



## PARENTS' BULLETIN: 3 DECEMBER, 2015

### Thought for the Week

What you do right now defines what you do next.

- Robin Sharma

### Important Dates

12/12/15: ACT testing session

13/12/15: Christmas Fiesta

14/12/15: Joint Hostels Christmas Party

15/12/15: 3-Way Conferences (7.30am-1.00pm) Students leave for Christmas break

17/12/15: Semester 1 Reports published

7/1/16: Staff recommences duty; Admin office opens; staff in-school workshop commences

8/1/16: Staff in-school workshop continues (Day 2)

9/1/16: Students return to school

11/1/16: Semester 2 commences

16/1/16: TIS Fun Fair

23/1/16: TIS Health Walk; SAT

24/1/16: Semester 2 Thanksgiving & Student Leaders' Induction service

### Interviews

On Tuesday, 15 December, 3-way performance interviews will be conducted from 7.30am-4.00pm. This will be another opportunity for parents, their child/ren and teachers to discuss student performance during the first semester. Interviews will be limited to 10 minutes to ensure parents can meet as many teachers as possible.

To book an interview, you need to know your son and/or daughter's teachers for each subject.

On 7 December, parents will be able to book their interview times online from 7.00am. To book online, go to:

[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

Enter the code: C54FN



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Then follow the prompts. Please note that bookings will be made on a 'first in' basis. By not booking early, it will make the selection of interview times more difficult. In the cases when there are no more available interview sessions available, parents may request a meeting with a teacher at a mutually convenient time after 11 January 2016.

Bookings will close on 14 December @ 12.00noon.

If you require assistance with online booking, then please contact Bijoux.

## **Please note:**

- **These interviews are three-way to include your son/daughter.**
- **Students may depart with their parents for the Christmas vacation after interviews have been completed.**
- **Students, whose parents are not attending interviews on this day, may depart only after 1.00pm.**
- **The exception will be our international students who are required to fly home that morning.**
- **End of Semester 1 reports will be released online on 17 December.**

## **School Fees**

School fees for second semester will be sent home with your son/daughter on Tuesday.

The Accounts Office will be open from 10.00am – 4.00pm on 7-8 January, and 10.00am – 3.00pm on 9 January.

## **Semester 2**

Students return from their Christmas vacation on Saturday, 9 January, from midday. If circumstances require an earlier arrival on 9/1/16, then please contact your hostel guardian. Please remember that gates close at 5.00pm so allow plenty of time for traffic and do not plan to arrive at the last minute.

## **ASCCUS Updates**

### **Brag Rights**

We're back here earlier than we thought ☺

Congratulations to our students who have received offers from **Temple University, University of Brighton, University of East London, University of Leicester and Coventry University.**

We hope to hear more of such news in the days ahead.





All UK applications have been submitted. Our students should be receiving responses between now and after December.

## Early Applications

IB2 students with deadlines between **now and January 15** have been advised to submit applications by **December 10** at the latest. The Counseling department will be away for the Christmas break and will be unable to send any additional documents on behalf of students during this period.

Parents are encouraged to entreat their wards to work with their assigned Counselors to meet all deadlines. Kindly check Managebac frequently for updates and helpful information.

## Financial Aid Applications

We want fat scholarships! It makes it easier to study abroad.

In view of that, please be reminded that financial aid tracking forms have been handed to our students (US applicants). These forms are to be completed by your ward to enable them to have them in one document, (all details required including specific forms required by each school, financial application deadlines for each school, etc.)

The forms could be any of the following- International Student Financial Aid Application (ISFAA), Certification of Finances (COF), CSS Profile (online collegeboard form- requires fee waiver code from the universities) or a school-specific financial aid form from the universities' website.

Kindly note that universities will require bank statements and other supporting documents (mostly parental information), to complete their financial aid applications. These forms contribute highly to the scholarship decisions made by universities.

Let's do this on time to enable us get a good share of the money.

## Next Hurdle... IB1 Applications

University brochures and catalogues have been packaged for IB1 students. Parents are encouraged to go through these with their wards as they begin to make university decisions when they return to school. The Christmas break will be a great time to do this.



## Stress Balls

No more stress☺. Our seventh graders learnt to make stress balls by putting flour into balloons. Students learned positive ways to manage stress during exam week and picked up “kitchen craft” in the process. You can try it too.

## Test Reminders

This Saturday, December ACT takes place. Passports are the **only acceptable IDs** for test takers.

**January SAT 2016 registrations have been completed. A gentle reminder that payments pending are due.**

All the best to our test takers and have a joyous Christmas!

## Explosion of Joy 2015.

It's the rendezvous of talented singers from TIS!

Come see the Genesis band wow the crowd at Joyful Way Incorporated **Explosion of Joy 2015.**

Don't miss this amazing performance slated for:

**26<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 . National Theatre. 6:00pm.**

Parents, alumni and the entire TIS community is cordially invited. Tickets are available at our reception.

## Season's Greetings

I wish all members of the TIS family - students, parents, staff, alumni, supporters and friends – a merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and successful new year. I appreciate your support for TIS and look forward to a busy, exciting and brilliant 2016.

I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fiesta on 13 December.

Dr Ken Darvall

Principal



**Tema International School**



cordially invites

**You**

to our annual

**CHRISTMAS FIESTA**

13, December, 2015 | TIS MPH (Multi-Purpose Hall) | 6:30pm

*On behalf of the Co-Founder, Mrs. Comfort Adjavon, and the Board of Governors, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a peaceful Christmas break and a Blessed New Year.*





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IB Class of 2017 & Wings of Hope Ghana

# Christmas Outreach


at the Nungua New Life Orphanage

The New Life Orphanage suffered from a disastrous fire with 33 boys losing all their belongings.

Join us, **the IB Class of 2017 & Wings of Hope Ghana**, to make this Christmas a very special one for these children.

**We urgently need** : student mattresses, pillows, towels, bed sheets, boys clothing, toiletries, sponges, buckets, toys, and footwear, both old and new. Drinks, food and toys will be shared with the kids during our Christmas party. See details below.

**For donations or participation in this Christmas Outreach, please contact:** the student leaders: David Quampah, Nubuke Gadzekpo & Louisa Awuku-Aboagye, or the CAS team on 024 461 5255

**NB: A donation stand will be set up during the TIS Christmas Fiesta.**   
**Let's work together to put a smile on these children's faces.**



**28**  
December

1:00 pm

New Life Orphanage-Nungua  
-Behind the Junction Mall-



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