



# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



## *Annual Achievers & Graduation Ceremony*

Theme: "Celebrating our Achievers: The Importance of Vision & Values"



Guest Speaker: **Engr. Oluwafemi Fajemirokun**  
[Head Information & Telecommunications, West African Power Pool/ECOWAS]

**3 June 2023**

# “Celebrating our Achievers: The Importance of Vision & Values”

## **VISION**

To be an International School of choice, nurturing world class citizens responsive to the needs of society.

## **MISSION**

Tema International School seeks to:

- Provide an excellent and diverse education for all, irrespective of nationality, ethnicity, creed, or gender.
- Draw on the cultural diversity of the school community as a foundation for building universal human values.
- Develop the spirit of inquiry in all our students as a fundamental tool for encouraging critical thinking and stimulating intellectual development.
- Create a safe and supportive environment which promotes self-discipline, honesty, integrity and excellence in learning.

We believe that the young adults who graduate from TIS possess the knowledge and relevant skills to unlock opportunities and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

11:00am

Arrival of Guests and Parents

Prelude - Cultural Drumming & Dance

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- Opening Performance - **Flag procession/Anthem/Choreopoem Performance**
  - Welcome address - Principal - **Dr Ken Darvall (Principal)**
  - Heads of Student Council Message - **Maame Serwah Dabo & Eugene Cobinnah (Grade 11)**
  - MYP - Grade 7 awards
  - MYP - Grade 8 awards
  - Performance - **Grade 8 Taekwondo Drill**
  - Alumni Speaker - **Dilys Ewuraesi Mbiah - IB Class of 2013**
  - MYP - Grade 9 awards
  - MYP - Grade 10 awards
  - Performance - **TIS Choir (Amazing Grace, Stand Up, & Choral Medley)**
  - Guest Speaker - **Engr. Fajemirokun Oluwafemi (Head Information & Telecommunications, West African Power POOL/ECOWAS)**
  - DP - Grade 11 awards
  - DP - Grade 12 awards
  - Special Awards
  - Performance - **Cultural Dance (Fumefume)**

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## *Message* from Principal

*What will determine your success will be the challenges you take, the choices you make, the actions you initiate and the opportunities in which you participate. Success will follow those who demonstrate authenticity daily. Dr Ken Darvall*

Welcome to the 2023 Achievers and Graduation Ceremony. It is a fitting time to recognise just some of the outstanding achievements of our students over the past 12 months.

For our IB Class of 2023, the Collective, today's event marks our 17th graduation celebration.



The Collective has been, and will remain, a very special group for me. From an initial intake of 19 students in 2017, this class has matured in its outlook and numbers each year. This unique group has always set high standards, as evidenced by being awarded the class of the year for three consecutive years.

All of us look forward to you sharing your future milestones and achievements. Reflect on what you have learnt about yourself as a TIS and IB student so that you can transform future uncertainty into success.

To all our parents, thank you for your outstanding support to your sons and daughters. This academic year has been very tough regarding the impact of the high living costs on every family across Ghana. I am grateful for your continued support, respect your resilience during these difficult times and admire your determination to provide the best education for your children. Thank you.

Today is your day, IB Class of 2023. Enjoy the occasion, share your special moments, and appreciate the support that has helped you reach this moment. We wish you well and thank you for your valuable contributions to TIS.

To other students, I acknowledge the effort and commitment you have demonstrated to ensure each awardee

today had to keep looking over their shoulder from the competition you provided. Each student aspires to achieve awards on this special day, and I admire your commitment to this goal. The experiences you enjoyed in 2022/2023 go beyond today's awards.

I take this opportunity to thank all TIS staff for their continuing efforts and contributions to ensure the TIS dream remains alive and our achievements continue to make Mrs Adjavon and her family so proud. To our dear parents and members of the TIS community, you deserve our special thanks and appreciation for your continuing support during these difficult times.

We appreciate the support of our sponsors, whose details appear throughout this brochure, for this event. Thank you.

**Dr Ken Darvall**  
**Principal**



As an IB World School, the TIS community strives to be:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**RISK-TAKERS:** We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination. We work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

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

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

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## Excellence

We facilitate quality teaching and learning with our wide range of resources, to ensure that each member of the community reaches his or her peak of excellence.

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## International Mindedness

We are conscious of the global inter-connectedness. Hence, we engage in activities that make it easy to fit into every environment, regardless of which part of the world we find ourselves. We know everything about something, and something about everything.

3

## Honesty

We live by this 'Honesty is the best policy'. PS: That is the truth.

4

## Respect

We are aware of each other's feelings and develop healthy relationships amongst ourselves, which is a key for survival. We treat our environment with care as sustaining it will benefit us all.

5

## Critical Thinking

We promote 'seeing and listening beyond the surface' kind of analysis in and outside class to enable us view concepts and theories from varied perspectives, and in the process, widening the scope of our knowledge.

6

## Creativity

We do not take things simply for what they are. Rather, we take them for what they can be. It is in identifying potential and opportunity that innovativeness and imagination blossom.

7

## Teamwork

We operate with the 'alone we can do so little; together we can do so much' philosophy. Hence, we apply our knowledge to activities and group research, simultaneously establishing collaboration and cooperation amongst students, teachers, and parents.

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## Transparency

Nothing stays behind the light; we bring everything into the light. We ensure that TIS knowledge is everyone's knowledge.

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## Service

We believe that 'love has no meaning if it remains by itself, that it has to be put in action, and that action is service.' Therefore, we participate in community service to express our love for humanity, and the sustenance of our environment.





Engineer Fajemirokun Oluwafemi is a distinguished electrical engineer with over 20 years of experience in power engineering, telecommunications, and controls, as well as project management. He graduated with distinction in Electrical Engineering and won the Governor's award for the best graduating student in Communication and Controls. He also holds a Master's Degree in International Management in Oil Gas and Energy and a Professional Certificate in Business Continuity and Resiliency, as well as Computer forensics.

Throughout his career, Engr. Fajemirokun has demonstrated his expertise and dedication to improving the energy sector in West Africa. He was one of the core team of USAID Technical Assistance that supported the formation of the West African Power Pool in its vision of establishing a regional electricity market towards providing reliable electricity for the citizenry at affordable cost. He has helped developed and managed several donor-funded projects towards this vision. Currently, he serves as the Head of Information and Telecommunications in the organization.

### *Message from Guest Speaker*

**Engr. Fajemirokun Oluwafemi**

Head Information & Telecommunications,  
West African Power Pool/ECOWAS

Prior to his current position, Engineer Oluwafemi worked as a Consultant to the Gambian Revenue Authority under a World Bank-funded Project to revive the Automated System of Customs Data (ASYCUDA) for the country. He also served as the Telecommunications and Hardware Assurance Manager under the Nigeria ASYCUDA Project in Nigeria where he helped set up and linked twenty bonded warehouses in addition to the ma-

major seaports in Nigeria. He started his career as a young engineer at the Kaduna Refinery and later joined a private engineering consulting firm.

Engr. Fajemirokun is a member of the Nigeria Society of Engineers, Council of Registered Engineers, and the Insti-





tute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE).

*He is also the President of Pamilerin, an NGO in Cotonou, the Republic of Benin, that is passionate about education, pediatric health care and parenting towards creating a better and brighter future for the younger generation.*

*Engr. Fajemirokun is a devoted Christian, husband and father. He's a youth mentor and the youth coordinator of his church. He has two daughters, one of whom is graduating today. His dedication to his family, community, and profession is an inspiration to all who know him.*

## Your Values and Vision: A Roadmap to a Bright Future

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on your academic achievements! Today marks a significant milestone in your life, and I am honoured to be a part of this celebration. To all those who have distinguished themselves in the various subjects, I say well done. Keep up the good work. To the class of 2023, you should be proud of yourselves for the hard

work, dedication, and perseverance that you and your families have demonstrated to get to this point.

As you embark on the next chapter of your lives, I want you to reflect on the importance of vision and values in your personal, academic, and professional journeys. Your vision should be a clear and inspiring picture of what you want to achieve in your life, building on all that you have learned over the last few years, whereas your values are the principles and beliefs that have guided you so far and that should continue to guide your decisions and actions. Indeed, having a strong vision and values is the foundation for your success and fulfillment, both personally, academically, and professionally.

Ensuring you kick-off the next phase of your life with clear vision will help focus your energy and efforts towards achieving your goals. It will give you a sense of purpose and direction and motivate you to act towards making your dreams a reality. Being flexible and adaptable is crucial as life is full of unexpected twists and turns, no two directions are ever the same (Don Williams). Let your vision be compelling, realistic, and aligned with your passions, interests, and strengths, and adaptable to life's surprises and opportunities.



Invest in yourself with things that cannot be taken away from you knowing that your life cannot be measured by any amount of money. Let your values be the guiding principles that shape your character and behaviour. Be known for integrity, honesty, respect, empathy, and hard work. Do not throw away these values in pursuit of money, success or fame. These values are the internal compass that will help you navigate the course of your life. Throwing them away for any reason will make you lose your way. Distractions are certain, influences are real but holding onto your core values will guide you in making ethical and responsible decisions; thereby ensuring a well lived life with positive impact on all those who will journey alongside you.

As you celebrate your academic achievements, please take some time to reflect on your vision and values. Ask yourselves, what do you want to achieve in your life? What are your core principles and beliefs? What are you good and passionate about and how can you make a positive impact in this world? How can you align your

actions with your values and vision? These questions can help you define your purpose, set your goals, and act towards achieving your dreams. There is no better time to do this than now!

Remember that your vision and values are not set in stone. They can evolve and change as you grow and learn. Your experiences, challenges, and successes will further shape your vision and values, and help you become the best version of yourself.

In conclusion, I want to congratulate you once again on your academic achievements. Your hard work and dedication have paid off, and you should be proud of yourselves. As you move forward in your personal, academic, and professional lives, I encourage you to stay true to your vision and values, and to use them as a compass to guide you towards success and fulfillment. Congratulations, and best of luck on what will be a wonderful journey!



### Grade 7

- **Katie-Louise Assan** - Best Service As Action Project
- **Sybil Amekugee** - Best Service As Action Project
- **Marie Kufour** - Best Performance in Dance Production
- **Kwaku Ayisi** - Mathematics, Language Acquisition (French) & Physical & Health Education
- **Katie-Louise Assan** - Visual Arts, Language & Literature (English) & Design
- **Paa Kwesi Oppan** - Music, Integrated Sciences, Integrated Humanities & Language Acquisition (Spanish)

### Grade 8

- **Chidubem Akunyili** - Best Community Service Project
- **Lois Entsua-Mensah** - Best Community Service Project & Language Acquisition (Spanish)
- **Bruhan-Deen Hussein** - Best Community Service Project, Music, Physical & Health Education, Integrated Sciences, Integrated Humanities, Mathematics, Language & Literature (English) & Design
- **Aseye Torkornoo** - Best Performance in Music & Dance Performance

- **Crissy Amey** - Language Acquisition (French)
- **Rose Armah** - Visual Arts

### Grade 9

- **Rachael-Louise Assan** - Best Service As Action Project & History
- **Eliana Essel** - Best Service As Action Project
- **Kiros Essilfie** - Best Service As Action Project, Language & Literature (English), Visual Arts, Chemistry & Economics
- **Paris Owusu** - Best Service As Action Project & Best Performance in Music & Dance Performance
- **Brianna Boateng** - Best Female Student in Swimming, Language Acquisition (Spanish) & Extended Mathematics
- **Edwin Jonah** - Language Acquisition (French) Award
- **Kleenam Torkornoo** - Physical & Health Education
- **Ebenezer Baiden** - Music
- **Sujan Allotey** - Computer Science
- **Maame Osei-Amoako** - Digital Design & Geography

- **Fernanda Kofigah** - Product Design & Physics
- **Oforiwa Sakyi-Addo** - Standard Mathematics, Drama & Biology

### Grade 10

- **Peyton Kidd** - Best Service As Action Project & Drama
- **Blessed Quashie** - Best Male Student in Basketball, Biology, Chemistry, Extended Mathematics, Physics & Computer Science
- **Joseph James** - Best Male Student in Volleyball
- **Jeffrey Boahen** - Best Performace in Music & Art Exhibitions & Visual Arts
- **Rui Huang** - Language & Literature [Mandarin]
- **Peter Zhengchuan Hu** - Language Acquisition [English] Emergent
- **Farah Agoro Karim Dikeni** - Language Acquisition (French) Capable
- **Nana Aisha Hussein** - History
- **Senanu Ahlidza** - Digital Design
- **Frederica Ayitey** - Economics
- **Charlene Akwei** - Physical & Health Education

- **Adelaide Alswell Egbenya** - Product Design & Language Acquisition (French) Emergent
- **Kayla Searyoh** - Language Acquisition (Spanish) Emergent
- **Carel Phelan** - Standard Mathematics
- **Phebe Tweneboah** - Geography, Language Acquisition (Spanish) Capable, Music & Language & Literature (English)

### Grade 11

- **Joel Adjei** - Best CAS Project "**EcoAid Initiative**"
- **Tiffeney Nyarko** - Best CAS Project "**EcoAid Initiative**"
- **Kwesi Acheampong** - Best CAS Project "**EcoAid Initiative**"
- **Kevin Agbo** - Best CAS Project "**EcoAid Initiative**"
- **Caleb Offei** - Best CAS Project "**EcoAid Initiative**"
- **Dzifa Amewu** - Best CAS Project "**EcoAid Initiative**"
- **Chris Quarshie** - Best CAS Project "**EcoAid Initiative**"
- **Seffirina Masoperh** - Best Performace in Music & Theatre, Theatre & Psychology SL
- **Fareeda Kadir English** - Best Female Student in Basketball

- **Maadjoa Obeng-Nkansah** - Best Female Student in Squash
- **Kevin Owusu-Afriyie** - Best Male Student in Volleyball
- **Nana Egyei-Mensah** - Best Female Student in Handball, Physics SL & Mathematics: Applications & Interpretation HL
- **Malick Cisse** - Best Male Student in Handball & French B HL
- **Claire-Elise Addo** - Best Male Student in Handball
- **Agormah Agambire** - Best Female Student in Tennis, Best Female Student in Volleyball, Visual Arts & English A: Language & Literature HL
- **Franklin Adu-Baah** - Best Male Student in Swimming, Best Male Student in Athletics, Overall Sports Champion - Male & Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches SL
- **Afua Osei-Boakye** - English A: Literature HL
- **Emmanuel Essel** - Business Management SL
- **Kow Yarney** - English A: Language & Literature SL & English A: Language & Literature SL
- **Nissi Arday** - History HL
- **Tiffany Forson** - Geography
- **Akua Osafo-Buabeng** - Sports Exercise and Health-Science SL
- **Mawulolo Agbeli** - Extended Essay Award
- **Felvin Kwofie** - Business Management HL
- **Ewuradjoa Obeng-Nkansah** - Economics SL
- **Gregory Fokou Kotang** - French B SL & Digital Society SL
- **Anastasia Manteaw** - Environmental Systems & Societies & Sports Exercise and Health Science
- **Winston Mwindaaare** - Digital Society HL & Mathematics: Applications & Interpretation SL
- **Jason Chigabatia** - Computer Science HL & Spanish B SL
- **Dzidzor Mac-Deh** - English A: Literature SL, Psychology HL, Chemistry HL & Biology HL
- **Odasey Tetteh** - Economics HL, Physics HL, Chemistry SL & Theory of Knowledge



### Grade 12

- **Karen Magna Quarshie** - Best CAS Project "*The Guide Project*", Geography HL & Visual Arts
- **Ramatu Ibrahim** - Best CAS Project "*The Guide Project*" & ITGS HL
- **Phoebe Osei** - Best CAS Project "*The Guide Project*"
- **Maame Ama Osei** - Best CAS Project "*The Guide Project*"
- **Mishael Sakyi** - Best Performance in Music Production
- **Brendon Christian** - Best Male Student in Tennis
- **Ryan Tano** - Best Male Student in Soccer, French B HL
- **Omar Abdul Rashid** - Best Male Student in Badminton
- **Claris Perdison** - Best Female Student in Badminton, Best Female Student in Athletics, Overall Sports Champion - Female, Spanish B: HL, Business Management SL & Theory of Knowledge
- **Ewuraba Benyarko** - English A: Literature HL
- **Nemi Asoka** - Theatre
- **Tamar Tejan-Cole** - History HL
- **Lexi Forson** - Environmental Systems & Societies SL
- **Moyosola Fajemirokun** - French B SL
- **Karen Apietu** - English A: Language & Literature SL
- **Annalisa Boahen** - Psychology HL
- **Terrence Adegbesan** - Mathematics: Applications & Interpretation HL & Economics SL
- **Seyram Apreku** - Economics HL, Computer Science HL, Physics SL & Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches SL
- **Seyram Akpatsa** - ITGS SL, Spanish B: SL, Physics HL, Chemistry HL & Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches HL
- **Ama Andah** - Business Management HL, Mathematics: Applications & Interpretation SL, Biology HL, English A: Language & Literature HL, Chemistry SL & Extended Essay

### Special Awards

- **Colour of the Year** - Red Kigelia
- **Andrew Opuni** - The Principal's Footprint Award
- **Kofi Asante** - The Principal's Footprint Award
- **Dayna Sarpong** - The Principal's Integrity Award
- **Grade 9** - Class of the Year
- **Karen Magna Quarshie** - Initiative Award
- **Annalisa Boahen** - Dr. [Mrs.] Sylvia Boye's Prize for Leadership
- **Ama Andah** - The Ajavon Award for Studiosum Anni Award [**Student of the Year**]
- **Dzidzor Mac-Deh** - Student with Best IB MYP Result - 2022
- **Hedia Dickson** - Student with Best IB DP Results - 2022: [43 points]

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## ACADEMICS



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.



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## SERVICE



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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# CULTURE



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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# SPORTS



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.



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Omar F.  
Abdul Rashid



Melike K.  
Agah



Eliezer  
Anim-Somuah



Bellina S.  
Anthonio



Brenda S.  
Anthonio



Eugene M.  
Apegyi



Kofi A. O.  
Asante



Brendon M. K.  
Christian



Nana Kojo M.  
Frimpong



George-Houtman  
Hagan



Nina A.  
Issah



Michael A.  
Kaleem



Albert  
Kufuor-Mensah



Ilona. M. A. A. K.  
Ohene



Farida  
Saani



Vanessa E. G.  
Stephens



Ryan N.  
Addo



Terrence O.  
Adegbesan



Nana Akua  
Adjei Boodu



Jefferson S. K.  
Agbesi



Arlene E. A.  
Agbotui



Samuel K.  
Agyenim Boateng



Seyram K.  
Akpatsa



Ama E.  
Andah



Darren Kwame-Owusu  
Ansah



Karen A.  
Apietu



Seyram A.  
Apreku



Ohemaa A. A.  
Asibuo



Nemi O.  
Asoka



Thomas S. K.  
Awumee





Ewuraba E. K.  
Benyarko



Annalisa N.  
Boahen



Nana Achiaa M.  
Bonsu



Chelsea S.  
Davis



Jeremiah E. V.  
Djokoto-Gligui



Nuku Y.  
Dzakuma



William  
Enimil-Ashun



Selorm Y.  
Essey



Moyosola M.  
Fajemirokun



Lexi N. A.  
Forson



Ramatu  
Ibrahim



Kelvin K.  
Kofigah



Michael O. L.  
Labor



Emmanuella  
Manukure



Daniel K. G.  
Markin Jr.



Ogechukwu O.  
Moghalu



Chesney E. N.  
N. Noye



Diego-Christiano O.  
Nwokolo



Andrew K.  
Opuni



Maame Ama K.  
Osei



Phoebe A.  
Osei



Kimi M. F.  
Otuo-Acheampong



Nana Ama N.  
Owusu



Claris A. K.  
Perdison



Karen Magna  
Quarshie



Mishael J. K.  
Sakyi



Ryan J. Y.  
Tano



Tamar N. Y.  
Tejan-Cole



Godfred K.  
Tekpor



Jason S.  
Van-Tay



- The IB Class of 2023 Journey - Video
- Ceremony (handing of stoles, diplomas & charge) - **DP team & Anis Haffar**
- Valedictorian speech - **Ama Andah - IB Class of 2023**
- Farewell Performance by Graduating Class - *I Was Here & I'm Still Standing*
- Parents' Advice to the Class - **Cynthia Opuni**
- Closing Performance - ***We Dance from Once on This Island***
- Launch of 20th Anniversary Celebration
- Recession

**\*Alumni Wall, unveiling of Plaque - IB Class of 2023**

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Moderators: **Joseph Ethan Sunkwa-Mills (Grade 11)**

**Louis Welagaamo - English Teacher, ATL Coordinator**



## *Message* from IBDP Coordinator

Dear IB Class of 2023, as you stand on the threshold of a new chapter in your lives, I firstly, want to congratulate you on your successful completion of the IBDP; and secondly, take the opportunity to share a couple of thoughts with you as we reflect on the indispensable role

that a wise blend of vision and values has played in your navigation to this moment of praiseworthy achievement.

To begin, a vision is not merely a dream; it is in fact a driving force that propels us towards success. As achievers, you have dreamed big, pursued your passions, and overcome obstacles with unwavering de-

termination. Each step you took, each milestone you reached, brought you closer to your vision of completing and attaining all the benefits that can possibly inure from the IBDP.

Let me however, be quick to add that vision alone is never, and has not been enough in this pursuit of success. It is said that vision inspires but discipline ensures the realization of that inspiration. It has taken, in the pursuit of our vision, values, clearly defined and upheld values to succeed. We thus always need values to form the wheels that will not only carry our vision but also convey our vision. In our pursuit of visions, we need to be guided by values – values which define our actions and inactions, values which define what we accept and reject, values that govern our compromises and boundaries; values that dictate how we treat others and even sail through challenges. These values shape our character and form the foundation of our integrity.

As we reflect on our TIS experience, we surely can attest to the fact that as achievers, we have not only pursued our dreams but also embraced the values that hold us to high standards. We have acted with kindness, respect, and empathy. You have shown integrity, honesty, and a commitment to excellence. Upholding these values have not only fueled your individual successes but have also contributed to the vibrant culture of Tema International School, and it is for this reason among many others, that we recognize and celebrate you as achievers. You have not only accomplished your goals but have done so in a manner that reflects our values, and reinforce the significance

of upholding our principles, thus inspiring others to follow in your footsteps, to dream big, and to act with integrity.

It is in the light of this, that I urge you to steadfastly hold on to the lessons you have learned about the importance of vision and values. As you bid farewell to your high school years, and get set to embark on new journeys and face new challenges, do remember the power of a clear vision, the strength of unmistakably defined values, and the impact you can make when you align your achievements with a greater purpose.

Today, we celebrate not only your attainment of your IB Diplomas and Certificates but more importantly the amazingly incredible individuals you have become. May your vision continue to spur you on, while your values remain the compass that leads you to a future filled with greater impactful laurels.

IB Class of 2023, it's been a delight walking through your IB journey with you, and I gladly congratulate you once again. Well done!

**Benjamin Darko**  
**IBDP Coordinator**







*Dilys Ewuraesi Mbiah attended Tema International School, where she graduated with the class of 2013. During her time at TIS, Dilys served as a bell girl, Treasurer of the Student Representative Council (SRC) and as Deputy Head Girl, demonstrating her leadership skills and passion for making a difference.*

*Dilys went on to pursue her passion for law, studying an LLB at the University of Sheffield from 2013-2016. She then enrolled at BPP Law School in Leeds, where she studied the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) from 2016-2017. Dilys was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2017 and the Ghanaian Bar in 2018, following her completion of the Post-Call Law Course at the Ghana School of Law from 2017-2018. She earned an LLM in Corporate and Commercial Law from Queen Mary University of London in 2020.*

*Dilys practices with the corporate and commercial law department at Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa and Ankomah, a leading law firm in Ghana. She advises clients on a range of commercial and corporate matters. Her areas of expertise include Mergers & Acquisitions, Technology and Telecommunication, Data Protection, Employment and Agribusiness.*

*Apart from her legal career, Dilys is an avid singer and a passionate member of the ICGC Zoe Temple choir. She believes*

*in the power of music to inspire and uplift others. Dilys is also an enthusiastic reader and traveller. She loves to see the things and places that make a country famous and believes that traveling helps to broaden her horizons and gain new perspectives.*

*Dilys Ewuraesi Mbiah is a rising star in the legal profession and an inspiration to many aspiring lawyers. Her achieve-*

## *Message from Alumni Speaker*

*Dilys Ewuraesi Mbiah (Class of 2013)*



*ments serve as a testament to the power of hard work, dedication and a relentless pursuit of excellence in one's chosen field. She is also a role model for young women, demonstrating that they can succeed in any career they choose with hard work, perseverance, the grace of God and a positive attitude.*

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My heartfelt congratulations to the entire graduating class of 2023! Today marks the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance and I am proud and excited to share in your success. As you embark on this next phase of your lives, remember that success is not just about what you achieve but also about who you become along the way. Embrace challenges, learn from your experiences and mistakes and stay true to your values and principles. Be willing to step outside your comfort zone, try new things, and embrace opportunities that come your way. I wish you all the very best in your future endeavours, and I look forward to hearing about your many successes in the years to come. Congratulations once again on this incredible achievement!





*Mrs Cynthia Opuni is the Managing Director of Afariwaa group of companies, Community 21, Tema and Vice President of Ghana Real Estates Developers Association.*

*She has 15 years of experience in the Real Estate Industry, having delivered housing units locally, including commercial contracts in the Greater Accra Region, Volta and Oti Region. She also has over 15 years of experience in retail marketing, both locally and internationally.*

*Cynthia graduated from the University Of Hull, UK with an LL. B (Hons) Degree and holds an MBA in Marketing, from the University Of Leicester, UK.*

*Cynthia's hobbies include swimming, playing golf, reading, travelling and her passions include mentoring young adults to develop skills for the workplace.*

## **Message from Parent Speaker**

**Mrs Cynthia Opuni**

*Managing Director of Afariwaa group of companies, Community 21, Tema & Vice President of Ghana Real Estates Developers Association*

Dear Graduating Class of 2023,

On behalf of all parents, family and your guardians, we applaud you for coming to the end of your time at TIS and what a journey this has been!

We commend you for tenacity and success in your ability to navigate your way to the end of this road particularly for the manner in which you embraced your studies and exams during and immediately following the pandemic and its ensuing challenges that that particular period presented!

We say, Ayekoo, to you and commend you as persevering students who can go out as young adults into the world

knowing that you are more than survivors and conquerors who have stories to tell, futures to build and legacies to impart!

Today marks a defining junction in your lives where we have all gathered to congratulate you on your achievements and to share some valuable advice as you leave the sheltered walls of TIS into a more independent living stage as many of you continue your educational aspirations at the tertiary level.

Having completed what is expected of you academically at this stage, it is important to have a vision for your life. A vision is simply the ability to think about or plan your future with imagination and wisdom! Others may call this having a dream. So dare to dream big and write your dream down in a journal. Dreams are free and cost nothing so indulge your desires creativity, talents and let nothing distract you in this ambition.

As you leave this fantastic school, leave with the values that have been instilled in you during your time here. You will find that these will become your guiding principles in your adult life also. You will be surprised to find that your key IB learner profile attributes you employed in your approach to studies will follow you into your careers where you will be expected to be Balanced, critical Thinkers,

competent identifiers of which Risks to take, to name a few.

And so, instead of delivering what may sound like a major sermon, I put together some nuggets I believe will serve to guide you and will also begin to guide your younger TIS siblings who will also leave these great walls one day.

1. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example in your life in speech, conduct, faith and lifestyle (1 Tim 4;12)
2. Don't entertain self-doubt. Continue to grow in confidence. You are more than able to achieve whatever you set your mind to achieve. Learn to love yourself and the champion of your own cause.
3. Make new friends, keep the old and learn to seek counsel from your parents who love you unconditionally and would never want to see you fall or fail.
4. Choose your friends well for birds of the same feathers tend to flock together.
5. Hit the ground running in all you do for time waits for no person.



6. Recognize your passions, pursue these passions and aim to be a lifelong learner! We are all still learning. My Dad went back to University and achieved his Ph.D. at the age of 75!

7. Do not be afraid to make mistakes. We all make them from time to time. Instead, ensure that you learn from them.

8. Learn to discern and recognize good opportunities when they come your way. They may not come dressed in the way you expect. Opportunities tend to come in the unlikeliest of relationships or places.

9. Know that money does not grow on trees, nor does

money fall into your laps overnight after you've prayed for it, or dreamt about finding a suitcase full of dollars on a deserted road by yourself. Please learn to be patient in climbing the ladder of success to prosperity.

10. Health is king. Invest in your physical and mental health to enable you to live a long, happy and successful life.

Ultimately, Class of 2023, it is your individual attitude that will determine your altitude in this life! The sky is indeed the limit and we have the utmost faith that you, our legacy builders, are all going to soar high!

Congratulations to you all and God bless you!







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## Top Scholarships / Financial Aid Awards per Annum, 2023 - Country Specific

### USA

University of Oregon - USD\$82,899  
Villanova University - USD\$73,185  
College of Wooster - USD\$72,645  
Syracuse University - USD\$68,000  
Connecticut College - USD\$67,300  
Clarkson University - USD\$66,198  
Calvin University - USD\$63,800  
Bucknell University - USD\$60,485  
Denison University - USD\$59,000  
Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences - USD\$56,000



### Canada

McMaster University - CAD\$13,000  
University of Alberta - CAD\$5,000  
Carleton University - CAD\$2,000  
York University - CAD\$2,000  
University of Toronto - CAD\$2,000  
Trent University - CAD\$1,000  
Wilfrid Laurier University - CAD\$1,000

### UK

Nottingham Trent University - £3000  
University of Hull - £2,000



## **Some University Placement Highlights for IBDP Class of 2023! CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023!**

### **USA**

Connecticut College  
Denison University  
Villanova University  
Syracuse University  
Lehigh University  
University of Texas  
Pennsylvania State University  
Maine Maritime Academy  
University of Kentucky  
Baylor University  
Marist College  
University of Minnesota  
Bentley University  
Clemson University  
Rutgers University  
Kent State University



University of South Florida  
University of Massachusetts, Lowell  
NOVA University  
The College of Wooster  
Calvin University  
Drexel University  
St. Louis University  
Iowa State University  
University of Cincinnati  
Knox College  
University of Oregon  
California Lutheran University  
George Mason University  
Georgia State University  
Temple University  
University of Delaware  
The Culinary Institute of America

### **GHANA**

Ashesi University  
University of Ghana  
Kwame Nkrumah Univ. of Science & Tech.  
Academic City University College  
Accra College of Medicine  
Family Health Medical School



### **CANADA**

University of British Columbia (UBC)  
University of Toronto  
University of Waterloo  
University of Ottawa  
University of Manitoba  
University of Alberta  
University of Guelph  
Trent University  
York University  
Wilfrid Laurier International College



## UK

University of Nottingham  
Durham University  
University of Manchester  
The University of Warwick  
Sheffield University  
Coventry University  
University of Brighton  
Nottingham Trent University  
University of Leicester  
St. George's University  
University of East Anglia  
University of Kent  
University of Hull  
University of Reading



University of Birmingham  
University of Essex  
University of Central Lancashire  
Middlesex University  
Manchester Metropolitan University  
Leeds Beckett University  
University of York  
University of Sussex  
Birmingham City University  
University of Portsmouth  
Keele University  
Bournemouth University  
University of Northampton  
University of Chester

## OTHER COUNTRIES

University of Debrecen Medical School, Hungary  
University of Nicosia Medical School, Cyprus  
St. George's University School of Medicine,  
Grenada, West Indies  
Hanze University of Applied Sciences,  
Netherlands  
E'Cole Ducasse, France  
University of Cape Town, South Africa  
University of Stellenbosch, South Africa  
Culinary Arts Academy, Switzerland



TIS's graduates always attend reputable accredited universities and colleges in Ghana and across the globe! A comprehensive list of university placements over the years, can found on page 4 of our high school profile on our website:



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## PLACEMENTS



## HYMN

Now praise we great and famous men,  
The fathers, named in story;  
And praise the Lord who now as then  
Reveals in man His glory.

Praise we the wise and brave and strong,  
Who graced their generation;  
Who helped the right, and fought the wrong,  
And made our folk a nation.

Praise we the glorious names we know,  
And they whose names have perished,  
Lost, in the haze of long ago,  
In silent love be cherished.

In peace their sacred ashes rest,  
Fulfilled their day's endeavour;  
They blessed the earth, and they are blessed  
Of God and man forever.

## KNOWLEDGE IS THE KEY... (Anthem)

1. TIS a haven of excellence (Bis) And cultural diversity.  
We strive to inculcate in our human resource the spirit of inquiry;  
As a fundamental tool for creative thinking, critical reasoning,  
And intellectual development
2. TIS a haven of excellence (Bis) And cultural diversity.  
Equator meets Meridian at the heart of the world,  
You will find our cherished School:  
Intellectually creative minds and souls abide in harmony;  
God and knowledge as our guide.

## CHORUS: Knowledge is the Key... "TIS" (Bis)

We are equipped with knowledge  
And skills to meet the challenges of our global village.  
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Knowledge is the KEY...

On behalf of the Co-Founder Mrs Comfort Adjavon, School Board and TIS community, we thank our distinguished guest speaker, parent speaker and alumni speaker, Engr. Oluwafemi and Mrs Cynthia Opuni, for their wise words at a time of uncertainty in a world of hope. We appreciate everyone who has joined us to celebrate our graduating Class of 2023 in our unique TIS way. Our special thanks go to our sponsor, University of Nottingham UK; our parents and friends of TIS for their constant support and collaboration in developing our students; our staff for their efforts to ensure a successful year; and to everyone who assisted in making this day a very special and important event.

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Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.

– Dalai Lama

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