

## With Gratitude to my Alma Mater



Walking down the aisle of memories, as I get a fair glimpse of the beginning of an exciting journey, it takes me back ten years down the lane, when the seed of education was carefully planted in my curious mind. It was fate that had placed me in front of the gate of a pale blue building and that gave my aspirations a pair of wings and my inquisitiveness a noble purpose. It was my first encounter with reality, and there the mysteries of this ethereal world were being revealed to me.

As I travel down memory lane, I visualize myself as a three-year-old girl clinging onto her mother, with incessant tears of reluctance at the very thought of having to go to school. Today, as I stand at the threshold of another alluring journey, those tears still remain, it's only that they have a different story to tell. The stories of memories, milestones, compassion and of rise and fall. This overwhelming journey of mine would have remained a far-fetched myth if I would not have been a student of Modern High School for Girls.

As time flew by, I not only connected with my teachers and friends but also with the trees of the garden and the blackboard of the classrooms, which remained an inevitable part of this journey, having seen me evolve in every stage. The trees have witnessed and heard our enthusiastic voices echo in the surroundings and the blackboard has patiently faced the cacophony of our restlessness. And then came a time, when every object in the school had a unique story to iterate. Not of success, neither of failure - but of growing up.

On the 70th birthday of my school, I heartily congratulate Modern High School for Girls and appreciate the compassion with which it has lighted the lives of thousands of students.

-Advika Basu

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## 70 Years of MHS



It is soon going to be 70 years since our Alma Mater was founded. This school has taught us many things, and not all of them are from the textbooks. As I look back on my MHS journey till now, there is a lot that our school has been through, and yet it stands, proud and strong, united as one.

For the past 70 years, this school has helped its students achieve enlightenment; just like the Champakflower, which is known as “the tree for achieving enlightenment”.

The school has always respected all religions and treated all students equally. It teaches us to serve the Divine; just like the Gulmohar flower, which is known as “The Service Tree” due to its symbolism for service to the Divine.

The school encourages us to follow our passion. We learn how to love our planet, our family, our friends and everyone around us. This is quite similar to the Hibiscus flower, which symbolizes passion and love.

The school helps us see beauty in everything. It shows us the purity of nature. It tells us how modesty isn't about how we hide our beauty, but how we handle it. Therefore, MHS is, in ways, similar to the Jasmine flower, which symbolizes love, beauty, purity and modesty.

Wisdom, intelligence and knowledge are some of the abilities that our school helps us develop. Thus, it is safe to say that MHS and the Lotus flower are in a few ways similar.

Being noble is a very valuable trait to possess. Perseverance and determination are also important qualities. Taking care of nature should be our utmost priority and we Modernites should be strong, successful women in the future. MHS helps us do all this; just like the Magnolia flower, that embodies nobility, perseverance, love of nature, femininity and gentleness.





The school makes us understand that we are young students and with hard work, we can be successful, strong, modern women in the future. We learn that beauty is in the eyes of the beholder and this makes the school quite like the Orchid flower, which symbolizes strength, beauty and of course, love.

We learn to be grateful for everything we have. We realize the importance of a positive attitude and happiness and joy. This makes our Alma Mater somewhat like the Rose flower, which is a symbol of gratitude, joy and grace.

All of us students are different and have different goals in life, but one thing that will forever keep us connected is the pride of belonging to a school like MHS. Be it the smart uniform or the huge, welcoming gates and the building. We will always be Modernites at's heart, so here's to 70 years of MHS!

-Kashvi Chaturvedi  
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## Moments, Milestones, Memories

Seventy years of brilliance,  
Of courage, power and resilience;  
Of women who've touched the sky,  
With dreams soaring high.

MHS since 1952,  
Nurtured women to be ambitious and true;  
Trained them to shatter every glass ceiling,  
Pierce every thought reeking of patriarchal feeling.

To this great institution, I belong,  
To be a woman independent and strong,  
To be part of progress in every form,  
And to take the world by storm.

-Anoushka Saha  
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