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FOOTLOOSE



Dancing with one's feet is one thing but dancing with one's heart is another. I commenced with my feet but footloose moulded me to dance with my heart. For me, Footloose is the place where I was nurtured into the dancer that I am today. It has endowed upon me the confidence to impress others- but more importantly, to express myself. Likewise, Footloose leaves an indelible mark on all its members. Footloose was never just a badge on the collar. It is an integral part of our identities. That is what footloose does; it is a sense of belonging.

This academic session commenced with us establishing ourselves through the performances conducted for celebrating World Dance Day. Our members from classes 6 to 8 indulged themselves in the scintillating performances. *Through the Ages* featured a plethora of numbers, iconic of legendary dancers from different eras, such as Michael Jackson and Elvis Presley. Apart from the dance moves, the dressing style of these stalwarts was also recreated.

With the progress of the months, so did our experience quotient. We took part in all the inter-school dance events and grew in our resilience- not just as dancers but as a team. I can proudly say that footloose never fails to teach. Each member possesses a different groove, style, form and expression. However, the best part is that we are always there to share with each other and to learn from each other.

We concluded this year in the best way possible - with our much-awaited footloose routine as an addition to the Drill on Sports Day. These past few years have been drastically transitional, to say the least. These in turn, taught us to adapt as humans as well as dancers. With numerous training groups, the Pan-India Dance Fest, Intra-MHS dance fest and our own Monday (and Tuesday for juniors) sessions, it is safe to say that footloose has come a long way, with an even longer path ahead of it. I am grateful for this club, which in itself is a reward and encourages every member to strive for the best in each of them.

Hrishita Baheti
President

SKYLAB



‘The brightest stars are those who shine for the benefit of others’
Every Tuesday the school planetarium sees a flood of girls eager to delve into the great mysteries of space with a spirit of togetherness. Club members would readily agree to the sense of warmth and belongingness this club has provided to each one involved. The essence that binds all Skylab members together is our will to learn, to explore and develop not just individually but as a whole.

My term as the President of the School Astronomy Club Skylab, started in April 2022. What I didn't realise at that moment was what a mesmerising journey it would be. From the very first meeting where we greeted new members to the very last meeting of farewell, it was a time well spent. Theories of the universe, debates on black holes, astronomy quizzes, arguing whether aliens have feelings and telescope setup and alignment - there's no end to the madness that comes with the thirst to learn.

This year was marked by a number of successful projects for us, including a sun-dial making session, most of which were highly accurate. The seniors demonstrated to the juniors how to set up a telescope. We have held numerous debates in our meetings as well, on a range of astronomical concepts such as the existence of aliens and their feelings, the end of the universe and the privatisation of the space sector. Despite the obvious gap in age and understanding, the youngest members have shown great effort in participating in these events and their passion to learn is truly the most admirable part of a meeting. We have also worked hard as a club to create the second edition of the esteemed Skylab newsletter, Astro-Know-Me. Our overnight trip as a club was an extremely enriching and joyous experience and brought us all closer to each other as well as the stars.

None of this would be complete without mentioning the two girls who have helped and supported me since the very first day- Puravi Mohta, Vice President and Anvita Ghosh, Secretary. I would also like to extend my regards to Mrs.P Dutta and Mrs. P Banerjee, our club advisors, without whose constant support and encouragement none of this would have been possible. Last but not the least, I would like to put forward my warmest regards to each and every member who has taught me not only to be a better person but also a better leader.

It was indeed a year full of learning, growth and exploration. It fills me with so much sadness yet gratitude to put an end to this bond of 6 long years with such an integral part of my life. However, I sincerely hope that the years that follow will be of joy and further development for Skylab.

President - Saanvi Khanna, XII C
Secretary- Puravi Mohta XII D

SCRIBES



Thursday afternoons are especially reserved for Scribes members, who revel in a world beyond mere perception and stitch meaning into words to bring their imaginations to life.

We hit the road running, with a host of new members crowding 7B. While most believe that writing is a solitary activity, we endeavoured to make it a multisensory experience that could enable community-building. By writing pieces sparked by different sensory stimuli and reading them aloud to not only share and appreciate our craft but also hone confidence, we brought our vision to life.

From inventing new words for colours and brainstorming two-line horror stories, to learning about black-out poetry and writing circular haikus, Scribes members have been very busy this year.

As the only club at MHS with its own website, Scribes takes pride in publishing its work online and bringing people together through writing. This year, we collaborated with other clubs – Focus and Legacy – to execute an online exhibition displaying our pieces from this year.

Our advisors, Ms Biswas and Ms Majumdar, have been a North Star in all of our ventures – guiding and encouraging our, sometimes ambitious, pursuits. I have the deepest gratitude for Swaranya Sarkar and Sreetama Mondal, Scribes' Vice Presidents, for being by my side through mood swings and

improbable ideas. A special thanks to Anupama Choudhury, Anoushka Dasgupta, and Sangya Pal, for their undeterred support (and for finishing my sentences when, ironically, words failed me).

In 2018, I entered a club of 19 members clustered in the back benches of 7B; today, I leave a club of 37. It has been an honour to be Scribes' President and witness its members' growth. I sign off with utmost pride and confidence that it'll raise the bar higher in the future.

Urvi Agarwal
President

VOICE



Voice has always been more than just a club - it has been a place to learn, to discover and most importantly, to find our voices. As such, we started off the academic year 2022-2023 with a meticulous year plan, which we of course did not follow. One of the core ideas that we advocate in this club is the beauty in being spontaneous, for nothing is more powerful on stage than just allowing words and thoughts to flow out of you.

We introduced our newest members to the different forms of debating and to the world of Model United Nations. This year we organised the Middle School Inter House Debate and the Senior School Inter House Debate - both of which were appreciated and enjoyed by the students and teachers alike. The Ashoka University Model United Nations was the first MUN that we attended this year. This was followed by the Jadavpur University Mode

United Nations. We sent in a delegation composed of senior school students and did manage to earn a High Commendation and a couple of Special and Verbal mentions.

Our club meetings consisted of fast paced Just A Minute (J.A.M) sessions and dynamic elevator pitches. Some Tuesdays we took on the role of world leaders and spoke about policies we would have implemented if we were in their places, while other club sessions we expressed our views on global socio political issues. We also spent our time preparing for upcoming events, some of which were the L.N Birla Debate organised by Birla High School and the Reverend Cashmore Memorial Debate organised by St. James School. Our school team put forward a commendable performance and qualified to the semi finals in the latter.

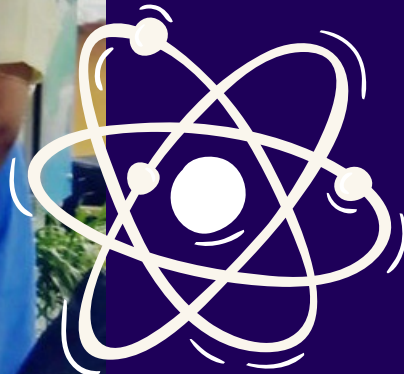
JacoMUN was the first physical Model United Nations that we attended after a offline hiatus of two years. With a strong delegation and five days worth of preparation, the performance put forward by everyone was remarkable and truly inspiring. The 22nd Slater's Memorial Debate organised by Bishop Cotton School, Shimla, was an outstation event attended by a team of four strong debaters. Although we only managed to qualify till the quarter finals, those five days of debating, socialising and networking were worth the effort and hardwork.

Our club endeavours and activities would never have been possible without the guidance and support of our club advisors, Mrs. Debakshi, Mrs. Dasgupta and Ms. Ganguly. Finally, we would like to appreciate the dedication and interest that each and everyone of our members showcased - whether it be during Inter School fests or within the four walls of 11 C.

I started off by stating that Voice has never been just a club - and like a true debater I still stand strongly by my claims. For the last five years Voice has been a home - for my ideas, for my voice and most importantly, a place where I could just be me. I wish and sincerely hope that it has been a home for many others this year. It has been my honour to serve as the President of Voice for the year 2022 - 2023. I sign off with a very simple statement; As the President of Voice 2022-23, I will rest my case but never my stance.

Mohona Sengupta
President

STEAM



“Science can be found in every little thing in the world, you just need to have an eye for it.”

The maiden year of the newest club at MHS started with the members putting their faith in this line and beginning their journey of being bedazzled by science! People often think being interested in science means being a geek who can recite the entire periodic table by heart (most of us lose control once the Lanthanoids start) or a nerd with spectacles whose nose is stuck in a book 24/7. However, our members strive to change this perception and they are the most unique scientifically inclined individuals I have ever come across.

Over the year, I have worked with Ananya, STEAM's Vice President and Anvita, the secretary to aid our members in exploring science outside of academics. We have encouraged them to trespass the boundaries of various sciences, while also incorporating certain elements of art. We urged them to use science as a method of making sense of our surroundings and connecting with it. This resulted in brilliant brainstorming sessions that formed the crux of most of our plans. What is even more astonishing, is how often a single topic managed to connect students ranging from middle school to high school.

Our sessions ranged from hands-on practical ones to more discussion based.

One of our most memorable activities was the celebration of The International Day of Light, where the members presented scientific phenomena through the lens of art. It was truly an interdisciplinary marvel.

One of the most anticipated sessions was the Forensic science one. It started off with diving deeper into the world of criminology and analysing blood splatters and ended with a crime scene session. From setting up the crime scene with minute details to solving it in record time, every member channelled their inner Sherlock that week!

STEAM members did not limit themselves to the school premises. We attended a 'Women in STEM' workshop organised by American Centre and presented successful projects created in collaboration with other schools and participated in fests like Bosco Fest [Don Bosco School Park Circus-model making event] and Logique [DPS Ruby Park - Tech fest] where our members placed second in the Tech Tank event. We also attended various lectures and panel discussions held at BITM, next door to our school. STEAM organised its first in-school special lecture in November on 'East Kolkata wetlands and its Major Threats' held by Dr Somnath Bhattacharya (former professor at Jadavpur University). Our members accompanied by the geography department had an enlightening session about this internationally accredited site. This was closely followed by a series of informative robotics skills sessions organised in association with 'Funscholar'. It was an exciting introduction to the world of robotics with each student receiving their own robotics kit.

Through this year of new experiences, at STEAM we all have grown together as a club. We have learnt to find joy in the little marvels of science and keep that flame of curiosity burning alive. I can vouch for all the members at STEAM, that all the sessions have inspired us not to be afraid of mingling disciplines and never lose the spirit of asking questions.

Creating something from scratch and establishing its foundation is a marvellous experience. Founding this club alongside Ananya and Anvita was just the same. What began with us drafting proposals and attending

culminated in the foundation of one of the largest clubs at school! Without both of them, this dream would not have been realised. Ananya's enrapturing discussions and Anvita's love for astronomy shall remain etched in the minds of our members! This club would have been incomplete without Mrs Katti, Mrs Som and Mrs Chakroborty, whose belief in all of us made this a success.

For me, science has always been the thing that makes my heart beat a little faster. This club has been a manifestation of that very emotion. It made it possible for me to passionately share my love for science with others and I am proud to leave behind a marvellous bunch of students who are going to prove themselves as valuable members of the scientific community in the future.

It has been a pleasure serving as the President of STEAM for the year 2022-23. This club has given wings to the curious science enthusiast in me and I hope it does so for every other member from here on.

Signing off,
Adrija Das
President

SPICE



The Spice Club is a club for all food enthusiasts. This club is not only about cooking. It is about research, innovation, visual and olfactory presentation, and ideation. The members of Spice explore their interests that cover a wide spectrum from fine dining to street food. The club encourages its members to delve into various cuisines from cultures and regions across the globe. This club values the interests and suggestions of its members.

Although we kept exploring and cooking delectable recipes throughout our online meetings, we foodies were eager to don our aprons and return to the home science laboratory after spending the previous two years online. Nothing is, after all, more gratifying than cooking the things you love with the people you love.

This year Spice welcomed members from classes 6 to 12. Our meetings were divided into two halves-the junior school members cooking non-fire recipes and senior school members attempting more complex dishes. Over the course of this year, the junior spice club members created dishes ranging from everyone's favourite street food, masala muri, to the perfect dip for your tortillas, a Mexican salsa, and fruit cream for dessert. The senior club members, on the other hand, experimented with some delicious apple kebabs, and creamy mushroom soup to enjoy the monsoons and classic pancakes which can either be a weekend breakfast treat or a dessert.

The spice club members celebrated Diwali with some mouthwatering paneer tikka and coconut barfi.

This year Spice Club put up a food stall for the mini fete on Children's Day. After long hours of dedication and contribution of all the members and with the help of our club advisors, Ms. Avni Bharvada and Mrs. Priyanka Saha we were able to prepare an appetizing menu consisting of the beloved pizza with the Indian touch of a kullad, oreo truffles and a strawberry spritzer. We served some mouthwatering food to all our classmates and teachers for a cause.

The Spice Club looks forward to another year full of laughter, joy, and love for food.

President: Vraisha Mehrotra (12A)

Vice President: Sohag Chatterjee (12 B)

SOCCER



We have been a part of this club for 6 years now and it still feels like it was yesterday that we were being taught how to receive and pass a football. We have seen our seniors score goals and fight till the last second during the Nadir Cup our school hosted, given them elaborate farewells and cheered them on from the sidelines.

But, we never imagined we would be on the receiving end of it all.

Having lost two years of our soccer tenure to the pandemic, we couldn't wait to be back on the field. We consider ourselves tremendously lucky to have been able to play three tournaments this year, when our previous captains sadly could not. We were excited to be back on the field, nervous about how fit we were (and the running drills we had to complete in under 30 seconds) but also ready.

Our soccer squad stands at nearly 50 eager football enthusiasts who gather on three days at the Modern High school garden every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Under the guidance and vigil of our coaches, we won the tournament at the Heritage School comfortably, accepted defeat humbly at Calcutta International School and were runners up at St. Xavier's Collegiate School. The only way we could have achieved this feat was with the unwavering support of our coaches, Mr. Ratan Postwalla, Mr. Shatadru Lawrence Dutt and Ms Rhea Rao. With the help of Ratan sir's speeches and constant instructions from the sidelines, Shatadru sir's elaborate drills and Rhea Di's attention to detail and motivation, we emerged victorious even post the pandemic. This year, we also had a new addition to the coaching contingent with Ms Sanjukta Routh joining us and helping us become better athletes. Our teachers, Ms Anahita Gupta, Ms Sandhya Ghosh and Ms Saheli Dutta, always helped us and supported us.

We had new and old faces once we were back. Aditi Biswas and Saranya Mondal, our vice captain, scored most of our goals during all three tournaments. A special mention to Saanvi Khanna, Shyla Gupta and Puravi Mohta for being our pillars of strength both on and off the field. Teammates like Anoushka Dasgupta, Radhika Gupta, Drishya Toshniwal, Udyomaa Sureka, Aarshia Gupta and Krittika Chakraborty played an integral part in keeping the Red Army spirit alive in all the tournaments.

The Red Army has been, and always will be, an intrinsic part of our lives. We both wish, and hope, that we have passed on at least half of what our seniors passed on to us and that we were approachable captains and made the squad proud. We wish this squad the best for the future, we'll always be cheering them on from the sidelines.

Signing off as captains for the year 2022-2023, we know for a fact that the "Go MHS" chant will continue to wake the city up, whenever we play.

QUIZTION



“All those who wander, are not lost,”
~ *The Riddle of the Strider, JRR Tolkien*

It is with this spirit that twenty-odd students gather every Tuesday afternoon in class 6-C, discussing the most arbitrary topics - ranging from the relation between Sudha Murty and Rishi Sunak, to the metro stations of Kolkata. The feature that always stands out in these discussions is how *everyone* (from classes VI to XII) share the same level of enthusiasm - as though their thirst for knowledge can never be quenched.

A common perception amongst most students is that quizzing is an activity for those who have managed to cram the capitals and currencies of all 193 nations in the world; for those who have no better work than poring through Derek O' Brien's quiz books; for those who have timeline of the Mughal Empire on the tips of their fingers. This year, our Secretary, Anushree Mukherjee and I, worked on breaking that perception, by encouraging our juniors to give auditions, participate in inter-school quizzes and savour their first taste of competitive quizzing.

The Pop Culture and Literature Quiz was our first offline endeavour in the post-pandemic era. Organised in collaboration with the Library Department, it was also the first school event to entertain a sizable participation from MHSI. Conducted by accomplished quizmaster Aryaman Banerjee (currently the head of the Literary Club of IHM Mumbai), it was a roaring success as the participants understood the concept of “workable” questions (where the answer is hidden within the question), encountered the various formats of quizzing that are popular in the Kolkata circuit, and had an enlightening morning exploring the realms of literature and modern pop culture. This quiz also helped popularise the activity among the younger students - as a result of which, we improved our performances in several quizzes afterwards.

The MHS flag flew high at several quizzes across the city this year - we won the award for the best school at Quizzinius 2.0 (national level quiz organised by DPS Ruby Park), and obtained podium finishes in the following quizzes: Xuberance 2022 (St. Xavier’s Collegiate School - 1st), Confluence 2022 (Calcutta International School - 1st), Morpheus 2022 (South City International School - 2nd), Quizzitch Cup 2022 (NIT Durgapur - 3rd). We missed the podium by a hair’s breadth in several others - Concord 2022 (Calcutta Boys’ School), Bosco Fest 2022 (Don Bosco School Park Circus) and Youthopia 2022 (The Heritage School) to name a few.

Over the past few months, one cannot help but marvel at how we at Quiztion have grown - as quizzers, and as people. Even in the events that we did not win, I can affirm on behalf of all the participants that they took away something far greater than a trophy - an enlightened mind, the confidence to never stop fighting until the last question has been answered and the temperament to never stop exploring.

This year marks the end of a journey that began in the sixth grade - a journey that would have been impossible without the support of my Secretary, Anushree Mukherjee, and our advisors through the years - Mrs. Das, Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Das; and of course all the members of the club, who have not only put their faith in me, but have motivated and supported me throughout.

It has been my honour and privilege to have served as your President for two years.

Signing off,
Shrinjana Ghosh



PSG

2 years ago, the Modern High School Peer Support Group started off as a spark of an idea in the midst of a raging pandemic. Between online classes and a world which existed only on-screen, the PSG sought to create a cozy and safe space for students to unwind, vent and engage in various activities.

This year, with life getting back to normal, the PSG as an online community went through several new changes. We widened our scope to include not only the secondary and senior school students, but also the middle school. The twelve volunteers paired up to conduct short orientation sessions in every class from the sixth grade to the twelfth grade, in order to give the students a short glimpse of what happens in the PSG sessions. These introductions were a huge success, and boosted our membership to 63 students- a record high from the previous years. It also gave the volunteers a chance to connect with the student population as a whole, and spread awareness about the Peer Support Group through fun, engaging activities tailored specifically to each group.

The PSG is truly a one of a kind venture, because not many schools in the country or even across the globe have a support group at the student level, let alone one which is managed by the students themselves. It is due to the support of the school administration and the dedication of the volunteers that our evening sessions each Sunday was something to look forward to every week. Regardless of attendance, our sessions spanned a huge variety of activities, from discussing comfort characters and study tips to using emojis to mirror our emotions and analyzing cloud shapes. Our anonymity clause for shy members also helped open up the space for people to share their thoughts freely and without fear of judgment.

I would like to thank our advisor, Dr. Reena Sen, whose unending patience, guidance and knowledge has served as the backbone of the PSG. My fellow Core Team members, Anousha Datta, Shreya Datta, Vidhi Sanganeria, Oishi Das and Saranya Mondal have worked tirelessly and unceasingly, for which I am eternally grateful. I would also like to thank the PSG volunteers: Anupama Choudhury, Shrishti Pal, Aditi Tantiya, Rhianna Ghosh Dastidar, Antara Das, Deshna Jain, Ronkita Saha and Bhavini Garg, without whose support the PSG would not have been where it is today. Shrinjana Ghosh, the Head Girl, and Ananya Ganguly, the Deputy Head Girl, have also been integral components to the PSG, and have shown the same enthusiasm and diligence as our invaluable volunteers. Lastly, I would like to thank our dedicated members, whose presence makes every single meeting vibrant, insightful and memorable. It is only in the PSG that students aged as young as 11 years old get to interact with seniors as much as 7 years older than themselves. It is this feeling of community and bonding that has kept the Group together for so long, and I am confident it will fuel it for years to come.

Written by Anoushka Dasgupta.

Shreya Datta

Anousha Datta

Vidhi Sanganeria

Oishi Das

Saranya Mondal

MAYUKH



শ্রেয় ক

"সকালের ওই কঁাদিছে সকল শোনা শোনা িপতা,
কেহা কোন কোন নাও াণ াণ ম লবারতা।"

The otherwise empty corridor on the third floor is kept alive every Thursday afternoon, by the enthusiastic and cheerful voices of the members of Mayukh. As we begin our session, the chants of our prayer song echoes in the corridors, filling the room and our hearts with peace and hope.

Mayukh may be a Bengali literary club but the appreciation of Bengali Literature is not our only focus, what brings us together is our love for our mother tongue Bangla and our respect for Bengal's rich and varied culture. We celebrate our traditions, history and traditions, simultaneously.

If it is believed that Mayukh is just a place to improve one's Bengali, then it is a statement furthest from the truth. The list of activities at Mayukh is really an endless one. From reading the works of eminent Bengali writers, poets, dramatists to critically analysing various facts and facets of cinema, having heated debates, learning the basics of theatre, acknowledging bengalis' claim to fame in the fields of music, poetry and dance, to word games, crosswords, writing stories, listening to audio clips, extempore and vocabulary exercises of all kinds, quizzes ---- we have done it all, all that is deeply engraved in the lives of Bengalis.

Of all the unique features of our club, the one that stands out the most is our love for Bengali music. From Chandrabindoo to Sahana Bajpaie or singing “Prithibita naki choto hote hote” aloud, music keeps us alive. Music is something that is deeply rooted in all our hearts and something that we all find solace in.

At the end of it all, we have our hearts filled with pride, but with pride comes immense responsibility. We at Mayukh do not promote parochialism but instead embrace different cultures, languages, faiths and beliefs as we remain rooted to our mother tongue, a language that we call our home.

After another year as a member of Mayukh, and this time as the President, I am reminded of the fact that Mayukh has allowed my identity to grow and blossom. While I look forward to yet another year at the helm, I sincerely thank our club advisors, Ms.Dasgupta and Mrs.Dey, who have always been very supportive and are as much a part of Mayukh as any of us. Finally, I would like to thank Oishi Sanyal, our Vice President and Ritoja Ganguly, our Secretary, who have been a wellspring of brilliant ideas when the others have run dry and without whom I would have not been able to do anything.

I sincerely hope that we as a club, scale newer heights in the coming years.

Saranya Bhattacharya
[President]

MASK



Our clammy hands clutched each other's. The muffled prayer rang through our ears. Tear-glazed eyes met each other's in shared excitement and nervousness.

When one thinks about Mask, they imagine a few extroverts running around, chanting “Aao aao naatak dekho!” while exuberantly hitting spoons against steel plates. Only a few understand the anticipation and dedication theatre demands.

After 2 years of online sessions, Mask members *finally* engaged with each other in-person, sparking an arc of learning about stage presence, voice modulation, and body language. We delved deep into theatre theory and different aspects of productions – from stage design to script-writing. In collaboration with Legacy and Scribes, we attended a seminar on ‘Bengali Theatre through the Ages’. With opportunities to improvise skits and plan short plays, students came out of the shells that house-arrests had pushed them into.

It's been a rigorous year for our members, most of whom have participated in fests throughout the year.

While scripts are usually developed by our senior members, every single member contributes to their execution at fests hosted by Don Bosco Park Circus, St. Xavier's Collegiate School, and South City International School. At our school's very own fest 'Manthan', a few Mask members executed a street play on poverty, and bagged the first prize for it.

Mask would seem directionless without the constant guidance, support, and encouragement from our advisors Ms. Singh, Ms. Karmakar, and Ms. Ganguly. Everything we've done this year wouldn't have been possible without Jiah Karmakar, the club's secretary and my fellow partner-in-crime. A special mention goes out to Antara Banerjee and Antara Roy Chowdhury for always supporting (and joining) my seemingly insane plans, and Aahi Guha Thakurta and Shirsha Mukherji for their help in conducting sessions.

Mask isn't defined by a play or a badge; Mask is unity, strength, and the ability to empathise with others – wrapped into an uplifting and passionate community. It's been an honour to serve as Mask's President, and as I sign off, brimming with pride and nostalgia, I pass on the words spoken to me by countless seniors –

“The Show Must Go On.”

By Urvi Agarwal

LEGACY



“Heritage” is what we inherit from our past generations. Despite belonging to different castes, religions, and creeds what brings all of us together is that we are all Indians. Each ethnic group in our country has its own tale of origin and its set of unique traditions and cultures. All of this is a part of our heritage - it belongs to each one of us.

The Legacy Club of Modern High School for Girls was formed in the year 2008 with just a few members. Over time, it grew into a bigger family as more and more of us came together in our love for and passion to know more about our heritage. 2022 was a special year for our club members. As we came back to school after two years we really looked forward to our regular Wednesday after school Legacy club sessions.

This year all our sessions revolved around combining culture with creativity and heritage.

The highlights of the year were the DAG Art Workshop, Session on Bengal Theatre, and Interactive Session on Kumartuli which was concluded with a display of artifacts of Bengal.

Legacy Club members took part in a week-long DAG workshop where we learned how to appreciate artworks and go beyond the surface of the work and delve into its hidden intricacies and historical significance. It involved creating our own 3D Panel displays of writing, painting and creation of new art pieces using historical artworks as an inspiration.

We also took the opportunity to combine Bengal Theatre with heritage when we were addressed by the esteemed Baidehi Narayan on the history behind the Theatre of Bengal.

Throughout the year we had sessions on the places of Kolkata and Bengal which are engulfed in diverse cultures including sessions on Bengal's "Chenapara" where club members made traditional Chinese Lamps and on "Kumartuli" to appreciate the art of idol-making after the Puja Break.

Legacy sessions would have been impossible to ideate and execute without the constant support of our advisors Mrs. Bharadwaj, Mrs. Biswas and Mrs. Sen.

As this year draws to a close we further realise how through this club, we came across much about the country we live in and how unaware we are. Over the years Legacy has taught us that preservation of heritage is the only way the diverse culture of our country can be passed onto the next generation. The club served its purpose with the members rising to face all challenges and enthusiastically coming together every Wednesday to celebrate our country's rich heritage. Long live our motto- 'you have it, so preserve it'.

Ananya Ganguly [President]
Kritika Kajaria [Vice President]

K-NOW



K-Now, or Know Kolkata Now, is a student-led initiative dedicated to exploring the city of Kolkata through the lens of food, people, places and art. Amidst thousands of organisations all dedicated to this city, K-Now is unique in the sense that it brings a fresh perspective through the eyes of its members. We explore our own personal anecdotes, family histories and neighborhood haunts that are all intrinsically related to the city.

The year began with one of our most exciting projects- a collaboration between Modern High School and Living Waters Museum. School clubs like A.A.A, Spice, Images and Scribes explored various avenues of Kolkata's ghats, and generated content which was all displayed on our instagram page. We also introduced three new interactive social media segments this year, all of which went up on our social media. We also explored several different topics for our articles, including one on the Kolkata International Film Festival (which featured an interview by Ms. Subha Das Mollick- a teacher, writer and filmmaker) and on 'March to Freedom,' the exhibition put up by the Indian Museum. The exhibition included a segment by Delhi Art Gallery, and included a workshop where several of our own students acted as peer guides over a period of a few days. We also opened up the forum to writers outside of the K-Now team, and hope we will be able to expand to other schools too in the coming years.

With pandemic restrictions having eased up completely, we also hope to have an offline exhibition next year and display our incredible pieces which have so much hard work and dedication behind them.

All that K-Now has achieved this year would not have been possible without our advisors, Ms. Madhuri Katti and Ms. Sunita Biswas. Their unwavering resources, support and guidance on both our articles and social media segments have been invaluable, and greatly improved the quality of our work. I would also like to thank my fellow core team members, Arshia Goyal and Stuti Maheshwari, as well as our other members for working tirelessly to put out new content and generate creative ideas to keep the K-Now wheel rolling. K-Now has been able to consistently put out innovative content because of them. I am also extremely grateful to our director, Mrs. Devi Kar, who has been an essential part of our creative process, without whose advice and directives K-Now would not exist.

K-Now is the kind of place you keep visiting again and again, because even though we are all graduating school this year, our love for the city will always remain constant. It is this appreciation for the city that binds us together and will hopefully keep propelling K-Now for success in the future.

Written by Anoushka Dasgupta [Core Team].

Also Core Team

Arshia Goyal

IMAGES



Images - the film and book appreciation club. When you give someone a moment to sit and think about the essence of this club, an image of an old attic with books strewn around and a hot cup of coffee kept on a side table is what comes to mind. Maybe even a lone stranger sitting in a movie theater, with a 90's movie playing on the screen in front of them is another visual that pops up. Or is it just me and the small group of film and book connoisseurs making up this club who think this way? That is one question we will never know the answer to.

Wednesdays were always reserved for that one hour after school, when some two dozen members would huddle around in a small classroom, pull down the blinds and switch on the project to enter a realm not explored. Our club sessions had activities ranging from discussions to heated arguments and debates to intellectual 'adda' sessions talking about the intricacies of Ray's films and the joy we would find in the world of Harry Potter. Sometimes we would take on the role of Hercule Poirot, as we ventured out to solve the mysteries posed by Ms. Christie while at other times we would be happily talking about how adorable Snowy from Tintin is.

Of course, our club sessions were not only centered around mainstream media. We often watched short films and talked about the metaphors hidden behind the lenses. On other days we had lengthy discussions about how and why the world of cinema has made clowns to be so terrifying. Sharing book and movie recommendations was a side profession that all club members took part in. It was a place where everyone could talk about

quirky interests and their weird, out of the box conspiracy theories. Of Course we ended the year with a pre Christmas party, pitching books and movies and screening a few of them - and half of the enthusiasm rising out of the food that all the club members brought.

None of this would have been possible without the guidance and support of our club advisors, Ms. Sen and Ms. Nag. They were the ones who put no (unreasonable) restrictions on what we could and could not watch and also took part in our 'interesting' conversations.

As the year comes to an end, it is important for me to mention that Images is not and will never only be for the avid book readers and film enthusiasts - it will always be a place for those with an unending thirst to know more and a vivid imagination. It has been an honour to serve as the President of Images for the academic year 2022 - 2023. As I sign off, I would like to leave with a message;

Images is so much more than a club, it is a feeling...

- Mohona Sengupta
President

IAYP



“Life is all about that one step outside of your comfort zone.” That is what I.A.Y.P. has been for all of us. After four years of being part of this unit, I can say with certainty that the skills and experiences one imbibes through this program, help one grow tremendously as an individual. This year had been all about instilling the true essence of I.A.Y.P. which is self-awareness, perseverance, and endurance toward your surroundings in different forms. From the activities in school to the consistency of work at home and finally the end of the year camp, all of it endeavored to make every member of the unit learn and grow more.

Throughout the year, the members aimed at completing their respective awards by staying consistent with the different activities they had chosen to engage in. We realized how community service can change you as a person. Smile and you will get a smile back, lend a helping hand and see how the world changes around you. By committing to a minimum of one hour of physical recreation, we understood how important it is to focus on our fitness. Taking out time from our busy schedules, these activities taught us to engage in our hobbies more often and do the things that we love. All of this has inculcated a sense of dedication, commitment, and consistency in all the unit members.

In addition to this, the biweekly meetings aimed at fostering a spirit of teamwork and discipline among the students. We engaged in interesting team games like throwball, kho-kho, on-field tic-tac-toe, and more. The students also learned the different types of knots which is an integral part of their learning in adventure camps.

Fortunately, after three years, a part of the I.A.Y.P. unit went for an adventure camp in the Brindabonpur Forest of Bankura from 17th to 21st December 2022. With enthusiasm, perseverance, and an undying adventurous spirit, the unit members completed all the activities of their journey, while making umpteen everlasting memories. They got trained in first aid, equipment handling, tent-making, map reading, fire-making, and more. While stepping out of their comfort zone, the unit members showed their dedication and zeal by waking up early in the cold winter mornings and venturing out for forest treks. They learned the values of self-reliance, teamwork, and discipline in life while respecting and protecting the environment around them.

Having served the MHS Unit as the Unit Leader has had a profound impact on me. All the wonderful experiences of this year would not have been possible without the constant guidance of the club advisors, Ms S. Majumdar, Mrs A.Bhattacharya. Ms. A. Dasgupta and Mrs. S. Ghosh. I am more than grateful to have had Anisha Agarwal as my Deputy Unit Leader who kept me anchored and invigorated me throughout.

"Understanding the journey" is the first thing we learn when we go for camps. To be aware of our surroundings, but isn't that true for life itself? IAYP taught me that in life it's the journey that matters. One may fall and get hurt but one must always get back up. I hope that the unit stays together and never forgets to continue climbing that uphill road.

Rishika Agarwal
Unit Leader, I.A.Y.P.

GUIDES



“ This little guiding light of mine I'm gonna let it shine”

After two years of virtual club meetings, farewells and online campfires, the guiding light of MHS Guide Company has not dimmed even a bit. With the objective of reuniting and reevaluating our guiding knowledge, we started as Company Leaders and we can proudly say that we have been fairly successful. With 3 Senior Guiders giving the Prestigious President Guiding Award(National Level), Guiders of classes 9-10 giving Rajya Pati (State Level) and 6-8 giving Tritya Testing (District Level) the guide company has taken another step towards excellency.

Every Monday when we wear “deep sky blue” uniforms, we feel different. We feel different because we are a part of a community where we treat each other like sisters. With the motto of “Being prepared” guiding has made us socially and environmentally aware. This year we have focused on the overall development of every guide, so that “we can do our best, to do our duty to God and our country.”

A guide must be skilled in every area of her life. Improvising and extemporising are key elements of guiding. Our practical experience with bandages, fire, knots, and lashings has improved us as individuals and help prepare us to face any obstacles that may come our way.

A common misconception is that Guiding is just about making thick files and giving competitive exams but that is not what guiding is all about .Guiding is also about classes 6-12 running around the field, solving clues while playing the wide game, guiding is also about having cooking competitions and lastly guiding is about learning how to make tents with sticks and igniting fires with stones.

As we sign off for the year 2022-2023, we would like to thank our Guide Captains, Mrs Anahita Gupta

Mrs Sony Pathak , Mrs Paramita Banerjee

Mrs Ameeta Patel , Mrs Saheli Datta and Mrs Apilla Gupta for motivating us and assisting us through this journey. We have been able to achieve and accomplish our goals due to their constant support .It was difficult for us to accept that this was the end to our 12 year journey but we find solace in the fact that “once a guide ,always a guide!”

Company Leaders:

Sara Shah XII-C

Karishma Shah XII-C



FOCUS

Every alternate Tuesday, after a tiring day of school, I used to venture into the Junior Hall terribly exhausted only for my enthusiasm to be reinvigorated upon seeing the

faces of the excited Focus members with cameras around their necks (and some rebels with it around their hands) and an eagerness to learn about the art of photography.

In a webinar, the master, Mr Raghu Rai, had said that "Photography is not about capturing a thousand words but is all about capturing the silences" and that is what we try to do, to focus on the little details, to make the ordinary interesting, to capture the everyday life and to understand that photography goes far beyond expensive cameras and fancy paraphernalias.

With the transition from online, back to offline, we started our practical sessions in the School garden yet again along with theory sessions about the kinds of photography, the basic rules of photography as well as sessions dedicated to filmmaking and videography. This year, Focus got the opportunity to cover various events at school including Mitali, Maitree, Manthan, Maths Week and many more; this could not have happened so smoothly without the undying dedication of all the members, especially middle school members who did an exemplary job of assisting the senior members in event photography. Our members also participated and won accolades in a number of fests such as Bosco Fest, Confluence, Concord, Xuberance and many more.

We also received the wonderful opportunity of attending a 2-day workshop and photo review session by Mr Partha Pratim Saha, a renowned photographer. To say that the workshop was brilliant would be an understatement because Mr Saha, through his explanations, cemented our knowledge of the fundamentals of photography as a craft. This year, 3 Focus members; Dhvani Bacchawat, Priyamvada Mundhra and I, Kumudini Chowdhury were selected to attend a week-long workshop organized by the Victoria Memorial and the British Council on Wildlife and Conservation Photography with luminaries such as Dhritiman Mukherjee, Nayan Khanolkar and more mentoring us; the photographs from the workshop were then curated and culminated into an exhibition which was put up at Victoria Memorial Hall itself.

That week is one which will remain etched in our memories. Focus even set up their famous Photo Booth in the Mini Fete on Children's Day which was an immense success.

My years as a photographer and a Focus member would be absolutely incomplete without my Secretary, Priyamvada Mundhra, without whom this club would fall apart. She has been a constant pillar of support and has spent sleepless nights trying to plan every session. Her love for action photography will be fondly remembered by the birds in the school garden. I also thank my batchmates and juniors for their immense commitment and enthusiasm. Focus would be nothing without the unwavering support of our advisors, Ms A Sen, Ms M Dey and Ms M Sarker, who somehow always had a solution to all the problems that would be put in front of them.

Focus has always been about portraying yourself through photographs, it has always been about creating art and channeling one's creativity and I hope this is the legacy that continues. The most common question asked to a photographer is

“What makes a good photo?”; for me the answer to this is quite simple, a good photo is one that is captured with passion and heart and that is exactly what Focus strives to do.

Kumudini Chowdhury 12B- President
Priyamvada Mundhra 12B- Secretary

DEUTSCHIND



What is Deutschind? Is it just a ten-letter word or a club that is home to many of us? Deutschind is the only foreign language club in Modern High School which celebrates the German Language.

In the club, we members get together and create as well as take part in fascinating activities which are a combination of both German and Indian elements. Throughout the years these activities have been a part of us and made us feel like a part of them.

We begin by following the 250-year-old tradition in Germany of the Schultüte. A Schultüte is given to the children on their first day of school similarly we members personally make them in our first session. It is a large cone filled with school supplies, chocolates, sweets, and a lot of love.

Ostern(Easter) is a festival popularly celebrated throughout Germany where in comparison we members take part in the activity of making Easter eggs, bunnies, and posters.

The Travel Session was of the most informative sessions that took place in Deutschind'22. As students of the German language, we aim to know more about the country and its culture, and to do so we divided the members into six groups assigning them six cities in Germany with several factors to focus on

1. Famous Personalities
2. Cuisine
3. Tourist Places
4. Art and Culture

Through this activity, we traveled through the cities of Berlin, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Leipzig, Munich, and Stuttgart as well as received a lot of information and facts about them.

Kamishibai is a form of Japanese street theater and storytelling that was popular during the Great Depression of the 1930s and here we take upon it. Deutschind has had Kamishibai sessions since the beginning of the club. Every member takes part in this activity by being divided into groups led by the core teams, the teams choose the story of their choice and work on it for a month or two by making the drawings and creating a script with several twists and turns.

Lastly, Deutschind would not have been successful without our club advisors Mrs. B Ghosh, Mrs. A Chatterjee, and Ms. S Dhir. The core team along with the post holders has played a very important role in making our club successful.

President- Namrata Raitani

Vice President- Hadisha Kaur



The word 'Deepshikha' stands for 'jyot' or flame. Similar to its meaning, we at Deepshikha strive to keep the eternal flame of this ancient language glowing radiantly.

This club brings together the perfect combination of linguistic skills and joyful moments. Our club activities comprise debates, essay and poetry writing, nukkad natak, recitation and even dance and music. The major highlight among all these events has always been the Saraswati Puja where the club members worship Goddess Saraswati through their creative ideas. This year Deepshikha had celebrated Hindi Divas by organising a poster-making competition. This club has been instrumental in helping students to attain proficiency in this language and hence overcome any fear regarding it. Every Thursday, you would find a group of girls discussing and brainstorming ideas to bring about a change in the public perception of Hindi Language.

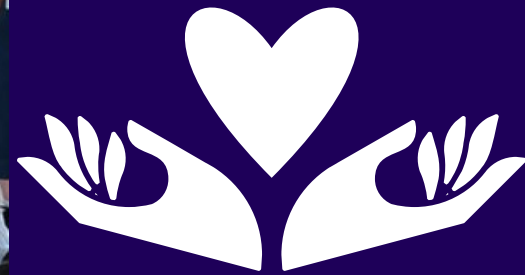
It is a matter of immense pride and honour that I was had the opportunity to serve this club as its President. As an individual, this club has moulded me into a person imbued with the right qualities of life. The indispensable guidance provided by Mrs. S. Roychowdhury and Mrs. A. Gupta has helped this club to attain great heights.

As the Hindi language unites the nation linguistically, so has this club brought together students from diverse backgrounds. I really appreciate the contributions made by each and every member and would like to thank them for their constant support and enthusiasm.

I am sure that the club members will uphold the legacy of this club and will take it to greater heights in the future.

Shyla Gupta
XII D

CONNECT



Winston Churchill once said, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” We at Connect, the social service club of Modern High School for Girls, feel that this quote deeply resonates with the club spirit. As the name suggests, our club is connected by the common thread of compassion, empathy and enthusiasm on the part of its members. After two years of online meetings, we were more than ready to get back on the field and give our 110% to the club.

As an integrated team of over 100 members, we at Connect have striven to give back to society to the very best of our ability. Over the course of the year, we have conducted

2 groceries drives, 2 canteen sales and have raised funds through our stall on Children's Day by selling hand-made crafts. Moreover, our members have been dedicated to teaching various subjects like English, Economics and Mathematics to the students of Ektara school. Our pen-pal initiative with the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy has allowed us to bond with people from different walks of life.

We are deeply grateful to our club advisors, Mrs.S Das, Mrs. M Ghosh and Mrs. M Bahry, without whose guidance and insight we would not have been able to accomplish these tasks.

As this wonderful year draws to a close, we, the Connect Board of 2022 would like to thank each and every member of our team for their dedication and contribution towards social initiatives. It has been our absolute honour, privilege and pleasure to serve as President and Vice-President of Connect.

Signing off,
Aadya Jeloka-President
Kanika Chandak- Vice President

CHOIR



Tchaikovsky once said, “The muse does not come without being called”, and we at the Modern High School choir certainly know how to call it. Over the years, choir has become less a club and more of a tradition at our school, we all like to keep it that way. Here at the choir, we are accustomed to last minute rehearsals, where a single note needs to be corrected, a new harmony slipped in at someplace or maybe, a brilliant canon that no one thought of earlier, until the eleventh hour.

As we began the year by singing the School Song on Founders Day, we expected a packed and eventful year, like always. We did the closing song for the intra-school fest Mitali as well as the Independence Day and finally rounded out the year with the annual Christmas concert in the garden.

Albeit the choir has not put up any concerts this year, however, the weekly choir meetings were received with immense joy and gusto. Our mentors, Ms. C. Ganguly has worked wonders on us yet again and added to our idea of team spirit so that the choir has lived up to its reputation of thirty voices singing one song with immense passion and true respect for the beauty that music gives us.

It has been a privilege being the choir leader, regardless of whether or not it was a virtual platform. I thank every student who has been part of the choir, and our pillars of strength that is Ms. Ganguly. I hope the choir continues to be the treasure that our choir is to the school forevermore.

~ Anupama Choudhury
Class XII Section B



CLEAN



The Nature Club of Modern High School for Girls, C.L.E.A.N stands for ‘Care and Love for Environment and Nature.’

The year started with a ‘Nature Trail’ in Victoria Memorial in March- a guided walk tour highlighting the important trees and biodiversity in the Victoria Memorial Hall Gardens. Club members enjoyed a walk through the famous gardens, appreciating the beauty of nature just at the onset of spring! 22nd of April marks the occasion of Earth Day- a day all members look forward to. We use this day to spread awareness about Climate Action and after 2 years, members put their artistic skills to use to help create posters for Earth Day and put it up for display in the school corridor.

During the summer break, all members worked on a small project of their own that they thought helped preserve the environment- some recycled waste material, some worked on various art pieces with sustainable materials, and some even started composting at home.

The weekly meetings were spent in discussions as to how young members of society like students could help in the Climate Action movement, growing vegetables in the vegetable patch, and learning about various sustainable practices and how they could be implemented in daily life. Clean Club has been an active member of the SHER community- an organization dedicated to wildlife conservation all over India. Club members attended an awareness and felicitation program conducted by SHER.

We also attended an interactive session with Dr. Chetan Solanki on Sustainable Consumption and his project- Energy Swaraj. The next month was spent in planning and executing a successful Plant and Sampling Sale, with Clean making plant holders out of plastic bottles to encourage the reuse of waste materials. One of the most beloved events for all students is the Mini Fete, and it is with immense pleasure that I say that the Clean Stall was fully sold out on Children's Day! All items sold were made out of recycled material to encourage sustainable consumption.

In November, several club members also attended a photography exhibition on nature in the Victoria Memorial Hall. As the year draws to an end, we are looking forward to our annual Bird Walk in Baruipur; it is one of those rare times we are excited to get out of bed even on a cold winter morning! The Mini-Fete Stall, Plant and Sampling Sale, and awareness sessions have all taught us in taking care of the environment and making small impactful changes go a long way.

The success of this club would not have been possible without the active participation of all club members. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our Club Advisors- Mrs. Soma Chatterjee, Mrs. Sharmila Bhattacharya, and Mrs. Chandrani Ganguly; had it not been for your guidance we would not have been able to have such an eventful year. I would also like to take this opportunity to truly thank the Club Secretary- Nishita Agarwal, whose patience and persistence are both unmatched;

Nishita has been the backbone of Clean and there is no one else I would want to have shared this responsibility with.

Wednesday's at 4 pm in the junior hall, garden, or the vegetable patch will always remain special!

President- Deshna Jain

BASKETBALL



After a long break because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we started the year with a bang by placing first in the basketball event of Concord, hosted by the Calcutta Boys School. We placed second in Xuberance fest basketball, hosted by St. Xavier's Collegiate School and also participated in Heritage school's Youthopia and in Calcutta International School's Confluence fest. We also reached the semi finals in the LMBBC.

Yashwi Lahoti, Amisha Sachdev, Sarah Tabish, Devika Ajmera, Swara Jhunjunwala, Deveshi Lakhotia and Simran Poddar also had the pleasure of representing our school and West Bengal in the CISCE Nationals, held in November 2022. We reached the semi finals of the U-19, and won in U13 and U17 divisions.

This year would not have been possible without the support and encouragement of our coaches Mr. Kishore and Mr. Shoumitro as well as our teachers Ms Sahelia Datta, Ms Sandhya Ghosh and Mrs Anahita Gupta. Their contribution has been instrumental in our success. I would also like to thank our Vice Captain, Sara Shah, for leading the team with utmost passion and for her invaluable contribution to the team.

I have been part of the club since Class 6, and I have seen so many talented seniors and juniors come and go. Their love for the club and the sport has both inspired me and motivated me to keep doing my best and striving to reach my full potential. I know that the future members of Basketball will keep our school's name amongst the top basketball team just like always.



AAA



All About Art is not only a club, it is a family of artists. Over the past couple of years, we have grown in multitude, as a result of the spirited work that all club members put their hearts into. With over 70 members, we have conducted innumerable classes on almost every aspect of art, ranging from design, to craft and painting.

Since AAA is a club that offers membership to students from classes 6 to 12, we came up with a process in order to meet the artistic interest of each age group. The main idea was that the senior-most members would learn a new skill, and then teach it to the juniors. In this way, we ended up not only enhancing everyone's skills, but creating an everlasting bond between both interacting groups.

One of the projects led by the seniors focused on the Bengal Renaissance, from which we not only learnt about the kind of art at the time, but also a little about the history of our own state. However, it is not only the seniors who get a chance to conduct classes, but also the junior members, because age is no boundary for the art we make.

Our club advisors Ms. T. Guin, Ms. S Sarkar and Ms. R Bothra have been of immense help to all club members, whether it is something to do with technical skills or even something as small as letting us "borrow" stationery from the art room. Over the past year, we have engaged in projects such as recreation art, caricature art, paper globes, textures and many more.

Although the true spirit of AAA cannot only be encompassed in a report, I hope we all have been able to truly learn from our shared experiences.

President- Shrivaani Poddar

Vice President- Prakriti Chakravarty

AGE



Drive, Survive, Thrive.

Find within yourself the drive to make dreams a reality, survive the challenges that arise along the way, and thrive in the success of your efforts.

Our motto embodies what we signify as a club, that is, advocacy of women in the workplace, women entrepreneurs, and women in business.

On a deeper level, ACE means a lot to us.

With a strict bar on the number of members we were allowed to accept, and even the number of meetings we conducted, we can successfully say that it has been a fruitful year for ACE despite the hurdles we had to face. This year, we emphasized interaction and discussion between the club members, and have had an electrifyingly enthusiastic engagement. From agenda planning to reallocation of limited resources, joint ventures, and our favorite shark tank pitches, not without some casual ‘wisdom-imparting’ from the seniors to the juniors as we participated in various inter-school fests, this has been our most memorable year of ACE.

No good business can function without its board of directors. We would like to thank our teachers: Mrs. Samanta, who always pushed us with motivating words, Ms. Malik, whose valuable inputs helped us arrange the most

exciting sessions, and Ms. Das, from whom we learned so many new concepts and ideas. We would like to extend our gratitude to our entire group of class 12s for their efforts, and to the 11s for being such receptive learners. We are proud to shoulder the legacy of ACE and its members, past and present.

Crash or Boom, ACE will always stick together.

Anannya Tapuria (President)

Vidhi Sanganeria (Vice-President)

