

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Calendar

9/3/18: DP & IGCSE
mock exams commence
10/3/18: SAT; La Caixa
12/3/17: Team NYMUN
returns
17/3/18: ALAMAU
delegates depart
18/3/18: 2018
Expression
20/3/18: Visit by
Wooster College reps
24/3/18: Mid-semester
break commences
26/3/18: ALAMAU
delegates return
7/4/18: Students return
to hostels
14/4/18: ACT; U16
Football Carnival

Making Us Proud

- TIS Girls' Soccer Team:
2018 ISSAG Runners Up
- Anthony Aden-Mensah:
2018 ISSAG Boys'
Tennis Runner Up

Thought for the Week

Ask how something can be done rather than say it can't be done.

Bo Bennett



Fast & Furious

Three words that best sum up how we do, what we do at TIS.

ISSAG

Last Saturday, TIS competed successfully at the ISSAG soccer, tennis and table tennis championships at SOS.

The girls came second in soccer; Anthony Adenu-Mensah came second in the boys' tennis; Shanda Otchere and Jason Bortei-Doku came third in their respective table tennis categories; and the boys came fourth in the boys' soccer.

It was a terrible day to play all games, except table tennis (indoors), due to the heat.

Sports Glasses

For students who wear glasses when playing sport, it is recommended that parents arrange for a prescription pair of sports glasses, as it is too easy to get normal glasses damaged in any game of sport.



Reminders

- Please read school communications.
 - TIS Events: Parents are always welcome to attend any school event.
 - Exeats: 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.]
- Student Medication: Any student medication must be sent to the Infirmary, along with medication instructions.
 - ManageBac (MB): An online guide for parents to MB can be found at: <https://managebac.screenstepslive.com/s/support/m/3621>
 - School gates close at 5.00pm.
 - Parents are recommended to have insurance on their child's laptop.

Mandela Scholarship Program

[African Leadership University \(ALU\)](#) is proud to partner with the Graça Machel Trust and the Mandela Institute of Development Studies (MINDS) to launch the [Mandela Centennial Scholarship Programme](#), a landmark scholarship to celebrate the 100th birthday of one of the greatest African leaders of the last century – Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, fondly known as Madiba.

100 young Africans, will receive full scholarships (covering tuition, housing, meals and travel) to enroll at our campus in Rwanda in September 2018. Please [watch ALU's Chancellor and widow of Nelson Mandela, Graca Machel, introduce the scholarship here](#). You can read more about the scholarship [here](#).

Please note: to be considered for the scholarship students must have submitted an application to ALU by 31 March. Applications to ALU may be submitted online at no cost [here](#). Once admitted on 30 April, students would be invited to apply for the scholarship.



NY MUN

TeamTIS departed Accra last Sunday and arrived in New York the following day. While we were complaining about the heat, delegates were hoping they could complain. They settled in well to their hotel, registered for the MUN conference and enjoyed some downtown shopping on Tuesday to mark Independence Day. Some delegates may have several quiet days following the spree while I hope others left home with empty bags so they can bring home their share of the Big Apple.

Red Cross Society

Congratulations to our members of the TIS Red Cross Society who volunteered to assist at the Tema Independence Day march on Tuesday. They were kept very busy on this very hot, but most important day. Thank you for making us proud.

Expat Youth Scholarship

Have you heard about our Expat Youth Scholarship? The Expat Youth Scholarship (EYS) is a philanthropic program sponsored by Clements Worldwide to award six scholarships each year to expat students from 13 to 21 years old. This year marks the 10th anniversary of EYS, with over USD 100,000 donated during this time to help these young scholars complete their educational goals. If you are an expat and have or know children between these ages, they could win up to USD 3,000.



Clements Worldwide encourages students living abroad to become cultural ambassadors, promoting cross-border understanding, friendship, and peace. This scholarship rewards efforts of young people around the world to live up to these goals. This year, the Scholarship is looking to capture these experiences via any chosen visual representation (such as videos, photos and more). Students are asked a vital question: What piece of local community/culture has most impacted your life in such a way that you will always carry it with you, regardless of your geographic location?

Entries to this years' edition may be submitted from 28 February to 28 March and, after the voting period, the winners will be announced on 23 May. To learn more about this Scholarship visit www.facebook.com/expatyouth.

Dr Ken Darvall (Principal)

Uomo Universalis and ‘Expression’

Uomo Universalis, often used to describe the Renaissance man, goes back to the Greek word Polymath meaning “having learned much”. Leonardo da Vinci can be seen as the Renaissance example of this where he was a scientist as well as an artist. He is well known because of the Mona Lisa as well as his inventions and scientific research. It was recognized therefore long time ago how important it is to gain knowledge in different fields and how the one can enhance the other.

Two weeks ago we had our Science week where our students showed their scientific understandings in, often, creative ways. Sunday, 18 March, you will have the chance to see the outcomes of our creative arts, Drama, Music and the Visual Arts. The theme for this year is “Window Dressing”, which according to the dictionary means superficial and favourable, but in a sense it does cover the purpose. Yes we do want to show what the students have been doing and yes we want to make ourselves look good.

Without the Arts, life can’t be complete. They knew this already ages ago and yet some people tend to forget why it is important to be all-rounded. At times it seems that there are only three careers available after TIS: lawyer, doctor or businessman. But even for these a creative mind will be needed.



The above picture was taken at last year’s Expression, a showcase of what was produced at that time. Again this year we will exhibit student work and have Drama and Music performances. I’m sure it will be a great success again. It will also be the chance to take the work of your child home with you. They are proud of their work and would like to secure it by having it taken back home. So please collect it at the end of the event.

Ate Hemmes (MYP Coordinator)

Arts

Learning through cultural differences.

Borrowing from the theatre guide: 'Theatre is a dynamic, collaborative and live art form. It is a practical subject that encourages discovery through experimentation, the taking of risks and the presentation of ideas to others. It results in the development of both theatre and life skills; the building of confidence, creativity and working collaboratively.'

You tricked me.

I got some information but they were saying some things be.

I do not think I am funny enough. Can you see, you are not even laughing?

I cannot put all these words in my head. The language is too some way.

It looks interesting, but it is in Chinese and I cannot get enough information on it. I got in touch with the Chinese embassy but they are not minding me. This professor in Legon translated it for me but I still cannot get the meaning of the hand gestures.

These were words of the DP2 theatre class as we went through the journey of the research presentation which is one their theatre tasks for their Diploma. This particular task gave each one of them an insight into another world theatre tradition which in most cases was beyond their comfort zone. The process of research and the engagement in theoretical discourse was attained during this task. The students had to analyse varied sources of information in understanding the historical, cultural and theoretical context of a theatrical tradition, what made it unique in its practice and how it was practiced through the student's interpretation and practical demonstration. This task got students reaching out in learning things about different cultures; from ancient Greece to China and Britain in widening their knowledge scope as far as international mindedness/global context is concern.





Developing International Mindedness and Intercultural Understanding:

The Chinese New Year

With the kind suggestion of Mrs Carin of the Learning Support Unit, MYP 2 Language and Literature and Mathematics classes had a great opportunity of collaborating and incorporating into their lessons some activities to commemorate the Chinese New Year to coincide with the global celebration which usually falls anytime between 21st January and 20th February. This period is the beginning of New Year on the Chinese Lunar Calendar (the beginning and end are worked out according to the movement of the moon). Both subjects incorporated this into their lessons in order to build on students' international-mindedness and intercultural understanding.

In the Language and Literature class, Jenny Huang, a Chinese ESL student who is fast learning English, made a presentation by reading in both Chinese and English to the admiration of the class. While Jenny read in English and Chinese, Miss Carin read portions of the comprehension passage in English and led in a What do I – SEE, THINK and WONDER? activity.

The passage, a folklore about how a Chinese Jade Emperor got 13 animals to compete in a race across a river had the 1st to 12th winners getting awarded with a position on the Chinese Zodiac or astrological chart.

Each year is represented by an animal. Students were excited to discover the animal that represents their year of birth.

Can you tell which animal represents 2018 is on the Zodiac?

In the Mathematics class, students were involved an investigative activity in which they played the role of detectives. The activity was about a stolen dragon head. They used mathematical concepts such as multiples, equivalent fractions and algebraic equations to come with clues helped to reveal the identity of the thief of the dragon head.

Students enjoyed this activity as it provided them the opportunity to apply their knowledge in math in solving real life problems in an unfamiliar situation with lots of fun.



Student Reflections

At the beginning of this lesson I thought it will be really difficult. But everything changed. We first learnt about the Chinese New Year and what they do during the celebration which is for 15 days! We learnt that each year is represented by an animal and that this year is the year of dog according to the Chinese Zodiac. I was excited to learn that I was born in the year of the dog (2006). Also, during the unit we had a quiz on the Chinese New Year which was really fun. Jenny's reading of Chinese was also soothing to the ear. Thanks for teaching us about this!

- Moyosola Fajemirokun

Fun Facts about the Chinese New Year

- People spring-clean their houses and gardens to sweep away any bad luck.
- Debts are paid and any work is brought up-to-date ready for a new year.
- Loud noise is made and firecrackers are set off to chase the evil spirit nian.
- The festival date changes every year.
- It is also called Spring Festival.
- Chinese New Year starts a new animal's zodiac year.
- The celebration lasts for 15 days till Lantern Festival.
- One sixth of the world's population celebrates it
- New clothes from top to toe are worn on the New Year Day.
- “Guo Nian Hao” is one of the most used Chinese New Year greetings. This is like saying “Merry Christmas”





DP2 AND DP1s- Be disciplined! Do what needs to be done, even if you don' t want to. Study smart! That' s the magic of excellence.

WE WISH YOU THE BEST IN YOUR MOCK EXAMS DP2 & GRADE 10

College Visit Highlights for the Week!

It' s important to look out for an undergraduate programme that gives you the unique learning experience for greater discovery of one' s personality talents and skills. We were delighted to have the Admissions Manager of Augustana University, Sioux Falls, South Dakota (USA), visit our campus for the first time. His presentation threw more light on the outstanding memorable learning experience tailor-designed to specifically cater for all categories of international students especially Ghanaians, as it has a strong Ghanaian society on campus.

- A vibrant private liberal Arts university located in Sioux Falls- one of the most affordable city in the United States.
- Highly recognized for quality education providing merit-based scholarships from 30-70% especially to international students.
- Highly international student-centered connecting minds and hearts of individuals from different facets of life experiencing the rich cultural diversity.
- Beautiful, lively stimulating learning environment with over 200 clubs and associations.
- Popular programs include: Business Administration, Science, Biology, Nursing, Engineering.
- In-house facilities for students and staff especially expert professors for effective one on one tuition.

- 99% high employability rate of graduates to organizations in Sioux Falls and across the globe.
- 11:1 faculty student ratio, strong research base for project and field work building entrepreneurial minds through internships and apprenticeship all around the globe.





It's been a fantastic educational journey exploring universities from Europe. From the beautiful, serene learner-friendly environment, to the musical tones at venues best in biking, Groningen is an indispensable part of The Netherlands. The winds of adventure interwoven with very wonderful mix of Dutch and international culture, gives students a life time experience. Visiting us this week from Netherlands was University of Groningen.

- A diverse, valuable, rich learning experience tailored towards in- depth research and experiential learning.
- Highly subsidized and affordable fees ranging from \$14,000 per year.
- Popular Bachelor Programs include Faculty of Arts, Medicine, Science and Engineering and Spatial Sciences.
- Access to international networks that broaden students' horizon.
- Groningen also called the "City of Talent" has credited to its name alumni working in the United States; Philips, Ernest and Young, Chevron, BMW Group, BSi Steel, Honeywell, PWC



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

SAT SUBJECT TEST ONLY * & REGULAR SAT ONLY **

ACT 2017-2018

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

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

- SAT march exam registration is now closed.
- ACT April exam registrations have now closed.
- SAT May registration sign ups began today! Please register with the counselor now!
- A valid unexpired passport is the only form of identification required for the test this Saturday and for all other external aptitude tests.

DP1 students are strongly encouraged to prepare to take these exams if they are considering USA universities. Interested students should please sign up with their counselors.

Please Note!

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.

Beginning this year (January 2018) all SAT and ACT registrations and payments will be done online. Payments are to be made by parents directly online via credit card, to register their children, ahead of registration deadlines.

Please do not hesitate to contact the College Guides with any challenges you may face signing up your child online.

DP1 Students have been taught how to write the College Essay and Personal Statement. They are being urged to put in their effort and submit an excellent, well-written work!




07/MARCH/18	Wed.	*UNIVERSITY OF GRONINGEN, NETHERLANDS	9:45A M	T.I.S. LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE
13/MARCH/18	Tues.	YALE UNIV. PRESIDENT'S PRESENTATION, UNIV. OF GH.	2:30P M	THE GREAT HALL, UNIV. OF GHANA, LEGON, ACCRA.
14/MARCH/18	Wed.	GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIV., UK	3:30P M	T.I.S. LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE
15/MARCH/18	Thurs.	GHANAIAN UNIV. BUS TOUR (Campus visit)	6:30A M	LANCASTER, ACCRA COLLEGE OF MED., WEBSTER, ASHESI UNIVERSITIES
16/MARCH/18	Frid.	NELSON MANDELA METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY, SOUTH AFRICA	8:45A M	T.I.S. LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE
20/MARCH/18	Tues.	AUBURN UNIV., USA	11AM	T.I.S. HP EXAM HALL (COUNSELORS ONLY)
20/MARCH/18	Tues.	COLLEGE OF WOOSTER, USA	3:30P M	T.I.S. Einstein block *TBD
23/MARCH/18	Frid.	"A Day in the Life of a Student" Ashesi Univ.	9AM – 4:30P M	ASHESI UNIV. CAMPUS, BEREKUSO (COLLEGE COUNSELORS ONLY)
13/APRIL/18	Frid.	CIS UNIVERSITY FAIR	10AM	LCS (COUNSELORS ONLY)
7/MAY/18	Mon.	*SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES' VISIT	2:40A M	BENEATH NEW CAS BLOCK
24/MAY/18	Thurs.	*U.S. UNIVERSITY FAIR- EDUCATIONUSA	3:30P M	TBD (*Einstein Block)

Fast & Furious in Photos: Keeping Ourselves Busy at TIS

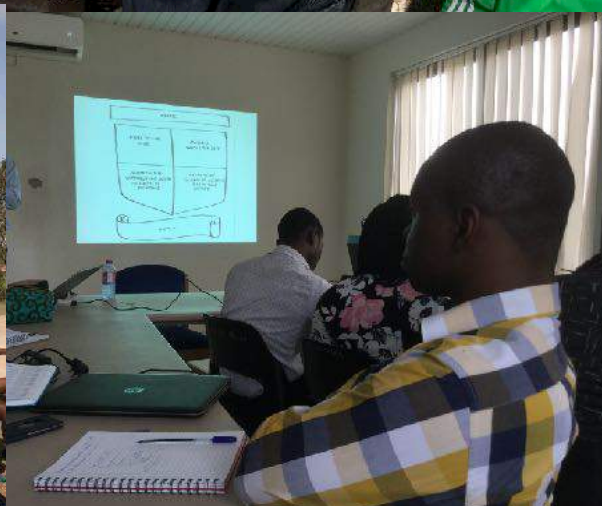


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