

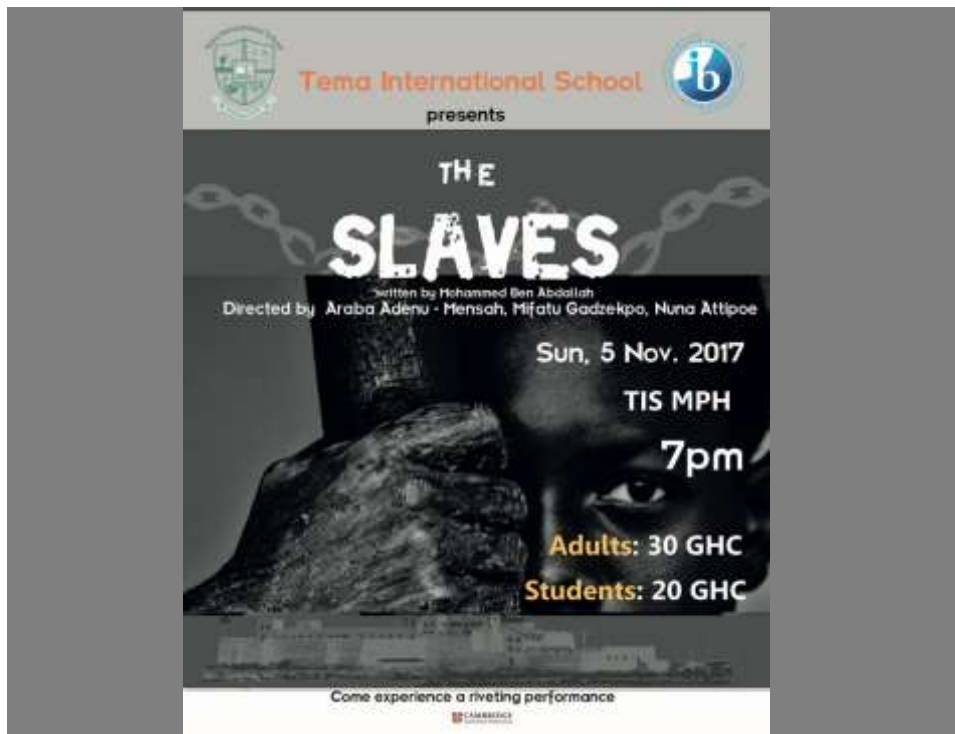
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Thought for the Week

The greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more.

- Jonas Salk

Calendar

28/10/17: ACT

29/10/17: Students return to Hostels; mid-semester break ends.

1/11/17: Bio/Geo/ESS OS IA (England) trip returns

3/11/17: ITGS/ICT Data Centre excursion

4/11/17: SAT (subjects only)

5/11/17: TIS Annual Performance: The Slaves

9/11/17: G11 EE Day

11/11/17: ISSAG Swimming and Volleyball Championships at TIS

Making Us Proud

- Surama King who will be presenting a workshop session at the Regional IB Conference at The Hague.

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- English staff, student organisers and participating students at the Creative Writing and Photography Workshop.
- I&S staff, student organisers and delegates at 2017 TIS MUN that concluded on Wednesday after three days of debate, negotiations and student leadership.

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.]

Return To Hostels: Students are due to return to hostels on Sunday, 29 October. Parents should advise Alex Tay, if their child/ren are returning early.

- *TIS Events:* Parents are always welcome to attend any school event.
- *ManageBac (MB) and Naviance:* If you have any difficulties registering or logging in, please email Ken (principal@tis.edu.gh)

TIS Annual Production

Only 9 more sleeps until we can enjoy the 2017 TIS Annual Production: The Slaves.

Please lock in: Sunday, 5 November, 7.00pm, MPH.

Tickets are GHC20 for children and GHC30 for adults.

For newbie parents, the TIS Annual Performance is one of the highlights of the TIS calendar. Parents at last week's Parent Information Session caught a small glimpse of one of the characters in the performance.

Tickets can be reserved by contacting the school.

I will be giving away a set of family tickets (two adults and two children) on Monday and Wednesday, as well as 6 tickets to students on next Friday. So, please check your MB messages on these days if you would like the chance to win these tickets.

Slapton Expedition

This TIS expedition team departed last Tuesday evening and is busy completing fieldwork to assist them with their studies in biology, geography and environmental systems and societies. These students arrive back in Accra on 1 November and must return to hostels by 5.00pm on 2 November. Photos and updates can be found on the TIS Twitter account (@TISGhana) or on the TIS website: www.tis.edu.gh

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ISSAG Swimming and Volleyball Championships

The first ISSAG event for 2017/2018 will be conducted at the TIS Sports Complex on Saturday, 11 November. The swimming championships will be conducted poolside while the volleyball championships will be held on the tennis courts.

As always, parents are most welcome to attend these championships.

Note: Due to organizational issues, the ISSAG soccer, tennis and table tennis championships will not be held tomorrow as originally planned. A new date is planned for March.

Portfolios

A student portfolio is a systematic collection of student work and related material that depicts a student's activities, accomplishments, and achievements in one or more school subjects.

Students are encouraged to save work, including photos, videos and their own websites under the Portfolio tab on MB. These files can be shared with parents and can be a valuable digital record when completing university and college applications.

For example, I received recently individual student reports for students who attended the Oxford Scholastica Academy during the last summer break. I added these reports to the individual student's portfolio, so these may be accessed in the future.

Students can choose to select files directly from their Google Drive by navigating to your Portfolio. Click on the G Upload button to begin. A new window will pop up. Select the Google account you'd like to choose a file from (if more than one is available), and then select 'Allow' when ManageBac asks for permission to view the files in your Google Drive. Once in your Google Drive, you can switch between your own drive and files shared with you. Click on the file you want to upload and then 'Select' at the bottom to import it.

I look forward to our students' safe return on Sunday. Travel safely.

I appreciate your support.

Dr Ken Darvall
Principal



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Talking Sports And Talents – Jaiye Ijasanmi (Grade 8)



The young athlete, Jaiye Ijasanmi, the UK longer jumper.

It was a long day on the track doing his event at the English junior games, after coming first in his debut.

A UK Olympic longer jumper noticed his raw talent and wanted Jaiye to come to the U15 European games. He was thrilled to finally get his break, after a newspaper article about his performance at the English junior games.

When it came to the U15 European Games, Jaiye suffered an injury and he dropped out of athletics for six months before going to Tema International School in Ghana.

Once he finishes his schooling, Jaiye will be back on the track competing in long jump at the U18 level for his country, and hopefully get back on his way to becoming a UK Olympian.

Jaiye enjoyed his mid-semester break spending time with his aunt and cousin who were visiting from England.



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College Counselors' Corner

DP2 ACTION ITEMS- To Do List for the Break

1. Completing all documents pertaining to your college application.
2. Improving your College Essay, Supplements, Personal Statements
3. Studying for the DP, working on your EE, IA's and other academic requirements.
4. Updating your university selection in line with your test scores and financial aid availability.
5. Researching scholarship and financial aid opportunities at the various universities.
6. Completing the financial aid tracker and all financial aid documents (ISFAA, CSS Profile, COF, FAFSA, IDOC) with your parents.
7. Completing the Non-Commonapp and Canadian universities form.
8. Complete UCAS and OUAC and have your credit card details on hand.

You are welcome to send us any new essay drafts, personal statements and supplement essays for review. You are welcome to email us if you have any urgent concerns, although we will be away for the mid-semester break and may not respond promptly. We will, however, address them after the mid-semester break.

Financial Aid Meetings.

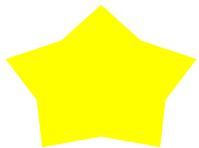
The financial one-on-one meetings between parents and counsellors commenced last week. Parents who are yet to book a slot are kindly advised to do so or contact their child's counsellor if the dates allocated to them will cause any inconvenience. We look forward to meeting with you!

November SAT Subject Test Reminder

Students who have registered for the upcoming November SAT Exam are to log into their College Board accounts and download their SAT Admission Tickets. They should also take note 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 bring their valid passports along for the exam.**
- 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, Khan Academy and College Board's website

We wish you all the best!



TISMUN'17 was a phenomenal success.

Model United Nations, in general, aims to bring together young scholars to debate on significant world issues and come up with applicable solutions. TISMUN'17 did all that and more. Young intellectuals from Delhi Public School, Morgan International Community School, Al-Rayyan International

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School, Ghana International School , SOS Heman-Gmeinner International College, as well as Tema International School, came together and debated extremely well, coming out with great resolutions.

Highlights of the conference included being graced with speeches from Miss United Nations 2017, Ms. Rebecca Asamoah, as well as a representative of Mr. Dominic Sam, Mrs. Sylvia Sefakor, from the United Nations.

There is no way to talk about TISMUN'17 without acknowledging the tremendous efforts of every delegate who participated. It was particularly great to see the extreme professionalism and diplomacy employed by everyone from delegates to chairs and even pages. They were extremely formal, well dressed and well researched on their topics. The chairs also impressed immensely as they coordinated their committees with ease and aided their delegates in debating. The pages, in actual fact, were the stars of the show. Without them, it is impossible to imagine the conference proceeding as smoothly as it did. It was also great to see everyone form friendships and make connections with one another.

In all, TISMUN'17 was a great experience for all who attended. A lot was learned and it will remain an unforgettable experience for many.



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Updates from English Department

2017 Creative Writing And Photography Workshop Ends Well

October 20 – 21, 2017 brought another opportunity for the Department of English to bask in the joy of creating a platform for impacting the creative drives of young and budding writers in schools in the Greater Accra region and beyond. The team engaged the kind services of various resource persons in the creative writing and photography industry to nurture and inspire the participants who came in from East Airport International, Tema Parents Association School, Chemu Senior High School, Ashaiman Senior High School, SOS HGIC, Al-Rayan International School and of course, the host, Tema International School. This year we were happy to have Morgan International School join us all the way from Swedru to give the event a wider coverage. We are very thankful to the management and ancillary staff of Tema International School for their commitment to ensuring the success of this annual event, Heads of Schools and parents who bought into our vision and allowed their students to be a part of it, facilitators, chaperones, and all who took an interest in this dream and lent their support to us.

A sampling of reflections from participants, chaperones and facilitators indicates that the effort and hard work invested into the organization of the event was worthwhile. Below is a record of a few.

*I think the additional categories/workshops such as music lyrics, Haiku, photography, etc were really helpful. They gave students a wider variety to choose from and were in themselves exciting. They also gave those who wish to be creative without writing an opportunity to express themselves. I hope to see a famous musician or lyricist robed in for music lyrics in subsequent workshops. **Suad Mohammed, Tutor/Chaperone – East Airport International School.***

*I chose the blogging class and I learnt a lot in such a short time. The class brought a lot of insight on blogging and changed my perception about it. I learnt that blogging or vlogging is not just a website or video where people talk about irrelevant things or simply narrate their life stories. I also learnt that social media is the future and blogging and vlogging allow people to connect with people whom they can relate to, those who can advise them, make recommendations for various endeavors and even provide knowledge you may not acquire by sitting in the classroom. I also learnt that blogs could even be a source of comic relief. In all, I learnt so much and I think blogging and vlogging are things everybody should give a try. **Vanessa Antwi-Danso, East Airport International School***

*I was in the photography session and I think everything went well. The facilitators are wonderful and the students are awesome. I have learnt so many things about photography. Some include the parts of the camera, how to set up a camera and the three ways to allow light to stream into a camera. Also, we were split into groups to have a practical use of a camera and it was awesome. What I really liked about this sessions is that the facilitators are nice and they make sure you understand what they've thought before they move on to the next aspect. **King Cyrus Wuaku, Tema International School***

*I had a very enjoyable session with my class. We had animated conversations and debates and I found the students very intelligent. I believe both the main workshop and enrichment session were beneficial to students as the poems they churned out are so good. In all, it was a great workshop. **Celestine Nudanu (Mrs.), Facilitator – Poetry***

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*I had a really great experience coming to this school and joining the journalism class. I hope to come again next year for the 5th anniversary of the Creative Writing and Photography Workshop. My facilitator was really good and everything was fun. **Aboude Moghrabi, Al-Rayan International School***

*The workshop was wonderful. The facilitator was very fun. I learnt aspects of poetry which I had never come across. I learnt how to write poems and guess what? I believe I have become a poet. I also found that out my strongest sense is my mind. Now, I can easily express myself so my feelings are not going to be constrained anymore but expressed. **Terence Mwindaare, Tema International School***

*I did photography with Mr. Daniel Ampofo. It was really exciting and educative as we learnt about the exposure triangle. Normally, we would just take a picture without adjusting the settings of the camera making us as Mr. Ampofo said a “picture taker” but after this workshop we’ve learnt how to capture a moment at its finest, and be on our way to becoming professional photographers. In conclusion, it was a very fun and amazing opportunity for me to grow holistically and broaden my horizon. **Bazl-e-Fatima, East Airport International School***

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Biology/Geography/ESS IA Trip to Slpaton (UK) in Pictures



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Alumni of the week!



Name: Sandra Delali Fiagbedzi

Hostel: Catherine hostel

Position(s) held at TIS: Hostel prefect

Colour Group: Blue Cedars

Graduating Year: DP Class of 2007

University: Monash University

Programme: Bsc. Business and commerce with a double major in marketing and management

Currently working at: Achievers Consult as an HR Analyst

Achievement(s): In 2016, I got a star as a top performer at Fidelity Bank.

Favourite Quote: it is easy to die when you know you have lived .

Most memorable experience at TIS: A lot but will stick to biology class the "great fall "

Advice to students: spend time on things that add value to your life.



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