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## Thought for the week

Don't be afraid to give your best to what are seemingly small jobs. Every time you conquer one, it makes you that much stronger. If you do the little things well, the big ones will take care of themselves.

- Dale Carnegie

## Calendar

### October

- 13 PSAT; Interschool soccer, handball and table tennis
- 17 UK Trip (Biology, ESS, Geography)
- 18 Mini UK/European university fair (TIS); SOS MUN
- 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

## Making Us Proud

- The Founders and Founding Family as TIS celebrated 15 years last week.
- TIS family members who have joined in activities last week to celebrate TIS@15.
- Performers at Saturday's Durbar and Genesis at Sunday's Thanksgiving Service. WOW!

## 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.

## TIS @ 15

WOW! The 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Durbar was really something out of the box. We were thrilled to have the Second Lady of Ghana, H E Mrs Samira Bawumia, as guest of honour, What an incredible role model for girls and young ladies! Guest speaker, the insanely talented Ben Dotse Malor, held us spellbound as he encouraged all of us to become global givers. Messages from pioneer parent, Theresa Osei-Tutu, and pioneer student, Cecilia Odonkor, were as powerful as

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they were inspiring. Of course, the various performances were stunning, including Khadidjatou and the Pop Band. I have seen the TIS choir and the Cultural Troupe perform on three occasions over 10 days. I now understand how you can perfect perfection. Jennifer has also got a new fan club after her second awesome performance in four days.

However, it's not all over yet. Remember, the TIS annual production of Beauty and the Beast will be held at the National Theatre in Accra on Friday, 23 November. One night only. Contact Surama King or admin to book your tickets now.

## Mid-Semester Break

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

However, students involved in:

- the TIS Annual Creative Writers and Photographers Workshop, which will be held next 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.

Students return to Hostels on Sunday, 28 October.

## Dianne Blackburn

It has been a pleasure to host Dianne for four days this week to help us finetune our preparations for MYP authorisation in November. Dianne is an independent educational consultant and IBEN workshop leader for the International Baccalaureate.

## Care of Devices

I remain concerned about the lack of responsibility by many students over the care of their laptops. Very few have the required protective case. Many leave their devices unattended, and then forget where they left it. Some students place them in locations that are prone to damage, for example, the basketball court. I find it hard to believe that students are able to drop laptops.

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## Relationships

TIS encourages friendships and we expect that boys know how to behave around boys, girls around girls, and gentlemen around ladies.

However, we do not accept relationships at TIS for the simple reason these distract students from their learning. If staff considers a relationship exists, parents will be informed and students will be counselled. If the relationship continues after seven days, both students will be suspended until students and parents can confirm the relationship has ended.

Aunty Sandra has met with a few students this week to counsel them. If there is a concern that a relationship exists, parents will be informed before the mid-semester break.

## The Duke of Edinburgh International Award

For our strategic and balanced students, now is the time to commence one of the three levels (bronze, silver or gold) of this exciting program. Students must be 14 years to commence the program. Participants in any level of the program must pay a fee for the program. These fees are: GHC50 for Bronze; GHC60 for Silver; and GHC70 for Gold. Please note for some activities with the award program, additional fees may be involved. For example, adventurous journey and residential project.

The Duke of Edinburgh International Award Scheme is comprised of three levels and four sections. Participants complete all four sections at each level in order to achieve their Award. At Gold level, participants also complete a Residential Project. The Bronze Level is for those students who are 14 years and over. The Silver level is for those students who are 15 years and over, while the Gold Level is for those 16 years and over. The four sections are: service; skills; physical recreation; and adventurous journey. The residential project is only completed at the Gold level.

University and college admission managers look beyond academic results to find out what makes each student a 'right fit' for their institution. While CAS involvement and projects are highly regarded by these managers, a Duke of Edinburgh award demonstrates achievement and commitment, two key factors in success at university, and in life.

I mentioned earlier that it was time for our strategic and balanced students to commence one of the programs. Why?

Students training for ISSAG soccer, tennis, table tennis and/or athletics should tick the Skills or Physical Recreation requirement. Students attending SOS MUN or ALAMAU for the French or Spanish Study Tours should tick the residential living requirement. An adventurous journey is being planned for the end of semester. There are various service projects that students have the opportunity to join this semester.

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However, remember that the two key words are **challenge and commitment**. Being involved in an activity for two weeks and then ‘becoming busy’ will not demonstrate commitment.

Students can join up by see 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: [norahke@tis.edu.gh](mailto: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.

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## *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](mailto: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: [etorkonoo@tis.edu.gh](mailto:etorkonoo@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](mailto:support@tis.edu.gh)

I appreciate your support.  
Ken

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**Individuals & Societies Corner**

**2019 IMUN-STEAM Summer Programme**

Hood College, USA



**14-27 July 2019**

The UNESCO Center for Peace is excited to announce this year's International Model United Nations — Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (IMUN-STEAM) Summer Program! Get ready to experience a unique opportunity to build your leadership and team working capacities in our educationally-based programs. Our overarching goal is to instill within each student the diplomatic skills necessary to become a great agent of change in their community. Our program is designed to end the passive attitude and empower tomorrow's leaders with the best tools available to successfully spread the ideas of peace into the minds of the next generation of global citizens and leaders.



**Look forward to**

- ▶ Being an ambassador while enhancing your conflict resolution, teamwork, and leadership skills
- ▶ Experiencing other cultures while discussing some of our world's most pertinent issues
- ▶ Developing your skills in communication, public speaking, research, and critical thinking
- ▶ Building life-long relationships and international connections



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## Program Outline

- ▶ Field Trips to Washington, D.C. and New York City
- ▶ Campus visits to US Universities
- ▶ International Model United Nations Conference and STEAM Program
- ▶ STEP Sustainability Showcase
- ▶ Cultural Showcase and Talent Show
- ▶ Sports Day
- ▶ Cultural Diversity and Global Citizenship Workshops
- ▶ Team Building and Guest Speakers

## What to Expect:

Our International Model United Nations (IMUN) Conference exposes our delegates to many of the significant global issues affecting our world today and allows them an opportunity to solve them through international negotiations. During the conference, participants employ a variety of communication and critical thinking skills, which include public speaking, research, policy analysis, negotiating, and technical writing, in a widely diverse and multicultural environment. Our Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) Program is geared for students with a greater interest in utilizing sciences to ensure sustainable practices. This hands-on curriculum is designed to build crosscultural collaboration in research, problem solving, and advanced critical thinking skills. Students will learn the value of and understand how the sciences play instrumental roles in international peace. Participants explore the United Nations 2030 Agenda goals to work toward sustainability initiatives

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# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## NOTES:

- Cost per participant: **\$4600.00** (including flights and visa application fees.  
Transportation to and from airport/train station will also be provided)
- Payments should be made at the Account Office no later than **15 November, 2018**.
- For further enquiries, please contact:  
Mr. Ben Darko, +233 (0)244110355 Email: [kwame\\_d@tis.edu.gh](mailto:kwame_d@tis.edu.gh)

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Transportation to and from Dulles International Airport/Union Station in Washington, D.C. will be provided by the program.
- Hood College maintains **24/7 security service, a 24/7 health centre**, and free Wi-Fi, which will be accessible to all.
- For necessities, Hood College has a campus store available.
- Students will be accommodated on campus in the residence halls at Hood College separated by gender.
- Two students will share a room, which contains two beds, two desks, two closets, and an air conditioning unit. **Room selection will be randomly assigned** for cultural exchange in order to **encourage diversity and inter-cultural growth**.
- Each floor of the residence hall has a water fountain and two community bathrooms for the students on that hall (four showers, five toilets, and two sinks in each.)
- Bedding and linens will be provided for each student attending the program.
- Fully-equipped kitchens are available for student access.
- Washing machines and dryers are located in each residence hall and available to students; detergent will be provided.
- Hood College maintenance staff cleans community spaces on a daily basis, however they will not be cleaning individual rooms.
- Three meals per day will be provided by the Hood College dining hall which is served buffet style.
- For each meal, the dining hall offers three main courses (with vegetarian options) to choose from, a salad and soup bar, fresh fruit, and a

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vast selection of beverages. Additionally, a café is available for student use outside of the designated meal plans.

- Students are encouraged to bring cultural talent, dress, instruments, and games/activities for the Cultural Showcase on Monday, 15 July.

The Talent Show is group-oriented and will be hosted on Friday 26, July. Individual talent will be highlighted during the Cultural Showcase on Monday 15, July.



Every year, hundreds of brilliant individuals gather in Johannesburg to take part in the African Leadership Academy Model African Union (ALAMAU) conference. The year 2019 will mark the sixth session of ALAMAU.

ALAMAU gives delegates the chance to tackle real issues that the continent faces. Over the course of five days, delegates will be able to navigate some of these issues through rigorous debate, resolution drafting, and creating action plans that make their resolutions come to life.

It is an experience that allows delegates to better understand the mechanisms of international bodies such as the AU, and further permits them to unravel the complexities of diplomacy. Apart from growing their wider understanding on international relations, delegates also get the opportunity to grow as individuals as the conference allows them to strengthen their research skills, public speaking skills and strategic thinking, to name but a few. Their individual growth journey is facilitated by our ALAMAU staff who produce individualized feedback reports on each delegate's performance in their respective committees.



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## Counsellor's Corner



*What a spectacular and successful 15 years' anniversary! TIS - shaping the future, developing minds for life.*



### DP2 important reminders from university guidance office:

- ✓ DP2s please note that **1 November** is the secret deadline to aim at, for submitting your college applications to U.S. universities, for maximum scholarship and financial aid consideration!
- ✓ Also all Early Decision/Early Action applicants must ensure that they put in a request on either their College Board or ACT accounts, to have their SAT/ACT scores sent to their selected universities 2 weeks to a month ahead of the application deadlines. They will require credit card payment of the fee to have the testing agencies send test scores out.

For all UK Oxford, Cambridge, Medical School applicants, deadlines are:

- ✓ DP2s UK early applicants, will have their applications submitted before close of this week **12 October 2018.**
- ✓ DP2 Parents of students in this category should send an email to the Guidance Counselors, listing and indicating their approval of their ward's final list of UK universities, having considered location, programme, cost of attendance, academic requirements among other preferred factors. **Applications will not be submitted without the confirmation/ approval email from parents.**
- ✓ Each UK 'early' applicant and EA/ED student should have clicked the final "Pay and Send" latest by **Wednesday 10 October, 2018**

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- ✓ **Note:** The TIS university guidance department strives to send out all application documents way ahead of the official deadlines to ensure that nothing is missed and our students get priority consideration for all university admissions and scholarship/financial aid/bursary opportunities, so students are urged to adhere to our strict deadlines and refer to the timelines we shared with them at the beginning of the semester. Counting on your usual cooperation.

**DP 2 Parents** should please confirm which dates suit them by responding to the request from College Guides, for a financial aid one-on-one meeting this week. Appointments will be based on first come first served basis depending on when we receive an email reply. Most of the meetings however, will take place right after the mid-semester break and are mostly geared towards parents of students with U.S. universities on their list. Thank you.



## Upcoming University Visits:

| Name of University                   | Date            | Time   | Venue               |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|---------------------|
| University of Central Lancashire, UK | 10 October 2018 | 9:00am | TIS Learning Centre |
| SCAD, USA                            | 10 October 2018 | 10am   | TIS Learning Centre |
| Lehigh Univ., USA                    | 10 October 2018 | 1:30pm | HPEH, TIS           |
| EU Business School, Germany          | 17 October 2018 | 2:30pm | HPEH, TIS           |
| IAES Univ. Fair                      | 18 October 2018 | 1:30pm | EEH, TIS            |
| York Univ.                           | 8 November 2018 | TBD    | HPEH, TIS           |
| Univ. of Southampton, UK             | November 2018   | TBD    | TIS Learning Center |

*Parents are always welcome to attend any of the university visits!*

The month of October has been incredibly remarkable. Great **university visits**, **exciting offers**, **excellent presentations**, **awesome scholarship packages**, making our students well-informed about the best fit schools based on their unique strengths, abilities and talents. To complement the list of great universities which visited our campus, we have;



### The SCAD Visit

What an October visit! All the way from USA the **Savannah College of Art and Design, Atlanta, Georgia** visited our campus once again. Presentation from Ms. Nebiat Negreme, the International Admissions Officer was excellent, and comprehensive. SCAD as one of choicest destinations and hallmarks for creative arts offering gifted and talented

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students good scholarship packages. In TIS our strong niche for the Arts and Creative Design has served as the right preparatory grounds for the smooth transitioning of our students to SCAD. **Well done to our alumna Mame Ekua Cudjoe, who Ms. Nebiat spoke highly of as one of the most hardworking current students from TIS whom SCAD treasures. Kudos!** To CAS and Arts Department. *“SCAD 40 years of creative careers with creative minds.”* To enroll or find out more information visit: <https://www.scad.edu/> for scholarship packages visit: <https://www.scad.edu/admission/financial-aid-and-scholarships/scholarships>



## Applying Early Decision (ED)??:

What is it? ED- is a mode of application where a student applies by an earlier deadline and signs a binding agreement to by all means enroll at a particular university once they are admitted. Once admitted, an ED applicant cannot renege on this binding agreement, as it has very harsh consequences such as losing out on all other university offerse. ED is usually a term used by universities in the USA.

### Advantages of ED

- It shows the college that the student is fully committed, enthusiastic, and very decisive about that university. Thus the university is a student's number one destination out of the other available options.
- A very high and strategic opportunity to be considered for the best of scholarship packages (depending on the university / college's policies).
- Early decision is a non-negotiable game! Therefore when a student meets all the university's requirements, the admission team is highly likely to admit the student.
- For Lehigh University, Early Decision presents the opportunity to admit the cream of the crop of students that they want.

Early Action (EA): It is also a similar early application mode, but is not binding.



Students with strong test scores and academic records, are strongly encouraged/advised to apply early when they meet university's full requirements- as recommended by the Lehigh University representative. Especially for full scholarships and very good scholarship packages. Free money for grabs! You cannot afford to miss the opportunity! The early bird catches the worm. Remember: Students all over the world are applying for that same package. Why not apply early?!

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### Lehigh University

Samba the Director of International Relations and Students Affairs who visit us from Lehigh, was amazing. He is pictured above in a pose with Tiffany Agyarko (DP2). He touched on very critical pointers that will put our students in a competitive lead. Gaining admission to universities highly depends on some of the following criteria.

- A strong demonstration of student's commitment to the universities.
- A strong demonstration of in-depth research about what makes the university unique.
- Strong sense of passion, connection of a student envisioning himself in that university.
- A best fit for the university with reference to academic prowess, leadership, personality, extracurricular, community-based volunteer projects.
- Founded in 1865, Lehigh is a trusted brand and **No. 1. Hot spot for all manner of Engineering programs** for over 150 years of existence. It started off initially, as an engineering school for boys but now is a coed university.
- A university of specialty with a prerequisite for hard work and ambition.
- Has 80% of international students' representation with over 100 clubs to choose from the Arts to the Sciences.

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## TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



- Nestled in the heart of Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley, offers the charm of a vibrant, culturally diverse community. Lehigh's connection is a strong family bond@Lehigh is home away from home.
- A rigorous academic experience with dynamic student life on a classic college campus.
- Lehigh by the numbers, 100% of demonstrated needs met, \$90million available in grants and scholarships, + 9 merit based scholarships all for grabs!
- Expert faculty staff. Small class size, 100% guaranteed safe & learner friendly environment.
- United Nations' connections for over a decade. Students have internship placement and employability with the UN.
- Lehigh University is located in Bethlehem, PA., 50 miles north of Philadelphia and 75 miles west of New York City.
- Lehigh University has four colleges, with numerous undergraduate and graduate majors. Its well-regarded graduate programs include the College of Education and the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science
- Lehigh –Learn by doing. Making impacts with experiential knowledge, challenging the status quo. Lehigh colleges or intercollegiate programs focuses on work projects in the classroom and experience drawn from outside settings.
- Focuses on other subfields of engineering and a strong brand reputation for Civil Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and many others.
- With over 100 programmes to choose from in Business Humanities, Social Sciences, the Lehigh Baja SAE team is a student-run organization that takes challenges of designing and building.
- As a school focused on learning by doing Lehigh has Creative Inquiry, the Mountain Summer Experience which allows cross-section of summer camp programmes for staff and students working across disciplines, creating strong faculty and student bond. [Lehigh.edu/creative inquiry](http://Lehigh.edu/creative%20inquiry).
- Excellent holistic differentiation programmes in interdisciplinary studies in Business and Engineering, Computer Science and Business, Integrated Degree in Engineering.
- The Lehigh signature: Entrepreneurial Thinking, Baker Institute for Entrepreneurship, Creativity and Innovation, [Lehigh@NasdaqCenter](mailto:Lehigh@NasdaqCenter), [LehighSiliconValley](http://LehighSiliconValley).
- Strong alumni connections CEO OF General Motors offering free sponsorship for all international student learning, summer camp and study abroad programmes.
- At Lehigh we insist on excellence, students thriving in a challenging engaging environment as we are developing great leadership potentials. Visit: [Lehigh.edu/admissions](http://Lehigh.edu/admissions)

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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                     |

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| 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 valid unexpired passport is the only acceptable form of identification.*

*DPIs, you are strongly encouraged to register for the ACT CBT & SAT December exams and the deadline for signing up is this week! Payment should be done on line in the coming week with a credit card! See College Guides with any questions you may have.*



### Grade 10's PSAT Saturday 13 October 2018.

The PSAT exam takes place this week **Saturday 13 October**, for our grade 10 students. Parents please note that the valid unexpired passport is the only acceptable form of ID and please submit your ward's passport to the university guidance office no later than **Friday, 12 October, 2018.**



The **UKEAS** 2018 study world exhibition represents a platform where opportunities and possibilities can be exploited as UKEAS brought together international delegates representing over 65 institutions which cut across the UK, Ireland, Malaysia, USA & Australia, under one umbrella at the Kempinski Hotel on Tuesday, 9 October 2018. Universities in the Russell group and many others from Australia and the UK were represented. Visit: <https://www.uk eas.com.gh>. Some university representatives participating in the UKEAS University fair visited TIS on Monday, 8 October, 2018, ahead of the fair. They were from Nottingham Trent University,

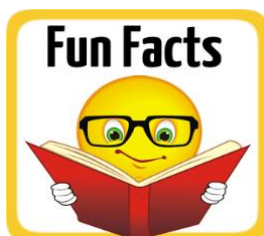
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University of Nottingham and University of Kent. They gave a thorough presentation detailing what UK universities expect in a winning personal statement. Some of our DP2 students were present and got to interact with the representatives. It was very educative and engaging. Below is a picture from the visit:



The **Russell Group** is a self-selected association of twenty-four public research universities in the United Kingdom. The Russell Group's 24 members are world-class, research-intensive universities. They are unique institutions, each with their own history and ethos, but they share some distinguishing characteristics. They are committed to maintaining the very best research, an outstanding teaching and learning experience and unrivalled links with local and national business and the

public sector. The group is headquartered in London and was established in 1994 to represent its members' interests, principally to **government** and **parliament**. Russell Group, or "British Ivy League,"<sup>[1]</sup> schools are generally viewed as Britain's most prestigious. They are ranked among the best universities by **ARWU**, **QS**, and **THE** internationally, as well as **Complete**, **Guardian**, and **The Times** within the UK. 17 of the QS British T18s are Russell Group universities.



Follow the link below for more information

<https://successatschool.org/advisedetails/341/What-Are-the-Russell-Group-Universities%3F>

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## CAS-SA Corner



### TIS is 15!

After fifteen years of serving Ghana with a stellar buffet of educational opportunities, the Tema International School community undoubtedly has so much to celebrate – and TIS definitely knows how to celebrate in grand style.

The past week has been packed with endless activities, for the staff, students, parents, alumni and

friends of the IB World School.

Well, what are the lessons to be learnt from Tema International School, as she turns fifteen? It is all pretty simple – that dreams do come true; that Ghanaians can build and run internationally-acclaimed educational institutions; that everything that has a coveted presence also has a powerful story; that schools like TIS are evidence that Ghana has a strong track record of setting global educational policy trends and that a school which is as young as TIS can definitely rise to become a force to reckon with in Ghana, in Africa and in the world.

## Educational Forum



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## Anniversary Thanksgiving Service



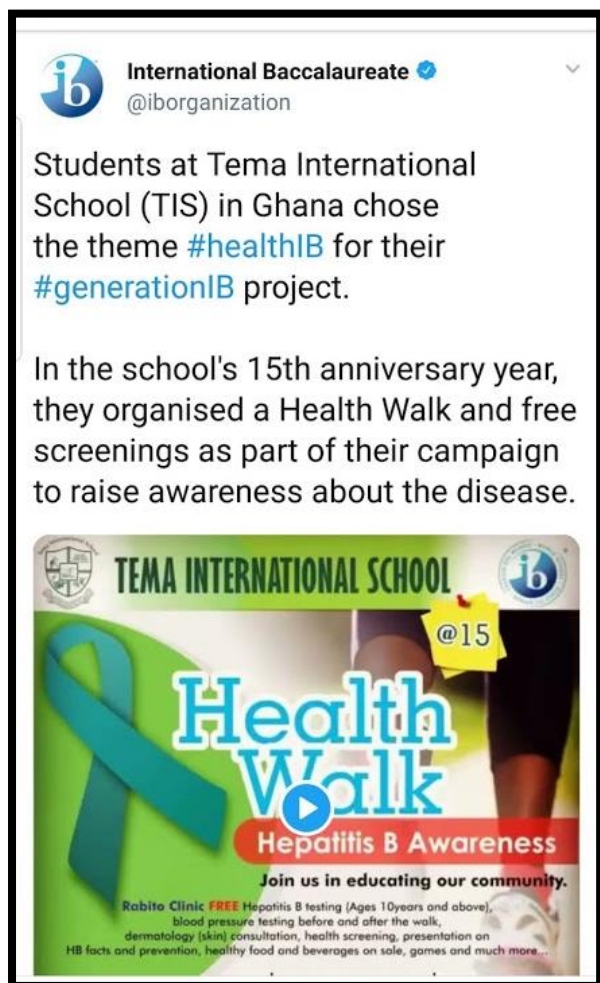
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**GenerationIB** – The HB Awareness campaign started by our Grade 11s at the Health Walk is featured all over IB's Social media as part of GenerationIB. It's all about being engaged, taking action and making the world around you a better place.



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**Playlist of TIS @ 15** – Major events, click on the link below to watch all events, enjoy!

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Shout out to TIS incredible IT Team ☐GH♥★ for making it possible for people all over the world to be part of TIS Anniversary.

### Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Let's join our G 11 CAS students as they take action. **Breast Cancer awareness** – There will be a number of activities on campus and an insightful presentation at

Monday Assembly. Stay tuned. Together we can do more. On Monday, 15 October, wear PINK. It's about educating girls & women in our community on how to prevent Breast Cancer

Knowledge is key and can save many lives. We care!

Be sure to pick your step by step self-check with the campaign reps. See Phobe to know how you can support.



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## TIS @ 15 - A journey through Service

Service is more than a core component of the programs we run here in TIS, it's one of our school values and we take it very serious. The DP students engage with CAS projects and experiences throughout their 2 years program, and the MYP students engage in Service in Action and community projects.

TIS students are constantly reminded of how important every little action towards making the world a better place is.

When I talk about TIS Students' Service initiatives, I like to emphasize that what matters is the impact that we make on the society which is meaningful, transformational, authentic and fun. We gain skills that develop us in life long learner. We engage with our community and as result of that we identify problems, we take action, we find solutions, we reach out and promote positive change.



The opportunities in TIS to develop caring and compassionate citizens are endless. I personally look forward to Grade 11 to start my CAS project. I am inspired by my senior's initiatives.



Service initiatives have really evolved over the years from the Deveme Outreach, to Kodiabe Canteen with Father Campbell, to Akorlikope, to the recent incubator for Tema General Hospital by the Interact of TIS and many other initiatives by our MYP students Service in Action and community projects.

Let's travel through the years and witness what TIS have being engaged with the communities near and far from our campus. This video is the evidence of what a small group of passionate and committed individuals can do. I am inspired for the next 15 years.

Lydia, Grade 10

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## TIS on the News



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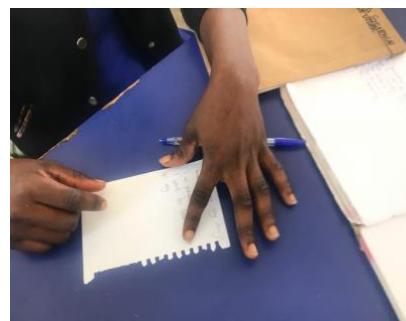
## MYP Year 3 Community Visit – Communicators, Caring and Inquirers in Action



Still in the business of making our learning relevant and connecting our classroom to the larger world, the Grade 8s took their first community visit as the final stage of their introduction into service learning/community project. The class paid a pleasant visit to 4 areas of interest; School of the Deaf, Calvary Presby, Save Them Orphanage, Tema Fishing Harbour. Students were exposed to the various

livelihoods of people and agreed on a realization that individuals outside of their circle can be different but deserve equal rights to basic needs.

At **School of the Deaf**, students demonstrated the IB Learner profile **Communication** as they sat in class with them and learnt basic sign language. They mingled, laughed, took pictures and shared their differences. In the end the class was able to sign their names and basic pleasantries like *Hi, Sorry, Welcome, thank you and I love you*. “It was fascinating and eye opening”, as Phoebe recollects.



The team moved on to the **Calvary Basic School** to interact with students. Upon arrival they were having their closing assembly and TIS joined them and then took a tour around the JSS block and exchanging pleasantries with the final year students

The team then moved on the **Save them Young Orphanage**, it was an emotional site when the class encountered the Orphans. They had the opportunity to listen to their story from the Caretaker, Uncle Eric, who narrated the mode of operation in the Orphanage. He shared with the team how they solely

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depend on donations and sponsorship. He commended the students for choosing to visit the home and TIS on the whole in the attempt to imbibe empathy in the Students. The class played with the kids for a few minutes took pictures and brainstormed on how they can make their lives better.

Due to time, the team passed the **Tema Fishing harbour** but did not get off the bus for an experience. They saw the boats docked, some fishermen, fishmongers, traders along the beach and deplorable state of the harbor. The class felt enlightened about the world outside what they are used to and very appreciative of who they and what they have. A few reflections from the students:



*Yesterday, we visited four places in our community and they are, Agya Kojo School of the Deaf, Calvary School, Tema Fishing Harbour and Save Them Young Orphanage. Some of the ideas that popped into my head were*

- *Donate my old clothes to the children in the Orphanage*
- *Raise Funds to support the Orphanage*
- *Write a letter to the government about the problems they face so they can assist them with the help from my English/Language and Literature class.*



**Brenda Anthonio**

*On the 10 October 2018, my grade (8) embarked on a trip into the community. The trip was very insightful because it showed me the lives of people outside the walls of Tema International School. We*

*went to an orphanage that solely depended on donations. Some of the children there were in bad condition and the caretakers could only do their best to help them. This orphanage has inspired my community project to help the home; Save Them Young orphanage. Nuku Dzekuma*



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*Our third stop was Save Them Young and when I entered and saw the condition of the place and the kids who were in here and were orphans I got so emotional I had to move to the back and cry. There was this particular little girl who was wearing a pink top and leggings and she did not talk for the whole time. She was so quiet and I assumed she was sad and needed someone to love her. There was another girl who I went up to and asked what her name was and she*

*said Maksufi and then I asked her if she was bored and she said yes then I gave her my book and pen and let her draw and she drew this beautiful picture of a girl. I loved it. Also the walls were very dirty and not interesting for the children to engage in learning. So, I Ewuraba and I thought why don't we raise money and redecorate their classroom and make a little space on the wall for the children to draw.*



*The last stop was Tema Fishing Harbour and over there we had to stay in the bus but I could only see how dirty the market was and how the boats looked nasty and not safe and the children were unsafe and were playing in a dirty environment.*



*I was so happy Aunt Grace took us to those four places because now I know that we are so privileged because a lot of people out there are suffering and we are here. So now I want to stand up and become a better person by helping other lives with my community project.*  
**Moyosola Fajemirokun**



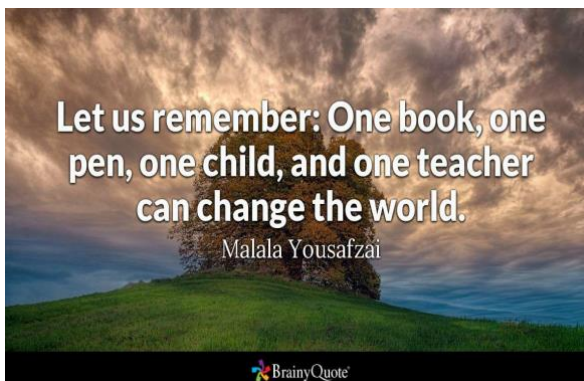
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## Reading Club



As inquirers, life is boring without a book. Reading club sparks curiosity in students to read, research and enrich their vocabulary as well as speak eloquently and confidently. This week the Reading Club took a different turn with news on **Current affairs** and the **Colour Code Game**. Some reflections from our students.

### Bervelyn Sawyerr-Markwei – G 11

*“During reading club on Wednesday, 10 October, 2018, we read about current issues happening in Ghana. For example, First Lady Melania Trump who embarked on her first big solo international trip and first visit to Africa with plans to visit four countries in just five days, focusing on child welfare and promoting her advocacy “Be Best” initiated earlier this year. . Her first destination was our dear country, Ghana, where she visited a baby clinic, toured wings of the Greater Accra Regional Hospital, including an older part of the hospital and a newer facility, and passed out teddy bears wrapped in blankets.*

*After, Auntie Setor and Auntie Constance asked about our favorite colours and their connotations to us, different colored flowers were used to represent us as humans and how our different actions can build or destroy someone’s life. As humans we should abide by the colour code by complimenting each other positively and impacting instead of in people’s life”.*

### Charity Fafa Apreku – G 10

*“Today during reading club, we did a very fun and insightful activity. The first one was to get us in touch with our current affairs. We each got little sticky notes with mystery words on it. Then we had to share the little knowledge we had on the topic. This activity exposed the extent of ignorance we have in terms of current affairs. It also educated us on them, we are now fully aware of what's going on in our motherland. The next part took a more discerning turn where we learned about a concept called colour coding. Everyone had to pick a colour and define it- we told each other what the colour meant to us as individuals. Here, everyone waited with bated breath for the next turn events- why were we doing this?The grand reveal came- we learned that each and every one of us represents a different colour. We need to use each of these colours to complement, brighten, lighten up and bring each other together”.*

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## Lena Dodoo – G 10

*“We started the meeting by discussing current affairs in Ghana. Everyone received a sticky note from Auntie Setor that had a different issue written on it. The most interesting was one that I read: When did Melania arrive in Ghana? I had no idea she was even coming! Next, Auntie Constance had us all say what colour plant we would be. I said I would be a green plant because green symbolizes life and growth. Then she told us about the color code, and how we should complement and encourage each other, like how different colors come together to make ordinary things, spaces and dresses look beautiful”.*



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