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#### TIS BULLETIN: 11 AUGUST, 2017

#### Thought for the Week

If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it. William Arthur Ward

#### Calendar

16/8/17: New TIS students commence

19/8/17: Continuing students return to hostels 20/8/17: Annual Play Auditions @ 2:00pm 21/8/17: Classes commence for 2017/2018

24-25/8/17: G11 trip to Akorlikope

27/8/17: Thanksgiving service (11.00am); Visiting Sunday (1.00-4.00pm)

9/9/17: ACT; Health Walk (6.00am)

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#### Welcome to 2017/2018

It's almost time.....to get out of vacation mode and prepare for the start of the new 2017/2018 academic year. Staff have returned refreshed after their break and we are all looking forward to the safe arrival of students next week.

#### **Uniforms**

For those students requiring new uniforms for the start of the new year, please email Bijoux with your sizes, and the number and items required. Bijoux's email is: Bijoux.h@tis.edu.gh

#### First Day for New Students

All new students will commence next Wednesday, 16 August. Students and their parents or guardians should arrive around 12.00noon so that students can be assigned to their rooms and unpack. There will be a general meeting in the MPH at 2.00pm for new students, parents and staff.

#### First Day for Returning Students

Returning students should arrive on campus between 1.00-4.00pm on Saturday week, 19 August. Students who are not returning on time should advise me by 16 August. My email address is: principal@tis.edu.gh















#### **Subject Selection**

Students in Grades 9 (IG) and 11 (DP) will be involved in finalizing their subjects during the first week of classes. Students in G9 must select a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 10 subjects. G11 students will select 6 subjects, either one subject from each subject group, or a second subject from groups 1-5, instead of an arts subject.

Three important questions to ask when making these selections are:

- In what subjects do I enjoy studying and perform well?
- What are my university ambitions (and where) when I complete G12?
- Am I choosing subjects that I want to study, or my parents want me to study?

Fortunately, IG provides students with the option to try some subjects before choosing the final six in G11.

Students in G9 and G11 will have up to the mid-semester break to change subjects.

#### **Subject Performance**

Students in G9-12 will have their individual subject grades reviewed at the end of each semester.

DP students with a grade less than 4 will be placed on probation for one semester. If the grade level remains less than a 4, then the level will change from HL to SL. Students and parents must note that this will result in the student being registered for Diploma Courses and not the Diploma Program.

In IG, a grade of E, F or G will result in a subject being dropped (after one semester's probation). Subject changes to ensure students satisfy requirements must be finalized by the end of G9.

#### **Deadlines**

Key assessment deadlines will be communicated to students and parents at the start of the semester. Students must observe these deadlines. Consequences for non-submission, or late submission, will impact on final results.

#### Accounts

First semester fees must be paid by 16 August. Parents who wish to pay by installment should make a request to the Financial Controller. Koby's email is: kquansah@tis.edu.gh















#### **Calendar Overview**

A copy of the current calendar overview for 2017/2018 is included in this Bulletin. Changes to dates will be advised to parents in the weekly TIS Bulletins or the monthly TIS Newsletters.

#### **Devices**

All students will be allowed only one device at school this year. We recommend a laptop. However, the final decision is the parents. Devices should be kept in a protective sleeve when not in use. Students should not share their devices with their peers. Students must only access the TIS wifi network and personal modems are not allowed. During the evening, devices will be stored overnight to encourage students to enjoy adequate sleep and rest.

Mobile phones are not permitted. International students who arrive with a mobile phone must hand it to Alex Tay on arrival and collect it at the start of a school break.

I appreciate your support.

Dr Ken Darvall Principal Back to top

#### **CAS - SA Updates**



We are back!!! After a refreshing break we return with a positive energy to continue our journey. The TIS family has opened its door to continuing, new students and staff. Together we will have a phenomenal year!

The CAS-SA (Creativity, Activity, Service & Service and Action) Team is

happy to inform you that the Old Staff Room/Lounge is now been transformed in Design Studios, Store Room/Theatre Wardrobe and a new Cosmetology room. The space will be used by CAS, SA, Co-Curricular, Genius Hour and Design.

Also, there is a new building under construction between Library Block and Infirmary. This new building will create space for more Design Studios, a Media Room, Indoor and Outdoor















Kitchen, an Outdoor Workshop, Wellbeing Counselor's office, a Gallery and a Show room to showcase the works of students for both viewing and sales.

The new office for the CAS-SA team is the former office of Ms. Sandra Thompson (Wellbeing counsellor). A lot of work is ongoing to create bigger and safer spaces for creativity, collaboration, learning, discovery, hands-on interactions and, of course, a lot of FUN for our students. Watch out for incredible opportunities, experiences, activities and projects.

Change is here, let's make the best of it.









#### **CAS Summer Projects**

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#### **Girls United**

Over the vacation a group of IB1 students embarked on two outreaches to two Health Centres within the Tema Metropolis. Members of Girls United visited the Adolescent Centres at Manhean Health Centre and Tema General Hospital to interact with a number of teenage pregnant ladies and also donated a number of aid items to them. Both outreaches enabled the students to have first-hand information about the plights of teenage pregnancy. In the coming weeks, the members of















Girls United will share their experiences with the TIS Community. Below is a link of a reportage on Ghana News Agency

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#### TIS Magazine - The HUB

The 9<sup>th</sup> edition of TIS' annual school magazine, THE HUB, was unveiled last semester to the TIS community at **GHS. 50.00** per copy. Copies can be obtained from the Front Desk Office and the CAS-SA office.

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#### REFORMYOUGH

Salim Roland and Nana Osei Mainoo, initiators of REFORMYOUGH, have been actively solicitingfunds over the summer to complete their CAS Project - an instalment of

a water filtration plant in the village of Kwanase, Nsawam, on the outskirts of the Greater Accra Region. To complete the project, they will need, PVC Pipes, Two Water Storage Tanks and an Electrical Pump. The estimated cost of this project is GHS 15,000.00. The team looks



forward to support from well wishers towards the completion of this worthy project. Any form of assistance should be directed to: Mrs. Surama King (CASSA Coordinator – surama.king@tis.edu.gh / 0244615255)

Ebenezer Kwame Asime (CAS Advisor – ebenezer.asime@tis.edu.gh / 0270319412)

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#### TIS Annual School Play -



Keeping up with the tradition of engaging the entire TIS community with entertaining and enlightening theatrical performances, the Arts Department in Collaboration with CASSA, will

be presenting an eccentric performance of *The Slaves* written by Dr. Ben Abdallah and to be directed by the IB DP Theatre Class of 2018, Mifatu Gadzepko, Nuna Attipoe and Araba Adenu-Mensah.

Auditions for this historically oriented play will come off on Sunday, 20 August 2017 @ 2:00pm at the Sports Complex. All students interested in being part of this experience are encouraged to be at the auditions.



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#### **IGCSE PROM 17 – Great Gatsby**

It was a night of glitz and glamour when the final year students of the TIS IGSCE class of 2017 attended their prom party in style.

The Prom was well-organized and planned leading to a very successful event. On behalf of the class, we would like to say thank you to the team and organizers for an excellent gathering. Special thanks to Madam Eva Ritcher Addo for her tremendous support throughout the planning process, as she made customized Prom mugs for the grade as a parting gift. Otuwa Dabanka and

Amaru Esslifie were crowned Prom Queen and Prom King respectively.

All budgets were met. The exceeded balance was used to organize a farewell after party at Hannah - Elise's house in Labone.

Kindly visit the face book page @TIS IGCSE of 2017 PROM – Great Gatsby to see more pictures.

https://www.facebook.com/ufi/reaction/profile/browser/?ft\_ent\_identifier=190510856639527 2&av=1897446607161468

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#### 2017-2018 Calendar

#### TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL | 2017-2018 CALENDAR

- SMT resume
- 2 New staff commence 7 Returning staff commence
- 13 SC executives return 16 New students commence
- 19 Continuing students return Classes commence
- 24/25 SL1 trip 1 to Akorlikope 27 Thanksgiving service

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- FEBRUARY '18 1-2 SL1 trip 2 to Akorlikope 10 ISSAG Athletics 16 IB Education Festival S M T W Th F S 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
  - (Accra) 17 Chocolate Friendship Day 24 Science Fair

- 1 Eid Al Adha (Public Holiday) 9 ACT; Health walk
- 13-16 Red Cross Workshop 21 Ghana Founder's Day (Public Holiday)/ Speaker of the Year
- 23 Sporty Family

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6 Independence Day (PH) [Red Cross volunteer day 10 SAT (General test only) 18 Expression Day 21-25 ALAMAU 26 Mid-semester break commences 30 Good Friday

- 3 TIS Founders' Day/TIS Swimming Championships 5 Teachers Day 7 Adjavon Mem. Cup; SAT
- 8 Founders' service; Int. Day
- 14 PSAT
- 19 Parent Teacher Session 20-27 Mid-Semester break
- 20-21 Writers Workshop 23-25 TIS MUN
- 24 Bio/Geo/ESS IA trip departs 26-28 IB Regional conference
- 28 ACT; ISSAG Soccer, etc.
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- Easter Sunday 8 Students return to hostels Classes resume 14 ACT:

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- Swimming/Volleyball

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- May Day (public holiday) 5 SAT 19-21 IB2 Trip 25 African Unity Day (PH)

- 1 Farmers Day (public holiday)
- 3 Carols night/Intercol singing 4-7 Group 4 Projects
- 4-8 Student election process 7 Christmas lunch
- 8 Assessment & Classes end for first semester

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- Leavers Dinner (TBC)
   Graduation/Achievers' Day,
   Assessment ends & Last day for students
- 8 Last day for teachers 9-15 TIS CAS Exchange

- St. Council Orientation
- Students return to hostels 8 Second semester starts
- 10-13 Alumni Week 11 3 Way Interviews (1-4pm)
- 13 TIS Athletics Carnival 14 Thanksgiving/Induction
- ISSAG Basketball/Hockey
- 31 SL1 trip 2 to Akorlikope

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G11 students are expected to complete their SAT or ACT testing requirements by the end of DP1.

Subjects: 120 hours per year v. 250517

Harvard MUN: 25-28 January NYMUN: 2-5 & 7-10 March Haarlem: 6-8 April

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