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Thoughts for the Week

To find yourself, think for yourself.

- Socrates

A year from now, you will wish you had started today.

- Karen Lamb

Calendar

7/10/17: Adjavon Memorial Cup; SAT

8/10/17: TIS Founders' service (11.00am); Visiting Sunday: International Day (12.30-4.30pm)

12/10/17: TOK Final Presentations

13/10/17: G10 ecology trip

14/10/17: PSAT; Higher Praise (1.00-5.00pm)

19/10/17: Parent Information Session (1.30-4.00pm)

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

28/10/17: ACT; ISSAG Soccer/Tennis/Table Tennis

29/10/17: Students return to Hostels; mid-semester break ends.

1/11/17: Bio/Geo/ESS OS IA (England) trip returns

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- Nana Osei Mainoo (Overall Champion Boy and 2017 Boy Champion of Champions), India Agyeman (Overall Champion Girl) and Oluwaseyilayo Olagbami (2017 Girl Champion of Champions) at the 2017 TIS Swimming Championships.

- Yellow House for being the Champion Swimming House (again). Their secret? Ensuring they always had more than one entry in each event. Good advice for other Colour Houses for any event.

- G11 students who have held various responsibilities in the organisation and success of the 14th TIS Founders' Day, and week of activities. Your commitment, planning and organisation have been awesome.

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- The many talented students who entertained the school on Founders' Day at the special luncheon. Snippets can be found on Twitter (@TISGhana)

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

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14th TIS Founders' Day

Dear Mrs Ajavon, or Mummy, as you are known so affectionately by all of us.

On behalf of all of us, I thank you for the opportunity to become a member of the TIS family and congratulate you, your late husband, and your family on this 14th Founders' Day.

On Saturday, Uncle AB expressed his amazement about what has transpired since those first days of Tema International School. At Monday's special assembly, Mrs Ferguson also reflected with pride and joy about the years since the school opened.

As a former teacher and Principal School Inspector, you have always been a role model in terms of values, purpose and success. In TIS, you have provided all us with many lessons to heed.

These lessons of life include:

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- family is the essence of life and all members have a responsibility to uphold its values and meet expectations;
- value learning and focus on your education to achieve your goals and make the world a better place;
- dream, believe, achieve;
- success requires planning, consistent effort and hard work, a good team to support you and sustained excellence;
- be patient, stay focused, as success that comes overnight may also be gone in the morning;
- always help others who are less fortunate, provide a service to communities, and never take your circumstances for granted;
- be humble about your achievements, never be satisfied with current success, as the best is yet to come;
- be authentic, and not somebody else; and, most of all
- ensure integrity, as it is what you do when no one is watching that reveals the person you are, and what you are really capable of achieving.

These lessons are for all of us. We must always remember that what we do is to ensure the success of the future generation – our students.

We all know that what makes you proud are moments when you can say: TIS – Talented Inspiring Students.

But what makes you happiest are the moments you witness and can say: TIS – Teachers Inspiring Students.

Thank you for the opportunity to celebrate this special occasion with you. Our commitment to you is to heed your lessons of life, continue to you make you proud, and contribute to your happiness.

Dr. Ken

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TIS Swimming Championships

The TIS pool was a sea of colours, specifically blue, green red and yellow, last Sunday for this annual event. 12 records were set and Yellow was the champion team on the day. A list

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of records for swimming can be found within this Bulletin. The enthusiasm and support were infectious. Special thanks go to the timekeepers, marshalls, lifeguard and announcers for their sterling efforts. Appreciation goes to those parents who came to support their sons and daughters.

This Weekend

The culmination of a busy TIS Founders' week of celebrations:

- the Adjavon Memorial Cup from 9.00am-1.00pm tomorrow (Saturday);
- The Founders' Thanksgiving Service from 11.00am-12.30pm on Sunday; and
- Visiting Sunday, with an International Day theme from 12.30pm-5.00pm.

Adjavon Memorial Cup

The Health Walk and Sporty Family Day have taken its toll on the parent ranks and are unable to accept the challenge of participating against the best of the best. Hopefully, when TIS celebrates the big 15 in 2018, parents will be able to field teams in the nominated sports.

While the rains on Friday are making the Alumni smile, as they pray for a slow soccer pitch, please note that in the event of rain, the tournament will proceed, but in a reduced and different format inside the sports complex with indoor soccer and basketball matches determining the 2017 Adjavon Memorial Cup Winners.

Remember TIS starts on time and excuses are to be left at the main gates. Best of luck to all teams. Parents and Alumni are always welcome to attend TIS events. Hopefully, Nana Brown won't be a spectator tomorrow.

Plan A (beautiful day) and Plan B (great day for ducks) draws can be found within this Bulletin.

For Our New Parents

• For the past three years, TIS has hosted the annual Creative Writing and Photography Workshop over two days. This year it will be held from 20 – 21 October. It is one of those essential experiences for students wishing to develop or enhance their writing or photography skills. Please contact Miss Irene for further details: Irene.Koree@tis.edu.gh

• TIS hosts MUN this year from 23-25 October. Again, it's an essential experience for students to develop and demonstrate their persuasive writing, public speaking and leadership skills. The local experience is the perfect forerunner to the annual international experiences that take place in second semester. Please contact Mrs Adelaide for further details: aferguson@tis.edu.gh

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Best of luck to our SAT students on Saturday.

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See you at the Adjavon Memorial Cup tomorrow. Hopefully, without an umbrella.

I appreciate your support.

Dr Ken Darvall
Principal

Program for Adjavon Memorial Cup

ADJAVON CUP: 7/10/17

PLAN A: IT'S A GREAT DAY TO HAVE A GREAT DAY

TIME	SOCCER (Male)	VOLLEYBALL (Female)	BASKETBALL (Mixed)	COMMENTS
9.00am	S v T	A v S	A v T	
10.00am	A v S	S v T	A v S	
11.00am	A v T	A v T	S v T	

- For basketball, there must be a minimum of 2 females on the court for a team at all times.
- Games are 2 x 20 minutes halves with a 5-minute half-time break.
- All games must start on time. If a game starts late, the lost time is deducted from the first half.
- The Adjavon Cup will be presented at 12.15pm (Plan A) or 1.30pm (Plan B).
- Food and beverages will be on sale from 10.00am. Parents visiting their children are invited to remain until 3.00pm.

Key: A = Alumni

S = Students

T = Staff

PLAN A: IT'S A GREAT DAY FOR DUCKS

TIME	INDOOR SOCCER (Male)	BASKETBALL (Mixed)	COMMENTS
9.00am	S v T		Inside the sports complex.
9.45am	A v S		
10.30am	A v T		
11.15am		A v T	
12.00pm		A v S	
12.45pm		S v T	

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TIS Swimming Records

TIS SWIMMING RECORDS

As at 1/10/2017

Event	Age	Student	Colour	Age	TIME	RECORD
Boys 100m Freestyle	Open	Michael Ego Kumi	Yellow	12	1.12.42	2015
Girls 100m Freestyle	Open	India Agyeman	Yellow	13	1.34.49	2015
Boys 11 Yrs 25m Freestyle	Boys 11 Years	Nuku Dzakuma	Green	11	25.35	2017
Boys 12 Yrs 25m Freestyle	Boys 12 Years	Michael Ego Kumi	Yellow	12	13.84	2015
Boys 13 Yrs 25m Freestyle	Boys 13 Years	Michael Kumi	Yellow	13	14.25	2016
Boys 14 Yrs 25m Freestyle	Boys 14 Years	Eyako Eli Dzantor	Blue	14	15.19	2017
Boys 15 Yrs 25m Freestyle	Boys 15 Years	Edward Quansah	Blue	15	16.62	2017
Boys 16 Yrs 25m Freestyle	Boys 16 Years	Henry Findlay-Antonio	Red	16	15.03	2017
Boys 17 Yrs 25m Freestyle	Boys 17 Years	Derek Bonsu	Red	17	14.25	2015
Boys 18 Yrs 25m Freestyle	Boys 18 Years	Nana Osei Mainoo	Yellow	18	12.68	2017
Girls 11 Years 25m Freestyle	Girls 11 Years	Moyosola Fajemirokun	Red	11	30.78	2017
Girls 12 Years 25m Freestyle	Girls 12 Years	Adoma Agyare	Yellow	12	22.81	2015
Girls 13 Years 25m Freestyle	Girls 13 Years	India Agyeman	Yellow	13	16.19	2015
Girls 14 Years 25m Freestyle	Girls 14 Years	India Agyeman	Yellow	14	17.23	2016
Girls 15 Years 25m Freestyle	Girls 15 Years	India Agyeman	Yellow	15	16	2017
Girls 16 Years 25m Freestyle	Girls 16 Years	Oluwaseyilayo Olagbami	Red	16	19.25	2016
Girls 17 Years 25m Freestyle	Girls 17 Years	Oluwaseyilayo Olagbami	Red	17	18.05	2017
Girls 18 Years 25m Freestyle	Girls 18 Years	Nana Ackah	Blue	18	28.88	2015
Boys 50m Freestyle	Open	David Adarkwah	Red	16	28.66	2016
Girls 50m Freestyle	Open	India Agyeman	Yellow	13	38.58	2016
Boys 25m Breaststroke	Open	Nana Osei Mainoo	Yellow	18	18.25	2017
Boys 50m Breaststroke	Open	David Adarkwah	Red	16	39.2	2015
Girls 25m Breaststroke	Open	Ashley Gaba	Yellow	14	26.48	2017
Girls 50m Breaststroke	Open	India Agyeman	Yellow	13	50.13	2015
Boys 25m Backstroke	Open	Michael Kumi	Yellow	13	18.03	2016
Boys 50m Backstroke	Open	David Adarkwah	Red	16	36.3	2015
Girls 25m Backstroke	Open	India Agyeman	Yellow	15	21.28	2017
Girls 50m Backstroke	Open	India Agyeman	Yellow	13	50.44	2015
Boys 25m Butterfly	Open	Michael Kumi	Yellow	13	15.84	2016
Boys 50m Butterfly	Open	Michael Ego Kumi	Yellow	12	37.87	2015
Girls 25m Butterfly	Open	India Agyeman	Yellow	14	21.53	2016
Boys 4x25m Individual Medley	Open	Michael Ego Kumi	Yellow	12	1.28.35	2015
Girls 4x25m Individual Medley	Open	India Agyeman	Yellow	15	1.52.19	2017
Girls 4 x 25m Colour Team Relay	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	NA	1.20.58	2015
Boys 4 x 25m Colour Team Relay	Red	Red	Red	NA	58.56	2015
Mixed 4x25m Freestyle Relay	Open	Yellow	Yellow	N/A	1.08.58	2016
Mixed 4x25m Medley Relay	Open	Yellow	Yellow	N/A	1.22.28	2016
Boys Champion of Champions	Open	David Adarkwah	Yellow	17	12.78	2016
Girls Champion of Champions	Open	India Agyeman	Yellow	13	17.22	2015

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MYP Corner

Diversity!

(based on <http://www.schoolimprovement.com/personalized-learning-blog/personalized-learning-vs-differentiated-instruction> access date 05-10-2017)

This week was a week of diversity, which is an integral part of our mission statement but not always that visible at TIS. As a school with mainly West African students and staff, dressed in uniforms and similar hairstyles, it's difficult to address diversity in a visible way.

Nevertheless, Founders' Week enabled the students to exhibit the diversity in many ways. Of course, we had the theme days where they could dress up the way they wanted, so finally the opportunity to shine in an individual way. A lot more impressed I was, however, with the performances during the Founders Day lunch gathering. It was amazing! West Africa Got Talent! The diversity of performances was just great but the level was outstanding and of a very high level. It did make me wonder where they find the time to rehearse.



It is clear that we have students with a wide variety of talents in many different ways. Great that they have the opportunity to shine during a week like this but is it enough? School is very much about academics and I hear students mentioning the future university choices the parents have in mind, which might not always be their choice. As parents we want to help our children to make the right future choices in life, but the problem is we can't be that sure anymore about what the future will look like in our fast changing world.

In school we try as much as possible to address the diversity of our students and the key word is 'differentiation'. With differentiation, we want to be aware and respond to students' different learning styles. This, however, still takes place within a setting where all students do the same assignments within the same time. Education is slow, I mentioned this before, but there is also something called Individualised Learning (came up already 50 years ago!) nowadays referred to as Personalised Learning.

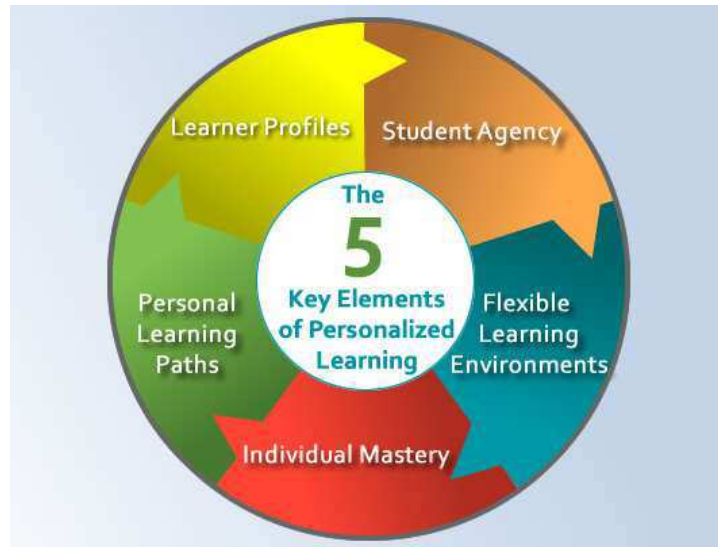
Personalized learning, "refers to the whole enchilada," Basye wrote, "Learning that is tailored to the preferences and interests of various learners, as well as instruction that is paced to a student's unique needs. Academic goals, curriculum, and content—as well as method and pace—can all conceivably vary in a personalized learning environment."

Basye and Grant, 2014, Personalized Learning: A guide for Engaging Students With Technology, ISTE

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Scott Benson, Program Officer for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, identified the following list of key attributes for a personalized learning model (2013):

- **Learner Profiles:** This involves capturing the individual skills, gaps, strengths, weaknesses, interests, and aspirations of each student. It's about knowing each student through a combination of assessments, surveys, and relationships built inside and outside of the classroom.
- **Personal Learning Paths:** This involves creating an individual pathway for each student, based on his or her unique learner profile. Each student has his or her own learning goals and objectives, and learning experiences are diverse and matched to the individual needs of students.
- **Individual Mastery:** Schools must continually assess student progress against clearly defined standards and goals. Students advance—generally at their own pace—based on demonstrated mastery of these learning targets.
- **Flexible Learning Environments:** Educators should include multiple options and approaches in their delivery of instruction to support student learning.

This probably will not happen in the near future at TIS, and this takes a lot of research and preparation. Finland, always in the lead of renewing education, will stop 'normal' education and have full-personalised learning in place in 2020.

Ate Hemmes
MYP Coordinator

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The Learning Centre @ TIS

‘Smartbacc’

‘Smartbacc’ is an interactive online study tool designed to support IBDP students and teachers. It basically contains Oxford Study Courses (OSC) an established and trusted IB revision content written by experienced IB teachers and examiners. It has a range of interactive study guides across IB subjects and each guide is embedded within a virtual learning environment. ‘Smartbacc’ can be deployed on laptop, desktop and tablet with 24/7 access.

Beginning from Monday, October 9, DP 1 students and new teachers who have just been added on to the platform are expected to start receiving their log-in details (username and password) to enable them access this resource. All new users are however, strongly advised **not to** share these details with any third party.

Our school’s link to access ‘Smartbacc’ server is: <http://tis.smartbacc.com>.

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 exercise should first seek for the necessary approval from the LC staff. Any student who flouts this directive will have his/her head/earphone confiscated.

New Additions:

Add the under-listed sites to your favourites on your browser if you haven’t done that;

<https://www.kiddle.co>

<https://www.pdfdrive.net>

Be reminded that, the search for credible and reliable information starts here...



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

TIS Learning Centre: **“Right Place To Be”!**

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Science Corner

To me, experimentation is the true form of science and because of my love for science, I jump at any opportunity to perform an experiment. That is why even though I am not a DP Biology student, I still took part in the DNA Extraction Experiment. At first, I expected to be totally confused since I had no knowledge of the theory of the process. However, Mr. Clement Osei, the instructor was very resourceful in the sense that he explained all related concepts very well to the whole class enabling me to grasp a few concepts. Also, the kind of apparatus we used were quite advanced and so that also added to the rich experience. Overall, I really enjoyed the experiment and learnt so much from it. I'd like to encourage all students to have an open mind to the sciences and try and have a taste of all 3 main strands during their 2 year Diploma journey – it is truly worth it.

~Yehowahi Sekan (Grade 12)

In one word it was such an AMAZING experience. I expected us to sit back and just observe the whole DNA extraction process. Instead, we were given the opportunity to get our own samples and test them and this gave us a more in depth understanding. I was really confused when we were given the micro pipettes to work with because of how small the small quantities we worked with but using micro pipettes and this whole process made me realize that, the littlest amount of substance added in an experiment could make a difference.

Jacqueline Tetteh



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My experience in the biology mobile lab for DNA extraction, PCR, and gel electrophoresis was a truly eye opening and invigorating one. During the two-day workshop, we were introduced to the science of molecular biology which deals with very tiny measurements and was a big change from “bucket science” which we learn. We had an opportunity to use new equipment and had hands on experience of the many theoretical concepts we learn. I’m very grateful to the science department for giving us such an opportunity
Naa Momoh Odarteifio

Dr. (Mrs.) Sylvia Boye’s Message for Founders Day

Happy Founders’ Day Anniversary. Keep the TIS Flag Flying High!!! God bless TIS. May Our school continue to flourish. Much love and appreciation to you all.
God richly bless you for your love and care and continued support and encouragement for Comfort (Mummy) and all of us to soldier on to keep the TIS Dream alive. **Auntie Vida** our hardworking mother and head of the care giving and wellbeing team at TIS, we appreciate you!

Counselor’s Corner



Keep going! The road to all things worth it is obviously rough and full of obstacles. Don’t let them thwart your progress. Just go one step at a time, and it all adds up. We have faith in you!

Happy Founders’ Day & Happy 14th Anniversary Once Again!!! ☺

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SAT OCT. Reminders

Students who have registered for the upcoming SAT October Exam are to please take note of the following:

- All SAT Admission Tickets should have been printed by now. Any student facing difficulty with printing the admission ticket, should contact the Guidance and Counselling Department for assistance immediately. They are to create an account at www.collegeboard.org to access their SAT admissions ticket.
- A valid unexpired passport is the only acceptable form of ID for writing the SAT exam. All student test takers are required to give their passports to their counselors by close of this week ahead of tomorrow’s 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 available on Naviance as well as on College Board website and Khan Academy.

PSAT Reminders

All Grade 10 students taking the PSAT on Saturday, 14 October , 2017 are reminded 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 give their passports to their counselors by next week Wednesday, 11 October at the latest, for safe keeping.
- Also number 2 pencils or 2B pencils should be bought from the Tucks Shop. They should come along with an approved calculator, sharpener and eraser.
- Practice tests are available on College Board’s website and Khan Academy.

We wish the test takers the very best! **See Test Dates Below:**

SAT 2017-2018

ACT 2017-2018

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE	TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE.
7 OCT, 2017	23 AUG, 2017	9 SEPT, 2017	31 May, 2017
4 NOV, 2017*	6 SEPT, 2017	28 Oct, 2017	1 Sept, 2017
10 MARCH, 2018**	9 JAN, 2018	14 April, 2018	16 Feb, 2018
5 MAY, 2018	6 MARCH, 2018		

SAT SUBJECT TEST ONLY * & REGULAR SAT ONLY **

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DP2 Due Dates for the Week.

DP2s are encouraged to maximize their individualized one-on-one sessions with their Counselors and to continue to stay focused and stay positive! ☺

All IB DP2 students are reminded to take note of the deadlines and adhere strictly to them throughout the week (note: all timelines have been placed on the DP2 Managebac Calendar); DP2 parents will be invited to attend a Financial Aid one-on-one meeting, to discuss the application process for requesting for financial aid from universities. Emails will be sent out shortly for parents to book appointments with their child's Guidance Counselor.

Pictured below: DP2s with the College Guides during one-on-one meetings



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9 - UK applications to be submitted to OxBridge & Medical programs.

19 - Students submit all U.S. applications with early / special scholarship deadlines via Commonapp

30 - Students submit SAT/ACT scores to regular decision schools

31 - Students submit Canada and other school applications * Valid credit/visa card required
University Visit Line up.

DATE	SCHOOL	TIME	VENUE
6/Oct./17	Univ. of Central Lancashire, UK	8:45am	College Guides Office-Learning Centre , T.I.S.
	Univ. of Reading, UK	1:30pm	College Guides Office-Learning Centre , T.I.S.

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College Visit Highlights

The week has been quite busy with lots of University and college visits both in and out of school. Below is a highlight on some the schools we met with.

St. George's University (SGU), Grenada

Founded as an independent School of Medicine in 1976, SGU has become a hub for international education across medicine, veterinary medicine, and public health drawing students and faculty from 140 countries to the island of Grenada in the West Indies.

- First private Caribbean medical school and first medical school accredited by the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and other Health Professions (CAAM-HP).
- The Doctor of Medicine (MD) program at St. George's University School of Medicine has been accredited and/or approved by many external bodies.
- Offers medical and veterinary degrees in the School of Medicine <http://www.sgu.edu/academic-programs/school-of-medicine/> and Veterinary Medicine <http://www.sgu.edu/academic-programs/school-of-veterinary-medicine/>,
- Students receive training at SGU's clinical centers <http://www.sgu.edu/academic-programs/school-of-medicine/affiliated-hospitals/us-clinical-centers/> and affiliated hospitals <http://www.sgu.edu/academic-programs/school-of-medicine/affiliated-hospitals/> in the United States, United Kingdom, and Canada during their med year.
- Offers premedical and direct entry points that accommodate applicants of all educational systems and academic backgrounds. This includes a four, five, six, and seven year Doctor of Medicine programs.
- DP students get to do just a year of premed and move to medical programme.
- Tuition of \$25,000 per year for premed and \$56,000 per year for medicine.
- 25% off tuition fee for African students in the med. year.

Nelson Mandela University (NMU), South Africa

- Located at the southernmost city – Nelson Mandela Bay. The sunny and friendly city, the water sport capital of Africa and the home ground of South African's hero (Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela).
- Situated at the sunshine coast of South Africa's Eastern Cape, known as the "Adventure Province".
- It is the largest tertiary institution in the Eastern and Southern Cape.
- It offers 5 unique locations including the only campus situated on a nature reserve.

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- Major programs include Arts, Education, Law, Health Sciences, Business and Economic Sciences, Engineering, Built environment and IT.
- Provides a career focused, student centered learning environment.
- Graduates consistently achieve excellence and top recognition in many fields from engineering to accounting to community development and sport.
- A wide array of society's sports class, community based program and extramural outlets gives the students the opportunity to expand their learning far beyond the lecture halls for a truly holistic educational experience.
- Tuition fee is R80000 (\$8000) per year, living expenses (including Accommodation, electricity, meal, medical, books, transport, study permit, laundry and sport clubs) is R149750 (\$11023).

U.S.A. Higher Education Fair Highlights:

Drexel University

- Scholarship based on merit
- Cooperative Education: Opportunities for Career Development
- Major Programs: Accounting, Anthropology, Biological Science, Engineering, Art, History
- Website: <https://mail.drexel.edu/iwc>

Bryant University

- Scholarships: Range \$8000-\$30,000
- Ranked #11 by Best Colleges 2016
- Major Programs: Accounting, Economics, Cultural Studies /Critical Theory
- Located 435-acre Campus in Smithfield with a vibrant, diverse and globalized student life
- Enrollment: 3320
- Website: www.bryant.edu

Savannah College of Arts & Design (SCAD)

- Major Programmes: Business Design, Animation, Film& Television, Interior Design
 - Location: Georgia
 - Scholarships Available Merit Based
 - Website: <https://studentpages.scad.edu>
- ***SCAD will have a workshop in December for T.I.S. & SOS-HGIC students in DP1 & DP2, who are interested in visual art, design and digital media (Venue T.I.S. HP EXAM HALL)***

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Webster University

- Scholarship \$1000 full tuition renewable based on academic performance
- Location: Europe, Africa (Ghana), and Asia gives students an educational culture mix
- Major Programs: Biology, Audio Production, International Relations, Games Design, Journalism
- Website: www.webster.edu

The George Washington University

- Available Scholarships based on merit. Alpha Beta Gamma \$7500
- Major Programs: Business and Management, Engineering & Technology, Medicine
- Campus Life :Active Engagement in more than 450 clubs on campus
- Website: <https://www.gwu.edu>

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IBDP Update

The celebrations of the Founders' Day was a befitting tribute to Mr Ajavon , our dear co-founder whose dream of TIS is growing vibrantly with exemplary contributions from all the stakeholders. DP 1 students have made the celebration more meaningful with their ideas of theme based days for the week. The special video and momentus from students on Teachers' Day made the day for teachers. You are never too old for a bit of pampering and when your own students do it, what more can you ask? Thanks to the continued efforts of the students

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body for making the Founders Day celebration interesting and inspiring. Action points for this week.

TOK Final Presentation

DP 2 students will be giving their final TOK presentations on 12-10-2017. This is the first of the final works to be submitted for the class of 2018. All of them had a mock presentation followed by peer and staff feedback. Keep them in your prayers for them to give their best.

SAT

Some DP students will be sitting for their SAT this Saturday, please ensure you carry your original, valid passport along with the required stationary. Please remember entire school community is praying for your success.

Looking forward to meet alumni and parents for the Adjavon cup tomorrow.

Devanand Chander Dev
DP Coordinator.

Hostel Corner

Cathony Day Reflections

Cathony Day is a day set for both the Catherine and Anthony Hostels to showcase hostel talent and spirit. It is an exciting event that allows members of both hostels to bond and form good relationships.

Being a member of the Catherine Hostel since 2014, I had never been so proud to be a Catherinite or be the sister hostel of the Anthony boy's hostel till now. From my perspective, these two hostels used to be very very quiet and inactive when it came to inter hostel activities. However, this academic year's Cathony Day proved everyone wrong, from the breakfast cooked and served by the Catherinites to the ENERGETIC chants and performances. People I never thought would stand up for our hostels were the ones that surprised me the most. The determination to make it a success was not put to waste because at the end of the day it was amazing. The zeal and excitement on that day will always give me a reason to be proud of Catherine, as well as Anthony. I am so grateful that I was part of this wonderful celebration and I am even more grateful to be part of this hostel, Catherine. It was a fun and memorable day that I would love to happen again.

Noelle Mends-Addison

The Cathony Day was honestly the best one I have ever had due to the fact that I was immensely involved in it. Since I came to the school in 2012, this has been the best Cathony Day I have had. For breakfast, we served the whole school pancakes and scrambled eggs which the school enjoyed very much. As the school's DJ, I played some really lively music to

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get everyone excited and dance. Such a nice experience for me. At dinner, we did a joint chant for Anthony and Catherine and luckily for me, I led the Catherine chant. A good bonding moment for Anthony and Catherine as we all sang the same chant. Never have I ever seen Anthony and Catherine bond so much which gives me great joy because it was during my reign with Jared, Audrey and Kelsey that made this possible. II Side II Sideeee!!!!

Worlanyo Akpatsa

I love my hostels so much! Never have I been this proud to be a member of the Anthony hostel. The zeal, the energy established by the Hostel executives were incredible. There was so much to eat and drink, which I loved so much. We had so much fun as brother and sister hostels, chanting, singing and jubilating everywhere. I am proud to be a member of the Anthony hostel and a very proud brother to my sisters in Catherine. We are indeed blessed.

Ethan Francis Cartey

POISE FINESSE DECO-RUM, AND WE BOYS STICK TOGETHER. CATHERINE AND ANTHONY CHALE IT'S A NICE WEATHER! Cathony- we stormed the MPH with boisterous vigour. We had truly entered the system and "nice weather" can only be described as a euphemism for what we brought to the table. With some playful banter at the expense of Francelia, new chants and hostel spirit, Cathony filled the day from beginning to end. It is safe to say that majority of the members of Cathony's voices are still hoarse because that day definitely ate away our voices with relish. I'll never forget the DP2s standing in the gallery hollering "TWO SIDE, TWO SIIIIIDE!" to which we responded gaily. After which confetti and champagne rained down on the whole school and to top of the evening the letters CA rose slowly but graciously to the ceiling and there they still remain. Entertainment was also fun and filled with activities. I am indeed a proud member of the Catherine hostel and a proud sister to my brother hostel, Anthony.

Rachel Odartey-Wellington

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Mrs. Norah Atsyor – Cecilia Hostel Parent of the Week!



Name: Mrs. Norah Etsa Atsyor

Fun Fact: You can never meet a Norah like me. The only Norah in Tema International School. Very unique in her own ways.

Roles: Stores Controller, Tuck shop Supervisor, Cecilia Hostel Parent and a Kigelian

Key Word(s) in life: Trust and Integrity

Hobbies: Teaching, selling, listening to music and dancing.

Favorite Quote: “Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing”.

What excites you: Showing love and care to my siblings (students) as I wish to call them and seeing them grow in their pursuit of excellence, knowing that I made an impact in their lives?

Experience: My job as a Stores Controller has brought the privilege of always being in contact with young people and providing for them a service that makes them distinct as students of this gre

at institution: distribution of uniforms, bed linens, stationery among others. I have learnt over the years how much of an impact I can make even outside the classroom and I couldn't have been more grateful. The new responsibility of hostel parenting has further opened my eyes to how much support I can offer the students in their boarding house experience. I have so far enjoyed the execution of my duties which have been guided by my philosophy of showing a little love here and there whenever it is possible. One of my best moments have been when Cecilia Hostel won the Founders' Week Inter-hostel Quiz competition. Oh mine! It threw me back to my school days when I reveled in the excitement of such quizzes and debates.

I am thankful that I can support, guide and encourage my students to make the boarding house experience and this stage of their lives a truly enlightening one. I consider my role as a divine call and I count it all joy to serve in it.

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Arts Corner

The dramatist; the story teller. How do we tell the numerous stories brewing in our minds through societal interactions on a daily bases? Story tellers are those who make things come to life; they are the mouthpiece of happenings; they provide the options for choices to be made. Our drama and theatre students are making things come to life; they have voices that are expressing and creating worlds where impossibilities are happening.



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Alumni of the Week!



Full Name: Mona Odumang.

Year Group: IBDP
Class of 2011

Hostel: Catherine

Colour: Red Kigelia

Most Memorable experience: I loved the sports facilities in the sports complex and I was dominant in tennis. There was no major competition but that did not stop anyone from fixing matches. I remember waking up Saturday mornings to

play tennis with Nana Kwame, Jerome, Jacob, Matilda and Cecilia (all of them being Class of 2011)

Achievements: I played soccer in Grade 9 & 10 as a defender.

University(s): Ashesi University College, BSc Business Administration

Year of Graduation: 2015.

Graduate university: Cardiff University, Master's in Logistics and Operations management

Currently working at: Zoobashop.com

Position: National service personnel

Key word in life: The people make the school a great experience thus try and know each other. Your friends will give you strength in your downtimes and be the ones to give you a big laugh. You never know when or where you will meet someone outside school.

Words of advice: I remember running into Francesca Opoku-Gyamfi in Cardiff, on the last day of my exams when she was going for her chemistry exams; it was refreshing. It's a small world out there. Appreciate what you have when you have it. Enjoy TIS when you can now, and make good memories and EXCEL.

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CASSA Updates

TIS Founders' Week Celebration

Coming up:

Saturday, 7 October

Adjavon Memorial Cup

Sports Complex 9:00am

There will be PARENT TEAMS playing against Staff and Alumni for 3 events.

Teams are:

- Men's soccer,
- Women's volleyball
- Mixed Basketball.

Sunday, 8 October – National Attire



Thanksgiving Service –
11am – With Nii Okai and
International Day
Celebration - Dos and don'ts
of cultures -

Celebrate Diversity and Cultural peculiarities.

N/B- 8 October is visiting Sunday.
Thanksgiving Anniversary Church Service
will be at 11:00am followed by an
International Day celebration lunch. Bring a
special dish to celebrate your culture and
share with the TIS family. Come dressed in
your National Attire. We will celebrate
Diversity and Internationalism. We will have
lunch together at the TIS gardens. To bring
your dish, contact Ms. Grace: +233244626805 – CASSA adviser.



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TIS Founders' Day.



TIS Co-Founder's Speech

School Management Team, Staff and Students, on this 14th Founders' Day, let us together thank the good Lord for his continuous blessings and guidance over our dear Tema International School. We have all worked tirelessly to keep the TIS dream alive. Each year, we get new additions to our team – staff and students – who buy into the TIS vision and fully immerse themselves into adding a brick or two to the dream. Over the years, we have tried to adjust our focus and vision to match the changing times and we have so far been extremely blessed to have a school family that has been dynamic enough to adjust thoughts, attitudes and energies that have kept the dream going and for this I must thank you all immensely.

It is in light of ensuring that we continuously improve on our desire to produce the ideal TIS student that we have made new changes and improvements in the school. Key being the introduction of our Middle Years Program. You would have also noticed new changes in the classrooms and departmental offices. I am very convinced that these new improvements will contribute significantly to developing a more holistic TIS student who will be better prepared to face the dynamic 21st century world. I am very convinced that these improvements will develop in our young minds the desire to expand their dreams and unearth their talents. Let's make these little contributions count. Allow TIS to pass through you and don't just pass through TIS.

14 years ago today, we opened our doors to our first set of students. It was a very big decision made at the time. There were high hopes yet scary thoughts. Today, we are filled with nothing

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but hope, bigger hopes having seen what we have achieved in these 14 years. As we inch towards our 15th year, let's plan to celebrate that in style with a broad range of programs that will showcase our success.

On every Founders' Day, we like to take a moment to celebrate our first risk-takers – our pioneering staff, pioneering parents, and pioneering students – who only took our vision and stepped into this unknown. We continue to be eternally grateful.

We celebrate our staff – past and present, our alumni, our students and our parents. Happy Founders' day to us all and God bless TIS.

Thank you.



#Reflections



Previously, to willingly sign up for such a time consuming event was not for me, however, I decided to take the chance to organize something, which is very important to the school. Luckily, I was made the head for this project because my colleagues as well as the heads of department saw the potential in me. Honestly, putting together this project was not an easy task, especially as we were aiming at getting everything to look perfect. This experience has taught me to work better under

pressure and has made me understand that it is never too late to do something beautiful. The Founders' Day celebration is something the whole school looks forward to and I am grateful to have been a part of its organization (**Maurice Quartey _ Co-Head, 14th Founders' Day Planning Committee**)

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It was my first time doing something like that. It was going to be a challenge and something out of my comfort zone. I signed-up to be part of the 14th *Founders' Week* celebrations as the Head of the Décor team. *The Founders' Week* celebration is not only meant to honour the vision of the co-founders, but also to make time to celebrate the contributions of everyone towards the building of the school. I am very pleased to be have been part of the planning committee. Through my engagements with the process, I have come to appreciate the need for self-responsibility as much as teamwork. My highlight for the day was the special lunch day. It was all joy seeing all the planning and preparations come together with diverse performances from students. (Mamle Kwao _ Head of Décor, 14th Founders' Day Planning Committee)



Founder's Week is an event that everyone in school looks forward to: the games, performances, the food ☺...*It is such a delight* to be part of the planning committee. I was in charge of the setup for each event held in the MPH. Initially, I assumed this job would be easy which it was not. Working with the students to setup at the MPH needed thoughtfulness. I could not be too strict or students would not enjoy working and I could not be too lenient or students would not take me seriously and work fast enough. Nevertheless, I enjoyed working with everyone and I would not mind repeating it. (Frances

Quartey-Baiden _ Events Set-up, 14th Founders' Week Celebrations)

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Organizing Founders' Week was an extremely beautiful experience. I had to plan everything with my colleagues, and look at the outcome, one of the best things one can ever see. Ensuring all of the performances were on point was one of my favourite things that I did. I tried my best to make this Founders' Week the best it could ever be. Happy Birthday, TIS!!! (Valerie Vigbedor – Head of Performances, 14th Founders' Week Celebrations)



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GARDENHOLICS TIS Go Green – ‘Turning trash into treasure’

“*Gardenholics*” has had its test of time with our plants dying all season long. Through it all, we do not to give up. We intend to try again and again until there is a TIS garden flourishing with beautiful plants, vegetables and herbs.

Our main focus this semester is to imbibe the lessons learnt



from our previous practices to achieve our goal. With the help of our Patron, Anthony Kwame Tenudze, who used to be part of the school gardeners and is now with the Utility team, we are in the process of preparing three beds, making sure the soil is worked, fine, tilled and rich in compost.



We will be studying about orchids, the types and how they grow this semester. Shout out to Mrs. King who donated her orchids to **Gardenholics** and already we have pegged the Epiphytes (Type of Orchids that find the trunks of trees a conducive environment for growth) to the trees all around the garden.

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We will also be planting vegetables and herbs as well and the first sets of seeds have been nursed to be transplanted after 5 weeks. A huge thank you to Mrs Vaslani (*Shamita's Mum*), who donated a variety of seeds and herb containers to **Gardenholics**.

The team is focused and ready to learn all about gardening and ways to make it a project for learning purposes. (**Stephanie Agyeman & Tiffany Agyarko – GardenHolics Leaders**)



The Highlight of the 14th Founders Week Celebration – G8

I was very happy to see Mrs. Adjavon for the first time. It was very emotional for me because I loved her as I loved my grandma immediately I saw her. I really enjoyed the X & O game. **King Cyrus**

I really enjoyed the school spirit, it made the week very relaxing and fun. **Kenachukwu Ogbogu,**

I was really proud of myself when I participated in the “How well do you Know TIS Quiz” because we won. **Awuraba Ahenkorah**

The highlight of the Founders’ week for me was when Cecilia Hostel won the quiz. **Araba Egyei - Mensah**

I will never forget the swimming competition because I had fun and yellow Outeniqua won. **Nadia Bawumia**



I am looking forward very much to the Adjavon cup and look on our teachers face when we score them in the football match. **Deion Mitchell**

Dress up brings up a lot of fun memories. Last year I paired up with Nubuke Amoah (IBDP Class 2017) and we took a picture which is still my favourite picture yet. **Eleanor Adjei**

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Adjavon Memorial Cup

TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL 
 IN HONOUR OF OUR CO-FOUNDER

Adjavon Memorial Cup



Saturday, 7 Oct, 2017
9:00am-1:00pm
TIS Sports Complex

SPORTS EVENTS
 • Basketball (Mixed)
 • Soccer (Male)
 • Volleyball (Female)



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