

VIN-VIEWS, IDEAS & NEWS

AN EXPRESSION OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF YOUNG GOENKANS



MUSINGS...

BY MRS. SONALI SINHA
PRINCIPAL-G.D.GOENKA WORLD SCHOOL



Dear Parents and Students,

As we embrace the summer break, I would like to reiterate that this is an opportune moment for relaxation, exploration, and creating cherished memories with your loved ones. I encourage you to fully immerse yourself in activities that bring you happiness and a sense of personal fulfillment. Enjoy this break by spending quality time together by nurturing shared interests.

While it is essential to enjoy the holiday, I also want to emphasize the significance of maintaining a balance between leisure and learning. I encourage students to engage in activities that foster continuous growth and development. Whether reading books, pursuing creative projects, participating in community service, or enrolling in summer programs, there are numerous opportunities to expand knowledge and skills outside the classroom.

Rest assured, our dedicated team is preparing for the next term, committed to providing an enriching learning environment. I wish you a safe and joyful summer. Return with enthusiasm and eagerness to learn.

Thank you for being part of our school community. I look forward to welcoming you back soon.

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YOUNG ACHIEVERS



UOFT SCARBOROUGH 2021

TANYA SINGH
Class of 2023

GDGWS gave me the two most incredibly transformative years of my life and I will forever be grateful for them.

Mississauga:
\$10,000 entrance scholarship + University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) Principal's Entrance Award of \$12,000

St. George:
University of Toronto Scholar at the Faculty of Arts and Science of \$7,500 and University of Toronto International Scholar Award of \$92,500

Scarborough:
President's Scholar of Excellence (\$10,000) along with University of Toronto International Scholar Award (\$180,000)

Scholarship of 15,000 USD

Waitlisted at:

MIAMI UNIVERSITY, HARVARD, Penn, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Biological Sciences and Neuroscience

Heartiest congratulations to Tanya Singh, class of 2023, Head girl on securing a place at University of Toronto to study Biological Sciences and Neuroscience with President's Scholar of Excellence along with UOFT International Scholar Award.



PURSUEING COMPUTER ENGINEERING:

香港科技大學 THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Georgia Tech.

ASHOKA UNIVERSITY

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

WARWICK THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

UNIVERSITY OF BATH

Nikita Marwah
Class of 2023

G.D. Goenka World School has shaped me into the person I am today. For academic achievements to extracurricular activities and personal growth, I am grateful for all the opportunities and support that my school has provided.

Congratulations Nikita Marwah of the IBDP, class of 2023, on receiving offers from top-ranked universities- University of Warwick, University of Bath, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and Ashoka University. Nikita who is the valedictorian of the class, will be pursuing Computer Engineering from Georgia Tech, USA.



MANCHESTER 1824
The University of Manchester

WARWICK
THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Queen Mary
University of London

SOAS
University of London

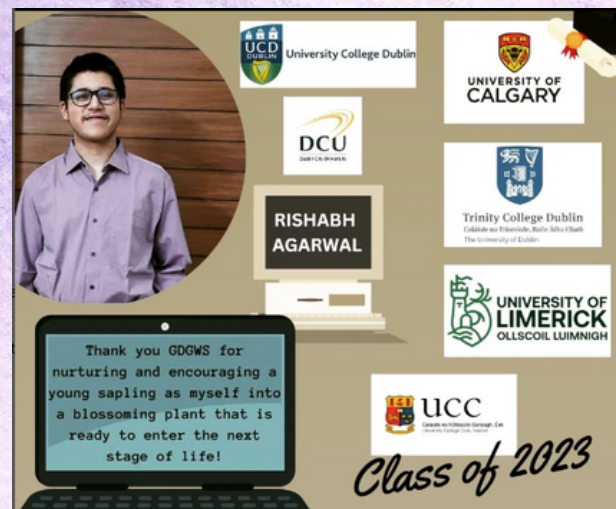
CITY UNIVERSITY LONDON

Shivom Takkar
Law LLB Hons.

GD Goenka World School helped me develop the skills necessary to face the challenges of life. GDGWS fueled my ambition and helped me get accepted into some of the world's finest law colleges.

Class of 2023

Shivom Takkar class of 2023, Head boy received offers of admission from some leading universities. Continue to shine, Shivom!



RISHABH AGARWAL

Thank you GDGWS for nurturing and encouraging a young sapling as myself into a blossoming plant that is ready to enter the next stage of life!

Class of 2023

Logos of: University College Dublin, UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY, DCU, Trinity College Dublin, UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK, UCC

Rishabh Agarwal, valedictorian, received offers from Trinity College, University of Limerick, University College Dublin, Dublin City University and the University College Cork. He wishes to study for a Bachelor of Science at the University of Calgary majoring in Computer Science. May you continue to scale great heights!




Cambridge Assessment International Education
Cambridge International School

International Baccalaureate

GD Goenka World School, Gurugram Sohna Road, India

CONGRATULATIONS! CAIE IGCSE Toppers



6A*, 1A & 1B

Srishti Maheshwari
Subject Topper in Economics, Biology, Computer Science and Cambridge International Mathematics



5A* and 2 A's

Muskan Malik
Subject Topper in Business studies and First Language English



2A*, 4A's and 1B

Alyssa Gupta
Subject Topper in ICT, Mathematics, Global Perspectives

SUBJECT TOPPERS

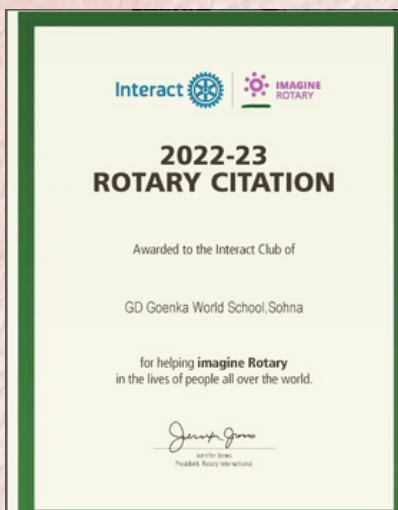
Aliya Gupta - Physics and Chemistry
Naisha Sharma - ICT
Sharvi Gupta - Hindi as a Second Language
Rohit Lal - English as a Second Language

29 YEARS
GD GOENKA

Goenkans have made us proud once again with their exemplary results in the IGCSE examination. Congratulations to all the students for a sterling performance!

A CHAMP IN MAKING !

Shivaay Takkar, grade-2 won the second position in the football tournament held in Ajanta Public School conducted by the state football association of Haryana. He played in the under-8 category as the skipper of the group (Green Falcons Soccer Foundation). He was presented with a medal, certificate, and trophy on behalf of his team.

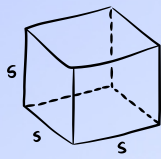


GREAT GOING - ROTARY CITATION

GDGWS is a proud recipient of the Rotary International Presidents' Citation for the Year 2022-23 for the 5th consecutive time. Our heartiest congratulations to our management for their unstinting support and our Principal Ms Sonali Sinha who is the club's patron, DHM Dr . Manisha Mehta and Ms Anshul Srivastava the teacher in charge.

GAUSS CONTEST

The GDGWS Cambridge Lower Secondary students showcased their mathematical skills in The Gauss contest organized by The Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing - University of Waterloo. This engaging competition offered participants a chance to explore Mathematics from a broader perspective in a fun and accessible manner, with intriguing problems presented in a multiple-choice format.



$$V = s^3$$



- Dhriti Yadav: Outstanding Achievement - Grade 8
- Shubh Nathany: Distinction - Grade 8
- Nerav Jain: Distinction - Grade 8
- Unnati Jindal: Outstanding Achievement - Grade 8
- Shashwat Sinha: Distinction - Grade 7



STUDENTS' INITIATIVES

PROJECT POLYMER- IB CAS PROGRAM

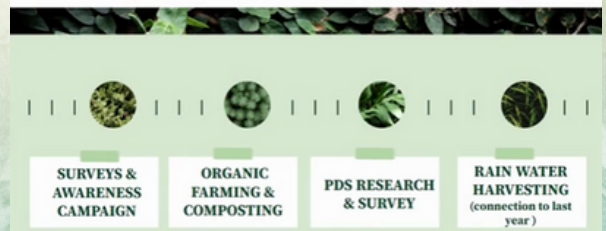
The grade 12 students introduced "Project Polymer" as part of their IB CAS program on World Environment Day which involved a plastic collection drive to reuse milk packets and promote sustainability. The project aimed to prevent environmental damage resulting from improper disposal of plastic packets and encourages responsible waste management.

GLOBAL CULTURAL EDUCATION INITIATIVE

The IBDP students successfully completed GDGWS Global Cultural Education Initiative for the year 2022-23 for the topic "Food" which was integrated with the UN Sustainable Development Goal 2: Zero Hunger.

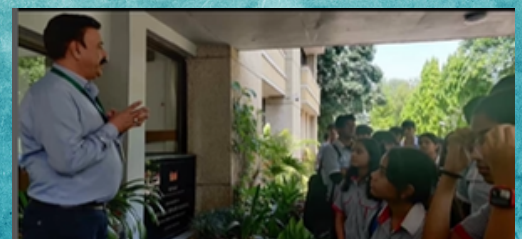


STUDENT INITIATIVES



TERIGRAM VISIT- GROUP 4 PROJECT

The students of grade XII visited the Energy and Resources Institute, (TERI) TERIGRAM RETREAT, Gurgaon for their Group 4 project. The aim of the project was to explore the role of the Group 4 Sciences in meeting Sustainable Development Goals- clean water and sanitation, developing clean and affordable energy and climate action. They used TERI as a role model institute for sustainable development and to design self-sustainable efficient green building design models for future use.



PARTICIPATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

FESTIVAL OF HOPE

Asia-Pacific's first Festival of Hope was hosted by the Pathways School, Gurugram. Aanya Mittal (Vice-Head Girl), Gia Wadhwa, and Rik Kumar represented GDGWS in the festival along with the Head of the school Ms. Sonali Sinha, and the Economics teacher Ms. Rittu Bakshi. The students actively participated in the panel discussions.

The Emboss 3-D mixed media painting made by Aanya Mittal and Gia Wadhwa was put up for display in the 'Exhibition on Hope' and was highly appreciated by IB Director General Mr Olli-Pekka Heinonen with whom they had the opportunity to interact with.



INTER-SCHOOL FRIENDLY MATCHES

G.D. Goenka World School welcomed students from Kunskapsskolan International School for some friendly matches with GDGWS winning the under-10 and under-14 soccer matches, as well as the under-16 basketball matches for both boys and girls. The cricket match, unfortunately, had to be called off due to rain, resulting in a draw. However, Kunskapsskolan International School put on an impressive performance in the swimming events.



PARTICIPATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

CLASSIC CANVAS - GRADE 8 PRESENTATION

The Classic Canvas a presentation by the students of grade 8 left the audience spellbound with the dramatisation of 'A Christmas Carol'. A brief enactment of the popular Do Re Me sequence from the 'Sound of Music' also struck a chord with the audience. It was a unique learning experience for the students as they were exposed to a classic piece of literature and also got the opportunity to hone varied skills during the course of the presentation.



THE ENGAGED BOARDERS



BAKING SESSION

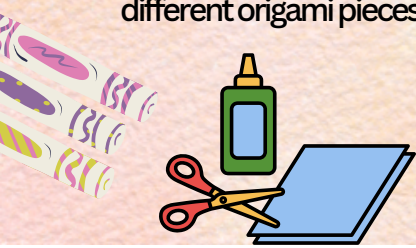
GDGWS boarders had a baking session in the school kitchen wherein they enjoyed the whole process of baking and the techniques of frosting too. The variety of cakes they prepared was a hit and overall, the session was a huge success.



The GDGWS Boarding Literary Club is a CAS initiative to promote reading among young students and to help them develop the analytical skills required in the international curriculum. The club designed several diverse literary activities and games around reading with the aim to promote cultural sensitivity and international understanding.

ORIGAMI SESSION

The boarders participated in an origami activity session on Sunday morning, where they could choose to make a shuriken, a phone stand, a frog, a butterfly, or a bird. It was an extraordinary way for them to explore something new and see all the different origami pieces.



CELEBRATIONS OF THE MONTH

GRADUATION DAY CEREMONY

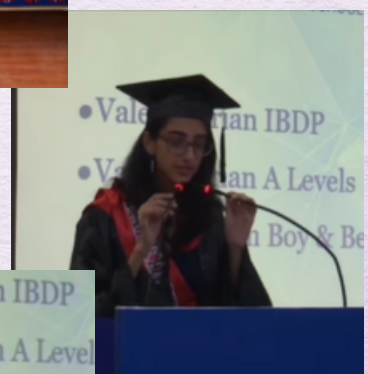
The Graduation Day ceremony for the Class of 2023 was a remarkable affair filled with pleasure and memories. As students gathered to celebrate their accomplishments, the atmosphere was electrified with excitement. A dynamic band performance and enticing dance moves captivated the audience, while poignant visuals took everyone on a trip down memory lane.



Major General Dr Rajan Kochhar, the distinguished keynote guest, presented an inspiring address in which he stated, "The EQ is always more important than the IQ for success, and EQ can be enhanced but IQ remains constant, so it is advisable to work on EQ." Ms Sonali Sinha, the Principal, told the graduates that as they prepare to enter the world, they will confront hurdles. "As you navigate the challenges that come your way, remember, we are just a shout away," she said. DHM Dr. Manisha Mehta also spoke up, emphasizing the significance of perseverance.



The Goenkan ménage wishes all the very best to the graduates as they stride forward towards their goal they aspire to achieve



CELEBRATIONS OF THE MONTH

LABOUR DAY



The students from the PYP and IBDP held special assemblies to honour the support staff on the occasion of Labour Day. As a sign of appreciation and respect for their work, packets of daily-use commodities were distributed among them. It was a token of gratitude for them as they work tirelessly to ensure the health and safety of the students. The school management also organized a free medical camp for all the support staff.



MOTHER'S DAY

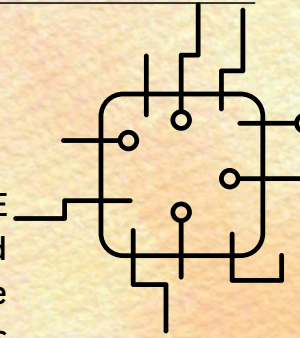
GDGWS family celebrated Mother's Day -The day that perceives the quintessence of a mother. This time, fun games and activities were planned for the mothers, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed them. The special performances by our energetic children were the highlight as they truly cheered up their devoted mothers. Inspiring sentiments swirled around with acknowledgement, appreciation and affirmation for mothers.



HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DAY

The 'National Technology Day' was celebrated by the GDGWS IGCSE students of grade 9. They conducted a special assembly on Technology and Innovation - a digital reality that combines aspects of social media, online gaming, augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR), and cryptocurrencies to allow users to interact virtually, with a special focus on the theme of the year- "School to Startups- Igniting Young Minds to Innovate."



HUMANITIES WEEK



The final week before their summer holidays was celebrated as Humanities Week. The students of grade 11-IB, had a week filled with brainstorming sessions, collaborative activities with peers, and a peek into how real-life business deals are conducted by understanding the customer satisfaction sector. The History students directed and acted out a play, and Psychology students conducted an assembly on maintaining the well-being of both mind and soul.



ENGLISH WEEK

At GDGWS, the first week of May was designated as English Week and students participated in a range of activities to demonstrate their ability to express themselves in English.

In addition to showcasing their language skills, students also dressed up in costumes to embody their assigned characters for the inter-house skit competition.



Throughout the week, various activities were organized, including crossword puzzles, SpellBee, creating posters about kindness, designing book covers, writing poems and stories, solving dingbats, composing articles and reports based on news articles, and presenting monologues. The week was a true example of experiential learning.

STUDENT COUNCIL

PYP INVESTITURE CEREMONY

Apart from academic excellence, GD Goenka World School focuses on the personality development of the learners. The IB qualities and learning approaches are critical in shaping young people into outstanding leaders and human beings. To that end, students from the Primary Years Programme campaigned and elected their Council Team for the academic year 2023-24. With the formal Investiture Ceremony held on May 23, 2023, the young leaders are ready to take on their new responsibilities and positions as the PYP Headboy, PYP Head Girl, Sports Captain, House Captain, and Class Prefects.



CLS INVESTITURE CEREMONY

Cambridge Lower Secondary Investiture ceremony was held on May 24, 2023.

The event was conducted with great dignity and passion. The newly elected student council members were conferred with badges and sashes. The Students Council took the pledge and were reminded that this position comes with responsibility towards themselves, their school, and their peers. The event was presided over by the Principal Mrs. Sonali Sinha.



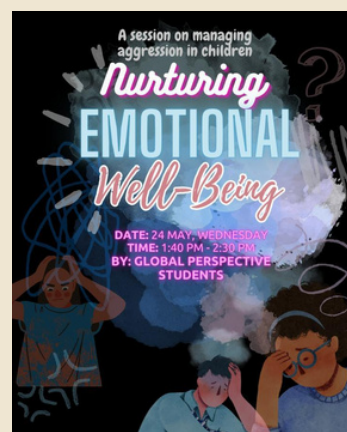
STUDENTS' MENTORSHIP

AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY FAIR



The Australian University Fair was organized for the students of the IBDP and AS & A Levels where the students got the opportunity to meet delegates from renowned universities in Australia directly. The event gave the attendees a unique opportunity to talk one-on-one with representatives from the university about the various programs and learn about the application process, life as an international student, financial aid, scholarships, application fee waivers, etc.

It was a fantastic event that gave students many chances to achieve their objectives and goals while pointing them on the correct route for college admissions.



SESSION ON MENTAL HEALTH

The students of global perspective grades 9 and 10th recently had the privilege of hosting a session on mental health aggression led by Dr Sarita, an esteemed expert in the field. Through an engaging and interactive approach, students learned valuable strategies for dealing with aggression. Dr Sarita's expertise and willingness to answer their questions left a lasting impact on our students.



TEACHERS' PRESS

Nurturing Minds, Inspiring Hearts: My Journey as an English Teacher

By Ms. Priya Mahendru



Teaching English has been one of the most satisfying and gratifying careers I've ever had. Despite the challenges, this experience has strengthened my faith in education's ability to improve people's lives. I've seen firsthand the life-changing effect that facilitators can have on their pupils when they show patience, create rapport, instil a love of learning, and foster a community of support in the classroom. As I go forward in my career, I am constantly reminded that teaching is more than a job; it's a calling to influence the next generation.

Making a difference, sparking enthusiasm, and helping young brains develop are all things I've been able to do via teaching English. It's a vocation that has given me much satisfaction and happiness. Aspiring educators, I say, take the problems in stride, practice patience, and establish an atmosphere that inspires a love of learning. Let's take this great adventure of changing lives and making an impact together.



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STUDENTS' VOICES

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Hope

Her sound was sickly sweet,
Why does my heart ache so widely,
so deeply?
She told me she slept with the
candlelight on,
I would gaze at her
from dusk to dawn,
The glance in her eyes
would splash desire,
Heaven, it felt, I could fly higher,
Her luminescent eyes
defined dreams,
Emerald, forest,
oh, every shade of green,
How could she make me feel like I
was fifteen?
Being bathed in sunlight,
Or staying up till starlight,
was all about her
She was my home, my hope,
my every reason to cope,
Her presence was taken,
And the world will be left shaken.

- Aarna (Grade 9A)

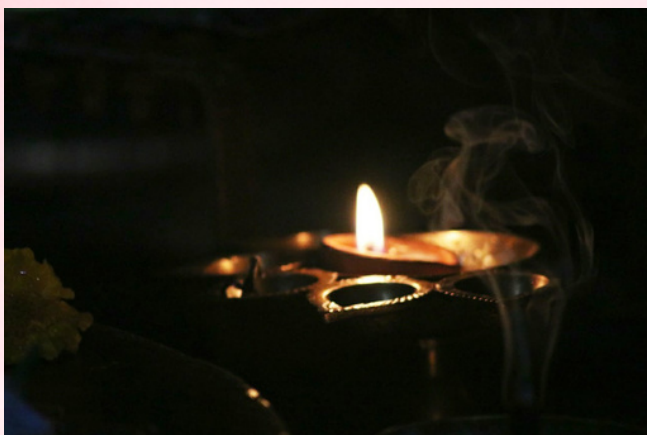


Happiness is important in life,
It's something that we all strive for!
Friends are always there to make you glad,
So never be depressed or sad.
Life can be a rollercoaster
It's incredibly rough,
But just remember that you are tough.
Most happiness comes
from family and friends,
And true happiness never ends!

- Fredrick Singh (Grade 6A)

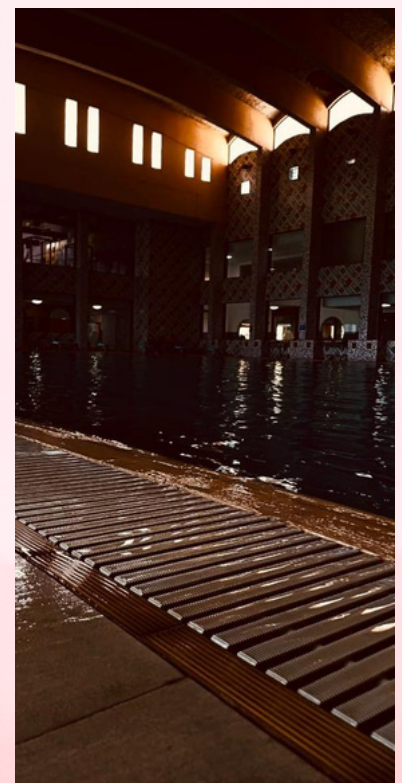
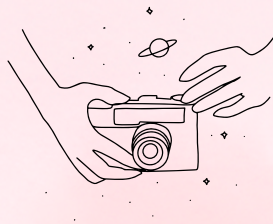
The Flame in the Darkness

-Tiyasha Chakraborty Grade 11



Light and Shadow

-Ishika Grade 11



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STUDENTS' VOICES

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By Khushi 9B

**Exist**

This world doesn't matter,
For you and me,
It'll just drive you out of your
ecstasy
And then you'll forget me,

Life doesn't make sense, not
even night and day
Everything I touch
just fades away
All I wish is that I could exist
for you
But everybody knows,
that it will never be true

The rain doesn't exist
Neither the mist
Happiness is not a thing
It just is as painful as a sting

What could I have done
To end our exhilarating fun
All I wish is that I could exist
for you
But everybody knows,
that it will never be true

-Nerav Jain 9B

Poverty- A Vicious Circle

Families usually face poverty due to unavailability of the basic amenities such as food, shelter and clothing. This may lead to poor living conditions resulting in the loss of lives within the family, worsening the situation. An example could be when an ill person cannot arrange enough money to pay for treatment, it will lead to more illness and possibly could be fatal. It is the duty of every citizen to show humanity and lend a helping hand to the needy, thereby making a tiny effort to break this vicious circle.

- Praveka Singh 9C





STUDENTS' VOICES



-Niral (Gr 8)

-Deep(Gr 9)



-Unnati(Gr 8)

-Khushi(Gr 9)



-Khushi(Gr 9)

-Unnati(Gr 8)



-Aarna(Gr 9)



-Vanshika(Gr 9)



-Arshiya (Gr 9)



-Deep(Gr 9)



-Unnati(Gr 8)

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