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# THE GOENKAN VISTA

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The Goenka Vista is an expression of the  
achievements of young Goenkans.  
It shines a light upon the deserving students  
of the school.

# *DIRECTOR- PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE*

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GDGWS takes pride in nurturing academic and social environment we offer to our children. As an international school, we have the opportunity to provide year-round learning, celebrating the every moment with our student's growth and learnings! We seek to provide a variety of learning opportunities to support your student's learning. Our goal is for students to successfully grow in all areas, to develop into self-assured and self-confident child. As principal, my vision for school is to continue the implementation of technology and effective instructional strategies to increase student achievements at all platforms. We look forward to a year of active, engaging learning with many opportunities for hands-on lessons for students of all grades. We thank our school volunteers who have already been joining us and visiting us with their suggestions and volunteer services. We encourage parents to become active participants. I wish the best to all Goenkans !\*

# *The Renaissance*

By: Ms. Ruchira Pant

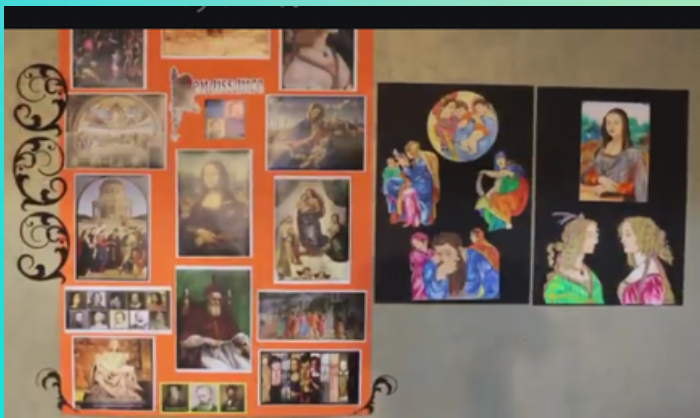
On the 22nd of May, 2018, the students of Grade 7 gave an extremely interesting and educational class presentation of "The Renaissance". The Renaissance is a period in the history of Europe beginning in about 1400, and following the Medieval period.

"Renaissance" is a French word meaning "rebirth". The period is called by this name because at that time, people started taking an interest in the learning of ancient times, in particular the learning of Ancient Greece and Rome. The Renaissance was seen as a "rebirth" of that learning. The Renaissance is often said to be the start of the "modern age".

The entire presentation was excitedly prepared by the Grade 7 students and the assembly was warmly attended by our Director-Principal, teachers and parents. The presentation marked the culmination of the history topic and was an amalgamation of the historical representation of the Renaissance period.

They showcased enthusiastically the developments and contributions of several famous scientists, mathematicians and artists to the Renaissance. The assembly was concluded with a fascinating German song and dance.

Overall, it was an amazing show put up by the students.



# EXCELLENT IB RESULTS

1. Highest Score 42/45 is achieved by Parnika Purvar.
2. Second highest score 40/45 IB Points is shared by two candidates  
\*Kartikeya Sundaram and Saurseh Dasgupta
3. Third highest score 39/45 IB Points by Ananya Jha
4. Fourth highest score 38/45 IB Points by Archit Gautam
5. Fifth highest score 37/45 IB Points is shared by two candidates: Prisha Kapur and Keerit Singh



## EXCELLENT IB RESULTS AGAIN!



**Parnika Purvar**  
Highest  
Score 42/45



**Saurseh Das Gupta**  
Second highest  
score 40/45



**Kartikeya Sundaram**  
Second highest  
score 40/45



**Ananya Jha**  
Third highest  
score 39/45



**Archit Gautam**  
Fourth highest  
score 38/45



**Prisha Kapur**  
Fifth highest  
score 37/45



**Keerit Singh**  
Fifth highest  
score 37/45

# UNIVERSITY PLACEMENTS

*“A Correct Decision can double the confidence and a Wrong Decision can double the experience, so no need to worry about both the situations. Continue to do efforts.”*  
by Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

We are very proud to announce that this year's graduating batch of 2017-2018 has had an astounding result and have received offers from over 12 countries, namely, USA, UK, Canada, Singapore, Australia, Hong Kong, Germany, India, South Korea, Spain, Dubai and Netherlands. The gifted and bright students of GDGWS have been able to grab a spot in the leading universities all over the world and we wish them all the luck for a successful and an exultant future. We are delighted to share some of the placements our students have procured

NAME	PROGRAM	UNIVERSITY
DIYA SINGH	Major in Economics	University of Pennsylvania
NATASHA BATRA	Computer Science	University of Cal, Berkeley
JIVITESH YADAV	Bachelors of Science in Business	Kelley School of Business, Indiana University, USA
PRISHA KAPOOR	Bachelor of Economics & Finance	The University of Hong Kong
ARCHIT GAUTAM	Chemical Engineering	RMIT University, Melbourne
SHAURISH DAS GUPTA	Mechanical Engineering	Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology
ANANYA JHA	B.Tech Computer Science	Uni of Petroleum & Energy Studies
ANSH KHANIJO	Studies in Social Science	University of Toronto, Canada
PARNIKA PURWAR	BA Honours in Economics	Miranda House, University of Delhi
SHIREEN ALI	Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)	University of Queensland, Australia
ISHIKA M BIRHADE	B.Sc Biology	PennState University, USA
UJJWAL YADAV	Bachelor of Science in Business	Kelley School of Business at Indiana University
ASHUTOSH AGRAWAL	Bachelor in Business Management	University of Massachusetts Amherst
SIDDHANTHA GUPTA	Bachelor of Commerce	University of British Columbia
KARTIKEYA SUNDARAM	Double Major: CS & Data Science	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

# *District Swimming Championship*

*By: Ramesh Karwasra (Head of Sports)*

Once again, our Goenkan swimmers brought laurels to the school in the recent District Swimming Championship. The Swimming team won a total of 60 medals.

A big 'thank you' goes to all the parents, who helped out by bringing the swimmers along and for volunteering at the HUDA Gymkhana Club throughout the meet at such short notice.

The following were the noteworthy achievements:

U-14 - Alisha Karwasra - 2 gold and 5 Silver Medals.

U-14 - Alisha Afolobi - 2 gold and 4 Silver Medals.

Naavya - 4 Silver and a bronze.

Kismet Sehwat - 3 silver and 2 bronze.

Krish Bansal, Tabish Rana, Shaurik, Aditya, Dijvijay, Aditya Bhardwaj have Contributed to the school medal tally in Under-14 age category.

U-12 - Ritika - 1 gold, 2 Silver and 1 bronze.

Vaani Kaur, Yuvraj, Aryan and Sumrat also bagged many medals in under 12 age category.

U-10 - Dhriti Yadav - 2 Gold and 2 Silver Medals.

U-10 - Abhinav Ahuja - 2 Gold 1 Silver and a Bronze.

Arjan, Sheen and Prerna also won in this age category.



# *CAIE Teacher Training Programme*

By: Ms. Monica Thakran (French Language Facilitator)

Ms. Monica Thakran represented G.D. Goenka World School in the Cambridge Professional Development Extension Training for IGCSE French. The event, which involved face-to-face training of facilitators was held at The Shriram Millennium School in Noida and was organised by Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) for their Cambridge Professional Development Programme (CPDP). It was headed by Ms. Bernadette Otwal, a senior trainer and examiner for CAIE.

The extension training involved acquainting the teachers with more diverse approaches towards teaching their subject and helped them get more holistically equipped with the curriculum. The aims of the extension course were to review the syllabus requirements and updates, focus on the Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing components, explore a range of teaching strategies, understand the assessment and marking process and additionally, to explore the use of assessment documents to inform teaching and share good teaching practices.

In conclusion, the programme assisted teachers in adapting a new value system, teaching methodology and best practices from the CAIE itself to be better equipped to guide and support their students.





# VISIT TO EARTH SAVIOURS FOUNDATION

By: Chaitanyaa Sachdeva (Grade 12)

On 6th June, 2018, a few of GD Goenka's Interact Club members visited the Earth Saviours Foundation in Gurgaon, Haryana. The purpose of their visit was to make a few donations and help understand the history of the place and where they come from.

Earth Saviours Foundation was founded by Mr Ravi Karla, in 2008, when he saw a child and a dog eating together in the same stinking garbage yard and decided that his true calling was to help others and the environment. He started by renting a small place and letting homeless people live there, as he looked after them. Slowly the number of people started increasing and now, the NGO shelters 450 people, for free. 60% of these people are mentally disabled. The NGO even helps abandoned/lost people look for their families, and find a place in the world for themselves. The students had the opportunity to converse with a wonderful woman who had been working there for 8 years now. She showed them around the place and introduced them to some of the people living there, one of them being Harsh Sir.

He was an inspiring and hardworking man, who told us about the history of the foundation and several aspects of it. Harsh Sir, himself, was rescued by the foundation a year ago, and in his own words, "he was in a terrible condition." The people at the Foundation took care of him and helped him get better within a year. He shared his personal struggles with the interacters and really opened up to help them understand his history with trauma.

However, they all left smiling as the way he told his story and shared funny anecdotes really impacted them and made them realise how a person can change his life. It all depends on the person's thinking and the mindset.

The Interact Club members also donated around 25 kg of sugar and 12 bottles of Roohafza. Along with that, they also donated over 200 sanitary pads for all the women at the NGO. This experience has been something the students of the Interact Club will cherish forever, and they will definitely be visiting the Foundation again, hopefully with more people and more to donate.



# IBDP ASSEMBLY ON INTERNSHIPS

By: Nikita Bakshi (Grade 12)

On 27 July 2018, an assembly was held on the topic of the Summer Internships and Workshops done by the students of IBDP. To begin with the IBDP Coordinator Dr. Manisha Mehta shared the IBDP Class of 2018. There were various social projects as well as internships done by students at places like University of Oxford, Northwestern university of Qatar, Artemis Hospital, Fortis Hospital, YLAC and Agrasar Bachpan. Min Yeong, Anisha, Pratyush and Hardik interned at Artemis Hospital. Shubham Tantia attended the summer media programme at Northwestern University of Qatar. Rishabh Goenka had the opportunity to go for a 2-week summer program to the University of Oxford. Kirti Deshpande volunteered at an organization called Petsitters. Six students volunteered at a Non- Profit Government Organization called Agrasar Bachpan. Lavanya Anand, Chaitanyaa Sachdeva, Freya Gupta, Akanxa Swami, Riya Kathuria and Nikita Bakshi. Diwaker Gupta did various internships this summer, one of which included the GD Goenka University Arduino Internship. Along with that he also interned at Child Rights and You (CRY) and Global Peace Foundation (GPF). Chaitanyaa Sachdeva and Freya Gupta were a part of the Counter Fellowship organized by Young Leaders for Active Citizenship (YLAC).

Various students participated in the GD Goenka University Film and Photography internship which lasted for one week. Gamini Khurana, Aaryaman Hoskote, Nikita Bakshi, Stuti Kumar, Sreejoni Roy. Lavanya Anand, Akanxa Swami, Freya Gupta and Chaitanyaa Sachdeva are still working on an initiative called the 'Kartavya Project'. Riya Kathuria interned at Fortis Hospital as part of their Summer Psychology Internship. All this information inspired and educated the IBDP cohort about the possibilities to enhance their skills in various fields.



# *Gymkhana Championship Tournament*

By: Mr. Ashok Samrat (Sports Department)

The GDGWS Squash Team recently participated in Gymkhana Classic junior & senior Championship Tournament 2018. The tournament was held under the aegis of SRFI and Squash Association of Delhi. There were participants from all over India. Our team got great exposure and experience playing with rank holder players. They performed extremely well and we couldn't be prouder!

1. Arpit Kumar	11
2. Shivam Mehta	11
3. Vikalp Jain	11
4. Atul Sharma	11
5. Ritesh Singh	11
6. Adhiraj Singh	09
7. Aarnav Vohra	09



## *student highlights*

# *Life went on*

By: Vanshika Agarwal (Grade 9)

No one knows  
How much beauty  
The night sky holds  
No one knows  
How much beauty  
The night sky holds  
But we neglect  
The trepidation it brings  
Along with it  
Somewhere so shut  
Somewhere so shallow

Did she know  
This was going to happen?  
Did she know this very sky  
isn't going to conceal her within  
Its sheet of stars anymore?

Her squeals, her yelps  
Wailing for help  
But there isn't  
Any humanity left  
She used to be an angel  
Her heart pure of gold  
But she was bitten  
By the allure of darkness

She couldn't breathe  
As the venom escalated  
Madly through her veins  
However the struggle  
Wasn't that nimble

She once glistened  
As bright as heaven  
But it was all effervescence  
Something so conspicuous  
Bizarre to perceive

But this wasn't so hard  
Was it?  
He crawled inside her body  
Much ruined she is  
The blemish on her hips,  
The fake smile on her lips  
You haven't noticed,  
You never will

The devil took over her  
innocence  
Contaminating her purity  
Like never before  
Leaving her shattered  
Forever  
Will she ever return  
To her godly self?

Their bodies connected  
One good soul  
One bad soul  
Oh how she desired  
In that very instant  
That the beauty of the night sky  
Still lingered the same  
As it always promised  
To keep her invulnerable  
But promises aren't forever

Still demanding to heal  
As they say  
Time heals everything slow  
Little does she know  
This time isn't the same

It won't heal, nothing will  
It'll get worse  
Fiercer than ever  
Intemperate than ever

She was the finest soul  
Endured the most torment  
But avoided others  
From tasting it  
She wouldn't survive a second  
time  
Would she?

She never spoke a word  
As the solicitousness, the  
emotions  
Ate her within  
Oh how she craved  
He felt something  
But there isn't  
Any humanity left

She was desperate  
For it to stop  
The struggle, the pain  
But the heartless look  
In his eyes  
Destroyed her entirely  
So much that no pain  
Would be more monstrous

She is grateful  
She is beholden  
He just made her stronger  
More profound than ever  
But still  
She wouldn't survive a second  
time

So audacious and low  
The sky failed to remember  
That she was agonizing  
Never thought it would  
Betray her like that

He took away her worth  
Her seclusion, her purity  
Her intimacy, her own voice  
That very moment created  
A brand new version  
Before you only knew  
A part of her

She slowly garnered  
Her deformed heart  
And decided to alter it  
Into a strengthened one  
It wouldn't be the same,  
angelic one  
But it had to do

And so she hopes  
The next time  
He crawls inside her body  
He finds where  
She is most ruined  
And loves her there  
Unconditionally



# ***Forthcoming Events***

IBDP Goenkan Trident: 6th to 8th  
September, 2018

## ***EDITORIAL TEAM***

Chaitanyaa Sachdeva  
Lavanya Anand  
Nikita Bakshi  
Nihal Wats  
Gamini Khurana  
Vaibhav Sharma  
Darsh Jain

## ***TEACHER IN CHARGE***

Rupali Roy



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