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### Thought for the Week

Don't limit your challenges. Challenge your limits.  
- Anon

### Calendar

- 14/1/17: TIS Tennis championships; NeuroGirl Camp
- 15/1/17: Genesis 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service (9.00am)
- 16/1/17: Student Council nominations close
- 21/1/17; Health walk; SAT; Student Council vetting completed.
- 25/1/17: Student manifestos (2.50pm)
- 26/1/17: Student Council voting
- 28/1/17: ISSAG soccer, tennis and table tennis championships (SOS).
- 29/1/17: Thanksgiving & Leadership Service (11.00am) followed by Visiting Sunday to 4.00pm.
- 1-3/1/17: G11 Service Learning trip to Akorlikope

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### Making Us Proud

- TIS students who have returned for the start of semester refreshed, invigorated and ready to enjoy an exciting semester ahead. Their positivity and vitality have been infectious, just some of the many traits that make them special.
- TIS Parents who met with teachers last Saturday for 3-Way Interviews to review their son's/daughter's progress in first semester and refine goals for this semester. Thank you.
- TIS Alumni, whom we have been celebrating this week, for sharing their time to mentor current TIS students. We appreciate your time, wisdom and continuing support.
- Our very own Genesis, who are timeless, and celebrating their tenth anniversary with a special service at 9.00am this Sunday at 9.00am. Congratulations to current and former Genesis members and staff who have contributed to the development, success and recognition of this exceptional group.

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## Parent Reminders

- 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.
- ManageBac (MB): We have been following up this week to ensure at least one member per family is accessing MB. If you want to know everything about your son and daughter at TIS, then access MB regularly, and stay informed through our weekly bulletin or monthly newsletter

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## French and Spanish Language Study Trips

Our French and Spanish students are very excited this year to participate in these annual summer language immersion programmes in France and Spain from **18 June - 8 July, 2017**.

As advised by message on MB on 15/12/17, keys dates for these programmes are:

- 12/1/17 (yesterday): commitment fee of USD100.
- 15/3/17: total cost of trip paid
- 18/6/17: participants depart Accra for their 3-week programme in Spain or France.

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## 7 Digital Skills Students Will Require in 2017 and Beyond

Diana Graber wrote a timely article in the Huffington Post

([http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/7-skills-digital-kids-will-need-in-2017-and-beyond\\_us\\_586a8385e4b014e7c72ee2e7](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/7-skills-digital-kids-will-need-in-2017-and-beyond_us_586a8385e4b014e7c72ee2e7)) about seven indispensable skills that students will need to ensure they spend their time safely and wisely when using their devices. These skills are:

- knowing how to unplug;
- social skills (share everything, play fair, don't be mean);
- reputation management;
- maintaining safe relationships;
- knowing when to keep it private;
- identifying fake news; and

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- ingenuity and leadership.

TIS will emphasise these skills to ensure students remember their devices should be used to enhance their learning, rather than distract them from it.

## Labels on Students' Clothing

TIS is exploring the availability of iron-on labels for students to ensure they have labels on their clothing to minimize misplaced and lost items. We will advise you of this option when details are available.

## Health Walk

Too much Christmas pudding? Is your new year's resolution to become fit, or improve your fitness level?

Then please join us for this semester's health walk on Saturday, 21 January, commencing at 6.00am. Parents are most welcome to join us for the walk, encourage us during the walk, and/or celebrate after the walk.

- Please note there will be the initial DP subject selection session for current G10 students following the health walk. G10 parents are invited to join us for this session.

## Sex Education Workshops

The Mbaasem Foundation, as part of their ongoing effort to prevent sexual abuse, will be conducting sex education workshops over three evenings to our students. The workshops will cater for three different age groups: G7-8; G9-10; and G11-12.

The 7-10 workshop is basic sex education for pre-adolescent and teenage years that will focus on educating on the misconceptions on sex and sexuality, given lessons on teenage pregnancy and its consequences, HIV/AIDS, as well as what a healthy and respectful dating life looks like.

The 11-12 workshop will focus on the rudiments of sexual consent and also recognize situations of sexual assault and rape in order to help prevent it and raise the necessary alarms.

Outlines of both workshops will be provided with next week's bulletin.

TIS will require parental consent for their son/daughter/ward to participate in these important workshops. To provide consent, please email the following to Bijoux ([bijoux.h@tis.edu.gh](mailto:bijoux.h@tis.edu.gh)):  
I give permission for my son/daughter/ward, by the name of...to be included in the sex education workshop for their grade. (Name of parent)

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## Interschool Sports

There are two major ISSAG carnivals for this semester:

- soccer, tennis and table tennis on Saturday, 28 January, at SOS; and
- basketball and hockey at GIS on Saturday, 25 February.

Parents are invited to join us at these carnivals and support our teams.

## Student Council Elections

The Student Council election process has commenced with nominations for senior positions closing at 4.00pm next Monday. Vetting of nominations will be completed by 21 January and nominees will present their manifestos on Wednesday, 25 January, in lieu of our weekly assembly. Voting will take place the next day and leaders will be inducted during the Thanksgiving service on Sunday, 29 January, commencing at 11.00am.

## Student Medication

Any student medication must be sent to the Infirmary, along with medication instructions. A recent incident highlighted the issue that sometimes parents are unaware that their son/daughter has taken some medication from home, without parent awareness or consent, and has brought it to school, and not informed anyone. Such practice can place the student at risk. Parents are always advised to check what their son/daughter is bringing back to school on their return from a school break or exeat.

Please note that any time a student is kept at the infirmary for observation, a record is maintained on MB and parents will receive an email alerting them about this record.

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## ASA

Students will start choosing their after school activities (ASA) next week and commence them from 23 January.

I appreciate your support.

**Dr Ken Darvall**  
**Principal**

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## Counselor's corner

**Happy New Year!!! We're back here earlier than we thought☺.**



As College Guides continue incorporating key Approaches to Learning Skills (ATL) into our sessions with students, one important ATL skill is self-management. This week the self-management skill we encouraged is planning ahead. Nearly all students indicated that they forgot something at home when returning to school, from pillows and clothes to computer chargers and school supplies. We have worked with students to suggest alternative methods to avoid such problems in the future, such as making a packing list before returning to school. This week, students in Grade 7 developed personal packing lists for the weekday, to avoid leaving things they need for school in the hostel.

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## BRAG RIGHTS

*Congratulations*

Our IB2 students have received more offers from.....

**University of Cambridge, UK**

**Norwich Medical School, UK**

**University of Warwick, UK**

**Durham University, UK**

**University of Hull, UK**

**University of Glasgow, UK**

**University of Bedfordshire, UK**

**Abertay University, UK**

**Kingston University, UK**

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**Coventry University, UK**  
**University of Westminster, UK**  
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**Middlesex University, UK**  
**University of Bristol, UK**  
**Keele University, UK**  
**University of Portsmouth, UK**  
**University of Winchester, UK**  
**University of Stirling, UK**  
**Brunel University London, UK**  
**University of Essex, UK**  
**London South Bank University, UK**  
**Manchester Metropolitan University, UK**  
**University of Waterloo, Canada**  
**University of Guelph, Canada**  
**Ryerson University, Canada**  
**York University, Canada**  
**McMaster University, Canada**  
**Carleton University, Canada**  
**University of Northern Iowa, USA**  
**Full Sail University, USA**  
**Lynn University, USA**  
**The New School, USA**  
**Hartwick College, USA**  
**Babson College, USA**  
**Drexel University, USA**

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## **January SAT Reminder**

This is a gentle reminder for those of you writing SAT January on Saturday 21 January that a valid unexpired passport is the only form of ID acceptable for entrance into the SAT test. Please be sure that the passport is in school and submitted to the college guidance counselling department by next **Tuesday the 17** January, at the latest. Please see the link below for details on what to bring.

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/taking-the-test/test-day-checklist>

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1. Admission Ticket (print this out and give it to the college guidance department by **Tuesday 17/1/17**)
2. Acceptable photo ID (**valid passport only**, give this to the college guidance department by next week Tuesday)
3. Two No. 2 pencils with erasers
4. An approved calculator

## IB2 College Applications

All IB2 students are reminded to **complete all pending application** materials, including financial aid forms and submission of SAT and ACT results. Any students with pending items should be sure to see their college guidance counselors immediately.

**Ghanaian University application forms** should be out soon. Interested students would have to inform counselors about their selected Ghanaian Universities and parents are reminded that application forms would have to be purchased and brought in to the Counselor to assist with completion of applications.

## Yale Young Global Scholars Program (YYGS)

All parents and students should confirm by the close of this week, **Sunday January 15**, about any intentions to apply for the Yale Young Global Scholars Program. Parents should be prepared to make payment with a visa card online to complete the applications early next week. Interested students are to submit their YYGS essays to their Counselor today, 13 January..

## College Spotlight

### Carleton University: Canada's Capital University



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Located in the nation's capital, Ottawa, Carleton has over 28,000 students. The minimum IB score required for admittance is 28 points. The application deadline is 1 April. Carleton offers entrance scholarships worth up to \$4,000 per year and prestige scholarships worth up to the value of full tuition. These scholarships are based on merit. In the last ten years, international students at Carleton have increased by 43%.

## Well-being Corner

### Relationship III



Professional relationships are usually guided by code of ethics and professional standards framed by institutional policy. Though codes of ethics exists within the TIS framework, such codes and ethics uniquely blend in a way that creates a cordial and serene atmosphere for both teachers and students. It is sometimes difficult to differentiate between a staff and a student in TIS. This picture is very evident both in class and after school activities where you find teachers interacting with students in ways that

enhance both personal and group dynamics. One might wonder who exactly represents who?

This goes to reassure students and parents on how teachers are reliable, trustworthy, willing to help and making themselves available to students at any time. This kind of relationship make students have a sense of belonging and appreciated to enable them comfortably share their challenges with staff members. This kind of relationship in effect reflects the true family image as indicated by TIS. The TIS family will be touched on in our next bulletin.

*Welcome back to school and let's have a very pleasant stay.*

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## CAS UPDATES

### CAS New Year Message



So soon, the holidays are over, ushering in the start of a new year and we are back in school for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester of the 2016/2017 academic year. The CAS Team welcomes the entire TIS Community to the New Year and the second half of the academic year. As with new beginnings, we trust that everyone is renewed physically and spiritually, and ready to make the best things happen, taking and making opportunities and trusting in ourselves. Time defines existence, and we only live once, so let us make the best of every second

we have, knowing that time lost can hardly be gained back. We wish you a hearty New Year full of beautiful happenings.

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### Expectations for the Semester

There is no dull moment in Tema International School ☺. As characteristic of the school’s belief in practice led and experiential learning, diverse programs/activities/events are also lined up to engage the entire school community – Students, Staff, Parents, Alumni and friends of the school. As such, this semester holds in stock another set of programs, activities and events that will give the school community to plan, collaborate, and participate. A few of these activities activities **Alumni Home Coming Week, Health Walk, Chocolate/Friendship Day, Expression, Genesis 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service, Thanksgiving Service / Induction Ceremony, ISSAG Soccer/Tennis/Table Tennis/Basket Ball/Hockey, Service Learning Trip to Akorlikope, Science Fair and Academic Quiz.** The CAS Team encourages all, to make time and actively participate in these activities.



### Book Lunch: *Outburst* by Akosua Atuah (Alumnus of TIS; Class of 2014)

#### About the Book



Akosuah Atuah, author

As the author of *Outburst*, I believe it is essential for not only persons that have lost someone to pick up my book, but also for young adults who are now growing up and making sense of the realities of life. I believe that picking up my book not only pushes the folk of my generation to read more, but also urges the creatives among them to stand up and make a huge difference in the world with their unique talents. I believe that

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*Outburst* is a constant reminder to my generation to never forget or take for granted their voices, intelligence and creativity. It is also a strong reminder that anyone regardless of age is never too young or old to follow his or her dreams and aspirations in life. *Outburst* is also supposed to serve as a sense of light, for regardless the nature of the journey, there is always, always a way out of the tunnel.

"Akosua's brilliant volume of poems echoes the despair and hope of thousands of young people silently struggling to make sense of the stark realities of life." --Audrey Gadzekpo, University of Ghana

Akosua lunched *Outburst* on December 23, 2016, at Lifeforms at Labone and it is now for sale. Copies can be purchased on Amazon, Lifeforms and by contacting the author on [atuahakosua@gmail.com](mailto:atuahakosua@gmail.com).

## Vacation Outreach Programs

### DEAR FELLOW



Over the holidays, on the 18 December 2016, the **DEAR FELLOW** team, extended the love of the festive season to Handi\*Vangelism Children's Home at Haatso where they donated clothes and cash of **Ghs. 1000** to the children of the home and shared a happy love feast with them.

**DEAR FELLOW** is a student CAS Initiative by Amma Mifatu Gadzekpo and Audrey Antwi-Asimeng, IB students at Tema International School. The project is aimed at donating clothes to less privileged children in identified Children's Homes. The project identifies with the plight of the many children on the streets and in Children's Homes who have little or no clothes.

The team is grateful to the Management of Handi\*Vangelism Children's Home, especially the Director, Pastor Ashley. Massive gratitude also goes to the kids of the home, who made the day so unforgettable. We look forward to seeing them again. We are also grateful to Ms. Carin Hermes and Mr. Alfred Elikem Kunutsor, (staff of TIS) who donated clothes to support the project. To our grade mates, THE GAME CHANGERS, who supported us in diverse ways, we are much grateful. To the CAS Team, we can't thank you much, the love and support you continuously show us is just deep.



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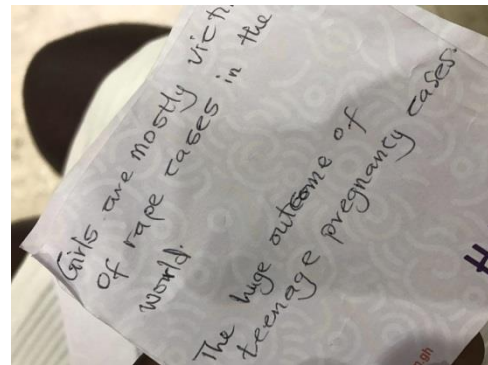


☺ And finally to our parents, we say God bless you and keep you. (Mifatu Gadzekpo & Audrey Antwi-Asimeng – Initiators of **DEAR FELLOW**)

## GIRLS UNITED



On the 1 January, 2017, Marie-Noelle Kpatakpa & Rachel Odattey-Wellington (co-initiators), Dede Coffie and Samantha Azu (organizers) went to Apostolic church in Tema community 5 to speak to youth much like us about the complexities of being a teenage female in



society. It was an insightful journey and it paved way for all of us to fully engage and advise each other on issues related to teen girls. It was definitely eye opening because you find that much like ourselves these young ladies had the same issues we are all faced with on a day-to-day basis that make us feel unappreciated. We conducted an exercise where they wrote issues we have in society and we discussed them in a riveting manner adding our own personal experiences.

Girls United Ghana is a CAS initiative that promotes the empowerment of teenage girls by providing support structures to the vulnerable ones like Teen Mothers.

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## Arts Update



The Arts department welcomes all our parents, students and readers to yet another exciting semester full of ACTION. Each and every one of us has a responsibility this year towards our creative development. Our students especially have a major role to play in this process. There are a number of interventions being lined up to engage the creative

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pros of our students as well as giving them a global context of the creative heights to be attained. We are wishing our candidate students all the best as they finish hard and make their mark in the history books of our school. We will be going through the eye of the needle with a Visual EXPRESSION that will unravel FIELD trips to ORCHESTRATE an atmosphere of POP and CHORAL appellations.

## **A Tale on Business Educational Trip in Stuttgart and Nuremberg – Germany. 14 - 21 December 2016**



A group of 26 students and 3 teachers embarked on a Business educational trip to Germany. The programme of the trip outlined below.

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**Day 1: Wed, 15 Dec** - The group was picked up at the Nuremberg Airport by a coach Bus to visit the Coca Cola bottling Plant at Weimar. We were treated to a presentation about how Coca-Cola started and their bottling process. We proceeded to the factory where we experienced how they recycle bottles to make new ones to bottle the drinks. There were machines that washes, rinses, cleans, and bottles the drinks; labels and pack at the plant. The only

manpower available was individuals driving forklifts to move products from one place to the other.

After an exciting experience and jetlagged, we returned to the hotel to check in and have dinner. Light out – 10:30pm

**Day 2: Thurs, 16 Dec** - We had breakfast at the Hoesel at 8:00am. During breakfast we had an orientation on the entire trip and the places that will be visiting and laid down some dos and don'ts to guide the students on the trip.

We departed around 9:00 am to visit Herzogenaurach, Addidas Group Headquarters. It was a huge premises and students were amazed at how organized and appealing their shop looked. The marketing mix, strategies and tactics employed by Adidas were explored.

We took off to lunch around 1:30pm. Then we made a brief stop at one of the top comprehensive research universities in Germany with approximately 40,000 students, the Friedrich – Alexander University Erlangen – Nuremberg



We went straight to the hotel to relax and after dinner we had a reflection session spearheaded by Mr. Darko

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## Day 3: Friday, 17 Dec - Breakfast – 8:00am

After breakfast we took a ride of about 1hr to Mercedes Benz at Sindelfingen near Stuttgart. This is where robots are soon to take the place of manpower and human labour for the most stages of their assembling process.

It was a fascinating to see robots fix, turn, and screw, adjust and even spray the cars during it stages. We learnt here that very soon, there

would be no need for manpower and human labor because it slows production. The robots were fast and accurate which boost the business of Mercedes Benz.

We spent the whole afternoon in the Plant and took off for lunch at 2:00pm. We made a stop and walked through the beaming and busy Christmas market in the heart of Nuremberg. This was where students purchased most of their Christmas gifts for their loved ones

We later went to the hotel to relax and took a cold night walk to experience the night life in Nuremberg after dinner. We experienced their business life at night. Lights out – 9:30pm

## Day 4: Sat, 18 Dec - Breakfast 8:00am

We took a city tour around Nuremberg. We went to the Nazi Grounds and the old colosseum at the old township of Nuremberg, where most people have vacated their residence because of the winter.

We visited a Staedler museum, where there were varieties of Stationery ranging from pens to color pencils. Students walked through the shops and we had an in house guide who explained how the pencils are made and demonstrated manually how it was done in the 70's. The Staedler shop was close to a busy Christmas market, we then took advantage to walk through the market, interacting with people and natives of Nuremberg.

We drove back to the hotel to relax and pack for the next day after dinner.

Lights out – 9:30pm



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## Day 5: Sun, 19 Dec - Breakfast – 8:00am

We were ready by 9:00am and we took a long 3hour drive to Stuttgart, the second city to continue with the trip.

We arrived in Stuttgart around 1:00pm. We had lunch together at a Chinese restaurant.

We took a city tour around the beautiful city of Stuttgart. We saw the Prince of Stuttgart Palace known as the Solitude palace. We also drove pass an old castle which was dated back

to 950. We went the Schlossplatz, which was filled with different monuments and statues with their different meaning of existence. We drove to the Stuttgart's hill cityscape from atop a place called Korshole, where you get a great view of the whole of the city. Then we drove to the TV tower in Fernsehturm Stuttgart a 216.61 m telecommunications tower. We took a lift to the top of the tower where we saw the whole of Stuttgart and some neighboring areas. It was a great beautiful view, very organized and neat. The purpose of the tour was to brief the history students about some of the true happenings in Germany. Our last stop was at the Mercedes Benz Museum where we saw all the different types of Benz cars produced over the times.

We arrived back at the hotel in Stuttgart around 5:30pm. We had dinner and had a reflection time spearheaded by Elizabeth.

Students reflected on how seeing things make what is been thought in the classroom clearer. We had dinner at 6:30pm at the hotel. Lights out – 9:30pm

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**Day 6: Mon, 20 Dec** - Being the last day of the trip, we relaxed after breakfast and around 10:00a, we took a ride to Milaneo Mall just around our hotel for shopping.

We had lunch at Mc Donald's inside the Mall and continued to shop. We were picked by the bus around 4:00pm, We took the rest of the time to pack and get ready to come home.

We had dinner at 6:00pm. During dinner we had an open forum about the trip and a few reflections before lights out at 9:00pm



**Day 7: Tuesday, 21 Dec** - Arrival at Stuttgart airport 8:00am, with a departure at 12:40pm

Arrived in transit at Schiphol airport (Amsterdam) at 1:30pm and then departed from Schiphol airport at 1:45pm. Arrived at KIA, at 8:45pm.

The trip was extremely educational, fun, and enlightening. Students were exposed to a variety of production processes as well business procedures. They had a first-hand experience of the lessons taught in

the classroom and on the whole, we attest to the fact that the purpose of this trip was greatly met: students really appreciated its relevance as some students took contacts from the various companies to assist them in their various academic research work.

We would like to extend our profound gratitude to the Principal, Dr. Ken Darvall for his support throughout the preparation period to the end and also to the senior management team for making this trip possible.

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## Alumni Corner

Support of the alumni was simply phenomenal on Wednesday at Akosua Atuah (2014) book launch.

The upcoming bestseller chose to come home (TIS) to relaunch her book titled Outburst.

Copies of the book are still being sold at TIS.



## Meet Our Alumni of the week



**Name:** Lawrence Gomado

**Year Group:** Class of 2009

**Hostel:** Francis Hostel

**Colour Group:** Yellow

**Roles:** Dorm monitor, Table head, Deputy Captain of the running team.

**Achievements:** Most Improved Student in 2004.

Achievement for participation in Sports activities in Soccer, Basketball and Running team.

**University:** 2013 Graduate of Ghana Telecom University College (GTUC)

**Major:** Telecom Engineering

**Key words n life:** Hope and Faith

**Word of advice:** You make a lot of plans but the Lord's purpose will prevail Proverbs 19:21.

**Philosophy:** Never hope for it more than you work for it.

**Most memorable experience:** My most memorable experience was time as a very active member of the TIS school choir. I participated in all carols nights and miss the choir master, choir members and all songs performed as a TIS choir member.

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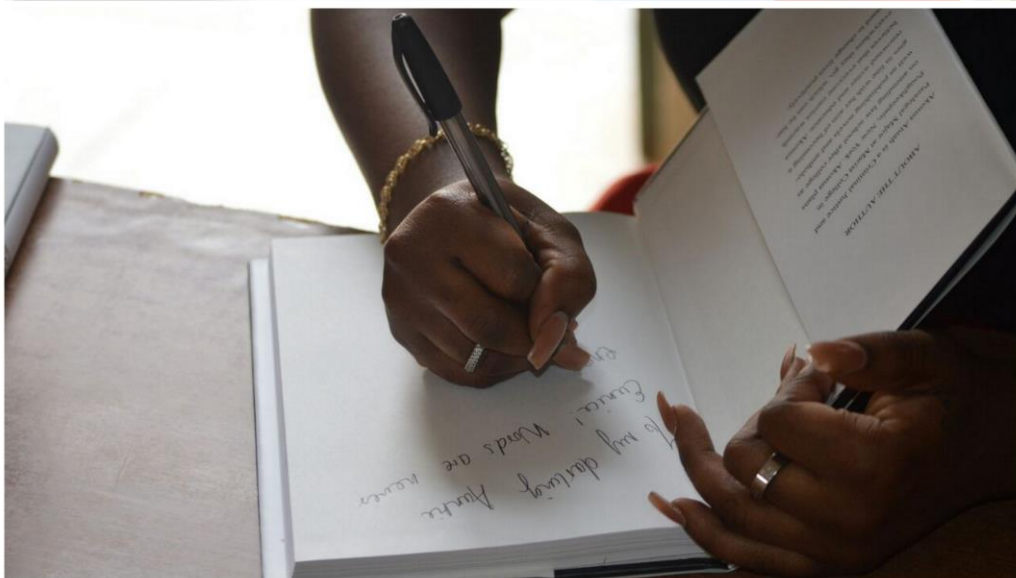




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