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 An expression of the aspirations of young Goenkans

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From The Principal's Desk Ms. Pallavi Mishra

Dear GDGWS Family,

As we bring Term 1 to a highly successful closure, I look forward to reflecting on a remarkable few months filled with historic milestones, leadership celebrations, and unforgettable student experiences. Our campus has been vibrant with energy, and our students have truly exemplified the spirit of excellence.

Being the official knowledge partner of Delhi Capitals in the Indian Premier League (IPL) we were able to facilitate some great opportunities for our students. Apart from watching a thrilling live match, our learners had the extraordinary privilege of interacting directly with professional cricketers. This unique opportunity allowed our students to gain firsthand insights into sportsmanship, teamwork, and the intense discipline required to excel at the highest international levels.

Building on that momentum, we officially inducted our new student leaders during the solemn Primary Years Programme (PYP) and Cambridge Lower Secondary (CLS) Investiture Ceremonies. It was a proud moment for parents and faculty alike to witness our young leaders take their oaths of responsibility, committing to guide their peers with integrity, empathy, and dedication.

We are closing Term 1 on a high note with the announcement of our fantastic Cambridge IGCSE results. Our students achieved a near 100% pass rate, showcasing total academic dominance across core sciences and languages. A special congratulations goes to our top achievers: Shashwat Kumar Sinha (7 A*s, 1 A), Unnati Jindal (5 A*s, 2 As), Anushree (4 A*s, 2 As), and Viaan Upadhyay (5 As, 2 A*s). Due to his extraordinary performance, Shashwat has also qualified for the school's prestigious Chairman's Award, earning a scholarship of INR 50,000.

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As we celebrate this well-deserved break, I want to thank our parents and staff for their constant partnership. I encourage all our students to use this time to rest, connect with family, and return refreshed for the upcoming term.

BEST EDUCATION BRAND 2026

GD Goenka has been recognised as one of the Best Education Brands 2026 by ET.

For us, this honour belongs to every student who dared to dream bigger, every parent who placed their trust in us, and every educator who shows up each day with purpose, care, and belief.

Across our schools and universities, we have worked to create spaces where ambition is encouraged, talent is sharpened, and young minds are given the confidence to go further.

To be recognised on a national stage is both a proud moment and a reminder to keep raising the bar.

Thank you for being part of the GD Goenka story.



GOENKA ORIENTATION DAY 2026



New faces, new spaces, and the beginning of many new stories.

Our campus came alive as we welcomed students and parents for Orientation Day, filled with meaningful conversations, the first familiar smiles, and the excitement of a new beginning. From meeting the people behind the journey to discovering the spaces they will soon call their own, it was a day that felt both reassuring and full of possibilities.

Somewhere between the introductions, the laughter, and the anticipation, the first chapter quietly began.

Here's to finding your place, your people, and your rhythm at GD Goenka World School.

A warm welcome to the Goenkan family.

GOENKANS' FIRST DAY



The gates reopen, and the energy returns. Laughter in the corridors, friends finding each other again, and the excitement of a new beginning.

The first day is about reconnecting, settling back in, and looking ahead to everything this year could bring. New goals, fresh ambitions, new experiences, and countless possibilities waiting to unfold.

As we begin this academic session at GD Goenka World School, we look forward to learning, growing, and achieving together.



WELCOMING OUR NEW LEARNERS

New beginnings always start with a conversation.

Our new admission students at GD Goenka World School met with the Principal in a warm and welcoming session filled with smiles, curiosity, laughter and the excitement of stepping into something new.

It was a chance to connect, ask questions, share thoughts and begin this journey with confidence and clarity.

Every new chapter deserves the right start, and this was exactly that.



BEING LIGHT WITH BK SISTER SHIVANI

An enriching and insightful session that left a lasting impact. GD Goenka World School had the privilege of hosting an inspiring session on Collegiality & Work Culture – “Being Light – Listen, Experience & Become” with BK Sister Shivani.

Her words encouraged reflection, positivity, and a deeper understanding of building harmonious and mindful work environments.

A truly meaningful experience for all who attended.



GLOBAL HEARTS, LOCAL FLAVOURS

A wonderful afternoon at GDGWS hosting a lunch for our diverse international community. Food, laughter, and a whole lot of culture—this is what being a global school is all about.



THE GOENKAN STUDENT LEADERSHIP GATHERING 2026



An afternoon of appreciation, connection, and celebration.

Our Senior Student Council Members, Club Presidents, and Vice Presidents came together for an exclusive lunch at Le Cordon Bleu—recognising their commitment to student voice, initiative, and meaningful contributions to school life.

From leading with purpose to creating impact, each moment reflected the spirit of the Goenkan way.

Here's to the leaders who continue to inspire and shape the journeys of others.



UNIVERSITY FAIR 2026



Exploring Global Dreams, One Step Closer.

GDGWS proudly hosted a premier University Fair, bringing together representatives from 10+ top-tier international institutions.

From the USA to Spain and the Netherlands, our students got the incredible opportunity to interact directly with prestigious universities—gaining firsthand insights into global academic programs and career pathways.

A day filled with inspiration, guidance, and endless possibilities for a brighter future!



GOENKAN GRABS GOLD



From GD Goenka World School to representing India on international platforms, our proud alumnus Shashank Singh Kataria truly embodies “Thrive for Life.”

A National Gold Medalist, international medal winner, and one of the youngest equestrians to compete at elite levels, his journey is a story of passion, discipline, and excellence.

We are incredibly proud to see our alumni making a mark and inspiring the next generation of Goenkans to chase their ambitions with confidence and purpose.

CLS TALENT SHOW



At GD Goenka World School, the Interhouse Talent Show held on 7th May was a vibrant celebration of creativity, confidence, and student talent across all classes. The stage came alive with energetic stand-up comedy acts, mesmerising traditional and modern dance performances, as well as soulful singing presentations that captivated the audience. Students showcased their passion and individuality with great enthusiasm, making the competition both entertaining and inspiring. The event beautifully reflected the spirit of teamwork, artistic expression, and healthy competition among all the houses.



LABOUR DAY CELEBRATIONS

At GD Goenka World School, Labour Day was celebrated on 4th May with gratitude, joy, and heartfelt appreciation for the invaluable contribution of our support staff. Students expressed their love and respect by gifting the didis and bhaiyas handmade cards, roses, and water bottles as tokens of appreciation. The celebration also included a lively dance session and a fun-filled statue dance game that brought smiles and laughter to everyone present. Warmly hosted by the Grade 11 students, the event served as a meaningful tribute to the hard work, dedication, and unwavering support of the real heroes behind the scenes.



GOENKANS VISIT LE CORDON BLEU

Our Grade 12 students recently visited the Le Cordon Bleu School of Hospitality and Tourism at GD Goenka University, gaining first-hand insight into the world of hospitality and culinary arts through immersive experiences and interactions with industry experts.

A key highlight was the live culinary session by Chef Thierry Le Baut, internationally renowned for leading Michelin-starred kitchens – offering students a rare opportunity to learn from global expertise, right in the heart of the GD Goenka educational ecosystem.

At GD Goenka World School, we believe meaningful learning extends beyond classrooms, connecting students with world-class institutions and future-ready experiences.



WITNESSING MAGIC AT THE STADIUM



From classroom camaraderie to stadium cheers — our GD Goenka boarders witnessed the magic of the TATA IPL live at Arun Jaitley Stadium.

For many, it was their very first live IPL experience — the roaring crowd, electric atmosphere, favourite teams in action, and the unmatched energy that truly makes IPL “India ka Tyohar”.

It was an unforgettable evening of cricket, connection, and memories that will last a lifetime.



MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION



To celebrate the unconditional love, care, and sacrifices of mothers, GD Goenka Boarding organised a special and heartwarming Card Making Competition, exclusively for the boarders. The event beautifully brought together creativity, emotions, and teamwork, making it a truly memorable experience for every student present.

Throughout the activity, every group displayed outstanding cooperation and enthusiasm while designing handmade cards dedicated to their mothers. The room was filled with excitement and positivity as students used vibrant colours, artistic decorations, heartfelt messages, and creative designs to make their cards unique and meaningful.

The creativity and dedication shown by the students were truly extraordinary. Beyond showcasing artistic talent, the competition also strengthened teamwork, communication, and emotional expression among the boarders. The event became more than just a competition — it became a celebration of motherhood, love, and appreciation.

The event was successfully organised at GD Goenka Boarding under the guidance and efforts of the Cultural Heads, Aakash Arya and Amaira Gambhir, whose dedication and thoughtful planning made the celebration meaningful and unforgettable for everyone involved.



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GDGWS DOMINATES AT SWIMMING COMPETITION



Making waves and breaking limits!

Our incredible swimmers bagged 28 medals at GDGPS Sector-48, including 7 Gold, 13 Silver and 8 Bronze medals.

A special shoutout to Aryaveer Dhanda for being crowned Best Swimmer in his category!

Hard work, discipline, and passion—this is what champions are made of.



CLS INVESTITURE CEREMONY

Leadership begins with purpose, grows through responsibility, and thrives through action.

The CLS Investiture Ceremony, 2026 at GD Goenka World School was a distinguished celebration of vision, commitment, and young leadership. Marking the formal induction of the newly elected Student Council of Cambridge Lower Secondary, the ceremony reflected the school's enduring commitment to nurturing individuals who lead with confidence, character, and integrity.

From the ceremonial badge pinning to the solemn oath-taking, every moment embodied honour, accountability, and the spirit of service. The stirring performance by the school band added grandeur to the occasion, while the atmosphere resonated with pride, aspiration, and the promise of excellence.

As our young leaders step into their new roles, they carry forward a shared vision – to inspire, to serve, and to thrive together as a community.

At GD Goenka World School, leadership is not merely entrusted; it is cultivated to flourish with purpose.



INTER HOUSE SWIMMING COMPETITION

Our Inter-House Swimming Competition was a vibrant celebration of energy, determination, teamwork, and school spirit as our CLS students took to the pool. From thrilling finishes to joyful cheers and stunning underwater moments, every splash reflected confidence, resilience, and the joy of participation.

Through sports, our students learn to challenge themselves, support one another, and thrive both in and out of the classroom.



WORLD CULTURAL DAY CELEBRATION

Colours, culture and countless smiles came together as students at GD Goenka World School celebrated Cultural Day with incredible enthusiasm and spirit.

Dressed in vibrant traditional attire, students explored different cultures through music, conversations and shared experiences, turning the day into a joyful celebration of diversity, learning and togetherness.

A beautiful reminder that some of the best learning happens through expression, connection and celebration.



THRIVING BEYOND BOUNDARIES: CAMBRIDGE CHECKPOINT 2026



At GD Goenka World School, we believe every learner is empowered to grow, excel, and thrive. We are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievement of our Grade 8 students in the Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint Tests 2026.

Surpassing the international average across all subjects, our students have demonstrated academic excellence, resilience, and a passion for learning that truly reflects the spirit of GDGWS.

This milestone is a result of the collective commitment of our students, educators, and parents who continue to inspire a culture of curiosity, consistency, and excellence.

Congratulations to our young achievers for setting new benchmarks and continuing to thrive with confidence and purpose

Celebrating EXCELLENCE:

OUR IGCSE ACHIEVERS 2026



Shashwat Kumar Sinha

**7A* and 1 A
(8 Subjects)**

Subject Topper in Cambridge International Mathematics, Physics & Computer Science
Qualified for the Chairman's Award



Unnati Jindal

**5 A* and 2 A
(7 Subjects)**

Subject Topper in Cambridge International Mathematics, Economics, Hindi & ICT



Anushree Maheshwari

**4 A* and 2 A
(6 Subjects)**

Subject Topper in Biology, Chemistry & Mathematics
(Without Coursework)



Viaan Upadhyay

**2A* and 5 A
(8 Subjects)**

Subject Topper in Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

We congratulate the IGCSE Class of 2026 for their outstanding results. These achievements reflect hard work, perseverance and the spirit of learners who continue to thrive.

The cohort recorded a highest score of 7A* and 1A, alongside 14+ subject toppers across multiple disciplines, reflecting not only strong academic outcomes but also consistency, focus and intellectual curiosity throughout the year.

A heartfelt thank you to our educators and parents for their constant support and partnership in this journey.

Here's to new milestones and even greater success ahead.

GOENKANS TAKE A VICTORY LAP AT **WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP**

We are extremely proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our writers and debaters at the World Scholar's Cup held on 11th and 13th April 2026 at Pathways School Gurgaon.

Our Grades 6–8 scholars faced rigorous challenges in debate, collaborative writing, and subject knowledge, showcasing exceptional talent, confidence, and teamwork throughout the competition.

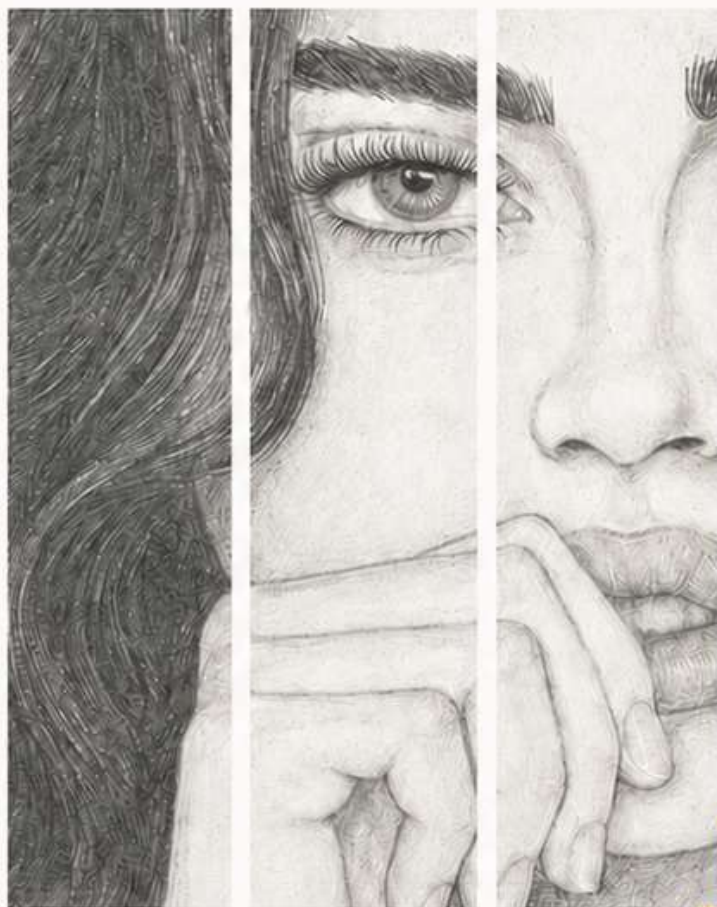
Their remarkable performance brought home a prestigious haul of 31 Silver Medals and 12 Gold Medals, making the school community immensely proud.

Congratulations to all our young scholars for their dedication, perseverance, and brilliant achievement!



43 MEDALS. 1 SCHOLARLY TRIUMPH.

OUR YOUNG SCHOLARS SHINED AT THE WORLD
SCHOLAR'S CUP WITH **12 GOLD & 31 SILVER MEDALS.**



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