

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## At TIS,

we believe adequate sleep each night will enable students to feel rested in the morning and ready to function at their best to tackle their challenges for the day and tick off plenty of boxes along the way. Without adequate rest, we know it will affect their performance, health, appetite, attitude and behaviour.

## 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 washing your hands is lost.

- Practise social distancing at all times.

## Thought for the Week

When you come out of the storm, you won't be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm's all about.

- Haruki Murakami



## Congratulations!

This week's edition is dedicated to our Class of 2020 - the Risk-Takers. [All regular contributions will feature in next week's Bulletin.]

Let's start with the most commonly-used sentence of 2020. 'Well, we didn't see that coming!'

Yet, was our Class of 2020 prophetic by not wanting the traditional Leavers' Dinner this year? They made that decision back in February. Why were our traditional graduation photos taken in January and not April, as usual?

Not sitting the May DP exams is a unique experience: it has never happened before! There are mixed feelings about this, but we should not waste time thinking about something that is out of our control.



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

It's called integrity.

## Making Us Proud

- Our Class of 2020, the Risk-Takers: Aku Addo, John Adjei, Sam Adjei-Sah, Nana Afranie-Adjei, Aliou Agalassou, Phoebe Agyarko, India Agyeman, Betty Ajavon, Kwasi Ankama-Asamoah, Kezia Anthonio, Chisom Anyaehie, Kodjo Asafu-Adjaye, Princess Asiedu, Etornam Attipoe, Chelsea Bada, Sarah Beluonwu, Selali Blege, Masbe Buah, Kendric Effah-Gyan, Baaba Egyei-Mensah, Dwayne Gyateng, Ibrahim Halilu, Maame Hammond, Daniela Kumah, Maame Kyei, Danielle Manteaw, Chinemelum Mbanefo, Portia McDave, Noelle Mends, Maame Mensah-Asante, Yeyo Nartey, Jennifer Noronha, Sophia Nyonyo, Akua Okyere, Temiloluwa Olufore, Akos Osei, Nana Osei, Victor Owusu Jr, Ama Owusu-Manu, Christal Perdison, John Quartey, Bervelyn Sawyerr-Markwei, Judah Sesay, Lamoral Tawiah, Kekeli Torkornoo, Malaika Webb, Davina Yawson and Danielle Zedomi.

But with the closure of schools, there was no way that our special Class of 2020 would miss out on their graduation. This is a proud TIS tradition of farewelling our graduates and welcoming our newest Alumni.

On behalf of TIS, I congratulate our G12 students, the Risk-Takers on completing the IB Diploma Programme. I wish you future success in your university studies and look forward to welcoming you back as Alumni when you next visit TIS. Enjoy your special day, tomorrow.

## Tomorrow's Lockdown

Just a reminder of the directive on Page 7 of the president's six-page speech last Sunday: there is a special lockdown everywhere from 9.30am - 2.00pm tomorrow, Saturday, 6 June. This is to ensure everyone will be watching the virtual Graduation of the TIS Class of 2020 on YouTube or Facebook (and then celebrate). Make sure you have your families with you for this special occasion. COVID-19 has stopped so many things over the last six months, but it will not stop TIS celebrating our Risk-Takers. It will be something very, very special.

Dr Ken Darvall (Principal)

ADDU, AKU ADOGON	KYEI, MAAME BENEWAA
ADJEI, JOHN THIERRY NANA YAW	MANTEAW, DANIELLE YAA
ADJEI-SAH, SAM KWABENA	MBANEFU, CHINEMELUM IFECHUKWU
AFRANIE-ADJEI, NANA FRIMPOMAA	MCDAVE, PORTIA
AGALASSOU, ALIOU BADRA	MENDS, NOELLE OPOKUWA
AGYARKO, PHOEBE	MENSAH-ASANTE, MAAME ABENA ASANTWAA
AGYEMAN, INDIA ADOWAA AMANIAHPONG	NARTEY, YEYO PADIKUOR
AJAVON, BETTY AYELE	NORONHA, JENNIFER FRANCISCA
ANKAMA-ASAMOAH, KWASI OWUSU-TAKYI	NYONYO, SOPHIA ELORM
ANTHONIO, KEZIAH	OKYERE, AKUA BOATEMAA
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BELUONWU, SARAH KODJODCHUKWU	PERDISON, CHRISTAL NANA FORKUA
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GYATENG, DWAYNE JOJO-GYAN	TORKORNOO, KEKELI KWAME
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HAMMOND, MAAME ANA HAMMOND	YAWSON, DAVINA ADJIDA





**TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**



**IB CLASS OF 2020**

**VIRTUAL GRADUATION CEREMONY**

**6 JUNE, 2020 | 10:00AM**

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Dr. Conrad Hughes**

Principal, International  
School of Geneva, Switzerland.



**Youtube**

**Tema International School**



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## COUNSELLORS' CORNER



***Congratulations in advance to our freshest graduating Class of 2020!*** You have come a long way, and we know that each of you are gifted and well-equipped to contribute in remarkable ways as you further your education wherever you go. We are so proud of you and look forward to celebrating you through tomorrow's virtual graduation! ***It will certainly be the best of its kind!*** We invite everyone to join us, especially our precious Alumni- this Saturday, 6 June, at 10am sharp!

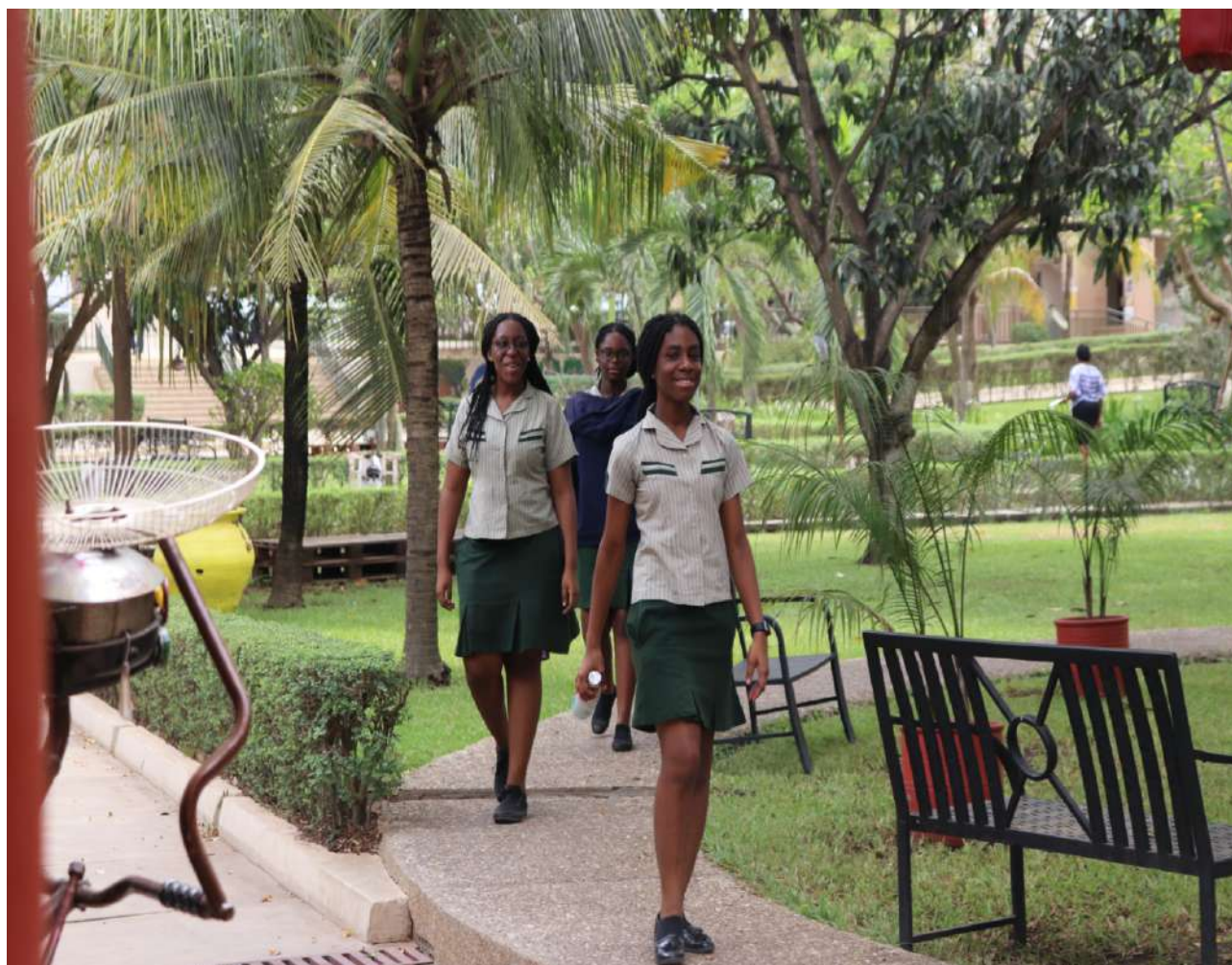


**DP2 Reminders;**

**TIS Alumni Association-** We are delighted to let you know that very soon, you will join our vibrant TIS Alumni group! Please make sure you send us your phone numbers and updated email details, so we can add you to the TIS Alumni platform. Keep in touch and visit us whenever you are in town. We are happy to assist you even after you leave TIS, so feel free to reach out, if we can help you in anyway.

**Connect with your university, find out next steps-** Again, we wish to urge you to get in touch with your chosen university, and also visit their official website, so you do not miss any pertinent information on the next steps for 2020 fall enrollment/start of school. You may be able to start enrolling in classes, and sort out accommodation and other requirements ahead of re-opening day. Updates on start dates, mode of classes (virtual or on campus) and freshman/first year orientation dates are important to note as well, so please reach out to the admissions offices now.

**Student Visas/ Study Permits-** Although most embassies still remain closed, the online visa application process may be open. So, consider creating an account online on the official country-specific visa application website and start the student visa application process this month.







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## CAS-SA Corner

**IB Class of 2020**, the **Risk-Takers**, reflect on their high school journey, achievements, challenges, memories, experiences, family, friends, the Diploma Programme and life after TIS. I am confident their story will inspire you!



**Name:** Aku Adogon Addo

**Nickname (s):** Adogey doogs

**Nationality:** Ghanaian

**Colour Group:** Green Wisteria

**Hostel:** Cecilia Hostel

**Year of entry:** 2016

**Position(s) held:** Secretary of ELMONDS Ltd and Interact Club, Head of Peer Buddies, Class Representative.

**Achievements:** Winner of 2017 Tennis ISSAG - girls

**University/Programme:** Law LLB

**Hobbies/Interests:** Reading, music, and watching series

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, food, and family/friends

**Favourite Subject:** Business Management

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Salad, chicken, and bread

**I am proud of:** How much I have matured over the past years – mentally.

**I am grateful for:** God and my parents for bringing me this far.

**A big thank you to:** God, my parents, all my teachers, Auntie Sandra, Auntie Nora, Auntie Janet, and Auntie Setor.

**Role Model(s):** Ms. Koree and my Grandmother.

**My Journey in TIS:** It has probably been the most amazing and challenging 3-4 years of my life, but I wouldn't change a thing.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** All the laughs during Lang/lit class, and many more.

**CAS in a few words:** Eye-opening and fascinating.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** DP, in my opinion, is not as hard as people painted it out to be. It is true that I didn't have the full experience, but from the little experience I had, I can say the DP is all about time management and determination.

All the deadlines are like storms, and shall pass; so, one just needs to be calm and work hard.

**What I would do differently:** Nothing. Everything I have done and experienced has made me who I am today.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Risk-taker. Life itself is all about taking risks. If you don't dare, you'll never know.

**Future Career:** Lawyer and Business Woman

**Ambition(s):** I hope to start a more advanced school or facility for hearing-impaired children.

**In five years ...** I see myself starting my MBA

**In 10 years ...** I see myself married with 2 kids and giving them the best the world has to offer.

**One thing I know for sure...** With hard work, honesty and dedication, and God by my side through it all, I will achieve the purpose God has for me on this earth.





# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► Aliou Badra Agalassou

**Name:** Aliou Badra Agalassou

**Nationality:** Malian

**Colour group:** Red Kigelia

**Hostel:** Anthony

**Year of entry:** 2019/2020

**Why the risk-takers?** The risk-taker because it allows you to get out of your comfort zone; going out of your comfort zone teaches you lessons. This helps you to easily learn.

**University/program:** University of Concordia/ Bachelor of Arts in economics.

**Hobbies/interests:** Soccer.

**3 things I cannot live without:** Soccer, my family, and food.

**Favourite subject:** Economics

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Fried rice/doughnut.

**I am proud of:** the impact I was able to make on the railway community in Accra with my CAS partners.

**I am grateful for:** my family for always supporting me.

**A big thank you:** My teachers, hostel parents and all other staff members for helping during this amazing 8 months that I spent here at TIS.

**Role model (s):** Michael Jordan and my father.

**My journey at TIS:** I haven't spent a lot of time at TIS. When I first came to TIS I was very excited and anxious at the same time. People at TIS helped me a lot to adapt to the system. This made me extremely comfortable. It was an amazing 8 months.

**Unforgettable moments:** Soccer games

**CAS in a few words:** A very important learning process.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** This programme is one of the best that a student can have access to. DP allows you to be independent. More importantly, it helps a student to get ready for life.

**What would I do differently:** I would definitely change my study habits and improve my time management skills.

**Future career:** Businessman and economist.

**Ambition (s):** I want to learn a lot about economics and eventually help my country with the knowledge that I will acquire.

**In five years:** I see myself opening my company and working for my country as an economist.

**In 10 years:** I will continue on developing my company.

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► Akos Osei

**Name:** Akos Osei

**Nickname (s):** Sister Akos or Akosua

**Nationality:** Ghanaian & Australian

**Colour Group:** Green Wisteria

**Hostel:** Cecilia Hostel

**Year of entry:** I joined in Grade 11, 2019.

**Position(s) held:** During my short time in TIS I was: Member of the Expression 2019 organising team (IB1),

Green Wisteria colour leader (IB1), Member of Leaver's Dinner organising team (IB1), Room monitor (IB2), Member of TIS Pop Band.

**Achievements:** Making it through the IBDP. Placing either 1st, 2nd or 3rd on every swimming event.

Performing at the 2019 Expression as a member of the Pop Band. Member of winning Girls' Basketball team.

Competed in the Champions of Champions for the athletics and swimming carnivals.

**Why the Risk-Takers?** We're not afraid to try new things because who knows, it may be the best decision we may ever make?

**University/Programme:** Bachelor of Law

**Hobbies/Interests:** Swimming, athletics, watching architectural digest, exploring new cities.

**3 things I cannot live without:** Sleep, human interaction, food.

**Favourite Subject:** TOK or Business HL

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Cinnamon rolls & spring rolls.

**I am proud of:** My ambition.

**I am grateful for:** My Mum, teachers, and friends who supported me whilst in TIS.

**A big thank you to:** My Mum who has supported me to do my best throughout my whole schooling life.

My hostel guardians, Aunty Nora and Aunty Janet.

**Role Model(s):** Esther, Rosa Parks

**My Journey in TIS:** Short but sweet. My journey in TIS was definitely an experience that shaped me into a better person.

Through the many friends I made, difficult and exciting times I went through, I learned so many lessons that I will never forget.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** My Mum speaking at an assembly which caused me to become more than embarrassed but I loved seeing my friends enjoy her ice breakers and have a laugh at me.

**CAS in a few words:** I believe that the CAS program in TIS teaches life lessons that cannot be taught in any math or business class.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** Very stressful. However, I would 100% recommend it as it will prepare you for the university, your first job, and much more. From writing TOK essays which helped me to expand my mind and look outside the box to finalising my IAs and EE which helped me to become more organised and knowledgeable in various subjects of interest, the DP truly changes you for the better.

**What I would do differently:** Experience is the best teacher. So, nothing!

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Balanced! In a school like TIS with so many opportunities and chances to experience new things and learn something new, it's important to stay balanced.

**Future Career:** Barrister

**Ambition(s):** CEO of my family law firm.

**In five years ...** I will have just graduated with a bachelor's in law and be going on to sit my bar exam to become a barrister.

**In 10 years ...** CEO and girl boss of my own family law firm. Striving to reach out to young children who may not have the opportunity to receive an education or experience life to the fullest due to their family circumstances.

**One thing I know for sure...** God's working in my life and has opened so many doors of opportunity. He has plans for me to prosper.

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

▶ Akua Boatemaa Okyere

**Name:** Akua Boatemaa Okyere

**Nickname (s):** Boat and Kwakwa (Limited use)

**Nationality:** Ghanaian

**Colour Group:** Blue Cedar

**Hostel:** Catherine (with pride)

**Year of entry:** 2015

**Position(s) held:** Head of Council, Catherine Hostel Treasurer, Student Council class rep Grade 9, Class prefect Grade 8, Table head, President of the Interact club of TIS, human resource director, and chairman of the board of Elmonds Ltd.

**Achievements:** Best student in French (2016/17), Best student in Additional Mathematics (2016/17), Best student in Economics (2016/17), Best student in Biology (2016/17), Best student in French (2017/18), Best student in Information and Communications Technology (2017/18), Best student in Additional Mathematics (2017/18), Diplôme d'études en langue française: DELF A2, (passed in September 2014), College and Career Guidance and Counselling Merit Honors (2018/2019), Best Student in Theory of Knowledge (2018/2019), Best student in Biology (2018/2019), Best student in French (2018/2019), Best student in Literature (2018/2019), Dr. Ken Darvall's Footprint Award (2018/2019) and a lot of merit awards.

**Why the Risk-Takers?** We definitely made unconventional decisions.

**University/Programme:** Medicine

**Hobbies/Interests:** Reading (I love Wattpad!), quarantine has led me to series and sleeping.

**3 things I cannot live without:** My bed, spicy food, and God

**Favourite Subject:** Chemistry and Biology

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Meat pie (Cornish pastry)

**I am proud of:** The person I have become today.

**I am grateful for:** The unique experiences and wonderful people I have met on this journey especially my lovely teachers, advisors, and friends (Mrs. Agbeli, Mr. Amenoo, Mr. Siita, Mr. Dzongor, Sir Joe, Mr. Attah, Castrol, Mr. Sampong, Mr. Darko, Mr. Atindanaaaa, Aunty Setor, Aunty Janet, Mr. Tay, Mr. Akortah, Aunty Nora, Ms. Koree, Aunty Abigail, David, Mr. Hobbs, Aunty Gloria, and Aunty Frieda), and to past teachers like Mr. Baffoe, Mr. Nobi and Ms. Bobson.

**A big thank you to:** God, my parents, my closest friends for keeping me grounded, all teachers and staff who have impacted me in unique ways, the hostel guardians for their immeasurable guidance, the kitchen staff for the little favours, Dr. Ken and Mama Su for their constant support.

**Role Model(s):** Aunty Cecelia

**My Journey in TIS:** A super-fast five years with unexpected, but appreciated twists and turns.

Glad to have made this journey with my awesome grade mates.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** Every moment spent in the reading room with my grade mates (reading room girls) ... fun times.

**CAS in a few words:** A vital source of energy for the tiring IB DP journey.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** It challenges and pushes ALL students to do better.

**What I would do differently:** Nothing because each mistake led to a lesson being learned.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Fortunately, I cannot pick one out of the ten because I have come to understand, appreciate, and treasure all of the learner profile attributes.

**Future Career:** Medical Doctor

**Ambition(s):** to make an impact in the healthcare sector.

**In five years ...** I will still be in medical school but close to the end.

**In 10 years ...** I may be an anesthesiologist or gynecologist and hopefully married.

**One thing I know for sure...** there is light at the end of the tunnel.

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► Ama Owusu-Manu

**Name:** Ama Owusu-Manu

**Nickname (s):** N/A

**Nationality:** Ghanaian

**Colour Group:** BLUE CEDARRRR!!!! (one day we'll be on top)

**Hostel:** CATHERINEEEEE!!! (lowkey hyped hostel!)

**Year of entry:** 2016

**Position(s) held:** SC class representative of IOA (2017/18), Head academic executive (2018/19), International projects executive of Interact club (2017/2018), Vice President of Interact club (2019/20), Legal Compliance director of Elmonds Ltd. (2018/19), Dietary over-see (2018/19), Alto part leader of School Choir (2018/19), Executive member of Red Cross society (2018/19), Colour leader of Blue Cedar (2018/19), Sets and Props director of "Marriage of Anansewa" theatre production (2019), Executive member of *Poa in a Box* (2018/19), Member of advertising and marketing for Asiraf's editorial board (2018/19)

**Achievements:** Winning the Entrepreneurial competition by the Walking Shoes Foundation with Elmonds Ltd (2018/19), Silver academic merit list (2016/17), Bronze sports merit list (2016/17), Silver academic merit list (2018/19), Silver culture merit list (2018/19), Winner of public speaking workshop contest (2018/19), Bronze leadership merit list (2017/18), Silver leadership merit list (2018/19), Silver service merit list (2018/19).

**Why the Risk-Takers?** In life, in order to excel and attain all desired goals, one must be willing to step out and take on exceptional and different tasks. One must be ready to take risks to achieve greatness. I believe that the class of 2020 comprises varied gems with spontaneous ideas that will transform both their immediate and global society. For these ideas to manifest and birth greatness, risks need to be taken and people need to step out of the line and I believe that the members of the Class of 2020 did this exceptionally. First IIT class of TIS to not sit the IITs yet still have their heads high to ameliorate situations in their surroundings; sounds like a bunch of risk-takers to me!

**University/Programme:** RSC Biochemistry

**Hobbies/Interests:** I love to watch football but doubt if I will ever play #GGMU. I love talking with my friends and joking around with them. I am a fan of YouTube and Netflix and all Michael B. Jordan movies.

I also enjoy watching weddings on YouTube in my free time.

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, family (my friends are family so they are included here), chicken.

**Favourite Subject:** Biology HL

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Tuesday beef fried rice - a dish whose taste cannot be surpassed. When you have some heavily soaked coleslaw and hot green pepper and if Bra Yaw greases you with some succulent chicken, it's a match made in heaven. Then to top it all off, some juicy chilled oranges, ahhhh!

**I am proud of:** my academic improvement and my relationships.

**I am grateful for:** my parents for bringing me to TIS, my sister for supporting me throughout this journey, my teachers for being so committed (shoutout to Ms. Korie, Sir Joe, Mr. Amencio), and my friends for always supporting me through this thing called DP lol.

**A big thank you to:** Ms. Korie for putting so much effort and believing in me, Sir Joe for being one of the best teachers I have ever had, Mr. Amencio for encouraging me and believing in me, Mr. Atindam for always putting me on my toes, Mr. Agbodo for always pointing out the positives in every situation concerning my academics, Mr. Gyasi and Mr. Attah for reminding me of my capabilities, and Mr. Gyamfi and Mr. Darko for making me realise that economics is a beautiful field and sparking the interest. I also want to thank the hostel parents for always encouraging me when things got rough, the security men for allowing me to stay in the school block after school, and God for seeing me through all four years and giving me the strength to persevere.

**Role Model(s):** At this moment, Michelle Obama is the woman I look up to. Despite being the first black president of America's wife, she created a title for herself and did not hide under the fame and glory of her husband. She wrote books and led charity campaigns to make an impact in her society by herself and this really inspires me because as a woman she took ground and made a difference in lives.

**My Journey in TIS:** Started off four years ago, with a few regrets but the desire to make the best out of this experience. On the journey, there were inevitable falls, however, the great incredible moments found a way to overshadow them. All in all, TIS has been one enjoyable, hectic, super interesting ride and I am forever grateful to God, my family and friends.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** At TIS there were so many instances that could be labelled as unforgettable, but the few that really earned this title are as follows. First, Cathony 2017/18. This was something else, from the food to the planning to the noise and enjoyment, it was truly a day of celebrating the elite members of Catherine and Anthony! Smiles were plastered on each person's face and we enjoyed ourselves. Second in line is the grade retreat to Shai Hills. Prior to this trip, I was not a fan of going into the wild and sleeping in the forest and such, but things really turned around for my good. From hiking, to cooking, to eating, to sleeping, it was all just an exceptional experience and a chance to bond with my grade mates. Lastly, the day DP exams were cancelled. Hmm, this day was packed with multiple emotions words can't explain. Joy and relief were definitely present in the atmosphere, but these did not overshadow the deep sadness felt within. My friends and I made noise, praising God, screaming, dancing, *rik-roking* for hours due to the immense joy we felt. This was truly a memorable day.

**CAS in few words:** Meaningful, enjoyable, and necessary. CAS is a key component that led to my transformation into a world-class citizen. It gave me the opportunity to experience so many things and acquire so many skills definitely needed in the real world.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** IB! IB! Whoever convinced me to try the DP, really did me a favour because the DP has metamorphosed my mindset and perceptions of assertions.

The DP really helped me understand global issues better and allowed me to partake in activities that really may equip me for the real world.

**What I would do differently:** Honestly, if I have the opportunity to go back, I would do sports and not just one, multiple. I would also take violin more seriously because being a well-rounded student is important.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Risk-takers because that is the only way one can excel in this world.

**Future Career:** I aspire to be an oncologist (a doctor in charge of cancer patients).

**Ambition(s):** My number one ambition is to be an oncologist. I also aspire to have my own skin care brand with my knowledge in biochemistry. I want to build a medical empire in Ghana, housing hospitals, research centres and homes for the elderly.

**In five years...** I will have graduated from my university with my BSc in Biochemistry and would have finished my 6-month internship at a big skin care company, God being my helper.

**In the specific fifth year,** I would be in medical school pursuing medicine.

**In 10 years...** I will be a full-blown doctor, specialising in oncology, hopefully in my final year. I would be married, God-willing and my future husband and I will be starting our medical empire in Ghana.

**One thing I know for sure...** God is always going to be by my side in everything I do and He is always going to lead me in this life and give me direction in order to be used for His purpose and positively impact my society and world, on a large scale.

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# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

▶ Baaba Yaatarba Egyei-Mensah

**Name:** Baaba Yaatarba Egyei-Mensah

**Nickname(s):** Bae, B, and BEM

**Nationality:** Ghanaian

**Colour Group:** Red Kigelia...duhhh, I'm always "ready to rumble".

**Hostel:** Cecilia, of course.

**Year of entry:** 2014.

**Position(s) held:** Class Prefect (2015), Editor of Science Fair Bulletin (2017), Class Representative for the Student Council (2017), Colour Leader for Red Kigelia (2018-2019), Room Monitor (2016, 2019, and 2020), Table Head (2018/2019, 2019/2020), Head of Leavers' Dinner Planning Committee (2019), Co-Initiator of "Healthy Heart, Healthy Life" (2019), Writer for School Magazine (2019), Flag Bearer (2017), Treasurer for Cecilia Hostel (2017, 2019), Madame de Garderobe in "Beauty and the Beast", Female Organiser of School Choir (2018/2019), Secretary of School Choir (2019/2020), Head of the planning committee for the school's annual Creative Writers' Conference (2018), Member of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary Christmas Lunch and Science Fair/Expression planning committees (2018/2019).

**Achievements:** Academic Merit Award Gold, (2015, 2017, 2018), Academic Merit Award Silver (2016, 2018, 2019), Cultural Merit Award Gold (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019), Cultural Merit Award Silver (2018, 2019), Leadership Merit Award Gold (2017, 2019), Citizenship Merit Award Bronze (2017, 2019), Best Student in Chemistry (2016/2017, 2017/2018), Best Student in Mathematics (2016/2017), Class Secretary (2018), Best Student in Literature (2017/2018), 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Student in Grade 7 (2014/2015), Best CAS Project (2019), Best Room in Cecilia Hostel (2016/2017, 2015/2016)...because I was the room monitor haha, participant in two Creative Writers' conferences.

**Why the Risk-Takers?** We are a weirdly creative and determined bunch...we work hard and play hard.

**University/Programme:** Computer Science or Business Administration.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Singing, Reading, Watching Series, Business, Thinking, Writing Poetry, Public Speaking, Piano, Violin, Cycling, Books about money, people and success.

**3 things I cannot live without:** My bed, my bible, and my mother.

**Favourite Subject:** Chemistry, I think... It's a love-hate relationship.

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** The best since I came: TIS Fried rice!

**I am proud of:** being able to build my confidence and make new friends.

**I am grateful for:** All the amazing people I met here and the numerous opportunities I got here.

**A big thank you to:** God, my parents, and all the staff and students for making my TIS experience memorable.

**Role Model(s):** So many...Oprah, Warren Buffet, my parents, Beyoncé, Jesus Christ, Kofi Annan, my grandfather, my aunt, and the legendary Mr Eric Fudzagbo.

**My Journey in TIS:** A very bumpy ride, one filled with so many laughs and tears. A stage in my life that I will never forget.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** The moments when I sang my heart out at the National Theatre. Performing for Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, realising that I had helped contribute to raising \$10,500 to help Desmond and Millicent with their open heart surgeries, and the late-night talks with my ladies in front of the girls' hostels.

**CAS in few words:** One of the most stressful, yet fulfilling and fun experiences of my life. I didn't even think it was possible.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** The most challenging and most confusing experience of my life, which certainly pushed me further than I could ever imagine. OMG, I can't recount the number of times I just wanted to curl up in bed and sleep, but it was worth it in the end.

**What I would do differently:** I would have tried a little bit of everything.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Knowledgeable, because it resonates well with me.

**Future Career:** Entrepreneur, I don't really know... Computer Scientist?

**Ambition(s):** Own a Fortune (Global) 500 company which will revolutionise business in Ghana and beyond, Forbes Under 30, be a mother my children will be proud of.

**In five years ...** I will have completed my Master of Science in Computer Science by God's Grace.

**In 10 years ...** Dr. Baaba Egyei-Mensah (with my PhD in Computer Science).

**One thing I know for sure...** I will make it...I will work hard to make my dreams become a reality.

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# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

▶ Bervelyn Miranda Naa Merley Sawyerr-Markwei

**Name:** Bervelyn Miranda Naa Merley Sawyerr-Markwei

**Nickname(s):** Berv

**Nationality:** Ghanaian

**Colour Group:** Red Kigelia all the way!!

**Hostel:** A lady of class. Cecilia Hostel!

**Year of entry:** I joined this haven of excellence in 2016.

**Position(s) held:** Head of the Friends of the Zoo Club (2018-2020) Dining Hall Committee Secretary (2019/2020), Member of the Expression Team (2019), Member of Leaver's Dinner Team (2019), Member of the Assembly Team (2018/2019), Head of Ushers (2018-2020), and Flag Bearer (2019)

**Achievements:** Bronze Academic Merit Award (G9), Gold Service Merit Award (Grade 9 and 11), Student of the week (Grade 9 and 11)

**Why the Risk-Takers?** Risk-takers are defined as individuals or a group of people with a common goal who risk loss or injury in the hope of success and yes that is what defines us. Bearing in mind our future accomplishments, every step, action, activity and decision we took during our journey required us to be a risk-taker. But we held on to our reigns and directed the horses to the desired path, not giving up even when the journey became tough. Every step of the way, we rose and fell together.

**University/Programme:** Ashesi University - Computer Science or Economics

**Hobbies/Interests:** Watching any genre of TV series/movies, reading any genre of books/novels, adventures, researching, technology, exploring stuff out of my comfort zone.

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, YouTube, and Sleep (weird combination, right!)

**Favourite Subject:** Economics HL

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Burger and chips/ spring rolls

**I am proud of:** Myself (never thought I could make it this far), TIS for helping create this version of myself that is ready to face the world, my grade mates for allowing TIS and its values to impact our lives and testing us with challenges which we overcame. Now we can say we are truly ready to make TIS, our families, the world and ourselves proud.

**I am grateful for:** My grade mates and friends for embarking on this rollercoaster journey. It has been a wonderful and memorable adventure. My junior friends, especially Yosi, Elinam, Gwen, my Room 12 roommates (Cheryl, Isabel, Hamdia, Elizabeth) for having my back through it all, loving me and giving me one of the best memories I will keep dear to me. I know I don't say this a lot, but I love you all and hope to be there for you as you were for me. My teachers, Mr. Amenoo, Mr. Gyemfi, Mr. Fudzagbo, Mr. Attah, Ms. Glida, and Mr. Boniface for being supportive, the best teachers one could ask for and for making my educational journey worth it. Other teachers and non-teaching staff such as Mr. Darko, Mr. Siita, Mr. Akortah, Mrs. Agbeli, Monsieur Agbeko, Monsieur Mensah, Mr. Adipah, Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Kobby, the guidance team (Aunty Eunice, Aunty Portia, Aunty Eyram and Aunty Constance), the school nurses (Aunty Regina, Aunty Julia, and Aunty), Mrs. King, Auntie Abigail, Mr. Wellington (Sly), Eben, Dr. Ken, Mr. Tay, Mr. Atesku, my gorgeous hostel parents (Aunty Nora, Aunty Janet, Aunty Setor, Aunty Rachel) the kitchen staff, the cleaners and the security guards for all the advises, support and values you have added to my life. Finally, the entire TIS family for welcoming me and developing me into this version of myself. Not forgetting my haters also, you were my motivation and drive for success. Love you all!!

**A big thank you to:** God for seeing me through, my parents, without them I will not come this far. Everyone I addressed above (you guys really made my journey at TIS worth it. Thank you for putting up with me). Daddy, thank you for being my stronghold.

**Role Model(s):** Bill Gates, and Kendall Jenner

**My Journey in TIS:** To summarise it, an amazing adventure.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** Every single experience in TIS.

**CAS in a few words:** The experience that made me a risk-taker and developed me to become a better person.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** It was challenging, but worth it. It provided me with opportunities I never thought I had. It changed me for the better and I don't regret it at all.

**What I would do differently:** Seized every moment. Sometimes you don't see the impact of some experiences until later. I encourage every student to make the most out of their TIS life because you only live once.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** I can't seem to pinpoint one. As a lifelong learner, I hope I develop each one of them.

**Future Career:** Software Engineer; Economist

**Ambition(s):** I want to make a great impact on the world by finding solutions to issues both locally and internationally.

**In five years ...** I will be pursuing my Master's and may have enjoyed work experience in Silicon Valley.

**In 10 years ...** I might be doing my PhD and helping to invent new technology or economic strategies that will benefit the world.

**One thing I know for sure...** When things seem odd, there is always a light at the end of the tunnel.

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# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

▶ Betty Ayele Ajavon

**Name:** Betty Ayele Ajavon

**Nickname (s):** Akpersom Topanga TOPS TOPS TOPS!!!!/ BETE.

**Nationality:** Ghanaian

**Colour Group:** Blue Cedar

**Hostel:** Cecilia

**Year of entry:** 2014

**Position(s) held:** Nutritionist advisor (DP2), Room monitor (2018-2019), Co-organiser of the 15th-anniversary educational forum.

**Amnesty member** (2018-2020)

**Achievements:** Cultural merit list (2016-2017), Cultural merit list (2017-2018), Service Merit (2017-2018), Cultural merit list (2018-2019)

**Why the Risk-Takers?** It's very simple, we ask the questions everyone else is afraid to ask. We do the unthinkable in every situation.

In summary, we blow minds!

**University/Programme:** Ashesi University, Business Administration.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Listening to music, discussing current affairs, watching movies, working out.

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, sleep, family and friends

**Favourite Subject:** Economics or History

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Beef fried rice and the muffins with yoghurt

**I am proud of:** Myself and how much I have grown over the years.

**I am grateful for:** The opportunity to study at such a school. The support, encouragement and advice from my family and my teachers.

**A big thank you to:** God for giving me the strength, my parents for always being there and enduring everything, my family, my Cecilia room 11 roommates, Aunty Dedei and Aunty Korkoe, Aunty Nora and Aunty Setor, the teachers, hostel guardians, the kitchen staff, the administration, uncle Ben, uncle Matthew, the cleaning staff, my friends and lastly, to myself for always believing and trusting in me and for NEVER giving up.

**Role Model(s):** Thomas Sankara, my parents, my younger sister Ayorkor, Christopher Wallace, Sean Combs.

**My Journey in TIS:** It's definitely not been easy or perfect. I struggled a lot in the beginning. TIS, however, built me into the young woman I am today. I have been able to make lifelong friends with many precious memories:) I am generally a better person all thanks to this school.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** The day I stepped into TIS, my 17<sup>th</sup> birthday, and the day I left the school with my Mum.

**CAS in few words:** CAS allows you to see the realities of the world with your own eyes. It also helps you in developing various life skills that you might not get the opportunity to develop in the classroom.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** It is one that challenges you. You would have to be willing to sacrifice "precious" things in order to excel in this course. It has also taught me that nothing ever comes easy, in order to achieve anything in life, you have to put in the maximum effort. Ones you understand this very simple concept, it starts to affect and reflect in everything you do in life.

**What I would do differently:** Studied harder, taken more pictures, made more people laugh.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Knowledgeable - this is because I believe that when you are well informed on issues, you will always be respected and always be at an advantage. People would probably not like you or what you say, but they will always respect you. This is very key in life for me.

**Future Career:** Economic historian or developmental economist.

**Ambition(s):** I would like to assist in the further development of Ghana and Africa at large. To also be very financially free.

**In five years ...** I should have started my Master's program in economic development.

**In 10 years ...** I should be working at a prestigious institution. Making myself very happy.

**One thing I know for sure...** I will be successful and God dey no matter what!

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# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► Chelsea Kenechi Ama Bada

**Name:** Chelsea Kenechi Ama Bada

**Nationality:** Legally - American & Proudly - Ghanaian and Nigerian

**Colour Group:** YELLOW YELLOW YELLOW OUTENQUA

**Hostel:** I belong to the Catherine sisterhood.

**Year of entry:** I joined the haven of excellence in 2018

**Position(s) held:** During my time in this institution, I have served as a Red Cross Member, Catherine Hostel Executive, Vice President of Animal Lovers, Career Day Head, Volleyball Team Captain, and Foreign Student Representative

**Achievements:** Service Merit List in Grade 11 & 12, Leadership Merit Lister in Grade 11 & 12, Most Spirited Debater of the Environmental Committee the ALAMAU Conference, and Founder of the Leadership Incubator

**Why the Risk-Takers?** It is the Risk-Takers that will be remembered for their daring contributions to our world. Growth and success are not meant to be comfortable. While it can be scary to oppose the majority, your comfort zone will kill you. I believe my grade is filled with courageous individuals who intend on being part of the blueprint for our future.

**University/Programme:** The University of Miami with a Double Major in Public Health & Biology and a minor in Spanish.

**Hobbies/Interests:** I enjoy volleyball, writing, trying out new skincare tips, and learning strange facts.

**3 things I cannot live without:** Music, Earphones, or Quality Relationships

**Favourite Subject:** Literature HL

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Definitely the Groundnut soup on Thursday.

**I am proud of:** Everyone who thought that they would not make it this far. You deserve this and so much more. You will achieve the "so much more."

**I am grateful to:** God for getting me here and providing me with friends to help me along the way.

**A big thank you to:** Myself for continuing

**Role Model(s):** There are too many people I admire that I have impacted me so making a list does not seem fair.

**My Journey in TIS:** All of my complications make up an Oscar-winning movie with a happy ending.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** When our exams were cancelled.

**CAS in few words:** An emotional rollercoaster, but in a good way.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** Similar to other challenges in life, once faced you learn more about yourself.

The DP is a rigorous course that requires you to challenge yourself in ways you thought you could never. Whether or not you accomplish the goals you previously set for yourself, you will end up gaining something else. For me, it was clarity about my future and not only what I wanted to become, but what I wanted to achieve.

**What I would do differently:** I would have been there for the camping trip.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** My favourite IB learner profile attribute is "Caring." It feels so relevant and necessary in our current climate. We can only fix this world together and we cannot afford to let the desensitization seep in. As Stevie Wonder said, "Love's In Need of Love Today".

**Future Career:** The possibilities are endless. I possess too many qualities to only aspire to one thing.

**Ambition(s):** To live my life to the fullest and to improve the overall quality of human life.

**In five years:** Happy and financially stable.

**In 10 years:** Even happier and even more financially stable.

**One thing I know for sure...** Whatever happens on earth stays on earth.

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► Chinemelum Ifechukwu Mbanefo

**Name:** Chinemelum Ifechukwu Mbanefo

**Nickname(s):** Chi, Manos, Chine, Chef Chi, Chine (anything you can fit at the end), Prosperoooo.

**Nationality:** Nigerian

**Colour Group:** Wisterian till I die, go GREEN

**Hostel:** The best hostel of course, Anthony.

**Year of entry:** 2015

**Position(s) held:** Green Wisteria colour leader (DP1), Room monitor (DP2, DP1 and G9), Table Head (DP1 and DP2), President of the Chess Club (DP1), a lead actor in "The Slaves" theatre production (G10), Set and props crew member for "Beauty and the Beast", Member of the science fair organization team, Head director for light and sounds for "The Marriage of Anansewa", President of Brass Band Club.

**Achievements:** Bronze Cultural Merit (G10, DP2), Silver Cultural Merit (DP1), Bronze Academic Merit (G10), Sport Bronze Merit (G10, DP1), the best student in the eyes of the hostel guardians, especially Mr. Tay and Mr. Adipah, Great summer body, and the best walk!

**Why the Risk-Takers?** Simple, the bravery and courage that could be seen in this batch was like no other.

**University/Programme:** Purdue University/University of Saskatchewan Major in Computer Science and Economics.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Gymming, Table-Tennis, finding new hobbies and I low-key really like acting.

**3 things I cannot live without:** God's grace, Family and Friends.

**Favorite Subject:** God's grace, Family and Friends and Food.

**Favorite TIS meal/snack:** Fried rice/ spring rolls

**I am proud of:** My peers, my parents, and especially TIS for helping us to mould ourselves as the successful and prominent generation to come.

**I am grateful for:** My friends and my parents for all contributing to my bright future one way or the other.

**A big thank you to:** All teachers, especially my teachers, non-teaching staff, and most importantly the hostel guardians and the kitchen staff. I think I will miss the latter two the most, simply because of the overflowing support they gave me in my times of need.

**Role Model(s):** My parents, Mark Zuckerberg, Jennifer Aniston, Jason Sudeikis, Adam Sandler, Will Smith, and Bill Gates.

**My Journey in TIS:** To sum it all, it was a long and short journey, it was stressful and productive, and most importantly, it was the best 5 years of my life.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** When DP examinations were cancelled for my batch of students. This is definitely an unforgettable moment for DP students around the world and will surely be in the history books. #THECOVID19 BATCH.

**CAS in few words:** One of the most important, yet underrated parts of the DP. Besides being the CORE, it has a lot to offer, especially towards personal growth.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** Seeing as I did not experience the whole IB, my statement may seem short-sighted. But what I know for sure is that the Diploma Programme is not just for anybody, and you have to put in the work to yield the results you wish to obtain. It teaches you needed skills, life lessons, and prepares you for the real deal, which is life outside the walls of TIS. The program is truly exceptional and like others before might have said, you only realize how much you have changed after the DP Program, that is when real life hits you, of course.

**What I would do differently:** I yearn to be as balanced as I can, meaning, I would have loved to be more involved in other things going on in the school. A piece of advice I would say is very important is to never push your work back, no matter how small it is. Because a small change caused by inexplicable delaying, will most certainly always lead to a great disaster!! #THEBUTTERFLYEFFECT

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Balanced, the ability to do everything adequately is a trait to be cherished. It's just like emergent properties. If all aspects of your life are done adequately, you are seen as effective, or simply put, you produce more than the sum of your parts, and that is what DP has gifted to me.

**Future Career:** Software Engineer, World-renowned Game Tech Business Owner and will have a huge role in the entertainment sector.

**Ambition(s):** I want to be the change the world needs through technological inventions across various disciplines. I also want to be rich and wealthy.

**In five years ...** I will have successfully completed my course in Software Engineering and Economics and will have started bringing my software ideas to life in a major technological company.

**In 10 years ...** I will have completed my dreams of creating software that will be used everywhere and have a positive impact on the global community. I will also start my very own technological company that specializes in making video games and would potentially stand the chance of competing with big names like Ubisoft, Sony Entertainment, and Rockstar Games.

**One thing I know for sure...** Quality is not an act, but a habit, apply this into everything you do, and good things are sure to follow.

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► Chisom Lotanna Anyaehie

**Name:** Chisom Lotanna Anyaehie

**Nickname (s):** Chichi, ginger, amaka

**Nationality:** Nigerian

**Colour Group:** Yellow Outeniqua

**Hostel:** Cecilia

**Year of entry:** 2018

**Position(s) held:** International students' representative

**Achievements:** Passion for Africa Award at the ALAMAU Conference, Award for Best in Physics and Chemistry

**Why the Risk-Takers?** We are ever willing to do things no matter how dangerous in order to achieve a goal.

**University/Programme:** Mechanical Engineering.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Watching YouTube videos, shopping, singing.

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, my family, and lipgloss.

**Favourite Subject:** Physics.

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Spring rolls.

**I am proud of:** my achievements and my spiritual growth.

**I am grateful for:** my friends, family, and my amazing red hair.

**A big thank you to:** everyone who has played an impact in my life.

**Role Model(s):** Jesus Christ and my mother.

**My Journey in TIS:** It has been a wonderful experience.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** The day I got an ALAMAU award and the day we heard the DP exams got cancelled.

**CAS in few words:** CAS opened my eyes to the world's problems and made me a more socially conscious person.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** It is painstaking but once you overcome it, you become a better individual holistically.

**What I would do differently:** Nothing.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Balance - As an IB learner, you have to know how to manage all aspects of your life in order to succeed. You need to know how to prioritize and manage your time effectively all which are encompassed in being Balanced.

**Future Career:** Mechanical engineer/ Businesswoman

**Ambition(s):** To own a world-renowned cosmetic company after working at a company in Silicon Valley as a mechanical engineer.

**In five years ...** I'll be concluding my educational journey as a whole.

**In 10 years ...** I'll be working at a company in Silicon Valley.

**One thing I know for sure...** God has got our back always.

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

▶ Christal Nana Pokua Perdison

**Name:** Christal Nana Pokua Perdison.

**Nickname (s):** Krissi, Nana Pokua, Pokus, Christalo, Pooka.

**Nationality:** Ghanaian all the way!!!

**Colour Group:** Can you C-A-N- U Can you CEDAR BLUE!!

**Hostel:** CECILIA GIRLS ARE THE REALEST!!!

**Year of entry:** 2018

**Position(s) held:** Cecilia Hostel Executive (2019/20), Table Head (2020), Room Monitor (2020), Lumiere in "*Beauty and the Beast*" (2018), Co-head director of "*The Marriage of Anansewaa*" (2019), Head of the Planning Committee for the 2019 Career Fair, MC of the 2019 Annual Career Fair, MC of the 2019 Annual Achiever's Day and Graduation Ceremony, Member of the TIS School Choir, Member of the Weekly Assembly Team, Proud member of Pen in the Box, Proud member of the *Healthy Heart, Healthy Life* initiative, Proud member of the TIS Cultural Dance Troupe.

**Achievements:** Best in Theatre (2019), Best Female Actress in "*Beauty and the Beast*" (2019), Headline of the Daily Graphic (2018), Special Guest appearance on the KSM show (2018), Gold cultural merit (2019), Gold service merit (2019)

**Why the Risk-Takers?** "To know what life is worth, you have to risk it once in a while." - Jean-Paul Sartre.

With a grade like ours that challenges the status quo and does things other grades have no courage to do, the name fits perfectly like Cinderella's glass slipper.

**University/Programme:** Linguistics/Theatre.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Hanging out with my girls, listening to music, playing with my dog.

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, food, and sleep.

**Favourite Subject:** It has to be Mr. Abass' Math class!

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Nothing and I mean, NOTHING beats Wednesday fries.

**I am proud of:** Myself for making it through.

**I am grateful for:** My grade mates for making this journey 10x more enjoyable, my parents for all the sacrifices they made for me, the opportunity that was given to me to attend TIS, the relationships I formed with students in the lower grades (Love you all!)

**A big thank you to:** Everyone single individual in the TIS community

**Role Model(s):** Eric & Frieda Perdison, Maya Angelou.

**My Journey in TIS:** A rocky ride with an unexpected end.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** The minute I stepped onto that National Theatre Stage, covered in gold from head to toe, and uttered the words "Old fellow must have lost his way in the woods."

**CAS in a few words:** An eye-opening and life-changing experience.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** is incredibly challenging, not impossible.

**What I would do differently:** Procrastinate less.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Open-minded, simply because it gives me the chance to develop my mindset and look at life from a completely different perspective.

**Future Career:** A multi-lingual actress.

**Ambition(s):** To leave a little sparkle everywhere I go and give my parents the life of their dreams.

**In five years ...** I will be extremely busy shooting the lead for a new movie.

**In 10 years ...** I will be receiving my Emmy award for Outstanding Lead Actress- Drama Series.

**One thing I know for sure...** This is not the end of my journey, it's simply the beginning.

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

▶ Daniela Selase Chelsea Kumah

**Name:** Daniela Selase Chelsea Kumah.

**Nickname (s):** Dani, Danny K, DK.

**Nationality:** Ghanaian/American.

**Colour Group:** Blue Cedar.

**Hostel:** Catherine.

**Year of entry:** 2018.

**Position(s) held:** Room monitor (2019/2020), Table Head (2019/2020), Flag Bearer and Usher for the fifteenth anniversary of TIS, Genesis bible study leader, Member of Genesis Ministry.

**Achievements:** Best student in History (2018/2019), Best female student in Tennis (2018/2019), Bronze Academic Performance Merit Award (2018/2019), Silver Leadership Merit Award (2018/2019), Gold Cultural Merit Award (2018/2019), Silver Sports Merit Award (2018/2019), Silver Citizenship Merit Award (2018/2019), Care For The Kids (self-initiated CAS project).

**Why the Risk-Takers?** "Pearls don't lie on the seashore. If you want one, you must dive for it." — Chinese proverb. Our grade has been able to apply the meaning of this message to our daily lives, as we constantly step out of our comfort zones to achieve our desired outcomes.

**University/Programme:** The George Washington University (Columbian College of Arts and Sciences) to study Pre-law (Political Science and English).

**Hobbies/Interests:** Watching, reading and writing poetry (all things poetry), playing tennis and the violin, watching series, YouTube, and reading.

**3 things I cannot live without:** Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Favorite Subject:** Biology.

**Favorite TIS meal/snack:** Friday rice and stew with plantain/spring rolls.

**I am proud of:** Staying true to myself throughout this journey.

**I am grateful for:** My parents, who gave me the opportunity to attend this haven of excellence. My sister, for always making me laugh, and my friends for their support.

**A big thank you to:** God, for seeing me through my stay at such a great school, Mommy, Daddy, and Cheryl for always being there for me, my hostel guardians, teachers, and everyone unmentioned who supported me!

**Role Model(s):** The greatest one — Jesus ☺

**My Journey in TIS:** Despite the usual displeasures, it has been fast-moving and fulfilling.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** Competing in ISSAG and winning an award for tennis even though I felt like the least experienced player! (I was a beginner).

**CAS in few words:** Inspiring, adventurous, and rewarding.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** Tough, but worth it.

**What I would do differently:** I would have been more involved with several other extra-curricular activities.

I would've also founded a poetry club for weekly meetings.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Definitely "Open-minded." I love listening to and understanding the ideas and opinions of others without being judgmental, even when their views are dissimilar or contrary to mine. I find this exciting as I have been able to learn a lot about different beliefs, values, and perspectives, which positively influence the way I think and how I view the world.

**Future Career:** Lawyer, writer, and human rights activist.

**Ambition(s):** To become the best version of myself.

**In five years ...** I will be pursuing my JD.

**In 10 years ...** A successful woman of class.

**One thing I know for sure...** God is in control ☺

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► Daniella Yaa Manteaw

**Name:** Danielle Yaa Manteaw

**Nationality:** Ghanaian

**Colour Group:** Red Kigelia

**Hostel:** Cecilia

**Year of entry:** 2014

**Position(s) held:** Table Head, Room monitor, DHC Organiser, Amnesty PRO, Organiser for the 15th Anniversary Committee, Sets and Props member for the play, *"Beauty and the Beast"*, Organiser for the Breast Cancer and Hepatitis B initiative.

**Achievements:** Best in IGCSE Geography(2016/2017)

**Why the Risk-Takers?** We are known for defying the odds.

**University/Programme:** Medicine

**Hobbies/Interests:** Listening to music, watching series, spending time with friends and family, learning new skills.

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, Internet and Family

**Favourite Subject:** Business

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Spring roll

**I am proud of:** My growth

**I am grateful for:** My friends and family for always giving me the motivation I needed to excel.

**A big thank you to:** My parents, my teachers, and God

**Role Model(s):** Mike Todd

**My Journey in TIS:** My journey in TIS hasn't been just sunshine and roses, I went through difficult times and I sometimes wished I never came to TIS but whenever those thoughts arose they were always silenced because without TIS I wouldn't have met my lifelong friends and grown to be the person I am today. And for that, I'm grateful for having the privilege of attending TIS.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** When the DP exams were cancelled, so many thoughts were running through my head but I'm a firm believer that all things happen for a reason so it will be a day I can never forget.

**CAS in few words:** CAS was such an important part of the IBDP program. It helped me to learn new skills while putting my existing skills to the test and it also brought out my desire to help others.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** It was very challenging but that is what makes the program so amazing. The DP pushes you out of your shell and turns you into a world-class citizen. It was indeed very beneficial.

**What I would do differently:** I don't think I'll change anything because I believe every single thing that I experienced benefitted me in a way but if I had a chance to do it again I would be more hardworking.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** I can't pick just one because all of the attributes resonate with me and have aided in me becoming the person I am today.

**Future Career:** Cardiologist.

**Ambition(s):** I want to have a positive impact on the people I meet and I also want to change the medical field in Ghana.

**In five years ...** I will be completing medical school and getting ready to start my residency.

**In 10 years ...** God willing I will be married and be well known as a doctor who never fails to help her patients.

**One thing I know for sure...** That God will never leave me, so no matter what everything will fall into place.

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

▶ Daniella Omoeffe Zedomi

**Name:** Danielle Omoeffe Zedomi

**Nickname(s):** Dee

**Nationality:** Nigerian

**Colour Group:** Cedar Blue

**Hostel:** Cecilia

**Year of entry:** 2019

**Achievements:** I have no physical accolades at TIS but I believe that my growth as an individual is a big enough accomplishment that I am most proud of.

**Why the Risk-Takers?** We are the risk-takers because we were willing to do things differently in order to achieve our goals.

**University/Programme:** University of Warwick/ Biomedical Science.

**Hobbies/Interests:** I am obsessed with skincare/self-care, I love reading, journaling watching self-development videos and I'm hoping to create useful content on YouTube and my blog in the near future.

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, my family, and my closest friends.

**Favourite Subject:** Biology.

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Waakye/spring roll.

**I am proud of:** My personal growth.

**I am grateful for:** God for getting me through the year and for people in my life who motivated me along the way.

**A big thank you to:** God, my family, my grade mates, my teachers and all other staff members who supported me on my journey at TIS.

**Role Model(s):** My mother, Oprah Winfrey, Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche and Adesua Etomi

**My Journey in TIS:** A rollercoaster but altogether I enjoyed my time at TIS.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** Singing with the pop band in front of the whole school for the 16th anniversary.

**CAS in few words:** CAS really makes us more aware of the world we live in outside of our academics.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** Wholesome and breeds well-rounded individuals.

**What I would do differently:** Be more focused and not overthink too much. A lot of the times overthinking and worrying too much would hinder me from actually completing a task.

**My Favorite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** My favourite is balanced. If we put all our energy into school work we are doing a disservice to our wellbeing so in as much as we focus on our academics we must also dedicate time to our social life and physical activities which help to keep us sane.

**Future Career:** Dermatologist

**Ambition(s):** For my name to be a household name and to have a positive contribution to my society.

**In five years ...** I will be in medical school.

**In 10 years ...** I will be a few years away from becoming a certified dermatologist.

**One thing I know for sure...** Tough times never last, only tough people last.

6 June, 2020





## TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

IB CLASS OF 2020  
RISK-TAKERS

## ▶ Davina Adjua Yawson

**Name:** Davina Adjua Yawson

**Nickname (s):** Divi and Vivi

**Nationality:** Ghanaian and British

**Colour Group:** Green Wisteria!!!

**Hostel:** Home of the ladies of poise, finesse, and decorum! Catherine!

**Year of entry:** 2014

**Position(s) held:** President of Insight TV Club (2019), Tenor part leader of School choir (2017 – 2019), Writer for the school magazine's 11<sup>th</sup> issue, co-initiator of Healthy Heart Healthy Life (2019), Table Head (2018), Head Catherine Hostel Executive (2019/2020), Green colour leader, Member of Ensemble in Sarafina, Narrator in Evolution, Belle in *"Beauty and the Beast"*, DHC Treasurer (2018), DHC Class Representative (2014/2015), Hostel Grade Representative (2014/2015), Room monitor (2016 and 2019), President of Genesis ministries, Vice-President of Pen in the Box.

**Achievements:** Best student in English Language (2017/2018), ABRSM Piano Grade 1 (pass), ABRSM Piano Grade 3 (pass), ABRSM Singing Grade 3 (pass), ABRSM theory grade 5 (pass), Best CAS Project (2018/2019), Best Service Project (2018/2019), Cultural merit lister since 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Service merit lister since 10<sup>th</sup> grade, Academic merit lister (8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade), Leadership merit lister (9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade), Citizenship merit lister (9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Why the Risk-Takers?** Well, I think it's very obvious. Everything about our grade is unconventional. From us being the first DP class not to go through the examination process, to being the first grade to go on an adventurous camping trip in the wilderness for our CAS orientation. Everything about us is different. We are always willing to try new ways of doing things. Always willing to be risk-takers!

**University/Programme:** International Business

**Hobbies/Interests:** In my leisure time I love singing, creating media content, acting and binge-watching series, and YouTube content.

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, Family, and YouTube.

**Favourite Subject:** It's between Spanish AB and Maths SL

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Friday's plantain, beans, and chicken. I love plantain!

**I am proud of:** how much I have grown and my positive outlook on life.

**I am grateful for:** the privileged situation I have found myself in. God has blessed my family greatly so I give thanks to Him.

**A big thank you to:** God, for always being my anchor in difficult times. My family, for being supportive and a great source of guidance. My amazing friends for helping me grow and keeping me in stitches. All my teachers, hostel parents, and non-teaching staff for inspiring me to always work hard. Special thanks to Mr. Fudzagbo for his dedication and spectacular humour, Mr. David Difle for always being an amazing friend and Alberta Addo for always putting a smile on my face.

**My Journey in TIS:** was just like a ride on a roller coaster. There were numerous ups and downs. At some points I was screaming with joy, others I was crying out of fear but for the most part, I was excited I was on the ride. And as I've gotten off this crazy roller coaster, I know I have no regrets about getting on it in the first place.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** There are so many moments, it's hard to pick just one. One of my favourites was the last night we spent in TIS together. We spent the night celebrating Chelsea Bada's birthday and threw her a surprise party in the hostel. We bonded tremendously that night. And, of course, how could I forget the moment we found out the DP exams were cancelled! We all ended up in Catherine room 11 screaming, singing, and dancing. It was unbelievable.

**CAS in few words:** The CAS program has allowed me to express myself outside the walls of a conventional classroom and given me the opportunity to use my talents and personal discoveries to give back to my community.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** It is a program that aids in creating well-rounded students whilst giving them the opportunity to handle a substantial workload.

The different aspects of the DP successfully stimulate critical thinking and endorse teamwork.

**What I would do differently:** Actually, I won't change anything. As John Spence said, "Every single thing that has ever happened in your life is preparing you for a moment that is yet to come." Everything happened for a reason!

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Open-minded, because it is always a reminder that as a world citizen we should not be judgmental, but always open to hearing different points of view and respecting them.

**Future Career:** I'm still figuring that out, lol.

**Ambition(s):** As cliché as it sounds I want to be someone who spreads joy to others as I explore my passions. I am still figuring out what I want to do with my life career-wise, but at the end of the day I want to give back to my community.

**In five years ...** I would have completed my first degree and have a year of work experience before pursuing my master's degree.

**In 10 years ...** I will be on the path to becoming a great philanthropist.

**One thing I know for sure...** is that God always has a plan, so I need not worry.

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# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► Dwanye Gyanteng

**Name:** Dwanye Gyateng

**Nickname (s):** Gyateng Scott, D, Papa D.

**Nationality:** Ghanaian/American

**Colour Group:** Yellow Outeniqua

**Hostel:** Anthony

**Year of entry :** 2014!

**Position(s) held:** Financial director of ELMONDS, Vice-President of STEM club, Sponsorship & Marketing team for school magazine, Room Monitor (A11), Editor of Insight TV, Member of Peer Tutoring team, Table head, Table tennis team, MUN organiser (G10),

**Achievements:** Best in Mathematics HL, Best in Computer Science HL, Best in Economics HL, Best in Economics G10, Best in Mathematics G10, Academic merit lister (G8-G12)

**Why the Risk-Takers?** Take a closer look at the 49 students in this year group. You've been warned.

**University/Programme:** Economics/Computer Science at Northeastern University.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Playing/Watching soccer, listening to music, watching documentaries of successful people and making money.

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, EPL/UCL, Family & Friends.

**Favourite Subject:** Economics (my professor was a lion fr!)

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Fried rice with chicken/ Hot dogs

**I am proud of:** My year group. We've come a long way yo!

**I am grateful for:** My parents. They have supported me throughout the 6 years I have been in this school. I am also grateful for all my siblings for having my back throughout my journey here.

**A big thank you to:** All the staff at TIS who have contributed to my growth. Special thanks to Mr.Agbeko, Mr. Amenoo, Mr.Gyamfi (A.K.A lion) and Madame Agbeli, Fudzi and Osha. I'd like to give a big s/o to Yaasi for all the wise words, you kept me going me. Finally, a big thank you to all my grade mates. I couldn't have imagined being in any other grade.

**Role Model(s):** Warren Buffett and Evan Spiegel

**My Journey in TIS:** My journey in TIS has been filled with lows which have certainly be overshadowed by the good times. Not the best ending though, but everything happens for a reason.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** UCL nights in the common room. In particular, when Barca made a comeback against PSG and when Liverpool thrashed Barcelona. Oh and also the exact second we found out our DP exams had been cancelled. Intense scenes.

**CAS in few words:** Simply put, the CAS programme is a manual for life. It has taught me valuable life-skills and also exposed me to a whole different dimension of myself.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** Honestly, the DP is never over-exaggerated by anyone. Trust me. The rigour of the course deserves the hype it gets. Nonetheless, it exposes you to every aspect of life and I am beyond grateful for that.

**What I would do differently:** Given the chance to restart, I'd have liked to open a small start-up while at TIS.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Risk-taker. Just study some of the world's greatest men and find some similarities.

**Future Career:** Business Mogul, Investor, and Philanthropist.

**Ambition(s):** I have a burning desire to see Africans unlock our potential and I desperately desire to be one of the key figures in helping to unlock this potential. #PutAfricaontheMap. Another ambition I have is to change the face of technology here in Ghana. Watch out. I hope to provide immense support to the underprivileged.

**In five years ...** I will be pursuing my Master's Degree in Economics whilst securing bag\$, God willing.

**In 10 years ...** In 10 years, I would have attained a Doctorate in Economics and made a name for myself in the investing world while implementing some of my business ideas here in the motherland. Anticipate!

**One thing I know for sure...** With God's guidance, we go make am!

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► Etornam Attipoe

**Name:** Etornam Attipoe

**Nickname:** Most people call me ET, but a special few call me Echo or Maa Nana.

**Nationality:** I'm a Ghanaian baby!

**Colour Group:** Yellow Outeniqua (the best colour)

**Hostel:** Catherine, repping the ladies of poise, finesse, and decorum of course

**Year of entry:** 2014

**Positions held:** Co-editor and Secretary of the school magazine editorial board (DP1), Member of the assembly team (DP1&2), Secretary of the Friends of the Zoo Club, Member of the 15th anniversary celebrations planning committee (DP1), Leader of the Christmas Lunch planning committee (DP1), Room monitor, Table head, Vice President of the Leadership Incubator (DP1), Peer tutor, Member of the Red Cross Society, Orchestra member grade 7-9, DHC class rep Grade 9.

**Achievements:** Best IGCSE Art student (2016/17), Silver cultural merit (2016/17, 2017/18), Gold Academic Merit Grade 7-9, Silver sports merit (2016/17), Bronze sports merit (2018/19), 3rd best student in Grade 8, Service merit list Grade 11, Athletics record-holder for girls 1500 metres race (2015-present)

**Why the Risk-takers:** We take a lot of risks, and inspire others to do the same. We don't back down from a challenge. We conquered our CAS Camp trip at Shai Hills successfully, even though nothing like that had been undertaken by a class group in TIS before.

**University programme:** Not entirely sure yet, but either African Leadership University or Northwestern University.

**Hobbies/Interests:** I could literally read all day if I was allowed. If I could get paid to read I'd have already found my future career. I also enjoy watching movies, series and YouTube (who doesn't), reality TV, writing, and listening to music.

**3 things I can't live without:** My laptop (or an alternate form of technology), the Internet, candy.

**Favourite subject:** LangLit

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** FanYogo and muffin/banku on Thursdays

**I am proud of:** My growth in TIS from a scared girl to a self-aware young lady

**I am grateful for:** My friends, for pulling me up, sticking with me, and pushing me to be better. I'm also grateful for my family for being there for me.

**A big thank you to:** My parents, my TIS teachers and everybody who advised me or contributed to my development.

**Role Model(s):** Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Beyoncé, Cardi B

**My TIS journey in a few words:** There have been times that I've passionately hated TIS and there have been times where I would not rather be anywhere else. Regardless, I can confidently say that TIS positively contributed to my formation and my time here has been memorable beyond belief.

**Unforgettable moments:** Being the 'COVID Class', our last night in the school when all the girls stayed up and had one last reminiscing session.

**CAS in a few words:** A delightful combination of service and learning, of giving back and having fun.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** DP, though massively stressful helped me appreciate certain values and helped me to take charge of my learning.

**What I would do differently:** From the get-go, I would choose subjects that were more reflective of my interests and passions. I would take some things more seriously and participate more in certain activities.

**My favourite IB Learner Profile attribute:** My favourites are Inquirer and Knowledgeable, because what's a world without knowledge? However, I think it is the combination of all 10 that make a meaningful impact because having some of the attributes without the others makes one incomplete.

**Future career:** Writer, Humanitarian, Lawyer, All-round fabulous person.

**Ambitions:** To make my mark on the world through writing. To be remembered for my contributions toward female empowerment and the destruction of the patriarchy. ☐

**In five years...** I will be pursuing my Master's degree.

**In ten years...** I will be working in the UN and maybe considering a PhD. Simultaneously, I will be exploring the world through travel and empowering women every chance I get.

**One thing I know for sure:** "Success isn't the destination, it's the journey"

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# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► Ibrahim Halibu

**Name:** Ibrahim Halilu

**Nickname (s):** Ibrah

**Nationality:** Nigerian

**Colour Group:** Blue Cedars

**Hostel:** Francis

**Year of entry:** 2018

**Why the Risk-Takers?** Because we believe in our inherent ability to change the world.

**University/Programme:** Information Technology & Business

**Hobbies/Interests:** Horse riding and solving math.

**3 things I cannot live without:** Love, hope, and prayer.

**Favourite Subject:** Math

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** croissants

**I am proud of:** being part of the TIS family.

**I am grateful for:** meeting wonderful teachers and friends.

**A big thank you to:** the whole TIS family for always being there for me no matter what happens and I can't wait to make them proud.

**Role Model(s):** My Dad is my role model.

**My Journey in TIS:** It has been tough, yet a once in a lifetime, life-changing opportunity.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** Shai Hills CAS camp, debating with teachers and witnessing the school play at the National Theatre of Ghana.

**CAS in a few words:** Out of the two years I've been involved in CAS, I've become a more outgoing and confident person.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** After 2 years I've learned many skills that will be of great use to me when I progress to the university level.

**What I would do differently:** Appreciate the moments I've had more.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Caring because I've learned to make decisions that benefit me while taking the feelings of people close to me into consideration.

**Future Career:** Businessman & IT specialist

**Ambition(s):** Businessman

**In five years ...** A successful graduate working for Avast.

**In 10 years ...** I hope to be a very impactful figure in Africa.

**One thing I know for sure...** We don't get unlimited opportunities to change our lives so this is why we must make use of all the chances that we get.

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

▶ India Nana Adowa Amanianpong Agyeman

**Name:** India Nana Adowaa Amaniampong Agyeman

**Nickname (s):** China, Japan, Asia, literally any country in the world, Thiccums ;)

**Nationality:** Ghanaian and British

**Colour Group:** YELLOW OUTENIQUA!! (colour of the year 2 years in a row btw, no flex)

**Hostel:** "Looks and brains we've got it..." Ceciliaaaaa!!!

**Year of entry:** 2014

**Position(s) held:** SRC representative (Grade 8), Head Sports executive (2019-2020), Musical director of the school choir (2019-2020), Musical director of "*The Marriage of Anansewaa*", Head bell ringer (2017-2018), Head of orchestra (2017-2020), Room monitor (2016-2017 and 2018-2019), Captain of the TIS swimming team (2017-2020), Yellow Outeniqua colour leader, Cecilia hostel treasurer, Head delegate of Chile Haarlem MUN (2017)

**Achievements:** ISSAG best female swimmer (2015-2018), Dr. Ken Darvall's 'Triple S award' (2018 and 2019), ABRSM violin grade 1 to 8, highest IGCSE English Language and Music, Best student in music 2017-2019, Sports girl of the year (2015), Nomination for student of the year (2019), Academic Merit, Sports Merit, Citizenship Merit, Cultural Merit, Best room in Cecilia (2017), held my fastest female swimmer record throughout my 6 years of being in TIS.

**Why the Risk-Takers?** You don't achieve your dreams by playing it safe, we aren't mediocre. We stand out. We are bold.

**University/Programme:** Politics, Philosophy, and Economics in the UK.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Making hundreds of playlists on Apple music, playing the violin, composing, fashion, drawing anime, roller skating.

**3 things I cannot live without:** Exaggerating, memes, Netflix (specifically American Horror story which isn't on Netflix anymore @)

**Favourite Subject:** Either physics or music.

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** The Friday spring roll we broke bones for, lol.

**I am proud of:** The young woman writing this.

**I am grateful for:** So grateful for the countless opportunities TIS has given me, they've really shaped the person I have become today. Also, the energetic and lively nature of my fellow grade mates. The bonds I have formed with them over these six years are unmatched.

**A big thank you to:** My ever so supportive parents, my grademates, and my teachers for being there whenever I asked for help.

Thank you for everything.

**Role Model(s):** Miuccia Prada, Michael Phelps, Edward Enninful

**My Journey in TIS:** TIS has been my key to self-discovery and awareness. Over the years, I've developed beautiful relationships and memories.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** KOTAA's 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday in school. "Kots Kots Kots Kots!!!"

**CAS in few words:** A program that really prepares you for life outside the four walls of TIS.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** A challenging and demanding course, however, it shapes and nurtures its students to not only be ready, but excel in life.

**What I would do differently:** I would try to come out of my shell a bit more during my earlier TIS years, but besides that, nothing at all. "The only source of knowledge is experience." – *Albert Einstein*.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Balance without a doubt. Being able to balance different aspects of our lives is a huge contributing factor towards our success and the attitude with which we approach different tasks.

**Ambition(s):** To be an inspiration to others.

**In five years ...** may be contemplating my master's degree.

**In 10 years ...** not too sure but I know God's got my back.

**One thing I know for sure...** The whole world will know **THE** India Agyeman!

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# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► Jennifer Francisca Noronha

**Name:** Jennifer Francisca Noronha

**Nickname (s):** Jenny

**Nationality:** Indian

**Colour Group:** Red Kigelia!

**Hostel:** Catherine

**Year of entry:** 2019/2020

**Position(s) held:** Peer Buddy

**Achievements:** Academic merit lister, Service merit lister, and Cultural merit lister.

**Why the Risk-Takers?** Great things never came from comfort zones. Risk-takers build self-confidence and develop new skills on their own, they learn something new from all the challenges they go through and I am proud to be a risk-taker.

**University/Programme:** Diploma in Fashion Designing.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Drawing, listening to music.

**3 things I cannot live without:** Friends, Family, Teddy bear.

**Favorite Subject:** Visual arts, Literature, and Spanish.

**Favorite TIS meal/snack:** Jollof and sausage/ Cinnamon roll

**I am proud of:** Being a peer buddy and a good friend for my fellow junior students of TIS.

**I am grateful for:** The TIS community for giving me an opportunity to know who I am and what I wanted to be. My grade mates for helping me in all my choices and my roommates who helping me both emotionally and mentally.

**A big thank you to:** God, my parents, Auntie Sandra, Mr. Dev, Mrs. King, Kitchen staff, security staff, my grade mates, my friends, and my roommates.

**Role Model(s):** Myself (because I am unique).

**My Journey in TIS:** A big step from a local village to a global community is an extremely different experience for me. After joining TIS, I have experienced many challenges, such as homesickness, cultural shock, hostel life, food, and the language barrier amongst others.

Nonetheless, it was an amazing experience for me because within a short time these experiences have taught me lessons for a lifetime.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** I danced in the rain on the 16<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of TIS.

**CAS in few words:** Learn with and from others, with lots of fun and adventures.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** DP creates a positive impact on a student's life which will remain with the student for a lifetime.

**What I would do differently:** I would push myself from my comfort zone and whatever challenges I face, I will think practically and handle it with no anxiety.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Inquirer (because it helps me to acquire knowledge and it allows me to improve my self-confidence.)

**Future Career:** Fashion designer

**Ambition(s):** I want to be a highly successful fashion designer with a strong conviction about my career so I'll never turn back.

**In five years ...** I will be graduated as a fashion designing student.

**In 10 years ...** Be an expert in the fashion designing industry and create my own iconic fashion brand.

**One thing I know for sure...** TIS is a land of opportunities; it is up to you whether you will make use of it or not.

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► John Thierry Nana Yaw Adjei

**Name:** John Thierry Nana Yaw Adjei

**Nickname (s):** Abloh, 200

**Nationality:** Ghanaian and British

**Colour Group:** Red Kigelia

**Hostel:** Anthony Hostel.

**Year of entry:** 2014.

**Position(s) held:** Class prefect (2015), Student Council class representative (2017), Student Council class representative (2018), Student Council class representative (2019), Red Kigelia Colour Leader, Lead actor in *"The Slaves"* (2017), Head Lights and Sounds Director of *"The Marriage of Anansewa"* (2019), Room monitor A11, Room monitor A6, Room monitor A8, Swim team captain, Table Head (2019), Table Head (2020), member of 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Brochure Editorial Board.

**Achievements:** Gold Sports Merit Award (2016/2017), Bronze Leadership Merit Award (2017/2018), Bronze Cultural Merit Award (2017/2018), Silver Sports Merit Award (2017/2018), Silver Sports Merit Award (2018/2019).

**Why the Risk-Takers?** Simple. We are brave and articulate in defending our beliefs.

**University/Programme:** Ashesi University / Business Administration.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Watching movies/series, playing sports, and watching soccer.

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, my family, and sleep.

**Favourite Subject:** Business Management.

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Between Jollof and spring roll.

**I am proud of:** the man I have become because of TIS and my ability to overcome obstacles I never thought were possible.

**I am grateful for:** my parents and sister for their complete support during this journey. I am also grateful for the friends I have made and the experiences I have undergone.

**A big thank you to:** My teachers for all their support, my hostel guardians: Mr. Tay, Mr. Adipah, and Mr. Dzongor for all their help, and God for taking me through every day of my life

**Role Model(s):** My parents, Will Smith, Tony Stark.

**My Journey in TIS:** An unforgettable rollercoaster ride with an unorthodox, yet happy ending.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** The final race of the inter-hostel swimming competition when my teammate Kekeli passed Eyako to seal the trophy for Anthony and playing Thomas in the school play.

**CAS in few words:** Designed to challenge you. Allows students to positively influence the community around them and learn and grow with those who are less fortunate than you.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** An insightful course that requires planning and perseverance to succeed in.

**What I would do differently:** I would go for street soccer more often.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Communicators, because communication is the key to understanding and growth. I believe it is important because without communicating and understanding each other's views, we cannot move forward or succeed.

**Future Career:** Pilot / Businessman

**Ambition(s):** To succeed in all I do and to positively impact the people around me and in my community

**In five years ...** Pursuing my master's in business administration or going to flight school.

**In 10 years ...** I just might be married to the woman of my dreams.

**One thing I know for sure...** is that life is not about the number of breaths you take, it's the moments that take your breath away.

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## TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

▶ John Chitandas Nii Kwaatei Quartey

**Name:** John Chitandas Nii Kwaatei Quartey

**Nickname (s):** De Gea

**Nationality:** Ghanaian and American

**Colour Group:** Blue Cedar

**Hostel:** ANTHONY BOYYSSS!! WE SHOOT! WE KILL! WE SCORE!

**Year of entry:** 2014

**Position(s) held:** Room Monitor (A13 and A9), Colour Leader, Student Council Deputy Anthony Hostel Executive, Boys Soccer and Handball Captain (2019/2020), Table Head.

**Achievements:** Best Male Student in Athletics (2018/2019), Gold Medal in ISSAG Athletics Shot Put event.

**Why the Risk-Takers?** We do what people are afraid to do.

**University/Programme:** The University of Ghana, Legon, to study Medicine.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Watching and playing soccer, hitting the gym, listening to music, and spending time with my boys.

**3 things I cannot live without:** Family, Enjoyment, and Food.

**Favourite Subject:** Business Management HL.

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Bread and sausage for Monday and Thursday breakfast.

**I am proud of:** my growth as a person.

**I am grateful for:** My parents for paying large amounts of money each year for me to get the best education possible.

**A big thank you to:** Every single person who helped in any way or form in my 6-year journey.

**Role Model(s):** My mom and my grandfather.

**My Journey in TIS:** Let us just say that, even though I originally did not want to attend TIS or boarding school in general, I will forever be grateful to TIS for the young man it has raised me to be.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** Any moment that occurred in the hostel.

**CAS in few words:** CAS is an integral part of the DP life and especially TIS life, as it is a component that really brings out the best in people, especially those talents that are hidden inside us.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** The DP has been one of the toughest curricula I have gone through in my life. If I told my past self this was the curriculum I was going to do, I would call myself crazy. There are so many unusual components like TOK and EE, in which I have never had any experience before. The IB DP really causes your mind and thoughts to grow, expand, and explore places you would have never thought possible. Truly, it is a very rigorous course, but in the end, I overcame it.

**What I would do differently:** I would not change a single thing because every experience has been a learning one, and it with these experiences that we truly grow.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Balanced because of the fact that a model IB student must be able to balance the rigorous course with CAS and other extracurricular activities. Being balanced is the key to being successful in this course and ultimately in life, as if you can balance many things, the sky is the limit.

**Future Career:** Entrepreneur and Surgeon (I am not sure what I want to specialize in yet)

**Ambition(s):** I want to be the man that someone would travel from the farthest corners of the earth to have a business meeting with or to receive medical treatment from. I also want to be a role model for those wanting to pursue medicine and still successfully run several businesses.

**In five years ...** I will be in my 5<sup>th</sup> year of medical school.

**In 10 years ...** I will be a well-renowned surgeon and businessman worldwide and in Ghana with several hospitals around the world.

I will be featured on Forbes' 30 Under 30.

**One thing I know for sure...** Regardless of all the ups and downs, I would not change a thing because everything happens for a reason.

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

▶ Judah Esther Sesay

**Name:** Judah Esther Sesay

**Nickname(s):** Judzz, Sesay borrow, and jukailu

**Nationality:** Sierra Leonian

**Color Group:** GREEN WISTERIA!!!!

**Hostel:** Cecilian - A proud lady of class!

**Year of entry:** 2018

**Position(s) held:** Head MPH executive, Female organizer of the choir, Co-Head of the DHC committee, Co-head of cooking for Pen in the box.

**Achievements:** Best in female basketball (2018-2019), culture merit lister, leadership merit lister, sports merit lister and service merit lister.

**Why the Risk-Takers?** I believe that the first risk we took as a grade was embarking on this Diploma journey with only a fair idea of what to expect and how we would survive. However, we took the plunge together, starting from our CAS Camp to Shai Hills down to the day we ran all around the school for feedback on our las. We took hits as a grade socially, emotionally, and physically which should have brought us down, but united, we stood together and we faced it. Now that we look back, we realize that we have learned and achieved many things as a grade because of this value. I believe we are ready to take on the world and continue being Risk-takers in our different ways.

**University/Programme:** Biomedical Science or Medicine

**Hobbies/Interests:** I enjoy cooking, watching movies, playing sports, watching biomedical documentaries, and listening to music.

**3 things I cannot live without:** My laptop, my BED, and caramelized onions.

**Favourite Subject:** Biology

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** people say that all the fried rice is the same, but no! Tuesday fried rice with beef just hits on another level.

**I am proud of:** The person who I have become.

**I am grateful for:** My grade mates, TIS, all the staff especially Yammy (Mr. Nana Yaw) for being a really good counsellor and friend, Sir Joe for just being Sir Joe, Amenoozi (Mr. Ameneo) for being patient with me, Mr. Atindana for ensuring I was responsible, and Miss Koree because I didn't only learn Lang Lit in her class but also learned some pretty valuable life lessons. All my hostel guardians for being good mother figures and Mr. Tay and pushing me to be the best version of myself.

**A big thank you to:** All my teachers, all the hostel guardians, the nurses for putting up with me every day, the kitchen staff for all those good meals we had, the Janitorial staff, especially Uncle Anthony, security and maintenance my stay was blissful with all of them. Finally, God and my family for putting me in the school.

**Role Model(s):** Angela Bassett and Danai Gurira

**My Journey in TIS:** indescribable and filled with a lot of emotions, wrong and right choices, stress and frustration, moments of tears and joy, 8 hours of sleep in total during weekdays, and hibernating the weekend away, fun activities, projects, and sports. In general, the whole journey was beautiful in weird ways.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** When we found out that we were not writing exams and we shook the school with noise and celebration and when we had free praise during Genesis Practice.

**CAS in a few words:** A fun and fulfilling experience.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** I used to think of it as a program meant to frustrate and make students want to rip their hair out because of the workload but now that's it's over and I look back I just see a program which made me face reality and work hard and gain new resourceful attributes.

**What I would do differently:** I would listen more because I was hardheaded and just wanted to do things my way and at my own pace and sadly that's not how life works, we just have to listen.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Balanced, at the start during orientation it was just another word, but through the program I had to figure out its meaning the hard way, and when I did a lot of things changed.

**Future Career:** A medical doctor.

**Ambition(s):** To contribute to the Development of Sierra Leone, especially in the area of sanitation and health care.

**In five years ...** I will still be in medical school.

**In 10 years ...** I will be a doctor and possibly specializing in a chosen discipline.

**One thing I know for sure...** NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I FALL, IM GONNA GET BACK UP AND KEEP PUSHING AND THAT MAARVVEL COMICS ARE THE BEST!!!!!!

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► Kekeli Torkonoo

**Name:** Kekeli Torkonoo

**Nickname (s):** K.T, K.torks, Torks, Metro, Metro k., Lord K

**Nationality:** Ghanaian

**Colour Group:** Red Kigelia

**Hostel:** Anthony

**Year of entry:** 2014

**Position(s) held:** Head Organiser for 2019 Science Fair and Expression, Head Director of Male Street Soccer League, Table Head D4, Table Head A5, Room Monitor (A9), Co-captain of the Swim Team.

**Achievements:** Duke of Edinburg International Award Gold Recipient, Gold Cultural merit award, Silver Sports Merit, Bronze Sports Merit.

**Why the Risk-Takers?** We look for unorthodox methods when solving problems and that is what makes us Risk-takers.

**University/Programme:** African Leadership University- Business Management.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Reading, Exercising, Watching series and videos.

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, Books, Family.

**Favourite Subject:** Business Management HL.

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Fufu and Soup.

**I am proud of:** Myself and my grade mates for finally completing the DP. Even though it had been an eventful journey, we made it.

**I am grateful for:** My parents, they have been with me throughout my entire TIS journey, they have supported me and guided me and for that, I am eternally grateful.

**A big thank you to:** All my teachers, hostel parents, non-teaching staff.

**Role Model(s):** Anthony Joshua, Michael B. Jordan, and my father.

**My Journey in TIS:** My journey in TIS is unforgettable I have gone through many ups and downs. I have found stuff that I am passionate about as well as new interests and as a person, I have been able to grow.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** I will never forget the day I was finally able to swim a full 25m race in the pool. That was a big thing for me since for 3 years I could not swim. Being a Gold recipient of DoEIA was unforgettable, it motivates me to believe in myself and do more.

**CAS in few words:** CAS has just been wonderful. From helping to build classrooms to distributing stationery to the less privileged, I have been able to see that not everyone is as fortunate as you, but everyone can help make the world a better place.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** DP is different from any other but when I look back on it, it was the best decision I could have made since it is one of the only programs that properly prepares you not only for the university but life.

**What I would do differently:** Take the school to the ISSAG swimming finals and bring the trophy back

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Knowledgeable, because in being knowledgeable you gain a little bit of everything in the Learner Profile attributes.

**Future Career:** International Businessman.

**Ambition(s):** I want to be able to go out and be proud to say I am a Ghanaian. I would love to make Ghana a great nation.

**In five years ...** I want to open up my first of many businesses.

**In 10 years ...** I will be known throughout the world for the change I brought to Ghana.

**One thing I know for sure...** Hard work and determination can and will take you anywhere.

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► Kendric Effah-Gyan

**Name:** Kendric Effah-Gyan

**Nickname (s):** Not sure I have one but Kenny comes up sometimes

**Nationality:** Native of Ghana and America

**Color Group:** Will always be a proud member of Blue Cedar

**Hostel:** Francis Hostel

**Year of entry:** This amazing run started in 2016

**Position(s) held:** Class Representative (2016), Room Monitor (2016), Class Representative (2017), Video Room Coordinator (2018 - 2020), Class Representative (2018), Table Head (2018), Class Representative (2019), Head of AV for entertainment committee (2019), Choir Organizer (2018/2019), Basketball Captain (2019/2020), Director of the School Play 2018 and 2019, Blue colour leader 2019, Executive member of Insight TV, Proud Head of Student Council (2019/2020).

**Achievements:** Best Basketball player (2019), Best Male DP 1 student (2019), Passion of Africa Award at ALAMAU conference in South Africa (2019), Best Speaker for FIFA committee at SOS MUN, Silver Merit (2016-2019).

**Why the Risk-Takers?**

We were given this name because we take up every opportunity without a doubt. We strive to be the best we can be and no amount of risk can deter us from our goal.

**University/Programme:** Electrical Engineering

**Hobbies/Interests:** I enjoy playing basketball, hanging out with my friends, and family and listening to music (J.cole to be specific)

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, my mum, and food.

**Favourite Subject:** Information Technology in a Global Society (ITGS)

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** The bread and egg.

**I am proud of:** my class for making it through from the start even in rough times.

**I am grateful for:** my friends I made in school who made my whole experience a better one and gave me a reason to always keep a smile on my face.

**A big thank you to:** my teachers and everyone I worked with when transitioning from regular me to Head of Council. I would also like to thank everyone who supported me during my period of growth and will always remember them for their efforts in making me who I am.

**Role Model(s):** Stephen Curry, J.cole, and my mum.

**My Journey in TIS:** It's been an amazing one. I must say, not every path of life is easy and there will always be obstacles but through those obstacles I faced, I emerged stronger. In addition, I am glad to have done my part in leaving a mark in the school and will always treasure my life in this great institution.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** The day Blue won the athletics cup and I had contributed to it.

**CAS in a few words:** A journey worth taking. Be ready to be challenged and learn more about yourself and the world at large. Embrace opportunities and trust me, at TIS the opportunities are endless.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** It is a rigorous course, but it is very much doable. I have become more mature in my academic studies and believe I am better prepared to face the real world.

**What I would do differently:** I would say change my mistakes, but they are part of life and so what I would do differently would be learning from them rather than letting them eat me up.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Balanced because it is the key to benefit from the holistic nature of TIS.

**Future Career:** Engineering tycoon or maybe a basketball player.

**Ambition(s):** To build up my future and help my family and in turn, play my part in the world by striving to improve it as a global citizen.

**In five years ...** I should be affiliated with a major company and slowly building my way to my own company.

**In 10 years ...** I should be somewhere near my aspirations.

**One thing I know for sure...** is that sooner or later, my story will be heard because no matter the circumstance, I will make it.

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### ► Keziah Anthonio

**Name:** Keziah Anthonio

**Nickname (s):** Lord Thonio, lord physicist, French goddess, Thonioooooo!

**Nationality:** Ghanaian

**Colour Group:** YELLOW Outeniqua

**Hostel:** Catherine

**Year of entry:** 2015

**Position(s) held:** President of the STEM club, Project manager for Amnesty International, Co-president of the dining hall committee, Vice President of the Red Cross society, Room monitor (Grade 9 & 12), Table head.

**Achievements:** Bronze Academic Merit List award (2017), Bronze Service Merit List award (2018), Cultural Merit List award (2018)

**Why the Risk-Takers?** You'll never know what you can achieve unless you try by taking a risk. If you try and you fall down, don't stay there. Take another risk to get back up.

**University/Programme:** Ontario Tech/ Nuclear engineering.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Dancing, playing the viola, reading and watching documentaries about the best scientists the world has ever had. And also, skincare videos.

**3 things I cannot live without:** GOD, Education, and Loved ones.

**Favourite Subject:** It has to be either French or Physics...or both.

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Boiled plantain and Kontomire stew

**I am proud of:** The woman I'm becoming. I'm going to do big things in future, watch this space.

**I am grateful for:** Being alive to see and experience everything that has happened and everything that is yet to happen. Glory be to God.

**A big thank you to:** My parents who made my journey at TIS possible, my teachers who taught me life lessons (shout out to Monsieur Mensah, Ms. Koree and Castrol!) and took the time out of their busy schedule to help me get my work done, the kitchen staff, my friends who spread the Gospel of God and motivated me to get back on my feet on days I couldn't, and lastly, myself because I couldn't have done it without me! And Mr. Amoah!

**Role Model(s):** Jesus Christ, Jessica Pearson from suits, Castrol Dumenya, and Ms. Koree.

**My Journey in TIS:** Definitely hasn't been a smooth one. There were many times I experienced turbulence, but I survived because I pushed myself. I definitely experienced some of the best and most challenging moments in my life in these four walls, but just remember this: no rain, no flowers. Lastly, it was fast and furious! haha.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** Doing my EE experiment...just ask Castrol or Nana Yaw Ankama-Asamoah.

**CAS in few words:** Alexa, play unforgettable by French Montana ft. Swae Lee.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** Challenging, but not difficult. You have to be EXTREMELY self-disciplined and organised to a tee to survive. And balanced because you'll be depressed if you do all work and no play. At least play a sport or two. And don't wait till the last minute to get things done, TRUST ME!

**What I would do differently:** Nothing really except to be more engaged in after school activities, especially swimming. I encourage everyone who is currently at TIS to do so too...trust me, you're not doing too much.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Inquirer. Anytime I was too scared to ask a question in class or around anybody because I thought it was stupid, this learner profile attribute is what pushed me to ask my questions to get answers. Either ask and gain more knowledge, or don't ask to deprive yourself of knowledge and who would really want to deprive themselves of knowledge? Knowledge is the keyyy!

**Future Career:** Nuclear engineer and pilot and POSSIBLY a philanthropist.

**Ambition(s):** To live a debt-free life and to change the mindset of the African youth who are not proud of their roots and continent in general. The ones who always think about moving to the Western world to live their lives and not look back to help their country and continent develop because it's seemingly impossible.

**In five years ...** I will be pursuing my Masters degree in nuclear engineering.

**In 10 years ...** I will be giving back to my country and continent as a whole and after, enjoy a vacation in the South of France.

**One thing I know for sure...** God works for the good of those who love Him.

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

▶ **Kodjo Boateng Asafu-Adjaye**

**Name:** Kodjo Boateng Asafu-Adjaye

**Nickname (s):** Ananse

**Nationality:** Ghanaian

**Colour Group:** Blue Cedar

**Hostel:** Anthony

**Year of entry:** I joined this great institution in 2018.

**Position(s) held:** Sports prefect, Room Monitor(A6) and President of Grade 12 Robotics club and Chess co-president.

**Achievements:** 1<sup>st</sup> place in programing an EV3 robot.

**Why the Risk-Takers?** We are called the Risk-takers because we are a grade that will risk everything in hope of achievement and experience a passion for every risk we take.

**University/Programme:** University of York - Mechanical Engineering.

**Hobbies/Interests:** chess, drawing, and I enjoy watching football.

**3 things I cannot live without:** Chinese food, God, and my Family.

**Favourite Subject:** Physics HL.

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Rice and soup.

**I am proud of:** The person I have grown to become.

**I am grateful for:** To God for how far he has brought me and keeping me in perfect health throughout my journey.

**A big thank you to:** Castrol Dumenya, Philemon Agah, and my hostel parents.

**Role Model(s):** Robert T. Kiyosaki

**My Journey in TIS:** Initially it was tough, but as I grew to accept the tenets and beliefs of TIS, life became easier.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** Anthony dominating Frances in a football match.

**CAS in a few words:** An impactful experience.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** A life-changing experience.

**What I would do differently:** Better allocation of my time and if given the chance again, I would've tried to get more involved in activities outside my comfort zone.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Risk-taker, because a risk-taker is someone who risks everything in the hope of achievement.

**Future Career:** Mechanical Engineer.

**Ambition(s):** Make money and live my life to the fullest.

**In five years ...** Working under an engineering company to gain the experience needed to start my own company.

**In 10 years ...** Owning my own company and helping my country to progress.

**One thing I know for sure...**Life will be better.

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### Kwasi Owusu Takyi Ankama-Asamoah

**Name:** Kwasi Owusu Takyi Ankama-Asamoah.

**Nickname(s):** I am known as the man with many names due to the countless number of nicknames given to me by my grade mates including, but not limited to KOTAA, Potato, KOTS, Sav.

**Nationality:** Ghanaian.

**Colour Group:** Yellow; shines the light to victory.

**Hostel:** I belong to the Anthony Brotherhood.

**Year of entry:** I joined this great community in 2014.

**Position(s) held:** During my time with this community, I embraced several roles and positions. These include Room Monitor (A10, A4 and A12); Colour Leader; Vice President of the Dining Hall Committee; Music Director of Genesis, the Pop Band and the School Choir; Bass Part Leader for the School Choir; Band Leader of the Brass Band; Vice-Captain of the Handball Team; Choreographer for the Dance Class; Executive of Music and Dance for the play *The Marriage of Anansewa* and Organizing Secretary of the Red Cross.

**Achievements:** Silver Citizenship Awards, Silver Sports Awards, and Gold and Silver Cultural Merit.

**Why the Risk-Takers?** Our tribe within this great nation was knighted the name of Risk-Takers because we love to take risks. We have also been put in many risky situations but have always found a way to come out victorious. We represent the entirety of risk-taking – moving headfirst into any tunnel, which represents our challenges; searching for the beaming light at the end of said tunnel – which we always found.

**University/Programme:** Ashesi University - Computer Science.

**Hobbies/Interests:** I enjoy creating and listening to music; playing basketball, volleyball, and handball; watching soccer and basketball; spending time with family and friends and exploring new hobbies.

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, Family and Friends.

**Favourite Subject:** Computer Science HL and Music HL.

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** My favourite meal was Beef Fried Rice with Chicken, Coleslaw and Shitor.

**I am proud of:** My kinfolk, for overcoming all the challenges thrown our way over our years in TIS; completing the Diploma Programme and for all the lessons I have learnt, thanks to the friends and family I made, over the years.

**I am grateful for:** Friends, Family, and Loving teachers who guided me; corrected my wrongs in love and were always ready, willing, and available to advise me and get me back on track whenever I seemed to sway off it. This has transformed me into the risk-taking, problem solving, young gentleman I am today.

Music which I always found as a rejuvenator of peace and positivity.

**A big thank you to:** All my teachers, hostel parents, and non-teaching staff. Thank you so much for everything you have done for me and all the lessons and knowledge you have imparted into my life.

**Role Model(s):** My Family, Elon Musk, Kanye West, Kirk Franklin, Cristiano Ronaldo, Anthony Davis, and Stephen Curry.

**My Journey in TIS:** My journey in TIS can be symbolised by a roller coaster. It has been undulating with twists, and turns and loops, in the form of repetitious cycles, that sometimes you wish you could jump out of. Overall, my journey has been a beautiful one with friends and teachers supporting me throughout my troubling times and uplifting me through my successful times.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** My adventures with my Anthony room: 10 boys, the times spent on both the basketball and volleyball courts and the times spent with my friends.

**CAS in few words:** CAS in TIS is like no other, in that it makes you move out of your comfort zone to experience things that help you develop, grow and instil a sense of leadership, passion, humanitarianism, humility and risk-taking. These are all attributes any future leader will need.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** It is a rigorous program yet enjoyable one from which you get to understand and apply the laws of time management.

**What I would do differently:** Stayed true to myself a 100% of the time.

**Future Career:** Computer Scientist and Sound Engineer.

**Ambition(s):** I want to change the face of the music industry and even the way music is felt and heard by all types of people. I want to drive the Ghanaian Entertainment Industries and Computer Science agencies into a time of complete succession and growth. In order to help Africa, regain the respect and wealth she so desperately deserves.

**In five years ...** I will be pursuing my Master's in Computer Science and Music while gathering work experience within these two fields.

**In 10 years ...** I will begin my own businesses and make my name known within all technology-based and music industries across the globe.

**One thing I know for sure...** I will be an entrepreneur of a blooming multi-national computer science and music business which surpasses the heights set by Apple and Sony and be the next sound development icon.

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► Maame Abena Asantewaa Mensah-Asante

**Name:** Maame Abena Asantewaa Mensah-Asante

**Nickname (s):** Maabeee Mango, Boom Boom Mango, Oholibamah

**Nationality:** Ghanaian

**Colour Group:** Yellow Outeniqua, the best

**Hostel:** Catherine

**Year of entry:** I joined this haven of excellence in 2016.

**Position(s) held:** Yello Outeniqua Color leader (2018-2019), Room monitor (2019-2020), Vice President of Amnesty (2018 - 2019), Table Head (2019 -2020), Organizer of the Assembly team (2019), Head of Media and Outreach of Pen In a Box (2018-19), Played roles in the Annual School Play (2016-2018), Sets and Props Director of *'The Marriage of Anansewa'* (2019 School Play), Managing Director of the Youth Enterprise Club (TEAM ELMONDS) (2018-2019), Member of the school Choir and Genesis (2017-2019), Member of the MUN Club (2018), Public Speaking Workshop

**Achievements:** Best Table Etiquette (2019), Academic Merit list Grade 9, Sports and Cultural Merit list(G9-12)Leadership Merit List(G11-12)

**Why the Risk-Takers?** We are always ready to try what seems impossible.

**University/Programme:** University of Manitoba or York University to study international business and communications or social sciences.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Reading, praying, listening to music, Partying, Discovering new information, and making the people around me happy.

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, family, and food.

**Favourite Subject:** Business Higher Level

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Beef fried rice and Friday spring roll (survival of the fittest)

**I am proud of:** My consistency

**I am grateful for:** My flaws; you changed my way of life and made me a better person, my parents for always supporting me and paying thousands of dollars throughout this journey. Forever grateful to the TIS community and my friends.

**A big thank you to:** God, My parents, teachers, hostel guardians, the Founding Family, the school authorities, and my friends for always having my back.

**Role Model(s):** Kofi Annan

**My Journey in TIS:** It seemed so far but feels like a dream right now. I gained more self-confidence, obtained leadership skills, and improve on my communication. Made lots of friends and have memorable moments with each of them. Four years wasn't an easy journey for me, but I pulled through. Indeed, TIS is a home away from home.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** Freshman's night, My CAS trip to Shai Hills when I felt like I had accomplished what someone will take years to accomplish, and the night before I unexpectedly completed TIS.

**CAS in a few words:** An essential tool for life.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** The DP is an experience that teaches you for the future.

**What I would do differently:** I would definitely improve my school life and time management skills.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** All the attributes are important to me because they all collaborate to form the building block of a good student.

**Future Career:** Diplomat

**Ambition(s):** I hope to invent a machine with the help of technology, reduce corruption in Ghana and save the lives of children suffering from mental illness around the world.

**In five years ...** Be the best version of myself.

**In 10 years ...** Be a member of the United Nations.

**One thing I know for sure...** Life is unpredictable. Just live happy lives knowing there are bigger better and greater days ahead because God is alive.

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► Maame Kyei

**Name:** Maame Kyei

**Nationality:** Ghanaian, United States (Dual)

**Colour Group:** Yellow Outeniqua

**Hostel:** Cecilia

**Year of entry:** 2017

**Position(s) held:** Class representative (2017), Head of Drawing Squad (2019), member of debate society (2017-2018), Interact club member (2018).

**Achievements:** Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Recipient, Silver in G11, Auctioning a painting for 5,000 GHC during the Cocktail night of the Interact Club of TIS.

**Why the Risk-Takers?** We are bold and we are go-getters. We try as much as possible to challenge ourselves.

**University/Programme:** Washington University in St. Louis, Marketing

**Hobbies/Interests:** Drawing, politics, animation

**3 things I cannot live without:** A pencil, a sheet of paper, and a snack

**Favourite Subject:** Art

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Spring rolls

**I am proud of:** Myself and my classmates for making it this far.

**I am grateful for:** I am grateful for the chance to have received such a splendid education and witnessing all the wonderful things that occur at TIS. I am also extremely grateful for my parents and the teachers who invested so much time into our ability to thrive.

**A big thank you to:** First, a thank you to my wonderful parents for bringing me to TIS and supporting me throughout. Next, to all my teachers: Miss Koree for investing so much time and passion into our academic success with our written assignments and papers, Mr Theo for the support, encouragement, and helping us to really grow skill-wise, Mr. Fudzgabo for being patient with us and setting aside time to help us with our IAs, Miss T for keeping us on our toes during math class, Auntie Sandra for teaching so precisely, especially when it came to answering questions and being extremely supportive, and finally Miss Tay for also keeping us on our toes and making Spanish engaging.

**Role Model(s):** My parents, Lupita Nyong'o, and Hayao Miyazaki.

**My Journey in TIS:** Quite frankly, rough at first, but in the end, I grew a lot from it.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** When I got my college acceptance letter from my first choice despite thinking it was not going to happen.

**CAS in few words:** A program that pushes you to learn crucial skills outside the classroom.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** Challenging and enriching.

**What I would do differently:** I would definitely try to chill a lot more and realise that life will sort itself out.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Inquirer, because that truly matches who I am as a person.

My former roommates know.

**Future Career:** Artist, entrepreneur.

**Ambition(s):** I want to make a positive impact on millions of people across the African diaspora and improve and expand the scope of and expectations of African and black art.

**In five years ...** I want to have started a company or have become an integral part in a company that will help me achieve my vision.

**In 10 years ...** I will have inspired millions across the globe, and I will have enough money to get many out of poverty and to achieve their dreams.

**One thing I know for sure...** It is important to remain true to yourself.

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### ▶ Maame Ama Hammoa Hammond

**Name:** Maame Ama Hammoa Hammond

**Nickname (s):** Yeyi

**Nationality:** Ghanaian

**Colour Group:** Green Wisteria, *we are in the area, we are superior.*

**Hostel:** Cecilia, Ladies of Class!

**Year of entry:** I joined this family in 2014.

**Position(s) held:** Head Cecilia hostel executive (2019/2020), Secretary of the school choir (2017/2018), Finance Director of Pen in a box, color leader, writer for the 11<sup>th</sup> issue of the school magazine, Room monitor (CE5), sports representative (2014/2015)

**Achievements:** Best student in English Language and Literature, Grade 11 (2018/2019), Best student in Business Management, Grade 11 (2018/2019), Best CAS project, Grade 11 (2018/2019), ABRSM grade 1 piano (pass), ABRSM grade 1 violin (merit), ISSAG girls soccer team (2016)(3<sup>rd</sup> place), ISSAG girls soccer team (2017)(2<sup>nd</sup> place), ISSAG girls soccer team (2018)(2<sup>nd</sup> place), Academic merit lister since

Grade 8 (except Grade 9 and 10), Cultural merit lister since Grade 8, sport merit lister since Grade 8, Citizenship merit lister since Grade 8 (except Grade 9 and 10)

**Why the Risk-Takers?** I believe we are the risk-takers because our whole IBDP journey has been full of risks. Our grade has been the first

graduating class in Tema International School history to not sit the final DP exam. Our IBDP Coordinator left right when we were about to write mocks.

If we are not risk-takers, then I do not know what we are.

**University/Programme:** University of Leeds – Law

**Hobbies/Interests:** I love to read during my spare time. I also enjoy playing/watching soccer.

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, Family, WIFI

**Favourite Subject:** Psychology HL

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** boiled plantain and kontomire stew.

**I am proud of:** The determined individual I have grown to become.

**I am grateful for:** my parents for constantly providing for me. They will stop at nothing until my siblings and I are comfortable.

I am grateful for my siblings, my big brother for always giving me advice and my little brother for always giving me a hug when things got difficult in school.

**A big thank you to:** God first and foremost for never leaving me. My parents who have helped me every step of the way. All my teachers, hostel parents, and non-teaching staff who had an impact on my life one way or the other. My friends who always gave me their shoulders to cry on.

**Role Model(s):** Ama G and Nana Hammond

**My Journey in TIS:** I entered TIS unsure of whether or not I would make it through the six years my parents planned on enrolling me here. The journey at the beginning was very difficult. I cried constantly but Davina and Enam were always there for me. Along the line, I learned how things worked and I began to get a hold of things. Although six years seemed like a never-ending journey, I made it. I made friendships that will definitely last for a lifetime and learned values that have made me a better person.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** The moment when Kwasi Ankama-Asamoah was dancing in the MPH and he fell to his knees dancing. Wow, I will never forget. Also, the moment when my grade mates and I found out that the DP exam was cancelled, and we ran to each other's rooms screaming and dancing.

**CAS in a few words:** Creativity, Activity and Service, what else can I say but an amazing part of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. The programme pushed me to learn outside of the four walls of my classroom and helped me develop new skills.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** is a programme designed to bring out the best in every student. It was definitely challenging but worthwhile.

**What I would do differently:** I would try to step out of my comfort zone more, think positively in all situations, and would definitely have more faith in myself.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Risk-Takers, because that is what my grade is made of; a bunch of risk-takers. This attribute is my favorite because it reminds me to leave my comfort zone and to work towards being the best version of myself.

**Future Career:** Lawyer

**Ambition(s):** I want to have a positive impact on people always and to be the best newest addition to the Ghana Law society.

**In five years ...** I will have graduated with a degree in law and will be pursuing a master's in psychology or commercial law.

**In 10 years ...** I will continue to be the best version of myself. I will have completed my bar exam and be practising in one of the best law firms in Ghana and making a difference everywhere I step.

**One thing I know for sure...** No matter how difficult my situation maybe I know that God is always going to be there for me.

6 June, 2020





# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

### ► Malaika Nyameba Webb

**Name:** Malaika Nyameba Webb

**Nationality:** Ghanaian and American

**Colour Group:** Blue Cedar

**Hostel:** Catherine

**Year of entry:** 2014

**Position(s) held:** Room monitor (Catherine Room 5), Table head, Leader of Sickle Cell Awareness Initiative, First Violinist in TIS Orchestra, Event Organizer of Christmas Lunch 2018 and Expression & Science Fair 2019, School Photographer (2015-2019), Weekly Assembly Organizer, Co-Editor of *The Beauty and the Beast* Brochure.

**Achievements:** Bronze Academic Merit (2014 – 2017), Bronze Cultural Merit (2017 – 2018), Silver Cultural Merit (2019), Gold Service Merit (2019), The Achiever's Award for Best Female Student in DP1, Bronze Award in International Biology Olympiad, Highly Commended Award in International Biology Olympiad.

**Why the Risk-Takers?** Leo Buscaglia said, "Risks must be taken because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing. The people who risk nothing, do nothing, have nothing, and are nothing." During our two years as DP students, my classmates and I have certainly done more than, had more than, and been more than absolutely nothing, and that makes us worthy of the name Risk-Takers. Taking risks allow us to learn and grow through experience, so accomplishing a small milestone or show of personal growth indicates that risks have been taken.

**University/Programme:** Majors in Molecular Biology and Chemistry and a minor in Philosophy.

**Hobbies/Interests:** I love reading books (though I will read anything interesting), doing artistic work, looking at fashion magazines, watching ASMR and short films, and talking to my family and friends.

**3 things I cannot live without:** Internet, my family, and education.

**Favourite Subject:** Theory of Knowledge. Despite not actually choosing to do this subject since it was mandatory for all DP students, it was definitely a class that I always looked forward to.

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** That Tuesday fried rice has to be the best meal in TIS. In all my six years at the school, no other lunch could top that one. \*Chef's kiss\* I am proud of: Myself, for the growth I have undergone whilst a student of TIS.

**I am grateful for:** My family and the numerous opportunities available throughout TIS.

**A big thank you to:** Dr Ken, for going out of his way to substantially improve this institution every year. Thanks to his efforts, TIS was a much better and more reputable school when I left than when I started, and I am certain that this pattern will continue as long as he is the Principal.

**Role Model(s):** Maya Angelou, Rei Kawakubo, Jermaine Cole, and my parents.

**My Journey in TIS:** My journey in TIS has been such a wild rollercoaster ride that I can't objectively say whether I enjoyed it or hated it. There have been many rough times during my stay here where I felt like leaving the school, but looking back, I am grateful I stayed. Being in TIS has taught me multiple life lessons that I'll continue to carry in my heart as I leave this institution.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** Expression 2017 remains one of the best TIS events ever in my heart. Everything was perfect that day.

**CAS in a few words:** CAS is highly transformative, especially when one seizes many of the opportunities and experiences available in this institution. It is a very good way to develop skills and character.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** It is a challenging curriculum that leaves profound and far-reaching effects on its candidates. Not only do DP candidates receive an excellent high school education, but they also acquire life skills and attributes that positively alter the way they function in society.

**What I would do differently:** I would definitely have gone for more leadership roles or tried new things whilst I was in Grades 7-10. I was always very shy and felt like I could never do certain things, but the truth is, I wouldn't know unless I tried. If I could go back to the past, I would encourage myself to try more and take up new hobbies.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Though I resonate with all of the IB Learner Profile attributes in some way or another, the one that strikes a chord with me is 'Reflective'. Most people might think of reflection as the mental recounting of past events, but I think of it as a means by which one can quietly observe themselves and find character flaws that they can improve. I believe that this attribute is one of the most important ones because, without reflection, one cannot develop an awareness of their weaknesses and, therefore, cannot improve on them nor begin emulating other attributes. Essentially, they cannot develop their character. I am certain that reflection is key for becoming a true IB Learner and emulating all the attributes.

**Future Career:** Mainly a surgeon with part-time careers in some of my interests, such as photography.

**Ambition(s):** I wish to establish myself not only as an excellent and intelligent surgeon who has much to contribute to their field but also as a kindhearted humanitarian who is known to improve the lives of others in small ways.

**In five years ...** I would have obtained my bachelor's degree in Pre-Medicine and would be attending medical school, where I will be pursuing my degree in medicine.

**In 10 years ...** I will be working on my medical residency in order to become a licensed surgeon. I aim to be one of the best surgeons both in my state in the USA and in Ghana.

**One thing I know for sure...** I wouldn't be who I am today had I never attended TIS.

6 June, 2020





# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

### ► Masbe Buah

**Name:** Masbe Buah

**Nickname(s):** Mame, Benniel

**Nationality:** Ghanaian

**Colour Group:** Yellow Outeniqua

**Hostel:** Cecilia Hostel babyyyyy; I'm a proud lady of class.

**Year of entry:** 2016

**Position(s) held:** Club administrator of Interact Club, Acting Vice-President of French Club, Room monitor, Table head.

**Achievements:** Service merit award (2019/2020)

**Why the Risk-Takers?** We approached unfamiliar situations with courage and forethought, because there was always light at the end of the tunnel. This label made us brave and resolute, so we confidently defended our beliefs.

**University/Programme:** Areola University – Criminal Justice (Law Enforcement)

**Hobbies/Interests:** I love to read novels, listen to Christian music, and I have recently found a passion for cooking and baking.

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, Family, and Christian Music.

**Favourite Subject:** Geography HL

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** The Tuesday fried rice with beef, a little bit of shito and green pepper, and finally the icing on the cake, garri! Let me tell you, this combo, is a banger. Top tier. It's definitely a 10/10, would totally recommend.

**I am proud of:** My grade mates (the girls) for coming together to help each other when the going gets tough. We've developed a strong bond with each other that we call ourselves 'Sisters in Christ'.

**My proudest achievement** has been finding God and growing in His word in a place where many people enter as strong Christians (warriors of God), but leave being Christians by association (lazy Christians).

**I am grateful for:** All the opportunities I received throughout my TIS journey. I'm grateful for the alumni who shared their experiences outside the four walls of TIS and the lengthy talks with the guidance counsellors about life and Christianity.

**A big thank you to:** All my teachers, especially Mr. Aboasi and Miss Korea, for always believing in my abilities and constantly encouraging me to do better; to think better of myself; to be proud of my achievements and shortcomings, because they are what make me who I am today. I also want to thank Auntie Janet for being my shepherd throughout my journey of finding God.

**Role Model(s):** My Mum and my sister, Phoebe Agyarko. They've both helped me grow as a child of God, a strong warrior. I aspire to be just like my Mum because of the formidable characteristics she embodies. A woman of God.

A hardworking woman who is a force to be reckoned with. Need I say more? She has always pushed me to do better, even if it meant making me realise things about myself I didn't want to know, and for that, I am very grateful. With Phoebe,

it wasn't always been sunshine and rainbows. Yes, there were days where I loved and cherished our friendship, but others when because of the dynamic of our relationship, most of our friends referred to us as a married couple. We could never go to bed with unsettled issues; the unsaid rule between us was to never go to bed angry at each other. However, if we did, we made up the next morning, when either of us would do something stupid or thoughtful to get the other person talking.

**My Journey in TIS:** My time in TIS has been memorable because I got to know myself better and made life-long friendships. TIS offers many opportunities for students like me to find themselves and their purpose in life. That's one of the many perks of being a TIS student. Two things I regret though was not making many friends with students outside my grade and not participating in activities that involved communicating with unfamiliar faces, like school plays and the choir.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** Almost all the best moments were created in Cecilia room 9, the reading room, and my geography class. My geography class has always been the best class ever in my entire DP career and I'll miss my boys the most. Victor and Ibrahim always made my day in the govt. class. Whether it was shooting shots at each other or at me, or reprimanding me for making stupid choices, there was never a rainy day in that class. You enter with a frown, leave with a smile; and this is all thanks to the boys, Gyamfi lion and Dr. Odame. By far, my favourite moment has been in the girls' hostel; reading room and bible study girls and the brothers. I'll never forget India's exaggerated reactions to

Beatrice's situation, and Auntie Nora's rants during the nights to the early AMs about our noise making.

**CAS in a few words:** CAS makes you an onion; you discover many hidden talents and passions. It helps you discover a potential future career and moulds your way of thinking to suit that particular career.

It's a 10/10, and I would definitely recommend.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** Chale, DP is tough, but it won't kill you. During this journey, make sure to stay away from those people who try to disparage your ambitions. Because as Mark Twain said, "Small minds will always do that, but great minds will give you a feeling that you can become great too". Set your goals, know what the end game is. If you need help, go for it. There are many opportunities available in TIS that will help you navigate your way through this program.

**What I would do differently:** I would do everything differently. Firstly, I would go into DP with my head screwed on correctly. No distractions, i.e. boys, TWITTER, unnecessary chatter with friends. Instead, I would put God over everything,

followed closely by my books, before friends. Time management is one thing I would love to perfect. I would never procrastinate; that got me into a lot of avoidable and stressful situations, an example being my EE. Another thing I learnt during my DP journey was to never do your EE in a subject that seems interesting, rather, do it in a subject you're passionate about. There will come a time where you will not even want to touch your EE because you are not making any progress with your work. So, choose wisely, don't make the mistake I made by doing your EE in a subject that just sounds interesting because of non-academic studies conducted in that field.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Principled; everything in life needs to be approached with integrity and a sense of fairness and respect. Someone who is principled, takes responsibility for their actions and all consequences that accompany them. That's what I aspire to be, principled. Although I have learnt to embody all attributes of the IB learner profile, being principled is an attribute everyone should have.

**Future Career:** Detective for domestic violence; Attorney General of the United States of America.

**Ambition(s):** I want to change the nonchalant attitudes Ghanaians have, when issues of major social injustices arise. For instance, I want to change how we approach issues like domestic violence against men, and marital rape as a whole.

These issues are almost like taboos, always overlooked and rarely spoken of. When mentioned, excuses are made, and reasons are found to justify these circumstances. I realise that Ghanaians never question knowledge from elders/the authority.

**In five years ...** I hope to have an internship with the Grigoriopoulos Law Group. If that doesn't work out, there's always the option of taking a gap year to travel the world.

**In 10 years ...** I hope to be working with a police force or with a good law firm. Aside from having a stable job, I will set up an NGO to provide people who have been abused with basic amenities.

This NGO will create a platform and an avenue for them to speak up against injustices that plague our society today.

**One thing I know for sure is,** God dey so we dey, so panic will never be an option.

6 June, 2020



# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

### ► Nana Ofori Osei

**Name:** Nana Ofori Osei

**Nickname (s):** I sometimes go by the names: Ofoo, D.J. N.O. and DaSei

**Nationality:** I am a native of Ghana

**Colour Group:** A member of Yellow Outeniqua

**Hostel:** A proud member of the Anthony Hostel

**Year of entry:** I joined this family in 2016

**Position(s) held:** Entertainment committee Co-opted member, Room monitor (A5), and Student Council executive 2019/2020 (Head, Anthony Hostel Prefect).

**Achievements:** C/O president of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary International day lunch, member of Pen in the Box, made a huge donation to the children of Akorlikope and School of the Deaf, and Head Anthony hostel Executive.

**Why the Risk-Takers?** My grade mates and I have been able to do things no one has been able to do. We are determined and make sure we get what we think is right for everyone. Our bond as risk-takers is exceptional.

**University/Programme:** Ashesi University – Business Administration

**Hobbies/Interests:** I enjoy watching and playing football, spending time with my family, listening to music, watching movies, and reading.

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, my family, and football.

**Favourite Subject:** Business Management HL

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Thursday morning bread and sausage with pineapple juice and fried plantain with beans and egg.

**I am proud of:** I am proud of myself for overcoming certain challenges throughout my journey in TIS and achieving certain goals I had put my mind to.

**I am grateful for:** My parents who have put in so much to let me attend such a great institution, without their hard work I would not be where I am today.

My teachers such as Mr. Darko, Auntie Lizzy, Mr. Philemon, Mrs. Tay and Mrs. Adika for pushing me to achieve only the best in my education, my friends, Frimpomaa and Dwayne for being there every step of the way to offer me help when I needed it and finally my hostel parents Mr. Tay and Mr. Adipah for making me who I am today, a responsible young man and a true leader.

**A big thank you to:** All teaching and non-teaching staff who have made my life in TIS comfortable and welcoming. I really appreciate it and, without you, TIS would not be home away from home for me and every student in this beautiful community

**Role Model(s):** My father, Dr. Osei Kwame, Aliko Dangote, and Cristiano Ronaldo.

**My Journey in TIS:** My journey in this community has been through many ups and downs. I came into this family shy, timid, and confused as to what I wanted to do or contribute to the school. Through the welcoming nature, from orientation to Alumni Week to the welcoming students and staff, I began to feel more at ease and do my possible best to blend in. After a month or two, I suddenly fell in love with the organization. The position of hostel prefect was so beautiful in my eyes and anyone who went through that position automatically became someone I looked up to so I promised myself I would be there one day. Three years down the line I saw myself being sworn into power and this was the proudest moment of my life. I also got the chance to join the school football team which took three years of endless determination. My journey has been quite bumpy and beautiful at the same time and all I'm grateful for is that it came to a beautiful end.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** After several years of Anthony hostel losing the Anthony and Francis hostel derby, under my term we were able to win the football competition twice in a row, as well as volleyball, and swimming competitions.

**CAS in a few words:** CAS helps develop gratitude in you, makes you mindful of your surroundings and eager to create a positive impact in your community. CAS at TIS is exceptional and the team is very supportive and hard working. They are simply the best.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** A diverse program that helps you discover what you truly want to be. The DP also makes you open-minded and teaches students how to work collaboratively - a very important skill in society.

**What I would do differently:** If I had the chance, I would have participated in many activities at TIS.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Balance: it is important to be balanced because that is what makes you responsible. In life there always has to be a form of balance. Without being balanced, I would not have been able to go through the DP while handling duties as a hostel prefect, engaging in school activities and many more.

**Future Career:** Entrepreneur (Diversified)

**Ambition(s):** To make Africa respectable and a better place for all

**In five years ...** I will be pursuing my master's degree and would have successfully launched my first company.

**In 10 years ...** I want to be on Forbes under 30, to be married and to have employed more than 20,000 people all over Africa to reduce the level of unemployment.

**One thing I know for sure...** is that with God by my side I will create a great impact on the lives of the unfortunate and make Africa great once again.

6 June, 2020





# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

### ► Nana Frimpomaa Afranie-Adjei

**Name:** Nana Frimpomaa Afranie-Adjei

**Nickname (s):** Frimps, Frimpos, Frimps the Shrimps, Frimpie, Shrimps

**Nationality:** Ghanaian-American

**Colour Group:** Reg Kigelia!!

**Hostel:** The Amazing Hostel of Poise, Finesse, and Decorum!- Catherine

**Year of entry:** 2016

**Position(s) held:** Treasurer of Pen in a Box, Student Council Class Representative IB 1&IB 2, Table head (Grade 11 to 12), Room Monitor (Grade 11),

Head Co-Organiser of TIS @ 15 International Day (Grade 11), Member of TIS @ 15 Organizing Committee (Grade 11), Member of Chocolate Friendship Day

Committee (Grade 11), Producer in TIS Insight Group (Grade 11), Entertainment Committee Class Representative (Grade 10 to 11),

Secretary to the Prom Committee (Grade 10)

**Achievements:** Academic Merit Lister (Grade 9, Grade 11, Grade 12), Cultural Merit Lister (Grade 9, Grade 11), Service Merit List (Grade 9, Grade 11), Participant in the Cr8tiff Business Plan Competition (Grade 11), Sportiest Student? lol, Participant in Haarlem Model United Nations (Grade 9), Participant in the Intercolour singing competition (Grade 11),

**Why the Risk-Takers?** I mean we've done a lot of risky stuff. We hiked 11km through the Shai Hills Forest, we camped out in the woods for a night, and most importantly, we lived through the Coronavirus pandemic!

**University/Program.me:** Ashesi University, Business Management

**Hobbies/Interests:** Shopping...there's no day you won't catch me ordering something off the Prettylittlething website, Listening to music, watching Netflix. I love watching shows like Money Heist, Family Guy, RICK AND MORTY!! etc, Watching TED Talks...they've contributed a lot to the growth of my mindset, trying out new sports, haha, travelling, taking pictures of myself and reading about conspiracy theories

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, my family, and lipgloss.

**Favourite Subject:** ITGS HL

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** The Beef Fried Rice on Tuesdays!!!

**I am proud of:** My growth. I can honestly say that I've become more matured than I was when I first stepped into TIS.

**I am grateful for:** My friends, my teachers, my haters, my family. I really couldn't do it without the motivation they gave me

**A big thank you to:** My parents and sisters, Maame Dankwaa and Awo, for the unending love and support, my best-est friends: Princess, Steve, Ofori, Ibrahim, Lamoral, John Quartey, India, and my entire grade. We've been through so much together and they honestly made my years in TIS the best ever! Mr. Tay for being an amazing father figure, Catherine Room 12 (Nana Yaa, Adoma, Charity, Etonam, Kosi, Maame Abena and Chelsea, the co-opted member) for being amazing roommates and making me enjoy my final years in TIS, Gladys the amazing security woman for caring about my room, the hostel guardians for taking care of me, my table mates (Victor, Adoma, David Safo, David Syme, Saahene, Fawzaan, Kosi, Fifi, Torrence etc.) for the exciting moments in the MPH (there was never a dull moment on this table), my little brothers and sisters: Caleb, Vonzelle, Jano, Ramatu, Nuna, Cyrus, Marcella, Marge and McAnthony for always being so nice to me, supportive and for always making me laugh, and the entire teaching and non-teaching staff of the school. I appreciate all of these people so much!

**Role Model(s):** My parents, Lori Harvey, Barack Obama, Pastor Mike Todd, Mrs. Angela Jimoh

**My Journey in TIS:** It had its ups and downs, but all in all, I loved it!

**Unforgettable moment(s):** KOTAA's 18th birthday dinner when the whole school was going crazy, Aku's iconic TIS orientation performance to BBHMM by Rihanna and the jams in the MPH.

**CAS in few words:** Life-changing. CAS really helps you find out who you really are, what you like and don't like, and what you're good at and what you need to improve.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** Difficult, but it's worth it in the end, after all, in order to make a diamond, extreme heat and pressure are needed.

**What I would do differently:** Nothing to be honest.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Open-Minded: It's my favorite because, in order to live in our global community peacefully, we have to accept our differences and be willing to listen to different points of view.

**Future Career:** Tech CEO, Philanthropist

**Ambition(s):** To be a better person, to help speed up the development of my country by contributing to the bridging of the technology gap in the country, to be extremely successful wherever I find myself.

**In five years ...** I will be finishing my Master's Program and getting ready to come back to Ghana to work towards the country's development.

**In 10 years ...** I will be a successful young lady in my field of work with a handsome husband, by God's grace.

**One thing I know for sure...** life is like a sandwich, no matter how you flip it, your bread always comes first.

6 June, 2020



# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

### ► Noelle Mends-Addison

**Name:** Noelle Mends-Addison

**Nickname (s):** DJ Poks, Nelly, Noe

**Nationality:** American, Ghanaian

**Colour Group:** Yellow Outeniqua

**Hostel:** Catherine

**Year of entry:** 2014

**Position(s) held:** Student Council Entertainment Executive (Head).

**Achievements:** Playing the lead role of, Plumette in the TIS 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary school play adaptation of '*Beauty and the Beast*' at the National Theatre. Dance Director of the 2019/2020 TIS School Play, '*Marriage of Anansewaa*.' Becoming of a member of the Ghana Red-Cross Society. Gained a bronze merit award in academics and gold merit cultural award. Elected as the Head Entertainment Executive for the 2019/2020 TIS Student Council.

**Why the Risk-Takers?** The title came to us naturally after surviving an adventurous two days in the Shai Hills Reserve. My grade mates and I were challenged to find our way to our camp base on a five kilometres walk with nothing more than a compass, a map, and walkie-talkie. We were pushed further into the wild where we had to live and survive on limited resources. From cooking, participating in complex team-building exercises to building and sleeping in tents with scorpions and baboons, the title 'risk-takers' was born. We continue to live up to our name by being the first IBDP Class to not sit the DP exams and be assessed based on our internal assessments.

**University/Programme:** Fordham University/ International Studies

**Hobbies/Interests:** Reading, Entertaining and Singing

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, Mother, Enjoyment

**Favourite Subject:** Biology

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Friday Spring rolls

**I am proud of:** Fulfilling the position as Entertainment Executive

**I am grateful for:** The experiences and friendships made in TIS

**A big thank you to:** God for taking me through six years

**Role Model(s):** My mother

**Unforgettable moment(s):** A Cuban themed event called 'Havana Night' my co-partner and I planned for entertainment. We managed to set up a performance with a Ghanaian BET Nominee celebrity. Reminiscing about the set-up, atmosphere, the students' responses gave me so much satisfaction.

**CAS in a few words:** It was an impactful experience that has matured me into a much better person.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** The DP was very challenging. Through the journey, I have learnt perseverance, patience, and consistency. I have learnt to pick myself up even when things are falling short, to be independent, and to always inquire. I would not trade the DP experience for the world.

**What I would do differently:** I would've taken on the stage more often. I preferred to work behind-the-scenes and do more technical work. If I got the chance, I would have partaken in public speaking events, played more sports, and sang more on stage and not in my shower.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Inquirer. My one dream is to be well-versed with whatever comes at me. I desire to know more and to ask questions. I believe that the more informed one is, the easier it will be for him/her to grow.

**Future Career:** Hospitality Expert

**Ambition(s):** Own a chain of hotels and take Ghana's tourism to another level.

**In five years...** I hope to have successfully graduated from university with first-class honours and be fluent in French.

**In 10 years...** I wish to have gained a masters' degree in hospitality and begin my own chain of hospitality and tourism businesses.

**One thing I know for sure** is that my purpose will be fulfilled.

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# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► Phoebe Agyarko

**Name:** Phoebe Agyarko

**Nickname (s):** Empress/Lord Agyarks, Mansa, (El) Chapo, Phocbayyy, Phoebs

**Nationality:** Ghanaian

**Colour Group:** YELLOW Outeniqua!

**Hostel:** C-E-C-I-L-I-A

**Year of entry:** 2015

**Position(s) held:** Treasurer of the Debate Society (2015/16), Public Relations Officer of Genesis ministry (2016/2017), Head of Noticeboard Committee for Hostel (2016/2017), Room Monitor (2016/2017) & (2019), Editor of School Play Magazine (2018), Editor of School Magazine; "Astral" (2019), Head of the Breast Cancer Awareness Committee (2019), President of the Debate Society (2019), Secretary of the assembly team of the school (2019), Organiser of Genesis ministry (2019), Chapel and Religious Affairs executive of the Student Council (2019)

**Achievements:** Best in Physical Education (2015/2016), Girl of the week of Cecilia Hostel (2016/2017), Best in Business Studies (2016/2017) & (2017/2018), Best in Psychology HL (2018/2019), Best in Spanish B SL (2018/2019), Best in Environmental Systems and Societies SL (2018/2019), Best Opening Speech in TISMUN (2018), Distinction in IGCSE (2018), 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up of the 2018 Speaker of the Year Competition, Academic Merit list Gold (2018/2020) & (2019/2020), Service Merit list Silver (2015/2016), (2017/2018) & (2019/2020), Cultural Merit list Silver (2017/2018) & (2019/2020), Leadership Merit list Silver (2018/2019) & (2019/2020)

**Why the Risk-Takers?:** If you can name a graduating class that has camped in the wilderness of Shai Hills for two days, undergone 9km walks, and slept in tents surrounded by scorpions and the likes to which Mama Su can testify, I will wait!

**University/Programme:** Law! So, you better watch this space!

**Hobbies/Interests:** Reading, listening to music, and of course...scrolling through my Instagram feed and reading hilarious tweets from Twitter

**3 things I cannot live without:** Number 1: GOD, Number 2: My family, Number 3: Music

**Favourite Subject:** Well, of course...Psychology

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Herh! Those mouthwatering croissants!

**I am proud of:** My personal growth academically, socially and spiritually.

**I am grateful for:** My family members who have always had my back and most definitely my grade mates for all those wonderful memories

**A big thank you to:** Dr. Ken Darvall & Mr. Attah (for never allowing complacency to set in) and Genesis (for helping me grow in my faith)

**Role Model(s):** Esther Agyarko, Yaw Agyarko, Sadie Robertson.

**My Journey in TIS:** A journey worth taking.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** When my friends and family organised a surprise birthday party for me after I had just gone through one of my most stressful days ever.

**CAS in a few words:** A world of opportunities.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** Is a matter of trusting God and studying smart, not hard.

**What I would do differently:** Not take myself too seriously!

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Definitely, reflective. Because if we don't look back on yesterday's journey, we will keep embarking on more journeys wondering why there is not much progress when the main source is yesterday's problems.

**Future Career:** Litigator/ Judge

**Ambition(s):** To positively impact people, no matter where I find myself!

**In five years ...** I will be attaining my masters' degree in law.

**In 10 years ...** You will be wondering who that defense attorney arguing with so much passion is. Take a look again...it will be me, Phoebe Agyarko!

**One thing I know for sure...** is that all those achievements you see up there are not my doing, but God's doing for sure!

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# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► Portia A. McDave

**Name:** Portia A. McDave

**Nickname (s):** Porshina, Agatha Portia right shhhhh, Princess Polly, Porsh ...

**Nationality:** Ghanaian

**Color Group:** GREEN!! WISTERIA MUST BE IN THE ATMOSPHERE!

**Hostel:** Dripping in Finesse. Catherine Hostel!

**Year of entry:** 2016

**Position(s) held:** President of Red Cross Society, President of Pen in the Box, the class representative of 2018/19, Dining Hall Committee representative of 2017/2018, Table head (DP1 and DP2), supporting lead role in Beauty and the Beast (IB1), Treasurer (G10), Catherine Hostel Organiser

**Achievements:** A Gold cultural merit award twice, a SILVER citizenship merit award, a GOLD Service merit award, a Gold Leadership merit award, a Bronze cultural merit award, a Bronze citizenship merit award, a Bronze service merit award, a plaque for the best service project (Pen in the Box), a plaque for coming top of the class in Drama, Director for the 2019/2020 school play. Gold Level of the Duke of Edinburgh International Award, A certificate in public speaking, Master of Ceremony for Career Fair and Leavers' Dinner, leader of Bible study for my sisters in Christ, timekeeper for hostel activities, director for the IGCSE class of 2019 coursework

**Why the Risk-Takers?** It's quite simple. We don't take no for an answer. We are ever ready to risk it all for the greater good.

**University/Programme:** Not certain. Perhaps Brunel. LLB Law.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Partying and research.

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, Parents, and Devices.

**Favourite Subject:** Lang Lit HL

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** The spring rolls definitely top tier :)

**I am proud of:** My grade for standing strong throughout and myself

**I am grateful for:** My parents and my haters because they were my motivators.

**A big thank you to:** My family, the TIS family, the kitchen stuff, the smiles on their faces anytime we met was enough to turn a terrible day into an amazing one. The security. My amazing teachers.

**Role Model(s):** Mr. McDave

**My Journey in TIS:** I came to TIS as a caterpillar wondering when I would be as confident and free as the butterfly. Now I am a butterfly giving my caterpillars hope for the future.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** Cathony, every math class with Mr. Abass, playing ampe with the class of 2022, when we found out the DP exams were cancelled, Kotaa's day!

**CAS in a few words:** Where I found myself.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** A course structured for everyone to find themselves, if only they are committed.

**What I would do differently:** Nothing! My experiences shaped me into a better person.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** It is impossible to pick one as they all played a role in developing me into a lifelong learner and better person.

**Future Career:** A lawyer

**Ambition(s):** To bring a positive change into the world.

**In five years ...** I will be fluent in French.

**In 10 years ...** I might be a Mrs. one step at a time.

**One thing I know for sure...** It's a slow process, but quitting won't speed it up.

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

### ► Princess Aseidu

**Name:** Princes Asiedu

**Nickname(s):** Asiedu, Tasha and Sece

**Nationality:** Proudly Ghanaian

**Colour Group:** Red Kigelia!

**Hostel:** Catherine Hostel

**Year of entry:** 2014

**Position(s) held:** Room monitor (2017 & 2019), Soprano part leader in the TIS school choir (2017-2019), Prep monitor (2018-2020), Peer Tutor (2017-2018) in French, Head organiser of the TIS@15 anniversary durbar (2018), Hostel inspector (2018-2019), Defender of the TIS girls' soccer team (2016-19), Table head (2018-19), Head of cooking team for Pen In the Box fundraisers (2019), Secretary of the IGCSE class of 2018 prom committee (2016-2018), Played the role of Mrs. Potts in the TIS adaptation of *Beauty and the Beast* (2018), Soprano singer in the choir for Sarafina (2015) and Evolution (2016), Deputy colour leader (2019), Organiser and Chief Marketing Officer of Alpha Enterprise for Cr8tif Business Plan Competition (2018/19), Student Council secretary (2019).

**Achievements:** Best student in Geography (2017/18), Best student in Extended Essay (2018/19), Bronze academic merit list (2016/17), Bronze sporting merit list (2016/17), Gold cultural merit list semester 1 (2017/18) and (2018/19), Gold cultural merit list semester 2 (2017/18) and (2018/19), Silver cultural merit list (2017/18), Bronze citizenship merit list (2017/18), Silver sporting merit list (2017/18) and (2018/19), Gold service merit list (2018/19), Silver citizenship merit list (2018/19), Second place in soccer ISSAG (2015/16), (2017/18) and (2018/19), Third place in soccer ISSAG (2016/17), Bronze academic merit list (2018/19), Student of the week (2018), Creative Writers' and Photography Workshop (2016/17), Diplôme d'études en langue française: DELF B1, passed in July (2017), Planning Committee for TIS Amnesty's Anti-Corporal Punishment campaign (2018), 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee (2018), Chocolate Friendship Day Committee (2019) College and Career Guidance and Counselling Merit Honors (2018/19), Pen In the Box (2019/20), Sang soprano in the Red Kigelia choir when we emerged as winners (2015) and runners-up (2019) in the Intercolour Singing Competition, Represented the Hepatitis B awareness team on CitiTV (2018), Qualified for the University of Cambridge, Immerse Education, Essay prize (2019), Winner of the University of Dundee Law Mooting Competition (2020)

**Why the Risk-Takers?** Right from Grade 7, our grade has been one that I believe consisted of the most varied characters with different mindsets and beliefs.

We also always spoke up when we felt as though we are being treated unfairly, which I believe others may not have done. We are generally not afraid to take risks, no matter what may happen in the end. We also happen to be the only batch, for the first time in history, to complete the Diploma Programme without sitting and writing the IBDP examinations.

**University/Programme:** Law

**Hobbies/Interests:** Singing, dancing, interacting with people

**3 things I cannot live without:** God and His Word, my loved ones, cream

**Favourite Subject:** Psychology

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Lunch-Rice and corned beef stew, Snack-Chocolate croissant.

**I am proud of:** My vast improvement as a person since I stepped foot in TIS in 2014. I have grown in so many ways, such as gaining confidence to lead during church services and in the school choir. I also believe I have made an impact on others in one way or another through my counselling nature and my ability to advise people - both my grade mates and juniors.

**I am grateful for:** All the wonderful friends I made in TIS, especially my grade mates and juniors. Also, I am grateful for the seniors who helped me improve upon myself throughout the years.

**A big thank you to:** The students and teachers who helped me in one way or another, especially Brenda and Auntie Sandra, who were always there for me.

**Role Model(s):** Mr. Daniel Asiedu (my father), Mrs. Harriet Asiedu (my mother), Tasha Cobbs Leonard and Rev. Eastwood Anaba.

**My Journey in TIS:** I have had a very bumpy journey in TIS. However, the vehicle is still intact and stronger and able to withstand more potholes in the near future. I have been shaped and moulded into the young and aspiring leader I am today. I was privileged to have had many achievements and leadership roles I never dreamt of having.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** Grade 10 candidate service, playing the role of Mrs. Potts in the TIS adaptation of *'Beauty and the Beast'*, 2019/20 Student Council induction, the abrupt cancellation of our IBDP examinations.

**CAS in a few words:** Very demanding, yet worthwhile in the end.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** A very rigorous course that moulds students into world-class citizens.

**What I would do differently:** This may seem cliché, but I do not regret anything I did, even the things that got me in trouble. This is because I have learned so many life-lessons from everything I have done, whether good or bad.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Risk-takers because I believe that that is the attribute that is difficult to abide by, especially in our part of the world. However, the IB allows you to do so and express yourself by being a risk-taker. Additionally, every successful person in life has taken a risk because you would never know the outcome of anything until you try it.

**Future Career:** A corporate lawyer and businesswoman.

**Ambition(s):** I want to be a barrister in the UK or Ghana with both an LLB and LLM. I will specialize in a field in law that I'm interested in - corporate law, for now.

**In five years ...** I will have graduated from university with an LLB and will have also graduated from university with an LLM.

**In 10 years ...** I will be qualified to work as a barrister in both Ghana and the U.K. and will be working in a top law firm in any of these two countries. Hopefully,

I will also be married by then, if I feel the time is right.

**One thing I know for sure...** Even if I don't become a lawyer in the end, I will be extremely successful and will make a huge impact on the lives of others.

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# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► Sam Jay Adjei-Sah

**Name:** Sam Jay Adjei-Sah

**Nationality:** Ghanaian

**Colour Group:** Blue Cedar

**Hostel:** Francis

**Year of entry:** 2016

**Position(s) held:** Francis hostel Executive, sales manager of ELMONDS LTD.

**Achievements:** 2018/2019 ITGS prize, Academic Merit 2018-2019

**University/Programme:** College of Wooster - Economics

**Hobbies/Interests:** Exercising, reading, music and soccer

**3 things I cannot live without:** money, family and a voice

**Favourite Subject:** ITGS

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** I liked them all.

**I am proud of:** The growth I have gone through and to have inspired people around me.

**I am grateful for:** My parents' support.

**A big thank you to:** My parents for giving me such an opportunity.

**Role Model(s):** My Dad and Warren Buffet.

**My Journey in TIS:** I haven't had it as challenging as most would argue. It's been quite fun and given me a whole lot of exposure, something I'm grateful for.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** Failing vetting, as it gave me a taste of defeat. Going to the gym, because it gave me an opportunity to grow. Socialising with the boys as it gave me the chance to listen and be heard.

**CAS in few words:** Extremely important. Transformational, challenging, eye-opening and super fun, especially at TIS.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** The best program out there, to be honest. I have become the broad-minded person I am today because of the IB Diploma Programme.

**What I would do differently:** Absolutely nothing. That's what makes it all remarkable.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Principled. It is the best word to describe who I am as a person.

**Future Career:** Financial analyst/ actuary / politician.

**Ambition(s):** To become the most dominant force in every field I pursue.

**In five years ...** Further my education by beginning my MBA.

**In 10 years ...** Something special but you'll have to wait to see it.

**One thing I know for sure...** I'll be impacting the world around us in ways you could only imagine.

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► Sarah Kosisochukwu Beluonwu

**Name:** Sarah Kosisochukwu Beluonwu

**Nickname (s):** Kosi, Gertrude or Deadly Curves

**Nationality:** Nigerian / Ghanaian

**Colour Group:** Red Kigelia!!!! Obviously

**Hostel:** Ladies of poise, CATHERINE

**Year of entry:** 2018

**Position(s) held:** 15th-anniversary organiser, 'Beauty and the Beast' costume and makeup crew member, 'Marriage of Anansewaa' costume and makeup Head Director, Leavers' Dinner Organiser

**Achievements:** Service Merit List award since Grade 11, Culture Merit List award in Grade 11, Best Math Studies student since Grade 11. Best Art HL student in Grade 11.

**Why the Risk-Takers?** "Only those who will risk going too far can possibly know how far one can go" – T.S. Eliot. In a subject like art, we have to be unique and taking risks is the only way to know our true capabilities.

**University/Programme:** Undecided; digital production/animation.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Drawing, singing (in the showers), swimming, planning.

**3 things I cannot live without:** Sketchbook, Food, and Sleep.

**Favourite Subject:** ART

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Cinnamon rolls.

**I am proud of:** The person I am today because of the principles instilled in me by TIS.

**I am grateful for:** My grade girls who always stuck with each other through thick and thin and making the unbreakable bond we have with each other. My teachers for helping me both emotionally and pushing me toward academic excellence and also the TIS family for taking me in with open arms and transforming the girl that came in through those gates to the woman I now am.

**A big thank you to:** God most of all for being with me through my whole process and my parents for being able to take me to the school and all the support they gave me from home.

**Role Model(s):** My father.

**My Journey in TIS:** My journey in TIS, unfortunately, has been cut short, but the journey I've had so far has been nothing but amazing!!!!

The events were fun and helped us keep always from being dull. TIS was my first boarding school but everyone is so close. It was easy for me to become comfortable and there's nothing like homesickness in TIS because TIS is a home with a family on its own.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** It was just Grade 10 and Grade 12's left in school and our grade girls went swimming altogether. Everyone was there and we bonded stronger than we ever had. It was fun and emotional because we knew we would soon be leaving each other. It was amazing.

**CAS in a few words:** CAS was great. It taught me a lot and made me more aware of myself and my surroundings at the same time. It was fun.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** It was difficult yes, but definitely not impossible. It helps make us more focused and also improves our time management skills.

**What I would do differently:** Completely nothing because my experience and actions have made me the woman I am today.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Open-minded because this teaches us to meet different people and be open to different cultures. This also makes us more knowledgeable as we learn from other people's cultures.

**Future Career:** Digital producer

**Ambition(s):** To ensure to bring joy and laughter to children of Africa through my cartoons and animated movies.

**In five years ...** I will be interning at an animation studio by God's grace

**In 10 years ...** Animating for Disney by God's grace and a few years later I would start up my own studios.

**One thing I know for sure...** TIS encouraged me to dream big and strive to achieve it.

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► Selali Adjoa Blege

**Name:** Selali Adjoa Blege

**Nickname (s):** Madam Blegs, Seli, Lali

**Nationality:** Ghanaian

**Colour Group:** Blue Cedar

**Hostel:** Cecilia girls, we're the realest!!

**Year of entry:** 2018

**Position(s) held:** Deputy Academics Executive, Head of Pop Band.

**Achievements:** Learnt to play the double bass and the basics on the saxophone, performed in front of many. Becoming an executive after being in the school for about six months.

**Why the Risk-Takers?** My grade tends to take up initiatives and start certain practices **that are risky**.

**University/Programme:** Premed/ Psychology

**Hobbies/Interests:** I love music, art and reading books, a lot.

**3 things I cannot live without:** God, music & candy.

**Favourite Subject:** Biology all the way!!!

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Friday kenkey- it was the only meal I looked forward to.

**I am grateful for:** The love and support of my family, the TIS staff members and the students. Life in the school would have been worse if they weren't as kind and indulging.

**A big thank you to:** The arts and the science departments, you guys were a great support from the beginning. Also a big thank you to the kitchen staff for always looking out for me due to my bad eating habits. And admin: Dr. Ken and Aunty Frances, thank you so much!

**Role Model(s):** I really don't look up to anyone in particular but in terms of achievements and contributions, I'd say that I'd like to do more phenomenal works than M.C. Escher and David Eagleman. Their works fascinate me, a lot.

**My Journey in TIS:** Was a stunt. I walked in blind, but survived by God's grace. There were many challenges and setbacks but it was still a very thrilling event that has really changed me.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** Abseiling at CAS Camp/ Shai Hills. The first and last time I would ever do something like that.

**CAS in few words:** A great opportunity to share your views and goals in creative ways with an excuse of getting a Diploma.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** Is an obstacle course. There are so many difficult challenges and as you overcome each one, you get stronger but also tired and the next challenge seems harder, and sometimes it seems like no matter how many times you try to run past one level you end up failing another. But the more you fail, or make a mistake, the more you learn and the better you become. And just like any obstacle course, with strong will, determination, great focus and repeated practice and preparation, everything just seems like a thrilling activity.

**What I would do differently:** set myself with people who are willing to learn for more hours and try to get used to spending days with less sleep hours.

**Future Career:** A neurologist or, if medicine doesn't work, I could try music, writing or teaching. It depends.

**Ambition(s):** I want to write and publish a book or two, master the saxophone and double bass, become an amazing medical practitioner, and leave my mark on the world as a successful neurologist.

**In five years** I may either become a psychiatric technician or spend time as an intern in a medical hospital and maybe write a little.

**In 10 years** I will have been matched to a medical institution under a specific medical field (hopefully neurosurgery) and trying to survive residency.

**One thing I know for sure** is that I am going to make it as a successful neurologist and come back to help my fellow medical colleagues in Ghana to help Ghanaian medicine progress and flourish!

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► Temiloluwa Olufore

**Name:** Temiloluwa Olufore

**Nickname(s):** Teme, Oluscott

**Nationality:** United States of America and Nigeria

**Colour Group:** Blue CEDAR

**Hostel:** Francis

**Year of entry:** 2018

**Position(s) held:** #Flight7 Experience, Coordinator Expression and Science Fair (2018/19), Room Monitor (2019/20), 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee (2018/19).

**Why the Risk-Takers?** – Risk-takers are known to be people who succeed.

**University/Programme:** Texas Tech University (Whitacre College of Engineering) – Mechanical Engineering

**Hobbies/Interests:** Producing beats, basketball, FIFA

**3 things I cannot live without:** Family, God, Twitter

**Favorite Subject:** ITGS!! (Big ups Mr. Philemon)

**Favorite TIS meal/snack:** TUESDAY BEEF FRIED RICE, and Croissant for snack

**I am proud of:** Being able to grow as a student and a person at TIS

**I am grateful for:** Everybody that added positivity to my life throughout my time here.

**A big thank you to:** Mr. Castrol, through the ups and downs he was a very honest teacher and allowed me to be truthful to myself. Only ever wanted the best for his students. I will make sure I have something to show for it starting this fall.

**Role Model(s):** Elon Musk, Virgil Abloh & Kawhi Leonard.

**My Journey in TIS:** Arriving in DP1, I did not know what to expect, as it was a completely new country that I was schooling in, but then it turned out alright eventually. TIS served as a vital two years in my life as they were the last years of high school, of course, but also because of the unique experience that TIS offers. It was a short 2 years, but I think I have made friends that I can keep in touch within the long run after TIS.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** Packaging chocolate in the CAS Block at 2AM for Chocolate Friendship Day. (Was a vibe).

**CAS in a few words:** A program to challenge yourself and find your passion, as well as pushing you beyond your limits.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** Being very honest, a very tough program from assessments to extracurriculars. Sadly, my class didn't get to fully complete the program because we didn't write the exams, but as for the rest of the requirements, they were challenging enough for it to change habits for a lot of people to adapt to the rigour. At the end of the day, it is a beneficial program as I am looking forward to a smooth transition to university.

**What I would do differently:** I would have been involved way more than I did as the experience would have been very beneficial. I would also have used the resources available better to my advantage as I have had to realise over time that you don't know what you have until you lose it.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Balanced because being balanced allows you to control everything at your own pace.

**Future Career:** Boeing engineer, mechanical engineer

**Ambition(s):** I want to be able to have a meaningful impact everywhere I go. I want to be able to learn and grow as a man to become the best man I can be.

**In five years-** Enrolled in my master's as well as undertaking internships.

**In 10 years –** Have a well-paying job at the Boeing Company or any other engineering company, possibly a family of my own, and investing in profitable ventures.

**One thing I know for sure –** is that I will make myself and my family proud because I will be successful.

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► Victor Owusu

**Name:** Victor Owusu

**Nickname (s):** people usually call me "Owusu" "ma woso" or "Sakaaaa"

**Nationality:** Ghanaian/American

**Colour Group:** much like Manchester United, Red Kigelia!!!!

**Hostel:** Francis Hostel

**Year of entry:** 2018

**Position(s) held:** Multiple times table head and room monitor!!!!

**Achievements:** Overall Best Student in Higher Level Geography in the 2018/19 academic year, Bronze Cultural Merit, and Gold Sports merit.

**Why the Risk-Takers?**

Ahhhhh..... the risk-takers? I remember how incredibly difficult it was coming up with a grade name as catchy as this because it had to be something that we could relate to. After coming into this grade, I realised that not many people had as much faith in us as they did in the other grade 12's who came before us. Knowing this we chose this name because we all at the end of the day knew that to overcome this hurdle, to reach the promised land (that is the successful completion of the DP.) We couldn't just sit back and sulk about how much better the other grades before us were, instead we chose to grab this new challenge and take the "risk" of overcoming the odds and proving all our doubters wrong! ..... Don't lie, this is a pretty good backstory!

**University/Programme:** Ashesi University- Business Management programme!

**Hobbies/Interests:** Playing basketball, watching sunsets, screaming the words "Kotssssss" and "Keliiiiiii" with my friends, watching Paul Pogba (the world's best Midfielder) work his magic in the Premier League playing in Manchester United (THE BEST TEAM IN THE WORLD).

**3 things I cannot live without:** My God, my family and Mymfriends.

**Favourite Subject:** Chemistry SL

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Kool-Aid and cookies

**I am proud of:** Myself for coming out of my comfort zone and taking on new challenges every day for the past two years of my TIS life and overcoming all these challenges to become the best version of myself.

**I am grateful for:** the amazing friendships I made throughout these two years of my life. I'm also grateful to the staff and workers who literally broke their backs to give me some form of comfort when this boarding school life just wasn't saucing. But ultimately, I'm most grateful to God for granting me life to be able to meet these amazing people and build memories with them that I know I will never forget.

**A big thank you to:** Mrs. Rita Tay for making every day in our Lang Lit HL class fun, intense and enjoyable.

**Role Model(s):** My Dad

**My Journey in TIS:** My TIS journey has been full of so many highs and lows. Basically, every day was a challenge for me and every day came with its own unpredictable tasks, in the form of issues academically and socially. Looking back now, I see that it was the feeling of expecting the unexpected what made my TIS life worth living because every day was an opportunity to better myself and take on new challenges. Sometimes things got a little bit dark but, in the end, it all turned out great! It's a shame this amazing chapter of my life was cut short but honestly, if I could go back in time, I wouldn't change anything!

**Unforgettable moment(s):** Kotaa's gun lean dance on the floor during entertainment! Mrs. Tay's reaction to Lamora's comments in class! My insane ISSAG

basketball play with Fiifi Baiden (I love you bro!) The guys in the hostel reacting to Manchester United's win over PSG in the Champions League!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**CAS in a few words:** CAS in TIS was intense for most of my time in the school, but it was definitely fulfilling.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** the name "International Baccalaureate" scares most students into thinking that this is some insane course that only geniuses can complete. This is not the case; I believe that this course is a rigorous course that anybody and everybody can complete provided that they persevere and keep on going no matter what. Ultimately, by the time they come out of the course, they will be shaped into effective global citizens who can make a difference in their communities.

**What I would do differently:** I would have loved to join the backstage crew of the TIS adaptation of *Beauty and the Beast*.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** I have three favourite attributes which are "Principled" and "Balanced" and "Caring". In life, you need strict principles that will carry you throughout your journey and ensure that you never lose yourself. In everything you do, I believe you must be balanced and that's what I strive to be every day. My Dad always tells me that God loves those who show love to others just as He's done for me, so naturally, I couldn't neglect the caring attribute of the profile either.

**Future Career:** Not sure yet.... but definitely somewhere in the line of entrepreneurship.

**Ambition(s):** People believe that to be successful you have to have this serious vibe with a sort of serious persona. I want to show everyone it doesn't matter if you're a joker or a jovial individual. If you work hard and give it your all, you'll make it no matter what!!!!!!

**In five years ...** I would have obtained my first degree in Business Management with amazingggggg gradesssss!!! I will also have won more academic awards at my university.

**In 10 years ...** I will have successfully completed my Master's in Business Management and obtained a PhD in Business Management as well. After that, the real fun begins!!!!!!

**One thing I know for sure...** no matter where I end up, no matter which path I take, I will stay true to myself and my morals and take on every challenge that comes my way, because with God on my side, I'm a guaranteed Victor.

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## IB CLASS OF 2020 RISK-TAKERS

► Yeyo Padikuor Nartey

**Name:** Yeyo Padikuor Nartey

**Nickname (s):** Padi

**Nationality:** Ghanaian

**Colour Group:** Yellow Outeniqua!!!

**Hostel:** Cecilia Hostel

**Year of entry:** 2016

**Position(s) held:** Deputy Multi-Purpose Hall and Dining Affairs Executive on the 2019 Student Council, DHC class representative, DHC Secretary, TED Ed Student Talks Club President, Amnesty International Club Secretary, Amnesty International Club President, Alto Part leader of the School Choir, President of the School Choir, President of the TIS MUN club

**Achievements:** Gold Cultural Merit Award, Silver Cultural Merit Award (x3), Silver Leadership Merit Award, Silver Service Merit Award, Bronze Leadership Merit Award, Bronze Service Merit Award, Bronze Academic Merit Award, Bronze Citizenship Merit Award.

**Why the Risk-Takers?** As a grade, I believe we are always willing to try new things!!

**University/Programme:** Probably the University of Ottawa to study Psychology in French Immersion, but who knows? Plans change.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Playing the Sims, video editing, reading random Wikipedia pages

**3 things I cannot live without:** The Sims, technology, food

**Favourite Subject:** It's between psychology, ESS and Langlit (I really can't decide)

**Favourite TIS meal/snack:** Fried rice / Spring Rolls

**I am proud of:** Myself for coming this far.

**I am grateful for:** All the opportunities I've been presented with that have played a role in making me who I am today.

**A big thank you to:** God, my family for supporting me, the TIS community for equipping me with some of the habits that are now a part of me, my teachers, the non-teaching staff (especially the kitchen staff) and my close friends for making most moments enjoyable.

**Role Model(s):** My sister, Funmilayo Ransome Kuti, and Justin Baldoni

**My Journey in TIS:** A very bumpy and uncomfortable experience, filled with highs and lows which have inevitably played a role in making me who I am now.

**Unforgettable moment(s):** All the funny moments during rehearsals for the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary performance.

**CAS in a few words:** My favourite aspect of the IBDP that may lead you to know what career you want in future. You will find your passion by trying so many things and you learn so much about yourself.

**The Diploma Programme as a whole:** Though challenging at times, I believe DP is a stimulating and impactful curriculum that usually brings out the best in the students that go through it.

**What I would do differently:** Be more open and take advantage of most opportunities presented to me.

**My Favourite IB Learner Profile attribute and why:** Open-minded. I actually tried to adopt this as something I would constantly practise because once you move into the real world, you will meet so many different people from varying backgrounds, so in order to foster good relationships with others, you should be willing to understand your own beliefs and also that of those around you.

**Ambition(s):** To fight for a world that has less environmental threats and equal opportunities for all.

**In five years ...** I will be completing my Master's degree in whatever field I happen to find myself.

**In 10 years ...** I will be the best version of myself wherever I may be.

**One thing I know for sure...** Life is hard, and there will be challenges, but we move on! ☺

6 June, 2020

## It's a family affair! **Class of 2020 we celebrate you!**



To our daughter **Akua**,

All too soon the IB Class of 2020 of which you were part of has ended its TIS journey. You didn't just add up to the numbers, but you made a good name for yourself and the family as well. We are extremely proud of the young lady you have become and believe you will do great in the years ahead.

It's unfortunate the COVID-19 pandemic has shortened the celebration you deserve, but we are still thankful for how far God has brought you. We say, Mo ne adwuma pa!

Congratulations to all of you. **Mr. and Mrs. Okyere.**

I spent the entire first week fretting over the fact that **Kendric** looked so unhappy when I dropped him off to commence his journey at TIS four years ago. On the first visiting Sunday, within minutes of **Kendric** appearing, my car was filled with his mates who all came to say hello and introduce themselves as his friends. What a relief it was to see that my boy had not only settled down but made so many friends and I was not surprised when he chose to serve the school as the Head Boy. Son, I am proud of you, your friends, your school and all your achievements.

TIS, the best decision ever!

**Gertrude Oheneba Sodji - Kendric's Mum**





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Class of 2020 – the ‘Risk Takers’! What a befitting accolade! You have braved all odds against the COVID-19 pandemic to graduate in style. Bravo!

To our dearest **Christal, ‘Bestie’**, from birth, through cradle to this academic milestone, you have been an epitome of success. Your perseverance is as enviable as your warm personality is infectious. As you journey on to higher academic laurels, we urge you to safeguard the virtues of self-discipline, character, honesty, modesty, hard work and godliness that we have instilled in you. With these attributes, the world is your oyster!

Always remember Proverbs 9:10 – the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom!

Hearty **CONGRATULATIONS** on your successful graduation and Godspeed in your next endeavour. **Eric & Frieda Perdison (Parents)**

**Dwayne**, once again you've made us proud. Keep the dream alive and the world will be yours. Remember that the process of learning never ends. Congrats!!!

We are with you always.

To the class of 2020, our heartfelt blessings to you. Even though your final year was not how you envisioned it, it will be marked as unique among all year groups and will never be forgotten. **CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!!! Peter and Hilda Gyateng**



Congratulations Phoebe. We are so grateful to God for your successful completion of High School. Well done Phoebe!! Your sisters set a high standard, but in your unique way, you were able to shine without succumbing to the pressure. You were driven by grit, tenacity and resilience, and by the grace of God you have delivered great results for which are most proud. Congratulations on a great performance in keeping with the Agyarko tradition!

Dear Class of 2020, The Risk Takers, as you step out of TIS into the next phase of your life to take on the risks in this world, remember to trust in the Lord and lean not on your own understanding! In all your ways acknowledge God and

He will direct your paths. **CONGRATULATIONS** once again! **Mummy and Daddy – Mr and Mrs Agyarko**

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“Congratulations for this first great accomplishment. It was a long journey to reach this point, from Bamako to Tema, via Ouagadougou and Yaounde; you have overcome hurdles.

Be mindful that this is the first step and there is a lot to achieve before your university graduation. We are looking forward to the next four years to celebrate even more success.

The whole **Agalassou** family is proud of you.

May ALLAH always guide your steps.” - **Family Agalassou**

Congratulations our darling **Koko**,

This is the beginning of a whole new world for you, with greater opportunities that will come your way.

**Koko**, congratulations as you tidy up your IB Diploma Programme.

Keep pulling your weight and never be content with just giving your level best. Once you have learnt to believe in yourself and in God, ALL things are indeed possible.

Your dad and I have no doubts about your ability to go on in life and do great exploits.

The Lord will bless you with courage and endurance needed for your next bold step into the university. **Mum and Dad**



When we gained admission for our daughter, Portia McDave, into Grade 9 at Tema International School (TIS), we were full of expectations that her years at TIS would see a remarkable improvement in her total academic life.

We are excited and grateful that our expectations have been met. During our visits, we took note of their well-mannered behaviour, their intelligent conversations and indeed their selfless willingness to assist each other.

We joyfully and gratefully testify to the comprehensive education, grooming and guidance which were all achieved by our daughter at TIS.

We wish our daughter Portia McDave and every student of IB Class 2020 success even as they work hard to translate their interests and potentials into their heartfelt professions and careers. God Bless them all. **Mr. & Mrs. McDave**



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Our beautiful, amazing, talented, resilient, and God-fearing darling daughter, **Danielle**. We love you and are immensely proud of you. You have again showed the fighter that you are, and again, your results testify that God is with you. You have been a role model to your younger ones and to others around you, displaying focus and determination notwithstanding the risk of changing schools at a critical and demanding stage (DP2). And you conquered.

We are supremely confident that you will excel and conquer whatever is before you as you move into your next phase. Congratulations! Your trust in the Lord and his ever-abiding presence in you, makes you a victor always.

We love you! **Daddy, Mummy, Michelle, Nathan and Joseph.**

### **Kwasi Ankama-Asamoah aka Potato, aka KOTAA,**

You entered TIS August 2014, already known to the Community as Potato from 2008, inheriting from your siblings Yam, Cocoyam and your sister, who though never attended TIS, was named Sweet Potato. You continued the legacy of your siblings' leadership in Music & Performance in Genesis and Yellow Outeniqua. You further carved your own niche in Choreography & Dance and pioneering the Brass Band. You struck gold when you added "Student of the week" in January 2020, by single-handedly repping Yellow Outeniqua in almost all the Athletic Competitions. And then, TIS stopped, for your 18th birthday, for your affability. You exit as KOTAA, with ambition to become the next sound development icon.



For these feats and future endeavors, The Tubers, after 15 years in TIS, would like to institute – The Ankama-Asamoah, **TUBERS PRIZE for MUSIC & PERFORMANCE LEADERSHIP**, for 15 years.

**The Tubers - Yam, Cocoyam, Sweet Potato, Daddy & Mummy**

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Dear **Maame Abena Mensah-Asante**,  
 Congratulations for your achievement!!! You made it. You have worked so hard to reach this stage of your life. Indeed the Lord makes all things beautiful in His time. This is just the beginning of great things ahead. The door to new opportunities has just opened for you, **Maame Abena**. Enjoy your graduation, we are so proud of you. Wishing you all the success and happiness the world has to offer.  
 Shalom! **George, Daddy**.



Dear **John Q.**,  
 Congratulations from us, your parents, sisters, and the entire family. We are so proud of you and your achievements as an all-rounder.

Your Grandparents are proud of your sterling sportsmanship and your ability to find excellent balance between your academic and social life. You are our bright morning star and we love you so much.

We pray that your future is filled with all your dreams and wishes for yourself. Best wishes to you and the graduating TIS IB class of 2020, a mature group of young adults who have overcome many challenges including the Covid-19 virus to complete high school successfully. Go Graduands and may God continue to

bless you all. **Ian & Hon Mona Quartey**

Dear **Chinemelum**,

We are so happy to share in the excitement of your graduation today, making us proud as always. Our Love, Prayers and Blessings are always with you as you take the lead.

To all the Risk-Takers, we say congratulations on your graduation – the door to new opportunities. Take pride in how far you have come, but more importantly, have faith in how far you'll go.

As Risk-Takers, you are not only strong and willing, but courageous enough to venture into the unknown, experience the unexpected and conquer. Strive to live up to your class name, for the difference between the “ordinary” and the “extraordinary” is just the little “extra”. **Kelechi & Jude Mbanefo. Parents of Chinemelum Mbanefo.**





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My darling **Jennifer**, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 was the day you stepped into the “global” village (TIS) from a “local” village (Sacred Heart). Two years have passed by in a jiffy and you have blossomed into a truly global citizen. Your outlook about life has changed positively and the grooming has been excellent. You have learnt that to be independent you have to be inter-dependent. Your journey wasn't easy but you have deciphered “*survival of the fittest*”. Now that you have wings to fly, soar high like an eagle, dare to be different, conquer the world with the knowledge, for “*applied knowledge is key*” to success. God is your strength, never ever forget. Without an iota of doubt, we love you. God bless. **Daddy, Edgar Noronha**



Class of 2020, you are very special. You made us proud. CONGRATULATIONS!! All too soon, you've reached the IBDP stop on the TIS journey of your life. We give God all the glory and praise.

To **Aku Addo** - On your TIS ride, we have seen unearthed talents and revealed strengths, notably a “CAN DO” attitude which will open greater doors to you. It is undeniable that you possess the key to a successful future as you continue to champion your family mantra, “H.H.D – Honesty, Hardwork and Dedication. We truly are very proud of who you have become. Well done! Special thanks to all TIS staff. You have impacted Aku and all her mates very positively. HATS OFF TO YOU!! **William and**

**Amma Addo – Daddy and Mummy**

Six years ago, **Betty** left us for Tema International School (TIS). TIS, no doubt is an excellent school, but she was entering during a very challenging time for the ADJAVON family.

Today, I recount Betty before TIS and have assessed Betty post TIS.

I see a transformed lady in whom I am very well pleased. Betty has treasured memories, amazing life experiences with a level of confidence that will continue to impact on her life.

Betty's journey has been worthwhile and we are grateful we made that decision six years ago.

I am positive and confident Betty will achieve her dreams as she plans to make her mark and take the world by storm.

To the class of 2020, I wish you all well and thank you all for the support you extended to each other.

**Cecilia E. Ajavon (Mrs.)**



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On that fateful Wednesday afternoon back in August 2014 when I first brought my then 11 years-old **Malaika** to Tema International School (TIS) as a 7th grader, this graduation day seemed eons away! We had just returned from the US a couple of months earlier. She had recently lost her youngest sibling and only brother 4 months earlier. She had completely lost her hearing and had to become a cochlear implant user 8 months earlier. The challenges seemed insurmountable at the time. Was this a good time to send **Malaika** away to boarding school? The separation anxiety seemed more intense for me. Could I bear to see **Malaika** move away from home so soon? She wasn't sure if she was ready either. But we knew that TIS would be the best school for her. An international school like

TIS would be able to understand and embrace her special needs. And so it was!

Malaika started from Grade 7. We took the journey one day at a time. As days turned to weeks and weeks to months, the years rolled by. Her achievements while at TIS were more than admirable. Over the years, we watched as she developed from a shy, quiet girl to a confident, resolved young lady. Now here we are, six years later, and our dearest Malaika is a high school graduate! Congratulations to Malaika and to the entire TIS Class of 2020!!! To God be all the glory! Great things He has done! It is my prayer that your years ahead will be filled with God's favour and guidance. I pray that the exceptional training and values you've received from TIS will never leave you! I've been very excited these past weeks looking forward each day to a post on a member of this graduating class. Your statements have been refreshingly filled with passion, purpose and boldness! Please, as you leave the shores of TIS and enter the "real world", do not allow anyone to dim down your dreams and aspirations. Dare to continue to be bold because you are more than able to conquer the world! You've been well equipped by your training at TIS.

I leave you all with these words from Christian writer, William Arthur Ward: "If you can imagine it, you can achieve it; if you can dream it, you can become it." Now go forth and make a difference in your world! Congratulations to all of you! Hurray TIS Class of 2020!!!

**Mr and Mrs Webb**





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**Victor**, you joined the TIS family two years ago and everyone can testify to the fact that your growth, mentally, is impeccable.

Victor, we are extremely proud of you. Your zeal to become a better version of yourself to you achieving it is such an inspiration. Your TIS journey has shown us that you are a fighter, one who doesn't give up, even when situations don't favour you.

We hope you continue to fight and press on as you embark on life's journey.

Do not forget that your God has been ever present in all your battles and will forever be.

Finally, never forget that you were born for greatness. Your name says so! Let your name be a reminder that Victory is your portion. We love you son, we love you brother, we love you friend!

Cheers to the TIS graduating class of 2020!



# Meet IB students from the Graduating class of 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9wfyPxYI1u0&feature=youtu.be>

**Phoebe Agyarko**, Class of 2020 was chosen to represent Tema International School. TIS is among the “7 unique IB World Schools” featured in the IB Community Blog this week.



The image is a screenshot of a YouTube video player. At the top, the channel name "International Baccalaureate" is visible with its logo and a "2d" timestamp. The video title is "Meet IB students from the graduating class of 2020!". The video content shows a grid of seven students: two in the top row, three in the middle row, and two in the bottom row. They are all smiling and appear to be in a virtual meeting. To the right of the grid, there is a blue overlay with the text "Meet IB students from the graduating class of 2020!". At the bottom of the video player, the text "YOUTUBE.COM" is visible, followed by the title "Meet IB students from the graduating class of 2020" and a description snippet "To celebrate the class of 2020, we gathered seven IB gradua...".

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Join us as we celebrate each member of the **IB Class of 2020** on a daily bases within our Social Media Handles. Follow TIS on social media. Click on the links below and join us on **Twitter**, **FaceBook** and **Instagram**. Like, comment and share the inspiring Poster of each member of our graduating Class.

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Tema International School is always proud of its graduating class. In 2020, with COVID-19 changing our daily lives, practices and traditions in so many ways, we are determined that each member of the IB Class of 2020 receives the recognition s/he deserves.

Thank you for so many special memories and for making us proud. We look forward to you continuing as alumni members of our TIS family while you continue with the next stage of your journey. Best wishes.

**Dr Ken Darvall**  
Principal

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**Noelle**, you rock!!! You made entertainment fun. We appreciate your contributions to TIS events.[You were the best entertainment executive - Dr Ken.] We love you. Keep being amazing.

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I began my TIS journey in 2014. I will cherish dearly the memories and friendships I made in these six years. My proudest moments are tied to my experiences as Entertainment Executive. Every Saturday night I got the chance to bring my ideas to life and through that placed smiles on people's faces. One thing I will miss is the family-like atmosphere of the school. Nonetheless, I am sure that TIS will positively impact me as I go on to pursue International Studies at university and a hospitality career.

**Noelle Mends**  
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Congratulations, **Sarah!!!** You made the most of the several opportunities in TIS. Well done!

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I joined TIS in Grade 11, and it has been an amazing two years. At TIS, I was able to achieve things I didn't think I could, being a crew member of my first production at TIS to being a Head Director in another, and leading and planning main events like the 15th Anniversary. I am ready to make it out there on my own, thanks to the principles and especially the integrity they have instilled in me as my guide. I will remain a proud TIS student.

**Sarah Beluonwu**  
IB Class of 2020

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## Celebrating the Class of 2020

Congratulations **Danielle**. We are proud of the amazing young woman you have become. Thanks for the awesome memories.

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I started TIS in 2014 as a seventh-grader. In six years I have grown so much as a person and created bonds with people from all around the world. I will never forget the moments I spent in the Biology and Business classes, as well as my Red Cross trips. Leaving TIS, I am very proud of the well-rounded person I have become. I am eager to study medicine and become a great cardiologist one day.

**Danielle Yaa Manteaw**  
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## Celebrating the Class of 2020

Dear **Chisom**. We are proud of your achievements during your two year stay in TIS. Keep it up. Congratulations.



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"I joined TIS in 2018 for the Diploma Programme during which I have seen myself morph not just into a more academically mature individual, but also a more social person. As a result of standards at TIS, I had to work extremely hard and learn to always give my very best. Being honoured with the Passion for Africa Award at the ALAMAU Conference in South Africa remains my most memorable moment. I will definitely miss the TIS community as a whole, as well as my wonderful grade-mates and amazing teachers. I am on my way to Imperial College London to study mechanical engineering and in five years I know that, with purpose, I will make an impact.

**Chisom Anyaehie**  
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**Aliou**, we are happy you found a home in TIS. We are proud you joined our family. Congratulations!!!

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I joined TIS in my final year. Spending 8 months at TIS was a great experience. At first, I didn't feel comfortable, but I have met people who helped me adapt to the school and I am grateful for that. This is what makes TIS special. TIS taught me that working hard and being disciplined is extremely important in life. I will miss this amazing community. I am planning to study economics to pursue a career as an economist.

**Aliou Badra Agalassou**  
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**Baaba**, congratulations!!!! You made it! You have grown into an amazing young woman. We appreciate all your contributions to the TIS family. We love you.



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I joined TIS in Grade 7, very naïve and insecure. In these six years, I have learnt to embrace failure and learn from my mistakes. I am very proud of the person I am today, thanks to leadership opportunities, my participation in four MUNs and co-initiating the project, "Healthy Heart, Healthy Life", which gave someone hope, and another chance at life. I will never forget the countless CAS experiences, which made me more open-minded. While I hope to pursue a degree in Computer Science, I also aspire to become a remarkable entrepreneur and philanthropist in the next few years.

**Baaba Egyei-Mensah**

IB Class of 2020



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Congratulations **Chinemelum!!!** We will miss the sweet sounds you played from the saxophone. We love you.



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My TIS journey began in 2015 in Grade 8. Five years seems like a long time. It was long enough to give me all the desirable traits of a disciplined, persevering and hardworking student not just towards academics, but towards everything I pursue in life. "No excuses!" the words that would ring in my head every morning as I looked at Dr. Ken's Office windows. This was my agenda I pursued every time I looked up there and it will be an agenda that I'll be stuck with for the many years to come. This will help me in achieving my dreams as a software engineer at University of Saskatchewan.



**Chinemelum Mbanefo**  
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