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## TIS BULLETIN: 19 JANUARY, 2018

## Thought for the Week

It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all – in which case, you fail by default.

- J K Rowling

#### Calendar

19/1/18: TIS Interact Charter Night (7.00pm: MPH)

20/1/18: S2 Health Walk (6.30am)

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**

- Green House: Won the TIS Athletics Carnival last Saturday in convincing style.
- Maame Ama Benyarko: Most outstanding athlete at the athletics carnival.
- Sedo Sezan and Gabrielle Manu: the fastest boy and girl (respectively) at TIS and each setting a new record in their Champion of Champions event.

#### 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















- 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: <a href="https://www.tis.edu.gh/exeat-form">https://www.tis.edu.gh/exeat-form</a> [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 (<u>principal@tis.edu.gh</u>)
- 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.

#### **Athletics Carnival**

Last Saturday saw 10 new records set as students competed in our annual athletics carnival. There were some great performances across track and field events. Sedo Sezan and Gabriella Manu won the double, each setting new records for their 100m age group, as well as the Boys and Girls Champion of Champions event. Sedo was pushed all the way by Ivan Katey, Darin Sarpong and Alhaji Douda.

The outstanding athlete on the day was Mame Ama Benyarko, our newly-elected Sports Executive. Abena Okai and Yanmife Fajemirokun were two other stars on the day.

New records were established by:

- Nanaa Larbi: open girls 100m (15.08)
- Sedo Sezan: open boys 100m (11.77); boys champion of champions 100m (11.84)
- Gabriella Manu: U17 girls 100m (14.96); girls champion of champions 100m (14.43)
- Alhaji Douda: open boys 400m (48.71); open boys long jump (4.76m)
- Shanda Otchere: open girls discus (23.10m)
- Hannibal Richter-Addo: open boys discus (32.23m)
- Maame Ama Benyarko: open girls long jump (3.92m).

Congratulations to the Green House, 2018 Athletic Champions.















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A list of TIS athletic records can be found in this Bulletin.

## **Student Leaders' Induction Ceremony**

Last Sunday, our new Student Council leaders, executives and representatives were inducted in an inspiring ceremony during which the outgoing 2017 Student Council were recognized and farewelled. We look forward to these elected leaders and representatives being role models for their peers, demonstrating integrity and respect at all times.

Last week's list of Student Council Representatives did not include the elected Hostel Representatives. The full list can be found in this Bulletin.

#### Admissions for 2018/2019

Admissions for 2018/2019 opened on 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.

Consequently, there will be no fixed testing dates. Families should advise Bijoux of suitable dates and times so that the testing can be completed, and you can save some money.

What sort of questions are asked in aptitude tests? The questions look at patterns, relationships, vocabulary and meaning. For example:

- Underline the word that has been misspelt in each sentence.
- Choose the missing word in this sentence from the list.
- What is the next number in this sequence?
- Comprehension questions for a reading passage.

You can't study for an aptitude test. However, you will enjoy it if you are a reader, and you enjoy maths and writing. Reports from the test will be available (at cost) and identify particular strengths and areas for attention, as well as predicting the likely result for the student in MYP, IG and DP final exams.

Detailed information about admission to TIS and the process can be found at: <a href="https://tis.openapply.com">https://tis.openapply.com</a>

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#### School Recommendations

Parents are required to give the school one semester's notice of withdrawal from TIS, with the exception of our G12 students. This is especially important when it comes to preparing student recommendations. Parents should advise Bijoux by 31 January if their son or daughter will not be returning to TIS in 2018/2019. Recommendations can be prepared and be available to send directly to schools. With mock exams (March) and final exams (April-June) just around the corner, a minimum notice of four weeks for a recommendation will be required from 1 February 2018. All recommendation requests must be made through Bijoux. Individual teachers are not to be approached.

## **Grade 10 Subject Selection for G11**

Grade 10 students will commence their subject selection for Grade 11 over the next four weeks. It is important that students and parents start thinking about subjects and their levels, as each student must select three subjects at Higher Level (HL) and three subjects at Standard level (SL). Higher Level subjects should reflect their choice of university program/s. However, students and parents must be aware that a minimum grade of a B in the IGCSE is required for a HL subject.

Our College Guides will play an important role in subject selection as it is critical that students' subjects and levels meet preferred university program requirements, remembering that requirements vary from country to country.

Mr Dev will be available after the Health Walk tomorrow from 8.00-9.00am in Handel Picasso Hall to assist any parents who wish to commence the G11 subject selection process.

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#### **MYP Consultation Visit**

On 14-15 February, our MYP Consultant will visit TIS to consider our progress towards MYP authorization. A lot of work has been done by Mr Ate and staff in paving the way with the implementation of MYP at TIS, as a Candidate School. There is still plenty to do and two challenges are the alignment of IG requirements to the MYP framework and increasing parent awareness about the program and its importance within the IB Continuum.

Hopefully, parents of G7-9 students are aware that MYP has final online exams (E-assessments) at the end of G10. Why is this important? DP is expected to move to E-assessments in 2020-2021. When the timeline is confirmed, it will be critical for our students to have experienced E-assessments at the end of Grade 10, in preparation for DP final exams in G12.















IGCSE was favoured by many because of the external exams at the end of Grade 10. This provided an essential 'exam' experienced for students before their senior secondary final

exams. Till now, final external paper exams in G10 match the experience in G12. Our students are advantaged by this experience. However, within the next few years, it is essential that our students have prior Eassessment experience before commencing the Diploma Programme. In this regard, TIS must be strategic and be ready two years before the introduction of DP Eassessments. For example, if DP E-assessments commence in 2021, then current G9 students should have the MYP Eassessment experience in 2019.

Obviously, the same terminology, assessment grades, and continuum learning experiences of MYP ensure a smoother transition for G10 students into the Diploma Programme.

#### **Health Walk**

Tomorrow, Saturday, 20

January, we will commence our second semester Health Walk at 6.30am.

It is a pleasant walk and healthy activity, despite the early start. I hope keen parents will join us again tomorrow.

I appreciate your support.

Dr Ken Darvall Principal





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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TIS ATHLETIC RECORDS AS AT 13/1/18

EVENT	AGE	STUDENT	COLOUR	RECORD	YEAR
100 metres	Open Girls	Nanaa Larbi	Blue	15.08	2018
100 metres	Open Boys	Sedo Sezan	Green	11.77	2018
100 metres	17 Years Girls	Gabriella Manu	Green	14.96	2018
100 metres	17 Years Boys	Nana Osei Mainoo	Yellow	12.38	2016
100 metres	16 Years Girls	Natasha Tetteh	Green	14.88	2016
100 metres	16 Years Boys	Sedo Sezan	Green	12.19	2016
100 metres	15 Years Girls	Gabriella Manu	Green	14.54	2016
100 metres	15 Years Boys	Sedo Sezan	Green	12.44	2015
100 metres	14 Years Girls	Maame Benyarko	Blue	15	2015
100 metres	14 Years Boys	Josid Owusu-Akyaw	Green	13.15	2016
100 metres	13 Years Girls	Oluwayanmife Fajemirokun	Red	16.08	2015
100 metres	13 Years Boys	Ayeh Obeng	Blue	13.82	2015
100 metres	12 Years Girls	Lydia Boahen	Green	15.88	2015
100 metres	12 Years Boys	Andrew Akiwumi	Red	14.16	2016
100 metres	Girls Champion of Champions	Gabriella Manu	Green	14.43	2018
100 metres	Boys Champion of Champions	Sedo Sezan	Green	11.84	2018
200 metres	Junior Girls	Oluwayanmife Fajemirokun	Red	28.32	2015
200 metres	Junior Boys	Ayeh Obeng	Blue	25.33	2015
200 metres	Intermediate Girls	Gabriella Manu	Green	26.52	2015
200 metres	Intermediate Boys	Joel Agbey	Blue	22.11	2015
200 metres	Open Girls	Oluwayanmife Fajemirokun	Red	28.83	2015
200 metres	Open Boys	Troy Amegashie	Blue	21.21	2015
400 metres	Open Girls	Maame Ama	Blue	1.03.84	2015
400 metres	Open Boys	Alhaji Dauda	Blue	48.71	2018
800 metres	Open Girls	Abena Okai	Green	2.47.16	2016
800 metres	Open Boys	David Quampah	Red	1.55.64	2015
1500 metres	Open Girls	Etornam Attiope	Yellow	6.55.82	2015
1500 metres	Open Boys	David Quampah	Red	4.13.55	2016
4x100 metres Relay	12-15 Years Girls	Green	Green	54.59	2016
4x100 metres Relay	12-15 Years Boys	Blue	Blue	46.02	2016
4x100 metres Relay	Open Girls	Green	Green	50.84	2016
4x100 metres Relay		Blue	Blue	42.5	2016
4x100 metres Relay	Special Mixed	Red	Red	46.63	2015
Discus	Open Girls	Shanda Otchere	Blue	23.1	2018
Discus	Open Boys	Hannibal Richter-Addo	Yellow	32.23m	2018
Shot Put	Open Girls	Phoebe Dadson	Green	7.5m	2016
Shot Put	Open Boys	Luke Ige	Green	11.8m	2016
Javelin	Open Girls	Abena Okai	Green	15.6m	2016
Javelin	Open Boys	Clement Owusu	Green	35.55m	2015
High Jump	Open Girls	Maame Benyarko/Mife Fajemirokum	Red/Blue	140cm	2016
High Jump	Open Boys	David Quartey	Yellow	180cm	2016
Long Jump	Open Girls	Maame Ama Benyarko	Blue	3.92m	2018
Long Jump	Open Boys	Alhaji Dauda	Blue	4.76m	2018















#### 2018 STUDENT COUNCIL

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Steven Opuni

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9B Arnold Gyateng

9C Germeine Kwakye

10A Ama Owusu-Manu

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#### **MYP Corner**

#### Why Universities Value IB Students So Highly

Despite what it shows in the link below it is not about beauty salons what you will read. http://chiswickherald.co.uk/chiswick-beauty-salons-275.htm

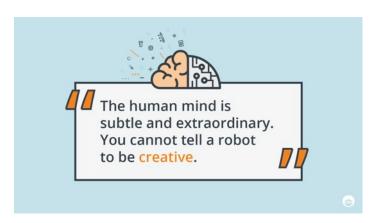
Instead it is a plea for deeper education as already build into the IB programmes (PYP,MYP and DP), in an the article was written by Paul Morris, my former colleague and Deputy Principal/ DP Coordinator at the International School of London, London.

Copied from the article; "From the Harvard Graduate School of Education to Google we get the message: if we are to educate for the future, we must prepare young people to deal with change; to learn not only to assimilate new information but also to evaluate it, critique it, reapply it, and on to invent again."

Often we mentioned before that we were responsible to educate students for jobs in the future that do not yet exist. That's nice, but at the same time doesn't say much.

More important are the tools we give the students to enable them to be ready for the future. For this they need to see the connections between subjects and the world around them. Personally I never understood how one could be prepared for the future when only taking three subjects in A-levels. This might have worked a century ago but surely will not equip the students with enough survival skills nowadays. Robots might be taking over jobs in the future but even these have to be designed and programmed. For this you need skilled people able to think both critically and creatively. Artificial Intelligence might be able to take over a lot but there are still things they can't do.

There we have the answer to why the universities value IB students. They have gone through a broad holistic education, enriched even more with: Personal Projects, Extended Essays, TOK, Service and Action and CAS. In this way we really try to do our best to prepare our students for what might be an unclear future.



Ate Hemmes MYP Coordinator

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#### **Arts Corner**

## **Product Design**

Product design in the MYP is aimed at exploring processes involved in developing and creating products looking at the difficulties and possibilities to better understand how things work. It aims at developing the critical and creative abilities of the student through an approach where students take pragmatic steps in solving needs and wants through experimentation and the creation of prototypes. It is a hands on creative approach where every student is engaged in production technology.

We thank God for bringing us back to school safely. Since the first day we were introduced to product design, class has been fun packed with lots of activities even within the various criteria we work on. I really enjoyed the first semester since I was able to express myself in so many ways.

I was able to work on my sandals from the beginning to the finishing by identifying various problems with current sandals and coming out with possible solutions. I



also managed to collaborate very well with others in class to make chairs out of cardboard. Though I am an individual worker, I enjoyed the collaboration aspect of the class. Though last semester we didn't have enough time to finish some of the criteria, I expect more time for our criteria and I expect the semester our units should be fast and easy in making the product.

#### Richard Agbemador Grade 8















#### **Science Corner**

#### **Background**

Chemical bonds are everywhere in our environment. Did you know that table salt your favourite seasoning, water, oxygen, food are all in existence as a result of chemical bonding?

Grade 10 Chemistry students investigated the properties of some common ionic and covalent compounds used on regular basis to understand their applications in our everyday activities.

#### **Reflections from students**

The chemistry experiment that took place was very enlightening and it was fun. We got to look at different samples which we tested the solubility, conductivity, and whether it could melt. My favorite part of the whole experiment is when we burnt sucrose and it smelt like burnt cotton candy.

#### -Danielle Manteaw

The Chemistry practical we engaged in was very eye opening and exciting as it gave me a clearer understanding of the different types of bonding. It also made the learning process of the topic faster and easier.

- Dwayne Gyateng.













#### **Counselor's Corner**



Happy New Year!!!!! We are back already. It is our pleasure to welcome the entire T.I.S. family back to school. We hope you all had a restful break and are rejuvenated to complete this academic year. To the staff, we hope to collaborate with you to achieve greater heights for the school. To our students, as always, our office is open to you and we are available to assist you as you may require. Let's all have a wonderful semester full of accomplishments! ©

#### WELCOME BACK!!!



We extend our heartiest congratulations to the newly elected leaders of the student body. We are sure that under your great leadership, wisdom and guidance, T.I.S will rise to greater heights and achievements. College Guides pledge our support and look forward to productive cooperation. We once again reiterate our sincere congratulations on your success!

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

#### SAT 2017-2018

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

#### ACT 2017-2018

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

SAT SUBJECT TEST ONLY \* & REGULAR SAT ONLY \*\*

DP1 students are advised to take note of this year's test dates and prepare accordingly. Please Note!

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AT TIS, we strongly advise DP1 students to take all standardized test for their U.S. universities at least once or twice before they complete DP1. This eases the burden of taking these tests in DP2 where they have other IB academic demands as senior DP2 students.

All interested students are to sign up with the College Guides this week! The deadline for the registration for both SAT & ACT is Friday 19 January, and payment online via credit card is due no later than Monday, 22 January 2018.

## **DP2 College Applications**

All DP2 students are reminded to **complete all pending application** materials, including financial aid forms and submission of SAT and ACT results. Any students with pending items should be sure to see their college guidance counselors immediately. Some of the **Ghanaian University application forms** for 2018/19 academic year are currently available on online. These include University of Ghana and Lancaster University (Ghana). Students should be on the lookout for when the other universities will open their applications. Interested students should inform counselors about their selected Ghanaian Universities and parents are reminded that application forms would have to be purchased and brought in to the Counselor to assist with completion of applications **before Friday 9 February , 2018.** 

This applies to students applying to African Leadership University (ALU), Mauritius as well. An email with more detailed information regarding the purchase of these applications will be provided to all DP2 parents via email next week.



We are excited to announce to the entire T.I.S. family, the incoming university offers!!! Congratulations to our DP2s who have been accepted into these schools!

- University of Pennsylvania, USA, USA-Full ride!
- New York University (Abu Dhabi), UAE-Full ride!
- Drexel University, USA
- Calvin College, USA
- Quinnipiac University, USA
- Purdue University, U.S.A.
- University of Massachusetts- Dartmouth, U.S.A.
- University of Waterloo, Canada
- Carleton University, Canada
- University of Nottingham, U.K.
- Nottingham Trent University, U.K.
- University of Hertfordshire, U.K.

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- University of Reading, U.K.
- Southampton Solent University, U.K.

Please stay tuned for more exciting updates on university offers!

#### **Alumni Week Celebration 2018**



The College Guides are very grateful to all T.I.S. alumni who made time to be part of our alumni week celebrations this week! It has been fun! We hope to see more alumni over the next couple of days. They are making us proud and sharing very important nuggets of wisdom with our continuing students and we are very thankful! We wish them the very best in their

endeavours and hope to see more of them this week and beyond! Below is a picture taken during a 'roundtable' discussion with some of our cherished alumni who have participated so far:

## **Upcoming College Visits**

DATE	SCHOOL	TIME	VENUE
24 JAN,18	EDUCANADA UNIV. FAIR	3:00pm	KEMPINSKI HOTEL
29 JAN,18	IAES UNIVERSITY FAIR	2:30pm	T.I.S. EINSTEIN EXAM HALL
20 FEB,18	ASTON UNIV., UK VISIT	3:30pm	T.I.S. LEARNING CENTRE
21 FEB,18	UNIV. OF SOUTHAMPTON, UK VISIT	9:45am	T.I.S. HP EXAM HALL
MARCH 18	YORK UNIVERSITY, CANADA	TBD	TBD
20 MAR,18	AUBURN UNIV., USA VISIT	11am	T.I.S. HP EXAM HALL (Counselors only)

Parents are welcome!















# COLLEGE HIGHLIGHT



- ❖ A leading global education group benchmark with the latest methods of teaching across the world.
- ❖ Located in different campuses in UK, Dubai, Singapore and Mauritius students are given the opportunity for exchange learning.
- ❖ Affiliated to University of Northampton, U.K.
- Merit based scholarships available for students
- ❖ Popular programs include: BA Business Administration (BBA) BSc (Hons) Computing. BSc (Hons) Computing (Mobile Computing) BSc (Hons) Computing (Web Technology and Security
- ❖ An incredible and vibrant campus with international representation
- ❖ A small class size of 30 on the Mauritius campus.
- Outstanding access to major cities and career –shaping internships and externships in an unparalleled variety of professions and industries.
- ❖ Visit: http://www.amity.edu/www.amity.edu/

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## **CAS Updates**

# **Interact Club of Tema International School Charter Night**

It been estimated that one in every eight babies is born prematurely. All over the world, preterm births have placed a strain on the very little lives of innocent babies and worry on their parents, especially the mothers. In Africa alone, there are 11 premature baby deaths every minute.

As an Interact Club of TIS, we want to add our voice and take action to minimize or curtail these unfortunate happenings by providing a fighting chance for these fragile little babies. In view of this, in collaboration with LittleBigSouls, we will raise funds to purchase an incubator, which would simulate the environment present in a mother's womb in order to help the babies' organs continue to develop naturally.

We have some of our members who were pre – term babies, but we look at them now, we are confident to say that every breath counts. Although it comes at a great cost of GHC



The Interact Club of

60,000, we believe that the value of the many children's lives we would save surpasses this amount by

Kindly donate to our cause and support us put a smile and give hope to a Premmie.



# TIS Amnesty Club – Anti-Corporal **Punishment Advocacy-Campaign**

The TIS Amnesty Club is initiating an advocacy campaign to promote positive and proactive behaviours in schools among students and teachers, as an antidote to corporal punishment. This attempt is to add on to existing programmes by GES and other advocacy groups towards ending corporal punishment in schools. The

campaign will be launched on Friday, 26 January 2018, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at Tema International School. The event will bring together many stakeholders in the educational sector to add their voices to the campaign and emphasize the need to abolish completely all forms of corporal punishment in Ghanaian schools.

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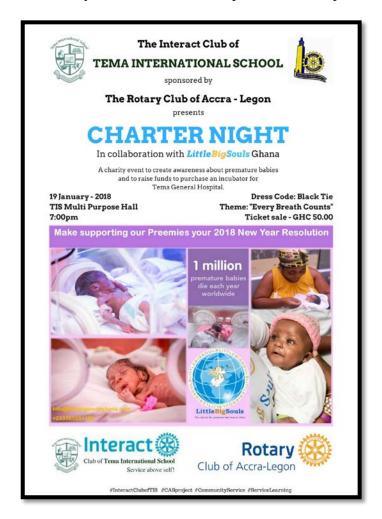


## Akorlikope SL Trip

It is the time of the semester when DP 1 students embark on their community service-learning trip to Akorlikope to impact lives and affect positive social change. The students always look forward to this trip with lots of enthusiasm. So, come Wednesday, 31 January, to Friday 2 February 2018, the IBDP Class of 2019 with CAS supervisors, Creative Arts team and the CAS team, will be in Akorlikope for the second time



to engage with community service. Follow this space for more updates.



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