

TIS RECORD

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At TIS,

we believe excellence is achieved by continuously improving your personal best in all endeavours through consistent effort, positive attitude, regular reflection, balance, persistence, a growth mindset and no excuses.

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Key Dates

- 9/3/24: SAT (Digital); TIS Squash and Basketball Championships.
- 14/3/24: PYP/MYP Information Day (Main Campus) for G6 PYP Students and Parents.
- 16/3/24: 2024 TIS Expression Day **NO EXEATS until after 5.00pm on this day**

Thought for the Week

Never waste a minute thinking about people you don't like.

- Dwight D Eisenhower



Perseverance

Last Saturday's MYP Projects display was a great example of perseverance, being mentally ready to push through the failure, frustration, and annoyance that you need to experience to complete projects successfully.

A big thank you to TIS parents and community who joined us for this special event.

The importance of Projects is a feature and a compulsory requirement of each of the IB Programs. In the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the culminating unit of inquiry for our Grade 6 students is the focus of their PYP Exhibition. It is a time that demands student agency and allows them to share their understanding of a real-life issue or topic they've covered.



"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.

Making Us Proud

PYP Kitchen Staff - Acknowledged for their dedication to preparing delicious meals consistently. Let's spice things up with a Jollof battle! The jollof at PYP is winning.

Obaapanin Tweneboah-Koduah, G11- Recognised for leading the Buddies for Change with unwavering enthusiasm, making a positive impact within the community.

Prince Cobinnah (G11, Team Luminous) and Keziah Botchway (G11, Team Innovators) - Commended for their exceptional ambassadorship of the club and their commitment to representing it with excellence.

Gabriella Som and Dzidefo Kuivi (Grade 8): Recognised for demonstrating excellent presentation skills and displaying confidence in their knowledge during the MYP Exhibition, ensuring clarity in the delivery of information.

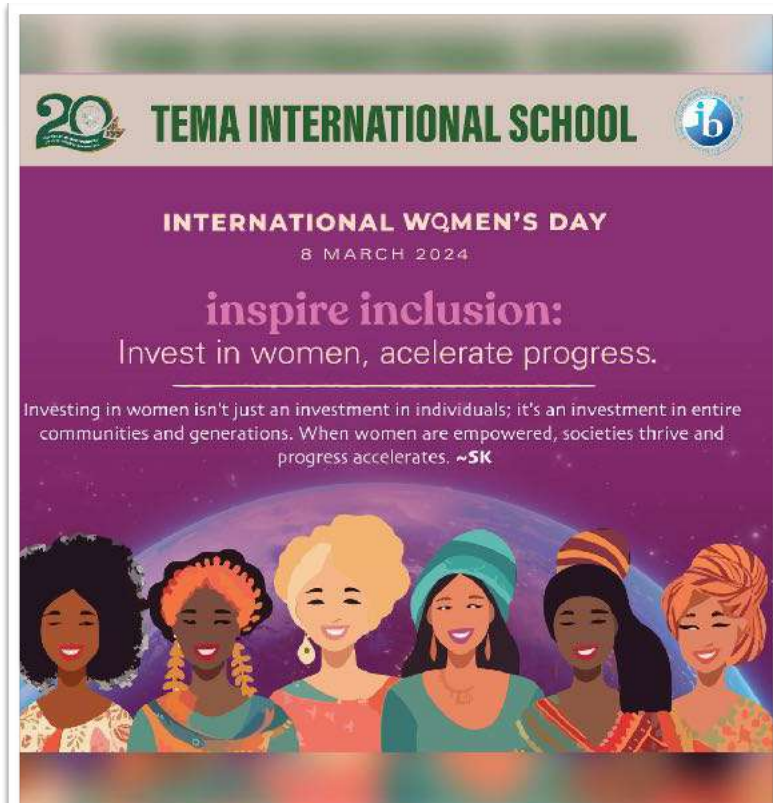
The MYP Community Project focuses on service learning through community action in MYP 3 (Grade 8). It encourages students to explore their rights and responsibilities. And work towards creating a positive impact in their communities. The MYP Personal Project is the culminating project for MYP 5 students (Grade 10). The project allows students to work towards a learning goal, create a product/project and document their learning journeys. In the Diploma Programme (DP), students have the requirements of the Extended Essay which is an independent, self-directed piece of research, finishing with a 4000-word paper. CAS also has a project requirement, as does the sciences with the Group 4 Project.

2024/2025 Re-Enrolment

29 February was the deadline for families to indicate their re-enrolment intentions for their child/ren for the next academic year. Special thanks to each family who completed this important task that assisted us with planning our admissions for 2024/2025. We will be following up over the next few weeks with those families who did not respond.

I appreciate your support. Enjoy each day.

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





Making Us Proud (2)

Jenelle Mac-Deht, G11 - Applauded for her leadership in the Sign Language Segment during the weekly assembly, contributing to inclusivity and awareness within the community.

Kelvin Ansong (G11) - Highlighted for demonstrating a unique sense of leadership and punctuality as a Hostel Prefect. His excellent time management skills and consistent commitment to assisting hostel parents are truly commendable.

Phoebe Tweneboah, Grade 11 - Acknowledged for exemplifying impeccable etiquette within the Learning Centre, contributing to a positive and respectful atmosphere in the library.

Amanima Owusu (Grade 10): Commended for designing a three-draft board game for blind individuals at the "Akropong School for the Blind." Her exceptional work has earned special recognition from the school's authorities and has been incorporated into their inaugural sports activities.

Louisa Ayem (Grade 9): Applauded for her outstanding presentation at the assembly. She showcases excellent communication skills and demonstrates knowledge of the subject.

Making Us Proud (3)

Elsa Amable of Grade 4 is commended for her inquiring mindset, demonstrated by her proactive engagement with information displayed on different classes display boards during recess time.

Kwame Adusei, Ariella Berko, Priscilla Carboo, Reginald Danquah, John Fudzagbo, Chelina Mickson-Quarshie, and Ashanti Tettey-Amlalo, Grade 5 students, demonstrated exemplary initiative by presenting a musical during their class unit assembly, setting the stage for the upcoming unit celebrations.

Smile Blue Team (Grade 10): Acknowledged for their commitment to raising funds for Phillipa's hospital bills. The Ghana Independence Day sales on campus are well-organized, displaying evident teamwork and commendable joy in working together.

Art & Craft Team led by Nhyira Ntim-Adu and Nana Ama Adjagar (Grade 11): Recognized for creating beautiful crafts for the upcoming Expression. They consistently demonstrate punctuality, effective teamwork, and enthusiasm.

Beacon of Hope (Grade 12): Acknowledged for raising GHC 16,000 to support the Hope Has Come Foundation in refurbishing the Asuboi Orphanage pantry.

Catherine Girl of the Week: **Emmanuella Anim (7)**. Cecilia Girl of the Week: **Allyson Achiampong (11)**.





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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.

Admissions 2024/2025

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

Priority for TIS family members ended on 1 December 2023.

The first round of admissions has been completed. 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 must *arrange a school tour before the admission test and interview*.

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,



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

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

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

To learn more scan this.



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The online application process can be completed at: <https://tis.openapply.com>
 For further information contact us on phone:
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 Or come and visit the school (Opp Afariwa Farms, Off Tema-Akosombo Road)
www.tis.edu.gh



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Primary School Campus Admissions Open For 2024/2025 Academic Year

Flexible admission screenings and interviews



Entry Points in 2024		
Preschool	Junior Primary	Senior Primary
Kinder 1 (3-4 years)	Grade 1 (5.5 - 7years)	Grade 4 (8.5 -10 years)
Kinder 2 (4-5 years)	Grade 2 (6.5 - 8 years)	Grade 5 (9.5 years-11 years)
Kinder 3 (5-6 years)	Grade 3 (7.5 – 9 years)	Grade 6 (10.5 - 12 years)

All admission applications will be online via Open Apply:
<https://tis.openapply.com>

A social readiness screening will be required, as part of the admission process, along with a compulsory interview with parents.

TIS is an IB World School, authorised to offer PYP, MYP and DP.

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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
- ✓ 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.

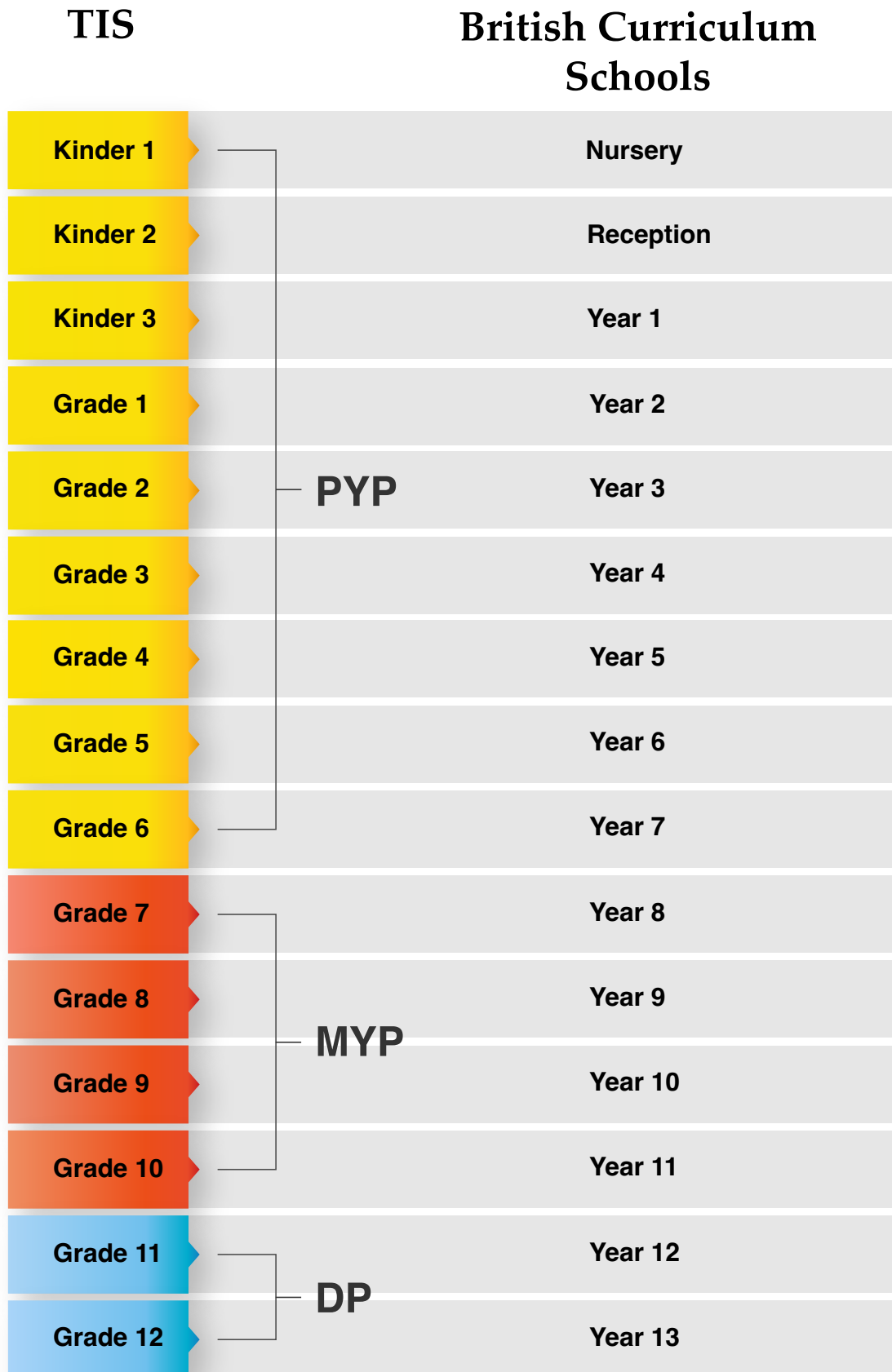
APPLICATION DECISION

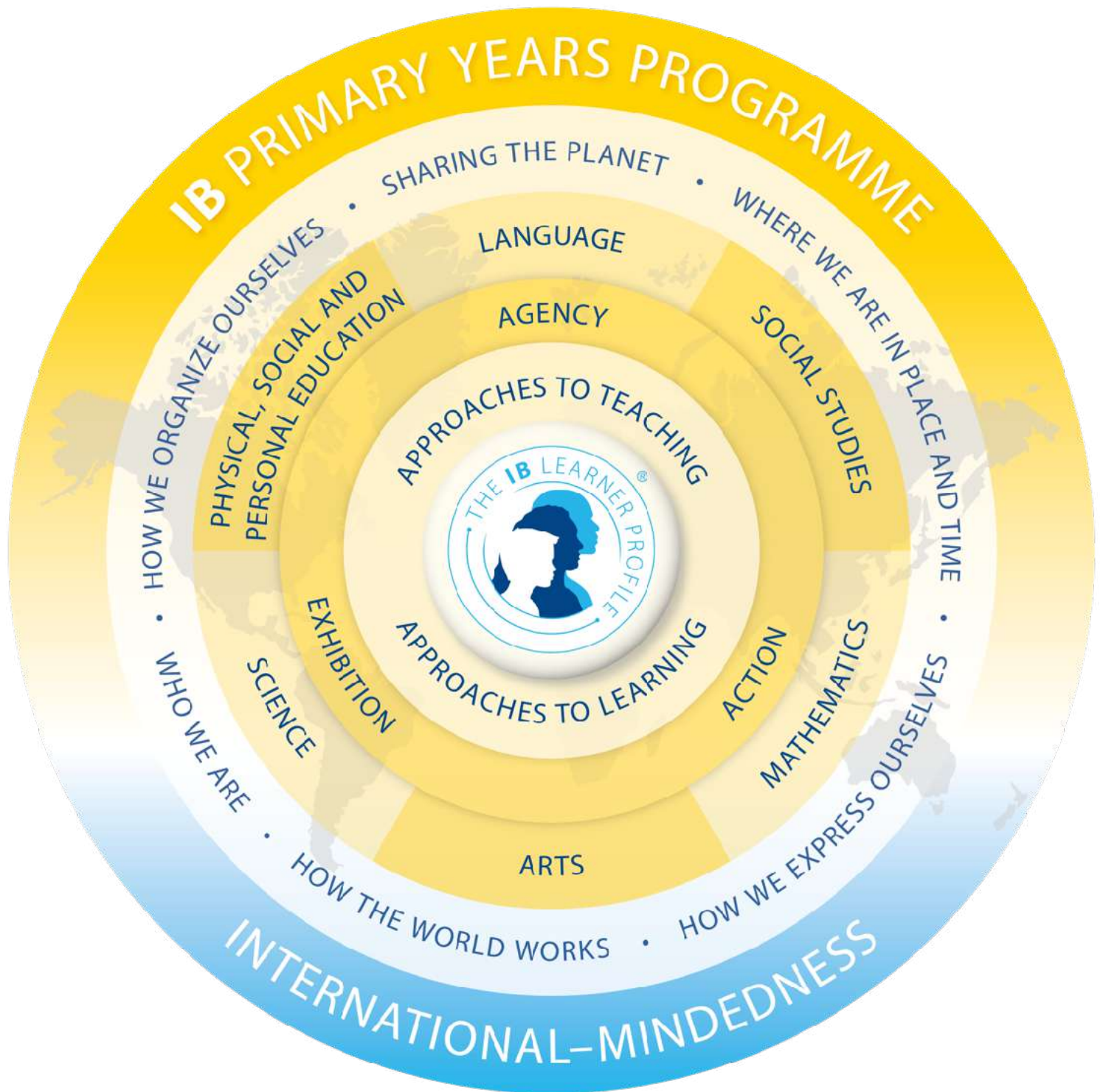
- ✓ If an admission offer is made, you will have 21 days to accept or decline the offer.
- ✓ Otherwise, you will be informed if your child has been unsuccessful or placed on the waiting list.

NEED HELP OR IF YOU HAVE MORE QUESTIONS

- ✓ Please email: admissions@tis.edu.gh
- ✓ Please call: +233 303 305134
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TIS Admissions Grade Chart





Enriching Learning Through Field Trips and Resource Persons

At TIS Primary School, education extends beyond individual boundaries, incorporating experts and field trips into students' learning journeys. Teachers integrate experts and organise field trips to enrich students' exploration of various concepts. Field trips provide firsthand insights, allowing students to directly observe places, processes, and objects. These experiences complement classroom instruction and spark specific interests among students. Experts, whether from within or outside the learning community, enhance learning by presenting concepts effectively, supplying additional information, and addressing students' questions. Students at TIS Primary School eagerly anticipate sessions with guest speakers and field trips, which offer them opportunities to delve deeply into their units of inquiry.



Grade 5 students collaborated with PE teachers to delve into the significance of physical fitness and well-being. The idea of leveraging PE teachers as experts sought to connect learning to real life and highlight the practical application of knowledge. Through interactive discussions and questions about health maintenance, the session enriched the learning experience.



Grades 5 and 6 students in an interactive session with PE teachers.



Grade 5 students engaged with the school nurse and a public health nurse to explore the changes during adolescence. They also included Grade 6 students, who are in the midst of this developmental stage, in their inquiry. This interactive session with experts gave the students extra information and answers to their questions about adolescence.



Grades 5 and 6 students interacting with the school nurse and a public health nurse to explore the changes during adolescence



The field trip to the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park was an enriching experience for the Grade 3 and 4 students. Their visit was filled with rich historical discoveries, offering a hands-on experience exploring the life and legacy of Ghana's first president, Kwame Nkrumah. From interactive exhibits to guided tours, our young historians delved deep into the heart of Ghana's history.



Exploring History: Field Trip to Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park

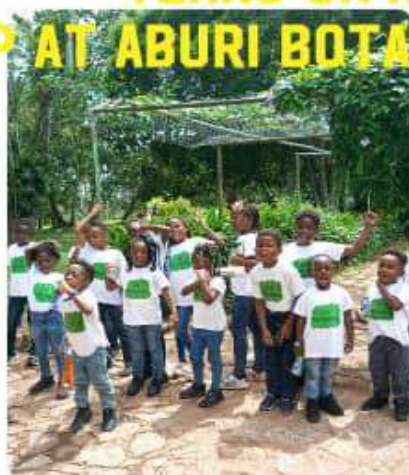




The Early Years learners had the opportunity to explore lush greenery, vibrant flowers, and diverse plant life, which sparked their curiosity and appreciation for nature as they embarked on a field trip to Aburi Botanical Garden. They were able to connect their inquiry in class to what they saw in the garden, making the trip an enriching experience for both learners and teachers.



LEARNERS IN THE EARLY YEARS ON A FIELD



TRIP AT ABURI BOTANICAL GARDENS

PIC•COLLAGE

Grade 1 and 2 students had an engaging field trip to Bomart Farms, where they explored the complexities of food processing. The trip aimed to teach Grade 1 students about food production and Grade 2 students about the organisational framework behind it. At the farm, they witnessed the full process, from cultivation to distribution, including sorting and packaging. The food and safety manager provided a detailed tour, answering questions and enhancing students' understanding of food production roles. This experience deepened our students' appreciation for food processing, marking a significant step in their educational journey.



Grades 1 and 2 students on a field trip at Bomfa Farms to delve into the intricacies of food processing.



After field trips or interactive sessions with resource persons, student reflections have consistently been favourable, indicating their curiosity was effectively satisfied.



During the time we had the nurses discussing the adolescent stage with us, I learnt about the hormones that causes changes in our body as we grow and I also understood the adolescent stage better.
Chelina Mickson-Quarshie (Grade 5)

I learned that the farm produces fruits for us to consume and stay healthy. It was a nice experience to learn about how the company was well structured and have been successfully operating since 1981.
Elikem Edze (Grade 2)

It was a good experience and I liked how the place looked. I learnt that fresh foods can be processed into other products.
Ilyanna Brown-Glover (Grade 1)

I have learnt not to use my device for long hours without taking a break to involve in physical activities. I have also learnt to make exercising part of my daily activities after engaging interactively with the PE Teachers.
Priscilla Carboo (Grade 5)



At Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum, I learned the importance of fighting for your goals without fear.

Allen G4

At the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum, I learned about his fight for Ghana and enjoyed exploring Ghana's history.

Kirsten G4



The field trip to the Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum was exciting and enhanced my understanding of history.

Kyle G4



In our next unit celebration, we have planned for parents and students to engage in an interactive session with a guest speaker from COY Paediatrics Specialist Children's Clinic who will be sharing best health practices and wellbeing for children.



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2023/24 TIS School Calendar Overview

August 2023							September 2023							October 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

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. NO EXEATS BEFORE 1.00PM
29-31/1/24	IDU Days; G12 EE; G11 EE, 11/12 CAS Dukies Reflection Day
3/2/24	SC Leadership Camp NO EXEATS FOR SCHOOL LEADERS
4/2/24	Student Leadership Induction Ceremony NO EXEATS
9/2/24	TIS Badminton Championships; TIS Junior Tennis Championships
10/2/24	TIS STEM Fair. NO EXEATS
12-16/2/24	MYP Mock eAssessments NO G10 EXEATS
15/2/24	G11 TOK Exhibition. NO G11 EXEATS
16-17/2/24	TIS Basketball Championships; TIS Senior Tennis Championships
17/2/24	Chocolate Friendship Day
19/2-2/3/24	DP Mocks. NO G12 EXEATS
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) POSTPONED
9/3/24	SAT (Digital); TIS Squash Championships; TISSA Basketball Championships
14/3/24	Pi Day; PYP/MYP Info Day at Main Campus
16/3/24	Expression Day NO EXEATS
20/3/24	Your University Hackathon (G9-12)
21-23/3/24	Dukies Bronze & Silver expedition camp
22/3/24	Three way interviews (8.30am- 3.00pm). Students may depart hostels after interviews.
25/3-6/4/24	Mid-semester break. Students return to hostels on 7/4/24.
8/4/24	G12 Grad photos (All day). NO G12 EXEATS
13/4/24	ACT
14/4/24	Exam Candidates' Service NO EXEATS
19/4-17/5/24	DP Final Exams
20/4/24	MYP5->DP1 info session
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

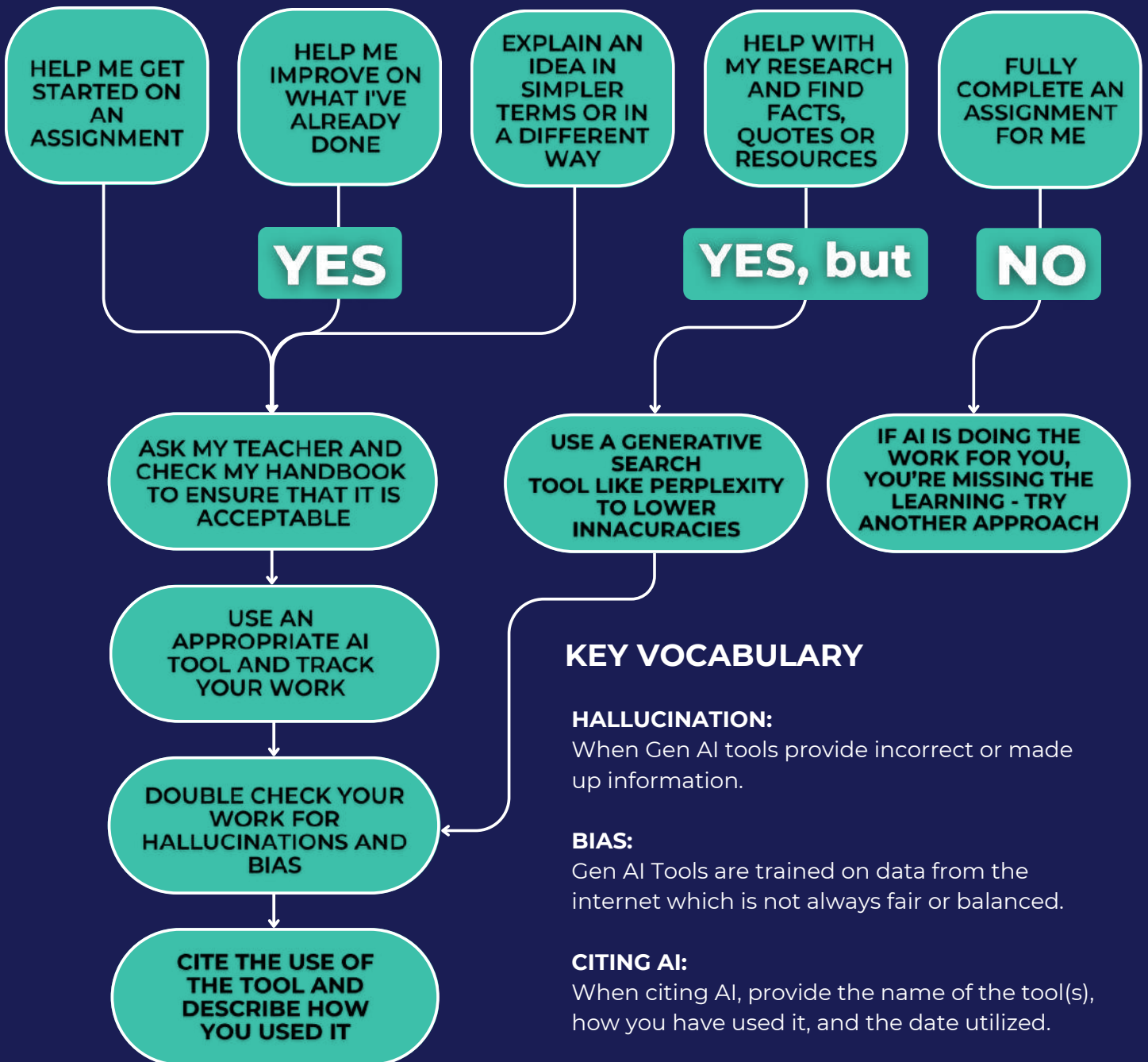
11-12/1/24	Staff Training Days
16/2/24	End of UOI #4 Celebrations
15/2/24	Mother Tongue Day (Celebrating Culture)
14/3/24	PYP/MYP Info Day at Main Campus
15/3/24	Celebrating Additional Languages
22/3/24	End of UOI #5 Celebrations
25/3-6/4/24	Mid-semester break
19/4/24	Book Day
10/5/24	Environment Day/ 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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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.

CAS_SA Corner

Celebrating Success: Commending Students for an Outstanding MYP Project Exhibition



Our students recently unveiled their remarkable projects at the **MYP Project Exhibition** in a spectacular showcase of creativity, ingenuity, and dedication. This event served as a testament to the talent and skills these young minds have cultivated throughout their **Community and Personal Projects**, highlighting the importance of the core components of the MYP curriculum. The exhibition provided a platform for students to demonstrate their abilities and fostered collaboration, personal growth, and the development of valuable life skills.

The **MYP (Middle Years Programme)** emphasises holistic education, incorporating Community and Personal Projects as core components. These projects go beyond traditional classroom learning, encouraging students to delve into real-world issues, apply their knowledge, and make a positive impact. The exhibition showcased the results and allowed students to reflect on the transformative journey they experienced during the project development.

The **MYP Projects** became a vibrant display of diverse skills our students have honed, including critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and project management. Engaging in these projects equipped them with the tools necessary for future success, both academically and in the real world. The event served as a living testament to the effectiveness of the MYP curriculum in nurturing well-rounded individuals. This proves what a great decision Tema International School made when deciding to move entirely from IGCSE to the MYP.



Despite our students' outstanding achievements, parents' low attendance at such events is a concern. Parental involvement is crucial in supporting students' progress and recognising the hard work they put into their projects. Attending these exhibitions provides parents with insights into their child's capabilities and fosters a sense of pride and encouragement. Parents' feedback is invaluable in motivating students to excel further. Positive reinforcement and constructive criticism contribute significantly to their growth and development. **The MYP Projects** allow parents to actively engage with their children's educational journey, fostering a supportive environment that enhances learning outcomes.

In celebrating the success of our students at the **MYP Project Exhibition**, we commend their dedication and creativity in tackling real-world challenges. The event highlighted the significance of the **MYP core components** in shaping well-rounded individuals equipped with essential skills for the future. Moving forward, parents need to participate actively in such exhibitions, providing valuable feedback and encouragement to fuel their children's academic and personal growth. As a community, we can continue to inspire and uplift the next generation of leaders and innovators. **Surama King – CAS Coordinator**





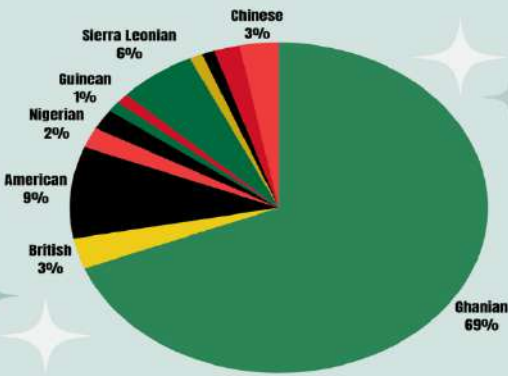
MYP - Service as Action


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Know the People

~ Service As Action ~

Subject: Mathematics & Geography (IDU)
Unit Title: Homo Sapiens on the Increase



Nationality	Percentage
Ghanian	69%
American	9%
British	3%
Sierra Leonean	6%
Chinese	3%
Nigerian	2%
Guinean	1%

According to the Survey...

- The TIS community has a variety of Nationalities, including Sudanese, Sierra Leoneans, Ivorians, Guineans and Togolese.
- Girls make up over 60 percent of the responses.
- Catherine girls responded the most.
- Gospel Explosion or Power Night is the most liked School Event.
- TIS' Favorite Meal is Jollof and Kelewele.
- Football is the most played sport in TIS.

By Louisa Xose Ayem ~ MYP 4

Update: "Homo Sapiens on the Rise" - Population Composition

As previously communicated, this is to share an exciting update regarding the Service as Action project stemming from an IDL Unit titled "Homo Sapiens on the Rise." **Louisa Ayem – MYP 4** led this project, aiming to gather information and fun facts about our community's population structure and preferences.

After three weeks of surveying, the project has concluded, and the findings have been compiled into a captivating poster. Louisa presented the findings beautifully during the school assembly, and the responses were well-accepted and enjoyable. For more detailed information, please check out the poster.

Thank you for your participation and support in this initiative.

Lyric of the Week – Service as Action



The song "Three Little Birds" by **Bob Marley** is a reggae classic that carries a message of hope, reassurance, and positivity. In the song, Bob Marley sings about encountering difficult situations and feeling downtrodden, but he encourages listeners not to worry because "every little thing is gonna be alright."

Check the Bulletin and the main announcement board for updates



on "Lyric of the Week".

“Singing don’t worry about a thing, cause every little thing is gonna be alright.”

Samantha Arthur – G10

Wiser Minds by Brianna



"Breaking Misconceptions: Understanding OCD"

"It's easy to make jokes and even easier to self-diagnose. 'I'm depressed'. 'I can't focus, I have ADHD'. 'I have to clean this Saturday, it's messy, and I'm literally OCD'. In this week's edition of Wiser Minds, we're going to talk about the misconceptions of obsessive-compulsive disorder, commonly known as OCD.

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder is a mood disorder that's characterised by having obsessions and compulsions. Obsessions are unwanted, intrusive, and persistent thoughts. Compulsions are overwhelming urges to do certain actions or rituals, usually repeated. Keyword: these obsessions and compulsions are unwanted. Ensuring your markers are arranged is a conscious decision, not a compulsion. These people find being this way uncomfortable, and it causes a lot of distress.

Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
 A condition in which you have frequent unwanted obsessions that cause you to perform compulsions.

Obsessive symptoms can include:

 Fear of germs or dirt.	 Fear of making a mistake.
 Need for order, neatness, symmetry or perfection.	 Fear of causing harm to yourself or someone else.

Compulsive symptoms can include:

 Arranging things in a very specific way.	 Bathing or washing your hands over and over.
 Repeatedly checking things.	 Number rituals such as counting repeatedly.

Cleveland Clinic

Take the example where someone with OCD is late for work but cannot leave until he washes his hands three times in a row because he feels like if he doesn't, something terrible will happen during the day.

People frequently associate OCD with cleanliness, and this can be the case, but it's important to note that everyone's obsessions and compulsions are individual. The running theme here is not order and cleanliness but repetition and an inability to stop.

Let's be more considerate and mindful of our words as individuals with OCD face invisible battles.

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Service as Action Project Blue Smile
Initiated by Ruby, Efua, Sharon and Betty

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SERVICE AS ACTION

SMILE BLUE

Independence Day Sales



Burger - 40 cedis

Drinks - 7 cedis

Wings 5 pieces - 40 cedis

Help us raise funds for Phillipa post surgery treatment after a third degree burn incident .

Blue Smile - Ghana Independence Sales for Phillipa's Recovery

Hey Blue Smile Family,

We couldn't wait to share the incredible news with all of you – our Ghana Independence Sales event was a massive success! On Wednesday, March 6, our team went all out to organise the most fantastic fundraiser for Phillipa's post-surgery recovery, and yes, did we rock it!

First off, a huge shoutout to every single one of you who contributed to the event's success. The atmosphere at the **Project Centre** was nothing short of electric – we were like a well-oiled machine, working seamlessly together. Our collaboration skills were on fire, and I couldn't be prouder to be a part of such an amazing team.



Guess what? We reached and surpassed our initial goal, raising over GHC 5,000! Can you believe it? The response from our school community was overwhelming, and it was heartwarming to see everyone coming together for **Independence Day** and, of course, for Phillipa.

The star of the show was, without a doubt, our delicious packs – burgers, chicken wings, and drinks, all at a cool price. Your taste buds weren't the only things satisfied; your purchases now contribute to Phillipa's recovery journey. How awesome is that?

But the success story doesn't end there. After the sales, the Project Centre was left spotless. Kudos to everyone for cleaning up so responsibly – we left the place even better than we found it!

We are thrilled to announce that we're well on our way to achieving our GHC 10,000 goal for Phillipa. Seeing our school community stepping up and showing massive support is incredible. You guys are absolute rock stars!

So, Blue Smile family, take a moment to pat yourselves on the back. Your hard work, dedication, and generosity have made a real difference in celebrating Independence Day and changing a young girl's life for the better. Let's keep this momentum going and continue making a positive impact together.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for being the awesome team that you are!

With a big Blue Smile,

Ruby, Efua, Sharon and Betty – Grade 10



MYP Personal Project - Small City, Big Dreams

Rachael-Louise Assan – MYP5/Grade 10



An eco-friendly sustainable city model inspired by Copenhagen in Denmark.

The learning goal of my Personal Project was to learn more about the causes of urban pollution and how it can be controlled. This would allow me to understand what makes a city eco-friendly and sustainable enough to meet the needs of its residents.

This was my learning goal because growing up watching the news and hearing adults blame the government for how poorly developed their city is made me question why some cities are more eco-friendly and sustainable than others. Learning about SDG 11- "Sustainable Cities and Communities" piqued my interest and contributed to my learning goal.

My product goal was to create an eco-friendly, sustainable city model inspired by Copenhagen, Denmark. This product showed how some eco-friendly cities work and how important they would be to the city and individuals.

Some skills I was able to develop and improve during this process were communication skills when interacting with others, research skills when obtaining and understanding information from different sources, thinking skills and finally, self-management skills, which impacted me the most due to how difficult it was to manage my time, especially before the personal project process.

I plan to develop my product in the future and present it as a business plan to organisations related to environmental and sustainable development. I also hope the product will educate people on eco-friendly cities and how they work, especially now that we are facing many environmental challenges that affect many people.



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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., 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

MYP Projects



The MYP Projects held last Saturday was an outstanding success. It served as a source of inspiration for MYP 2 and 4 students and left a lasting impression on all attendees. Both students and supervisors had the opportunity to showcase their hard work and highlight their learning journey.

We extend a heartfelt **Thank You** to the school community for their attendance and active engagement during the exhibition. Your presence and contributions made the event possible for everyone involved.

Your support and enthusiasm are truly appreciated.

Check out a collage of pictures from the exhibition below.



EXPRESSION 2024
'The Founders' Dream: A Glimpse Through Time'

TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

PRESENTS

EXPRESSION

"INDER" 2024 "संक्रम"

•»» ≡ **THE FOUNDERS' DREAM** ≡ ««•

A Glimpse through Time

- ART & CRAFT - MUSIC, DANCE & DRAMA - UNVEILING OF FOUNDERS' PORTRAIT

SATURDAY, 16 MARCH | 1:00 PM TO 5:30 PM | MAIN CAMPUS

Excitement is in the air as we unveil the details of a spectacular event just around the corner – **Expression 2024!** In celebration of our school's **20th anniversary**, we extend a warm invitation to dive into the realms of art and creativity like never before.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, 16 March 2024
- **Time:** 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm
- **Venue:** Main Campus – Gardens
- **Aim:** Celebrate the arts and raise funds for corrective surgery for babies with Anorectal malformation.
- **Sales:** Amazing art and crafts, plants, garden accessories, tie and die Totebags, Fans, ceramic pots, and more.

Theme: 'The Founder's Dream: A Glimpse Through Time.' Expression 2024 promises to be a captivating journey through history via various art forms. Brace yourselves for a Street Art Festival featuring spellbinding exhibitions, enthralling drama performances, soul-stirring music, mesmerising dance, and exquisite crafts. The unveiling of our Founders' Portrait by talented students across different grades, from PYP Kinder 1 to Grade 12, will undoubtedly be a highlight.

We encourage parents to join us as we embark on an artistic adventure, and contribute to a noble cause.

Let's unite as a community and make **Expression 2024** an unforgettable event!

Amazing Stuff on Sale at Expression



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EXPRESSION

"NDS" 2024 "SDM"

• >>> ≡ THE FOUNDERS' DREAM ≡ <<< •

A Glimpse through Time

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Buddies for Change Club Call for Action Operation 'We Act Together'



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WE ACT TOGETHER
CAS PROJECT

**EMPOWER YOUNG LIVES,
SPARK CHANGE**

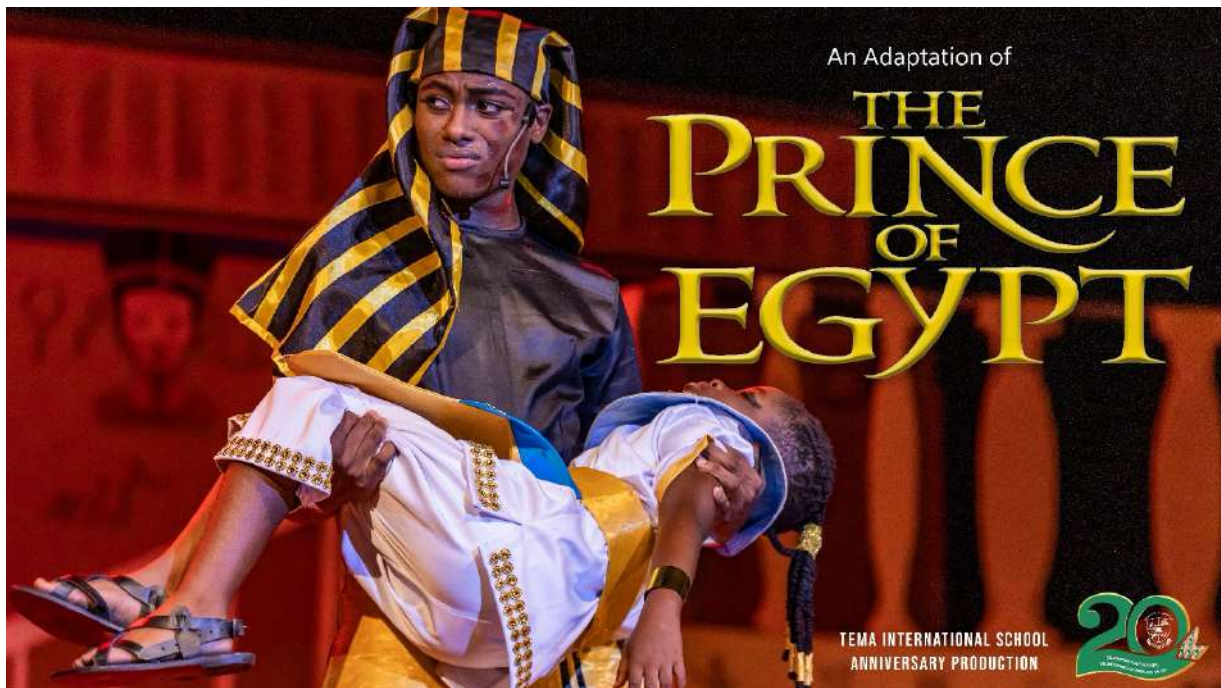
Initiator:
**Buddies for
Change Club Ghana**

AIM

Donate educational supplies to the Senior Correctional Centre, Ridge Accra

CONTACT FOR DONATION: Momo: 0597621047 – Abigail Ahiadorme – Reference: We Act Together – CAS Project

TIS Anniversary Production



Dear Parents,

We're thrilled to announce that the premiere of our anniversary production by TIS students has concluded successfully! 🎉 Now, the play is available for viewing on Selar.

In our ongoing mission to fund corrective surgeries for babies with Anorectal Malformation at the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for the generous donations received so far. If you haven't had the chance to contribute yet, any amount from GHc 50 will significantly support the Transforming Life CAS Project.

To experience the magic from the comfort of your home, simply visit Selar.co. Click on the link to access the TIS Anniversary Production, an adaptation of The Prince of Egypt:

<https://selar.co/the-prince-of-egypt>

The viewing link is open from 24 February to 30 March 2024. Don't miss this extraordinary event and the opportunity to contribute to a great cause!

🎬 Enjoy the trailer here: https://youtu.be/ybaYVnqE1_g

To secure your virtual seat and continue supporting corrective surgery for babies with anorectal malformation, grab your tickets at <https://selar.co/the-prince-of-egypt>. Share the link <https://selar.co/the-prince-of-egypt> with your family and friends, and let's make this a night to remember!

Thank you for joining us in positively impacting these young lives. We look forward to seeing you at the limited-time premiere!

For any support or inquiries, please contact david.dife@tis.edu.gh or call +233272232889.

Best regards,

Tributes From The TIS Family To Wisdom Tsagli



With heavy hearts and profound sadness, we bid farewell to a cherished member of our school community, Wisdom Tsagli, who served as a dedicated school driver for an incredible 18 years. His recent passing leaves an impossible void, but his legacy of service and kindness will live on forever in our hearts.

Wisdom was more than just a driver. He was a pillar of strength, a source of comfort and a familiar face that always greeted us each time. For nearly two decades, he transported generations of students safely to and from school, becoming an integral part of the daily lives of countless families.

His commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our students was unwavering. Wisdom's reliability and dedication were the cornerstones of our transportation system, providing peace of mind knowing we were in capable hands.

Beyond his role as a driver, Wisdom was a friend, a confidant and a source of joy for those who had the privilege of knowing him. His friendly demeanour, stories and laughter created a positive atmosphere on every journey. He took the time to know each of us, and no issue was ever a bother for him. In times of need, Wisdom went above and beyond, exemplifying the true spirit of service. His acts of kindness made a lasting impression on our school community.

As we mourn his passing, let us also celebrate the rich tapestry of memories Wisdom has woven into the fabric of Tema International School. His legacy lives on in the laughter of each of us he transported, the friendships he forged and the indelible mark he left on our collective hearts.

To wisdom, our beloved friend and dedicated school driver, we express our deepest gratitude for 17 years of selfless service. May the roads in the heavens be smoother than those you traversed for us, and may your spirit continue to watch over the generations of TIS family members whose lives you touched.

Rest in peace, dear Wisdom. You will be forever missed but never forgotten.

With heartfelt condolences.

Tema International School.
Dr Ken Darvall – Principal



Tribute by the Tema International School Founding Family



We always knew Wisdom would show up. Wisdom always arrived on time for his pick-up assignment; he would be there whether through rain or shine; he would show up for his assignment no matter the time of day. Wisdom would be there, dressed as though his very life depended on his appreciation of appropriate fashion trends and styles. His commitment to duty was never questioned because Wisdom would show up no matter what! So, when the call came through on Saturday, 23 December, 2023, that he had been rushed to the hospital while getting ready at home for his Saturday morning's work assignment, we knew it had to be extremely serious. The truth is, it was the

most unpleasant and devastating of events.

Over the past 18 years, Wisdom has gone from being a transport officer to a friend of the Founding Family. Someone we had come to consider a member of the family. Wisdom would chip in a line or two of advice on sometimes very critical issues, offer alternative perspectives to subject matters being discussed and deliver his favourite mantra, "Life is short, so make the best of all you have". Wisdom, life has indeed been short for you, but we are confident that you made the best of all you had. There is no doubt that you will be sorely missed; missed for your humility, missed for your dedication to work, missed for your empathy, missed for your gentlemanliness, missed for your fashion sense, but most of all, missed because you have been a pleasant person to work and be with.

A poem from an unknown author says:

If only we could see the splendour of the land
To which our loved ones are called from you and me
We'd understand

If only we could hear the welcome they receive from old familiar voices all so dear
We would not grieve

If only we could know the reason why they went
We'd smile and wipe away the tears that flow
And wait content.

But, we are humans and we do not see all of these things that are not obvious to us, so we do not understand, we grieve and we cry. We are, however, consoled by the fact that you lived your life making the best of what you had. You wore all your fine clothes ensuring that you felt good while on this earth. Wizzy, you may not have achieved all you set out to accomplish in this life, but you did your best with what you had.

Fare thee well, Wisdom, and may the good Lord accept you into His bosom.

Cecilia Ajavon Oppan – General Manager



A Tribute to Our Colleague and Friend, Wisdom Tsagli, from TIS Transport Department



Wisdom joined TIS in 2005, some 18 years ago. He was part of our Transport Team. His special abilities and charismatic personality were readily apparent! Clearly, this first encounter marked the beginning of our longstanding professional friendship and collaboration. He had an outstanding career in chauffeuring senior management team to and fro, eventually becoming a personal driver and co-founder of our transport department.

Wisdom Tsagli was committed to improving official errands and always supporting everyone on the team without hesitation. He had a gift of innovative thinking, a visionary spirit, and an unwavering patience required to lead a meaningful stay here at Tema International School.

In addition to his devotion to his work, Wisdom always found time for his colleagues and friends. And so, today, we honour him by profoundly feeling and expressing our loss and remembering Kofi as an amazing person who played a unique and special role in our lives.

We wish you farewell in your journey to eternity. Kofi, you will be in our hearts and memories. It was a privilege for us to be part of your life. Although much too short, it was a life well lived!

Sleep well in the bosom of Abraham!

AB, Ben, Gabby & Nii



A Tribute to My Deputy

Kofi Tsagli was more than just a brother. We talked about plans for the future for serving TIS for 18 and 20 years, respectively. We recalled our own share of “travelling with students, teachers and hostel guardians for days, touring Ghana”. I can still remember **22 December, 2023**, as if it was just yesterday when we switched vehicles at the Community 5 extension. We spoke briefly about Christmas, and also about the break which promised some rest before school resumed in mid-January 2024. Little did I know that the universe had other plans.

Still, despite your demise, I am truly blessed to have had you as a brother, a colleague and a friend. I was surprised by the number of messages I received from people I never expected. They were all saying the same thing. You were always there to reach out first to those who needed help. No matter how small the details were, you were there. It warms my heart to know that you were a blessing to many people in your own way. You were always there to check on them (relatives & friends) and shared other people's stories without even mentioning the help you were extending them.

Sometimes, I still pray and ask God why this happened. But then I realise and seek forgiveness; who am I to ask? The only prayer left for me is for God to embrace us with his grace so that we survive this loss and come out stronger. I will miss the way you laughed at my jokes, how we exchanged funny stories, and how you took me to different food spots every time we were in the Volta Region. I still wish to see you and talk to you, hug you, and tell you that you can go and rest now, even for the last time.

I will love and protect the people that you love the most. Rest now, my brother. Kofi Atitono, Controller, as I affectionately called you. Rest well until we see each other again.

AB



Farewell to a Gentle Soul:

A Tribute to Wisdom Tsagli, 17 Years of Dedication at Tema International School

With a heavy heart, we reflect on the legacy of Wisdom Tsagli, who became an integral part of the Tema International School (TIS) family on 6 February 2006, a mere three years after the establishment of our beloved institution. For 17 years, Wisdom was a stalwart member of the Transport Department, leaving an indelible mark on the TIS community.

Wisdom's gentle disposition endeared him to everyone he encountered, students and staff alike. He epitomised a gentleman's gentleman, radiating kindness and warmth in every interaction. His unwavering commitment to his work showcased a flawless attitude throughout his 17-year tenure at TIS. Always ready to take on any task, even at short notice, Wisdom's dedication contributed immensely to the growth and success of our esteemed school. For this, we are eternally grateful.

The recent celebration of TIS's 20th Anniversary is a testament to Wisdom's significant contributions. His efforts played a pivotal role in the program's success, and we looked forward to celebrating many more anniversaries together. The news of his passing was a profound shock to us all, testing our resolve and leaving a void that is challenging to comprehend.

Fondly known as "Wizzy" by those close to him, his absence has left a profound emptiness in our hearts. Farewell, Wizzy. Your impact on TIS will be remembered, and your spirit will forever linger in the corridors of the institution you faithfully served for 17 years.



With heartfelt condolences,

Mr. Eddy Torkornoo - Administrator, Tema International School

In Remembrance of Mr Wisdom Tsagli

Today, we honour the memory of Mr. Wisdom Tsagli, a man whose careful driving was surpassed only by the warmth of his beautiful smile. He epitomised punctuality and respect, particularly to his aged passengers. His ability to treat everyone with gentleness and respect was a true reflection of his character.



I deeply miss his presence. It is my heartfelt prayer that Mr Tsagli's gentle, kind, and hardworking soul finds eternal peace in the bosom of his Maker and that he rises in glory on the morning of the resurrection. Amen.

May his beloved wife, children, and the entire family, especially his mother and all who cherished him, find solace and comfort in these trying times.

To the TIS Community and Fraternity, I share in your loss and pray for comfort. With hope in God's grace, I trust that a worthy successor will soon be found to continue the exceptional service Mr. Tsagli provided.

With deepest sympathy,

Dr Mrs Sylvia Boye. Member of the Board of Governors.

Uncle Wise, your name spells it out clearly; a very wise man. Grandma Boye's personal person; a warm friendship which was naturally transferred to me. Having known you for a while, you always looked good and on point with your dark shades! Such a noble personality! You will never pass by without saying 'hello' or 'how are you?' to me. You carried yourself so well and gracefully. Our little chit-chats, the whole Accra journey and a lot more juicy and tasty bits of conversations centred on life and good advice. It was interesting and a great opportunity to ask my 1000 and 1 questions, which you never got tired of, and made you giggle, too! When I heard of your demise, I said "awwwee, is that true?" I was dumbfounded. Your words of wisdom will always be a part of me; to always look good, be on point, enjoy life as it comes, be kind, be helpful, be respectful, be human and confident!! Rest well, Uncle Wise in God's bosom. You are sorely missed.

Constance Quaye - University Guidance Department

WISDOM, IS IT TRUE YOU ARE GONE?
 DEFINITELY, YOURS IS NOT THE CIRCLE.
 IS IT AN ACCIDENT?
 IS IT AN ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE ASSIGNMENT?
 NONETHELESS, ""ADIEU"".
JOHN MENSAH - LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

In the early morning hours, when the sun is barely peeking over the horizon, you are always ready to start the day, safely navigating through bustling streets and changing weather. We want to express our deepest appreciation for your unwavering service.

Today, we fondly remember our cherished colleague and school driver, Mr. Wisdom Tsagli, whose warmth, reliability, and infectious smile brightened our students' daily journeys.

A dedicated guardian on the road, Mr. Wisdom Tsagli left an indelible mark on our hearts with his kindness and unwavering commitment to safety.

May his memory inspire us to approach each day with the same compassion and positivity that he embodied.

Tema International School
(Primary Campus)
Mawutor Tengey – PYP

The Individuals and Societies Department solemnly mourns the passing of Mr Wisdom Tsagli. Mr Tsagli's demise has undoubtedly saddened members of our department who at different points made his acquaintance. He is remembered as the gentle, quiet and handsome giant who was extremely hardworking without a hint of tiredness. It, therefore, came as a shock to us all when we learned of his unfortunate passing, as a number of us had seen him just a few weeks prior to our Christmas break. Little did we know that it would be the last time we set our eyes on him. Maybe, we would have made our chats a bit longer and our smiles a bit wider. We are, however, at peace knowing that he will find eternal rest in the bosom of our Maker. Mr Tsigali, you have won the battle and finished the race of earthly existence and have gone ahead of us. We shall surely meet again.

Rest well our brother, father
and friend.

dzudzɔ le ɲutifafa me
Yaawɔ ye hejɔle mli
Da Yie

Individuals and societies

Efo Wisdom, you will be forever missed when I think about your humility, patience, and respect towards each and every person around you. Efo wisdom, words cannot describe you. Death is cruel indeed. Rest in perfect peace.

Rita Fiankobeia Bikor – Admin





I was in shock when I heard of your death on 23 December 2023 because I had seen you, spoken with you and laughed with you on the last day of school on 15 December 2023. If I had known that 15 December would be the last day I would see you, I would have given you a big hug. It was hard to believe, but I kept reminding myself that death is inevitable. You were a gentle and noble man who always looked good. Thank you

for those pieces of advice. Rest on Brother Wisdom. Da yie! Da yie! Da yie!

Gina Anaafi Mensah – Admin

Sudden and shocking! That was the feedback after the news of your passing. Sudden and shocking, because some colleagues interacted with you in a matter of hours before your demise. Indeed, scripture reminds us that, it's just a step that separates us from death. You, Wisdom, Wizzy or Togbe, as some of us called you, have been a supportive member of this great family at Tema International School. Our interactions with you, both at the official and personal levels, have been cordial and refreshing. You came across as humble, affable, polite, jovial and unassuming. You were very accommodating of other views and opinions in our informal engagements. The pleasant exchanges whenever we meet will be missed. Your sudden departure pains us. We, however, take consolation in the fact that you are resting peacefully in the arms of your Maker, where sickness, stress, pain and the challenges of this life are no more. May the good Lord grant you eternal rest till the day of resurrection.

Wisdom, Wizzy, Togbe, rest in peace.

**Learning Centre,
February 5, 2024**

Tribute to Mr. Wisdom Tsagli

Uncle Wisdom was a beacon of hope, a pillar of strength, a companion in joy and sorrow; above all, he was family. His loss has created a void in my heart that can't be filled, but his legacy lives on in the memories I shared and the lessons I learned from him.

Wisdom had a remarkable life, filled with extraordinary moments and simple joys.

He had the kind of humour that could light up a room, the kind of smile that made you feel like everything would be alright.

He valued friendship and family above all else and treated every person he met with kindness and respect.

Rest in peace, Uncle Wisdom. You will forever be missed, but your spirit will forever live on in my heart.

Setor Adih - Library/Hostel Coordinator



Tribute from Hostel Parents.

Wherever he may guide me, No want shall turn me back;
 My Shepherd is beside me, And nothing can I lack:
 His wisdom ever waketh, His sight is never dim,
 He knows the way he taketh, And I will walk with him.

Song by Lordina The Soprano

The sad news of your demise reached us with great shock on 23 December 2023.

We honour the life of a man who was not only a close friend, but a true embodiment of strength, courage, and resilience. Uncle Wisdom was more than a friend to hostel parents and students. His relationship with the students he drove was exemplary. Though his absence leaves a deep void in our hearts, his unwavering spirit remains a constant source of inspiration.

As we remember Uncle Wisdom, let us not dwell on the pain of his loss but rather on the love he shared, the courage he embodied, and the lessons he taught us. Let us honour his memory by living our lives with the same fearlessness, the same passion, and the same love that he showed us every day.

It is painful to say goodbye. May your humble soul rest in perfect peace. Amen.

On behalf of the Hostel Parents

Setor Adih

Uncle Wisdom was very pleasant and kind, with a warm, welcoming smile anytime he greeted me. One particular memory that will stick with me about him is his diligence, focus, and dedication to his work in the TIS Transportation department. His commitment to serving in this regard, and just observing his loyalty, especially to the founding family in his assigned role, spoke volumes to me. May the Lord comfort his family deeply and the entire community. 'Rest peacefully. You will be dearly missed Uncle Wisdom'.

Eunice Fianu (Mrs.) – University Guidance and Counselling Dept. (Head)

TRIBUTE BY KOMLA DZORKPATA (TIS ENGLISH DEPARTMENT, 2010-2016)



"Misery acquaints man with strange bedfellows"
~Shakespeare

"Ofa", that's how I used to call you, Ofa, for you were so deserving of the title. But how did you become acquainted with brainless death? I think I know; it's not the usual God also likes what is good and all those jaded thoughts. No, no, no: it's because death is clumsy, indiscriminate and vile in his dealings. I'm angry. Why? Because I'm helpless; you shall not be the first nor the last of the few good souls death arbitrarily targets and devours. And yet you will go well, you will triumph over Hades. And with your path, lit by

your radiant smiles, you shall be our retribution:

“...[Death] can't even get the things done
that are part of its trade:
dig a grave,
make a coffin,
clean up after itself.

Preoccupied with killing,
it does the job awkwardly,
without system or skill.
As though each of us were its first kill.

Oh, it has its triumphs,
but look at its countless defeats,
missed blows,
and repeat attempts!...”
~Wisława Szymborska

Ofa! Your departure floods me with cherished memories. How I wished to see you again if ever I returned to the hallowed grounds of TIS! I was hoping we would continue ‘trading’ in that blue barrel I used for selling drinks on Saturdays during entertainment nights; you would come for it after the program to store water in and then you returned it the following weekend. And sometimes when it was almost time to return it you made some cynical comments that always split my sides! It was because you didn't speak too much; you were a quiet observing man, a self-contained man. And so any ray of humor from you, accompanied by your moon-lit face, was always golden. Ah!

You were such a great man, Ofa. And the greater you became, the more gentle and sweet you grew. I personally experienced this each time you took us out on those long trips; oh yes, no

one dares forget those feats: that yellow Mercedes Benz bus was completely yours, subdued and yielding to your mighty hands. You took us anywhere across the country; all the way to Busua Beach, all the way to the Afadzato mountains and the Wli waterfalls and countless more. And while conquering those trips, even knowing you were in charge and held precious lives in your hands, you remained Ofa, you remained Ofa -- quietly protective, and kind. Ow!

Don't go la! Don't go, for Aku is crushed too. She joyfully learnt you were her uncle when you happily brought our friends to our wedding; oh yes, you did that too, and I don't think I ever expressed it loudly enough how much that meant to us. When I informed her of your passing, a plaintive yell quickly yielded to a deafening silence, and yet she had known you only briefly. Right there, Ofa; that is your legacy: it takes just a moment for your modesty to register on everyone. It is your God-given spirit: tranquil, soft-spoken, compassionate.

So you now understand my 'beef' with death? A shameless looter and depriver of people's happiness.

“For whom is it well?
For whom is it well?
There is no one for whom it is well.”
~Chinua Achebe

Sleep well, my Gentle Giant. Baba lo. Baba sia!

Your son,
Michael





Journey of Love: A Tribute to Uncle Wisdom

In the realm of memories, we hold dear,
A tribute to Uncle Wisdom, TIS family draws near.
A driver, a friend, and so much more,
His laughter echoes like waves on the shore.



To Akorlikope and Deveme, he steered our way,
Each journey painted with tales and sunlit ray.
An artist of the road, a maestro of the wheel,
In our hearts, his adventures forever seal.



At Expedition's camps, a silent observer,
Watching our students with a heart full of fervour.
Ready to help, with a warmth so grand,
A guardian spirit across the land.



The news of his parting, a poignant pain,
Yet, in gratitude, his legacy we gain.
Farewell, Uncle Wisdom, TIS family weep,
Your laughter, a lullaby, in our hearts, so deep.

Rest in peace, where skies are blue,
A heartfelt goodbye, CAS team bids too.
With love and sorrow, our souls entwined,
In the canvas of time, your spirit will shine.



CAS-SA Team

Tribute from Alumni



Dear Uncle Wisdom,

As the proud alumni of the Tema International School (TIS), we gather with heavy hearts to pay tribute to a remarkable soul who has been an integral part of our collective journey.

Since 2006, you have been more than just a driver; you have been a constant companion, a guardian on the road, and a silent architect of countless memories.

Through the years, you navigated the winding roads of life with grace and dedication, ensuring the safe passage of students who entrusted their travels into your capable hands. From the early days of 2000 until 2023, your familiar presence behind the wheel witnessed the laughter, camaraderie and the occasional singing along, to great tunes that defined our journeys together.

The memories are vivid – road trips across the country, visits to castles, beaches, the Volta Lake Islands and the Kakum National Park canopy walk.

You were not just a driver but an indispensable part of the TIS experience. Whether it was shuttling us to MUN conferences, ISSAG, CAS Trips, parties, events, airports, clinics, homes, or the beloved Akorlikope, you were there, embodying reliability and a commitment to our well-being.

Your calm demeanour and soft-spoken nature were a source of comfort to all of us.

Amidst the hustle and bustle of our school lives, you often stood out as a pillar of serenity, always placing the students' well-being as your top priority. Each encounter with you, spanning two, four, or six years for some of us, was special, creating a tapestry of shared experiences that we hold dear.

In this transient journey of life, where some passengers disembark sooner than others, you, Uncle Wisdom, left an indelible mark on the TIS community. Your affectionate title, "Uncle Wisdom" echoes in our hearts, a testament to the warmth and familiarity that you brought to our lives.

As you embark on a new journey beyond the horizon, we imagine you driving the angels in heaven with the same care and dedication which you showed us on Earth. Rain or sunshine, on good or bad roads, through short and long distances, day or night – you were always ready to serve the TIS community.

Rest well, dear Uncle Wisdom. Your commitment, kindness, and the countless miles you travelled for us will be eternally missed.

Thank you for being an indelible part of our TIS family.

With heartfelt gratitude,

APIORKOR SEYIRAM ASHONG-ABBEY (TIS ALUMNA LUMINARY)

On behalf of the Alumni of Tema International School

ASA Patron Corner

Meet the Cosmetology Club - (Hair)



Name: Phoebe Fafa Wensley

Why Cosmetology: I believe it's the passion for braiding and styling hair. It's something I would do even when I'm exhausted. The results make me happy and fulfilled.

Fun fact: I taught myself to braid hair and make wig caps. After my national service, while waiting for graduation, I worked at a salon, in my neighborhood as an apprentice for about 3 months to enhance the skill I had learnt. I made some extra cash from it for a while.

swimming, trying new activities and food.

Hobbies: singing, dancing, reading,

Location: The language acquisition office is on the classroom block near C12.



Meet the Interact Club Patron

Name: Grace Kabukie Ameyibor

Patron: Interacts Club

Why Interacts: The main goal of the Interact Club is to foster leadership and responsible citizenship, which aligns with the Core of my role at TIS and my personal values

Fun fact: My nickname is Spicy

Hobbies: Reading, Gift wrapping and cooking

Location: My office is located at the Project Centre – CAS-SA office

Passing the Torch: Beacon of Hope CAS Project's Legacy



After months of unwavering dedication and community support, the Beacon of Hope CAS Project has successfully concluded its heartfelt mission. Today, The Hope Has Come Foundation gratefully received a generous donation of GHC 16,000 from the **Beacon of Hope** team. Our team, consisting of *Winston Mwindaare, Hadi Amoussa, Kwesi Kutu, Joel Adjei, Philip Kwakye, Tiffeney Nyarko, Anthony Mayilamene, and Mercedes Armah (Grade 12)*, worked tirelessly under the exceptional guidance of our project supervisor, *Frances Ajavon-Okudzeto*.

In the spirit of continuity and passing on the torch of compassion, we, the Grade 12 students, have decided to transition the mission to the capable hands of Grade 11. Instead of continuing fundraising activities, we will take on the role of mentors, guiding our junior counterparts to seamlessly take over **the Beacon of Hope initiative**. This strategic move ensures the sustainability and enduring impact of the project.

Through this transformative journey, we have not only raised funds for a noble cause but have also imbibed invaluable lessons in line with the CAS Learning Outcomes. The significance of commitment, teamwork, and adaptability became evident as we witnessed the impact of our efforts at the **Asuboi Orphanage**, realising the power of collective action in creating positive change.

During today's event, we were honoured to have Madame Bernice Gavor, the Management Team Lead of the **Hope Has Come Foundation**, and **Dr Yalley** in attendance to receive the donation on behalf of the Foundation. Their presence added significance to our collective achievement.

The legacy of **Beacon of Hope** will endure through this thoughtful transition, emphasizing the importance of continuity in making a difference. The dedication and passion instilled by the Grade 12 team will now inspire a new generation of students to carry forward the mission, creating a lasting impact on the lives of those supported by the **Hope Has Come Foundation**.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all contributors, students, staff, and parents who supported us throughout this journey. We eagerly anticipate witnessing Beacon of Hope's continued success under the stewardship of the Grade 11 students.

Sincerely, *Beacon of Hope Team*

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10th DOEIA Expedition Camp



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Thu. 21 - Sat. 23 March. 2024 **Survival Island**

For more information email
 DoEIA Coordinator - david.difie@tis.edu.gh

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD

There is a change in the schedule for the upcoming DoEIA expedition camp. The new dates are Thursday, 21 March – Saturday, 23 March 2024. We understand that this change may affect your prior arrangements, and we sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused. We believe this adjustment will still allow for a fulfilling and enjoyable experience for all participants while accommodating the necessary modifications to our original plan.

We advise that a kit list for participants be provided or available by Sunday, 17 March at the latest. Participants will depart from campus at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, 21 March, and return to campus by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, 23 March. With this update, parents can pick up their wards on Saturday, 23 March, for the mid-semester break.

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this date change, please get in touch with the DoEIA Coordinator, Mr David Difie, at david.difie@tis.edu.gh

Transforming Lives: "The Teaching Guarantee" Charity Sale!



📣 Exciting News! **"The Teaching Guarantee"** by Dr. Ken Darvall will be available at the Expression! All proceeds from this empowering book will contribute to the 'Transforming Lives' Project, aiding babies with Anorectal Malformation needing corrective surgery. 🚚

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- 📖 **For Yourself:** Dive into the world of dynamic teaching with Dr. Ken Darvall's insights. Purchase a copy for your personal growth!
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- Practical strategies for a dynamic and engaging school community.
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🌟 How to Get Your Copy?

- 📍 Visit the stand at the **Expression Event**, Main campuses.
- ✉️ Contact Mrs. Surama King, CAS Coordinator, email surama.king@tis.edu.gh to secure your limited-edition copy.

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#Make a Difference




ReachOut

Checklist for **DISTURBING CONTENT**


Work out whether the content is right for your child. It might be around their age or just their personality, but trust your gut and put boundaries in place.




Read up on the issues it explores. 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.




Stay up to date with pop culture. You may not care about the Bieber's or Beyonce's of this world but following sites like [Pedestrian.tv](#) and [news.com.au](#) will help you stay ahead of the game.




Make sure they know that not everything they see is how it appears. Have a frank conversation about not taking everything on the internet at face value.




Tell them that they don't have to watch something if they don't want to. *Brainstorm ways they can say no to their peers* and feel confident making their own decisions.




Encourage them to practice self-care. If they are going to watch something make sure they've got an arsenal of things to pick them back up afterwards.



Offer to watch it with them. That way you can talk through anything tough as it comes up. This can be useful even if they've already seen the content.



Let them know where to go for help. Ask them who they would feel comfortable talking to and connect them with services like [ReachOut](#) or [Kids Helpline](#).



COUNSELLORS' CORNER



In life's changing scenes and seasons, dear students, just keep going. We're always here to support your growth. You will succeed; @ TIS, we're a family!!



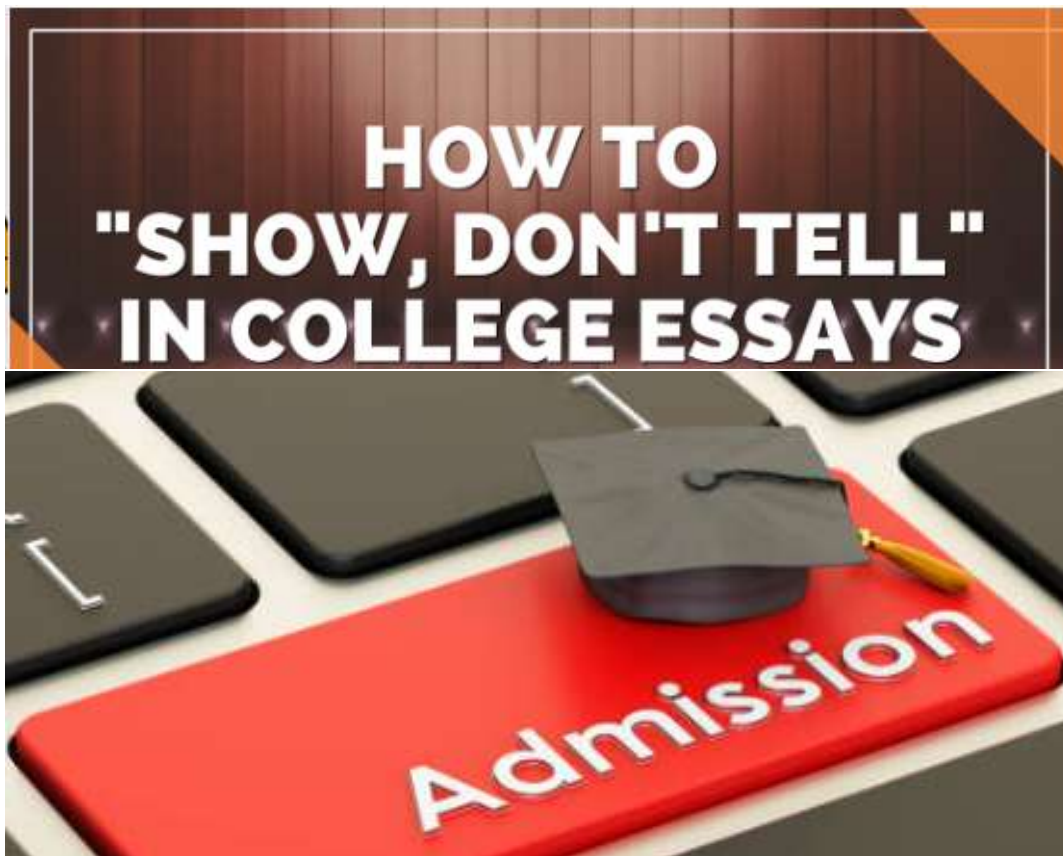
Want to Keep Going?

Here are a few tips;





DP1S' WANT TO WRITE A PERSONALIZED AND OUTSTANDING COLLEGE ESSAY? TRY THESE...



Be Authentic

More than any other consideration, you should choose a topic or point of view that is consistent with who you truly are.

Readers can sense when writers are inauthentic.

Use your own voice, sense of humour, and a natural way of speaking.

Honesty about traits, situations, or a childhood background that you are working to improve may resonate with the reader more strongly than a glib victory speech.

Grab the Reader From the Start

You'll compete with many other applicants for an admission officer's attention.

Focus on Deeper Themes

Some essay writers think they will impress committees by loading an essay with facts, figures, and descriptions of activities, like wins in sports or descriptions of volunteer work. But that's not the point.

College admissions officers are interested in learning more about who you are and what makes you tick.



Show Don't Tell

As you expand on whatever theme you've decided to explore in your essay, remember to show, don't tell.

Reciting a list of activities is also dull. An admissions officer will want to know about the arc of your emotional journey, too.

Try Doing Something Different

If you want your essay to stand out, think about approaching your subject from an entirely new perspective. While many students might choose to write about their wins, for instance, what if you wrote an essay about what you learned from all your losses?

Write With the Reader in Mind

Writing for the reader means building a clear and logical argument in which one thought flows naturally from another.

Use transitions between paragraphs.

Write Several Drafts

Set your essay aside for a few days and come back to it after you've had some time to forget what you've written. Often, you'll discover you have a whole new perspective that enhances your ability to make revisions.

Start writing months before your essay is due.

Read It Aloud

Writer's tip: Reading your essay aloud can instantly uncover passages that sound clumsy, long-winded, or false.

Don't Repeat

If you've mentioned an activity, story, or anecdote in some other part of your application, don't repeat it again in your essay.



Ask Others to Read Your Essay

Be sure the people you ask to read your essay represent different demographic groups—a teacher, a parent, even a younger sister or brother.

Pay Attention to Form

Although there are often no strict word limits for college essays, most essays are shorter rather than longer. Common App, which students can use to submit to multiple colleges, suggests that essays stay at about 650 words.



End Your Essay with a “Kicker”

In journalism, a kicker is the last punchy line, paragraph, or section that brings everything together.

It provides a lasting impression that leaves the reader satisfied and impressed by the points you have artfully woven throughout your piece.

So, here’s our kicker: Be concise and coherent, engage in honest self-reflection, and include vivid details and anecdotes that deftly illustrate your point.

Write, revise, revise again, and good luck!

Click: <https://summer.harvard.edu/blog/12-strategies-to-writing-the-perfect-college-essay/>

TIS @ 20 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY VISITS EDITIOFOR THE MONTH OF MARCH



NAME OF VISITING UNIVERSITIES	DATE OF VISIT	VENUE OF EVENT	TIME OF VISIT
Central Connecticut State University, USA	Friday 8 March 2024	Learning Centre	1:20pm
KICUniv Assist- 9 U.S. Universities	Friday 8 March 2024	Project Centre	3:00pm
African Leadership University, Mauritius/Rwanda, Academic City University College Ghana	Mon. 11 March 2024	Einstein Exam Hall	2:00pm
International Studies Mini Fair- Universities in France	Fri. 15 March 2024	Learning Centre	1:20pm
Forum with Students from Louisiana State University, USA	Fri. 15 March 2024	Einstein Exam Hall	3:00pm
Ashesi University Ghana, Lancaster University Ghana	Tues. 19 March 2024	Einstein Exam Hall	2:00pm
Problem Solving Hackathon with York University, Canada	Wed. 20 March 2024	Einstein Exam Hall	4:10pm
Engineering pathways/ Engineering Design for Health, York University Canada*	Thurs. 21 March 2024	Learning Centre	1:20pm

KICUnivASSIST- UNIVERSITY FAIR TOMORROW@ THE PROJECT CENTRE



TIS Project Center, Tema International School

Friday, 8 March 2024

3.00 pm - 4.30 pm

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Einstein Exam Hall, Tema International School

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2023- 2024 TEST DATES

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



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

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DIGITAL SAT TEST DATES 2023/24

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE
9 March 2024	February 23 2024
4 May 2024	April 2024 TBD



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ACT 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
13 April 2024	2 February 2024
8 June 2024	26 April 2024

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“TIS, as a family school that provides unique experiences, embodies a spirit of integrity and respect for others which are central to the personal, academic and ethical development of each member.

**As a TIS family member,
I promise to uphold and demonstrate its values,
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I make this pledge in the spirit of honour and trust.”**



