WEEKLY BULLETIN

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At TIS,

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

COVID-19

- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the washroom. Dry your hands thoroughly or the advantage of washing your hands is lost.
- Practise social distancing at all times.

Thought for the Week

Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.

- Howard Thurman



Commencing 2020/2021

As confirmed in last week's Bulletin, TIS will commence the new academic year in an online learning mode (Model 1).

Please note the following details in terms of this implementation.

- Secondary classes will commence on 24 August.
- Primary School, including Early Years, classes will commence on 31 August.
- Boarding fees will not be charged for secondary students, until this option is available when schools reopen. This fee will not be charged for students remaining online for various reasons.
- Tuition (school) fees will remain the same for the Primary



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

It's called integrity.

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

- Lydia Boahen (G12) and Ethan Pobee (G12) for their reports on our inaugural virtual schools exchange with Newtown South High School (Boston) in last week's edition of the Bulletin.
- Isabel Prempeh and Alberta Addo, G12 Cecilia Hostel Executives, for their Girls' Talk initiative (see last week's Bulletin.)
- Cheryl, Jackie and Adomaa (G11) are participating in a business competition, and they need the TIS family to vote for us.

The name of their project is: SELF-MADE by TIS. The have made it to the final (of 6 competing projects.)

School and Secondary School. Please note that tuition fees have not increased in five years, while adding value to what TIS does best has always been a priority. Nevertheless, there has been a reduction in staffing hours to offset increased costs and overheads during this COVID era.

- For our Newbies, please take note of the relevant online orientation sessions that will commence on 12 August and will continue until 21 August.
- A parent response form will be sent home next week to ascertain likely numbers for students whose parents would like them to return to school, when schools are officially allowed to open. This will be important, especially for secondary classes, where initial restrictions may prevent all students from returning to campus, requiring some students to continue with online learning.
- If there are any wellbeing issues that require a confidential discussion, please contact the relevant staff member. These are difficult times. We would like to assist, if possible.
- If any parents wish to withdraw their son and/or daughter from TIS due to these arrangements, we request you notify us by 21 August.



• A reminder that all outstanding fees from last semester must be cleared for students to continue this academic year. Please refer to the message on MB that was sent to all continuing families during the week.

• 2020BECE: Some Newbies would like to sit the 2020 BECE exams to bring closure. Leave for the week of exams will be approved for students requesting this action. In some ways, being online at the start of the new academic year may ease this issue for those students involved. It will be important that these students complete orientation and commence classes until the September exam period. Assuming students are focused and ready to commence 2020/2021, these students should be able to maximise their learning and revision sessions to satisfy both requirements. For university applications, MYP grades at the end of Grade 10 and DP results at the end of Grade 12 are the relevant requirements.

Admissions 2020/2021

Some vacancies remain for Grade 7 and Primary School Campus classes (K1-G6).

Applications must be made via our online admissions portal, OpenApply: https://tis.openapply.com

Please remember the starting dates at TIS for the new academic year.

2020 Orientation Program

On 12 August, Newbies (students and parents) will have an online session to introduce them to our Learning Management System called ManageBac (MB). We are commencing with this session before the Welcome sessions on Monday, 17 August, as ManageBac is where all links and resources will be located for students and parents. A MB invitation will be sent to new students and parents at the end of Wednesday's session to enable access. This step often proves to be the most difficult for two reasons:

- the 'Welcome to MB' invitation is often located in the Junk/Spam folder which can be overlooked by many; and
- MB is very security conscious so passwords must pass a 'strength' test (green lights) before being
 approved and access allowed. In many cases, everyday passwords will not pass the test, and
 frustration follows. An 'easy' formula to establish a secure password the first time will be provided
 to students and parents on Wednesday.
 - Thursday, 13 August, and Friday, 14 August, is set aside to troubleshoot connection and access issues that Newbies may be experiencing, so Newbies are ready for sessions the following week.

Please check the orientation schedule in this Bulletin and 'lock-in' the required/appropriate sessions.

2020 MYP Results

Congratulations to our MYP Pioneers who received their results at the beginning of the week. A detailed report will be included in next week's Bulletin.

I appreciate your support.

Dr Ken Darvall (Principal)



TIS Return To School



2020/2021 Academic Year

TIS will restart in August using Model 1: Online Learning, until the mid-semester break that commences on 17 October.

An orientation program for TIS Newbies (our new students who will join the TIS family in 2020/2021) will commence on 12 August and continue with different sessions until 21 August.

Secondary classes will commence their online lessons on 24 August while our Early Years and Primary students will start their online lessons on 31 August.

It is anticipated during the semester that the Primary School Campus will use Model 3 as its next step, while the Secondary School Campus will implement Model 2.

Different families have indicated their ongoing concern about COVID-19 within the community and it is expected that some families will continue using Model 1 for the first semester and possibly the second semester as well.

Dr Ken Darvall 31 July 2020

Model 1

From August - 16 October

Online Learning (asynchronous and synchronous sessions)



School is closed. No students at school.

Online learning for all students.

Full curriculum options to satisfy learning program requirements. Normal timetable operates.

Virtual ASAs and major events.

Reduced school fee.

Model 2

TBA

Blended Learning



School is open but restrictions limit the number of students on campus.

Students at home will continue online while students on campus have live and asynchronous lessons.

Day student option may be available.

On-campus and isolation protocols in place.

Virtual and live ASAs and virtual major events.

Restricted exeats.

Quarantine at school location for international students (TBC).



Model 3 $\frac{T}{2}$

TBA

Traditional (Pre-Covid) Learning

School is open and all students are allowed to attend. Split meal times.

Blended lessons.

On-campus and isolation protocols in place.

Virtual and live ASAs and virtual major events.

Virtual excursions.

Quarantine at school location for international students (TBC).

VIRTUAL TIS ORIENTATION TIMELINE & PROGRAM As at 31/7/20

DATE	TIME	SESSION SESSION	GROUP	SCHOOL/ PROGRAMME	GRADE/ DEPT
12/8/20	11.00am	ManageBac (MB)	Newbies	Primary/Secondary	PYP/MYP/DP
13-14/8/20	9.00am	MB Connection	Newbies	Primary/Secondary	1-6/7-11
13-14/8/20	4.00pm	Q&A/Support	All	Primary/Secondary	PYP/MYP/DP
17/8/20	10.00am	Welcome Back	Continuers	Secondary	8-12
17/8/20	12.00pm	Welcome to TIS	Newbies	Primary/Sec	All/ 7-11
17/8/20	2.00pm	Staff information	All	Primary/Sec	K-12
17/8/20	3.00pm	Wellbeing	Newbies	Secondary	7-11
17/8/20	4.00pm	Q&A/Support	All	Primary/Secondary	PYP/MYP/DP
18/8/20	9.00am	Learning	Newbies	PYP	K-6
18/8/20	11.00am	Learning	Newbies	MYP	7-10
18/8/20	2.00pm	Learning	Newbies	DP	11-12
18/8/20	4.00pm	Q&A/Support	All	Primary/Secondary	PYP/MYP/DP
19/8/20	9.00am	DP Subject Selection	All	Secondary	11
19/8/20	11.00am	MYP Subject Selection	All	Secondary	9
19/8/20	2.00pm	University Counselling	Newbies	Secondary	7-11
19/8/20	3.00pm	Student Council	Newbies	Secondary	7-11
19/8/20	4.00pm	Q&A/Support	All	Primary/Secondary	PYP/MYP/DP
20/8/20	9.00am	Projects	Newbies	Secondary	7-9
20/8/20	9.00am	CAS	Newbies	Secondary	11
20/8/20	11.00am	Extended Essay	Newbies	Secondary	11
20/8/20	2.00pm	TOK	Newbies	Secondary	11
20/8/20	4.00pm	Q&A/Support	All	Primary/Secondary	PYP/MYP/DP
21/8/20	9.00am	Extracurricula	Newbies	Secondary	7-11
21/8/20	10.00am	Online Learning	All	Prim/Sec	All
21/8/20	11.00am	Technology	Newbies	Primary/Sec	All/ 7-11
21/8/20	2.00pm	Learning Centre	Newbies	Secondary	7-11
21/8/20	3.00pm	Learning Support	Newbies	Secondary	7-11
21/8/20	4.00pm	Q&A/Support	All	Primary/Secondary	PYP/MYP/DP

Note: Any changes will be communicated to parents

Tema International School



TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



Primary School Campus
Admissions Open For 2020/2021 Academic Year

To enrol scan this



Flexible admission screenings and interviews



Preschool

Kinder 1 (3-4 years) Kinder 2 (4-5 years) Kinder 3 (5-6 years)

Entry Points in 2020

Junior Primary

Grade 1 (5.5 - 7years) Grade 2 (6.5 - 8 years) Grade 3 (7.5 – 9 years) Senior Primary

Grade 4 (8.5 -10 years) Grade 5 (9.5 years-11 years) Grade 6 (10.5 - 12 years)

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.

CAS-SA Corner

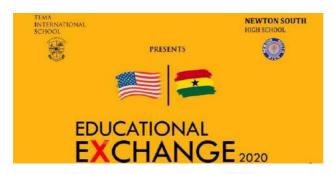
Self-Made by TIS is among the final 6 schools. A big thank-you to YOU for your vote and support.

Save the date: 18 August 2020 for the Grand Finale, LIVE on Facebook and YouTube.

For more details, don't miss the CAS-SA Corner – in the weekly TIS Bulletin.



#CAS Experience – TIS & NSHS EXCHANGE

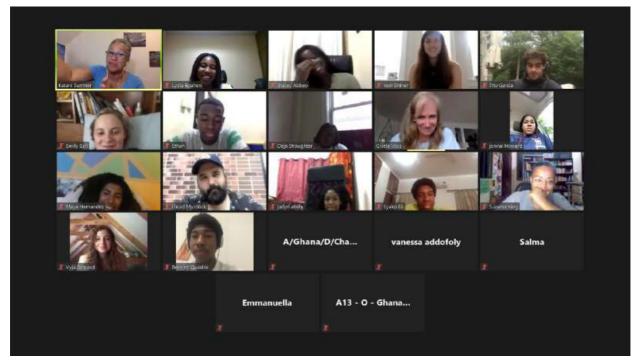


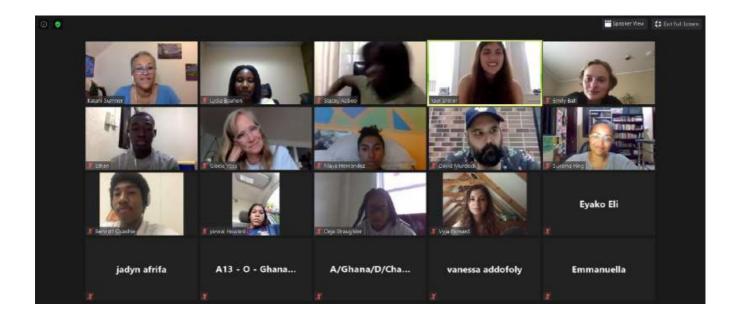


On 23 July 2020, TIS along with NSHS dropped a full stop on our 4-month-long **Online Virtual Exchange Program.**Throughout the program, we had numerous sessions discussing literally about all varieties of things - from quarantine life to racism in America, from cultural contrast to forming relationships, from time travel to politics. I really got to learn a lot of things from peers living on the other side of our globe.

We also had lots of fun activities, through which I became good friends with my partner, Deja. Together: we watched a movie (on Zoom, of course); we tried a couple of TiktTok dances, although it didn't turn out quite as we expected because neither of us were talented

dancers; and we talked privately about a lot more things that we didn't get to in the sessions. Fortunately, I even got a chance to facilitate one of the sessions with my grade mate, Lydia, which was definitely an experience for me. Looking back at myself not knowing what to expect before attending my first session in April, I really ended up gaining far more than I thought I would by coming along this wonderful journey. Therefore, I sincerely hope for us to remain connected as this program is undoubtedly valuable, beneficial and meaningful. Optimistically, our physical exchange will happen one day soon.





As I've talked holistically about the program, I want to also slightly touch on our last session, in particular. We had a very special guest, Aunty Gisela Voss, who is also a member of Unite to Light USA Organization. She gave a passionate speech on her story and how Luke's Light came about, leading her into turning pain and struggles into her inspiration to pass on Luke's remarkable legacy. I got to know how much we, as normal students, can also contribute and make extraordinary impact, and how significant our simple actions mean to those living in substandard conditions. Luke was a young man like us who dreamed Big and aimed to do bigger... his short well-lived life inspired me, as there is a lot we take for granted. Luke was an Alumnus of NSHS. Aunty Gisela also mentioned how relationships are subtle, but wonderful things to have, I really liked her expression on this: "Relationships are just like spaghetti. When you pick up one end of it, you can't find the other. But the middle part where they are all tangled up is the most delicious."

As Mama Su also said in the meeting, we never know what will happen to us in the next moment. Sometimes we can encounter horrible things and they can easily strike us down. But, instead of being trapped in negative emotions and letting ourselves sink into it, we should rather try to bravely and positively confront our challenges and finally overcome them. "Turning misery into miracle, turning lemons into lemonades."

A huge thank you to Auntie Katani, Uncle David M, Mama Su, all the NSHS participants, especially my partner, Deja, and of course my buddies and classmates. Last ,but not the least, the very special guests we had, our own Alumnus, Nana-Tuyee Yaboah, a member of the TIS Pioneer Class (IB Class of 2007), Mr Eddy Tokornoo and Auntie Gisela. We did have an amazing experience. Now, we are a family, **the TIS & NSHS family.**

Bennett Quashie - G12

#CAS Project - @HeartAttack Awareness



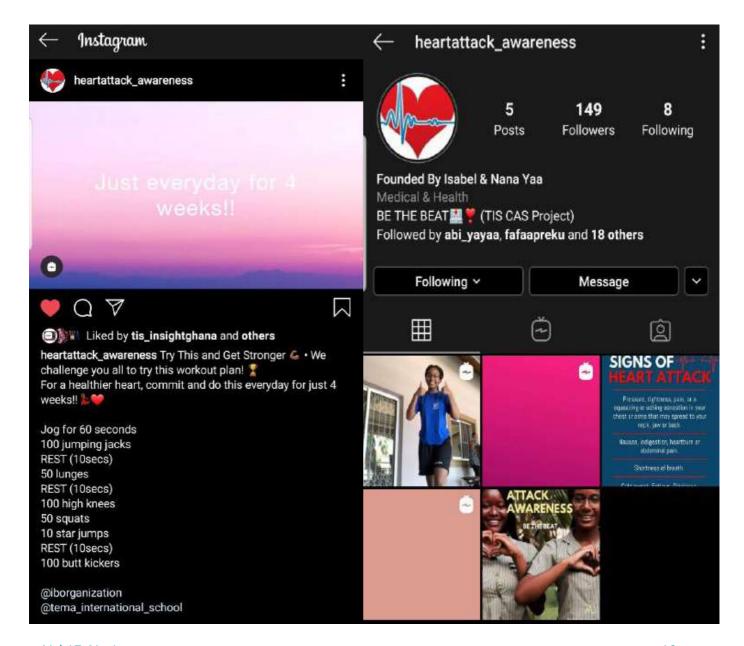
Initiated by Isabel & Nana Yaa - We challenge you all to try this workout plan!

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https://www.instagram.com/p/CDhJ 0rJRQ1/

Try This and Get Stronger **6**

For a healthier heart, commit and do this every day for just 4 weeks!!



YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT - 2020



6-8 August, 2020

Is going VIRTUAL with amazing speakers and a #Challenge. Our students are participating!!! All the best to all students who registered. Make the best of this opportunity and don't forget to share your experience on our weekly Bulletin, 14 August edition. Once again, TIS is representing Ghana, the only school participating. Great to see our young ones embracing opportunities and taking action.

"EarthEcho International's 5th Annual Youth Leadership Summit will unite hundreds of young people, aged 13-25, from around the world, for three days of learning, networking, and collaboration to build strategies to protect 30% of the ocean by 2030. Leveraging EarthEcho's global network of scientists, policy leaders, influencers, and youth change-makers, this free event will cultivate a community of young people to launch #OceanEcho30x30, amplifying the impact of collective youth-led action to restore and protect our water planet.

We kick-off the Summit celebrating the finalist teams for the OurEcho Challenge, a STEM innovation competition empowering middle school students to tackle biodiversity challenges in their communities.



Workshops and sessions will be hosted on Zoom during the Eastern Time Zone, and will occur at various times between 9 AM - 7 PM ET. Check out the Event Program for the full schedule and contact Youth Leadership Summit coordinators at summit@earthecho.org with any questions."

"The future sustainability of life on earth and the health of our planet is inextricably linked to the health of our ocean. 30x30 is a global call to action to meaningfully protect 30% of the ocean by 2030 to preserve what remains of ocean biodiversity and restore the ocean to

abundance. Through this session with Karen Sack, Masha Kalinina, and Paul Rose, you'll learn about the importance of 30x30, key regions of the ocean that need protection, and how to lend your voice to this global effort."

@Documentar_ is ongoing. Those attending the summit can also be part of this great movement.



"Cathryn Berger Kaye & Shei Ascencio will be leading a session during this year's Youth Leadership Summit about <u>@documentar</u> (<-- check out that page!)

Altogether we will capture our opinions, perspectives, ideas, and visions for achieving ocean health – 30X30. What's on your heart? What's on your mind? Gather pens, markers, paper, your phone and you are ready for a creative memorable Summit moment."

#OceanEcho30x30 #EarthEcho #YouthLeadership #YouthEngagement #YouthLeaders

We look forward to the actions you will take after such experience. Our beaches in Ghana are not in a good state as at now, as the pollution is real and is increasing by the day. Green UP Club members are aware and they look forward to collaborating with students in Ghana through meaningful projects to create awareness and also change the mindset of those living in the coast of Ghana. **The ocean is not our trash can.** So happy to see *Joseph Agyemang*, *Isabel*, *Marie-Marcella*, *Cynthia and Joshua* among those taking part. YOU are the change you want to see!

All participants, kindly submit your reflections on MB not later than Tuesday, 11 August. Add some screens shots and any picture relevant to your experience. Enjoy!



Everyday experts who seek perfection and to avoid failure

Focus on reproducing what they know

Believes their strengths are innate gifts that can't be developed and focus on perfecting their abilities.



Everyday learners who seek growth and development

Focus on improving how they do what they do

Believes their strengths can be developed with effort, reaching **higher levels of achievement** and ability.



MINDSET

Everyday leaders who seek to 'be well' and 'do good'

Focus purposefully on why they do what they do

Believes in developing their strengths and **meaningfully contributes** to a future of greater possibility.

The World's Largest Virtual IB Student Choir!

An open letter from Dr Siva Kumari, Director General IB, to the coordinator of the project, Mr Harold Molina, and all IB students who participated in the IB Virtual Choir/CAS Project. This project was the first of its kind with over 400 participants from 57 countries all around the world. Well done to our Risk-Takers who stepped out of their comfort zones to be part of something awesome. We are the world!



Mr Harold Molina Venegas DP Coordinator Yorkín School Lomas de Ayarco Sur, segunda entrada, 800 Sur, 200 oeste, Curridabat, San José Costa Rica

17 July 2020

Dear Mr Molina and IB students,

Please accept my sincere congratulations on forming the World's Largest Virtual IB Student Choir! Your video performance of the song "We Are The World" was truly inspiring and heart-warming in these exceptional times.

You should all be extremely proud, as am I, of your fantastic achievement in getting nearly 400 IB students, from 57 countries around the world, together to take part in this event – it must have taken a lot of hard work and careful planning over a long period of time.

A project such as this – working together, bringing a message of support and hope to people throughout the world, showing care and compassion for others - embodies the mission of the IB. Well done!

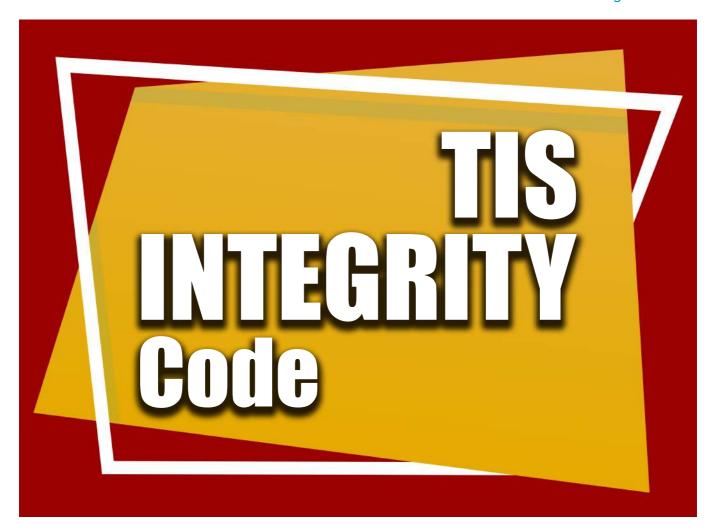
My very best wishes to you all for the future.

Dr. Siva Kumari Director General

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"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."







IB learner profile

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

As IB learners we strive to be:

INQUIRERS

We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.

KNOWLEDGEABLE

We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

THINKERS

We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

COMMUNICATORS

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

PRINCIPLED

We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

OPEN-MINDED

We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.

CARING

We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

RISK-TAKERS

We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

BALANCED

We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives—intellectual, physical, and emotional—to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.

REFLECTIVE

We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

The IB learner profile represents 10 attributes valued by IB World Schools. We believe these attributes, and others like them, can help individuals and groups become responsible members of local, national and global communities.

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2020 - 2021 School Calendar (Virtual \$1)

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School Closed/ Holidays

Teacher in-Service Day (no school for students)

Main Campus Event

First and Last Day of School (Main Campus)

Primary Campus Event

First and Last Day of School (Primary Campus)

SAT Test ACT Test

Farmers' Day Labour Day

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Public Holidays		4/10/00							
21/9/20	Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Day	4/12/20	F						
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3/8/20	Senior executive staff resume	1							
10/8/20	Teachers resume								
12/8/20	Newbies' orientation commences online								
21/8/20	Newbies' orientation ends online								
24/8/20	Secondary School classes commence								
29/8/20	SAT (TBA)								
12/9/20	ACT (TBA)								
18/9/20	MYP/DP Parent Information Session								
26/9/20	SAT [TBA] (TIS Students)	4)							
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15/10/202020	MYP Enquiries Upon Results Close								
16/10/20	3-Way Interviews								
17/10/20	PSAT [TBA]								
19-23/10/20	Mid-semester break								
30/10/20	G9/G11 Subject Selections close								
6-7/11/20	Annual Performance								
7/11/20	SAT [TBA] (Subject test)								
1/12/20	Admissions open for 2021/2022								
5/12/20	SAT [TBA]								
11/12/20	3-Way Interviews; Last day for first semester								
12/12/20 S2	ACT [TBA]								
7/1/21	Teachers resume								
10/1/21	Students return to hostels								
11/1/21	Second semester commences								
11-17/1/21	Alumni Week								
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27-29/1/21	IDU Days								
31/1/21	Thanksgiving Service and Student Leadership Induc	ction Ceremony							
6/2/20	Pre-ACT TIS Issuing Taggie Championships								
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27/2/21	TISSA Athletics; TISSA Badminton								
6/3/21	TIS Basketball Championships								
8/3/21	MYP Community and Personal Projects Exhibition								
9 - 19/3/21	DP Mock Exams								
12/3/21	Interschool Soccer; TIS Squash Championships								
13/3/21	SAT; Interschool Basketball; Interschool Tennis								
14/3/21	Pi Day								
20/3/20 25/3/21	TISSA Tennis Championships; TISSA Basketball Hostels General Inspection								
26/3/21	3-Way Interviews								
29/3-9/4/21	Mid-semester break								
11/4/21	Students return to hostels								
12/4/21	Classes resume								
17/4/21	ACT								
8/5/21	SAT								
10 - 21/5/21	MYP eAssessments								
29/4 - 21/5/20	DP Final Exams								
2/6/21	Hostels Cleaning								
5/6/21 11/6/21	Achievers' Day and Graduation Last day for teachers								
11/0/21	Lust day for teachers								

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10/8/20	Teachers resume	7/1/21	Teachers resume		
31/8/20	First semester commences	11/1/21	Second semester commences		
3/9/20	Meet the Teacher Info Session	29/1/21	Sports festival		
23/9/20	International Day of Sign Languages				
1/10/20	Healthy Day	19/2/21	End of UOI #4 Celebrations		
1/10/20	End of UOI #1 Celebrations	26/3/21	End of UOI #5 Celebrations		
19-23/10/20	Mid-semester break	29/3-9/4/21	Mid-semester break		
26/10/20	Classes resume	12/4/21	Classes resume		
13/11/20	End of UOI #2 Celebrations	30/4/21	Spelling Bee		
1/12/20	Admissions open for 2021/2022				
11/12/20	End of UOI #3 Celebrations	28/5/21	End of UOI #6 Celebrations		
11/12/20	Last day for first semester	9/6/21	Annual Presentation;		
			Last day for second semester		



