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# Thought for the week

Your beliefs don't make you a better person, your behaviour does.

- @walkthetalk

# Calendar

#### October

- 19 TIS Creative Writers' Workshop; mid-semester break commences; SOS MUN
- 20 TIS Creative Writers' Workshop; ISSAG soccer/handball/tennis/table tennis; SOS MUN
- 27 **ACT**
- 28 Students return to hostels
- 29 Classes resume
- 30 TIS performance at the Duke of Edinburgh's International Awards Ceremony November

- Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Members visit to TIS (10.00am); Dukies Concert (Accra: 7.00pm)
- SAT (subjects only); interschool basketball 3
- 10 ISSAG swimming, volleyball, table tennis (GIS); Silver Bird movie night
- 12 **MYP** Authorisation Visit
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# **Making Us Proud**

- YEP participating members who attended last Saturday's workshop.
- TIS soccer (boys and girls), handball (boys and girls) and table tennis (boys and girls) who enjoyed the interschool games with Ghana Christian International High School last Saturday. Handball is the natural TIS sport: fast and furious. Special mention to fast and furious stars, Stephanie-Louise and Kekeli.
- Participants in the 2018 TIS Creative Writing and Photography Workshop being held tomorrow and Saturday.
- Delegates to the SOS MUN being held from today until Saturday.
- TIS representatives in soccer, handball and tennis at Saturday's ISSAG championships.

### Reminders

- Please read the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter, and take action as required.
- All sections of the online exeat form must be completed for it to be submitted. Otherwise, you will see an error message. The time component is a 12-hour clock.

# To Be A Champion

At TIS, our goal is for each student to become a champion. TIS is an inclusive school and not a selective school. A tipping point for TIS is the range of experiences and opportunities that are available to students that will enable them to be champions. Add the bonus of being a boarding school, and the secret ingredient of fast and furious, you then realise why the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a natural fit at TIS.

But to become a champion requires effort, attitude, action and development over time. At TIS, there are three stages to becoming a champion: foundation; growth; and maturity. Within each stage there are different goals that must be achieved before moving to the next stage. These goals are set out below.

#### Foundation Stage

#### • Community

Students must be an authentic member of the TIS by being a contributing member of the TIS family who believes in making the world a better place. No passengers are allowed. We need active family members.

#### • Culture

As an inclusive school, we expect students to always seek their Personal Best and then improve upon their Personal Best, each day. TIS promotes leadership at every level of a student's journey through TIS. We expect students to explore these leadership opportunities, so they can develop and mature their leadership attributes and skills to become tomorrow's future leaders. Importantly, we expect each student to demonstrate integrity – what you do, when no one is watching you.

#### Commitment

There are four areas in which we expect each student will demonstrate commitment to ensure a balanced student: academics; culture; sport; and service. Each area is as important as the other.













One area should never become more important than the others. Creating an imbalance does not demonstrate a commitment to TIS, or to the goal of becoming a champion.

# • Change

'Change is the end result of all true learning.' (Leo Buscaglia) Students must be prepared for change and to change if they are learners. In fact, the only way to improve, and continually achieve Personal Best, is to change what you always do.

#### • Curiosity

Students must have, or develop, a sense of curiosity. We require students to be inquirers, thinkers and reflective so they can become knowledgeable. Curiosity makes our brains more receptive for learning, so that as we learn, we enjoy the sensation of learning.

#### • Choices

A tipping point for TIS is the range of experiences and opportunities that are available to ALL students. At TIS, we want students to discover, explore and develop their talents. We assist them to help define their futures. As future leaders, their decision-making is important. So, when it comes to choices, it is critical that students participate in a wide range of TIS opportunities and experiences to enhance themselves as individuals. However, remember, there are always consequences for the choices you make. Do not become a cowboy by pleasing yourself and disregarding everything else that defines TIS.

#### Growth Stage

Having laid a strong foundation, students must then achieve five key goals during a period of growth.

#### Clarity

The first step at this stage is to define your specific goals and targets. Yes, there are so many opportunities and experiences available at TIS, that if you keep wondering instead of taking action, you end up being a passenger and not a participant. Avoid confusion. Once a student determines their end goal, they must then define the essential experiences that will assist them to realise their dream (or ultimate) goal. But, it starts at this point.

#### Challenges

You can only improve what you do by setting challenges and achieving goals you thought you could not. Challenges are the key aspect of the 'Dukies' program in which we strongly encourage all students to participate. So, a key question for each student is: what is your challenge? However, be wary of conflicts that have the potential to derail your challenge.

#### • Connect

Students must always be 'in the moment'. They require focus and must engage in everything they do. They need to remove all distractions.

# Collaborate

Collaboration is one of the most required skills in today's world. Two minds are better than one, and four are even better. Within any team, students must contribute. They must plan, work and learn with and from others. Define your thinking and share your ideas.













#### Communicate

Communication in all aspects (oral, written and visual) is an essential skill to become a champion. Students must be able to express their thoughts and ideas to further develop their understanding. Opportunities to present in front of others, whether it is small or large groups, are provided to all students to enhance their communication skills.

#### Maturity Stage

The final stage is maturation and there are four key goals at this stage.

#### Confidence

As you achieve, your confidence grows. Continue to rehearse and practise. However, students must ensure they don't allow any room for complacency due to over-confidence.

#### Control

An important sign of maturity is taking control, or ownership, of your goals. So, focus on your goals. Ensure no distractions. Accept no excuses. You control your destiny.

#### Consistency

Success requires consistency in effort, attitude and actions. Performance reflects consistency.

#### Competent

Once competency has been achieved, set new Personal Best targets to move to Champion status. At this stage, students must become a competitor to test their competency level.

#### Champion

You are only as good as your last performance. Keep raising the bar by defining your new challenges.

#### Celebration

It's time to celebrate your success, reflect on your achievement and accept your new challenges.















# **Mid-Semester Break**

The mid-semester break commences at 4.00pm today,18 October. Students may be collected between 4.00-5.00pm this afternoon, and no earlier. Or, parents may collect their son and/or daughter from 8.00am tomorrow (Friday).

However, students involved in:

- the TIS Annual Creative Writers and Photographers Workshop, which will be held tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday may depart about 5.00pm on Saturday, 20 October; or
- SOS MUN which will be held on 18-20 October may depart after they return to TIS on Saturday, 20 October; or
- ISSAG soccer, handball, tennis and table tennis on Saturday, 20 October, may be collected from the venue on this day or after they return to school; or
- Beauty and the Beast may depart at 5.00pm on Tuesday, 23 October.

#### **Dukies**

Now is the time for students to join the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (or Dukies as we say at TIS) so that completion of the relevant level can be made by the end of April (2019), in time for a special presentation of Bronze and Silver Level Awards at 2019 TIS Achievers' Day. Gold Level awards are always presented at Jubilee House by the President of Ghana.

There are three levels of the award: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Bronze is recommended for G7-9/10; Silver for G10-12 and Gold for G11-12. It should take 6 months to complete at TIS. Why? Almost everything you do here at TIS counts for Dukies. However, you must keep weekly online records (reflections) and there is a small cost for each program (Bronze: GHC50; Silver: GHC60; and Gold: GHC70).

Signup will occur on Monday 29/10/18, the day after your return from mid-semester break. If you want to add value to your university applications in G12, when it is your time, then gain some Dukies awards. It will make a real difference.

Brochures will be added to this Newsletter attachment.

Remember, students will have the opportunity to complete these awards by the things they do at TIS.

Become a Dukie in October.

Students can join up by seeing Misty, or Surama.

# **The Common Denominator**

**Uniforms** 

For any uniform requirements, please email Aunty Norah with details, including sizes, and the number and items required. Norah's email is: <a href="mailto:norahke@tis.edu.gh">norahke@tis.edu.gh</a>













#### 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: <a href="https://www.tis.edu.gh/exeat-form/">https://www.tis.edu.gh/exeat-form/</a>

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: <a href="mailto:support@tis.edu,gh">support@tis.edu,gh</a>

I appreciate your support.

Ken













# **Language and Acquisition Corner**

# TRAVEL TO FRANCE/SPAIN WITH US



**DATES: 15 JUNE - 7 JULY** 

**COST: USD 4500** (including flights and application fee)

**DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT: 28 February 2019** 













# Have you heard about the TIS language immersion programme? Find out more.



- ➤ This is a three-week language and culture immersion programme, which is designed to motivate students, keep them interested and is based on modern, communication-oriented methods.
- ➤ Participants live in pairs with the host families chosen by the organizers Horizons du Monde.
- Participants spend the first two weeks in a chosen region and the last week in Paris/Madrid.
- ➤ Participants have lessons for three hours in the morning session of each day and go out in the afternoon to discover the culture and civilization of the French/Spanish people. They visit tourist attractions, markets and supermarkets, museums, they play games and they watch films among others.
- Participants are chaperoned by teachers of TIS at the ratio of one teacher to 10 students.
- Lessons are delivered by professional French/Spanish teachers.













- ➤ Teachers from TIS live in the coordinator's house and communicate with students in the host families. Together with the coordinator, they get solutions to any problems that may arise from any of the host families.
- > TIS teachers, the coordinator and the group's guide wait at a meeting point each morning. The host parents bring the participants in their private cars awaiting to be transported in a coach to school.
- ➤ At 5.00pm- 6.00pm each day, host parents wait at the same rendez-vous to take the kids back home.
- Participants spend weekends at home or go out with their host parents.
- Participants are not allowed to go out unaccompanied by host parents or TIS teachers.
- Participants have the telephone numbers of their TIS teachers and that of their host parents.
  Teachers also have that of all their students.
- > Participants have travel and health insurance.
- > On arrival in France/Spain, the TIS leaders collect all passports from participants and give them back to them on the day of departure.
- ➤ Parents of our students have access to the addresses of the host families of their children and therefore, can communicate with them and may even visit them should they be in France/Spain whilst the group is there.
- Parents have the addresses of the TIS leader so they can communicate with him/her.
- Participants are advised to keep their pocket monies with TIS teachers.

If interested please contact the coordinator Mr. John Mensah at <a href="mailto:ikmensah@tis.edu.gh">ikmensah@tis.edu.gh</a> or on 0244707907. You may also call any of the school's numbers to talk to the secretary.

WATCH OUT FOR MORE DETAILS IN THE NEXT EDITION OF OUR BULLETIN. Thank you.

# Counsellor's Corner



DP2s, maintain a balance and secure your university spot. Free money for grabs through Financial Aid and Scholarships. Apply early! Stay Focused, Study Smart!

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The month of October has been power-packed and awesome with various exciting university visits. Students gained insights into the university selection process. Some of these topics climaxed the universitys' presentations. Writing excellent personal statements for the UK, essays and essay supplements for the USA,

applying for financial aid among others were some of the areas that university representatives highlighted. Choosing a university for an undergraduate programme is a lifetime decision. Gaining admission into colleges and universities that are best-fit and colleges that change lives requires thorough research (~ Tips from Admission Experts, TIS College Visits, Oct. 2018).

#### **University Write-Up on UKEAS Fair:**



- A rigorous academic campus with excellent faculty situated in Ireland with the highest graduation rate and employability. Visit www.limerick.ie
- Stunning landscape, rich musical tradition and enthralling literature also known as the "land of welcomes' unrivalled hospitality international immersion of cultures.
- An outstanding university with the state of the arts facilities, Ireland's premier sports campus, largest international exchange programme, safest place for studying among the best educational systems in the world.
- UL is a progressive, modern international university that enables students the unparalled opportunity to identify and build upon their fullest potential.
- Engages students learning and research through experiential learning, case studies, projects and personalized learning.
- Offers a wide range of undergradute programmes in Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, Engineering and many more.
- Excellent destination for development, community-based connections through the President's Volunteer Award (PVA) as well as UL Buddy Programme and over 80 clubs to choose from in Dance, Politics, Sports, Photography etc..
- Strong alumni connections with Apple, Facebook, Google, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals.
- A top notch university that focuses on life's essential skills for both professional and personal life.
- Merit based scholarships are available, visit: www.ul.ie/international/undergraduatepostgraduate/scholarships.

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- The Acceler8 Award is an employability and personalized programme that recognises and rewards extracurricular activities and rich experiences outside classrooom settings. Visit www.ntu.ac.uk/acceler8
- Offers programmes in Business, Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Law et cetera.



An excellent world class educational establishment, with a great market population of 80% international students in the medical programme, with Africans in the majority making a difference in people's lives. To mark University of Central Lancashire UCLANs celebration in education since 1828 (150 years' anniversary),

Ghana hosted the celebration at Movenpick Ambassador Hotel on the 11 & 12 October 2018. Dr. Jim Gardner Deputy Head of the Medical School, Rachel Game- Principal Lecturer School of Nursing, Stephanie Rosie- the International Officer and Dr. Ogfola Associate Professor School of Journalism paid a courtesy call to TIS, interacted with DP2 Students and had an elaborative discussion about their university.

# **Highlights on UCLAN's School of Medicine/Nursing/Creative Arts:**

- Studying Medicine at UCLAN is the exact definition of active learner engagement. Small class sizes, fantastic support from professional doctors, early clinical skills training.
- Modern, innovative facilities including the anatomy lab., clinical skills lab., enhancing students' skills to become the best doctors.
- The school offers MBBS, Physician Associate Training, BSc in Medical Sciences and a foundation programme. Minimum IB requirements is 36 with strong HL in Physics or Chemistry and Biology whereas minimum IB point of 32 for nursing.
- Inter-professional learning integers giving students limitless opportunities to dialogue with professionals already on the job, establish connections for future employability through internships and work placements. Visit: www.uclan.ac.uk/schools/medicine/

#### **Art Facts**

With a wild culture, fun and appreciation for gifted students, the faculty of Culture and the Creative Arts at UCLAN focuses on an array of inter-disciplines in Architecture, Design, Fashion, Art, Journalism, Media, Language and Performance.













- The sparking fuel of curiosity, analytical and creative minds are key emblems for the Creative Arts faculty.
- The school of journalism is one of the oldest in the UK, it has state of the arts facilities.
- For the School of Journalism, ethics is critical in all teaching modules helping students identify the consequence of their actions and inactions.

#### Personal Statements Vs. Transferable Skills an Integral Approach for Lifelong Learners:



- When students apply to UCLAN, and other UK universities, they must demonstrate a strong relationship between the learning and skills they have acquired in the classroom and how relevant these skills will be in connection with their programme of study.
- A strong demonstration of how these skills have shaped their lives and how applicable and relevant they are in helping them become indispensable assets to their university of choice is essential.
- This demonstration of skills puts students in a better advantage over a pool of applicants for scholarships and other benefits.

#### **Admission Requirements**

Considering studying in a closely knitted community where students happiness, safety interpersonal development and outstanding academic performance is 100% guaranteed? Follow UCLAN on <a href="https://www.uclan.ac.uk/">www.uclan.ac.uk/</a>

The holistic Admission Process comes with some key requirements. What type of 'DNA' do universities prefer in their newbies? These top qualities are important across most universities and must be well-captured in recommendation letters and student essays, depicting the particular strengths a student is bringing to their university of choice.

Remember students' acceptance into their dream universities requires their recommender to present a vivid description of certain qualities in the student, to enable the admission team envision them through very strong and well –written recommendation letters.













#### **Qualitative Attributes:**

- Curiosity/Creativity
- Diversity/Lifelong Learner
- Adaptability and easy adjustment to new environment
- Leadership/Extracurricular/ Community-focused/Volunteerism
- Gratitude/Humility/ A warm and friendly personality
- Passion/Drive/Engaging/ Willingness to take beneficial risk
- A life that impacts and causes positive change

#### **Quantitative Attributes:**

- Academic prowess
- Inventions/Discoveries
- Awards and Achievements

#### REMINDERS AND ASSIGNMENTS FOR MID-SEMESTER BREAK

DP1- Please work on your university school selection sheet and other assignments which we have placed on ManageBac. All assignments are due right after mid-semester break (29 October 2018). DP1s, please remember the prescribed deadlines for registering for SAT and ACT December exams have passed, however, you are strongly encouraged to sign up this week, and complete payment and registration online with your parents at home. Give your name to the College Guides before you leave for the mid-semester break if interested in taking the December tests please. DP1s are encouraged to sign up and prepare consistently for these tests, in order to take them at least twice in DP1. This frees up your schedule when you get to DP2 where you have to then focus on your IB requirements and deadlines instead of being distracted by having to take SAT/ACT.

#### To register:

- Create an account using your first and last names exactly as they appear in your passport. Do this by visiting- <u>www.collegeboard.org</u> for SAT or www.actstudent.org for ACT registration
- ✓ Complete the questionnaire to register online (answer all questions)
- ✓ Save the information and for SAT, upload a visible passport-sized photograph.
- √ Always choose SAT / ACT with writing option; highly recommended
- ✓ Select Tema International School as your test centre
- ✓ Get to the payment page and make payment with a valid credit/visa card from your
  parents
- ✓ Download your SAT Admission ticket pdf, save and email to <u>portia.atubiga@tis.edu.gh</u> or email your ACT registration confirmation after you make payment.

#### DP2

• The key deadline for submitting all necessary documents for Early Decision is 29 October 2018, and all essay supplements should be emailed to counselors by close of this week. Complete your Commonapp form and all pending applications to over the break and show to













your counselors the Monday you return from the break. Financial Aid forms and bank statements should also be completed by parents and returned to College Guides on 29 October 2018. 1 Nov. is the magical deadline for maximum scholarship and financial aid consideration

- O Parents and all DP2 students kindly be reminded that payment to College Board or ACT Incorporated, for the official release and submission of your SAT/ ACT scores to your selected universities is very crucial! Failure to make payments with a credit card through your College Board or ACT Account, at least 2 to 4 weeks ahead of your university application deadline could result in an incomplete application if your test scores do not get to your university on time, thereby possibly resulting in being denied admission to your top university.
- o Special scholarship nominees to work on completing application requirements over the break, where applicable, and submit to counselors, by the end of next week.
- o Financial Aid Tracker must be completed by each DP2 student and a copy emailed to your parent and counselor by close of this week
- o DP2 parents, we would be grateful if you could please respond to our invitations to come over for a financial aid one-on-one meeting which will continue after the mid-semester break.

#### IMPORTANT NOTE FOR TEST TAKERS- ACT 27 OCTOBER, 2018

All Students writing the ACT October Exam on Saturday, 27 October, should note that reporting time is at 7am prompt on that day. The **valid unexpired passport (not photocopies) is the only acceptable form of ID.** Test-takers should come with a number 2 pencil, approved calculator, sharpener and eraser and comfortable clothing. Snacks are allowed during the short break. Please inform the Principal and Hostel Parents before close of this week, should you intend to return to the hostel from the mid-semester break, right after the exam.

#### In one full house









The above reputable US universities visited Ghana this week! TIS College Guides met with admission representatives from these schools at a recommenders' workshop held in SOS-HGIC, Tema. These top notch universities pride themselves in world class education over the years. These schools have a profound sense of purpose as the central hub for talent and intellectual development. As goal-oriented universities, they offer need-blind scholarships only to US citizens and merit based and need-aware scholarships to international students. They all have small class size arrangements of 7:1.













- Vanderbilt University: a diversity inclusion university with the Wond'ry as the new epicenter for innovation and entrepreneurship, designed to build, & strengthen creativity across campus.
- Schools include the College of Arts and Sciences, Blair School of Music, School of Engineering and Peabody College of Education and humanities.
- Intensive research and learning with world renowned leaders in every academic field.
- Destination for one of the happiest students in Nashville as the most dynamic city full of opportunity and diversity offering an invaluable part of the Vanderbilt experience.
- Life on campus includes internships, work study programs, Career Centre providing life coaches, Industry SLAMS, Mock Interviews, connecting thousands of employers and alumni under one bulb with a 97% retention rate.

# For scholarships visit:

https://www.vanderbilt.edu/scholarships/files/merit\_scholarships\_2017.pdf https://www.vanderbilt.edu/scholarships/application.php

- @ **Dartmouth-** leadership is not just a management buzzword but a rigour of discipline a non-static entity, continually reinventing leadership with its ethical depth as the spice that makes the difference.
  - The interconnectivity of faculty and staff is the fuel which drives positive change and impacts as a university that changes lives.
  - Dartmouth leads as the first school of management (Tuck) founded in 1900, first multidisciplinary campus-based arts center in the country.
  - Expansive vista of the Dartmouth Green, deep hues of the surrounding mountain ranges gives students a scholastic, sophisticated college
  - Liberal Arts shapes the spirit and skeleton of innovation pieces, creating an academic culture imbued with critical thinking, promotes experimentation, reflection with no boundaries.
  - Located in Hanover, New Hampshire, with over 2100 courses each year and 65% of undergraduate paid research.
  - Breaking down barriers, with the tools in real world class research best college libraries on the planet thriving and distinct campus with unlimited clubs and associations to choose from the Arts, Business, Sciences, and Humanities among others. For Financial Aid visit <a href="https://financialaid.dartmouth.edu/apply-aid/international-students">https://financialaid.dartmouth.edu/apply-aid/international-students</a>
  - Kayaking on the Connecticut River, hiking, winter carnival orange autumn leaves and spring and summer gives Dartmouth its signature colour of a heaven on earth. Terrific outdoor love for nature, immersion of different cultures, opportunities, lifelong friendships and fantastic 96% guaranteed jobs then consider DARTMOUTH. Follow us on https://home.dartmouth.edu/













**Johns Hopkins University:** one of the top cities for college grads, in Baltimore an entrepreneurial hub in a rapidly growing technological phase, has one of the most unbeatable state of the arts facilities in the world, great space for student satisfaction with the aim of producing strong, bright useful and true scholars.

- Imagination and creativity is the life wire for new inventions and the distillery for the best research offering students the power minds to pursue a Double Major or Major /Minor.
- In residents' halls and apartments in Charles Village neighborhood, Hopkins students from dynamic communities thrive as a formidable granary of positive energy, organizing TED Talks, curating art shows and making real life investments in the stock markets as undergraduates.
- World class faculty members in a relatively small class size work with leading companies in real work innovative solutions with over 400 clubs and organizations.
- Top fields of employment include Business Services Consulting, Science and Research,
  Finance, Information Technology, Biotechnology Pharmaceuticals and Healthcare.
  Hopkins students and alumni thrive as ambitious visionaries making their impact in their
  world. Visit <a href="https://www.jhu.edu/">https://www.jhu.edu/</a> for financial aid visit
  <a href="https://www.jhu.edu/admissions/financial-aid/">https://www.jhu.edu/admissions/financial-aid/</a>

**Northwestern University** offers more directions to multiple paths and students are intellectual thrill seekers who discover new inventions intersecting between interest and ideas keeping the mind upbeat in tune with different channels of clubs and associations in the Arts, Business and Sciences department.

- Majors in College of Arts and Sciences, School of Journalism, Communication, Education and Social Philosophy.
- Countless opportunities, with internships, study abroad programmes with over 3600 employers sharing 11500 job vacancies on the Career Advancement website.
- Outstanding resource facilities, opportunity to learn in Gothic halls pursue research which is heavily financed \$3.5million for undergraduates.
- Differences are central to broadening our perspectives, creating thoughtful leaders and sparking new ideas. So @Northwestern we are diligent about creating an environment that is inclusive and truly diverse.
- <u>Multicultural Student Affairs (MSA)</u> provides programming that creates opportunities for community engagement and identity expression. Visit: <a href="https://www.northwestern.edu/">https://www.northwestern.edu/</a>

### **Academic Honesty**

The Learning Centre Team- Mr. Ollennu and Ms. Setor Adih, this week took our Grade 8 and 9 students through important deliberations on what Academic Honesty is all about. This is in the bid to promote a learning culture where students appropriately reference / duly acknowledge all sources of information used in their work. Also students were cautioned to desist from all forms of exam malpractice and other academically dishonest activities such as collusion, duplication of













work, plagiarism, unethical behaviour, academic infringement among others. Sanctions will be applied when students are found to have engaged in any of these.



# **Upcoming University Visits:**

| Name of University  | Date            | Time   | Venue                |
|---|-----------------|--------|----------------------|
| SciencesPo, France  | 18 October 2018 | 11am   | Learning Centre, TIS |
| IAES Univ. Fair   | 18 October 2018 | 1:30pm | EEH, TIS             |
| Bentley University,<br>Syracuse University, Colby<br>College, USA | 29 October 2018 | TBD    | Learning Centre, TIS |
| York University, Canada   | 8 November 2018 | 2:30pm | HPEH, TIS            |
| University of Southampton, UK                                     | 8 November 2018 | 1:30pm | HPEH, TIS            |

Parents are welcome to attend all college visits and should please inform College Guides if intending to be present. Thank you!

# **SAT 2018-2019 TEST DATES**

| TEST DATE      | REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
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| 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 \*
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#### 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                      |

Please note that the <u>valid unexpired passport</u> is the only acceptable form of identification. DP1s, take these tests now if U.S. is a possible university destination.

# **DP** Corner

As the DP cohort embark on their mid –semester break, best wishes to those who are going to the England trip, participating in the ISSAG tournament, Creative writers workshop and SOS MUN. Action updates for the week ahead.

#### **End of Semester Exams**

End of semester exams for DP 1 and DP 2 will commence on Nov 27, 2018. Detailed schedule and syllabus focus for the same will be shared in the reopening week after the mid –semester break.

### **Smartbacc Access**

Online IBDP resources website covering all the IBDP subjects, Smartbacc's access password has been mailed to all the DP 1 students, please note this access will be valid till December 2018, please use the mid – semester break time to download all the possible resources from this website.

#### **Subject Selection Issues – DP 1**

There are still some students who have approached me with a request to change subjects, please note if it is a mutual level change , it can be considered. Changing a subject at this juncture with just a month for the end of semester exams will have an effect on all the remaining subjects and will not be considered under exceptional circumstances.

#### **Academic Honesty**

Academic honesty is part of being "principled", a learner profile attribute where learners strive to "act with integrity and honesty" as we question, inquire and act. For DP 2 students with all their internal assessments due for final submission in the next few months it is imperative to exercise caution and cite sources in the appropriate format .













#### May 2019 final exam registration

All the students of DP 2 have been registered for the May 2019 IBDP final examination, soft copy of the registration will be mailed to parents/ guardians with a copy to the students. Please check this document carefully and reply back with the acknowledgement whether the subject, level and all the details are correct. If any of the personal details are incorrect, please mail a copy of the passport as supporting evidence for enforcing any change in details entered.

Few students who have not submitted any draft of their extended essay despite repeated reminders have not been registered for the full diploma and have not been registered for their extended essay. If appropriate quality work is not submitted by 29-10-18 on return from mid-semester break, the registration details will not be amended. Please use the mid –semester break purposefully.

# **CAS-SA Corner**



TIS YEP Members of ELMONDS Ltd on Saturday, Septemer 13, 2018 attended a seminar at East Airport International School. The seminar helped students to gain practical knowledge and

in-depth understanding of Cash flow, financial planning and budgeting. The students were accompanied by Mr. Emmanuel Sampong and Miss Abigail Ahiadorme.

#### **Student's reflections:**



Last Saturday the members of the Youth Enterprise Program embarked on a trip for a meeting with our Mentors at East Airport International School. The purpose of the meeting was to enlighten the youth on financial budgeting of business and the processes involved. The Financial Mentor explained to us that finance plays a key role in the running of a business and can either bring joy or harm to the business. It was exciting to see the members of TIS answer questions and interact with the mentors. As a team, we are striving for excellence, integrity and perseverance, and are determined to be the best business among all the

other schools to lift high the banner of TIS.

Maame Abena Mensah-Asantewaa – Managing Director of ELMONDS Ltd (TIS YEP)













We discussed the financial budget of our business and drafted payment vouchers, Petty cash

receipts and ways to keep records of money. Overall, it was a very interactive and educational seminar. I learnt new things which can help me in my studies and beyond.

# **Apewe Chigabatia -Financial Manager of ELMONDS Ltd (TIS YEP)**

The YEP seminar on cashflow, financial planning and budgeting was very insightful, interesting and an interactive session. After having the seminar, I think that if I were to start my own business in the future it would not be that challenging because I had a head-start.



Elorm Godzi – Human Resource Manager – ELMONDS Ltd (TIS YEP)



Tema International School stages *Beauty and the Beast* at the National Theatre *'There is beauty in every beast'*.

As part of Tema International School's 15th anniversary celebrations, they will be staging the musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, come Friday, 23 November 2018 at the National Theatre of Ghana.















For the past 15 years, Tema International School has believed in and observed the policy of 'no

child left behind'. As an institution, TIS believes that there is an iota of greatness in everyone, and when given the needed opportunity and support, attaining excellence becomes inevitable.

In the light of this philosophy, the 2018 TIS Annual Performance promotes the theme, 'there is beauty in every beast'. *Beauty and Beast* tells of a beast who could learn to love when given the opportunity and support.









Tema International School is a place of many opportunities, ranging from academics, sports, leadership, service, creativity, and general wellbeing. Of course, no child is ever left behind in the school. At every moment and place, students are presented with many rewarding opportunities to develop themselves into becoming impactful global citizens.

When it comes to creativity, TIS is a hub of talent. As a school, TIS takes an interest in discovering, developing and promoting creative talents. This is testament of the school's commitment to presenting annual school plays and art exhibitions. From Ama Ata Aidoo's *Dilemma of a Ghost* in 2010, to Tim Rice's musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, in 2011 and Mrs. Acheampong's comedy *Dormitory C – The Inspection*, in 2012, TIS has kept its audience stage bound to spectacular performances. In 2013, during the school's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, TIS raised the bar and wowed the audiences with an adaptation of the award winning Broadway musical, *The Lion King*, at the National Theatre of Ghana. Since then, TIS has continued with presenting mouth-watering theatre

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performances. In 2014, the school presented James Ene Henshaw's *This is Our Chance*, which was followed with Miriam Makeba's musical, *Sarafina* in 2015, a devised performance of the evolution of music titled *Evolution – a Tale of Fragmented Sounds*, in 2016 and Ben Abdullah's *The Slaves* in 2017.

TIS provides a holistic space of opportunities for students. When it comes to service, TIS is a haven. As an IB World School, TIS teaches and entreats her

students to care and empathise for the less privileged. Service Learning is innate to the culture of TIS. Evidence of this can be seen with the many service opportunities that students initiate and engage with communities. From the Handi\*Vangelism Children's Home at Haatso in Accra, Calvary Presby Basic School at Tema Community 21, Tetteh-Ocloo School of the Deaf (Ashaiman) and the building of a school block for Graceland Academy School at Akorlikope in the Volta Region, students at TIS have been very engaged with touching lives and impacting their world. As with this year's annual school play production, proceeds of all other school plays go towards community service projects.

And so come Friday, November 23, Tema International School invites you to the National Theatre of Ghana, to witness another impeccable theatre performance. Not only will you be kept stage bound and thrilled to an excellent theatrical experience, but you will also be supporting many community projects in which the school is involved, and ultimately, you will be finding that beauty in the beast.























# **Anniversary Production**













