

TIS RECORD

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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 of each student.

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- 13/8/25: Newbies arrive
- 17/8/25: Continuing secondary students resume.
- 18/8/25: All P-12 classes commence

Thought for the Week

There are two ways to measure how you are doing: internally or externally. Most of our growth comes from internal measurement, while most problems stem from external comparison.

- Shane Parrish



What an end to F&F 2I!

Last week's Main Campus Achievers and Graduation Ceremony was a majestic, inspiring and extraordinary way to conclude the 2024/2025 academic year for our secondary school students.

With His Majesty King Tackie Teiko Tsuru II (Ga Mantse and President of the Ga Traditional Council) as the Guest of Honour, we farewelled our IB Class of 2025 - The Innovators.

We had the pleasure of enjoying our guest speaker, Samuel Amanor, Founder and CEO of BlueSPACE Financial Cloud.

Dr Abdul Aziz Timbilla (IB Class of 2015) was our Alumni speaker who provided poignant advice to our graduating students and all in attendance. Similarly, the parent speaker, Ambassador Asmaa James, encouraged our graduating class to



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

-Steve Bollar

Making Us Proud

- Jacob Lumumba and the PYP team (PYP news), Yvonne Tagoe and Jerry Darko (MYP news). Surama King and the CASSA team (CASSA news), Dennis Akortah and Setor Adih (hostel news) and Constance Quaye and the University Guides (Counsellor corner) for the regular Bulletin contributions throughout this academic year

Accounts

- When paying an amount in our school's account, always **ensure you use the student's family name and student ID as the payment reference.**

SAT & ACT

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

achieve their best by remaining true to their values and beliefs.

Special congratulations to our award winners and members of the graduating class. Well done!

Apologies to Emmanuel and Eunice Mac-Deh, proud parents of Jenelle Mac-Deh, who is the fifth (and not the fourth) and last child of the family to graduate from TIS. We have enjoyed and appreciated your support over the years. Thank you.

Accounts

All accounts should now be cleared. Please be mindful of the consequences:

- Access to semester reports and transcripts will be blocked until your account is cleared.
- External examination results will be unavailable.

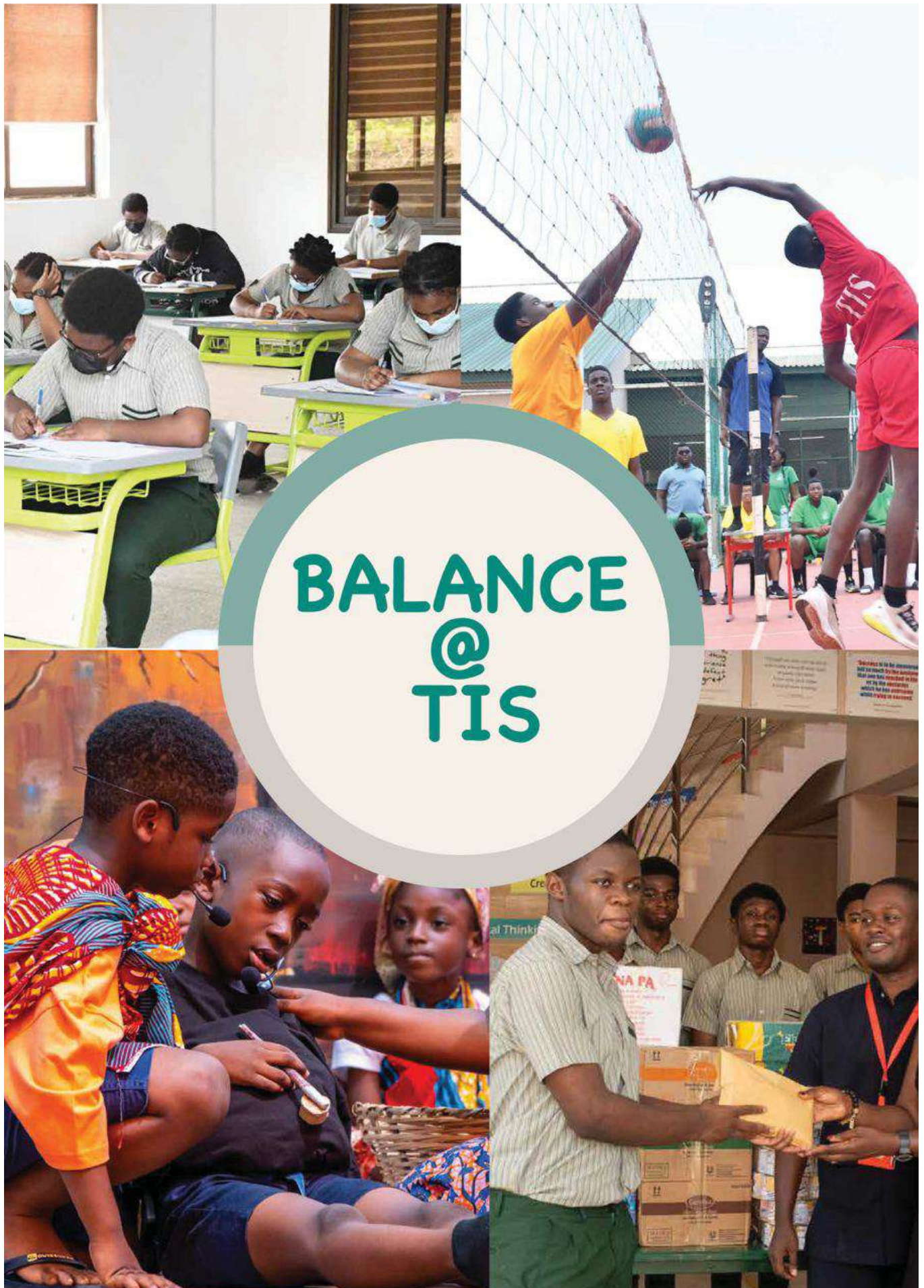
Please note that our finance staff will be on annual leave from 20 June.

Thank you for being so supportive during Fast & Furious 21. We are grateful.

Dr Ken Darvall (Principal)

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Device Minimum Specifications

Laptops – Windows or Mac

- ✓ Operating system
 - Windows 11 Pro or higher in order to join TIS domain (to access Wi-Fi, apps, etc.)
 - MAC OS 14 or higher (OSX 15 Sequoia recommended)
- ✓ RAM – minimum 12GB (16GB recommended)
- ✓ CPU – minimum 14th Gen Intel – recommended Gen 15 Intel i5/i7/i9 or M3/M4 or equivalent
- ✓ Hard drive – minimum 256GB SSD (500GB Solid State Drive recommended)
- ✓ Wi-Fi 802.11ax only – dual band 2.4ghz/5ghz /6ghz required to connect to TIS Wi-Fi
- ✓ Screen Size – at least 12"
- ✓ Anti-virus software – up to date at all times (Symantec Antivirus or Sophos Antivirus)
- ✓ Battery life – minimum 4hrs
- ✓ Personal Power Banks in case device need recharging during the day in case of power outage
- ✓ No US plugs/power adaptors
- ✓ Protective case and laptop carry case
- ✓ Microsoft 365 apps (word, excel, PowerPoint, teams)

NOTE: Microsoft Windows 10 devices will not be accepted for security reasons since it will reach its end of life by October 2025 thereby exposing the device to malware attacks.

Knowledge is the KEY

TIS 2025/26 School Calendar

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Public holidays 2025/26

4 Aug, 2025	Founders' Day	Jan 1, 2026	New Year's Day	3 Apr, 2026	Good Friday
22 Sep, 2025	KN Memorial Day	7 Jan, 2026	Constitution Day	6 Apr, 2026	Easter Monday
5 Dec, 2025	Farmers' Day	6 Mar, 2026	Independence Day	1 May, 2026	May Day
Dec 25, 2025	Christmas Day	20 Mar, 2026	Eid Al Fitr (TBC)	27 May, 2026	Eid Al-Adha (TBC)

Dates and/or events are subject to changes.

FIRST SEMESTER

1/8/25	2025 MYP Results Released; 2025 MYP Enquiries Upon Results Open;
1/8/25	MYP PP: Final product (photo evidence upload)
5/8/25	All staff resume
11/8/25	Student Council executives return
13/8/25	Newbies arrive (Meeting @ 2.00pm)
15/8/25	PYP Meet the teacher session (1.30pm)
16/8/25	Personal Project: Criterion B draft due
17/8/25	Continuing secondary students resume
18/8/25	All P-12 classes commence
22/8/25	TIS Junior Soccer Championships
23/8/25	SAT
24/8/25	School Performance auditions
29/8/25	TIS Senior Soccer Championships
30/8/25	Peer Buddies Workshop. NO EXEATS FOR NEWBIES.
31/8/25	Thanksgiving Service (11.00am) NO EXEATS
6/9/25	TIS Tennis Championships/TIS Badminton Championships;
6/9/25	PYP Parents training session (9.00am); ACT
10-11/9/25	PYP Evaluation Visit
11/9/25	G12 TOK Exhibition
12/9/25	MYP PP Criterion B final due
13/9/25	SAT; MYP & DP Parents Information sessions. NO EXEATS (Until after these sessions)
19/9/25	PYP End of Unit 1 #WI; DP Geography Excursion
20/9/25	TIS Sporty Family. NO EXEATS
26/9/25	MYP CP: Community tour
27/9/25	TIS Handball Championships; High School Praise (Praise Night Fundraiser)
28/9-5/10/25	22 nd Anniversary TIS Spirit Week. Career Fair NO EXEATS
3/10/25	TIS Founders' Day. Main Campus admissions open for 2025/2027
4/10/25	SAT;
5/10/25	22 nd Anniversary Thanksgiving Service. NO EXEATS until after 1.00pm)
6-11/10/25	Mid-semester break
11/10/25	ISSAG Football
12/10/25	Students return to hostels
13/10/25	All classes resume after mid-semester
14/10/25	G9/G11 Changes to Subject Selections close; DP Geography Data Excursion
18/10/25	ISSAG Football, Handball, Tennis; ACT
19-25/10/25	Sankofa 2025: Cross Cultural Arts Festival (G11 only)
20/10/25	MYP PP: Criterion C draft due
20/10/25	Student Council (SC) shadowing process commences;
21/10/25	G12 EE Café
23/10/25	Girls Volleyball Championships (during ASA)
24/10/25	Boys Volleyball Championships (during ASA)
25/10/25	PSAT: ISSAG Football, Handball, finals
26/10/25	TIS swimming championships (3.00 – 5.00pm)
28-29/10/25	I&S Celebration Days
31/10/25	PYP End of Unit 2 Celebrations; Submission of G12 TOK Draft Essay; Language competition (7-12)
1/11/25	ISSAG Volleyball, Swimming and Badminton
3/11/25	DP Business Management Excursion
8/11/25	SAT; Annual Production NO EXEATS
11-12/11/25	Collaborative Sciences Project – G12;
14/11/25	PYP Book Day
17-21/11/25	MYP5 On-screen examination (Reports due 5/12/25) No exeats for G10
19-28/11/25	G11-12 end of semester exams (Reports due 5/12/24) No exeats for G11-12
24/11/25	MYP CP: Presentation of objectives
28/11/25	PYP End of Unit 3 3WI;
29/11/25	MYP PP Criterion C completion; Peer Buddies Workshop
30/11/25	Choral Night (Chaplaincy)
1/12/25	SC applications open for 2024 elections
6/12/25	SAT
8/12/25	Christmas Lunch
9/12/25	MYP PP Final Report due: photo evidence & bibliography upload
10/12/25	Last day for the first semester: Students may depart after 3-Way interviews or 1.00pm if no interview
12/12/25:	Last day for teachers
13/12/25	ACT

SECOND SEMESTER

6/1/26	Staff Wellbeing Retreat
8-9/1/26	Staff training days
11/1/26	Students return to hostels; applications for 2024 SC positions close
12/1/26	Second semester commences.
12-18/1/26	Alumni Homecoming Week
17/1/26	TIS Athletics Championships. NO EXEATS BEFORE 1.00PM
18/1/26	Alumni Thanksgiving Service
19/1/26	SC Manifesto Readings
20/1/26	2026 Student Council elections by voting (7.00am-4.00pm)
24/1/26	ISSAG Basketball, Table Tennis and Hockey.
28-30/1/26	IDU Days; G12 EE; G11 EE, 11/12 CAS Reflection Day
31/1/26	SC Leadership Camp NO EXEATS FOR SCHOOL LEADERS ; ISSAG Basketball, TT & Hockey D2
1/2/26	Student Leadership Induction Ceremony NO EXEATS
7/2/26	Creative Writing Workshop
9-13/2/26	MYP5 Mock On-screen examination NO G10 EXEATS
12/2/26	G11 TOK Exhibition. NO G11 EXEATS
13/2/26	PYP End of Unit 4 #WI; Early Years Family Day; TIS Squash Championships;
14/2/26	Peer Buddies Workshop; Chocolate Friendship Day
16-27/2/26	DP Mocks. NO G12 EXEATS
25/2/26	MYP PP standardisation and moderation (teachers)
27-28/2/26	ISSAG Athletics;
7/3/26	MYP Projects (Personal & Community) NO EXEATS (until after this session)
11/3/25	PYP – MYP Info Day at Main Campus
12/3/26	G11 TOK Exhibition. NO G11 EXEATS
14/3/26	SAT; Pi Day
20/3/26	MYP PP: Academic Honesty First Record
21/3/26	2026 STEAM Day NO EXEATS (until after the event)
27/3/26	PYP End of Unit 5 Unit Celebrations; Three-way interviews: Students depart AFTER interviews
28-30/3/26	DP Geography Field Trip
28/3-12/4/26	Mid-semester break
31/3/26	MYP PP Criterion A draft due; Draft 2026/2027 Calendar Overview Released
11/4/26	ACT
12/4/26	Students return to hostels
13/4/26	All classes resume after mid-semester;
17/4/26	G11 EE Cafe
18/4/26	G12 Grad photos (All day). NO G12 EXEATS ; MYP5 Examprep workshop (NO G10 EXEATS)
19/4/26	Exam Candidates' Service NO EXEATS
21/4/26	MYP5->DP1 info session; PP Criterion A draft due
24/4-22/5/26	DP Final Exams
24/4/26	PYP Spelling Bee
2/5/26	SAT
4/5/26	MYP PP Criterion A final due
4-15/5/26	MYP IBMYP On-screen examination
16-30/5/26	Break for MYP5 leavers (Leavers return to Hostels on 30/5/26 by 5.00 pm)
18-29/5/26	G11 semester exams; G10 classes resume (compulsory attendance).
20-26/5/26	MYP4 On-screen examination
21/5/26	PYP End of Unit 6 3WI
22/5/26	PYPX & VAX
23/5/26	Leavers' Dinner
29/5/26	MYP4 (2025/2026) subject selections
30/5/26	2026 PYP Annual Achievers & Graduation Ceremony; Last day for PYP Students
31/5/26	Peer Buddies Workshop
5/6/25	Last day for PYP staff
6/6/26	2026 MYP/DP Annual Achievers and Graduation Ceremony; Last day for MYP/DP Students
12/6/26	Last day for teachers; S2 reports published.
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21/4/26	MYP5->DPI info session; PP Criterion A draft due
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CAS-SA Corner

A Celebration of Excellence – Annual Achievers & Graduation Ceremony 2025



Last week, the TIS community came together for what was truly a **beautiful and inspiring celebration**, our **Annual Achievers and Graduation Ceremony** for the **IB Class of 2025, The Innovators**.

The atmosphere at the **Secondary Campus Sports Complex** was filled with pride, colour, culture, and joy as we honoured the achievements of our students across all pillars: **Academics, Sports, Service, Culture, and Leadership**. It was a moment to reflect on hard work, growth, and the collaborative spirit that defines TIS.

We extend our **deepest appreciation to all parents and guardians** for the overwhelming attendance and support. Your presence made the day even more meaningful for our students, and your ongoing encouragement plays an essential role in their development.

To our talented students who performed with such grace and passion, **thank you**. You reminded us all of the power of creativity, expression, and dedication. Whether through music, dance, or words, each contribution added life and meaning to the ceremony.

We are also grateful to our **distinguished guests**, including **His Majesty Nii Tackie Teiko Tsuru II, Mr Samuel Amanor, Ambassador Mrs Asmaa James, and Dr Abdul Aziz Timbilla**, whose inspiring messages challenged and uplifted us.

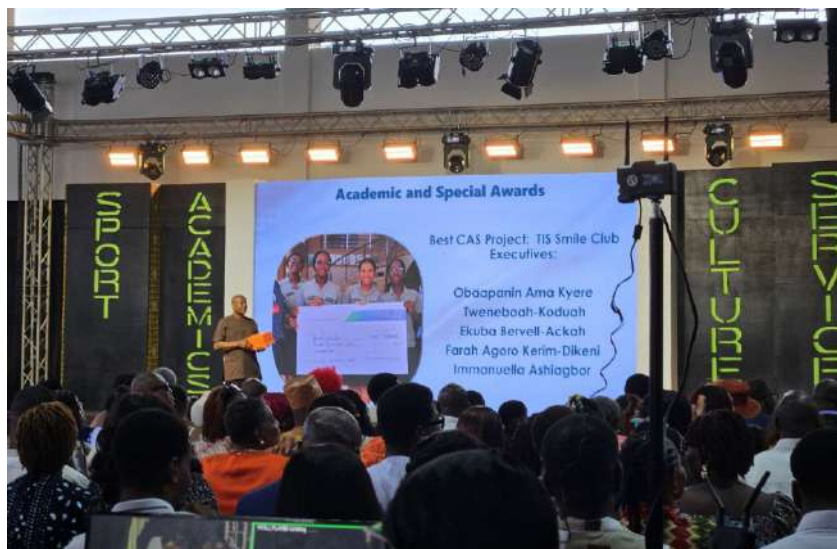
Special thanks go to the **Organising Committee and staff team** whose hard work behind the scenes brought everything together seamlessly. From decor to logistics, performances to protocol, your commitment created an experience that was both elegant and memorable.

The ceremony was more than a celebration of academic achievement; it was a tribute to **effort, consistency, collaboration, and growth**.

To the IB Class of 2025, we say once more: **congratulations**. Your journey continues, and we are proud to have been part of your story.

Thank you, TIS family, for making it an unforgettable experience.

Recognising Effort, Celebrating Growth: Understanding the TIS Awards Culture



At Tema International School, we are proud to nurture a culture that **acknowledges and celebrates achievement across all four pillars: Academics, Sports, Service, Culture, and Leadership.**

Our Annual Achievers and Graduation Ceremony is not just a celebration of high grades or exceptional talents; it is a platform to honour **consistency, effort, commitment, and character.**

While academics remain important, they are **not the sole focus** of recognition. We value equally the contributions of students who shine in sports, give generously in service, lead with humility, or uplift the school's spirit through culture and community. This holistic approach allows us to celebrate both individuals and groups, highlighted through awards such as **Class of the Year, Colour of the Year, and Best CAS Project.** These awards emphasise the power of **collaboration** and collective excellence.

When we identify the top student in a subject area, it's not just about the highest grades. We also consider their **attitude, engagement, growth mindset, and contribution to learning.** A truly deserving recipient is someone who strives, supports others, and exemplifies what it means to be an IB learner.

It is important to address a common misunderstanding:

Awards are not given to the most talented or the strongest performer alone, but to those who consistently show up, commit to the process, and act with integrity.

Too often, we see students relying on raw talent, whether academic, artistic, or athletic, while neglecting essential practices such as rehearsal attendance, meeting deadlines, peer collaboration, and seeking feedback. A student may be a brilliant singer, for example, but if they are late for rehearsals or disregard team responsibilities, they fall short of what we value at TIS.



A clear example of this can be seen in the **Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (DofEIA).** Completing the expeditions is just one component. To be eligible for the award, students must also complete their **activities, service, project,** and most importantly, maintain their **Online Record Book (ORB).** Unfortunately, this year, several students were not listed as recipients, not because they lacked talent or effort, but because they did not fulfil all the required components.



We encourage all parents and students to **review the Award Guide carefully** and reach out to **Mr Atseku (DofEIA Head)** or **Mr Mawuli (Assistant Head)** for clarity.

Let us raise students who understand that with every right comes responsibility. That to be recognised is not about entitlement, but about action, **ethics, consistency, and collaboration**.

While we celebrate the many students who received awards this year, we also acknowledge the **disappointment** of those who 'expected' to be recognised. Let this be a moment to **reflect**, not retreat. The values we hold dear – integrity, commitment, and a desire to grow – must guide our next steps.

At TIS, we believe:

“Hard work beats talent when talent doesn’t work hard.”

Let us keep striving together.



Transforming Smiles, Changing Lives – Cape Coast Mission (13–17 June)

The TIS Smile Club is proud to announce that five of our dedicated volunteers will represent Tema International School at the upcoming **Cape Coast Surgical Mission**, organised by **Operation Smile Ghana**, from **Thursday, 13 June to Monday, 17 June 2025**. Our student team includes:

- **Betty Amanima Owusu (G11)**
- **Oheneba Tweneboah-Koduah (G11)**
- **Maame Akosua Osei-Amoako (G11)**
- **Samantha Kattah (G11)**
- **Obaapanin Tweneboah-Koduah (Alumna)**

This mission presents a valuable opportunity for students to participate in a multidisciplinary medical outreach initiative that provides **free corrective surgery** for children born with **cleft lip and cleft palate**.

While in Cape Coast, the students will support the Operation Smile Ghana team in various non-medical roles, including logistics, documentation, play therapy, and patient and family interaction. This direct exposure to compassionate healthcare in action aligns deeply with the CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) component of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme.

The Cape Coast mission is also a **mandatory requirement** for these students as they prepare to represent Ghana at the **Operation Smile International Student Leadership Conference (ISLC)** in Maryland, USA this July.

We are proud of their commitment and grateful to the Operation Smile Ghana team for providing such a transformational opportunity. We also extend our appreciation to the parents of our student volunteers for their continuous support.

Stay tuned as we share reflections and experiences from the mission in our next bulletin.

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DATE: 12th to 23rd June 2025.

VENUE: CAPE COAST TEACHING HOSPITAL



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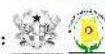
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ASA – After School Activities - Meet Our Patron



Dr Ken Darvall

Principal | Patron and Coach of the Sunday Swimming Club | Author | Educational Leader

This week, we honour a very special figure in our school community, **Dr Ken Darvall**, who this year marks **10 years as Principal of Tema International School**. Since joining TIS in 2015, Dr Ken's visionary leadership has guided growth and transformation across every aspect of the school. A passionate advocate for **holistic education**, he continues to lead by example,

even beyond the classroom.

Known for being the first to arrive on campus each morning, Dr Ken never misses the opportunity to greet those he meets. His favourite phrase, *"No excuses,"* and his belief that *"If you arrive on time, you're already late,"* set a powerful tone for the school culture. His sense of humour is unmatched, and his morning assemblies are especially popular for his '3 Things', *what excites him, what concerns him, and what is important*. These brief yet profound moments are filled with quotes and meaningful reflections that staff and students eagerly anticipate week after week.

What Club Do You Lead?

"Sunday Swimming Club"

Why Swimming?

"Everyone should be able to swim, especially in Ghana's climate."

What He Enjoys Most About ASA

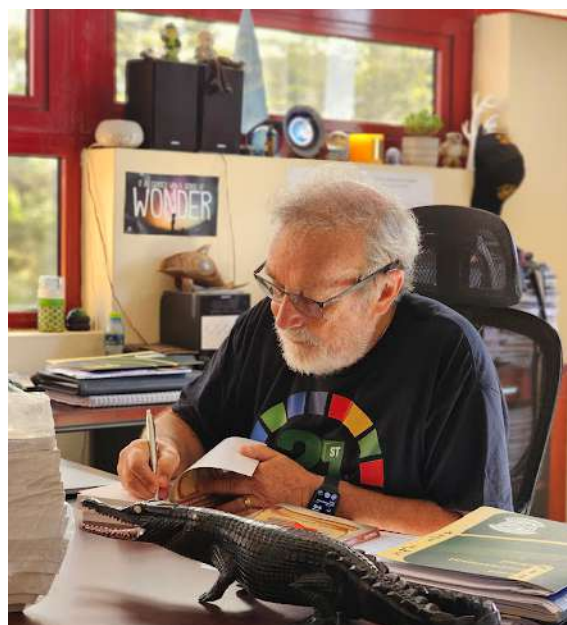
"Providing opportunities and identifying talent."

More Than a Principal

Dr Darvall is also the **author** of two impactful books:

- *The Teaching Guarantee: Every Day is Different*
- *The Teaching Guarantee: Making a Difference*

Both publications are not only a must-read for educators, but have also inspired student-led initiatives, significantly contributing to major TIS projects such as **Transforming Lives** and **EducAid**. *All proceeds from his books support these projects. Order your copy if you haven't done so.*



Fun Fact About Our Patron

“From 2008–2013, I coached our primary school boys’ sports teams (futsal, AFL, tag football, and t-ball) and they remained undefeated in every game.”



Fun Fact About His ASA Role

“2015–2019 were the golden years of swimming at TIS.”

Hobbies and Interests Outside School

- Reading
- Research
- Technology
- Recreational music

Where Can You Find Him?

“Everywhere.”

A Message from Dr Ken:

“If you want to improve your swimming skills or become a swimming champion, you need to practise. The Sunday Swimming Club is the place to do exactly that.”





Sankofa Arts Festival 2025: Embracing Our Roots Through Art



Tema International School is proud to announce its participation in the **Sankofa Arts Festival 2025**, an exciting international celebration of arts, culture, and collaboration. This maiden edition, hosted by **SOS-Hermann Gmeiner College** in Ghana, will run from 19 to 24 October 2025, gathering IB students from across Ghana, Senegal, and Switzerland under the powerful theme: *“Sankofa – Going Back to Move Forward.”*

Rooted in the Ghanaian philosophy that encourages learning from the past to shape a better future, the festival aims to inspire reflection, creativity, and cultural exchange through Visual Arts, Theatre, Dance, Music, and Media Arts. Students will participate in workshops, performances, exhibitions, storytelling sessions, and collaborative projects that foster artistic expression and global understanding.

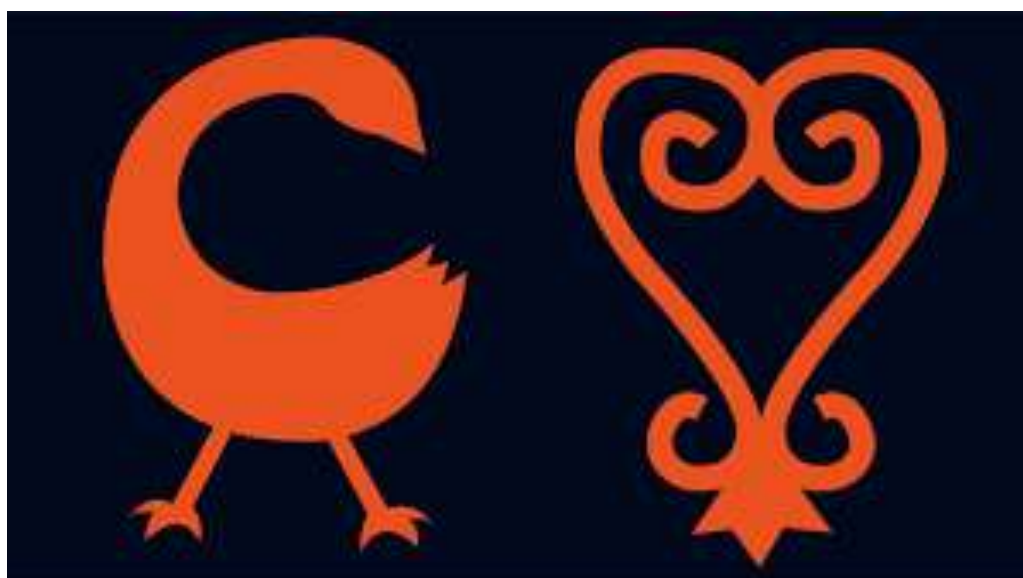
Students who join the **Sankofa Festival 2025** will not only represent Tema International School on an international platform but also engage in a deeply enriching learning experience that aligns with the IB philosophy of holistic, intercultural education. Each participating student is required to pay a registration fee of GHC 2,500, which covers festival participation and materials, payable to the host school. All participants are required to make payment to Ms Abigail upon their return from the summer break. The **payment deadline** is 25 August 2025.

We encourage all interested and passionate Grade 10 and 11 students (Currently) to register and be part of this unique opportunity to create, collaborate, and connect through the arts. The call is not only to perform or display but to listen, learn, and leave a legacy through creative storytelling.

👉 Click here to register: <https://forms.gle/Fix1v5ahyAopMoBH6>

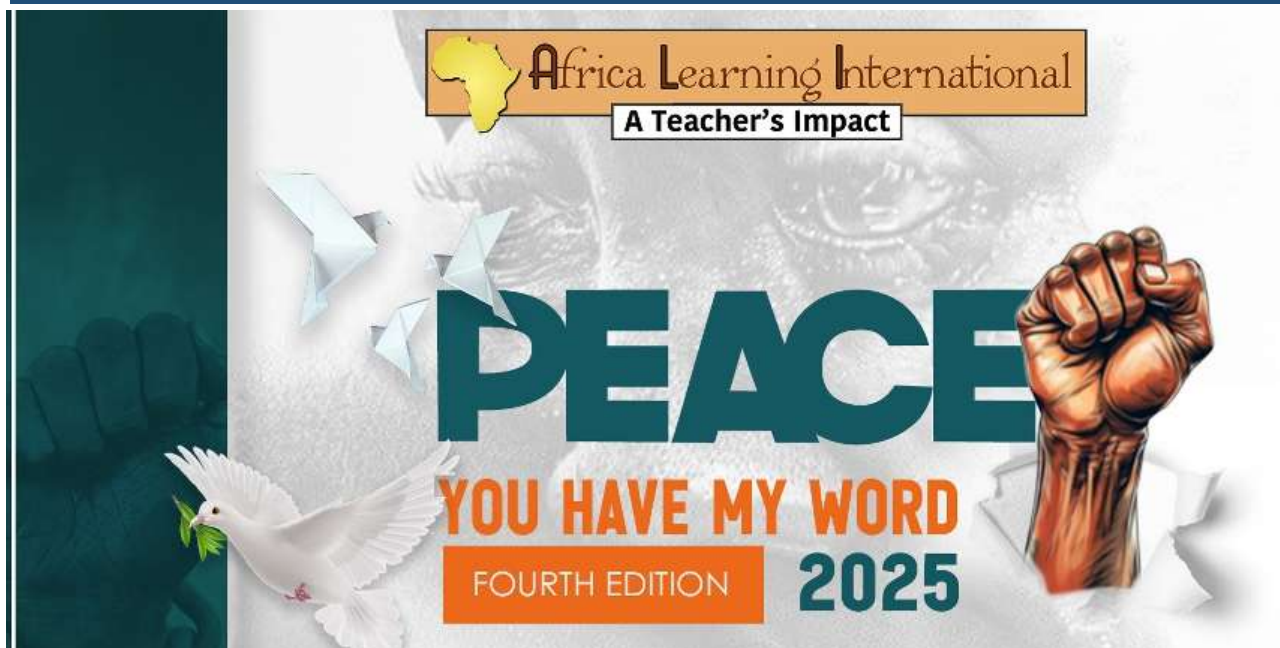
📅 Deadline: Monday, 30 June 2025

Let us go back to move forward—Sankofa awaits.





Peace You Have My Word 2025 – Let the Youth Speak!



It's time again to amplify the voices of our young people through the *Peace You Have My Word* writing competition, now in its fourth inspiring year. Organised by ALI, this powerful initiative encourages students to reflect deeply and write boldly about the topic of peace in today's world—especially in Africa.


This year's theme invites students to write in one of four thought-provoking categories:

- **Africa Unite**
- **Peace Starts Small**
- **No Justice, No Peace**
- **Ancestral Intelligence is the AI of Peace**

Students are invited to submit a short text (maximum 300 words) by **1 July 2025** through the official submission link. Winning entries will be celebrated on the International Day for Peace in September 2025 at a *Youth Peace Summit* and published in *The International Educator (TIE)* magazine.

This is a wonderful opportunity to give students a voice on issues that matter most—justice, unity, ancestral wisdom, and everyday peacebuilding. Let us continue to support initiatives that inspire reflection, critical thinking, and hope for a better future. The following link is for [Text Submission](#) (300 words, deadline July 1st)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpOLSeVerfEkJXw72BVhNiZdL14ZTHPfh12fitDV-VatGIQo4KGMg/viewform>

 *Suggested videos to spark student inspiration:*

Peace You Have My Word 2024 by Nuria Adam (Al-Rayan International School) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjoxMUmjuBY&ab_channel=ARISCommunication

Mika Mensah's Peace Reflection (Tema International School)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jE45SDXw0l8&ab_channel=TemaInternationalSchool

Together, let's champion peace—one word at a time.



PEACE

YOU HAVE MY WORD

FOURTH EDITION

2025

CATEGORIES

- Africa Unite
- Peace Starts Small
- No justice, no peace
- Ancestral Intelligence is the AI of Peace

Submission deadline July 1st 2025



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#MYP – Service as Action Developing Ideas from Classroom Units



Grade 7 Students Connect FRENCH and SPANISH with Service

This week, we highlight two incredible Grade 7 students, **Naa Barkay Vanderpuye** and **Salifu-Mahami Mmalabna**, who have creatively connected their language studies with community service. As part of their units titled “Bonjour! Bonjour!” – focusing on basic introductory words in French – and “Mi Barrio – My Neighbourhood”, which explores the facilities and amenities in our communities, they embraced the MYP Service as an Action learning outcome “Perseverance in Action.”

Demonstrating principled decision-making, they chose to design and display the TIS Core Values in both French and Spanish. Their goal was to increase awareness of these values across the school community by making them more accessible and engaging to students studying different languages.

Student Reflections:

Naa Barkay Vanderpuye – Grade 7

For my Service as Action project, I worked with Velma to design boards that display the TIS Core Values. We realised that while many students at TIS are familiar with the IB Learner Profile, not many know our school's core values. We aimed to raise awareness by presenting the values in a creative and eye-catching way. We translated them into French and Spanish so that students learning these languages could connect with the message more deeply. This made the project feel both international and inclusive.

**Salifu-Mahami Mmalabna – Grade 7**

For this activity, Naa and I designed and displayed boards featuring the TIS Core Values in both French and Spanish. It was a creative challenge that helped me better understand my strengths in design and language, and also showed me areas for growth—like managing time more effectively and making the boards even more visually appealing.

Working with Naa made the process smoother and more enjoyable. We planned together and shared ideas, which taught me the value of listening and building on each other's thoughts. It showed me that small efforts can make a big difference in the school community.

Although the project was enjoyable, it was also somewhat stressful at times. We had to design, plan, and assemble everything, and sometimes we weren't feeling very creative. But we stayed committed and kept pushing through. One of the biggest challenges was ensuring that the boards were neat, colourful, and easy to understand—we even had to redo some parts. However, seeing our final work displayed around the school made it all worthwhile.

The ATL skills I developed most were collaboration and organisation. Naa and I worked well together—we shared ideas, divided the tasks fairly, and avoided significant disagreements. We stayed organised and managed our time to meet our deadlines.

Overall, I enjoyed this activity. It helped me grow in teamwork, creativity under pressure, and finding fun ways to communicate essential values to others.







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Connecting Threads



FRIDAY 13TH JUNE
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The play *Maria* explores politics, colonialism and neo-colonialism, love, and racism. Politics shapes power struggles, while colonialism's lasting effects reveal ongoing oppression.

Love offers hope amid adversity, and racism exposes deep societal prejudices. These themes intertwine, highlighting history's impact on identity and resistance.





RED CROSS ALERT: SUMMER BREAK SAFETY



Stay Safe. Stay Smart. Stay Cool.



1. Beat the Heat

Drink plenty of water – at least 8 glasses a day,

- Wear light; loose clothing and a hat outdoors.
- Avoid outdoor activities between 11 AM and 3 PM.
- Know the signs of heatstroke: dizziness, nausea, rapid heartbeat.



3. Water Safety

Always swim with a buddy – never alone!

- Only swim in supervised or safe areas.
- No diving in shallow or unknown waters.



5. Bug & Food Safety

- Use repellent to avoid mosquito and tick bites,
- Store food properly during picnics before eating



Sun Safety

Use SPF 30+ sunscreen – reapply every 2 hours.

- Wear UV-protective sunglasses.
- Don't forget to protect ears, neck, and feet.



4. Travel Smart

Buckle up – every ride, every time.

- Don't leave kids or pets in the car.
- Take breaks on long trips to avoid fatigue.

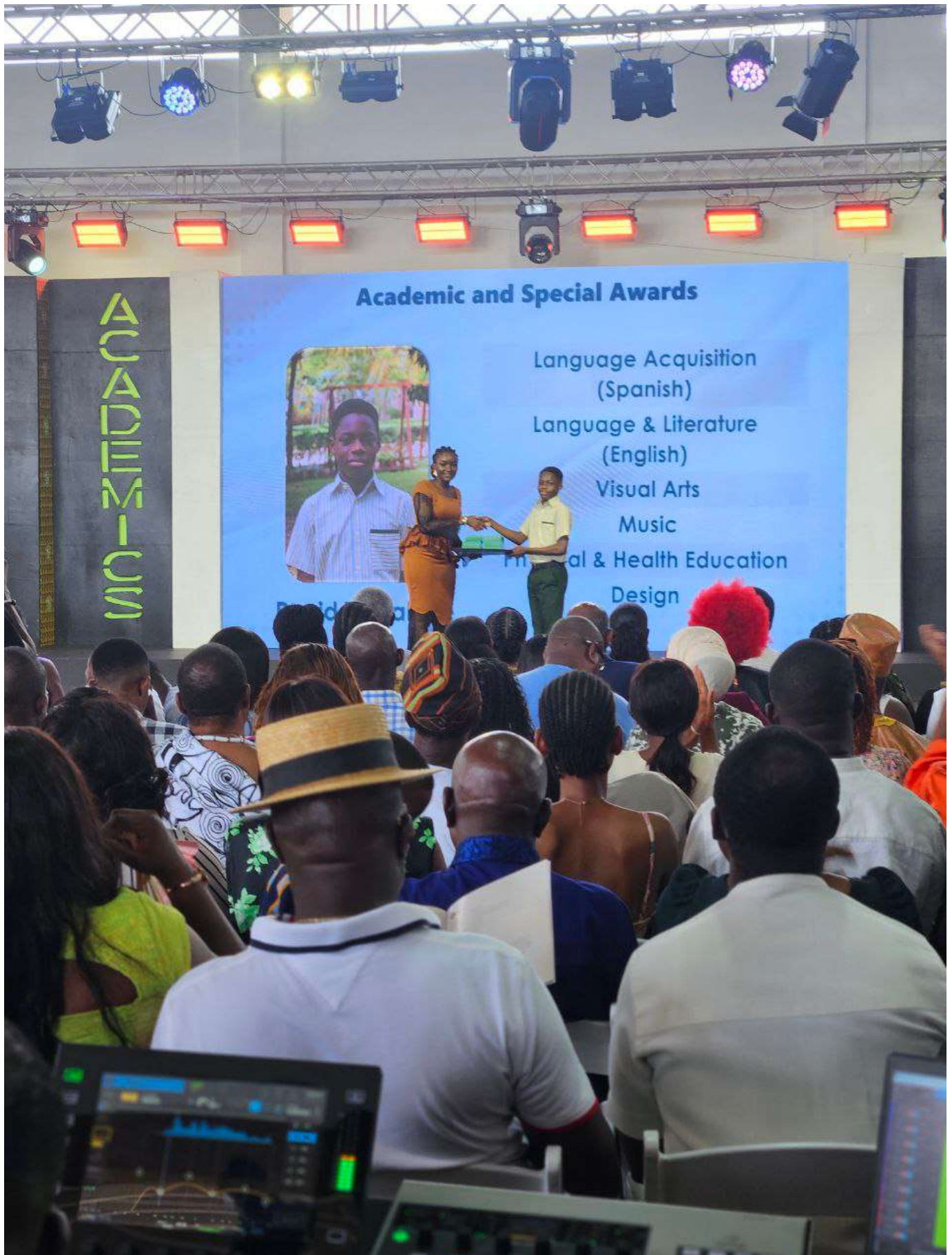


6. Emergency Ready

- Know basic first aid– take a summer course and remember all the information we shared!
- Pack a summer emergency kit: water, bandages, ice packs, repellent.

Red Cross Says:

**“Fun doesn't have to mean unsafe.
Enjoy your summer – carefully!”**



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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.

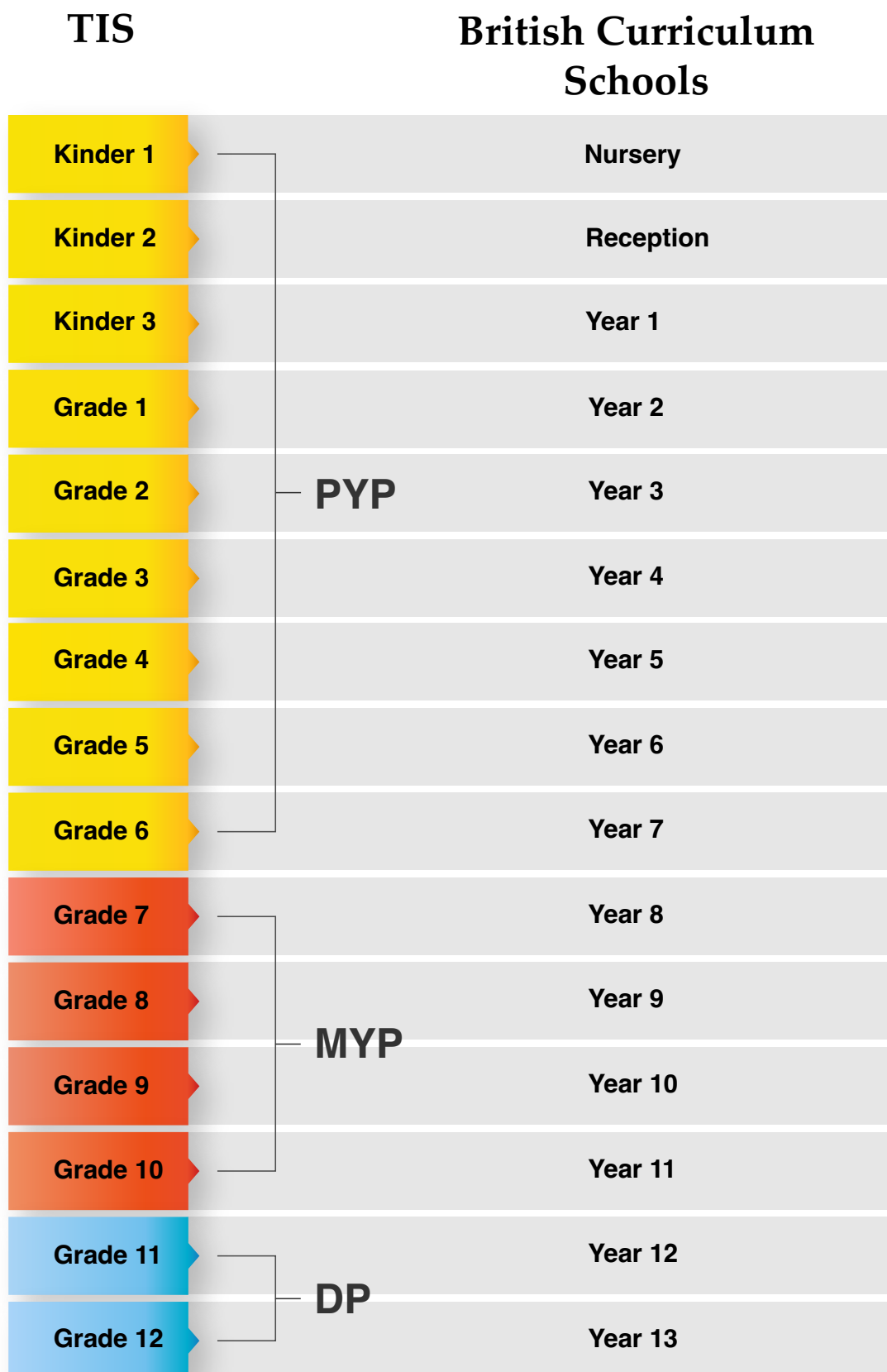
APPLICATION DECISION

- ✓ 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





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Primary School Campus

Admissions Open For 2025/2026 Academic Year



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Entry Points in 2025

Preschool

Nursery (1.9 years @ August 2025)
Kinder 1 (2.9 years @ August 2025)
Kinder 2 (3.9 years @ August 2025)
Kinder 3 (4.9 years @ August 2025)

Junior Primary

Grade 1 (5.9 years @ August 2025)
Grade 2 (6.9 years @ August 2025)
Grade 3 (7.9 years @ August 2025)

Senior Primary

Grade 4 (8.9 years @ August 2025)
Grade 5 (9.9 years @ August 2025)
Grade 6 (10.9 years @ August 2025)

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

Grade 7 (MYP 2)

Students should:

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

Grade 8 (MYP 3)

Students should:

- 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.

Grade 9 (MYP 4)

Students should:

- 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.

Grade 11 (IB Diploma Programme)

Students should:

- 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).

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