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### TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2015,

*Many thanks to all who participated in the 9.4km Health Walk held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2015. We appreciate your presence and your participation immensely. Thank you.*

#### **PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**

This session from 9.00-10.00am tomorrow (25 September) has been cancelled. This decision has been made for three reasons.

- Weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters are focused on keeping parents informed about what is happening at TIS.
- I have an open-door policy and I welcome anyone to see me and discuss any matters, or issues of concern. I am happy also to respond to the more convenient email, as distance prevents many parents from 'dropping in'.

• TIS is an extremely busy school and if parents tried to attend everything, it may be easier to apply for boarding status. I am happy, along with my colleagues, to discuss any matters when you may be attending a school event.

I hope this late decision does not cause any inconvenience. I will be at school from 9.00-10.00am tomorrow, in case any parents do not read this announcement in time.

#### **MANAGEBAC (MB)**

To enhance school-home communication with students and parents, DP students have commenced using ManageBac (MB) for more than just CAS activities. Teachers are now using it for their planning, assessment and reporting. Parents of G11-12 students will receive an email invitation by 9.00am tomorrow to access MB to view their

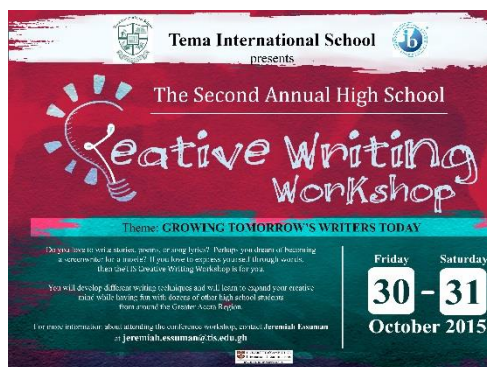
son/daughter's progress, as well as receiving messages. Please note:

- The initial invitation may appear in your spam/junk folder.
- You will need to click on the link – set new password - where you will be required to set your own password. Once you confirm your password, you will be taken to the log in page for MB [[tis.managebac.com](http://tis.managebac.com)] Here, you use your email address and the password you set. I recommend checking the box on this page that states: remember me for 12 hours.
- There is an MB app available. However, like most apps, full functionality is best by using a web browser [[tis.managebac.com](http://tis.managebac.com)]
- Please do not respond to any group messages as these are received by all members (when the matter may be personal). Instead, email the person concerned about any follow up.

• If you have any difficulties in accessing MB, please email me: [principal@tis.edu.gh](mailto:principal@tis.edu.gh)

### AKORLIKOPE

I had the opportunity to visit this isolated village last weekend. WOW! What an impact TIS DP students have made to support this village. Building a 7-classroom school is an incredible feat, along with providing lighting (Liter of Light), tuition support, clean water (Derek's pump project), and school furniture. These are some of the ways students are making a difference at Alkorlikope. At the same time, our students are making the world a better place. Interestingly, the departure for some students last week was delayed as so many donations had been received, and additional transport was required. All students were proud of their efforts as they enjoyed their 'feel good' experience.



### CREATIVE WRITERS CONFERENCE

Does your child love to write stories, poems, or song lyrics? Does he or she perhaps have a dream of becoming a screenwriter for a movie? Or do you want to expose your child to the aesthetic beauty of writing? If you want any

of these for your child, then the TIS Creative Writing Workshop is the answer.

Tema International School will be hosting its second annual Creative Writers' Workshop on October 30 – 31, 2015. The workshop aims at inculcating writing skills in high school students, and enhancing the skills for students who already have the passion for writing. The theme for this year's conference is *Growing Tomorrow's Writers Today*.

Last year, the participants developed and improved their writing skills and gained confidence as writers in fiction, poetry, memoirs, newspaper articles, song lyrics etc. The workshop also produced an anthology of the participants' works which is titled *Whispers: Creative Expressions*.

Please encourage your child to be part of this great event to learn different writing techniques while having fun with dozens of other high school students from around the Greater Accra Region!

For more information about the workshop, contact Jeremiah Essuman at [jeremiah.essuman@tis.edu.gh](mailto:jeremiah.essuman@tis.edu.gh)

### CONFIRMATION AND CATECHISM LESSONS

The Chaplaincy Committee wishes to inform parents and guardians that catechism lessons for the 2015 confirmation for non-Catholics (Presbyterians, Methodists and Anglicans) are in progress.

Interested parents should kindly contact the chaplain, Mr Michael Odame via [mlodame@tis.edu.gh](mailto:mlodame@tis.edu.gh) by 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2015 for the registration of their wards.

The proposed date for the programme is Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at 4:00pm at the TIS Multi-Purpose Hall MPH.

### ASCC US UPDATES

Last Friday, **18th September, 2015**, we were happy to have our IB Class 2017 enjoy an insightful session on applying to highly selective schools with Simon Nascimento – Director, International Admissions for University of Chicago. Afterwards, our students enjoyed their first college tasting experience. We are excited to hear them start informal discussion on colleges.

**22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2015** was lovely! Our students spent some quality time with 17 Australian universities. They shared cards, university brochures, packets, etc. It was great to see our students explore these universities with an open mind. If you are looking for locations for your wards' higher education, don't forget that Australia is another great place for a quality education experience.

On **Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2015** college counselors will be guiding the IB Class of 2016 through the online application process. Kindly encourage your wards to take the

process seriously. We are available should they require any assistance.

Our peer tutors have had their first training. Peer tutors were engaged in role play sessions as they learnt to deal with the challenges that accompany teaching. It was a great session and once again, we are proud of our peer tutors.

A **valid unexpired passport** is the **only** acceptable form of identification for all standardized tests such as the SAT, ACT & PSAT exams conducted in T.I.S. This is due to strict directives from the testing agencies in the U.S.

### ***MUN CONFERENCE 2016 (NEWYORK)***

National High School Model  
United Nations (NHSMUN)

**Venue:** New York Hilton  
Midtown

**Conference Center:** UN  
HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK  
CITY

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**Registration Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>  
October 2015

Interested parents should please contact Mrs. Adelaide Ferguson at [aferguson@tis.edu.gh](mailto:aferguson@tis.edu.gh) for further information.

### **SOS-HGIC MUN CONFERENCE**

TIS will be taking part in the SOS Model United Nations Conference which will be held in October.

**Venue:** Margaret Nkrumah Hall  
(SOS-HGIC campus, Community 6)

**DATE:** 22<sup>nd</sup> to October 24<sup>th</sup> 2015

The conference will take place from **9:00 am to 4:30 pm daily**.

Kindly contact Mrs. Adelaide Ferguson for further details.

### **CAS UPDATES**

A huge thank you for your support towards our students' fundraising projects.

#### **The responsibility of the CAS students.**

Key to a student's CAS programme is personal engagement, choice and enjoyment of CAS experiences. Throughout the Diploma Programme students undertake a variety of CAS experiences, ideally on a weekly basis, for a minimum of 18 months. They must also undertake at least one CAS project with a minimum duration of one month. Students reflect on CAS experiences at significant moments throughout CAS and maintain a CAS portfolio. Using evidence from their CAS portfolio, students will demonstrate achievement of the seven CAS Learning Outcomes to the CAS coordinator's satisfaction.

#### **CAS students are expected to:**

- approach CAS with a proactive attitude
- develop a clear understanding of CAS expectations and the purpose of CAS
- explore personal values, attitudes and attributes with reference to the TIS mission and vision, the IB learner profile, and the IB mission statement
- determine personal goals
- discuss plans for CAS experiences with the CAS coordinator and/or CAS adviser
- understand and apply the CAS stages where appropriate

- take part in a variety of experiences, some of which are self-initiated, and at least one CAS project
- become more aware of personal interests, skills and talents and observe how these evolve throughout the CAS programme
- maintain a CAS portfolio and keep records of CAS experiences, including evidence of achievement of the seven CAS Learning Outcomes
- understand the reflection process and identify suitable opportunities to reflect on CAS experiences
- demonstrate accomplishments within their CAS programme
- communicate with the CAS coordinator/adviser and/or CAS supervisor in formal and informal meetings
- ensure a suitable balance between creativity, activity and service in their CAS programme
- behave appropriately and ethically in their choices and behaviours.

\*Creativity, activity, service guide

**Fun Fair – The Comeback:** The IB students requested for the postponement of their Fun Fair, with the reason that they want to give enough time to the sponsors. The event has therefore been postponed to the 16<sup>th</sup> of January, 2016. More details will be sent to parents via email and weekly bulletins.

**Founders Day- TIS** is about to turn 12, how wonderful that is. We are celebrating our Founders Day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October, 2015. The following are the activities for the Founders Day week:

### **The Adjavon Memorial Cup**

The TIS class of 2010 would like to honour the memory of Mr. Adjavon by inaugurating the annual Adjavon Memorial Cup. It will be played between the current school team, the staff and the alumni. We hope this cup will bring all of us together in loving memory of a great man whose dream of TIS is now a reality and has benefitted us all. A big thank you to Dela Komla Nana Opoku Attikese for initiating the Adjavon Memorial Cup. This event will be held at the Sports Complex at 10am sharp.

### **Inter color Singing Competition**

What is special about this year's Inter Color singing competition is that it will be on Founders Day! To celebrate our dear Founders, the color groups: **Blue Cedar**, **Green Wisteria**, **Yellow Outeniqua**, **Red Kigelia** members are preparing beautiful performances. The competition comprises of Compulsory song: **De battle of Jericho**, Own composition (A song to honour our Founders) and an optional song. Join us in celebrating our Founders and 12 years of Excellence. The event starts at 7pm in the MPH. Parents are invited to attend.

### **International & Cultural day:**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Students and Staff will wear different costumes to celebrate their culture. A presentation about diversity will

be made from a group of IB 1 students during lunch.

### **Service Learning Day**

The IB program encourages students to take Initiative. The Service learning day which will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> October is an opportunity for students to implement their own projects. Such initiatives can be in or out of school. The CAS team is available to advise students to plan and implement their projects and make a difference in their community.

### **Time with an Expert (FREDA) –**

FREDA stands for Funny, Relevant, Educational, Designing Action, and these values will be the reference point for our talks. This forum will present students and staff with the opportunity to discuss an idea for action, which is what IB is all about- Taking action. Each speaker (student) will have 15 minutes to engage the audience in a presentation on the ideas worth spreading as well as interesting aspects of students' lives. Location will have the TED TALK atmosphere (LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION). Program starts from 7-8:30pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2015.

### **Speaker of the Year Contest – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 7-8:30pm.**

The Speaker of the Year contest will be the first of its kind, and organized by the TIS debate society. All students are eligible to contest as far as they meet the set requirements. Contestants will be

given various topics and a time limit to make their presentations. **MAY THE BEST SPEAKER WIN!!!**

### **GENTLE REMINDER**

Parents of new students who did not submit all admission documents (swimming consent, Medicals, Information on Guardians, Acceptance forms etc) should kindly make these documents available at the front desk of the Administration Block. Thank you.

### *Twitter*

The school Twitter account is: #TISGhana

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Finally, TIS would like to wish a Happy Birthday to our dear students, staff, parents and guardians whose birthdays are celebrated in October.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

We welcome your comments and suggestions on how to make this newsletter more relevant to you. Do not hesitate to contact [info@tis.edu.gh](mailto:info@tis.edu.gh) if you have any queries or concerns.

Warm Regards  
Dr. Ken Darvall  
Principal



## October 2015

| Monday | Tuesday                           | Wednesday                       | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  | Sunday                           |
|--------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---|----------------------------------|
|        |                                   |                                 | 1  | 2   | 3   | 4                                |
|        |                                   |                                 | Dept meetings begin<br>Inter-hostel basketball,<br>squash & badminton<br>competition                                     | International and<br>Cultural Day   | TIS Founders' Day<br>Inter-Colour Singing<br>competition @ 7pm<br>SAT | Visiting Sunday<br>1:00pm-5:00pm |
| 5      | 6                                 | 7                               | 8  | 9   | 10  | 11                               |
|        | SMT meeting                       | Dept meetings end               |  | Creative Arts field<br>trip for IGCSE<br>students "In a<br>cool seat with the<br>Principal" |   |                                  |
| 12     | 13                                | 14                              | 15   | 16  | 17  | 18                               |
|        | Mid semester<br>assessments begin | HOD meeting                     |  |   | Service Learning<br>Day   |                                  |
| 19     | 20                                | 21                              | 22   | 23  | 24  | 25                               |
|        |                                   | Mid semester<br>assessments end | Submission of Mid-<br>Sem Dept report by<br>HOD to DOS<br>Form tutors complete<br>mid-sem reports<br>Time with an Expert | Speaker of the year<br>contest - Debate<br>Society  | Mid Sem break<br>begins, students<br>depart<br>ACT                    | MUN Conference<br>begins         |
| 26     | 27                                | 28                              | 29   | 30  | 31  |                                  |
|        | MUN Conference<br>ends            |                                 |  | Creative Writers'<br>Conference   | Creative Writers'<br>Conference                                       |                                  |

### Creativity, Activity & Service in TIS

