



**Thought for the Week**

It is more important to know where you are going than to get there quickly. Do not mistake activity for achievement.

- Isocrates

**Calendar**

- 3/12/16: ISSAG Swimming and Volleyball Championships at TIS; Sounds of Triumph; SAT
- 4/12/16: TIS Christmas Carols
- 7/12/16: Student leadership elections
- 9/12/16: First semester assessment session ends
- 10/12/16: Students commence the Christmas vacation; ACT
- 5/1/17: Teachers resume

7/1/17: Students return to hostels. Three-way interviews (2.00-5.00pm)

9/1/17: Classes commence for Semester 2

9-14/1/17: Alumni Homecoming Week

14/1/17: Genesis 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service

21/1/17; Health walk; SAT

**Making Us Proud**

- The Weekly Assembly Organisers have conducted successfully Wednesday’s assemblies. Congratulations go to: Chloe Asiedu, Nuna Attipoe, Nana Osei Mainoo, Marie-Gabriella Nwokolo, Naa Momoh Odarteifio, Rachel Odartey-Wellington, Tsui Odonkor, Ayeyi Ohene-Adu, Erin Owusu, Maame Anna-Maria Poku, Salim Roland, Kelsey Searyoh, Worlanyo Akpatsa and Natasha Edgal.

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## Parent Reminders

- Please read the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter, and take action as required.
- Semester 1 reports will be available on MB from 12 December. Parents will receive an email advising parents when reports have been published. Parents will need to be accessing MB by 8/12/16, otherwise assistance will be unavailable until 9/1/17.
- All students have a TIS ID card. From 22/11/16, students will have to produce their ID card when they are collecting personal items from security and when they are leaving TIS on an exeat.
- Parents are required to ensure name labels are on their child's clothing by 9 January. After this time, hostel parents will arrange with a tailor to sew name labels on clothing and the charge will be billed to parents' accounts.

## ISSAG Swimming and Volleyball Championships

On Saturday, 3 December, TIS will host the ISSAG swimming and volleyball championships. Both programs will commence at 9.00am and parents are invited to attend. TIS is the current champion swimming school and we hope to retain the title. Meanwhile, the boys and girls in volleyball will be hoping to go one better this year.

## Sounds of Triumph

Sounds of Triumph is a Gospel concert to support Akorli-Village. Irvine Narh, on board with the Tema International School IBDP Class of 2018, has initiated a Gospel Concert to raise funds to complete and

finalize phase II of Graceland Academy's development; building a proper toilet facility, a system to recycle rain, a canteen, a well-stocked library and a teacher's bungalow.

For more information about the concert, contact Grace on 0244626805.

To find out more about Akorlikope, go to: [https://youtu.be/\\_Nsf4myMlbs](https://youtu.be/_Nsf4myMlbs)

## Christmas Carols

Our Annual Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday, 4 December, from 6.30-8.00pm. TIS family members are invited to attend this special event in the MPH. O come all ye faithful, so we can song joy to the world in perfect harmony.

## Student Elections

The student elections' process will commence on 2 December and conclude on 8 December. Voting for key executive positions will be held on 7 December.

## Admissions 2017

Admissions for 2017/2018 have opened. Points of entry are Grades 7-8 (MYP), Grade 9 (IGCSE) and Grade 11 (DP).

To register interest or to commence the application process, please go to: <https://tis.openapply.com>

Please note there is also a link (OpenApply) on the top of our homepage at: [www.tis.edu.gh](http://www.tis.edu.gh)

Please note the early completion of the admission process assists us with our planning for the next

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academic year. Discounted fees (application and admission) have been set to promote early completion.

If you have any inquiries, please contact Bijoux:  
[bijoux.h@tis.edu.gh](mailto:bijoux.h@tis.edu.gh)

### Three-Way Interviews

Three-way interviews will be conducted on Saturday, 7 January 2017, from 2.00 - 5.00pm to coincide with students returning to hostels for second semester.

Appointments can be made online from 12/12/16 until 6/1/17, and details will be included in next week's TIS Bulletin.

I appreciate your support.

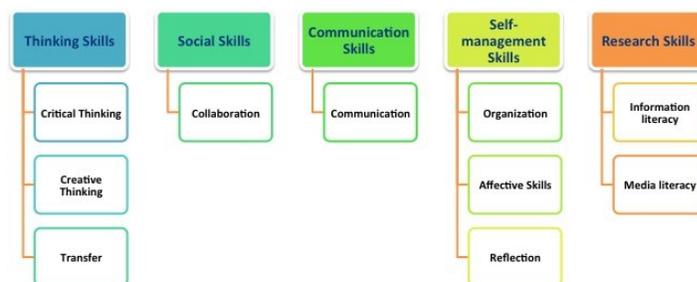
Dr Ken Darvall

### MYP Corner

#### Goal setting

As I mentioned two weeks ago, goal setting is not only important for the upper classes, but equally for Grades 7 and 8. To quote Wikipedia (the first internet search page most students go to) "**Goal setting** involves the development of an action plan designed to motivate and guide a person or group toward a **goal**"

With this in mind, we started with a reflection session in both grades this week. With the help of the guidance careers team, the students looked back on the last four months. Instead of looking at specific subjects we addressed the different Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills. All these skills help the students to enhance their learning, but might not have



been fully developed. This takes both time and guidance.

Students have been asked to rate themselves to see how well they are doing in these skills categories and clusters. Teachers already identified the challenges students might have in a particular field but more important will be the awareness of the students themselves. By narrowing down the challenges for each student, they can then decide on specific goals for next semester. Their final targets will be posted in their reflections section in ManageBac as well, for further reference.

The coming report will be the first criterion related reports for Grades 7 and 8 and it might be that, based on their reports, students will want to make some adjustments to their targets after the holiday.

Ate Hemmes

MYP Coordinator

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## Counselor's Corner

### Mock Admissions

Our IB1 students got to role-play as college admissions officers and experienced the interesting and

*Congratulations!*

competitive nature of the college admission decision process. It was very emotional for some, insightful and exciting for others.

### SAT and ACT December Reminder

The 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. Those writing ACT and SAT in December 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 in by **Wednesday, November 30**.

- Study materials are available in the office and have been provided for student use.

### January SAT Registration:

If your child has registered for January SAT, all payments should be made in U.S. dollars only. The SAT fee is \$110 and we have extended the payment deadline to **Monday 28 November**. We cannot accept late payments, as registration forms will be sent.

### IB2 College Applications:

All IB2 students are reminded to complete all application requests such as transcripts and recommendation letters to their universities with December and January deadlines, before we close for the Christmas break. Based on the timelines we provided earlier, November is the month recommended for all U.S., Canadian and UK university applications.

### UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES!!!

The College Guides are pleased to announce our IB2s' acceptances into the following universities:

**University of Debrecen (Medical Programme), Hungary:** The University of Debrecen is the largest University in Hungary with more than 3,000 international students from all around the world. It is the country's oldest institution classified as a 'University of National Excellence' and offers the highest number of academic programs in the country.

**University of Leicester, UK:** Leicester is the most affordable university destination in Britain, with students from more than 70 countries.

**University of Kent, UK:** With 16% of students being international from 148 countries, Kent is a very multicultural school, and they have also been awarded seven prizes for career progression of women in Science, Technology, Engineering, Medicine and Mathematics (STEMM) areas.

**University of Birmingham, UK:** Birmingham not only has 5,000 international students from more than 150 countries, but also an international staff (31% being

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from overseas.) Birmingham was the first university to create a student union building, and they continue to encourage the student voice to be the heart of decision making. They founded a global network of 27 research universities across 17 countries.

**University of Leeds, UK:** Over 6,000 international students are enrolled. It was one of the first schools for all faiths and backgrounds. The school encourages community engagement, with over 2,000 students and staff working as local volunteers. The school is one of the top ten research universities in the UK and was awarded the title of ‘University of the Year’.

**University of Surrey, UK:** Students from over 120 countries are represented. It is only 34 minutes from London and ranked as one of the top ten UK universities. It has also been named the ‘University of the Year’ and the ‘University of the Year for Student Experience.’

**Swansea University, UK:** Located on the bay with coastal scenery, Swansea has more than just a beautiful location to boast about. They are a top 30 research institution and recently opened a Science and Innovation Bay Campus.

**University of Liverpool, UK:** With their mission being “for the advancement of learning and ennoblement of life,” Liverpool has nine Nobel Laureates and is ranked in the top 1% worldwide, with 81% of their research is rated world leading or internationally excellent.

**London South Bank University, UK:** LSBU ranks in the top 15 universities for starting salaries, and is in the top 3 universities in London for research impact. 22% of alumni from LSBU run their own businesses, and it even has an international research center in Egypt.

**Aston University, UK:** Ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the UK for graduate employability, 78% of the research is world leading and internationally excellent. They are the 33<sup>rd</sup> most international university in the world, and they are 11<sup>th</sup> in the UK for ‘Student Experience.’

**University of Loughborough, UK:** In 2016 the university ranked first for ‘Student Experience,’ and in 2017 they were the ‘University of the Year for Sport.’ They have placement options available for every undergraduate course, and over 30% of staff are involved in pioneering research, providing ample career opportunities for students.

**Lancaster University, UK:** With a campus in Ghana, Lancaster has connections to international locations. They are committed to diversity, and 91% of students are among the most satisfied in the UK. They engage in a variety of research such as in the field of genetics and pharmacy. It has been ranked in the top ten of UK universities.

## Relationships



When we think of relationship, a couple of things come to mind; connection between people, behaviour towards each other and emotional association. So then,

what is a **relationship**? A tête-à-tête with few of my students revealed the following definitions:

*Student A (Grade 7, female)* - a special love someone has with another.

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*Student B (Grade 8, male)* - a close connection between one another.

*Student C (Grade 9, male)* - when a person coexists with another.

*Student D (Grade 10, female)* - when people relate to each other and form a bond emotionally and probably physically.

*Student E (Grade 11, male)* – a link between two or more people or things.

*Student F (Grade 12, female)* – it is a mutual “like” between two or more people where all parties are free to express themselves without fear of betrayal.

Two of our teachers also came up with their perspectives:

*Teacher A (Male)* - a union between two or more people with mutual trust and benefit.

*Teacher B (Female)* - an affiliation between two or more people that is predominantly as a result of contact.

From the above views, it appears there is no exact definition to encapsulate what we term as “relationship”. However, I will attempt to define relationship as a particular type of connection between two or more entities or phenomena, which is usually a continuous association wherein one has some influence on the feelings or actions of the other. The next phase of this write up will look at the types of relationships that exist.

## Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) Updates

**Admission** for the 2017/2018 Academic year **is open**. Grade 7 and 9 students would like to share their views about TIS. WHY TIS?

**TIS a ‘school of choice.’**

### Why TIS



**Deborah Gomadoh (Grade 7)** *There are many wonderful reasons why parents should bring their wards to TIS. One of such reasons is **Excellent Academic Assurance**. The teachers and students cooperate in class to make lessons a great success. Another reason why TIS is a preferred choice is **its physical environment**. TIS provides a sound environment that supports quality education; sound enough for students to have that peacefulness need to study. **Cultural Diversity** is yet another reason that makes TIS stands tall among other schools. The school admits students and staff from different nationalities and creates a welcoming space for everyone to peacefully and healthily interact. With the rich cultural diversity, students are able to learn from other nationals’ cultures without necessarily travelling to those countries.*

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**Natasha Arkaah (Grade 9) TIS is awesome! Academic**



*is on point, with passionate teachers who make lessons fun. With their interactive slides, videos and hands-on activities, classes are always totally worth the lack of sleep☺. After school activities are the best. The CAS Team makes co-curricular activities like Decoupage, Jewelry, and Cooking, worth looking forward to. The sports teachers are equally engaging and inspire students to actively participate in many sporting disciplines like Swimming, Tennis, and Football.*

**Sounds of Triumph Gospel Concert - The**



much long awaited Gospel Concert, **Sounds of Triumph**, is here now and ready to rock the entire city. Preparations are well advanced and the organizing team, the IB CLASS OF 2018 –THE GAME

CHANGERS – led by Irvine Narh, invites the entire TIS community to grace this program, on Saturday, 3 December at 6pm, at the MPH. Rate is a cool GHC. 50 for Adults and GHC. 30 for students. Donations are also welcomed from all and sundry. **Sounds of Triumph** aims at raising funds towards a school building project at Akorlikope in the Volta Region, by TIS students. For ticket sales and donations, kindly contact Ms. Grace Attram on **0244626805** / [g\\_attram@tis.edu.gh](mailto:g_attram@tis.edu.gh)

**Happy Feet project**



The Happy Feet Team has come up with another awareness campaign in recognition the millions of people, mostly children, in the world who walk barefoot daily. The Happy FeetTeam recognizes the severity of this problem and is working assiduously do join hands



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with the many aiders who are equally concerned and look forward to finding solutions.

**Ayeyi Ohene-Adu - Grade 11.** *Happy Feet mural day was great. We invited students and staff to put their feet in different colours of paint living their footprints on our Mural. The purpose of this exercise is to remind our school community of the many children around the world without shoes. Also, to invite everyone to join our 'Donate a SHOE' campaign. Happy Feet Christmas outreach is coming and we need your support.*



*Our Mural day had many challenges however with the support of the other Happy Feet members, Audrey, Marie-*

*Gabriella and Jady we brainstormed ideas and achieve our goals. We are grateful for such opportunities to engage with our juniors and seniors in school and make a positive impact.*

**"One shoe at a time."** – To donate contact the Happy Feet members at the Hostels or the CAS team.



**#Caring** – The will and freedom to live is



priceless; so our dear 'Salim' after the two day nurture



was able to flap its wings. Congratulations to the wonderful and caring students who showed love to 'Salim'. "The only way to live is to let others live"

**Mahatma Ghandi**

**#TISMerryChristmas** – It's that time of the year



where we celebrate the birth of Jesus, reflect on our lives and express our gratitude to family and friends is

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here again. Yes it's Christmas at TIS all ready. Even thou we are writing exams and wrapping up the



semester One we take time to share the joy and wish each other the blessings of Christ. TIS Campus is ready with a beautiful décor done by the creative grade 7 and 8 students. From our traditional Christmas tree at reception filled with IB learner profile values and Christmas wishes from different languages, to the campus light and décor. Feels wonderful to be @TISGhana.

Don't miss our Instagram Photo booth #TISMerryChristmas

**To celebrate this beautiful season join us on 4 December, 6:30 pm. Come and witness the most wonderful Carols Night.**

**Auntie Gina** - *May All The Sweet Magic Of Christmas Combine To Gladden our Hearts And Fill Every Desire. May we enjoy every bit of Christmas to the fullest. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

**Auntie Bijoux.** *Christ is the reason for the season. Let's celebrate the love of Christ. Merry Christmas to you all.*

## Alumni of the Week



**Name:** Edna Kesse  
**Year Group:** Class of 2010  
**Hostel:** Catherine hostel  
**Colour group:** Blue color  
**Roles played at TIS:** Choir, sports, participated in all hostel activities  
 Best goal keeper

(Achievements/awards)

**University:** Central university college  
 Graduated in CUC Class of 2015

**Programme:** Human resource management

**Key words in Life:** We must know and be able to say NO to all persons that distracts us from our desired goals.

**Word of Advice:** The best way to predict your future is to create it

My philosophy is believing that each child is a unique individual who needs a secure, caring, environment and a stimulating atmosphere to grow and mature emotionally, intellectually, physically and socially. My trip to France and we lost a mate. (Memorable experience)

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## Creative Arts Update

### Exams Fever

There is a buzz of frenzy individuals showing off their skills in what they have been engaged in this semester, in the creative arts department. Please visit the link [https://youtu.be/yQeO-E\\_YHKg](https://youtu.be/yQeO-E_YHKg) to see “my mind” by the IB1 Theatre students. More exams fever coming your way next week.



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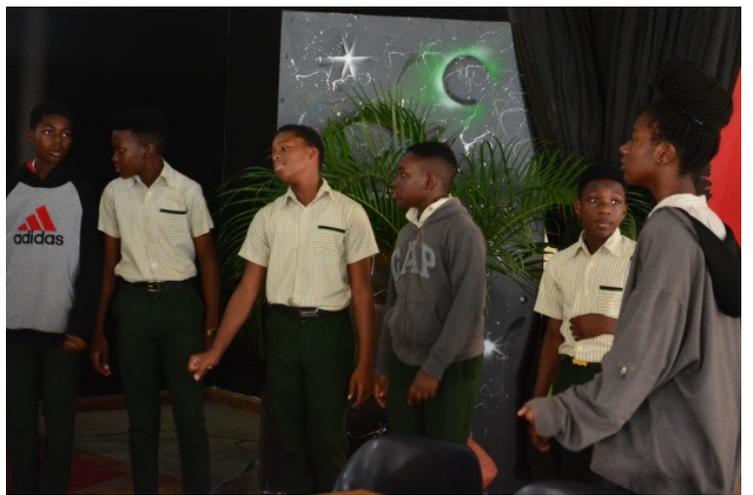
Meet our Junior Pop Band....



*Book a date with these enthusiastic and talented music lovers for their maiden performance at this year's carols service on 4 December..... Joy is HERE*

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# #TISMerryChristmas – Tema International School Instagram Fever ☺



## Merry Christmas from the MYP team :)



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**Christmas mood fully activated here at TIS.....**



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**IBDP Class of 2018**  
 presents

# SOUNDS OF TRIUMPH

*-Gospel Concert-*  
*Growing with the community*

**Saturday, 3 December, 2016**  
**TIS Campus**  
**6:00pm - 9:00pm**

All profits go towards the continuation of the Akorlikope project.

*Ministering Schools*  
 Akosombo Int. School  
 Gh. Christian Int. High School  
 SOS HGIC  
 The Morning Star School

*Ministering*  
 Genesis  
 Joe Mettle  
 Overflow Inc.  
 Nii Okai  
 Harbour City Mass Choir

**ADULTS**  
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**STUDENTS**  
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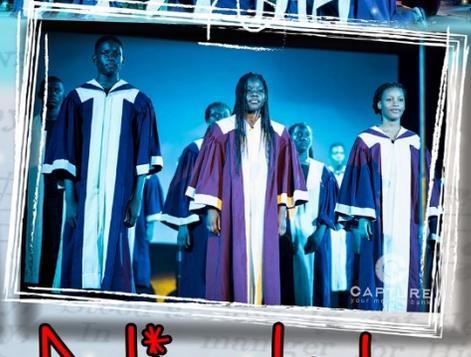


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# Carols Night

Featuring TIS Choir & Children from Akorlikope

**Sunday, 4 December, 2016**  
**TIS MPH | 6:30pm**

*On behalf of the Co-Founder, Mrs. Comfort Adjavon and the Board of Governors, we wish you and your family a peaceful Christmas break and a Blessed New Year.*

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