

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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At TIS,

we believe that sport, as one of the four pillars for student balance and ensuing success, promotes teamwork, challenges personal best and emphasises the importance of appreciating how to lose before knowing how to win.

COVID-19

- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the washroom. Dry your hands thoroughly or the advantage of asking your hands is lost.

- Cover your cough and sneeze, dispose of tissues, and use alcohol-based hand sanitisers.

- If unwell, avoiding contact with others (stay more than 2 metres from people).

Thought for the Week

Change is the essence of life; be willing to surrender what you are for what you could become.

- Reinhold Niebuhr



Interesting times!

COVID-19 is certainly impacting on so many things that were regarded previously as 'a given'.

Last Monday, IB cancelled its May exam session for DP and CP students. This also effectively closed TIS as per the President's directive as our G12 students were no longer exam candidates.

IB will announce today how DP students will be awarded their final grades in lieu of no final exams. While many students may be relieved of no exam stress, they will be interested in how final grades will be awarded.

IB has yet to determine if the May MYP eAssessments will proceed. This announcement will be made within the week.

For our G12 students, it was an emotional moment as everything came to a sudden end. Rushed goodbyes without the traditional farewell or graduation. COVID-19 has



Do the right thing,
even when no one
is watching.

It's called integrity.

Online Learning

Please observe the following protocols:

- Create a regular study space at home for the purpose of online learning.
- Stay organised.
- Treat an online class/meeting like a 'real' class/meeting.
- Dress appropriately
- Practise time-management (no excuses)
- Be respectful to all participants. Allow others to contribute
- Share relevant content
- Keep the discussion within the topic. Actively participate.
- Avoid profanity and Pidgin English.

Online learning is different. It is not easy. But it should suit many of our 21c learners.

Please contact your class teacher, programme coordinator, or myself, if you are experiencing any difficulties.

Reminders

- Please read the weekly TIS Bulletin and take action as required.

certainly made a big impact in so many ways.

Please note that while school closures operate in Ghana, students are not to set foot inside the TIS grounds.

Hopefully, if the pandemic is contained effectively, it will be nice to see schools reopen in May. Wishful thinking? Maybe. I hope not. Only time will tell and how seriously people take social distancing and other measures to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Meanwhile, for all other students, please complete your online learning requirements. If there are any difficulties, then please email your teacher. For G12, complete any outstanding requirements and consider enrolling in some online courses to keep a focus until universities commence in 2020/2021.

Admissions 2020/2021 Update

- The second round of admissions' testing and interviews will commence on 20 April. This whole process - application, testing and interview - will be conducted online, while schools remain closed.
- Re-enrolments for 2020/2021 close on 31/3/20. A final reminder will be sent out today to those parents who have not responded.

I appreciate your support. Stay healthy.

Dr Ken Darvall (Principal)

PLEASE NOTE

Tema International School is **CLOSED until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Deliveries should be handed to security at the Promise Street entrance.

To make contact with TIS during this period of closure, please email: info@tis.edu.gh

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Stay healthy by observing all recommended health practices.

TIS Management



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RULES FOR VIRTUAL CLASSROOMS

Now we are all in the Corona-virus mode, our children will learn in virtual classrooms. For most children, it will be the first time that they will do this so let's make sure our children behave, just like in a normal classroom.

To enhance learning not only for your child but also for their classmates, please observe the following rules.

1. The first rule is: **do not do anything you would normal not do in your classroom.**
2. **Be ready to go to school:** You are not going to school in your pyjamas, without breakfast or without your school bag so do not do that now either. Make sure you are dressed, had your breakfast and have your textbooks, notebooks, pens, etc. at hand.
3. **Be ready to go into your virtual classroom:** Set up a desk at a quiet spot in the house. Check that your microphone is working. Plug in your headphone, especially if you are working with more people in the same room.
4. **Close all your open internet pages and switch off all your other programs/apps,** especially websites and programs/apps that play music or movies. This also applies for your telephone. You are not allowed to listen to music or watch movies in class either.
5. **Log in on time:** just as with normal day at school, your virtual classroom will start at a certain time. It is very disturbing for your teacher and your classmates when you are late.
6. **Switch off your camera:** Not everyone has a fast internet connection. If you switch on your camera, it means those with a slower connection will experience disruptions.
7. **Put your microphone on mute:** Even if you work in a quiet environment, there will always be background noise from inside or outside your house. Putting your microphone on mute will help to reduce the background noise and it will be much easier for everyone to concentrate.
8. **Only switch on your microphone if you would like to ask/answer a question or make a contribution,** if the teacher allows.
9. **Do not eat during your lesson.** You are not allowed to eat in class either so do not do that now either. It is not nice when your classmates have to listen to you chewing on something.

DO NOT BULLY

Do not mute anyone, do not kick someone out of your virtual class, do not use offensive language, etc.

Your school is allowing you to have this great new experience, so let's ensure we all make the best out of it. And enjoy!!!

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BE A RESPONSIBLE DINER

How to keep clean and carry on when you're dining



Monitor your temperature

To be considerate, ensure that you're well enough to dine with friends and family.



Wash your hands before and after you eat

Use soap, or an alcohol-based sanitiser. Scrub your fingernails, palms, and backs of your hands.



Eat with utensils

...unless you are entirely sure that your hands are thoroughly cleaned. Keep those fingernails short!



Share food sensibly

Use serving utensils to portion out dishes. No double-dipping, please!



If you cough or sneeze, use a tissue or your elbow

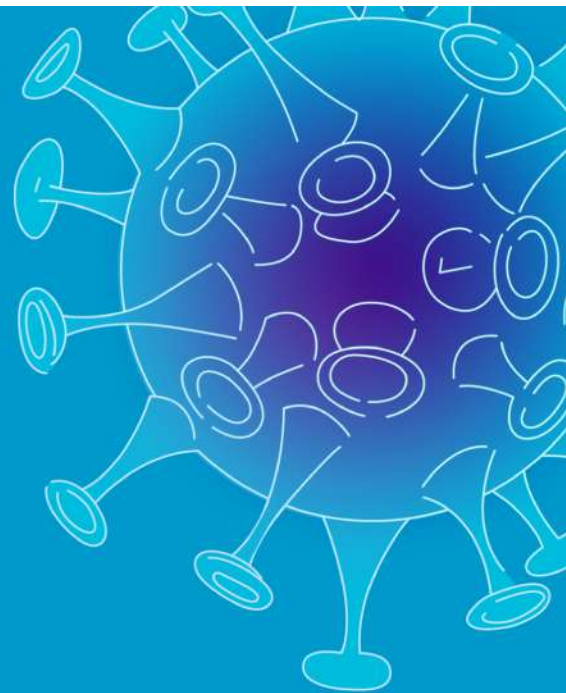
Wash your hands immediately before touching anything else.



Avoid touching your face

If you have to touch it, remember the golden rule: Wash your hands!

Be **INFORMED**
Be **PREPARED**
Be **SMART**
Be **SAFE**



Be **READY** to fight
#COVID19

For the latest health advice, go to:
www.who.int/COVID-19



UNITED NATIONS



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CAS-SA Corner



DELIVERING THE AWARD DURING THE COVID-19 VIRUS OUTBREAK

This is to assist the participants' continuation and completion of the award.

With the increasing of numbers of people affected with the outbreak of **COVID-19** in Ghana, the Government has decided to put measures in place to prevent the spreading of the virus by closing down schools and placing a ban on public gatherings.

Based on this government policy, The Head of State Award Scheme – Ghana, knowing that it might affect the delivery of the Award because most of the activities are carried out in school and gathering of young people, have put together strategies that can assist your participants to continue their Award activities in the Skills, Voluntary Service and Physical Recreation sections of the Award to ensure that they can keep their Award progress on track and combat the inevitable boredom and anxiety many young people may face.

During these uncertain times, it's important for your participants to stay engaged, active and healthy in a safe and positive way and the Award can be a great way of doing so.

This is to make sure our participant maximize this period of time to learn, improve, be fit, and develop themselves.

Below are the suggested ways for your participants to continue Award activities at home, whilst providing enough evidence to Assessors and Award Leaders to continue progressing goals.



Skills



The skill section of the Award can be easily carried out from the confines of the home especially, if the skills are painting, graphic designing, web designing, hairdressing, photography, draft, chess, music, cooking etc. You can carry out such activities from the house.

Participants should contact their Activity Coach or Assessor to help and make use of the internet to find tutorials to help continue your progress towards that skill. Remember to record and post pictures of the skill activities on the ORB.

Voluntary Service

Voluntary Service activities are not difficult to be carried out from the house. Participants can engage in domestic voluntary service within the house. Participants who carry out their voluntary activities in group can still maintain their group by creating a group chat and collectively deciding the activities to do that is suitable for all the group members.

Participants can engage in creating awareness or releasing materials that will help humanity online on various platform such as **Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter, Instagram** or creating a blog page.

Physical Recreation

This section is based on the belief that a healthy body is a good end in itself and can often help to develop a healthy mind. Physical activity is essential for a person's well-being, and by introducing young people to enjoyable physical activity they will hopefully develop long-term beneficial habits. Accomplishing a physical challenge also gives a lasting sense of achievement and satisfaction.



Participants may either take up a completely new activity or seek to improve their ability in an activity that they already do which can be carried out in the house. There are numerous Physical Recreation activities that can be carried out to develop strength, coordination, reflexes, flexibility or fitness that will contribute to your goal such as dancing, swimming, aerobics, skipping, or by doing your own home workouts etc.

Participants can contact their Activity Coach or Assessor to get some ideas, or they can look online to find limitless ideas for home workout sessions to work towards your chosen goal.

Remember to record and upload your physical activities, also post pictures or videos of your workout plans to your ORB weekly logs.

Adventurous Journey and Gold Residential Project

Many planned practise and qualifying Adventurous Journeys have been delayed for now because of the spread of the virus in Ghana and Gold **Residential Project** which involves participants residing in a particular location is put on hold to prevent the spread.



However, participants that have pre-planned their journey can still work with the groups by studying the environment that was pre-planned to be the location for the journey or by studying map and doing route study. There are many resources available online with activities to develop your navigation, first aid, environmental awareness and camp craft skills that you can do at home.

Communication between participants can be done via mail or social media groups.

It's important to stay in contact with your team and supervisor so that you can ensure that when your school or organization reopens and your journeys can resume, you will be more prepared!

For **Gold Residential Project**, communication should be on going with the organization you keen to support and/or work with for your project. Take out time to plan, prepare, goals and how the Residential project is to be accomplished.

Note: No activities should be carried out outside the house by schools, participants, activity coach or assessor within or outside the country without the permission of the local public health or relevant government authorities

Changing and Maintaining Sustainable Award Activities

Due to the virus outbreak, it's obvious that participants might need to change their Award activities to continue the Award at home.

This can be considered but, proper communication should be made with the Award Leader to choose sustainable Award activities.

We appreciate our highly esteemed Award Leaders for their tireless efforts in mentoring their participants and schools who are giving their best in the delivery of the Award.

Kind regards,
Peter Anum
 Executive Director



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THE HEAD OF STATE AWARD SCHEME

“
Dukies is a perfect fit! At TIS, we require students to be balanced in four aspects: academics; sport; cultural activities; and service-learning. So, everything students are expected to do matches closely to the Dukies program. Strategically, it places our students at another level when it comes to their university applications. Importantly, the Dukies program is about the individual challenging themselves. Challenge, I believe, is one of the most important words for today's world. Everyone must be challenging themselves in many different ways to be successful.
 ”

DR KEN DARVALL
 PRINCIPAL
 AWARD COORDINATOR DOEIA/HOSA

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#WORLDREADY





80: The Big Eight O

What does being 80 years old mean?

You were born in 1940 during the Second World War, along with Chuck Norris, Bruce Lee, John Lennon, Al Pacino, Ringo Starr and Patrick Stewart.

You were born the same year that colour television and M & Ms candy were invented.

You were born in the same year Bugs Bunny and Woody Woodpecker made their screen debut.

You were born the same year that Colonel

Sanders developed his original recipe for Kentucky Fried Chicken.

You were born the same year that penicillin was used to help cure diseases and the first synthetic rubber tyres were manufactured.

So, what does this all mean?

It means three things:

- You have celebrated 80 birthdays to date, with each cake a bit bigger than the last to fit the extra candle.
- You were born the same year as legends and you remain a legend.
- We have been blessed that you have shared your energy, dreams, wisdom and experience to impact on so many people and future generations.

As direct beneficiaries of your TIS dream, Mummy, we celebrate your special day and this milestone with you.

Thank you for everything you have provided every member of your TIS family over the past 16 years. There are so many special memories for which we are thankful.

As you continue to lead the way for us, we promise to enrich the reputation of Tema International School by our actions.

May good health and happiness continue to be your constant companions.

Happy birthday.

The Tema International School Family.

Dr Ken Darvall
Principal

The TIS Community celebrated Mrs. Adjavon on Social Media. See Screen shots below:



CANCELLATION OF THE IB DP EXAMS DUE TO COVID-19

I never thought that after 6 years of being in high school that I would not write my IBDP exams. It is rather unfortunate. All in all, I would like to thank the IB for recognising the traumatic situation and acting accordingly. Although this is not what we wished for, I am happy that the IB decided to cancel our exams. It has helped to relieve the stress of this pandemic and I hope everything works out for our good. **Maame Ama Hammond – IB Class of 2020**

I think that the decision for IB to cancel the May examinations was the most ethical decision that could have been made. In the midst of this unpredictable situation, the first priority is always the students and their safety. I am sure that all the most logical and safest options were explored, but considering how IB is a world recognised program with over 200,000 candidates every year, it would be unfair to administer the examination to only a fraction of those students. Therefore, I believe that cancelling the examination session was the best option from the IB. **Temiloluwa Olufore – IB Class of 2020**

The cancellation of our exams was a frustration to most of us, considering all the timetables, revision plans, and the late nights to excel in the final exams. However, I firmly believe all things happen for a reason, and I also believe exams aren't the only way to assess our academics. The IB has allowed us to do other assessments and research. Therefore, I think this is a very valuable teaching moment that in everything you do, do it right, as you honestly never know what may happen tomorrow. I am trusting in God to take us through this and allow us to enter the University of our Choice. **Betty Ajavon – IB Class of 2020**

The cancellation of the 2020 IB DP exams was a good decision given the crisis the world is facing. There may be a few challenges with the generated final grades being lower than a student's potential, but the course work and transcripts can align it with what the student could have actually received, hence making this decision an overall good one in this crisis. **Kendric Effah-Gyan – IB Class of 2020**





IB LaZerte
@IbLazerte

Well Done @TIS_Ghana I don't know what I appreciate more the giggles from your kids as they sing this song or the clear example of social distancing while they do so! Good luck with your virtual studies in the weeks to come! Be well!



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"I pray I will find a way to another day"
The @TIS_Ghana #IBClassof2020 sang farewell to the TIS community as they exit campus due to the #COVID19

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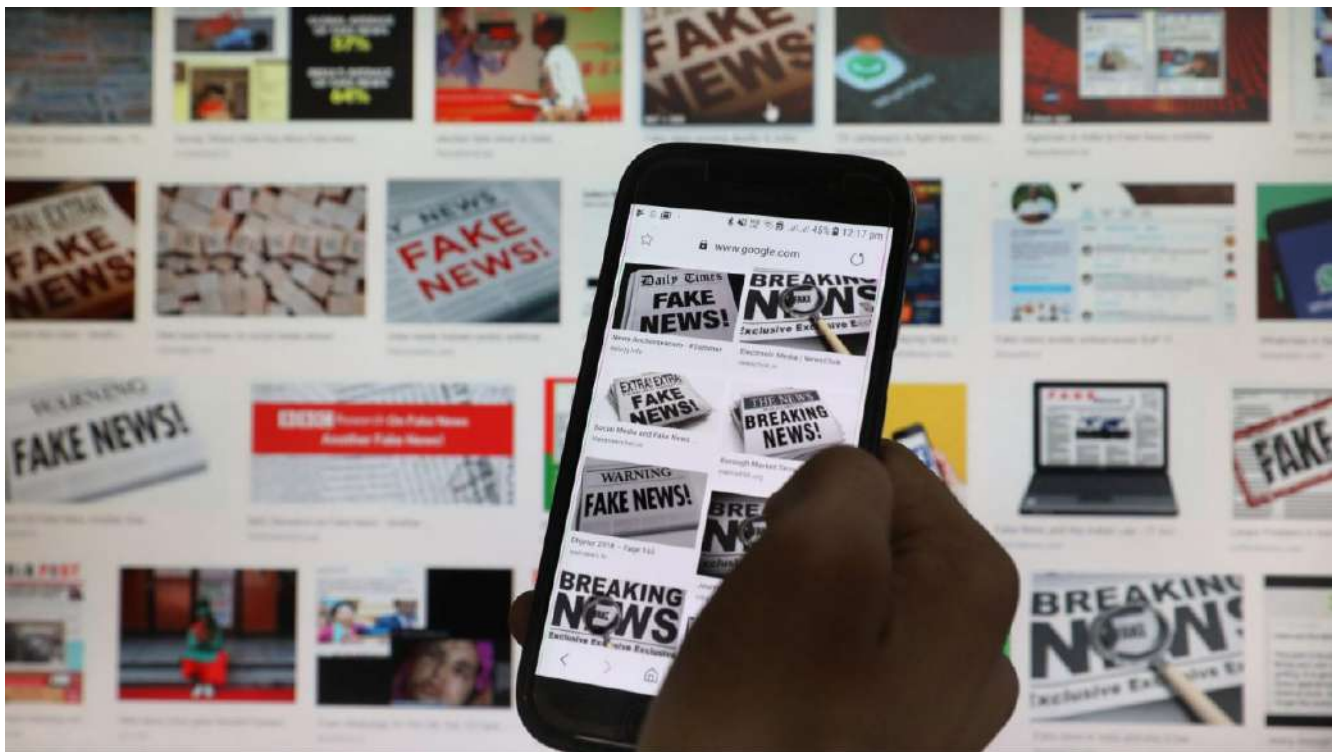
"Our #IBexams have been cancelled so we can #StayAtHomeOrder #StopTheSpread #COVID19Ghana #COVIDactNOW #IBAfrica #AfricaIB @TIS_Ghana Let's all #BeResponsible @iborganization @IBAlumniNetwork #IBClassof2020 we are in this together.

All we have is each other.

#StayHome



Please note the above photo was taken in January 2020

NO to FAKE NEWS – COVID-19

In such difficult times of a pandemic around the world we become more vulnerable.

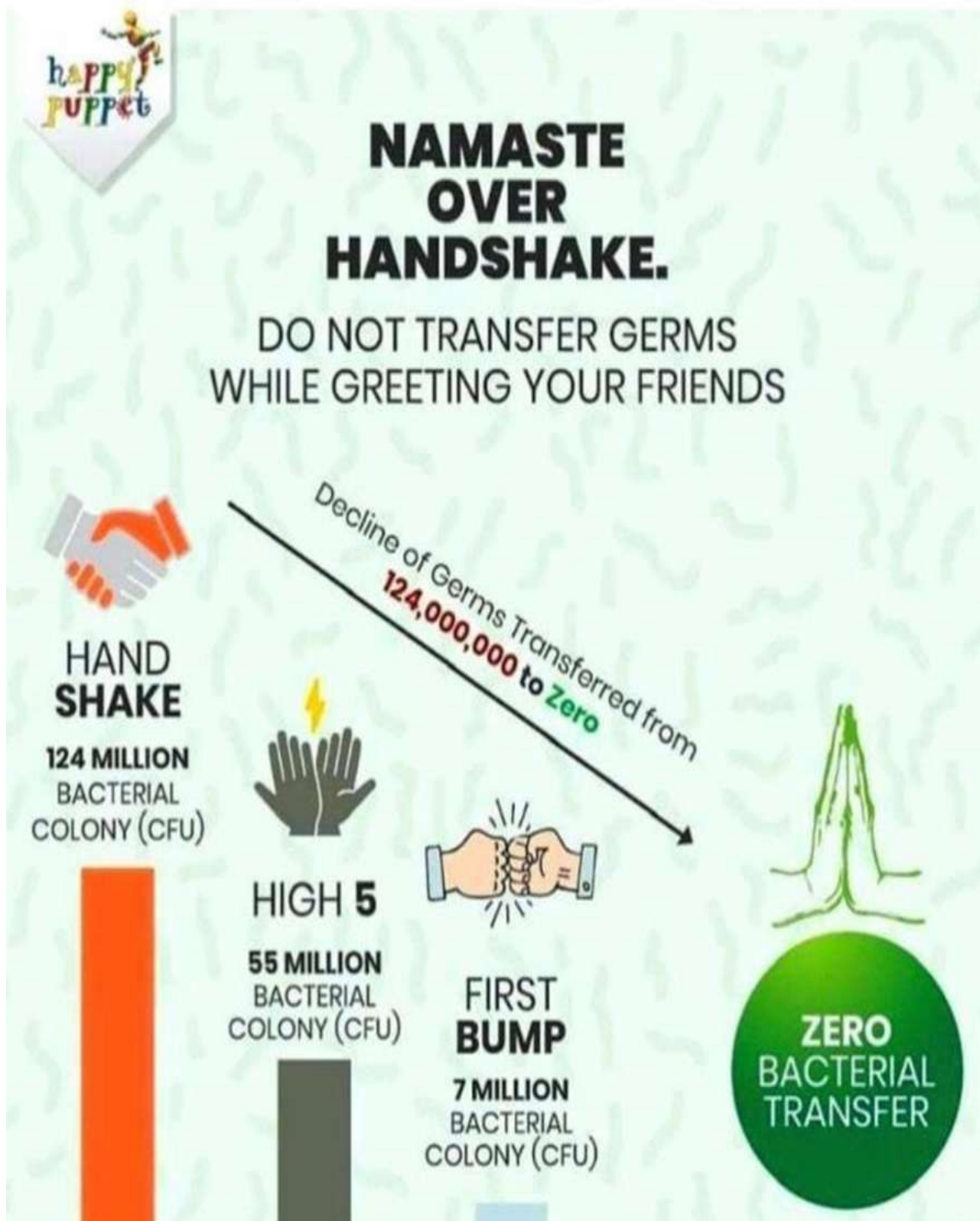
Be mindful of the content you share on Social Media and especially WhatsApp. For the past weeks we are overwhelmed with Fake News about COVID-19.

Make sure the news you are sharing is from a trustworthy source.

Be kind. If not sure, don't share.



Time to introduce “Namaste” globally 🙏



Basic protective measures against the new CoronaVirus

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>



Stay aware of the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak, available on the WHO website and through your national and local public health authority.

COVID-19 is still affecting people everywhere.

Most people who become infected experience mild illness and recover, but it can be more severe for others.

Take care of your health and protect others by doing the following:

Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth

Why? Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses.

Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and can make you sick.



Practice respiratory hygiene

Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene.

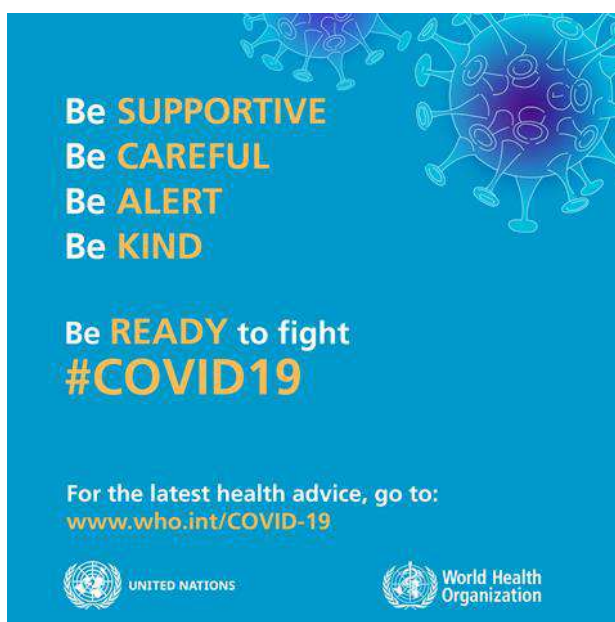
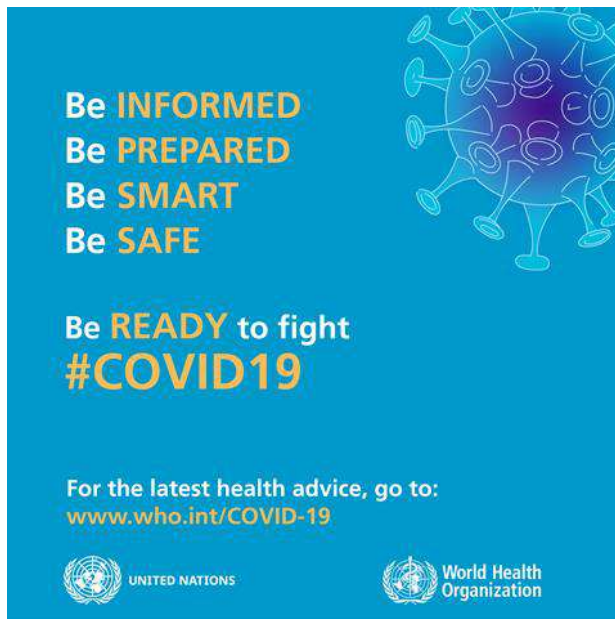
This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.

Why? Droplets spread virus. By following good respiratory hygiene you protect the people around you from viruses such as cold, flu and COVID-19.

If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early

Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance.

Follow the directions of your local health authority.



Why? National and local authorities will have the most up to date information on the situation in your area. Calling in advance will allow your health care provider to quickly direct you to the right health facility. This will also protect you and help prevent spread of viruses and other infections.

Stay informed and follow advice given by your healthcare provider

Stay informed on the latest developments about COVID-19. Follow advice given by your healthcare provider, your national and local public health authority or your employer on how to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

Why? National and local authorities will have the most up to date information on whether COVID-19 is spreading in your area. They are best placed to advise on what people in your area should be doing to protect themselves.

Protection measures for persons who are in or have recently visited (past 14 days) areas where COVID-19 is spreading

- Follow the guidance outlined above.
- Stay at home if you begin to feel unwell, even with mild symptoms such as headache and slight runny nose, until you recover. **Why?**

Avoiding contact with others and visits to medical facilities will allow these facilities to operate more effectively and help protect you and others from possible COVID-19 and other viruses.

- If you develop fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical advice promptly as this may be due to a respiratory infection or other serious condition. Call in advance and tell your provider of any recent travel or contact with travelers. **Why?** Calling in advance will allow your health care provider to quickly direct you to the right health facility. This will also help to prevent possible spread of COVID-19 and other viruses.

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

To register for the DoEIA during COVID-19 quarantine kindly email the CASSA team, or send a message via ManageBac.



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Award Levels & Timeframes



BRONZE



SILVER



GOLD

	14	15	16
Minimum Age	14	15	16
Minimum Participation Period*	6 months	6 months or 12 months*	12 months or 18 months*
Service 	3 months	6 months	12 months
Physical Fitness 	3 months	6 months	12 months
Skills 	3 months	6 months	
Adventurous Journey 	2 days / 1 night	3 days / 2 night	4 days / 3 night
Residential Project 			5 days / 4 night
Plus...	All participants must do an additional 3 months in the Service, Physical Fitness, or Skills section	Non Bronze holders must do an additional 6 months in the Service, Physical Fitness, or Skills section	Non Silver holders must do an additional 6 months in the Service, Physical Fitness, or Skills section

* minimum time depends on whether participant hold a previous Award

You can also login your ASA - After School Activities, Service in Action and Community Projects, Creativity, Activity Service (CAS), Clubs, Sports, as part of the DoEIA program.

REGISTER

WITH Ms ABIGAIL AHIADORME AT THE CASSA OFFICE





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ENTRY POINTS: Grade 7 (MYP 2) | Grade 8 (MYP 3) | Grade 9 (MYP 4) | Grade 10 (MYP 5) | Grade 11 (IB Diploma Programme)

Grade 7 (MYP 2)

Students should:

- a) Have completed Primary 6.
- b) Be aged 11+(at the time of admission).
- c) Complete a general aptitude test and interview.

Grade 8 (MYP 3)

Students should:

- a) Have completed JHS 1 or in JHS 2.
- b) Be aged 13+(at the time of admission).
- c) Complete a general aptitude test and interview.

Grade 9 (MYP 4)

Students should:

- a) Have completed Year 8 or Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE).
- b) Be aged 14+(at the time of admission).
- c) Complete a general aptitude test and interview.

Grade 10 (MYP 5)

Students should:

- a) Have completed Year 9.
- b) Be aged 15+(at the time of admission).
- c) Complete a general aptitude test and interview.

Grade 11 (IB Diploma Programme)

Students should:

- a) Have successfully completed MYP 5, the IGCSE (Or its equivalent) or awaiting the results of the IGCSE.
- b) Be aged 16+(at the time of admission).
- c) Complete a general aptitude test and interview for non IGCSE & GCSE students (i.e. WASSCE, OCR, AQA).

To learn more scan this.



To enrol scan this.



The online application process can be completed at: <https://tis.openapply.com>

For further information contact us on phone:

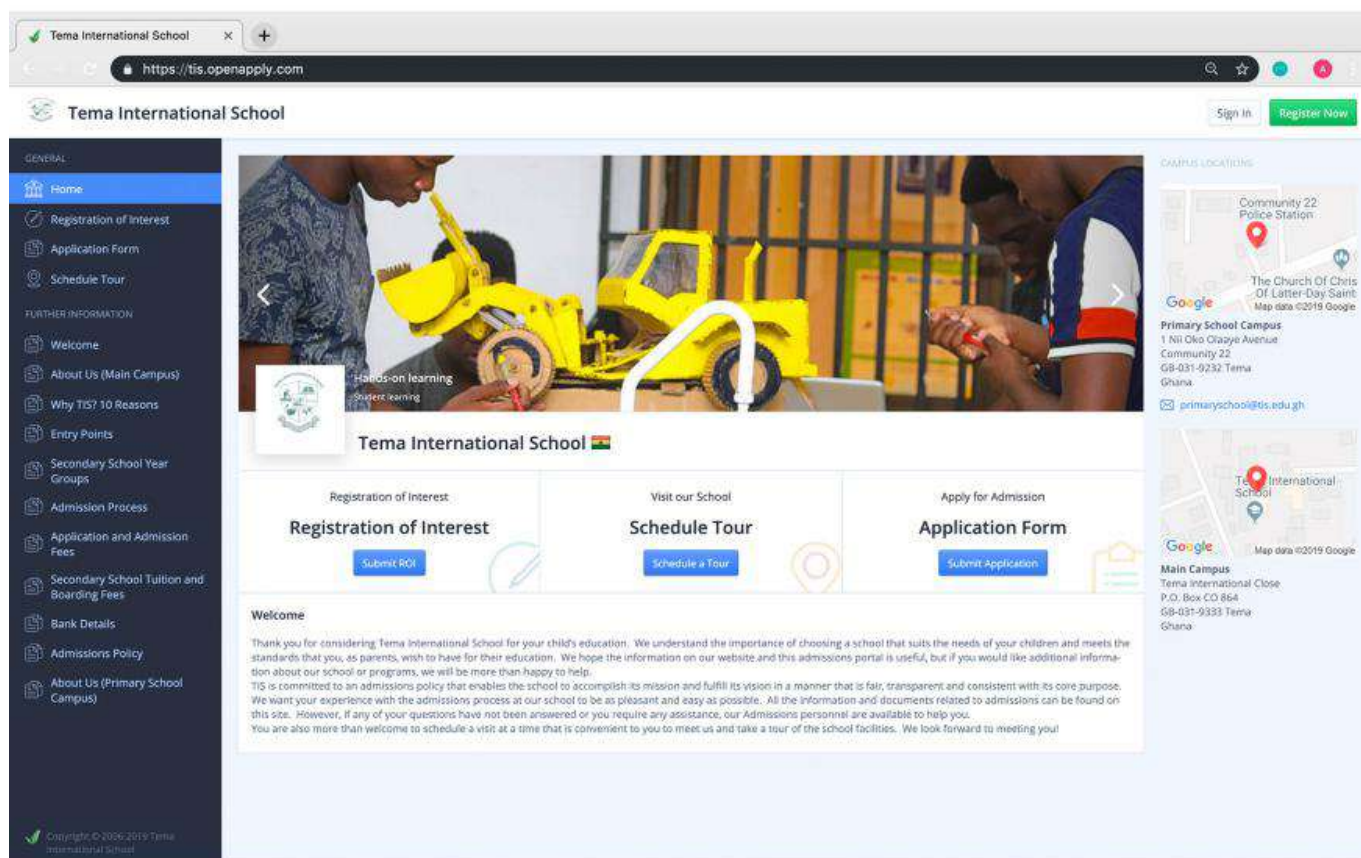
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Or come and visit the school (Opp Afariwa Farms, Off Tema-Akosombo Road)

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TIS Application Procedures



Please have the following documents available (scan onto a flash drive) before you begin with online application;

- 1 recent passport-style photo
- passport biodata page/ birth certificate
- 3 recent school reports (**Grade 2-11 Applicants**)
- Letter of recommendation and academic transcripts (**Grade 11 Applicants**)

1. Go to our admissions portal **tis.openapply.com**
2. Click on the **Sign In** button found at the top right corner of the page.
3. Click on **Sign up** here if this is your first time using OpenApply otherwise type in the email and password you used the last time you used OpenApply.

For first time users please proceed to 4. For existing users please proceed to 5.

4. Fill in **User Details** and proceed to application.
5. Ensure you fill out details correctly and attach all required documents where necessary (passport picture, passport biodata page/ birth certificate, school reports, transcript, recommendation).
6. When forms have been completed kindly proceed to make application fee payment using any of the 3 options:
 - www.expresspaygh.com/tis
 - At the Finance Office on TIS campus
 - At any Barclays Bank into the TIS Account number 1798808 or Ecobank into TIS Account number: 1441000974289
7. You will receive an email to confirm receipt of your application and the next steps towards admission **only when the application fee payment has been received.**
8. **Please note that your child will be taking a Cognitive Ability Test (CAT4) as an Entrance Exam for admission at TIS. (**Grade 7-11 students**)**

Thank you for choosing TIS. We look forward to a fantastic relationship in the coming years!

COUNSELLORS' CORNER



Welcome to the virtual world! Dear students, please remember that being at home does not mean you're on holiday. Be sure to make the most out of the myriad of educational online resources and be punctual for virtual lessons with your teachers.

Use your time at home wisely. Read, read read! We pray for good health and safety for you and your family and loved ones, as well as the entire TIS community, while adhering strictly to all the precautionary measures.

VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY TOURS AND INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

DP1s, DP2s, we hope you are taking part in the online university tours.

Here are opportunities from two universities!

1. Here is a link for you to take a virtual tour of Rhodes College, U.S.A. [Virtual Visit webpage](https://mx.technolutions.net/mps2/c/3gA/jM0HAA/t.30c/-ISg71PKQ_SHWmh-kZ6YjA/h1/55yfT1GRkJMN2zEhYorHG959p0LjojPr6g6g12VxSS-2BCKW7EkfMDdza3yast97UGBzBVQuViL6WNbkWU6KaIXg-3D-3D/usDG)
https://mx.technolutions.net/mps2/c/3gA/jM0HAA/t.30c/-ISg71PKQ_SHWmh-kZ6YjA/h1/55yfT1GRkJMN2zEhYorHG959p0LjojPr6g6g12VxSS-2BCKW7EkfMDdza3yast97UGBzBVQuViL6WNbkWU6KaIXg-3D-3D/usDG
2. If interested in participating in an online Rutgers University-New Brunswick info session, use this [LINK https://mdinovel.wufoo.com/forms/w1hejuln118w70n/](https://mdinovel.wufoo.com/forms/w1hejuln118w70n/) to complete the registration form. They are offering two sessions a day on 4/14, 4/16, 4/21, and 4/23. Sessions will be held at 7:30 AM EST & 8:30 PM EST on each of the dates listed. Students and counselors that sign up for these events will be sent a link to the virtual visit room the day before each session.

We encourage you to register and participate!

**Grades 7-9**

- Make time to work on your presentations for excellent presentations when school resumes. We will also post assignments on Managebac for what to do during each Guidance class session. Very few of you have submitted your assignments from last week's Guidance class. Please complete them right away and email them to your counsellor, or upload on ManageBac.

Grade 10

- Although we wrapped up Guidance lessons to allow you to focus more on your e-assessment preparations, we will share some useful resources and assignments with you on ManageBac, so please stay tuned.
- This is also a good time to start practicing and familiarising yourselves with the SAT and ACT exams content, especially if the USA universities are on your radar. Check out: www.collegeboard.org www.actstudent.org

Grade 11

- Kindly work on your school selection sheet together with your parents to select the best-fit schools for you, taking into consideration affordability. Others include:
 - ✓ Admission Rate
 - ✓ Graduation Rate
 - ✓ Freshmen Retention Rate
 - ✓ Curriculums specifically, course content and teaching modules
 - ✓ Location
 - ✓ Safety
 - ✓ Class size
 - ✓ Cultural diversity % of black representation and inclusion
 - ✓ Reputation and academic prestige of the university
 - ✓ Scholarships available if you looking for one
 - ✓ Internships /Life skills development
 - ✓ Quality of professors
 - ✓ Life on campus
 - ✓ Job after school
 - ✓ <https://www.moneycrashers.com/factors-choose-college/>

Check ManageBac regularly for guidance assignments during guidance lessons this week and next week. We will also email you individually. Most of you have not yet submitted last week's guidance assignment on financial aid which Aunty Eyrarn posted last week. Have you even taken a look at the presentation slides? Do you have any questions we can help you answer? Use the time you have at home to complete all university searches and get ahead in the university application process. No lazying around!

The following must be completed and submitted before next week's class.

- Brag Sheet
- Financial aid ISFAA and COF forms- see ManageBac
- Review and full completion of essays and personal statements
- Study, Study, and Study! It's an accumulation of your academic performance that we send to your respective schools
- Offer help to Mummy and Daddy at home.

DP1s!!!

Please **although we are no longer meeting in person for one-on-one meetings, keep in constant communication with your guidance counsellor! We will be posting messages via ManageBac, Bridge-U and to your personal emails.** You are in the hot seat now! Navigating successfully through the university application process in a highly competitive applicant pool takes a lot of hard work! So put in the needed diligent effort, regardless of the fact that you are not on campus at the moment. We are ready to give you all the needed support. Your university application journey will end with a smile of contentment if you take this process seriously! Focus, focus, focus! Remain balanced! Discuss your university choices with your parents and put together your college application list.

Also **please review the financial aid application presentation** that Aunty Eyrarn posted on ManageBac. Complete the ISFAA and COF financial aid application forms with your parents and email them back to your counsellor this week.

DP2s

- Completion of Ghanaian applications was due close of last **Friday, 20 March 2020**
- **Respond to your universities**, after discussing your preferred choices with your parents. Most schools in Canada have an early reply deadline, which you need to adhere to, in order to secure your admission offer. Check and reply ahead of time or you could loose your admission offer.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE;**
This is a gentle reminder for you to complete the **IBIS form** and forward it to your respective counsellors.

Deadline - next week Thursday, 2 April 2020. Failure to submit a completed IBIS form will result in your universities not receiving your final report and your admission offer could be withdrawn if this is not completed.

So kindly update and submit your completed IBIS form early next week and email it to your counsellor before the deadline - Thursday, 2 April 2020. Please do not leave out any details. Provide information on all your university offers and decisions as well as financial aid/scholarship details before submitting it to us. Remember that this will inform us on the school you want to submit your final results/report to directly from IB. **For your top 6 schools, we need your university-specific applicant numbers too. Find a copy of the IBIS form on ManageBac.**



The Program

Motivated pre-college students who attend the Stanford Pre-Collegiate International Institutes will be challenged intellectually and will develop skills in problem solving, critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and innovation.

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Participate in interactive workshops led by expert instructors with a passion for teaching.



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Admission is selective. Students will be chosen based on:

- Academic Talent
- Motivation for Learning
- English Proficiency
- Maturity Level (Target Age Range is 14-17)
- Additional Requirements:
 - One teacher recommendation letter
 - Transcript

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A guide to making your firm and insurance choices (DP2 UK University decisions).

It's always a good idea to be prepared for every stage of the university application process.

One of the toughest parts of applying to university can be choosing your top universities and confirming with UCAS. Here's everything you need to know before making your firm and insurance choices.

- What are firm and insurance university choices?
- When do I have to decide? Picking firm and insurance
- Understanding your offer and what is expected of you
- What if I'm given an unconditional offer before I get my exam results?
- What happens with my offers on results day?

Picking your firm choice university and course

Your firm choice university **should be the one that you most want to go to**, and that's realistic given your expected grades. On results day, if you meet the grades for your firm choice then that is where you'll be going. Where you live and what you're going to study for the next three years is a hugely important decision. You'll want to make sure that you do your research and think about it carefully.

Some advice when it comes to settling on your firm choice university:

- If you really can't visit the university (perhaps you're an international student), then there will be videos of open days and online campus tours on university websites. Yes, these will be biased (they are trying to sell you their university), but at least you can see what the university looks like.
- Don't base your decision purely on reputation, prestige or league tables. Picking the right university for you is more important, and league tables change every year anyway. Being happy with your course and university will help you to perform well academically and get the most out of student life.

- Make sure you check out the student union website to find out all about the university's clubs and societies, as well as the student support offered. This will give you a really good idea of what your social life might be like at university.
- Finally, think about the cost. London and other major cities tend to be more expensive, which could affect your budget and how much you can do. It's not just the rent on first-year university accommodation: look at the cost of second and third-year rent, public transport, food, social life stuff, and the cost to travel home for the weekend, too.

Picking your insurance choice

Your insurance choice is your back-up university. It will probably have less demanding grade requirements than your firm choice. This means that if you miss your firm choice you still have a chance of going to university this year – and most importantly, to the one you want to go to.

- You can have an unconditional offer as your insurance even if your firm is a conditional offer. If you have an unconditional for, however, then you won't have an insurance choice because you won't need one – in that case, you'd be going to your firm no matter what happens on results day. And if you apply through UCAS Extra then you won't get an insurance choice at all.
- A few things to think about when you're deciding on your insurance choice:
- Make sure it's sensible in terms of the difference in offer conditions from your firm. If the grade conditions are too close, you could potentially lose out on both your firm and insurance if you miss your grades on results day.
- Remember, your insurance only comes into play if your firm rejects you. If your firm accepts you (even with lower grades than the offer conditions), you cannot at that point decide that you'd rather go to your insurance.

<https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/university/apply/firm-and-insurance-choices>

COMPLETION OF GHANAIAN UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS- DP2s

Please note that as of this past Tuesday- 24 March 2020, we have completed all Ghanaian university applications for DP2s.

DP2 students who still wish to apply to Ashesi University or any other universities in Ghana, should please complete the process at home and submit their applications directly to the respective universities, following the university-specific guidelines provided below.

Remember that you will have to submit your official transcript from TIS with predicted grades, as well as your IGCSE results, as these tend to be the basic requirements of most universities, in addition to national IDS, essays among others.

Please check for specific requirements of the university and be sure to complete the application process right away.



Ghanaian University Applications are opened!

At TIS, we strongly advise all students to have at least 1 Ghanaian University on their university application list. This can be a plan A, plan B or plan C option. Ghana has quality universities to choose from, and we highly recommend that each DP student considers adding at least 1 or 2 suitable ones to their list.

Follow the links below:

Apply online! - Ashesi University

<https://www.ashesi.edu.gh/>

<https://admissions.ashesi.edu.gh>

How to Apply? Click: <https://www.ashesi.edu.gh/admissions/how-to-apply.html>

Parents should please pay application fees using the directions below, and email a copy of payment receipt to your child's college counsellor, for assistance completing the application.

Pay Application Fees

- GHs100 for Ghanaian nationals; \$50 for international applicants. ([How to pay application fees](#))
The Late Admissions period attracts an extra GHs50. We also do not accept the scholarship and international applications for the Late Admissions period.
- Application Payments can be made as follows

a. **MTNMobile Money**

- a. Transfer application fee to merchant mobile number: 024 526 4831
- b. Name of the recipient should be Ashesi University College
- c. Applicants should quote the following information on their application form or in the task box in the online application portal:
 - i. Mobile number used for the transaction by applicant
 - ii. Transaction ID
 - iii. Reference Number (Applicant's Name should be used as the reference)

b. **ExpressPay**

- For Applicants who will like to pay via Visa, Mastercard, Amex, Discover or Mobile Money (MTN, Airtel Money, Tigo Cash, Vodaphone Cash) please click here: <https://expresspaygh.com/ashesi>.

Applicants should quote the expressPay generated transaction reference number on their application form (paper applications) or in the task box on the online application portal.

c. Direct Deposit/Rapid Transfer at any Ecobank Branch in Ghana and West Africa

Account Name: Ashesi Admission fees

Account Number: 0200014411600905

Bank: Ecobank

Branch: Osu

d. Wire Transfer from within West Africa

SWIFT CODE: ECOCGHAC

Account Number: 02010 144 116 009 01

Account Name: Ashesi University College

Branch: ECOBANK, OSU BRANCH

PMB CT443, ACCRA-GHANA

e. International Payments (All other countries)

SWIFT CODE: ECOCGHAC

Account Number: 02010 144 116 009 01

Account Name: Ashesi University

Branch: ECOBANK, OSU BRANCH

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ACCRA-GHANA

** Attach a copy of your payment receipt to your complete application*

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UNIVERSITY OF GHANA

[How to Apply for University of Ghana 2020/2021 Admissions,](#)

To apply for the University of Ghana admission for the 2020 academic year, prospective applicants are expected to meet some basic requirements.

Click on the link for more information:

<https://admission.ug.edu.gh/applying/content/how-apply-ghanaian-applicants>

1. GHANAIAN APPLICANTS

[University of Ghana online application](#) E-VOUCHERS can be obtained by Ghanaian applicants for GH¢200.00 at the following banks: Ecobank, Republic Bank, Agricultural Development Bank, Ghana Commercial Bank, Zenith Bank, Universal Merchant Bank, Consolidated Bank Ghana (CBG), Prudential Bank and Fidelity Bank. Ghanaian applicants in the following categories are expected to apply using the E-VOUCHER:

2. STUDENTS AND GHANAIAANS APPLYING FROM ABROAD

International applicants and Ghanaians applying from abroad should **NOT** buy the e-voucher. They should use the following link to access the online application form for completion and submission.

[Online Application for International Undergraduate applicants](#)

All applicants are expected to pay to the University a non-refundable application processing fee of US\$110.00. This fee can be paid directly or wire transferred into the University of Ghana ECOBANK Account.

Details of the Account are:

Account Name:	University of Ghana Foreign Students Account
Account Number:	0161014409780401
Bank Details:	Ecobank Ghana Limited, Legon Branch
Swift:	ECOCGHAC

or International Transfer through Ecobank (0161014409780401 or 0161094409780403

or Payment with Credit Card on the GT payment platform.



<https://ghstudents.com/knust-admission-forms/>

Are you a **KNUST** Prospective Student? Stay up to date with absolute **Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology** Latest Admission News and Updates for the 2020/2021 academic year.

ALL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BYPOST (EMS/DHL/UPS/FEDEX) TO THE DEPUTY REGISTRAR (ACADEMIC AFFAIRS) KNUST, KUMASI, GHANA ON OR **BEFORE JULY 31ST, 2020** except for MATURE APPLICANTS WHO ARE TO SUBMIT ON OR BEFORE **FRIDAY, 29TH MAY, 2020**.

POINTS OF SALE: All Ghana Post Regional and Designated Post Offices

APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE

- GHANAIAAN APPLICANTS – GH¢ 200.00.
- FOREIGN APPLICANTS – USD 150.00.

GHANAIAAN APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE THE E-VOUCHER FROM THE GHANA POST OFFICES.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT TWO (2) COPIES OF THE ONLINE APPLICATION AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS.

FOREIGN APPLICANTS ARE TO GENERATE AN E-VOUCHER FROM THE UNIVERSITY'S WEBSITE ([HERE!](#)) AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS.

For more information on other universities of your interest please click <https://ghstudents.com/ghana-admission-forms-update/>



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<https://www.central.edu.gh>

Welcome to Central University, the largest private Christian University in Ghana. We welcome you to the place where dreams are born. Here transformational leaders are trained to serve as a positive influence on society through the values of Faith, Integrity, and Excellence.

HOW TO APPLY

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

ONLINE APPLICATION

Applicants may also apply online by clicking <http://online.central.edu.gh> to buy an E-voucher for GH100.00 (for Ghanaian applicants) or the cedi equivalent of US 100.00 (for foreign applicants) at Ecobank branches. Use the PIN and SERIAL NUMBER on the E-voucher to apply online at apply.central.edu.gh. VISA branded cards and MTN Mobile Money can also be used to purchase E-vouchers online.

APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO:

- Upload their 2 passport size photographs, certificates/ Results slips

All Online applicants are required to present original copies of their supporting documents to the Admissions office before semester registration will be allowed.

Applicants are advised to check thoroughly all details entered before finally submitting their online applications. <https://www.central.edu.gh/96>

A form once submitted can only be viewed but cannot be edited.



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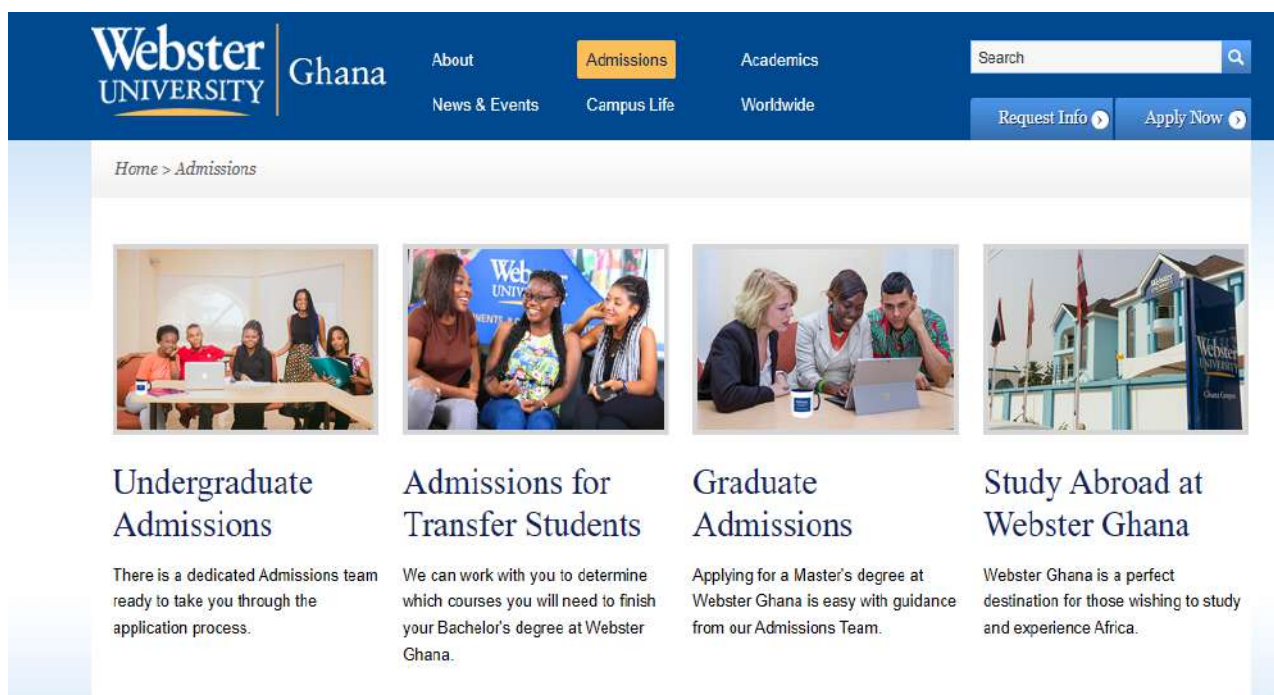
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[Apply Now Online](#)

<http://www.webster.edu.gh/admissions/apply.html>

Quick Step 2: Go back to the application page, login with your username and password to start your application. Complete the application in 15-20 minutes. There is an application fee of 200 Ghana Cedis (outside of Ghana: US\$50) *that will be collected later but at the payment screen, you can enter a Fee Waiver Code before you can submit the application. Request a code by sending an email to ghana@webster.edu*

Quick Step 3: We send you a confirmation and ask you to submit all the supporting documents by email, drop-off or mail. Download and read the

Admissions Handbook for details. Find the links below. You will also need to sit in for a 1.5-hour entrance examination.

You will receive the admissions decision within a week if all required documents are submitted. Then you can start telling your family, friends, and colleagues that you've been accepted into a top American university, the first one to have a campus and deliver fully accredited degrees right here in West Africa.



Due to COVID-19, Unfortunately College Board's May SAT has been cancelled by College Board.

Here is a copy of the official note from College Board accessed, 19 March 2020:

Important Updates

May SAT and March Makeup are Canceled Due to Coronavirus

In response to the rapidly evolving situation around the coronavirus (COVID-19) and guidance from public health organizations, the College Board is canceling the:

- **May 2 SAT[®]** administration
- **March 14** makeup exams (scheduled March 28)
 - March school-based students are still able to test through SSD window.

We will provide refunds to all students who are registered for May, whose March test centers were closed, or who do not receive March scores due to an irregularity.

The **June 6** SAT administration (Subject Tests only outside the U.S.) is still scheduled and we will continue to assess its status.

Due to the administration cancellations this spring, we expect there will be a high demand for the **June 6** and **August 29** test dates.

The next SAT exam at TIS will be in August 2020, as we are not open for June SAT. See the new upcoming SAT test dates below:

SAT 2020-2021

- 29 August, 2020
- 3 October, 2020
- 5 December, 2020
- 13 March, 2021
- 8 May, 2021

PSAT 2020 Exam Date:

- Saturday, 17 October, 2020

DP1's don't wait until the eleventh hour to register. Register now to avoid any disappointments!

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/international>



Test takers please come along with your valid unexpired passport as the only form of identification! Photocopies are not acceptable.

- Number 2 pencils (buy from the Tuckshop), approved calculator, eraser, admission ticket and sharpeners required.

SAT Registration Fees (To complete registration online full payment with credit card only.

Visit www.collegeboard.org)

SAT I - U.S. \$107.50 SAT II: 1 subject (\$117), 2 subjects (\$127), 3 subjects (\$137) (estimates).



2019-2020 TEST DATES (COMPUTER-BASED TESTING ONLY!)

ACT April Exam has also been cancelled by ACT Inc., USA due to COVID-19 concerns. Parents and Students, please take note. Find below, the message from ACT received today- March 19 2020. We will let you know what date TIS will hold the next ACT rescheduled exam. Stay tuned!

“Dear ACT examinee,

ACT has made the difficult decision to reschedule the 3 and 4 April, 2020 international ACT test date to our 12 and 13 June and 17 and 18 July, 2020 test dates in response to concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. There will be no April ACT test. We regret any inconvenience this may cause you.

You may change your registration to the June, July, or later ACT test date at no cost to you. You may also change your test center at no cost. To change your registration, you must go to your MyACT student account and request a test date change to either the June or July test date. Please make your selection for the new test date no later than 22 May. If this date does not work for you, contact www.actstudent.org/contactus by 22 May.

PLEASE NOTE: Availability for ACT testing in June and July may be limited initially, but it will be expanding. In the coming days and weeks, ACT will be working to add new test centers to these test dates and to increase capacity at test centers that were already scheduled to administer the test. We ask that you please be patient as we work through this process. If you do not see an opening that works for you initially, please continue to check back.

If you have specific questions, contact ACT at www.actstudent.org/contactus. ACT is committed to serving you and meeting your needs in this unprecedented time and hope you and your loved ones are healthy and safe.

*Sincerely,
ACT Customer Care*

TIS will notify you about the next ACT test date soon.

ACT Registration Fees (Online payments only: Visit www.actstudent.org):

ACT plus writing – U.S. \$166.50. (TIS Test Centre Code: 870390, but inform counsellor first).

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

ACT April DEADLINE coming up. DP1s especially are encouraged to sign up for the April ACT exam this year! Aim to complete registration right away! STEM students have an edge when they take the ACT.

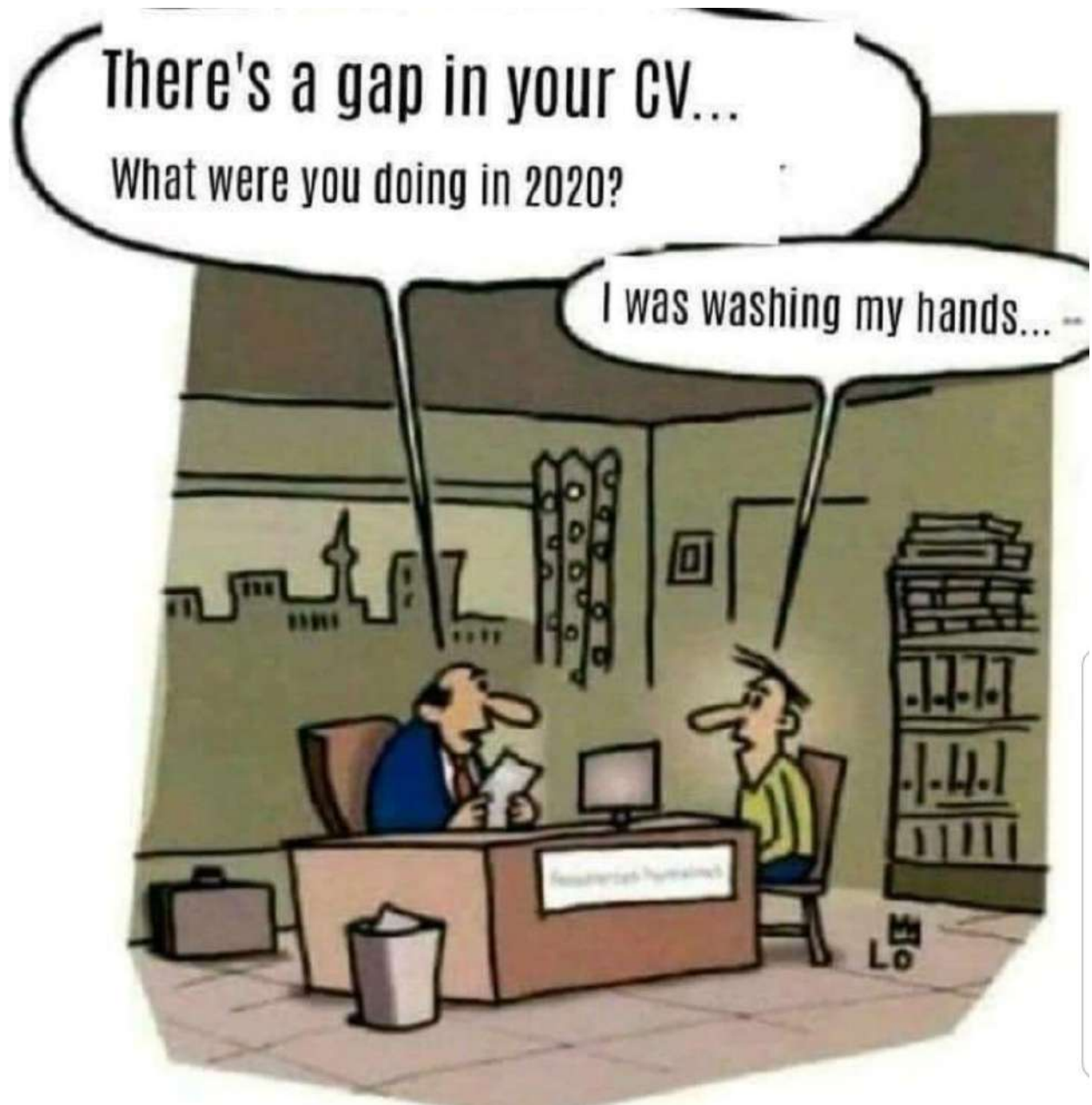


NEW TEST DATES FOR ACT FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

ACT 2020-2021

- Saturday, 12 September, 2020
- Saturday, 10 October, 2020
- Saturday, 12 December, 2020
- Saturday, 17 April, 2021

We will keep you posted. Thanks!



Day 4 of social distancing: Struck up a conversation with a spider today. Seems nice. He's a web designer.

