The Moment Is Here!

Our Class of 2020 will be able to access their DP results on Sunday, 5 July. Like everything that it touches, COVID-19 tipped the IB exams on its head by ensuring the cancellation of the DP exams and MYP eAssessments. Alternative methods were used by IB to determine final results, so 2020 will be a brand new ball game.

We wish all G12 students the best and hope that their final results reflect their efforts over the past two years. Students who have any issues with results should make contact with Mr Ben Darko.

TIS Return

A school committee is now preparing for the three possible options for TIS commencing the new academic year on 19
Tema International School

3 July 2020

SAT 2020

• G12 students who want one more attempt at SAT must sit the SAT test on 29 August. Please ensure you have registered by the due date.

• G11 students wanting to sit their first SAT test will have their opportunity on 26 September. No TIS students will be allowed to sit the SAT test on 3 October (TIS Founders’ Day). Start planning now.

Making Us Proud

• TIS has won the 2020 International Schools’ Film Festival Award that was organised by the Vienna International School. “The film has done an astounding job in informing students about child trafficking in Ghana and in engaging them throughout by taking them on a breathtaking journey using the POV of a victim of child trafficking. The excellent content and filming techniques employed demonstrate the tremendous effort put into this film by your students and we are glad that other students from around the world can recognise this as well.” (Judges’ comments)

More details are in CASSA.

August (Newbies), 22 August (returning secondary school students) and 31 August (Primary Campus students). While we all hope that a full return, with few restrictions, is possible, we know that a final decision is out of our hands and we wait for final government approval that affects all schools.

Hopefully, the government’s direction provides clarity by 31 July, so that we can move forward confidently and start the new academic year successfully. Parents will be updated on the 17 July about our initial plans and updated on our approved plans for a TIS Restart on 31 July.

Outstanding Accounts

School fees pay the running costs of the school. Any shortfall affects our services and staffing. With the current state of outstanding fees, it has started to impact on staff salaries and employment. When making payment, please send a copy of the payment receipt to Mr Quansah. This speeds up the reconciliation process, including the release of student reports. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Stay healthy.

Dr Ken Darvall
Principal
It’s Official.

The TIS Alumni Class of 2020 Virtual Induction Ceremony. Happening live and in colour via Zoom.

All Alumni are cordially invited!!

The Zoom link was sent to all Alumni via the WhatsApp Group and email.
Reflections on the @documentar Global Youth Webinar

It can be said that we are the sum of our experiences. These experiences consist of the people we interact with and how we react to them, the things we observe, and the things we go through; our struggles and delights. All of this shapes us, moulds us, makes us grow and has an impact on the person we become. That is why reflecting on every circumstance, how you cope with it or overcome challenges and, the lessons you have learned. I would say that is the essence of the Documentar. It’s an opportunity to voice out our thoughts and experiences in this period. Documentar wants to understand how we, as the youth, are reacting to the ongoing events in the world around us. The entire session was very interesting and fun, in my opinion. I saw various pieces of different students all over the world in media, such as pictures, essays, poems, and songs. During the session, the moderators gave us a chance to reflect on this period and write something. I was unable to complete mine in the 15-time frame that I was given, so I did not share my piece. Nonetheless, many people did and it was very inspiring to see the things people are doing during this period. I think the entire zoom session was very thought-provoking and I really enjoyed myself. **Lydia Boahen – G11**

This online session that took place on the 15 June was a very very insightful one and I learned quite a lot from it. One thing that stood out to me was the fact that all of us in that meeting was very connected and there was unity among all of us. I met people from different parts of the world and I got to see the work they had put so much effort in to complete. Their works were also very amazing, as people created poems, some wrote songs, some made videos and paintings, and some told their stories in pictures. I believe that this thing that has been started will lead to something great in the future, even when the coronavirus passes. I would also love to partake in one of these meetings again. **Joshua Mefful – G10**
It was my first time joining a *Documentar* session and I was amazed at the number of people in that session who came from different parts of the world to share their experiences during this pandemic. I also loved seeing the different forms of expression every one came with. Documentar really showed me that the world is indeed connected. **Cyril Davis – G10**

I’ve always assumed that looking back on your past would be such a cliché thing to do, but I realise that it is important now more than ever. Looking back allows you to see where you came from and where you can go and I think that is really important. Documentar gives us this opportunity. To make a time capsule of NOW, to see the world in the eyes of the youth because the youth are the future of the world. I am glad I signed up to be a part of Documentar because I have a lot to say, a lot to talk about, a lot to share and I rarely get the chance to say or do anything because I’m seen as the “child” in most groups of adults I find myself in. So, I’m really grateful to be given such an opportunity. **John Adenu-Mensah – G11**

The Documentar session was really insightful. I got to hear from students all over the world what was happening around them and what they were feeling. I also discovered some new perspectives from people and realised that we are all connected in various ways during the pandemic. The Documentar allowed me to get an insight on what people all around the world were sharing and also gave me the platform to express my thoughts. It was a great session and it was very interactive. **Apewe Chigabatia – G10**

Being a part of this wonderful initiative for me was very exciting and insightful. I got to see how the world looks like through different people’s eyes and I was very inspired by the many creations, such as poems, artworks and videos people made. My favourite was a song about the coronavirus. The Zoom webinar we had was also very lovely and it was nice meeting other people and sharing ideas amongst ourselves.

Overall, this has been an amazing experience and I am very grateful for this opportunity to also share what the world looks like through my eyes. **Adeline O. Adjey – G10**
#CAS Experience

@Documentar_ Who We Are

In the time of COVID-19, life as we once knew it seems to have disappeared. It’s hard to keep up with all the news. Stories from adults who are on the front lines fill the internet, giving powerful testimony to loss and community.

Documentar (“to keep a record” in Spanish) aims to add youth voices to this mix – a time capsule of now made up of stores, images and videos from young people across the globe, in the days when our world turned upside down.

We are a group of educators and adult allies who believe youth voices and idea MATTER.

CAS experience Opportunity - DOCUMENTAR a time capsule of NOW

Dear Students,

CAS Experience is such an amazing way to connect with students around the world, raise awareness, tackle global issues, and collaborate with young people who have same interest as you, share your story, learn something new and challenge yourself.

In collaboration with CBK Associates, New York City and Service Learning Coordinators and students around the world we are invited to participate in a project called #documentar

This is an opportunity for you to share your story with thousands of young people around the world. See all details below. Kindly contact Mama Su, by messaging via ManageBac or email surama.king@tis.edu.gh or _233 244 615255

Don’t miss this amazing opportunity to share your story.

https://www.instagram.com/p/CBOa1M_jC1w/?igshid=1fv79kvdtbgo
Follow @documentar_ on Instagram and see the beautiful submissions from TIS Students and students all over the world.

Do you Want to participate? See details below:

#documentar - a time capsule of NOW!

Show us the WORLD through your eyes. The current pandemic has shaken us to our core. No matter how many TikToks we watch, we are still unsettled by our current situation. The experience we are living through is particularly unique, especially for youth. You might be thinking, what can I do?

We want to know what the WORLD looks like through your eyes. What do you think is important to highlight? Add your story to Documentar. Create your story through photos, words, art and tell the world what life is like for you during the pandemic. Share your story and find out what is happening for others.
Before you start, take a moment to **BREATHE**.

Think about where you are right now -- mind, body, spirit.

- What story do you want to tell?
- What words or images would best tell your story?
- What matters most to include?
- Are other people, animals, places or things part of your story?

Document your story through photos, video, art, spoken word, poetry, or self-portrait.

Three ways to participate in Documentar.

**FREE STYLE** – Submit a short essay, poem, artwork, photo(s) with a caption, video, spoken word (whatever medium works for you!) about what life looks like now where you live.

**FILL IN THE BLANKS** – Tell us:

- Where are you now?
- How has your world changed?
- What worries you?
- What keeps you strong?
- Share a short message of hope to young people around the world.

**SHORTCUT** – Take a photo that represents your life right now; challenge three friends to do the same.

When you submit, please also share 1-2 sentences to tell us what this means to you.

Share your story:

1. Post on Instagram/TikTok/Twitter: @documentar_ and add #your name #your school @tema_International_school #tema #accra #documentarghana

2. Upload here: documentar Submission Form
   - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4W3rIig7H0w8IHEECMHsBGB6-vqNkDnmUiTIScBpcVD9lg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4W3rIig7H0w8IHEECMHsBGB6-vqNkDnmUiTIScBpcVD9lg/viewform)

You must also upload on ManageBac. Create #Documentar by adding a new experience.

**Every story matters.** Tell your story. Be part of #documentar.

**Deadline:** Friday, 18 July
As the streets of Accra, Ghana reigns its noise slowly, the effects of Covid-19 are still evident everywhere one turns his or her eyes. From the shortage of necessities to the rampage going home in most homes as everyone is home and chaos reigns. As the world tries to rebuild itself, we find our selves in the fight to end systemic racism, police brutality and injustice towards women. This is the new world we find ourselves in. A world filled with chaos and distractions but all hope is not lost. We hope to see a better future because until our issues are solved nothing would go back to normal. And is it in the spirit of hoping for a better future that is why we continue to fight for our rights and the rights of all?

Me Without You
It was just yesterday I was in school hanging out with my friends and going to class, I never expected her to come,
Yes Covid 19 came,
You haven’t heard about her?
Let me share her story and tell you about her,
She is the world pandemic and currently remanding issue now,
She is bringing out the best and worst out of people,
Quarantine is a lifestyle now,
Face masks are the new thing, who would have thought,
Our frontline workers risk the lives every day to help in controlling the spread an caring for the sick but is that enough?
There comes a time were we have to come together and that is now,
A time where we realize that we are one and not the time to compare ones colour whether black or white,
This is the time for us to rise together, help each other and aid each other.
#BlackLivesMatter, #AllLivesMatter, #PanelsSaveYennan, #Let’sStopBeingSilent because what is one without you if we don’t stand together as one.
Together we are stronger, We got this.
- Apostle Oforiaba
NSHS & TIS Virtual Exchange

As the cultural virtual exchange with Newton South High School continues we had a meeting on the 25 June at 7:00 pm GMT. This meeting a very eventful as our (Grade 11) end of semester results came out during the meeting which caused a bit of a frenzy. As a result, we spoke about the various grading systems in our schools and how COVID-19 has affected us. It was funny to note how many of the seniors from Newton South wished they were juniors this year because the end of year requirements are more flexible than usual.

We then broke up into break rooms and discussed the question "If we have a week to live what would we do?" There were a variety of answers many students saying they would go skydiving. When Aunty Kay heard this she remarked, “If you had one week to live why would you spend it risking your life? Then again you might as well try a new experience” I found her epiphany as she said those statements quite amusing. Many other students like myself who are religious said we would spend a lot of time at church, and Maya Hernandez stated she would try and say yes to everything to see what would happen.

The next question we discussed was, "What was your favourite childhood toy or game." Saahene Osei said he enjoyed playing Roblox and he was not alone as many other people said the same. My favourite childhood game was Stardoll which is an online fashion game. It was nice to get to know what everyone enjoyed playing and the things we had in common.

At the end of the meeting, Aunty Kay said we were going to have a special guest join us during our next meeting! She did not reveal their identity so I am excited to see what she has on store for us on the 9 July.

Until then stay happy and safe.

By Lydia Boahen - HOC – G11
Facts Non Verba, actions not words. This Catherine motto can easily be applied to TIS Insight TV. Hard work definitely pays off; the sleepless nights, the classes missed, the sweat, the tears and the dedication put into the documentary, could be seen from miles away as we were chosen as the winners of the ISFF competition.

The journey was one that definitely taught the team and I something unimaginable, the value of teamwork. During the process we had to meet a lot of people, relate to them and make them comfortable enough to contribute to our cause. This taught the team communication skills that can only be acquired through experience. Receiving the news was a shock, casually scrolling through social media, forgetting the specific day the winner would be announced, then seeing Tema International School INSIGHT TV had won the ISFF competition! Immediately the news was shared on the Insight group, congratulations were shared to each member and we started to reminisce the good times and the lessons learnt.
The way forward would be donating the cash prize to the organisation that rescue the children from the Volta Lake. Fortunately, we have completed the first step which was informing and creating awareness in different countries but now we aim to focus specifically on Ghana and have fundraisers which we will use the funds to donate to the City of Refuge. As the president helping to lead Insight TV to this victory with the patrons has been an honour. On behalf of Insight TV, we wish to thank our patrons, Mr David Difie, Mr Akortah, Auntie Abigail and the TIS Community for their endless support, without them we wouldn’t have reached this far. We also express our profound gratitude to our partners: City of Refuge, IJM, IOM UN Ghana, Ghana Police Service Jamestown Station and the Tourist Information Centre Jamestown, for helping us to put together such great content. Let me share with you the message we received from the ISFF:

“I am glad to announce that Tema International School Insight TV has been declared the WINNER at the Maiden Edition of the International Schools Film Festival 2020, by Vienna International School in Austria.

The film "Beyond the Lake, a victim's POV" has received the most votes from the 317 students around the world that took part in our voting process.

"The film has done an astounding job in informing students about child trafficking in Ghana and in engaging them throughout by taking them on a breathtaking journey using the POV of a victim of child trafficking. The excellent content and filming techniques employed demonstrate the tremendous effort put into this film by the patrons and your students and we are glad that other students from around the world can recognize this as well." Organizers of ISFF

The International Schools that participate in competition are:

1. American School of Barcelona (Spain)
2. American School Foundation (Mexico)
3. Campion School Athens (Greece)
4. Carol Morgan School (Dominican Republic)
5. Hangzhou International School (China)
6. International School of Brussels (Belgium)
7. International School of Myanmar (Myanmar)
8. Osaka YMCA International School (Japan)
9. Overseas School of Colombo (Sri Lanka)
10. Stockholm International School (Sweden)
11. Stonehill International School (India)
12. Taegon Christian International School (South Korea)
13. Tagore International School (India)
14. Tema International School (Ghana)
15. Vienna International School (Austria)
16. Vilamoura International School (Portugal)

TIS Insight TV members who participated in the competition are:
1. Aaliyah Tamakloe
2. Alberta Addo
3. Charity Apereku
4. Cheryl Kumah
5. Christine Agyare
6. David Safo
7. Ethan Pobee
8. Jason Boateng
9. Kofi Boateng
10. Nana Obeng-Nkansah
11. Nana Osei
12. Peter Arthur
13. Salma Roland
14. Terence Mwindaare

Congratulations to the winning film
"Beyond the Lake - A victims POV"
submitted by
Tema International School
for receiving the most votes out of 317 students that participated in the voting process!
CAS Project - LET’S GET PLAY INITIATIVE

How our project came about……

When looking at the list of several NGOs, we chanced upon a quote which said, “For the first time, we are being treated like human beings - not just something to be kept alive. For the first time, my children can play like any child.” This got us thinking of underprivileged children and their right to play. It may seem normal for many people to have swings and slides but there are children who have never had a chance to enjoy that luxury. We realised that so often, the pursuit of a service agenda begins with the question, “what seems to be absolutely necessary for the survival of these people?” And that’s fine. After all, what is there to live for without the basic needs - food, water and shelter? However, when those requirements are fulfilled, there comes a need to go beyond that and add play to the list.

The aim of our CAS project ……..

Our goal is simply to allow children who are simply surviving to thrive by adding the essential element of recreation to their lives. Our plan of action is to build well-equipped playgrounds in two underprivileged communities.

In doing so, we'll introduce these children to what seems to be a normal part of our lives, thereby accomplishing the UN sustainable development goal of reduced inequality. And, since play is an undeniably important part of a child’s school day, our project will help them attain quality education. Additionally, the facilities that we will build out of recycled material will achieve the sustainable development goals of sustainable cities and communities, industry, innovation and infrastructure.

Our project is worthwhile because it recognises an undeniable fact: every child has the right to play and we plan on giving it to them.

Our current status ……..

We contacted the organization called The Power of Play and they were delighted to support us by offering advice and counsel. Specifically, with the design, materials and supply breakdown, and construction strategies. We had a meeting with the founder, Reza Marvasti, explaining our CAS project in depth and he explained how to go about the initial planning stages.
During the investigation process for our CAS Project, we identified a number of schools. We then selected the Seed and Harvest Academy to be the beneficiaries of our project. It is a school with over 300 students but with no access to a playground. We contacted the Head Teacher of Seed and Harvest Academy, Mr. Kordorwu Wonder, about our project and they were delighted and ready to assist us.

The next step for us is to visit the Seed and Harvest Academy in person and come out with a build procedure. We won’t go into the technicalities but it is an outline of the playground and the resources we require to build it.

Currently, we are not at the fundraising stage of our Project, but we hope the TIS family will assist us once we get to that stage. Please help us make play a normal part of as many children’s lives as possible as we create a sustainable playground for children to learn while playing. Let’s Get Play Team - Charity, Lydia and Emmanuella

*Pictures by “The Power of Play Org”

When it comes to Dr Ken, I have so many fond stories to share. I have had the privilege to work closely with him for the past 5 years. He is one of the most knowledgeable leaders I ever worked with when it comes to education and IB matters. He is a lover of doughnuts, humble, principled, caring, an avid reader and, most of all, incredibly supportive. His attention to details is commendable. He never compromises when it comes to standards.

He challenges me to grow better, learn more and do better. Thank you, Dr Ken. I appreciate you. Grateful for your life. Happy Birthday! Cheers to many Fast and Furious years!

Dr Ken, I hope you publish this article, as there are so many inspiring messages from students, parents and staff (thank you everyone). It’s all about you and we know you do not like to make things about yourself, the wellbeing of others are your priority. But we cannot miss this opportunity to celebrate you and wish you well on your birthday. It’s summer break and due to the pandemic you are here in Ghana, making sure we are ready to resume another academic year come August, despite the challenges schools are facing all over the world due to COVID-19. For you, there are no excuses. The TIS experience must be authentic and full
of opportunities for everyone. Thank you, we appreciate you, Dr Ken Darvall. Keep being you. ‘Mama Su’ – CAS Coordinator

Happy birthday to a wonderful gentleman called Ken, our Principal at Tema International School. God bless you, Ken. May our collective dreams for the holistic education and training of the precious students in our care be realised to the Glory of God.

Hip, hip, hip HURRAY! Enjoy your special day. Dr Mrs. Sylvia Boye – TIS Board of Governors

Happy birthday, Dr. Ken. I wish you nothing but good health and strength in this New Year. May your days continue to be filled with immense joy and satisfaction. Enjoy your new year to the fullest, and I wish you the very best. Aku Addo – IB Class of 2020

Happy, happy birthday to the incredible Principal of TIS! Thank you soo much for all the efforts you have made to truly manifest TIS as a haven of excellence. Thanks to you, I and many other TIS Alumni have been equipped with a profound education and life-long skills that we can use to cultivate meaningful positions for ourselves in society. Personally, if I ever become something big in the future, I will credit my school and, ultimately, to you. I hope you have a wonderful day today full of love and happiness, and that you continue to have a great career and be a great principal. Cheers to many more years. Malaika Webb – IB Class of 2020

I really like Dr Ken. I feel like he helps us students engage ourselves in activities we wouldn’t consider doing and I wish that he will continue to prosper in life. Chris Quarshie G8

Happy birthday. Dr Ken. You are very humble, kind and disciplined. I wish you long life, good health and prosperity. Enjoy your day to the fullest. Annette Ayorkor - G8

umm... Dr Ken is a very great man who helps TIS grow in a special way. Every student in TIS is grateful and I wish him a happy birthday and long life and good health. Jenevieve Achemdey - G8
His principles and discipline make him a unique and special person. As the Principal of the school, he displays these attributes in everyday scenarios by going round with a big smile greeting everyone he sees and making sure everything is going right. Happy birthday, Dr Ken. We thank you for all the good you have done to the school. Enjoy your day!

**Deion Mitchell - G10**

Hi, Dr Ken is ever ready and available to listen and help everyone. He may be demanding sometimes but that's what makes him, Dr Ken. I wish him everything he wishes himself and more, good health, prosperity and increasing wisdom. **Language Acquisition.**

He is kind to everyone he meets and tries his best to make everyone happy. I would like to wish him a long life and prosperity. **Dzidzor Mac-Deh, G8**

Happy Birthday to you, Dr Ken, wishing you the best in life and safety for your family and friends. **Nana Ampem G8**

Dr Ken is simply amazing. He is affable, approachable and so simple that it is something easy to forget he is the Principal. I wish him long life in good heath, joy-unspeakable and a smile on every face. **Aunty Rita Fianko, Administration**

He stays to his rules and I hope he enjoys his day. Happy birthday to you, Dr Ken. **Nana Yaa Owusu-Manu G8**

Dr Ken is a special person because of his determination to make TIS a better school for all. I hope he enjoys his birthday. **Araba Agyare-Mensah - G10**

I wish him good health and prosperity. His generosity makes him special. **King Cyrus Wuaku G10**

The effort he puts into guiding and improving the school and protecting the student body makes him a very special person. His love and care for his students and staff is much appreciated. I wish him all the best in his years to come. More blessings, more grace and long life. Happy Birthday, Dr Ken. **Afua Osei-Boakye G8**
Dr. Ken Darvall is the most result-oriented and strategic leader I have ever known. Your love for precision, order, and check for mechanical accuracy gives me that personal drive to be a passionate learner and educator! We love you to bits...

Happy, happy birthday with long life, good health and prosperity. Amen! Ms. Constance Quaye, University Guidance and Counseling Dept.

Dr Ken is hardworking, a goal-getter and a risk-taker. Wishing him good health on this special day of his life. Mr. Dzongor Science Department

He is time-conscious; he is always alert and indefatigable. I really admire him for these qualities. I wish him a happy birthday, long life and good health. Monsieur Mensah, Language Acquisition.

He is a caring person who takes the time to ensure everyone around him is doing well. His passion for his job makes him the best person for it and a loveable figure for all his students. I wish him a Happy Birthday and a long and prosperous life. Torence Mwindaare G11

His style of leadership is always welcoming. On his birthday, I wish him God's wisdom, long life, patience and, above all success, in everything. Georgina Brasor Anaafi Mensah (Front Desk Executive)

Dr. Ken is a great leader who cares about all the details and inspires me to always strive for excellence. It is my prayer that the Lord blesses him with strength beyond his years, sound health, and more grace. Mrs Eunice Fianu, University Guidance and Counseling Dept.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR KEN!!! May you live long and may God continue to bless you. I am so grateful to have you as a Principal. You have demonstrated to both students and parents that you are a fair and understanding person and, in addition to that, you are a principled person who makes sure that the rules are followed. May you continue to bless the TIS community with your actions. Have an amazing day. Gwen Agbesi - G11

Dr. Ken is very principled and on this day I wish him nothing but the best for him in all his endeavours. Cynthia Natsuakor G10
Happy Birthday, Dr Ken! Your hard-work and assiduousness is surely unmatched. Hope you have a great day! **Arnold Fiifi Gyateng-HOA**

The one thing that makes Dr. Ken a special person and an inspiration for me is his work ethic. He works both smart and hard. He is the kind of person I aspire to be. I wish him a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY and I also want him to know that we appreciate him very much. **John Adenu-Mensah - G11**

He is outstanding when it comes to his time-management. I pray God grants him a longer life with good health. **Hayford Gyasi, Mathematics Department**

Dr. Ken is one of the finest administrators I have come to know in life. I pray for God's favour in all he does. **Mr. Gabriel Atsekhu, Sports**

Dr Ken is a man of integrity, as well as a man who strives for the best. He is a friendly person who pushes people to do their best. Dr Ken is a selfless man who goes out of his way to make sure everybody is on track. He is indeed a hardworking and honourable man. I wish him a happy birthday. May God bless him with long life and prosperity. **Terrence Mwindaare, G11**

Dr. Ken is a very sweet and down-to-earth person who wants the best for people and you can tell by the way he interacts with his students and staff. Not many Principals know all their staff and students by name, as well as little details about them. Neither do they go on bus rides with the students of their Primary School. These are the little things that make Ken Darvall who he is. Happy birthday, Dr. Ken. - **Hedia Dickson G10**
Primary School Campus
Admissions Open For 2020/2021 Academic Year

Flexible admission screenings and interviews

All admission applications will be online via Open Apply: https://tis.openapply.com

A social readiness screening will be required, as part of the admission process, along with a compulsory interview with parents.

TIS is an IB World School, authorised to offer MYP and DP. The Primary School campus has been approved as a Candidate PYP School.
“TIS, as a family school that provides unique experiences, embodies a spirit of integrity and respect for others which are central to the personal, academic and ethical development of each member.

As a TIS family member,
I promise to uphold and demonstrate its values, and protect the reputation of the school.
I make this pledge in the spirit of honour and trust.”