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Thought for the Week

Success is something you attract by the person you become.

- Jim Rohn

Calendar

- 13/1/18: TIS athletics carnival (8.30am-1.00pm)
- 14/1/17: Thanksgiving and Leadership Induction Service (11.00am); Visiting Sunday (1.00-5.00pm)
- 19/1/18: TIS Interact Charter Night (7.00pm: MPH)
- 20/1/18: S2 Health Walk (6.00am)
- 27/1/18: ISSAG basketball and hockey championships; School choir festival (Accra)
- 31/1/18-2/2/18: G11 Akorlikope SL trip
- 6/2/18: Applications close for Yale Young African Scholars Program
- 10/2/18: ISSAG Athletics Carnival
- 14-15/2/18: MYP Consultancy Visit
- 16/2/18: IB African Education Festival (Accra)

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Making US Proud

- TIS Alumni: This week we celebrate our Alumni as they join us in several activities that highlight their value as members of the TIS family. Their guidance, support and wisdom to current students are immeasurable.
- TIS Parents who attended yesterday's 3-Way Interviews. Thank you.
- Yehowahi, Marie-Noelle, Karen and other outgoing Student Council executives for your leadership over the past 12 months.

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Reminders

- *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 see the flyer inside this Bulletin for more details. Importantly, apply now and don't leave it too late and miss out. Applications close on 6/2/18.

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- 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.
- 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.]
- *ManageBac (MB) and Naviance*: If you have any difficulties registering or logging in, please email Ken (principal@tis.edu.gh)
- *Student Medication*: Any student medication must be sent to the Infirmary, along with medication instructions.
- *Devices*: Until further notice, students will only be allowed one laptop computer for use at school. Tablets, iPads and iPods will not be allowed. This action is to emphasise that devices are to assist students with their learning and not distract them from learning. Students without laptops will be able to access the IT Lab during school hours.

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Welcome to Second Semester

It was delightful to see our students return last week after their Christmas vacation. There was certainly a lot of chatter in the carpark as students caught up with each other and shared stories. It is always great to witness their excitement and camaraderie. We have a busy semester ahead of us and an important one for our Grade 10 and 12 students who will sit their final examinations.

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Athletics Carnival

Our annual TIS Athletics Carnival will be held tomorrow, Saturday, from 8.30am -1.00pm. Parents, Alumni and Staff will also be competing in relays and 100m, so come dressed ready to enjoy the carnival.

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Thanksgiving Service and Induction of Student

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Second semester Thanksgiving Service and the Induction of the 2018 Student Council will be held on Sunday (14 January) from 11.00am - 12.45pm in the MPH. Please join us if you can.

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Visiting Sunday

Sunday afternoon (1.00-5.00pm) is Visiting Sunday and an opportunity to bring items that students overlooked or left at home last week.

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Student Council Elections

Student Council elections were held this week and I congratulate the successful students. I also thank and admire those students who nominated themselves, but were unsuccessful on this occasion. I am also aware that there were many students with strong leadership skills who did not nominate for leadership positions. Fortunately, students can take advantage of many leadership opportunities within TIS throughout the year. These experiences are important in terms of personal growth and development.

While all students are expected to be good role models and ambassadors for TIS, our expectation for any student leader is to be an outstanding role model. Anything less will result in the removal from the position.

The names of the elected Student Council members are listed in this Bulletin.

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3Ps

Planning. Punctuality. Performance. It is not only an important semester for our exam candidates (G10 & 12), but also all students. To enjoy a successful semester, students will need to focus on the 3Ps.

Planning. Students have a lot to do during the semester and it is very easy to become distracted by being involved in the many activities available at TIS. First, students need to articulate their goals for this semester. If students allow others to plan their time, then it is unlikely that personal goals will be achieved, or at least to the expected standard. All planning takes time to develop, yet many people do not set aside this time, instead preferring to 'wing it' or 'fly by the seat of their pants'. Without planning, success will rely on luck and good fortune, and disappointment is a frequent outcome.

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Punctuality. It is critical that individuals respect time. A lack of respect will result in chaos, missed deadlines and opportunities. Planning and punctuality fit like gloves. Prioritising and allowing adequate time to complete tasks are essential skills for any successful person. Leaving things until the last minute will result in disappointment and the failure to achieve the best possible outcome, due to the last-minute rush to complete a task.

Performance. Students must be very clear about what they want to achieve by the end of this semester. In the planning stage, they will have articulated their goals to achieve. Students must ensure they reflect on their goals regularly to remind themselves so that focus can be maintained. They must remove distractions. They must ensure they use their time wisely. They must have a clear understanding of the task components, practise the requisite skills regularly, ensure adequate sleep, submit all tasks before due dates and reflect on all feedback. They must remain focused and committed to achieving their goals.

Getting the 3Ps right will ensure success this semester.

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.**

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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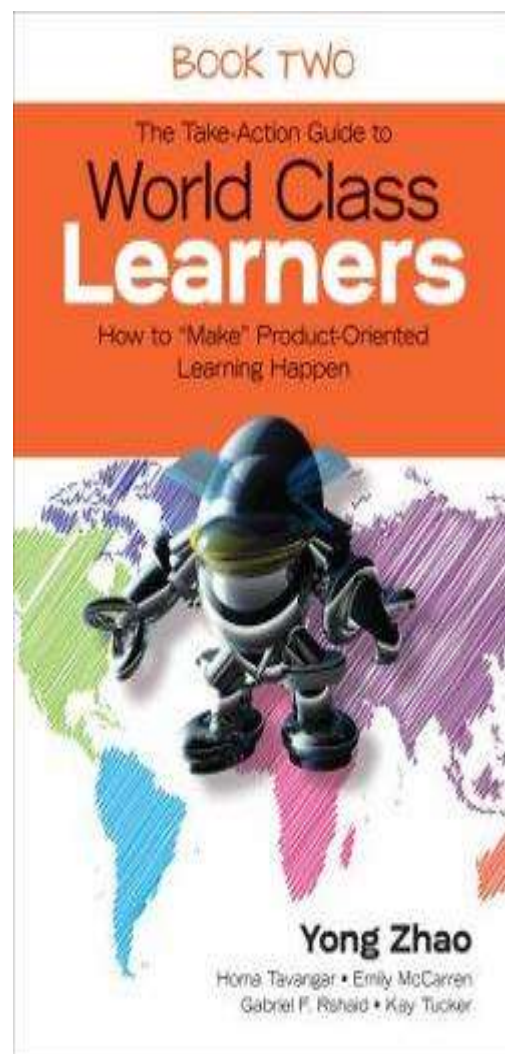
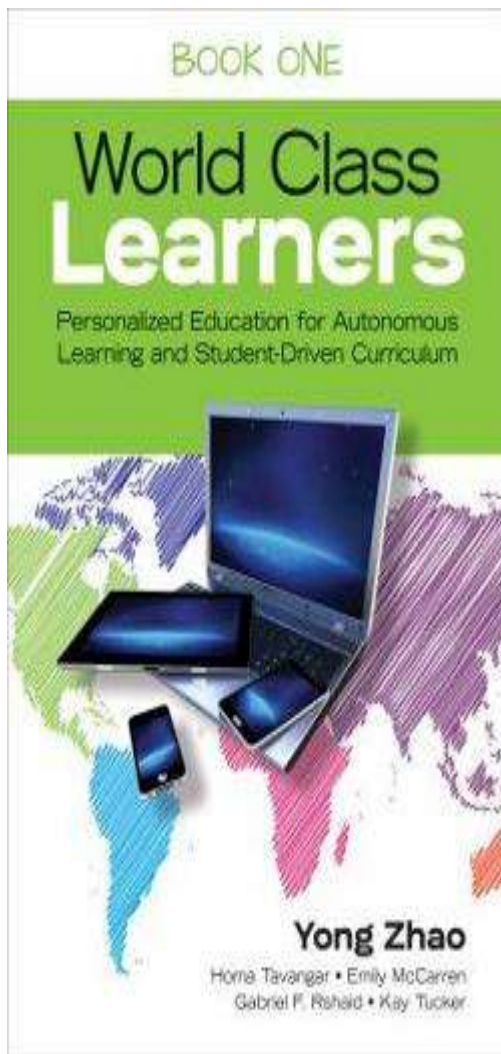


Learning Centre Corner

I take this opportunity to welcome all members of the TIS community back to school. I strongly believed that you had enough rest capable of propelling you throughout this semester.

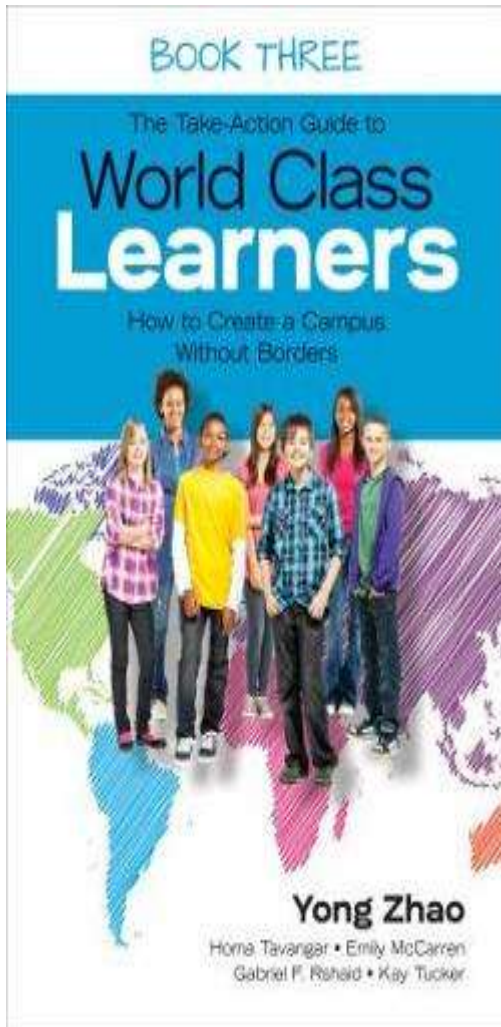
The LC stands ready to assist you in every possible way to enable you accomplish your academic goals and objectives set for year - 2018. Grab the opportunity!

The LC continues to add on to its stock, exciting, informative and easily digestible titles to make your reading and information seeking duties complete and less stressful. To this end, the LC introduces you to a set of titles whose front covers are displayed below together with many others currently on display under our 'New Books' shelves.



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The LC is determined to provide requisite resources in formats that would ostensibly equip users to becoming life-long and self-directed learners.

Your devices should not in any way deprive you of the opportunity to relax with an exciting best seller or popular title as you build on your vocabulary. **‘College Board - Must-Read’** titles to keep you busy and fired up are still available for check out. Query the LC catalogue to know the titles available and draw up a plan to read these recommended titles.

Head/Earphones

Students are once again reminded that use of head/earphones is **NOT** allowed in the LC. Any student who wishes to use his/her head/earphones for purely academic work should first seek for the necessary approval from any LC staff. Students who flout this directive will have their head/earphones confiscated.

Open Library

Open Library (<https://openlibrary.org/>) is comprised of two great parts! A free, digital lending library of over 2 million eBooks that can be read in a browser or downloaded for reading off-line and a unique

project to build one web page for every book ever published. Over 20 million books already have a page on Open Library.

Users are also invited to participate in the building of this site. It is an Open project - the software is open, the data is open, the documentation is open, and the site is open. Anyone can participate in this project. Visit Open Library site to experience its worth of resources at no cost. In other words, it is absolutely free.

Extended Opening Hours

The LC since October, 2017, has extended its closing time from 4.30pm to 5.00pm. Staff and students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity and make effective use of our services and resources.

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To search for credible and reliable information, look no further. It starts right ...



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

TIS Learning Centre: **“Right Place To Be”!**

LC Team

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It had been a long time...

This morning I saw the Grade 7 students for the first time this semester in my Art class. It had been a long time, five weeks since the last session. They are the youngest in school, lively, enthusiastic, eager and a joy to teach. Earlier this week a student came to my office, as he had to do some inquiry about intrinsic and extrinsic motivation. He wanted to know from me what brought me, and probably kept me, in education. Of course the financial side of it is a motivation but as they say “money can’t buy you happiness”. More important is the intrinsic motivation that keeps people going. For me it has always been the students who are the driving force behind my intrinsic motivation. I want them to learn from me in order to be able to perform to the best of their potential academically but also grow emotionally to become a well-balanced person. In return I learn from the students every day again, so it’s a win-win situation.

Extrinsic vs Intrinsic



With the start of the second semester, having seen the results of the first semester, the students will have to set their targets. In some cases the reports might have been disappointing and strategies will have to be developed to ensure progress for the rest of the year. In a school with many teachers, hopefully with the same intrinsic motivation to teach, students will be able to find and receive the help they need. The one mistake students however should not make is to

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rely solely on the help of others. For them as well it has to be the intrinsic motivation that will have to drive them. Of course it is nice to get a regular pat on the shoulder as well as good grades. But it has to go beyond that. Students will need to look in the future and realise that it is all for their own future, which they are working at and it is up to them how that future will be shaped.

Split somewhere in the middle by the Easter holiday we will have 19 weeks to work on this. Seems a long period of time but we know how time flies...

Let's all make the best of it. Good luck.

Ate Hemmes
MYP Coordinator

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From Concept to Reality in the Creative Arts



Where do ideas come from?

How are ideas realised?

The rigour and demands of the creative arts discipline sets the pace for the students' engagements with a number of life skills. One of those engagements is the development of an abstract idea and the happenings around the idea into a piece of artwork for appreciation by an audience. The skills required in developing any concept within the creative art enhances the students' ability to see the potential in any opportunity that presents itself. The process of developing the concept enhances the students' creativity which is needed in any working environment/career.

Developing my concept to reality

Reality to me is what I am, where I'm at and basically the state of things as they actually exist. I for one decide to live in an opposed idealistic or notional dream state.

To develop a concept to reality, I set realistic time bound achievable goals. As an individual who is at a self-activation stage in life, I have been able to assess an identity, certain weak and strong spots in my character. Therefore, setting these goals keeps me in check with the idea that is reality. These goals start of as small time bound achievable goals. As I accomplish each one, they gradually grow into "beyond achievable" but yet possible goals. I believe taking this risk and challenging myself is how I develop my concept to reality.

Linainie Adjei-Addo- G9 Drama

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Service in Action Corner



Community Project Awareness trip – Gr 8 students spent time at the Tetteh Ochloo State School of the Deaf learning sign language and engaging with the children. How well do you know your community and what can you do to bring about change in your community? Community awareness is a step towards community development.

'If I am giving a change to come here again I will teach the children how to make beads. I will invite them to spend time in our school. This trip was really insightful. Araba

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I use to think deaf children were sad and did not do as much as we do. I was wrong. They are happy and very smart. They taught us to say our name and some other words using sign language.' **Nina**

'We will organize a soccer match between Tetteh Ochloo State School of the Deaf & Tema International School - I can't wait for that day. It's going to be fun.' **Ernest and Dion**

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CAS Corner

Public Toilet Project at Gomoa Broforyeduru by Alistair Kirk (Grade 11)

As part of attempts to make his world a better place, Alistair Kirk, a Grade 11 student of Tema International School, for his CAS initiative has embarked on a project to build public toilet facilities in his hometown, Gomoa Broforyeduru, in the Central Region of Ghana. The idea to embark on this project came when he got to know that the entire community does not have a single public toilet facility and none in their homes too. The people in the community resort to nearby bushes as their 'places-of-convenience'.

Alistair Kirk during the Christmas break paid a visit to the Chiefs of the community, in the company of his father and two staff members from Tema International School, Mr. Alex Tay and Mr. Ebenezer Asime. The visit was officially to tell the community of his intentions to build the two toilet facilities and to conduct a feasibility study for the project. The visit and feasibility study were very successful. The chiefs warmly welcomed the idea and expressed their immense gratitude for the project. They also were assured of their utmost cooperation towards the success of it. They started by taking the team around the community to identify some suitable places for the toilet facilities.

Alistair Kirk is very hopeful of the success for this project. He believes not only will it correct the practice of using bushes as 'places-of-convenience' in the community, but also help to prevent many possible disease outbreaks.



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Dear Fellow – Christmas Donation to Handi*Vangelism Children’s Home



The Dear Fellow Team during the Christmas break donated a set of food items and school uniform materials to Handi*Vangelism Children’s Home. Dear Fellow is an ongoing CAS Project that has adopted Handi*Vangelism Children’s Home at Haatso.

Twice a year, the Dear Fellow team, made up of IB DP students from Tema International School, visit their friends at the Children’s Home to engage with them on a number of fun, educative and charity activities. This past Christmas, the Dear Fellow team donated 45 yards of school uniform materials to the kids at Handi*Vangelism Children’s Home. The donation of the school uniform materials was upon request from the management of the home, as a number of the kids did not have school uniforms. As a bonus to the donations of the school uniform materials and within the festive mood of Christmas, the Dear Fellow team also donated 2 bags of 50kg rice and 3 containers of 25 litres cooking oil. The team also spent time with the kids over fun activities.

Dear Fellow wishes to thank everyone who supported them to donate to the kids at Handi*Vangelism. The team is currently working towards their next project, to renovate and give a face-lift to the library at the Children’s Home. They will welcome any support in the form of stationery items and computers.

Audrey Antwi-Assimeng and Mifatu Gadzekpo, both in Grade 12, initiated Dear Fellow. Tiffany Agyarko, John Abbeo, and Kojo Ohemeng, all in Grade 11, currently lead the team with support from their grade mates.

Update on On-Going Projects



Interact Club of Tema International School Charter Night

The Interact Club of Tema International School humbly calls on the TIS community to support the planning and organization of their Charter Night ceremony, geared towards raising funds to

support premature babies in Ghana. In collaboration with *LittleBigSouls* Ghana, they will purchase an **incubator worth GHC 60,000 for Tema General Hospital.**

The Interact Club is a worldwide organization under the auspices of Rotary Club International. Rotary is dedicated to six areas of focus to build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever. Our club chose to embark on creating awareness about premature health under the umbrella of *Maternal & Child Health.*

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We would like to invite you to our Charter Night ceremony to inaugurate us into a full membership club on Friday **19 January 2018** at the **Multi-Purpose Hall 7:00pm**. There will be a cocktail and a raffle. Ticket on sales at GHC 50.00. To purchase your ticket kindly contact the Interact Patron, Grace Kabukie Attram, and Interact President - Anna Maria Poku (Gr 12) or Vice President Mifa Gadzekpo (Gr 12).



Come on board with us to touch lives and save premature babies.
Every breath counts!



TIS Amnesty Club – Press Conference of Anti-Corporal Punishment Advocacy Campaign

Corporal Punishment in Ghanaian schools has been a subject of controversy among the different stakeholders in the educational sector. In its November 2017 report on the state of corporal punishment in Ghanaian schools, The Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children states that:

Corporal punishment is lawful in schools. Pursuant to the Education Act 1961, the Ghana Education Code of Discipline for second cycle school provides for caning up to six strokes by a head teacher or person authorised by the head. Article 13(2) of the Children’s Act 1998 also applies, allowing for “justifiable correction”. Ministerial directives advise against the use of corporal punishment in schools but this has not been confirmed in legislation. (Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children, 2017)

As a result, the TIS Amnesty Club is initiating a campaign to promote positive and proactive behaviours in schools among students and teachers, as an antidote to corporal punishment. To kick-start this campaign, the TIS Amnesty club seeks to hold a press conference on **Friday, 26 January 2018, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm**. The press conference will bring together many stakeholders in the educational sector to add their voice to the campaign and emphasize the need to abolish completely all forms of corporal punishment in Ghanaian schools.

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CHARTER NIGHT

In collaboration with **LittleBigSouls** Ghana

A charity event to create awareness about premature babies
and to raise funds to purchase an incubator for
Tema General Hospital.

19 January - 2018
TIS Multi Purpose Hall
7:00pm

Dress Code: Black Tie
Theme: "Every Breath Counts"
Ticket sale - GHC 50.00

Make supporting our Preemies your 2018 New Year Resolution

1 million
premature babies
die each year
worldwide

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