

# TIS RECORD

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## At TIS,

we believe balance, by maximising opportunities and experiences to enhance learning and challenge oneself, inside and outside the classroom, is the key to success.

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## COVID-19

- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly.
- Practise social distancing at all times.
- Wear a face mask when 'out'.

## Thought for the Week

The secret to winning is learning how to lose. That is, learning to bounce back from failure and disappointment—undeterred—and continuing to steadily march toward your potential. Your response to failure determines your capacity for success.

- James Clear



## PYP Authorisation

Prior to Christmas, TIS received approval to be authorised as an IB PYP School.

This was a great way to round off 2020 and two years after TIS was authorised to offer MYP.

Authorisation recognises the intense work undertaken at the Primary School Campus over the past 18 months since it opened.

The three standout features of the Primary Campus, in the TIS tradition, are:

- its facilities;
- the (PYP) curriculum; and
- the hand-picked staff.



# TIS RETURN TO SCHOOL COVID-19 STRATEGY SEMESTER 2

- To make the boarding experience as safe and enjoyable as possible
- To do everything possible to reduce risk;
- To follow government recommendations for schools and possibly exceed its standards for schools

## RETURNING SAFELY

### Primary School campus

We will open our Primary Campus doors to PYP pupils from Monday 18 January, 2021 at 8:00am. For early arrival times please contact the Primary school administrator on Ekua.Addae@tis.edu.gh

### Requirements for returning to school

- Students' account status should not be in arrears.
- Student must have sufficient personal supplies of face masks, sanitizer, and sanitizing wipes.

### What to expect

All students will be dropped off at the gate and met by a member of staff who will usher them into school. Parents should ensure students are wearing nose masks (preferably labelled for easy identification) and have pocket sanitizers. We recommend that an extra mask be carried to school each day. There will be restricted parent entry on the school premises.

- All students will sanitize their hands and submit to a temperature scan before entering the school premises.
- All staff and students are to wear masks at all times when on campus.
- Pre-schoolers will not be obliged to wear a mask all day (due to underdeveloped respiratory systems) – learning activities will mostly occur outdoors with social distancing
- Movement will be well monitored/ supervised. (Preferably in small groups)
- Bathrooms will be frequently cleaned and sanitized.
- There will be staggered snack/Lunch/recess times to reduce numbers in the cafeteria.
- Unique sitting arrangements for social distancing in the classrooms will be enforced.
- Sharing of resources/laptops and other learning materials will be discouraged.
- Staff will develop essential agreements for play areas to allow students' use with supervision.
- A child who is unwell will be taken to the sick bay within the school for first response, and parents will be contacted.
- At closing, students will sanitize their hands and also keep on their face mask before being escorted to their parents (waiting at the gate) by the teachers on duty.

As part of our pastoral care all children will be supported and guided into developing a tolerant and mutually respectful attitude for the wearing of masks on their return to school and beyond.

### Main campus

As announced earlier this week, TIS will be reopening for on-site lessons on both its campuses.

**This will begin with a return to the boarding hostels from the Friday 15th January 2021 for all Newbies and prefects.**

**Grade 10 and Grade 12 students must return to school to complete the academic year.**

**We strongly urge students in other grades to also return to school to take part in the TIS learning experience in face to face lessons. On the main campus, the return to boarding hostels will be staggered to allow COVID-19 protocols to be carried out.**

**Newbies arrival**

**All Newbies and prefects must plan to return to school between the hours of 9:00am and 12:00pm on Friday the 15th January.**

**There will be a short parent meeting at 1:00pm on the same day.** Newbies will be taken through physical orientation of the school and boarding life over the weekend to help them settle in. Alongside other boarding peers, they will receive pastoral support with the assistance of the Well-being coordinator and peer buddies to help them through their first weeks and months at TIS. Due to COVID protocols, we regret that only 2 family members may accompany newbies into a hostel upon arrival. There will be planned activities for newbies on Friday evening and Saturday which will include, IT network connection and ice-breaker activities.

**Continuing students' arrivals**

**All other students must plan to arrive in school on Sunday 17th January as follows:**

Grade 10, and non-newbie Grade 11 and 12 students should arrive between 9:00am to 1:30pm.

Non-newbie Grade 8 and 9 students should arrive between 2:30pm and 5:00pm. If you have a valid (no older than 72 hours) COVID-19 test result with you, you may bring this along with you.

**International Students**

International students (returning and new) will receive priority for their arrival in school. Valid (no older than 72 hours) COVID-19 test results will be required.

**Requirements for returning to school**

- Student's account status is not in arrears
- Students produces evidence of a negative COVID test result (main campus)
- Students must arrive within the designated time session; and
- Students must have sufficient personal supplies (face masks, sanitizer, sanitizing wipes and antiseptic).

**What changes will there be at school?**

- Students on regular medication will be on a roster to ensure social distancing.
- There will be staggered lunch arrangements (First group - Grades 7,8 and 9. Second group – Grades 10, 11,12) Breakfast, snack and dinner will remain as a single session.
- A temperature scan of each student will be taken before breakfast each day.
- Hygiene protocols are to be observed (regular washing/sanitizing of hands, use of face masks and social distancing) and repeated infringements will result in student sanctions.
- Students who are unwell and not displaying any COVID symptoms will rest in the infirmary.
- Students who are unwell and displaying any COVID symptoms will rest in designated isolated areas in the hostels till parents are contacted for treatment, testing and a possible return home.
- Entertainment nights on Saturdays (to be advised).

**Exeats and visiting days**

Parents and students should keep in mind that due to COVID regulations, there will be no exeats approved unless due to extenuating circumstances and only with the approval of the General Manager. Visiting days will be regulated and limited to 2 family members per student. Visiting schedules will be advised.

**Meals in the dining room**

Students will be seated at tables arranged to offer good social distancing for all meals. Refer to details above.

Washing and sanitizing hands and the wearing of masks will be a requirement for queuing up for meals. A thorough cleaning regime has been put in place to ensure that all chairs, tables and surfaces in the dining room are sanitized throughout the day; regular sterilizing of crockery and cutlery. Face masks and disposable gloves will be used by all meal service staff.

**Regular Temperature Testing and hygiene facilities**

All members of TIS staff and primary students will have their temperature checked on each entry to the school. A temperature scan of each boarding student will be taken before breakfast each day.

It is deeply regretted that regular visits to the main campus from parents of boarding students will not be permitted after students have been dropped off and parents and family of boarders will not be allowed to enter the Hostels.

Face masks must be kept on at all times.

Basins, solar powered taps and sanitizer dispensers have been strategically placed around the campuses; all members of the TIS community who are on site will be encouraged to use these facilities regularly.

**Cleaning and sanitization**

In line with government directives, the school will be fumigated twice prior to the start of semester. Classrooms and other shared areas will be cleaned at least twice daily to eliminate the risk of the virus remaining on frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles, handrails, table tops, sports and play equipment. Toilets will be cleaned at least three times a day. The sanitizer stations around the school will be cleaned twice daily. The Cleaning Team will wear gloves when cleaning all areas, and wear masks when moving through communal areas of the school. Hostels will be cleaned every morning.

**Lessons**

Blended teaching and learning will continue for the foreseeable future. Social distancing will be enforced in our well ventilated classrooms and learning spaces during lesson activities. Large classes will be moved to the project centre or the 2 examination halls.

**After School Activities**

After school activities will be limited to non-contact sports and games.

**Outstanding accounts**

Attendance to face to face and online lessons is solely for students who have cleared the arrears on their accounts. Please contact Mr. Quansah (Accounts Office) [kquansah@tis.edu.gh](mailto:kquansah@tis.edu.gh) 0244657821 to finalize accounts by **Tuesday 12th January 2021**.

A bill for the second semester will be sent by **Friday 8th January 2021**.

**Medical Care  
Students**

Our school nurses and first responders will continue to work closely with hostel parents to ensure that all boarders have excellent medical attention when they need it. The nurses are on duty 24 hours a day from Monday to Saturday. Please call the nurses to inform them of any relevant medical updates for your child or when sending medication in for them.

We have a dedicated isolation area for holding and observing suspected cases of COVID-19, to prevent unwanted exposure to possible COVID-19 by other users of the infirmary. Nurses will inform the school doctor and parents of any unwell students and if need be the students will be transferred to the school's hospital.

**Staff**

If any member of staff becomes unwell with possible COVID-19 symptoms, they will be asked to return immediately to their accommodation or to go home where they will be isolated and asked to arrange a test. There will be no further contact between the staff and the boarders until either the isolation period is completed or a negative test is reported and they are well enough to work.

TIS will be striving to reduce the risk of infection and will rely on the integrity of all family members, staff, students and parents, to ensure a safe environment for all. Our arrangements for the remainder of this semester will be reviewed as government policies are also reviewed.

**Further enquiries and details**

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# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## Primary School Campus Admissions Open For 2021/2022 Academic Year

**Flexible admission screenings and interviews**



### Entry Points in 2021

Preschool	Junior Primary	Senior Primary
Kinder 1 (3-4 years)	Grade 1 (5.5 - 7years)	Grade 4 (8.5 -10 years)
Kinder 2 (4-5 years)	Grade 2 (6.5 - 8 years)	Grade 5 (9.5 years-11 years)
Kinder 3 (5-6 years)	Grade 3 (7.5 – 9 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.

To learn more scan this.



To enrol scan this.





# Tema International School





## MAIN CAMPUS SECONDARY ADMISSIONS ARE OPEN FOR 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

*A family school, a unique experience.*

**Flexible online admission testing is available**

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

<p><b>Grade 7 (MYP 2)</b></p>	<p><b>Grade 8 (MYP 3)</b></p>	<p><b>Grade 9 (MYP 4)</b></p>
<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Have completed Primary 6.</li> <li>b) Be aged 11+(at the time of admission).</li> <li>c) Complete a general aptitude test and interview.</li> </ul>	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Have completed JHS 1 or in JHS 2.</li> <li>b) Be aged 13+(at the time of admission).</li> <li>c) Complete a general aptitude test and interview.</li> </ul>	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Have completed Year 8 or Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE).</li> <li>b) Be aged 14+(at the time of admission).</li> <li>c) Complete a general aptitude test and interview.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Grade 10 (MYP 5)</b></p>	<p><b>Grade 11 (IB Diploma Programme)</b></p>	<p>To learn more scan this.</p>  <p>To enrol scan this.</p> 
<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Have completed Year 9.</li> <li>b) Be aged 15+(at the time of admission).</li> <li>c) Complete a general aptitude test and interview.</li> </ul>	<p>Students should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Have successfully completed MYP 5, the IGCSE (Or its equivalent) or awaiting the results of the IGCSE.</li> <li>b) Be aged 16+(at the time of admission).</li> <li>c) Complete a general aptitude test and interview for non IGCSE &amp; GCSE students (i.e. WASSCE, OCR, AQA).</li> </ul>	

The online application process can be completed at: <https://tis.openapply.com>  
 For further information contact us on phone:  
 +233 303 305134; +233 303 308737; email: [admissions@tis.edu.gh](mailto:admissions@tis.edu.gh)  
 Or come and visit the school (Opp Afariwa Farms, Off Tema-Akosombo Road)  
[www.tis.edu.gh](http://www.tis.edu.gh)



## TIS ADMISSIONS 2021/2022

Admissions for the next academic year, 2021/2022, officially open on 1 December, 2020.

For 2020/2021, TIS had to put the FULL HOUSE sign up for the first time in many years. The coming year may end up the same way.

With the limited number of places available, TIS will be prioritising admissions for Grades 7-9 at the main campus and all classes at the Primary Campus.

*Please note that admissions for the current year, 2020/2021, are being accepted for second semester at the Primary School Campus.*

For admissions to the secondary school, applicants will be contacted in the first week of February 2021 to arrange for the online admission test. Admission interviews will be conducted in mid-February and first round offers will be made.

Applications for Grade 11 will be considered from 1 April and will be dependent upon the re-enrolment process and the vacancies arising. Applicants for Grade 11 should include their predicted grades for 2021.

It is likely that all secondary school vacancies will be filled by 30 April. While families with siblings at TIS will receive a priority, this only remains in force while vacancies exist.

Intending applicants should arrange a tour of the appropriate campus before the admission interview takes place.

Dr Ken Darvall

Principal

1/12/20

## COUNSELLORS' CORNER



**Immerse yourself in the Great New Year ahead! Add colour and brilliance in doing what you do best -nurturing young minds and hearts. Enjoy a fulfilling journey! You have been missed and we are eager to see all our students again soon! Please continue to observe all Covid-19 protocols and stay healthy and safe.**

## Ways to Kick-Start Your New Year

- Expand your thinking with new experiences.
- Build value every day.
- Practice the one-a-day principle.
- Visions are good but rather have a to-do list for each day. See how it grows you!
- Balance work time and social time to keep you rejuvenated.
- Whatever you do, just do it wholeheartedly, selflessly and excellently.
- Allow yourself to learn, relearn and unlearn to be the best version of yourself.
- Don't forget to be grateful for the little things along the way!
- No matter how bad a situation might look, train your mind to see the best; you will be amazed how everything connects beautifully in the end.
- Don't forget to always remain calm.



Year by year, TIS Alumni Week Celebrations take on a brand-new level! Based on the government's directive with school's re-opening on the 15 January 2021, dates for the TIS Alumni Reunion have slightly changed.

You can't afford to miss out. Alumni all over the world will be joining us in person or virtually to share wisdom nuggets on life success and connect with YOU!

Stay tuned for new updates of the dates for a whole new alumni experience altogether!

**TIS ALUMNI REUNION IS ALL ABOUT YOU!**





Lancaster  
University   
Ghana

**VIRTUAL  
OPEN  
DAY**  
12 JANUARY 2021  
1:00PM (GMT)

Join us for our Virtual Open Day to attend a workshop on entrepreneurship. Gather tips on how to start your journey as a student entrepreneur and hear from our alumni who have succeeded.

Find out more about LUG's blended learning, and to get detailed information on our available scholarships!

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 959 1380 4957  
**Passcode:** 876472

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Looking for scholarships and discounts? Lancaster University's admission department will share their amazing new year discounts and scholarships for students joining their January 2021 intake, above all, hear from their current students on what their experiences have been with the blended learning approach in LUG.

Do not miss out on this Virtual Open day!

Join with zoom details below

Date: 12 January, 2021

Time: 1pm

Zoom

Registration: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/5316033792727/WN\\_E1KOeGlpR3mkFqiFGw6LHg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/5316033792727/WN_E1KOeGlpR3mkFqiFGw6LHg)

### **DP2S REMINDERS;**

- ✓ *Congrats on your exciting university offers so far, and we know there are fabulous offers ahead! The hard work will pay off.*
- ✓ Be sure to complete your FAFSA, ISFAA, CSS PROFILE, COF AND ALL OTHER FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS WITH YOUR PARENTS BEFORE YOU RETURN TO SCHOOL NEXT WEEKEND. Do not be late for free money. Submit your financial aid applications on time ahead of the universities' deadline.
- ✓ Your test scores, OUAC Application fees and all other non-commonapp application fees requiring credit/ Visa card/ Mastercard payments should also be completed before you return to school.



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## DATES AND INFORMATION



### 2021 TEST DATES

See the new upcoming SAT dates below:

- 13 March 2021
- 8 May 2021

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

**Test takers, please come along with your VALID UNEXPIRED PASSPORT as the only form of identification!** Number 2 pencils, approved calculator, eraser, admission ticket, and sharpeners, facemask, and hand sanitizer are required.

**Photocopies are not acceptable. All COVID -19 protocol will be fully observed. Remember No mask no entry!**

**Remember:**

SAT Registration Fees (To complete registration online full payment with credit card only. Visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org))

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



### 2021 TEST DATES (COMPUTER-BASED TESTING ONLY!)

See the new upcoming SAT dates below:

- 17 April 2021

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

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



**Exam Date: 6 February 2021**

**PRACTICE TESTS FOR SAT, ACT OR PRE-ACT, PSAT, AND OTHER TEST PREP RESOURCES FROM THE OFFICIAL TEST MAKERS CAN BE FOUND HERE; [WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG](http://WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG) AND [WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG](http://WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG)**



## Free entry for students aged 13-18

### Subject categories (13-15)

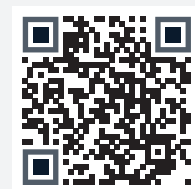
- Architecture
- Computer Science
- Creative Writing
- Economics
- Engineering
- International Relations
- Law
- Management
- Medicine

### Subject categories (16-18)

- Architecture
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Creative Writing
- Economics
- Engineering
- English Literature
- Female Future Leaders

- History
- International Relations
- Law
- Management
- Mathematics
- Medicine
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Psychology

**SCAN ME!**



**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SEARCH 'IMMERSE EDUCATION ESSAY COMPETITION'**



# TIS INTEGRITY Code

**“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.”**



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