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MAY 2017

Thought for the Week

Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else.
- Fred Rogers

Calendar

29/4/17: U16 football gala (Tema); Dear Fellow (Accra)

1/5/17: May Day holiday (external exams continue)

6/5/17: SAT

20-22/5/17: G12 Trip

25/5/17: African Unity Day

27/5/17: TIS Entrance Exams

2/6/17: Leavers Dinner

3/6/16: Achievers & Graduation Day; Students commence vacation (except G10 IG students)

9/6/17: IG exams end; Last day for teachers

Parent Reminders

- Complete student re-registration for 2017/2018 by 30 April, without a late fee. If experiencing problems, email principal@tis.edu.gh by 30 April, so that he can complete the essential detail.
- If you are experiencing TIS email hassles (and not internet provider issues), then please forward them to support@tis.edu.gh
- Students will not have exeats approved if they have outstanding work to complete.
- Students returning from an exeat on a school day must be in full school uniform, including shoes, not sandals.

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Making Us Proud

• Gilbert Carrey was interviewed by Joy Prime and this will be broadcast on Saturday, 29 April between 5pm and 6pm on Joy Prime on channel 281 on DSTV, channel 180 on GoTV and also on MultiTV.

Our exam students, G12 and 10, their parents, teachers and Rev Dr Derek Larbi and Joe Mettle, for an inspiring Exam Candidates Service last Sunday. It was an extraordinary experience.

TIS Re-registration

To confirm enrolment for next year, parents are required to complete student and family data to ensure current data on MB is accurate. Please use the specific link provided in the email sent at the end of March.

This accuracy is crucial. For the past two years, incorrect spelling of names and dates of birth have only been noticed once students have been registered for IGCSE or DP exams.

For the health records section, if you have new records that should be on file, please attach them to OA, or email them to Ken. Documentation we have for health records will be uploaded by Bijoux over the coming months, so you can overlook this question in re-registration.

Re-registration must be completed by 30 April to avoid a late fee*.

You will enter this data on OpenApply (OA) which is MB's younger sibling. It is user-friendly, however, if you have any issues, please contact Bijoux or myself.

To date, only 42% of parents have completed the task. Your cooperation and timeliness will always be appreciated.

* A late fee of GHC250 will be imposed for re-registration from 1 May - 3 June. From 4 June – 31 July, re-registration will require the payment of the

admission fee. From 1 August, re-enrolment will be required for those students who did not re-register.

Admissions 2017

Admissions for 2017/2018 are being accepted. 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

GRADE 11 Scholarships

Discounted fees, at the rates of 20%, will be awarded to TIS students entering G11, who achieve eight Grade A* in their International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) examinations and 10% to those who achieve 7 Grade A*. This award is for the duration of their IBDP studies, on condition of consistent high achievement (i.e. not less than grade 6 in all subjects) over this period.

The Easy Way

When it comes to senior secondary schooling, the final two years of school, it is surprising that some students and/or families are seeking shortcuts, or the easy way, to university admission.

Compared to other school exit credentials, the IB Diploma Program is the one that mirrors life closely: it requires hard work and consistent effort and focus. There will be ups and downs throughout the DP journey, but you learn along the way, you develop and mature into an adult, and you have aspirations to make the world a better place. There is no doubt that the IB Diploma is the gold passport to prestigious and quality universities. [Back to top](#)

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Taking short cuts, finding the easy way, not extending yourself or discovering new strengths will usually lead to mediocrity. I am disappointed when I hear about students wanting to pursue A-Levels, because there are few subjects, which apparently leads to more time for socialising, partying and self-indulgence. I think what a waste of personal opportunity.

The Diploma Program experience is by far the best school exit credential students can have for life. Over two years, the experiences mature students into adults who are ready to be successful in any university program.

However, the Diploma is not only for high achieving students. ‘Average’ students who are determined to go to university will benefit from the full Diploma Program, or by completing Diploma certificate courses. With Diploma Certificate courses, students will not be required to study three subjects at higher level. This is a popular option for many US colleges and is recognised in Ghana.

I appreciate your support.

Dr Ken Darvall

MYP Corner Deep Learning

Dr. Ken and I share the love for the IB programs and have lots of discussions about them and what it should entail if you work with these programs. By no means do I want to say that the programs are perfect as no educational program probably ever will be. I do see them however as the best ones available at this time.

The one thing Ken refers to often, is “deep learning”. Just as an example of what isn’t deep learning you could have a look at the following short video Ken sent me this week. <https://vimeo.com/178969877>

It describes a situation most of us will recognise and possibly you have gone through a similar experience yourselves. It is why I am against exams as such, just

because learning in that way is not deep learning. Deep learning occurs where there is inquiry by the students and assessments are on-going. Assessments are necessary for students to know where they are and what they can do to improve. As formative assessments, which give direct feedback and summative at the end of a specific task or unit. Students need to develop their sense of inquiry and learn to solve problems (familiar and un-familiar) using the knowledge and skills they build during their time in school. Cramping your brains in a few days helps for only a short period of time, as the video shows.

This is why we started to make changes to the way we are teaching and learning at TIS and hoping to change it to Learning and Teaching. Exams and test weeks already disappeared in Grades 7 & 8 and will further disappear in Grades 9 and 11. It doesn’t mean we don’t value exam training and as such there will be mock exams once a year in Grades 10 and 12 to ensure our students are prepared to sit an official long exam. What we don’t want is to waste endless time on revision weeks and exam weeks, which will only result in short-term shallow learning.

What we do want is to develop independent long life learners as stated in the IB Mission Statement.

Ate Hemmes

MYP Coordinator

Creative Arts in Retrospect

I have learnt how to read and play instead of memorizing (sight reading). I have been able to sharpen my aural skills and have also learnt how to teach a song to others for them to enjoy as well as learn at the same time. I have learnt discipline and patience in the form of practice as it is the only way in becoming perfect or close to that. I also learnt tolerance for less patient class mates. - Elisabeth Kwasiwah Appafram

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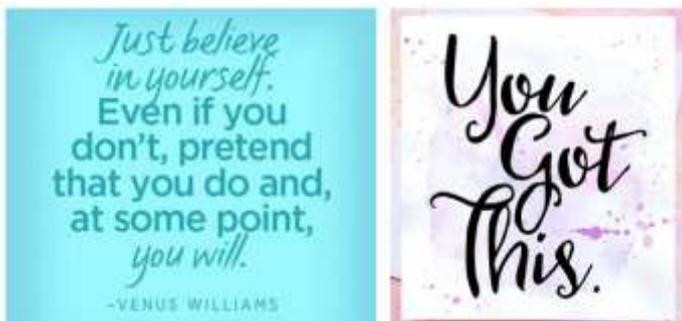
Ever since I came to TIS, I picked music thinking it was an extra-curricular activity. Upon starting my first lesson, I learnt about notes, their values and so many other musical terms. At first, I didn't know how to play the piano but now, I can say I'm a pro. There was an abundance of musical instruments and now I can play the cello, violin and piano. All thanks to TIS. - Nana Oye

When I came to TIS, I picked music thinking it was some fun class where we just played instruments. However, music has become so much more. I knew little or nothing about music and would just sit in class confused. Now I can read musical notes, play the piano, understand and appreciate music with all thanks to TIS. - Rex Lukpata



Counselor's Corner

To All Our IB2 and Grade 10 Exam Candidates; the College Guides Wish You & Pray for All the Best in Your Exams!:



IB2s!!! SECURE YOUR SPOT FOR COLLEGE! PAY YOUR UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT NOW!

Next Monday, 1 May is the **universal deadline** for paying university enrollment deposits for most U.S. and Canadian Universities. IB2 parents are reminded to ensure that they pay enrollment deposits at the universities their children will be attending. This

must be done ahead of the deadline in order to secure one's place at the University of one's choice. IB2 Students should have accepted offers to their preferred university by now.

Congratulations to our 2 IB2 students who gained full scholarships from Chapman University, California and Quinnipiac University, Connecticut (USA).



ACT and SAT Reminder

All students interested in writing the ACT June exam should have now paid their US \$110.

Those writing **SAT May** next Saturday (6 May) should give their passports to the college guidance department immediately and print their SAT Admission tickets. The **valid unexpired passport is the only acceptable form of Identification**, based on strict directives from the testing agencies.

Upcoming College Visits

NYU Abu Dhabi – Thursday, 4 May 11:00 a.m.
N.E.H. (New Exam Hall)

Kingston University (UK) Visit:

Representatives from Kingston University, London, including an Engineering and Business Lecturer, had a very *Back to top*

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engaging interactive time with our IB1 students. They gave thought-provoking presentations on their University and focused on two of their strongest innovative programs- Business and Engineering- from a global perspective, aimed at inspiring their students to solve the world's problems in practical ways.

- 18% international students from 154 countries.
- Part of the top 15% institutions in the globe.
- Tuition: £11,700-£14,900.
- Scholarship of £4,000.
- Programs offered include; Arts and Design, Business, Computing and Information systems, Economics, Education, Engineering, Health and Social Care, Law.
- Undergraduate research available and encouraged.
- One of the largest Business Management faculties in the UK.
- Teaching mode is interactive, experiential and stimulating.
- Study abroad program which covers 36 countries in 5 continents.
- Learn languages for free (nine languages to choose from).
- In the top 2 for graduate start-ups.

IB2 Student Advice

Some IB2s were selected to give a pep talk to the IB1s during the college guidance meeting. Here are some key points they emphasized for the rising seniors for their college application process:

- Taking their one-on-one meeting with their counsellors seriously.
- Proper and effective time management.
- Ensuring they submit all necessary and required documents before their deadlines. This will help minimize stress and give them time to focus on their studies when they get to IB2.

- Put in time and effort in writing excellent personal statements and essays.
- Ensure they have rich information on all their schools by conducting thorough research on them.
- Prepare and write the required tests (SAT and ACT).



University Highlight: BABSON COLLEGE, USA



- Babson is known for their strong Business program
- Tuition is \$64,000 but merit scholarships are available for Americans & International Students
- Average SAT: 1370 Average ACT: 26-30

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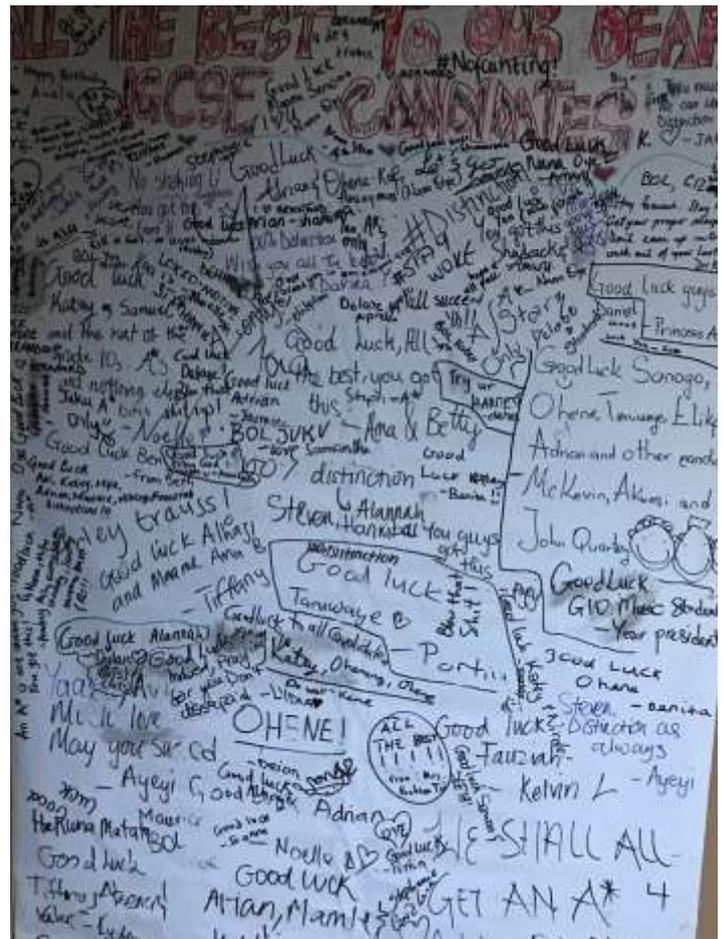
- The 2017 commencement speaker is the president of Liberia
- They have a 98% employment rate after graduation
- Voted no. 1 in entrepreneurship for 24 years in a row

CAS Updates

Green Up: A Waste Management CAS Initiative

Green Up is a project aimed at promoting an effective and efficient waste management system at Tema International School. The initiators of this project, Samantha Azu, Mifatu Gadzekpo and Selorm Mensah, drew some inspiration from Mr. Dev's concerns on the quantum of waste generated in the school, with little attempt to recycle them for other purposes. This concern resonates with the global menace of global warming, and environmental degradation partly due to ill ways of waste management.

Even though there have been some attempts in the past to promote good waste management in the school, these attempts often get drowned too early. With the initiation of this project, the proponents, were puzzled to find out that there is no recycling plant in Ghana, and the nearest can is in South Africa. Currently in TIS, about 300 plastic bottles are generated as waste weekly. This statistic, the initiators believed, is substantial enough to start a recycling project. The idea is to recycle the plastic bottles into a waste bin.



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Good Luck Messages to Examination Candidates

*“As the curtains come down on your time in TIS, I see the world ready to welcome you to a bigger stage. **Go Get It!!** I am confident of the success you will attain, because I believe in you. Always remember this beautiful family you came to know, because we will never forget the indelible marks you left on our hearts”. (Aunty Cecilia)*

“These exams are your opportunity at proving your worth to everyone around you. Grab it and do your best, and don't let it pass through. Good luck”. (Aunty Frances)



Grade 9 Business Studies Factory Tour at Nestle Ghana Limited-Tema Factory

On Friday, 21 April, Grade 9 Business Studies students embarked on an industrial tour of Nestle Ghana Limited, Tema Factory. We left school at 6:45 am and arrived at the factory at 8:15 am.

On arrival we were taken through an hour and half presentation on two topics: Safety, Health & Environment and History of Nestle incorporation.

We then proceeded with the factory tour to three main operations departments.

Tin Making Department: This is where all the tins and product labels were made.

Beverage Department: This is where foods like Milo, Ideal milk, Carnation milk are made

Cereal and Infant Departments: This is where infant foods such as Cerelac are produced.

We observed the production processes involved in making the products which is integral to the Business Studies course. Production methods, such as Batch and Flow, were evident in the factory.

In addition, students were also taken through the operational activities of both the Marketing and Human Resources departments where insightful lessons relevant to the Business Studies course were learnt.

After the trip, we were given a souvenir of assorted Nestle products for which we expressed our gratitude and appreciation for the warm reception, kind gesture and a successful trip.

The trip was over by 12:00 pm and we came back to school at 1:20 pm.

Below are reflections students shared on the trip:

“Going to Nestle Ghana Limited was a mind-blowing experience for me. This was because, I was able to observe how the content we learnt in class comes together to make a business successful. For example, I saw the organisational charts of the business: the roles of the human resource manager and how effective their market research is in terms of providing the customers' preference in a product. One thing I really admired and learnt from the organisation is the manager's ability

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to care for the factory workers by providing them recreational centres after a long day's work. Definitely the trip to Nestle factory was worth it and I would not mind going there again". - Phoebe Agyarko

"I have learnt about basic safety precautions and also observed what goes into the making of products, including how ingredients are called, mixed, cooked, cooled and packaged. All in all, it was a very good experience which demonstrates the practical aspect of what we've been learning in class" - Steve Williams.

"The human resource personnel extended my knowledge on why Nestle Ghana sells a variety of the same product but with different ingredient requirements. This is to meet the demands of different segments of the market. I really understood marketing and market segmentation which we have studied in class. Moreover, I was able to apply my knowledge on marketing strategy. Nestle Ghana produces Ideal milk which is sold locally. However, the company rebrand Ideal milk with a different name, Gloria Milk, which is exclusively exported to neighbouring West African countries. All in all, I think the business trip was a great success. We got to apply the knowledge we had". - Lisa Nganga

"I have learnt the various methods of production at first hand during this factory tour. In the beverage Department, they mainly use flow production where the production line is automated. In the cereal and infant food department, they adopt the batch production method where different kinds of products are produced in groups. We learnt about the time, effort, planning and work people put in making the everyday items we use. - Fikayomi Olagbami

"...In fact we got to know that after production, 16% of Nestle's output is exported and 94% is sold locally. Aside that we had the opportunity to see the company's organisational chart and structure which was very helpful as we had learnt this in business class and we were given some treats during and after the trip. Overall, this was a great experience and I

hope there are many more of such learning opportunities'. - Taibat Abdulrazaq

Tour at Nestle Ghana Limited - Tema Factory in pictures



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English Department Update

During our younger years are the best opportunities to exploit the freedom of our mental state. This is the time we are not afraid to venture into the unknown, explore with excitement and learn as we go. It is the time we transport ourselves into another life in another place through different eras. This is the time our good writings begin with terrible first efforts; this is the time we *write*.

We have sung this song and preached this gospel as a department and we are glad to see that these seeds fell on good soils. The desire to write is becoming increasingly popular with our students. And as the seed sowers with the responsibility of nurturing this desire into a mighty tree, we consider it imperative to honour and celebrate our young writers in a bid to encourage them to mount unto greater heights.

This week, we celebrate our 8th Grader, Edward Quansah who recently started a blog (*Imagination Island*) on which he regularly posts his creative pieces. These are however, far from the terrible first efforts that you would usually expect from a Grade 8 student. Below are two of the several works he has published on his blog for your enjoyment. For more works from this budding writer, follow the link (<https://edwardquansah.wordpress.com/blog/>) to his blog, and don't forget to leave him a word of encouragement or a constructive criticism. Enjoy!

The Superpower [March 11, 2017](#)

There is something in me that makes me unique.
A burning sensation, passion and drive,
Fostered in the deepest parts of my heart.
Some call it a talent, others call it a hobby,
But I call it my superpower.
A wise man once told me.
“There are two types of people in this world,
And being a bass guitarist is better than them both”.
This is why I fear the Bassist.
Because unlike everything else,
The bass guitar has that forte to it
That deep, warm tone which still manages to deliver
its strong succinct sound.

A few years back, I realized I had a passion for music.
I started playing the bass guitar and that was how I
began to fit in.

I will never regret that decision because
Nothing gives me a better feeling than playing the
bass guitar.

The role of the bassist, along with the drummer, is to
be the engine that drives the car;
Everything else is merely colours.
Therefore, I will always be grateful to God that I am
a Bassist.

You may not recognize the bass playing in a song,
But you definitely feel it.

It's stronger, deeper and warmer
I play the bass,
What's your *superpower*?

Love gone sour [March 11, 2017](#)

Love is a wonderful thing; don't you think so? It is a
beautiful feeling – a life changing experience – that
causes a person to be blinded by the imperfections of
another mere mortal. Love is holy, pure and divine; it
is one of the best gifts the Lord has blessed mankind
with. But just like every good thing God has given us,
mankind has succeeded in corrupting this virtue. Love
has been converted into evil, hatred,
jealousy, loneliness and depression. *Back to top*

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I rushed into my room and tossed my bag aggressively onto the bed of my roommate. "What is wrong with me? Why!" I stood in front of the mirror, struggled to see my reflection through the thick oceans that filled my eyes; tears of sorrow, misery and grief flowing down my cheeks like a river in search of an ocean to receive it.

"How could she be so heartless?" All my courage was useless and unrecognized. She didn't even give a second thought. That one thing I needed from her; that one gesture of love that would have satisfied me for the rest of my life. Now I looked up to God, and began to question his unconditional love for me. Has the God of Israel, the same God that sent his only son to die on a cross, forgotten about emotions?

I wiped my sore eyes and tried to be that bold and brave man my father always encouraged me to be. Why should I be here crying while she is laughing with her 'new friend'? Perhaps, it was not meant to be. The trademark of true love is the ability to let go of a loved one, in order for the one you love to be a happier person.

Our Alumni of the Week



Full name: **Jermyn Amissah-Arthur**

Year group: **2007**

Hostel & colour group: **Francis & Green**
Roles played at TIS: **Basketball & Football Team, 100m**

Most memorable experience in TIS: One night, we woke up Paa Kwesi Cudjoe (the bell boy) after telling him he had overslept and it was long past the rising bell. He frantically grabs the bell and runs to the balcony in front of the common room and rings it. One problem, it is about 2am. Mr Opare (the house master) storms out of his house annoyed and shouts "You Paa Kwesi, you think like a bullet"

University: **Luther College 2011**

Major: **Accounting, Minor in Management Information Systems**

Achievements in College: **Dean's List**

Currently working at: **Arthur Advisors**

Position Held: **Senior Advisor**

Key word in life: **Perseverance**

Philosophy: **Nothing in life worth having is easy, if that was the case everybody would be a macho man.**

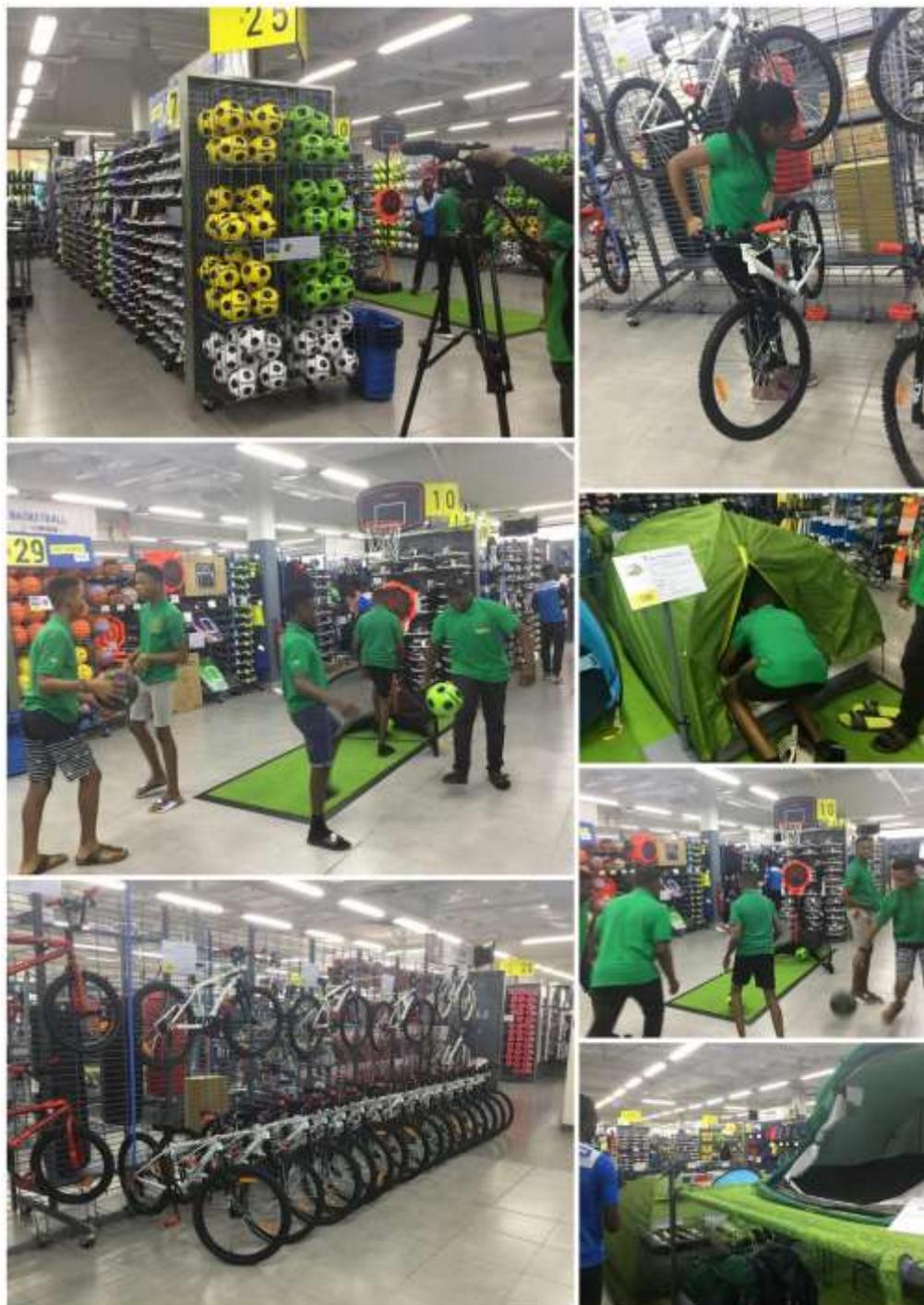
Word of advice: **Dont talk about it, be about it.**

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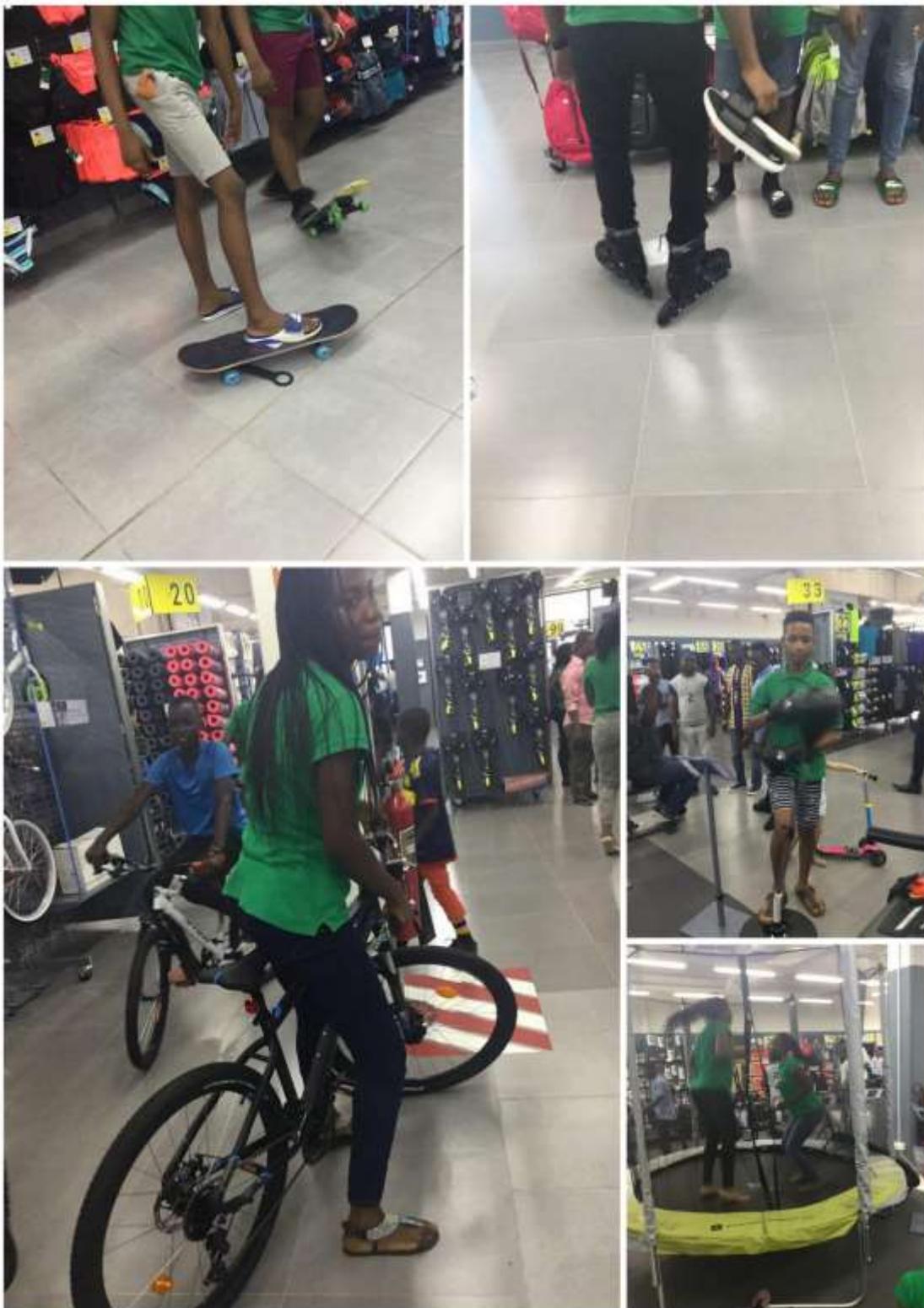
Decathlon Store at the Junction Mall on Saturday



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