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Editorial

Individuality, at its very core, is about embracing our differences and recognizing the beauty within ourselves. As a cohort, we have come to recognize the importance of diversity and being multifaceted. The IGCSE curriculum celebrates different perspectives and streams of thought. It teaches us to think critically, explore ideas, and examine them from different vantage points. We learn to make decisions logically and question our opinions while staying inclusive and respectful of others. We believe that the theme of individuality is the perfect start to our year. Each one of us has put a tiny piece of ourselves into this magazine. All our classmates have expressed their individuality in a myriad of ways- from art and written word, explorations of science and kind thoughts, to baking and music.

This edition has taught us valuable lessons in collaboration and cooperation. Everyone has played an essential role in bringing it to life. This would not have been possible without the steadfast support of our encouraging teachers: our Coordinator, Mrs. Saha; our Class teacher, Mrs. Sharma; our English Literature teacher, Ms. Sanyal; our Physics and Global Perspectives teacher, Mrs. Katti; our Art teacher, Mrs. Bharadwaj; our German teacher, Mrs. Chatterjee; our PE teacher, Mrs. Gupta and everyone else who has supported us these past few months and helped us become a better version of ourselves. We would also like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our seniors for their guidance and for leaving behind a great legacy for us to continue.

Lastly, we would like to thank an integral part of this newsletter, you, our readers! Life is all about discovering ourselves every single day, and finding out who we truly are. We would love to support you through this wonderful journey. We hope this newsletter lives up to its name and gives you a break from the whirlwind of worries that surround us all. Join us on our safari through our problem-free philosophy of Hakuna Matata.

~ Jiah Karmakar & Vaibhavi Gupta (Chief Editors)

Current Phota Phase PRIDE MONTH

ride month is celebrated annually in June. This is a month dedicated to celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community and showing the world that they deserve equal rights. Pride month acknowledges the fight to put an end to discrimination, raising hopes for a brighter future. While it is extremely important to be consistent with such ideals, designating a particular month to this cause brings it much more attention and therefore has a greater impact.



Pride is for everyone

The concept of Pride month arose due to the Stonewall riots which took place in New York City in 1969. During those times, the world had minimal tolerance for the Queer community. For many of them, places like 'gay bars' were their only safe spaces. However, the police often used to raid these bars and assault the people inside. One significant incident took place on June 28th, 1969, when the queer community decided to fight back. Since then, the month of June has been dedicated to them and their fight for acceptance. Depending on how wide-spread and dangerous the pandemic is, each place is celebrating Pride month differently. In places where the majority of the population has been vaccinated and the number of COVID-19 cases are low, people are having in-person gatherings while ensuring all safety norms. Others have found innovative ways to commemorate Pride month, and are holding events online on platforms such as Zoom and social media.



ISRAEL-PALESTINE CONFLICT

Srael and Palestine have been in conflict 1948, when the British since partitioned Palestine into two countries-Israel, the Jewish state and Palestine, the Islamic state. However, the ownership of the land continues to be a cause of dispute. The Gaza Strip is a small region with a landscape of 365 km². It originally belonged to Egypt but was taken over by Israel. In 2005, Gaza came under the control of the Palestinian National Authority, excluding its borders. Israel implemented a blockade, as a result of which no one can enter or leave this strip. Today, Gaza is under the control of Hamas, a Palestinian militant nationalist organization.

Jerusalem is located in the West Bank and East Jerusalem is of great significance to Christianity, Islam and Judaism. Israel considers Jerusalem to be its capital, this however, is not accepted internationally. Recently, the conflict between Israel and Palestine has been rising. It started on the first day of Ramadan when Muslim Palestinians were heading to the al-Aqsa Mosque, one of the holiest sites in Islam, only to find the entrance barricaded. Israel stated that this to prevent overcrowding was however, Palestinians interpreted it as an attempt to exclude them from the city.



The unfortunate bombing

Another incident took place on May, the last Friday of Ramadan. Israeli Police raided the area of the mosque and threw grenades, which infuriated Hamas. Hamas gave Israel a deadline to evacuate al-Aqsa as well Sheikh Jarrah as and following the non-compliance of Israel, they began firing thousands of rockets. Israel were able to block most of the rockets using their iron dome defence system. **Thirteen** people, including two children, died. When Israel retaliated, Palestine able not protect was to themselves. As of 25th May, 256 people died, including 66 children. Israel and Palestine have finally called a ceasefire.

CYCLONE WAAS

ess than a year after cyclone Amphan, a 'severe-cyclonic-storm' called Yaas hit India's eastern coast and Bangladesh's western coast. The cyclone predominantly affected West Bengal, Odisha and Assam and made landfall on the 26th and 27th of May. The Indian Meteorological Department or IMD reported that the cyclone blew with a wind speed of 70-80 km/h. As a precautionary measure, more than 50 teams of the NDRF (National Disaster Relief Force) were stationed in Odisha and Bengal. The two states collectively and successfully shifted up to 22 lakh people to higher and safer areas. The authorities took special precautions to maintain social distancing to ensure these efforts do not worsen the current health crisis.

The cyclone has left upto 4 people dead- 3 in Odisha and 1 in Bengal with reports of more casualties coming in . More than 700 people in Southwest Bengal had to be rescued by the authorities and power supply was disrupted in 12 districts. Many villages in South Bengal have been flooded hundreds of houses and have been destroyed. Prime Minister Modi announced that he will be visiting West Bengal and Odisha to review the impact of the cyclone. The cyclone has had a devastating impact on more than 8 lakh people. Our hearts go out to all those who have been affected by this unprecedented calamity.



Effect of the cyclone



Bird's eye view of the cyclone's eye



Stormy Clouds

Sports - Section 1988



Oports can be a great mood-booster. According to a study of 7th and 8th standard students, girls and boys who participate in team sports are more content with their lives than those who do not. Whilst being on the field, we learn to live in the moment. We forget about our worries and completely engage with the sport. Even though it might be for a short duration, playing sports relaxes our minds and makes us more optimistic. Playing in a team makes us believe in ourselves which builds confidence and leadership qualities. It teaches us how to handle responsibility. Sports is something that teaches us how to handle failure and success. This helps us learn from our mistakes rather than dwelling on our defeats. It inculcates values like spirit sportsman and persistence. A lot of people consider disability to be a misfortune or a loss. However, sports can change that perception.

Through sports, specially-abled people can exhibit the skills they excel at; and inspire many to give an afterthought to their stereotypes. It can also help speciallyabled people gain self-esteem empowering them to recognize and work on their hidden potential and level the playing field. Despite all the obstacles, innumerable sportsmen have shown us that with some grit and determination, we can achieve our dreams. Baxter Humby, a sportsperson without a hand, is the IMTC World Super Welterweight Champion and the first kickboxer to ever win a world title with one hand.



Baxter Humby



Kyle Maynard

Kyle Maynard was born with no arms or legs. However, he did not let that hinder him from becoming an MMA fighter. In fact, A survey was conducted in the United States of America among millions of people to understand how satisfied they were with their respective careers. Athletes rated their career happiness as 4.2 out of 5 stars, putting them in the top 4% of careers. As Pelé once said-"The more difficult the victory, the greater the happiness in winning." Therefore, we should never give up or stop working on our talents. We should fight and struggle to achieve victory because it is the journey that matters most, not the destination!

~ Swara Bahety and Yashvi Sarda

Cience

'ELEMENT' OF SURPRISE

Everyone has heard about Albert Einstein and Sir Isaac Newton not many know about but Rosalind Franklin Ada or Lovelace! These women changed the course of a male- dominated field through their astounding discoveries. Let's delve into the various achievements of some phenomenal women in science!

Rosalind Franklin discovered the molecular structure of DNA.
However, James Watson, Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins failed to acknowledge Rosalind's work and even received the Nobel Prize for research backed by her discovery. Rosalind never received any recognition.

When NASA was founded, African-American women computer scientists played an important role in powering its mission and in 1962, they helped put the first American astronaut, John Glenn, into orbit. For NASA, 2019 can be called the Year of Women! In October, Christina Koch and Jessica Meir performed the first all-female spacewalk. At the same time, NASA is planning a lunar mission called Artemis which will send "the next man and first"



Dark lady of DNA 'Rosalind Franklin'

woman to the moon" by 2024.

Ada Lovelace, born in 1815, was the first computer programmer. She was a brilliant mathematician and physicist, whose annotations are still being studied and marveled at. Of course, it is impossible to not mention Marie Curie, the first woman to win a Nobel Prize. Her the radioactive discovery of materials- polonium and radium changed the way we looked at radioactivity. It is not surprising to note how narrow and orthodox belief systems in our communities often result in forming mental barriers which make it harder for women to enter this industry. With a little nudge, guidance and equal opportunities, women be can equally great contributors to the field of science.

BUSY WITH BUSINESS

Very new path that we set out on does not guarantee success but we can never know until we try! We should look up to those successful entrepreneurs who dared to make their dreams a reality. The uniqueness of their ideas coupled with their fortitude gave them a chance to make a mark. Below are some of our favorite success stories:

TECHNOLOGY AND FINANCE:

Today's world has been revolutionized by the growth of technology and every individual's life is influenced by artificial intelligence and digitalization in one way or the other. *Sparkbox* is one unique company based in the U.K, which not only helps busy merchandising groups make their pricing decisions better but also helps in optimizing prices. They also boast a multitude of elite clientele like *Burberry* and *Superdry*.

Chip is another company started in the UK. It began in 2016 and has achieved a lot in a short span. Its main goal is to automate and make the process of saving money easier. This start-up has revolutionized how we handle our finances. Veda Labs is an Al platform that helps retailers grow their in-store conversions with real-time analytics and consumer insights. Starting from self-driving cars to analytics suites for supermarkets, it aims to help businesses better serve their customers.





ENTERTAINMENT:

The pandemic has made us all realise how much we value entertainment. *Memmo.Me* is a platform that helps fans connect and build a relationship with their favourite celebrities! One can pay celebrities to make personal shoutouts for various occasions. This start-up has done very well financially. The way these start-ups have navigated the uncertainty of pandemic times and adapted to the new normal is truly inspiring.



CHOCOLATE GINGER CAKE

ndividuality is all about the differences between people and things and celebrating our uniqueness. This particular cake is the perfect example of flavour, fusion and fun! We're sure the cake would leave you craving for more than 'just a slice'

INGREDIENTS-

Cake -

- 200g Condensed Milk
- 125 ml milk
- 100g butter
- 15g castor o sugar
- 125g flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 150g melted dark chocolate
- 1 tsp fresh grated ginger
- 2 tsp ginger juice

<u>Frosting -</u>

- 100g butter
- 2 tsp rose syrup or 1 tsp rose essence
- 225g icing sugar or powdered sugar
- 1 tbsp milk
- 1 tsp pink food colouring







The cake and Vani making it.

METHOD-

Cake -

- 1. Whisk together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
- 2. Add the milk and condensed milk and whisk till mixed well.
- 3. Add the melted chocolate and mix.
- 4. Add the grated ginger and ginger juice and mix.
- 5. Sift together the flour, baking soda and baking powder and fold into the batter with a spatula.
- 6. Bake in a preheated oven at 180C for 20 - 22 minutes in a greased 8-inch cake tin.

Frosting -

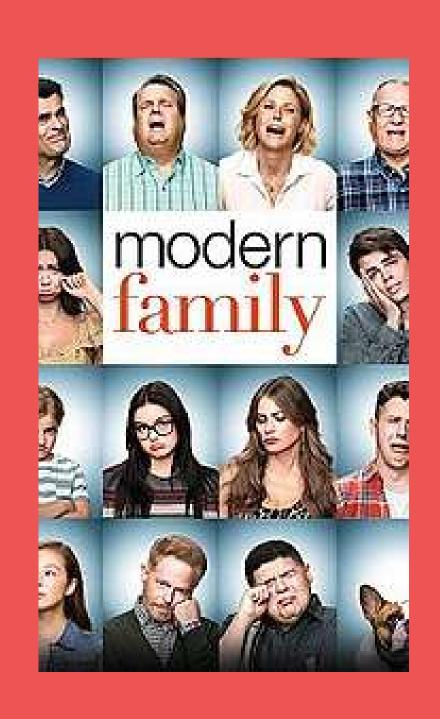
- 1. In a bowl, whisk the butter till smooth. Add the rose syrup.
- 2. Add in the icing sugar and whisk till properly mixed.
- 3. Add the milk and beat to combine. Keep beating till the frosting is light and fluffy.
- 4. Add the pink food colouring and mix till the colour is even.
- 5. Last but not least, pipe it or spread it on the cake and enjoy!

B Entertainment

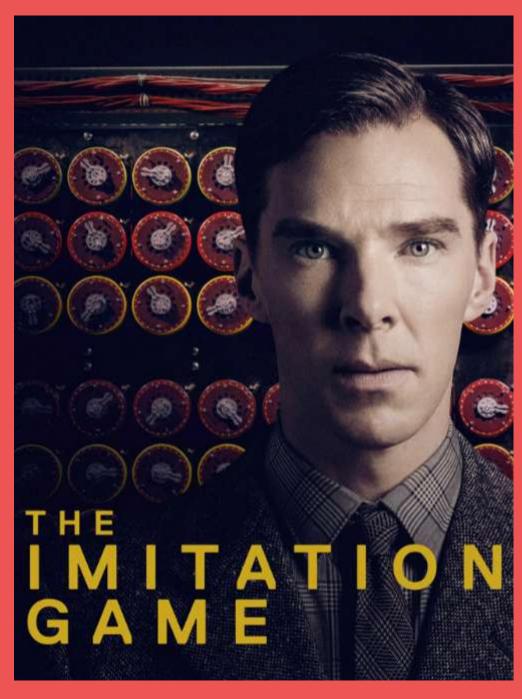
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MODERN FAMILY

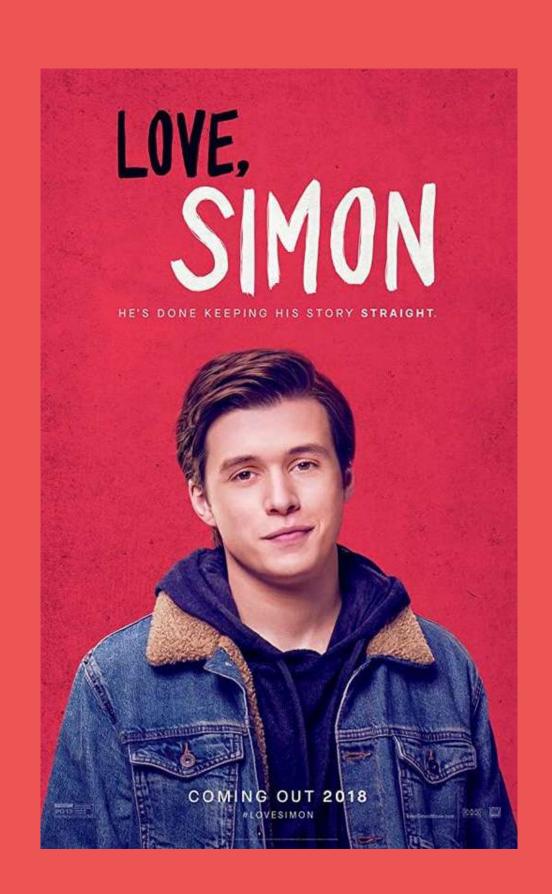
Modern Family was one of the first shows on ABC television that depicted two queer central characters, Cameron and Mitchell raising their adopted daughter, Lily The show made LGBTQ+ viewers around the world feel entertained yet represented respectfully. The show representing gay marriage was an important milestone in the year 2009 since marriage equality was still not achieved for another 6 years.



THE IMITATION GAME



The Imitation Game is a historical drama that showcases an English mathematician Alan Turning's journey to crack the German Enigma Code for World War Two, who is brilliantly played by Benedict Cumberbatch. The main character is a homosexual man and goes through emotional distress with his sexuality because of how society treated gay men back in the 20th century.

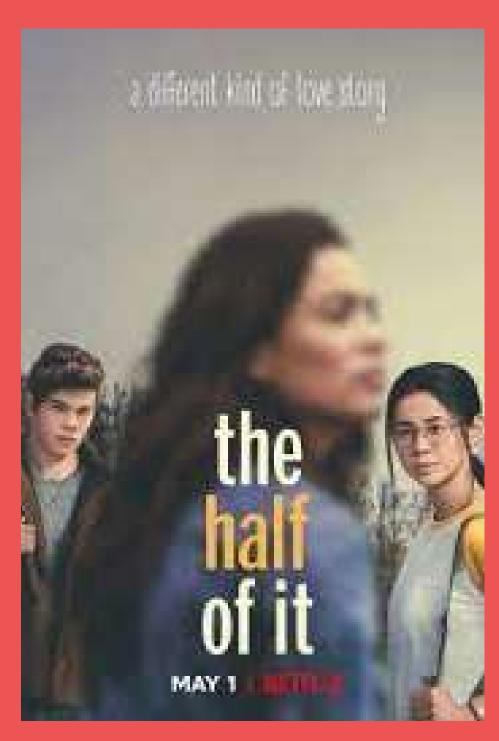


LOVE, SIMON

This heartfelt romantic comedy encompasses the journey of a closeted gay student named Simon Spier from Atlanta, Georgia and overcoming his fear of society's opinions and society's expectations when a stranger starts blackmailing him about revealing his sexuality. This movie depicts how people often struggle with sexuality and their the audience would relate to Simon's experiences.

THE HALF OF IT

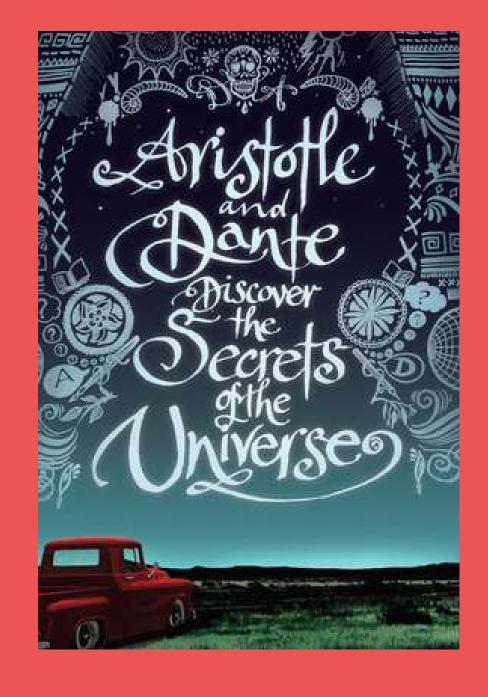
he Half Of It is a Netflix comedy-drama that tells the story of an Asian immigrant named Ellie Chu who is shy, introverted and does homework assignments for her classmates. She begins to write a love letter as a favour for a classmate to a girl who Ellie likes and ends up falling in love with her.

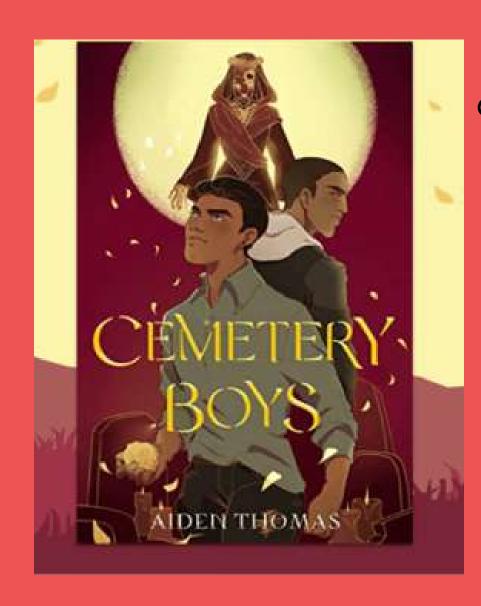




PAGE TURNERS

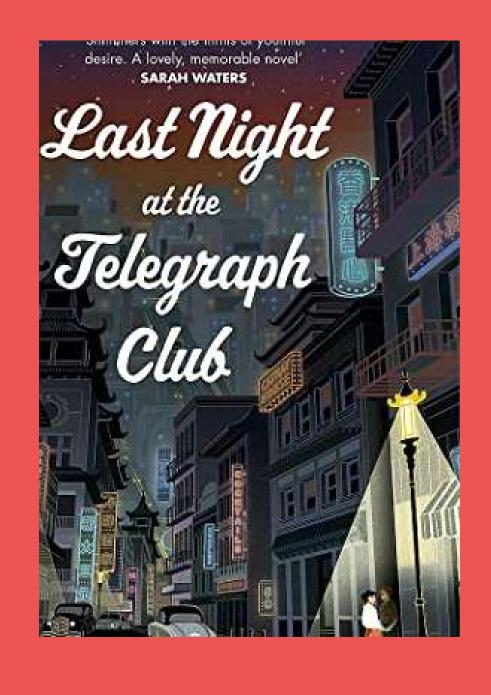
"Iristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe", written by Benjamin Alire Sáenz is a book to add to your reading list. The book vividly explores the story of two young Latino boys who fall in love, despite the obstacles thrown their way. With rich descriptions and breathtaking accounts, this novel won the Stonewall Award, Lambda literary Award and the Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award.





Jur next pick, "Cemetery Boys", written by Aiden Thomas, is a bestselling paranormal debut novel. Thomas cleverly blends love, culture, and the supernatural into a one-of-a-kind groundbreaking novel.

Jast Night at the Telegraph Club", written by Malinda Lo, is another memorable novel that describes the tale of two young women falling in love in Chinatown, San Francisco in the 1950s. This bestseller is an instant classic, being marked as one of the finest LGBTQIA+ romance novels.



Kind Thoughts

"Don't compare yourself to others.

There's no comparison between
the Sun and the Moon.

They shine when it's their time! "

~ CASSEY HO

"The one thing that you have that nobody else has is you. Your voice, your mind, your story & your vision. So write and draw, build and play, dance and live as only you can. You are you and I am I."

~ NEIL GAIMAN

Crossword

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Across - (Clues)

- 2. Being special & interesting and not the same as anything or anyone else.
- 5. Something that cannot be replaced.
- 6. The quality of being original.

Down - (Clues)

- 1. Not relying on anyone
- 3. Something that is true and has also been checked through facts or evidence (Synonym of Genuine)
- 4. Being compared of different elements or qualities: range of human differences. (Synonym of Variety)

Uniqueness, Independent, Irreplaceable, Originality, Authenticity & Diversity

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atvorks ove is Love V **ARSHIA TEWARI URVI JAIN** PRIYAL BINANI SANVEE SHARDA





ElignSu pintone byl.

Smera

Find yourself. Know yourself. Love yourself.





Vaibhavi

Mortal body, timeless soulscross your fingers here we go



Aditi

What's stopping you?



A ray of happiness can emerge the darkest of times

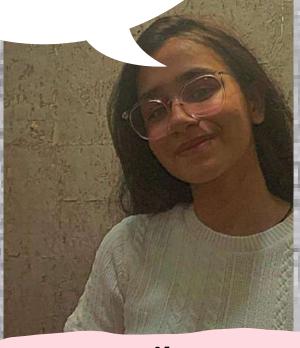


Trisha

"You might only get one shot. So shoot."

Akshita

I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to what light 1 have.



Devikaa



Ishana

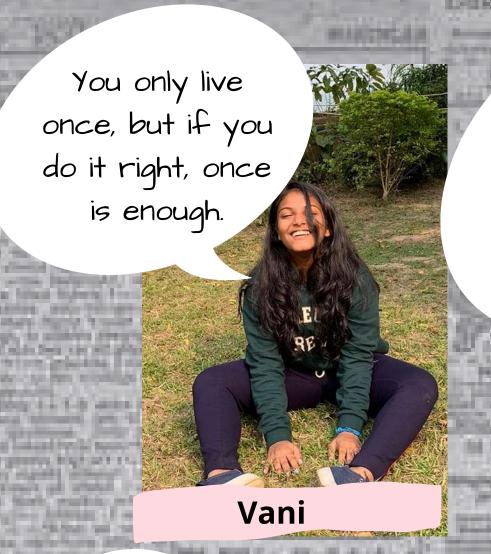
I'm not lazy, i'm on my energy saving mode

Soumyaa

Sometimes 1 pretend to be normal, but it gets boring so i go back to being me



Yashvi



"Never follow anyone else's path.



My workout is reading in bed until my arms hurts



Swara

Everything seems impossible, until you take the first step

Haters gonna hate, shake it off



are all romanticising the idea of love instead of the person.

I think we



Rishita

Sanvee

You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have

If you are too afraid to do something,, ask yourself whether you would be able to live without trying



<u>Jiah</u>

All the world is made of faith, and trust, and pixie dust.

Priyal



Be you, the world will adjust



Annanya



Samaira

One act of Kindness always ripples into another



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