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Thought for the Week

Become who you are.
- Friedrich Nietzsche

Calendar

20/10/17: Mid-semester break commences; Creative Writers and Photography Workshop Day 1
21/10/17: Creative Writers and Photography Workshop Day 2
23/10/17: TIS MUN 2017 Day 1
24/10/17: TIS MUN 2017 Day 2; Bio/Geo/ESS OS IA (England) trip departs
25/10/17: TIS MUN 2017 Day 3
29/10/17: Students return to Hostels; mid-semester break ends.
1/11/17: Bio/Geo/ESS OS IA (England) trip returns
3/11/17: ITGS excursion
4/11/17: SAT (subjects only)
5/11/17: TIS Annual Performance: The Slaves
11/11/17: ISSAG Swimming and volleyball championships at TIS



Making Us Proud

• Boys' basketball and soccer teams and our girls' soccer team for their efforts last Saturday against Ghana Christian International High School.

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- TIS Genesis and their inspiring performance at Higher Praise last Saturday
- Harry Sintim-Aboagye, a founding parent, for his best investment advice.
- John Ato Adenu-Mensah for his awesome message about our upcoming Annual Performance.

Reminders

- Please read school communications. [Note: if you can't access the weekly TIS Bulletin or Monthly Newsletter, this means you have not yet logged into ManageBac.]
- *TIS Events*: Parents are always welcome to attend any school event.

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- *Exeats*: Students will not have exeats approved if they have outstanding work to complete. Exeat requests for a weekend should be received by COB Wednesdays. Students returning from an exeat on a school day must be in full school uniform, including shoes, not sandals. Gates close at 5.00pm.

- *Labelling all personal items*: From 29 October, clothing and any other items that are unlabelled, including bed linen, will be confiscated and returned to parents. This is a tough stance, but its purpose is to save parents money and promote responsibility and discipline in students. Those who can show evidence of label purchase and waiting for them to arrive will be granted an extension of time

- *ManageBac (MB) and Naviance*: If you have any difficulties registering or logging in, please email Ken (principal@tis.edu.gh)

Fulfilling Obligations

It is important in life to fulfill, or complete, all obligations. Success is unlikely if obligations are ignored.

Some students (and their parents) have been advised during the week that their departure for mid-semester will be delayed until they submit outstanding tasks. Regular offenders will deprive themselves of the option to participate in overseas excursions.

Observance of start and end dates of semesters is another area of concern with frequent requests for an early departure or a late return. Any planning should ensure that students do not miss school time, as well as hostel obligations. Parents' cooperation is required for this issue.

Return To Hostels

Students are due to return to hostels on Sunday, 29 October. Parents should advise Alex Tay, if their child/ren are returning early.

ISSAG Soccer, Tennis and Table Tennis Championships

No specific details have been received about the ISSAG soccer, tennis and table tennis championships scheduled for 28 October. Consequently, TIS has withdrawn from this event, if it is to occur on this date.

Annual Performance: The Slaves

It is all happening on Sunday, 5 November – the 2017 TIS Annual Performance: The Slaves. Tickets are on sale and costs are GHC30 for adults and GHC20 for students.

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Accounts

A reminder to parents that semester fees should be finalised by mid-semester.

Young Yale African Scholars Program

TIS has been invited to host the 2018 Young Yale African Scholars camp that will be held from 11-20 August 2018. Please see the brochure within this Bulletin to apply for this great experience.

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Best wishes go to our organisers and students involved in the 2017 Creative Writing and Photography Workshop this week and TIS MUN from next Monday to Wednesday. Safe travels and a successful excursion for those students travelling to Slapton next week. These students will need to return to hostels by 5.00pm on 2 November.

I wish all students and staff a restful break next week and look forward to your safe return on Sunday, 29 October.

I appreciate your support.

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Dr. Ken Darvall
Principal

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Young African Scholars Program



The Yale Young African Scholars (YYAS) Program is a cost-free, intensive academic and residential program designed for high-achieving African secondary school students.

YYAS exposes students to various opportunities for post-secondary education. Participants will enhance their academic skills, receive university admission and financial aid application guidance, and join a network of young leaders from across the continent!

Applicants must currently attend a secondary school in Africa and have at least one full academic term after August 2018 to complete their studies. Admission is highly selective and open to students between the ages of 14 and 18. **YYAS is free for all participants.**



The 2018 YYAS Program will be hosted in two locations:

RWANDA: 29 July – 07 August

GHANA: 11 August – 20 August



APPLY ONLINE | africanscholars.yale.edu

Deadline | 06 February 2018 @ 11:59pm EST

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Individuals and Societies Corner

TISMUN Welcome Message

It is with great pleasure we welcome you to the fourth session of Tema International School Model United Nations (TISMUN). TISMUN brings together young scholars from schools all over Ghana to carry out a simulation of the United Nations. The three-day conference will focus on addressing pressing world issues and developing resolutions for them. During debate, delegates as well as chairs, will be involved



in stimulating discussions concerning all manner of world matters in their respective committees. Participants in the conference will have to place themselves in the shoes of the leaders of their respective countries and argue their points from this perspective. This will allow delegates to try and understand the intricate international relations of the world in which we live in.

Pressing issues to be discussed include the prioritization of world peace in stabilizing relations between North Korea and U.S as well as the issue of inflated prices and patents on life saving drugs. Such topics will call for insightful suggestions from delegates and will definitely make for fruitful discussions and in turn applicable resolutions.

Outside of debate, all participants will have the opportunity to engage in exciting activities. To commence the conference there will be the opening ceremony, where performances will take place as well as an opening speech from the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General and a speech from a prominent guest speaker within the world of international relations. For delegates staying within the walls of Tema International School, many after-debate activities are scheduled including a Talent Show and a Delegates Party on the last night. The Closing Ceremony on the final day is bound to be interesting as it will include recognition for outstanding delegates within the committees.

In all, TISMUN 2017 is guaranteed to be a memorable experience and whether you're an MUN expert or newbie, be rest assured of learning something new and taking back with you more than you could ever imagine.

Anna-Maria Poku
Secretary-General, TISMUN 2017

Alistair Kirk
Dep. Secretary-General, TISMUN 2017

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TISMUN'17 Countdown!

3 days until the much anticipated TISMUN'17 with the theme; **Promoting Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure for a Sustainable Future**. Yesterday, our delegates began their training sessions and it was great to see them so excited and dedicated to practicing before the actual conference.

They want to make sure they will not be upstaged by other delegates from schools including;

- Morgan International Community School
- Al-Rayan International School
- Ghana International School
- SOS Heman-Gmeinner International College
- Delhi Public School.

The Committees during the conference include;

- International Court of Justice (ICJ)
- Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- Disarmament and International Security Council (DISEC)
- United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)
- United Nations Peace Building Commission (UNPBC)
- International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- World Health Organization (WHO)
- General Assembly (GA)

The conference promises to be another 3 days of unforgettable experiences, where our very own students are given the opportunity to take up roles as world leaders and solve issues that the world is facing today.

Tema International School Model United Nations
TISMUN'17

Promoting industry, innovation, and infrastructure for a sustainable future

23 - 25 October, 2017

Registration Fee	GHc 250.00 (Non-Residential) GHc 450.00 (Residential)
Deadline for Payment	22nd September, 2017

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Counselor's Corner



The journey to the top is never an easy one. There are so many rivers to cross and mountains to climb. But as long as we have air in our lungs, we keep pushing till we reach the summit. No giving up, we persevere with each step we take. **SO WE DON'T STOP WHEN WE ARE TIRED, WE STOP WHEN WE ARE DONE.**

College Applications

We are excited to announce that the first set of college applications have been submitted. These include students applying to OxBridge (Oxford or Cambridge) and students looking forward to studying medicine in the U.K. The next batch of submissions will be for the early applicants (early decision and action). Theirs will be submitted before the 1 November deadline. They have been guided to complete it and are expected to submit their applications ahead of the deadline. The final set which will be for all other students applying to other countries, will be submitted before close of November.

With this in mind, all DP2 students are reminded to complete all outstanding essays, personal statements and online applications over the break. Let's keep our fingers crossed as we pray for record-breaking offers.

DP2 ACTION ITEMS- To Do List for the Break:

1. Completing all documents pertaining to your college application.
2. Improving your College Essay, Supplements, Personal Statements.
3. Studying for the IB, working on your EE, IA and other academic requirements.
4. Updating your university selection in line with your test scores and financial aid availability.
5. Researching scholarship and financial aid opportunities at the various universities.
6. Completing the financial aid tracker and all financial aid documents (ISFAA, CSS Profile, COF, FAFSA, IDOC) with your parents.
7. Completing the Non-Commonapp and Canadian universities form.
8. Complete UCAS and OUAC and have your credit card details on hand.

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You are welcome to send us new essay drafts, personal statements and supplement essays for review.

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You are welcome to email us if you have any urgent concerns, although we will be away for the mid-semester break and may not respond promptly. We will, however, address them after the mid-semester break.

Enjoy the break! 😊

Financial Aid Meeting

The financial one-on-one meeting between parents and counsellors has commenced this week. Parents who are yet to book a slot are kindly advised to do so or contact their child's counsellor if the dates allocated to them will cause any inconvenience. Please find below a list of some important documents to look out for in the financial aid application process:

- American Citizens.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

CSS Profile (College Scholarship Service) www.collegeboard.org (student must log into their account)

IDOC (Institutionalized Documentation Service)

- International Students.

ISFAA (International Student Financial Aid Application)

COF (International Student Certification of Finances)

University-Specific Financial Aid Application Forms

CSS Profile (College Scholarship Service) www.collegeboard.org (student must log into their account)

IDOC (Institutionalized Documentation Service)

Other supporting documents may include, but are not limited to, bank statements, letter from employers and university specific forms.

Without mincing words, the whole process is a very tedious one. We therefore encourage both parents and students to start the process early enough having in mind the deadlines and required forms for each school they are applying to. They should also be diligent in filling out the form with a modest but honest information in order to attract a favourable offer from various schools. A reminder that higher academic grades and test scores (SAT/ACT) often attract more generous scholarships at highly selective universities. Also some schools consider leadership initiative, community service and special talents among others.

Highlight of Grade 8 Class Session

Research- the systematic investigation into and study of materials and sources in order to establish facts and reach new conclusions- is an essential skill students' need. Our Grade 8s had an interesting lesson as they were guided through the necessary steps for conducting a valid research by the ATL Teacher.

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Reminder on Test Dates for the Academic Year.

SAT 2017-2018

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE
7 OCT, 2017	23 AUG, 2017
4 NOV, 2017*	6 SEPT, 2017
10 MARCH, 2018**	9 JAN, 2018
5 MAY, 2018	6 MARCH, 2018

ACT 2017-2018

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE
9 SEPT, 2017	31 May, 2017
28 Oct, 2017	1 Sept, 2017
14 April, 2018	16 Feb, 2018

SAT SUBJECT TEST ONLY ** & REGULAR SAT ONLY *

ACT OCT. 28, Reminder

Students who have registered for the upcoming ACT October Exam are to report by 7am prompt from home for the ACT October Exam. They should also take note of the following:

- They have to print their ACT admission ticket and present it to their counselors. Any student facing any difficulty printing the admission ticket, should contact the Guidance and Counselling Department for assistance.
 - A valid unexpired passport is the only acceptable form of ID for writing the ACT exam. All student test takers are required to bring their valid passports along for the exam.
 - Also number 2 pencils or 2B pencils should be bought from the Tucks Shop. They should come along with an approved calculator.
 - Practice tests are available on Naviance
- Best wishes!

November SAT Subject Test, Reminder

Students who have registered for the upcoming November SAT Exam are to log into their College Board accounts and download their SAT Admission Tickets. They should also take note of the following:

- A valid unexpired passport is the only acceptable form of ID for writing the SAT exam. All student test takers are required to bring their valid passports along for the exam.
 - Also number 2 pencils or 2B pencil should be bought from the Tucks Shop. They should come along with an approved calculator.
 - Practice tests are available on Naviance, Khan Academy and College Board's website
- We wish you all the best!

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University Visit Line Up.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
<u>30/ Oct/17</u>	<u>Babson, Tufts, Colby College (U.S.A.)</u>	<u>12:00pm</u>	<u>Handel Picasso Exam Hall</u>
<u>2/Nov/17</u>	<u>Univ. of Guelph (Canada)</u>	<u>1:30pm</u>	<u>Handel Picasso Exam Hall</u>
<u>3/Nov/17</u>	<u>Bentley Univ. (U.S.A.)</u>	<u>8:45am</u>	<u>Handel Picasso Exam Hall</u>
	<u>Pepperdine Univ. (U.S.A.)</u>		
	<u>Syracuse Univ. (U.S.A.)</u>		
<u>17/Nov/17</u>	<u>Keele University, UK</u>	<u>2:30pm</u>	<u>College Guide Office-Learning Centre.</u>

Article on the Application Process.

One of the biggest mistakes students make in preparing their applications for admission is the tendency to treat the information they submit as random data points. Scores, essays, courses, grades and letters of recommendation are often regarded as items to be completed on a checklist for each college. When this happens, students miss important opportunities to make a difference in their applications. Rather than being purposeful in presenting their credentials, they fail to “connect the dots” to create a coherent picture of who they are.

As you prepare your applications for admission, then, consider how the different elements of your application can be woven together to tell your story. Remember that admission committees are most interested in learning about you and what you have to offer the community of scholars they are assembling through the admission process. Use your essays, letters of recommendation and extra-curricular to create a picture of who you are and what you have to offer.

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Arts Corner

Michael Quaye



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Department of Creative Arts
HP11

Date: Here and Now

Dear Reader,

I am shouting; are you listening?

It was a late afternoon when my principal approached me and asked me to guide a pair of parents on a tour of one of the most appraised schools in Ghana. Without hesitation, I accepted his offer and began the tour. I broke down any barrier restricting our conversation from being inauthentic and fruitless, just to see where their persuasion will lead. As I led them on an exploration of the campus, they asked me about the educational departments in TIS.

I told them slowly and in detail, making sure that I did not leave any department out. They all nodded responsibly towards my replies. I personally decided to conclude at my favorite department, the Creative Arts Department. Unbeknownst to me the expectancy of their laughter, I was agitated.

Noticing of my agitation, they silently apologised and informed me that the reason they laughed was because of how unnecessary they believe such subjects to be. “How can I bring my son to school to become an artist? An actor? A musician!? What a waste of money!” replied the mother. “So that I’ll be watching him on GTV? Or he’ll become the next Shatta Wale? Nonsense!” responded the father to the mother.

Although they found the situation to be hilarious, I was getting infuriated.

‘Ladies and Gentleman, this is how the creative arts is spat upon by the African Society. Parents raise their children, encouraging and supporting them to gear onto more socially accepted professions such as a doctor or an architect and discipline the creativity out of those who want to pursue art or theatre or music as a profession.

These same children, whose creativity levels have depleted, do nothing better than to reflect the same comments fostered in them by their parents, towards their peers who were raised with more open-minded guardians. This is why when subjects are being selected, the Creative Arts is a department barely any one dares to pick a subject from.’

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How I wished I voiced these words out to the parents ridiculing my passion, but just like any other wise person, I let it go and congratulated them for being available for the tour.

Michael Quaye
IB1 Theatre



Science Corner

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The IGCSE Biology students of Grade 10 took part in a practical where they prepared slides of human spermatozoa and observed them under the microscope to identify both its motility and structure. Afterwards, they were tasked to make a large labelled drawing of the cells they are observing.

Below are some reflections of two students;

Biology Experiment

During my Biology class on the 12th of October 2017, I had a very interesting experiment with my classmates. It came as a surprise when we entered the class and saw microscopes and little containers on each bench. I was even more surprised when I found out that we were going to be looking at sperm cells but it was also understandable since we were studying the topic reproduction in humans. Curiosity and excitement filled the room as we all wanted to see what we had been learning about for a while. The experiment was very interesting because it was very different from the normal experiments in chemistry or physics class and I hope we could have more experiments like that later on. **Noelle Mendis Addison.**

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On 12 October, 2017 the IGCSE Biology class of 2018 had what has to be the most interesting Biology class of our entire high school lives. In previous lessons we had been studying the anatomy of both the male and female gametes yet still we were caught off guard. Whispers of ‘what are we doing today?’ buzzed around the classroom as we walked in to see microscopes on tables. I don’t think it’s possible to describe the sheer delight on my classmates’ faces as our trusty teacher Sir Joseph Dadzie walked in. He was holding test tubes containing a pale-yellowish liquid. Chaos ensued when he confirmed that in today’s class we were indeed going to encounter spermatozoa cells up close and personally. Divided into groups of four, students worked diligently to put the sperm sample on the delicate glass slides and place the slides under the light microscope. To witness the squirming cells dance along my line of sight was indeed unforgettable. My group and I had a blast observing and then sketching the unique sight. Once in a lifetime opportunities like these are exactly why I love Biology!



Awura Aba Kufuor

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The Learning Centre @ TIS

Never allow your devices rob you of the opportunity to relax with an exciting best seller or popular title as you build on your vocabulary through reading. 'College Board - Must-Read' titles to keep you busy and fired up are available for check out by students. Do a quick search in the LC catalogue to know the outstanding titles you need to read if you haven't started at all.

'Smartbacc'

New users of 'smartbacc' have started receiving emails providing log-in details to enable them access this great resource. Anyone who is unable to access 'smartbacc' or is yet to receive an e-mail detailing his/her log-in information, should kindly contact follellu@tis.edu.gh. Once again, all users are strongly advised **not to** share their log-in details with any third party.

By way of a reminder, our school's link to access 'Smartbacc' server is: <http://tis.smartbacc.com>. You may also access it via the LC homepage under the heading 'Online Resources'.

Head/Earphones

All students are once again reminded that use of head/earphone is **NOT** allowed in the LC. However, any student who wishes to use his/her head/earphone for purely academic work should first seek for the necessary approval from the LC staff. Any student who flouts this directive would have his/her head/earphone confiscated.

Churchill Archive

Have you ever used the Bloomsbury Churchill Archive? This is a great online history resource which holds more than 800,000 pages of original (primary) documents, produced between 1874 and 1965, ranging from Winston S. Churchill's personal correspondence to his official exchanges with kings, presidents, politicians, and military leaders. Bloomsbury Churchill Archive is a fantastic collection of primary source materials; it is a unique offering new insight into a fascinating period of our past. The LC has an active subscription to this resource. Visit <http://www.churchillarchive.com/> or the LC homepage under the heading 'Online Resources' and have a closer look it. Excellent teaching and learning resources are also freely available in the separate but complementary [Churchill Archive for Schools](#). The log-in details to enable you have full access is as follows;

Username: tislub

Password: oct2003

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Open Library

Open Library (<https://openlibrary.org/>) is comprised of two great parts! A free, digital lending library of over 2 million eBooks that can be read in a browser or downloaded for reading off-line and a unique project to build one web page for every book ever published. Over 20 million books already have a page on Open Library.

Users are also invited to participate in the building of this site. It is an Open project - the software is open, the data is open, the documentation is open, and the site is open. Anyone can participate in this project. Visit Open Library site to experience its worth of resources at no cost. In other words, it is absolutely free.

Extended Opening Hours - LC

The LC wishes to inform staff and students that with effect from 23 October, 2017, our operational hours will be from 7.30am - 5.00pm instead of the usual opening hours of 7.45am – 4.30pm. This move is intended to give users the opportunity to effectively make use of our services and resources.

Always remember, the search for credible and reliable information starts here...



<https://tis.oliverasp.co.uk/library/libraryHome.do>

TIS Learning Centre: "Right Place To Be"!

LC Team

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Parents' Sign –up for School Events

Parent Sign -ups					
Events	Parent Name	Contact No. & email	I would like to be a		
			Sponsor	Volunteer	Organiser
1 Annual Performance -5th Nov					
2 Intercol Singing/ Carols Singing- 3rd Dec					
3 Student election process- 4th- 8th Dec					
4 Student Council Orientation- 5th Jan					
5 Thanksgiving service- 14th Jan					
6 Service Learning- Akorlikope- 31st Jan-2nd Feb					
7 **IB education Festival - 16th Feb					
8 Science Fair- 24th Feb					
9 Red Cross Volunteer day -6th mar					
10 Expression- 18th Mar					
11 ALAMU- 21-25th Mar					
12 IB Trip- 19th-21st May					
13 Leavers Dinner-1st June					
14 Graduation/ Achievers-2nd June					
15 TIS CAS Exchange 9th-15th June					

As part of our efforts to get parents involved in school events, we wish to inform parents that they are welcome to participate in the following school events as either sponsors, Organizers/Coordinators or Volunteers. Kindly send your name, email, phone number and chosen event to **Nana Adwoa at +233503849799.**

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Hostel Corner

Catherine Hostel Parent of the Week!



Name: Rachel Sarkwa

Roles: Teacher of Physical and Health Education and Catherine Hostel Parent

Key word in life: Patience

Hobbies: Cooking, reading, dancing, sports and listening to music

Favourite quote: ‘If you cannot be the sun, be the moon, if you cannot be the moon be the star if you cannot be the star be the very best you can’.

What excites you: Helping people to develop their talents.

Experience at the Hostel: Meeting the students in their exciting mood in the PHE lesson is totally different when it comes to the hostel, because one has to be stern and ensure that work is done. This also means that one has to establish a rapport with the students to ensure that whilst the work is ongoing, relationships are also maintained. In all, it has been fun and eye-opening.

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Alumni of the week!



Full Name: Derick Etornam 'Deeks' Worchie

Year Group: Class of 2014

Hostel & colour: Anthony Hostel & Green

Roles played at TIS: SRC executive; Foreign Student's Representative

Most memorable experience: I think my most memorable experience was the IB trip, it's still very vivid in my mind. It was interesting to see everyone particularly out of their element and in a more comfortable setting. I also hadn't seen much of Ghana outside the airport and the school, so it was a moment I'll remember

University: Southampton University Class of 2019

Major/ area of specialization: Journalism, Content Creation and Media

Achievements in university: Dean's list x 2 & Journalism society's captain

Currently working at: The independent newspaper - Music and Culture reporting.

Key Word in life: Resilience

Philosophy: You're going to face setbacks and get knocked down in life. Successful people aren't the ones who get knocked down the fewest times. They're the ones who can get hit and keep going. Don't fear failure its inevitable. What defines you is how you react to that failure.

Word of advice: I could say 1000 generic things like 'Study and you'll do well' but ultimately success, especially in TIS starts when you believe in yourself. The reason I couldn't work as well as I should have in TIS is because I genuinely in my heart of hearts felt I wasn't smart enough or capable of doing it, and lack of belief in myself was something I masked very well. Before there was a test or an exam I'd tell myself 'this is too hard' or 'I can't do this'. At that moment I had already defeated any chance I had of doing well, I wrote myself off. If I had the confidence I have today back then, I would have done much better than I did, waaaay better. So, the best advice I can give any student in TIS is first and foremost believe in yourself, because if you don't, it won't be the exams or pressure that will defeat you. It will be yourself.

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CASSA Updates

Tema International School presents *The Slaves*. Written by Mohammed Ben Abdallah and directed by Araba Adenu-Mensah, Mifatu Gadzekpo and Nuna Attipoe.

What is slavery and how does it look like? What/who is enslaving you and whom are you enslaving? Who are the victims of slavery? Is slavery archaic? What is the value of human life?

Join the TIS production crew as we aboard the slave ship in search of answers to these questions.

To reserve your tickets click on the link bellow

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/tis-2017-annual-performance-the-slaves-tickets-39039941516?ref=estw>



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Labels for All Students

There has been an increasing report of lost/misplaced items as well as items left lying about without a clue to its owners. In view of this, we wish to inform Parents that “Incredible Labels” will be supplying labels to all students who do not have any labelled items, and the cost added to students’

bills for next semester. We will provide further details in next week’s Newsletter.



Incredible Labels

We're stuck on You!

Let lost items become a thing of the past!



We know what a challenge it can be to keep track of our children's belongings whether they are at a day care centre, boarding house or on school trips. Now, we make it possible for you and your child to easily identify their clothing, sports kits, stationery, drinking bottles, lunch boxes etc

Order a pack of quality, user-friendly name labels to ensure that your children bring back home all their personal items.



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Chaplaincy Corner

TIS HOSTS HIGHEST PRAISE 2017

Tema International school was privileged to host the *High School Beta* edition of *Highest Praise 2017 on Saturday, 14 October, 2017 at the school's MPH*. Highest Praise is an annual musical concert organized by the Harbour City Mass Choir (HCMC) with the aim of providing a platform for selected high schools to showcase their God given talents in the music and also tap, equip and provide an opportunity for talents of the youth in Christian ministry. TIS was represented by our evergreen Genesis Band. Other participating schools were; Ghana Christian High International School, Life International College, Akosombo International School, Labone Senior High School and Methodist Day High School. It was such a great joy to see the Genesis Band join other high schools to minister contemporary soul inspiring gospel songs to a larger audience drawn from an array of selected national and international schools.

Genesis Band also had another wonderful experience of being part a mass-mass choir, made up of , the Harbour City Mass Choir and all the participating schools to sing *Okokoroko* (The Majestic One), a track from Nii Okai's latest album. This indeed was a memorable event! The organizers surprised each school with a special package of premium home theater sound system to support their rehearsals. Prior to the event, a team from HCMC visited the schools to provide some technical assistance to strengthen the choirs in the area of song ministration. The chaplaincy committee is expressing their profound gratitude to Nii Okai and the entire HCMC for giving us the opportunity to host this programme. We look forward to strengthen the bond of friendship between our Genesis band and the Harbour City Mass Choir. Please find below reflective report by a member of Genesis Band.

MY REFLECTIONS ON *HIGH SCHOOL BETA* EDITION OF *HIGHEST PRAISE 2017*

Although I participated in Highest Praise last year, it was a bit of a blur to me. As a member of Genesis, I knew about the program about two months ahead and I was generally excited about it. We began preparations for our ministration two weeks before the event and thankfully I can say it was time well spent. However, it was quite exhausting and demanding since we had to have rehearsals everyday after- school. Managing my time was not an easy-task during these two weeks. When the day finally came, Genesis was second to minister. In the beginning I was nervous, especially since I was leading a song, however once we began and by God's grace continued to sing melodiously, I can actually say I enjoyed myself. Especially when we sang "He Turned It" by Tye Trybett. It was exhilarating to see my own friends run around the MPH singing and dancing. I also had a lot of fun interacting with some friends from the other schools that came for Highest Praise. An added bonus was the fact that Genesis managed to steal the whole show-in terms of our ministration- and win the biggest prize for TIS.

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