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Thought for the Week

An expert is someone who has made all possible mistakes in one field and there are no more to make.

- Niels Bohr

Calendar

6/1/18: Students return to hostels

8/1/18: Semester 2 classes commence; Student Council Election Manifestos; Alumni Week commences.

9-11/1/18: Student Council elections

11/1/18: 3-Way Interviews (1.00-4.00pm)

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)

20/1/18: S2 Health Walk

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

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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

- 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.

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- 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)

- *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.

Second Semester

I hope every TIS family has enjoyed a great start to 2018 and experience an awesome year.

Unfortunately, the Aussie flu has found its way to Africa, Europe and the Americas. I am aware some have experienced it and it has taken most of this break to recover. If your child is recovering (or suffering) from it, please only return them once fully recovered. Symptoms include: body aches, coughing, exhaustion, fever, headache, minor congestion, sore throat, vomiting and diarrhea.

Students are due to return to hostels tomorrow, Saturday, 6/1/18. Parents should contact their child's hostel parent, or email me, if not returning on this day (for example, unwell, family event).

Parents with outstanding accounts must contact the finance controller before their child returns.

Emails

We often appear to have email issues at the most critical times. Our servers were replaced during the vacation and staff received no emails. If you emailed TIS and have not received a response, please resend the original email. Hopefully, these frustrations are now a thing of the past.

3-Way Interviews

3-way interviews (parent-student-teacher) are a good opportunity for parents and their child to discuss with teachers their performance to date, goals for second semester and how to ensure the best outcome in each subject.

Three-way interviews will be conducted next Thursday, 11 January 2017, from 1.00 -

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4.00pm. Appointments can be made online from today until 9.00am on 11/1/17.

To schedule interviews go to:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Use this code: et6ps

Follow instructions and complete all details. Best times are available early. We expect your son/daughter to attend these interviews with you. Please note that an interview must not continue after the scheduled time.

If you are unable to book an interview with a specific teacher on 11 January, please arrange a mutually convenient time after 15 January with the teacher.

International parents should email me if seeking a skype meeting with specific teachers after 11 January, so that a mutually convenient time can be arranged. If emailing teachers is more convenient, their email addresses are available on MB.

Note: There should be available times to meet with most teachers if you are unable to go online. However, booked appointments have priority and will run as scheduled. The smooth running of our event relies on all parents keeping to the timetable. Please consider other parents and end on time. If you need more time with a particular teacher, arrange a separate meeting on another day.

Alumni Week

TIS will celebrate Alumni Week during the coming week (from 8-14 January). 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.

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.

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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.

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

<https://tis.openapply.com>

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 tapering your training now to avoid dodgy hamstrings on the day.

Student Medication

Any student medication must be sent to the Infirmary, along with medication instructions. A recent incident highlighted the issue that sometimes parents are unaware that their son/daughter has taken some medication from home, without parent awareness or consent, and has brought it to school, and not informed anyone. Such practice can place the student at risk. Parents are always advised to check what their son/daughter is bringing back to school on their return from a school break or exeat.

Please note that any time a student is kept at the infirmary for observation, a record is maintained on MB and parents will receive an email alerting them about this record.

I appreciate your support. May all your dreams come true in 2018.

I look forward to the safe return of our students.

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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IGCSE Corner

2018 IGCSE Registration

This will take place from Monday 8 January to Tuesday 20 February, 2018. Parents are advised to check the names and dates of birth of their wards as they appear on their report cards, and advise necessary corrections.

Names and dates of birth on file (which appear on report cards) will be used for registration. Thank you.

Samuel Atindana
IGCSE Coordinator

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ALUMNI

TIS Alumni
Week Celebration **2018**

Theme
Strengthening Family Ties”.

Host:
The Class of
2009

6th -13th
January
2018

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Activities for the Week

Saturday 6th - 4:00pm

Alumni Reconnect @ T-bar

Monday 8th - 7:40-8:30am

Special Morning Assembly @ MPH

Wednesday 10th - 2:30-3:30pm

Cool seat with Alumni IG-DP sessions @ Einstein Hall

Friday 12th

CAS & SA Projects with Alumni @ Project Centre - 4:00- 5:00pm

Making the Best of your stay in the Hostel @ Hostel Common

Rooms - 7:00pm - 9:00pm

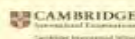
Saturday 13th

Athletics Carnival @ Sports oval - 8:00am - 12:00pm

Entertainment @ Pool side - 7:00-9:00pm

Sunday 14th - 10:00am

Thanksgiving Service & Student Induction



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