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Thought for the Week

When we first begin fighting for our dream, we have no experience and make many mistakes.
The secret of life, though, is to fall seven times and get up eight times.

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- Paulo Coelho

Calendar

30/11/17: G7-8 orchestra excursion
 1/12/17: Student Council nominations open; personal safety training (G12); 2018 TIS admissions open
 2/12/17: Personal safety training (G12);
 3/12/17: TIS Christmas Evening (7.00pm); nominations close for Student Council
 4/12/17: SC election manifestos; G4 Projects
 5/12/17: G4 Projects
 6/12/17: G4 Projects; SC elections
 7/12/17: G4 Projects; SCAD workshop
 8/12/17: End of semester assessment session ends
 9/12/17: Semester 1 vacation commences
 6/1/18: Students return to hostels
 8/1/17: Semester 2 classes commence

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Making Us Proud

- G8 SA students who interacted with Calvary Presby School students on Wednesday.

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.]
- As from 13 November, all exeat requests must be completed and submitted online. To access the online exeat form, please go to: <https://www.tis.edu.gh/exeat-form>
[Note: If you receive a 404 error message, page not found, then please clear your website history and data and retry the link.]
- TIS Events: Parents are always welcome to attend any school event.
- ManageBac (MB) and Naviance: If you have any difficulties registering or logging in, please email Ken (principal@tis.edu.gh)
- Yale Young African Scholars Program: TIS is again hosting this exciting program from 11-20 August 2018. Applications are now open and admission is highly selective and open to students between the ages of 14-18 years. Best news: YYAS is free to all participants. Please see the flyer inside this Bulletin for more details. Importantly, apply now and don't leave it too late and miss out.

Annual Christmas Evening

Open your diaries and add 3 December, 7.00pm, for the TIS Annual Christmas Evening.

It is always a great event filled with the spirit of Christmas. We hope you will attend with a gift of love (non-perishable food, story books, clothing, footwear) to support our students' service initiatives.

Admissions for 2018/2019

Admissions for 2018/2019 officially open on 1 December. However, using an online system, <https://tis.openapply.com> means applications are ongoing, and you can even express interest or apply for the 2019/2020 academic year.

It benefits TIS if our admissions process is completed early, by the end of May. The benefit to parents for completing the admission process early is discounted fees at the application and admission stages of the process.

Online aptitude testing will replace the traditional entrance exam. This change has two benefits for students:

- it eliminates any bias for students studying under different school curriculum programs; and
- the test can be completed at TIS at any time convenient to the student (and parents) and TIS.

Detailed information about admission to TIS and the process can be found at: <https://tis.openapply.com>

I appreciate your support.

Dr. Ken Darvall

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MYP Corner**How schools make kids less intelligent**

At the secondary school I attended long time ago after I left, there was a boy, 13 years old, who as part of his school work created a website to compare the costs of mobile phone providers in 1998. His name, Ben Woldering (<https://www.bencom.nl/en/>). Two or three years later his parents worked at his company. In 2003 he was awarded Entrepreneur of the Year by Ernest and Young and in 2006 the US business magazine Businessweek named him European Entrepreneur under 25. His company has grown and is worth millions.



The title of this article: "*How schools make kids less intelligent*" comes from a TedxYouth talk by Eddy Zong (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Yt6raj-S1M>) He describes how as a C student he had his own tech company at the age of 16. In line with Sir Ken Robinson, who in his famous TedTalk explains how schools kill creativity, also Eddy feels that the enthusiasm and creative eagerness we have in Primary, seems to disappear in Secondary. The major thing for him in school is where they should let you come up with your own inquiry and create products. This is how it started with him where, with some fellow students, he created a product, which later

turned into his Tech Company that even made it to Wall Street.

Tony Wagner, co-director of the Change Leadership Group at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, speaks of the Seven Survival Skills that students need in 21st Century education

The Seven Survival Skills are:

- Critical thinking and problem solving.
- Collaboration across networks and leading by influence.
- Agility and adaptability.
- Initiative and entrepreneurialism.
- Effective oral and written communication.
- Accessing and analyzing information.
- Curiosity and imagination.

When looking at the skills you might recognize them from what you would find in an ad where they seek company personel. You will also recognize that these skills go beyond academic skills or straight A* for that matter. Above all we want people to be flexible and creative in many ways. It seems like the only way to survive.

In this I feel that looking back to the end of last school year, the best decision we took at TIS was to create the Product Design room and introduce a Genius Hour for students. This is where they will have a chance to think, plan, produce and evaluate the way they want to.

Ate Hemmes

MYP Coordinator

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Hostel Corner

You can do it

Let's face it, studying is not what you want to be doing right now. You want to be playing video games, reading up on your celebrity gossip, hanging out with your friends or watching movies. Even cleaning your room would trump preparing for your exams right about now!

Striving for success without hard work is like trying to harvest where you haven't planted." ~ David Bly

[Exam stress](#) is tough but if you want to get somewhere, you have to put the work in. Just like when you're in the gym and your instructor shouts motivational comments to keep the pressure on. I'm not telling you it is going to be easy — I'm telling you it's going to be worth it. Tough times never last, but tough people do, so forget past mistakes. Forget failures. Forget everything except what you're going to do now and do it. Success awaits you!

Aunty Lizzy



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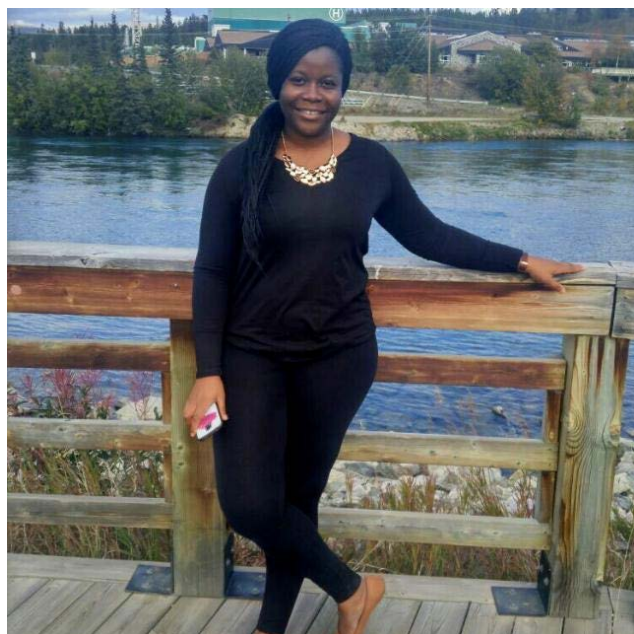
NHSMUN (National High School Model United Nations- New York City) Conference 2018

We have started the process of collecting documents and information for visa applications. Parents whose child has expressed interest and have paid the non- refundable commitment fee should kindly provide the following documents to the school by **Monday, 27 November, 2017**;

- Valid passport of your child
- Parental Consent Form signed and dated by both parents (check your email for this document)
- Letter of Authority signed by 1 parent only (check your email for this document)

Kindly treat this as urgent. Thank you!

Alumni of the Week!



Full name: Dzifa Agbemabiese

Year group: 2010

Hostel: Catherine Hostel

Roles played at TIS: Catherine Hostel Prefect

Most memorable experience in TIS: Inter-Hostel Competitions and France Trip

Universities attended: University of Calgary, University of London(online)

Majors/areas of specialisation: Economics (BA), Public Policy and Management (MSc)

Currently working at:

- Government of Alberta, Canada (Full time)

Position held: Business Analyst -Workforce Analytics

- Petroleum Labour Market Information Division, Canada (Part time)

Position held: Labour Market Information Analyst

Philosophy: Put God first in everything you do... and all your hard work will be crowned with success.

Word of advice: Take advantage of the opportunities that come your way and make the best out of them (regardless of how big or small). Believe in yourself and if things don't go your way once, pick yourself up, learn from it and try again. Don't give up...always stay focused, stay humble and have a positive outlook on your life!

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Counselor's Corner

Brag Rights!!!

We are proud and excited to announce to the entire T.I.S family that our DP2s have started receiving offers from their schools. **CONGRATULATIONS DP2'S!!!**

Below is a list of the schools!!! Watch this space for more exciting university offers ahead!

School	Location
University of Debrecen Medical School	Hungary
Kings College London	U.K.
University of Birmingham	U.K.
Queen Mary's University	U.K.
Kingston University	U.K.
Nottingham Trent University	U.K.
Aberystwyth University	U.K.
York University	Canada
University of Nicosia Medical School	Cyprus

DP2 Alert!!!

All DP2s are reminded to complete all pending college application requirements within the coming week, as teachers, guidance counselors and other staff will be away during the upcoming Christmas break. Also, for priority consideration for most scholarships and admission offers, November is the recommended month for submitting all university applications!

All the best in your ongoing examinations!

Reminder on Test Dates for the Academic Year.

SAT 2017-2018

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE
10 MARCH, 2018**	9 JAN, 2018
5 MAY, 2018	6 MARCH, 2018

ACT 2017-2018

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE
14 April, 2018	16 Feb, 2018

SAT SUBJECT TEST ONLY ** & REGULAR SAT ONLY *

All tests for this year have been closed. DP1 students are advised to take note of next year's test dates and prepare accordingly.

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College Visit Highlights



🚗 A vibrant and dynamic campus with access to great facilities in a unique location Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, England with approximately

9000 student population.

- 🚗 Popular Programs: Sciences- Medicine, Pharmacy, Business, Engineering, Law, and Pharmacy.
- 🚗 A small class size approximately 20:1 per programme of study.
- ❖ A popular destination for international students
- 🚗 High quality teaching and research based institution.
- 🚗 Guaranteed graduate employability.
- 🚗 Exchange programs abroad, internships and career development.
- 🚗 Tuition: £14000-16000 a year.
- 🚗 Merit based scholarship: £2000 a year.
- 🚗 Visit: <https://www.keele.ac.uk/>

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SCAD Workshop!!!



Are you interested in visual arts, design or digital media? Are you looking forward to developing a career in this field? Do you seek answers to mind boggling questions about arts?

If your answer is yes then you don't want to miss out on the upcoming SCAD workshop. Yes, SCAD is organizing an art workshop right here on the T.I.S. premises! SOS-HGIC will be joining us. See details below;

- **This workshop will be for Grade 10 and IBDP students specifically interested in visual arts, design or digital media.**

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- A Graphic Design Professor from SCAD will lead a project with the students to help them better understand the degree program and the industry
- Format will be a lecture and an 'in-class project.'
- Date: Thursday, 7 December from 3-5pm.
- Venue: Tema International School.

WE WISH ALL STUDENTS THE VERY BEST IN THE END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS & ASSESSMENTS!



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Arts Corner

Rules or No Rules?????



I believe that to some extent, rules must apply in art. Art should be used as a form of expression made with effort, time, skill, and message. Without these things, I disbelieve that it could be qualified as art. A prime example of this is one of the “works” in Yoko Ono’s, “One Woman Show” in which she places an apple on a stand and calls it a work of art. If she did not create the apple, then there was definitely very little effort or skill employed. Even if she did have a message, skill or effort should be included. With only a message, at the very minimum, it could be considered art to me, but not at a high level. I believe that art should require skill and effort because without it, it lacks sentimental value. If you didn’t need much effort or skill to create art, I believe blinking could be considered art.

~Maame Benewaa DP1 Arts

Theatre is the creative manipulation and execution of life. In order to arrive at creative ends, one must explore the infinite aspects of life. If limitations are enforced during this exploration, very minimal results will be produced during the presentation. Through this, we can see that rules are not necessary in the Theatre process. Rules hinder the creative process by limiting the main aspect of exploration, and this restricts the output.

~Michael Quaye DP1 Theatre

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Different shades of singing

The journey to this year's Night of Peace and Joy has begun. Watch this space for updates!!!!!!



IBDP Update

Dear Parents / Guardians,

End of semester exams have started on a right note, and students are leaving no stone unturned in giving a good performance. Proper revision and rest are the keys to success. Action updates for the week ahead

May 2018 registration

Candidate registration for the class of 2018 has been completed. Many request for changes were received and updated. Please note any changes requested from now onwards will be accompanied by a charge for change.

Internal Assessment submission dates for DP2

IA dates for the month of December 2017 are below;

4-7 Group 4 Projects

6 Business management IA /Geography IA

8 MATHS IA

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22 CAS Final Essay

Subjects due for Jan 2018 are below

12 TOK ESSAY

19 BIOLOGY IA / Theatre- Collaborative Study (performance

26 Extended Essay

Devanand Chander Dev

DP coordinator.

CAS Updates

Service in Action Project Day



On Wednesday, 22 November 2017, Grade 8s spent the whole day working on their projects for their Service in Action class. The projects ranged from craft works to music, dance, sports, literacy, fashion and social awareness creation. Some of these projects got the students to collaborate with their friends from our neighbouring school, Calvary Presby Basic School. Below are some reflections of their experiences.

The best part of my experience at Calvary was when I saw my friends from our last visit and when I taught the selected people to do bead making to make beads. Lucky for us, all of them were eager to learn and all shared a similar passion for

bead making with us. I was proud that in the end we taught them something they enjoyed and liked. I felt nervous at first but I eventually warmed up. They told us about how they try to make beads on their own. They were all easy to work with so there were no challenges with collaboration. When we arrived and started, it took us a while to set up our materials. We taught Comfort, Rhoda, Patience, Esther and Joyce how to make two types of beads. Next time, we will learn more styles so that we can teach them. We will also teach them how to fix a tight, secure hook. (Nina Arkaah)

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Teaching Spanish to my friends at Calvary was fun. I was shy but then I overcame it. I finished my plan successfully. It was quite challenging when they could not get what I repeat 10 times but I still cooperated with them. I can tell they enjoyed the class. We had a great time and I would like to go back there. (Nadia Bawumia)

We created our Twitter account, we made beads and we made some posters. We had a challenge making the posters because we could not really decide on what colour we should use for the fonts to make it visible. We also had a challenge finishing the bracelets we made. We had difficulty choosing the colours for the bracelets because we are supposed to make the bracelets unisex so we did not know what colours to use. Everything else went well and we kindly ask that you follow us on Twitter. TIS_Lets_Love (Keisha Okai)

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Grade 8 Community Project Awareness Day

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On Tuesday 5 December 2017, Grade 8s will be taken on a tour around the environs of the school. The idea is for them to familiarise with the social and physical setting surrounding TIS and be aware of some of the issues our community faces. We plan to visit the school for the Deaf, orphanages, public schools and community centres. The students while on the tour will observe, take notes, videos and pictures. They will share their observations, reflect and discuss solutions to the problems they may find.

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