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Thought for the Week

If you want to be successful it's just this simple. Know what you are doing. Love what you are doing. And believe in what you are doing.

- Will Rogers

Calendar

- 11/11/16: G10&12 Goal setting day; Writers and Photographers Workshop
- 12/11/16: Writers and Photographers Workshop; International Students trip to Akosombo
- 21/11/16: First semester assessment session commences
- 3/12/16: ISSAG Swimming and Volleyball Championships at TIS; Sounds of Triumph
- 4/12/16: TIS Christmas Carols
- 9/12/16: First semester assessment session ends
- 10/12/16: Students commence the Christmas vacation

Making Us Proud

- David Masoperh, Yehowahi Sekan, Naa Momoh Odarteifio, Ohene Kofi Sakyi-Addo, Awuraba Kufuor and Karen Donkor, our Speaker of the Year finalists, who performed so well on Monday night.
- Our England expedition members who surprised themselves with the work they completed in four days.

Parent Reminders

- Please read the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter.
- Please take action as required.

ManageBac (MB)

MB is our learning management platform for students, staff and parents. Messages are sent to parents through MB. End of semester reports will be available through MB. It is important that parents and guardians access MB to stay informed about their child's learning. Approximately, 50% of parents are not accessing MB. To do so is a personal decision.

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However, some key documents will only be accessible from MB, such as student progress reports.

Naviance

Naviance is a college guidance and life career skills software program that students are using from G7-12. It will be the platform from which university and college applications will be sent. Students and parents are able to access this program to ensure transparency throughout the university application process in G12. If you have any difficulties registering or logging in, please email Ken (principal@tis.edu.gh)

2016 Careers' Fair

13 special friends of the TIS family made time to introduce themselves and discuss what their careers entailed at yesterday's Careers' Fair. I take this opportunity to thank the following professionals who contributed to a meaningful and successful event.



- Akua Obenewaa Donkor: Entrepreneur, Deko Craft.

Takyiabs

- Anita Owusu-Ansah: Fashion Designer, Takyiabs Designs.



UNIVERSITY OF GHANA

- Dr C B Wiafe-Akenten: Social Psychologist, University of Ghana.

Stelin Dental Clinic

- Dr Derek Larbi: Dentist, Stelin Dental.



Fugar & Company

- Emefa Tsikata: Legal Analyst, Fugar and Company.



- Esi Cleland-Yankson: Entrepreneur, Afro-Chic.

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- Eyram Tawia and Abena Addai: Game Developers, Leti Arts.

World Vision Financial

- John-Desmond Nai: Investment Banker, World Vision Financial Services.



- King David Thompson: Cosmetologist, Abrantie College.



- Michael Klein: Interior Architect.

Built Services Consult

- Yaa Okudzeto: Electrical Engineer, Built Services Consult.



- Yaw Francis E Duah: Development Geophysicist, Tullow Ghana Limited.
- Waqar A Bhatti: Petroleum Engineering, Tullow Ghana Limited.

Refocus and Goal Setting

G12 and 10 students will today reflect and refocus on their goals for success in their external exams in May 2017. They will consider their strategies to ensure consistency, balance, commitment, focus and ultimate success. Time-management, planning and personal health

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are three critical elements.

Unfortunately, last-minute planning is the vogue and this approach seldom reveals true potential and/or achievement. Poor diet and late night study (last-minute planning or panic) are not conducive to success. There is no advantage staying up late to ‘study’, or complete due assignments, if you are too tired to focus in class the next day.

To plan ahead is to plan backwards. That is, always start with the goal in mind, set deadlines ahead of actual due dates to allow for emergent issues. Then stick to your plan and remove all distractions. Break down your measurable indicators into realistic portions and then start ticking off the boxes. But do not neglect exercise to ensure balance. Never neglect a healthy mind and a healthy body.

Creative Writing and Photography Workshop

I look forward to enjoying the outcome of this year’s Creative Writing and Photography Workshop following the success of the previous two years’ important initiative by TIS. Special thanks to our English department for their organization of super week, with Speaker of the Year on Monday night and the Creative Writing and Photography Workshop today and tomorrow.

I appreciate your support.

Dr Ken Darvall
Principal

MYP Corner

Mistakes!

“Mistakes are proof that you are trying” This is what I saw posted on the wall of the Grade 8 classroom when I did a Math classroom visit. I could add another one, “Fail and fail often!” As we are supposed to be Life Long Learners we will continue to make mistakes and hopefully learn from them. This is why we don’t really see mistakes as failures but merely as a way to learn and to improve. By taking risks and allowing ourselves to make mistakes, and learn from them, we can have a growth mindset in which we can aim for a higher achievement.

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As time moves quickly and we are rapidly heading for the end of the first semester it is time to look back and reflect. At the same time it is an opportunity to set targets. For Grades 10 and 12 this was done this week in a more official way, but this doesn't mean that other year-groups should not have targets set for themselves. For each and every student it is important to set goals for further improvement. These can be at different levels for the different subjects and students should be encouraged to discuss these with their subject teachers.

In MYP goal setting can be easier where we use subject criteria with specific level descriptors to indicate a student's level of achievement. These indicate ways for further improvement where specific challenges might occur.

Ate Hemmes
MYP Coordinator

Creative Arts Update

The Road to the Birth of Christ

The road map to this year's carols service on 04 December 2016 has been drawn. The team is poised to unveil the birth of Christ in a way that brings the meaning and purpose of Christmas to all who witness it. The joy to the world will be witnessed through music, dance, drama and poetry.



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Counselor's Corner

Naviance: Grade 8 students designed their family tree, reflecting on their parents and grandparents experiences in their career and university choices. Grade 9 students began learning how to research universities, and had hands on practice with three different online search engines to look up information about various schools.



College Visits:

14 November – Lafayette College (USA), 1:45p.m., New Exam Hall

17 November- Cardiff University (UK), 10a.m., New Exam Hall

College Highlights:

Keele University, UK

It's a university with a uniquely designed degree structure to give students maximum flexibility in what they study and how their degree is shaped. Keele offers a wide range of bachelor degrees, dual honours, major-minor and single honours programmes. They allow very unusual course combinations.

- 6000 undergraduate students, 14% internationals
- Popular programmes: Business Management, Medicine (only 10 slots for international students), Pharmacy, Psychology

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- IB minimum requirements for some popular courses; Medicine: 36 IB points, Business: 32 IB points & Law: 34 IB points
- One year study abroad programme
- Ranked #1 in the UK for student satisfaction (by National Students Survey)
- £2000 available as scholarship, for international student applicants for each year of study; once they get an admission offer from Keele University, they can apply.

The University of Warwick, UK

Warwick is a top UK institution of higher learning- one of only three Universities to remain consistently in the top 10 UK rankings for the past ten years. Research is something Warwick devotes a lot of resources and importance to.

They have an Undergraduate Research Support Scheme (URSS); a scheme to provide a bursary and skills development training to support undergraduate students who wish to carry out a summer research project as an addition to their degree course. This enables students gain insight into the world of research and develop valuable skills for their future career.

The admissions representative- Ms. Rushingwa gave an excellent presentation focusing more on the UK application process. She mentioned that Warwick admissions officers look out for the following when admitting students:

- Academic qualifications
- Intellectual ability & potential
- A good reference
- An interesting Personal Statement

English Department Updates

Speaker of the Year

Last Monday witnessed a fierce battle for the Speaker of the Year Crown. The competition which was keenly contested had six participants who had to display their wit and eloquence in a battle for supremacy in public speaking. After the first two rounds, 2 people made their way off the stage, with the final four making it to the final round. After 3 rounds of intense and passionate arguments, and after long deliberations and calculations by judges and score masters, David Amartey Masoperh emerged **WINNER**, and hence, the Speaker of the Year 2016; Yehowahi Sekan emerged 1st Runner-up, while Naa Momoh Odarteifio placed 3rd (2nd Runner-up).

After such an unforgettable experience, we sought to enter the minds of our contestants, to gather their thoughts on the contest and this is what we came out with;

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Speaker of the year was an opportunity for me to step out of my comfort zone and do something I never thought I could. Standing on that stage felt surreal, and I almost drowned in tears when I watched my video later. I have never been proud of myself.

Karen Donkor

Participating in the speaker of the year contest was definitely an indelible experience. From the hassle of writing the planned speeches to the critical thinking needed for the unplanned speeches, I've been able to improve my public speaking skills as well as build on my confidence. Making that first step to sign up was undoubtedly a good decision. #biblereadingatheist

Naa Momoh Odarteifio

"Forget the speech". I felt extremely pleased with myself for coming up with that brilliant solution to my speech, and for being able to continuously fly away even when I got stuck. I am very glad that I took part in the Speaker of the Year and I must say I learnt a lot from it, the highlight being the discovery of a number drew additions to my new vocabulary. It was an amazing experience and I encourage any interested persons to step up, be brave and take part.

Yehowahi Sekan

My participation in the Speaker of the Year aroused in me many different emotions. I felt joy, pleasure, excitement, and even relief when it was all over. Even though I didn't finish where I wanted to finish, I still enjoyed it, and with all the lessons learnt from this one, I am confident next year's will be mine.

Kofi Sakyi- Addo

I honestly don't know how to feel about winning the speaker of the year. One part of me is in shock and the other part is just undecided. Before I started the competition, I didn't have any intention of winning. I just wanted to make an appearance and have fun.

As a matter of fact, my starting speech was the least impressive in terms of content (as far as I'm concerned). But I think I was greatly boosted by my delivery rather than my content, and the unconventional methods I adopted to deliver my speech. My biggest challenge though, was trying not to be intimidated by the experience of the very capable Yehowahi and Kofi Sakyi-Addo (who were obviously the crowd's favourites, in my view).

I will like to believe it was God's grace and the unwavering support of some of my very good friends that pushed me on and on. I have learned some very important lesson from this competition. It is sometimes good to experiment and walk the path least walked by the masses. Second, have faith in yourself even when the odds are not in your favour.

David Masoperh

We also went asking around for people's views on the event, but Dr Ken Darvall summarised the intensity of the contest in 8 words; ***"I am thankful I was not a judge."***

The English Department and the Debate Society would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all contestants for their bravery, and for making this year's event memorable. We

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also want to express our profound gratitude to management and staff for their support; students for their contribution before, during and after the event, and for their general comportment; and parents for coming all the way, through the Monday after-work traffic, to grace the event with their presence and support. But last, and most importantly, we thank our distinguished judges for sacrificing the demands of their jobs, and the comfort of their homes to travel far and near to help make this event a success.

We also want to use this opportunity to encourage all students to take that bold step and be part of events such as this for indeed, ***"The Future is Public Speaking"***.

Debate Society

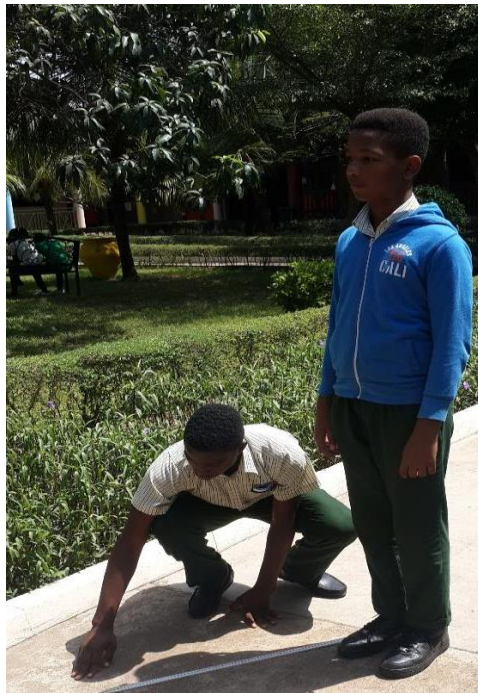
School of Sharks; Hooked on D'bait

Mathematics Corner

Learning mathematics by doing:

In their quest to appreciate and fully understand trigonometry, Grade 9A students went outside the classroom to find out for themselves what an angle of elevation is and how it can be determined.

They basically used their shadow lengths and heights to estimate the angle of elevation from the ground. Guess the opportunity cost! A little sun burn will give you a clue!



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Our Alumni of the Week



Elsie Tetteh

Year group: 2010

Hostel: Cecilia

Colour group: Red

Roles played at TIS: Chapel Prefect- 2009/2010 & President of Genesis Band

Graduate University: Dalian Medical University

Major: Medicine

Year of graduation: 2016

Word of advice: Pursue your dreams irrespective of peoples' opinions. It's about you not them.

Philosophy: Have an open heart towards God.

Most memorable experience in TIS: Inter-hostel Competitions

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Careers' Fair 2016



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Invited Guests at our Careers' Fair



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Speaker of the Year Contest...

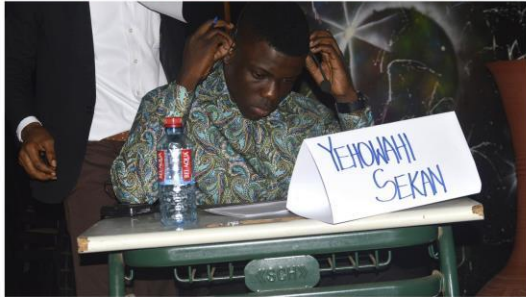
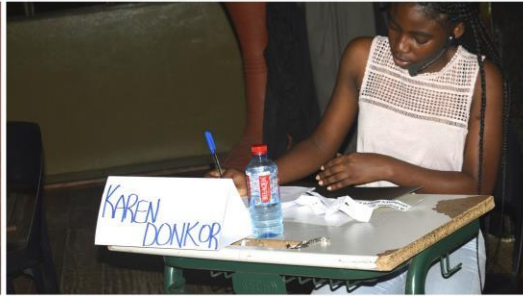


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