.



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## UKEAS UK Universities' Fair Highlights

### Nottingham Trent University

- Popular Programs: Law, Business, Engineering
- £2,000 partial scholarships available per year
- Introducing a new course, Biomedical Engineering, next year
- World Renown Art & Design program
- Voted by students as most supportive for international students

### University of Portsmouth

- Popular Programs: Law, Engineering, Sports & Exercise Science, Architecture
- The Law program has its own court room, offering practical experience
- Ghanaians receive a 10% bursary

### Heriot-Watt University

- Popular Programs: Engineering (Chemistry, Mechanical)
- Campuses in Dubai and Malaysia offering international student scholarships up to 30% off of tuition fees
- Opportunity to transfer between various international campus locations

### Kingston University London

- Popular Programs: Engineering, Law, Business
- Merit based scholarships up to £4,000
- Law degree is integrated with work experiences giving an extra two months of school for internships
- 20% international students from 154 nationalities

### University of Central Lancashire

- Has a reputation for the quality of courses offered
- Rich research culture based on quality and excellence
- Engineering available- Engineering Innovation Centre underway
- Special School of Medicine with UK MBBS qualification for international (Non-EU) students- 17 slots. Requires 36 total IB points with no less than 18 in higher level subjects including Biology and Chemistry.
- UCLan offers a comprehensive scholarship scheme for EU & international students including a bursary worth £1,000 GBP per year. Details and eligibility criteria available at:

[www.uclan.ac.uk/scholarships](http://www.uclan.ac.uk/scholarships)

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## IBDP Update

Founders' day celebrations will peak with the sports carnival tomorrow, so a warm welcome to all the Alumni.

## Grade 12 Predicted Grades

Students met their teachers on 3-10-16, to finalise their predicted grades for university applications. The finalized predicted grades will be mailed to parents/ guardians by the career guidance team. Parents/ guardians are requested to check their Naviance account for the updates in the application process of their ward.



## IA deadlines for the next week

Owing to the preparations involved for the play in 2 weeks, there are no IA deadlines for next week.

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## TOK Final Presentation

Grade 12 students successfully completed their final TOK presentation on 6-10-16. Now they will start their work on their final TOK essay. You will get more updates in this regard from the TOK team. See below how the students prayed before the start of their presentations.



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## International Day and Teachers Appreciation Day



Students had planned and executed thoughtful activities on the teachers' appreciation day. We know the love is always there, but showing it off doesn't harm anyone. Students, you made our day and the purpose of our existence in this ecosystem more meaningful.



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## EE Sessions

Grade 11 students will have their extended essay session on Monday, to start work on their extended essay formally. Kindly urge your wards to work on socially relevant and academically stimulating topics to have the best experience in research.

## CAS Updates



Coming up:

### Saturday, 8 October

- **Adjavon Memorial Cup** – Sports Complex 8:00am
- **Africana Night** - MPH car park – 7:00pm – (An entertainment committee Initiative)

### Sunday, 9 October

- **Thanksgiving Service** – 9am – Dress Code All white

**14 October, 2016 – TIS Athletics Carnival - 8:00am Sports Complex - Support our students' various initiatives in doing their bit to make the world a better place.**

## CAS project

- Happy Feet
- Girls United Ghana Initiative

### 22 October, 2016 - TIS Annual Performance – 7PM MPH



**Evolution; a tale of fragmented sounds.** Join us to witness another great production led by our Talented Inspiring Students. They have been working tirelessly to bring out the best in each and everyone involved. Let's appreciate their work. Let's celebrate our students.

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## Overview of the week in pictures.

\*This is a very special week for the TIS family. Time to reflect and to celebrate. The Founders day Committee (IB1s) led by Andy Nartey and Dede have put together a number of activities to celebrate our dearest Founders the late Mr. Adjavon and Mrs. Adjavon, who did not miss any of the events. Our Co-Founder Mrs Adjavon was present and full of joy to see her dream developing such creative and engaged students. We could write a whole bulletin only on this week events, however we have thousands of amazing pictures to tell the story. Enjoy!!!

For more pictures and updates follow us on: <https://twitter.com/KingSurama>  
God bless TIS, God bless us all.



To the student's organizers (IB1s) and all those who participated in the various events we say a big thank you and well done. We had an amazing week and we are ready to continue the journey of growth and transformation together with you all.

## Special Message from our dearest Alumni




### Elom Tettey- Tamaklo (IB Class of 2015)

Just want to wish my dearest Alma Mater (TIS) a wonderful birthday full of celebrations great laurels ahead and many many more Talented Inspiring Students

#### **We love you TIS!!!!**

One memory that brings so much fondness to my heart is our boys' joint common room where we would all fan around "Aluta" square and discuss issues that pertain to life in the hostel. From watching the 'greats' like Dennis Arthur and John Amankwah do it, we slowly learnt what it meant to have fun

with your boys yet lead them in the right way.

Thanks TIS for contributing to who I am today....forever appreciated   
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For the dream you dreamed, I say Thank you.  
For the love you showed, Thank you.  
For the support you gave, Thank you.  
For the opportunities you created, Thank you.  
For the food we ate, Thank you.

For the advice we heard  
Over and over again...  
Thank you.

For the bonds that were created,  
For the skills that were acquired,  
For the talent that was groomed,

For the school I grew up to call a home, Thank you  
And God bless you.

Physically absent but Emotionally present,  
**Akua Ofeibea Sakyi-Addo**  
**IB Class of 2016**  
(The African Leadership College, Mauritius)

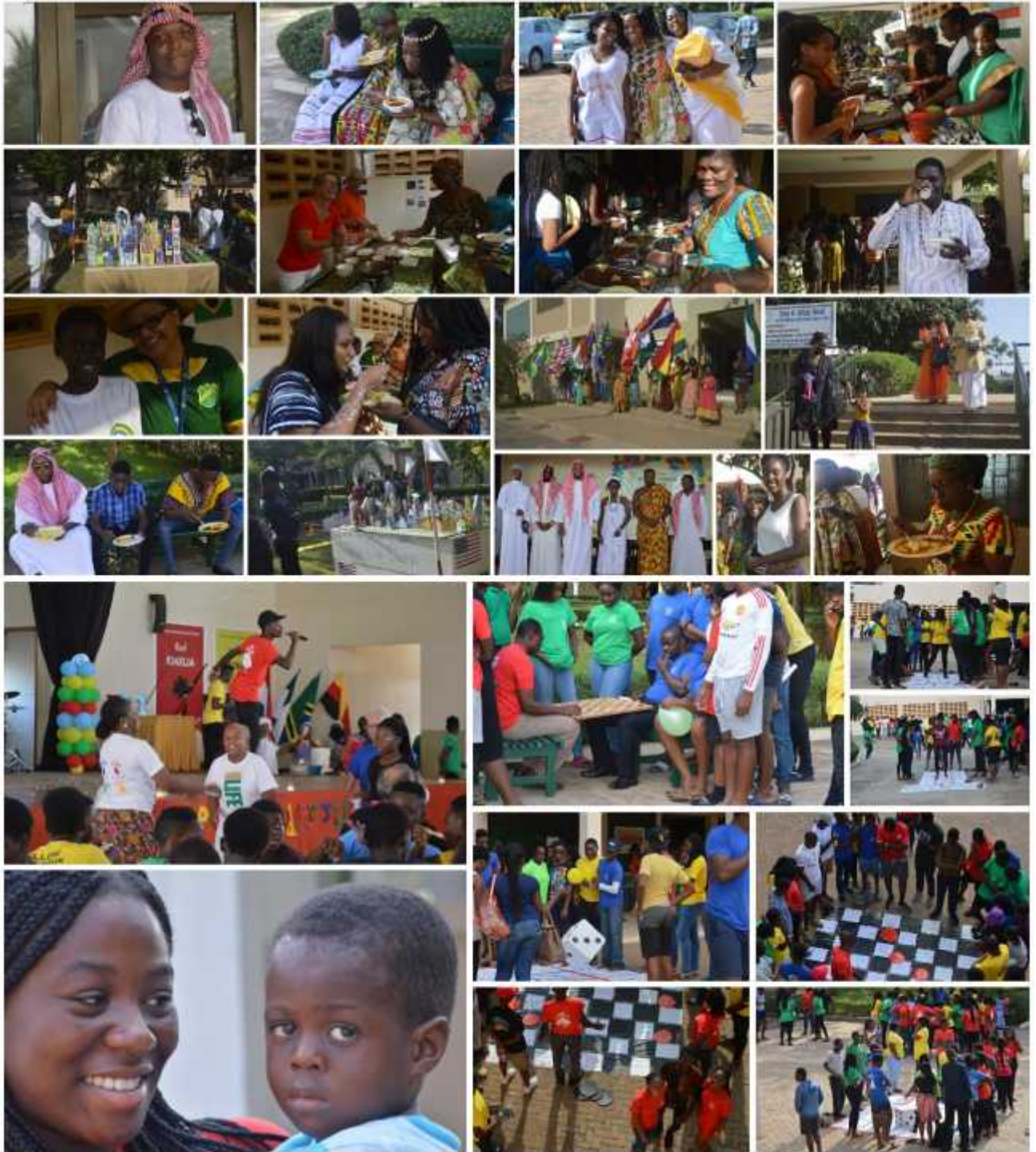


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