

TIS RECORD

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At TIS,

we believe balance, by maximising opportunities and experiences to enhance learning and challenge oneself, inside and outside the classroom, is the key to success.

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Key Dates

- 16/8/24: Primary School Meet the Teacher (1.30pm)
- 18/8/24: Secondary School continuing students return to campus.
- 19/8/24: First semester commences at each campus.

Thought for the Week

Most people are interested. Few are truly committed. Interested people act when it's convenient; committed people act no matter what. Interested people do the minimum; committed people push beyond limits. Interested people wait to be told; committed people take the initiative. Fully committing is the key to accomplishment.

- Shane Parrish



Welcome, Newbies

Our Secondary School Newbies arrived on Wednesday, 14 August, ready to start their TIS journey.

What an incredible and exciting group of students! Parents, you need to take credit here!

The way they have settled in so quickly is amazing. What a fabulous year ahead awaits us.

History was created when a Pioneering Alumni, Afiba Dzah, accompanied her daughter, Gemma, who joins G9 this year. Just as she did 21 years ago, Afiba's mother, Nyamikeh, joined us on this historic occasion.

My appreciation goes to our student leaders and peer support buddies who have ended their break early to support our Newbies settle in well. Thank you. You make us proud.



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

-Steve Bollar

SAT & ACT

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

Parents: Must Do

1. Check your email Spam/Junk folder for school emails.
2. Log into ManageBac (MB)
3. Read the weekly TIS Bulletin and take action as required.
4. When making a payment, please email a copy of the bank receipt to: finance@tis.edu.gh

Reminders

- For visits until December 2024, parents will be required to book their visit online. Please go to: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/hn8s8>
- Exeats are limited to a maximum of 8 per semester. Online exeats can be found at: <https://www.tis.edu.gh/exeat-form>

Balance

As the new academic year commences on Monday at each campus, the importance of balance is emphasised. At TIS, students demonstrate balance through their involvement and actions in academics, sport, culture and service. It is not a case of pick and choose. Evidence across each pillar is required.

Personal balance in terms of health and wellbeing is also essential. Ensuring good sleep, and not cutting corners, healthy eating, and not skipping meals, and regular exercise, with no excuses, will allow students to perform at their best.

Devices

Laptops are required by students at the Main Campus. Tablets, such as iPads, are unsuitable. Chromebooks are problematic and should be avoided. MDM software is compulsory (installed by TIS IT). Mobile phones are banned, as are personal modems and VPNs. We expect students to use their devices to assist their learning and not distract them from their learning.

I appreciate your support. Enjoy each day as a blessing.

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





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TIS 2024/25 School Calendar

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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)

NOTE: All dates/activities are current as of the date of publication and may be subject to change.

SECONDARY SCHOOL CAMPUS**Public Holidays**

4/8/24	Founders' Day
21/9/24	Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Day
6/12/24	Farmers' Day
7/1/25	Constitution Day
6/3/25	Independence Day
31/3/25	Eid Al Fitr (TBC)
18/4/25	Good Friday
20/4/25	Easter Monday
1/5/25	Labour Day

SI Internal Dates: Main Campus

1/8/24	2024 MYP Results Released; 2024 MYP Enquiries Upon Results Open
1/8/24	Senior management staff resume
6/8/24	Teachers resume; review of school policies
12/8/24	Student Council executives return
14/8/24	Newbies arrive
16/8/24	Personal Project: Criterion B draft due
18/8/24	Continuing students resume
19/8/24	Secondary School classes commence; G9&11 Subject Selection
23/8/24	TIS Junior Soccer Championships
24/8/24	SAT
25/8/24	School Performance auditions
30/8/24	TIS Senior Soccer Championships
1/9/24	Thanksgiving Service (11.00am) NO EXEATS
7/9/24	TIS Tennis Championships/TIS Badminton Championships; HIBS Africa.
13/9/24	PP Criterion B final due
14/9/24	ACT; MYP & DP Parents Information sessions. (9.00am DP; 10.30am MYP) NO EXEATS
20/9/24	DP Geography Excursion
21/9/24	TIS Sporty Family. NO EXEATS
23/9/24	TIS Volleyball Championships
24-25/9/24	DP Evaluation Visit
26/9/24	DP Geography IA data collection
27/9/24	DP Geography data collection
28/9/24	TIS Handball Championships
29/9-6/10/24	21 st Anniversary TIS Spirit Week. NO EXEATS
3/10/24	TIS Founders' Day. Main Campus admissions open for 2025/2026
5/10/24	SAT;
6/10/24	21 st Anniversary Thanksgiving Service. NO EXEATS
7-9/10/24	Dukies Camp (Bronze, Silver and Gold)
7-11/10/24	Mid-semester break
10-12/10/24	TIS MUN
12/10/24	PSAT; ISSAG Football
13/10/24	Students return to hostels
14/10/24	G9/G11 Changes to Subject Selections close
16/10/24	Girls Volleyball Championships (during ASA)
17/10/24	Boys Volleyball Championships (during ASA)
19/10/24	ISSAG Football, Handball, Tennis and Badminton.
20/10/24	PP: Criterion C draft due
21/10/24	Student Council (SC) shadowing process commences; SEC Universities Fair (2.00-4.00pm)
22/10/24	G12 EE Café
26/10/24	ACT
27/10/24	TIS swimming championships (3.00 – 5.00pm)
2/11/24	SAT
9/11/24	Annual Production NO EXEATS
11-12/11/24	Collaborative Sciences Project
16/11/24	ISSAG Volleyball, Swimming and Table Tennis
20-26/11/24	G10 end of semester eAssessments (Reports due 9/12/24)
20-29/11/24	G11-12 end of semester exams (Reports due 10/12/24)
29/11/24	PP Criterion C completion;
1/12/24	SC applications open for 2024 elections
2/12/24	Christmas Lunch
4/12/24	Last day for the first semester: Students may depart after 3-Way interviews.
10/12/24	PP Final Report due: photo evidence & bibliography upload
11/12/24	Last day for teachers

S2

9-10/1/25	Staff training days
12/1/25	Students return to hostels; applications for 2024 SC positions close
13/1/25	Second semester commences.
13-19/1/25	Alumni Homecoming Week
18/1/25	TIS Athletics Championships. NO EXEATS BEFORE 1.00PM
19/1/25	Alumni Thanksgiving Service
20/1/25	SC Manifesto Readings
22/1/25	2023 Student Council elections by voting (7.00am-4.00pm)
24-25/1/25	ISSAG Basketball and Hockey.
29-31/1/25	IDU Days; G12 EE; G11 EE, 11/12 CAS Dukies Reflection Day
1/2/25	SC Leadership Camp NO EXEATS FOR SCHOOL LEADERS
2/2/25	Student Leadership Induction Ceremony NO EXEATS
8/2/25	TIS STEM Fair. NO EXEATS
10-14/2/25	MYP Mock eAssessments NO G10 EXEATS
13/2/25	G11 TOK Exhibition. NO G11 EXEATS
14-15/2/25	TIS Squash Championships;
15/2/25	Chocolate Friendship Day
17-28/2/25	DP Mocks. NO G12 EXEATS
22/2/25	ISSAG Athletics
26/2/25	PP standardisation and moderation (teachers)
1/3/25	MYP Projects (Personal & Community) NO EXEATS
8-9/3/25	DP Geography Field Trip
14/3/25	Pi Day; PYP/MYP Info Day at Main Campus
15/3/25	Expression Day NO EXEATS
20-30/3/25	Mid-semester break
21/3/25	PP:Academic Honesty First Record
23-25/3/25	Dukies Bronze & Silver expedition camp
31/3/25	PP Criterion A draft due; Draft 2025/2026 Calendar Overview Released
5/4/25	ACT
7/4/25	G12 Grad photos (All day). NO G12 EXEATS
13/4/25	Exam Candidates' Service NO EXEATS
17-21/4/25	Easter break
21/4/25	MYP5->DP1 info session; PP Criterion A draft due;
23/4-16/5/25	DP Final Exams
3/5/25	SAT
5/5/25	PP Criterion A final due
5 – 16/5/25	MYP eAssessments
17/5/25	Leavers' Dinner
19-30/5/25	G11 semester exams; G10 classes resume (compulsory attendance).
23-29/5/25	G9 eAssessments
30/5/25	MYP4 (2025/2026) subject selections
7/6/25	2025 Annual Achievement and Graduation Ceremony; Last day for Secondary Classes
13/6/25	Last day for teachers; S2 reports published.
9-12/6/25	Dukies' (Bronze, Silver and Gold Levels) Expedition Camp
14/6/25	ACT
16/6/25	France/Spain trips commence
6/7/25	France/Spain trips end
26/7/25	PP: Final Product (Photo evidence upload)

TBD

- TIS Speaker of the Year
- Inter-Colour Language Competition
- TOK Exhibition
- G11 EE Cafe

PRIMARY SCHOOL CAMPUS

Public Holidays

4/8/24	Founders' Day
21/9/24	Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Day
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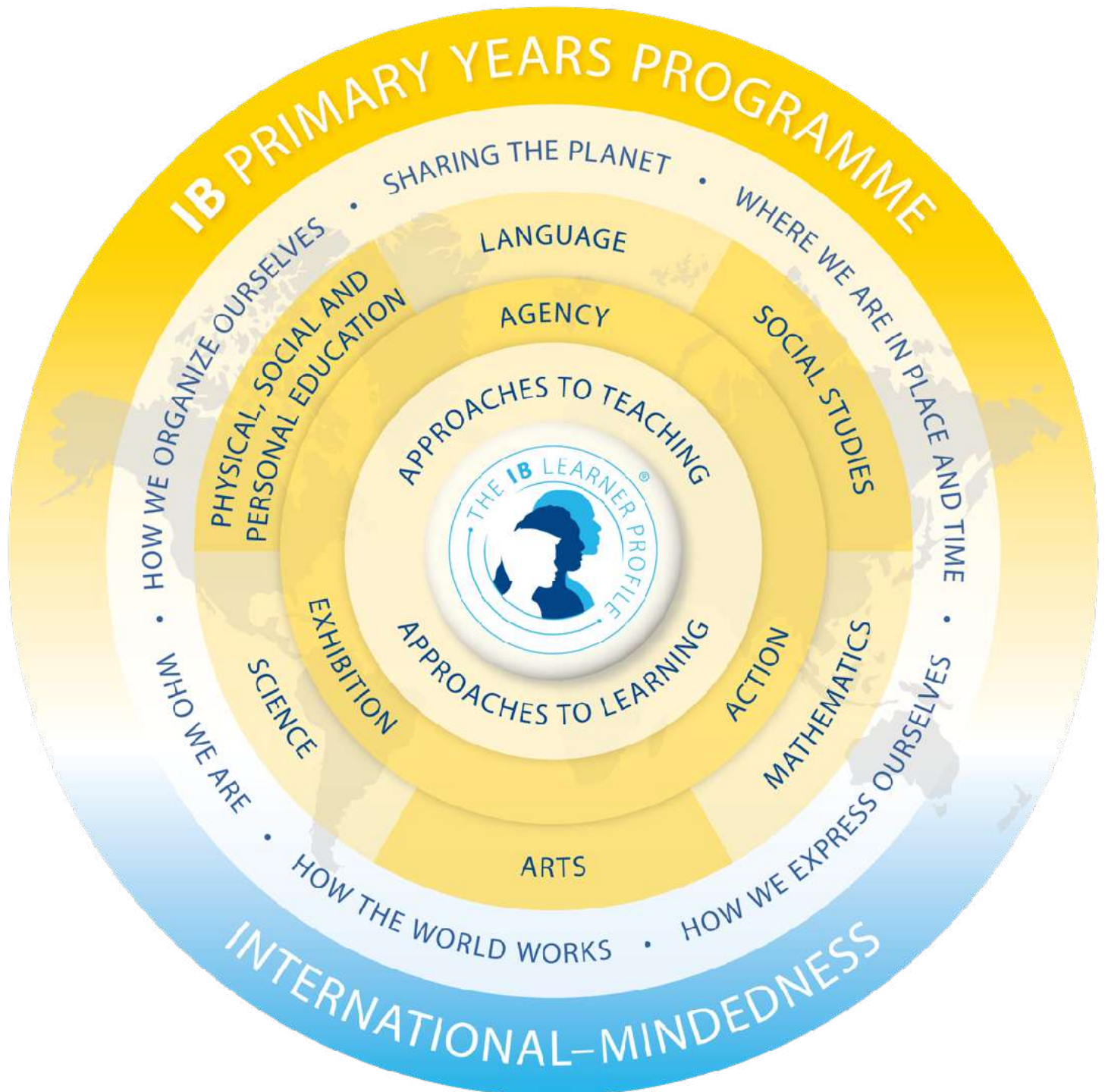
S1 Internal Dates (Primary School Campus)

7/8/24	Staff prep commences
16/8/24	Meet the teacher session (1.30pm)
19/8/24	First semester commences
20/9/24	Sign Language Day
20/9/24	End of UOI #1 3WI
7-11/10/24	Mid-semester break
1/11/24	End of UOI #2 Celebrations
11/12/24	Book Day
29/11/24	End of UOI #3 3WI
29/11/24	Last day for teachers

S2

9-10/1/25	Staff Training Days
14/2/25	End of UOI #4 3WI
14/2/25	Celebrating Additional Languages
14/3/25	PYP/MYP Info Day at Main Campus
21/3/25	Mother Tongue Day (Celebrating Culture)
21/3/25	End of UOI #5 Celebrations
23/3-2/4/25	Mid-semester break
19/4/25	Spelling Bee
16/5/25	PYP Exhibition (Sports Picnic)
23/5/25	End of UOI #6 3WI
31/5/25	2024 Achievers and Graduation Ceremony/VAX
6/6/25	Last day for teachers; S2 reports published

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Gearing Up for Success: Preparing for an Engaging Academic Year

As the new academic year approaches, excitement and anticipation fill the halls of Tema International Primary School. Educators, students, and parents alike are all preparing for a year filled with innovative learning experiences, personal growth, and community building. This year, our commitment to fostering a dynamic and supportive educational environment is stronger than ever.

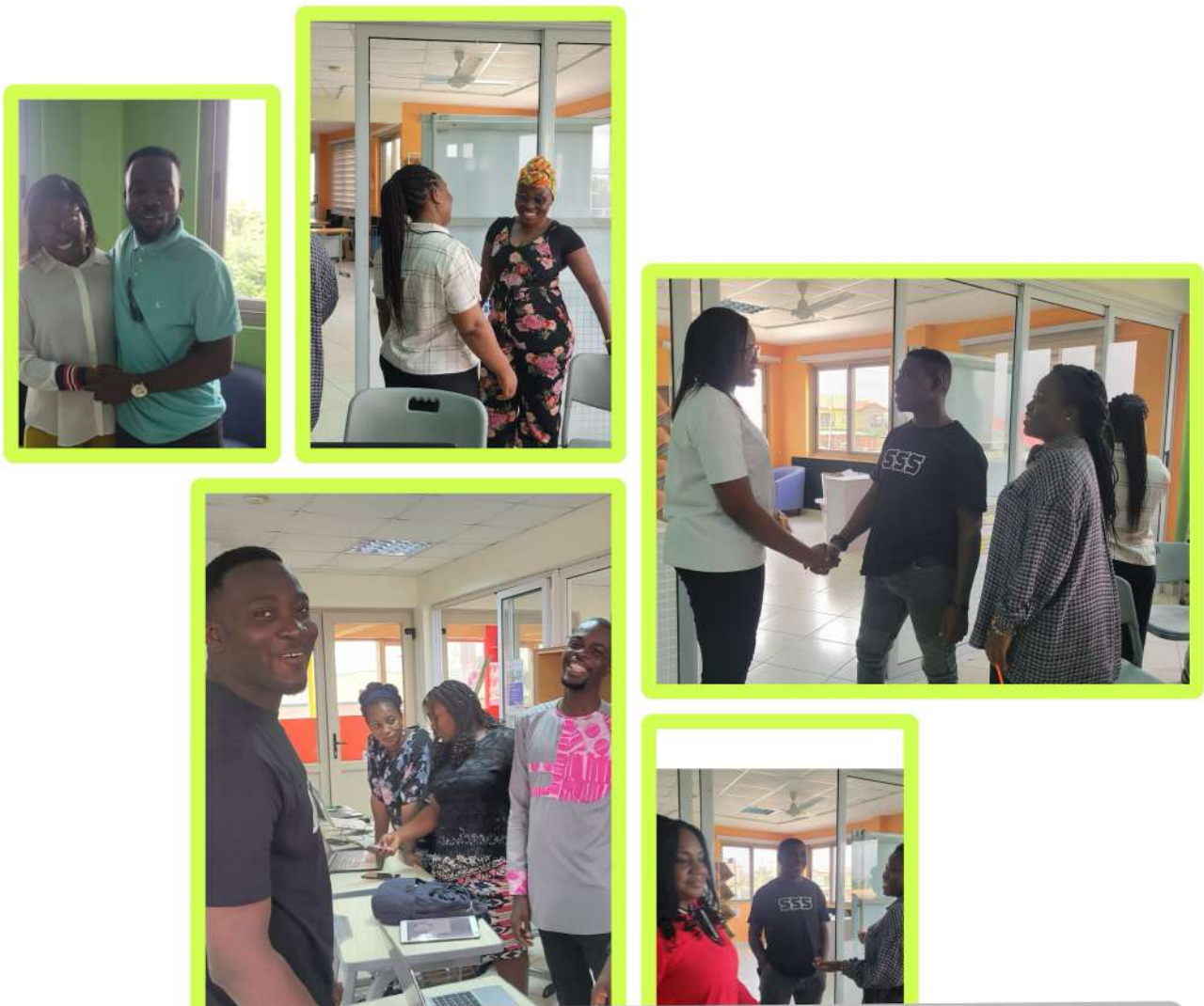
In alignment with our ongoing mission to deliver high-quality International Baccalaureate (IB) education, we are also gearing up for our upcoming IB evaluation process. This critical review will assess our adherence to IB standards and practices, ensuring we continue providing an exceptional and inquiry-driven learning experience. As we refine our approaches and deepen our commitment to the IB philosophy, we are confident that our collective efforts will meet and exceed expectations.

A sense of anticipation and excitement always marks the start of the new school year at Tema International School, and this year was no different. The entire school community gathered for our annual whole-school meeting, where teachers, staff, and administrators came together to set the tone for the months ahead. This meeting served as a crucial platform for sharing important updates, introducing new initiatives, and welcoming everyone back to the vibrant environment that defines our school.

Leaders from various departments delivered inspiring welcome messages, each highlighting the unique contributions their teams will make to the school year. From the academic coordinators outlining key curriculum enhancements to the student support team emphasising their ongoing commitment to student well-being, the messages were a testament to the collective effort that drives our school's success. Additionally, updates were provided on new tools and resources that will be integrated into classrooms, offering exciting opportunities for both teachers and students to explore.

Following the whole school meeting, the primary school staff gathered for a more intimate session with our Principal, Dr Ken Darvall. During this smaller meeting, Dr. Darvall expressed his deep admiration for the primary school team, highlighting the exceptional dedication they demonstrated during the vacation period. He commended the teachers for their collaborative efforts in preparing for the new academic year, ensuring that every detail was thoughtfully planned to set a positive tone for students and staff. Dr. Darvall emphasised the importance of a learner-centred approach, encouraging the team to continue prioritising each student's individual needs and strengths. He praised the teachers for their commitment to knowing their students well, recognising that this understanding is key to fostering a supportive and effective learning environment. The meeting concluded with a renewed sense of purpose, as the primary team felt both appreciated and motivated to bring their best to the year ahead.

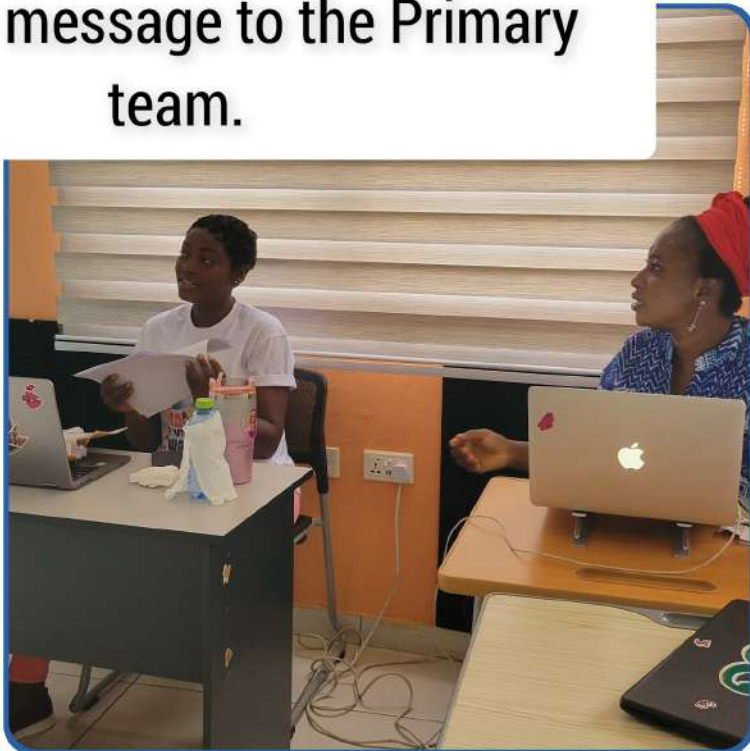
As we gear up for the new academic year, our focus extends across several key areas that will shape the learning experiences at the primary school. Our dedicated staff will emphasise collaboration and teamwork, creating a cohesive and supportive environment that lays the foundation for a successful year. Educators are also eager to bring innovative teaching methods to the forefront, implementing new strategies and tools designed to engage and inspire students in impactful ways. Finally, a strong focus on student wellbeing remains a priority, with initiatives and programs aimed at nurturing the emotional and social wellbeing of our students, ensuring they thrive both academically and personally.



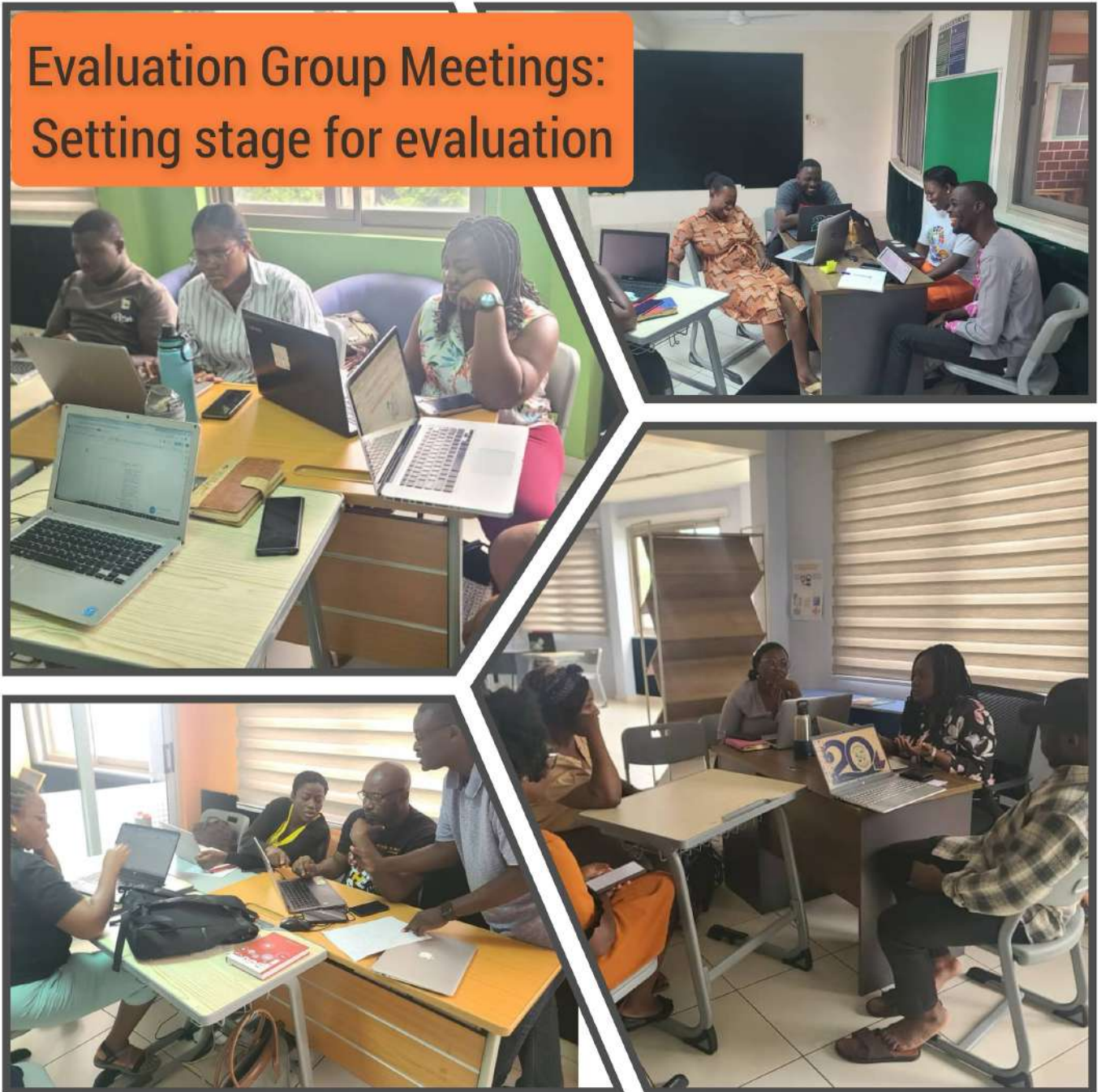
A warm 'meet-and-greet' session to welcome each other into the new academic year.



Dr. Ken Darvall delivers a warm welcome message to the Primary team.



Evaluation Group Meetings: Setting stage for evaluation

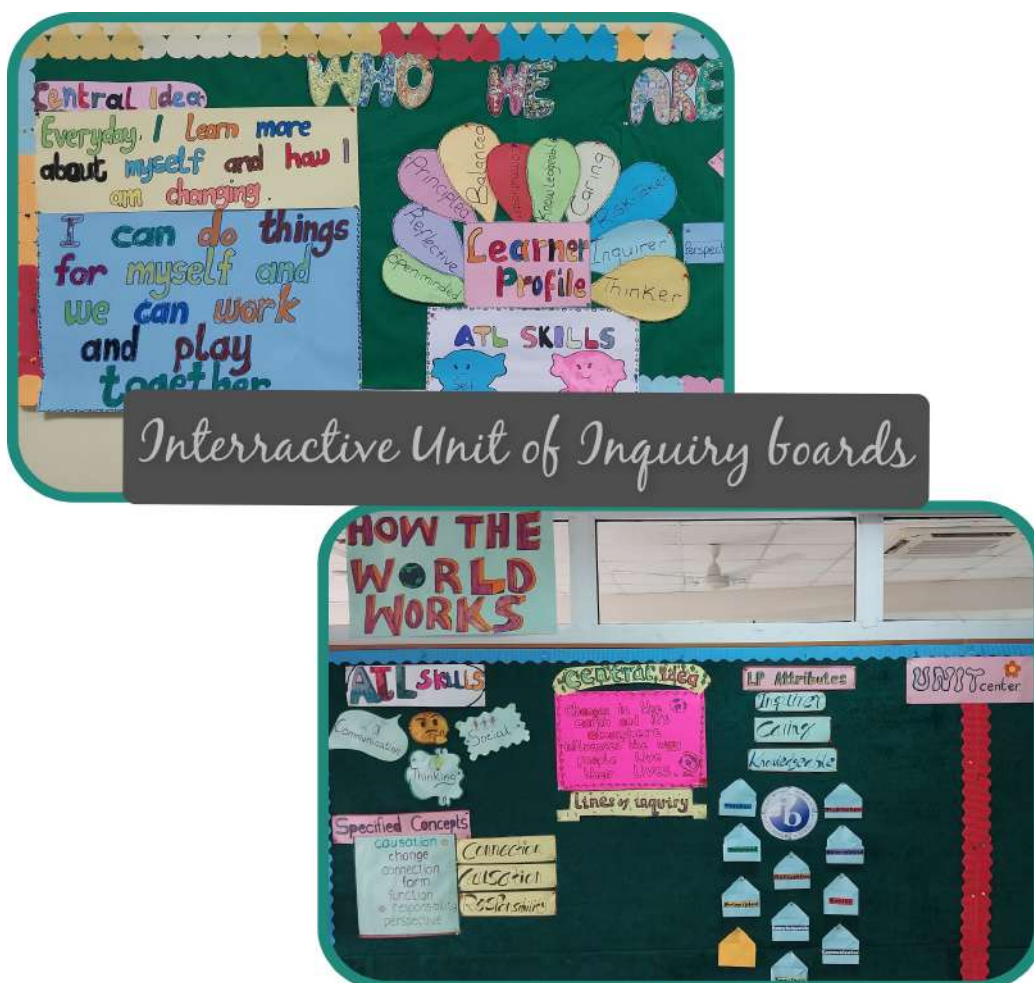




Teachers collaboratively work to set up their learning spaces

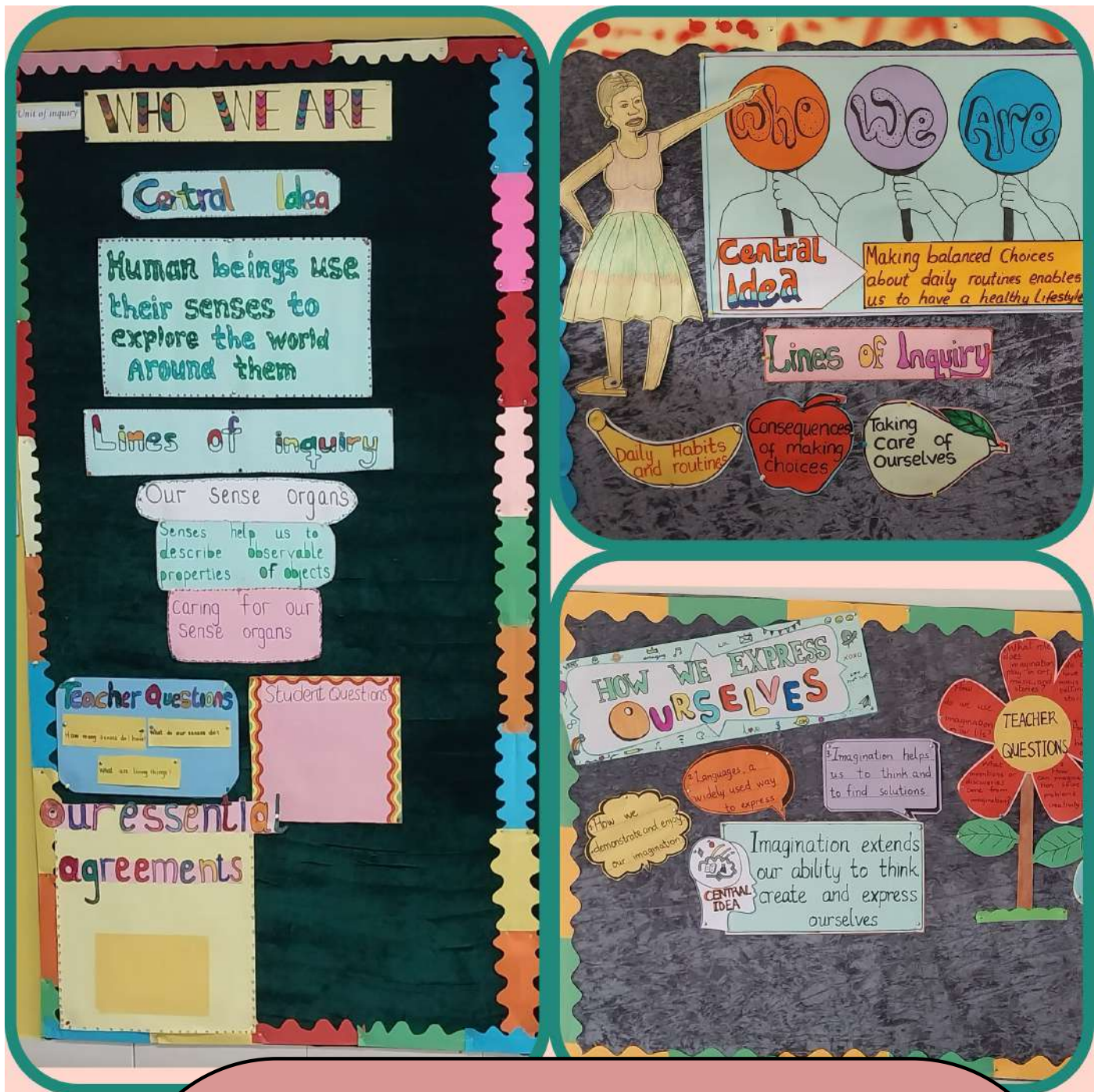
Creating Engaging Learning Environments

Our teachers are meticulously setting up their classrooms to create inviting and stimulating learning environments that embody the principles of the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP). Inquiry boards are being crafted with care, featuring all essential PYP elements such as Concepts, Lines of Inquiry (LOI), Skills, Central Ideas, and Themes. These boards are designed to be interactive, encouraging student engagement and interaction. Essential Agreements are prominently displayed, guiding students on expectations for class management, including play areas, dining spaces, and general classroom conduct. Physical, Social, and Personal Education (PSPE) displays provide visual cues and reminders of key concepts. The attributes of the Learner Profile are showcased through interactive displays, allowing students to reflect on and connect with these essential traits. Teachers are also incorporating thought-provoking questions from both themselves and students, fostering a culture of curiosity and inquiry. Learning corners and activity centres are strategically placed to encourage exploration and student agency, while unique seating arrangements are thoughtfully designed to support inquiry-based learning and collaboration. Class libraries are set up with cozy reading nooks, inviting students to immerse themselves in literature. Together, these elements create a classroom environment where inquiry, creativity, and student-centered learning thrive.

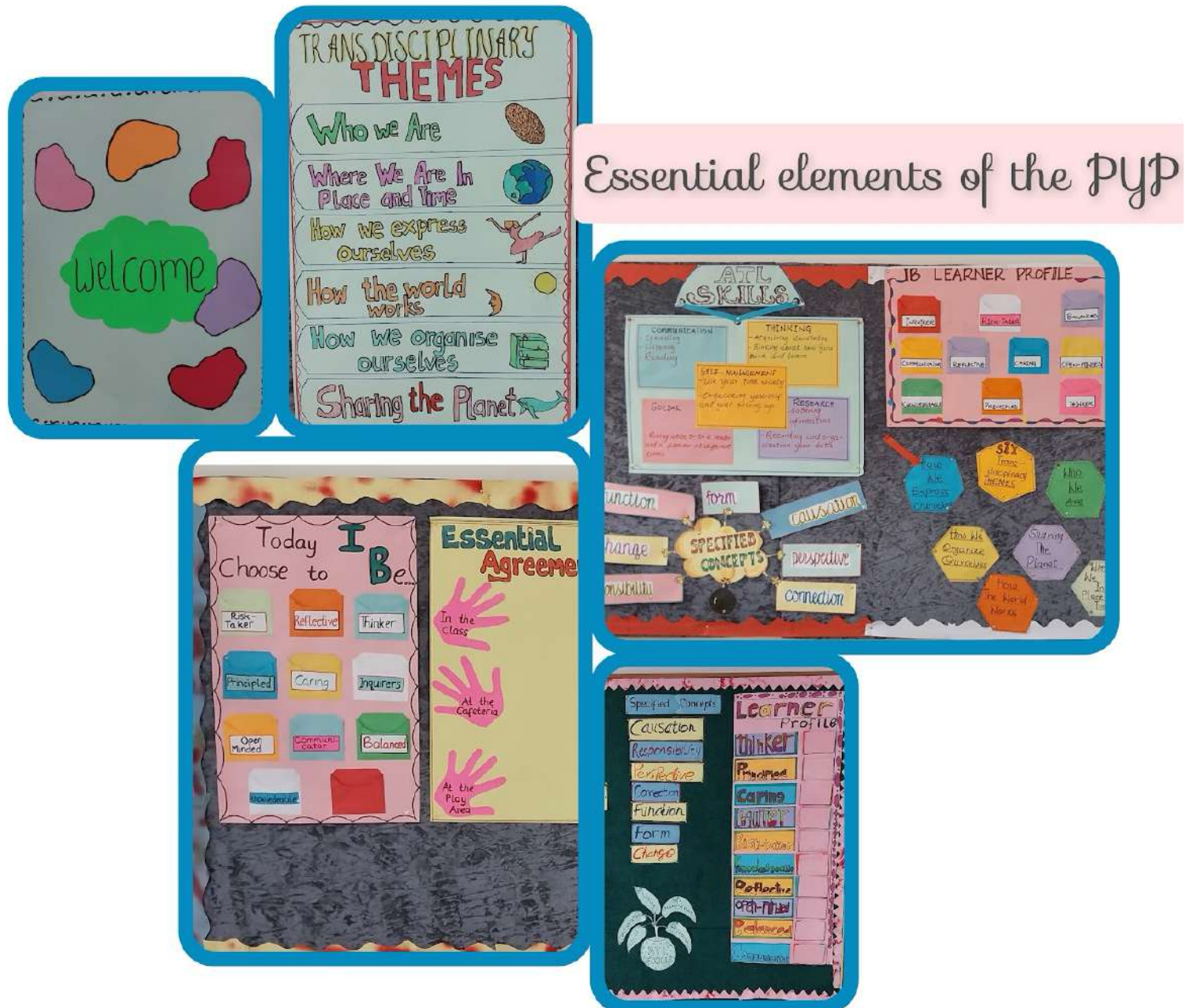


Interactive Unit of Inquiry boards





Interactive Unit boards showcasing Central ideas and relevant information relating to the Unit of inquiry.



All six elements are clearly displayed in each learning environment. The elements are Knowledge, Concepts, Skills, Attitudes, Action and the Learner Profile attributes



Upcoming Event
Sign language Day: 20th September 2024

As we begin this new academic year, we're excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. We're eager to see our students thrive in a year filled with inspiring learning experiences, vibrant community involvement, and collective achievements. Here's to a fantastic and rewarding year at Tema International Primary School, where we will all work together to make it our best yet!





TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ACADEMICS



At TIS, we believe that the academics, as one of the four pillars for student balance and ensuing success, provide a theoretical lens for inquiry, critical thinking and conceptual understanding, as well as the opportunity to demonstrate our knowledge and understanding across many areas of learning.



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IBDP SUBJECT SELECTION

The IBDP curriculum consists of six subject groups and the three elements of the DP core: theory of knowledge (TOK), extended essay (EE), and creativity, activity, service (CAS). These are the subject groups:

GROUP	DESCRIPTION
1	Studies in Language and Literature
2	Language Acquisition
3	Individuals and societies
4	Sciences
5	Mathematics
6	The Arts

There are two main pathways students can follow for admission into universities:

1. Diploma

Students subscribe to the full balanced curriculum by selecting six (6) subjects: 3 at higher level (HL) and the other 3 at standard level (SL). It is possible to select 4 subjects at HL and 2 at SL. The student must offer TOK, EE and CAS as well. A subject must be selected from each group (except group 6 where students may decide to rather select an additional subject from group 3 or 4).

2. Diploma courses

The students must select at least 3 subjects in all including at least one at HL. It is compulsory to select a subject each from Group 1 and 5. We advise the selection of 5 subjects.

The tables below show the subject blocks that are available in Tema International School. A diploma student must select a subject from each block and ensure each group from 1 to 5 is represented.

BLOCK A	
	English A: Literature
	English A: Language and Literature
	French A: Literature

BLOCK B	
	French B
	Spanish AB initio (SL)
	Spanish B
	English B

BLOCK D	
	Biology
	Physics
	Environmental Systems and Societies (SL)
	Business Management
	Economics
	Psychology

BLOCK C	
	Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches
	Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation

BLOCK E	
	Chemistry
	Computer Science
	Digital Society
	Geography
	History
	Psychology

BLOCK F	
	Biology
	Physics
	Chemistry
	Environmental Systems and Societies
	Theatre
	Music
	Visual Arts



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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HOSTEL CORNER



Welcome Back to School

Dear Continuing Students, we are excited to have you back in school this Sunday. Our Newbies have reported and are settling in comfortably. They cannot wait to see you all.

Nose Masks and other health requirements

Students are to come to school with nose masks (2 weeks' supply), vitamin C and pocket tissue. Students are encouraged to wash their hands regularly and avoid touching their faces when they return to school.

Labelling for Easy Identification

We encourage students to label their belongings for easy identification.

Dress Code for return to school

Students are reminded to wear their school uniforms or TIS polo with appropriate footwear. Slide-style shoes, cros, and slippers are not be worn when returning to school.

Girl's Dress Code Guidelines

- **General Appearance:** During the school day, students are required to maintain a tidy, clean, and decent appearance. For our female students, this includes neatly tied back and arranged hair.
- **Hair Length:** Girls should aim for hair at mid-back or shoulder length. Hair extensions should match their natural hair colour. Girls not adhering to these requirements will be asked to return home to make the necessary adjustments.
- **Clothing Guidelines:** Appropriate clothing should cover the torso, back, and belly adequately. Tank tops with wide straps are acceptable, while spaghetti straps are not. **Crop tops are permitted when worn with appropriate undergarments.**

- **Skirt and Shorts Length:** Skirts and shorts should extend no more than 2 inches above the knee. We encourage students to exercise good judgment and select clothing that reflects modesty.
- **Footwear:** All students should wear all-black shoes and socks to school. On Fridays, when the TIS Green Polo is donned, the footwear of choice should be full shoes and sneakers.
- **Accessories:** The use of excessive or distracting accessories is discouraged. Students are requested to refrain from wearing accessories such as sunglasses, jewellery, and hats while in school uniform. One pair of earrings is allowed when wearing school uniforms, and multiple pairs at the same time are not permitted.
- **Head Coverings:** Except for religious or medical reasons, students should avoid wearing hats, caps, or other head coverings within school premises. The exception to this rule is during sports events, and that is only for sporty hats.

Dress Code Guidelines for Boys

- **Clothing Guidelines:** Boys are encouraged to wear casual clothes for various activities, including hostel duties, physical activities, beach outings, games, ASA, and school trips. For after-school activities, we recommend simple plain trousers or shorts in blue, brown, black, grey, khaki, paired with matching shirts. Special occasions call for smart outfits such dress shirts and trousers and appropriate footwear.
- **Shoes:** Boys are expected to have appropriate footwear (dress shoes, sandals, sports shoes and slippers) for various occasions, including formal, casual, and sports activities. Black shoes are required for school. In the event where students have to wear sandals for school and formal events, they must have straps.
- **Hair Length:** Boys must maintain a hair length of one inch (2.5cm) and ensure that their hair is neatly combed or brushed at all times. Boys are encouraged to come school with their own combs and hairbrushes. Boys with facial hair are advised to come to school with shaving cream and after-shave to reduce bumps after shaving.

Enforcement and Compliance

Our dedicated school administration and staff, work diligently to consistently and impartially enforce our dress code requirements. These guidelines serve as the foundation for a respectful and appropriate atmosphere within our school. It is important for students to understand the significance of adhering to these guidelines, as non-compliance may result in warnings, parental notifications, and, if necessary, disciplinary action.

If you have any inquiries or require further clarification on any aspect of the dress code and appearance guidelines, please feel free to reach out to **Setor Adih (setor_aa@tis.edu.gh)** and **Dennis Akortah (dakortah@tis.edu.gh)**, **Hostel Coordinators**.

Kind regards,
Hostel Coordinators



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MAIN CAMPUS

**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)

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).

To learn more scan this.



To enrol scan this.



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



TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



Primary School Campus Admissions Open For 2024/2025 Academic Year

Flexible admission screenings and interviews



Entry Points in 2024

Preschool

- Kinder 1 (3-4 years)
- Kinder 2 (4-5 years)
- Kinder 3 (5-6 years)

Junior Primary

- Grade 1 (5.5 - 7 years)
- Grade 2 (6.5 - 8 years)
- Grade 3 (7.5 - 9 years)

Senior Primary

- Grade 4 (8.5 - 10 years)
- Grade 5 (9.5 years-11 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.

To learn more scan this.



To enrol scan this.



CAS-SA Corner

Welcome to the Fast and Furious TIS!



**Get ready for a
fantastic School year ahead!**

Dear TIS Family,

As we gear up for the new academic year, we welcome you to the Fast and Furious TIS, a place filled with opportunities for everyone. The countdown has begun, and our staff have resumed diligently preparing for an incredible year ahead.

There is so much to look forward to this year: the **TIS 21st anniversary**, the vibrant **Spirit Week**, **Sporty Family**, the **Annual Production**, and many more exciting events. We are eager to welcome our students back on campus and kick off the **2024/2025 academic** year with enthusiasm and energy.

Proactive Approach At TIS, we believe in the value and importance of being proactive. Success requires foresight, preparation, and taking decisive action. As we embark on this new academic journey, let's embrace a proactive approach to make the most of the opportunities that come our way.

Key Dates

- **Monday, 12 August:** Our student leaders returned to campus zealously, eager to prepare the hostels to welcome the newbies. They did a fantastic job together. Their commitment and enthusiasm are commendable.
- **Wednesday, 14 August:** The newbies arrived with the usual anxiety of a newbie. They joined the staff for a parent information session at the MPH. The hall was packed, and the excitement was visible. The Newbie Orientation started on Thursday with sessions with various stakeholders. The weekend promises to be one of its kind with the Freshers Night.
- **Sunday, 18 August:** Our continuing students will arrive and settle in for another exciting year.

MYP and DP Orientation for our Students: We are thrilled to announce the orientation week for both **the Middle Years Programme (MYP) and the Diploma Programme (DP)**. These sessions provide students with a valuable opportunity to gain a thorough understanding of their respective programmes.

The orientation will cover the core components **for MYP students**, including the Community Project, Service as Action, Personal Project, and subject selection.

For **DP1 (Grade 11)** students, the Diploma Programme Orientation will delve into the DP requirements, focusing on the subject selection process for Standard Level (SL) and Higher Level (HL) subjects, followed by Internal Assessment and the core components: the Extended Essay (EE), Theory of Knowledge (TOK), and Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS). Additionally, students will have the opportunity to register as participants in the **Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (DoEIA) programme**, opening doors to enriching experiences and personal growth.

These orientations are designed to equip our students with the knowledge and tools they need to succeed in their academic journey.

After-School Activities (ASA): This year, we have an array of after-school activities for you to explore. From sports to arts, there is something for everyone. The **ASA Fair**, on Monday, August 26, led by our Grade 12 students, will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about these activities and sign up. Kindly find attached the **ASA Semester 1 time table**.

The year promises to be remarkable with the TIS 21st anniversary celebrations and a vibrant **Spirit Week** organised by Grade 11s, led by *Zeruiah and Sujan*.

The **CASSA Team** is eager to meet you all and ensure you have an unforgettable school year. **Welcome to the Fast and Furious TIS!** We are excited to embark on this journey with you. Let's make the 2024/2025 academic year amazing, filled with learning, growth, and unforgettable experiences.

Kind regards,

Surama King – CAS & Events Coordinator

Newbies Parents and Students Information Session: A Heartwarming Welcome to the TIS Family

The Newbies Parents and Students Information Session was an informative and memorable event, marking the beginning of a new chapter for our incoming students and their families. We had a full house, with parents showing up in impressive numbers, eager to learn about the TIS experience and the support systems in place for their children.

In addition to the enthusiastic turnout from parents, we were delighted to welcome several alumni who returned to the school, bringing along their siblings and cousins to continue the TIS tradition. Among these special guests was **Afiba Dzah, an alumna from the IB Class of 2007, our Pioneer Class, who made history by bringing her daughter, Gemma Dzareh-Dzah, to join Grade 9.** This marked the first time in TIS history that an alumni has enrolled their child at the school.



Afiba's return to TIS was made even more moving as she was accompanied by her mother, Mrs Nyamikeh Kyiamah, who brought her to TIS 21 years ago. The reunion was emotional, symbolising the connection between the school and its alumni. Afiba took the opportunity to share some heartfelt words of advice and assurance with the parents and Newbies, reflecting on her own experiences at TIS and expressing confidence in the school's continued commitment to excellence.

The session was not only a time for introductions and information sharing but also a moment of reflection on TIS's legacy and the community that continues to grow and thrive. We look forward to the exciting journey ahead with our new students and their families, and we are grateful for the ongoing support of our alumni, who help to make TIS a special place.



Newbies Parents & Students Information Session



Newbies Parents & Students Information Session



Newbies Orientation



Newbies Orientation



ASA - After School Activities – 2024/2025 Academic Year – Semester 1

DAY 4:30 - 5:30PM	ACTIVITY	INSTRUCTOR/PATRON	VENUE	VACANCY /GRADE
MONDAY	Brass Band	Shadrach Asaase	Music Room 3 – Handel &	All grades
	Cosmetology	Abigail Abiadorme	Strands Saloon	10 Ss- All grades
	Chess Club	Abass Amidu	Design Lab 1	30 All grades
	Piano Lessons	Prosper & Emmanuel H., Robert H.	Music Room 2 – Handel & Picasso	Individual lessons - All grades
	Debate Society	Louis & Welagamo & Ms Irene Korco	C6:LL2	30 Ss G7-G11
	Badminton & Tennis	Sports Team	Sports Complex	All grades
	Visual Art Club	Albert Dowuona	Visual Arts Studio-Handel &	10Ss - All grades
	Squash	Takasi Nyande	Sports Complex	All grades
	Architecture Club	Donald Dodoo	Design Lab	10 Ss - G9 - G11
TUESDAY	Fascinator Club	Grace Ameyibor	Project Center	6 Ss G9 - G11
	School Play	Mawuli Z, Arts and CASSA Departments	Black Box	All grades
	Sewing Club (Hand & Machine Sewing)	Donald Dodoo	Design Lab	8 Ss – G11s
	Tennis	Sports Team	Sports Complex	All grades
	Cooking Club – G8	Abigail Abiadorme	Project Centre Kitchen	8 Ss – Grade 8
	MUN	Gilda	C12 IS4	50 Ss- All Grades
	Innovation & Entrepreneurship Club	George M, Nicholas S, Mr Kumah-Noi, David D	Library	18 Ss- G9 - G11
	Cosmetology	Phoebe Fafa Wensley	Strands Saloon	10 Ss- All grades
	Mooting Society	Louis W., Constance	C6:LL2	25 Ss - G9 – G11
WEDNESDAY	TIS Orchestra	Shadrach Asaase	Orchestra Room – Handel	All grades
	School Play	Mawuli Z, Arts and CASSA Departments	Black Box	All grades
	Badminton	Sports Team	Sports Complex	All grades
	Chess Club	Abass Amidu & Franklin Adu-Baah, G12	Design Lab 1	30 Ss - All grades
	TIS Choir	Prosper Fiebor, Shadrach Asaase & Portia	Music Room 3 – Handel &	All grades
	Reading Club	Samuel Ato	Learning Center	24 Ss - All grades
	Insight TV	David Difie	Media Room	15 Ss - G9 – G12
	Cooking Class – G9 & G10	TBC	Project Centre Kitchen	8 Ss – G9 - G10
	School Play	Mawuli Z, Arts and CASSA Departments	Black Box	All grades
THURSDAY	Handball & Squash	Sports Team	Sports Complex	All grades
	The Smile Club	Mrs King and Obaa G12	Design Lab	12 Ss – G9 – G11
	Pop Band	Meshach Asase	Music Room 3 – Handel &	Individual lessons - All grades
	Interact Club of TIS - Meeting 2 x Month	Grace Kabukie & Gilda Afegbedzi	I&S CL113	20Ss - All grades
	STEM CLUB	Science & Math Team	Einstein Block	All grades
	Dance Club	Dennis Dzah	Dance Room – Project Centre	16 Ss – Auditioned Ss Only
	TIS Orchestra	Shadrach Asaase	Orchestra Room – Handel &	All grades
	Photography Club	Dennis Akortah & Joshua Nariey	Media Room – Project Centre	14 Ss – All grades
	School Play	Mawuli Z, Arts and CASSA Departments	Black Box	All grades
FRIDAY	School Choir	Prosper Fiebor, Shadrach Asaase & Portia	Music Room 3 – Handel & Picasso	All grades
	Piano Lessons	Prosper & Robert Hayford	Music Room 2 – Handel & Picasso	Individual Lessons - All grades
	Squash	Takasi Nyande	Sports Complex	All grades
	School Play	Mawuli Z, Arts and CASSA Departments	Black Box	All grades
SATURDAY	Volleyball – After lunch	Sports Team	Girls Hostel Court	All grades
SUNDAY 4 - 5 PM	Swimming Club – Dr Ken Darvall, Sports Team			

- **Service Projects:** Opportunity for Service as Action and CAS students to develop community projects. Discuss logistics with coordinators/supervisors. Visit CASSA office for NGO collaboration list.
- **CAS Projects (G11 & G12):** Submit Project Proposal Form to **CAS Coordinator** before starting.
- **Red Cross Club:** Monthly meetings for Red Cross Ghana Society certified members. Sign up for 4-day online workshop (Date TBC). Patrons: Mr. Hayford Gyasi, Abigail, & Mr. Callistus Sullo.
- **Performance/School Event Organizers:** Open to all students. Check Notice Board, Bulletin, or ManageBac for opportunities.
- **Workshops:** Skill-building opportunities are announced in the Weekly Bulletin - CAS-SA Corner and ManageBac.
- **DoEIA - Dukies:** Follow Dukies Group on ManageBac for updates. For Bronze, Silver, Gold Award registration, contact Mr. David Difie (david.difie@tis.edu.gh).
- **After-School Activities Participation: All students are** required to participate in at least 3 activities weekly. Sign up with activity patron/instructor. Emphasise commitment and balance.
- **After-School Program and CAS: The After-School Program** at Tema International School is meticulously aligned with the CAS requirements. A significant portion of these activities fulfils the CAS experience prerequisites, particularly within the Creativity and Activity strands, providing students with diverse opportunities to engage and develop these essential skills.



TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



School Play Production 2024

Call For **AUDITION**

Sun. 25 August 2024
TIS Sports Complex
2:00pm

Coming up: A Vibrant Spirit Week, Celebrating 21 Years of TIS!



We are thrilled to introduce this year's **Spirit Week**, a significant celebration marking the 21st anniversary of Tema International School. This week is a tribute to our esteemed founders, Mr. and Mrs. Adjavon, and a celebration of the incredible journey and growth of TIS over the past 21 years.

Spirit Week is a fantastic opportunity for all students to showcase our love and pride for our school. It's a time to celebrate our diversity, engage in a variety of exciting events, and create lasting memories. This year, for our **21st anniversary** our line-up includes:

- **Sporty Family Day:** Show your athletic spirit and bond with your classmates through sports and fun activities.
- **Founders Day:** A day to honour our founders and the legacy they have built.
- **International Show:** Experience the rich tapestry of global cultures through cuisine, fashion, music, dance, and more.

We also have special prizes for the most creative outfits throughout **Spirit Week** and an essay competition on "**What I Love Most About TIS.**"

Please come prepared with your attire for each themed day. Remember, all school rules and dress codes apply. We encourage modesty and creativity and advise against overspending on outfits. New students, feel free to reach out to any of the organisers if you need further clarification.

For further enquiries regarding Spirit Week, please get in touch with the Spirit Week leaders:

- Ruby Paintsil | email: rpaintsil10@gmail.com
- Baffour Longdon | email: tlongdon10@gmail.com
- Oforiwa Sakyi-Addo | email: ewurabena09@gmail.com

Let's make this Spirit Week a memorable celebration of our school's past, present, and future.

Zeruiah and Sujana, Grade 11 – TIS @ 21 Anniversary Leaders



TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Spirit Week



September 28th

Sat THE "ZION" ENCOUNTER

A gospel concert for an amazing encounter with the Lord



September 30th

Mon SDG-DAY

Each grade represents an SDG goal



IB CLASS
OF 2026

SEP 28 - OCT 06

October 1st

Tues CARTOON DAY

Show off your favorite cartoon character through a fun and creative outfit



October 2nd

Wed COUNTRYSIDE VS COUNTRY CLUB

Boots or brougues? Flannel or fancy? It's Country vs Club!



October 3rd

Thur WE ARE ONE!

Founders & International Day Food festival



October 4th

Fri RULE BREAK

Self-expression through clothing and style



October 5th

Sat FUN FAIR

Cathony or Francelia? Get ready for thrills, chills, and cotton candy spills!

THE BLACKLIST

A touch of mystery & intrigue. Dress to impress...but incognito. It's a mystery masquerade party!



October 6th

Sun THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Come celebrate gratitude! Give thanks for another TIS anniversary.



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Spirit Week Line-Up Programme

The “ZION” Encounter (Gospel Concert)

Saturday, 28 September 2024

Join us for an inspiring gospel concert that promises an amazing encounter with the Lord. **Dress code: semi-formal.**

SDG Day

Monday, 30 September 2024

Each grade will represent a Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) and dress in the corresponding colour. During lunch, select students will perform to provide insights into their assigned SDG.

Cartoon Day

Tuesday, 1 October 2024

Unleash your inner child by showcasing your favourite cartoon character or a character you think resonates with you.

Countryside vs Country Club

Wednesday, 2 October 2024

Are you a local farmer from the countryside or a wealthy golfer from the country club? Dress as either a countryside local or a country club member.

We are One! (Founders Day x International Day)

Thursday, 3 October 2024

Honouring our Founders while celebrating our diversity with a wonderful food festival. Dress in vibrant colours and cultural attire representing any country of your choice.

Rule Break

Friday, 4 October 2024

Express yourself through clothing. Accessorise with **fake piercings, temporary tattoos, fun hairstyles, and more** while keeping the school's dress code in mind.

Fun Fair

Saturday, 5 October 2024 (morning)

Is it **Cathony or Francelia**? Find out through a series of fun inter-hostel games showcasing your hostel spirit. May the best hostel win!

The Blacklist (Party)

Saturday, 5 October 2024 (evening)

Dress in your most elegant black or silver attire and prepare to cover your identity with masquerades provided at the event. Enjoy an evening of sophistication, mystery, and fun!

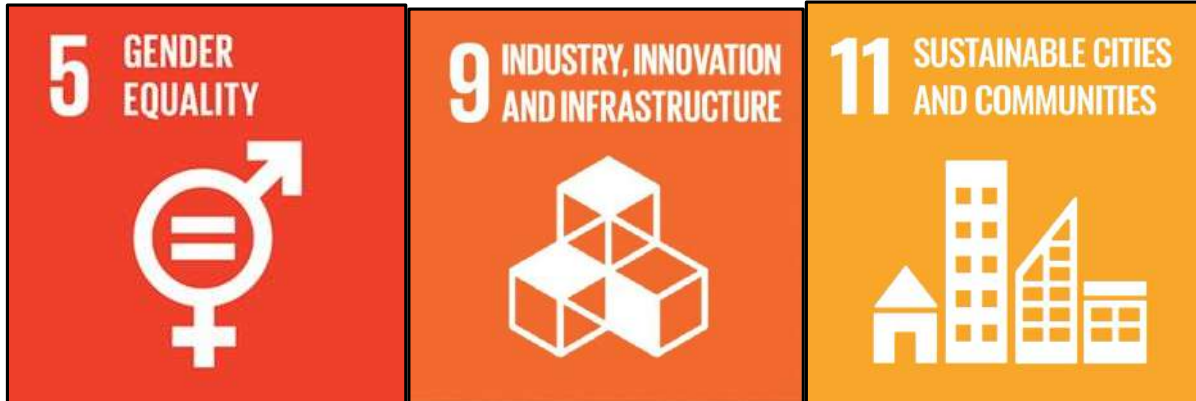
Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, 6 October 2024

As we conclude Spirit Week, let us come together in white attire to thank God for making this anniversary possible.

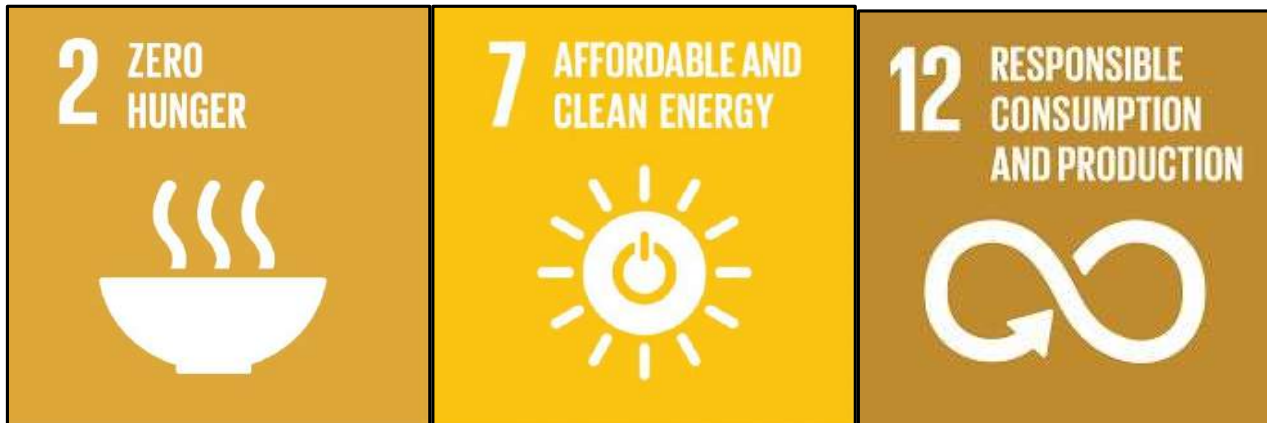
SDG Day: Colour Assignments

GRADE 7 (MYP 2)



SDGs: 5, 9, 11 - Colours: Orange & Dark Orange.

GRADE 8 (MYP 3)



SDGs: 2, 7, 12 - Colours: Yellow & Goldish-Yellow

GRADE 9 (MYP 4)



SDGs: 1, 4, 8 - Colours: Red & Dark Red.

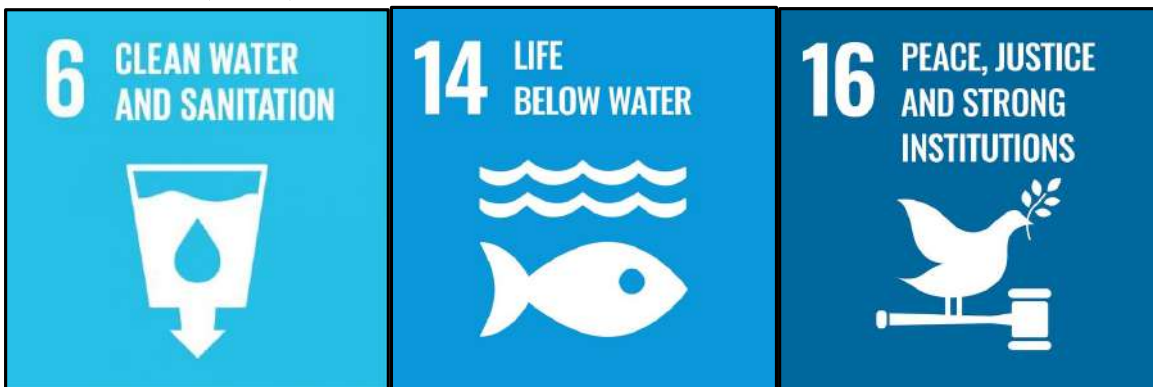
SDG Day: Colour Assignment

GRADE 10 (MYP 5)



SDGs: 3, 13, 15 - Colours: Green and Dark Green.

GRADE 11 (DP 1)



SDGs: 6, 14, 16 - Colours: Blue & Light Blue

GRADE 12 (DP 2)



SDGs: 10, 17 - colours: Pink & Dark Blue



Proud to deliver

**THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S
INTERNATIONAL AWARD**

Registration for Tema International School students to enroll in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award programme is open. Sign up with this link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3xhDk2nESjSjUR4SGZBTlrXOGgXjQc1A39jXtFzSt5Ncz4A/viewform> for your preferred award level. The registration deadline is 30 August 2024.

Participants will have to conclude their enrollment by making payment in reference to the Award Level.

Momo number - 0597621047 (Abigail Ahiadorme - Award Leader)

Bronze registration fee: 80ghc

Silver registration fee: 100ghc

Gold registration fee: 120ghc

Parent, please indicate the participant’s name in the reference when completing the transaction.

Summary of the requirements from participants and parent/guardian

Award Levels & Timeframes		BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
Minimum Age		14	15	16
Minimum Participation Period*		6 months	6 months or 12 months*	12 months or 18 months*
Service 		3 months	6 months	12 months
Physical Fitness 		3 months	6 months	12 months
Skills 		3 months	6 months	12 months
Adventurous Journey 		2 days / 1 night	3 days / 2 nights	4 days / 3 nights
Residential Project 				5 days / 4 nights

READY FOR CHANGE. READY FOR OUR NEW WORLD.



Right now, more than a million 14 - 24 year olds around the world are stepping outside their comfort zone. They're learning to lead. They're safely **supporting their communities**, **getting active** and **gaining new skills**. They're **discovering adventure** and having fun. They're participating in The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.

Through the Award, young people can develop the crucial skills they need to navigate change and build positive habits, now and in the future. All while gaining an internationally recognised accreditation which is valued by governments, businesses and universities around the world.

READY FOR NOW

The Award is a commitment which encourages young people to:

1. Stay mentally and physically healthy
2. Connect (safely) with others
3. Give back to their communities
4. Embrace structure and purpose
5. Readjust to formal education¹
6. Enjoy themselves!

READY FOR THE FUTURE

The Award develops positive foundations for the future, including:





1. Essential life skills
2. Employability
3. Goal setting and planning
4. Increased community engagement
5. The ability to build resilience and therefore thrive in an ever – changing world

¹ The Award helps young people to readjust to formal education by developing skills such as resilience, adaptability, problem solving and communication

WORLD-CLASS LEARNING, OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

By encouraging your child to get involved with the Award, you can ensure that they benefit from great non-formal education and learning and they are ready for the world, at a time when the world needs them more than ever.

GET INVOLVED

-  **Encourage** your child to unplug and expand their horizons, by taking part in the Award.
-  **Embrace** the Award and learn more about the benefits and impacts it can have. Many of the extra-curricular activities your child is already doing can contribute to their Award.
-  **Support** young people to do the Award: consider offering to help your child's local Award unit by offering your time and talents to support other young people.
-  **Refer** people to the Award: encourage others to consider delivering, volunteering, or participating, to ensure more young people can benefit.
-  **Pay it forward:** By making a donation to the Award, you can help another young person to benefit from the impact of non-formal education and learning and become world ready.

Young people face exceptional challenge and change. There has never been a more important time to ensure that they are equipped to be resilient and adaptable to that change. To be ready to take on the world of today and tomorrow. The Award is here to help.





TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL SERVICE



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



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Change ^{the} World Through Service

#Make a Difference



COUNSELLORS' CORNER



Welcome on board, Newbies!
Enjoy your new learning community with zest and ingenuity!!



Here are 5 ways to be happy as a Newbie

- ✓ Say hello to someone. Be yourself. It will help you fit in better!
- ✓ Be content with what you have.
- ✓ Hostel parents and peer buddies are your first call of contact. Talk to them and you will be glad you did!
- ✓ Sharing is caring. Share your knowledge and ideas as you learn along with others.
- ✓ Enjoy each moment, build memories and be happy!

Professional



DP2s, Take Action: Writing Professional Exams in support of your UK and European Applications. UCAT, LNAT, TOFEL, IELTS



Linear Assessment Centre. Contact Person: Roderick -0244167800

What To Bring:

PRIMARY ID	<p>A currently valid passport containing the candidate's photograph and signature. An unsigned passport is only acceptable if it is a biometric passport and does not contain a location for a signature.</p> <p>All students who want to take the professional examinations: UCAT, LNAT and BMAT should please contact Linear Assessment Centre for assistance. Click here: https://linearghana.com/</p> <p>For all exams:</p>
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New Changes to BMAT Attention!!

BMAT Registration

Please note that the BMAT is now discontinued. Most universities that used the BMAT will use the UCAT from 2024 onwards. See our guide to registering for UCAT.

REGISTER FOR UCAT

Click here for more information: <https://www.themedicportal.com/application-guide/bmat/bmat-registration/>



NATIONAL ADMISSIONS TEST FOR LAW

- ✓ Registration for and booking of LNAT tests for entry into university in September 2025 opens on 1 August 2024.
- ✓ Testing starts on 1 September 2024. <https://lnat.ac.uk/registration/dates-and-deadlines/>

120 GBP – at test centres outside the EU

- ✓ Cost of LNAT:



- ✓ The UCAT is used by the current consortium of UK and partner Universities to help select applicants to their medical and dental degree programmes.
- ✓ Registration and deadline click here: <https://www.ucat.ac.uk/about-ucat/>
- ✓ Cost of UCAT registration .£115 for students taking the test in other countries.



Click here for more information <https://www.britishcouncil.org.gh/about>

Address: Liberia Road, Accra

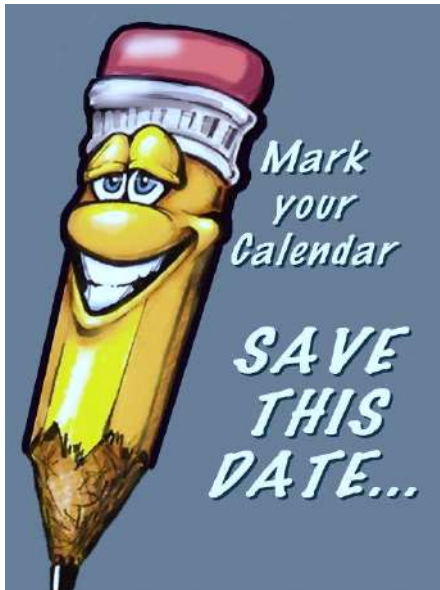
Hours:

Opens : 9am 2:00pm on weekdays and weekends

Phone:[030 261 0090](tel:0302610090)



Information Update For Grade 10/MYP 5



- ✓ PSAT cost of exams is **GHC400** only
- ✓ All registered students should kindly inform their parents to make payment into TIS momo account. Momo details are as follows;



TIS Merchant Number for MTN **159850**

- ✓ Deadline for proof of payment is **Wednesday 21 August 2024**.
- ✓ Send proof of receipt of payment to Eyram Mahoney at eyram.mahoney@tis.edu.gh and copy uniguides@tis.edu.gh



2024-2025 TEST DATES

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

- ✓ <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration>
- ✓ SAT Registration Fee beginning with **August 24, 2024, the SAT registration fee is \$68, plus a \$43 international fee \$ 111.** Click here: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/international-testing/>
- ✓ 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 2024/2025

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE
Aug. 24, 2024	Aug 4, 2024
Oct. 5, 2024	Sept 15, 2024
Nov. 2, 2024	Oct 13, 2024
Mar 8, 2025	Feb 16, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 13, 2025



✓ **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>
<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/dates-deadlines>



2024/2025 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)**
- ✓ **Note: Cost of registration is subject to change.**
- ✓ **(TIS Test Centre Code: 870390, but inform counsellor first).**

ACT TEST DATES 2024/2025 (COMPUTER-BASED TESTING ONLY!)

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE
Sept 14, 2024	Aug 11, 2024
Oct 26, 2024	Sept 22, 2024
April 5, 2025	March 2 2025
June 14 2025	May 11 2025



- ✓ **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.**



TEMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL SPORT



At TIS, we believe that sport, as one of the four pillars for student balance and ensuing success, promotes teamwork challenges personal best and emphasises the importance of appreciating how to lose before knowing how to win.



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Exceed expectations.

Dr Ken Darvall

TIS INTEGRITY Code

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

As a TIS family member,

**I promise to uphold and demonstrate its values,
and protect the reputation of the school.**

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



