# 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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## Medical Exeats

• Requests for routine appointments must be received by COB on the Monday prior to the Saturday appointment. Late requests will be held over.

### Thought for the Week

You can't double your intelligence in one hour, but you can use one hour to write something twice as clear.

And ideas that are easy to read and easy to understand will make you seem smarter. The better you communicate, the more intelligent you appear.

- James Clear



# The Next Step?

The President at the beginning of the week announced that, after two long years of COVID, we have had enough of the strict protocols, based on indicators across the country. We all still need to be mindful about the lurking presence of COVID, but we can do so with a more mature perspective and by remaining aware of the importance of masking, sanitising and social distancing in different settings.

We have reviewed our existing protocols and revised them in line with the President's message. These revised protocols are listed on pages 3 and 4 of this edition. Please note that these will be updated to meet new circumstances or address issues.

At TIS, and probably every other IB World School offering MYP (and choosing eAssessments) and DP across the globe, our major concern is trying to ensure that our exam students remain safe and healthy before their final exams.



"My definition of integrity is a set of beliefs, values, and actions that others can depend on." -Steve Bollar

## SAT &ACT

- Best advice: students who are required to complete SAT and/ or ACT requirements should do so by the end of Grade 11. Leave it until G12 and you have created a personal timemanagement monster.
- Please follow instructions and details provided in the weekly Counsellors' Corner section of the TIS Bulletin.

## **Visiting Protocols**

For visits for this weekend, parents will be required to book their visit online. Please go to: <u>https://</u> <u>www.schoolinterviews.com.au/</u> <u>code/9w76c</u>

Complete your details and click *next* to select your day and time. Then click next to receive a confirmation of your booking.

If you do not receive confirmation of the date and time, then you have not completed your booking.

Weekend times will usually go from 1.30 - 4.30pm on Saturdays and Sundays. On public holidays, visits will be allowed between 11.00am and 4.30pm (with no visits scheduled between 12.30 -1.30pm.)

This protocol will change as from 9 April and you will be advised prior to this date about booking visits.

We know that COVID is nobody's friend and has no respect for any individual. Thus, TIS is very proud of the way it has managed COVID successfully at the school.

Our new challenge is remaining to do so, in light of the new protocols. Elsewhere, large spikes in infections have resulted in similar circumstances across the globe. Therefore, we need to move forward with purpose and caution so that we can maintain our healthy environment for all. To do so, TIS will need your continuing support and cooperation.

## A Very Special Cohort

You know the countdown is on for our graduating IB Class when we start celebrating individual members daily in the social media.

It is always a pleasure, and often very nostalgic, reading each reflection. This year's cohort, the IB Class of 2022- The IB Pioneers - has demonstrated a different style of reflection that demonstrates their maturity and, for most of them, and prior MYP experience. They are a different and unique cohort who deserve their identification as IB Pioneers at TIS. Please enjoy their reflections as we celebrate them individually over the next 70 days.

I appreciate your support. Stay healthy.

Dr Ken Darvall (Principal)

## TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL 🏼 🕹

## Celebrating the Class of 2022

t is my greatest pleasure to introduce you to the IB Class of 2022 – **The IB Pioneers** – over the next 70 days. From in initial intake of 21 students in 2016, this class has maured in its outlook and numbers each year. Their mesages reflect a strong commitment to the IB learner profile attributes.

his unique group holds a special distinction at TIS. These students were the inaugural MYP cohort who committed themselves to the MYP eAssessnents in 2020.

Thank you for all those special moments and for naking TIS proud. We look forward to you continung as alumni members of our TIS family while you continue with the next stage of your journey. Best vishes. Stay healthy.

Dr Ken Darvall Principal www.tis.edu.gh

### **REVISED COVID RESTRICTIONS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The management and medical team would like to congratulate all staff, parents/guardians and students for doing their part to ensure the school has remained safe for us all to this point.

In light of the President's review of COVID restrictions nationally, as well as an assessment of the progress made on campus, there has been a review of COVID restrictions for the rest of the semester, as communicated below.

### **MEALTIMES**

• Mealtimes will be reviewed to allow multiple classes to eat at a time, while maintaining social distancing.

### **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

• After school activities will resume in full, allowing students from different classes to participate in a particular activity.

• Students will, however, need to be registered for the activity maintaining the limit to the number of students in indoor spaces, with social distancing and other COVID protocols enforced.

### **SPORT**

• Sporting activities may resume in full.

### **RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER ILLNESSS**

• Students who are ill are entreated to stay at home till fully recovered, however, students on a prolonged course of medication such as antibiotics, allergy medication or any chronic medication may return only if:

- a. Students on antibiotics have completed at least 72 hours of the course
- b. Do not have a fever
- c. No longer have symptoms
- Students on anti-malarials would have to complete the 72-hour course prior to their return.

• If the student brings along medication to be administered in school, the following details will need to be provided in writing, indicating -

- a. Illness being treated
- b. Medication to be administered
- c. How many days of the course have been completed at home
- d. How many days left until completion of the course
- e. Dosage
- f. Route of application
- g. Interval of administration
- Parents may be asked to return home with children who are still found to be unwell.
- An Antigen test will also be done on arrival for students who have missed school for some days.

### *Effective: 4 April, 2022*

### **REVISED COVID RESTRICTIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL**

The management and medical team would like to congratulate all staff, parents/guardians and students for doing their part to ensure the school has remained safe for us all to this point. Vaccination rates have been impressive, with the recent vaccination drive in the school being very successful. In light of the President's review of COVID restrictions nationally, as well as an assessment of the progress made on campus, there has been a review of COVID restrictions for the rest of the semester, as communicated below.

### WEARING OF FACEMASKS

Due to the upcoming final examinations for the Grade 10 and 12 students and the fact that there are still a good number of unvaccinated students (by virtue of their ages), the wearing of facemasks is highly encouraged for all staff and students while on campus. This is to ensure we continue to keep TIS COVID-free to allow our examination candidates the maximum protection they need to prepare.

### **MEALTIMES**

• Mealtimes will continue to be run by the current bubble system in place

### **ENTERTAINMENT**

• Entertainment will resume at the MPH. Social distancing will, however, continue to be observed in the seating arrangements.

• Church services will also resume with the same caveat above.

#### **SPORTS**

• Sporting activities may resume in full, while ensuring students maintain observance of COVID protocols.

### MEDICAL EXEATS AND APPOINTMENTS

• Students will no longer be transported to and from the venue by the school for medical and other administrative appointments. Parents are to pick up the students on the morning of the appointment and return them to school by the stipulated time.

• Appointments would still have to be communicated ahead of time and approval given before the appointment date. Parents are to pick up students at the stipulated time (not before) and return them promptly after the appointment.

• Students would no longer be required to return with a PCR test. All students will, however, be observed on arrival and an antigen test carried out in the school before they are allowed to join the rest of the school community.

### VISITING

• Visiting will still need to be pre-booked. More slots will however be made available per day, with the limit increased at 90 minutes per child, to a maximum of two hours, if 2 or more children are being seen. The number of visitors has been increased to 3 persons per family. All visitors must wear an appropriate facemask, and observe social distancing, hand hygiene and all other COVID protocols as before.

· Cooked food would not be allowed during visiting

#### HAND HYGIENE

Students are encouraged to wash their hands regularly and use hand sanitizers provided at vantage points.

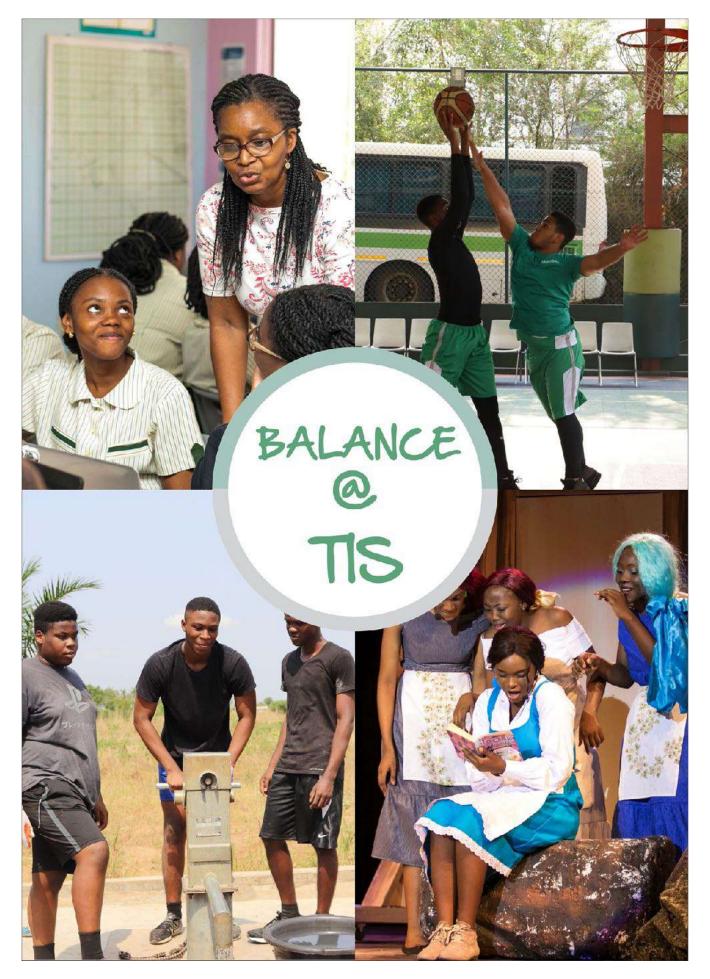
### GRADUATION

Graduation and Achievers' Day Ceremony for 2022 will be held in-person. Attendance will be limited to graduands, award winners and their respective families. Further information will be communicated in due course.

Parents are encouraged to vaccinate their wards who are of age, and provide evidence of vaccination to the school to update their health records.

Protocols will be reviewed on a rolling basis if there is a significant uprise in the community spread of COVID.

Effective: 2 April 2022 (with the exception of Visiting which will be implemented from 9 April 2022.)



1 April 2022





# **TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**



# **Graduation & Achievers'** Day Ceremony 2022 LOADING

# 28 May 2022 @ 10:00 am

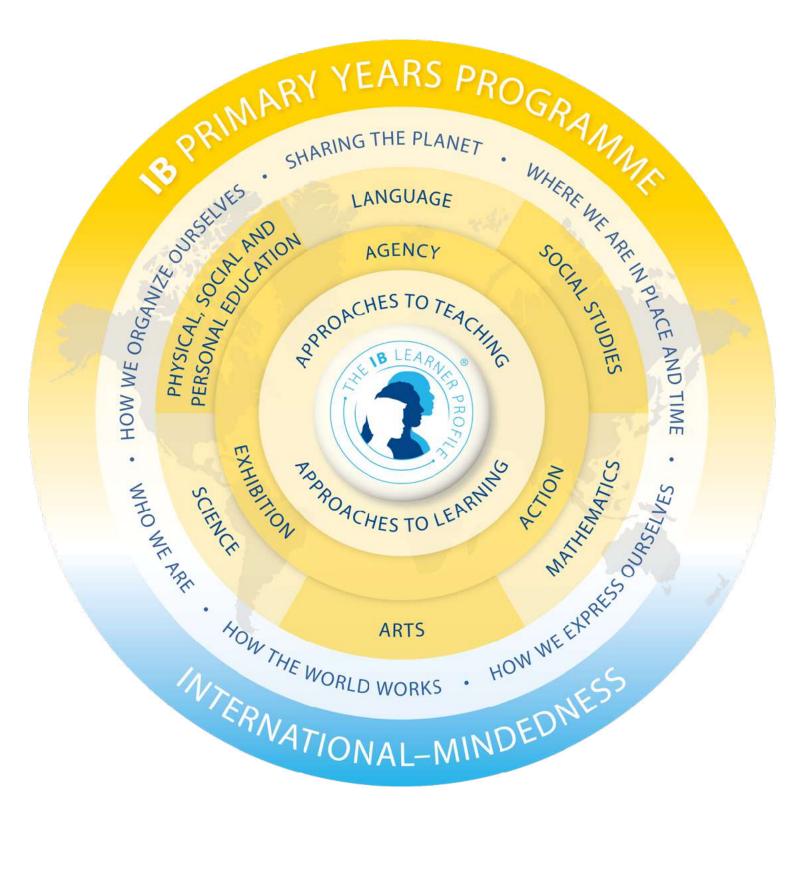
LIVE STREAMING 🕒 Tema International School

TISGhana



TIS Primary is a unique school because: it is a family school; we have qualified teachers; I have good friends, we have great facilities; we are good communicators; and we are open-minded.

Amewusika Tay



## The Flash Mob

TIS Primary School develops 21st-century learners who are independent critical thinkers, assertive communicators, and problem solvers with multiple perspectives. Evidencing learning is when learners can express their understanding in a variety of modes, especially in a way in which they are most confident or consider to be their strengths. This was experienced during the just-ended unit celebration held last Friday at the Primary School.





The celebration was characterised by another epic experience of learning for the entire learning community. It started with the student-led conference where students shared the activities throughout the unit with their parents in their classrooms followed by a walkthrough by parents who engaged their children in their exhibits. There were wonderful artworks presented by students on digital tools, various government systems, international organisations and economic activities of various organisations.



Students share their learning with their parents during the student-led conference

Learning was celebrated with a new and unique twist - the '*flash mob*' and it was impeccable. The day was colourful with great artworks (crocheting, painting, photography, packaging, printing, stencilling) unique posters, creative drama, music, as well as the *big sale* by the Ruby helpers evidencing students' learning in the unit, '*How we organise ourselves*'.



Students preparing for the main event (exhibition)



Beautiful students' artworks on display

The three primary classes *(Onyx, Opal and Ruby)* presented their learning in a unique style with students showcasing their learning with enthusiasm. The entire school community came in to experience not just a school event, but a whole learning process of interacting with learners and participating in the special sales. Presentations did not follow any mundane routines of sit, watch, clap and go. Every member of the school community gave it their all with joy while they walked through the various exhibits.



One step two steps parents and guests walk through the exhibits with great enthusiasm



### Students give top-notch presentations with great assertiveness

The students could not wait to give their presentations to show their learning in the unit in retrospect. They collaborated to share their learning with the school community. This put them at the forefront, where they exercise agency by owning their learning across all disciplines. Parents expressed great joy listening to and watching their children present, and they were proud of them.



The 'flash mob' wouldn't have been complete without the big celebration of Grandma

Adjavon @ 82! Hip, Hip Hurray!!! That was a celebration in a celebration. While learners and the entire school community *celebrated* the learning, they also celebrated Mrs Adjavon's special birthday with thankful hearts. The students put together poetry, music and art presentations for Grandma to thank God for her life and thank her for all she does for the school. It was a memorable celebration and the entire school community was happy to be part of the celebration.





Students give various presentations to celebrate Grandma Adjavon

The just-ended unit celebration at TIS Primary School was amazing with great artworks, presentations and creative activities.

Open <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sPktTYmN5xk2dKyQc6x1He5aqouJT9Ry/view</u> to enjoy the colourful event.





# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



At TIS, 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.



EDUCATION FOR A BETTER WORLD

## **Tema International School**

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Teacher in-Service Day (no school for students)



First and Last Day of School (Main Campus)



Main Campus Event

Primary Campus Event



First and Last Day of School (Primary Campus)



SAT Test



ACT Test

### **Public Holidays**

- 21/9/21 Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Day
- 2/12/21 Farmers' Day
- 7/1/22 Constitution Day
- 7/3/22 Independence Day
- 15/4/22 Good Friday
- 18/4/22 Easter Monday
- 2/5/22 Labour Day
- 3/5/22 Eid Al Fitr (TBC)

### S1 Internal Dates: Main Campus

1/8/21	2021 MYP Results Released; 2021 MYP Enquiries Upon Results Open
2/8/21	Senior executive staff resume
9/8/21	Teachers resume
15/8/21	Student Council executive return
18/8/21	Newbies arrive
22/8/21	Continuing students resume
23/8/21	Secondary School classes commence
26/8/21	School Performance auditions (G7-9); 4.15pm
27/8/21	TIS Junior Soccer Championships
28/8/21	SAT
29/8/21	School Performance auditions (G10-12); 2.00pm
3/9/21	TIS Senior Soccer Championships
11/9/21	ACT
18/9/21	TIS Handball Championships
23/9/21	G12 TOK Exhibition;
25/9/21	TIS Volleyball Championships
2/10/21	SAT
3/10/21	TIS Founders' Day: Main Campus admissions open for 2022/2023
4/10/21	TIS Holiday (TIS Founders' Day)
8/10/21	Inter-Colour Language Comp;
9/10/21	ACT
14-16/10/21	TISMUN
14-18/10/21	Wellbeing days
26/10/21	G12 EE Cafe
25/10/21	G9/G11 Changes to Subject Selections close
13/11/21	Annual Performance
15-19/11/21	G10 end of semester exams
22-30/11/21	DP end of semester exams
27/11/21	TIS swimming championships (3.00 – 5.30pm)
30/11/21	Akorlikope handover
1/12/21	General Inspection.
2/12/21	Last day for first semester: Students may depart from 2.00pm.
4/12/21	SAT
5-8/12/21	Dukies' Expedition
11/12/21	ACT

<i>S2</i>	
5-6/1/22	Staff training days (5: MYP; 6: DP)
9/1/22	Students return to hostels; applications for 2022 SC positions close
10/1/22	Second semester commences
11-17/1/22	Alumni Week
21/1/22	SC Manifest Readings
24/1/22	2022 Student Council elections by voting (7.00am-4.00pm)
24-28/1/22	IDU Days; G12 EE; G11 EE (24-25), 11/12 CAS Dukies Reflection Day
	(26)
29/1/22	TIS Athletic Championships
30/1/22	Thanksgiving Service and Student Leadership Induction Ceremony
11/2/22	TIS Badminton Championships; TIS Junior Tennis Championships
17/2/22	G11 TOK Exhibition
18-19/2/22	TIS Basketball Championships; TIS Senior Tennis Championships
21-25/2/22	MYP Mock eAssessments
26/2/22	General Inspection
4/3/22	Deadline for uploading Projects for Virtual Exhibition
7/3/22	MYP Community and Personal Projects Virtual Exhibition
8-18/3/22	DP Mock Exams
11/3/22	TIS Squash Championships
12/3/22	SAT
14/3/22	Pi Day
28-29/3/22	Wellbeing days
28/3/22	Mock reports (G10&12) published
2/4/22	ACT
6/4/22	G12 Exam Readiness Workshop
13/4/22	General Inspection
15/4/22	Good Friday (PH)
18/4/22	Easter Monday (PH)
21-27/4/22	G9 eAssessments
22/4/22	G11 EE Cafe
6/5/22	G9 (2022/2023) subject selections commence
7/5/22	SAT
	MYP eAssessments
29/4 - 20/5/2	2 DP Final Exams
11-20/5/22	G11 semester exams
26/5/22	Last day for all students.
27/5/22	G12 students return to campus. Last day of semester for Primary School
	Campus.
28/5/22	2022 Graduation and Achievers' Day
30/5-2/6/22	Dukies Award Expedition
3/6/22	Last day for teachers; S2 reports published
11/6/22	ACT
16/7/22	ACT

### **Primary School Campus**

## Public Holidays

21/9/21	Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Day
2/12/21	Farmers' Day
7/1/22	Constitution Day
7/3/22	Independence Day
15/4/22	Good Friday
18/4/22	Easter Monday
2/5/22	Labour Day
3/5/22	Eid Al Fitr (TBC)

### S1 Internal Dates

9/8/21	Teachers resume
30/8/21	First semester commences
3/9/21	Meet the Teacher Info Sessions
23/9/21	International Day of Sign Language
27-9//21-1/10/21	Student-led interviews
4/10/21	TIS Holiday (TIS Founders' Day)
18/10/21	Wellbeing Day
12/11/21	End of UOI #2 Celebrations
2/12/21	End of UOI #3 Celebrations; Last day for first semester

## *S2*

5-6/1/22	Staff training days (Concept-Based Curriculum)
10/1/22	Second semester commences
18/2/22	End of UOI #4 Celebrations
25/3/22	End of UOI #5 Celebrations
28-29/3/22	Wellbeing days
1/4/21	Primary School Campus admissions open for 2022/2023
1/4/21 26/5/22	Primary School Campus admissions open for 2022/2023 PYP Exhibition (11.00am)
26/5/22	PYP Exhibition (11.00am)

## **CAS-SA Corner**



We are three weeks into the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Challenge 100. Due to



the high number of interested participants participating in the DoEIA cooking challenge, they have been assigned into 3 groups with a maximum of 8 members, to ensure every participant gets the full experience. We've had three different menus: pancakes with a chilled drink; hot spicy sausage kebab with chilled drinks; and, abelewells with delicious hot spring rolls. Participants were engaged in the different processes to get a meal served, from cleaning, cooking, selling and washing dishes. Participants won't only acquire or enhance their cooking skills but also learn collaborative and good communication skills which will help them to be World Ready.

Participants who engaged in the Award Challenge 100 activity will meet 2 requirements (Skills and Voluntary Service) in the DoEIA program. All proceeds raised from every meal sold will help young people from challenging backgrounds to gain the confidence, skills and experience they need to overcome whatever life throws their way.

Our target is to raise funds to support 100 young people from these challenging backgrounds to enroll and achieve their DoEIA Award.

We are also open to the school community to donate to help young people to be WORLD READY.

Donations can be made via MTN Momo 0543936488 (Abigail Ahiadorme – Award Leader) with reference: DoEIA funds.





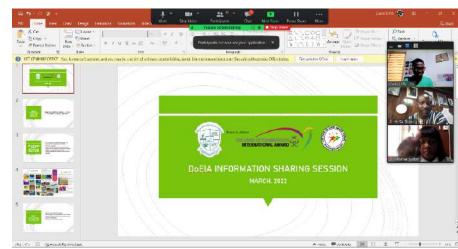
Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Coordinators' Forum Ghana.



Tema International School participated in the online Head of States Award Coordinators' forum. The forum hosted 70 Coordinators in Ghana and some Head of State Award ambassadors. The forum focused on serving as a platform for collaboration and a medium to share best practices in delivering the award program, whilst also paying attention to structures and policies to run award the program

effectively. The coordinator for Tema International School, David Difie, was invited to share some of its guiding principles as the Best Award Centre in 2021.





**DoEIA - HoSA Information Sharing Session** 

The award coordinator was also invited to join information-sharing an session to mentor eight international schools looking forward to running the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award program. Also present in the online meeting was the Cambridge

correspondent in Ghana to talk about Cambridge & DoEIA Partnership. The DoEIA program is quickly expanding to more international schools in Ghana, as it has been noticed to be the best program for young people to acquire essential life skills for the future. Tema International School is valued for running the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award program at its high standard in Ghana and also being able to mentor all international schools ready to run the DoEIA program in 2022.



## **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!!**



### TIS Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (DoEIA) Expedition Camp

Dear Parents,

The **Tema International School Duke of Edinburgh International Award (DoEIA) Expedition Camp** is a sail-away to a life-changing experiential learning program for IB and DoEIA students and educators.

Now as a **DoEIA Centre**, we have added an extra touch to our experiential learning activities to include sailing, kayaking, abseiling, hiking, map reading, camping, survival tasks and much more to ensure students a life-changing experience. In collaboration with BraveHearts (expedition adventure organization), we are sure to offer the best **outdoor experiences** and most of all, FUN!

Bronze, Silver and Gold Award participants are welcome to the sixth Camp, and they will have the experience of a lifetime, while meeting the requirements for CAS and the DoEIA. This is a unique opportunity to develop skills, reflect while challenging themselves.

The TIS **DoEIA Expedition Camp** will be run to the highest safety standards in outdoor education.

# **Register your ward now! LIMITED space are available. Only students who are DofE** award participants can join the Expedition Camp.

- Activities: Adventurous journey, abseiling, kayaking, hiking, map reading & compass use, trail navigation, radio communication reading, creativity and leadership experiences, life and survival skills, first aid, drills and much more.
- Benefits: Students will apply and develop skills, with CAS and DoEIA requirements met.
- **Safety:** All safety measures are being taken into consideration, and a risk assessment trip was completed by a TIS team. A wilderness medical officer and an emergency nurse with work experience with the West African Rescue Association will be joining the team throughout the program.
- **Equipment:** World Ready T-shirt, Cap, Kayak, camping gear, abseil gear, all outdoor equipment is inclusive.
- Orientation and safety training- Sunday, 29 May, 3:00 pm at the Design Lab with all participants and Expedition Leaders.
- Departure: TIS campus Monday, 30 May, 2022, 7:00 am
- The team will **return to TIS Campus on Thursday**, **2 June 2022** by 4 pm. Parents are reminded to pick up their wards for the summer break.
- **Duration:** 4 days
- Comprehensive Outdoor Risk and Liability Insurance: Inclusive
- Logistics: Certificate, transport, food, water and fees to destinations are all inclusive.
- Venue: Akatin, Upper Manya Krobo.

### **Register your ward now!** LIMITED space available.

**Cost:** GHC 2,500 - **Registration deadline: 15 April 2022**- Kindly pay by the said deadline. \*Click on the link below to register. Payment should be made after registration is confirmed.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfK2av3mBi\_YL9Ky7C6zI8Gfh\_EQPXGqo4V hom7PJzhSfOQRQ/viewform

When making the payment in any of the TIS accounts below kindly state the purpose: **TIS DoEIA Expedition Camp, 6th Edition.** 

Expedition Camp Cost: Ghc 2,500

TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ACCOUNT DETAILS

BANK: ABSA BANK BRANCH: Tema Main ACCOUNT #: 060-1798808 (GH¢) BANK: Ecobank Ghana Limited BRANCH: Tema Main ACCOUNT #: 0020014471692201 (GH¢)

Please send an image of the **receipt to TIS WhatssApp - +233 0503849799.** If you have any queries kindly contact the Award Coordinator Mr. David Difie - <u>david.difie@tis.edu.gh</u>

## **ASA Corner**



touched your eyes, nose or mouth.

Activity: Tennis Instructor: Callistus and Gabriel Venue: Sport Complex **Time**: 4:15 pm to 5:15 pm

returning balls to another court.

## TENNIS SAFETY

- In a regulation tennis game, players must wear . proper athletic attire.
- Be aware of your spacial surroundings when ٠ swinging your racket.
- Playing area needs to be debris free.
- Practice proper communication, for example . make sure your opponent is ready before you serve the ball.
- When playing doubles be aware of the position . of your partner.

Tennis is a racket sport that can be played individually against a single opponent or between two teams of two players each. Each player uses a tennis racket that is strung with cord to strike a hollow rubber ball covered with felt over or around a net and into the opponent's court.

fences, benches, etc.

At TIS, tennis is an activity enjoyed by students and staff. Tennis is an excellent cardiovascular exercise that improves muscular strength, endurance, balance,

coordination and agility. Here are some benefits of tennis to students by increasing aerobic capacities.

- lowering resting heart rate and blood pressure.
- improving metabolic function. •
- increasing bone density. •
- lowering body fat. •
- improving muscle tone, strength and flexibility. •
- increasing reaction times. •

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## Service as Action

### **FGM Article**



As part of Service as Action experience, Maame Bervell-Ackah (Grade 9) wrote an article about Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) from her Language and Literature unit, "*Writing a Compelling Story*". Maame Ekuba used all the tools she gathered from her class to pen down an article that will draw the attention of readers and create awareness that FGM may be

primitive but it still occurs in some parts of Africa and must be eradicated. The article connects to SDG goal 6 -Gender Equality and honours International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM scheduled for every 6 February.

The compelling article has been published in the **Junior Graphic dated 16 March on Page 15.** Thank you to Ms. Rita Tay for proofreading the article. Well done, Maame.

### **Grade 10 Service as Action Reflections**

Service as Action is a unique opportunity for students to learn by doing and become actors in the real world connecting their learning to real-life situations to create an impact. Grade 10 culminates the experience for all MYP students. At TIS, students are required to complete a *Transition Worksheet* that presents a bulk reflection of all students' experiences since MYP 2. The worksheet allows students to discuss their impact, their growth, how they achieved the learning outcomes and how their various experiences led to the embodiments of the IB



learner attributes. The worksheet also touches on their Community Project engagements and their aspirations for CAS at the DP level. Read further a summary of reflections from the cohort.

SA helped me to identify my leadership skills. I was the leader of the PHE group titled, Project 03s. It further helped me to understand people and learn how to accept other people's opinions in the decision-making process. I have also learnt to appreciate what I have and the essence of reaching out to the under-privileged. I used to ignore street children or hawkers, but I feel a sense of gratitude and empathy now when I see them. Through service as action, I am confident in my ability to cause change. Jeffrey Adjagar – MYP 5

Service as Action has given me the opportunity to think more creatively than I used to. Service is giving back to the community and Action is taking initiative to give back to the community.



I have done various activities that have helped me step outside my comfort zone and try new things. I have been engaged in different activities like MUN, piano lessons, Duke of Edinburgh, and many others. I have taken initiatives like joining online webinars and designing a blog titled, *YOU MATTER*, which creates awareness about Mental Health and Drug Abuse. Finally, Service as Action has helped me to connect what I learn from class to initiate a project based on the knowledge. **Maa Abena Afriyie-Owusu – MYP 5** 

Service as Action was new to me when I joined TIS. My first experience was Designing Greeting Cards in Language Acquisition from our French Unit – Mi Casa. The cards included

*Get Well Soon, Happy Birthday,* etc., in French. The experience supported my creative thinking and increased my observation. In recent times when I identify a need, I quickly think of how to address it. Mawunyo Anatsui – MYP 5

Service as Action has taught me to use minimal resources available to me to make a huge impact in the lives of others. I initiated *Code Red* with a friend to distribute sanitary towels to girls in deprived communities. I was also a member of a Podcast



series titled, For Your Ears Only.

The experiences built my confidence as I engaged in thoughtful conversation. Service as Action has taught me that whoever we are, we can affect the lives of people with our learning. Veronica Arthur – MYP5

Through Service as Action, I have grown into the idea of placing the community and others before myself. Through my various projects, I have learnt to place value in developing my skills and talents to benefit others and the community. I have gained a strong sense of confidence in myself and in my way of thinking and have grown into the idea of reflecting on my actions. Jason Chigabatia – MYP5



My Service in Action experience has been challenging, yet worthwhile. I have grown a lot as a person and I have personally felt its effects on various aspects of my life: my academics, personal life, sporting, social life and even, religion. SA has personally helped my time management skills because I had to balance between doing projects and other activities while trying to excel in academics. In order to do so, I had to learn one key principle which was 'knowing what to do at the right time'. **Eugene Cobbinah – MYP 5** 





I have matured throughout my SA

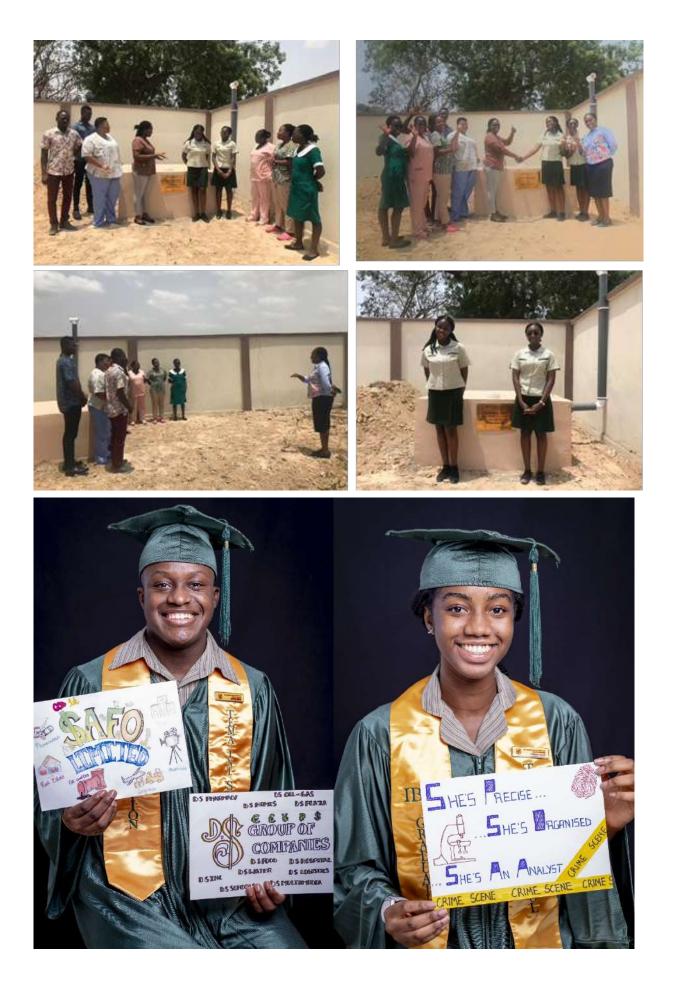
experiences. By creating initiatives, I have learnt to be independent and confidence in my own thoughts and ideas. I could not grasp the concept of SA in the beginning, but I set my mind to become more engaged. Therefore, I joined four clubs and created awareness about Climate Change by designing a poster. I have also become more concerned with the happenings around me and more aware about important topics/issues. Akua Osafo-Buabeng – MYP5

### Flamestar by SamaRa - Community Project Handing Over



Samantha Kattah and Rachel-Louise Assan (MYP 3), have culminated their Community Project last Wednesday as they graciously handed over the completed Placenta Pit to Jericho Health Centre, Ashiaman. Feeling proud, the girls narrated how they raised funds for the construction. In response, the Physician Assistant, Madam Abigail Annang-Lomo, expressed her profound gratitude and admiration for the good work done. She said this

project has indeed impacted the clinic and encouraged a continuous relationship between the clinic and TIS. Congratulations to the initiators on a journey worthwhile. A special thank you to supervisor, Ms. Setor Adih, for her support.



**SAVE THE DATE** – coming up on 28 May, **TIS Annual Achievers' Day & Graduation** Ceremony, 2022. After two consecutive years of virtual events, we are now preparing for an in-person ceremony. Take note that the event is open only to parents of the graduands and awardees. The event will be live-streamed on TIS YouTube Channel and Facebook. We will return to our full capacity for TIS events next academic year. Sorry for any inconvenience, and stay tuned for more details on this memorable event.





## **TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**



**Graduation & Achievers'** Day Ceremony 2022 LOADING 

# 28 May 2022 @ 10:00 am

LIVE STREAMING 🕒 Tema International School

TISGhana

## **Celebrating the IB Class of 2022**

# **TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

## Celebrating the Class of 2022

It is my greatest pleasure to introduce you to the IB Class of 2022 – **The IB Pioneers** – over the next 70 days. From an initial intake of 21 students in 2016, this class has matured in its outlook and numbers each year. Their messages reflect a strong commitment to the IB learner profile attributes.

This unique group holds a special distinction at TIS. These students were the inaugural MYP cohort who committed themselves to the MYP eAssessments in 2020.

Thank you for all those special moments and for making TIS proud. We look forward to you continuing as alumni members of our TIS family while you continue with the next stage of your journey. Best wishes. Stay healthy.

Dr Ken Darvall Principal www.tis.edu.gh

## **Celebrating the IB Class of 2022**



# **TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

# Celebrating the Class of 2022

Four years ago, my parents reluctantly dropped me off at the gates of the Cecilia Hostel and I must say, life has been a series of roller coasters ever since. TIS gave me so many platforms that allowed me to both express myself and grow myself; from assembly team script writer, Female Head of Council to the 2019 Annual School Play, I was encouraged to broaden my horizons.

Moreover, the COVID-19 pandemic taught me to persevere, adapt and learn to not fear my circumstances. With the foundation TIS has helped me establish, I hope to continue to reach for the stars.

Hedia Dickson IB Class of 2022 www.tis.edu.gh

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## **Celebrating the IB Class of 2022**

# **TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

# Celebrating the Class of 2022

Four years ago, I was greeted by the green gates of this august institution. I've grown, learnt and taught. I'm proud of the gentleman I've become. The opportunities in this school are unlimited. There are many things I've been able to achieve in these four years, repainting the children's ward at the Ashaiman Hospital, hosting a fashion show and becoming the Male Head of Council, has been my dream come true.

I'll miss every staff member, power nights and the times with my boys spent in the common room. From the pandemic, I learned that no situation is permanent. I can proudly say I'm leaving TIS ready to take on any challenge and be an agent of change.

David Safo IB Class of 2022 www.tis.edu.gh





At TIS, we believe that Service, as one of the four pillars for student balance and ensuing success, provides a hands-on experience to how we can make the world a better place through action and an understanding that success comes from helping others grow and becoming empowered.



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# WHY PEOPLE GIVE UP



expect fast results



stop believing in themselves



resist change

in the past

get stuck



dwell on mistakes



believe in their weaknesses



fear the future

feel the world owes them something



overwork

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fear failure more than desire success



assume their problems are unique



give up their power

never visualize what is possible



see failure as the signal to turn back



feel they have something to lose



feel sorry for themselves

by Anna Vital

# **COUNSELLORS' CORNER**



In all things, do it wholeheartedly. Your life journey becomes more purposeful and meaningful as you persist and strive to succeed against all odds.

Dear students, If it must be done: (academic work and developing social skills as futureready citizens), it must be done well!



# DP2 UNIVERSITY OFFERS KEEP TRICKLING IN, CHECK OUT NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN FOR THE JUICY ADMISSION OFFERS!

### Lancaster University Ghana Counsellors and Head of Schools Event

The RECIRCULATE Project: Driving eco-innovation in Africa



Lancaster University is leading a ground-breaking project called RECIRCULATE in partnership with African researchers to address the urgent need for safe and effective water use in Africa. A thriving leader in quality education in Africa with its mother university in the UK. Lancaster offers students the opportunity to choose from a wide range of programmes. Business to Computer Science as well as foundation programmes. <u>https://study.lancaster.edu.gh/study/foundation-pathways/</u>. To find out more visit <u>https://study.lancaster.edu.gh/about-us/history-of-uk-campus/</u>

Their new campus is located at the heart of Accra, 44 Eagle Lane Tantra Hill Off Achimota Nsawam Road. As an annual tradition on the 23 March 2022, Lancaster organized a Counsellors and Heads of Council Event speaking on the theme: **Stimulating Entrepreneurial Thinking and Innovation**.

Counsellors and some Heads of schools such as SOS-Herman Gmeiner International College, East Airport International School, Akosombo International School, Presbyterian Boys Secondary School (Legon), Aburi Girls Senior High School, Ghana Christian International High School, International Community School (Kumasi), Galaxy International School, among others, were present.

## Major Highlights

✓ Thinking entrepreneurship is identifying the opportunities around you and making the most out of it. You can start by answering these questions.

Who am I?: my values, beliefs, experiences and exposure

What I know: knowledge, (SWOT) Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats

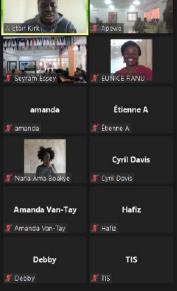
Who I know: Connections, leveraging your networks

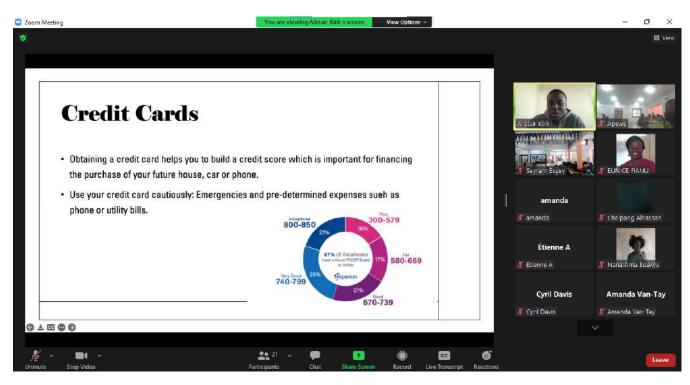
- ✓ Invest as much as you can and think of strategic partnerships
- ✓ Focus on customer excellence
- ✓ Self branding. Learn, grow, engage and develop
- In business think of affordable loss, what do I stand to lose in the transaction which I can contain?
- Concentrate on the ups and down of success but always give back to your community and make a positive impact!
- ✓ Identify favourable opportunities and gaps
- ✓ Mistakes are inevitable. An opportunity to do better and enhance!
- Problems always present opportunities for creating solutions and to think entrepreneurially- "Reflections by Eunice Fianu and Constance Quaye" - TIS University Guides

# Time with TIS Alumnus- Alistair Kirk IB CLASS OF 2019 University of Toronto: Money and Investments: Guidance Lesson for DP2

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# Choosing your Bank Fees: no monthly charges, and little to no overdraft fees Choose a bank with branches and ATMs close to campus. Rewards and perks: cash bonus for signup, roundup savings program, cash back. A bank with a mobile app No account minimum FDIC Insured





Taking time to educate his siblings is what Alistair does best as he gives back to TIS through alumni connections. Having him speak on any topic is so valuable and practical.

## **Enjoy reading a reflection**

"When I first came to TIS in Grade 9, the IB2's made my time in Grade 9 really enjoyable and they always kept looking out for me. Fast forward 4 years later and they still are, as a senior Kirk acted as a big brother and gave advice whenever you asked for it and he did the same for us again in our last Guidance class. He gave a presentation on how to use our money when we go to University and how to make save our money and also how we can use our money to our advantage. By teaching us how credit cards work and the "hidden" financial strategies in university, I have been enlightened on an important part of university life and hopefully, I would be able to implement it successfully during my time there. It was great listening to Kirk's advice for us on finance and advice on tackling the upcoming exams and just like Kirk, I can't wait to also share what I would have learnt after leaving TIS". "**Cyril Davis DP2**"

## MEDICAL SCHOOLS VISIT TIS DP1s VIRTUALLY!

## Thinking of Pursuing Medicine in Ghana? Look no further. Accra College of Medicine or Family Health Medical School are quality options for you!

Both medical schools joined our DP1 prospective medical students for an informative Zoom session where they shared useful information on studying Medicine at their respective schools. Both schools are accredited and we have TIS Alumni currently enrolled there.



Accra College of Medicine is a private and independent Medical School located in Accra. ACM offers a research oriented medical education that is focused on solving Ghana and Africa's health problems. The school was founded in 2013 as a private and independent educational facility in Accra. <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Accra\_College\_of\_Medicine</u>

Family Health Medical School:



Family Health Medical School (FHMS) was established in 2015.

First Private Medical School in Ghana, attached to a specialist hospital (Family Health Hospital). Affiliated to the University of Ghana, Legon. Accredited by the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC), and the Medical & Dental Council (MDC).

## Enjoy Reading a reflection during a virtual visit - DP1 Class

"During the virtual presentation by Accra College of Medicine and Family Health Medical School, I got to know about the great achievements of both schools. I was informed about the diverse facilities and opportunities available at each medical school. I gained clarity on the numerous advantages and opportunities associated with attending a private medical school such as the chance to do my clinical in both the public and private sector. I was briefed on the extracurricular activities available in each school such as learning sign language & learning various local dialects which develop a medical student into a great doctor". Karen Apietu DP1

Introducing the Summer Science Academy at McDaniel College, USA! Registration is now open for the 2022 Summer Science Academy held at <u>McDaniel</u> <u>College</u>. This is an excellent opportunity for students to engage in summer learning, gain exposure to a college campus AND earn a \$40,000 scholarship!

That's right! Students who are entering 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grades after attending and successfully completing at least one session of the Summer Science Academy prior to applying to McDaniel College are *guaranteed to receive a minimum McDaniel Merit Scholarship worth at least \$40,000 over four years (\$10,000 annually) when they are admitted to and enroll at McDaniel!* 

2022 Summer Science Academy Courses include:

- Forensic Science
- Marine Science
- Engineering Laboratory
- Environmental Science
- **NEW!** Pre-health Science course in Genetics and Plagues & Pandemics. (Open to all students but are particularly interested in careers in medicine, nursing, physical therapy, fitness, and sports training.)
- **NEW!** Biological Machines
- **NEW!** Space and Astronomy

For course descriptions, available dates, and to apply, visit <u>www.summerscienceacademy.com</u>.

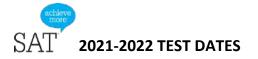
Don't miss your chance to qualify for the <u>McDaniel Merit Scholarship</u>! Applications are accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis, but **students are encouraged to apply before April 30**. There are both residential (on-campus housing) and commuter options available. Feel free to contact me at <u>ssa@mcdaniel.edu</u> with any questions. I hope to see you on campus this summer!



DP2s, please note that Ghanaian University applications are open for most private universities- Ashesi University, Academic City University, Lancaster University Ghana, Webster University Ghana, Accra College of Medicine, Family Health Medical School etc. Be sure to complete all pending applications.



## DATES AND INFORMATION



## See current and New SAT dates and Deadlines for Registration below:

TEST DATE	<b>REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT</b>	GLOBAL DEADLINE			
	DEADLINE				
7 May 2022	22 Marc. 2022	7 April 2022			
$\checkmark$ DP1's don't wait until the eleventh hour to register. Register now to avoid any					
disappointments!					

https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/international

✓ DEADLINE FOR MAY SAT EXAM IS IN ABOUT 5 DAYS!

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



- ✓ SAT without essay \$98 Online payment only with visa/credit card.
- ✓ NEW; ACCEPTABLE IDs ARE NOW THE VALID UNEXPIRED PASSPORT IN ADDITION TO GHANA'S NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD (GHANA CARD), AS OF AUGUST 2021 **ONWARDS.**

https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/international/policies

# ACT 2020-2021 TEST DATES (COMPUTER-BASED TESTING ONLY!)

- ✓ ACT Registration Fees (Online payments only: Visit <u>www.actstudent.org</u>):
- ✓ ACT plus writing TBD, without writing- U.S.\$171.50 (TIS Test Centre Code: 870390, but inform counsellor first).
- ✓ DP1s, SIGN UP FOR THE JUNE ACT EXAM COMING UP!



- ✓ The ACT is a good value because students can make yourself visible to colleges and scholarship agencies across the country by taking the ACT.
- ✓ The ACT test is accepted by all major 4-year universities.
- ✓ If you have low high school GPA, you can make up for it by passing the ACT.
- ✓ If you fail, you can always retake the ACT.
- ✓ You can evaluate your capabilities and weak points through the ACT.
- ✓ It can be a great asset for your employment.
- ✓ There's a science section in the test. A plus for scholarships for students wanting to study STEM programmes.
- ✓ In the ACT test, you'll always have selections for choosing the correct answer, unlike in the SAT.
- ✓ You'll feel a sense of accomplishment after taking the ACT test.
   Click here: <u>https://www.testpreptoolkit.com/act-test/12-benefits-of-taking-the-act</u>

\*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.



CURRENT & NEW TEST DATES FOR ACT 2021-2022.DONT MISS OUT ON ANY OF THE DATES

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT	GLOBAL DEADLINE	
	DEADLINE		
2 April. 2022	18 Feb. 2022	4 March 2022	
11 June 2022	29 April 2022	13 May 2022	

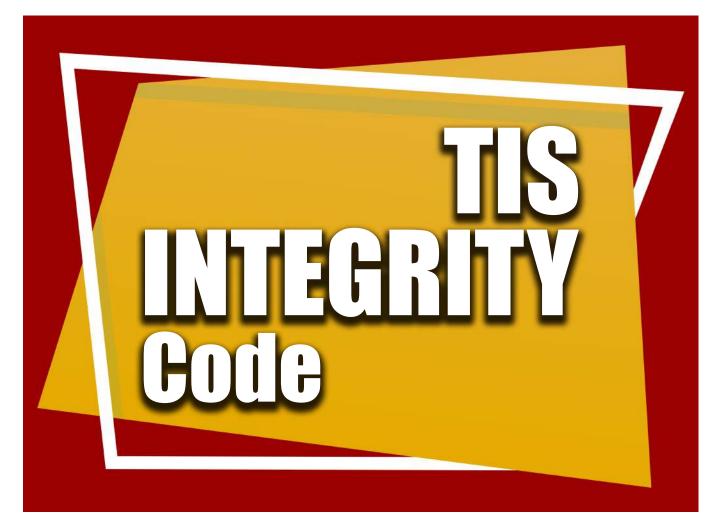
1 April 2022



At TIS, we believe that culture as one of the four pillars for student balance and ensuing success, develops and enhances the creative, artistic and performing skills and talents in each student.



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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."





