TIS RECORD

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we believe that the academics, as one of the four pillars for student balance and ensuing success, provide a theoretical lens for inquiry, critical thinking and conceptual understanding, as well as the opportunity to demonstrate our knowledge and understanding across many areas of learning.

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COVID-19

• Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly.

- Practise social distancing at all times.
- Wear a mask when 'out'

Thought for the Week

It is vital now more than ever that you focus on accomplishment, not activity. - Dr Tommy Weir



It's Game On!

Orientation for Newbies ended today with lessons for the Secondary School commencing on Monday, 24 August, while Primary School classes commence a week later on Monday, 31 August. Although desperately missing students while schools remain closed, I am excited by our online learning approach as it promotes self-agency, responsibility and, most importantly, inquiry-learning. I am looking forward to witnessing the contributions of our Newbies, the standards set by our Class of 2021 and the impact of our MYP graduates, the Class of 2022, as they commence DP in G11. 2020 will also be a big year for the Primary School with our PYP Authorisation being our top priority.

COVID: A Nuisance, Not An Excuse

COVID-19 has been a nuisance due to its disruptive and



Tema International School

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

- The mother and daughter team of Helen and Effie Aggrey-Fynn (G11) who completed the special Newbies test last Friday. Congratulations. Special mention to Kelvin Kasami (G8) who was the runner up and 4 minutes behind Effie.
- Cheryl Kumah, Christine Agyare and Jacqueline Buba (G12) on their exciting and impressive performance to win the inaugural JA Ghana's Company of the Year Online Competition.
- Student Council members who were involved in their presentation for Newbies this week. Great messages and a nice touch by wearing their uniforms.

Weekly Bulletin

devastating impact on society, everywhere. COVID is a perfect one-word excuse for almost any situation, if you demonstrate a fixed mindset. It is also a time of great opportunity to change the way we do things and improve what we do. Those with a growth mindset will be the most successful during these and future times.

Admissions

There are limited vacancies in:

• Secondary School: Grade 8 (2 boys) and Grade 7 (5 boys and 3 girls).

• Primary School: Grade 6 (1 boy); Grade 5 (2 boys, 2 girls); Grade 4 (1 boys, 2 girls); Grade 3 (1 boy, 3 girls); Grade 2 (3 boys, 4 girls); Grade 1 (4 boys, 1 girl); Kinder 3 (7 boys, 3 girls); Kinder 2 (7 boys, 8 girls); and Kinder 1 (6 boys, 6 girls).

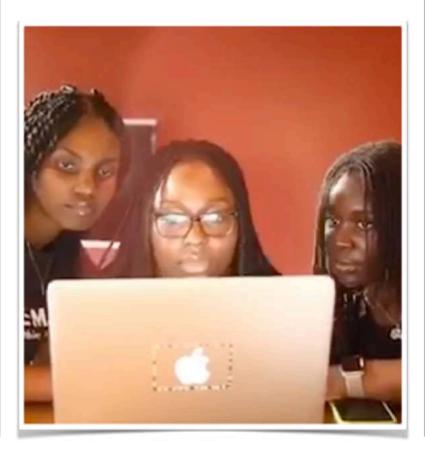
Visit our admissions portal at: https://tis.openapply.com

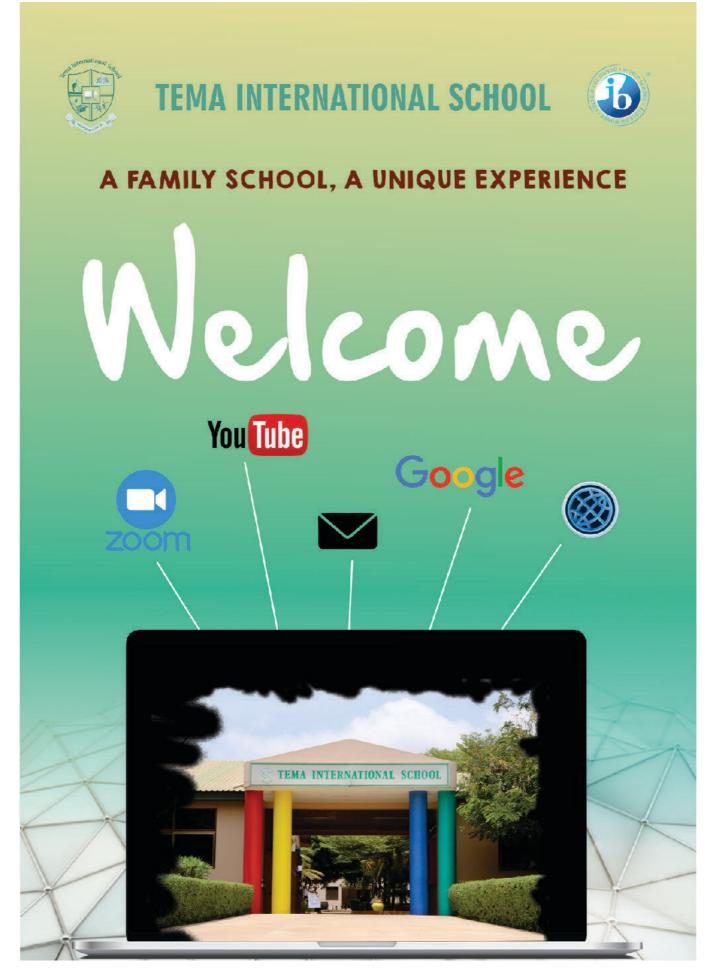
TIS: a unique experience!

I appreciate your support.

Stay healthy.

Dr Ken Darvall (Principal)





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2020 Champions





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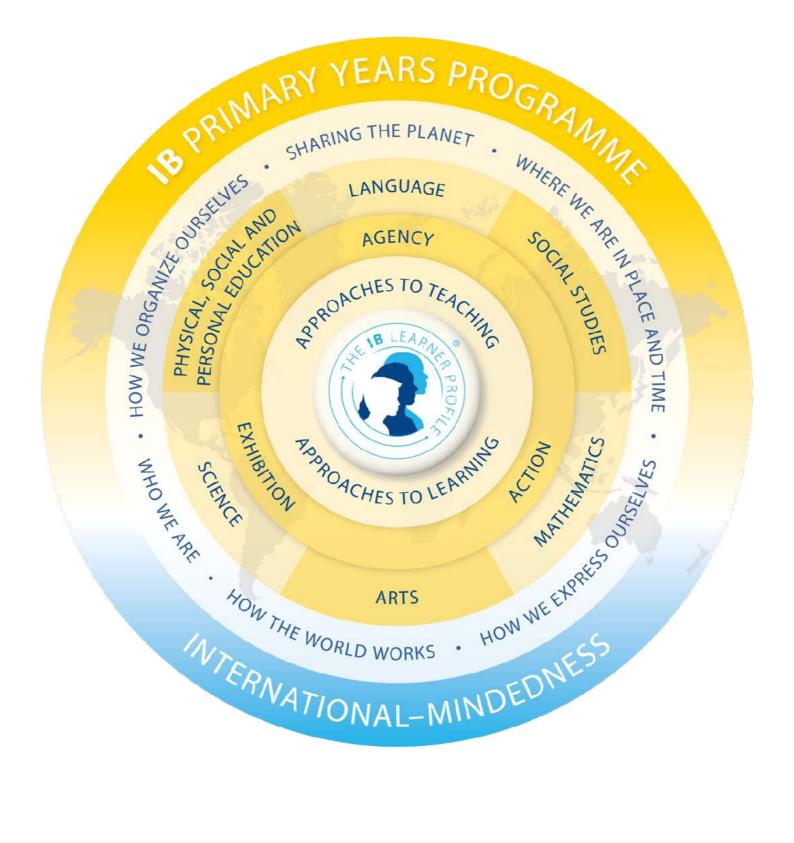
WELCOME TO THE LEADERSHIP INCUBATOR



At TIS, we believe the four pillars for student balance and ensuing success - Academics, Service, Sport and Culture - provide a theoretical lens for inquiry, critical thinking, conceptual understanding in a real-world context, through action. Across all four pillars, TIS prides itself on the opportunities and experiences that enable all graduates to develop and enhance leadership attributes and skills to make a difference and the world a better place. As leaders, we create our footprints to ensure authenticity.



EDUCATION FOR A BETTER WORLD



Teacher Preparation at the PYP Campus

Academic Year 2020-2021

The well-deserved summer break is moving slowly to a halt and TIS Primary School teachers are already gearing up to hit the busy road of 'inquiry' once again! As part of their preparations, teachers are fully immersed in thrilling workshop sessions on '**Evidencing Learning in the PYP**' and '**Differentiated Instruction**' led by their very own amazing PYP Coordinator, Mr. Jacob Lumumba. With the implementation of social distancing rules and other Covid-19 protocols observed, teachers are thoroughly enjoying every bit of the experience as they collaborate, brainstorm ideas and evidence their new understandings through games and presentations. These fun-filled sessions aim at equipping teachers with best practices that cater to the needs and abilities of the 21st century learner which includes our newbies and continuing students who will join us on the 31 August.

Since Covi-19 still lurks around and our students continue to stay at home, TIS Primary School learners will proceed with Online Learning sessions for the first half of the semester as Model 1 requires. Teachers are, therefore, revamping their digital skills to deliver engaging **Synchronous** and **Asynchronous** sessions to students. As complex as these terms may sound, having **Synchronous** sessions simply implies that learners will continue to enjoy **live** instructional sessions with their teachers on **Zoom**, while with **Asynchronous**, learners will be provided with pre-recorded instructional videos. We are happy to say that, recordings of both sessions will be made available on **ManageBac**, to ensure that all learners are covered and are moving along steadily and smoothly in the learning journey.

We eagerly anticipate the return of our continuing students and look forward to seeing our enthusiastic newbies who cannot wait to join the TIS learning community, as this year promises to be a thrilling adventure!

The following are pictures of the ongoing Professional Development at the TIS PYP School.



Teachers demonstrating their learning through presentations



Collaborating in groups demonstrating differentiated instructions







The teachers in the workshop practicing social distancing as they take the training





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



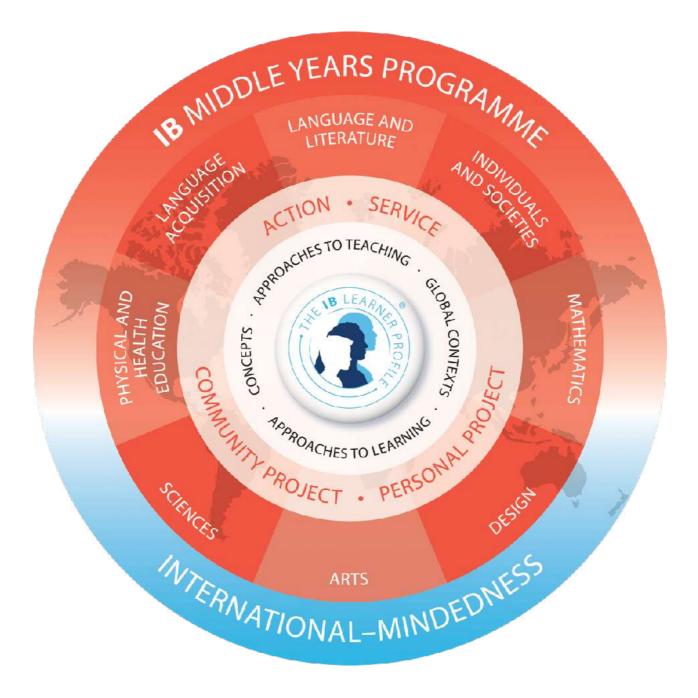
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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Congratulations once again to our MYP Grade 10 pioneers who completed the first-ever wholeschool round of MYP final assessments. Although the closing of schools and cancellation of all IB examinations prevented us from putting into action much of what we had prepared ourselves for, the past Grade 10, as true learners in the IB continuum, return to school to begin the continuum into DP.





Virtual school will be returning with some enhancements to make teaching and learning a beneficial experience for all. May I congratulate our newbies on completing all the virtual orientation sessions and demonstrating the IB Learner Profile attributes of being open-minded and being communicators.

This is the start to an academic year like no other before it. Moving through the MYP for the coming weeks of virtual school will require a team effort between all students and their teachers. Get to know the office hours of your teachers and stay in contact with them while you get used to asynchronous learning.



Grade 8 and Grade 10 students will continue with their projects and will be guided by their supervisors to ensure all work is completed on time. Subject selection for Grade 9 students who are starting the semester with us has taken place. All new gGade 9 students must ensure that they make time with their teachers to go over the development of inquiry questions, the command terms and the assessment criteria for their subjects in the MYP.

Let 'inquirer', 'reflection' and 'communication' be key words and actions this semester. Learning will get even better if we adopt these IB learner profile attributes and ATL skills.

All the best for a wonderful semester ahead.

Yvonne Tagoe (Misty) MYP Coordinator

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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

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 $\xrightarrow{\text{TBA}}$

Model 1

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

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).

ONLINE LEARNING PROTOCOLS

As a TIS student, I will:

Achievement

- Be online and on time for my virtual learning sessions.
- Submit all learning tasks.
- Check email and ManageBac everyday.
- Communicate with my teacher/s regularly via email.
- Advise my subject teacher if I am finding the work challenging or I am requiring further support.
- Have my laptop or computer fully charged and ready, my microphone working and webcam enabled.
- Engage fully in online work without any background distractions. Log out of all social media so I am not distracted during the lesson.
- Have pens and paper ready if required.
- Utilise break times with a healthy and mindful focus.
- Observe all assessment notifications.

Respect

- Only turn my microphone on when I am asked to speak or when responding to questions.
- Make sure that I am dressed appropriately for learning (something I would wear for an out of uniform day)
- Keep my online chat focused on the learning. Ensure chat is respectful of all participants.
- Keep my mobile phone off and away from me whilst I am learning online.

Commitment

- Complete all online and offline learning tasks.
- If I have technical issues, refer to MB to access each aspect of missed lessons.
- Single-task focus during online lessons. Don't be chatting, gaming or checking social media while trying to do your schoolwork.

Community

- Contribute to online discussions.
- Offer support and assistance to my peers.
- Identify myself online with my first and last name. No alias or pseudonyms are allowed.
- Join in and contribute to forum style activities as participation in these activities/reflections will inform attendance.
- Be patient but also alert the teacher to ways things may be improved.
- There is to be no filming, recording or sharing content (I must not take screenshots or record staff members presenting information to me.)
- I will inform all members of my household that I will be joining a video conference and that they can be seen (if your camera is on) and heard (if your mic is on).

Online learning is different. It is not easy. But it should suit many of our 21c learners. However, evidence is required to validate your learning. Please contact your class teacher, programme coordinator, or myself, if you are experiencing any difficulties.

Dr Ken Darvall

15/8/20

Tema International School

2020 - 2021 School Calendar (Virtual S1)

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Main Campus Event





First and Last Day of School (Primary Campus)

First and Last Day of School (Main Campus)

Teacher in-Service Day (no school for students)



SAT Test

Primary Campus Event



ACT Test

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Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Day	4/12/20	Farmers' Day
Independence Day	3/5/21	Labour Day
Eid Al Fitr (TBC)		-

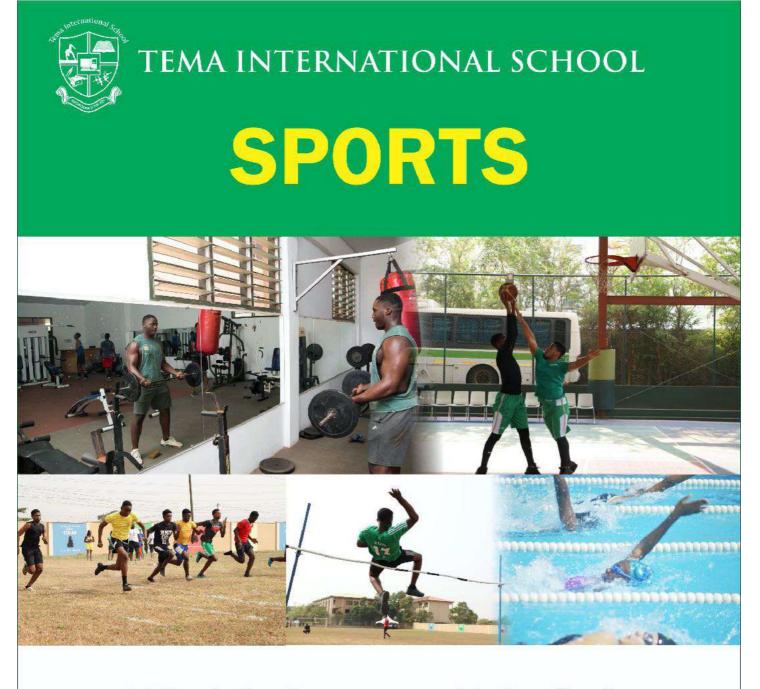
S1 Internal Dates: Main Campus

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1/8/20	2020 MYP Results Released; 2020 MYP Enquiries Upon Results Open
3/8/20	Senior executive staff resume
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)
3/10/20	TIS Founders' Day; SAT [TBA] (not for TIS sttudents)
9/10/20	Maths/Science Intercolour Quiz
10/10/20	ACT [TBA]
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	ACT [TBA]
<i>S2</i>	
7/1/21	Teachers resume
10/1/21	Students return to hostels
11/1/21	Second semester commences
11-17/1/21	Alumni Week
23/1/21	Health Walk
27-29/1/21	IDU Days
31/1/21	Thanksgiving Service and Student Leadership Induction Ceremony
6/2/20	Pre-ACT
11/2/21	TIS Junior Tennis Championships
12/2/21	TIS Badminton Championships
13/2/21	Interschool Soccer
19/2/21	TIS Senior Tennis Championships
22/2/21	MYP Mock eAssessments
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	TISSA Tennis Championships; TISSA Basketball
25/3/21	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	Achievers' Day and Graduation
11/6/21	Last day for teachers

Primary School Campus						
<i>S1</i>		<i>S2</i>				
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			



21 August 2020



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



EDUCATION FOR A BETTER WORLD

CAS-SA Corner

"Experience is not what happens to you. It's what you do with what happens to you". Aldous Huxley



A warm WELCOME to our Newbies, students and parents, who joined this week's virtual Orientation.

WELCOME BACK to our continuing students and parents who will be joining us on Monday as we resume school, as a virtual

school for now.

Here we are at the beginning of a new academic year, feeling hopeful and grateful for the opportunities life present us.

We must do things differently for now. However, we will not compromise on standards as our approach to experiential learning remains significant, authentic, challenging, transformative and enjoyable.

TIS offers many opportunities to its students to develop life skills with our After School **Program**. Kindly refer to the **Virtual After School Activities Timetable for Semester 1**. Students can take advantage of such opportunities as they challenge themselves to achieve the DoEIA (Duke of Edinburg's International Award) *Bronze, Silver or Gold* levels. Not to mention the endless CAS and Service as Action experiences and projects students can initiate.

Parents, kindly discuss with your wards their involvement in After School Activities' (ASA), Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (DoEIA), CAS, Service as Action, and Community Projects. Take in consideration their interests, career choices and needs for a balanced life. Challenge them to do more, do better and grow.

If you need more clarification about the various opportunities at TIS, do not hesitate to contact the **CAS-SA team**. See our details below.



We are looking forward to engaging each student in to a wonder world of possibilities.

See you online.



Interests Cooking, theatre, reading and music.

Welcome Message

Come, discover your talents, explore your imagination and develop yourself at Tema International School.

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dream. – Eleanor Roosevelt





Interests Student support, gardening, adventure, architecture, cooking, arts & crafts

Welcome Message By all means possible learn by doing. You are about to experience the best train ride in your school life; welcome onboard, welcome to TIS.

Talk does not cook rice. – Chinese Proverb

David Difie CAS-SA Advisor & DoEIA Coordinator david.difie@tis.edu.gh



Interests

Music, dancing, stage performance, painting, drawing, camping, photography, videography, badminton, basketball and designing.

Welcome Message

Welcome to the TIS family, enjoy your stay. Explore, stay productive, Develop your skills and move with the flow of the universe, not the limitations of people.

The person who makes a success of living is the one who sees his goal steadily and aims for it unswervingly. That is dedication. - Cecil B. DeMille

Mrs Surama King CAS/Co-Curricular & Events Coordinator surama.king@tis.edu.gh / +233-244 615255 - WhatsApp



Interests

Experiential & Service Learning. Lover of art, gardening, cooking, travelling and writing.

Welcome Message

TIS is a world of possibilities. Allow yourself to be challenged throughout your journey here. Bring along some passion, compassion and a positive attitude. Take a day at a time, ask for help and be ready for an unforgettable experience.

"Purpose is an incredible alarm clock."





DAY 4:30 - 5:30PM	ΑCTIVITY	INSTRUCTOR/PATRON	Synchronous & Asynchronous Zoom/MB/FB Groups	VACANCY /GRADE
MONDAY	Make-up Classes	Ms. Abigail	Zoom	10 – All grades
	PYP Peer Tutoring Club	Jadyn, Nana Yaa and Bennett - Leaders - G12 - Dr Ken (Patron)	Zoom & MB Group	All grades
	Debater' Society	Louis Welagaamo	Zoom & MB Group	G 9 – G12
	Art & Craft	Mama Su & Grace	MB Group	12 – All grades
	Drama Club	Ebenezer & Crew	Zoom & MB Group	30 - All grades
TUESDAY	Writers' Workshop - Support	Dr Ken Darvall To assist students to proof and improve their writing	MB & Email	10 – All grades
	MUN	Ben Darko	Zoom & MB Group	All Grades
	Cosmetology	Ms Abigail	Zoom & MB Group	10 – All grades
	TIS Choir	Nana Yaw Ankama-Asamoah	Zoom & MB Group	All grades
	Innovation & Entrepreneurship – Walking Shoes Foundation – Elmonds Project	Mr. Sampong & Ms Abigail	Zoom & MB Group	10 - G9 - G12
	Drama Club	Ebenezer and Crew	Zoom & MB Group	30 - All grades
WEDNESDAY	Reading Club	Auniy Setor	Zoom & MB Group	All grades
	MYP & DP Peer Tutoring Club	Charity, Ato and Salma - Leaders (G12) Dr Ken (Patron)	Zoom & MB Group	All grades
	TIS Annesty Club	Ebenezer Asime	Zoom & MB Group	18-G8-12
	Dance Club	David Difie	Zoom & MB Group	15-67-11
	Mandarin Club	Bennett G12	Zoom & MB Group	All grades
	Drama Club	Ebenezer and Crew	Zoom & MB Group	30 - All grades
THURSDAY	STEM	Castrol Dumenya, Mrs Agbeli, Mr Fudzagbo, Mr Attah	Zoom & MB Group	
	Writers* Workshop Creation	Dr Ken Darvall - Encourage and promote budding authors	MB & Email	10 – All grades
	Language Club - French & Spanish	Amanda Tay, Gilda Afegbedzi	Zoom & MB Group	All grades
	Interact Club of TIS – Meeting 2 x Month	Grace Kabukie & Gilda	Zoom & MB Group	40 - All grades
	TIS Choir	Nana Yaw Ankama-Asamoah	Zoom & MB Group	All grades
	Cookery	Sophia Naa Morkor Dumakor	Zoom & MB Group	12 – All grades
	Drama Club	Ebenezer and Crew	Zoom & MB Group	30 - All grades
-	MYP & DP Peer Tutoring Club	Charity, Ato and Sahna - Leaders (G12) Dr Ken (Patron)	Zoom & MB Group	All grades
	TIS Beat Makers Club	Nana Yaw Ankama-Asamoah	Zoom	All grades
	Insight TV	David Difie	Zoom & MB Group	5 Vacancies - G 9 -12
	Board Games, Chess, Scrabble	Sylvester Wellington – (Patron) Chibuikem Mbanefo – G12 – Leader	https://www.chess.com/ https://www.scrabblegames.info/ Zoom & MB Group	All grades
	GardenHolics Club	Mama Su	MB Group	15 - All grades
	Needle Work	Annalisa Boahen (G10) - Leader	Zeom	15-G7-9
	Drama Club	Ebenezer and Crew	Zoom & MB Group	30 - All grades

Virtual - ASA - After School Activities - Semester I

After School Activities – ASA

Tema International School is now using SchoolsBuddy (SB) for ASA (extracurricular activities), events, excursions, 3-way interviews and general communication. Parents, students and teachers should have received an invitation to register last week. During next week, students will be able to sign up for virtual ASAs. Watch out for a MB and SB announcement about details. Please contact Dr Ken Darvall (Principal) or Dennis Akortah if you need any assistance.

Service Projects – This is an opportunity for Service as Action and CAS Students to develop their Service projects within the community.

Discuss the project logistics with your coordinator or supervisor. Safety is our priority and more so in these times of COVID-19. If you are going into the community, it is mandatory to observe all the protocols, such as wearing of masks and social distancing.

Check the CAS Folder on MB for the NGOs worldwide with whom we can collaborate for the purpose of CAS projects. Also, students can suggest NGOs they may like to collaborate with.

CAS projects: G11 & G12 Students must submit their project proposal form to the CAS Coordinator, Mrs. King, for approval by latest 30 September.

Red Cross Club: Meetings are once a month for all those who are certified by Red Cross Ghana Society. Sign up for the 4-day online workshop. Date and time TBC.

Patrons: Mr Hayford Gyasi, Messier John Mensah and Abigail.

School Event organisers: Even though we are going virtual for the time being, we will still record and broadcast live main events. Organisers are needed.

Performances: By audition – Check the Bulletin and ManageBac for information.

Workshops: There will be many workshop opportunities during the semester. The information will be shared in the weekly TIS Bulletin - CAS-SA Corner ,and ManageBac. You will learn valuable skills in these workshops. Don't miss out.

DoEIA - Dukies – Kindly follow up the Dukies Group on ManageBac for updates. To register for Bronze, Silver or Gold Award Level email – <u>abigail.ahiadorme@tis.edu.gh</u> and copy Mr David D – <u>david.difie@tis.edu.gh</u>

*Students are expected to attend the online sessions for ASA from 4:30pm to 5:30pm – Any time Patrons invite for a meeting. All students are expected to participate in Co-Curricular activities during this period.

*ASA Patrons and Instructors will register attendance for each activity on SchoolsBuddy. Commitment and balance are essential.

*Check the assignments given by your patrons on MB.

MB - ManageBac





READY FOR NOW. READY FOR THE FUTURE.

With the support of adult mentors, young people can use the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award framework to foster the 'soft', 'core' or 'universal' skills and characteristics they need to navigate change and build positive habits. With the Award framework and supportive mentors, young people can act now to ensure they are ready for life, ready for work and ready to make their mark on society, both now and in the future.

Ready for now

The Award encourages young people to:

- Stay mentally and physically healthy
- Connect (safely) with others
- Give back to their communities
- Embrace structure and purpose
- Readjust to formal education.

Ready for the future

The Award encourages young people to:

- Essential life skills
- Employability
- Goal setting and planning
- Increased community engagement
- The ability to thrive in a changing world.

In addition, the Award directly contributes to a number of the UN's Sustainable Development goals including:







THIS WEEK ON THE DOEIA CORNER

- Hannibal Richter-Addo – IB Class of 2019

A Gold Award Dukie, **Hannibal Richter-Addo (IB Class of 2019)** shared with us how ready he is for change, a new normal and our new world with the help of the Duke of Edinburgh International Award scheme.

"This period has been some of the most difficult times, with the COVID pandemic changing a lot about things and work around the world. Face masks and sanitizers have become fundamental to our daily lives and being caught without them could lead to many repercussions. It has caused a lot of trouble for many people but few have managed to pull through unscathed. With the help of the Duke of Edinburgh award program, I've gained the necessary skills to adjust to the changing environment. Especially with what I love to do the most, photography. The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Scheme has really helped me to be balanced. I am able to do my online studies and still find time to do what I love to do. I am indeed ready for a new normal."

BE PART OF THE GLOBAL AWARD ALUMNI NETWORK

I recommend all Duke of Edinburgh International Awardees to join the Global Award Alumni Network. Network locally and globally and stay connected with people and ideas that empower young people to be #WORLDREADY

Here is the link to sign up:

https://alumni.intaward.org/alumni/signup

"We all know that our experience of the Award has given us powerful memories (mostly good ones!) and created strong friendships forged through our common endeavours. It may also have shaped our future, influenced our careers and the choices we have made. Although we have all been helped by the Award to develop our own individuality and character, we all share a unique bond; a bond which crosses boundaries and generations. That, it seems to me, is what makes the case for our alumni association; it's not only about the past or the present, but also the future. Welcome to the Global Award Alumni Network – life beyond the Award and a whole new opportunity."

HRH The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex KG GCVO Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation



The TIS team just finished a beautiful presentation at the final stage of the JA Ghana's firstever Company of the Year (COY) Online Competition.

Jacqueline Buba, Cheryl Kumah and Christine Agyare (G12) made TIS proud! They are bringing home the following awards:

- Databank Excellence in Teamwork Award \$200 Cash Prize
- Peter Gbedemah Social Impact Award \$200 Cash Prize
- 1st Prize e-certificate \$1000 Cash Prize

We are very proud of our young ladies!

If you missed the grand finale, click on the link below and to witness the great performance of our students.

https://www.facebook.com/junio...

"This competition was a beautiful experience. We have learnt so many things, acquired many skills and even discovered our hidden potential. We have been able to engage with many

people in the business world and we couldn't be more grateful for the opportunity.

For us, a key takeaway is that you can do anything you put your mind to. We've learnt that through prayer and hard work, anything is possible. Now we are certain that, indeed, hard work and determination really pay off.

We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who voted and supported us. A special shout out to our lovely Principal, Dr Ken Darvall, and our outstanding Mrs. Surama King for making sure we were always in the Bulletin and on social platforms respectively.

Watch out for us. We really won't disappoint you.

We're going to take the business world by storm!"

With love, Jackie, Cheryl & Adomaa







2020 TIS Annual Play???

The new normal has frozen life, caused most of the world to pause, reflect, and redesign life and livelihoods. Often you will hear people say, 'when this pandemic is over, we should not go back to the old ways of doing things'. As much as this thinking is true to the moment, it can only be possible if we begin to experiment with the possible new ways of

doing things. If there is any ripe time to [day] dream and experiment the making of an utopian world, it is now.

Here, at TIS, we cherish our traditions. Especially those traditions that bring us together as a family. Like the market square, our annual theatre productions bring us together to share laughs and hugs. From the auditions, through the day and night rehearsals, to the showing of the performances, one thing is always certain... 'ubuntu'.

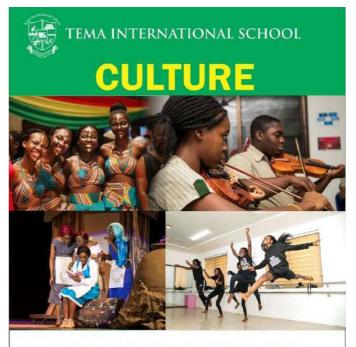
As most of life has been at a standstill, with physical human interactions being the worst victim,

we have had to rethink how best we can continue with our cherished family tradition. We have thought through many ideas, including the possibility of not having a theatre production for the 2020/2021 academic year. But some traditions, like breathing, cannot be done without.

Therefore, for the 2020/2021 academic year, we have decided to still have an annual theatre production.

Only this time, instead of serving the TIS Family with one meal, we have decided to serve a buffet. Yes, it won't be just one performance, but three performances.

If there is any ripe time to [day] dream and experiment the making of an utopian world, it is now. So, keep watching this space for the making of ...



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Ebenezer Asime – Theatre Teacher

HOW TO THRIVE IN A NEW ENVIRONMENT LIKE TIS

With Salma Roland – Academic Executive - G12 [AKA: Your Quarantine Buddy]



Hello everybody!

I know it has been a long time but I hope that you're doing well. Welcome back returning students and a special welcome to the newbies! This one's for you. I would like to give you some advice on how to **thrive in a new environment like TIS**, from what I have learned since I joined TIS 5 years ago. I know that times are different considering that all of TIS has been moved to your screen but I can still share some pieces of advice I feel will still help you adjust as you begin your journey. Here are five:

1. Try and make new friends! I know this is an obvious one but throughout the years, I have noticed that a lot of newbies are generally so quiet when they come to school at first. I would like to encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and talk to some people you would not really talk to on a regular basis. This is for you too, returning students!! Try and talk to someone new: you never know who your next close friend can be.

2. Always be yourself. This can be a hard one. TIS is filled with a lot of different personalities and, of course, you are encouraged to try these things out. It is normal to get lost in the crowd every once in a while. I would like to advise you to be yourself. You do not need to change yourself in any way to fit in. If a certain group of people are not fond of you, that's okay. You will never please everyone and I assure you that you will definitely find friends who accept you for whom you are.

3. Never limit your studies to just the four walls of your classroom. At TIS we **strive to develop and demonstrate the IB Learner Profile attributes.** I'm sure you have probably heard of them. Well, in case you haven't, the IB Learner Profile is basically what is expected of every student here in TIS and every IB student around the world. It's how we wish to enter the world as an IB Alumni. One of these attributes include **Open-Mindedness**. We should always be keen to integrate what we learn in class into our everyday lives. It is more than just knowing the facts, but actually applying it to our everyday lives because if we don't, what is the point of it? Always be open to transferring knowledge between what you learn in class and your projects, clubs and more. You can even transfer it across subjects. It seems complicated but, trust me, as you grow as an IB learner, it almost comes naturally. And the most important attribute when it comes to managing all that IB learners have to go through is **BALANCE**. Make sure to be Balanced in all your choices. You will enjoy the ride, trust me.

4. Make a timetable. Trust me on this one! Making a timetable, or having a planner, makes everything ten times better. It can be on your laptop, or even a small notepad. With this, you can literally plan your day from start to finish. It helps you structure your day and also reminds

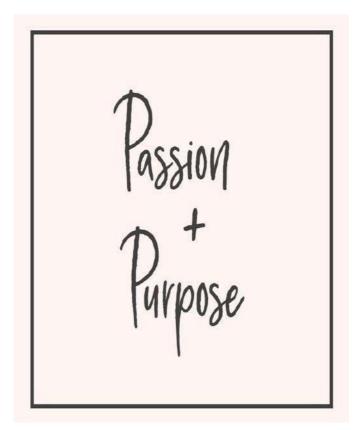
you of some things you need to do that you might forget as the day goes on. I honestly cannot count the number of times this has saved my life. I advise that before you sleep, you sit down and write, or type, it down. It really does clear your mind and direct you into a new, fresh day.

5. Finally, **take a day at a time.** TIS is an experience, a fast and furious one. You will have time to try new activities, take new opportunities. If that one activity that you wanted is all full, that's okay. There is always next time. Just try your best to have a holistic experience at TIS: take initiatives, share your talents and BE Balanced. Trust me when I say these experiences will not only help you when applying to University, but also help you grow as a person: a global citizen. Step out on a limb: try a new sport, try a new instrument, start a new initiative... WHO KNOWS? Once you have the opportunity, embrace it.

Well, that's all for this week. This has been your Quarantine Buddy here. Strap up for the long haul. I am always available if you ever need advice on anything. Trust me. I will not judge, nor ignore you. We have all been there and we all have to help each other grow. You can contact me using my email: <u>salmaliyo12345678910@gmail.com</u>

Enjoy your stay and welcome/ welcome back, Yours, Quarantine Buddy O

P.S. You can read all my other articles for more tips on tricks concerning online classes, academic resource and many more in previous editions of TIS Weekly Bulletin. They are all on MB or the TIS website <u>www.tis.edu.gh</u>



CAS Project



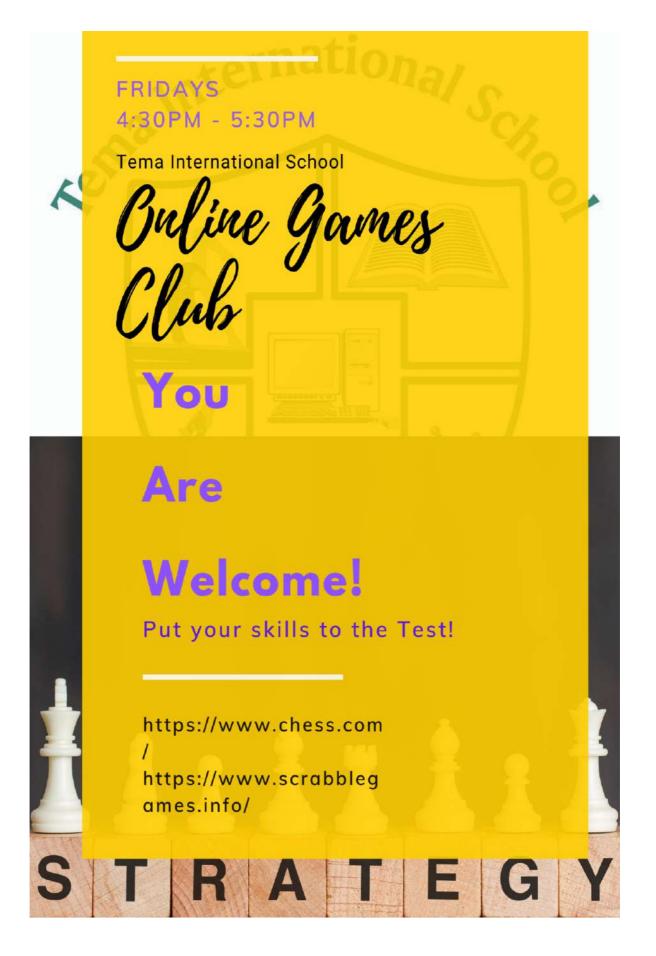
S'aimer is a CAS project that advocates for love, caring and positivity. Upon initiation, the team of six students from Tema International School, Ashley Gaba, Khadidja Yandjah, Bennett Quashie, Chibuikem Mbanefo, Darius and Elizabeth Forson Anatsui. embarked on a journey towards the spread of self-love or S'aimer, which translates to loving oneself in French. We were eagerly awaiting the opportunity to do so in school but, unfortunately, the pandemic came along.

Nevertheless this group of students are still determined to preach their gospel of self-love and positivity and are embracing the new normal by setting up

online/virtual opportunities.

The program is open to everyone, but is mainly targeted towards individuals with low selfesteem, people who doubt their values or lack confidence. Their major objective is to help people realize and appreciate how valuable and worthy they are. To achieve such a goal, as mentioned, the group will engage with their audience mainly through virtual meetings and social media (Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Zoom, etc.) in the form of videos, music, literature, and so on.

Fortunately, those opportunities will be available for any interested persons tomorrow, Saturday, 22 August 2020, when a webinar will be held at 4:00pm sharp. It would include a brief overview of the project, a presentation on self-love, as well as honoured guest speakers helping them achieve their goal.



A Virtual Dialogue with Dr. Sandra Thompson-Assan

Raising our African Daughters into confident, independent & smart women



African Prosperity Forum

Cordially invites you to

RAISING OUR AFRICAN DAUGHTERS

into confident, independent & smart women a virtual community dialogue * Friday, 25 September 2020 * 18:30 South African Time

Invited Speakers



DR. SANDRA THOMPSON-ASSAN Psychologist Tema International School Tema, Ghana



DR. THOBEKA S. NKOMO Head of Social Work Dept. School of Human & Community Development University of Witwatersrand Johannesburg, South Africa



REV. NOMGANDO MATYUMZA Senior Pastor Umlazi Grace AME Church Durban, South Africa



DR. PRISCILLA GITONGA Department of Music Kenyatta University Nairobi, Kenya

Join ZOOM MEETING

 TOPIC:
 RAISING OUR AFRICAN DAUGHTERS – into Confident, Independent, & Smart Women

 TIME:
 SEPTEMBER 25 2020 18:30 PM Harare, Pretoria

 MEETING ID: 783 8102 9500
 PASSCODE: 9e4Bgp

 https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78381029500?pwd=alVON0hmaXJiTTJLTU1CWmw5Wkl0dz09

TIS on Social Media – Our students produce and complete some outstanding work.

The first link takes you to the CAS Project of Alistair Kirk, IB Class of 2019. The second one takes you to the CAS Project of John Ato Adenu-Mensah (G12). Ato is working on a series of videos about CAS. He started by creating a Welcome to CAS video, produced especially for our G11 Newbies. Part 2 is coming up soon in which he will discuss CAS - TOK & EE.

Look out for amazing projects from our students. Kindly subscribe to **TIS YouTube Channel**, like and share

1. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ckt2vk5DsDk

2. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xycqT-U_mQU&t=3s



21 August 2020



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

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

To make contact with TIS during this period of closure, please email: info@tis.edu.gh or call +233 24 963 7762 / +233 50 384 9799

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Stay healthy by observing all recommended health practices.

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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:

INOUIRERS

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.

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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.

COUNSELLORS' CORNER



Every lesson and online after school activities are carefully designed and put together with you in mind. Be committed to learn, explore, engage and have fun at the same time. It's a Holistic Development. Don't be left out.



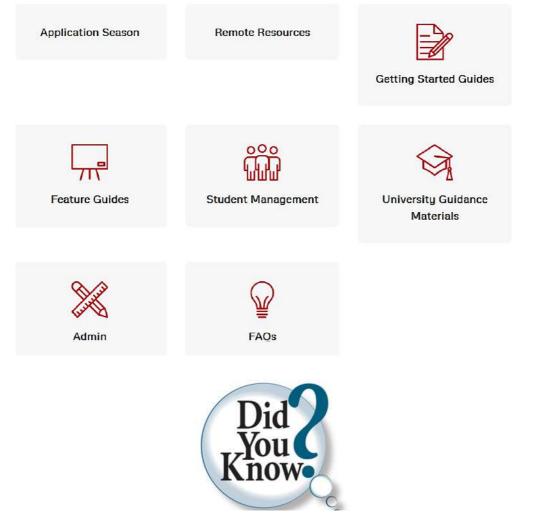
- ✓ Develop a study plan, create structure and avoid procrastination
- ✓ Create space for learning, take notes and be attentive
- ✓ Eliminate distractions
- ✓ Check your TIS email and managebac frequently and set up notifications
- ✓ Reach out to your teachers, friends if you feel left out
- ✓ Make a deliberate effort to attend lessons all times
- ✓ Browse intelligently and resourcefully. Observe online and social media etiquette
- ✓ Take breaks, connect with others and stay healthy!

Tips can be applicable in all study scenarios. <u>https://goodcolleges.online/study-tips-for-success/</u>

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A vital part of College Application Process.



DP2s:

- Helps students in the university selection process and wealth of experiences and opportunities your university has to offer.
- Has upcoming dates and deadlines for standardized tests LNAT, BMAT, UCAT and many more helping you track deadlines.
- Assists students with the personality test to help you discover your strengths, interest and talents.
- Assist swith college essays and personal statement

Want to know more? Log on to Bridge U for student college application success! It has a friendly user interface for all.

BridgeU

Bridging the gap between school and the future

WE EMPOWER SCHOOLS TO PREPARE TODAY'S STUDENTS FOR TOMORROW'S WORLD -

Tema International School has chosen to invest in BridgeU to support your child's university and careers pathway. Here's why:

Higher education is changing rapidly:

- More options than ever: There are ~40,000 courses in the UK alone, and over 3,000 new courses released each year.
- More competition than ever: By 2025, there will be 160 million more students enrolled in higher education, thereby increasing competition for the top spots.
- More important to make the right choice than ever: By 2021, there will be a shortage of 40 million employees with the right qualifications to meet the demands of labour markets.

What BridgeU gives your children:

S I found it really helpful when I put in my details and " BridgeU came up with lots of different university courses for me to consider, and showed me how realistic I should be in terms of my chance of getting in.



Charlotte (student) Bryanston School



Smart college matching

With BridgelJ, students build a robust personal proble, including data on subject interests, grades, social, proteestonal and learning preferences. Our matching algorithm generates college and course choices that are personalized to the unique strengths of each student

International education

Explore the benefits of an international education with BridgelL, which has data on over 100,000 courses and majors across colleges and universities on four condinents

Career planning

This tool impres students to build wellinformed early career pathways and enables them to explore job families and understand labor market donard, salary and related qualifications.

🕮 Student-centered design

Bridget/'s mobile triendly, browser-based platform can be accessed from any device and is their and easy to use

Task management

Manager the process of researching and ing to college with the help of clear deadlines and a dashtioard that shows progress at a glance.

< Strategy advisor

Students will strengthen applications by learning how to use their experiences to distinguish themselves from their poers through our digital resume-builder.

www.bridge-u.com



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Professional Examinations General Rules, Guidelines and Requirements





ΕΧΑΜ ΤΥΡΕ	DEADLINES, REGISTRATION AND PROCEDURES	REGISTRATION FEES
LNAT	Candidates may only take the LNAT once per year (from September 01 to July 31 Please create the accounts and have your username and passwords ready before time. No last minute. Limited slots available. <u>https://lnat.ac.uk/registration/dates-and- deadlines/ https://www.ucat.ac.uk/ucat/registration- booking/ https://lnat.ac.uk/registration/ https://lnat.ac.uk/registration/</u>	£ ₇₀
UCAT	WHAT IS THE MINIMUM UCAT [*] (UKCAT) SCORE FOR EACH UNIVERSITY?	£ 120
	Just click for more information: https://www.kaptest.co.uk/ucat/info/what- minimum-ucat-score-each-university https://www.ucat.ac.uk/ucat/dates-and- fees/	
BMAT	https://www.kaptest.co.uk/course/aug-bmat- test	£ ₈₃

Identification Requirements	Primary required; do not seat a candidate for an exam unless		
	he or she provides one form of valid ID.		
Primary ID for Both Tests	• A currently valid passport containing the candidate's photograph and signature. An unsigned passport is only acceptable if it is a biometric passport and does not contain a location for a signature.		



Refund when a person misses the examinations. How do we go about it? When you miss the exams, you forfeit the money

What is expected of a student on the day of the examinations? Candidate should be at the test center an hour before the exam time, very important

Things needed for registration Valid expired passports, students user name and password for logging in.



Please contact Roderick- 0244167800 rboyefio@gmail.com

LNAT, UCAT & BMAT 2020/2021 TEST DATES.

TEST TYPE	TEST DATE	TEST CENTRE	HELPLINE
REG. FEE &	DEADLINE		
DATE			
LNAT		Linear	http://www.lnat.ac.uk/registration/
	21 Oct. 2020	Assessment	
£70.00		Services Limited.	Tel: +233-30-2662342/+233-242686782
		4th Floor Total	
Aug 1 st 2020 –		House, Liberia	
15 th Sept. 2020,		Road, near	
5 th Oct. for		National Theatre,	
Oxford		Adjacent to Cedi	
applicants.		House,	
		Accra-Ghana.	
BMAT	15 Oct. 2020.	British Council.	Salifatu.NtiamoahOsei@gh.britishcouncil.org
£83/€115			
Check from the		Accra-Ghana	http://www.admissionstestingservice.org/for-test-takers/bmat
website which			
price is applicable			Tel: +233 30 2610090 T+233 56 002 7829 BCTN (internal) 8282 10
to you			
4 Nov. 2020			

UCAT	17 Sept.	Linear	https://www.ukcat.ac.uk/ukcat-test/ukcat-registration/
£120.00	2020	Assessment Services Limited (*see detailed directions above), Accra- Ghana	Tel: +233-30-2662342/+233-242686782

Note:

- ✓ Please visit the official websites of each of these tests, for practice material and to create accounts to register.
- ✓ Register ahead of <u>registration deadlines</u> to avoid disappointment. Limited number of slots available at test centres.
- ✓ Contact College Guides for any assistance and guidance, however you cannot register at TIS.
- ✓ Register with the test centre



Scandinavian Countries

For these countries, specific requirements for each country differ. TOEFL/IELTS are compulsory. We can send a waiver letter on your behalf, but for safety, students should take the TOEFL/IELTS examinations because these countries are very strict with their requirements.

It is advisable that for the Scandinavian countries you contact the Embassies directly in Ghana as well.

Kindly check from your university website to be well informed. Helpful links and many others have been posted on ManageBac.



The next SAT exam at TIS will be in <u>August 2020</u>. In light of the inconveniences caused, College Board is considering adding extra test dates in September and November this year. We will keep you posted regarding this.

See the new upcoming SAT test dates below. Due to previous cancellations, 2 brand new dates have been added- September and November SAT:

SAT 2020-2021

- 29 August, 2020
- 26 September, 2020
- 3 October, 2020
- 7 November, 2020 Subject test only
- 5 December, 2020
- 13 March, 2021
- 8 May, 2021

PSAT 2020 Exam Date: 17 October, 2020

DP1s: don't wait until the eleventh hour to register. Register now to avoid any disappointments! <u>https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/international</u>



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

- Number 2 pencils, approved calculator, eraser, admission ticket and sharpeners required.
- Facemask
- Hand sanitizer

<u>SAT Registration Fees (To complete registration online full payment with credit card only.</u> <u>Visit www.collegeboard.org</u>)

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



<u>Please note that TIS will no longer administer the ACT 13 JUNE EXAM. Test takers</u> <u>should kindly contact ACT for alternative options or register to test at TIS in</u> <u>September.</u>

ACT Registration Fees (Online payments only: Visit <u>www.actstudent.org</u>): ACT plus writing – U.S. \$166.50. (TIS Test Centre Code: 870390, but inform counsellor first).

*To complete registration, payment must be made online in full with a credit card. ACT April DEADLINE coming up. STEM students have an edge when they take the ACT.



NEW TEST DATES FOR ACT FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

ACT 2020-2021

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

Pre- Act 2021 Exam Date: 17 February, 2021

PRACTICE TESTS FOR SAT, ACT OR PRE-ACT, PSAT AND OTHER TEST PREP RESOURCES FROMTHE OFFICIAL TEST MAKERS CAN BE FOUND HERE: WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORGANDWWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORGAND



Be Information Ready! This puts you in a better advantage. With all the helpful resources posted on ManageBac and other helpful materials you can get online, endeavour to read continuously to keep you well informed and updated. The more you read the more you know, the more you know vthe more places you go! ~Dr. Suess



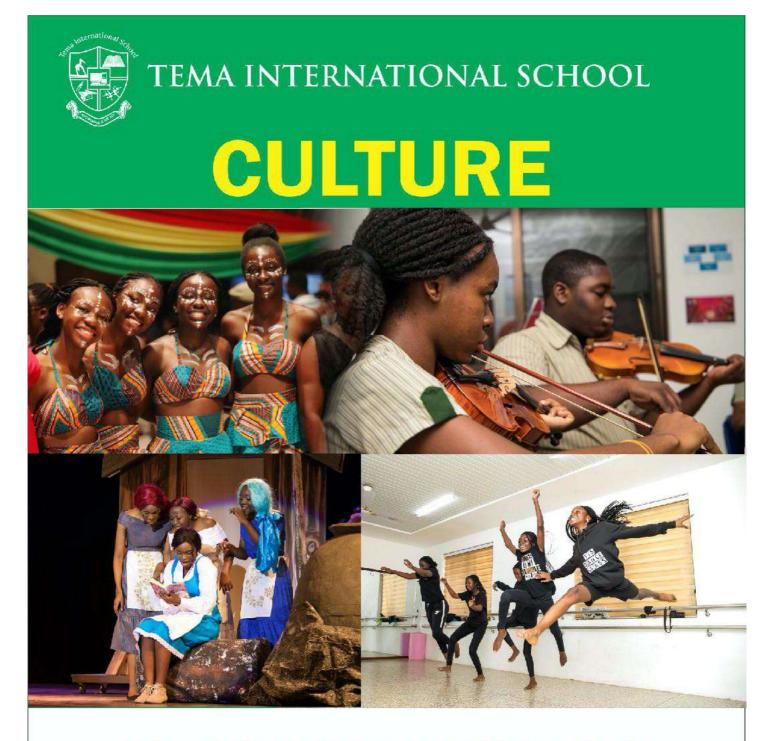
Over the years as our hallmark of success, TIS College Guides have effectively worked with students on a personalized basis.

All over the world our students get into their dream and best-fit universities of choice based on hard work.

This is unachievable without the holistic college application process.

Having the right balance of academics, sports, culture, leadership, extracurricular activities, service, positive attitude and university specific DNA is the heartbeat of the anatomy of the college application process. To all our students, be committed to excellence!

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