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AN EXPRESSION OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF YOUNG GOENKANS



Musings...

By Mrs Sonali Sinha Principal of G.D. Goenka World School

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

Reflecting on July and August, I'm pleased to highlight the accomplishments and memorable moments that showcase our school's commitment to excellence, creativity, and collaboration through this newsletter.

Among the standout events were Tamanna Agrawal's exceptional results in the Cambridge International AS & A Levels, where she earned A* in all three subjects-Economics, Business, and Mathematics. Her success is a testament to her hard work and dedication.

The Inter-School Math Matrix competition also highlighted our students' impressive problem-solving skills. Additionally, National Sports Day provided a platform for students to excel in various sports, demonstrating their athletic talent and teamwork.

Our Independence Day celebrations further exemplified the vibrant spirit of our school community. These experiences reflect our school's resilience, determination, and unwavering pursuit of excellence.

Happy Reading!



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CHECKPOINT RESULTS

Outstanding Checkpoint Results: Celebrating Student Achievements

We are happy to announce the impressive results from the recent Checkpoint assessments. Our students have demonstrated exceptional academic performance, showcasing their hard work and dedication.

Shashwat Kumar Sinha achieved a perfect score of 50/50 in both English and Math and an outstanding 47/50 in Science, setting a remarkable standard of excellence.

Unnati Jindal also excelled with a perfect score of 50/50 in Math, 48/50 in Science, and 46/50 in English, reflecting her strong academic prowess across all subjects.

Mansi Joshi performed admirably, earning 42/50 in Science, while Niral Ganeriwalla achieved 44/50 in Math and 45/50 in English, further exemplifying the high calibre of our students.

Congratulations to all our students for their incredible achievements! We are proud of their dedication and look forward to their continued success.





IBDP COHORT 2024

GD Goenka World School IBDP Cohort 2024: Outstanding Achievements!

We are proud to celebrate the remarkable success of our IBDP Cohort 2024, who have delivered exceptional results. Three of our students, Dhruv Maheshwari, Khushi Jain, and Dhruv Morya, have achieved an outstanding score of 43/45, highlighting their dedication and hard work.

Additional highlights include:

- Rik Kumar and Shaurya Mohan excelled with impressive scores of 42/45.
- Swayam Agarwal achieved a commendable score of 40/45.
- Tanvi Singh scored 38/45.
- Saksham Kaushik and Aanya Mittal earned 37/45.

Our students' achievements reflect not only their academic excellence but also the unwavering support of our faculty and the nurturing environment that GD Goenka World School provides. With 29 perfect 7s and an impressive 83% Diploma success rate, our school continues to set the bar high in education. Congratulations to the entire cohort for their incredible performance!



GD GOENKA WORLD SCHOOL





nts Perfect 7s B3%
Diploma Secured

nts 6 Perfect 3 Candidates to bonus points 3 & above

nts 58 33 % Candidates 35 & above

7 points ored by students World School average



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Agrawal

We are immensely proud to celebrate Tamanna Agrawal's exceptional achievement in the Cambridge International AS & A Levels. Tamanna has secured an impressive A* in all three of her subjects, demonstrating not only her academic brilliance but also her unwavering dedication to her studies.

Here are Tamanna's remarkable scores:

• Economics: A*

• Business: A*

• Mathematics: A*

Tamanna's consistent hard work, perseverance, and commitment to excellence have truly paid off, making her a shining example of what can be achieved with focus and determination. Her success is an inspiration to all, and we are confident that she will continue to excel in all her future endeavours. Congratulations, Tamanna, on this outstanding accomplishment! We are incredibly proud of you!







Cambridge
International
A Levels

A* in
Economics
Business
Mathematics

JULY - AUGUST 2024 OLYMPIAD ACHIEVEMENTS

Olympiad Achievements: Celebrating Our Young Scholars

We are immensely proud celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of our students in the

recent Olympiad competitions, where they have truly shone in both international and national platforms.

International English Olympiad: Hridhaan Khanna of Grade 4 made us proud with his exceptional performance, securing an International Rank of 120 and a Zonal Rank of 8. His remarkable achievement was further recognized with a special gift certificate.

International Math Olympiad:

- Hridhaan Khanna, Grade 4 Zonal Rank: 81
- Aryaditya Shaw, Grade 4 Zonal Rank: 144
- Shaurya Lathwal, Grade 7 Zonal Rank: 305
- Prakhar Naithani, Grade 6 Zonal Rank: 750
- Shanaya Prakash, Grade 5 Zonal Rank: 847 National Science Olympiad:
- Shaurya Lathwal, Grade 7 Zonal Rank: 154 International English Olympiad:
 - Shanaya Prakash, Grade 5 Zonal Rank: 79
 - Aryaditya Shaw, Grade 4 Zonal Rank: 86
 - Nitara Papneja, Grade 4 Zonal Rank: 159



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all these young scholars for their exceptional achievements. Their dedication and hard work continue to make us proud. Keep up the excellent work, Goenkans!

NEW STUDENTS' INTERACTION

with the Principal





New Students-Principal Meet: Building Lasting Connections

Fostering strong relationships between students and school leadership is essential for both academic and social success. Recently, Principal Mrs. Sonali Sinha warmly welcomed new students and helped them transition into our school community.

Research highlights the importance of positive interactions between students and school leaders for academic achievement and overall wellbeing. Our school prioritizes creating a supportive environment where students feel valued and connected to their mentors. This approach enhances academic performance and promotes holistic growth, ensuring every student thrives.





SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP FORUM!

We successfully held our first Senior Management & Parent Collaborative Meeting recently!

Parents had a wonderful opportunity to discuss their concerns. share valuable feedback, and gain insights into our school's educational upcoming programmes, events, and strategic This forum initiatives. fostered a strong partnership the school between and ultimately parents, students' enhancing our educational experience.

Thank you to everyone who participated. We look forward to more fruitful and enriching exchanges in the future!





CELEBRATIONS

in Boarding



Building Connections at Our Ice-Breaking Event!

We recently organized a fantastic icebreaking event for our boarders, and it resonated deeply with everyone involved. The assembly hall buzzed with excitement as students participated in fun activities designed to help them connect.

With lively music and interactive games, the event was all about fostering connections and creating lasting memories.

We celebrated Janmashtami with devotion and joy, reflecting on Lord Krishna's teachings from the Bhagavad Gita. His wisdom on performing our duties with love and faith, while detaching from the outcome continues to inspire us in all aspects of life. May these teachings guide us to find purpose and fulfilment in our journey.



JULY - AUGUST 2024 JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATIONS IN IBPYP

Our IB PYP students embraced the spirit of Janmashtami with great enthusiasm, participating in a day filled with cultural festivities and friendly competition. The celebration featured a captivating dance performance that highlighted the joy and devotion associated with this auspicious occasion.

One of the event's highlights was the thrilling Inter-House Dahi Handi competition, where students from all four houses eagerly cheered on their teams. Demonstrating impressive courage and teamwork, the students formed human pyramids to reach and break the pots filled with flowers. Cycas House achieved a remarkable victory, breaking the pot in just 16 seconds!

Wishing everyone a Happy and Joyous Janmashtami!



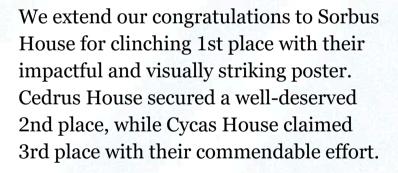




JULY - AUGUST 2024 INTER-HOUSE POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

Interhouse Poster Making Competition: Championing Anti-Bullying

In a powerful display of creativity and social awareness, our students recently participated in an Inter-House Poster Making Competition focused on the theme of anti-bullying. The competition saw enthusiastic participation from all houses, with students expressing their thoughts and ideas through vibrant and thought-provoking posters.



This competition not only showcased the artistic talents of our students but also emphasized the significance of nurturing a supportive and inclusive environment within our school. We commend to all participants for their contributions to this meaningful cause!





SCIENCE IN ACTION





Nurturing Curiosity: Let's Have a Moment of Science

Hands-on experiments are crucial for young children as they foster curiosity, critical thinking, and practical learning experiences. Our "Let's Have a Moment of Science" activity allowed Year 4 and 5 students to demonstrate their creativity and understanding of scientific concepts. They presented experiments on light, sound, and food tests, applying these principles to real-world scenarios. Using everyday materials like mirrors, spoons, and torches, students illustrated the concepts of light and sound. Our budding chemists impressed everyone with their colorful reactions and knowledge of food components, using simple items like baking soda and vinegar. These educational presentations were a joy to watch, with students eagerly conducting experiments on their own.





MATH MATRIX

Success at the Math Matrix: The Goenkan Inter-School Math Competition

We are proud to announce the winners of the Math Matrix competition held at GD Goenka World School. Our talented young mathematicians showcased their skills and creativity across various events.

Winners:

Event 1: Math Game Arena (Grade 6):

- 1st Place: DPS International, Saket
- 2nd Place: Delhi Public School, Sushant Lok
- 3rd Place: GD Goenka High School, Sohna Gurugram

Event 2: Geometric Gems: The Math Jewellery Design Challenge (Grade 7):

- 1st Place: Delhi Public School, Sushant Lok
- 2nd Place: The Vivekananda School, Sector 69, Gurugram
- 3rd Place: Euro International School, Gurugram

Event 3: Math Madness Minute (Grade 8):

- 1st Place: GD Goenka Public School, Rohini
- 2nd Place: Amity International, Sector 46, Gurugram
- 3rd Place: Amity International, Sector 43, Gurugram

Congratulations to these exceptional students for their impressive performances!





EXPLORING SUSTAINABILITY AT TERI

Exploring Sustainability at TERI: A Hands-On Learning Experience

On 30th July 2024, our students had the opportunity to visit The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) as part of their Collaborative Sciences project. This year's research focus was on "Exploring the Role of Group 4 Sciences in Sustainable Housing Solutions vs. Prevailing Techniques," with TERI serving as an exemplary model for sustainable development.

During the visit, students delved into advanced practices such as EAT technology for eco-friendly construction, the use of specialized plants for water purification through bioremediation, and the application of biofuels for energy production. They learned how sustainable materials and methods can contribute to a cleaner, pollution-free environment and how these innovations can be integrated into everyday life. Engaging directly with TERI's experts, the students posed insightful questions and gained a deeper understanding of sustainability. TERI's campus, designed with the very principles it advocates, provided the perfect backdrop for this educational experience.

The visit proved to be both enlightening and inspiring, offering our students a wealth of knowledge and a renewed commitment to sustainability!





NATURE'S TREASURES: A SENSORY EXPLORATION in Poarding

Something from Nature

Students were divided into teams, with a list handed to them. They needed to find the elements in the list in 20 minutes. The students then presented their findings to the other teams. The team that found the maximum number of elements won.

Fallen Five

Students were divided into teams and given five minutes to silently collect five fallen objects each from their surroundings. Teams then collaborated without speaking to create a piece of art using their collected items. Once completed, team members interpreted their artwork collectively, followed by a shared interpretation of each other's creations.

Perfume Shop

Students were divided into teams and given ten minutes to explore their surroundings for interesting smells. They were encouraged to station themselves at a spot to display their collection of smells - their perfume shop. Teams visited each other's perfume shops to exchange fragrances.





ART & CULTURAL DAY

IB PYP Art & Cultural Day: A Celebration of Global Diversity

On 10th August 2024, our IB PYP students brought the world together in a vibrant celebration of Art and Culture. The event was a resounding success, with students immersing themselves in the beauty of different traditions through various interactive activities.

Cultural Exhibits: Our students, embodying the role of global citizens, took pride in artfully representing the heritage of various countries. Through showcasing the richness and diversity of cultures from around the world, each exhibit featured traditional attire and global cuisines, serving as a vibrant homage to international mindedness.

Expressing Gratitude: We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this day indelible in our memories. It is through your support and enthusiasm that this event encapsulated the spirit of our global community within the IB PYP framework.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day 2024: A Celebration of Unity and Patriotism

On August 15th, 2024, GD Goenka World School and High School collaborated to commemorate India's 78th Independence Day. The day commenced with the dignified hoisting of the national flag, serving as a potent symbol of our unity and national pride.

Both students and staff exhibited tremendous enthusiasm as they participated in the celebrations, demonstrating a profound sense of patriotism in observance of this momentous occasion. The event showcased an amalgamation of inspiring speeches, emotive musical renditions, and enthralling performances that paid tribute to the opulent heritage and the enduring spirit of freedom.

Event Highlights:

- Flag Hoisting Ceremony
- Musical Performances by the School Choir
- Drama Performance: "Echoes of Freedom: The Quit India Chronicles"
- Dance Performance Celebrating Unity in Diversity
- Inspirational Addresses by the Principals of Both Schools

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to making this day truly remarkable. Wishing everyone a Joyous Independence Day! Jai Hind!



JULY - AUGUST 2024 INTERACT CLUB INSTALLATION

Interact Club Installation Ceremony 2024-2025

The annual Interact Club Installation Ceremony at GD Goenka World School was held with great enthusiasm, marking the transition of leadership from the outgoing board to the newly elected members. The ceremony was graced by the presence of our Principal, Mrs. Sonali Sinha, and esteemed Rotarian Dr. Nischal Pandey from our sponsoring Rotary Club.

This year's Interact Club is poised to uphold the principle of "Service Above Self," as our student leaders are set to drive meaningful change within our community and beyond. The club is committed to focusing on leadership, community service, and global awareness, and plans to undertake impactful projects that will resonate locally and globally.

Introducing the Core Team for 2024-2025:

• Teacher in Charge: Ms. Anshul Srivastava

• President: Alyssa Gupta

• Vice President: Anusha Neogi

• Secretary: Riddhima Lavanya

• Treasurer: Muskan Malik

• Project Managers: Alysha Nazuk Malhotra, Adonia Vats

• Head of Outreach: Eun Jin Jo

• Publication Head: Nerav Jain

• Chairs: Arshiya, Vaanya Kaushal, Shashwat Kumar Sinha

As the new team embarks on this journey, we anticipate a year filled with impactful service and leadership initiatives. Stay tuned for updates on the exciting projects that

lie ahead!





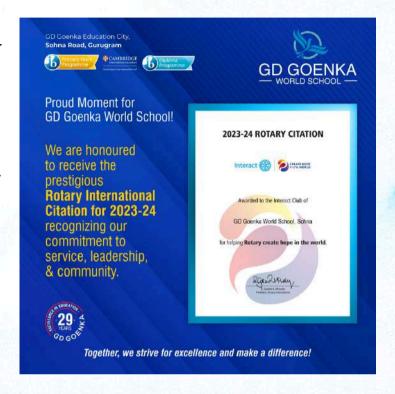
Rotary International's Top Honour for Societal Impact

Rotary International Recognises GD Goenka World School for Outstanding Contribution to Society

We are honoured to receive a prestigious citation from Rotary International for the year 2023-24—the highest recognition any school can achieve for its contribution to society.

This accolade reflects our unwavering commitment to the values of service, leadership, and community engagement, resonating with Rotary International's mission of "Service above self."

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated Interact Club members, our passionate teacher in charge, and the entire school community for making this achievement possible. Together, we continue our journey of making a difference and striving for excellence in all that we do!



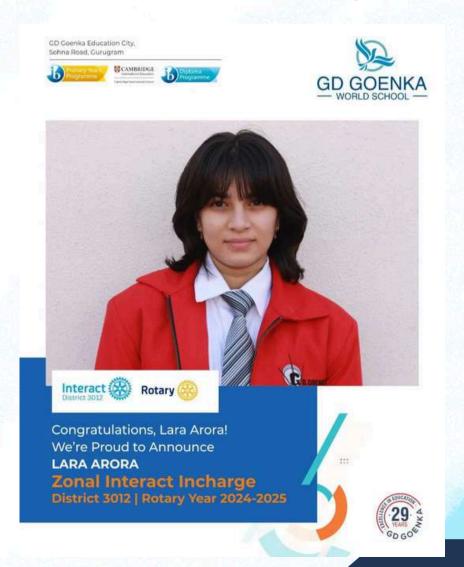


JULY - AUGUST 2024 ZONAL INTERACT REPRESENTATIVE

Celebrating Lara Arora: Zonal Interact Incharge for District 3012

We are thrilled to announce that Lara Arora, a distinguished student of GD Goenka World School has been appointed as the Zonal Interact Incharge for District 3012 for the Rotary Year 2024-2025. This prestigious role is a testament to Lara's leadership, dedication, and commitment to the values of the Interact Club.

As the Zonal Incharge, Lara will be responsible for overseeing and guiding the activities of Interact Clubs across the district, fostering a spirit of service and leadership among young Rotarians. Her appointment not only reflects her personal achievements but also highlights the vibrant community spirit and active involvement of our students in global initiatives.



Congratulations,
Lara! We are
incredibly proud of
your
accomplishment
and look forward
to seeing the
positive impact you
will make in your
new role.

GOENKAN TECH FEST

Goenkan Tech Fest Triumph!

We are thrilled to announce the remarkable achievements of our students at the **Goenkan Tech Fest** held on 28th August in Vasant Kunj! Our students participated with great enthusiasm and creativity, showcasing their talents in various challenging events, and emerged victorious.

Highlights of Our Wins:

- **1st Prize in Meme Magic:** Our team impressed the judges with their witty and creative memes, demonstrating a sharp sense of humor and digital artistry.
- **1st Prize in Podcraft:** Our students' podcasting skills shone through, capturing the audience with engaging content and professional quality production.
- **3rd Prize in Boxed In:** In this intense competition, our team showcased their problem-solving abilities and innovative thinking, earning a well-deserved third place.

These achievements reflect the dedication, creativity, and teamwork of our students, and we couldn't be prouder of their success. Congratulations to all the participants for representing our school with such distinction and making us proud!

We look forward to seeing more of their incredible talents in future







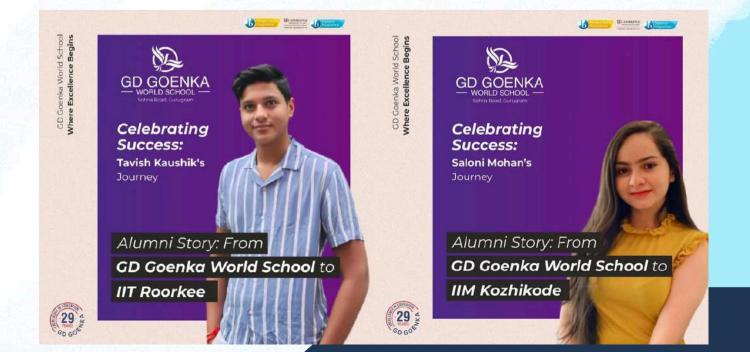
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: FROM GD GOENKA WORLD SCHOOL TO NEW HORIZONS

Tavish Kaushik and Saloni Mohan, both proud alumni of GD Goenka World School, share their transformative journeys and the profound impact that their time at the school has had on their lives.

Tavish, who achieved 6 A* in his IGCSE exams in 2022, reflects on the unwavering support and guidance he received from his teachers. "The nurturing environment at GD Goenka allowed me to grow academically and personally, laying a strong foundation for my future. As I now prepare to begin a new chapter at IIT Roorkee, I will always treasure the memories and lessons from my time at GD Goenka."

Similarly, Saloni Mohan, from the batch of 2021, expresses her gratitude as she embarks on her journey at one of the most prestigious B-schools in the country, IIM Kozhikode. "The 13 years I spent at GD Goenka World School were more than just a learning experience—they were formative years that shaped me into who I am today. The school was a second home, where teachers and staff went above and beyond to nurture, guide, and inspire me. The values and knowledge instilled in me continue to be the bedrock of my journey, preparing me for the challenges and opportunities ahead."

Both Tavish and Saloni exemplify the excellence that GD Goenka World School strives to instil in its students, and their achievements are a testament to the school's commitment to nurturing future leaders.



STEMtastic

Highlighting the STEMtastic Initiative

We are proud to highlight the STEMtastic initiative, a CAS project led by GD Goenka World School students Srishti Maheshwari, Natasha Prasad, and Alysha Nazuk Malhotra. Their passion for STEM inspired a series of educational activities at the Dream Girl Foundation in Gurugram.

The team organized hands-on sessions like popsicle bridge-building, art and STEM fusion, an astronomy quiz, math treasure hunts, and seed germination experiments. Each activity was designed to spark curiosity and deepen understanding in STEM subjects.

This initiative showcases the IB CAS spirit, where students make a meaningful impact by inspiring young learners and bridging educational gaps.

Kudos to Srishti, Natasha, and Alysha for their outstanding contribution!







Newsletter

JULY - AUGUST 2024

INTER-HOUSE TUG-OF-WAR COMPETITION

Cycas House recently hosted an exhilarating Inter-House Tug-of-war competition, highlighting remarkable teamwork, relentless spirit, and thrilling matches that kept everyone captivated. From the first pull to the showdown, our students showcased their strength and unity with exceptional determination. Each team gave their all, and the event was made unforgettable by the vibrant energy of the crowds and enthusiastic supporters. A special thanks to the fans for creating such an electrifying atmosphere!

Ultimately, success in this competition was not just about winning but embracing the unwavering spirit of perseverance.

The result is as follows:

First Position: Sorbus

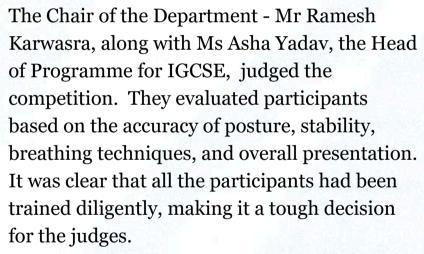
• Second Position: Cedrus

• Third Position: Cycas



INTER-HOUSE YOGA COMPETITION

The Inter-House Yoga Competition was conducted with great enthusiasm and spirit. Students from all four houses – Cedrus, Cycas, Nyssa, and Sorbus – came together showcasing their grace, strength, and balance through various yoga postures. The competition aimed to promote physical fitness, mental well-being, and team spirit among the participants.



In the end, Sorbus emerged as the overall winner, impressing the judges with flawless execution and discipline. However, all houses were commended for their dedication and effort, embodying the true soul of sportsmanship.





Inter-House Story Writing Competition

The Inter-House Story Writing Competition held on 21st August 2024 took participants on an exciting journey beyond the stars, into the boundless realms of science fiction. Our talented students embraced the opportunity to craft stories filled with futuristic technologies, intergalactic voyages, artificial intelligence, time travel, and otherworldly civilizations. Each tale reflected creativity, imagination, and the ability to think beyond the ordinary, demonstrating how science fiction can be a powerful tool to inspire innovation and wonder.

This year's theme encouraged students to blend scientific knowledge with the freedom of creative thought, pushing the boundaries of possibility. From dystopian societies grappling with the consequences of technological advancement to heartwarming stories of human resilience in the face of alien encounters, the competition was a testament to the brilliance of young minds.

Not only did the participants capture the excitement of the unknown, but many also tackled profound questions about humanity's future. What is the true cost of progress? Can humans and machines coexist peacefully? How will we navigate the ethical dilemmas of advanced technology? Through their stories, students explored these questions, presenting visions of the future that both thrilled and provoked thought.



TEACHERS' WORKSHOP

Teacher Engagement and Team Building Workshop

On July 11th, our Professional Development initiative featured an engaging workshop led by Mr. Raul Brady, our skilled Activity Coordinator and theatre educator. The session aimed at strengthening teambuilding and communication skills among our teaching staff.

The workshop included activities such as One-minute prompts, where teachers shared memorable travel experiences or humorous anecdotes, and an Appreciation Activity, where participants exchanged sweets and compliments to foster positivity. Additionally, groups performed Non-Verbal Skits, creatively enacting scenarios like "A Day at the School" without using words. The event was highly successful, with active participation that boosted camaraderie and created a supportive atmosphere.







YALE MUN X GD GOENKA

We're delighted to announce that GD Goenka World School, in collaboration with Big Red Education, will host the prestigious Yale Model United Nations (Yale MUN) conference on our campus, marking the GD Goenka Group's 30 years of educational excellence!

Francisco Event Dates: November 29th to December 1st, 2024

Location: GD Goenka World School, Gurgaon

This is a unique opportunity for our students to enhance their public speaking, negotiation skills, and engage in global discussions with delegates from around the world. Participants will receive expert training from the Yale MUN X GD Goenka Secretariat and a certificate of participation!

- Featured Committees:
- Crisis Committee
- SPECPOL
- COPUOS
- WHO
- UNFCCC
- UNHCR
- UNESCO
- CSW
- DISEC (for Grades 6-8)

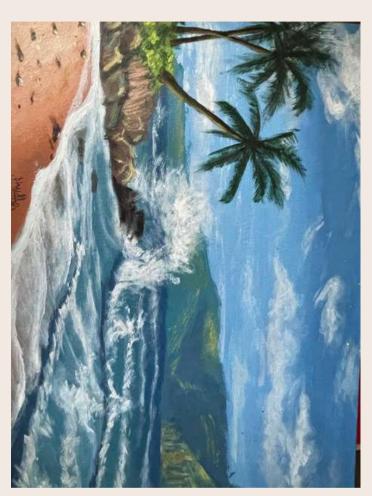


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Let's make this an extraordinary experience for our students!



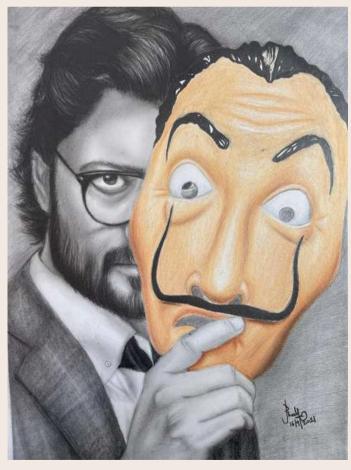
STUDENTS VOICES



Pritesh Dhull - Grade 12 (IBDP)







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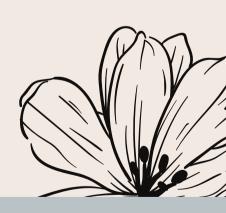




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