

TIS RECORD

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At TIS,

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

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- 6-17/5/24: MYP Final e-Assessments

Thought for the Week

I don't know why people are so keen to put their details of their private life in public; they forget that invisibility is a superpower.

- Banksy



Full Steam Ahead

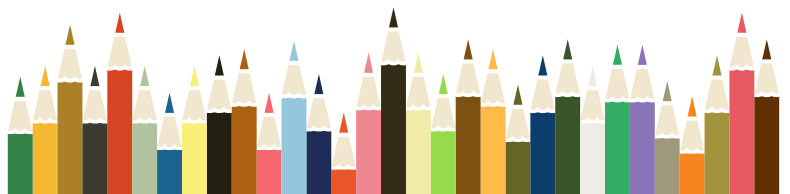
With all classes resuming on Monday, 8 April, after the mid-semester break, it is now time for students (and parents) to get everything ready to ensure a successful end to this academic year.

Ensuring that students return to their normal school routines quickly is usually the most significant challenge students face returning after a school break.

For secondary students, please ensure your clothing and personal items are clearly labelled to avoid being misplaced.

The countdown has indeed started for our G12 students with final exams commencing this month.

G10 final exams commence in May.



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

- Steve Bollar

Visiting Link

- For visits until 26 May 2024, parents will be required to book their visit online. Please go to: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/hn8s8>
- Complete your details and click next to select your day and time. Then click next to receive a confirmation of your booking.

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

SAT/ACT Advice

- 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.

Making Us Proud

- Mr. **Charles Teye**, our Grade 2 HRT, is commended for his collaborative effort in organising our first PYP student leadership elections, showcasing his dedication to nurturing student leaders and fostering a better school community.

The Exam Candidates' Service will be held on 14 April and parents are invited to attend.

Parents are reminded to finalise their accounts with Mr Quansah.

Exeats

Parents are requested to kindly consult the school calendar when making any appointments during the week.

This will be highly important for our exam candidates during the remainder of this semester.

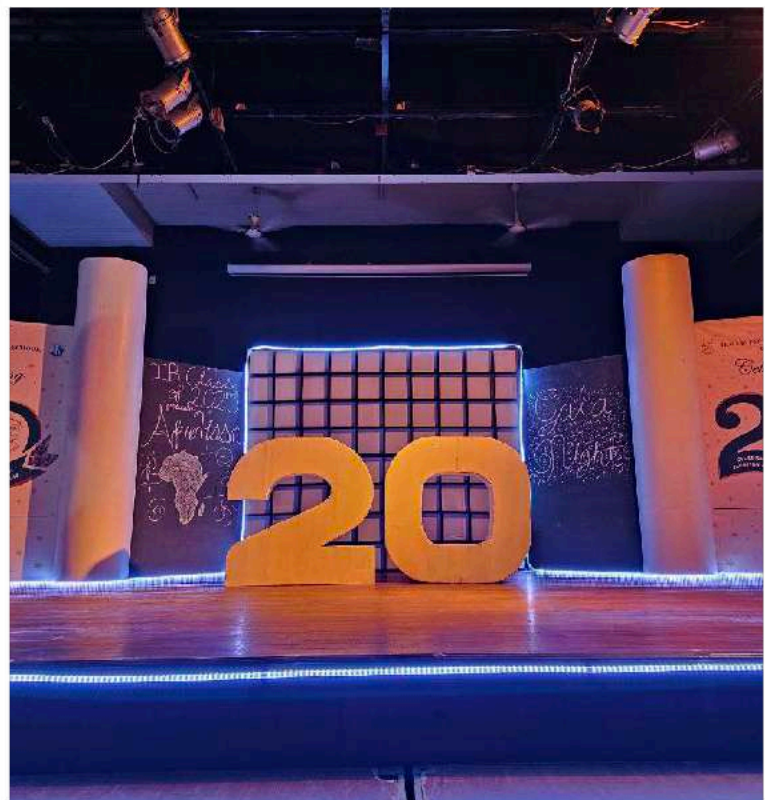
A gentle reminder that only online exeat requests will be considered. Weekend exeat requests must be received by the preceding Wednesday and all other requests should be received at least 48 hours before an appointment. Your cooperation is always appreciated.

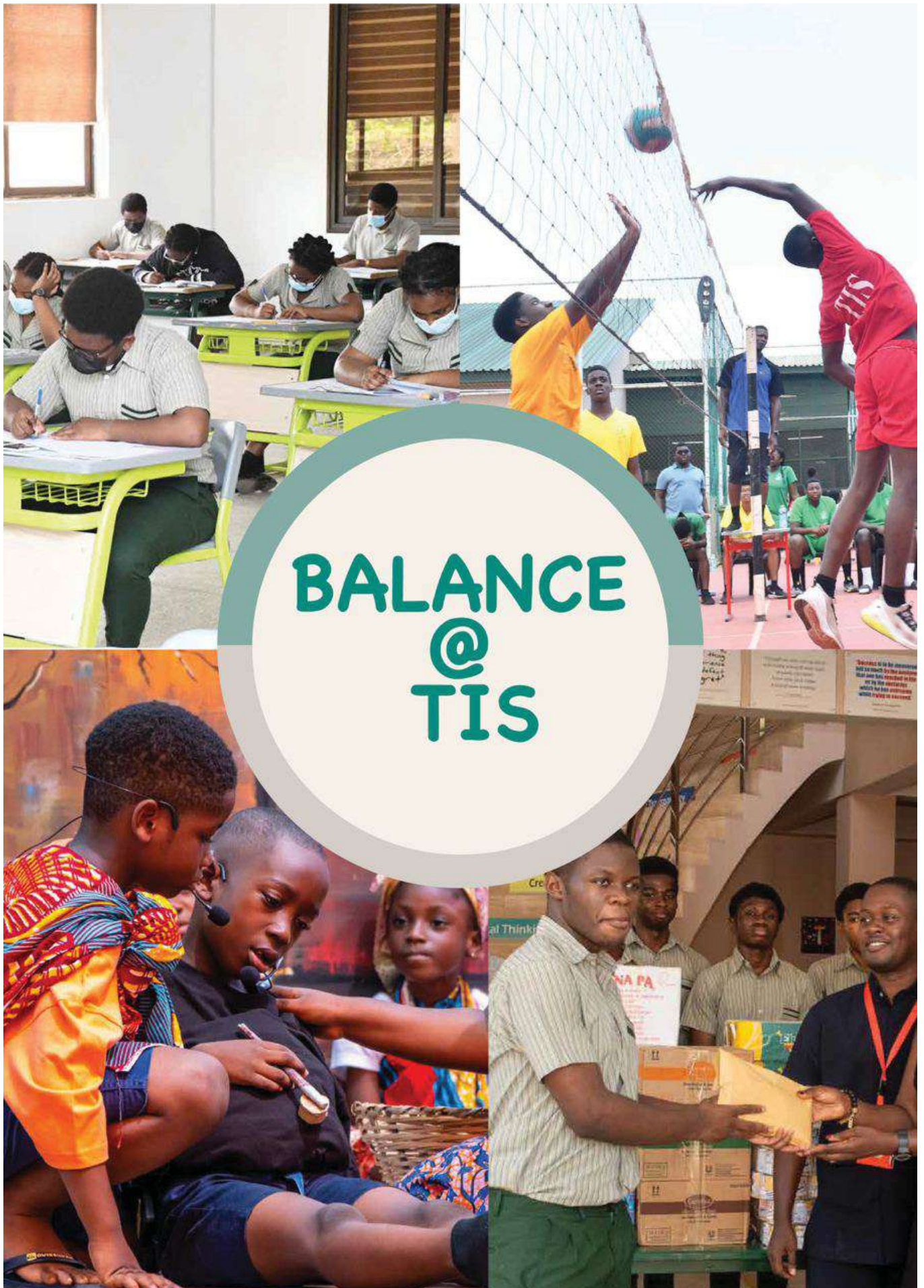
Wishing all our Muslim families a Happy Eid next week.

I appreciate your support. Stay healthy.

Dr Ken Darvall

(Principal) principal@tis.edu.gh





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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.

2023/24 TIS School Calendar Overview

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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	York 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

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

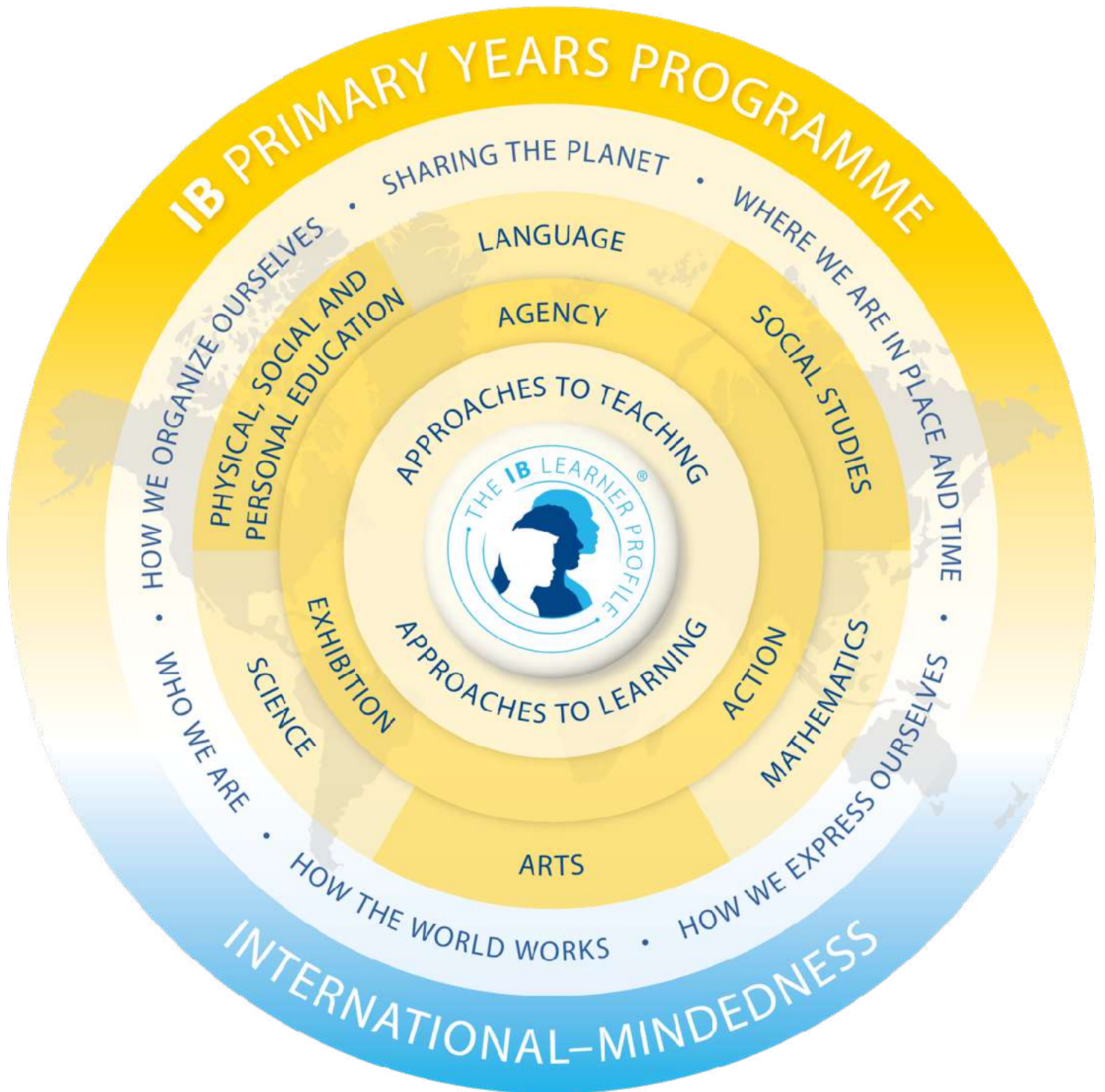
S1 Internal Dates (Primary School Campus)

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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TIS Primary Musical Fiesta:

Celebrating the crescendo of authentic learning



On 22 March 2024, the Tema International School - Primary Years, held the audience spellbound for an entertaining couple of hours with the highly educational celebration of learning like no other. It was a musical masterpiece! The celebration was the summation of inquiries and learning to climax the fifth unit for all classes from the primary years and included some unforgettable contributions from the early years' ongoing units of inquiry.

For the benefit of those who would relish recounting the amazing tales told from these joyful lyrical lessons that Friday, as well as those who, by some unfortunate happenstance, missed this grand fiesta, here is the story retold with its proper context and intent. It was a melodrama titled "A Wonderful World" that captured every unit learned between nine classes in our TIS Primary School campus over the past five weeks.

Before its staging on Friday, the Primary School underwent rigorous rehearsals and collaborative planning meetings to assemble the pieces from each class. Guided by the team of teachers, the learners wove their ideas into a beautiful tapestry of a story that concerns our world, which was portrayed as a village of good and happy people.

The curtain-raiser was a gracious sign language dance to the popular tune by Louis Armstrong, "What a Wonderful World." This was the announcement for the theme of the celebration. It was followed by the Early Years students, who are learning about storytelling, sitting around the narrator as he sang the history of the wonderful village they call home.

The villagers assembled from all walks of life to dance cheerfully to some traditional tunes. Their sheer joy and vibrant moves depicted both contentment with their present life and their unsophisticated approach to livelihood. They did just enough for sustenance and subsistence, not exploring the vast wealth within their reach and not harming the environment with unbridled carelessness.

In this scene, the Grade 1 class sang about the various types of energy: light, sound, kinetic, electrical and more. They reminded each one how vital energy is to life's processes, hence the need to conserve energy as responsible people.

The next scene, played by Grade 3, focused on a mother in this village who was having a hard time reaching her daughter in the big city. In her primitive ways, she was still sending letters by post mail, using an analogue (yam) phone, and having no idea about the benefits of social media for her business. Upon hearing her distress, her beloved daughter gathers her friends to visit the village and educate her mother about the ways digital tools have changed communication, access to information and the technology for work.

Then comes a host of post-modernist business moguls; corporate giants from Grade 6, who are interested in the community for their diverse natural resources. They had come to negotiate to explore these resources at the cost of exploiting the natural environment to its destruction. The ensuing debate with the local elders was a beautiful melodic banter. Finally, a consensus has been reached: the sustainable use of natural resources in ways that biomes and natural habitats are duly preserved.

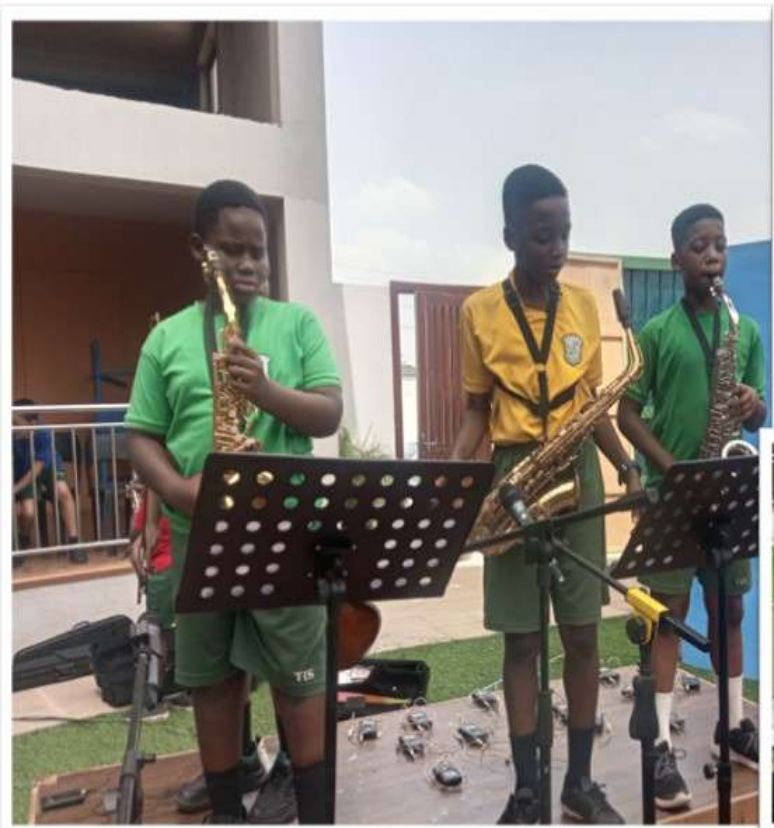
In the ensuing scene, the village king observed the tendency for anarchy and carefully contemplated how to govern his monarchy. His counsel, Grade 4, in a back-and-forth musical parliament, proposes divergent views for governance, from tyranny to democracy. The king wisely concluded that the people's voice must be heard and that they deserved the right to choose the form of governance that would protect and not enslave the villagers.

A chief and his people are confronted with dire water problems at the other end of the village. They have one source of water - a stream, which serves every purpose in the community. The villagers here, played by Grade 2, received visitors who educated them about safe and appropriate water use. They further sang about the properties of water and how these capabilities of water make it possible to purify it through filtration and other means. Based on their learning, they demonstrated how CPR should be performed in emergencies.

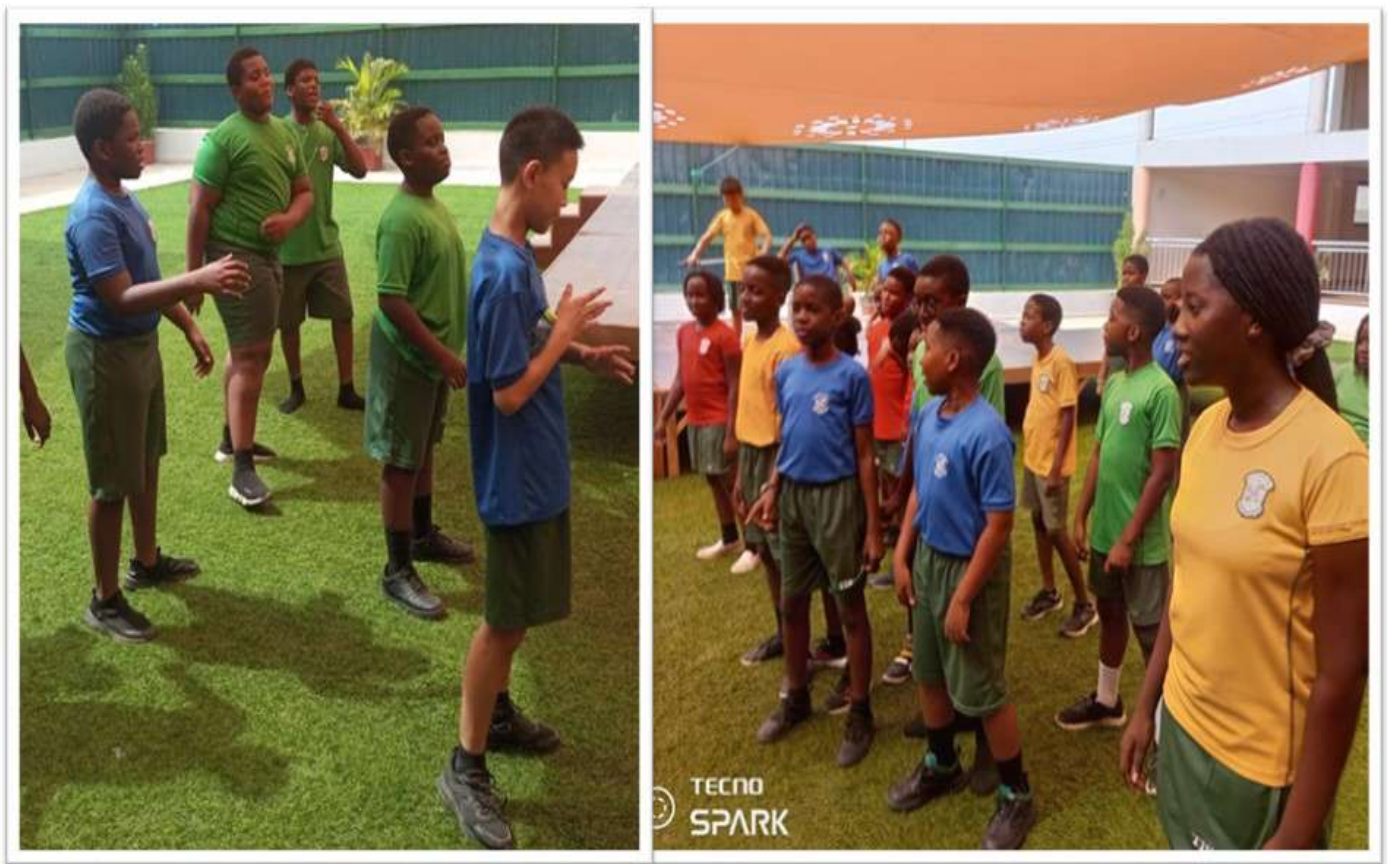
Grade 5 returned to chant about the good ways to work within the environment with sustainable practices. They displayed the classes of natural environments, singing their characteristics and the best ways to live should we find ourselves there.

The show was crowned as the songstress, Abena Sampong, Grade 3, led the school in singing the TIS rendition of Michael Jackson's "We Are the World." Then, the final curtains were drawn, with the pop band playing harmonious hi-life tunes from the 90s.

Do enjoy the scenes from both rehearsals and the celebration performances.



















Reflections



Sefakor Edze (Grade 3)

The celebration was a very great experience for me because I was able to do what I love best – singing. I felt very confident.



Isaiah Brown-Glover (Grade 3)

This unit celebration was special for me. I really like drumming and I got the chance to do it before the whole school. I felt very proud of myself.



Hagan Ntimah (Art)

As an art teacher, I find immense joy in witnessing the awesomeness of our IB PYP unit celebration. It's a moment where creativity, curiosity, and collaboration intertwine, showcasing the growth and development of our young artists. Through their diverse expressions and interpretations, they not only demonstrate their understanding of the unit's concepts but also reveal the power of art to communicate, connect, and inspire. As we celebrate their achievements, I am reminded of the profound impact of art in fostering critical thinking, empathy, and cultural appreciation. It's a privilege to witness their journey and to continue nurturing their passion for artistic expression.



Charles Teye (HRT)

It is a remarkable privilege for us as teachers to nurture these young minds and see them demonstrate their understanding at different levels. This celebration in particular took a very dynamic twist. Being in the form of a musical, learners had to be intimately conversant with the concepts learned to churn out these great pieces and that is exactly what they did! Kudos to the team! It was a relentless but rewarding journey.



Also, at the celebration were invited guests from **the Aves International Academy**. Here are a few of their comments:

Master Tukpeyi (student in Year 6): It was such a delight to see other learners singing so well and telling what they have learned through songs.

Saaba Wellington (student in Year 6): The students were so well organised; even the very little ones. And the show was very nice.





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.



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CANDIDATES SERVICE

With **Rev. Akua Ofori-Boateng**

THEME: PROV. 3:5; 21:31

"DO YOUR BEST, TRUST GOD FOR THE REST."

Sunday

14 April 2024

MPH

Multipurpose Hall

11:00 AM

GMT

Note: This event is open to students, staff & parents

COUNSELLORS' CORNER



Dear Students, we hope you had a rejuvenating Easter and mid-semester break. We look forward to seeing you next week to finish the 2nd half of the semester strong. Finishing well is what really counts. Our candidate students, our prayers are with you. Make the most of the few weeks left to finals. You've got this!



DP1 PARENTS' FINANCIAL AID ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS WITH UNIVERSITY GUIDANCE COUNSELORS WILL COMMENCE AFTER THE MID-SEMESTER BREAK. PARENTS, PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR AN EMAIL FROM YOUR WARD'S COUNSELLOR WITH THE AVAILABLE DATES AND TIMES AND BE SURE TO CONFIRM YOUR SUITABLE APPOINTMENT BEFORE THE END OF MAY 2024.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

DP1s AND DP2s: TO DO LIST FOR MID-SEMESTER BREAK!

<p>DP1 STUDENTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Discuss parents’ budget for university annual fees, ✓ Preferred university locations and other factors, ✓ Complete college essay, personal statement and ✓ Initial university list on school selection sheet. ✓ Practice for, & Register for April or June ACT and May SAT ✓ Get some rest
<p>DP2 STUDENTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Discuss and decide on firm and insurance UK university final choices with your parents ✓ Update your IBIS form with all the important details on your university offers so far ✓ Start gathering required visa application documents ✓ Check your university portals for updates on your status/admission decisions and keep us posted! ✓ Study for final ib exams ✓ Get some rest

DP2s, GHANAIAN UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!



Ghana Our Beautiful Country Has Excellent Reputable Universities Across The Nation, and some applications are open. Ashesi University, Lancaster University Ghana and Academic City University applications are open. Come prepared to complete them and or any other Ghanaian university applications that are open. Remember, it is highly recommended that each of you DP2s have at least one Ghanaian university. African Leadership University (Rwanda/Mauritius) is also a great option to consider.

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">OPPORTUNITIES FOR...</h2> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Curricular Practical Training (CPT) <i>while in school</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">AND</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Optional Practical Training (OPT) <i>for 3 years after degree completion</i></p>									



EXCITING SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE! We are excited to announce the expansion of Opportunity Vanderbilt, our nationally recognized no-loan financial aid program. Our expanded commitment will provide a **full-tuition scholarship** for all households with incomes of \$150,000 or less, assuming typical assets. Opportunity Vanderbilt

makes three commitments to cultivate a community of talented scholars from all social, cultural, and economic backgrounds.

1. **For U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens, the ability to pay is not part of the admission decision.** When we read applications, we consider academics, school and community involvement, and other factors, but not a family's financial situation. Not all colleges practice this, but Vanderbilt does.
2. **We meet 100% of every family's demonstrated financial need.** Not all schools commit to fully meeting demonstrated needs, but Vanderbilt does.
3. **Financial aid awards do not include loans.** Our aid awards include scholarship money that does not require repayment. Some schools include federal student loans or institutional loans in aid awards. Vanderbilt does not.

We believe that cost should never be a barrier to a world-class education. While our expanded commitment provides a full-tuition scholarship for all households with incomes of \$150,000 or less, these same families typically receive Opportunity Vanderbilt awards greater than full tuition to support housing, food, travel and other college expenses.

Opportunity Vanderbilt has been a significant part of Vanderbilt's upward trajectory, contributing to student diversity, academic excellence and alumni philanthropy. The university has provided more than \$2.6 billion in scholarship aid for undergraduate students since 2009, and 65 percent of current undergraduates are receiving some financial assistance.

To learn more about Opportunity Vanderbilt, visit our [website](#) see link below:

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2023- 2024 TEST DATES

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



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

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

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

If having Troubles Registering contact Aunty Portia in person or by email at portia.atubiga@tis.edu.gh

DIGITAL SAT TEST DATES 2023/24

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE
9 March 2024	February 23 2024
4 May 2024	April 17 2024



- ✓ **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>

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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As a TIS family member,

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I make this pledge in the spirit of honour and trust.”



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