

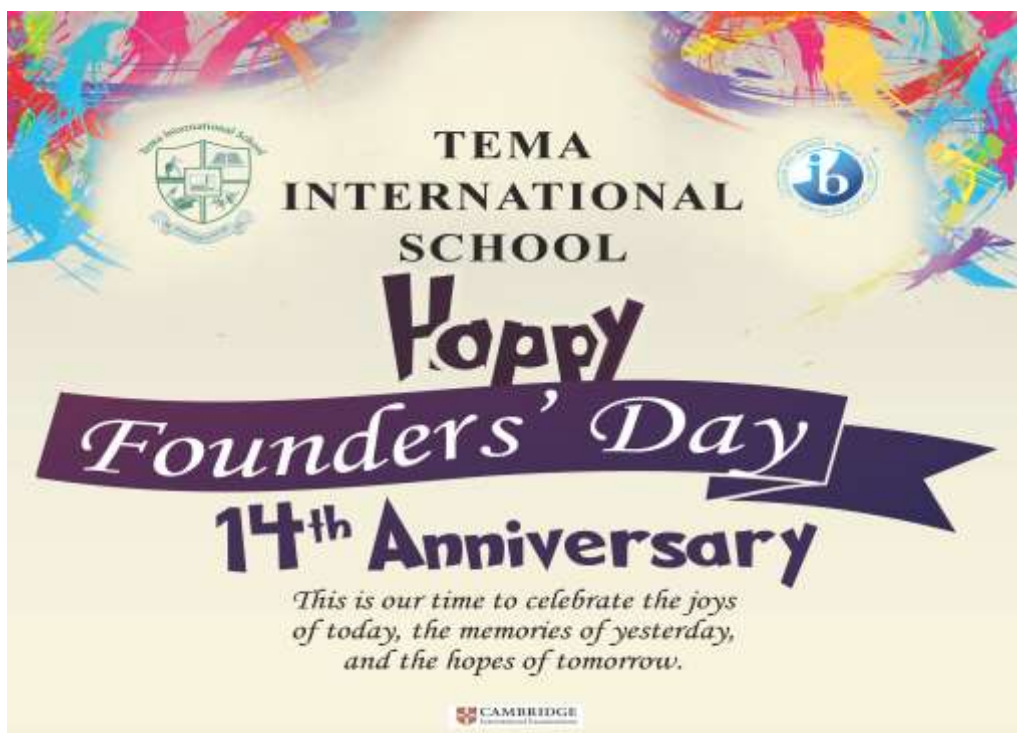
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Thought for the Week

When the student is ready, the teacher will appear.
- Buddha

Calendar

30/9/17: Interschool basketball matches (boys/girls: 11.00am-12.30pm); Alumni Girls' Session (1.00-3.00pm)
1/10/17: TIS swimming championships (2.00-5.00pm)
3/10/17: TIS Founders' Day
7/10/17: Adjavon Memorial Cup; SAT
8/10/17: TIS Founders' service (11.00am); Visiting Sunday: International Day (12.30-4.30pm)
12/10/17: TOK Final Presentations
13/10/17: G10 ecology trip
14/10/17: PSAT; Higher Praise (1.00-5.00pm)
19/10/17: **Parent Information Session (1.30-4.00pm)**
20/10/17: **Mid-semester break commences; Creative Writers and Photography Workshop Day 1**
21/10/17: Creative Writers and Photography Workshop Day 2
23/10/17: TIS MUN 2017 Day 1
24/10/17: TIS MUN 2017 Day 2; Bio/Geo/ESS OS IA (England) trip departs
25/10/17: TIS MUN 2017 Day 3
28/10/17: ACT; ISSAG Soccer/Tennis/Table Tennis
29/10/17: Students return to Hostels; mid-semester break ends.
1/11/17: Bio/Geo/ESS OS IA (England) trip returns

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Making Us Proud

- Our Co-Founders, Mr and Mrs Adjavon Adjavon and their family, for the realization of the TIS dream that came to fruition 14 years ago. Thank you for the opportunities you have allowed all of us – students, parents, alumni and staff – to be part of the TIS Family. Happy 14th Founders' Day on 3 October.
- Alumni, Daniel Ohene Boateng, who was awarded The Chancellor's Medal from Lancaster University Ghana during their graduation last week; an award presented each year to the most meritorious student of the University. This was their pioneering graduating class!
- Participants and supporters at last week's Sporty Family Day. What a great day. Thank you.
- Green and Yellow teams, joint winners of 2017 Sporty Family Day.
- Deborah Gomado, a great student ambassador for showing visiting students around TIS
- Joshua Busia, master instructor of the ASA knitting club

Reminders

- Please read school communications. [Note: if you can't access the weekly TIS Bulletin or Monthly Newsletter, this means you have not yet logged into ManageBac.]

- **TIS Events:** Parents are always welcome to attend any school event.

• Exeats

Students will not have exeats approved if they have outstanding work to complete. Exeat requests for a weekend should be received by COB Wednesdays. Students returning from an exeat on a school day must be in full school uniform, including shoes, not sandals. Gates close at 5.00pm.

- **ManageBac (MB) and Naviance:** If you have any difficulties registering or logging in, please email Ken (principal@tis.edu.gh)

- **Correct Details:** Please check that details on ManageBac are correct. It is these details that are used for registration for IG and DP examinations. What you are looking for is correct spelling, correct names and name order, date of birth. Also, if there are any errors in your details as parents, please email the correct information to Ken.

Sporty Family

WOW! What a fabulous day and our best Sporty Family Day ever. The parents' efforts have earned entry into the Adjavon Cup on 7 October (see below.) The parents who put their bodies on the line for team glory, along with parents who felt it wiser to support loudly and wildly, made it a special day. I am confident next year that some parents will heed my advice from 5 weeks ago to start training for the big day. Kudos to all for ensuring a successful event. Congratulations to Green and Yellow who were joint winners.

This Weekend

Parents are welcome to watch the interschool basketball games on Saturday (11.00am- 12.30pm) at the Sports Complex and the TIS swimming championships on Sunday from 2.00-5.00pm.

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Adjavon Memorial Cup

The Adjavon Cup was initiated by our Alumni three years ago to celebrate the dream of our late co-founder, Mr Adjavon, and his love of sport. In 2015, it was a boys' affair; a soccer challenge for male students, staff and alumni. The alumni were the gridders on this occasion. In 2016, we ensured gender equity with the traditional soccer games, and introducing female volleyball matches, and mixed basketball games. Students had the last laugh on this occasion.

This year, we want to ensure all members of the TIS family have the opportunity to participate, and so we are hoping to have parents field soccer (men), volleyball (female) and basketball (mixed) teams for the Adjavon Memorial Cup on 7 October. Parents in the 4-way tug-of-war last week demonstrated their dominance and I hope you will take the opportunity on 7 October to show us why we have so many talented students in the above sports.

Parents, this is your time for glory; a golden opportunity to claim your special and prestigious trophy, the Adjavon Memorial Cup. However, there is a note of caution. Staff believes it is their right to claim the trophy this year, having been the runners-up for the past two events. They have enjoyed secret training sessions and keen observers obviously noted the talent at hand from Sporty Family. Nevertheless, staff was in awe at the skills on display by parents last Saturday and are still hoping that 2017 will be their year.

Students should not be too much of a threat as there is a SAT exam on that day, while many others remain distracted by 'docking'. As for the Alumni, they always turn up late, so forfeits are more than likely, and a win is a win. However, the grapevine suggests wounded egos from last year's efforts and an eagerness to reclaim past glories.

It commences at 8.55am (Saturday, 7 October). If not participating, I hope you will be there to support.

Last Minute Planning

Strategic planning is a weakness with the dominant philosophy being 'leave it until the last moment'. A couple of recent examples include:

- Details about online entries for Sunday's Swimming Championships were provided to students on 19 September with a closing date of 24 September at 9.00pm. At 8.59pm on 24/9/17, I received an email requesting an extension, despite enjoying a public holiday on the previous Thursday. Although there were only 16 entries on 23/9/17, I was pleasantly surprised by the total entries received. While delighted by the swimming entries, most of the students have not done any training.
- The TIS Cheer Leaders put on a wonderful performance at the start of the Sporty Family. However, there was plenty of drama before hand, and a late start, as no one had the music.

The list could go on, especially when it comes to exam time with a belief that cramming will be the answer. That is the first mistake.

Planning and organization go hand-in-hand. However, a lack of planning never allows for best performance. CAS and SA (Service and Action) are core aspects of DP and MYP and planning is a critical component in each program. Students should take the lessons learned from these programs and adopt practices that will consistently improve performance through strategic planning and organization.

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Labels on Clothing

I mentioned last week about self-management and self-discipline. There were 4 lost laptops this week. In three cases, laptops were left in an empty room, and not their locker. Personal ID is so important when it comes to finding items that are deemed Left and Careless (lost and found in former parlance).

Unlabelled clothing is a nightmare and problematic when it comes to the hostels. As stated in Survival Guide (12.1), everything that students bring to school must be labeled permanently or indelibly with their name.

When students return after mid-semester break, parents will be required to verify that student's belongings comply with this rule. From 29 October, clothing and any other item, including bed linen, will be confiscated and returned to parents. This is a tough stance, but its purpose is to save parents money and promote responsibility and discipline in students. Parents support will be required to ensure Left and Careless becomes a former issue.

A Busy Mid-Semester Break

It will be a busy mid-semester break commencing on 20 October with the annual Creative Writers and Photography Workshop over two days (20-21/10/17). We will be hosting TISMUN 2017 from 23-25 October. The Slapton expedition commences on 24/10/17 and the first ISSAG event (soccer, tennis and table tennis) will take place on 28/10/17, the day before students are due to return from the break. On this same day, there is an ACT exam.

Have I mentioned my theory on the Fast and Furious movie series.....?

Participation and Behaviour

Just prior to mid-semester break, details will be released about overseas excursions planned for the current academic year (with the exception of the Slapton excursion that parents were advised about prior to the end of the last academic year.) These excursions are valuable opportunities and experiences. For each excursion, participation in prior activities and consistent behavior and attitude will be prerequisites for any involvement in these excursions. Any participant is a TIS Ambassador. We do not want ant participants just being tourists.

Thank You

A 7 or A* to those parents who have followed up with data errors and G9 GDC from recent bulletins.

This week's assessment tasks for parents:

- Parents are required for the parents teams for the Adjavon Memorial Cup on 7 October. We hope parents will be able to field one soccer team (Dads only), one volleyball team (Mums only) and one basketball team (Mums and Dads). Please advise Nana Adjoa on WhatsApp by next Wednesday.

- For a significant minority of parents, I have reissued welcome emails to those parents who are still to access MB. Please check your spam/junk folder, if it is not in your inbox. Please click on the second link to set your password.

I appreciate your support.

Dr Ken Darvall
Principal

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Wellbeing Corner



A smile is a curve that makes everything straight – Phyllis Diller

Peer buddies believe strongly in the power of a smile. It is the symbol of friendship and kindness. They exist to put a smile on the face of another to calm all the pressures of school and be at peace saying in sign language that “*everything will be fine*”. Peer buddies are really concerned about the wellbeing of their peers and intend to go all out to make sure pertinent issues that may hinder the growth of healthy relationships among peers may be addressed. Among such is personal hygiene and cleanliness.

This topic appears to be uncomfortable for discussion but **Nadia Bawumia** and **Francis Poku** (Peer Buddies G.8) with all smiles addressed the assembly on Monday about the importance of keeping a hygienic lifestyle. They touched on sensitive subjects like body odour, mouth odour and ear infection. They emphasized that, daily brushing of teeth and regular bathing can go a long way to prevent skin infections and mouth odour.

Friendship isn't about who you've known the longest. It's about who walked into your life, said "I'm here for you" and proved it.



They encouraged the student's body to have a daily routine of taking a shower twice a day, pay more attention to their health, in terms of what they eat, their surroundings and inculcating the habits of washing their clothes regularly.

Peer buddies are enthusiastic and ready to share, give and offer a hand or shoulder.

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MYP Corner

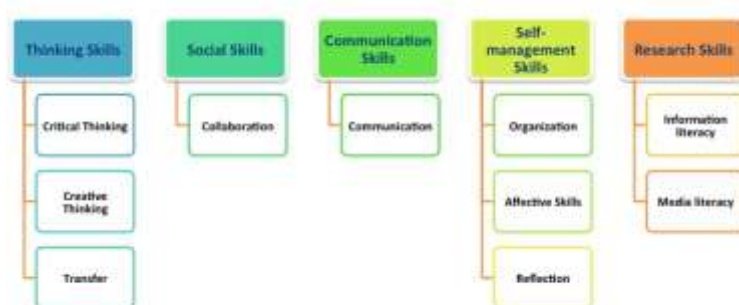
ATL Scope and Sequence

I realised that I'm in my 30th year of education. The picture below shows me as part of a small team of the International Department in my Dutch school. I'm the one at the left.



These were the early days of the MYP when it all just started and in a way it was pretty straight forward, even though we thought it was a major shift from what we were used to with the IGCSE. Many years past and I have seen a lot of changes in education during these years. It did, and still does, show that we as educators have to be life long learners.

Approaches to Learning (the ATL skills) were not something we spoke about at that time, nor was it part of the program models. Nowadays they are, and actually they have become the core of the IB programs.



It is the different skill categories that universities are looking for, as well as companies. They are the life skills to help you survive in a way. As said, we never really used to pay too much attention to them, took them for granted and ticked the boxes as if we used them all.

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Since they are of great importance, we now have to show evidence of how we teach all of these skills to our students in the different year groups. This is why this week during our professional development afternoon with all staff, our two ATL leaders Jerry Darko and Louis Welagaamo introduced the ATL Scope and Sequence. Our task is to develop this with input from all departments where they identify in which year group specific skills are introduced, practised or mastered. Quite an exercise and questions were raised about the relevance of it all. A good question in a way as it actually points out what needs to be done. Identifying when a certain skill needs to be mastered means that we as educationalists have to make sure we teach these skills the years before.

Identifying the skills, and when they need to be introduced and practised will enable us to include them in the subject unit planners. Not only are they listed but also clarified with written Learning Experiences that explain what the students need to do to practise the skill. Throughout the years the students will attain more and more higher order skills from which they will benefit in their further education.

Ate Hemmes
MYP Coordinator

IBDP Update

Sporty Family came to a wonderful end with a tie between Green Wisteria and Yellow Outeniqua. TIS family is leaving no stone unturned to have a memorable Founders' Day. Action updates for the week ahead.

University Predicted Grades

Some students had further discussions with teachers regarding their university predicted grades. Those are over now and the university predicted grades have been finalized. The predicted grade finalized will be shared with the parents in the coming week.

Diploma to Course

Some DP 2 students still have the chance of relooking their subjects with the view to changing their priorities to course instead of a full diploma. Course is accepted right here in Ghana. Please feel free to contact the IBDP office or your college counsellor for further details.

Mock TOK presentations

DP2 students had their mock TOK presentations this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. The sessions were useful with peer feedback as well as teacher feedback. Now the students are well on their way to giving their best in the final TOK presentations in second week of October. Once the TOK presentations are completed, we will start our preparations for TOK essay, questions for which have already been released. Please find below the TOK essay prescribed titles for the DP class of May 2018.

1. "The fields of study of academic disciplines can overlap, but adopting interdisciplinary approaches to the production of knowledge leads only to confusion." Discuss this claim.
2. "We know with confidence only when we know little; with knowledge doubt increases" (adapted from JW von Goethe). Discuss this statement with reference to two areas of knowledge.
3. "Without the assumption of the existence of uniformities there can be no knowledge." Discuss this claim with reference to two areas of knowledge.

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4. “Suspension of disbelief” is an essential feature of theatre. Is it essential in other areas of knowledge?
Develop your answer with reference to two areas of knowledge.
5. “The quality of knowledge produced by an academic discipline is directly proportional to the duration of historical development of that discipline.” Explore this claim with reference to two disciplines.
6. “Robust knowledge requires both consensus and disagreement.” Discuss this claim with reference to two areas of knowledge.

Parents / Guardians put your thinking caps and start the discussion with your wards on the above titles.

Effective Citing and Referencing

How to Cite

When we cite, we should make clear what it is that we are citing. It must be clear to the reader just what it is that we owe to someone else, and whether we have quoted exactly or have used our own words and understanding of the original material.

The reader must be able to distinguish clearly between our words/work and the words/work of others. Quotations—the exact words as used by others—are indicated either by quotation marks or by displaying (indenting) the quotation. Paraphrase and summary of others’ work should similarly be distinguishable from our own words and ideas. Use of a style guide ensures that our citations and references are recorded consistently. Choice of introductory or parenthetical citation is often a matter of readability, emphasis and authority.

As noted in the definitions below, the citation in the text links to a full reference that will enable the reader to trace the exact material used.

The three main types of in-text citation are as follows.

1. Author

In-text citation is done by an introductory and/or parenthetical citation providing:

- . the last name of the author, and
- . page number(s) from which the quotation or paraphrase is taken, if applicable.

1. Author–date

In-text citation is done by an introductory and/or parenthetical citation providing:

- . the last name of the author, and
- . the year of publication from which the quotation or paraphrase is taken, and the page number, if applicable.

1. Numbered footnote

In-text citation is done by:



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. superscript note numbers that come after the referenced passage, and after the final punctuation mark, if used, and

. corresponding footnotes placed at the bottom of their page of reference containing all reference details from which the quotation or paraphrase is taken; when using a source for a second or subsequent time, a shorter footnote reference is sufficient.

You will see specific examples to cite

- printed sources
- non-printed electronic sources
- online video clips
- social media.

In the future issues.

Looking forward to your support in making the Founders Day events a great success.

Devanand Chander Dev
IBDP Coordinator.

NHSMUN (National High School Model United Nations- New York City) Conference 2018

Model United Nations (MUN) is a student simulation of the proceedings of the United Nations. Students, referred to as Delegates, are assigned a country to represent in one of the UN's numerous committees with pre-set topics to debate. They research the background of their country, their country's position on the topics at hand, and prepare notes on possible solutions to the problems faced. Students then convene at Model UN conferences, which range in size from 100 to 5,000 delegates, to debate their assigned topics with students representing the other UN member states. Much like the real UN, the goal is to identify solutions, by negotiation and consensus, on which many countries can agree.

NHSMUN is one of the best-recognized conferences on the global MUN circuit and the largest conference for high school students. Since its first session in 1975, NHSMUN has been attended by students from more than 125 countries across 6 continents, making it a truly global experience.

Held at the United Nations Headquarters and the New York Hilton Midtown, the National High School Model United Nations (NHSMUN) is the world's largest Model UN conference, with hundreds of schools and delegates attending from around the world. NHSMUN is known for its diverse, prestigious attendees, its world-class staff, and its engaging committee simulations of proven substantive quality. NHSMUN provides students with opportunities to interact with high-profile, relevant United Nations figures, including an in-person visit with diplomatic representatives of the countries the students are representing. Academically rigorous material, thought-provoking debate, and a staff of carefully-selected MUN experts -- whether you are a beginner or

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ALAMAU 2018

African Leadership Academy Model African Union

March 17 - 26, 2018

The package includes:

- Air fare
- Three meals and two snack breaks each day of the conference
- Pick-up and drop-off at OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg
- Tours and entrance fees to selected tourist sites in Johannesburg and Sun City
- Participation at diplomatic reception with Ambassadors
- Participation at delegates' party
- Mobile phone SIM cards



Age Limit

15 - 19 years



Maximum total number of delegates

20



Cost of programme

\$ 2,800



Non-refundable commitment fee

\$ 100

Deadline for final payment: Wednesday, 15 November, 2017

- Accommodation at New York Hilton Hotel
- Closing Ceremony at the UN Headquarters, New York City

Deadline For Non-Refundable Commitment Fee: 19 October, 2017

veteran, if you are looking for an engaging, immersive experience in the world of international affairs, problem solving, and diplomacy, NHSMUN is the conference for you.

The students' charge for the week is to write and pass a resolution, which is a document that describes the actions that they propose to take. This requires countries with very different points of view to discuss their differences and find common ground. With anywhere from 15 to 250 students in a committee, reaching a compromise can take a lot of debate. The simulation ends with a special session at the UN Headquarters, where students are seated in the General Assembly Hall that has hosted many of the most prominent heads of state from the past few decades. Students discuss the final resolutions on the floor of the UN. All resolutions that pass an affirmative vote are published online after the conclusion of the conference.

Conference Date: 4-11 March, 2018

Registration Fees: \$ 4,500 which covers the following;

- Airfare
- Visa
- Meals

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The Learning Centre @ TIS

“The Reading Club”, entered its second week with members engaged in ‘Pencil Scrub’ as the main activity for the day. It generated a lot of fun as members also had the opportunity of getting to know the meaning of new words and how best to use such words when constructing sentences.

A window of opportunity is still open to students who wish to join the club. Interested students are encouraged to contact Setor or Constance in the LC to write their names.

How have you been making maximum use of your ‘non-lesson periods’? The place to be to have that quiet atmosphere to enable you catch up on your assignments, read a favourite title/author, read around a subject, get yourself updated on a raging national debate or collaborate with colleagues as you try to finish up with a project is the LC. Team LC stands ready to assist with your research, citation and referencing.

Be reminded that, the search for credible and reliable information starts here...



<https://tis.oliverasp.co.uk/library/libraryHome.do>

New Additions:

Bookmark the under-listed sites for your assignments and research;

<https://www.kiddle.co>

<https://www.pdfdrive.net>

TIS will be **14** on **Oct 3** ... hurray!!! Team LC wishes to extend to the co-founder, management, staff and students of this great school, on such an auspicious occasion, our warmest felicitations. It is our hope and prayer that TIS sees many more years of academic excellence and greater successes for her staff and students. Above all, we also pray for God’s blessings in all our endeavours.

Long Live TIS,

TIS Learning Centre: “Right Place To Be”!

LC Team

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Counselor's Corner



It's all about starting the day with the right attitude. Let go of what happened yesterday and tell yourself that today will be a good day. Half the battle is believing that a good day is possible, which opens you up to see the great things that happen all around us, which we sometimes

neglect to see through the haze of our own drama.

TIS Alumnus Makes Us Proud!

We continue to encourage our students to consider great university options right here in Ghana. A week ago, 4 TIS alumni successfully graduated from Lancaster University Ghana. Melissa Yebisi, Timothy Sintim-Aboagye, Kofi Pensan Akyeampong and Daniel Ohene Boateng.

The best part of it was that, at the end of the day, our **Daniel Ohene Boateng, made us proud by picking up one of the most prestigious awards! – The Chancellor's Medal-** an award given to the most meritorious students graduating from the university each year! **Only 2** of the graduating students received this special award! **We say a big congratulations to Daniel! Go higher!**

Below are his reflections:

“The International Baccalaureate was great in preparing me for the workload in university, but I would personally commend the IB for the attitudinal change towards hectic workloads it gave me.

I learnt to:

- 1) persevere, as the pressure increased.*
- 2) focus, on excelling and understanding what my course demanded of me.*
- 3) be selfless; I shared my knowledge and was quick to learn from others. The level of understanding this gave me was unparalleled.*
- 4) work hard; this was definitely expected of me, but going the extra mile was my secret to success.*
- 5) pray; giving thanks in good times and seemingly bad times.*

At the end of my journey at Lancaster University, I can say my five step method worked, as I was awarded the Chancellor's Medal, presented to the most meritorious student each year and I successfully achieved my goal of a first class degree.

P.S. I also had fun just knew my limits. ☺”

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SAT Oct. Reminders

Students who have registered for the upcoming SAT October Exam are to please take note of the following:

- They have up till today to print their **SAT admission ticket** and present it to their counselors. Any student facing any difficulty printing the admission ticket, should contact the Guidance and Counselling Department for assistance. They are to create an account at www.collegeboard.org to access their SAT admissions ticket.
- A **valid unexpired passport** is the only acceptable form of ID for writing the SAT exam. All student test takers are required to give their passports to their counselors by close of this week for safe keeping.
- Also number 2 pencils or 2B pencil should be bought from the Tucks Shop. They should come along with an approved calculator.
- **Practice tests are available on Naviance as well as on College Board website and Khan Academy.**

PSAT Reminders

All grade 10 students taking the **PSAT on Saturday, 14 October 2017** are reminded of the following:

- A **valid unexpired passport** is the only acceptable form of ID for writing the SAT exam. All student test takers are required to give their passports to their counselors by next week **Monday, 2 October** for safe keeping.

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- Also number 2 pencils or 2B pencil should be bought from the Tucks Shop. They should come along with an approved calculator, sharpener and eraser.
- Practice tests are available on College Board website and Khan Academy.

We wish the test takers the very best!

Reminder on Test Dates for the Academic Year SAT 2017-2018

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE
7 OCT, 2017	23 AUG, 2017
4 NOV, 2017*	6 SEPT, 2017
10 MARCH, 2018**	9 JAN, 2018
5 MAY, 2018	6 MARCH, 2018

ACT 2017-2018

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE.
9 SEPT, 2017	31 MAY, 2017
28 OCT, 2017	1 SEPT, 2017
14 APRIL, 2018	16 FEB, 2018

SAT SUBJECT TEST ONLY * & REGULAR SAT ONLY **

DP2 Due Dates For The Week.

DP2s are encouraged to maximize their individualized one-on-one sessions with their Counselors and to continue to stay focused as they complete the college application process. They should **stay positive!** ☺ All IB DP2 students are reminded to take note of these deadlines and adhere strictly to them throughout the week (note that all timelines have been placed on the DP2 Managebac Calendar);

DP2 parents will be invited to attend a **Financial Aid one-on-one meeting next month** to discuss the application process for requesting for financial aid from universities. Emails will be sent out shortly for parents to book appointments with their child's Guidance Counselor.

September 2017

28 - Complete Debrecen application forms & All Essay Supplements

29 - Confirmation of final selection of Univ. (school list) by students and parents.

October 2017

5 - Deadline to submit scholarship essays

9 - UK applications to be submitted to OxBridge & Medical programmes

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University Visit Line up

DATE	SCHOOL	TIME	VENUE
28 Sept	U.K. Fair (1. University of Lincoln 2. Cardiff Metropolitan University 3. University of Leeds 4. Teesside University 5. University of Bradford 6. De Montfort University)	2:30pm	Handel Picasso Exam Hall, T.I.S.
	Nelson Mandela University	2:30pm	Handel Picasso Exam Hall, T.I.S.
	U.S. Higher Education Fair	1:30pm	Movenpick Hotel
29 Sept	St. George's University, Grenada	8:45am	College Guides Office-Learning Centre T.I.S.
4 Oct	France University Fair	1:30pm	One Airport Square Event Centre, Accra
	European University Business School, Germany	2:30pm	College Guides Office-Learning Centre , T.I.S.
5 Oct	Univ. of Minnesota Twin Cities, IUPUI, Kalamazoo, U.S.A.	1:30pm	Handel Picasso Exam Hall, T.I.S.
	Univ. of British Columbia (UBC), Canada	2:30pm	Handel Picasso Exam Hall, T.I.S.
6 Oct	Univ. of Central Lancashire, UK	8:45am	College Guides Office-Learning Centre , T.I.S.
	Univ. of Reading, UK	1:30pm	College Guides Office-Learning Centre , T.I.S.

College Visit Highlights

Northumbria University, U.K.

- Rated top 50 the U.K for research power.
- Excellent student experience, 18th position in Time High Education 2016/2017.
- Guaranteed undergraduate employment, top 7 in the U.K.
- 8000 international students from all over the globe, tuition is £17,506 for international students.
- International Academic Scholarships that cover part of the fees depending students' grades.
- Specific country bursaries are available and students from Ghana get £1000 discount on fees.
- 3 or 4 year programs with a double degree form a partner university and home university.
- Placement and/or study abroad programs with over 100 institutions like IBM, Nestle, across the globe except Africa.

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Hult International Business School, USA.

- Private, non-profit, co-educational, small sized University.
- Student population of 600 made up of 123 nationalities with no nationality occupying more than 8% of the entire population.
- 15:1 student to lecturer ratio allowing for 100% accessibility to lecturers and focused teaching.
- 6 campuses around the world, U.S. and U.K accredited degrees.
- #1 in New graduates starting up business on Bloomberg Business week 2016 list of best undergraduate business schools.
- 88% of graduates are either employed or pursuing advanced degree (current Chief Operating Officer of Uber Ghana- Freddie Frimpong is an alumnus).
- Test optional, Merit scholarship from U.S.\$8,000-\$30,000.

DP2 Financial Aid Process Summary.

The College Guides held a meeting on Wednesday 27 September with the DP2 students this week to give them detailed information on how to apply for financial aid for their college education. The meeting was facilitated by Auntie Eunice who took them through the rigorous and lengthy process of applying for financial aid. These include the different types of financial aid and forms (FAFSA, CSS Profile, ISFAA, COF, IDOC, Univ.- Specific financial aid Forms, etc.) requirements, important documents and country specific application deadlines. The students were made to understand what was required of them and their parents. They were also assured that the counsellors are available and ever willing to assist them but they must take ownership of the process. They have been given a Financial Aid Tracker to help them organize their financial aid and scholarship applications. A later meeting will be arranged for parents to educate them on the process as well.

A BIG THANK YOU & AYEKOO TO OUR DEAR CO-FOUNDER(S)! HAPPY 14TH ANNIVERSARY TO T.I.S.!!! MAY THE LORD CONTINUE TO GRANT US THE GRACE TO SOAR HIGHER AND HIGHER!

~From The College Guides~

CASSA Updates



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Your Full name, name(s) of ward(s) with respective Grade(s).

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Celebrate with TIS It's Founders Week!

Next week join us as we turn 14 as a school. Join us in celebrating our Founders' Vision. Send your congratulatory message to us via WhatsApp.



Catch up via Bulletin & newsletter updates.

To keep up to date with TIS don't miss our weekly bulletins and Monthly newsletter. There is so much happening in TIS and we must share with you.



TIS Founders' Week Celebration Program Lineup

Sunday, 1 October

Inter-Colour Swimming Championships – Sports Complex – 2:00pm till 5:00pm – Come and Support your colour!

Monday, 2 October – Normal Classes

Special Assembly-MPH - 7:45am
Inter Hostel Quiz – How well do you know TIS? 7pm MPH

Tuesday, 3 October – No Classes – Dress code, a touch of white.
Founders' Day Special Performance and Lunch – MPH 12:00 pm till 2:30pm

Inter Colour Giant Board Games – Tuck Shop area – 3:00pm



Saturday, 7 October

Adjavon Memorial Cup – Sports Complex 9:00am

There will be PARENT TEAMS playing against Students, Staff and Alumni for 3 events.

If interested in playing any of the games kindly send a message to our WhatsApp line.

Teams are: Men's soccer, Women's volleyball, a Mixed Basketball.



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Sunday. 8 October – National Attire

Thanksgiving Service – 11am – With Nii Okai and
International Day Celebration - Dos and don'ts of cultures -
Celebrate Diversity and Cultural peculiarities.

N/B- 8 October is visiting Sunday. Thanksgiving Anniversary Church Service will be at 11:00am followed by an International Day celebration lunch. Bring a special dish to celebrate your culture and share with the TIS family. Come

dressed in your National Attire. We will celebrate Internationalism. We will have lunch together at the TIS bring your dish contact Ms. Grace: +233244626805 – adviser.



Diversity and gardens. To CASSA



TIS is 14!

On behalf of the Board of Governors, in celebrating the 14th anniversary of TIS, I wish to remind the TIS family (students, alumni, parents, staff, and friends) of the following qualities embedded in the school's culture:

Creativity - we do not take things for what they are but rather what they could be.

Environment - we treat our environment with care as it sustains us.

Respect - we respect each other's feelings and develop healthy relationships with one another.

Teamwork - we work with the philosophy that - alone we can do little, but together we can do much.

International mindedness - we are conscious of our worldly inter-connectedness and responsibilities to humanity.

Critical Thinking - we promote "seeing and listening beyond the surface of things". Varied and uncommon perspectives widen our scope in thinking.

These are concerns that build character. May TIS continue to progress to promote and serve the qualities that endeared the founders. Amen!

From Anis Haffar, Chairman, Board of Governors.



Happy anniversary to TIS! We thank God for the vision of the founders to set up this centre of excellence. We wish the school many more anniversaries. May it grow into a truly strong and unshakable tradition. **Abla Masoperh - TIS Parent**

"Happy birthday TIS 🎉🎉🎉 On to greater heights and impact on the youth." **Dela Class of 2010**



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Family is the basic and primary unit of society. It is where we first learn how to love and make acquaintances. It is where our dreams and aspirations are nurtured. Family bonds serve as foundations for our growth and development. In TIS, we are one big family away from our homes. We stick together through the tides and the sun shines. As we celebrate our 14th family reunion, the CASSA team wishes our parents and relatives a happy 14th anniversary. Together we can achieve more! (CAS and Service in Action team)

From very humble beginnings, TIS has soared up to amazing heights and standards to become a beacon of education and excellence. Reaching such heights in 14 years shows that our great school is already on the pathway of success. Let us hold high the flags of TIS with pride and celebrate TIS@14. God bless us all. Aziz Timbila TIS Class of 2015



When I joined TIS 8 years ago as a parent and staff, little did I knew that I will find a family away from home. The students, the parents, the teachers, my colleagues are incredible people. A family I learn to appreciate and respect. TIS is a school of possibilities and opportunities. What a blessing, what a journey! Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Adjavon for sharing your dream with us. Live long TIS. We love our School!!! (Mrs. Surama King – A proud parent & a grateful staff of TIS)

TIS thank you for the amazing opportunities you continue to provide. Thank you for grooming lifelong learners who are both eager and are changing the world positively. Dear Founders', thank you for being awesome risk takers. Happy birthday and long live TIS. ~ (Ryan Apreala rep of Class of 2017)



Appreciating Our Founders. Fourteen years ago today, a dream became a reality. A dream to provide solid and an all-encompassing educational experience for the next generation was birthed. ***Tema International School*** came into concrete existence. Although this was initially to meet a personal need, your generosity got the best of you and you extended the invitation to others outside your family. As with every human endeavour, you had your own share of challenges but this didn't obviate your purpose. It rather strengthened your resolve. You nurtured this school to become what it is today.

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From the College Guidance & Counseling Department, we appreciate you for not giving up on this dream that we have become part of.

Thank you for creating the avenue for us to impart and impact the lives of young people. We are grateful to be part of the TIS family and thankful that you have given us the great pleasure of calling you mummy. We have come to embrace the love and support which is explicitly exhibited in this amazing family.

To our Mummy (Mrs. Comfort Ajavon), we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for giving us the TIS experience. As a department we will endeavour to contribute our quota in upholding the core values of our dear school. May the Lord propel TIS to greater heights and may He give us the grace to give off our best always. ~TIS College Guides~



“TIS is entering its teen years, wishing it to grow as the best school of West Africa in the next 5 years”. (IB Coordinator Chander Dev)

I will always be grateful to the TIS family for teaching me so many valuable lessons. Relationships formed will be cherished forever and the memories made will keep me smiling for years to come. Happy birthday TIS and thanks for everything! (David da Cruz King – Class of 2016)

To send your congratulatory message to TIS on our anniversary month, kindly email surama.king@tis.edu.gh



explore ideas and concepts, to be curious, to be inquirers, to be problem solvers and to be engaged.

G 7 & 8 are so enthusiastic about the possibility to explore their passion while using their skills and talents to solve a problem in their community. To



“**Genius hour** is a movement that allows students to explore their own passions and encourages creativity in the classroom. It provides students a choice in what they learn during a set period of time during school.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FEQzKH7v0-Q&t=6s>

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After School Activity (ASA) –What makes the TIS experience unique? The unlimited opportunities available to our students beyond the classroom. I am inspired by some of our student’s biographies when they leave TIS in Grade 12. They have a unique story to share, so many experiences where growth is evident. Since I joined TIS 8 years ago I am privileged to engage with students on a very personal level. Co-curricular activities is something they enjoy doing. It develops skills for life, enhances learning, foster creativity, critical thinking and make school fun.

Ask your ward what they are learning outside the classroom. Encourage them to take an hour or 2 per week to engage in hands on activities. It’s so beneficial and actually enhances what they learn in the classroom.

It is all about balance and quality. The CASSA team is here to assist students in every step of the way. TIS education is focused on developing lifelong learners, problem solvers, thinkers, communicators, and doers; someone who can apply knowledge, create, and innovate, citizens committed to make the world a better place. How can anyone miss out such incredible experiences?



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CAS Projects and Experiences

Right to Play Initiative

Over the summer, my Mum took notice of the number of clothes my siblings and I had, but did not wear anymore because they were too small for us. She then told us about the New Life orphanage situated in Nungua, so we could donate our clothes to the young ones there. We decided to visit the place prior to the donation, to inform the orphanage supervisors. Upon our arrival, I quickly took notice of the state of the soccer field a group of boys were playing on. As a football fanatic, I imagined myself playing on their makeshift field and it did not sit too well with me. I then did some brainstorming, which then led to the initiation of “Right to Play Foundation”. The Right to Play Initiative aims to provide the children of the New Life Orphanage with a modern football field, so they can exercise right to play in the safest conditions possible. We call on the entire TIS family to support it, we are planning a number of fundraising activities and a street soccer. If you like to support this initiative contact my project supervisor Mr. Alex Tay or CAS coordinator Mrs. King (**Ohene Kofi Sakyi-Addo – Grade 11**)



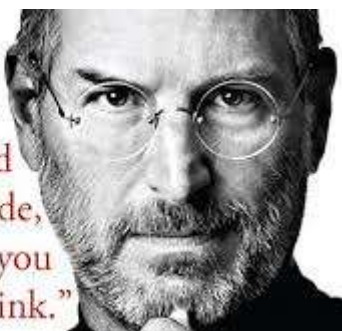
Educom Initiative

As part of means to improve the lives of students at Graceland Academy at Akorlikope, the Educom Project has been helping with the school fees of the kids. This tradition has been passed on year after year, and the IB Class of 2019, the

Inquirers, are the current torchbearers. With contributions of students from TIS, an amount of GHC 1500.00 was raised to pay the 1st term fees of 42 students from Graceland Academy. This kind gesture from members of EDUCOM will go a long way to ease the burden on the parents of these 42 students and make life worth living for the students. Hats off to all students who contributed a penny and to the members of EDUCOM who organised the contributions. To support this initiate contact Mrs. King – surama.king@tis.edu.gh

Steve Jobs
1955-2011

“Everyone should
learn how to code,
it teaches you
how to think.”



TIS Coding Club

A club made up of enthusiastic and like-minded students interested in coding and demystifying programming. The club aims at improving the critical thinking ability of its members by the use of Computational Thinking strategies in general problem solving. The key is to have fun while arming ourselves with the tool needed to conquer the world today: critical thinking. The Club meets at the IT Lab, on Thursday, from 4 pm to 5:15 pm.

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Feed a Child #CAS Project

Jadyn Thanki, Prosper Adabla and Shawn Sackey were up to the task over the weekend, during the Sporty Family event with their fundraiser sales towards their CAS project, FEED A CHILD. Kudos to them for making time amongst their tight schedules for this charitable event. The sale was very successful, well planned and implemented. Proceeds from the sale will be used for an outreach project to feed street children in the suburb of Ashiaman.



Interact Club

I am pleased to say that on Thursday, the 28 September, the soon to be chartered **Interact club** of Tema International School had its first meeting. It was an insightful meeting as we got to learn about Rotary International and what it is all about. In turn, we learnt about Interact and all the opportunities that come with being a part of the organization. This is especially because it is the largest service organization worldwide and it creates the chance for you to interact and meet with people from all walks of life.

The main focus of Rotary, we learnt, is to be leaders in our community and Interact

was created so that young people could also train to become these leaders, hence the age limit being 12-18. Rotaract however, is from 18-30 and Rotary having no age limit. It is an organization focused on sustainability hence it has different groups for all ages. The most amazing thing was learning the principle that Rotary is founded on: The Four-Way Test, which we have in our school. It goes "Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? And is it beneficial to all concerned?" This is something all Rotarians, Interactors and Rotractors are required to know and live by. An impressive feat. Interact is fun and engaging and it is here to stay. I encourage any and every one to sign up. There is no limit and everyone is welcome. And for the adults, why not try and join a Rotary club or a Rotaract club. There are great opportunities out there and you just never know what might come your way. (Anna Maria G12, Initiator)



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English Department Updates

Debate Society

Greetings From Kampala – African Debate Championship 2017

When he got onto his feet as first proposition, and the first words he uttered were, “The world has undergone four revolutions”, I knew that was where I wanted to be at that particular moment of my life. It was not necessarily because these words were the wisest I had heard as the opening of any intellectual argument. Neither was it just because of the passion and conviction with which the words were strung together and delivered, nor because he was the president of the Ugandan Debate Society and hence, commandeered the absolute silence and attention of all present.

Rather, my appreciation stemmed from the fact that it had been the longest day of the tournament, especially for him as the tournament coordinator. My admiration was borne out of the reality that he had not had more than three hours of sleep per night for the preceding three days. Therefore, to still have the presence of mind to organize his thoughts on a prompt that was given about a minute ago, and to do that in such a logical and coherent manner by delivering a sustained argument for the entire eight minutes that he lasted on the floor was one of the highlights of my experience in Kampala.

When the verdict kept switching back and forth between the two teams with every speaker swaying us the judges with the logic of his arguments, I realized there and then that the *art* of debating was a skill that could be mastered, and mastered so well that regardless the situation, and regardless how tired the mental faculties were, a good debater would be able to hold a sustained argument. The art of debating is a skill my Ugandan hosts had mastered over the years; they lived debate.

The organization of the championship was probably not the best, and definitely could be improved especially in the aspect of timing. However, wherever it lacked, it made up for by the quality of the arguments delivered by the high school students from East and Southern Africa. There was never a dull moment for me as a judge, and



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the fact that Judges could debate for over an hour in the attempt to justify why a team has won, is an indication of the highly competitive nature of the championship.

My only regret on this trip is the absence of students of TIS to share in this great and edifying experience. It is my hope that in the subsequent editions of the championship, students and parents, especially parents of members of the TIS Debate Society, will make this experience a priority. I came back not only with a medal as Best New Judge, but also and most importantly, with a wealth of experience which I will be sharing in subsequent bulletins, but for today, accept greetings from Kampala.

Creative Writing

Tema International School is excited to inform you that the fourth edition of its Annual High School Writing and Photography Workshop organized for budding student writers and young photographers from schools in the Greater Accra Region will be held on **October 20 - 21, 2017** and we wish to invite students to participate in this educational event.

The workshop, on the theme, “*Making our learning relevant: the role of creative writing and photography*”, is designed to bring together high school students, and afford them the opportunity to not only develop their writing and photography skills but to also gain confidence as writers and photographers. During the workshop, students will participate in four sessions, three within a focus area, such as journalism, short story, poetry or photography facilitated by one resource person, and one another enrichment session such as characterization or enriching dialogue, facilitated by another resource person. The sessions which are expected to be fundamentally interactive will culminate in a creation of works by students which will be published in an anthology, *Whispers*.

Registration for the workshop is from **October, 3 to October 10, 2017**. Interested students are requested to complete the forms and submit them to the Department of English or to Tema International School Front Desk by **October 13, 2017**.

For further information regarding the workshop, parents should kindly contact the coordinator via irene.koree@tis.edu.gh or 0243132523.

Chaplaincy Corner

On Sunday, 24 September, 2017, the Chaplaincy Committee hosted Pastor Benjamin Ofei-Badu of the Pentecost International Worship Centre (PIWC), Tema at a church service. His message dubbed, “The Transformational Power of the word of God,” outlined the benefits clinging on to the truth of God’s word as recorded in the Bible, explaining that living according to the principles of God’s word is the only way by which man will find peace and increase in this world which is facing challenges of immorality and corruption. He added that it is the way by which a man’s heart can be truly transformed to enable him live an upright life.

To emphasise the importance of God’s word and the significance of his message, he, on behalf of his church and Gideon’s International, made a kind donation of 300 copies of the English Standard Version Bibles to the school.

The chaplaincy committee wishes to express their profound gratitude the church for this kind gesture.

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It also wishes to announce to the school community that students who need copies of the bibles should to contact Irvine Narh, the student-chapel executive, while interested staff also contact Michael Odame, the school chaplain for theirs.

Hostel Corner

Anthony Hostel Parent of the Week!



Name: Joy Pesewutse Adipah

Fun Fact: The only person in the world with the name Pesewutse

Roles: Teacher of Language and Literature, Anthony Hostel Guardian and ASA Patron (Ghanaian Language Club)

Key word in life: Integrity

Hobbies: Cooking and listening to motivational speeches.

Favourite quote: ‘‘There is no art to find the mind’s construction on the face.’’ Shakespeare.

What excites you: What makes me excited? When I see people whose lives I have touched happy, growing and glowing in their various endeavours.

Experience at the Hostel: Life in the Hostel so far has been fun with the boys. Indeed these ‘boys stick together’. All the ‘naughty’ moments of some of the boys and sometimes their attempt to play smart reminds me of childhood days. And oh, the times when the boys make you know you are a good father, confidant and a true friend are fulfilling

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Alumni of the Week!



Full name: Daniel Kojo Ohene Boateng

Year group: IB Class of 2014

Hostel & Colour group: Francis Hostel, Red Kigelia

Roles played at TIS: Deputy Francis Hostel prefect

Most memorable experience in TIS: Being announced as the deputy Francis hostel prefect

Graduate university: Lancaster University, Ghana Campus

Year of graduation: 2017

Major/ area of specialization: BSc. Accounting and Finance

Achievements in College: SRC Finance Officer, Career Peer Advisor, Provost Award for Academic Excellence

Key word in life: Perseverance

Philosophy: Persevere, be focused, work hard, and pray

Word of advice: Take advantage of the opportunities you come across. Look sharp!!

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The Week in Pictures



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