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Thought for the Week

If you are always trying to be normal, you will never know how amazing you can be.
- Maya Angelou

Calendar

- 11/11/17: ISSAG Swimming and Volleyball Championships at TIS
- 13/11/17: All exeat requests must be completed and submitted online from this date
- 20/11/17: End of semester assessment session commences
- 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 Carols Night; 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



Making Us Proud

- The cast and crew of the 2017 Annual Performance, The Slaves.
- The TIS community who attended the performance of The Slaves.

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

Exeats

As from Monday, 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>

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TIS Annual Production

I am always amazed at the talent that emerges from the TIS Annual Production. The Slaves production was no different. Seeing students around TIS on a daily basis and then watching them in a different light in the annual production is incredible.

Special thanks go to the cast and crew for all their efforts, energy and commitment to this year's Annual Performance. It was different. There was plenty of talent on display. You made us proud. Thank you.

ISSAG Swimming and Volleyball Championships

The first ISSAG event for 2017/2018 will be conducted at the TIS Sports Complex tomorrow, commencing at 9.00am. The swimming championships will be conducted poolside while the volleyball championships will be held on the tennis courts, and inside the sports complex.

Food and beverages will be on sale while you enjoy watching young talented players from various schools, including SOS, Roman Ridge, GIS, International Community School, Ghana Christian HIS, Akosombo IS and Morgan.

As always, parents are welcome to cheer on our teams.

Student Council Elections

The end of first semester is when new Student Council elections are conducted. Senior positions will be held by G11 students for a period of 12 months (subject to performance). Intending leaders should have their discussions now with their parents so that you have your parents' support.

Reading or Interpretation?

Is reading a lost art? Or, in this busy 24/7 world in which we live, don't we have the luxury of time for reading? Two competitions I conducted last week for free tickets revealed the same trends when some parents and students don't read instructions.

My biggest concern is for students, especially exam candidates. If they are not reading instructions, or interpreting questions incorrectly, then the outcome will be disappointing.

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.





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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.

I appreciate your support.

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

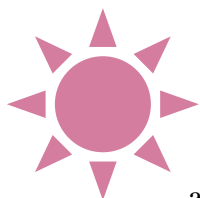
Deadline | 06 February 2018 @ 11:59pm EST

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Counselor's Corner



DP2 Parents' Financial Aid Meeting

The financial one-on-one meeting between parents and counsellors commenced two weeks ago and is ongoing. 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. This week is the last week to sign up, as the meetings will come to an end next week.

DP2 Students are advised to submit all college applications before close of next week, ahead of their end of semester examinations.

We wish all DP2s the very best and urge them to study hard & consistently! 😊

A 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**

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University Visit Line Up

DATE	SCHOOL	TIME	VENUE
13/Nov/17	<u>Lafayette College, (U.S.A.)</u>	2:30pm	College Guides Office- Learning Centre
17/Nov/17	<u>Keele University, UK</u>	2:30pm	<u>College Guides Office- Learning Centre.</u>

Parents are always welcome to be part of these meetings to learn more about these university options as they decide which universities would be best for their children

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Summer Programs!!!

Are you in DP1 or Grade 10? Wondering where to be next summer break?

Thinking of a place to have an exciting edutainment experience and to meet people from all over the world with myriad backgrounds and cultural perspectives?

Wondering where to start or choose from, with an array of summer camps in the most beautiful parts of the world, its power packed just for you! These rejuvenating life changing experiences are tailor-designed to bring the best potentials out of each unique student. This year's summer programs include, the YYAS Summer programme, previously highlighted by the Principal, and many more!!!

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- ✓ All three campuses in Atlanta, Hong Kong and Savannah are open for the program
- ✓ Visit: <http://www.scad.edu/academics/pre-college-summer-programs/scad-summer-seminars>

YALE YOUNG GLOBAL SCHOLARS (YYGS) PROGRAM – U.S.A.

- ✓ YYGS opens applications for the global scholars program
 - ✓ YYGS will offer seven unique inter-disciplinary programs from Sciences to Business
 - ✓ Dead line February 6th 2018.
 - ✓ Students have the opportunity to deal with diverse contemporary issues
 - ✓ Exposure to distinguished Yale faculty members in undertaking seminar sessions
 - ✓ All interested applicants should visit the website for requirement specifications.
- Visit: <https://globalscholars.yale.edu/apply-now>

OXFORD SCHOLASTICA ACADEMY, UK

- ✓ [A fully accredited summer school located in the UK](#)
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New programs are added each year.

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SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY SUMMER COLLEGE, USA

- ✓ Experience college life at Syracuse University from July 2nd to August 10, 2018.
- ✓ Visit: summercollege.syr.edu

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER & SUMMER CAMP 2018, UK

- ✓ The International Soccer and Summer Camps opens in Germany and the UK. Activities includes English and German lessons, Sports, Soccer Training.
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- ✓ All parents and students are kindly reminded to notify us (Guidance Counselors) of their interest by next week Friday, 17 November, 2017.
- ✓ Interested students should see their Guidance Counselors for assistance with the application, essays required among others, however parents are required to pay the application fees using a credit card, ahead of the application deadlines. Parents should also indicate their approval for their child to participate, and specify which one, by emailing: collegeguides@tis.edu.gh

Thank you! Enjoy the weekend

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MYP Corner

Assessment and Reporting

Last weekend I presented my yearly Category 1 workshop for Art teachers new to the MYP. I was surprised to find an art teacher from SOS Hermann Gmeiner School in my group. Our schools are about twenty minutes apart from each other but he travelled all the way to Berlin to attend the workshop. Well, I'm sure he enjoyed both the workshop as well as the city of Berlin.

These category 1 workshops focus mainly on the philosophy of the IBMYP and the unit planning. Essential parts of the unit planning are the assessments, which should be authentic and rigorous. The rigor will be found in the complexity of the tasks and the authenticity where they link with real life situations. Developing units in this way does not come easy in the beginning and it will not surprise you that a two and a half day workshop gives just enough training to be able to take it further once back in school.

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Assessment is carried out as both Formative and Summative.

Formative assessment means that students will be given assessed feedback on their work to help them improve it. This is the feedback that the student receives on a daily basis in many different ways, which will allow for improvement. Students themselves will also be involved in assessment, for example through assessing their peers or themselves.

Summative assessment is an activity at the end of a project, unit or term, made by the teacher and often used for reporting purposes.

Now that we have reached November it means that the teachers will start to work on the first full grade report. As assessment in the MYP is ongoing and criterion related this means that the teacher will look back on all the assessments their students took over the last semester. With the criteria descriptors in mind they will then look for the “best fit” for the levels of achievement that they will finally award. The total of these levels will then be compared to the grade boundaries and result in the final grade. More about this process you can be found in the MYP Guide for Parent, which you can find and download from our website.

Ongoing assessment also means that we do not have a semester test week (or weeks) for Grades 7 & 8. Assessments are part of the different stages of a unit and can, and should therefore take place at different times and not artificially to be pressed into a test week. During the test weeks for Grades 9 – 12, lessons for Grades 7 & 8 will continue as usual, as much as possible.

Ate Hemmes
MYP Coordinator

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Individuals & Societies Corner

ALAMAU 2018

Twenty students have signed up to participate in the African Leadership Academy Model African Union (ALAMAU) Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa from **17-26 March, 2018**.

The delegates will be accompanied by three teachers from Tema International School. The trip will include the following activities;

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17 March, 2018

Departure from Accra on the on South African Airways flight SA053 at 10:30pm with group check in by the host at 7:00pm including assistance at immigration section

18 March, 2018

Arrival in Johannesburg at 6:20am with personal welcome services at Tambo International Airport

- Private group transfer from airport to The Maslow Hotel, Sandton for a night's stay.
- Visit to Nelson Mandela Square and Sandton City Mall
- Lunch at Trumps Grill on Nelson Mandela Square
- Dinner at the Maslow Hotel

19 March, 2018

- Transfer from Sandton to **Sun City** for a two-night stay at the Sun City Cabanas
- Arrival at Sun City at 11am
- Proceed to the Waterworld for sundry water-based fun activities
- Evening game drive with dinner thereafter at the Welcome Centre.

20 March, 2018

- Visit Kamp Kwena Crocodile Sanctuary
- Monkey Bridge and Valley of Waves with lunch at Welcome Centre
- Dinner at one of Sun City's buffet restaurants

21- 25 March, 2018-ALAMAU Conference

- Transfer to Indaba Hotel & Conference Centre, Fourways for the ALAMAU Conference
- Three meals and two snack breaks each day of the conference
- Tours and entrance fees to selected tourist sites in Johannesburg including Cradle of Humankind, Hector Pieterse Museum & Mandela House in Soweto, Apartheid Museum etc.
- Participation at diplomatic reception with Ambassadors of various African countries.
- Participation at Gala dinner and delegates' party.
- Free Mobile phone SIM cards.
- Registration package including conference brochure, placards and certificates.

26 March- Delegates return to Ghana in the evening.

REMINDERS

Payment Deadlines:

2nd Payment of \$1,800 is **Wednesday 15 November, 2017.**

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CAS Updates

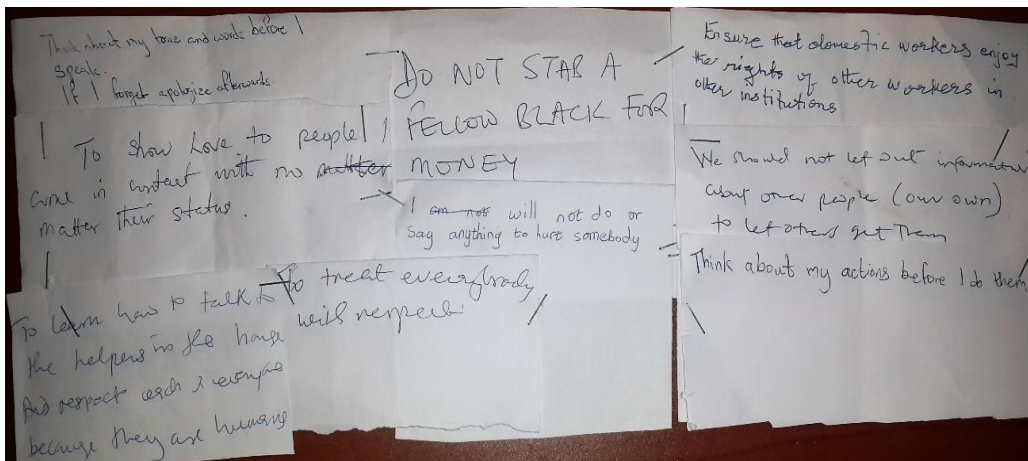
The Slaves



This year's annual school, **The Slaves**, was successfully staged at the school's Multi-Purpose Hall, on Sunday, 5 November 2017. The production wishes to extend their profound gratitude to the cast and crew for their stupendous performance and to the audience for their show of love. The performance of the afforded many people, cast, crew and the audience to reflect on the subject of slavery in the 21st century and what personal actions can be taken to mitigate it.

Watch excerpts of the performance on our YouTube Channel

YouTube **Tema International School**



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Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital - Burns Centre Presentation

On Monday, 6th November 2017, a group of IB Diploma students from Tema Int. School, visited the burns centre at Korle Bu Teaching hospital, to familiarise with happenings at the centre and present a number of medical supplies. The visit and presentation comes at the back of the recent fire outbreaks in the country and the need to augment the capacity of the burns centre to be able to provide adequate services. The team presented medical supplies worth about GHC. 9500.00 Following this visit, the TIS Red Cross Society will be embarking on a Burn Awareness campaign dubbed, **#preventaburn**. Follow us on our various social media handles for more updates.



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Alumni Corner

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Alumni of the Week!



Full name: Nana Yaw Okumka Ankama-Asamoah

Year group: Class of 2011

Hostel & Colour group: Anthony Hostel and Yellow Oteniqua

Roles played at TIS:

- SRC Executive Member (Public Relations Officer)
- Founding member, Music Director and President of Genesis
- 1st President of Yellow Outeniqua
- Vice President of TisSpanico club
- Volleyball team Captain.
- Soccer team goalkeeper
- Basketball team member
- Entertainment Committee member
- Dining Hall Committee Rep

Achievements/Awards in TIS

- TIS Leadership and Initiative Award

(2009)

- Co-curricular Award (2008)
- Most Creative Student (2008)
- Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music Certificates in Grade 5 (Theory) and Grade 3 (Piano)
- Yellow Outeniqua's victory in the first ever singing and athletic competitions.

Most memorable experience in TIS

- When I was called to see Mr. Ajavon in his home and spent the afternoon with him.

Year of graduation: Berklee College of Music, 2016

Major/ area of specialisation: Music Production and Engineering

Achievements in College:

- Dean's List
- Recording Engineer for Berklee Singer showcase 2015 and Zildjian Artist (Dennis Chambers w/ Mark Stein Band) visit to Berklee.
- Appointed Student delegate and Band member for the Board of Trustees.
- Appointed Student delegate and Band member for Berklee meets President of Gabon
- Appointed Student delegate and Band member for Berklee meets Prime Minister of Cape Verde

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- Drummer for the Paul Simon Movie screening w/ Award winning Bass Player Bakhiti Kumalo of South Africa.
- Drummer for Berklee Valencia (Spain) Christmas Concert w/ Award winning Bass Players, Abraham Laboriel Snr. And Victor Wooten (2013)
- President of the Berklee African Club. 2013-2014

Achievements out of college:

- Music Director and Opening Act for Prophecy and Music Night w/ Award Winning Nigerian Gospel Artist, Nathaniel Bassey.
- Technical Specialist at Apple Inc.

Currently working at: Self-Employed Musician, Producer and Engineer

Key word in life: Zealous!

Philosophy: Be zealously affected always in a good thing.

Word of advice: Work hard. Persist. Do what you love. Follow God's plan for your life!

Making Us Proud!!!

Nubuke Gadzekpo Amoah –DP Class of 2017 is the face on the new ALU (African Leadership University) bill board.



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Hostel Corner

Reflection on Hostel Inspections

The wellbeing of the TIS family is always enhanced by our uncluttered atmosphere. Observing the rule of “a place for everything and everything in its place” in the hostels has resulted in having a more serene environment and less time being wasted in looking for lost items.

Having a general cleaning and inspection at least twice in a semester has always been very competitive among the four hostels. Aside the competitive nature of this exercise, it assists the students to appreciate a clean and pleasant environment, better use the facilities and equipment as they are kept in a better condition and also promote team work.

It is always a delight to see these young ones doing what they barely do at home; touching every corner of their rooms, wardrobes, corridors, etc. and doing it so well in order to win the competition.

Girls in Catherine hostel who came first couldn't hide their joy; chanting ‘Poise! Finesse! Decorum! Catherine!’ when the results for the first inspection in the semester was announced. Below are some of the reflections of students on general inspection

I have been in a part of the TIS community for about 5 and a half years now and general inspection has played a very pivotal part in our hostel lives as students.

This inspection I believe is intended for us to clean our rooms thoroughly but the idea of it competitively occurring amongst hostels makes it much more exciting and elevates our hostel spirit as a result.

Although, the competition gets very hectic between the female hostels as opposed to the male, I am confident enough to say that we tend to discover newer and more efficient ways of cleaning each time we have this inspection which is useful in our future endeavors.

Overall, hostel parents and hostel executives give us their guidance and support to achieve the main goal set out of our hearts; *to win*.

I am ultimately grateful for this experience as it has enhanced my cleanliness in general and has indirectly enabled a strong bond shared by members of each hostel. However, I do wish that if a hostel is able to keep a winning streak of at least 3 inspections they should receive some form of award or trophy to encourage them and others to strive for victory in the upcoming ones.

~Marie-Noelle Kpatakpa

General inspection is an event that I both dread and look forward to every year. It's a yearly reminder that Catherine is and will forever be the best hostel. This year we wooooonnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn!!!Again. The moment that the news was announced the MPH erupted into screams and all of the hard work, sweat and determination that was put into it made so much sense in that moment. It was honestly such an experience.

~ Charity

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Hostel Spirit has always been an important life of school life and in the past, it had died down, However, recently, because of events like General Inspection, it appears everyone is now proud to show hostel spirit. General Inspection for me, is a good way to bond with your hostel mates and also revel in the joy that is cleanliness. At the end of the day even though my hostel, Cecilia, did not emerge as the winner, I am glad we had General Inspection. It was fun and I got to bond with people in my hostel, both seniors and juniors. I look forward to more General Inspection and perhaps the next one, Cecilia might win.

~Anna-Maria Poku

Throughout my years here at TIS, I have enjoyed most activities except for General Inspection. I did not like how much work we had to put into our rooms and how long we had to stay up cleaning the room. Despite my detest for this semesterly routine, it has actually helped me to become more disciplined and focused. I am now more than capable of taking care of myself when I go to university and I have learnt something about interior decorating because my room always gets a face lift during these inspections. Like them or not, TIS General inspections are here to stay so do well to take the best from the experience!

~Salim Roland

Admittedly, I am not a fan of general inspection. It is an extremely strenuous ordeal and requires maximum effort and handwork. Moreover, the competition associated with it means that no hostel wants to come last and so everyone ends going the extremely, extra mile. A lighter form of general inspection would be general cleaning, where students would have to clean not because they are competing against each other, but simply because they are required to keep their hostels clean. Regardless, I cannot deny the outstanding skills it has instilled in me. I have learnt the skills of meticulousness and preciseness, while gaining life skills that I will need to care for myself in the university and beyond. I look forward to thanking TIS when I go out into the world and discover and understand how much a school like this impacted my life.

~Karen Sena Donkor

Brooms swinging back and forth, mop buckets swallowing up limitless liters of water, students' muscles swelled up from carrying buckets up and down staircases all in aims of preventing their hostels from coming last place in the rankings. Being in TIS since the ninth grade, I have come to realize the ulterior motive behind general inspections. Behind the competitiveness, there is an instillation of very important values such as discipline, effective organizational skills, and hardwork in our students. General inspection has taught me that you always reap what you sow and I believe that with this lesson at the back of everyone's minds in their every day actions, they will continually obtain the best of the best.

~Dennis Donkoh

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Hostel Parent of the Week!



Hostel: Cecilia

Name: Janet A. O. Enning

Roles: History and Individuals and Societies teacher, Cecilia Hostel Parent and Blue Cedar member

Hobbies: singing, motivating people and cooking.

Key words in life: honesty and fairness

Favorite Quote: No child is daft because every child is potentially a genius.

What excites you: seeing my students evolving into responsible people in society.

Experience: even though I have been taking care of teenagers for

over a decade, my encounter with the Cecilia Hostel has been more enlightening and interesting. This is even so when you have girls seeing you as a mother, aunt, sister and a friend who will always lend a helping hand, a shoulder to cry on and at the same time a role model to look up to. In fact the experience is very exciting and motivating. And I'm forever grateful to God for the opportunity given to me to serve humanity in this capacity.

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Arts Corner



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Reflections on ITGS Trip

On 3 November 2017 the Grade 11 and 12 ITGS students embarked on a field trip to the Vodafone offices in Accra. The aim of the trip was for students to have a first-hand experience of the tech world. This helped students understand the role networks and databases play in the data centres as well as the security protocols that have been put in place amongst others. It also offered them the opportunity to interact with experts in the IT field. Below are some reflections from students.

Last Friday we embarked on a trip to Vodafone Ghana to go and see the network architecture and how data is stored in the data centre. We kicked off the trip by going to one of the Vodafone branches located in Community 18, Spintex Road. Here we got an insight into the operations of Vodafone. I realized Vodafone does more than just supply credit or a mobile network to the people of Ghana but they also indulge in IT solutions and a mobile money system called Vodafone cash. I also learnt about their internet structure and how they are now involved in laying fibre optic cables underground to homes so that residents can receive fast internet. We then met an alumni of TIS, Selassie who currently works at Vodafone as a computer analyst or MIS specialist who gave us a great presentation on Vodafone and then took a trip with us to the Vodafone head office at Airport City. When we got here we met some top officials of Vodafone including Angela Mensah Poku who is the Director of the Enterprise Business Unit & Wholesale. She gave us a chance to ask questions on Vodafone and the business part of Vodafone. We also got the chance to sit in the main Vodafone board room where serious decisions concerning the network of Ghana takes place and this was a nice experience because we felt like directors of Vodafone sitting there. The most interesting part of the trip was visit to the data centre. Though it was a really long journey, it was worth it because I got to see a proper data centre for the first time and the amount of maintenance that goes into ensuring the servers containing the data are working well. The workers were very nice and open-minded in terms of our questions and most importantly patient. The trip was a very insightful and exciting one.

Andrew Nartey, Grade 12

The field trip was a memorable and informative session as we were exposed to how Vodafone Ghana runs their systems and provides good quality service to the country. We first visited the Vodafone office on the Spintex road where one of our own TIS alumna gave a short presentation on what Vodafone entails as a whole and their services. After which we proceeded to Vodafone Headquarters to interact with one of their directors. The highlight of the day was our visit to the Vodafone data centre at Gbawe where we saw the links and cables and got to understand how the service is run. I really appreciate the fact that we were given the opportunity to experience such and I would like to thank the teachers who accompanied us and TIS for such an opportunity.

Jacqueline Tetteh, Grade 12

During the field trip to the Vodafone headquarters in Ghana, I was introduced to the business division of the telecommunications company, where they used enterprise resource planning software and other evaluative programs to improve the workflow and efficiency of SME's in

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the country. This experience really showed me the real transformative power of technology and the ability to be successful financially while genuinely wanting to improve the quality of life of the average person. This experience really set off a light bulb in my head and has driven me to pursue a deeper understanding of software and the different stages at which it is developed and implemented.

David Masoperh, Grade 12

The ITGS trip was a very helpful to us as we were studying about Networks in our course. Not only was it insightful, it was fun as we were all well treated thanks to Vodafone. The highlight of was when we set sights on the complex data center. I encourage all students to widen the view of the modern use of technology as we are heading to future with something greater in our hands

Nathan Ashiabor, Grade 12

On this trip we got meet Selasi, an alumna who gave us a presentation and the various aspects of Vodafone. I was intrigued to hear about the plans Vodafone had to help illiterates find work to cater for themselves and keep them off the streets. We then went to the Vodafone headquarters where we met Angela Mensah-Poku, Head of Enterprise Business Unit & Wholesale who spoke to us about many different things and encouraged us to study hard and utilize all of our privileges.

After speaking with Ms.Mensah-Poku, we continued our journey to the data centre in Gbawe where we were shown the power plants and the UPS (uninterruptible power supply) that they use to ensure that the database does not lose power at any time. We were also shown the room with the surveillance and where they could see what was happening in other data centres in Ghana.

Overall, the trip was highly educative and exposed me to many things I never knew I had interests in. It made me think of what I would like to do in the near future, that I do not necessarily need to do what I have a degree in. It also taught me that technological communication is where we should be and encouraged me to look at many other things I have an interest in.

Valerie Vigbedor, Grade 11

The ITGS trip to Vodafone was a very insightful one. Getting to see the hardware that we are taught in class and actually understanding how these hardware aid Vodafone to satisfy the needs of all of their clients. Also getting to personally talk to workers of the Vodafone was very nice as we got to ask questions.

To cut a long story short, this trip is one that has really helped me and improved my understanding of the processes that we are taught in class.

Daniel Asiedu, Grade 11

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IBDP Update

Thanks to all the parents and guardians who came in person to encourage our students who put up a fantastic show “The Slaves”. We now enter the assessment phase for the end of the semester as well as start of the final submission of internal assessments by DP 2 students starting from today 10-11-17, when history, computer science and ITGS students will be submitting their final work. Action updates for the week ahead

May 2018 registration

Registration details for the class of 2018 were sent as a print out with the students before the mid-semester break. Many have acknowledged and corrected the entry . Few are yet to authenticate the entries. We will be mailing the final registration details to the parents’ / guardians’ mail address as listed on ManageBac over the weekend. Please get back to us with regards to any changes required by Monday 13-11-17. Please note any changes requested after Monday will be accompanied by a charge for change.

Extended Essay

DP 1 students had a full day EE café with their EE coordinator Mr Benjamin Darko on 9-11-17. Students are now fully informed about the procedures and processes to be followed in coming out with a professional extended essay.

Internal Assessment DP2

17-11-17 is the submission date for economics internal assessment. Request you to have a word with your ward in case they are talking economics.

Devanand Chander Dev

IBDP coordinator.

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