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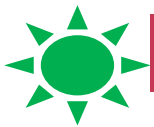
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Thought for the Week

Focusing is about saying no.
- Steve Jobs

Calendar

- 1/12/17: Personal safety training (G12); 2018 TIS admissions open
- 2/12/17: Personal safety training (G12)
- 3/12/17: TIS Christmas Evening (7.00pm)
- 4/12/17: G12 G4 Projects
- 5/12/17: G12 G4 Projects
- 6/12/17: G12 G4 Projects; G8 neighbourhood tour
- 7/12/17: G12 G4 Projects; SCAD workshop
- 8/12/17: G12 G4 Projects End of semester assessment session ends
- 9/12/17: Semester 1 vacation commences
- 6/1/18: Students return to hostels
- 8/1/17: Semester 2 classes commence



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.]
- As from 13 November, all exeat requests must be completed and submitted online. To access the online exeat form, please go to: <https://www.tis.edu.gh/exeat-form>
[Note: If you receive a 404 error message, page not found, then please clear your website history and data and retry the link.]
- TIS Events: Parents are always welcome to attend any school event. [Back to top](#)
- ManageBac (MB) and Naviance: If you have any difficulties registering or logging in, please email Ken (principal@tis.edu.gh)
- Yale Young African Scholars Program: TIS is again hosting this exciting program from 11-20 August 2018. Applications are now open and admission is highly selective and open to students between the ages of 14-18 years. Best news: YYAS is free to all participants. Please

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see the flyer inside this Bulletin for more details. Importantly, apply now and don't leave it too late and miss out.

Annual Christmas Evening

It's on this Sunday, 3 December, 7.00pm, in the MPH.

It is always a great event filled with the spirit of Christmas. We hope you will attend with a gift of love (non-perishable food, story books, clothing, footwear) to support our students' service initiatives.

Admissions for 2018/2019

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Admissions for 2018/2019 open tomorrow, 1 December.

It benefits TIS if our admissions process is completed early, by the end of May. The benefit to parents for completing the admission process early is discounted fees at the application and admission stages of the process.

Online aptitude testing will replace the traditional entrance exam. This change has two benefits for students:

- it eliminates any bias for students studying under different school curriculum programs; and
- the test can be completed at TIS at any time convenient to the student (and parents) and TIS.

Detailed information about admission to TIS and the process can be found at:

<https://tis.openapply.com>

Student Departure for End of Semester

First semester ends at 3.30pm on Friday, 8 December. Students may depart for the semester break after this time.

A request for an earlier departure must be approved by the General Manager.

Students with outstanding work will not be able to depart until work has been submitted. Teachers will email parents by next Tuesday COB of any outstanding work issues.

Semester Reports

First semester reports are planned for publication on Monday, 11 December. Parents and students will be able to access reports in ManageBac (MB).

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Note:

- Any parents who have not accessed MB yet should do so by next Friday, as assistance will be unavailable from 9 December 2017 – 8 January 2018.
- Any parents with outstanding fees for first semester will not be able to access semester reports until the issue has been resolved.

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G12 Personal Safety and Training

G12 parent, Afotey Odarteifio, proposed this important initiative so that our G12 students are aware of, and ready for the world that awaits them after May 2018. In his words.....

TIS is an international boarding school, a high school which runs the IGCSE and IB Programs. Most of the students pursue their education outside after their programs with the School. Considering the increasing insecurity in the world in the face of terror threats, racial attacks, rape, gun violence, mugging, acid attacks and armed robbery, the need for increased awareness of these threats to life, and ways of mitigating them have become crucial.

The Life Preservation Project by Saber Company Ltd is an initiative to get young people to become aware of the imminent threat in their environment, increase their sensitivity to identifying imminent threat to life and property in their environment, teach them skills on avoidance of threat or confronting threat if need be, and mitigating the impact of any threat to them or to their neighbours.

Saber Company Ltd, a security planning, close combat tactical training, and threat management company, is collaborating with Tema international School to organize its Life Preservation Program for 50 final year students of the School. The program will be conducted over 2 days with students being organized into 2 groups of 25 students per group, and each group being taken through 5 hours of Life Preservation Training per day for the 2 days.

For Day 1, Students will have a chat on environmental threat awareness, and management of physical threat. Day 2 would be more concentrated on various self protection tactics and skills.

It is intended that there will be 2 Breaks during each session to enable participants refresh. The First session should start 07:30hrs and end just before lunch time, and the Second Session would commence after lunch at 1.00pm, and ending by 18:00hrs.

The Lead Instructor for the Program is Grand Master Richard Crabbe De Bordes, an internationally acclaimed close combat tactician and threat management instructor, and CEO of Saber Company Ltd.

At the end of the program it is expected that students will become more sensitive to

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identifying prospective dangers in their environment, and they will also be better equipped to confront any physical threat to their life and property.

This program is a Social Outreach Initiative by Saber Company Ltd. TIS is providing the venue for the training of the students, and Saber Company Ltd is providing the Instructors, Training Assistants, equipment and other logistics for the Life Preservation Training.

We are happy about this collaboration, and we hope to see the completing students of TIS not just mentally equipped to confront the challenges of the world, but also tactically enabled to preserve themselves in an increasingly less secure world.

I welcome this initiative and appreciate Afotey Odarteifio's involvement to facilitate this program.

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Alumni Week

TIS will celebrate Alumni Week from 8-14 January 2018. During this week, Alumni members will be guest speakers at our first weekly assembly for the new semester, talk and discuss subject and college courses and provide advice to our G10-12 students. These talks and discussions are always highly valued by our students. They will also join the common room meeting to discuss hostel life and coping issues. On Saturday, 13 January, they will be joining us for the annual TIS athletics championships and the following day will join us for the Thanksgiving Service and Leadership Ceremony.

We look forward to seeing as many Alumni members as possible during this special week

TIS Athletics Carnival

Our annual TIS Athletics Carnival will be held on Saturday, 13 January 2018, from 8.30am - 1.00pm. Parents, Alumni and Staff will also be competing, so start training now to avoid dodgy hamstrings on the day.

SAT

TIS opted not to offer the December SAT exam at TIS due to the proximity to the end of semester exams. It is too difficult to focus on competing priorities.

Strategically, G11 students must complete any SAT, or ACT testing requirements, by September 2018. To leave it any later in their second year of their DP adds a layer of conflict that students do not need. During first semester of their second year, G12 students need to complete most internal assessment requirements, as well as college applications. Both of these are extremely time consuming for students. They do not need the added burden of completing SAT or ACT requirements during the same period.

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Students and their parents should start planning now to ensure these requirements are finalized by September 2018.

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Student Council Elections

These elections will determine our senior student council executive for the next 12 months. Vetting of nominations will occur during the week and the ratified leadership nominations will be published on next Friday.

Election manifestos will be held on 8 January and elections will then be conducted over the next three days. The Leadership Induction Service will be held on Sunday, 14 January 2018. I appreciate your support.

Dr Ken Darvall
Principal

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Young African Scholars Program

The Yale Young African Scholars (YYAS) Program is a cost-free, intensive academic and residential program designed for high-achieving African secondary school students.

YYAS exposes students to various opportunities for post-secondary education. Participants will enhance their academic skills, receive university admission and financial aid application guidance, and join a network of young leaders from across the continent!

Applicants must currently attend a secondary school in Africa and have at least one full academic term after August 2018 to complete their studies. Admission is highly selective and open to students between the ages of 14 and 18. **YYAS is free for all participants.**

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The 2018 YYAS Program will be hosted in two locations:

RWANDA: 29 July – 07 August
GHANA: 11 August – 20 August



APPLY ONLINE | africanscholars.yale.edu
Deadline | 06 February 2018 @ 11:59pm EST

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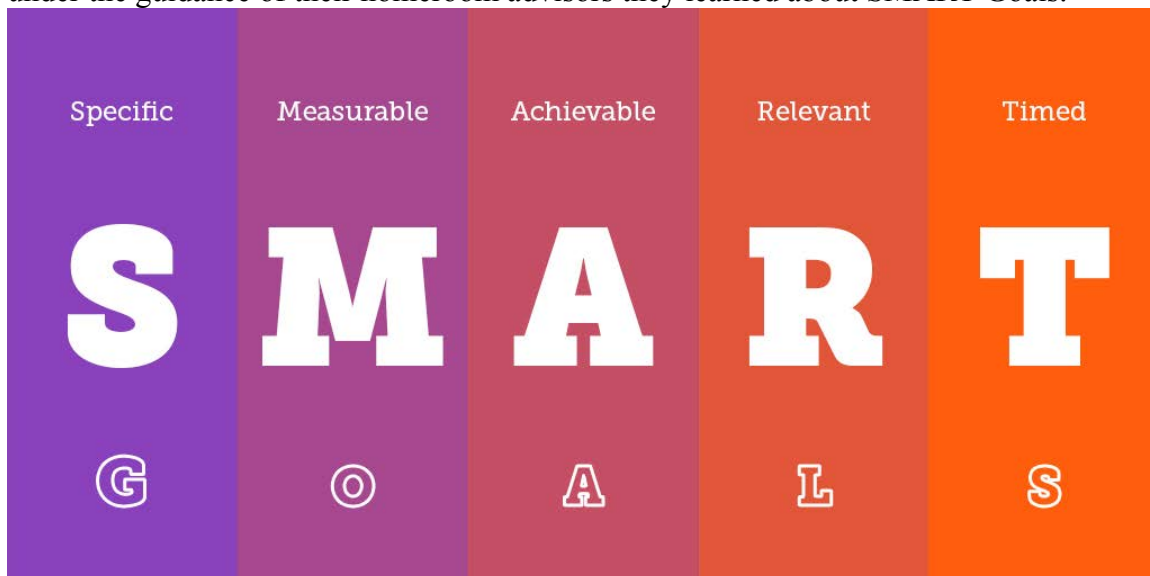
MYP Corner

SMART Goals

With the first semester nearly over it is time for our students to look back, reflect and prepare for next semester. By now the teachers know which challenges a student might have, and so do they themselves. Knowing what to work on is one thing, but planning on how to do it is another one.

As there were no assemblies for the last two weeks due to the test weeks in Grades 9-12, I decided to use these two hours to have our Grade 7 & 8 students to look at their targets for next semester. Quite often the only focus will then be the academic goals they want to achieve. "I want at least a 5 in each subject!" or "I want to be the best of the class!". Question then is whether these goals are feasible.

It is of this that I wanted to focus on the goals setting in a different way. In their homerooms, under the guidance of their homeroom advisors they learned about SMART Goals.



SMART goals are:

S = Specific

M = Measurable

A = Attainable

R = Relevant, Rigorous, Realistic, and Results Focused

T = Timely and Trackable

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Learning how to frame goals as SMART goals and being willing to adjust them to get SMARTer is an important skill that helps every student get off to a better start and have a better school year, this year and into the future.

It's not easy to write SMART goals. This skill takes time to develop, and it's especially important to have in place for students at the secondary level. A goal is an outcome, something that will make a difference as a result of achieving it. It can't be too ambitious to be out of reach, but also not so simple that it does not challenge. A goal has to be realistic with a stretch, requiring effort and focus to achieve it. That's why goals need timeframes and measurable action steps along the way so that we can keep track of progress and make adjustments as necessary.

As stated in the IB mission “The IB aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect” Nicely put but how do we achieve this? One tool to look at is the Learner Profile with its 10 attributes; Inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced and reflective.

We asked the students not only to look at the academics but also at the other attributes of the Learner Profile that one could use to improve. To my idea the “best” student is one that has all Learner Profile attributes at heart and actually applies them in the best way possible.

Their SMART goals have been written down in ManageBac so they can reflect on them again at the end of semester 2.

Ate Hemmes
MYP Coordinator

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IBDP Updates

Dear Parents / Guardians,

End of semester exams for the IBDP students are coming to an end.

Personal Security Program

DP2 Students will be going into universities far away from the secured care and guidance of school, parents and native country. Experiences in life chisels a person's personality, these days some of these experiences are fatal, which brings us to the point of being proactive rather than being reactive. This personal security training is one such initiative aimed at preparing our students for life. The program is scheduled for 1-2 December, 2017 (tomorrow and Saturday).

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Internal Assessment submission dates for DP2

IA dates for the month of December 2017 are below

December

- 4-7 Group 4 Projects
- 6 Business management IA /GEOGRAPHY IA
- 8 MATHS IA
- 22 CAS Final Essay

Subjects due for Jan 2018 are below

- 12 TOK ESSAY
- 19 BIOLOGY IA / Theatre- Collaborative Study (performance
- 26 Extended Essay

Parents / Guardians are requested to guide their wards to effectively complete their internal assessments in an orderly manner. Upload all the works in ManageBac ensuring transparency.

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Counselor's Corner



All too soon this semester is almost over. We thank God for taking us through another successful semester. From College Guides, we wish our wonderful TIS family a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS in Advance! 😊

Reminder on Test Dates for the Academic Year (2018).

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SAT 2017-2018

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE
10 MARCH, 2018**	9 JAN, 2018
5 MAY, 2018	6 MARCH, 2018

ACT 2017-2018

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE
14 April, 2018	16 Feb, 2018

SAT SUBJECT TEST ONLY ** & REGULAR SAT ONLY *

All tests for this calendar year have been closed. DP1 students are advised to take note of next year's test dates and prepare accordingly over the break



ALL SAT AND ACT REGISTRATIONS TO BE DONE ONLINE, BEGINNING IN 2018. PAYMENTS TO BE MADE BY PARENTS DIRECTLY ONLINE VIA CREDIT CARD, TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN, AHEAD OF REGISTRATION DEADLINES.

Over the years, SAT Registrations have been completed via paper applications. And this entailed a long cumbersome process of having students complete paper registration forms, and then having to post the forms to testing agencies abroad via DHL.

This method of registering students for standardized tests was wrought with several challenges. For instance, the inability of students to access their admission tickets on time, parents having to come all the way to T.I.S. to make payments for these tests ahead of time, typographical errors in spelling of students names and other details on the part of SAT, in transferring information from paper registration, onto the online system amongst others.

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Due to these reasons, in our bid to make the registration process smoother, faster and more convenient, we have decided to switch to an online registration system entirely, for both SAT and ACT registrations, starting January 2018. Manual registrations will no longer be accepted. Students will be required to register online for their test themselves under the supervision of the College Guides, using their credit cards, upload passport-sized pictures, print out and submit their SAT / ACT Admission tickets to be given to their respective counselor, ahead of the prescribed registration deadlines. In lieu of this, parents are advised to get their credit card details ready for payment.

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Summer Programs

All DP1 students are reminded of the upcoming summer programs. Interested students are expected to see their counselors before they leave to create an account and they are to work on the essays and application over the Christmas break. All these will be reviewed in the first week when school reopens. Students are to submit their essays and complete the summer program applications no later than January 12, 2018 or they won't be allowed to participate. We encourage students to take part in the summer programs as it gives them a firsthand experience of college life and also enriches their college applications. Below is a list of the summer programs.

- ✚ Yale Young Global Scholars Program- Yale, USA
- ✚ Yale Young African Scholars Program, T.I.S., Ghana
- ✚ Syracuse University, Summer Program- New York, USA
- ✚ SCAD Summer Program- Creative Careers, Art & Design, USA
- ✚ Oxford Scholastica Summer Program: UK
- ✚ International Soccer & Summer Camp- U.K (Organized by ComeStudyInternational)

DP2 due tasks for the Week.

All DP2s applying to Canada are expected to complete their OUAC applications and also submit all their commonapp supplements to their counselors. They are also reminded to submit their completed Non-Commonapp forms to their respective counselors as well as finish up all outstanding work. They should remember that teachers, counselors and all other staff will be away over the Christmas break. We wish them the very best as we continue to pray for excellent university offers!

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SCAD Workshop!!!

Are you interested in visual arts, design or digital media? Are you looking forward to developing a career in this field? Do you seek answers to mind bothering questions about arts?

If your answer is yes then you don't want to miss out on the upcoming SCAD workshop. Yes, SCAD is organizing an art workshop right here on the T.I.S. premises. Other schools such as SOS-HGIC will be joining us. See details below;

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- This workshop will be for Grade 10 and IBDP students specifically interested in visual arts, design or digital media.
- A Graphic Design Professor from SCAD will lead a project with the students to help them better understand the degree program and the industry
- Format will be a lecture and an ‘in-class project.’
- Date: Thursday, 7 December from 3-5pm.
- Venue: Tema International School.



[#SCAD VISIT!](#)

The Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), is certainly “The University for Creative Careers” as their slogan states. A couple of weeks ago, SCAD invited college counselors from 5 international schools in Ghana. Mrs. Eunice Fianu, represented the T.I.S. College Guidance & Counseling department at the 3-day event. There were four other counselors who participated from SOS-Hermann Gmeiner International College, Lincoln Community School, Al-Rayan International School and Ghana International School.

The event involved a tour of the picturesque stylish SCAD campus in the heart of Atlanta, Georgia, and close-up interactions with students and staff of SCAD. Eunice interacted with two alumni of Tema International School- David Quampah and Mame Ekuia Cudjoe (T.I.S. Class of 2017) and some other African students, and they shared their experiences as SCAD freshman students. It was obvious that although it was a lot of hard work, they totally loved it so far!

Here are snippets of their reflections: “At SCAD, they take Art and Design seriously, they encourage entrepreneurship and collaboration among the various Art and Design disciplines, professors are very supportive and everyone seems welcoming (G.I.S. student).” “If you are late for class by 15 minutes, 4 times in the semester, you will be withdrawn from the university, so they always keep us on our toes and you learn to be punctual and to meet deadlines (Mame Ekuia Cudjoe, T.I.S.)” “At SCAD, you are challenged to be creative because you see creativity all around you, you just cannot afford to produce mediocre work. The work here is like 3 times the amount of work we did during the IB Diploma Programme (David Quampah, T.I.S.)”

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We believe that students are more likely to excel at the university when they follow their passion and choose career paths that align with their interests and talents, and SCAD is a

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great place to unearth creative and artistic potential! Parents are encouraged to be more open to these options for their children. 😊

Highlights from the trip:

- ✓ SCAD is one of the best Art and Design schools in the world. This was evidenced by the quality facilities and ultra-modern equipment available to their students and staff. Their classrooms and other facilities were simply breath-taking. Internship opportunities at SCAD are meaningful and unlimited!
- ✓ SCAD provides the most art and design degrees of any university in the U.S, with more than 100 degree programs across more than 40 disciplines and more than 75 minors, at the undergraduate (Bachelor's) and graduate (Master's) level.
- ✓ SCAD offers degrees in Atlanta and Savannah, Georgia, Hong Kong, and online via eLearning, with additional study abroad opportunities in Lacoste, France and other locations.
- ✓ The Atlanta campus location is in a beautiful suburban-setting in a vibrant city- with lots to do!
- ✓ Popular programs of study include Architecture, Graphic Design, Interior Design, Industrial Design, Printmaking, Film and Television, Sound Design, Sculpture, Production Design, Photography, Performing Arts, Writing, Interactive Design and Game Development among others.
- ✓ There are 100+ student clubs and organizations
- ✓ All admitted students may be considered for a variety of achievement and academic scholarships covering partial to full tuition: scad.edu/scholarships
- ✓ Students are urged to complete a portfolio as part of the application requirements
- ✓ Recruiters love to hire SCAD graduates! Frequent recruiters include Amazon, Apple, Disney, Google, IBM, Microsoft, NASA, Nickledeon, Nike, Dreamworks, Pixar etcetera
- ✓ Unparalleled opportunities for “late bloomers” (adults) to pursue their creative career passions

Start your Creative Career journey at SCAD today!!! <http://www.scad.edu/>

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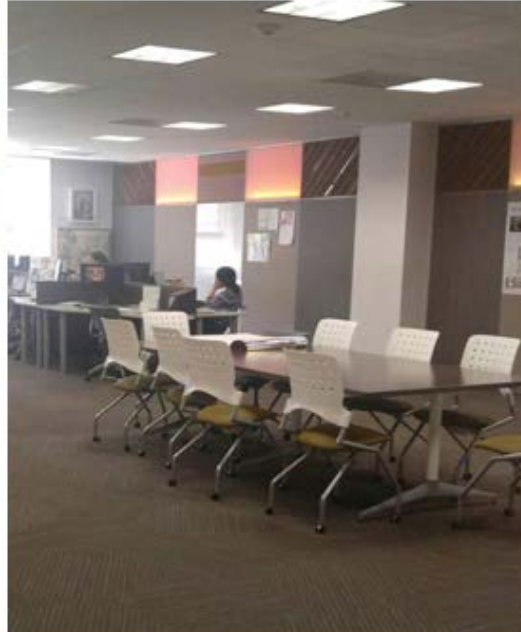
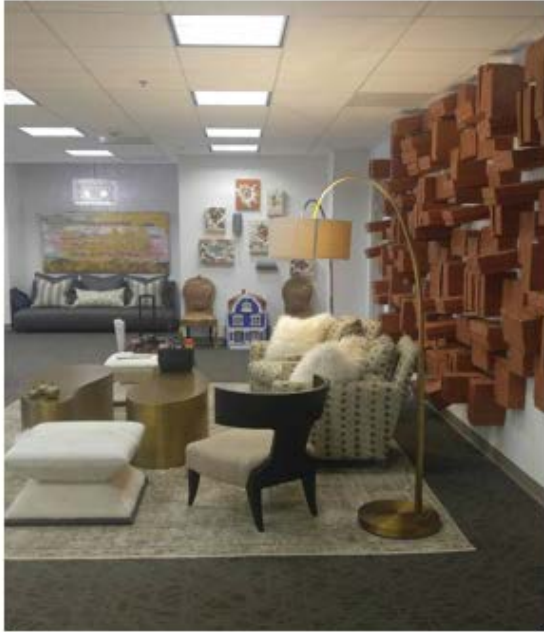
Below are a few pictures from the visit @ SCAD (with our alumni Mame Ekua Cudjoe and David Quampah):

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This 'mushroom-designed' outfit- a selection from SCAD's Museum of Fashion, was designed by Guo Pei, an acclaimed fashion designer- the first Chinese national designer.

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Alumni Corner

Alumni of the week!!!



Name: Lynette Adomako-Kwapong
Year Group: Class of 2016
Hostel & Colour: Catherine Hostel & Yellow Outeniqua
Roles at TIS: Co-Organizer for Catherine Hostel, Director of Make up for Sarafina, Member of Minister in Genesis, Member of Costume team for The Lion King Production, Colour Leader for Yellow Outeniqua, Nutritional Head/Table Head 2014/2015/2016
Most Memorable moments: our

trips as a grade

Current University: Rowan University in New Jersey

Year of graduation: 2020

Areas of studies: Majoring in Communication Studies with a Certificate of Undergraduate Studies in French and a minor in Human Resource

Currently working: Victoria's Secret (Sales Associate)

Favourite Quote: What doesn't kill you definitely makes you stronger

Philosophy: Perseverance is key, even when it seems all hope is lost. There is light at the end of the tunnel.

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CAS & Service in Action updates



It's that time of the year when we all come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The entire TIS family will join us for an evening's communal festive feast of love with music, dance and poetry. There will be a number of inspiring performances from Staff, Parents, Cathony & Francelia Hostels, the TIS choir and many more.

3 December, 2017 - 7:00pm – TIS Multi-Purpose Hall



What is your gift of love this Christmas? Let's reflect on the things that really matters.
My gift of love is Family & Kindness. WHAT IS YOURS?
'True love is not self-seeking. It keeps no record of wrongs and demands nothing in return.'

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PS: Come with a gift of love (non-perishable food, story books, clothes, footwear) to support our student's service initiatives.



My gift of love is my family and joy. **Elizabeth Anatsui, Grade 9**

My gift of love is my family because without them I feel so empty. **Anyonam Bediako, Grade 9**

My gift of love is friends and family they are my support system and always make me happy. **Lilainie Adjei-Addo, GR 9**

My gift of love for Christmas is laughter because with laughter comes joy and happiness. It can make your whole day much better. **Salim Roland G12**



My gift of love for Christmas is success because I want to make my parents and myself proud in everything I do. **Aku Addo, Grade 10**

My gift of love for Christmas is creativity. I love getting together with all my family and friends and just dancing to whatever music is being played. It brings me joy! **Bethany Buah, Grade 9**

WISDOM. I hope I have wisdom enough to do what's best for people around me, including family and friends. It should make me more compassionate and understanding even for years to come. **Araba Adenu-Mensah, G12**

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My gift of love this Christmas is positivity! Everything might be going wrong but if you are positive everything will be alright!!!! - Mifatu Gadzekpo, G12

My gift of love this Christmas is a smile. To smile in every situation and to smile because it is a blessing to smile. Nuna Attipoe, Gr12

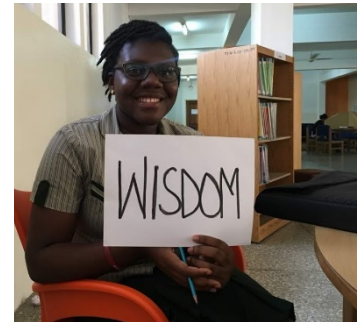
My gift of love for Christmas is kindness. Christmas is a time to share and be grateful for everything in this world. Christmas is a time to show love by giving. Amanda Fafa Awumee, Gr9

My gift of love this Christmas is unity. After going through troubles together, together we look up to the sun, at the end of the day, we come together as one.

Shanda Otchere, Gr9

Christmas is a time of giving and sharing, that's what makes it our favorite holiday. With the festivities of Christmas comes the joy of love, the happiness of laughter and the blessing of togetherness. It is during this time that we can truly reflect on and appreciate

all the good we've encountered in the year gone. If this isn't beautiful, then we don't know what is. By: Marie-Gabriella & Naa Momo – G12



It's Christmas Season again! Let us spread the warmth of our hearts and learn to love each other. May your Christmas be happy and exciting and may your Christmas be filled with many gifts. May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace and love from all around. Shall all impossibility in your will be possible. Wishing you all a lovely Christmas. Maame Ama Gr11

Maame Ama Gr11

Like the sparkling lights, let yourself shine in the darkness this Christmas. Let faith guide you, courage shield you, let love consume you. May the blessings of the season fill your life with joy and hope that happy times and good fortune are headed your way this coming year. Merry Christmas to everyone!!! Andrew Nartey – Gr12



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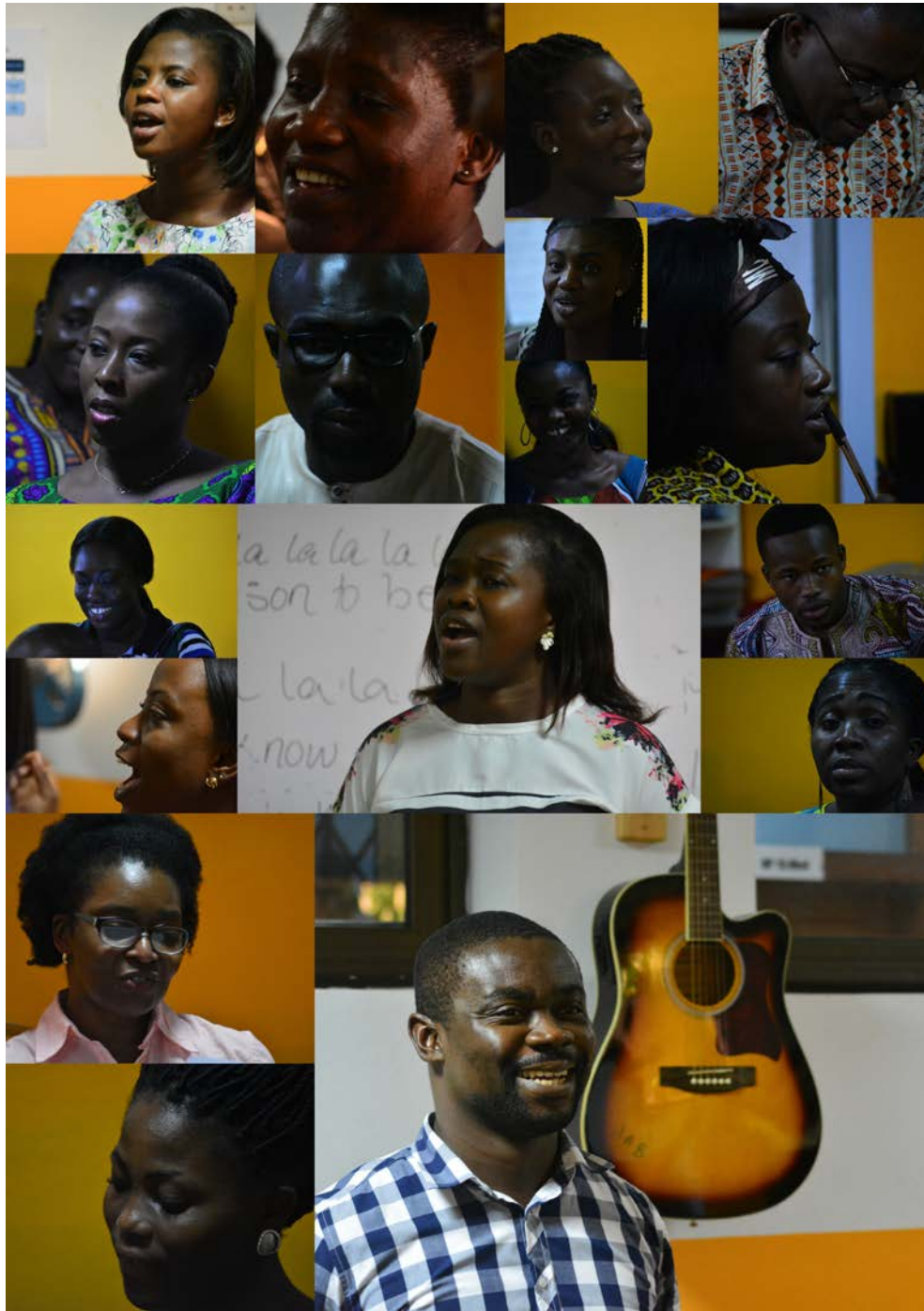




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Faces behind the melodious voices..



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