

TIS RECORD

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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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Key Dates

- 7/10/23: 20th Anniversary Durbar (11.00am at the Sports Complex)
- 8/10/23: 20th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service (10.00am at the Sports Complex).

Thought for the Week

Do not fear adversity. Remember, a kite rises against the wind and not with it.
- Anon



Happy 20th, TIS.

The power, impact, legacy of a dream and their strong values have been demonstrated this week.

This week, so far, has been an incredible celebration of our Founders and the Founding Family.

The pride in TIS is authentic and evident.

The outpouring of gratitude, the stories of impact and what it means to be part of the TIS Family articulate the success and achievements that the Adjavon Dream has enabled.

With two major events to conclude 2023 Founders’ Week, I invite you to come and enjoy tomorrow’s 20th anniversary Durbar (starts at 11.00am at the TIS sports complex) and Sunday’s Thanksgiving Service (starts at 10.00am at the Sports Complex.)



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

-Steve Bollar

Making Us Proud

The Founding Family. Thank you.

Paa Kow Oppan, G2 PYP - For volunteering to photograph student activities for the Bulletin, showcasing the talent and achievements of our students.

Andy Afawuah, G11, Prince Cobinnah, G11, Mark Boadi, G10, Kevin Arthur, G9, and Mathew Akafo, G10 - For embodying the spirit of our school mascot, TISSY, during the Sporty Family event, spreading joy and enthusiasm among participants.

Jenelle Mac-Deh, Mr Louis Welagaamo, and Dr. Kwékuma Yalley - For representing TIS on the Citi Breakfast Daily show, effectively promoting our upcoming anniversary and highlighting the vision of our Co Founders and the exceptional work of our school community.

Congratulations to **Abdul Sallam Abanga (11)**, TIS Swimming Champion of the Week.

Florence (Nursery) and Michael Jr (K1) stole the show at the recent unit celebrations. They dazzled everyone by joining **Grade 4** students in a fabulous fashion show.

Grade 11 organisers for the 20th Anniversary celebrations have demonstrated calm and resolute leadership. Wondererful to see.

MYP Impact

The main reason for implementing the Middle Years Programme (MYP) was to ensure a smoother transition for students commencing the Diploma Programme (DP).

MYP has done this 'in spades'. The obvious indicator is the confidence that MYP students have to embark on their DP journey. But I am now starting to think that the 'M' in MYP stands for Maturity. The confidence is obvious, but our MYP students' maturity level when they enter Grade 11 is very noticeable.

Grade 11 students have a responsibility to organise school events, so there have been many teams coordinating our 20th Anniversary celebrations. Students will always tell you this is a stressful period. Not this year! The teams have gone about their tasks, ensuring outstanding events, calmly and resolutely. There is no rush or panic. Their planning and preparation are evident. Their maturity is obvious. Grade 11, I salute you and thank you.

Reminders

Secondary students can depart from 3.00pm on Sunday. Annual performance members will remain until Wednesday morning. Students return to hostels on 15 October.

I appreciate your support. Stay healthy.

Dr Ken Darvall (Principal) principal@tis.edu.gh









TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

MAIN CAMPUS INFORMATION



Exeat

There are two types of exeats: general and medical.

All students will be allowed two exeats each mid-semester. Please plan accordingly to avoid disappointments.

All exeat requests must be completed online and submitted with at least 48 hours' notice, with the exception of urgent medical issues. Weekend exeat requests must be received by the preceding Wednesday. Any requests after this deadline will not be approved.

The integrity of an exeat request is critical.

No exeats will be granted if a student has outstanding work.

No exeats will be granted during the last week before a semester break.

Parents/Drivers must show the approval exeat from their phone to enter (NO SHOW. NO GO!).

Students must return by 5.00pm on Sundays (weekend exeats).



General Exeat

A general exeat will cover passport and visa matters, as well as family events. These must not exceed more than two per mid-semester.

Access the general exeat form from here: <https://www.tis.edu.gh/exeat-form/>



Medical Exeat

A medical exeat will cover medical, dental, optical, and hospital appointments. When possible, appointments should be made for Saturdays, to minimise learning loss.

Access the medical exeat form from here: <https://www.tis.edu.gh/medical-exeat-form/>

A medical exeat is for the same day departure and return. Otherwise, it is a general exeat. Requesting a medical exeat with a departure on Friday and a return on Sunday is a week-end (general) exeat.

How Your Teenager Can Manage Distractions

It's entirely normal for teens to get distracted from studying from time to time, especially during stressful exam periods or when they're struggling to understand the work. Plus, the transition to digital school work and having the internet right at our fingertips means that it's never been easier to be distracted.

Avoiding doing work or study is a widespread response to feeling overwhelmed and stressed, but while leaning into a bit of self-care to get through high-stress study periods is one thing, you don't want your teen perfecting the art of procrastination because it'll come back to bite them during exam time.

If your teenager is struggling to balance study with school work, social media and other daily distractions, there are ways you can help them help themselves.

Set time aside for fun

After spending hours studying and working, it's to be expected that your teen might be feeling exhausted or stressed. While they may already have a study plan, please encourage them to have a fun plan, too. If they have a specific time set aside for relaxing, social media or gaming, they'll have less desire to distract themselves while working.

Take regular minibreaks

Suggest that they work in chunks of time – say, 20 minutes – then take a few minutes to get a drink, stretch and walk around. This will keep their energy, maintain their concentration and make their study more manageable. You might watch how they're going by having a cup of tea and a quick chat with them during one of these scheduled mini-breaks.

Block screen alerts

Encourage them to block the alerts if they're working on a tablet or computer linked to their messages or social media. When they're concentrating, a message alert pinging up will distract them and break their train of thought. They can go for it in their non-study time and catch up on social media.

Agree on 'phone free' zones

Talk about areas of the house that can become temporary phone-free zones, such as where they study and where everyone eats together. Encourage the whole family to play a role in making it happen.

Create a space they can concentrate in

This is especially important if your teen has to study in a common area with plenty of distractions, like the living room or kitchen. Being around a lot of noise and activity can significantly disrupt their study routine. Creating a space primarily dedicated to their study hours will help them focus and concentrate.

If you're unable to create a dedicated space, try to create a quiet environment where they're studying. Keep the TV turned down or off and avoid having lengthy conversations around them. If you have other kids, ask them to keep the noise down, so their sibling doesn't get distracted. Some people work best with silence, others with a hum of background noise or music. See what works for them.

Minimise interruptions

While they're studying, don't let anyone disturb them; leave it until they're having a break. Did you know that it takes most people around 20 minutes to get back on track with study after an interruption?

Monitor their sleep

Lack of sleep makes you lose focus, so it's easier to procrastinate or get distracted when you're tired. [Here's how you can help them get better sleep](#). On the flip side, if your teen is studying from home, there may be a temptation to hit snooze on the alarm and lay around all day. Explain the importance of maintaining a routine like this, including when they wake up and go to bed. [They can learn more sleep routine tips here](#).

Eat healthy, regular meals and snacks

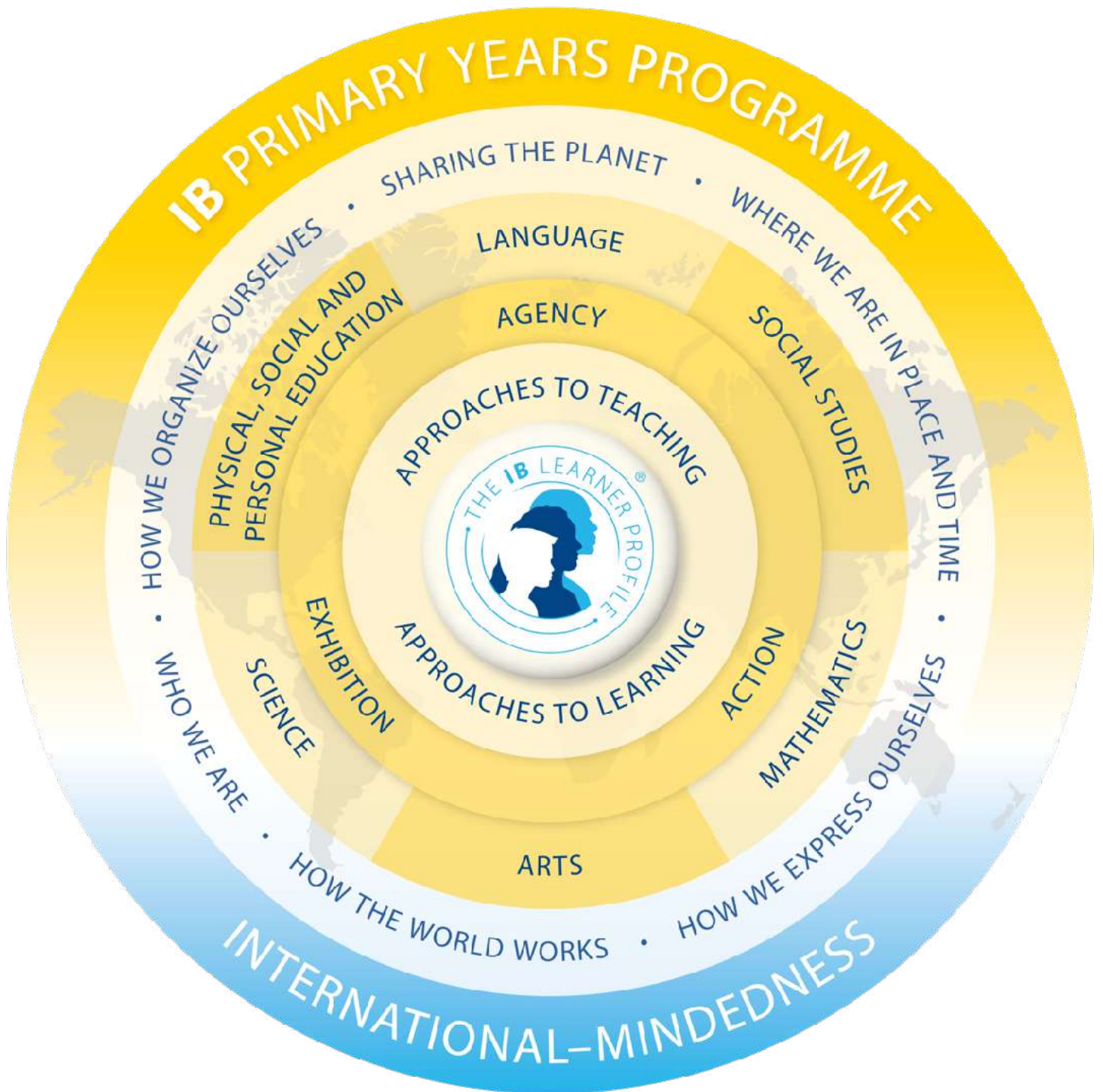
Being hungry causes energy levels to drop and makes it hard to concentrate, so encourage your teen to eat proper meals and healthy energy snacks such as nuts. [Help them out by using these handy tips when cooking them food](#). Sharing a meal with your teen is a good chance to check in on how their study is going. Even a break for a quick lunch before heading back to the books gives you a chance to ask how they're feeling and support their wellbeing.

Cut the caffeine

Encourage them to drink lots of tap water; being hydrated will help them concentrate. Long days at the desk may make them keen for coffee (and lots of it!). Remind them that [too much of a good thing can be bad](#), and suggest alternatives: Herbal teas are an excellent calming substitute.

Exams, expectations and study loads can make your teenager stressed and easily distracted. Trying even a few of these tips can help you support them to manage teenage distractions, keep calm during exam periods and [study more efficiently](#), which reduces their overall stress and improves their wellbeing.

Source: https://parents.au.reachout.com/common-concerns/everyday-issues/things-to-try-exam-stress/how-your-teen-can-manage-distractions?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=MKTG%20231004_Schools_Exams_MZ&utm_content=MKTG%20231004_Schools_Exams_MZ+CID_6298b5fffa7f6c0adf6f60f87fe36a51&utm_source=ROemailCM&utm_term=Share%20with%20parents



The Primary School Celebrates TIS @ 20

As we gather to mark the 20th anniversary of Tema International School's outstanding educational journey, the Primary Campus would like to take a moment to recognise the significant impact and contributions that have shaped our unique learning environment.

Our Journey

Since its inception, the spirit of inquiry-based learning has thrived at TIS Primary Campus. It has driven our students' growth, nurturing critical thinking, fostering creativity, and igniting a profound passion for knowledge. This approach has prepared our young learners to excel academically and empowered them to become responsible global citizens, ready to face the challenges of our rapidly evolving world.

As we commemorate this remarkable 20-year milestone, let us not forget the pivotal role played by our dedicated educators, engaged parents, and the entire TIS Primary Campus community in creating this vibrant and enriching learning environment.

As part of the 20th anniversary celebration, the Grade 6 students, in collaboration with the planning committee, designed the Spirit Week. The idea behind this was to enhance school spirit and promote a sense of community among the students, teachers, and the entire school community.

Each day featured a unique dress code, and the whole week's celebration was meant to celebrate this significant milestone of TIS and foster a spirit of togetherness among the entire school community.

Take a closer look at the captivating activities at TIS Primary Campus as we celebrate TIS @ 20! Hurray! 🎉🔍



Smart and Stylish: 📁👗 Our Students in Formal Attire





International-mindedness





Cozy Vibes: Our Students Rocking PJs!" 🌙😊

Reflections from students and teachers

When I was picked for the school band, I was thrilled to have the opportunity to perform in front of the entire school. I practiced diligently to improve my skills, and in all honesty, I believe I gave an excellent performance.
-Raymond Tettey-Amlalo

Practicing for the TIS Founders Day performance was fun. I got really nervous as the day approached, but when it was time to perform, I felt ready. The performance went really well, and we were surprised by how good it was. I'm excited for more chances like this in the future.
-Kekeli Agyekum



Practicing for the performance was quite interesting. However, as the performance day drew near, my nerves grew. On the actual day, I mentally prepared myself and went on stage. After I finished and heard the crowd cheering, I realized I didn't need to be nervous in the first place.
- Kadmiel Essel Annan

I felt really good and brave, and it was a nice experience. After performing on stage, I learned that being on stage wasn't as scary as I thought it would be.
-Michal Annoa Annan



I believe TIS has had an incredible 20-year journey filled with challenges and triumphs, and I'm immensely proud of our celebration, which included a gospel song program with my colleague, Mr. Shadrach, thanking God for the journey and looking forward to more years of TIS whenever I may find myself (Mr. Menweil).

The Gospel explosion and International Day celebration were both incredible events, with massive attendance by students and staff. Mr. Shadrach's opening performance set the tone for powerful worship, while the International Day featured a variety of entertaining acts, including Fafa, Prosper, the PYP band, and a dynamic dance from the MYP crew. (Mr. Shadrach)



*I really enjoyed every bit of the program, especially the performance from the PYP band. The program was well organized.
(Ms. Comfort)*

The gospel Explosion was an uplifting experience. It was a heartfelt time of praises and worship and I look forward to more of such events (Ms. Angela)



I have really enjoyed every event in this 20th anniversary. I liked the roles I have played, especially the dressing competition. I can't wait for the Saturday celebration. (Paa Kow)

Together, let us continue to shape the future, nurturing young minds and inspiring greatness as we embark on the next chapter of our educational journey at TIS Primary Campus. Happy 20th anniversary, TIS.

Follow the link below to watch the video of the TIS Primary Campus band performance at the Founder's Day Assembly. Enjoy the moment!

<https://clipchamp.com/watch/RCcO9RAvnLd>





TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL SPORT



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



EDUCATION FOR A BETTER WORLD

2023/24 TIS School Calendar Overview

August 2023						
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COLOUR KEY

	School Closed/ Holidays		Teacher in-Service Day (no school for students)
	Main Campus Event		First and Last Day of School (Main Campus)
	Primary Campus Event		First and Last Day of School (Primary Campus)
	SAT Test		ACT Test

Public Holidays

4/8/23	Founders' Day
21/9/23	Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Day
1/12/23	Farmers' Day
7/1/24	Constitution Day
6/3/24	Independence Day
29/3/24	Good Friday
31/3/24	Easter Monday
9/4/24	Eid Al Fitr (TBC)
1/5/24	Labour Day

SI Internal Dates: Main Campus

24-27/7/23	Dukies' Gold expedition camp
1/8/23	2023 MYP Results Released; 2023 MYP Enquiries Upon Results Open
1/8/23	Senior management staff resume
7/8/23	Teachers resume; review of school policies
14/8/23	Student Council executives return
16/8/23	Newbies arrive
20/8/23	Continuing students resume
21/8/23	Secondary School classes commence; G9 Subject Selection
22/8/23	PP Criterion B draft due
23-25/8/23	MYP IDU Days
24-25/8/23	G11 CAS & Dukies Orientation Camp
25/8/23	TIS Junior Soccer Championships
26/8/23	SAT; TIS Senior Soccer Championships
27/8/23	School Performance auditions
1/9/23	TIS Handball Championships;
2/9/23	MYP Parents Information session. (10.00am) NO EXEATS
3/9/23	Thanksgiving Service (11.00am: Students only) NO EXEATS
8/9/23	Legal Minds mooted competition
9/9/23	ACT ; TISSA Soccer Championships/TISSA Badminton Championships
16/9/23	TISSA Handball Championships/TISSA Tennis Championships
21/9/23	TIS@20 Sporty Family Day. NO EXEATS
22/9/23	No classes; G12 TOK Exhibition; PP Criterion B final due
23/9/23	TIS Volleyball Championships. NO EXEATS
2-6/10/23	20 th Anniversary TIS Spirit Week. NO EXEATS
2/10/23	TIS Education Forum: 2.00pm NO EXEATS
3/10/23	TIS Founders' Day - Special Assembly: Main Campus admissions open for 2024/2025
7/10/23	SAT; Anniversary Durbar. NO EXEATS
8/10/23	20 th anniversary Thanksgiving Service. NO EXEATS
9-14/10/23	Mid-semester break
14/10/23	PSAT
15/10/23	Students return to hostels
16-18/10/23	MYP Evaluation Visit
23/10/23	Student Council (SC) shadowing process commences; SEC Universities Fair (2.00-4.00pm)
24/10/23	G12 EE Café
28/10/23	ACT
30/10/23	PP Criterion C draft due
31/10/23	G9/G11 Changes to Subject Selections close
4/11/23	SAT
18/11/23	20 th Anniversary Musical Production (National Theatre). NO EXEATS
20-30/11/23	G10-12 end of semester exams
27/11/23	PP Criterion C completion
2/12/23	SAT
3/12/23	SC applications open for 2024 elections
4-5/12/23	Group 4 Project (G12)
7/12/23	Christmas Lunch
8/12/23	PP Final Report due
9/12/23	ACT;
10/12/23	20 th Anniversary Christmas Concert
12-14/12/23	Dukies' Bronze & Silver expedition camp
13/12/23	Last day for the first semester: Students may depart after 3-Way interviews.
15/12/23	Last day for teachers

S2

11-12/1/24	Staff training days
14/1/24	Students return to hostels; applications for 2024 SC positions close
15/1/24	Second semester commences.
15-21/1/24	Alumni Homecoming Week
21/1/24	Alumni Thanksgiving Service
22/1/24	SC Manifesto Readings
24/1/24	2023 Student Council elections by voting (7.00am-4.00pm)
27/1/24	TIS Athletic Championships
29-31/1/24	IDU Days; G12 EE; G11 EE, 11/12 CAS Dukies Reflection Day
3/2/24	SC Leadership Camp
4/2/24	Student Leadership Induction Ceremony NO EXEATS
9/2/24	TIS Badminton Championships; TIS Junior Tennis Championships
10/2/24	TIS Science Fair. NO EXEATS
12-16/2/24	MYP Mock eAssessments
15/2/24	G11 TOK Exhibition
16-17/2/24	TIS Basketball Championships; TIS Senior Tennis Championships
17/2/24	Chocolate Friendship Day
19/2-2/3/24	DP Mocks
28/2/24	PP standardisation and moderation (teachers)
2/3/24	MYP Projects (Personal & Community) NO EXEATS
3/3/24	TIS swimming championships (3.00 – 5.00pm)
9/3/24	SAT (Digital); TIS Squash Championships; TISSA Basketball Championships
14/3/24	Pi Day
16/3/24	Expression Day NO EXEATS
25-27/3/24	Dukies Bronze & Silver expedition camp
25/3-6/4/24	Mid-semester break
8/4/24	G12 Grad photos (All day)
13/4/24	ACT
14/4/24	Exam Candidates' Service NO EXEATS
19/4-17/5/24	DP Final Exams
21/4/24	PP Criterion A draft due; G11 EE Cafe
4/5/24	SAT (Digital)
6 – 17/5/24	MYP eAssessments
8-17/5/24	G11 semester exams
19/5/24	Leavers' Dinner
24-29/5/24	G9 eAssessments
30/5/24	MYP4 (2024/2025) subject selections
1/6/24	2024 Annual Achievers and Graduation Ceremony; Last day for Secondary Classes
7/6/24	Last day for teachers; S2 reports published.
8/6/24	ACT
9-12/6/24	Dukies' Gold Level expedition camp
15/6/24	France/Spain trips commence
5/7/24	France/Spain trips end
22-25/7/24	Dukies' Gold Level expedition camp

Entertainment Night Events

- TIS Speaker of the Year
- Inter-Colour Language Competition

Primary School Campus**Public Holidays**

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31/3/24	Easter Monday
9/4/24	Eid Al Fitr (TBC)
1/5/24	Labour Day

S1 Internal Dates (Primary School Campus)

7/8/23	Staff prep commences
18/8/23	Meet the teacher session
21/8/23	First semester commences
22/9/23	No classes. Sign Language Day
29/9/23	End of UOI #1 Celebrations
9-14/10/23	Mid-semester break
10/11/23	End of UOI #2 Celebrations
24/11/23	Spelling Bee
13/12/23	End of UOI #3 Celebrations; Last day of semester
15/12/23	Last day for teachers

S2

11-12/1/24	Staff Training Days
16/2/24	End of UOI #4 Celebrations
15/2/24	Mother Tongue Day (Celebrating Culture)
15/3/24	Celebrating Additional Languages
22/3/24	End of UOI #5 Celebrations
25/3-6/4/24	Mid-semester break
19/4/24	Book Day
10/5/24	Environment Day/ Unit Celebrations (K1-G4) & Visual Arts Exhibition
17/5/24	PYP Exhibition/ (Sports Picnic K1-G4)
24/5/24	2024 Achievers and Graduation Ceremony
2/6/24	Last day for teachers; S2 reports published

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HOSTEL CORNER

Reminders

All students are reminded to take note and include the following in their kits for school:

Girl's dress code

1. General Appearance:

All students must maintain a tidy, clean, and attractive look during the school day. Hair should be combed for boys and girls' hair should be tied back and bunned.

2. Hair Length:

Girls' hair should be mid-back or shoulder length. Hair extensions should match the colour of your hair.

3. Clothing Guidelines:

Clothing should adequately cover the torso, back, and belly.

Tank tops with wide straps are normally OK, but spaghetti straps are not.

Crop tops are permitted if accompanied by an appropriate undergarment (e.g., a camisole).

Revealing or excessively tight clothing is not allowed.

4. Skirt and Shorts Length:

Skirts and shorts should be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Students are urged to choose their clothing with decency and discretion.

5. Footwear:

Students must wear all-black shoes and socks to school. Students may stray from the standard on Fridays, but their footwear must stay appropriate.

6. Accessories:

Excessive or distracting accessories are discouraged. Accessories (such as sunglasses, jewellery, and hats) are not permitted while wearing school uniforms.

One pair of earrings is allowed while wearing school uniform, two or three pairs at a time is not allowed.

7. Head Coverings:

Unless for religious or medical reasons, hats, caps, and other head coverings should not be worn inside school premises.

Dress Code for Boys

8. Clothing guidelines:

Casual clothes e.g. decent shorts, trousers (denim and others), and T-shirts or shirts for Hostel duties, physical activities, beach, games, CAS, etc.

Informal but smart clothes e.g. simple plain trousers in plain colours (blue, brown, black, grey, khaki etc.) and shirts to match (African designs or smart short or long sleeves) for after school wear (evening meals and entertainment, prep, club functions, etc.)

Smart outfits for outings/special occasions, including dress shirts and trousers.

9. Shoes

Shoes for formal wear

Sandals for casual wear

Sandals for formal events must have straps

Shoes (black) for school (school shoes must be full or have straps at the back and must not be open toed like sandals)

Sports shoes

Slippers or flip-flops

10. Hair:

The prescribed hair length for boys is one inch (2.5cm). Hair must be neatly combed or brushed at all times. Boys are encouraged to come to school with their own combs and hairbrushes.

Guidelines for all students

11. Labels

Students are to label all their items for easy identification.

12. Church

Every first Sunday of the month, students are supposed to wear African print outfits. All students are reminded to bring decent African prints and church clothing.

13. Enforcement:

The school administration and personnel will consistently and fairly enforce the dress code requirements. Dress code infractions may result in warnings, parent notice, and, if required, disciplinary action.

14. Exeats

TIS polo shirt and uniform should be worn with sneakers or sandals when exiting from and reporting back to school. No slides, crocs and slippers are allowed.

CHAPLAINCY



Oh Yes! In a spirit-filled atmosphere the glory of the Lord came down. A time in God's presence is upliftment. Students were ecstatic and ready to partake in God's house. With so much gratitude and thankfulness TIS @20 Celebrations kicked off on an explosive note! From Chaplaincy Department, we are so indebted to the founding family, management, janitorial team, and the CASSA magic team for such a masterpiece event! Thank you staff for gracing us with your presence.



Enjoy Reading Students' Reflections:



“Last weekend we were blessed with the presence of highly esteemed minister of God: MOG, Philip Adzale and Dani Makafui. Above all we were blessed with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit during the Gospel Explosion. The Gospel Explosion was a phenomenal experience for me. Aside the planning and prayers that went into it, being present was a blessing and a once in a lifetime experience which I will cherish for a very long time. Every minister that came and every song that was sung impacted me in different ways. I truly admired the outpouring of the Holy Spirit when each minister mounted the stage nonetheless what I believe was extremely fulfilling, was to see the joy that filled the room and everyone’s reaction to the presence of God that night. With this experience, I hope that everyone who encountered the Lord that day never stays the same and I am anticipating more nights like the Gospel Explosion. We all dined with Jesus, and it ended on an amazing note! ~ Nana Yaa Owusu-Manu, Student Chapel Executive, DP2 ~

“The Gospel explosion last Saturday was amazing! I had a very spirit-filled time and I believe that the Holy filled the room and changed the hearts of a lot of people. I think that the Gospel explosion was a wonderful platform to remind people of how powerful the God that we serve is and how important it is to come into His presence. I will like to encourage everyone who was present to not let the fire burn, but continue to pursue their relationship with God in their personal time”. ~Maame Serwaa –Dabo, Head of Council, DP2~

“It was an extremely moving event. I know I felt a wave of stress and worry leave my body. I was confused in the beginning because I didn't know the songs but I realized I didn't have to know the song, I had to feel the song and listen to what it was telling me. When I felt the song, I felt the Holy Spirit inside of me and it felt good. I prayed for the well-being of myself, my family and the world. This would be a night anyone who attended would never forget”. ~Christine Pratt Bango, MYP 4~

“The gospel explosion was definitely a night to remember. Everything including the atmosphere, the ministers and the songs were amazing. There was pure joy in the hall that day. The sight of everyone praying and dancing along to praise songs is one I would never forget. I genuinely wish everyone could be there. The invited ministers included Philip and MOG. These two combined had enough power to create an atmosphere capable of changing lives. Overall, the Gospel explosion was amazing and I can’t wait for the next! “~ Maxwell Annor, MYP 4~

“The gospel concert was wonderful. Once the event started, the music made me very happy. The singer’s voices were amazing and powerful. People sang along, creating a feeling of togetherness. The music made me dance and praise the Lord. Each song told a beautiful story, teaching us about hope and faith. I left the concert with a heart full of happiness, inspired by the music and the wonderful people. It was a day filled with worship, praise and the Holy Spirit God”. ~Amaris Osei-Agyeman, Grade 9~



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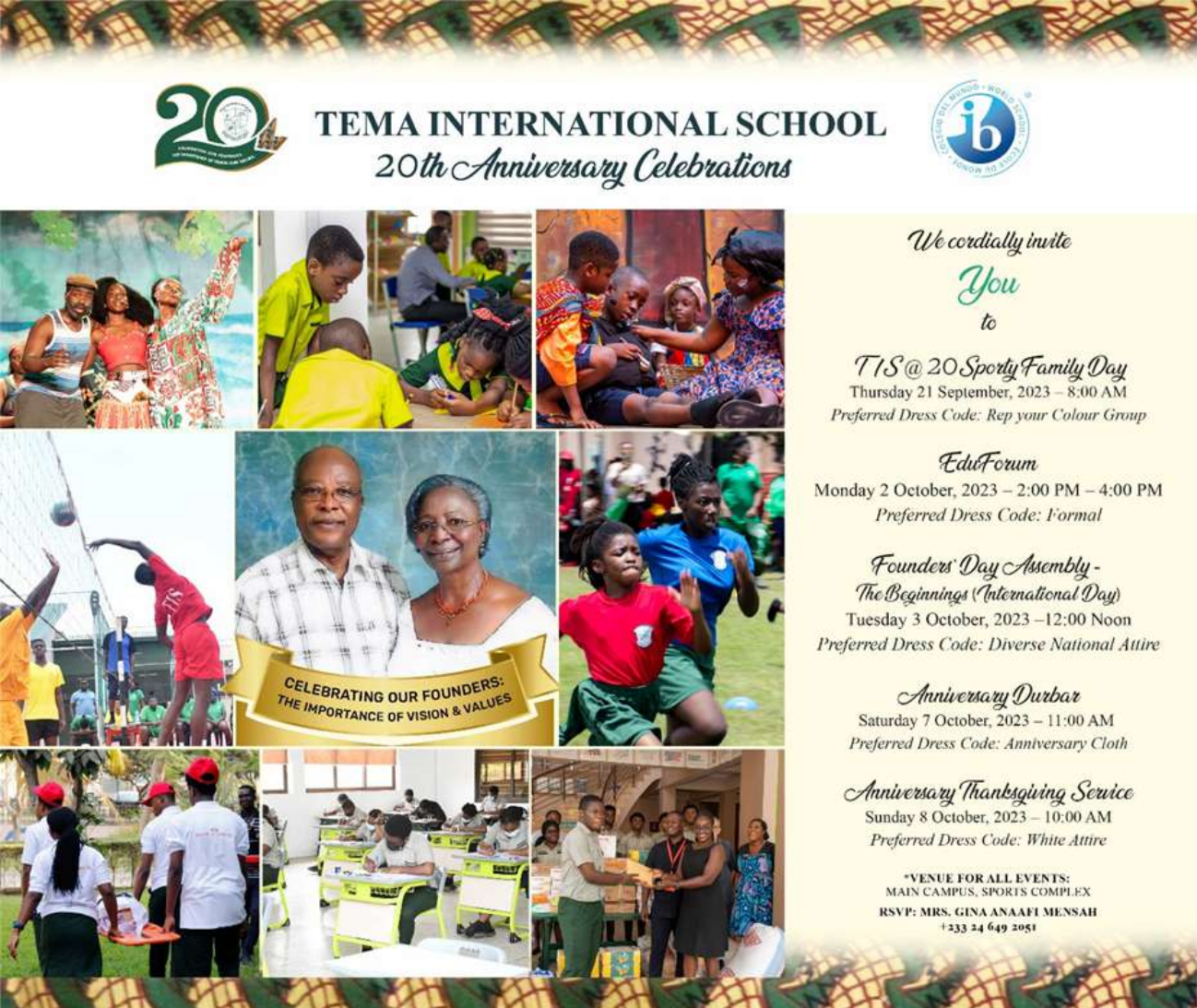
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20th Anniversary Celebrations

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*We cordially invite
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TIS @ 20 Sporty Family Day
Thursday 21 September, 2023 – 8:00 AM
Preferred Dress Code: Rep your Colour Group

EduForum
Monday 2 October, 2023 – 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Preferred Dress Code: Formal

**Founders' Day Assembly -
The Beginnings (International Day)**
Tuesday 3 October, 2023 – 12:00 Noon
Preferred Dress Code: Diverse National Attire

Anniversary Durbar
Saturday 7 October, 2023 – 11:00 AM
Preferred Dress Code: Anniversary Cloth

Anniversary Thanksgiving Service
Sunday 8 October, 2023 – 10:00 AM
Preferred Dress Code: White Attire

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**CELEBRATING OUR FOUNDERS:
THE IMPORTANCE OF VISION & VALUES**

Line up of events

Theme: “Celebrating our Founders: The Importance of Vision and Values.”

- 21 September (Thursday) – **TIS @ 20 Sporty Family Day** – SPMC
Launching - Service initiative – “Transforming Lives”.
- 2 October (Monday) – **EduForum** – 2:00 PM – SPMC
- 3 October (Tuesday) – **Founders’ Day Assembly** – 12:00 Noon - SPMC
- 7 October (Saturday) – **Anniversary Durbar** – 11:00 AM – SPMC
- 8 October (Sunday) – **Anniversary Thanksgiving Service** – 10:00 AM SPMC

20th Anniversary Student Committee – IB Class of 2025



Every year, Spirit Week is observed by the whole school, students and staff. The activities for this year are planned to celebrate the school's **20th Anniversary** and how far the school has come. This year's anniversary theme is **“Celebrating our Founders: The importance of vision and values.”** Activities, programs, and experiences throughout Spirit Week will highlight TIS Four Pillars: Sport, Culture, Academics, and Service.

During Spirit Week, students will have the chance to deepen their understanding of the world and of themselves as well as to capture memories that will last a lifetime. You cannot imagine how exhilarating an experience this anniversary is going to be and once again we are so pleased to be the ones bringing this experience to you. When you're older and think back to how much fun you had in high school, this coming spirit week will be what you think about. **Jenelle Mac-Deh & Joseph James (G11) – Co-Leaders of The Anniversary Committee**

Subcommittee Leaders

- ❑ **Sporty Family** - Jenevieve Achemdey and Evaristus Amarh
- ❑ **Gospel Explosion** - Mekaila Offei and Eunice Abena Adubofour
- ❑ **Education Forum** - Vitus Anaab Bisi and Tracy Adjei
- ❑ **Spirit Week** - Farah Agoro Kerim-Dikeni and Terrie Tenge
- ❑ **Founders Day** - Charlene Akwei and Ekuba Bervell-Ackah
- ❑ **International Day** - Frederica Ayitey
- ❑ **Teacher's Day** - Kelvin Asante and Blessed Quashie
- ❑ **Uniform Change-Up** – Ann-Joelle Amey and Paa Kwesi Dennis
- ❑ **Toddlers' vs Oldies** - Awura Mensah-Asante and Alberta Aduaa-Owusu
- ❑ **Durbar Committee** - Allyson Achiampong and Kuukua Fynn
- ❑ **AfroTISSA Galla** – Frederica Ayitey, Kelvin Asante & Charlene Akwei
- ❑ **Thanksgiving** - Prince Cobinnah and Alswell Adelaide Egbenya
- ❑ **Media** - Jeffrey Boahen and Kafui Ashiagbor
- ❑ **Decor Committee** - Nhyira Ntim Adu and Peyton Kidd
- ❑ **Organizers** - Dentu Gyampo and Nana Ama Adjagar

Anniversary Song - Up Where We Belong

Performed by Jennifer Warnes and Joe Cocker

... **Who knows what tomorrow brings**

In a world few hearts survive
All I know is the way I feel
When it's real, I keep it alive

... **The road is long**

There are mountains in our way
But we climb a step every day

... **Love lift us up where we belong**

Where the eagles cry
On a mountain high
Love lift us up where we belong
Far from the world below
Up where the clear winds blow

... **Some hang on to used to be**

Live their lives looking behind
All we have is here and now
All our lives, out there to find

... **The road is long**

There are mountains in our way
But we climb a step every day

... **Love lift us up where we belong**

Where the eagles cry
On a mountain high
Love lift us up where we belong
Far from the world we know
Where the clear winds blow

... **Time goes by**

No time to cry
Life's you and I
Alive today

... **Love lift us up where we belong**

Where the eagles cry
On a mountain high
Love lift us up where we belong
Far from the world we know
Where the clear winds blow.

Source: [LyricFind](#)

Songwriters: Buffy Saint-Marie / Jack Nitzsche / Will Jennings

TIS @ 20 – Gospel Explosion



TIS @ 20 – EduForum



We want to share with you an exciting review of the EduForum event that recently took place. The event focused on the topic of Transformative Education: The Role of Technology and Cultural Diversity. We had the privilege of hosting educators from Ghana and beyond to participate in a panel discussion.

To learn more about the event and gain insights from the panellists, please click on the link below. The link will take you to an article published by News Ghana that provides a comprehensive review of the EduForum.

<https://newsghana.com.gh/tis-celebrates-two-decades-of-inspiring-minds-and-cultivating-excellence/?amp>



If you were unable to attend the EduForum, don't worry! We will soon be uploading a recording of the event on our YouTube Channel. This way, you can catch up on the discussions and presentations at your convenience.

We hope you find the article informative and inspiring. Stay tuned for more updates on our YouTube Channel!

See you at the Anniversary Durbar.



The Pioneer Journey



The story of Tema International School, for me started a little earlier than the famous **3 October, 2003**. It started on the 1 April, 2003. I had just arrived from England, where I used to live, the weekend before, to take up the role of a **Special Assistant** to the late **Mr. Adjavon** on Project TIS. It was an honour and opportunity that I value up to this day- The experience gained has been varied and rich. Thank you, Mr. Adjavon and thank you, Mrs. Adjavon.

Now may I give you a little background, to the famous **3 October, 2003** opening of TIS.

On assuming office, I received the feasibility study reports and briefings from Mr Adjavon that pointed to the fact that the school must start operations by September 2003. At this point when I was receiving this briefing, somewhere in April 2003, the scope of work to complete, to get the school started can only be described as most challenging.

The Pioneer Journey



Though the project started in 1997 and a lot had been done, there still was so much to do. Plastering of huge buildings had just begun, screeding and /or terrazzo laying of floors here and there. So were other things like the laying of pipes for both water and sewage lines. The grounds were not just ready; landscaping was nowhere, drainage was absent, teaching staff had not been identified yet, electrical works, and installation of sanitary wares had just started. In fact, to a lot of people, it was next to impossible to get the school opened any time that year, let alone September, 2003, but not to these two visionaries. We hadn't even advertised that there was any school under construction to get people to keep us in mind so they would try us when we finally opened the school; meaning that no students on the waiting list. What a faith!!!



But this is what happened. Regular site meetings with the Founders were held, involving the architect, special assistant and all contractors. It was at these meetings that the sense of urgency was transmitted which was received, thankfully, by all concerned. The preceding months before October, 2003 can only be described as phenomenal, if not crazy. Somehow, all the workers got caught up in the frenzy, and what followed thereafter, can only be described as miraculous. Though we couldn't meet the September deadline, we did October 2003; and if you look at the work that had been done in that short space of time, one can only conclude that God's hand was and is definitely still on this School.



The administrative office started in one of Mr Tay's bedrooms, in an uncompleted boy's hostel. Then it moved to the second bedroom and then to one of the classrooms and to a few more places

before finally to where it is now. It was from that first office that a lot of initial administrative tasks were performed.

The Pioneer Journey



As an anecdote, phone booths from Community 9, Tema right up to Teshie-Nungua Estates 3rd junction, where I used to live, became my office lines because there were no phone lines in the neighbourhood of the school yet, and mobile phones were most unreliable.

As time progressed and the edifices started speaking for themselves, we were compelled to keep a visitors'

book for interested parents, whose visits had increased, to write their names and those of their children. Word has gone round without a single newspaper advert!!

By August, 2003 we had enough names for a presentation to be made to these wonderful pioneering parents whose faith, I would say, was huge. Huge because at the time of this presentation to formally let them know what kind of school was being established. There still was quite a bit of civil works to complete but they still kept the faith.

The Lord blessed us again with another miracle when in the midst of all these, TIS succeeded in assembling all the pioneer staff and a Governing Board in good time to take off in October, 2003.

The Board of Governors had:

- Dr (Mrs) Sylvia Boye as its first **Chairman**;
- The Co-founders-Mr and Mrs Adjavon, as **Members**;
- Titi Ofei, former Principal of SOS-HGIC- **Member**
- Mr Jassie Sarkodie, the Architect behind every single building in this school- both the secondary and the primary campuses- **Member**
- Ms Elinor Torto, the first Principal and Mr Richard Laryea, the first Vice Principal as **ex officio Members**,
- and myself, Eddy Torkornoo, as the first **Secretary** of the Board of Governors.

The Pioneer Journey

The rest were:

- a two -member administrative staff, with only **Eddy Torkornoo** still at post.
- a 7- Member faculty - who have all moved on
- a Three-member janitorial department -who are still with us namely **Francis Adewudzo, Doris Gbomitah, and Charity Agbenya**
- a 4-member kitchen staff –who have all moved on
- a transport officer in the person of **Abraham Anum-Quaye** who is still with us
- and a 5 -member security department - who have all moved on except, **Hope Gbekle**.



At this point, quite enough of teaching and learning materials had been acquired to make the takeoff relatively smooth. Though much, much more would be purchased later on!

On 3 October 2003 at about 1:46pm a certain fine little man, **Melvin Francis**, a Grade 7 student entered TIS as the very first pioneer student to walk the corridors of TIS. He was welcomed with love and the rest they say

is history.

At that moment the news had firmly been sent out to the world that The Tema International School had arrived on the educational landscape and would later change the face of it, as is evident today.

Each time I look back and compare it to where we are now, I always see the awesomeness of God's hand on TIS, firstly. Secondly, the tenacity and propensity for success of the cofounders which I believe will be a source of joy, in many respects to posterity.

This is why we should celebrate them and the importance of their vision and values, as is being urged in the theme for this 20th anniversary.

Thank you, Mr & Mrs. Adjavon, for what you have allowed the good Lord to do through you.

Long live TIS, and may the Good Lord bless us all.

Thank you

Eddy Torkornoo - Administrator

1 October 2023

International Student's Speech on Founders' Day



Good morning, my name is **Cherifatou Yandja**, I'm in **DP 2**, and this is my experience as an international Francophone student studying in TIS. Being an international student is an exciting experience but it comes with its challenges, as it involves embracing new cultures, languages, and educational systems. In this presentation, I hope to shed light on my unique experience as an international student in a Ghanaian school environment.

Some of the most significant challenges I faced as an international student in Ghana were the language barriers I encountered. While English is the official language, the dialects and local languages widely spoken can pose difficulties for foreigners, like me, who come from a strictly Francophone background. However, TIS, as an internationally-minded school, offers language support services to bridge this

gap. This support helped me improve my English speaking and writing skills, making communicating in our environment easier.

Integration into boarding school as a foreign student can be challenging as we try to establish connections, make friends and feel a sense of belonging. The warm and welcoming nature of Ghanaians is something I am truly grateful for; a lot of my peers have done their best to help me adapt ever since I came in Grade 8. But they have done so without trying to change me or making me fit in because, as IB learners, we understand that difference is never a bad thing but rather an advantage. The country's reputation for hospitality also helped to facilitate significantly my social integration.

My peers often extend friendship and support, easing my transition. Engaging in extracurricular activities, joining clubs, and participating in community projects provided additional avenues for me to build social connections and carve out my niche within the TIS community. Being an international student also instills valuable life skills such as resilience, independence, and adaptability. Whether it's handling my own finances, or taking on additional responsibilities, the experience of studying abroad in Ghana has equipped me with invaluable life lessons. Overcoming homesickness, managing cultural differences, and finding my place in a new environment have armed me with personal growth and self-reliance.

International Student's Speech on Founders' Day



Being an international student in a TIS presents challenges and unique opportunities for personal and academic growth. While adapting to a different cultural setting, overcoming language barriers, and adjusting to the IB education system may initially be hard, the experience is often transformative. International students, like me, who embrace the TIS way of life, actively engage in the school community, and remain reliant in the face of challenges, emerge with a broader worldview, lasting friendships and an enhanced understanding of their own abilities. To conclude, thank you TIS for shaping me into a world-ready individual

Merci à tous pour votre patience. Ce fut un plaisir d'être avec vous tous aujourd'hui, merci.

Cherifatou Yandja, G12



Dream, Plan and Action – The Extraordinary Story of Tema International School



Tema International School's story is filled with determination, belief, and resourcefulness. It all began with a dream, a plan, and the action taken to turn that dream into a reality.

Mrs Comfort Adjavon was the visionary, the dreamer who believed in creating an exceptional educational institution. Supported by her husband (blessed memory), Mr A A Adjavon, they embarked on a journey to build something truly remarkable. Mr Jassie-Sarkodie, the architect, was called on board to design the campus. But they needed someone who could bring their vision to life, and that's where Mr. Kotoka Ahiadorme, the builder, came in.

With Mr. Kotoka's expertise and dedication, the dream of creating one of the most beautiful school campuses in West Africa started to take shape. However, there was a challenge that threatened to hinder their progress - the darkness. As the construction site required nighttime work, the lack of proper lighting became a significant obstacle.

Ingeniously, Mr. Kotoka came up with a solution - the gas torchlight. Mr Adjavon, the Co-Founder, believed in Kotoka's idea and purchased the gas torchlight. This quick fix provided the much-needed light that facilitated nighttime work and helped them meet their tight deadline. It was a simple yet effective plan that simplified their labour and ensured that every aspect of the school's construction was completed on time.

The gas torchlight idea came at the beginning of the school's construction journey. Originally intended to be a nursery and primary school, the decision was made to change it to a high school, and then Tema International School was born. This change brought about new challenges, but the team's resourcefulness prevailed.



Today, Mr. Kotoka shares his story, reflecting on the hard work, dedication, and problem-solving that brought the dream of Tema International School to life. Their humble beginnings and the lessons learned along the way serve as an inspiration to all who hear their story.

As we look back on the journey that led to the creation of Tema International School, we can't help but feel an immense sense of pride. The dreamers, the believers, and the builders all played a crucial role in transforming a vision into a beautiful reality that we are so proud to be a part of today.

Kotoka Ahiadorme
Constructor

Alumni Speaker: Founders' Day

Jermyn Amissah-Arthur is a member of the TIS Class of 2007, after which he attended Luther College, Iowa, USA. He graduated with a major in accounting and minor in Management Information Systems.

Jermyn started his professional career as a Strategy & Operations consultant at PwC Ghana, focused mainly on the financial sector. He worked with several major banks to craft growth strategies to achieve specific objectives. Jermyn was also a significant contributor to PwC's annual flagship Banking Survey publication.

Jermyn now works with Arthur Energy Advisors, an engineering advisory firm, as a consulting partner in charge of project financing. His portfolio includes innovative projects covering power generation and distribution across the West Africa sub-region.

With immense pleasure and a sense of profound nostalgia, I stand before you today to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our beloved school. Twenty years ago, we walked through the doors of



take shape.



this institution as eager young students, embarking on a journey that would shape our lives in countless ways. Today, we come together to commemorate the passing of time and the enduring spirit of our school community.

Before we delve into the significance of this occasion, I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all those who have joined us today, whether you have travelled from near or far. Your presence here is a testament to the indelible mark that our school has left on our hearts and minds.

As we gather here, it is impossible not to be transported back in time to an era when our biggest worries revolved around homework, exams, and who would be crowned prom king and queen. Our school was not just a place of education; it was a second home where friendships blossomed, talents were nurtured, and dreams began to

Alumni Speaker: Founders' Day



Our teachers, the unsung heroes of our educational journey, were the guiding lights who imparted knowledge, wisdom, and values that have stayed with us through the years. Their dedication to our growth and well-being has profoundly impacted our lives, and today, we honor them with our deepest gratitude.

As we reminisce about our high school days, we are reminded of the enduring friendships forged during that time—the bonds we created in the classroom, on the sports field, in the hallways. Our classmates became our confidants, our partners in mischief, and, most importantly, our support system through the trials and tribulations of youth.

Over the past two decades, each of us has embarked on our own unique journey. Some have started families and taken on the cherished role of parents, and others have continued to explore their passions and

hobbies. But no matter where life has taken us, we carry with us the lessons and values instilled in us by our school.

Our school taught us academic knowledge and the importance of perseverance, integrity, and the pursuit of excellence. These values continue to guide us in our personal and professional lives, reminding us that we are not just alumni but ambassadors of the principles upon which our school was built.

As we celebrate this 20th anniversary, let us look back with fondness and forward with hope and determination. Our school has equipped us with the tools to face the challenges of an ever-changing world, and it is our responsibility to utilise these tools to make a positive impact.

In conclusion, I want to express my sincere gratitude to every one of you for being part of this momentous occasion. Let us use this reunion to celebrate the past and renew our commitment to the values and principles that our school represents. Together, we can ensure that the legacy of our alma mater continues to shine brightly for generations to come.

Cheers to the enduring friendships, the cherished memories, and the promising future that lies ahead. Happy 20th anniversary to our beloved school, and here's to many more years of excellence!

Thank you.

Jermyn Amissah-Arthur
IB Class of 2007





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5 OCTOBER 2023



Celebrating our Extraordinary Staff on International Teachers Day

Dear Colleagues,

Happy Teacher's Day! 📚✏️ Today, we celebrate and honour the incredible educators & staff that make up our extraordinary team here at TIS. 🙌 Thank you for your dedication, passion, and commitment to shaping the minds of our future generations. 🌟

You go above and beyond every day, creating an environment where our students can thrive and grow. ❤️ We are grateful for your hard work, patience, and invaluable contribution to the TIS experience. 🏠💡 On this special occasion, we extend our heartfelt appreciation and admiration to our amazing teachers & staff who inspire, uplift and empower our students to reach for the stars. 📌💡🎉 #TeachersDay #TISLove #Grateful #TeachersRock

Thank you for being a part of our TIS family!

Cecilia Ajavon-Oppan – On Behalf of the Founding Family

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TISMUN Preparation for GISMUN



As we gear up for GISMUN, it's essential to reflect on the enriching journey of GISMUN, a trailblazing Model United Nations conference. TISMUN stands as a testament to diplomacy, critical thinking, and collaboration. In the latest MUN meeting at C11, the delegates

honed their negotiation skills, delved into complex global issues, and fostered meaningful connections. The essence of this preparation lies not only in its debates but in the diverse perspectives it brings together. The delegates passionately advocated for their countries' positions pertaining to their topics and were able to pick their stances to start their opening speeches and country profiles. Some delegates were given to countries bound to clash with NATO countries, like The United States of America and France.

The following students will represent Tema International School at the GISMUN conference:

1. Fadila Abdul Zakou
2. Nissi Arday
3. Chris Quarshie
4. Tiffeney Nyarko
5. Breindelle Boateng
6. Kiros Essilfie
7. Akua Osafo-Buabeng
8. Shandel Nyarko
9. Kayla Searyoh
10. Ama Mac-Deh
11. Maame Ekuba Bervell-Ackah
12. Ann-Joelle Amey
13. Ninette Eyram Addom
14. Tracy Danso Adjei
15. Philip Osei Kwakye
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17. Jenevieve Achemdey
18. Allyson Achiampong
19. Bruhan-Deen Hussein
20. Nana Aisha Hussein
21. Nubuke Eli-Dzantor
22. Nanette Ativor
23. Brianna Boateng
24. Kwaku Kusi Opare
25. Farah Agoro

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These students were picked through an intense mock MUN conference, whereby they were all judged by the executives of the TISMUN club. We know that they will make Tema International School proud and make us the centre of envy as we celebrate our 20th anniversary.

Discover Insights and Innovations in the World of Education in Dr. Ken Darvall's New Book "The Teaching Guarantee"

Dr. Ken Darvall, with 50 years of global educational leadership experience, unveils his informative book, "The Teaching Guarantee: Every Day is Different." An essential guide for educators and school leaders, it offers profound insights into school education from small institutions to international schools. Dr. Darvall's vast experience promises readers an invaluable perspective on the world of education.

Dive deep into five decades of educational leadership, global experiences, and transformative insights with Dr. Ken Darvall's enlightening new book, "The Teaching Guarantee: Every Day is Different." This masterful creation is not just a must-read for emerging school leaders but an essential handbook for teachers, students, and school bodies across the globe.

From small schools in remote areas to grand international institutions, Dr. Darvall meticulously unravels the intricacies of school education. He delves

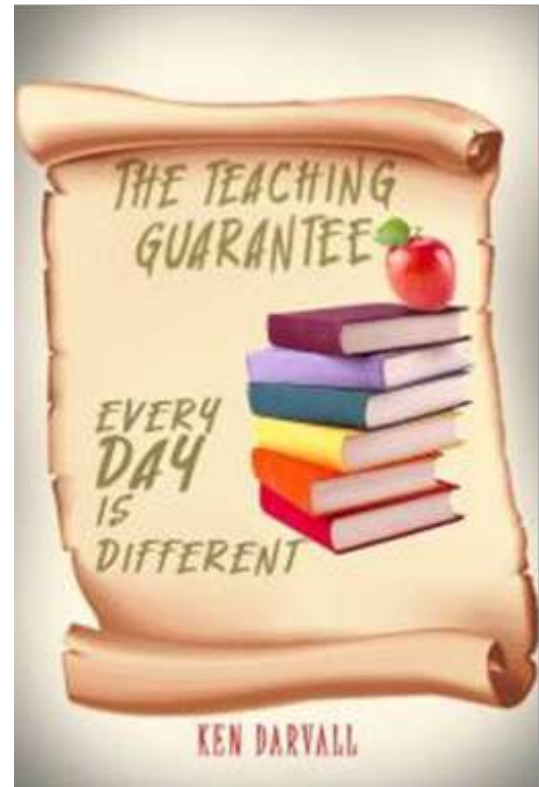
into critical aspects, shares lessons learned over time, and introduces best practices with his unparalleled 50 years of leadership experience spanning three continents.

Readers will find a treasure trove of wisdom on school leadership, the uniqueness of schools, common educational elements, community impact, and invaluable lessons from Dr. Darvall's journey. As he places great emphasis on student opportunities, leadership dynamics, and fostering parent connections, he assures that every day in education offers something different.

With a rich tapestry of educational leadership roles across Australia and other parts of the world, Dr. Darvall brings in-depth knowledge from primary, secondary, and international schools to training institutions and business colleges. His academic achievements, including a Doctor of Education, further cement his expertise in the field.

Literary Titan's review applauds the book, stating, "Beyond its insights, this book is a treasure trove of engaging stories that captivate and inspire. Highly recommended for educators..."

Whether you're an educator, a student, or someone passionate about the world of education, "The Teaching Guarantee: Every Day is Different" promises to enlighten, inspire, and offer a refreshing perspective on the ever-evolving world of education.



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About the Book

In the ever-evolving landscape of education, where does the heart of teaching truly lie? Dr. Ken Darvall, with a storied 50-year journey across three continents, unveils the essence of education. From the rustic charm of isolated schools to the grandeur of international institutions, Darvall takes you on an enlightening voyage, revealing the hidden intricacies of school leadership and the transformative power of education. Every chapter is a masterclass, every lesson a revelation. Whether you're an educator at the crossroads, a student seeking direction, or a passionate seeker of wisdom, embark on this journey to rediscover why, in the world of teaching, every day truly is different. Dive deep, question, and find your guarantee in the world of education.



About the Author

Dr. Ken Darvall is a revered figure in educational leadership, with half a century of experience that encompasses various sectors in Australia and abroad. From establishing IB World Schools to his extensive work in quality assurance and study abroad programs, his journey is filled with significant contributions to the education world. In his leisure, Ken enjoys sports coaching, music, educational technology, and research. Currently, Dr. Darvall is making a difference as the Principal at Tema International School, Ghana.

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We are excited to announce that proceeds from Dr. Ken's Darvall book, "The Teaching Guarantee," will go towards the Transforming Lives Project. By purchasing this book, you can make a difference in the lives of families affected by **Anorectal Malformation**.

Dr. Ken Darvall will be available after the Anniversary Durbar to autograph his newly launched book. "The Teaching Guarantee" is a must-read for all educators. We encourage you to grab your copy and consider purchasing an additional copy to be given to a local school educator who may be unable to afford one.

To obtain your copy of "The Teaching Guarantee," please get in touch with Mrs Surama King, CAS Coordinator – surama.king@tis.edu.gh Please note that this is a limited edition, so make sure to secure your copy soon.

Thank you for your support in transforming lives through education.

The Teaching Guarantee – By Dr Ken Darvall





TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



IB CLASS OF 2025 PRESENTS

"TRANSFORMING LIVES CAS PROJECT"

DONATE TODAY!

- 1 Corrective Surgery:** Give Infants with *Anorectal Malformation* a Chance at Life.
- 2 Medical Equipment:** Support the Korle-Bu Pediatric Centre, Surgery Unit with an Ultrasound Machine.
- 3 Raise Awareness:** Educate communities about *Anorectal Malformation* for early intervention.

*Your donation can make a difference.
Join our campaign now!*

CAS MOMO No. – 0597621047 - Abigail Ahiadorme | **Ref.:** Class of 2025 CAS Project


TIS Bank Accounts – Absa & Ecobank | **Purchase our Anniversary Souvenirs.**

Purchase a ticket to The Prince of Egypt Musical | Sponsor a child.



CAS Experience Opportunity

See your CAS Coordinator, Mama Su or Advisor, Mr Mawuli to sign up. Its an opportunity you can not miss it.



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 Youth ages 9-18 are welcome.

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 TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
 PRESENTS

**THE JOHN MAXWELL TEAM
 GLOBAL YOUTH INITIATIVE**

SAT.21 OCT & SAT.28 OCT 2023
 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM | TIS Einstein Hall

Today's youth face many challenges – struggles with confidence, fear of failure, and bullying. As parents, teachers, and leaders, we can do something about it! You and your youth are invited to participate in a world-changing youth movement that will empower our kids to be the change they wish to see in the world!

During October 2023, youth leadership events will be hosted all over the world by Maxwell Leadership Certified Team members in over 75 countries. Youth who attended these events will be equipped, inspired, and empowered to have a positive self-image, respect themselves and others, be a positive influence, and fail forward toward success.

Partners together to equip, inspire, and empower youth to be the leaders they were born to be!

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TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL 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 demonstrate how we can make the world a better place through action and an understanding that success comes from helping others grow and becoming empowered.



EDUCATION FOR A BETTER WORLD



Ten tips for acting with integrity

Always act with honesty and in a responsible and ethical manner—being conscious of the influence that you have on those around you can set a great example to others.



Familiarise yourself with the school's rules and ensure that you understand what academic integrity means and consists of.

Don't try to gain an **unfair** advantage in coursework, mock examinations, or assessments by copying someone else's answers or using a mobile phone during an exam, for example.



Always reference and cite other people's work that you have used in your essays—be **proud** of explaining that you understood someone else's ideas and thought that they were good. **Seek help** if you are struggling or are not sure of expectations.

Stand up for what is **right**—alert a member of staff at your school if you suspect that someone has cheated.



Learn to **accept** your strengths and weaknesses and do the best that you can.

Take responsibility for your own actions and their consequences.



Know how to **safely collaborate** and share work when using social media and digital collaborative platforms.

Be mindful of maintaining academic integrity during group work/projects and keep track of what each group member is contributing.



Try to **overcome procrastination**. Managing your time wisely will reduce stress-induced, last-minute work which increases the likelihood of cheating.



Be a content creator, not a content imitator.

Academic integrity is a responsibility
of the whole IB community

Visit our website to find out more: ibo.org/academic-integrity



Open Book Exam pilot

DP Economics

Your school has been chosen to participate in a study looking into the impact of offering different types of open book exams on the whole school community. In this case your school will be piloting an OBE in the DP Economics paper 1 exam.

We would like to inform you on what this will mean for the students taking this exam at your school.

1. Students will be sitting the exact same paper but will be allowed to prepare and bring in a maximum of 2 A4 pages summarizing real-world examples that students may use in the exam.
2. Student summaries will be allowed to be either in the format of mind maps or short written summaries for each real-world example up to a maximum of 60 words per example and approximately 1200 words in total.
3. Students may use a combination of both mind-maps and written summaries.
4. Written or digital versions of their resources are allowed but written is recommended.
5. If students choose to write their resource, this must be legible.
6. Students must not include definitions of terminology, explanations of concepts and theories, nor any analysis or evaluation.
7. Students will not be allowed to include visuals including tables, figures, or diagrams.
8. Different colours will be allowed, as well as bullet points and acronyms.
9. Students will be allowed to include details of real-world examples not in their resource should they wish.
10. Student resources will need to be checked at least 1 month before the exam.

Teachers have received further clarifications and details regarding these expectations. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at obepilots@ibo.org.





Real knowledge is to know
the extent of one's ignorance.

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COUNSELLORS' CORNER



In the spirit of celebrating TIS @ 20, words are not enough to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many wonders and positive life transformations.

Thank You TIS- Akpe! Dankenshon! Oyiwaladonn, Na Gode!

Long Live TIS, Long Live the vision and values of our Founders!! ❤️



Dear TIS staff and students, we are grateful for:

- ✓ Sharing in your dreams, aspirations, learning, growing and glowing together!
- ✓ Opportunities to think outside the box, to create and challenge ideas, the status quo, and the unique experiences from the wonders of CASSA Magic!
- ✓ Appreciation for cultural diversity and inclusivity!

ALUMNI TIS 20TH ANNIVERSARY ALUMNI INVITATION

The collage features several photos: a family celebrating, students in a classroom, children playing, a couple, a student playing basketball, a couple holding a banner that says "CELEBRATING OUR FOUNDERS: THE IMPORTANCE OF VISION & VALUES", a student playing soccer, and students in a classroom. The central text box contains the following information:

20 TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
20th Anniversary Celebrations

We cordially invite
Alumni
to

TIS @ 20 Sporty Family Day
Thursday 21 September, 2023 – 8:00 AM
Preferred Dress Code: Rep your Colour Group

EduForum
Monday 2 October, 2023 – 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Preferred Dress Code: Formal

*Founders' Day Assembly -
The Beginnings (International Day)*
Tuesday 3 October, 2023 – 12:00 Noon
Preferred Dress Code: Diverse National Attire

Anniversary Durbar
Saturday 7 October, 2023 – 11:00 AM
Preferred Dress Code: Anniversary Cloth

Anniversary Thanksgiving Service
Sunday 8 October, 2023 – 10:00 AM
Preferred Dress Code: White Attire

***VENUE FOR ALL EVENTS:
MAIN CAMPUS, SPORTS COMPLEX
RSVP: MRS. GINA ANAHI MESSAH
+233 24 649 2053**

Dear Alumni,

We are counting on you for a successful event.

Thank you to all alumni who were present at last weeks' Sporty Family, Eduforum, Founders' Day!

So far, a good number of you will be coming for the Thanksgiving Service, Durbar and other events in the coming week and months. Hope you will be there too.

For the Anniversary Durbar, and Thanksgiving Service, we cannot wait to have you around once again!

Kindly reach out to Constance.Quaye@tis.edu.gh

if you will be attending any of these special celebrations, carefully put together ❤️ with you in mind!!

Thank you!



COLLEGE VISITS

NAME OF UNIVERSITY ORGANIZERS	LIST OF UNIVERSITIES IN ATTENDANCE	DATE & TIME	VENUE
WREN University Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Savannah College of Art & Design (Georgia, USA) • UMass Amherst (Massachusetts, USA) • UC Davis (California, USA) • Babson College (Massachusetts, USA) • Indiana University Bloomington (Indiana, USA) • Emerson College (Massachusetts, USA) • George Mason (Virginia, USA) • University of Johannesburg (Johannesburg, S. Africa) • The New School (New York, USA) • Syracuse University (New York, USA) • St. George's University (Grenada, West Indies) • Ontario Tech University (Ontario, Canada) • Notre Dame University (Indiana, USA) • University of Vermont (Vermont, USA) • Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia, Canada) • Georgetown Qatar (Doha, Qatar) 	Tuesday 17 Oct. 2023, 4-5:15pm	TBD
SEC University Fair, USA	Auburn University University of Alabama University of Arkansas University of Florida University of Kentucky University of Missouri University of Mississippi University of South Carolina Louisiana State University	Monday 23 Oct. 2023, 2-4pm	TBD
University of Calgary, Canada	University of Calgary, Canada	TBD	TBD
University of Pecs, Hungary	University of Pecs, Hungary	TBD	TBD
Western University, Canada	Western University, Canada	TBD	TBD
New Zealand University partners and pathways	New Zealand University partners and pathways	TBD	TBD
University of British Columbia, Canada	University of British Columbia	TBD	TBD
McMaster University, Canada	McMaster University, Canada	TBD	TBD



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NYU | ABU DHABI



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The University for Creative Careers



The University of Vermont



GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY



BABSON COLLEGE

INDIANA UNIVERSITY



DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

OntarioTech UNIVERSITY

Syracuse University



St. George's University
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Grenada, West Indies

Emerson COLLEGE



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GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY QATAR

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

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U.S. UNIVERSITIES PARENTS' INVITATION; DINNER@ MOVENPICK AMBASSADOR HOTEL-SUNDAY OCT. 15, 2022



PARENT RECEPTION WITH U.S. UNIVERSITIES

You are cordially invited to attend a parent reception
hosted by 8 U.S. universities.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023
15:00 PM
Movenpick Ambassador Hotel
Independence Avenue, Ridge PMB CT 343, Cantonments, Accra
RSVP HERE

Representatives from the following universities will be present to provide a brief presentation on their institution as well as answer your questions:

Auburn University, University of Alabama, University of Arkansas, University of Kentucky, University of Missouri, University of Mississippi, University of South Carolina, and Louisiana State University



DEAR PARENTS, INTERESTED? RSVP RIGHT AWAY HERE:
https://lsu.formstack.com/forms/sec_ghana_parent_reception_2023



DP1 & DP2 UNIVERSITY TIMELINES

DP2 Students' Timelines 2023-2024	
ACTIVITY	DUE DATE
SEPTEMBER	
Create Commonapp Account, UCAS Account, Invite Counsellor & 2 Teachers and Assign to all schools	Friday 8 th September 2023
Essays, Personal Statements, school selection sheet, brag sheet, initial updates from Summer break	Monday 11 th September 2023
Quest Bridge all supplementary essays submission https://youtu.be/KNZndngRxQs	Monday 11 th September 2023
Final updated College Essays, & Personal Statements & updated university list, submission to counselors for final review (all DP2s)	Monday 18 th September 2023
Create Meto / Concourse Account where applicable	Wednesday 27 th September 2023
OCTOBER	
EA, ED students with Oct. 15 deadline to submit supplements, USA Early Applicants essay supplements (Commonapp and non-commonapp)	Monday 2 nd October, 2023
Create OUAC Account	Tuesday 3 rd October 2023
Early UK UCAS Applications (MDV)- student submission on UCAS (Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, health-related courses, Oxford & Cambridge) "CLICK PAY AND SEND"	Thursday 5 th October 2023
Create Financial Aid Application, remind parents to complete portions (CSS, FAFSA, ISFAA, COF, School-specific..)	Thursday 5 th October 2023
EA, ED students with Oct. 15 deadline to submit applications to universities	Thursday 5 th October 2023
University of Debrecen Registration/ Univ. of Nicosia Registr.	Friday 13 th October 2023
Confirmation and submission of official intent to apply for "special scholarships" (mostly counsellor nominated ones)	Friday 13 th October 2023
Early USA Applications-(Early Decision/Early Action- EA/ED) Commonapp, students' final submission to universities	Wednesday 18 th October 2023
SAT/ACT EA/ED Score Reporting	Wednesday 18 th October 2023
California Schools Portal (UC)	Monday 23 rd October 2023
College Essay Supplements for all regular applicants to be submitted to counselors for review, USA, Canada	Monday 23 rd October 2023
EA/ ED USA Financial Aid Applic. submission, USA Scholarship priority consideration application submission	Wednesday 25 th October 2023
Canadian University application submissions (OUAC & non-OUAC), Univ. Of Debrecen & Univ. Of Nicosia final submission	Friday 27 th October 2023
NOVEMBER	
Regular UK (UCAS) Application- students' final submissions	Monday 6 th November 2023
All regular USA applications must be submitted. SAT/ACT Score Reporting	Friday 10 th November 2023
Submission on the Univ. of California (UC) Schools portal	Monday 13 th November 2023

Regular USA Financial Aid Submission to universities (ISFAA, COF, CSS Profile, FAFSA etc.)	Monday 13 th November 2023
Final Submission of FAFSA Application to U.S. Schools	Friday 8 th December 2023
Initial completion of IBIS Forms with Uni. offers so far	Friday 19 th January 2024
Ghanaian University Applications; purchasing of application forms/scratch cards to submit to counselors	Monday 4 th February 2024
Ghanaian University applications: final online submission to universities by students	Friday 8 th March 2024
Final Submission of IBIS Forms	Friday 12 th April 2024

****Be sure to give your Counsellor minimum 2 weeks' notice of all university deadlines and requests! NO LAST MINUTE REQUESTS PLEASE**

DP1 Students' Timelines 2023-2024	
DP1 Students to meet counsellors for initial one-on-one discussion; update on individual game plan, DP subjects, career interests, and country destinations for university.	Monday 25 th September to Friday 20 th October 2023
DP1 Parents one-on-one meeting with counsellors to discuss the University Application Process	Monday 23 rd October to Thursday 30 November 2023
Personal Statement (draft 1) submission to counsellors for review	Friday 16 th February 2024
College Essay (draft 1) submissions to counsellors for review	Monday 4 th March 2024
University Selection Sheet- Initial choices to be submitted to counselors for review.	Friday 15 th March 2024
DP1 Parents one-on-one meeting with counselors to discuss Financial Aid Application Process.	Monday 18 th March - Friday 17 May 2024
DP1s submit final names of two DP teachers to write recommendations to counsellors.	Friday 22 nd March 2024
Completed Brag Sheet submission to counsellors	
Financial Aid Tracker Due (university's financial aid requirements)	Friday 26 April 2024

****Be sure to practice daily and sign up for SAT AND ACT tests at least once in DP1!**

Dates / deadlines in News Bulletin and will also be posted on Managebac Guidance Files.

DP2s' Important Parent Information- Financial Aid Forms Are Out



Financial Aid Forms

- ✓ Note that **FAFSA** this year opens on **December, 2** 2023 months later than was the case. Dear, American citizen parents please have all your financial documentations ready once the FAFSA portal is opened please login. <https://www.edupass.org/paying-for-college/financial-aid/fafsa/>
- ✓ CSS profile and other school specific forms are also opened for both American citizen and international students. Kindly check and fill in those forms. <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>
- ✓ ISFAA is also opened. <https://www.pdfFiller.com/40396546-fillable-isfaa-form>
- ✓ OUAC is open for students looking at Canada. Kindly click on the link and apply. Should www.ouac.on.ca this week.
- ✓ **Oxbridge, Medical & Dental School UCAS** UK Applicants have up to Thursday to do a final click on "pay and send". Counselors will do a final submission for the first batch of early UK Applicants on Monday 9 October 2023.
- ✓ **UCAS UK APPLICATION FEE: GHC400 to be paid into the TIS School fees account or MTN momo merchant number for TIS: 159850**

Kindly send a copy of the payment receipt to portia.atubiga@tis.edu.gh



**Get Ready for the
Digital PSAT/NMSQT®**

THE FIRST DIGITAL PSAT EXAM TAKES PLACE ON THE 14TH OF OCTOBER 2023. More details to be emailed soon. Student should download Bluebook via their College Board accounts.

REPORTING TIME IS 7AM. TEST TAKERS TO BE SURE TO MAKE PLANS TO BE PRESENT AND TO COME WITH THEIR DEVICES, CALCULATOR, VALID UNEXPIRED PASSPORT OR GHANA CARD, PEN/PENCIL.

EXAM SHOULD END BY 11AM ON SATURDAY & PARENTS CAN PICK UP STUDENTS THEN. THANK YOU.



DP2S'

MODE DURING MID-SEMESTER? NO WORK HASN'T FINISHED

- ✓ Kindly go through CommonApp, UCAS, OUAC with Mum and Dad to make sure all information pertaining to family and finances are correct.
- ✓ Make sure the name on your passport matches with the name you are using on the various application portals.

DP2s:



SAT

2023- 2024 TEST DATES

- ✓ **DP1s don't wait until the eleventh hour to register.**



Want to Register for SAT But Don't Know How? Follow the Links!

- ✓ <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration>

Click here for more information <https://www.bestcolleges.com/test-prep/sat/registration/>

If having trouble registering, contact Aunty Portia in person or by email at portia.atubiga@tis.edu.gh

DIGITAL SAT TEST DATES 2023/24

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE
26 August 2023	August 11, 2023
7 October 2023	September 20, 2023
4 November 2023	October 18, 2023
10 December 2023	November 15, 2023
9 March 2024	February 2024 TBD
4 May 2024	April 2024 TBD

7 October 2023 Test Takers- Kindly bring along your unexpired passport or Ghana Card for identification. Pens, erasers and calculator



- ✓ SAT without essay \$103 – Online payment only with Visa/credit card. **NEW;** ACCEPTABLE IDs ARE 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>

**2023 TEST DATES (COMPUTER-BASED TESTING ONLY!)**

- ✓ ACT Registration Fees (Online payments only: Visit www.actstudent.org): ACT Registration Fees \$171.50, with writing \$196.50 (Online payments only: Credit Card)
- ✓ (TIS Test Centre Code: 870390, but inform counsellor first).



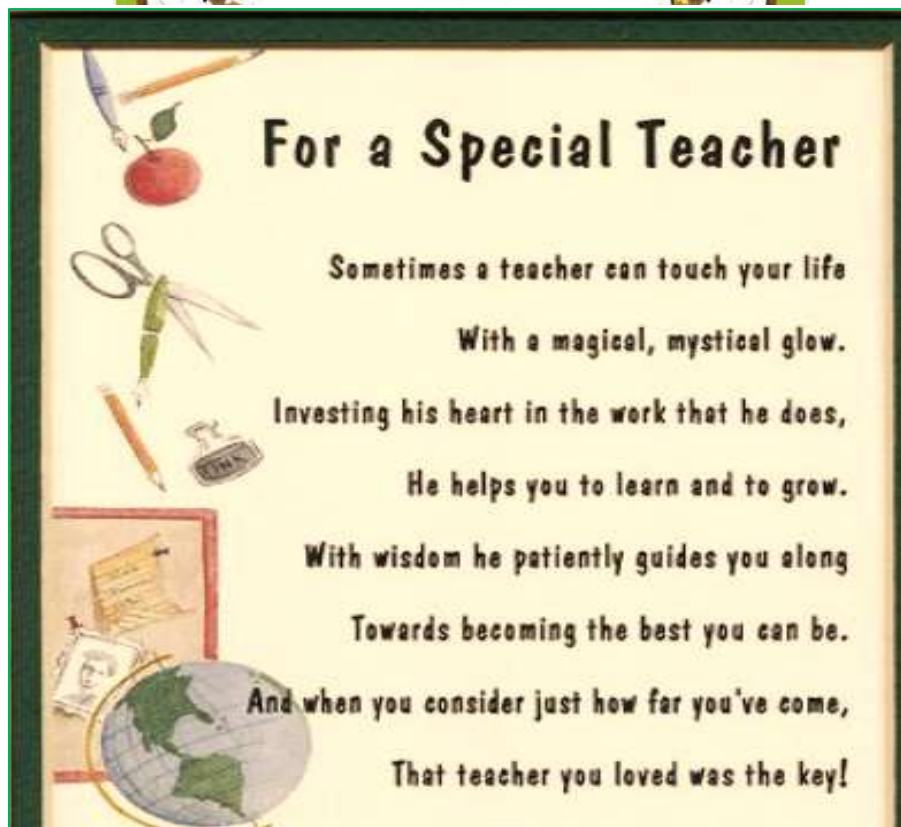
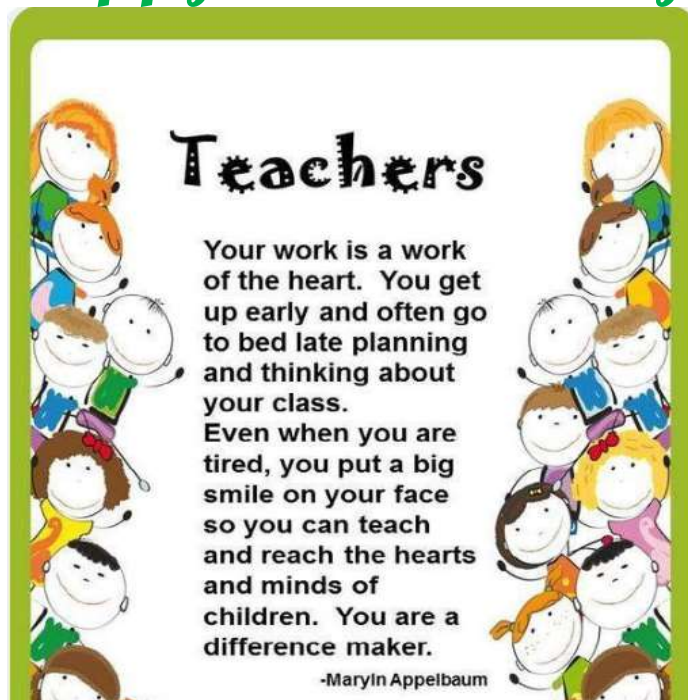
- ✓ click: <https://global.act.org/content/global/en/products-and-services/the-act-non-us/registration.html>
***To complete registration, payment must be made online in full with a credit card. ACT April DEADLINE coming up. STEM students have an edge.**

ACT TEST DATES 2023/24 (COMPUTER-BASED TESTING ONLY!)

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE
15 April 2023	17 March 2023
10 June 2023	12, May 2023
9 September 2023	28 July 2023
28 October 2023	15 September 2023

10 December 2023	20 October 2023
13 April 2024	2 February 2024
8 June 2024	26 April 2024

Happy Teacher's Day!





TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL 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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THE 10 MOST POPULAR HAPPINESS BOOSTERS

RESEARCH-BASED ACTIVITIES TO BOOST HAPPINESS

1

Count your blessings

Reflect at the end of the day and write down 3 things that went well and why they went well. This helps overcome gratitude adaptation/habituation and increases the salience of good acts.

2

Use your signature strengths in a new way

Complete the VIA Survey and identify your highest strengths. Choose one of your top strengths and use it in a new way each day for one week.

3

Write a gratitude letter

Write a letter of gratitude to someone you have not previously thanked. If appropriate, meet the person and read the letter.

4

Practice mindfulness

Take a few minutes each day to bring your full and complete attention to something you are doing; for example, walking, eating, listening, breathing.

5

Set goals

Write down a goal you want to reach that is consistent with your life values. Write down your plan of action for reaching that goal. What are 2 specific steps you can do this week to make progress on your goal?

6

Imagine your best possible self

Imagine a future in which you are bringing your best possible self forward. Visualize a "best possible self" that is very pleasing to you and that you are interested in. Make note of the character strengths that you'll need to deploy to make this best possible self a reality.

7

You at your best

Think of a specific time, recently or a while back, when you were at your best — really feeling and behaving at a high level. You felt like you were your authentic self, being who you are. Share the "story" of this experience with someone important in your life.

8

Practice loving-kindness

Loving-kindness meditation involves generating positive emotions of love in the present moment. Most common forms include the use of loving imagery and positive statements.

9

Count your kind acts or pay kindness forward

Count the acts of kindness you perform each day and track them so that you can report the total by the end of the week. Or, take notice when someone does something deliberately kind for you; pay the kindness forward by being kind to 3 people that day.

10

Savoring/Reminiscence exercise

Reflect each day for 2-3 minutes on two pleasurable experiences and allow/make the pleasure last as long as possible.



TIPS FOR USING EACH CHARACTER STRENGTH IN A NEW WAY

Creativity

Think of one of your problems and two possible solutions. Present the solutions non-verbally as an act or mime to someone.

Curiosity

Try a new food for the first time, preferably from a culture different than your own.

Judgment

Ask one or two clarifying questions of someone who has a different approach to life or different beliefs than you (e.g., a vegetarian).

Love of Learning

Read some of the original works of Gandhi online.

Perspective

For one of your interactions today: First, listen closely. Second, share your ideas and thoughts.

Bravery

Take on a new adventure or hobby that fits with one of your areas of interest.

Perseverance

Complete a small project that you have been putting off.

Honesty

Write a poem that expresses an inner truth.

Zest

Exert your energy in a unique way – jump on a bed, run in place, practice yoga or body stretching, or chase around a child or pet.

Love

Surprise somebody with a small gift that shows you care (e.g., flowers, a Starbucks coffee).

Kindness

Put coins in someone's parking meter that has run out of money.

Social Intelligence

Start up a conversation with someone whom you normally would not say much more to than typical pleasantries. This person might be the woman at the checkout counter, a telemarketer, or a new employee.

Teamwork

Spot and express appreciation for the strengths expressed by your team members.

Fairness

Look for beings (e.g., people, animals) that are cast aside or typically held in disgust and go out of your way to treat them right.

Leadership

Discuss with someone who reports to you about how they can align their top character strength more in their work.

Forgiveness

Let go of a minor irritant or a grudge.

Humility

Ask someone you trust to give you feedback on your struggles and growth areas.

Prudence

Before you make a decision that is typically very easy, take one full minute to think about it before you take action.

Self-Regulation

The next time you feel irritated or nervous today, pause and breathe with the experience for a count of 10 breaths.

Appreciation of Beauty and Excellence

Go outside and stand still in a beautiful environment for 20 minutes.

Gratitude

Tell someone "thanks" who deserves it and is typically not recognized.

Hope

Consider a problem or struggle you are having. Write down two optimistic, realistic thoughts that bring comfort.

Humor

Do something spontaneous and playful around another person (e.g., saying something silly, contorting your body in a weird way, or telling a funny story or joke).

Spirituality

Read about a religion/spirituality different from your own and look for ways in which the core messages parallel one another.

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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