

WHY LEARN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE SUCH AS FRENCH?

1.COMMUNICATION: An obvious reason to learn a new language is to be able to communicate with the people who speak it. This includes both the people you meet when traveling as well as people in your own community. Your trip to another country will be greatly enhanced in both ease of communication and friendliness if you speak the language. Speaking another's language shows respect for that culture, and people in every country prefer it when tourists make an effort to speak the local language, even if all you can say in it is "hello" and "please." In addition, learning another language can also help you to communicate with local immigrant populations at home.

2.CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING: Speaking a new language helps you to get to know another people and culture, as language and culture go hand in hand. Because language simultaneously defines and is defined by the world around us, learning another language opens one's mind to new ideas and new ways of looking at the world.

SUGGESTED FRENCH ACTIVITY SITES FOR ELEMENTARY PUPILS:

<http://fr.barbie.com/>

http://pbskids.org/caillou_french/greetings/index.html

<http://www.perenoel.com/village>

POEMS

THE OLD TREE

From year to year as the tulips bloom;
The old tree stands.
Blown by the wind but never falling;
Its root dig deep hence unfailling.
Soon it shall be chopped like all the others;
But will not splinter.
And shall provide warmth for the coming winters.

Kofi Yiadom - Grade 6

(Member of the Writers' & Debaters' Club)

PIRATES

The bandits of the sea;
Fierce as can be.
Ships they have attacked;
For treasures beyond imagination
Few have lived to tell their tales
Tales of those who died with great sorrow
For those who lived;
They lived to tell tales
Tales of bandits of the sea
Pirates, oh pirates,
Bandits of the sea
Fierce as fierce can be.

Selasie Womoakor - Grade 6

(Member of the Writers' & Debaters' Club)

Feedback



NEWSLETTER OF TEMA RIDGE SCHOOL. NOVEMBER 2013 EDITION

Welcome to our 3rd edition of Feedback, the periodic Newsletter of Tema Ridge School. In this Edition, we feature recent developments including the start-up of our International Department as well as creative writing by our students. Enjoy your reading.

EDITORIAL TEAM

OUR INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT – TEMA BRITISH SCHOOL

Why introduce the Cambridge International Curriculum?

A key consideration for introducing the Cambridge International Education curriculum to run alongside the GES curriculum is to diversify our curriculum and offer Parents more flexibility regarding choice of educational path for their children. This is primarily a response to an emerging and growing demand for the Cambridge International curriculum and is not designed to replace the current GES system.

Why is the International Department (Tema British School) operating from the same premises as Tema Ridge?

This is only a temporary arrangement and

is not intended to create competition nor exclusion. We are the same school. The Tema Ridge School Library for example is located inside the new block. Tema British School has a separate and permanent site located outside the premises of Tema Ridge and ultimately this is where the new school complex will be located.

However, the strategic decision to kickstart the Department is to enable us develop, refine and strengthen systems and resources pending the full completion of the new complex. This essentially gives us the advantage of growing vital elements of the International Department concurrent with the development of the new physical structures.



WHAT IS TEMA BRITISH SCHOOL AND WHAT IS THE VALUE-ADDITION FOR TEMA RIDGE SCHOOL?

Tema British School (TBS) is the International Department of Tema Ridge School and will be providing an





International education for children from Foundation Stage through **Primary to Secondary (ages 5-16)**

based on the Cambridge International Curriculum. Tema Ridge School ultimately stands to benefit from this initiative through enhanced academic standards and facilities arising from joint Professional Development programmes and infrastructure upgrades among others. Parents will directly benefit from the spin-offs with stronger programmes for children in Tema Ridge School and flexibility to switch between schools.

WHAT IS THE CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL CURRICULUM ?

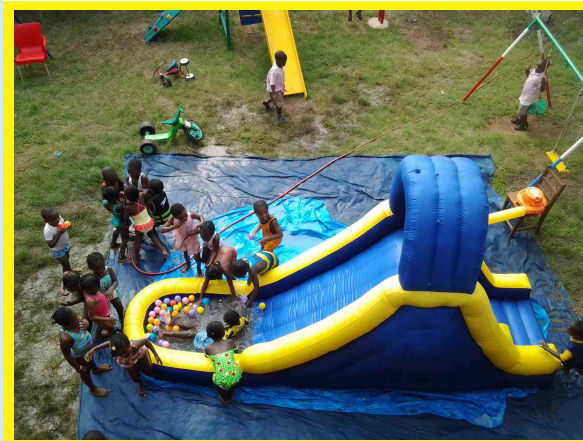
The **Cambridge International Curriculum / Examinations** is the world's largest provider of international education programmes and qualifications for 5 to 19 year olds. It is a division of Cambridge Assessment, a department of the University of Cambridge, one of the world's top universities. More than 9000 schools in over 160 countries are part of the Cambridge learning community. By choosing Cambridge, we are creating a relationship with an organisation that has an excellent reputation as the leader in international education, whose aim is to develop learners who are confident, innovative, responsible, reflective and engaged – equipped for success in the fast-changing modern world. (www.cie.org.uk)

Congratulations, Class of 2013

Congratulations to our second batch of BECE graduates for their strong performance in the 2013 BECE. They did their best to match the sterling performance of their predecessors. We are encouraged by the consistently strong performance of our children and all of us (staff, parents and students) should collectively continue to work assiduously to maintain a high standard.



Its fun at school!



School must be fun as well. A healthy balance between learning and playing is essential to maintain physical fitness, enhance motor skills and also rest the mind. Children love to play on the water slide.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Academic Calendar
1st Term:
 Sep 10 - Dec 12, 2013

2nd Term:
 Jan 7 – April 3, 2014

3rd Term:
 April 23 – July 10, 2014

COLLABORATING PARTNERSHIPS WITH CANADA – TEMA RIDGE TO HOST CANADIAN STUDENT TEACHERS AND THEIR PROFESSORS



Our collaboration with Vancouver Island University has remained strong over the years and we are pleased to be hosting a group of student teachers and their professors for their Practicum at Tema Ridge School next year. We will be benefitting also from some seminars as part of our Professional Development of staff. This will be the result of a strong and trusted relationship that exists between us. We are grateful to Professors Mary O'Neil and Nadine Cruickshanks for their instrumentality in making this happen.

BECE STAR ACHIEVER

This year, we are pleased to feature and celebrate our star achiever of the 2013 BECE, **Elvis Teye Afum** who obtained Grade one in eight subjects. Elvis gained admission into **Presec, Legon**. Congratulations, **Elvis on your outstanding performance.**

