

Thought for the week

TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



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It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan.

- Eleanor Roosevelt

Calendar

September

- 8 ACT; Health Walk (6.00am); Hep B Awareness; Movie night;
- 11 10/12 Geography data collection
- 12 Mock TOK Presentations
- 15 Interschool handball, tennis and soccer
- 19-22 Red Cross workshops
- 21 Speaker of the Year
- 22 Interschool sports visit (MICS)
- 26 Special Assembly: The Beginning (2.45pm: MPH)
- 27 TOK Final Presentation; G10 geography excursion

Making Us Proud

- Princess Asiedu, Kendrick Effah-Gyan and Mr Gabriel who promoted tomorrow's health walk on City FM TV on Wednesday.
- Our Newbies who are settling in so well.
- Abdullahi Halilu, father of Ibrahim (G11), who is using MB to his maximum advantage.

Reminders

Uniforms

For any uniform requirements, please email Aunty Norah with details, including sizes, and the number and items required. Norah's email is: norahke@tis.edu.gh

TIS Events

Parents are always welcome to attend any TIS event. We live in a busy 24/7 world, so this open invitation to parents to attend any event hopefully provides some sanity when trying to juggle calendars. Throughout the year, there are specific Visiting Sundays. However, they are not a monthly event as there may be sufficient TIS events available to parents to see their son/daughter.

















Exeats

Exeats are required if parents require their son/daughter to depart the school for appointments, family gatherings, etc. Parents should download, complete and email the exeat form from the school website: https://www.tis.edu.gh/exeat-form/

Please note:

- Exeat requests must not clash with a school event. Approval from the General Manager will be required in these instances.
- Students will not have exeats approved if they have outstanding work to complete.
- Exeat requests for a weekend should be received by COB Wednesdays.
- Students returning from an exeat on a school day must be in full school uniform, including shoes, not sandals.
- Students should return from an exeat by 5.00pm. Gates are locked at 6.00pm.

ManageBac for Parents

ManageBac (MB) is our learning management portal that is used by teachers for planning assessment, reporting and attendance. Students use it to access assignment tasks, resources, and assessment results, including semester reports. Parents access MB for reports, announcements and can track their child's academic performance. Almost all messages, including the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter will be sent through MB to parents.

If you have any difficulties registering or logging in, please email Ken (principal@tis.edu.gh)

Note: When logging in to MB, always tick the small box under password that states, remember me for 30 days. You do not have to change your password every 30 days. You only change it when you forget it.

International Students: Residence Permit for Non-Ghanaian Students

All non-Ghanaian students require residence permit to be able to attend TIS legally, as per the immigration laws of Ghana. TIS is happy to assist parents in this matter.

Please find below the requirements for this process:

- 1. A letter to the Principal electing TIS as guardian of the student
- 2. Copy of Birth Certificate
- 3. Valid Passport
- 4. Valid Republic of Ghana Non-Citizen Card
- 5. Permit fees plus admin. charges
- 6. Completion of residence permit form (see below for info needed for this form)
 - 6.1. Overseas address, including telephone number
 - 6.2. Name and address of close relation in Ghana
 - 6.3. Two Passport size photos
 - 6.4. Dates of first and latest arrivals in Ghana

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For any clarification, or further assistance, please contact our Administrator, Mr Eddy Torkonoo: etorkornoo@tis.edu.gh

New Universities For Our Newest TIS Alumni (2018 Batch)

The goal for students and TIS is to gain admission to their program and university of choice. My favourite and proudest page in the TIS School Profile is page 4. This page lists all the universities and colleges that our TIS Alumni have attended or are attending. This TIS School Profile can be found at: https://www.tis.edu.gh/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/School-Profile-300818-c.pdf

We have just updated the list to include the following new universities that our 2018 Alumni will be attending.

UK

Aberystwyth University Royal Agricultural University University of Sunderland

Ireland

University College Cork University of Limerick Royal College of Surgeons Ireland University College of Dublin

Cyprus

University of Nicosia

South Africa

University of the Witwatersrand

United Arab Emirates

New York University- Abu Dhabi

Singapore

Nanyang Technological University

Canada

University of Regina Uni of Manitoba University of Alberta

USA

University of Maine Lycoming University University of Toleda University of Maine at Forte Kent Stony Brook University University of Tulsa New York Institute of Technology Pace University Woodbury University University of Kentucky University of Massachusetts- Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis **Bowling Green State University** St. Leo University College of Saint Elizabeth

Rwanda

African Leadership University

Ghana

Academic City College Accra College of Medicine

Wow! Exciting times are ahead for our 2018 graduating students.

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Personal Laptop Requirements

We strongly recommend that students bring and use a laptop at TIS. To ensure a successful connection to the TIS Wifi network, parents and students should be aware of the following basic requirements.

- 1. PC: Windows Operating system should be domain ready. Mac: Mac OS10.9 or above
- 2. Microsoft Office (Office 365) installed and activated
- 3. Anti-virus installed and firewall activated
- 4. In-built wireless adaptor card installed and tested
- 5. External wireless adaptor (USB) compatible
- 6. Chrome or Firefox installed

For further advice, or assistance, please email IT Support: support@tis.edu,gh

SAT and ACT

Students intending to attend a university in USA are required to sit for SAT and/or ACT. TIS expects our DP students to complete their SAT/ACT testing requirements by the start of Grade 12. Doing so, minimises the disruption that SAT/ACT causes at a busy time for our G12 who finalise their university applications and complete IAs (internal assessments) at the same time.

Please note that TIS is a registered SAT and ACT Testing Centre. Details for upcoming SAT/ACT exams can always be found in our weekly TIS Bulletins.

Absences

Student absences are marked as A. If a student has an exeat for a medical reason, then a medical certificate or statement is required for the A to be changed to H (health) on MB. These certificates can be emailed to: principal@tis.edu.gh

Health Walk

Will I see you at tomorrow's Health Walk? I hope so. It's an easy walk and even easier to pass me along the walk. Yes, it's an early start, but a great time to exercise. Remember, the key word is WALK.

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Commitment: Standards, Expectations, Action and Consequences

At TIS, we expect students to be balanced, committed to TIS (in terms of being TIS Ambassadors) and demonstrate integrity. Balance requires students to perform to their ability in academics, sport, culture (singing, drama, playing an instrument, school play) and service. We expect students to be participate in school events. For example, all students are required to be involved in three ASAs. They are expected to participate in tomorrow's health walk. They are expected to be in attendance for the full mid-term each semester. They are required to fulfil their obligations for hostel clean up.

Unfortunately, there is evidence of excuses for not meeting the above expectations. In not meeting obligations, there are consequences. For example, future participation in any overseas trip will require students to demonstrate their full commitment to TIS. A history of tardiness, non-involvement in ASAs, irregular participation in school events will disqualify students from attending any overseas excursion for that period.

All requirements have a purpose and benefit students in terms of their ultimate goal. We must always ensure we remain focused and always make decisions that support the end goal.

I appreciate your support. Dr Ken Darvall

Counsellor's Corner









Life is one amazing adventure! Dream it and live it! Having in mind that "the greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but is too low and we reach it." ~Michelangelo.

















Want Scholarships?



Getting Started! Going to university is one of the best decisions of a lifetime. However, without scholarships, attending some universities can bring great financial stress. Want scholarships? Pay attention to the following.

- Demonstrate a strong progressive track record of outstanding academic performance.
- Be a creative and resourceful individual who has demonstrated community involvement.
- An individual with a strong commitment to becoming a positive agent of change and a

lifelong learner.

- Be actively engaged in co-curricular activities and leadership.
- Demonstration of grit i.e. perseverance, determination, gratitude, emotional and social intelligence, zest among other character strengths. These qualities must be reflected in your essays.
- The university must find you to be a suitable candidate or a good fit for their school
- Specifically look out for universities that will meet your full need.
- To find out more about scholarships available, visit: https://www.internationalstudent.com/scholarships/



University Admissions Cycle General Timeline (DP2 Students):

- Now: think, read, write, research, plan, and select 10-15 schools for your initial list and narrow down to 10 to 12 universities that meet your academic, financial and personal needs and preferences. Take SAT or ACT at earliest possible date, DP1s take it preferably in DP1 and DP2s, if you must take it again
- in your final year, take it in October and subject tests in November.
- August → November 2018: active application period. Write essays, get transcripts, cultivate teacher recommendations, fill out applications, take all other required tests such as UKCAT/BMAT/LNAT- if required. Complete everything by October- November and in line with the detailed University Guidance Timelines which your Counselors have given you. Don't miss your deadlines! No excuses! Give Counselors and Teachers a minimum of 2 weeks' notice of all university application deadlines.
- April → July 2019: Prepare for visa application if applicable, participate in Pre-Departure Orientation.











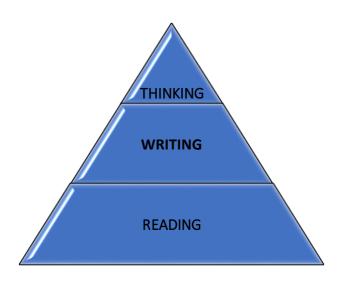






• August 2019: Embark on your new adventure and commence your university education in Ghana or abroad! (~portions adapted from Mrs. Nancy Keteku's presentation, August 2018, Ahaspora YYAS Educators' Conference @TIS)





The Power Triangle

With the voluminous information at your disposal we strongly encourage our students to;

- **Read**: Reading is the foundation for creative intellect and research. The more you read the more you know. This expands students' vocabulary and knowledge. With the college application process, we urge you to Read! Read! Read!
- **Writing**: With continuous reading students will be able to write with a master piece effect. The open window for excellent write-ups is reading. It begins with you! Start a library collection of books of your choice, block out sometime to read every day to enable you write properly and speak more intelligently.
- **Thinking**: With an excellent balance of reading and writing it broadens one's scope and sharpens one's critical thinking skills, ability to analyze situations from multiple perspectives and make sound judgments and decisions.

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Character Strengths



Focused on building your academic muscles only? No, the world changer definition for the 21st century student is a student with a sound balance of academic work and social skills. This is a prerequisite for success in life. Thus the development of habits of the minds gives students a competitive advantage over their colleagues.

Visit https://www.characterlab.org/character for more information.

For a more productive life and a better you, character strengths are the greatest spice of life. They help you develop your full potential! Embrace them! See below examples of character strengths worth emulating.





















Upcoming Uni. Visits: for First Semester, 2018/2019 Academic Year

Name of University	Date	Time	Venue
Kalamazoo College, Univ. of Minnesota, Bryant University	6 September 2018	1:30pm	Handel-Picasso Exam Hall (HPEH), TIS
Cornell, Stanford & Columbia Universities	6 September 2018	3:00pm	US Embassy
College Fair- BCIE British Council (UK schools)	13 September 2018	1:30pm	Einstein Exam Hall (EEH), TIS
Australian Universities (Austrade)	12 October 2018	10:30am	Learning Centre, TIS
Lehigh Univ.	10 October 2018	1:30pm	HPEH, TIS
IAES Univ. Fair	18 October 2018	1:30pm	EEH, TIS
York Univ.	8 November 2018	TBD	HPEH,TIS

Parents are welcome to attend university visits. Grab the opportunity to interact with university admissions officers!

ARE YOU READY? SAVE THE DATES!



2018-2019 TEST DATES

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE		
6 Oct. 2018	31 Aug. 2018		
3 Nov. 2018*	14 Sept. 2018		
1 Dec. 2018	12 Oct. 2018		
9 March 2019**	18 Jan. 2019		
4 May 2019	15 March 2019		

SAT SUBJECT TESTS ONLY *
REGULAR SAT ONLY **

















PRACTICE NOW! Visit <u>www.collegeboard.org</u> and Khan Academy for practice tests. Practice material also available on Naviance!

<u>SAT Registration Fees (To complete registration online; full payment with credit card only. Visit www.collegeboard.org)</u>

SAT I - U.S. \$105.50 SAT II: 1 subject (\$115), 2 subjects (\$125), 3 subjects (\$135) (estimates).



ACT 2018/2019 DATES (COMPUTER-BASED TESTING ONLY-CBT)

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE
8 Sept. 2018	25 Jul. 2018
27 Oct. 2018	7 Sept. 2018
8 Dec. 2018	12 Oct. 2018
9 Feb. 2019	29 Nov. 2018
13 April 2019	15 Feb. 2019

ACT Registration Fees (Online payments only: Visit www.actstudent.org): ACT plus writing – U.S. \$166.50.

*To complete registration, payment must be made in full with a credit card.

Visit www.actstudent.org to take online practice tests and prepare for the new ACT

Computer-Based Test (CBT) format.



















LNAT, UKCAT & BMAT REGISTRATION INFORMATION- UK UNIVERSITIES, 2018/2019

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Admission Test)	Jan. 2019, 5 Oct.		Services Limited.	
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UKCAT	£115.00 (GHC980)	2 July - 2 Oct. 2018.	Linear	https://www.ukcat.
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Aptitude Test)	1 May – 2 Oct.		Services Limited	test/ukcat-
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			directions above),	registration/Tel:
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				2662342/+233-
				242686782
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^{*}Please do not hesitate to contact the Guidance Counselors, should you have any questions.





















Individuals & Societies Corner

GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIP 2018

On the 14 September 2018, the Grade 10 and 12 Geography classes will undertake a fieldtrip to collect data in Tema. The purpose of the trip is to examine the variations in urban environment within distance from the Central Business District of Tema. The data collection will include temperature, noise levels, a bi-polar environmental survey, pedestrian and traffic counts. The students will work in groups and four staff will accompany them. The fieldtrip will help students to collect first-hand data required for their coursework and internal assessment. The students will set off at 10:00 am and will return by 4:30 pm.

English Department Corner

Speaker of the Year 2018

With public speaking being an art, becoming an effective public speaker requires constant practice of conscious crafting and confident engaging delivery. Unfortunately, and mostly due to the lack of this opportunity to practise at a young age, a lot of people are unable to reach the needed level of mastery.

It is thus against the above that the TIS Debate Society, being particularly interested in providing the platforms for students to hone the art of public speaking, presents this year's edition of the annual Speaker of the Year contest, which will focus on one of the most topical issues on the globe currently - *Gender Equality*.

If you have ever dreamt of testing your confidence, creativity and critical thinking skills on a big stage then this is the opportunity you should grab. It is going to be a big challenge but a truly rewarding one. Registration continues till 11 September for all students.

The contest will take place at the TIS Multi-Purpose Hall on the 21 September, 2018. All parents and friends are invited to support their contestants.

Interested students are encouraged to sign-up with the patron of the Debate Society, Mr Welagaamo, or any executive of the Debate Society. Parents can reach the patron via lwelagaamo@tis.edu.gh for clarification and further inquiry.

SCHOOL OF SHARKS, HOOKED ON 'DE'BAIT'!



















CAS-SA Corner



"Let's help eradicate Hepatitis B in Ghana."

TIS Students are taking action! Hepatitis B is a serious issue in Ghana. A group of G 11 Students are eager to create Awareness. In collaboration with Rabito Clinic they will reach out to the wider community while giving free

Hb test, Citi FM & TV have offer to support the group with awareness.

Mr. Gabriel (PHE teacher), Kendrick and Princes (G11) talked about the Health Walk and Hepatitis B at the **Breakfast Daily on Citi TV** on Wednesday. TIS was well represented! They made us proud.

Join us tomorrow at our **Health Walk** to find out what our students are doing together with Rabito Clinic to fight Hb in Ghana.

Virus medical condition acute diseases vomiting tiredness respectively rapid blood tests liver damage risk viral infections specific symptoms prevent inflammation toxins prevent inflammation leads administered population leads administered prevent inflammation toxins prevent inflammation toxins prevent inflammation leads administered population leads administered prevents infection repetited.

Kindly click on the link to see the Health Walk route: https://www.google.com/maps/d/...

Hepatitis B Infection

>8% - High

Global Distribution of Chronic

Hepatits B Headlines – Be informed – click on the links below

- Hb is spreading in Ghana due to lack of awareness.
- *Viral Hb Prevention, Diagnosis and treatment.*
- Hepatitis B deaths soar in Ghana.

Intermediate • https://www.pulse.com.gh/news/local/3-out-10-food-vendors-in-volta-have-hepatitis-health-officer-id8813963.html

- https://www.dw.com/en/hepatitis-b-spreading-in-ghana-due-to-lack-of-awareness/a-39946701
- http://www.worldhepatitisalliance.org/viral-hepatitis/prevention-diagnosis-treatment-hepatitis-b-and-c
- http://mobile.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/health/Hepatitis-B-spreading-in-Ghana-due-to-lack-of-awareness-Report-567758
- https://www.todaygh.com/hepatitis-b-deaths-soar-ghana/

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TIS live on Citi TV

Being interviewed on Citi TV was an eye-opening experience. I learnt how to muster the courage to speak publicly and to be able to provide an answer to impromptu questions. I was nervous at the beginning but when I realized how Mr. Gabriel Atseku and Kendrik (Gr 11) were confident, I was able to push myself. I learned a lot about Hepatitis B from the CEO of Rabito Clinic, Mrs Karen Hendrickson. We would like to take up the Hb Awareness beyond the health walk coming this Saturday, and we are now using the HW as a platform to launch our campaign. I am really grateful for the opportunity to represent my school, especially my class mates on live television.

- Princes Asiedu - IB Class of 2020



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CAS Orientation Camp



Surrounded by baboons, zebras, monitor lizard in the Centre of Shai HIills a beautiful natural reserve in Ghana, there were TIS students starting their 2-day CAS Orientation. Little did they knew about what was ahead. Hiking to get to their camping area, 5.5 km each day, abseiling on Pride Rock, cooking their own meals, cleaning up, sharing their space with insects and wild

animals, the jungle became their home.

On Friday evening, students and staff returned safe and exhausted, but with a sense of accomplishment. The students called themselves Conquerors, Risk Takers, Survivors and Champions, and indeed they were. They arrived overjoyed celebrating each other. We are confident that the intense camp was a fulfilling, challenging, hands-on and an eye-opening experience.



The Class of 2020 has set the right tone for their 2-year DP journey. They are aware of their responsibilities as CAS students, the DP

requirements, the expectations of the CAS team and what it takes to make the world a better place while becoming better individuals.



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The camp is a great opportunity not only to discuss CAS, but to know more about themselves and others, to bond and appreciate what they have while learning the value of team work.

Stay tune for more updates on CAS and your ward's progress.

"IB Class of 2020, you availed yourselves to be challenged. That is what CAS is all about. Now get set to go.... it's time to take action and make things better around you and as result of that become unstoppable."

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ASA – After School Activities - resumed and we can't get enough. Clubs, cooking, Soccer, Tennis, swimming, School Play and much more. Sign up was opened last week Saturday till yesterday, Thursday. Everyone had the chance to choose the activities they will engage during semester 1.

Ask your ward what are they engaged in after school. In TIS there are endless opportunities to develop skills and nurture your talents in music, sports, creativity, public speaking and Service.

ASA starts at 4:00 pm till 5:15pm from Monday to Friday. There are also ASA on weekends.











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Anniversary Play

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST...the process.



'There is beauty in every beast'. This thinking resonates in the process of **Beauty and the Beast**. As a school, TIS believes that there is an element of greatness in everyone, staff and students, and when given the opportunity with the needed support, excellence becomes inevitable. With this mind-set, the production team of **Beauty and the Beast** is taking

every step possible to unearth and develop talents. The product of this will be mounting a spectacular performance at the



National Theatre of Ghana – Friday - 23 November 2018

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Service in Action - Connect, Action, Impact



The Connections

As Service in Action takes off in full flesh, students are beginning to appreciate the various links between their various subjects groups and real life situations. Fantastic ideas from the G8 Science unit, "Captain Planet to the rescue," served as bedrock for students to understand how the environment works and changes through Service in Action. Issues like pollution, rubbish heaps, tree

cutting and illegal mining came up for discussion, as the lesson explores the various ways to manage natural resources, students will be able to apply the knowledge from the science class to organize campaigns and come up with different ways to solve some of these issues. Students are encouraged to always make baby steps and take up challenging meaningful actions.



The same class, G8, also had the opportunity to brainstorm service ideas towards the TIS 15th

Anniversary celebrations.

In groups of five, they had to give each other roles (Marketing Manager, Pitcher, C.E.O, brand manager and Events Personnel) and come up with ideas on how to make the TIS 15th Anniversary celebration memorable. Like what happens in the real world, the pitcher in the group will then present their plan to the



board members, (their class mates). Various interesting ideas were realized giving students the opportunity to understand service in action by taking advantage of school happenings and events.



G7 on the other hand has begun to develop their principle actions from their units from Science and Math. **Kabuki Ceasar** has decided to transfer the knowledge acquired from her Math class under the lesson unit, "*Origin of Numbers*," to create a poster about how numbers used to look and the importance of numbers in daily lives.

From science under the unit "Being a scientist"

Mawunyo Anatsui wants to do a mural at the Einstein Block to show the various safety signs to observe whiles in the Laboratory as stated by the teacher in her unit. Other actions decided by students will be communicated in subsequent bulletins. Students are beginning to get a grip

















of these connections, continue to watch this space for more interesting updates on the various principled actions.



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BRANCH LOCATIONS

Osu, Cape Coast, Takoradi, Agona Swedru, Winneba, Kumasi, Sunyani, Techiman, Wa, Bolgatanga, Tamale, Lamashegu, Tema, Koforidua, Ho

UPCOMING BRANCHES

Dansoman, East Legon

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1st Semester Thanksgiving Service

























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Hepatitis B Awareness

Join us in educating our community.

Rabito Clinic FREE Hepatitis B testing (Ages 10years and above), blood pressure testing before and after the walk, dermatology (skin) consultation, health screening, presentation on HB facts and prevention, healthy food and beverages on sale, games and much more...

TIS CAMPUS - MPH CAR PARK | 8 SEPTEMBER, 2018 | 6:00 AM SHARP























MYP Corner

MYP Interdisciplinary Learning Kick-Starts the MYP YEAR



The first full week of teaching for all grades has ended. It is amazing how much has already been done in terms of learning so far. MYP grades 7, 8 and 9 have completed a session of interdisciplinary learning. Interdisciplinary learning is a key area of the MYP and Grades 7, 8 and 9 have truly set the pace for the rest of the academic year.

Disciplinary grounding was synthesized and used to collaborate, communicate and creatively produce answers to burning questions that the students had.





Grade 7 merged Art with Language and Literature to create poems.

Grade 8 merged PHE with Product Design. They came up with products, such as a referee assisting shirt to be worn by football players. Grade 9 merged Science and Mathematics to find ways to slow down the decrease in cocoa crop yields.











