

# TIS RECORD

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## At TIS,

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we believe experiential learning allows our students to understand the theory in the classroom to practise across the real world, where personal experiences and reflections add real meaning and a sense of purpose to each student, while making the world a better place.

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## Key Dates

- 24-30/11/23: G10 semester eAssessments
- 27/11-8/12/23: G11-12 semester exams.
- 2/12/23: SAT
- 9/12/23: ACT
- 10/12/23: 20th Anniversary Christmas Concert

## Thought for the Week

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Your reputation is your most important asset. It precedes you before you walk into the room and lingers long after the work is done.

- James Clear



## Brilliantly Astounding!

A new benchmark was witnessed last Saturday evening at the National Theatre with the 2023 performance of 'The Prince of Egypt'.

As is the case with every TIS annual production, it was full of surprises that captivated, thrilled and astonished the appreciative audience. An exceptional touch and innovation was the backstage view that included the band and orchestra. An authentic and exhilarating performance was promised and delivered.

The TIS DNA was in full view in terms of performance as evidence. What is now magical is the involvement of our Primary School students.

Thank you for witnessing a most incredible event.

<https://mydailynewsonline.com/tis-shines-bright-with-the-prince-of-egypt-earning-admiration-from-parents-and-enthralled-spectators/>



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

-Steve Bollar

## SAT & ACT

- Best advice: students who are required to complete SAT and/or ACT requirements should do so by the end of Grade 11. Leave it until G12 and you have created a personal time-management monster.
- **Please follow instructions and details provided in the weekly Counsellors' Corner section of the TIS Bulletin.**
- Next SAT test is 2/12/23.
- Next ACT test is 9/12/23

## Making Us Proud

**Paa Kow Oppan (Grade 2)** made us incredibly proud with his amazing role in the 20th-anniversary school play, "Prince of Egypt," showing not just talent on stage but also exceptional teamwork.

**The cast, crew, directors, organisers, sponsors and audience members** who witnessed The Prince of Egypt at the National Theatre.

**The TIS janitorial team** who ensured a clean and healthy experience for those in attendance for the Prince of Egypt.

## *Exeats: Please Note: Effective Immediately*

A Medical Exeat is for same-day treatment. A medical exeat will not be approved if it extends beyond one day. In these cases, a General Exeat is required.

You will receive acknowledgement if an exeat request has been lodged. If you do not receive an acknowledgement, then the request process has not been completed.

You will receive a decision usually within 24 hours. If not, please email me about the status quo. As requests should be received at least 48 hours before the request date, please do not expect a decision within a couple of hours.

A medical exeat can be accessed from here:

<https://www.tis.edu.gh/medical-exeat-form/>

A general exeat can be accessed from here:

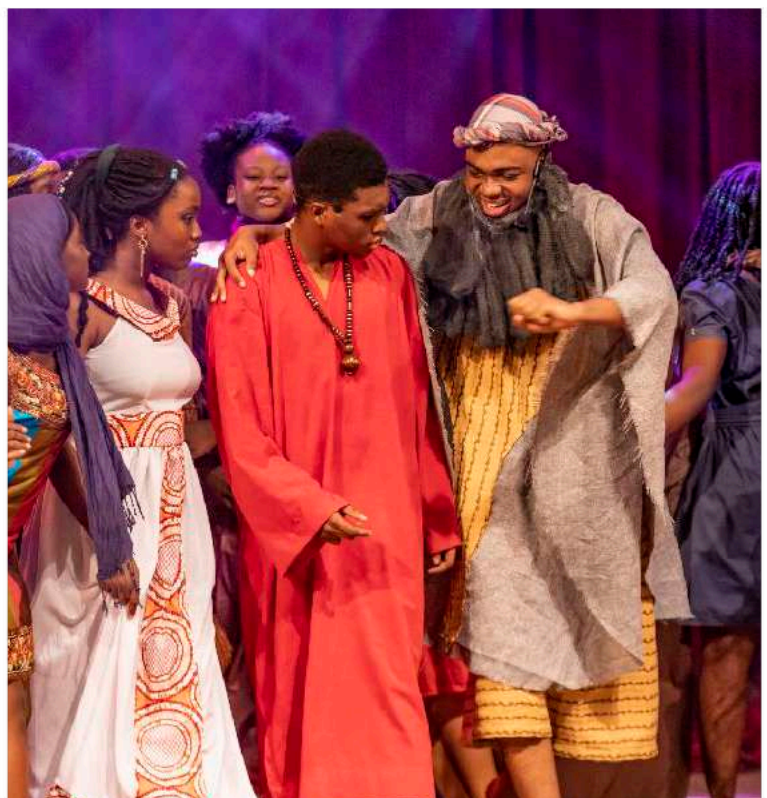
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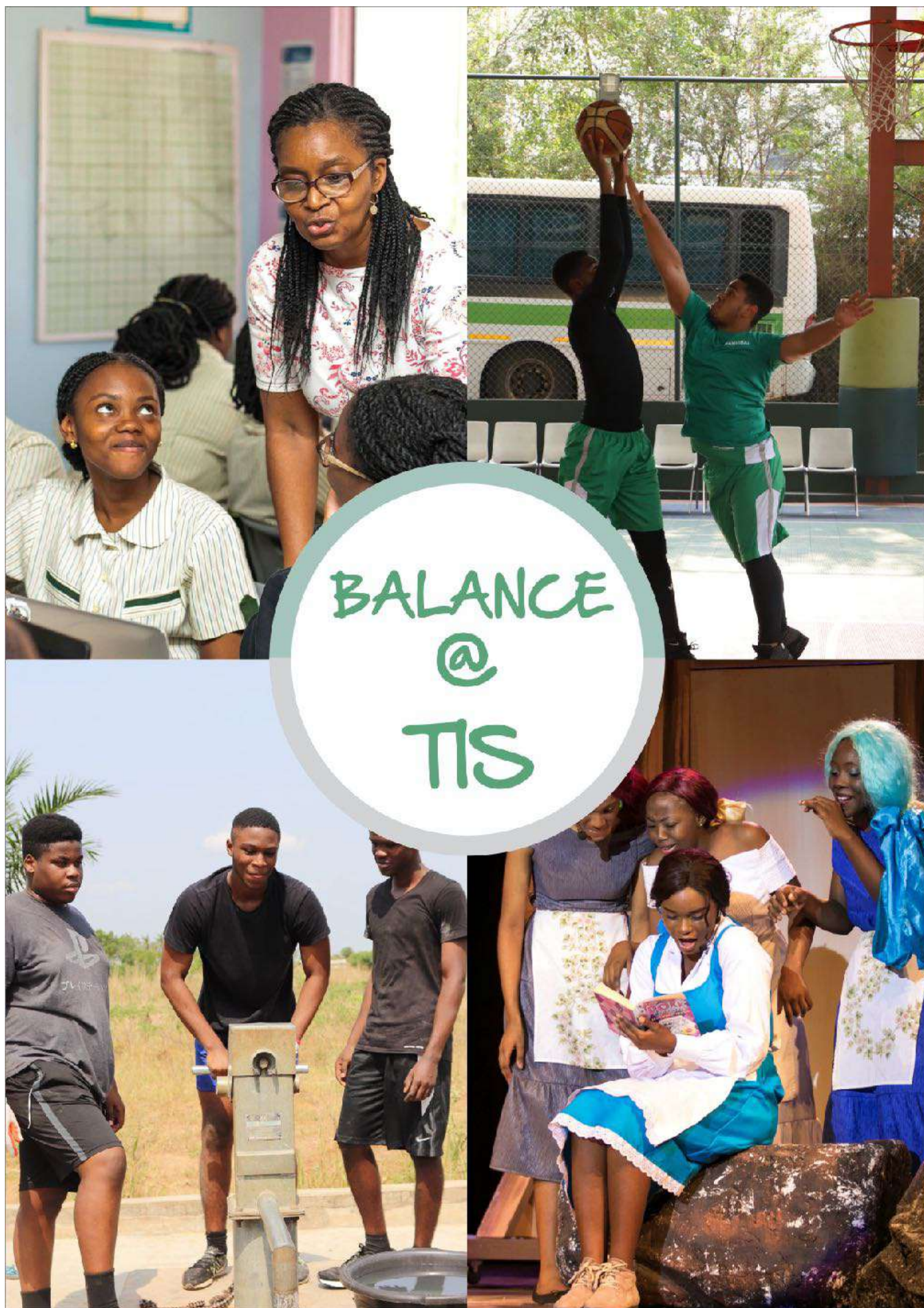
Please expect exeat requests to be declined if there are a lack of details or an activity during the school week.

I appreciate your support. Enjoy each day.

Dr Ken Darvall (Principal)

[principal@tis.edu.gh](mailto: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.

# Change <sup>the</sup> World Through Excellence

## #Make a Difference



## Admissions 2024/2025

Admissions for the next academic year are now open for the secondary school, Grades 7-12.

Priority for TIS family members ends on 1 December 2023.

The first round of admissions will be completed by 30 November. The second round will commence in February.

Prospective students are required to complete application forms online via <https://tis.openapply.com>

An application fee can be paid via [ExpressPay](#), at the school or into the school's account. The account details can be found on the Bank Details page.

All prospective students will take an aptitude test that does not require special preparation. An interview would be conducted before a final decision is made. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the selection process.

Only candidates who have fully completed the application form will be contacted for the aptitude test and subsequent interview.

Prospective families are encouraged to ***arrange a school tour before or during the application process.***

Early applications and admissions are encouraged. Late applications will be considered if vacancies exist.

Grades 7, 8 and 9 applicants will be required to provide three current term or two semester reports.

Applicants for Grade 11 will be required to provide three current term or two semester reports, predicted grades and a recommendation letter. When final results are released, applicants must attach a scanned copy on OpenApply. The release of final results will confirm subject selection levels (Standard or Higher).

After the completion of the Middle Years Programme (Grade 10), TIS students are expected to complete the IB Diploma Programme in Grades 11 and 12. They will make initial subject selection choices during the second semester of Grade 10. The release of examination results will confirm subject selection levels (Standard or Higher). Please note that students are generally not accepted into (Grades 10 and 12,



# Tema International School



## MAIN CAMPUS

**SECONDARY ADMISSIONS ARE OPEN FOR 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR  
FROM 3 OCTOBER 2023 UNTIL 31 MARCH 2024**

*A family school, a unique experience.*

**Flexible online admission testing is available**

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

### Grade 7 (MYP 2)

Students should:

- Have completed Primary 6.
- Be aged 11+(at the time of admission).
- Complete a general aptitude test and interview.

### Grade 8 (MYP 3)

Students should:

- Have completed JHS 1 or in JHS 2.
- Be aged 13+(at the time of admission).
- Complete a general aptitude test and interview.

### Grade 9 (MYP 4)

Students should:

- Have completed Grade 8 or Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE).
- Be aged 14+(at the time of admission).
- Complete a general aptitude test and interview.

### Grade 11 (IB Diploma Programme)

Students should:

- Have successfully completed MYP 5, the IGCSE (Or its equivalent) or awaiting the results of the IGCSE.
- Be aged 16+(at the time of admission).
- Complete a general aptitude test and interview for non IGCSE & GCSE students (i.e. WASSCE, OCR, AQA).

To learn more  
scan this.



To enrol scan  
this.



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

# TIS ADMISSION PROCESS

## KEY QUESTIONS

- ✓ Why does your child want to come to TIS?
- ✓ How will your child take advantage of the TIS experience?
- ✓ As a parent, why are you applying?

## DUE DILIGENCE

- ✓ Go to [tis.openapply.com](https://tis.openapply.com)
- ✓ Familiarise yourself with all aspects of the admissions process, including fees.
- ✓ Is this the right school for your child?

## APPLICATION

- ✓ Go to: <https://tis.openapply.com>
- ✓ Complete an online admissions application and include all required documents.
- ✓ Pay the application fee.

## BOOK A TOUR OF TIS

- ✓ Allow 30-45 minutes for the tour.
- ✓ Be prepared to be surprised when you discover West Africa's best kept secret!

## TEST AND INTERVIEW

- ✓ Your child will have to complete an online test.
- ✓ An online interview will be conducted after the test has been completed.

## APPLICATION DECISION

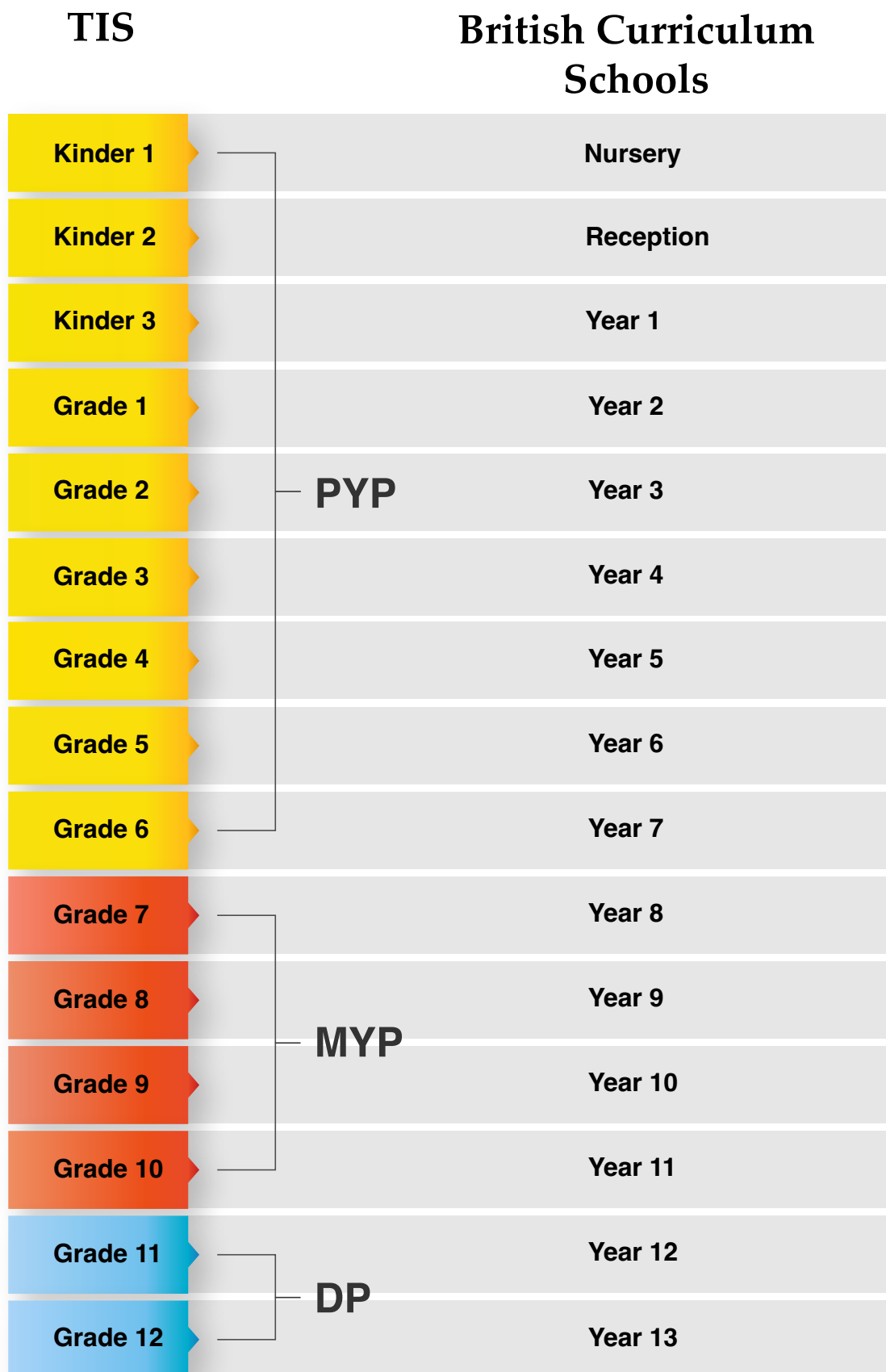
- ✓ If an admission offer is made, you will have 21 days to accept or decline the offer.
- ✓ Otherwise, you will be informed if your child has been unsuccessful or placed on the waiting list.

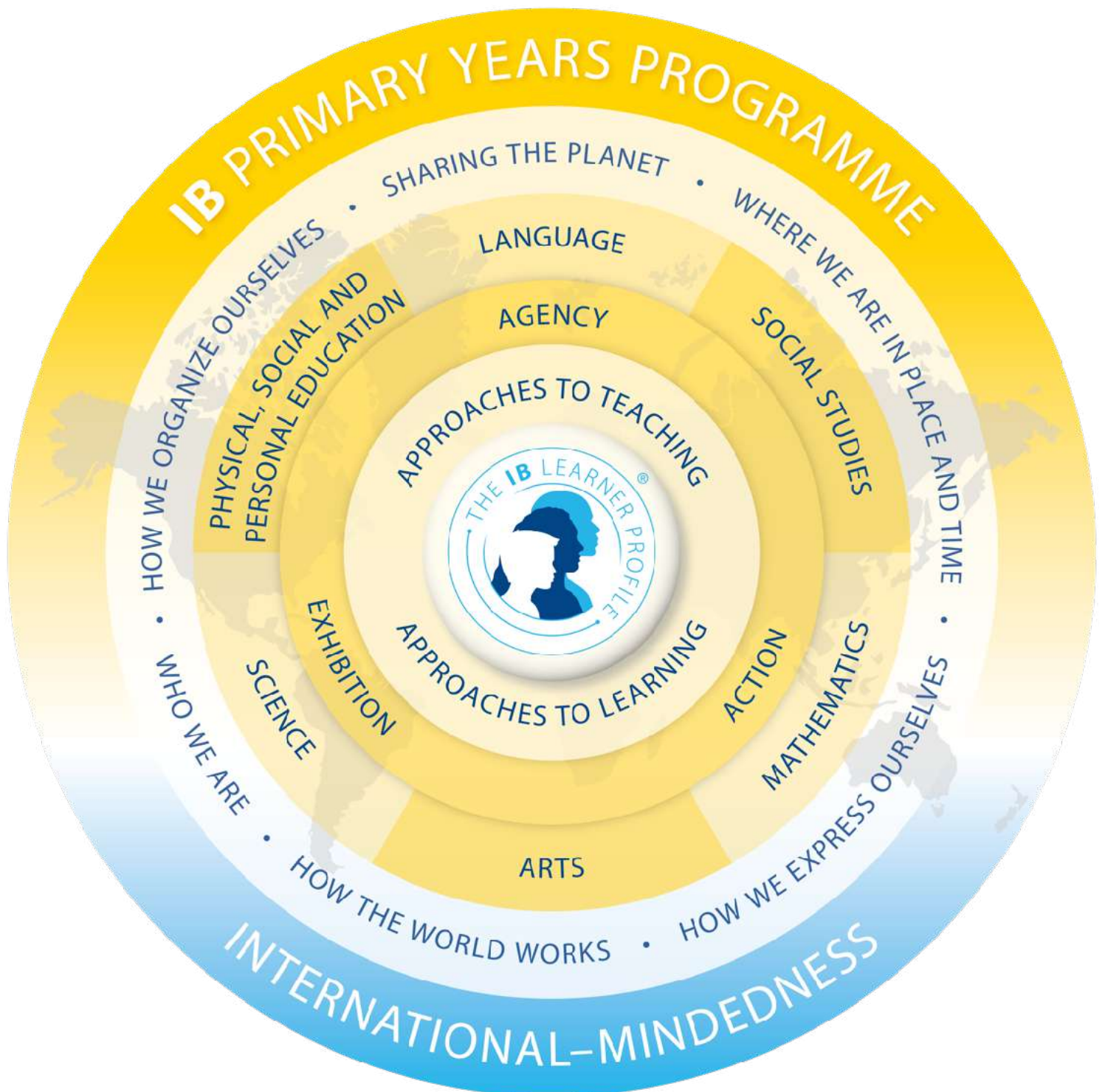
## NEED HELP OR IF YOU HAVE MORE QUESTIONS

- ✓ Please email: [admissions@tis.edu.gh](mailto:admissions@tis.edu.gh)
- ✓ Please call: +233 303 305134  
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# TIS Admissions Grade Chart





## **Celebrating Learning: The TIS Primary School Experience**

At Tema International School Primary, learning is like an exciting adventure full of celebrations. In our diverse community, education goes beyond books.

Come into the world of Tema International School Primary, where each day is a chance to explore and enjoy learning. What makes us unique? *We celebrate learning every day and through everything we do.*

Celebrations are an important aspect of our learning culture. At the heart of our educational philosophy is the International Baccalaureate (IB) Learner Profile, a set of attributes that transform students into well-rounded individuals ready to make a positive impact on the world. We nurture a community that *celebrates* not only what students know but who they are becoming through our assemblies.

We celebrate the end of each lesson with a special event where students get to evidence what they have learned. It is not just about passing a test—it is about feeling proud of what they can do.

We also have an excellent way of celebrating languages. Languages are not just subjects here; they are like unique bridges that connect us to different cultures. We make learning languages fun and a way to bring people together.

Tema International School Primary is a great example of how celebrations are woven into the everyday life of an IB PYP school. By making learning something to celebrate, the school is not just following the IB PYP principles; it is creating a love for learning that lasts a lifetime. Please celebrate with us, and let's make education a journey filled with joy, curiosity, and success!

Let's take a peek into how Tema International School Primary makes learning a celebration—a journey where students do not just learn but have a lot of fun doing it!

### Celebrating Learners Through the IB Learner Profile Awards' Assemblies

At Tema International School Primary, our school assemblies are like fun events where we celebrate students who show great qualities. We give awards to inquirers, balanced, and principled, among others—qualities we call the IB Learner Profile attributes. It is not just about good grades but about being a good thinker, communicator, and caring person. These assemblies make everyone happy and excited, showing that being a good person is just as important as doing well in school. It is our way of saying, "You are awesome!" and encouraging everyone to be their best. So, every assembly at Tema International School Primary is not just a gathering but a *celebration* of kindness, curiosity, and success!



### Unit Celebrations: The Joyful Journey of Learning

At Tema International School Primary, we believe in turning learning into a celebration, and our unit celebrations are the highlight of this joyful journey. These special events are like mini-parties that mark the end of each learning adventure. Picture a lively atmosphere where students proudly share what they have learned, and the whole school community comes together to cheer them on. It is more than just finishing lessons; it is about recognising and celebrating the diverse achievements of our students. These unit celebrations are our way of saying “Great job!” and encouraging a sense of pride and accomplishment in our young learners. Through these festive moments, we aim to acknowledge academic successes and create an environment where every student feels excited and motivated to keep exploring the wonders of education. At Tema International School Primary, learning is not just a task but a celebration that lasts a lifetime.



# Grade 1, Kinder 1 and Nursery



# Unit celebration



**Grade 3, grade 4 and Kinder 3 presentation during our recent unit celebration**



### Language Celebration

Our school has a special assembly called "Language Special Assembly" where we cheer for languages like Mandarin, French, and Sign Language. We make it extra special with fun presentations like drama, music, poetry or games. Imagine hearing the cool sounds of Mandarin, the beautiful words of French, and seeing the expressive signs—all in one exciting event. Our students show off what they have learned in these languages. It is not just about classes but about having a great time while we learn. This mini-celebration helps us understand and love the different languages spoken at TIS Primary School.





### **Celebrating Sign Language at Tema International School Primary**

At Tema International School Primary, we love celebrating different ways of talking, including the special language of signs. It is not just about learning it like a regular subject; it is about making it a big part of our communication. Through special events like “International Sign Language Day”, which is celebrated in September, and collaborative projects, we showcase

the beauty and significance of sign language. This shows everyone how awesome and important sign language is. By celebrating it, we want everyone to understand and respect different ways of speaking, making our school a friendly and inclusive place for everyone.





# *Sign Language activities Preparing for the International Sign Language Day*

## *Inquiring into raising awareness on deaf culture*



## *Preparing for the International Sign Language Day*

### **Mother Tongue: celebrating our cultural heritage**

At TIS Primary School, we cherish and celebrate the linguistic diversity of our students by honouring their mother tongues, such as Twi, Ewe, and Ga. While these languages may not be the language of instruction, we recognise their cultural significance and value them as integral parts of our students' identities. So, we have special assemblies where everyone gets to share and celebrate these languages through drama, poetry, and traditional dances. It is not just about learning words; it is about having fun and showing off the cool things that make each language unique. By creating a space for the celebration of Twi, Ewe and Ga, we make sure everyone feels proud of where they come from, creating a happy and inclusive atmosphere at TIS Primary School.





### Our Special 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Musical Production

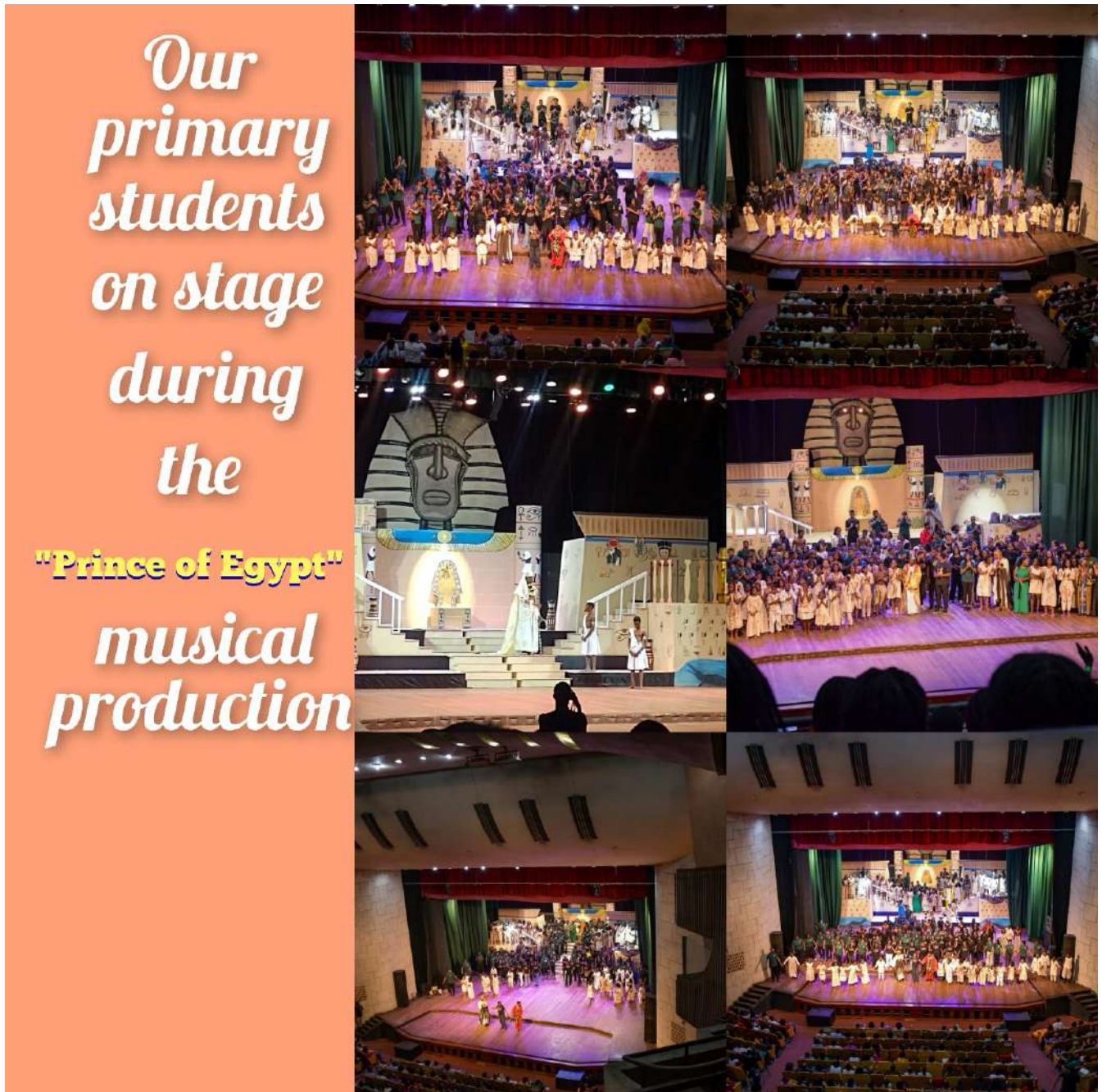
Tema International School is excited as we celebrate our remarkable 20th anniversary, and our Primary School has joyfully joined in the festivities that commenced on 3 October. The engagement of our students has been particularly noteworthy, with their active participation in one of the highlights of the celebration—the 20th-anniversary musical production. Our students auditioned for different roles and did an amazing job during the performance at the National

Theatre on Saturday, 18 November 2023. This involvement not only signifies our commitment to celebrating two decades of educational excellence but also celebrates our school spirit and the importance we place on the arts.

### **Our primary students**

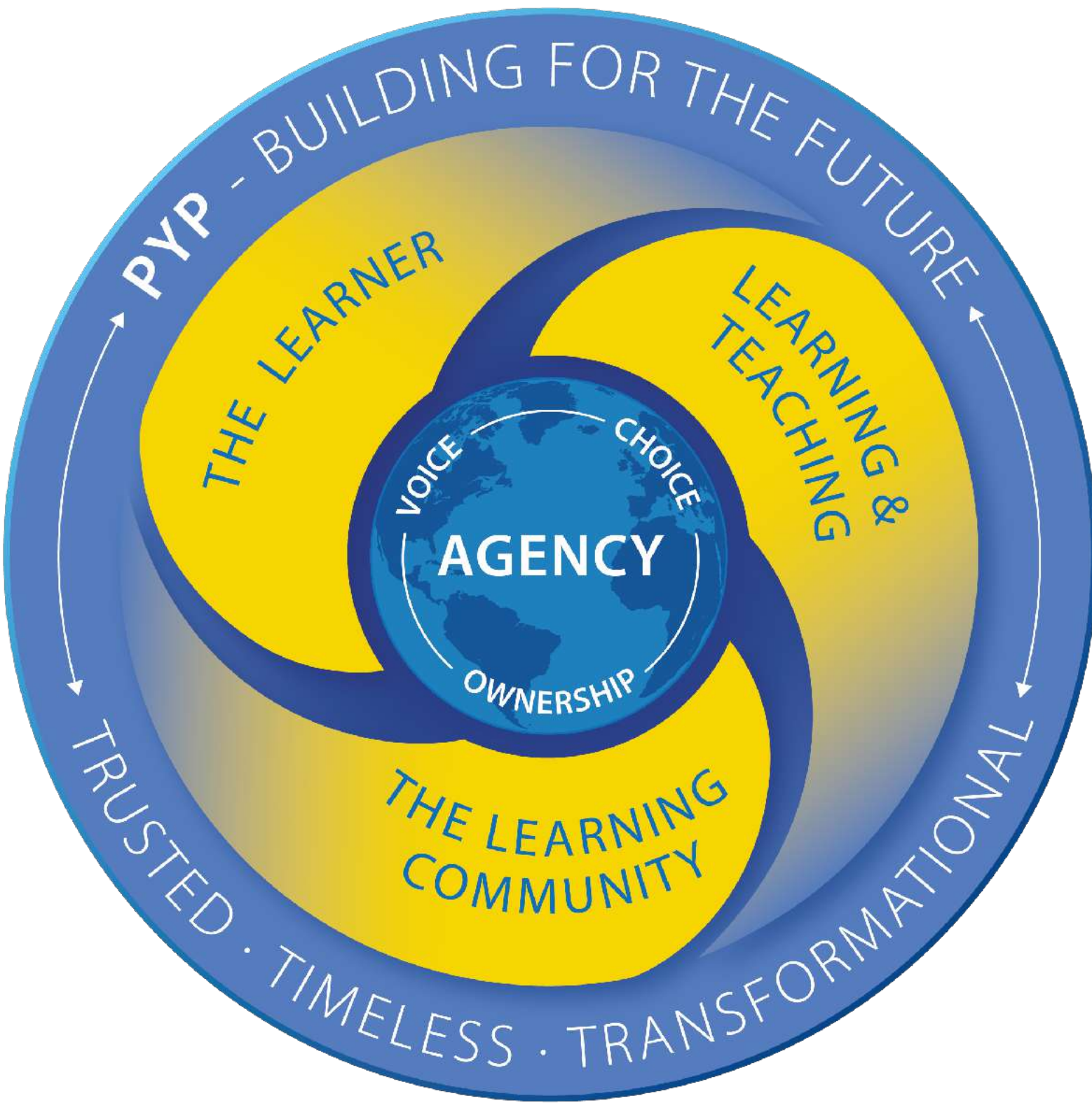


### **In their costume**



Tema International School Primary School stands at the intersection of academic excellence, cultural celebration, and spirited unity. From our vibrant celebrations of language diversity, IB Learner Profile attributes, to the inclusion of mother tongues, and the exciting participation in the 20th-anniversary musical production, our school is a thriving community of learners, creators, and achievers. These celebrations are not merely events. These celebrations make our school special, creating a happy and proud atmosphere for everyone. As we look back on what we have achieved and look forward to more exciting times, we are thrilled to be part of a school that values joy, diversity, and a love for learning. The adventure continues, and we cannot wait to celebrate our learning with you again on 13 December 2023.







# TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL 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.



**EDUCATION FOR A BETTER WORLD**

# Change <sup>the</sup> World Through Creativity

## #Make a Difference



# 2023/24 TIS School Calendar Overview

August 2023						
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April 2024						
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June 2024						
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July 2024						
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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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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
26-28/10/23	Ghana MUN (GIS)
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 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Musical Production (National Theatre). NO EXEATS
21-22/11/23	Group 4 Project
24-30/11/23	G10 end of semester eAssessments (Reports due 10/12/23)
27/11-8/12/23	G11-12 end of semester exams (Reports due 15/12/23)
27/11/23	PP Criterion C completion
2/12/23	SAT
3/12/23	SC applications open for 2024 elections
7/12/23	Christmas Lunch
8/12/23	PP Final Report due
9/12/23	ACT;
10/12/23	20 <sup>th</sup> 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

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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	<b>Student Leadership Induction Ceremony NO EXEATS</b>
9/2/24	TIS Badminton Championships; TIS Junior Tennis Championships
10/2/24	<b>TIS Science Fair. NO EXEATS</b>
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	<b>MYP Projects (Personal &amp; Community) NO EXEATS</b>
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	<b>Expression Day NO EXEATS</b>
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	<b>Exam Candidates' Service NO EXEATS</b>
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
15-23/5/24	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

**TBD**

- Group 4 Project (G12)
- TIS Speaker of the Year
- Inter-Colour Language Competition

**Primary School Campus****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

***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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## CAS-SA Corner

### CONGRATULATIONS - CAST AND CREW, THE PRINCE OF EGYPT



My Dear Students,

A hearty congratulations to all cast and crew for a splendid performance on the successful staging of our 20th anniversary play, *The Prince of Egypt*. The effort, dedication and talent displayed were all a testament to the depth of energy and commitment that was put into the preparatory work towards this production. The success of the play is a testament to your hard work as students. You all showcased an extraordinary level of creativity. The energy and enthusiasm you brought to the stage truly transported the audience to the world of ancient Egypt, making the experience unforgettable.

The many hours of rehearsals, the attention to detail, set design, and the commitment to delivering an amazing performance did not go unnoticed. Your teamwork and collaboration were evident in every scene, creating an amazing production. You definitely wowed your audience and the TIS community is so proud of you.

The pride we all feel in your accomplishment is immeasurable, and I am confident that the memories of this performance will stay with each of you and everyone who watched for a lifetime. Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and for sharing your talents with us all. Your commitment to excellence has made our school community richer. As has become the trend, we have outdone ourselves again and have set a higher benchmark to aspire to. I know we will confidently accept this challenge and work harder at beating our own benchmark at the next asking.

To all the student directors, your hard work and sleepless nights has paid off. Well done.

Once again, congratulations on your splendid performance.

I wish you all the very best as you prepare to complete this semester.

**Cecilia Ajavon-Oppan**



## TIS on the Media

### Broadway Comes to Accra: TIS Shines in ‘The Prince of Egypt’ Extravaganza



<https://mydailynewsonline.com/broadway-comes-to-accra-tis-shines-in-the-prince-of-egypt-extravaganza/>

Tema International School (TIS) once again left audiences spellbound with their breathtaking adaptation of “The Prince of Egypt.” This milestone production, held at the National Theatre of Accra, was nothing short of a Broadway spectacle.

On Saturday, 18 November, the National Theatre stage came alive with an unforgettable performance that transported the audience back in time to ancient Egypt. TIS students and staff showcased their immense talent in a production that can only be described as mind-blowing.

The production’s success was a result of meticulous attention to detail, from the colourful and highly creative costumes to the stunning makeup that brought the characters to life. The realistic set and props whisked the audience away to a different era, creating an immersive experience.

The musical, featuring **high-quality live music** sung by TIS students, tugged at the heartstrings and left a lasting impact. The **TIS orchestra and band** displayed their passion for each instrument as they played live from the backstage. Their graceful and perfectly choreographed dance routines brought each scene to life in a captivating and moving way. Additionally, the production featured enchanting and mesmerising magical effects, including the breathtaking opening of the Red Sea and the enchanting appearance of snakes, which left the audience in a state of wonder and awe. The characterisation and use of theatre techniques were exemplary, setting a new standard for theatrical excellence.

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TIS went beyond the stage to make a meaningful impact in the community. The school (parents, alumni and staff) sponsored over 50 children from local schools and orphanages, including **St. Nicholas Charity Foundation School** in Tema New Town and **Floating Crystal Academy** in Ashaiman, to attend the show. For all these children, it was their first time experiencing the magic of theatre, and their joy was palpable. For some of them, it was their first time visiting Accra.

The lobby of the National Theatre was impeccably organised and adorned with the four pillars of TIS: **Academics, Sports, Service, and Culture**. This attention to detail reflected the school's commitment to the arts and its dedication to providing a holistic education.

Several other schools attended the show, including **Ghana International School**, **SOS-Hermann Gmeiner College** in Tema, **Tema Ridge School**, **All-Rayan**, and **Lincoln School**. Students from these schools expressed inspiration and awe, praising TIS for putting on such a show with the aim of raising funds for babies with **Anorectal Malformation** at **Korle Bu Teaching Hospital**.

When speaking to some of the Cast and Crew, they expressed their joy and gratitude for the opportunity to be part of such a production: "When I joined TIS 3 years ago, one of the reasons was the enriching **after-school and CAS programme**, the opportunity to excel not only in academics but in the arts, sport, and service to the community. Now, I stand on this stage with so much pride. Proud of my school, my peers, and myself."

One of the main Cast shared the ride, "it was not only a challenging and eye-opening experience, it was fun, and the bond we have created with each other will last a lifetime. I am so honoured."

The alumni showed in their numbers and expressed their admiration for the school's ethos and commitment to the arts. "TIS is my alma mater; I graduated in 2016, and I participated in previous productions such as **The Lion King**. I remember in my time, you would want to join a production, no matter how small your role was; you just wanted to be a part of it. I am here after seven years since I graduated, and I am so proud. It keeps getting better each time."

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Speaking to audience members: Some expressed their desire to join **Tema International School** and how inspired they left the theatre. "This was not just a show; it was an experience that I never expected to have here in Ghana."

The production Coordinator, **Mrs Surama King**, shared, "I've been a part of the TIS community for almost 14 years. The school doesn't just provide opportunities for students; it extends that commitment to every community member, inspiring us to strive for excellence continually. This production, involving over 250 people, including 190 students from our primary and main campuses and dedicated staff from various departments, has been a labour of love for the past nine months. It truly reflects our Co-founders' vision of holistic education."

At the curtain call, **Ms Yvonne Tagoe**, the school's MYP Coordinator and Math teacher, expressed her pride and joy, saying, "When our principal, **Dr Ken Darvall**, said five years ago on this very stage that the cast and production team had set the benchmark high, I thought then, how much higher can one go? Well, here is another example of pushing the limits." She also shows appreciation by saying: "Just being here by buying a ticket is giving hope to a baby with anorectal malformation to receive corrective surgery and also providing **Korle Bu Teaching Hospital** with an ultrasound machine, and I thank you."

Parents turned out in large numbers to support the production, expressing their gratitude for the school's vision of holistic education and their satisfaction with the opportunities it provides for their children. One parent remarked, "It's a pity the theatre wasn't completely filled; such a show should have been sold out. Their efforts were simply spectacular. As Ghanaians, we must appreciate and support the arts."



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Another parent enthusiastically voiced their opinion, stating, “This production deserves to be shown on national television, as it serves not only as entertainment but as a source of inspiration and education, highlighting the immense value of creativity. It is imperative that schools in Ghana actively foster opportunities for artistic expression. ‘The Prince of Egypt’ carries a timeless message of faith, emphasising the enduring power of hope, faith, and unity.”

The school’s founding family, the board of governors, principal, teachers, hostel parents, coordinators, and the incredibly talented students deserve commendation for their outstanding work on this remarkable production. Tema International School has set a new standard in the world of theatre, leaving audiences in awe and making Ghanaians proud. TIS has once again proven they are trendsetters in education, service to the community, and the arts.

Congratulations, TIS, on an incredible achievement!

For more information about Tema International School, please visit [www.tis.edu.gh](http://www.tis.edu.gh) or contact [info@tis.edu.gh](mailto:info@tis.edu.gh).

Tema International School (TIS), an esteemed IB World School, provides a comprehensive educational experience through its Primary Years Programme, Middle Years Programme, and Diploma Programmes. Situated in Accra, Ghana, TIS has garnered international recognition for its unwavering commitment to holistic education and remarkable accomplishments in the arts. With two decades of history, TIS consistently maintains exceptional academic, sports, service, and culture standards. The school’s mission revolves around nurturing well-rounded individuals who attain academic excellence and exhibit social responsibility and cultural awareness. This dedication places TIS at the forefront of educational excellence nationally and globally.

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All proceeds go towards supporting the corrective surgery of babies with Anorectal Malformation (ARM)



## "Support the 'Transforming Lives' Project By purchasing TIS @ 20 Souvenirs".

**Suppose** you missed the opportunity to purchase our anniversary souvenirs during past events; worry not. You can contact Gina at (+233 24 649 2051) to place your orders, and Auntie Nora will ensure they are sent to you.

By buying our **TIS @ 20 souvenirs**, you'll actively support our **"Transforming Lives" project**. Our goal is to raise funds for corrective surgery for babies with **Anorectal Malformation** and to provide the **Korle Bu Teaching Hospital Pediatric Center** with an Ultrasound Machine.



Our product range includes Tissue Boxes, Umbrellas, Personalized T-shirts, Water Bottles/Coffee Cups, USB Drives and Wrist Bands. Please find the items and their respective prices below:

- Tissue Box:** 60 cedis
- Water bottle/coffee cup:** 100 cedis
- USB Drives:** 150 cedis
- Umbrella:** 100 cedis
- Polo Shirts:** 120 cedis
- Wrist Bands:** 20 cedis

Every purchase you make directly contributes to the **"Transforming Lives" project**. Together, we can create a meaningful impact. Thank you for your generous support. Place your order with Auntie Nora at +233 246130828 - Remember, it's a limited edition.

## 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.



Available now at [DrKenDarvall.com](http://DrKenDarvall.com)

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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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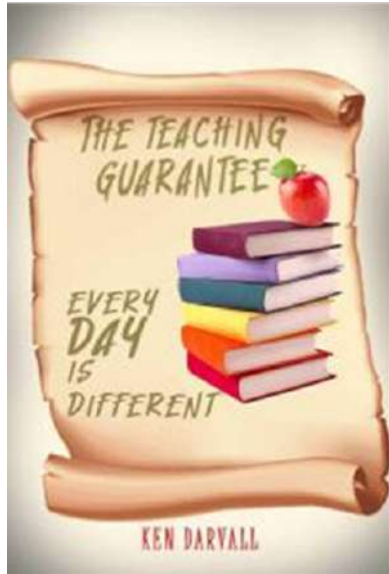
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**Website:** <https://drkendarvall.com/>



# The Teaching Guarantee – By Dr Ken Darvall



We are happy 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's book is available at the Primary and Main campuses. "**The Teaching Guarantee**" is a must-read for all educators, parents and students. We encourage you to grab your copy and consider purchasing an additional copy to be given to a local school Headmaster/Headmistress or a teacher who may not be able to afford one.

To obtain your copy of "**The Teaching Guarantee**," don't hesitate to contact Mrs Surama King, CAS Coordinator – at [surama.king@tis.edu.gh](mailto:surama.king@tis.edu.gh). Please note that this is a limited edition, so secure your copy soon.

I appreciate your support in transforming lives through education.



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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.**



## Beacon of Hope – CAS Project Call for Action



We trust this message finds you in good health and high spirits. We write to provide an update on our ongoing CAS project, "**Beacon of Hope**," and to seek your continued support in our mission to uplift underprivileged communities.

"Beacon of Hope" is a CAS project initiated by **Winston Mwindare, Hadi Amoussa, Kwesi Kutu, Joel Adjei, Philip Kwakye, Tiffeney Nyarko, and Mercedes Armah (Grade12) and Nhyira Ntim-Adu, Mekaila Offei, Obaapanin Tweneboah-Koduah, Moses Armah, Vitus Jesse, Kelvin Asante, Jeffery Owusu Ansah, (Grade 11)**. We are collaborating with the **Hope Has Come Foundation** to enhance the living conditions of children and caregivers at the Asuboi Orphanage.

Several months ago, we embarked on this meaningful journey with the initial goal of raising funds to enhance living conditions at the Asuboi Orphanage. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community, we successfully raised an impressive amount of 10,000 cedis during the Expression event. These funds provided the orphanage with necessities, including medical supplies, food, and clothing, bringing joy to the children during Easter. However, our visit to the orphanage revealed that there was still much work to be done. The pantry, a vital resource for their daily sustenance, desperately needed renovation and refurbishment.

It became clear that an urgent pantry renovation was essential to ensure the children and caregivers had access to safe and adequate food supplies. We are committed to making a long-lasting impact. Thus, our primary objective is to rebuild the orphanage's pantry, a vital facility that ensures the children have daily access to nutritious meals. To accomplish this, we have set a fundraising goal of GHC 40,000.

We kindly reach out to you to support our initiative. In addition to our fundraising efforts on campus, your support is essential. Here's our Call to Action and how you can **DONATE now**:

### CALL FOR ACTION

1. **Write a Cheque:** Payable to Tema International School. Regardless of the amount, every contribution brings us closer to our goal.
2. **Mobile Money:** Transfer your donation directly to our MoMo account – 0597621047, under the name Abigail Ahiadorme, with the reference: "Beacon of Hope CAS."
3. **Bank Transfer:** Use Tema International School Bank Details - Ecobank – Cedi Account: 0020014471692201 and ABSA Bank – Cedi Account: 0601798808.
4. **Spread the Word:** Share our campaign with your friends and family within our TIS community and beyond. Raising awareness about the need to improve the living conditions of the children at the Asuboi Orphanage is crucial.

Your support, whether financial or by spreading the word, plays a vital role in making a lasting difference in the lives of these children and caregivers. We appreciate your contributions.

We appreciate your support.

***Beacon of Hope Team***



## HEALTHY LIFE: HEALTHY HEART – CAS Initiative

CAS Project, "Healthy Heart: Healthy Life." Led by Nana Aba Egyei-Mensah, Seffirina Masoperh, Kwadwo Adubofour, and Mawulolo Agbeli, the project is committed to making a positive impact in our community.

### Call for Action – How to Donate:

- 1. Online Donation:** Visit the **Make We Help Fund** Donation page <https://makewehelp.com/donation/healthy-heart-healthy-life-2>. Simply click the **DONATE** button to make a secure online contribution.
- 2. Bank Transfer:** For those who prefer bank transfers, please use the following bank details of Tema International School:
  - **Ecobank** – Cedi Account: 0020014471692201
  - **ABSA Bank** – Cedi Account - 0601798808
- 3. Mobile Money (MoMo):** Transfer your donation directly to our MoMo account:
  - MoMo Number: **0597621047**
  - **Account Holder:** Abigail Ahiadorme – CAS Advisor
  - **Reference:** "Healthy Heart: Healthy Life"
- 4. Cash/Cheque Donation:** You can drop off your cash/cheque donations at the CAS office at the Main Campus. Please ensure your contribution is securely sealed in an envelope with the label "**Healthy Heart: Healthy Life**" and the name of your ward. All cheques must be paid to Tema International School.
- 5. Fundraising Events:** Participate in various fundraising events and initiatives organized by the project team. Keep an eye out for announcements and opportunities to contribute in creative ways.

Thank you for your generous support in giving **Benjamin** a chance at a healthy life. Together, we can make a lasting impact on his future.

*Healthy Heart: Healthy Life team*



## Interact Club of TIS - Operation Digitalisation Initiative

The **Interact Club of Tema International School** is thrilled to unveil our latest initiative to significantly impact education at Obosoni Basic School in Koforidua.

Our project identifies a crucial need for computer desktops at the school, a resource that can substantially enhance the quality of education for the students. To address this need, we kindly request your support in the form of a donation of any amount you can spare. Our ultimate goal is to raise 30,000 Ghanaian Cedis, enabling us to purchase ten computer desktops for Obosoni Basic School.

We firmly believe that technology plays a pivotal role in our contemporary society, and these desktops will empower students to access digital resources and acquire essential computer skills. By integrating technology into their education, we are equipping these young minds with invaluable skills that will serve them well in the future.

Here's how you can contribute to this meaningful cause:

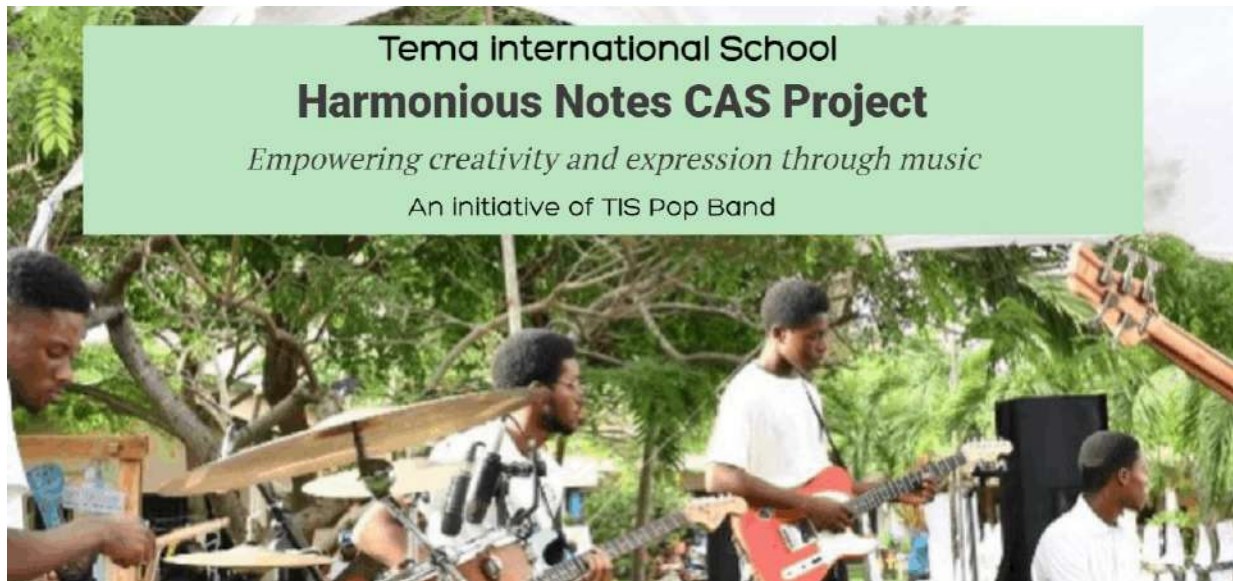
### CALL FOR ACTION:

1. **Donate Online:** Visit our fundraising page at <https://makewehelp.com/donation/interact-club-of-tis-operation-digitalisation-initiative-2> to make a secure online donation. Regardless of the amount, every contribution brings us closer to our goal.
2. **Mobile Money:** Transfer your donation directly to our **MoMo account – 0597621047 - Abigail Ahiadorme**, with the **REFERENCE: 'Obosoni Computer Project.'**
3. **Bank Transfer:** Tema International School Bank Details - **Ecobank** – Cedi Account: 0020014471692201 – **ABSA Bank** – Cedi Account - 0601798808

Your support, in any form, is instrumental in shaping a brighter future for these students. Join us in our mission to provide them with the tools they need to thrive in an increasingly digital world.

Thank you for your contribution!

**Ewuradjoa Obeng-Nkansah – President**  
**Dayna Sarpong- Secretary**



**Harmonious Note is a CAS Initiative** by a group of students of **Tema International School - Eugene Cobinnah, Jason Chigabatia, Dwayne Sarpong, Joel Adjei, and Adrian Okae**, Grade 12, we are proud members of TIS Pop Band. We are excited to introduce the Pop Band Initiative, "Harmonious Notes." This remarkable initiative is driven by our passion for music and our desire to enrich our school's musical productions by procuring new musical instruments.

Our goal is to contribute to and give back to our school community by acquiring a set of musical instruments. These instruments include a new drum kit, piano combos, and piano and guitar effects. To realise this dream, we estimate a budget of GHC 50,000, of which we have already raised GHC 7,500 through our fundraising events within the school.

As dedicated members of the TIS community, we humbly thank you for your support through donations. We understand these are challenging times for everyone and genuinely appreciate your contribution. No amount is too small, and every gift brings us closer to our goal. We will proudly recognise and acknowledge your generosity on our social media platforms and newsletters as a token of our gratitude.

### **CALL TO ACTION - SUPPORT "Harmonious Notes"**

**Write a Cheque:** Make cheques payable to "Tema International School" with the memo: "Pop Band Donation." Regardless of the amount, every contribution brings us closer to our musical goal.

**Mobile Money (MoMo):** Transfer your donation to our **MoMo account – 0597621047** - Abigail Ahiadorme, with the **REFERENCE:** "Pop Band Donation."

**Bank Transfer:** Use these bank details for your transfer – Reference "Pop Band Donation".

- Ecobank – Cedi Account: 0020014471692201
- ABSA Bank – Cedi Account: 0601798808

**CASH:** Send your cash donation sealed in an envelope to Ms Abigail at the CAS office. Please write the name of our ward and project.

**Spread the Word:** Share our "**Harmonious Notes**" campaign with your friends and family.

Your support is instrumental in making "Harmonious Notes" a reality. Thank you for helping us create beautiful music!

Strike a Chord, Make a Difference: Support Harmonious Notes!

**Eugene Cobinnah - Main Keyboardist, Co-Band Leader**

## \* October Breast Cancer Awareness Month \*

BC-We Care is a CAS initiative led by **Serwah Dabo, Eugene Cobinnah, Kabukuor Caesar, Katari Alhassan, Afua Osei Boakye, and Veronica Arthur (G12)**, in collaboration with **Breindelle Boateng, Kelvin Ansong, Jenevieve Achemdey, Senanu Ahlidza, Obaapanin Tweneboah-Koduah, Jenelle Mac-Deh, and Joseph James (G11)**. We are a group of students in the Diploma Program at Tema International School who are passionate about spreading breast cancer awareness.

We are collaborating with **Pink for Africa**, a Breast Cancer Foundation, on this cause. <https://www.pinkforafrica.org/>

We aim to raise GHC 25,000 (Twenty-Five Thousand Ghana Cedis) to make a meaningful impact. Your support can help us reach our target and make a difference in these women's lives. Please consider donating to our cause today.

Together, we can contribute to breast cancer awareness and support those in need. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to this important cause.

### Call for Action - Support BC-We Care

Join us in making a meaningful impact on breast cancer awareness and support for women in need. Here's how you can get involved:

1. **Donate using the SHORT CODE:**  
**\*920\*78#** Your contributions can help us reach our goal of raising **GHC 25,000** to buy breast prostheses for women who have undergone a mastectomy and cannot afford reconstruction. Every amount counts, and your generosity can make a significant difference.
2. **Spread the Word:** Share our initiative with your friends, family, and social networks. Raising awareness is crucial in encouraging early detection, which saves lives.
3. Use the hashtag **#EARLYDETECTIONSAVESLIVES** to join the conversation.
4. **Get Educated:** Learn more about breast cancer, its early detection, and the importance of spreading awareness. Knowledge is a powerful tool in the fight against this disease.
5. **Volunteer:** If you have time and skills, consider volunteering with us to expand our outreach and impact. Your involvement can help us reach even more people.

### 6. **Online Donation: Visit the Make We Help Fund Donation page**

<https://makewehelp.com/donation/bc-wecare> Simply click the **DONATE** button to make a secure online contribution.



Your support is invaluable in our mission to make a difference in the lives of those affected by breast cancer. Together, we can raise awareness, provide essential support, and promote early detection. Thank you for joining BC-We Care in this important cause.

## #MYP – Avenues for Principled Actions

As shared in previous bulletins, Service as Action is a unique opportunity for students to take actions concerning issues within their immediate environments. It encourages students to connect what they learn in the classroom to real-world experiences and make a positive impact in their local community. It also provides students the chance to *Explore, Plan, Implement* and *Reflect* on their efforts to positively impact their local environment.



**Exploration:** Students begin by exploring various local issues or needs in their community. This can involve research, discussions, and understanding the context of the issues they want to address. They may also identify their personal interests and skills that they can bring to their service projects.

**Plan:** After identifying a particular issue or need, students design a service project. This involves planning and brainstorming how they can contribute to addressing the issue. They set goals, outline tasks, and establish timelines for their projects.

**Implementation:** During the designated hour in class, students work on implementing their service projects. This may involve activities like volunteering, organising events, creating awareness campaigns, or other hands-on efforts to make a positive impact. They put their plans into action. This is where they make the connection explicit by using classroom content to address the explored or identified need.

**Reflection:** Reflection is a crucial part of the Service as Action component. Students regularly reflect on their experiences, what they've learned, and the impact of their efforts. It's common for students to document their *actions & service* experiences on their individual portfolios or worksheets on MB for both parents and teachers to access. The weekly school bulletin also provides an opportunity for learners to write their reflections and share their experiences with a wider community. This documentation can be used as evidence of their service work and its impact.

**Service as Action incorporates ATL skills** that help students develop essential skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, communication, and social responsibility while also deepening their understanding of the real-world application of what they learn in the classroom. It fosters a sense of empathy and encourages a lifelong commitment to making a positive difference in the world.

There is dedicated class time for MYP 2-MYP5 learners to work on their Service as Action projects. Students could take action using the various avenues outlined in the poster attached.



## MYP Corner – Service as Action - Lyric of the Week



In the spirit of our just-ended School production extravaganza, let the lyrics of Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey's song, "**When You Believe**," remind us how our little faith can result in grand successes. Check the main announcement board for updates on "Lyrics of the Week."

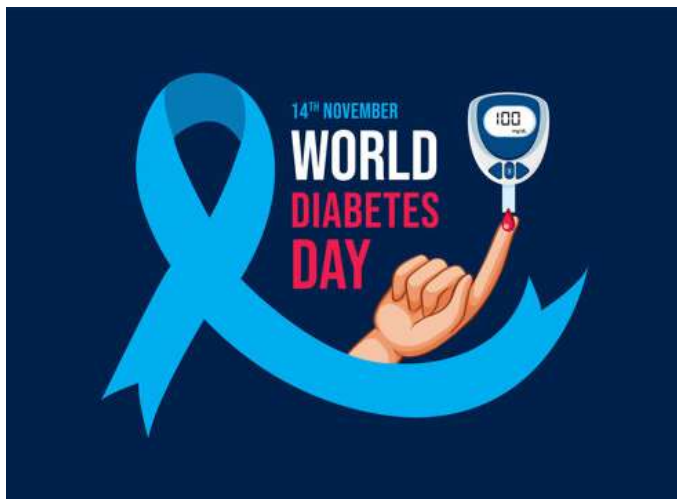
Find inspiration in the lyrics below:



**“There can be miracles when you believe; when hope is frail, it hard to kill.”**

Samantha Arthur – G11

## Diabetes: The Sweet and Sour of It All



By: Rachael-Louise Assan – G10

“The global prevalence of diabetes has nearly doubled since 1980, rising from 4.7% to 8.5% in the adult population”, but what really is diabetes? Why are there so many types of diabetes and what are the differences? These are questions we normally ask about diabetes.

Diabetes is a common condition that affects people of all ages. It is a chronic disease that affects how the body turns food into energy. When we eat, our body

breaks down our carbohydrates into glucose, which is our body's main source of energy and is used by cells throughout our body.

Insulin is a hormone in our body that helps our body's cells use glucose for energy. When you have diabetes, your body doesn't make enough insulin or can't use insulin as well as it should, making the glucose stay in your bloodstream. This can lead to serious health problems such as stroke, kidney failure, blindness, and nerve damage.

There are many types of diabetes, but only the three main types would be focused on in this article.

Firstly, *Type 1 diabetes*, also known as the insulin dependent diabetes mellitus. This type of diabetes usually develops in children or young adults, and it occurs when the pancreas doesn't make enough insulin. People with this type of diabetes need to take insulin injections every day to control blood sugar levels.

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Secondly, *Type 2 diabetes*. “This is the most common type of diabetes, representing 90% to 95% of all diabetes cases”. It usually develops in people over the age of 45. It can also occur in children and young adults. This is when the body becomes resistant to insulin or doesn’t make enough insulin. People with type 2 diabetes can manage their blood sugar levels with lifestyle changes, such as losing weight, exercising regularly, and having a healthy diet.

Lastly, the Gestational Diabetes, although not spoken about. It is popular among some pregnant women. It develops during pregnancy till the baby is born although, sometimes some women might develop type 2 diabetes after.

According to experts, it is predicted that the number of adults with diabetes will increase to 643 million by 2030, but how do we prevent this?

We can seek medical help when experiencing Increased thirst, sudden weight loss, fatigue, blurred vision, and frequent skin infections.

Although you can’t prevent autoimmune and genetic forms of diabetes, some steps can be taken to lower the risks, such as eating a healthy diet, being physically active, managing stress, and limiting alcohol intake.

Every year on **14 November**, World Diabetes Day is celebrated. This day is celebrated to mark awareness of diabetes and promote access to healthcare for people living with diabetes. This year’s theme for World Diabetes Day was Access to Diabetes Care. This is because a lot of people with diabetes around the world do not have access to the proper care they need to manage their condition.

Some ways you can get involved in World Diabetes Day is by educating yourself and others on diabetes and supporting organisations that work to improve access to diabetes care.

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## SERVICE AS ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

**Classroom Unit**



e.g., Calculating an Area within the campus or calculating the food left over from Dining.

**UN Sustainable Development Goals**

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

e.g., Zero Hunger, Quality Education, Good Health & Wellbeing, Gender Equality, No Poverty, Clean Water & Sanitation, Life below Water, Climate Action, Reduced Inequalities etc

**NCOs and Organizations**



e.g., Children Heart Foundation, Empower Playground, Plastic Punch, Infanta Malaria, UNCHR etc.

**Assembly Meetings**



e.g., Presentation about a Cause

**ASA with Service Components**



e.g., Interact Club, Peer Buddies, Insight TV & Photography Club.

**International Days**




e.g., World Autism Day, International Women's Day, Teachers Day

**Students Leadership**



Class Representative


**TIS Record**



e.g., Article writing for publish in the School Bulletin



**Peer Tutoring and Peer Buddy System**



e.g., Article writing for publish in the School Bulletin

## Important Update: Duke of Edinburgh International Award Expedition Camp **Registration Closed**

Dear Participants,

Thank you to the 46 dedicated individuals from **Bronze, Silver, and Gold** levels who have successfully registered for the **Duke of Edinburgh International Award Expedition Camp**.

This camp provides a unique opportunity for personal challenge, collaboration, self-discovery, and meeting the requirements for both the **Duke of Edinburgh International Award** and **CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service)**. We believe it will be a transformative experience.

Now, it's time to prepare with all the necessary items on your kit list and be open to the adventure of a lifetime. We look forward to seeing you on 11 December for the debriefing session at the Project Centre after dinner.

Thank you once again for your participation and dedication.



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**Registration Closed**

**Duke of Edinburgh's International Award**  
**EXPEDITION CAMP**  
For Bronze, Silver & Gold Award Level.

Challenging & Equipping Young People, Transforming Lives, Changing the World.

Adventurous journey, hiking, life & survival skills, map reading & compass use, first aid, radio communication, boat cruise, creativity and leadership experiences & much more.

**Tue. 12 - Thu. 14 Dec. 2023** **Survival Island**


For more information email  
DoEIA Coordinator - [david.difie@tis.edu.gh](mailto:david.difie@tis.edu.gh)













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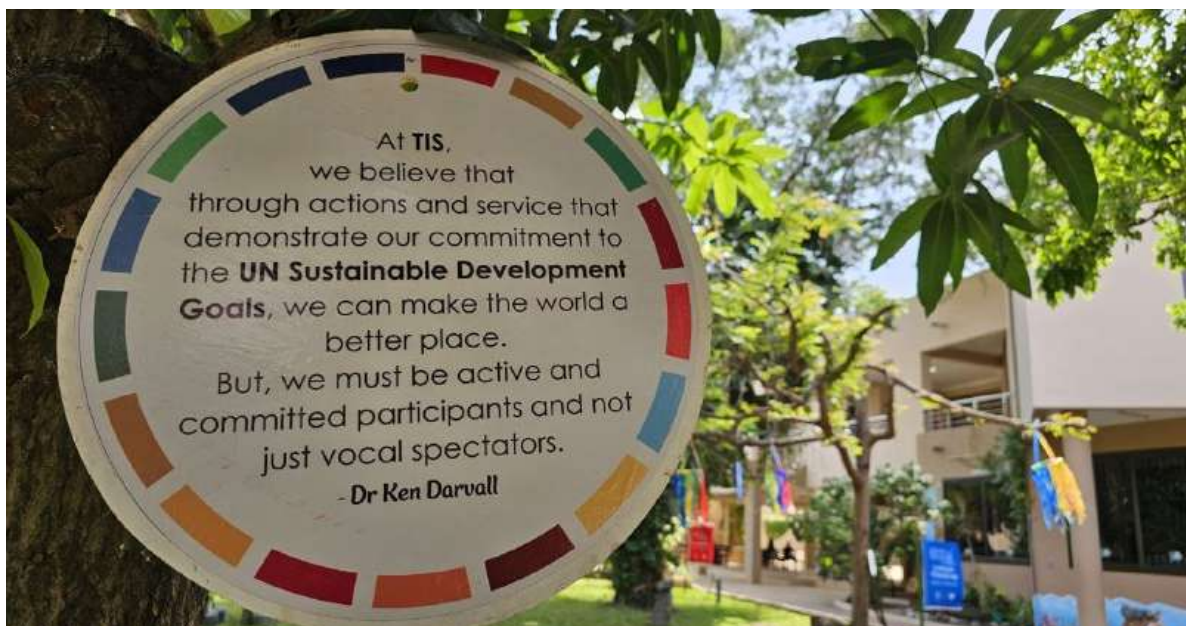


# THE CLIMATE IS CHANGING



## WHY AREN'T WE?

CAS INITIATIVE  
BY AKUA OSAFO-BUABENG IB CLASS OF 2024





Indomie for sale!!!

# inspire-ed:



Katari & Jaia CAS Project in collaboration  
with Machel CAS Project



Thursday, 23 November,  
4:15pm - 5:30pm,  
At the Project Centre Cafeteria.



# Tema International School

WhatsApp business account



Scan this code to start a WhatsApp chat with Tema International School.



# 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**

# Change <sup>the</sup> World Through Service

## #Make a Difference



## 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](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)



## 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](mailto:obepilots@ibo.org).

ReachOut

# Checklist for **DISTURBING CONTENT**

<p><b>Work out whether the content is right for your child.</b> It might be around their age or just their personality, but trust your gut and put boundaries in place.</p> 	<p><b>Read up on the issues it explores.</b> If you show that you are comfortable and knowledgeable with the issues it explores your kids are more likely to open up to you during a tough time.</p> 
<p><b>Stay up to date with pop culture.</b> You may not care about the Bieber's or Beyonce's of this world but following sites like <a href="#">Pedestrian.tv</a> and <a href="#">news.com.au</a> will help you stay ahead of the game.</p> 	<p><b>Make sure they know that not everything they see is how it appears.</b> Have a frank conversation about not taking everything on the internet at face value.</p> 
<p><b>Tell them that they don't have to watch something if they don't want to.</b> <i>Brainstorm ways they can say no to their peers</i> and feel confident making their own decisions.</p> 	<p><b>Encourage them to practice self-care.</b> If they are going to watch something make sure they've got an arsenal of things to pick them back up afterwards.</p> 
<p><b>Offer to watch it with them.</b> That way you can talk through anything tough as it comes up. This can be useful even if they've already seen the content.</p> 	<p><b>Let them know where to go for help.</b> Ask them who they would feel comfortable talking to and connect them with services like <a href="#">ReachOut</a> or <a href="#">Kids Helpline</a>.</p> 



## COUNSELLORS' CORNER



**TIS, A Reservoir of Excellence: The Prince of Egypt was at Tema International School. As a school of intentionality, purpose and pursuits, our cherished students are at the heart of everything we do with pleasure! Kudos to Management for your unflinching support! To all students, Arts Department, CASSA Magic team and staff, you wowed us with such a masterpiece performance!!**



### EXTRACURRICULARS



#### **Applying to University: The Power of Extra-Curriculars and Creativity**

University applications are a holistic process that appreciates the display of intellectual creativity, curiosity, active involvement in community projects, impactful leadership and harnessing unique gifts and talents.

Students must take pride in the limitless opportunities offered at TIS in order to share their unique experiences with the Admissions team.

- ✚ The main selling point of your unique characteristics and skills!
- ✚ It opens doors for scholarship opportunities & more!
- ✚ It gives you a platform that sets you apart from the crowd. It's to your advantage!
- ✚ An essential requirement for university applications!
- ✚ All students must see extra-curriculars as an excellent opportunity to be involved and engaged. **Don't be a spectator be a participant ~ Dr. Ken Darvall~**

## DP1 Parents' Virtual Meetings on the University Application Process with University Guides, via Zoom



All DP1 parents are warmly welcome to the virtual meeting of the University Application Process. Emails will be sent by close of day today, 24 November 2023. Kindly reply via email and sign up for the dates most suitable for you for at least one of the group virtual sessions. We will await your kind confirmation based on your availability and Zoom links will be shared shortly.



**CONGRATS DP2s ON YOUR JUICY UNIVERSITY OFFERS SO FAR!** WATCH THIS SPACE FOR AN UPDATE ON SOME OF THE OFFERS RECEIVED.

ALL THE BEST IN YOUR END OF SEMESTER EXAMS. IT WILL GO TO YOUR UNIVERSITIES AS A MID-YEAR REPORT IN JANUARY, SO WORK HARD.

## REGULAR APPLICATION

Although some regular application deadlines are in January, all students must click submit to all applications before **1 December 2023**. Certainly, **submit all applications before going for Christmas**. You must always click submit with your counsellor's final checks and approval. Applying early gives you an edge for priority scholarship and university admission consideration. We do not compromise on that!

# The College Tour ▶

Join us next week for highlights and students reflections on University of Cambridge UK, Trent University, Canada and African Leadership University, Rwanda.

**Thompson Rivers University Canada's Admissions Manager in charge of Africa- Mr. Adegoke visits TIS with the Head of University Guidance and Counselling Department, Mrs. Fianu.**



# It's good to be here

At Thompson Rivers University, student success is our priority. We empower our students to reach their goals with on-campus and online learning options, individualized student services, hands-on learning opportunities, and a diverse, inclusive environment.

A hub for travel, Kamloops is 3.5 hours from Vancouver, and a day's drive from Calgary, Prince George, Victoria or Seattle.



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MOVE

Post-secondary education empowers graduates with intellectual exploration and personal growth, opportunities to make valuable relationships and networks, and a solid foundation for a successful career.

<https://www.tru.ca/>

*"It was a pleasure meeting Mr. Adegoke, Admissions Manager in charge of Africa, from Thompson Rivers University Canada. Thompson Rivers University is an accredited, reputable university in British Columbia, Canada. Their mission: "TRU is a comprehensive, learner-centred, sustainable university that serves its regional, national, and international learners*

and their communities through high quality and flexible education, training, research and scholarship." The total cost of attendance comes to about CAD\$30,000 per year. They offer co-op opportunities for students to experience practical on-the-job training and be paid for it. The West African community at Thompson Rivers University is super supportive of international students from the region, and the school offers pre-departure meetings for prospective students. They have a range of undergraduate and master programs which include but are not limited to Psychology, Communication, Economics, and Sociology and their Bachelor in Business Administration with options in Accounting, Finance, Human Resource Management, Entrepreneurship, Supply Chain Management, International Business, and Marketing tend to be the most popular. One perk of studying there is the beautiful weather, as it does not get as cold as it usually does in other provinces in Canada". ~ Mrs. Fianu

Learn more here: <https://www.tru.ca/>

## DP2s:



- ✓ **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](mailto:portia.atubiga@tis.edu.gh)

**DIGITAL SAT TEST DATES 2023/24**

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE
4 November 2023	October 18, 2023
2 December 2023	November 15, 2023
9 March 2024	February 2024 TBD
4 May 2024	April 2024 TBD

**Congratulations all SAT Test Takers on Saturday- 4 November 2023.**



- ✓ 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](http://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).

**Register**

- ✓ 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
28 October 2023	15 September 2023
2 December 2023	17 November 2023 (late with a fee)
13 April 2024	2 February 2024
8 June 2024	26 April 2024

**BEST WISHES IN YOUR EXAMS STUDENTS, YOU'VE GOT THIS!**

**Dear DP2s, the University Guides will be closed for Christmas Break from 15 December 2023 and resume on 11 January 2024. Hence all applications must be sent before 30 November 2023 before you go home for Christmas. You know the rules. Please do the needful!!**



# 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.



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# Change <sup>the</sup> World Through Teamwork

## #Make a Difference



# 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.”**



