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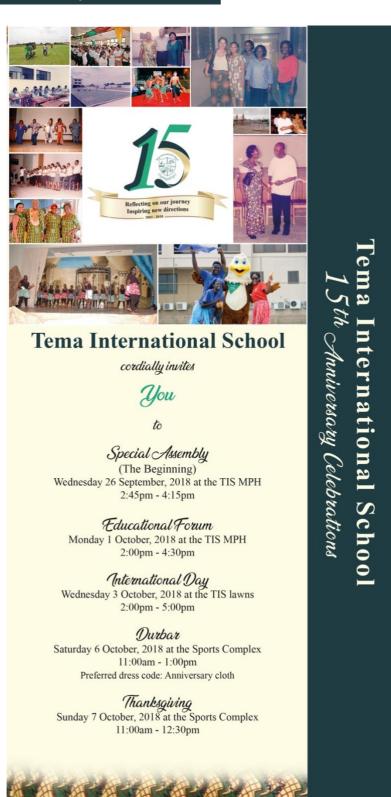








TIS 15th Anniversary Celebrations



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Thought for the week

The difference between a pebble and a mountain lies in who you ask to move it.

- Marcus Buckingham

Calendar

September

- 15 Interschool soccer and volleyball (MICS)
- 16 International students' trip to Mall
- 19-22 Red Cross workshops
- 21 Speaker of the Year (10.00am)
- 22 Interschool sports (TIS: handball, tennis, soccer)
- 26 Special Assembly: The Beginning (2.45pm: MPH)
- 27 TOK Final Presentation; G10 geography excursion
- 29 Animal Lovers Club excursion to zoo
- 30 TIS Swimming Championships (2.00pm)

Making Us Proud

- Our parents and their families who joined us in last week's Health Walk and Hep B campaign. Thank you.
- Our University Counsellors (College Guides) and our IT team for ensuring a successful
 inaugural ACT online testing session. Many centres experienced problems and TIS has
 been requested to conduct an additional session in a fortnight for those who were
 disadvantaged at other centres when they were unable to complete their test requirements
 online.

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.

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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)

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

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

















International Students

Our international students have the opportunity to travel to the Junction Mall on Sunday afternoon to purchase items of need that they are unable to bring with them when they return to hostels after a break. They will be accompanied by Alex Tay and another staff member.

Kognity

At Tema International School, we have been using Kognity, that publishes digital textbooks for the IB Diploma Programme for the past two years (and IGCSE sciences for 18 months). Their DP digital textbooks include biology, chemistry, physics, business management, economics, geography, ESS (environmental systems and societies) psychology, mathematics, history and Theory of Knowledge.

What impresses me about Kognity? The books are never out-of-date, as changes occur when required. The authors include senior and chief examiners, as well as senior educators. They are cost effective and there are no more lost or damaged textbooks.

During the week, G9 and 11 students were assigned their allocated books, while G10 and 12 students continue to use them. Students who are serious about learning will enjoy Kognity as their best friend as the format of these digital textbooks allows students to personalise their learning. They are perfect for revision and deeper learning. They are accessible wherever internet is available.

International Trips

Parents will be advised during TIS Founders' Week (October) about planned international trips during 2019 that they may wish to nominate their son/daughter. To be eligible for these trips, students will be required to demonstrate how they will be TIS Ambassadors. Tardiness, low participation, poor self-discipline and inconsistent effort will deem students ineligible to participate.

Effort Grades

TIS is a non-selective school. Our goal is to ensure students achieve at their potential, or beyond. While we would like all our students to achieve 7 in each of their subjects, in reality this is impossible. However, achieving at their potential is possible.

On TIS semester reports, we provide two grades: academic; and, effort. The academic grade is based on their assessment and exam tasks throughout the semester. This is generally where all eyes focus.

In contrast, I always look at the effort grade first as it is a predictor to the academic grade and comments. While not all students are capable of achieving 7 in a subject, each student is

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capable of achieving an A for Effort. It is consistent effort that will ensure that a student is achieving, or working towards achieving their potential.

So, I am happy with a student who achieves a 4 in a subject and an A for effort. However, I would not be pleased with a student who achieves a 6 or 7 with an effort grade of C.

Consistency of effort is the key to success, along with a positive and determined attitude.

The effort descriptor grades are set out below for your information.

Effort

Grade Descriptor

- Excellent. The student made efforts to extend their learning beyond class requirements. The student always completed homework on time, and with full attention to set requirements. The student frequently asked appropriate questions and contributed to class activities of their own initiative. The student always came to class on time and with all necessary items.
- Good. The student always completed homework on time, and with good attention to set requirements. The student regularly asked appropriate questions and contributed to class activities of their own initiative. The student almost always came to class on time and with all necessary items.
- Satisfactory. The student usually completed homework on time, and with attention to set requirements. The student completed sometimes asked appropriate questions or contributed to class activities of their own initiative. The student usually came to class on time and with all necessary items.
- Poor. The student rarely completed homework on time, and paid little attention to set requirements. The student rarely D asked appropriate questions or contributed to class activities even when requested by the teacher. The student rarely came to class on time and with all necessary items.
- E Very poor. The student applied minimal effort and demonstrated minimal achievement in terms of the objectives.

Reluctant Readers? Or is Reading a Lost Skill

Is reading a lost skill? Or is it they only skim read? Or is the issue poor interpretation skills?

Many students demonstrate the above when undertaking tasks. Completing the recent ASA exercise was just a typical example.

My main concern is that students must overcome this weakness, otherwise exams will always be problematic and results may not be an accurate reflection of their performance.

Obviously, as parents and teachers. We need to be good role models.

Apologies

There were issues with the online exeat form during the week. I apologise for the hassles involved. The issue was resolved about 5.00am today.

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I appreciate your support.

Dr Ken Darvall

















Chaplaincy Corner

CONFIRMATION/CATECHISM LESSONS

The Chaplaincy Committee wishes to inform parents and guardians that registration for confirmation/catechism lessons for non-Catholics (Presbyterians, Methodists and Anglicans) and Catholics is in progress. Interested parents should kindly contact the chaplain, Mr. Michael Odame via mloame@tis.edu.gh by 9 October 2018 for the registration of their wards.

The proposed dates and venues for the programmes are Sunday, 20 January, 2019 at the TIS MPH for the non-Catholics, and 10 February, 2019 for the Catholics at the St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Tema.



Counsellor's Corner

Starting ahead! Champions work hard through the process until they succeed. Buckle up, and go through the mill. Mistakes are "prediction errors," as some neuroscientists put it. Persevere, learn from your mistakes and forge ahead! Always remember the grades matters the most, however how you contribute to your community is also very important. Stay focused!



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✓ You can make the grades! Don't let complacency saddle in with you or it will lead to low grades.

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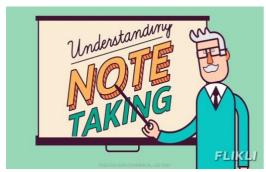






- ✓ Admissions with full funding is highly competitive.
- ✓ Apply to only schools that meet your full need. Does the school pass the test when it comes to your academic, financial and personal needs? Is it a best-fit for your self-development and management?
- ✓ Don't apply for more aid than you need. You will have a slim chance of getting the offer
- ✓ Consider liberal arts schools. This develops you holistically and helps you adapt and adjust to life complexities and be more versatile.
- ✓ Apply to universities that you are comfortable with and that have programmes of interest to you. Research extensively about the school.
- ✓ Apply only to universities that focus on your majors. Such universities tend to have the resources for your chosen programme as well as funds to support you. (Excerpts from YYAS Ahaspora Event @ TIS, August 2018-Presentation by Mrs. Nancy Keteku (EdUSA)

Lesson Plans: Grade 9



"The best leaders are note-takers, best askers" – Tom Peters.

Grade 9s had a guidance class on note taking recently. Here's some information gleaned from an article our Principal shared this week that relate to the topic. Think about it: Are you really going to remember everything? Wouldn't it be more beneficial to simply write down what you're hearing, learning and thinking? The habit of note taking is a fundamental tool for a successful memory bank. Let your mind connect with a pen or pencil to create your own sticky notes. Chalk your points down! This is a common habit of most successful people. Richard Branson on his keys to note taking asserts that "Go through your ideas and turn them into actionable and measurable goals. If you don't write your ideas down, they could leave your head before you even leave the room."

Importance of Note Taking

- ✓ Helps to emphasize on the salient points under discussion.
- ✓ Helps you to engage with the content at a deeper level in a meeting, lecture or event.

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✓ Helps to organize thoughts and record vital information either in business, life and academic pursuits.

















- ✓ It is the connection link between related thoughts and the topic under discussion.
- ✓ Allows you to illustrate your notes to suit your personal style in the most meaningful way suitable for your understanding.
- ✓ Frees you up from information overload.
- ✓ Makes you a better listener.
- ✓ It's the new power that helps the brain to be fully engaged in improving attention span.

Strategies for Effective Note taking

The big question is how best do you learn? Identifying your learning style is key for successful note taking.



Find your note taking style by doing the following;

- ✓ You learn best by connecting class lessons with nature or personifications.
- ✓ Work best with sketches, images, symbols etc.

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✓ For more information visit https://www.lifehack.org/796333/take-notes.

College Visits @ TIS; Highlights from Kalamazoo College, Bryant University and University of Minnesota, USA



- The College maintains a close and active involvement with the Kalamazoo community, with cultural activities, a symphony, the Gilmore Keyboard Festival, a chamber music society, an annual Bach Music Festival, an art institute and a strong participation in intercollegiate athletics.
- Prepares students for life success through experiential learning dogged mainly into skills set development with an excellent balance of academics.
- The K-plan is a grounded four part distinctive approach to a liberal arts and science education integrated into a life changing and real world experiences.
- The birth ground for students' talents, dreams and passions to be developed.
- Some majors: Economics, Computer Science, Sciences, Art Studio Art, German, International and Area studies, Critical Ethnic Studies etc...
- ACT test score 26-30 /SAT test score 1080-1320.
- Kalamazoo has a well-established state of arts facilities with over 30 active clubs and associations to choose from with its residential facilities available throughout the programme.
- Scholarship and financial aid available for students on merit based policy visit kzoo.edu/admission or call 18002533602 or 12693377166 for further enquiries.
- Excellent educational experience in a close knitted community offering studies study abroad opportunities, internships.
- Kalamazoo enrolls 1,436 students with 8% international students with a student faculty ratio of 13:1 in a small class of 20.
- 99% assurance of value for money through excellent tuition from top notch professors.
- Cost of Attendance \$57,407 for a year. Visit https://www.collegedata.com/cs/data/college/college_pg03_tmpl.jhtml?schoolId=176

www.kzoo.edu/ Official website.





















- Major public research institution with over 140+undergraduate programmes.
- A culturally diverse community with 6,300 international students from over 130 countries.
- Small class size with a student faculty

ratio of 17:1.

- More than 477,000 alumni and 90 alumni networks worldwide.
- Located in the Minneapolis a hub for entertainment, Arts and the safest and cleanest cities in the US as the top state for business.
- Outstanding facilities including 13 libraries such as the historic Walter library.
- A top university with \$910 million in research with over 900 clubs to choose from the Arts, Sports and many more.
- Offers countless opportunities for student connection through internships, paid jobs in discovering new passions and exploring the world around them.
- College and Majors; Education, Design, Science and Engineering, Management, etc
- Available scholarships for international students in these categories
 - a. Global Excellence Scholarships-Merit Based ranging from \$15,000-\$25,000 up to the four year programme.
 - b. ISSS Scholarships \$5,000-\$1000 per year special application and essay required before 1 February.
 - c. Undergraduate research Recipients participate in faculty research for a year 2017/2018 recipients receive \$14000 and many more.

https://twin-cities.umn.edu/ for further information.



- Passionate about student development by providing exceptional education that combines real-world experience with innovative coursework.
- Average class size of 26 with a student faculty ratio of 13:1 with a world class teaching and learning experience.
- A first-year gateway introduces students to the foundations of character, leadership, organizations and business they'll need for their studies.
- Bryant's exceptional faculty engage students with handson-learning through workplace experience, service learning, consulting opportunities, business simulations and academic competitions.
- 100+Clubs and organizations ranging from the Arts, Sports, Sciences, Robotics and many more.

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- Helps students learn responsibility and valuable skills management focused our generosity and other character strengths.
- Available scholarships for international students is merit based. Ranging from \$5000-\$30,000.
- Average costs for 2015-2017 academic year was \$41,700 with a laptop inclusive.
- Standardized test scores SAT or Act/test-optional essays.
- The Universal College Application and Supplement are available at http://www.bryant.edu/international-students.
- All international students must submit the Certification of Finances upon acceptance to Bryant.
- For more information visit <u>www.bryant.edu</u>

Reflections captured on Cornell, Stanford and Columbia University Visit at the US Embassy. 6 September 2018.



"Last Thursday, myself with four other IB 2s, had the opportunity to interact with three Ivy League schools, Cornell, Columbia and Stanford at the Education USA College Fair held at the American Embassy. I learnt a lot of new things. Columbia University is the host for World Leaders Forum which allows students to interact with presidents and rulers from all over the world. This is a lifetime experience and an exciting opportunity. I appreciated this fair very much because we were able to interact with a Ghanaian student currently studying at Stanford. I had a great deal of real and relatable perspectives of life at Stanford. Moreover, we were able to ask questions about the admission process and receive answers directly from admissions officers from these schools. This experience also taught me to appreciate the efforts of our

guidance counselors even more because I realized that a lot of individuals came for the fair at their own accord and had to navigate through the college application process alone. Finally, I was also glad I went for this trip because at the Embassy I reconnected to three friends whom I met during the Yale Young African Scholars during summer". **Head of Academics Tiffany Agyarko ~IB 2.**



















"The fair at the US Embassy was extremely insightful. What particularly caught me was the presentation on Stanford. After all these years of knowing that it was mainly a STEM school, it was rather more of a liberal institution...how fascinating! They shared tips, from the admissions officer's point of view, on how you can get into these top notch schools, from giving tips on applying for financial aid to engaging in as many extra-curricular activities as possible while in high school. They stressed on the especially

supplements required, saying that it was one of the most important requirements that would get an individual admitted. I hope that in the not-so-distant future, I will be walking through the gates of Stanford University". **Head of Chaplaincy Timone Twum Ampofo~IB2.**

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

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



















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 **



ACT IS NOW COMPUTER-BASED- NO GAMES!

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

















English Department Corner

CREATIVE WRITING AND PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

All too soon, the Tema International School Creative Writers' and Photography Workshop which began in 2013 has entered its 5th year. Yes, it is the 5th Anniversary of the workshop that is committed to affording young writers and budding photographers the opportunity to develop their writing and photography skills.

Our world today requires one to be knowledgeable and skillful in many things, and this workshop offers a valuable learning experience towards enhancing one's creative abilities in writing and photography while expanding one's social network by connecting with students across our country and the world.

Five years of pursuing any endeavour is a milestone that is worth celebrating and reflecting on this we wish to organize another phenomenal event this year with the aim of inculcating a varied range of creative skills in high school students who already have the passion for writing, photography, etc. The theme for this year's conference is 'Mirroring Our World through Creative Minds and Fingers' and it is scheduled for the 19-20 October, 2018.

During the workshop, students will participate in four sessions, three within a focus area, such as journalism, short story, poetry or photography facilitated by one resource person, and one enrichment session such as characterization or enriching dialogue, facilitated by another resource person. The sessions which are expected to be fundamentally interactive will culminate in a creation of works by students which will be published in an anthology, *Whispers*.

Registration for the workshop is from **20 September**, to **10 October**, **2018**. Interested students are requested to complete the forms and submit them to the Department of English or to Tema International School Front Desk by **October 10, 2018**.

For further information regarding the workshop, parents should kindly contact the coordinator via irene.koree@tis.edu.gh or 0243132523.

CAS-SA Corner

















A Tribute To Our Black Star



After today, I might re-think sleeping with my phone next to my pillow. This morning, a CNN notification woke me up at 6am (EST) reading: "Former UN Secretary General and Nobel Peace Prize winner Kofi Annan had died at the age of 80." I immediately checked Twitter, which seemed to all but confirm the news. My body froze. And in those moments, the only way I could physically react to the news was to fall back to sleep. But as I tried to escape what would be a huge addition to an already sorrowful week by the loss of Aretha Franklin, so many questions ran through my mind at hyper speed about what tragedy had just occurred. Kofi Annan was my biggest idol. Not only for me, but for many Africans, who by the historical forces of imperialism and colonialism had never seen someone who looked like them occupy one of the most powerful positions on the national stage: the UN Secretary General.

As a politics and history buff through high school, it was easy to lose interest in the affairs of old white men in continents far removed from my own. Though I had envisioned myself having a career in politics and international relations one day, I could only see my career only going so far as the confines of the continent. Though that may not be a bad thing, Kofi Annan's appointment as the UN Secretary General of UN from 1997-2006, the first black African to do, sent a message to a young Ghanaian like myself, that the sky is the limit. I'm not sure what the material of the ceiling is for African advancement, but Kofi Annan sure did shatter it.

I modeled my life after him. I told myself, if Kofi Annan can be UN Secretary General one day, I sure can. If he can win the Nobel Peace Prize, what excuse do I have? In my senior year of high school, when I was selected to be the Secretary General of my school's 10th anniversary Model UN conference, I thought the pieces were falling into place. In my first job interview, when asked who my idol was, there was no other name that felt right: Kofi Annan. I got the job. I admired Kofi Annan from afar for so long in the hopes that the universe would conspire to bring us to the same room one day just so that I could STAN. By stan, I mean find the most dignified way to say thank you to Mr. Kofi Annan. I would thank him for the impact he had on

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me and many young Ghanaians who felt that their identity was a barrier to their destiny. With this news, I will have to find comfort in saving the thank you for the next life.

As Maya Angelou puts: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Seeing the outpouring of love and appreciation towards Kofi Annan lets me know that his legacy will live on and ignite a politically conscious generation of Africans who know that, they too, can reach the apex in



whatever field that find themselves in. This isn't a well-thought out obituary of Kofi Annan, nor is this an evaluation of his decision-making as an international diplomat. These are just the words of a young Ghanaian who was immensely inspired by the life of fellow statesman and felt the only way to grieve was to write.

Rest in Peace Kofi Annan. Your legacy shall live on.

Kwabena Agyare - TIS IB Class of 2014

Students and staff pay tribute to a great son of the land, our Black Star, an Ambassador of peace a remarkable gentleman. His legacy will continue to inspire generations to come. Rest in Peace.







Health Walk - It was simply awesome. The TIS students reached out to the wider

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community #HbAwareness #HbScreenning #Rabitoplays with a variety of games, Hb talks, and the most fun Photobooth.

Over 100 people had free Hb screening by Rabito Clinic.

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









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School Cloth

To order your **TIS Cloth,** kindly contact Nora on +233 246130828

- 2 yards GHc 35.00
- 4 yards GHc 70.00
- 6 yards GHc 100.00

School cloth is available for students, parents are reminded to pick it up with Nora. The dress

code for the Durbar, coming 6 October is the School Cloth.

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TIS is 15 this year! "Reflecting on our journey. Inspiring new directions."

We would like to invite you to be part of our **15th Anniversary celebration!** See below the line program. Join us, we have a lot to celebrate!



Anniversary Play



National Theatre of Ghana-Friday, 23 November 2018-7:00pm

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Mind Full, or Mindful?

Mindfulness

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BRANCH LOCATIONS

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

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