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## Musings...

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Principal of G.D. Goenka World  
School

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

As we immerse ourselves in the festive spirit of December, I extend warm greetings. This month, the diverse achievements of our students have infused vitality into our community. I am delighted to announce the remarkable success of our recent Goenka World Model United Nations held on 1st and 2nd December. The students' dedication towards global issues showcased their diplomatic skills and underscored our commitment to holistic development.

Amid the holiday season, let's come together to celebrate unity and goodwill.

December is not only about festivities but also a time to reflect on our shared values. I express my sincere appreciation for the hard work of our dedicated staff.

Moreover, we are thrilled to announce our membership with the International Schools Sports Organization (ISSO). Join us as we unlock new avenues for excellence in education and sports!

Wishing you a joyous December filled with warmth and laughter. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May the coming year bring prosperity and joy to each one of you.



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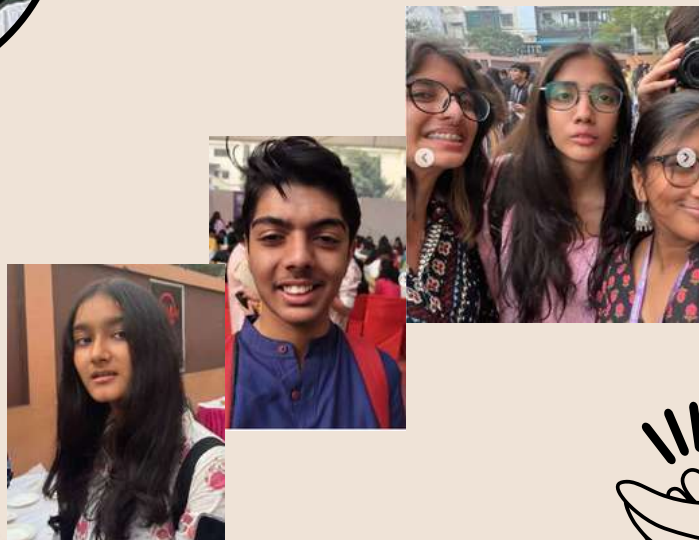
Dr. Manisha Mehta, our DHM and HOP IBDP, has triumphantly finished the rigorous 5 weeks of Programme Leader training. Her dedication and achievement promise a positive impact on our school community. We're thrilled to witness her continued growth and expertise as she contributes to the success of our International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.



## SHINING ALL THE WAY !!



Kudos to the GDGWS delegates for their outstanding achievements at Indraprastha MUN! Your dedication and excellence truly shine. Congratulations, Gia Wadhwa, on the Best Journalist Award, and to Alankrita Sah, Aarushi Goenka, Prathisha Sinha, and Abhimanyu Selot for earning verbal mentions. Keep up the fantastic work!





# THE INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2023

It was a momentous occasion where the students of grades 11 and 12 were bestowed with the responsibility to enlighten the name of our school, with members having a duty carefully handed onto their reliable shoulders after an intense round of discussion and voting. With the oath that they took on this day, not only did they promise to make the GDGWS family proud but also to act as role models in the eyes of their peers and their juniors. It is indeed one of the most coveted occasions of their years where students compete not only with each other but also within their inner selves to prove to be a member of the Prefectural Board.



The Prefectural Board was officially introduced in a splendid event that kicked off with a mesmerizing performance by our school choir, blending the dynamic tunes of 'Firework' and 'Aashayein.'

'Firework' symbolized celebrating individuality, while 'Aashayein' resonated with hope, unveiling the vibrant tapestry of our diverse spirit. Newly appointed council members, adorned with badges and sashes, pledged unwavering commitment. Ms. Sonali Sinha, our visionary School Principal, described it as a 'golden-lettered day,' emphasizing responsibility. Her insightful words resonated, instilling confidence. Ms. Sinha charted a clear course forward, marking the commencement of a distinguished Council tenure.





# TRIDENT 2023



At G.D. Goenka World School, students are not only given the ability to display their scholastic abilities but also opportunities to hone their skills in extracurricular activities.

Trident is one such inter-school event hosted by the school, where students illuminate their inner sports spirit and participate in one of the three sports, which includes cricket, football and basketball, is a rigorous three long days' event where students from other schools also display their efficiency in sports, as well, thereby allowing students to sharpen their skills for competitions.

What a thrilling tournament it was! From buzzer-beating shots to jaw-dropping goals, the action on the court and field was nothing short of spectacular!



The results of an unforgettable event:

## 🏀 Basketball Girls:

Winners: G. D. Goenka World School 🏆<sub>1</sub>

Runners Up: Scottish High 🏆<sub>2</sub>

## 🏀 Basketball Boys:

Winners: G. D. Goenka Public School 🏆<sub>1</sub>

Runners Up: G. D. Goenka World School 🏆<sub>2</sub>

## ⚽ Soccer Girls:

Winners: The Shri Ram School 🏆<sub>1</sub>

Runners Up: Kunskapsskolan International School 🏆<sub>2</sub>

## ⚽ Soccer Boys:

Winners: The Shri Ram School 🏆<sub>1</sub>

Runners Up: GD Goenka Signature School 🏆<sub>2</sub>

## 🏏 Cricket:

Winners: The Shri Ram School 🏆<sub>1</sub>

Runners Up: Blue Bells Model School 🏆<sub>2</sub>







## Diwali Delights !

The students and teachers of the G.D. Goenka World School celebrated the festival of lights, wishing each other a radiant Diwali season filled with joy, prosperity, and love. All came together in celebration with happiness and gratitude.



The Goenkans celebrated the festival with great enthusiasm and fervor, spreading light and joy! From colorful rangolis to festive performances, the students of Cambridge Lower Secondary geared up for a dazzling celebration.





# CAS VIGNETTE

IBDP students showcased brilliance at CAS Vignette, featuring projects like Ann Daan 3.0, Avow 2, Sports for All, and Khushion ke Diye (Diwali donation) on Wednesday, 22nd Nov!

Each project is a testament to their dedication, to addressing community needs with ingenuity. Attendees were immersed in narratives, grasping their hard work and growth. CAS Vignette, Year 23-24, signified a commitment to student development, accentuating Creativity, Activity, and Service values.



## ILLUMINATING LIVES

In an impactful CAS project, Grade 11 IBDP students, guided by Dr. Manisha Mehta, DHM, IB Head, and Mr. Jinas Panicker, CAS Coordinator, have brought brightness to lives. Collaborating with Earth Saviours Foundation, they orchestrated a donation drive, providing over 2500 days and 1500 biscuits.

This initiative reflects our dedication to spreading joy, ensuring that families in need feel the warmth of Diwali celebrations. Kudos to the committed core team—Garvit Arora, Aryan Bharadwaj, Dhairya Sehrawat, Ayaan Ather, Aditya Panwar, and Yuvraj Amit Singh—for making a positive impact in our community.



## GCEI PROJECT



Our school was grateful to have received and met Mr. Joseph Loftin, Co-Founder and trustee of the Global Culture Education Initiative (GCEI) at The University of Texas at Austin, and Ms. Indrani Lahiri, GCEI Project Coordinator from Dehradun, India. From cultural exchanges to environmental projects, our dedication to GCEI's values, as demonstrated by Mr. Joseph and Ms. Indrani, shone through. The personal connection made the presentation even more special. In the later half, a tour of our eco-friendly campus only showed our duty and dedication towards making small steps.



In a virtual showcase of global collaboration, GCEI's online Zoom meeting brought together students from diverse international schools. The presentation of the students from G.D Goenka World School focused on comprehensive research into various renewable energy sources, ranging from solar and wind to cutting-edge technologies. Despite the virtual setting, the passion for sustainability resonated as we shared insights with peers worldwide.

The meeting transcended geographical boundaries, emphasizing the collective commitment to address environmental challenges. Each presentation underscored the significance of renewable energy and highlighted the necessity for global cooperation. The diverse perspectives contributed by students across the globe added depth to the discussions.

GCEI's online platform showcased the strength of collaboration in fostering sustainable initiatives. Beyond sharing research findings, the meeting exemplified the organization's ability to unite students globally, creating a shared understanding of the importance of education in mitigating climate change. The virtual gathering served as a powerful reminder that, even in the digital realm, our collective efforts can drive positive change towards a more sustainable and environmentally conscious future.





# INTERACT WEEK

Exploring 'Hope' during Interact Week!

Our students joined hands to spread the essence of hope to underprivileged children through volunteering at various NGOs. Our mission was to instil the profound significance of hope in their everyday lives.

Engaging in creative activities, we encouraged these young minds to visualize and express their understanding of hope through art. The innovative ideas and illustrations that unfolded not only inspired us but also highlighted the unity found in hope. Together, we believe in the power of hope to create a brighter future.







## WE THOUGHT, WE WORKED, WE LEARNED

We were thrilled to witness a captivating presentation by Grade 6 on the theme "WE THOUGHT, WE WORKED, WE LEARNED."

Grade 6 students delved into the world of Cambridge Pedagogy, where they explored the art of thinking and working scientifically and mathematically. Witnessing our young minds in action was a reminder that with determination and curiosity, there are no limits to what we can achieve!





## INNOVATION AND LEARNING AT CAMBRIDGE LOWER SECONDARY



Grade 7 & 8 students delved into the world of geometry by learning more about regular polygons and exploring their properties and names. To conclude their research, they crafted icosahedron lanterns, a polyhedron with 20 faces. They're now ready to brighten up their homes for Diwali. This project enhances critical thinking skills, integrating math and art.



## AIRLINES CAREER COUNSELING SESSION



Captain Nikhil Sharma, CEO and Pilot of Atlantis Aviation, recently spoke with the students about the Airline Career Program.

The session covered the reasons why aviation is an excellent career choice and the growing demand for pilots. Students also received information about aviation degrees, program structure, timelines, and flight training.



## STUDENTS' VOICES



The seat hugged my body, yet it felt odd. This was my first time on an aeroplane, it seemed bizarre. During the whole trip to New Delhi, my heart was beating rather strangely. One query strangled my mind and my heart, was I ready to go home?

As I walked to the taxi service, my palms were filled with sweat, and my mind was filled with a million thoughts. Should I go home? When I leapt off the taxi, my eyes wouldn't move. My eyes were fixed on the ground.

I slowly exposed my face to the sidewalk and the buildings. I saw the old chai shop where I would have tea with her. I looked at the public library where we would borrow thousands of books. I saw the little alley where we ran off in our darkest times. I saw the treehouse we made for emergencies.

I remembered everything. Everything I forgot. Her voice, her smile, how she felt at home. I remembered how she was my forever, yet that forever only lasted a second. I remembered how she was the poem I wanted to write, how she belonged in a museum and not an empty hall.

I looked at the houses of my neighbors as each memory flashed in my mind. Each house had a story, a story I would hold close to my heart. Each holiday we yelled in joy deafening the silence of our sorrows. Holi, Dussehra, and Diwali were the only times I could escape the misery of home and feel alive in my town.

The bus ride felt nostalgic, the sun yelled welcome back and the clear warm air breezed in my face saying it was pleased. The reminiscence of a nostalgic aura was effortlessly overwhelming. Everything felt like home here, relief flew from my shoulders and I could breathe freely. I realized my future needed me here, not my past.



# PICTURE PERFECT



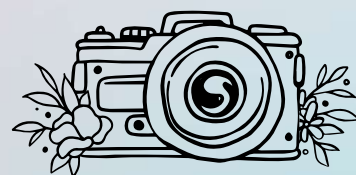
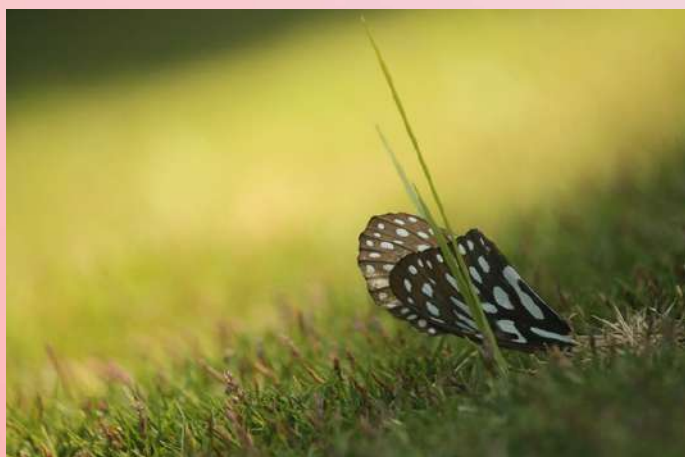
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**GRADE 11 IBDP**



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# Artwork



UNNATI GRADE 8



DIYA KAUSHIL GARDE 8



ANGEL GRADE 8



AIKU GRADE 6



# Artwork



AMAIIRA GRADE 6



KATYAYANI GRADE 6



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