

HEAD GIRL'S REPORT

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Three cheers for MHS!

We, at Modern High School, have a unique tradition of ending every adventure with the loudest “Three Cheers” you’ve possibly heard. The echoes of these eager acclamations fill the room, and your heart, with an inexplicable excitement - a moment that bathes everyone in the glory of our school spirit, and through this report, I take the privilege of continuing this age-old ritual and immerse everyone into a song of appreciation, celebration and reflection.

The first cheer is a “*hurrah*” for the students.

When we stepped into the new academic session 2021-22, we just didn't return to a different place, we became different people. Along with our very able Student Council, we channelled our sensitivities to reorder priorities and perspectives to navigate a different gamut of challenges each day. This year, we focused on creating a digitally inclusive environment for every student, encouraging peers to rediscover their passions within the four walls of their home, and promoting participation in the vast array of fests that MHS hosted and took part in. Under the brilliant tutelage of this school, we have bagged many awards this year at several inter-school fests, be it at Morpheus, Odyssey, Youthopia, CIS MUN or Empresarios, to name but a few. Locating the nexus between virtual performance and mental perseverance and building the team strength to satisfy the appetite for creativity each time deserves a warm-hearted cheer for every student.

The second cheer is for every idea implemented and every lesson learnt.

Starting the successful snowball effect as early as April, this year we merged distinct worlds of thought into collaborative virtual fests and students imbibed the spirit of “Learning from Everywhere.” Amidst fusing different dance forms, engaging in dynamic cultural exchanges and creating new virtual businesses, we received roaring virtual applause and feedback for Grooves, Treffpunkt and Buydown, respectively. Besides inter-school events,

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we also witnessed the tremendous success of the inter-house events - Maitree, Mitali and Sports- where students also posed with pets, painted without brushes, dodged virtual obstacles of Homecourt powered by AI, and delivered rib-tickling jokes by embodying famous comics! The highlight for every student, however, was Ubuntu - the most pluralistic, eclectic and expansive fest of MHS by far. This virtual symposium allowed us to foster relationships with teammates, instructors and peers across countries in the unending quest for purposeful discoveries. Through the lens of humanities, languages and STEM, we explored beyond boundaries in all the 3 dialogues - sustainability, creative expression and the dichotomy between STEM and faith. The second cheer is thus for everyone who forged untraversed boundaries and kept the hunger to learn alive.

The last and loudest cheer is a sincere "Thank You" to everyone who made this year's ventures possible.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our Director, Mrs. Kar, Principal, Mrs. Mukherjee, Vice-Principal, Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Saha for giving us a platform to express ourselves. I am immensely grateful to our CCA department, headed by Ms. Mitra, for helping us bring our ideas to life through countless Zoom meetings. The Student Council of 2021-22 with their fresh ideas and perseverance, has aided me in navigating every route. I'd like to dedicate a big shout-out to the Captains - Priyanshi, Yasmeen, Devanshee, Hrishita, Ishani, Vandita, Anjali and Shagun, and the Vice Captains, for keeping the house-spirit alive throughout a pandemic. The very able 7-member Council - Sreeja, Ishani, Nishita, Vani, Anjali, Hrishita and Lajbarna- has assisted our school in virtual ideation and participation, and the inter and intra-school Tech Teams as well as the IT Department have offered their excellent technical support to us in every event. Lastly, of course, I would like to thank my deputy head girls, Ayra and Raima, for keeping the brilliant red flag of MHS soaring high as ever.

It's true we aren't surrounded by the majesty of the school garden but right now, I can feel the electrifying energy within me and hear the voices louder than before.

Three cheers for the year that was, the year that is, and the year that will be...

Hip hip..... HOORAY!

