



TIS BULLETIN: 9 DECEMBER, 2016

Thought for the Week

It's not about getting every decision right. It's about getting the big decisions right.

- Sam Bell

Calendar

- 9/12/16: First semester assessment session ends
- 10/12/16: Students depart hostels to 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
- 15/1/17: Genesis 10th Anniversary Service
- 21/1/17; Health walk; SAT

Making Us Proud

- TIS Swimming Team who retained their champion school title at the ISSAG swimming championships.
- TIS Boys' Volleyball Team who won the ISSAG competition last Saturday.
- TIS Girls' Volleyball team who were runners up in the ISSAG competition last Saturday.
- India Agyeman who was the ISSAG Girls' Swimming Champion for the second year in a row.
- Michael Kumi who went one better this year by being named the ISSAG Boys' Swimming Champion.
- The Sounds of Triumph committee and G11 for ensuring the concert was an outstanding success and raising almost GHC16000 for the Akorlikope project.

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- The students, staff and parents who ensured our Carols Night last Sunday was an outstanding event, with special guests, the children and staff of Graceland Academy, Akorlikope.

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 10/12/16, otherwise assistance will be unavailable until 9/1/17.
- All students have a TIS ID card. From 22/11/16, students have to produce their ID card when they are collecting personal items from security and when they are leaving TIS on an exeat. A fee is required for a replacement card.
- 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.
- An online guide for parents to MB can be found at:
<https://managebac.screenstepslive.com/s/support/m/3621>
- Ken will be in the MPH on Saturday, 10 December, from 9.30am-12.00pm to help any parents with accessing MB or general assistance.

Student Leadership Elections

The student leadership election process has been postponed until January following the death of one of student's parents.

Three-Way Interviews

Three-way interviews will be conducted on Saturday, 7 January 2017, from 2.00 - 5.00pm to coincide with students return to hostels for second semester. Appointments can be made online from 12/12/16 until 6/1/17.

When bookings open on 12/12/16, go to:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Use this code: **mtbyg**

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Season's Greetings

I take this opportunity to wish all TIS family members season's greetings. I look forward to students returning refreshed after the break on 7 January, 2017.



I appreciate your support.

Dr Ken Darvall
Principal



Counselor's corner

Test Preparation

- All IB students are encouraged & urged to use their Christmas vacation wisely to get some much needed rest, study and also prepare for their standardized tests such as SAT & ACT examinations (especially for those considering U.S. universities). Consistent personal practice is one of the surest ways to get familiar with the test format and content in order to excel on these aptitude tests.

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January SAT Registration

If your child has registered for January SAT all payments should be made in U.S. dollars only. The SAT is \$110.

Ghanaian University Applications

Applications to Ghanaian Universities will commence next year. IB2 students interested in applying should discuss their preferences with their parents over the break, before school resumes in January. There's certainly no place like home!

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.

IB1 College Applications

All IB1 students are reminded to discuss their country of choice with their parents during this vacation. Each student should have a list of at least 5 schools for every country that they are applying to upon their return to school, and this list will be reviewed by their college guidance counselors.

Yale Young Global Scholars Program

All IB1 and grade 10 students who signed up for the Yale young Global Scholars programme taking place next year, are being reminded to visit the website and complete their application essays over the Christmas break. The essays should be emailed to their Counselors and their applications submitted within the first week of re-opening- **by Friday, January 13 2017.**

Note: a credit card payment is required to submit the application. Also parents interested in financial aid must complete the financial aid application online over the break.

Website: <https://apply.globalscholars.yale.edu/apply/>

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Merry
Christmas
and
Happy
New Year

Wishing everyone a joyous, peaceful Christmas & a blessed, healthy & fruitful 2017!!!

~College Guides~

Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) Updates

Christmas Message from CAS



The CAS Team wishes the entire TIS Community a hearty Christmas Holidays, a season of giving a season of cheer and to top it all off a wonderful year. It is a season of bonding; where families and friends spend quality time with one another. It is a season where we all march into the New Year in oneness. This season also calls for us to reflect on the ending year and be thankful for both the good and the bad. May the coming year bring you love, joy, peace, hope, gladness, laughter and health. We look

forward to a more engaging and fruitful coming year.

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Carols Night



Some traditions never fade; they rather get enriched with time. And so it was with Carols Night at Tema International School. Carols Night is one of the many avenues that bring the entire TIS Community – Students, Staff, Management, Parents, Alumni and Friends – together in one harmony. This year’s Carols Night was characterized with beautiful colours and performances. Highlight of the night was the commanding performance by the Staff Choir, who thrilled the entire family with a

mesmeric show. Well done Staff Choir, we look forward to more performances. Another icing of the night was the thrilling and heartwarming performances by our guests from



Akorlikope, students from Graceland Academy, our adopted school for Service Learning. It was such a moment we will relish for a long time.

Sounds of Triumph



The gospel concert dubbed Sounds of Triumph was triumphing with shouts of joy over the weekend. TIS bear witness to the joy that characterized the night. The concert was graced with great performances from Akosombo International School and Morning Star. Also performing include Nene Tutu (the poet), Nii Okai and the Harbour City Choir, and the sensational Overflow Choir. After a successful event with few technical hitches from the beginning the

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Concert raised an amount of **GHS 16, 323** towards the continuation of the Akorlikope project.

The CAS Team and the organizers of Sounds of Triumph (the IB Class of 2018, led by Irvine



Narh) wish to thank and extend their warmest appreciation to all sponsors, Tema International School, Enterprise Ghana, Tobinco Pharmaceuticals, Despite Group of Companies, Mrs. Faake Gadzekpo (mother of Mifatu Gadzekpo, IB1) and Mr. Stephen Antwi-Asimeng (father of Audrey Antwi-Assimng, IB 1). The team would like to big thank you to Mr. Kweku Sakyi Addo a TIS board member and father of Kofi Sakyi Addo, Grade 10 for his huge contribution towards the

amount raised. Lastly, thank you to the family of Irvine Narh, Mr. Fada Dickson Narh and Mrs. Kate Dickson Narh for the unflinching support meted out towards the success of Sounds of Triumph. To the entire student body your unflinching support is very much appreciated and God bless you all.

Akorlikope Students Stay Over



After thrilling us to a night of heartwarming Carols, our guests stayed over for the night. The TIS students hosted the Akorlikope students in their hostels and the classrooms. This single act goes a long way to validate Tema International School as an ideal IB school that believes in “developing inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect” (IB Mission Statement)

Before departing, the IB Class of 2018, shared fond memories with the Akorlikope kids, and presented various gift items. It was an emotional sight for students as they witness the genuine appreciation in the eyes of the Akorlikope students.

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A huge thank you to the organizers of their visit, for the hostel guardians for hosting them and the entire student body for accommodating and creating a warm welcome atmosphere and for making them feel at home.



MYP Corner

First full grade report

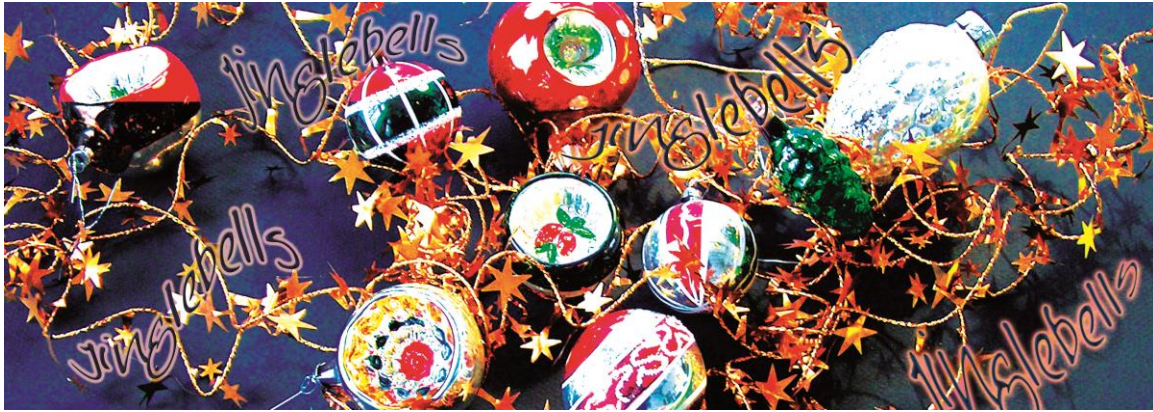
Writing reports is time consuming and stressful for teachers and especially for those who work in more than one program. We need to ensure that deadlines are met and that the reports are actually of a high standard. Report comments should inform the progress of the students and give directions for ways of improvement in a clear and concise way.

Due to the hard work of our staff we have been able to meet the deadlines and sent out our first full grade report through ManageBac on Monday 12 December. Parents and students will have received an email explaining where to find the MYP Semester 1 report, which is a digital version, but printable as a PDF.

For all of this means that we have reached the end of our first semester. Due to all the changes we had to make to the holiday schedule due to changing election dates, it became a long semester. Looking back an awful lot has been going on, not only in the classrooms but outside them as well. I will not go down the list of great activities that have been taking place, as you will know what I am referring to. By now I am fully aware of the TIS family feel and how active everyone is in making life at TIS special. At times I even wonder whether we are not doing too much at certain times and a more balanced calendar of events might be needed.

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For now everyone is pretty exhausted and it just leaves me with wishing all a great, restful and relaxing holiday. Let's give the batteries a chance to re-charge.

Ate Hemmes
MYP Coordinator

France Trip 2017



Next year's cultural immersion trip to France & Spain comes off from 18 June – 8 July 2017. Parents whose children registered with Monsieur Mensah & Senora Dorcas should kindly check their inboxes for further information from the program coordinators.

Any interested parents should kindly email Mon. Mensah at jkmensah@tis.edu.gh or Senora Dorcas at Dorcas.Akwa-Ofori@tis.edu.gh.

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Our Alumni.....Our Pride.....



Name: Naa Densua Chinery Hesse

Year group: class of 2014

Colour group Red Kigelia

Roles played at TIS: Bell monitor and founding member of chamber orchestra

Current university: University of Exeter class of 2018

Major: International relations with French

Key word: Petit a petit, l'oiseau fait son nid" which means little by little the bird forms its nest: implying patience and perseverance to everything we aim to accomplish, we allow ourselves to be more at peace in life.

Word of advice: worry less, laugh more

Philosophy: Proverbs 27:17-As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend." If we let this govern the relationships we keep, we can grow so much daily
Most memorable moment: France trip 2011, I've never laughed so much in my life

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Carols Night in pictures....



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Merry Christmas from staff of TIS....



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Live...Love....Laugh.... TIS interacts with Children from Akorlikope



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