



TIS BULLETIN: 1 DECEMBER, 2016

Thought for the Week

What we learn with pleasure we never forget.

- Alfred Mercier

Calendar

3/12/16: ISSAG Swimming and Volleyball Championships at TIS; Sounds of Triumph; SAT

4/12/16: TIS Christmas Service (6.30pm)

9/12/16: Student leadership elections; first semester assessment session ends

10/12/16: Students commence the Christmas vacation; ACT

5/1/17: Teachers resume

7/1/17: Students return to hostels. Three-way interviews (2.00-5.00pm)

9/1/17: Classes commence for Semester 2

9-14/1/17: Alumni Homecoming Week

15/1/17: Genesis 10th Anniversary Service

21/1/17; Health walk; SAT

Making Us Proud

- G7-8 students for their considered reflections on MYP to date.

Parent Reminders

- Please read the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter, and take action as required.
- Semester 1 reports will be available on MB from 12 December. Parents will receive an email advising parents when reports have been published. Parents will need to be accessing MB by 10/12/16, otherwise assistance will be unavailable until 9/1/17.
- All students have a TIS ID card. From 22/11/16, students will have to produce their ID card when they are collecting personal items from security and when they are leaving TIS on an exeat.

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• Parents are required to ensure name labels are on their child's clothing by 9 January. After this time, hostel parents will arrange with a tailor to sew name labels on clothing and the charge will be billed to parents' accounts.

ISSAG Swimming and Volleyball Championships

On this Saturday, 3 December, TIS will host the ISSAG swimming and volleyball championships. Both programs will commence at 9.00am and parents are invited to attend. TIS is the current champion swimming school and we hope to retain the title. Meanwhile, the boys and girls in volleyball will be hoping to go one better this year.

Sounds of Triumph

This Saturday evening, from 6.00-9.00pm. Come and join to support a worthy cause.

Sounds of Triumph is a Gospel concert to support Akorli-Village. **Irvine Narh**, on board with the Tema International School IBDP Class of 2018, has initiated a Gospel Concert to raise funds to complete and finalize phase II of Graceland Academy's development; building a proper toilet facility, a system to recycle rain, a canteen, a well-stocked library and a teacher's bungalow.

For more information about the concert, contact Grace on 0244626805.

To find out more about Akorlikope, go to: https://youtu.be/_Nsf4myMlbs

Carols Service

Our Carols Service will be held on Sunday, 4 December, from 6.30-8.00pm. The TIS family members are invited to attend this special event in the MPH.

Parents' Guide to ManageBac (MB)

An online guide for parents to MB can be found at:

<https://managebac.screenstepslive.com/s/support/m/3621>

I will be in the MPH on Saturday, 10 December, from 9.30am-12.00pm to help any parents with accessing MB or general assistance.

Student Elections

The student leadership election process will commence on 5 December and conclude on 9 December. Voting for key executive positions will be held on 9 December.

Admissions 2017

Admissions for 2017/2018 have opened. Points of entry are Grades 7-8 (MYP), Grade 9 (IGCSE) and Grade 11 (DP).

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To register interest or to commence the application process, please go to:

<https://tis.openapply.com>

There is also a link (OpenApply) on the top of our homepage at: www.tis.edu.gh

Please note the early completion of the admission process assists us with our planning for the next academic year.

If you have any inquiries, please contact Bijoux: bijoux.h@tis.edu.gh

Three-Way Interviews

Three-way interviews will be conducted on Saturday, 2 January 2017, from 2.00 - 5.00pm to coincide with students returning to hostels for second semester. Appointments can be made online from 12/12/16 until 6/1/17.

When bookings open on 12/12/16, go to:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Use this code: mtbyg

Balance (and Consistency)

As we come close to the end of the first semester, it is important for students to reflect on their achievements and plan goals for next semester. TIS is a very busy school and, being residential, there are many opportunities and activities to identify, develop, improve and enhance their knowledge, skills and understanding.

There is a tendency to leave things to the last minute, whether it is an assessment task, activity, training or revision. Usually, the result is not optimal performance, students are tired and prone to illness. Some/many students wear 'study cramming' as a badge of honour, yet do not appreciate the full ramifications.

Students have been encouraged to ensure they exercise daily to provide some balance, especially during exam season. I have noticed the regular gym users are students who are focused on their studies.

It is a balance and consistency of effort that will maximize student achievement. Students are aware of activities in advance and should plan ahead to avoid conflicts and barriers to achieving their goals for second semester. Changing to a strategic, rather than a last-minute approach, will bring its rewards.

Opportunity for Students (14-18 years) to Experience Professional Aviation.

Brookfield Education and Training provides a range of training courses for professional pilots and also for young people who may have aspirations of being an aviation professional one day.

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The courses are in the U.K. for two weeks during the summer and students will experience many aspects of professional aviation, including flying lessons on light aircraft, Boeing 747 simulator, and emergency training with British Airways. Also visits to engineering facilities, aviation museums, airline headquarters as well as some exciting recreational activities and sightseeing in London and Cardiff. The students will stay in the halls of residence of Brunel University in London, where they will have aviation English lessons and talks with pilots and other airline professionals.

This is an opportunity for young people to decide whether a career in aviation is for them. They will go home with flying experience, with a broad outlook on the industry and life in general, and will have fun in the process.

Commencement date is 22 July. The price is £3,190 (GBP) + 20% VAT if applicable, which includes accommodation, local transport and all activities.

Please click on this link <http://www.brookfieldav.com/education-projects> for further information or email us with any questions.

I appreciate your support.

Dr Ken Darvall
Principal

MYP Corner

Inquiry Based Learning

In my workshops for teachers new to the MYP, I often ask them to visualize Inquiry Based Learning. This results in creative combinations of text and images describing the buzz, the researching, energy, questioning and the collaboration of students. It is definitely not the picture of a classroom with tables in rows with students facing and listening to the teacher lecturing. I am not going to state that lecturing should be completely banned from the classroom, but it shouldn't take the whole lesson.

More important is to create a learning environment where questioning, trial and error are used to enhance the learning. We ask our teachers to create or have engaging lessons, but how do you achieve this? Above all it needs the experienced, skillful, passionate teacher who wants to share the passion of the subject with the students.

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Further more it needs lessons that require students to inquire in their own way. The more we allow for individual inquiry, the more the students will be engaged in their own learning based on their curiosity. Collaboration is another way to work with inquiry. As they say “two know more than one” and together students will be able to come up with more inquiry, as well as shared solutions.



The above is what I witnessed this week when walking into a grade 7 Math lesson with Ms. Yvonne Tagoe. The classroom has quarter circle tables that can be put together in different ways to create bigger and smaller working groups. The students were working in these groups on different sub tasks as part of their unit inquiry.

In some of the reflections students have been writing about the MYP they mention how much fun the lessons can be. If we have been able to achieve this in the first semester than I am a happy MYP Coordinator. It means that we indeed have the experienced and engaging teachers that can make inquiry based learning happening.

Kindly read more details from the mathematics corner.

Ate Hemmes
MYP Coordinator

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Mathematics Corner

End of Unit Mini Project- Grade 7 Mathematics class

Unit 3: Decision-Making helps us to specify one or more conditions to be evaluated by formulae.

Task: Plan a trip to Mole National Park for a family of 3 adults and 3 children. Criteria: B, C & D

Content: Constructing, simplifying and evaluating expressions, solving equations

ATL: communication and self management

Differentiation: Scaffolding – the use of a template to provide structure to the task. As part of project based learning, Grade 7 is under taking a short project which has been broken into several manageable tasks which together will create a write up. They have been given a template to guide them in their task from. Some will stick closely to this and others will use it as a check list once they have completed their work.

They were allowed to choose their own mode of transport. So far these have ranged from a Mini Cooper to very large Lamborghini V12 engine car to a commercial air flight. They have to choose their own accommodation and food and calculate the costs.

They have to work out how much it costs to get there and back. For those going by car they have to calculate the fuel consumption of their respective cars for the distance they will cover and find the cost of their fuel.

They will have to construct their own expressions and equations to complete their calculations based on knowledge gained during the unit. They then have to reflect on what they have done and how to improve their decision making for any further projects.

Before this project the majority of the class did not know where Mole National Park was, now they want to plan a school trip there!

Yvonne Tagoe

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Counselor's corner

ACT December Reminder

A unexpired passport is the only form of acceptable ID for admission for the test. Anyone without a passport will not be allowed to write the test. Those writing ACT December should be sure to bring their passports to school and leave them with the college guidance department if they have not already.

- Study materials are available in the office and have been provided for student use.

January SAT Registration:

If your student has registered for January SAT all payments should be made in U.S. dollars only. The SAT is \$110.

IB2 College Applications:

All IB2 students are reminded to complete all application requests such as transcripts and recommendation letters to their universities with December and January deadlines, before we close for the Christmas break. Based on the timelines we provided earlier, November is the month recommended for all U.S., Canadian and UK university applications.

IB1 College Applications:

All IB1 students are reminded to discuss their country of choice with their parents during this vacation. Each student should have a list of at least 5 schools for every country that they are applying to upon their return to school, and this list will be reviewed by their college guidance counselors.

ATL (Approaches to Learning) Skills:

Grade 7 & 8 students are learning about the importance of ATL skills for their academic success. These skills fall into five categories, being communication, social, self-management, research, and thinking. The students have made goals for their ATL development for next term. Some of their goals include the following:

- I will try to not be scared to ask questions, even in subjects that I find difficult, like French.

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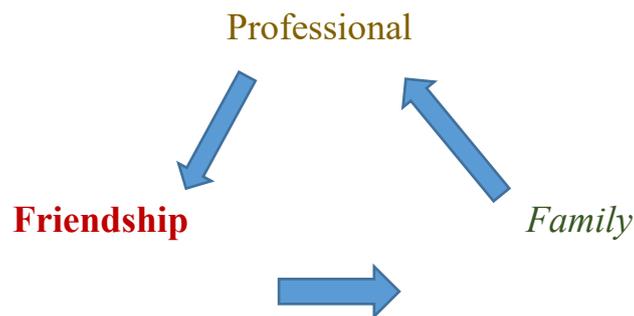




- I will stop using vulgar words when I feel very angry.
- I will avoid leaving my books in the hostel if I need them for class.
- I will read more storybooks during my free time.
- I will complete all of my assignments before the deadlines.
- I will listen to other's contributions in class, and try to hear everyone's perspective.
- I will focus more on the environment than on my laptop screen.
- I will participate in more after school activities.
- I will make my voice more audible.
- I will give more meaningful feedback to my peers on their work.

Well-Being Corner

Relationship II



Professional, family and friendship are the common types of relationships which play a key role in our social, psychological and physiological well-being. Interestingly, these types of relationships seem interconnected in a way. TIS recognizes its professionals (teaching and non-teaching staff) and students as a family and members of this family relate to each other in a friendly manner to ensure an effective work output. Let's take each of these types and see how well they intertwine.

To commence with, TIS as an institution is a professional establishment with different professional roles either as students or workers. Professional relationships allow both staff and students achieve their goals and ambitions. When we are committed to this kind of relationship we become happier and fulfil our role as social beings. It is within these professional enclaves that human encounter is valued hence the need to relate as beings; the need to share and connect with another; the need that drives towards friendship.

To what extent does this kind of professional relationship develop into a friendship? Answers to this question will be discussed in next week's bulletin.

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Scientific Corner

Grade 10 Chemistry Student's Trip to Atuabo Gas Plant

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Creative Arts Update



The **joy** is here
The **fever** is here
The **angelic voices** are here
The **TIS staff choir** is here

Please, come witness a display of skills, hidden talents and undiscovered Ghana's got talent potential participants. They have been fasting, praying, eating fruits and drinking hot tea in preparation for the coming tide.

Watch out for the sopranos, basses, altos, tenors and the unimaginable creativity aiming at bringing Christmas to your door step come 4 December 2016. Singing is going to be re-defined after witnessing the display of these group of creative individuals. Please mark the day and let's make merry!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) Updates

CAS and SA – Semester 1 Overview



Andrew AkiwumiI – Grade 7. *I like the people in TIS because they're very kind and caring. When we have an event the crowd is really friendly, the atmosphere in the school is very calm.*

Quophi Yelbert – Grade 7 *What makes my class so special is how friendly some of the students and teachers are and how much we care for each other like a family and we have fun in all of*

*our lesson. **Communicator** is my favorite IB learner Profile. This is because I like spending time with friends and often know how to break up a fight due to my patience. I can try to resolve this and calm the both of them down with the use of mere words."*

Deion Mitchell | Murray – Grade 7 *I learn 3 very important skills this semester through my SA Classes, listening skills, cooking skills and bead making. I can use the skills to benefit others by cooking and selling food to donate money for less privileged children. My listening skills I can use by encouraging others to pay attention to whatever someone is saying in order for them to gain understanding.*



Abdul-Mumin Bawumia – Grade 7 – *This semester I enjoyed my SA Classes. I learnt how to make beads, how to cooperate with a team and how to care for others. Service so important because it helps you to work as a team and to appreciate each other. My favorite S and A is cooking because it helps me to work as a team. What I like most about TIS? Everything.*

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Aaron Osebre – Grade 11. *Leadership and Organizational skills are what I learn by engaging in CAS here at TIS. My message for the TIS family is have a Happy Christmas, stay blessed and make sure to communicate to each other over the break. I want to be remembered for my character and how I treated people around me.*



Marie-Noelle Kpatakpa Grade 11. *CAS at TIS definitely paves the way for collaboration and teamwork to achieve something but as a family. It teaches us life lessons to apply in our future endeavors and allows us to see the beauty in creativity and service. Next semester I expect nothing less than what the CAS experience provides but if anything more projects to elicit more teamwork.*

Anna Maria Poku - Grade 11. *Spread the Christmas Spirit. Make sure to give back to the community. What make CAS @TIS so special is the involvement. Everyone is always so involved and ready to take part. The possibilities are endless.*

Nana Akua – Grade 12. *Two important lessons I learnt through my CAS experiences was the true difference between managing time under pressure and managing time efficiently. I also learnt that teamwork really does make the dream work.*

Nana Yaw – Grade 12. *What I like most about CAS are the opportunities to go out to the remote communities and actually do work such as when we completed the painting of the school in Akorlikope. What I will miss most about CAS are the bonding sessions because as you work in a group with various people, you learn to be more tolerant of other people and the experiences shared in a group can be very entertaining at times. My favorite CAS experience is **EDUCOM** because I was engaged and I saw personally how the small amounts of money we were raising could affect other people's lives. **Christmas** is the time of giving and also a time to remember our Lord, Jesus and in TIS, we should all bear in mind that He is the reason for the season. Merry Christmas.*



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David Quampah – Grade 12. *What I enjoyed most about CAS? I enjoyed putting smiles on people’s faces after performing during school events like the Evolution and also, giving back to society through a Christmas outreach last year at an orphanage. Having the opportunity to develop projects and take initiatives are priceless.*

What was your favorite CAS experience. It was Evolution because my roles both as music director and a character were so demanding. However, it provided me with a memorable experience that I will cherish forever. I was not only challenged, I was transformed.

TIS family thank you so much for a wonderful first semester. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I want to be remembered for my passion for music. I just can’t believe in few months I am leaving TIS, I will miss you all deeply.

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To celebrate this beautiful season join us on 4 December, @ 6:30 pm. Come and witness the most wonderful Carols Night.

#TISMerryChristmas

Messages from our dearest staff and teachers

Hostel Parents – *“For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given and the government shall be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace”. (Isaiah 9:6) Christmas is a season of Peace, Joy and Fellowship with our families and friends. As we journey through the New Year, let us live with courage, Love with compassion and be the voice of peace on earth. May this season fill your heart and home with an abundance of mercy, contentment, laughter and harmony. Wishing you a joyful Christmas and a blessed New Year.*



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Auntie Vida & Catering Staff *Christmas is all about Jesus the Savior of the World. As we celebrate the birth of Christ, let us remember that Jesus came to save us from our sins. He is the Saviour of the world. His birth brought joy to the world because he came to reconcile us back to the father. Let us all share in this joy that Christmas brings. On behalf of the Catering staff, I wish the*

TIS community a Merry Christmas and a Happy and fruitful New Year.

Science Department *On behalf of members of the Science Department and on my behalf, we as a team wish to extend God's love to the entire TIS family for giving us His only begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as a ransom for our sins, that whosoever believes in Him will not perish, but shall have everlasting life. (John 3:16). We pray for God's mercy, love and care for all and sundry of this wonderful family of TIS, that our days in the coming year, 2017, will be fruitful with many showers of blessings, with good things happening in the entire TIS community as had never happened before. The Lord's banner of love be over all of us, Amen.*



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English Department - *Isn't it wonderful that the end of the (calendar) year is also the time to celebrate Jesus Christ the reason for Christmas? Isn't it even more amazing that it also is a period of reflection as we close a period of 365/366 days and enter into another of such? For us, **Team English**, 2016 has been a fulfilling year – one in which we have enjoyed success in all*

*spheres of our work life - from our academic endeavours to our co-curricular activities: our excellent IB and IG results, the Maiden Edition of Word Plus, Speaker of the Year 2016 and the third edition of the Creative Writing and Photography Workshop among others. Through all these, we have worked and continue to work as a **TEAM** and that has made all the difference. We are thankful to God for the breath of life, the wisdom and energy He granted us. We also express our appreciation to the founder Mrs. Comfort Ajavon, the School Management Team and all members of the Tema International School Community for their immense support throughout the year. The year has been great because you were part of our world and in this season of love, we wish you a **MEANINGFULLY MERRY AND REJUVENATING CHRITSMAS, AND A FULFILLING 2017**. Please do remember while you celebrate and reflect that **CHRIST** is the reason for the season.*

Creative Arts – *on behalf of the creative arts department, we would like to wish the populace of this great village called TIS with its inhabitants, staff, students and parents, a festive season full of nothing but the purpose for which it has been made. It has been a very eventful and great year full of grace, favour and **evolutionary** moments. The word evolution will forever remain on our lips and in our hearts as it climaxed all the learning outputs this year had for us. I believe each and every one of us have evolved in our lives one way or the other since January till date. If you have not, there is still room with the remaining days left till the year ends.*



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*Ho Ho Ho!! - Afehyia pa! - añuli ekeresimesi! - gleckika Wianachta! - Wafoyo Kado Oro!- ba-
Ré din kee ba-dhaa-ee! - Ni ti Burunya Chou! - Felican Kristnaskon! - Joyeux Noël!
Feliz Natal e muitas felicidades!*



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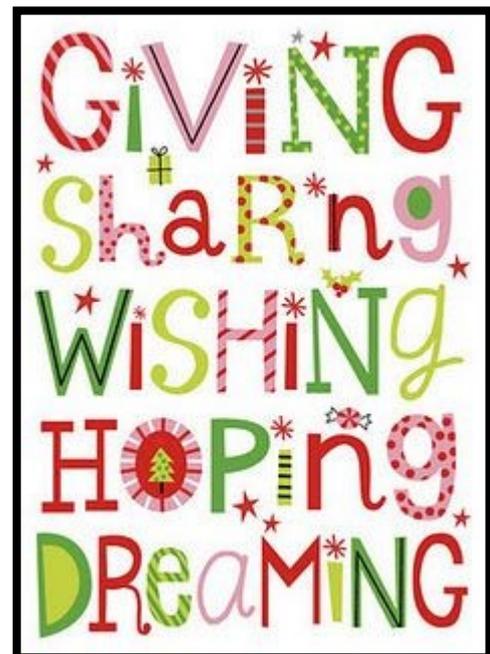
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Sounds of Triumph Gospel Concert

- The much long awaited Gospel Concert, **Sounds of Triumph**, is here now and ready to rock the entire city. Preparations are well advanced and the organizing team, the IB CLASS OF 2018 –THE GAME CHANGERS – led by Irvine Narh, invites the entire TIS community to grace this program, on Saturday, 3 December at 6pm, at the MPH. Rate is a cool GHC.50 for Adults and GHC.30 for students. Donations are also welcome from all and sundry.

Sounds of Triumph aims at raising funds towards a school building project at Akorlikope in the Volta Region, by TIS students. For ticket sales and donations, kindly contact Ms. Grace Attram on 0244626805 / g_attram@tis.edu.gh



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See you on Saturday!!

Tema International School
IBDP Class of 2018
 presents

SOUNDS OF TRIUMPH

-Gospel Concert-

Growing with the community

Saturday, 3 December, 2016
TIS Campus
6:00pm - 9:00pm

All profits go towards the continuation of the Akorlikope project.

Ministering Schools
 Akosombo Int. School
 Gh. Christian Int. High School
 SOS HGIC
 The Morning Star School

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 Harbour City Mass Choir

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Library Update

Book Christmas Tree

In the last quarter of the month, the library received stock of new books to enhance learning and research in all fields of study for our users. Some of these books have been nicely arranged and displayed as a Christmas Tree for the season. How intriguing! Take a walk to the library and see things for yourself. This is also an opportunity to create awareness among the school community of resources available in the library.



The Library team – Setor, Constance and Festus wish to thank other staff members especially Auntie Barbara and Carin together with some students who supported with the arrangement and display. Enthusiasm and optimism drove all to see to the accomplishment of this task. *Faith makes all things possible, but love makes all things beautiful. With love and encouragement for one another, yes we can, to make all things possible. It begins with you.*

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