

# THE GOENKAN VISTA

Dear Parents,

As we edge close to the winter vacation, it gives me great pleasure to observe that this term a lot of wonderful new initiatives have been introduced apart from the existing ones. We have recently started the Interact Club - offshoot of Rotary Club to sensitize our children to the needs of the less privileged.

We all are now preparing for a fabulous Annual Day by pupils of Cambridge Secondary 1 who will be showcasing their histrionic skills through a theatrical presentation- 'THE WIZARD OF OZ' as well as melodious Choir and Opera singing. We will continue to give opportunity to our children to explore their latent potential.

Ward regards,  
Dr. Neeta Bali  
Director-Principal

**November 2017**

# GOENKAN TRIDENT

The inter-school Goenkan Trident was held in GD Goenka World School, Sohna, from the 16th-18th of November involving more than 9 schools from across the state. The Goenkan Trident is a grand annual event involving hundreds of staff, Goenkan students and other school members. The opening ceremony was graced by the presence of the chief guest N K Jangira while Rabiou Afolabi graced the closing ceremony by his presence. This year, the trident hosted three sports: basketball, squash and football which were played under the able guidance of our esteemed Director-Principal Dr. Neeta Bali. The participating schools namely Lancers International School, Suncity World School, Amity International School Sector 46, GD Goenka Public School Sector 48 and Delhi Public School DLF performed admirably with the Goenkans taking the majority of wins across the board. Now they look onward to next year when the Goenkan Trident will involve even more schools from across the country with more sports and more fun!

Kartikeya Sundaram



# GOENKAN TRIDENT

## GOENKAN TRIDENT FINAL RESULTS

### SOCCER

	<i>SOCCER BOYS</i>	<i>SOCCER GIRLS</i>
2ND RUNNERS UP	AMITY INTERNATIONAL SECTOR 46	KUNSKAPSKOLAN
RUNNERS UP	SUNCITY WORLD SCHOOL	AMITY INTERNATIONAL SECTOR 46
WINNERS	GDGWS TEAM A	GDGWS TEAM A
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER	ROHAN VERMA	LIKALI

### BASKETBALL

	<i>BASKET BALL BOYS</i>	<i>BASKET BALL GIRLS</i>
2ND RUNNERS UP	GD GOENKA WORLD SCHOOL TEAM A	KUNSKAPSKOLAN
RUNNERS UP	GD GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL SECTOR 48	SUNCITY WORLD SCHOOL
WINNERS	LANCERS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	GD GOENKA WORLD SCHOOL TEAM A
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER	PRABHANI (LANCERS )	GAMINI KHURANA

### SQUASH

	<i>SQUASH BOYS</i>	<i>SQUASH GIRLS</i>
2ND RUNNERS UP	LANCERS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	LANCERS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
RUNNERS UP	GD GOENKA WORLD SCHOOL TEAM B	GD GOENKA WORLD SCHOOL TEAM B
WINNERS	GD GOENKA WORLD SCHOOL TEAM A	GD GOENKA WORLD SCHOOL TEAM A



# INTERACT CLUB

## The Beginning of a New Beginning

Interact, short for international action, is a service organization for high school students who desire to volunteer to spend their time to aid their communities, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Meriden and the Rotary International. The introductory session of the Interact Club attracted a lot of excited students who got together and brainstormed on a plan of action for the team as a whole. Students offered suggestions on various types of contributions to the club, ranging from community service to school events. We were introduced to the various functions of the Interact club and shown previously completed projects by members of the club around the world. The Rotary members introduced the various impacts of the club on society and how the club connects its members from the world over. We are extremely thankful to the school for giving us a chance to be a part of such a prestigious club and its affairs, an opportunity we are determined to make the most of by making a difference.

Following is the list of board of Directors:

1. President: Darsh Jain
2. Vice President :Aaryaman Hoskotey
3. Secretary :Saumya Kaushal
4. Treasurer :Shubham Tantia

Advisors: Ms Shahnaz Banoo Butt & Mr Jinas Paniker

There are 16 other members from IGCSE and IBDP segment who will be working closely with the board of directors on different projects.



### **SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE!**

Help them reach their goals. Please donate notebooks, storybooks, pencils, pens, colours, etc.



### **EVERY BIT HELPS!**

If you feel cold, don't they? Please donate jackets, woolen clothes, sweaters, mufflers, blankets, quilts etc.

# CHILDREN'S DAY

Children's Day, also known as Bal Divas, is celebrated annually across India to increase awareness of the rights, care and education of children on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November. This date has added significance to it because it marks the birth anniversary of India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru- also known as "Chacha Nehru."

Our dear teachers at GD Goenka exceeded every possible expectation by putting up an exceptional talent show to make the occasion special for the children. From riveting dance performances of various kinds to songs, stand-up comedy and just about everything in between. The teachers showed us just how much they care for us and for that, we are really grateful to them.

Long live the teachers of GD Goenka!

Gamini Khurana



# CS 1

## Debate for the Ages

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of November, 2017, Lancer's International played host to an inter-school debate on the question of "Digitization and its adverse effects on social unrest."

Two students from GD Goenka - Saaranish Malhotra and Nikita Marwah of grade 8 and 7 respectively, participated and bagged first position for their poise and confidence as well as the depth of their understanding of the topic. With 12 rival teams from across 12 different schools, it was no average feat, and thus we highly appreciate the effort of our students.

The two students were chosen to represent GD Goenka because of the hard-work and commitment they displayed in preparation for the debate which paid off because their speeches were well acknowledged and well received.

We hope that in the future, many more of our students will follow up Saaranish's and Nikita's footsteps by working hard and making the school proud.

Priya Mahendru



# CS 1

## Inter-House Equestrian Competition

The CS-1 inter-house equestrian competition was held on the 30th November, 2017.



### Results: Girls

1st position.

Rajsi Sharma (8 A) - Nyssa house

2nd position.

Kamilla Sharma (6 A) - Sorbus house

3rd position.

Annanya Goenka (8 A) - Sorbus house. Naman Ganeriwala (7 A)- Cedrus house.

### Results: Boys

1st position.

Honey Singhal (8 C)- Sorbus house.

2nd position.

Tabish Rana (8 B)- Nyssa house

3rd position.



# CS 1

## 7B ASSEMBLY

The Class Assembly of Grade 7B, anchored by Vanshika and Aarav, was held on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2017. The theme of the assembly was 'Being a role Model'. The assembly started with a prayer followed by the 'Thought of the Day' and News. This was followed by a video on the Prime minister of India - Narendra Modi which reflected his life and achievements. A skit was then held in which the students dressed up as famous role models from across the world and reflected on the hard work put in by these unique individuals and the examples that they have set for all of us. The skit was very informative and was followed by a beautiful musical rendition on the violin of 'My heart goes on' by Kushagra and Choi Woo. Alisha Aflobi, Alisha Karwarsa, and Kismet Sehrawat, students of Grade 7B, were rewarded with certificates for the Inter-school swimming competition. Lastly, the students enthralled the audience by an amazing dance performance which was followed by the National Anthem.





# IGCSE

## Thanksgiving Day

On Thursday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2017, at G.D Goenka we celebrated the auspicious day of Thanksgiving by literally expressing our gratitude. The students of IGCSE prepared a special assembly for this day, which began with a prayer that offered heartfelt gratitude. Subsequently, with the help of a presentation, they explained the history of Thanksgiving and how it has expanded from being observed in just a few countries to being celebrated all over the world. The students even prepared a beautiful song and dance, both of which added an extra effect to the mood on the day. The foremost recipients of the student's word of thanks were none other than our teachers. They make us who we are, guide us, push us, and inspire us, it felt only right that they should be acknowledged first. Then it was the turn of the staff- drivers, guards, nannies, cleaners- who play an equally important role in making our lives comfortable and secure. The assembly showed us the true value of the amazing people around us, who play a huge part in our journey and deserve our love and gratitude.



# IGCSE

## Inter-house sandwich-making competition

“Thanks Giving” is the occasion when we all can unite and contribute to our society and people who we come across in our lives. With such feel and enthusiasm, we (GDGWS) planned for the series of celebrations with integrated Community Service Project in our school. To begin with, we had the Inter-House Sandwich making Competition scheduled on 22<sup>nd</sup> November'17, where IGCSE pupils showcased their hidden talents in preparing assorted sandwiches and the mouth watering salads. Pupils were given the theme well in advance, based on which they prepared and presented their platters that too in a limited time period. They were adjudged by the Chefs from G.D.Goenka Univeristy's Le Cordon Bleu School of Hospitality. After the judgment was done, the helpers of our School Community were served the sandwiches and salads prepared by all four house pupils. All in all, a great team effort was put up by our creative pupils.

### Results

1st - Sorbus

2nd- Cycas

3rd- Nyssa

4th- Cedrus



# IGCSE

## IB /IG Inter-House Equestrian Competition

Horses are symbols of travel, movement, and freedom. Recently, the students of IGCSE and IB, participated in Inter-House Equestrian competition. Both boys and girls participated. The riding skills were judged by the rider's ability to control the horse. After showing Trot and Canter, the riders approached a series of Jumps, measuring the length of each stride.



### Boys

1st position:

Harshvardhan Goyal(9 C) - Cedrus house

2nd position:

Bhuvnesh Sharma (11 A) - Cycas house

3rd position:

Gurudutt Sharma(10 C) - Sorbus house.



### Girls

1st position:

Rashmi Singh(11 A)- Cedrus house.

2nd position:

Shreya Agarwal (11 A)- Cycas



# IGCSE



## A Beginner's Guide to Collagraphy

Collagraphy' has much in common, yet is very different from, a number of the modern art forms. It is a printmaking process in which materials are applied to a rigid substrate (such as paperboard or wood). The word is derived from the Greek word koll or kolla, meaning glue, and graph, meaning the activity of drawing.

Through the Visual Arts Activity lessons held in the month of November, students of the IGCSE program were taught this unique style of art. They prepared substrates by sticking newspaper, strings, and glue on mount boards. Once the plates were ready, black printing ink was rolled on them with the help of hand rollers/brayers. From that point onwards, it was left to the students to let their imagination run wild. A clean sheet of white paper was placed over their handiwork, pressed down with one hand while the other hand burnished the print. The results were largely reflective of the students' innovation and creative minds.

It was an exciting learning experience for the pupils that participated, who said afterward that they would love to participate in future workshops like this one, to learn about different art forms from all over the world.

Trina Chaterjee



# IGCSE



## Substance Abuse

On Friday 3rd November 2017, students from grades 9 and 10 attended an educational workshop on “Substance Abuse,” conducted by Dr. Shubhank Singh, Project Leader- Public Health Initiatives at Medanta, Medicity. Dr. Singh is involved with various preventive and promotive programmes based on Dengue prevention and hygiene where he has trained more than 80,000 students in Delhi NCR region.

Over the course of the workshop, Dr. Singh spoke about substance abuse disorders - a big threat to the young generation. He showed us videos on three main threats to the young generation- smoking, alcoholism and drugs. It was a very interactive workshop, where students were kept engaged and interested in learning about one of the major contemporary issues in society. It was hugely successful in providing us resources and practical information that help students choose to live a healthy life, free of the cons of substance abuse.



# IGCSE

## Gurupurab Assembly

Guru Nanak Gurupurab, also known as the Guru Nanak's Prakash utsav celebrates the birthday of the Sikh guru- Guru Nanak Devji. India, being a secular country welcomes all religions and their festivals and with Gurupurab being one of the most sacred festivals in Sikh religion and GD Goenka being a part of India, the pupils of our school celebrated Gurupurab to bring happiness on the face of our Sikh fellow friends. On Friday 3rd November, the IGCSE pupils put up a short assembly celebrating the festival. The assembly started with short Punjabi prayer (ek onkar satnam) by Jusjeev Singh followed by the thought of the day by Vrakshita kothari. The assembly was hosted by grade 10 girls: Ananya Singh, Vrakshita Kothari and Kashvi Priya Gupta. A presentation was shown on the life, teachings and learnings of Guru Nanak devji. Harshul and Kritika also prepared a video on the life of Guru Nanak dev ji which was truly a great learning which enlightened us all. Last but not the least we had some great dancers from grade 9 namely S L Aditya, Shreya and Nandhini who danced to some upbeat Punjabi music. Finally, the assembly was addressed by the Director/Principal of GDGWS, Dr. Neeta Bali who appreciated the students for putting up this assembly.

Asha Yadav



# IGCSE

## Humanities Department Assembly



Humanities Department Assembly was conducted on the 17th of November. The aim of this assembly was to generate more knowledge about the various subjects the students study under humanities group. It began through a small skit followed by a heart-warming song and a competitive quiz. Every pupil and teacher was enthusiastic towards the assembly and provided us with their ideas and assistance. The eagerness for learning by the pupils and that of teaching by the teachers was evident throughout the assembly.

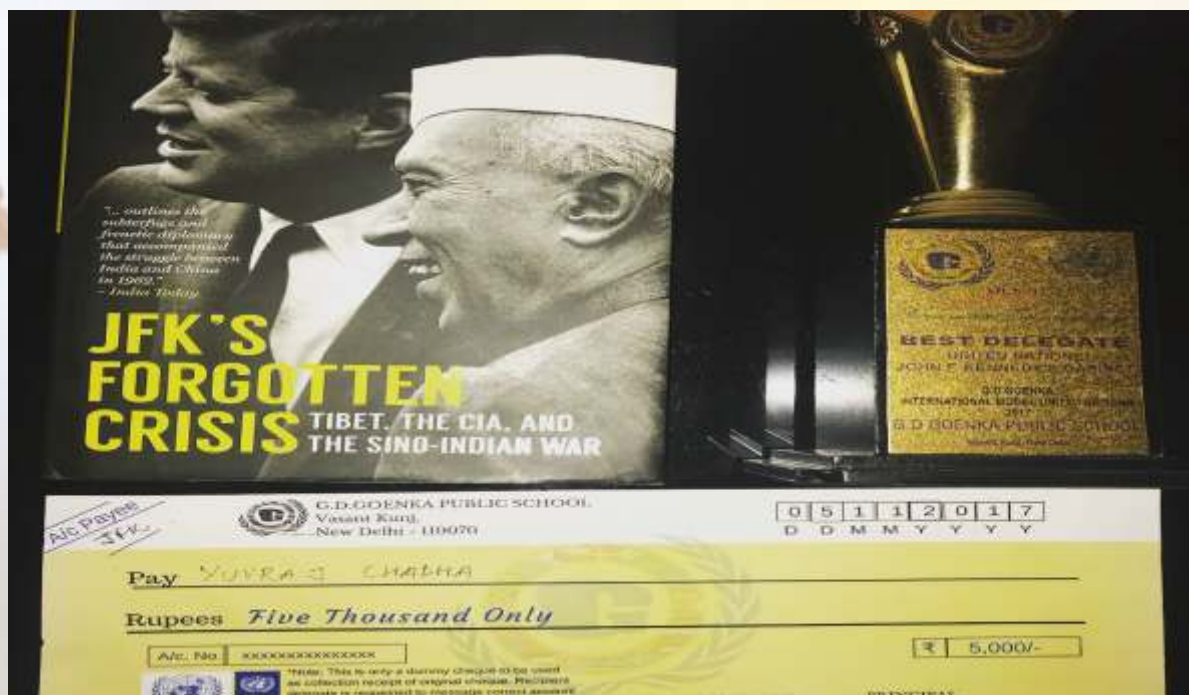


# IGCSE

## Sustained Success on the MUN Front

On the 3rd of November 2017, a delegation of four students from GD Goenka World School participated in the fifth edition of the GDGIMUN, an enlightening experience, and at the same time, a very rewarding one. Yuvraj Chadha of grade 10 won a best delegate award in the JFK cabinet, but he wasn't alone, Priyam Sharma from grade 10 also won a high commendation award in the United Nations General Assembly. Yashika Singh was also felicitated with a verbal mention and Anisha Sethi, a member of the International Press, made the school extremely proud with her quality coverage of the events in the various committees.

Manmeet Sidhu





# IB

## Inter-house Economics Debate

Is India really another China on the rise?

G.D Goenka World School organized an Inter-House debate competition on 22nd November 2017 for the IBDP students.

The representatives of various houses spoke passionately either for or against the motion, backing up their arguments by citing suitable examples from real life.

The judges for the event, Dr. Usha Kamal and Ms Asha Yadav, were deeply stimulated by the ideas the students presented. By the end of a hearty debate, they adjudged that representatives of Sorbus house- Aekus Kamboj and Jivitesh Yadav were worthy winners. The representatives of Cycas house- led by Akanxa and Gaurang Chauhan- were deemed runners-up.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Manisha Mehta thanked the school management and Director/Principal for making the debate a possibility, and for providing an educative discussion on important contemporary social issues.

Pranab Sharma



# IB

## Inter House Placemats Designing

As part of our ongoing community service projects, the occasion of Thanksgiving gave rise to an Inter-House IBDP Placemats Designing Competition which was held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The entire IB community, including children and teaching fraternity, came together in order to express their gratitude towards one another. After an hour of hard work, participants presented their house entries with great spirit, each judged by the art department faculty at school. After the event, the placemats were sent for lamination and then handed over to the elementary school kids so they could be used during their daily class room engagements.



# IB

## IBDP Workshop on Citing and Referencing

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of November, 2017, we held a workshop on “Citing and Referencing”, two skills of paramount importance to IB students, conducted by Dr. Usha Kamal, the TOK coordinator. Students learned that the school follows MLA citation format for submissions of Internal Assessments and the Extended Essay. They also learned that referencing is done with respect to different sources; depending on where the original material is taken from. The workshop was, as a whole very informative for both students and teachers, as inferred from some of their reflections:

“The workshop on citations and bibliographies was one of immense gain. We learned about an important tool and its use in our everyday research work. It helps in building the quality of our work as well as develops and paves the path of honesty whether academic or in real life.” (Piyush Banerjee, Grade 12)

“Citations are very important and help us a lot in achieving academic honesty. A very informative workshop on citing, referencing, and bibliographies which will be of great help in writing our TOK essays, EE's, and IA's.” (Shashank Laamba, Grade 11)

“Dr. Usha Kamal reinforced the importance of original content- something IB continuously stresses on- in avoiding plagiarism. I appreciate the knowledge that I gained from this on the importance of citations in my TOK essay, extended essay, and Internal Assessments.” (Tisha Razel Sharma, Grade 12)

“The workshop taught me how to cite our essays in MLA format. Dr. Usha Kamal kept us involved throughout the workshop by asking questions and testing our knowledge. I would like to thank her for conducting this workshop and giving me more confidence about the submissions in IB.” (DarshJain, Grade 11)

Dr. Usha Kamal



# SPORTS SECTION

## SCJ Sports Meet

Goenkan Students brought more laurels to the school in an awesome sports meet at SCJ World Academy. 12 teams of junior and senior categories (Boys & Girls) participated in four different disciplines (Soccer, Basketball, Table Tennis and Squash). The following were the results:

1. Soccer senior (Boys) winner.
2. Soccer senior (Girls) winner.
3. Soccer junior (Boys) winner.
4. Soccer junior (Girls) 1st Runner up.
5. Basketball senior (Girls)- Winner
6. Basketball junior (mix) - Winner
7. Squash Junior Boys - Winner
8. Squash Junior Girls - Winner
9. Squash Senior Boys - Winner
10. Squash Senior Girls - Winner
11. Table-Tennis junior boys- Winner



The Goenkans emerged victorious in 10 out of 12 events that they participated in and runners up in one event making the school extremely proud.



# BOARDER SECTION

## A note from the Director-Principal

Dear parents

We are happy to announce that we have successfully launched “The Mentor-Mentee Program” for GDGWS boarding students, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October, 2017, with the preliminary meeting of the boarding staff with the Principal, Heads of Program (HOP's) and the designated mentors. The aim of this program is to share with parents the academic progress of their wards and steps taken by mentors to assist students in case of any difficulties including, but not limited to: difficult subjects, stationary and equipment, academic performance, and remediation.

To strengthen the mentor-mentee bond, the academic tutorial is held every Thursday between 6.30 and 8.30 pm to share the mentees progress and any update the mentee wants to share. The mentors, and dorm parents are working hard towards improving the results that our boarders attain, by giving each of them the individual attention that they require to perform successfully for their upcoming IGCSE and IB exams.

Part of the method mentors employ is the discussion of past-paper questions, and to help them solve them during their evening remediation classes. A follow-up meeting with mentors is held every fortnight with the Director-Principal, the DHM and the respective HOP's. Sometimes the mentees and dorm parents also attend the meetings to share the key concerns or suggest solutions to problems. We all need to take up the challenge, and walk an extra mile for the betterment of our student's results and future. Should you have any concerns, please drop us a mail and we will be happy to assist!



# BOARDER SECTION

## Teaching English to Utility staff

In order to become internationally recognized, speaking English is essential, and as students of a world school, the Goenkan boarders took it upon themselves to educate the utility staff of GD Goenka in order to obtain a basic command over the English language. We here at GD Goenka wholeheartedly believe that everyone has a right to education and that there is no age limit to the acquisition of knowledge.



# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## PYP

**21st Dec-** Christmas dinner for boarders  
**22nd Dec-** Christmas carnival and winter break commencement

## CAMBRIDGE SECONDARY 1 CHECKPOINT

**16th Dec-** Annual Day  
**21st Dec-** Christmas dinner for boarders  
**22nd Dec-** Christmas carnival and winter break commencement

## IGCSE

**21st Dec-** Christmas dinner for boarders  
**22nd Dec-** Christmas carnival and winter break commencement

## IBDP

**21st Dec-** Christmas dinner for boarders  
**22nd Dec-** Christmas carnival and winter break commencement

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