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Musings...

Principal's Desk: A Season of Triumph and New Beginnings

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Dear GDGWS Parents,

Two months of this term have flown by in a flash, and our campus has been buzzing with incredible energy and achievements! To help you keep pace with school events, we have started a class-wise WhatsApp broadcast to deliver quick, timely updates straight to your phones.

Here is a glimpse of the remarkable milestones and events shaping our school journey:

Global Academic & Career Pathways:

University of Manchester Masterclass: Dr. Tim Craft, Senior Professor for Aerospace and Civil Engineering programmes, conducted an inspiring Physics Masterclass for our IBDP and IBCP students.

International University Fair: We hosted a major higher education fair on campus. Our students gained firsthand exposure to premier global institutions, including the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), University of Oklahoma (US), Indiana University (US), and the University of New Hampshire (US), among others.

Global Academic Excellence: We are immensely proud to announce that Inaya Majumdar and Nerav Jain have been shortlisted for the global essay contest by the prestigious John Locke Institute, Oxford. Outperforming an incredible pool of more than 60,000 entries from over 150 countries across the world, their scholarly writing stood out globally. Many congratulations to their families on this phenomenal achievement!

Student Achievements:

Sports (Annual Goenka Swimming Meet): We proudly hosted six top international institutions, including the British International School, Lancers, and DPSI. Our aqua-athletes put up a stellar performance, clinching the third position for the overall championship!

Technology Contest at DPSI: Our brilliant World School students outperformed the top schools of the NCR region and secured the top prizes. We are immensely proud of their innovation and technical skill!

Performing Arts (Interscholar Competitions): Continuing our winning streak, our talented students brought home the top prizes at the prestigious K.R. Mangalam Talent Contest.

Building School Culture & Student Leadership:

Vibrant experiences like the Interdisciplinary CLS Assembly and our Independence Day celebrations have strongly anchored our school spirit this term. Furthermore, we are building a robust culture of responsibility and voice. This is spearheaded by active student leadership through the Student Council established for each segment, alongside dedicated student members sitting on the school Food and Beverages Committee.

Looking Ahead: September Focus:

We are gearing up for Teachers' Day celebrations this week, with term assessments beginning soon after on 14th September. To help your children prepare effectively, please encourage them to:

1. Create a study schedule to break down subjects into manageable daily goals.
2. Review class notes and class-wise WhatsApp updates to track key focus areas.
3. Prioritize sleep and wellness so they remain focused, healthy, and confident.

Please follow our social media pages to view photos and videos of all these vibrant campus events:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GDGoenkaWorldSchoolGurgaon/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/gdgoenkaworldschool/?hl=en>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@gdgoenkaworldschool>

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.



IBDP RESULTS OF CLASS OF 2026



Celebrating SUCCESS IB DIPLOMA RESULTS CLASS OF 2026



Proud to share the IBDP Results of the Class of 2026 at GD Goenka World School.

Our students have once again demonstrated resilience, commitment, and a pursuit of excellence that lies at the heart of an IB education.

Key Highlights:

- Over 50% of students scored 30+ points
- 6 students achieved perfect scores in the Core Components
- Average IB Diploma Score: 30 Points

These outcomes reflect the collective efforts of our students, educators, and parents, whose partnership continues to nurture confident, capable, and future-ready learners.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026 on this important milestone. We wish them continued success as they take the next step in their academic journey.



OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AT THE JOHN LOCKE INSTITUTE BY INAYA AND NERAV



We are proud to celebrate the remarkable achievement of Inaya Majumdar and Nerav Jain, who have been shortlisted in the Science & Technology Category of the John Locke Institute 2026 Global Essay Prize.

This year, the prestigious international competition received an impressive 100,227 entries from 183 countries, with the shortlist representing just the top 17.5% of eligible submissions. Being shortlisted among such a vast and diverse global pool is a testament to Inaya and Nerav's strong analytical thinking, intellectual curiosity, and ability to engage thoughtfully with complex ideas.

The shortlisted candidates will be honoured at the John Locke Institute Awards Ceremony & Gala Dinner, to be held on 3 October 2026 at Grosvenor House Hotel, Mayfair, London. The event will also see the announcement of the category winners, commendations, high commendations, and the overall Grand Prize.

The entire school community congratulates Inaya and Nerav on this outstanding international accomplishment and wishes them the very best for the final stage of the competition.





AMAYRA KAPOOR WINS SILVER

We are pleased to celebrate the outstanding performance of Amayra Kapoor at GYMQUINN 2026 – All India Level-Wise Gymnastics Competition, held on 9–10 August 2026 at The Gaudium School, Kollur, Hyderabad.

Competing in Level 4, Amayra demonstrated exceptional skill, strength, balance and determination, securing:

- 🥈 Silver – Vault
- 🥈 Silver – Balancing Beam
- 🥉 Bronze – Floor Exercise

Her performance at the All-India level reflects her dedication, discipline and passion for gymnastics. Congratulations, Amayra! We are proud of this remarkable accomplishment and wish her continued success as she reaches new heights in her sporting journey.

Keep shining and striving for excellence!





ANNUAL GOENKAN INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING COMPETITION MEET 2026

EVERY STROKE, A STEP TOWARDS THRIVING.

The Annual Goenkan Inter-School Swimming Meet 2026 brought together 149 young swimmers from seven schools in a celebration of sporting excellence, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Across 36 events and four age categories, young athletes demonstrated discipline, perseverance, courage and the determination to compete, connect and grow.

It reminds us that sports is more than the medal—it is the journey, the resilience and the lessons that stay with us long after the race.





BEYOND BOUNDARIES: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY SHOWCASE

From understanding the past to envisioning the future, our Grade 7 Cambridge Lower Secondary students brought their learning to life through an interdisciplinary showcase.

Drawing connections across History, Science, Geography and Literature, students applied knowledge beyond individual subjects while developing the skills that will shape their future—critical thinking, collaboration, communication, creativity and inquiry.

The showcase reflected the strength of the Cambridge curriculum in nurturing confident, curious and globally minded learners who can connect ideas, engage with real-world challenges and think meaningfully about the world ahead.





NOURISHING FUTURES: GRADE 7 IN ACTION

The grade 7 students of our school is launching the Anganwadi Adoption Program, Mission Poshan, an initiative aimed at supporting the health, nutrition, and overall well-being of children enrolled in local Anganwadis.

It resonates strongly with our THRIVE value of being empathetic, nurturing empathy and emotional intelligence in our students.





ORIENTATION DAY 2026

Orientation Day marked the start of a new chapter as we welcomed students and parents to the GD Goenka World School community.

From exploring the campus and meeting our educators, to conversations that fostered confidence and belonging, every moment reflected a community that learns, grows, and thrives together. New beginnings, first friendships, and endless possibilities set the stage for a journey shaped by curiosity, character, compassion, and purpose.

To our newest Goenkans, welcome to a place where every learner is known, valued, and empowered to flourish.

Welcome to the GD Goenka World School family!





TEACHING FOR EVERY LEARNER: EXPLORING DIFFERENTIATION STRATEGIES

GD Goenka World School recently held an insightful professional development session on differentiation strategies, conducted by Ms. Anupama Chopra, who heads the Department of English. The session equipped teachers with practical approaches to address diverse learner needs through differentiated lesson delivery, classroom engagement, and assessment design.

Through collaborative discussions and real classroom examples, teachers developed a deeper understanding of adapting instruction to varied learning styles, abilities, and readiness levels. This enhanced educators' confidence in planning inclusive learning experiences and conducting assessments that support meaningful outcomes for all students.





MASTERCHEF COMPETITION 2026

Healthy. Tasty. Creative.

Our Grades 6–12 students showcased their culinary talent and innovation at the Inter-House MasterChef – Fireless Cooking Competition, proving that healthy food can be both nutritious and delicious.

Through wholesome ingredients, creative recipes, and thoughtful presentations, our young chefs demonstrated that smart food choices and great flavour truly go hand in hand.

Our students believe in implementing the THRIVE values of being team-centric and innovative, and that you can:

Cook Smart. Eat Healthy. Think Sustainably.





FAIRTRADE INDIA - AN ASSEMBLY

Every Choice Matters.

Our Grade 6 students explored the power of responsible choices through a Fairtrade India role play – highlighting fair opportunities for farmers, sustainable practices, and mindful consumption.

As a registered Fairtrade School, GD Goenka World School continues to nurture ethical awareness, responsibility, and global citizenship among learners.

Learning today. Leading change tomorrow.





IGSCE SCIENCE TRIP TO THE HERITAGE TRANSPORT MUSEUM



The IGCSE Science students embarked on an enriching visit to the Heritage Transport Museum, exploring the evolution of transportation and its scientific principles. The trip brought classroom concepts to life, inspiring curiosity, observation and a deeper appreciation of innovation.



USA UNIVERSITY FAIR 2026

Our Grades 11 and 12 students recently connected with representatives from six leading universities and colleges across California and New York, gaining valuable insights into UC applications, scholarships, popular programmes, and finding the right-fit institution.

The session concluded with an interactive mini university fair, giving students the opportunity to engage directly with university representatives and explore future pathways with confidence.

It brought them a step closer to global opportunities and informed university choices.



CELEBRATING CULTURE, CUISINE AND CONNECTION

At GD Goenka World School, language learning extends beyond the classroom. Our Foreign Languages Potluck brought students together to explore new cultures through food, language, and shared experiences.

From discovering new flavours to engaging with diverse traditions, students developed curiosity, cultural appreciation, and a broader global perspective.

A meaningful learning experience where languages came alive and cultures were celebrated. Students brought eclectic selection of dishes from a variety of Spanish, French, German and Indian cuisines that everyone relished heartily.



CELEBRATING INDIA'S SPIRIT OF FREEDOM



Goenkans have a strong sense of national identity, which is why we offer our tribute to the values that define our nation and inspire our learners to lead with purpose, integrity, and global perspective.

Celebrating 79 Years of India's Independence at GD Goenka World School.



INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2026-27

A proud moment as we welcomed the GD Goenka World School Senior School Prefectorial Council 2026–27.

As our young leaders step forward, they carry the purpose to lead with integrity, serve with empathy, and inspire through action. Thriving together, their journey is not simply about holding a position, but about earning trust, embracing challenges, and creating a positive impact.

May this new council lead with courage, listen with compassion, and work together to make every voice feel valued and every contribution count.



MORNING ASSEMBLY AT IRIS HOSTEL - THE GOENKAN START



Beginning the day with prayer creates a sense of peace, gratitude and purpose. At Iris, our boarding hostel, morning prayer is especially meaningful as students come together as a community, away from home. It offers a quiet moment to reflect, seek strength and wisdom, and prepare for the day ahead.

More than a routine, prayer nurtures values such as compassion, discipline, humility and gratitude, helping students begin each day with positivity and a shared sense of belonging.

“SPEAK WITH CONFIDENCE” SESSION

Our students recently had an engaging public speaking session with Dr. Kunal, focused on building confidence and expressing ideas effectively. Through interactive activities, students explored the ‘SPEAK’ rule — Stand Confidently, Prepare Your Ideas, Eye Contact, Articulate Clearly, and Keep Calm.

The session encouraged students to overcome hesitation, speak with confidence, and connect with their audience. They were told that the Golden Rule is ‘Don’t aim to speak perfectly; aim to connect with your audience.’ It was an inspiring and enriching experience for our students!





INDEPENDENCE DAY CREATIVE CARNIVAL FOR BOARDS



Students from GD Goenka World School stepped into a world of science, technology, art, storytelling and hands-on discovery at the Creative Carnival. From experimenting and making to exploring new ideas and celebrating Independence Day together, the day was filled with learning, laughter, creativity and plenty of smiles. It was truly a celebration of imagination, discovery and the joy of learning together.

COLOURS, CULTURE & CELEBRATION: TEEJ AT THE BOARDING





WELLNESS FIRST: MEDICAL CAMP AT GD GOENKA BOARDING





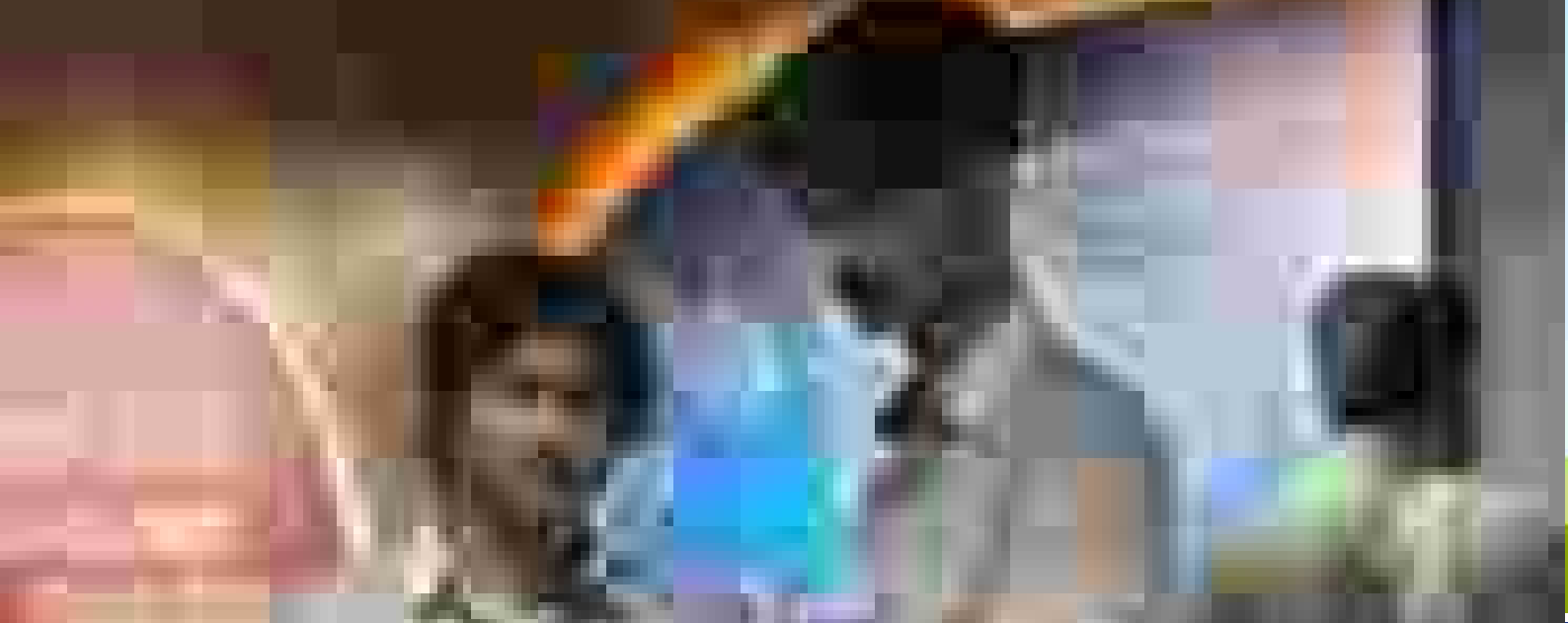
ICEBREAKER & WELCOME DINNER

To begin the new term on a warm and cheerful note, GD Goenka Boarding hosted a special Ice-Breaking Activity and Welcome Dinner for both new and existing boarders. The evening was designed to help students connect, feel at ease, and start building meaningful bonds within the boarding community.

As the evening progressed, new boarders introduced themselves, sharing their likes, hobbies, and interests.

One of the highlights of the evening was the fun group activity 'Untangle the Chain', where students held hands and worked together to untangle themselves without breaking the chain.





GOENKANS VISIT NEHRU PLANETARIUM VISIT

On Saturday, 29th August 2026, our boarders visited the Nehru Planetarium in Delhi for an enriching educational outing. Students explored fascinating exhibits and interactive models that brought concepts such as the Doppler effect, the Solar System, the movement of stars, and the life cycle of stars to life.

The planetarium show was a special highlight, taking students on an engaging journey through constellations, zodiac signs, the night sky, and the origins of the universe. The visit was a wonderful blend of learning, exploration, and fun, allowing students to connect classroom learning with real-world scientific experiences.





BEYOND THE BOARDING: OUTINGS, EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS



The boarding came alive with excitement through a thrilling World Cup finale watch party, a fun-filled Spider-Man movie outing, and many other joyful celebrations. These memorable moments fostered friendship, togetherness and plenty of laughter, making boarding life truly vibrant.





LIGHTS, CAMERA, TALENT!

The Boarding Talent Show 2026 was a vibrant celebration of creativity, confidence, and talent among the boarding students. Students participated in a variety of performances, including dance, poetry, music, singing, and instrumental performances. Each participant brought their own unique style and enthusiasm, creating an energetic and memorable event.

The performances were judged on creativity, confidence, presentation, technique, and overall performance by a panel consisting of Capt. Anita Ganjoo, Mr. Sumit Shah, and Dr. Kunal Adhikary. Their feedback and encouragement motivated the students to give their best.

Following winners received awards in the different talent show categories:

Solo Dance: Akash Arya – IX

Poetry: Sanuthi – XI

Music/Vocal: Advik Singh – III

Group Dance: Krisha – XII, Ishika – X, Sanuthi – XI, and Pratigya – X



CREATIVE STROKES: STUDENT ARTWORK



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