

SOS-HERMANN GMEINER INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2017

Private Mail Bag, Community 6, Tema, Ghana

CEEB 617440

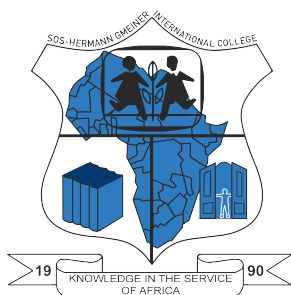
UCAS 48174

ADMINISTRATION & FACULTY

- ❖ **Principal** Mr. I. T. Ofei
- ❖ **Vice-Principal** Mr. N. A. Akita
- ❖ **Director of Studies** Mr. Julian Kitching
- ❖ **Guidance Counselor** Ms. Emefa Ntem
- ❖ **Director of Boarding** Mr. Paul Ahiable
- ❖ **Faculty Population** 46 (from 3 continents)
- ❖ **Faculty Experience** ♦ 18 years average & wide exposure to international education

ADMISSIONS

- ❖ Entrance into the College is highly selective ♦ Prospective students must have excellent credentials from their former schools and sit for an entrance examination
- ❖ Dependent on strong exam performance, students are invited for an interview, after which admissions decisions are made. Selection is strictly by merit



QUICK FACTS

- ❖ **Founded** ♦ founded in 1990 by SOS Kinderdorf International, a worldwide charitable organization that provides family life and education for orphaned and vulnerable children in SOS Children's Villages. Since inception in Austria after WWII, it has expanded to 134 countries and territories, providing homes to over 82,000 children in 554 Villages and with over 600 SOS Youth Facilities worldwide. 328,000 children and adults have benefitted from SOS family strengthening programmes since December 2013
- ❖ **Founding Purpose** ♦ To prepare academically able students from SOS Villages in Africa as well as students from the host country and around the world for tertiary education
- ❖ **Location** ♦ Port city of Tema, Ghana ♦ 30km from Accra
- ❖ **Motto** ♦ Knowledge in the Service of Africa
- ❖ **Curriculum** ♦ Years 1 & 2: IGCSE ♦ Years 3 & 4: IB Diploma Programme
- ❖ **Student Population** ♦ 359, approximately one-third from SOS Children's Villages across Africa
- ❖ **Facilities** ♦ 4 Science Labs ♦ 3 Computer labs ♦ 1 Creativity Lab ♦ 40,000 volume library ♦ Swimming Pool ♦ Track and Field ♦ Tennis Courts ♦ Badminton Court
- ❖ **Memberships** ♦ The Association of International Schools in Africa (AISA); International Schools' Association (ISA)
- ❖ **Calendar** ♦ 180 days/year ♦ Ten 40-minute lessons daily ♦ Semester 1: August ~ December ♦ Semester 2: January ~ June

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

- ❖ All-residential institution where students live in a multinational community in boarding houses with strong personal and social education programme which gives students the opportunity to share experiences from home countries and fosters unity.
- ❖ Very modern facilities, including computer, language, science, and Apple creativity laboratories as well as a computerised library
- ❖ Commitment to intellectual inquiry through the full IB Diploma Programme.
- ❖ We encourage students to return to their countries to live, work and achieve positions of influence & responsibility in the future
- ❖ We expect our students to become instruments through which the understanding and unity needed on the African continent and the wider world will be attained. We are committed to living our motto, "Knowledge in the Service of Africa."

CURRICULUM

Years 1 & 2 ♦ IGCSE

- ❖ International General Certificate of Secondary Education administered by University of Cambridge, UK
- ❖ Requirements ♦ Eight to ten subjects including two from Group 1 and at least one from Groups 2-5
- ❖ First Language English, Foreign Language French, Mathematics, Literature, Computer Science / Information Communication Technology are compulsory subjects for all IGCSE students in the College
- ❖ *International Certificate of Education (ICE)* ♦ Awarded to students who sit for at least 7 subjects from each of the 5 Groups and 2 different languages from Group 1

Group IGCSE Subjects

Group	IGCSE Subjects
1	Languages ♦ First Language English ♦ First Language French ♦ Foreign Language French
2	Humanities & Social Studies ♦ Economics ♦ Geography ♦ History ♦ Literature in English
3	Sciences ♦ Biology ♦ Chemistry ♦ Physics
4	Mathematics ♦ Additional Mathematics ♦ Mathematics
5	Creative, Technological & Vocational ♦ Art & Design ♦ Computer Science ♦ Information Technology & Communication ♦ Business Studies

Years 3 & 4 International Baccalaureate IB

- ❖ Diploma candidate requirements
 - Six Courses chosen from the IB subject groups
 - 3 at *Higher Level (HL)* ♦ 3 at *Standard Level (SL)*
 - Theory of Knowledge ♦ A course concerned with the nature of knowledge & knowing in different disciplines
 - Extended Essay ♦ 4,000 word piece of independent research in a chosen subject
 - Creativity Activity Service (CAS)
- ❖ In rare instances, the College offers diploma programme courses (DPC)

Enrollment Requirement for DPC - study 3 HL subjects and 2 SL subjects.

Group IB Subjects

Group	IB Subjects
1	Studies in Language and Literature ♦ English A Lit HL & SL ♦ English A Lang & Lit SL ♦ Amharic A Lit SL ♦ Swahili A Lit SL ♦ French A Lang & Lit SL
2	Language Acquisition ♦ French B HL & SL ♦ Spanish ab initio SL ♦ Swahili B HL, SL & ab initio SL ♦ English B HL & SL
3	Humanities & Social Studies Individuals & Societies ♦ History HL & SL ♦ Economics HL & SL ♦ Geography HL & SL ♦ Social & Cultural Anthropology HL & SL ♦ Information Technology in a Global Society SL
4	Sciences ♦ Biology HL & SL ♦ Chemistry HL & SL ♦ Physics HL ♦ Computer Science HL & SL
5	Mathematics ♦ Mathematics HL & SL ♦ Mathematical Studies SL
6	The Arts Visual Arts HL & SL

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GRADING

IGCSE Grades	IB Grades
A*	7
A	6
B	5
C	4
D	3
E	2
F/G	1

RESULTS

	IGCSE		IB	
	Total Tested	ICE Certificates	Total Tested	Diplomas Awarded
2009	66	53	71	68
2010	71	60	85	80
2011	75	54	81	78
2012	75	60	82	77
2013	80	64	85	79
2014	78	63	83	83
2015	82	66	89	85
2016	81	74	94	90

COMMUNITY

- ❖ Highly motivated, academic, well-rounded, and committed students focused on ideals of service with strong will to succeed
- ❖ Eclectic, international approach to learning with four consecutive years of schooling
- ❖ Beyond academics, the College also places a strong emphasis on activities of service to the local community as a philosophy involving the whole school, above the basic requirements of the IB Diploma
- ❖ Countries Represented: UK ♦ Burundi ♦ Ethiopia ♦ Ghana ♦ Japan ♦ Kenya ♦ Lesotho ♦ Liberia ♦ Malawi ♦ Nigeria ♦ Rwanda ♦ South Africa ♦ Swaziland ♦ Tanzania ♦ Uganda ♦ USA ♦ Zambia ♦ Zimbabwe

KEY ACTIVITIES

- ❖ **CAS Groups** Art ♦ Beads ♦ Macrame ♦ Tie & Dye ♦ Drama ♦ Cultural Dance ♦ Music ♦ College Magazine ♦ Environmental Initiative ♦ Learning Links ♦ Red Cross ♦ SOS Village ♦ Literacy Project ♦ TechnoCAS
- ❖ **National Day Celebrations**
- ❖ **Clubs** ♦ Interact ♦ Model United Nations ♦ Pan- African ♦ Chess ♦ Music ♦ Science
- ❖ **Sports** ♦ Swimming ♦ Tennis ♦ Volleyball ♦ Soccer ♦ Handball ♦ Basketball ♦ Athletics

SERVICE

We embrace the idea of Service to the Community as part of Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS), which forms an integral part of the IB programme, and has been adopted by the entire student body for two hours every Thursday afternoon throughout the year.

- ❖ Service Accomplishments ♦ Provided drinking water by laying 882 meters of pipe lines for a needy village ♦ Constructed a drainage system at settlement for destitute veterans from WWII ♦ Constructed school blocks in rural communities.
- ❖ We offer extended community service programmes on some weekends .
- ❖ The College has initiated joint CAS projects with schools outside Africa. We have hosted and worked with staff and students from Lillestrøm Videregående Skole, Norway; the American School of Paris, France; Phillips Exeter School and St Paul's School, New Hampshire, USA. Our students also visit these schools as part of our exchange programmes.
- ❖ Every year, our students win scholarships to participate in Youth Leadership Conferences outside the country.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT

- ❖ Traditionally, 100% of our graduates go to university

GHANA

- Ashesi University
- University of Ghana, Legon
- Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

KENYA

- Kenyan Methodist University

SOUTH AFRICA

- University of Cape Town
- University of Natal
- Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
- University of Witwatersrand

UAE

- NYU Abu Dhabi

CANADA

- Carleton University
- Dalhousie University
- Guelph University
- McGill University
- Mt. Allison University
- Queens University
- Simon Fraser University
- Trent University
- University of British Columbia
- University of Toronto
- University of Victoria

YORK UNIVERSITY

- York University

NETHERLANDS

- Fontys University

GERMANY

- Jacobs University

UK

- Aston University
- Cambridge University
- Imperial College
- Keele University
- Leeds University
- Northumbria University
- Sheffield University
- Sussex University
- University of Bath

AUSTRALIA

- University of Southern Australia
- Queensland
- University of Western Australia

USA

- Agnes Scott
- Amherst
- Arcadia
- Bates
- Berea
- Beloit
- Brown
- Bryn Mawr
- Calvin
- Carleton
- Carnegie Mellon
- Colby
- Colgate
- Columbia
- Concordia (MN)
- Connecticut
- Dartmouth
- Davidson
- De Pauw
- Dickinson
- Drake
- Drexel
- Duke
- Franklin and Marshall

GETTYSBURG

- Gettysburg
- Hamilton
- Harvard
- Haverford
- Harvey Mudd
- Hood
- Kalamazoo
- Luther
- Macalester
- MIT
- Morehouse
- Mount Holyoke
- Oberlin
- Occidental
- Princeton
- Reed
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Smith
- Soka University of America

SOUTHERN VERMONT

- Southern Vermont College
- St. Lawrence
- Stanford
- Swarthmore
- Tufts
- UPenn
- Vassar
- Wabash
- Wartburg
- Washington and Lee
- Wellesley
- Wesleyan
- Whittier
- Williams
- Yale

HUNGARY

- Debrecen

SINGAPORE

- YaleNUS

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