

## **TUTORIAL HIGH SCHOOL**

### **HEADTEACHER'S ADDRESS**

#### **GRADUATION/PRIZE GIVING EXERCISE- 2011**

Madame Chairperson, honourable Guest Speaker, Chairman and members of the Tutorial High School Board of Governors, members of the local Alumni, Officers of the Ministry of Education, Executive members of the PTA, Special invitees, Teachers, Grandaunts, parents and students. Welcome to this our Graduation and Prize Giving Exercise.

Diogenes Laertius, the biographer of Greek Philosophers said and I quote, "The foundation of every state is the education of its youth."

Madame Chairperson, I have the honour in presenting to this large gathering of stakeholders the Headteacher's Report for the year under review –September, 2010 to August, 2011.

This Report for the afore-mentioned period attempts to evaluate achievements at the school during the past academic year. It cites important challenges and major projections for the future.

This Report has been divided into five areas. Namely:

1. Student enrolment
2. Staffing
3. The curriculum
4. Achievements
5. Community Alliances
6. Projections and
7. Conclusion

#### **Enrolment:**

Tutorial High School commenced the year with 929 students, comprising 405 boys and 524 girls. The average number per class was 33. Students were admitted on the basis of the performance at the National Grade 6 Examination in our Grade 7.

A few other students were admitted through transfer via the Department of Education (Georgetown). Students were mainly from Georgetown and its environs. A significant number came from Region 3 and Region 4.

We had also admitted, during the period, a few students who had re-migrated to live with relatives while their parents remained overseas.

Like other schools, we have had a number of withdrawals of students who have migrated.

#### **STAFFING:**

The school year commenced with 44 (forty four) teachers, eighteen (18) University Graduates, nineteen (19) Trained teachers and seven (7) Temporary Qualified Mistresses and one teacher on Secondment.

The school's Ancillary staff comprises one (1) Typist/Clerk, one (1) Librarian, five (5) Sweeper/cleaners one of which is working Part-time, and we also have one Guidance and Counseling officer.

**CURRICULUM:**

The following subjects are included in the school's curriculum for the period under review.

NO.	SUBJECT
1	AGRICULTURE SCIENCE DA
2	AGRICULTURE SCIENCE SA
3	BIOLOGY (GENERAL)
4	CARIBBEAN HISTORY
5	CHEMISTRY
6	CLOTHING AND TEXTILES
7	ECONOMICS
8	ENGLISH A
9	ENGLISH B
10	FOOD AND NUTRITION
11	GEOGRAPHY
12	HOME ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT
13	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
14	INTEGRATED SCIENCE
15	MATHEMATICS
16	OFFICE ADMINISTRATION
17	PHYSICS
18	PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTS
19	PRINCIPLES OF BUSINESS
20	SOCIAL STUDIES
21	SPANISH
22	TECHNICAL DRAWING
23	THEATRE ARTS
24	VISUAL ARTS
25	HUMAN ANS SOCIAL BIOLOGY
26	BUILDING TECHNOLOGY
27	ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY
28	EDPM

**THE CURRICULUM:**

The school continued to offer a broad- based curriculum to students from Grades 7 to 11. In Grade seven (7) students are offered fourteen subjects; in Grade 8 and 9 they are offered 16. Students who wrote the National Third Form Examination were fairly successful.

At Grade 10 students were placed in streams based on their performance as well as their career choices. These are Arts, Science, Business, Technical, General, and Home Economics.

Students from the Grade 10 classes went through to Grade 11 in the aforementioned streams and twenty-eight subjects were offered to them at the CSEC Examination.

Tutorial high school has eleven (11) Departments, namely: Industrial Technology, Home Economics, Business Education, Agriculture Science, English, Modern Language, Social Studies, Visual Arts, Science, Mathematics and Information Technology.

During the period under review, six substantive Heads of Departments and five acting heads of Departments held post in the eleven Departments mentioned before.

Madam Chairperson, a school is not judged a good school by its large number but its performance at examination both internally and externally. It should be noted that our school's success is affected by a number of prevailing factors of which the quality of our student intake is the main factor.

#### **THE CSEC RESULTS:**

Madame Chairperson, for the year under review two hundred and ninety students wrote the CSEC examination during the May/June, 2020. Tutorial high School students achieved 35 Grade ones; 239 grade twos and 597 grade threes. The top performer at the CSEC 2010 examinations was Wonda Emptage who obtained 11 subjects. Followed by LATIFAH ETKINS and RAEFIELD MUNROE with 9 subjects each. Ten other students obtained 8 subjects at CSEC; 14 obtained 7 subjects and the others obtained 6, 5 and 4 subjects each.

Sixty-nine students were able to obtain at least five subjects at the CSEC examination with grades 1 to 3 and 107 with 4 subjects with grades 1-3. The following table shows the percentage pass for each subject area:

<b>NO.</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>% PASS</b>
1	AGRICULTURE SCIENCE DA	92.31
2	AGRICULTURE SCIENCE SA	67.86
3	BIOLOGY (GENERAL)	40
4	CARIBBEAN HISTORY	65.63
5	CHEMISTRY	11.76
6	CLOTHING AND TEXTILES	71.43
7	ECONOMICS	61.91
8	ENGLISH A	50.53
9	ENGLISH B	52.94

10	FOOD AND NUTRITION	94.59
11	GEOGRAPHY	14.55
12	HOME ECONOMICS MANAGEMENT	82.50
13	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	35.5
14	INTEGRATED SCIENCE	50.76
15	MATHEMATICS	9.2
16	OFFICE ADMINISTRATION	88.24
17	PHYSICS	8.33
18	PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTS	48.65
19	PRINCIPLES OF BUSINESS	67.42
20	SOCIAL STUDIES	57.0
21	SPANISH	18.19
22	TECHNICAL DRAWING	16.66
23	THEATRE ARTS	100
24	VISUAL ARTS	80.0
25	HUMANANS SOCIAL BIOLOGY	51.28
26	BUILDING TECHNOLOGY	60.32
27	ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY	5.56

#### **CO AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

Madame Chairperson, one of the many objectives of this school is to develop healthy bodies and alert minds through participation in Sports and Games, Debates, Visual Arts and other allied activities.

The academic year September, 2010 to August 2011 started with competitive Inter-House Track and Field events with E House winning. At the Inter-Schools Championships Tutorial High School was placed first and at the National Athletics Championships our athletes performed credibly.

Our school participated for the first time in the Music and Arts Festival that was held in April of 2011. Four students represented Tutorial in two categories: Verse Speaking and The individual Vocal Competitions. In the individual Vocal Competitions Chelsie France was able to bring home the Third Prize for us and in the Verse Speaking Onicia Brotherson brought home another third Prize for us.

During the Mashramani season students of Tutorial High School participated in the Children's Mashramani dance and Costume Competitions in four categories:

1. Legends and Traditions
2. Religious Beliefs
3. Masquerade and
4. Social commentary

In each of these categories the School was placed first. Two of the dancers went on to the National level and were also placed first. The school also took the first position in Physical display.

Tutorial high School also participated in the Annual JOF Haynes Debating Competition we won the first round against East Ruimveldt Secondary school with our First Speaker being awarded the Best Debater.

Madame Chairperson at this time I would like to say special thanks to all the teachers, especially those who were directly instrumental in these specific areas. To mention a few: Ms. Carlesta Sutton, Ms. Malinda Primo, Ms. Shandrina Lee, Mr. Andel Bethune and Mr. Kirk Moses.

**COMMUNITY ALLIANCE:**

Community Alliance is one of the five (5) Broad Educational Policy areas of the Ministry of education Important Linkage to the school. Our Alliances are:

1. The Tutorial High School Board
2. The School Board Secretariat
3. The Parent Teachers' Association
4. The Alumni- local and overseas
5. And The Department of Education 68 Brickdam

Madame Chairperson, the Staff of Tutorial Highs School would like to acknowledge these groups mentioned for their generous support and to look forward to their continued good relationship in the future.

We also express special thanks to the Chairman of the School's Board, Mr. Malcolm Parris along with the other members of the board. Special thanks also to the local and overseas Alumni for their commitment and unstinted support that they continuously give to the school.

Honourable Chairperson, the Tutorial High School staff would like to extend thanks to the local alumni for the re-naming of the Tutorial High School Library after an old teacher Mr. Clifton David. It is now The Clifton David Library.

Similarly, thanks are also extended to the Guyana Girls Guide Association for the installation of thirteen (13) students into the Girls Guides Association. Ms Felice Munroe is in charge of the Guide Programme.

**PROJECTIONS:**

Also we express our gratitude to all those individual stakeholders and agencies that have supported the school in cash or kind, which I may have failed to mention.

1. Improvement of Grades at the CSEC examination especially in the areas of Mathematics, the Sciences, Social Studies and English and the possibility of beginning CAPE
2. The construction of a top flat of the existing classroom in Block D.
3. Improvement of the school's Library, making it better able to facilitate research by both students and teachers.
4. Improvement of our washroom facilities for students and teachers
5. To recruit part-time teachers to fill the vacancies especially in the areas of Science, Modern Languages and Music.

**DONATIONS:**

Special thanks are extended to Mr. Malcolm Parris and to the local alumni who were instrumental in procuring the assistance of the overseas chapters to give invaluable support in cash and kind to the graduation and prize giving exercise November 24, 2011. Former students also made donations to this exercise, namely:

1. Dr Bartland Scotland and
2. Mr. J. P. Croal

Backpacks with personal effects were received from the Toronto Chapter 2010 to 2011. Mathematics text books from the London Chapter and the New York support group and a twenty-one inch Precision Television set was donated by the Guyana Revenue Authority.

### **CONCLUSION:**

In conclusion, while we have done well in many areas during the academic year under review, we are resolved to improve our performance in the future.

Madam Chairperson, please permit me to congratulate the prize winners for their successes and achievements gained during the academic year under review, you have done well. Congratulations and best wishes from the entire staff.

The English Philosopher Gilbert K. Chesterton said "Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another." So as we send you off into the world of work, we hope that this quote will be your guide. May the Lord Jesus Christ continue to guide and direct us all in order that our students may have a bright and successful future. I thank you.