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Thought for the Week

I like a teacher who gives you something to take home besides homework.

- Lily Tomlin

Calendar

20/2/18: G9 Physics trip to Akosombo

24/2/18: Science Fair

25/2/18: Visiting Sunday

3/3/18: ISSAG Soccer, tennis and table tennis championships

4/3/18: Team NYMUN departs

9/3/18: DP mock exams commence

10/3/18: SAT

Making US Proud

- Shamita and Andrew (G7): great TIS Ambassadors when showing Kathleen Bowin, our MYP Consultant, around TIS during her two-week visit.
- Claris, Joshua (G7), Deborah, Francis (G8), Salma and Germeine (G9): who provided Kathleen with a student's perspective of MYP.
- Anna-Maria and Yewowahi: interviewed by the IB media unit at Labardi this morning.
- Malaika Webb: Great reflection on the use of Kognity textbooks (featured at the IB African Festival)
- Ruth Aryee, Cynthia Opuni and Amma Hammond: Parents who offered their time for an interview with the MYP Consultant.

Reminders

- *Exeats*: 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>

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- *TIS Events:* Parents are always welcome to attend any school event.
- *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 emphasizes 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.

Old Habits Are Not Necessarily Good Habits

I was disappointed to see the lights on in one of the boy's dorm rooms on Monday in the early hours of the morning. English orals were conducted this week for G12 and I assume the students in that room were busily cramming.

Cramming is almost a badge of honour. But for what? It does not work and has no benefits. See:

<http://newsroom.ucla.edu/releases/cramming-for-a-test-don-t-do-it-237733>
<https://www.studyright.net/blog/cramming-still-doesnt-work/>
<http://www.thesismag.com/2015/03/23/why-cramming-doesnt-work/>
<https://theconversation.com/revising-for-exams-why-cramming-the-night-before-rarely-works-67459>

Everyone needs adequate sleep to perform to their potential. Quite a few students are not having enough sleep at night by the look of the number of sleepers that are evident during the day in classes. Apart from performance, sleep deprivation also affects health and behaviour.

So, when it comes to exams and critical performances, students need to be going to bed a bit earlier than usual, not later. Of course, planning and managing your own time well will ensure all bases are covered.

TIS @NYMUN

This year's TIS delegation to NYMUN will depart Accra on 4 March. Delegates may request an exeat from 4.00pm on 1/3/18, as long as there are no assessments due on 2/3/18.

Following the MUN session, delegates will arrive in Ghana on 12/3/18 and must return to hostels by 5pm on 14/3/18. Parents will be advised of meeting times on the forward and return trips at Accra airport.

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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.

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.

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. The next discount deadline is 28 February.

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

For parents who already access MB: In this case, the parent should sign into OpenApply using their e-mail address that is already in OpenApply at the following link:

https://tis.openapply.com/parents/sign_in

They can set their password by clicking 'Forgot Password?':

<https://tis.openapply.com/parents/password/new>

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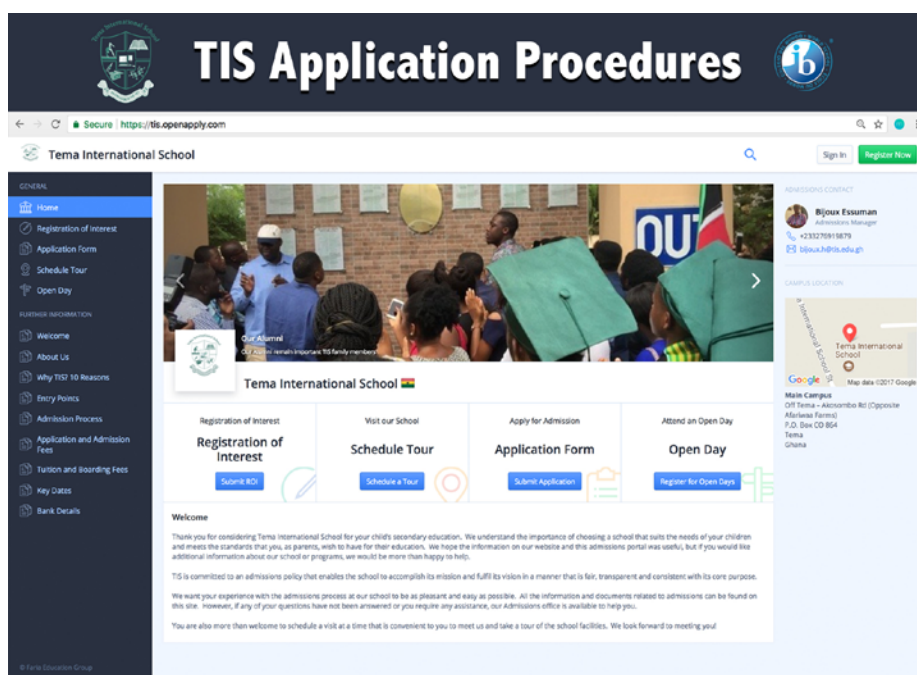


Once they have signed in, they can click to add a new applicant, and can start the application for their other child.

I appreciate your support.

Dr Ken Darvall
Principal

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Please have the following documents available (scan onto a flash drive) before you begin with online application;

- 1 recent passport picture
- passport biodata page/ birth certificate
- 3 recent school reports (Grade 7-9 Applicants)
- Letter of recommendation and academic transcripts (Grade 11 Applicants)

1. Go to our admissions portal tis.openapply.com
2. Click on the **Sign In** button found at the top right corner of the page
3. Click on **Sign up** here if this is your first time using OpenApply otherwise type in the email and password you used the last time you used OpenApply.

For first time users please proceed to 4. For existing users please proceed to 5.

4. Fill in **User Details** and proceed to application.
5. Ensure you fill out details correctly and attach all required documents where necessary (passport picture, passport biodata page/ birth certificate, school reports, transcript, recommendation).
6. When forms have been completed kindly proceed to make application fee payment using any of the 3 options:
 - www.expresspaygh.com/tis
 - At the Finance Office on TIS campus
 - At any Barclays Bank into the TIS Account number 1798808 or Ecobank into TIS Account number: 0020014471692201
7. You will receive an email to confirm receipt of your application and the next steps towards admission **only when the application fee payment has been received.**
8. **Please note that your child will be taking a Cognitive Ability Test (CAT4) as an Entrance Exam for admission at TIS.**

Thank you for choosing TIS. We look forward to a fantastic relationship in the coming years!





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Science Corner



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Reflections on Simple Harmonic Motion

A great day to be a Physicist.

The experiment was an exciting one that gave me insight to the phenomenon of the simple harmonic motion of a spring. We investigated oscillatory motion of the spring questioning its operation. Setting up the experiment was quite a hassle as it was a bit complicated but finally we were able to set up. At the end of the day, we were successfully able to prove that the spring does undergo simple harmonic motion. Personally, I loved the experiments and look forward to the rest of the compulsory experiments we will do. A great day to be a Physicist indeed.
~ Kwadwo .K. Ohemeng

An experiment on simple harmonic motion was undertaken on the 7 February, 2018. The objective of this experiment was to prove that a spring undergoes simple harmonic motion. We were able to prove this through the use of a motion sensor and other equipment, as well as the effect different weights have on the period and amplitude of the waves. It was a great and interesting investigation. The investigation demonstrated actual physics concepts which up till then had existed only in the pages of our textbooks.
~Christel Dickson

Physics HL class was as usual very mind boggling and intriguing. I was very excited to walk in to find out that it was a practical class. Sometimes, the concepts taught in Physics can be very abstract so these practical classes are a good way to help us appreciate all what we learn in theory. The experiment was about investigating Simple Harmonic Motion, which unknown to us was present in many everyday interactions that we don't usually notice. The session opened my eyes to look out for how things we learn in class can be applied to things around us.
~ John Abbeo



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Visual Arts Corner

The Grade 9 students at the beginning of the semester did some experimentation on mark making; communicating emotions through the use of lines, dots, and designs, among other elements. This task was geared at introducing them to abstraction with focus on the artist Wassily Kandinsky who is said to “hear colours and see sounds.” Students made visual representations of their favourite music as with the attempt to capture the emotions and ideas communicated in it. They made use of brushes, paints and objects of all kinds in their creation.



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CAS Updates

TIS Red Cross Society

Prevent A Burn Campaign

The TIS Red Cross Society is determined to reach out to many people with their campaign on burns prevention and first aid treatment. On Monday, 12 February 2017, at assembly, the club addressed students and staff of the school on some general burn preventative measures. Moving forward with the campaign, the club will be holding separate presentations with students, the kitchen staff, and the teaching staff. The aim is to ensure the school community is aware of and is able to prevent burn-related accidents in the school and homes.



Tema International School Red Cross Society

#PreventABurn Awareness Campaign

EPISODE 2

KEY FACTS 1

- Burns occur mainly in the home and workplace.
- Burns are among the leading causes of disability.
- Toddlers and children are more often burned by a scalding or flames.
- Hot tap water burns cause more deaths and hospitalizations than burns from any other hot liquids.

By: K.A.F.B

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TIS Amnesty Club – Anti-Corporal Punishment Advocacy-Campaign



Chocolate Friendship Day – Havana Night



Chocolate Friendship Day is coming!!! The fever is in. In the midst of a busy week, our students managed to plan and prepare for one of their favourite events.

This year's Chocolate Friendship night is dubbed ***La Vida Loca***. This initiative goes beyond the sharing of chocolates and a fun night. Our students are raising awareness about the importance of mental health and supporting the Accra Psychiatric Hospital with medical

supplies, mattresses and other items.

You can support our students' initiative by getting chocolates for your students, colleagues, or joining us for the Havana Night on Saturday 7.00pm. See details on the poster attached. This event is student-led and our support means a lot to them.

"Flashback to TIS: on this day in TIS history, we'd all be going to sleep with knots in our stomach, contemplating how



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many chocolates we'll get. For those whose bags are significantly smaller than others, you'll wake up early and hide them. I just thought of this and I'm cryingggg.

😊😊😊😊😊 lol” Elom Tetteh Tamaklo IB Class of 2015.

“Mental health is total health”

Rehearsal at Labadi Beach Hotel for the IB African Education Festival

As part of preparations towards our closing event performance for the first ever IB African Education Festival, rehearsals were held on Sunday, 11 February 2017, at the Festival premises, Labadi Beach Hotel, to get familiar with the space. The rehearsal was very successful and we look forward to an invigorating performance today



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IB African Education Festival, 2018.



The IB will host the first African Education Festival in Accra, Ghana, at the Labadi Beach Hotel on Friday, 16 February 2018 with the theme: "Leading and learning in the 21st century".

TIS is well represented and I am pleased to inform you that:

- 37 students are participating in the closing ceremony.
- Our Alumna, Nana Entsiwa Adenu-Mensah, Class of 2013 has been chosen by the IB committee to introduce the guest speaker, while sharing her IB experience.
- Alumni and current students across grades are exhibiting their art works.
- Yehowahi, Anna Maria (GR12) and Entsiwa (Alumna) will be interviewed about their IB experience.
- 13 members of staff are attending the Conference.
- Dr. Ken Darvall and Mr. Anis Haffar are two of the panelists together with other renowned educators.
- TIS is sponsoring 5 Heads of National Schools to attend the conference.

This is a great opportunity to showcase the brilliant talents we have here in TIS. TIS students, keep doing your best. The world is full of amazing opportunities. To all participants, go and do what you do best!!! Shine! TIS is proud of you.

<http://citifmonline.com/2018/02/14/intl-baccalaureate-to-host-african-education-festival-in-accra-on-feb-16/>

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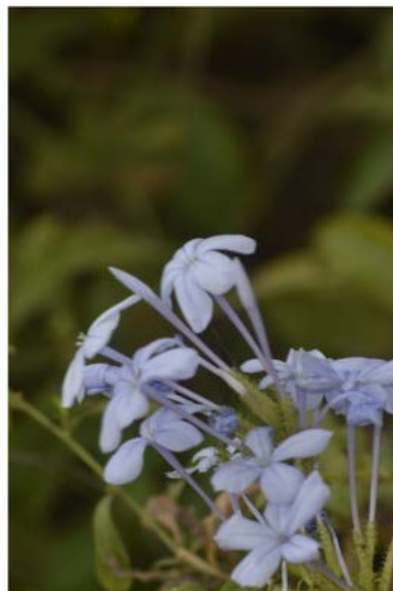




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TIS Photography Club



Partial Opening of the Project Centre



The **Project Centre** is partially opened. Construction works have been completed, and the rooms have been duly numbered. Some of the spaces in the project will be opened for use while furnishing is being completed.

Note that no student should be in the building without supervision from staff, especially in the balcony area.

The **Project team** (former CAS team) office will remain where it is. The

entrance to our office is through the Project Centre area only. Avoid using the Design Lab entrance, especially during classes.

See below the activities to be held in the **Project Centre**, when fully opened.

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1. Service in Action – MYP
2. CAS – Creativity Activity Service – DP
3. Product and Design
4. Genius Hour
5. After School Activities
6. Community Projects
7. Events Coordination
8. Personal Project
9. Duke of Edinburgh International Award Program

See below the various rooms available for teaching and learning:

- Mirror Room – Dance Classes (2nd Floor) – PC2:4
- Media Room (2nd Floor) – PC2:2
- Radio station space - (2nd Floor) – PC2:3
- Counsellor's office (Sandra) (2nd Floor) – PC2:1
- Store Room (1st Floor) – PC1:1
- Kitchen (1st Floor) – PC1:1
- Washroom – PC W/RM
- Outdoor Gallery (Upstairs and downstairs)
- Cafeteria (1st Floor)
- Outdoor workshop (1st Floor behind the kitchen)

We are grateful to the administration for putting together such a well-equipped Project Centre for students and staff learning purposes.



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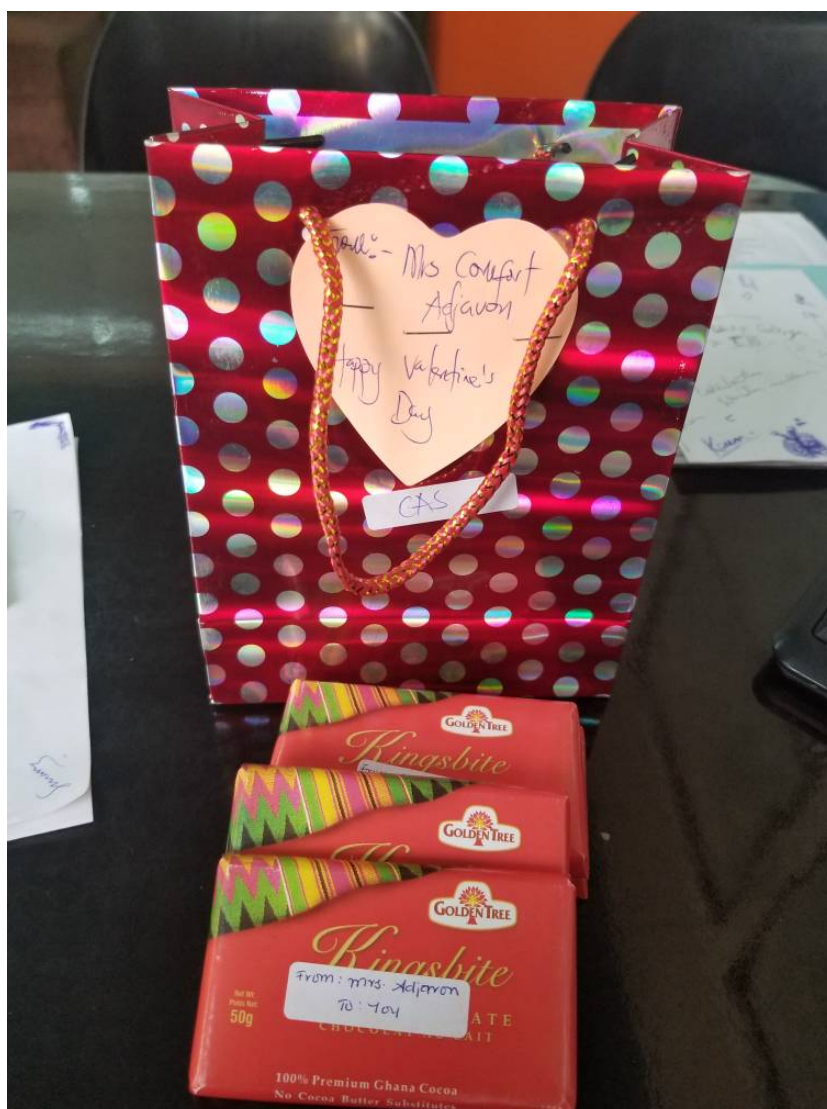
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TIS Valentine's Day Tradition:

Every year on Valentine's Day you can be sure to be treated with a bar of Kingsbite with a little note saying: *From Mrs. Adjavon to you* 😊. She makes sure everyone in TIS get its treat, students, staff and even the guests who happen to be in school on that day. On behalf of students, staff and friends of TIS we say a huge thank you to 'Mummy'. God bless you! We cherish this tradition dearly.

Happy Chocolate Day!!!



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