



# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



**TIS BULLETIN: 6 MAY, 2016.**

## **Thought for the Week**

A challenge only becomes an obstacle when you bow to it.

- Ray Davis

## **Important Dates**

**7/5/16:** May TIS Admission Exams; SAT exams

**9/5/16:** DP & IGCSE exams continue

**15/5/16:** Visiting Sunday: 1.00-4.00pm

**16/5/16:** Revision week starts

**20/5/16:** DP exams end; Revision week ends.

**23/5/16:** End of Year exams commence

**28/5/16:** Graduation Day

## **Important Action to be Taken by Parents**

- **Today:** Parents of students 18 years who need to register for voting, please request an exeat for tomorrow.
- **13/5/16:** Advise Bijoux if your son/daughter has dual citizenship, if this information was not listed on your admission application, and provide a relevant passport copy.
- **13 May:** Register for Visiting Sunday.

## **DP and IGCSE Exams**

Our G10 and 12 students are presenting themselves as calm and focused prior to exams, and usually content following them. We continue to support them with our prayers and best wishes.

## **Dual Citizenship**

Some/many students have dual citizenship, yet this information is seldom disclosed at the time of admission. There have been a few instances during the year when a student or parent has stated that our information is incorrect, but when we check the information provided on admission application forms, such information has not been provided. Parents are requested to advise Bijoux by next Friday, if their son/daughter has dual citizenship (and was not included on their admission application form) and provide a biodata page for documentation. With this advice, please nominate which nationality should be listed first.



## Visiting Sunday

Sunday, 15 May is the final Visiting Sunday for this academic year. To register, please copy the following link into your web browser and complete your details.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/tis-visiting-sunday-in-may-tickets-25256323343>

The password is: TalentedInspiringStudents

On this occasion, visitors will not need to produce the invitation, as Security will have your details from registering on Eventbrite. Those who don't, or are unable to register will have to complete personal details with Security. The first 40 cars will be allowed to park inside near the hostels. Please remember that the road to the main entrance remains closed during May due to road works.

Parents of exam candidates should be wary of food consumed to avoid issues during the following week. Registration for Sunday closes at 5.00pm next Friday.

## TIS Staffing for 2016/2017

30 April was the last day for teaching staff or school to determine renewal of contracts.

For 2016/2017, it is critical that we right-size our staffing to avoid excess personnel which restricts the effectiveness of the school budget, and consequently, school programs. Some teachers have tendered their resignation and some will not have their contracts renewed. This process is always difficult, however, these decisions must always best serve the school and also meet our students' interests to ensure their success. Nevertheless, TIS values the contributions of its staff and those leaving the TIS family at the end of the year will be acknowledged on Achievers' Day.

Importantly, all staff who were offered renewal contracts have accepted. All key positions have been filled with equally qualified staff and details will be announced during Achievers' Day.

## Undisclosed Author

LARGEST DOUGHNUT PIECE WINS [THE ONLINE VOTING PHASE](#) OF BATTLE OF THE STORIES - VOTING CLOSES ON 6TH MAY AT 11.59PM.

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After 10 days of battle of the stories, **ALWAYS AND FOREVER** - Charity Apreku and Jackie Buba (Tema Int. Sch.) has re-taken the lead with 2,826 registered votes and bumps **THE MISSING JEWELS** - Akpene Yankson (Christ the King Int. Sch.) to a close second with 2,818 registered votes. Hot on the chase to complete the top 3 with 2,311 registered votes is **KATIE KILNS DIARY** - Kwartemaa Gyasi-Fosu (Brainy Bairn Sch.)

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FRIENDS, FAMILY AND ALUMNI, YOU HAVE ONLY 1 DAY LEFT TO RALLY THE VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE AUTHOR. A BOOK PUBLISHING DEAL AND INVENTORY OF BOOKS FOR THEIR SCHOOLS ARE ON THE LINE.

Go to: <http://theevent.town/the-undiscovered-authors>

Thank you so much for your massive support for Fafa and Jackie, co-authors of *Always and Forever*. By your kind courtesy, TIS is back on top of the voting chart. I would like to remind you that today, 6th May, 2016 is the final day for voting, so let's amass as many votes as we can to win.

The grand finale is on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 at Association International School, at 12.00pm. Please join us and support us to sell *Tales of the Undiscovered Author*, an anthology of the works of the participants. Each book costs GHC 20.00. Please note that sales of the books is part of the competition. The more we buy, the more points we get.

Tickets: GHC 10.00 for adults and GHC 5.00 for students.

Many thanks for your support.

Jerry/Ekua

(TIS Writing Lab)

THE JOURNEY TO BE CROWNED AT THE UNDISCOVERED AUTHOR BOOK FAIR  
Battle of the Stories | Phases & Scoring

Online Voting  
+ 15 points MAX

Fairgrounds Booth Design  
+ 10 points MAX

Fairgrounds Book Sales  
+ 15 points MAX

Story Content Judging  
+ 60 points MAX



## Sarafina

Last year's Annual School Performance (Sarafina) DVD is available. All interested parents should please pre-order their DVD's with Bijoux at [Bijoux.h@tis.edu.gh](mailto:Bijoux.h@tis.edu.gh)

The price for a DVD is GHC50 and is great value as you receive two discs: the Friday night performance; and the Saturday night performance.

## IB Trip

Consent forms will be sent via email to IB2 Parents for their approval prior to the trip to Elmina Beach Resort.

## CAS Update:

### IBDP EXAMS IN PROGRESS.



### PLEASE BE QUIET

As they write their finals, we prepare for the Big Day ☺

TIS 10<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony – Theme: *“Seeking Excellence, No Excuses.”* - 28 May, 2016 – 10:00am MPH, join us for the most amazing ceremony.

## Know Your English, Speak Your Mind!

Congratulations to the English Department for an exciting inaugural edition of the TIS Inter-colour English Competition – **WORD PLUS** to complete the Inter Colour competitions for the 2015/2016 Academic year.

There was great variety, increased participation opportunities, along with some interesting and some hilarious (but logical) responses. We had so much fun while learning new words. Well done to all contestants. That was spectacular!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO **RED KIGELIA!!!**

<b>Red Kigelia</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Yellow Outeniqua</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Blue Cedar</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Green Wisteria</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>

Who would be the Colour Group winner of the 2015/2016 Academic year?

## The #Helping Hand – Karma Geddit

**Restaurant Initiative:** As part of the fundraising towards the BOOKS MATTER Assin Ochiso Library project, the members of the helping hands have initiated a restaurant project named **Karma Geddit** Restaurant. The proceeds from their sales are geared towards the Library Project.



After a successful pilot they are confident to officially open after school today. Their parents have donated food and ingredients. This enthusiastic group of students will transform these ingredients into delicious dishes and serve their loyal customers. A huge thank YOU to our TIS parents; You are always very supportive.

Shout out to Dr. Ken and their dedicated Patron Grace Kabukie for the incredible support. Thank you all for making the impossible possible.

We appreciate the students' initiatives. Any way, they are the INITIATORS.

Make sure you pass by and grab some of the delicious dishes... oh no, you did not pre order? So sorry, next time then. ☺

**TIS Students are REFLECTIVE** – This week grade 7, 8 and 9 reflected on their experiences throughout the year during their extracurricular activities. What they learnt, what they liked most, what their challenges were, how they can do better next time and if they were given the chance to make something awesome for their school and community what that would be. We are so pleased with the insightful feedback given by these young ones. They are hungry to learn, they are enthusiastic, committed, Inquirers Knowledgeable, Risk-takers, Communicators, Balanced, Open-minded, Thinkers and above all Reflective.

**#TISIBClassof2016 – The Innovators - Part III** – It's real, it's here, and it's now. The IBDP final exams started on Monday, 2 May, 2016. A mix of emotions, some feeling prepared, others not too sure till they wrote their first paper and realized that it's happening and that they really had to account for all they learnt and did throughout their IB journey. Well done, TIS Stars. Yes, we do believe in you. Go for it! YOU have what it takes!!



**Oheneba** – It's a surreal moment, I just can't believe I am almost done.

**Nana Kofi Akyemporg** – Reflective, Nostalgic, exciting...



**Eileen Kumi** – Exciting, interesting and somewhat nerve-wracking.

**Mary-Anne** – Interesting, thought-provoking and exhilarating.

**Calvin Williams** – In-between challenging and exciting. I already feel victorious.

**Troy** – Good so far! Despite the pressure and stress I had a good start. I have great expectations, trusting God it will be 10 x better.

**Cyprian** - Stressful, unbelievable, the support from my grade mates is constant, missing TIS already. It's hard to say good bye. A big thank you to all those who sent us good luck messages, as we really appreciate the kind gesture.



**Damilola Johnson** – Tiring, amazing, learning a lot. With one week left, I am just going to push on to get the best grades I am aiming for.



**Donate to a good cause:** If you would like to donate cash or kind to the various projects of our students, kindly contact Mrs King for more details. [surama.king@tis.edu.gh](mailto:surama.king@tis.edu.gh)

**Parents Volunteer:** Parents who would like to volunteer to chaperone students, teach a class after school or be a Parent Patron for our Colour-Group teams should kindly contact Mrs. King for details and registration. [surama.king@tis.edu.gh](mailto:surama.king@tis.edu.gh) or 0244615255



## Students Eligible To Vote

Students who intend voting in the November general elections need to register this weekend. An exeat will be approved for students who need to register. Please email Ken for an exeat.

**TIS 10<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony – 28 May – 9:30 am MPH.** Every year we look forward to graduation day. Join us to celebrate The IB Class of 2016 – The Innovators. A detailed programme will be included in a forthcoming bulletin.

## ASCCUS Update

**University Visits Highlights** -Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

## Truman State University, U.S.A.

- Number 1 public school in the Midwest, USA
- Small and personal, liberal arts focused public university



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- 48 undergraduate majors available in areas such as International Business, Accounting, Economics, Business Administration, Communication, Theatre, Computer Science, Psychology, Creative Writing etcetera.
- Affordable; total fees approx.. U.S.\$29,946 per year
- \$2,000 IB scholarships and other scholarships available, usually up to \$7,000 for international students
- 16:1 Student to faculty ratio
- 90% employed or in graduate school after six months

## Kingston University, U.K.

- The school is located in one of safest areas in London
- Internationally focused; wide variety of students
- Have strong hands-on Engineering and Business programmes
- The International Office at Kingston University awards more than £200,000 worth of partial scholarships to international students every year. These scholarships are available to students who are classified with an 'overseas' fee status.
- They offer loyalty bursaries, where eligible international students could get up to 10% discount off tuition fees
- The faculties at Kingston University offer their own range of course-specific scholarships which are available to a variety of overseas and European students

## University of Aberdeen, Scotland

- Very supporting of students, each student has a mentor, the student society is very active
- Strong programs in Law (both Scottish and English), Engineering (two years to sample before deciding) and environmental and ecological programs.
- Also have a big Medical School with an ultra-modern hospital. 14-16 slots available for international student applicants
- Research focused institution
- University of Aberdeen International Undergraduate Scholarship available. This scholarship is worth one year's tuition fee and is open to all international undergraduate students studying for 4 years or more at the University of Aberdeen (excludes Medicine).

## College Selection Worksheets

IB1 parents are reminded to encourage our students to complete their college selection worksheets.

These worksheets have guiding questions to help students research and select their preferred colleges.

## Internship Opportunities



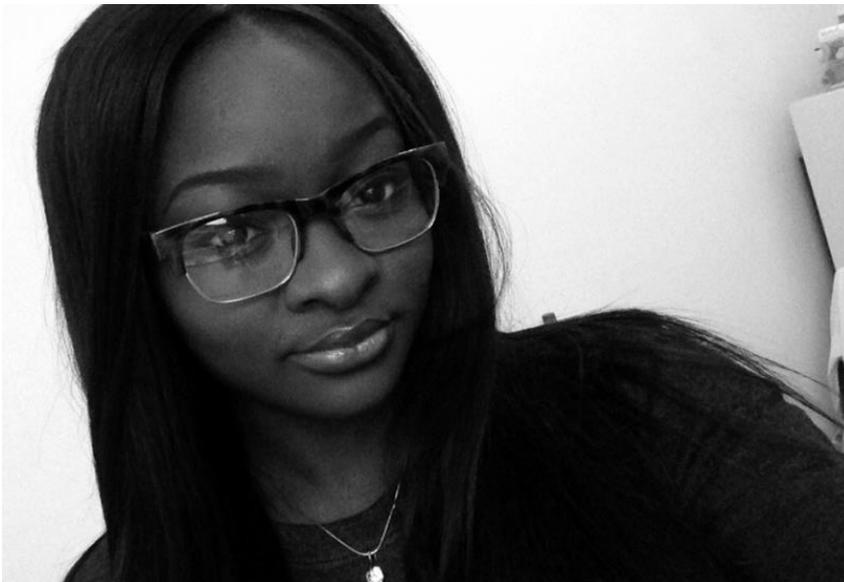




- powers of creative self-expression
- decision making and problem solving skills
- a deeper understanding of self and the world
- development of communication, listening and empathy skills
- self-confidence, a sense of worth and respect and consideration for others.

**Putting all these learning outcomes and more together, one is bound to develop life skills that will make you versatile and malleable to fit in and apply to any situation. The understanding and grooming of the individual is engaged with and unearthed through ones relationship and engagement with drama.**

## Meet our Alumni of the week!



**NAME:** Araba Benyarko

**Year Group:** IB class of 2012

**Hostel/Colour Group:**  
Catherine/Green Wisteria

**Roles played at TIS:**  
Catherine Hostel Prefect

**Current University:**  
University of Debrece  
Medical School

**Year:** 4th year

**Programme:** General Medicine

**Word of Advice:** Never be afraid of change

I appreciate your support.

Dr. Ken Darvall

Principal

Always hungry???? Karma Gedit Restaurant at your service...







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Work hard....Play harder...

