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1. 2021 has proved to be a tumultuous year for us all. With having to adapt to sudden changes in the mode of learning, with respect to school reopening, closing and hybrid classes, how have our students, teachers, and staff shown resilience throughout the year?

The year 2021 was a difficult year with the second wave of Covid affecting each one of us in some form or the other. However, in school, we started settling down with online classes and new methods of teaching – learning process. Hybrid classes were a new concept that was introduced when the school reopened for a certain period and our students and teachers adopted and adapted to the new system with smiling faces. They have survived the 'tumultuous' year, realizing that that was the only way forward.

2. How do you think the virtual mode has aided in the more efficient functioning of school, which is now offline? Would you like to introduce tools teachers have utilized in this time, such as Google Forms, Mentimeter and Jam Board, in your offline teaching?

The technologies which the teachers and students incorporated in 2020, were continued with, in 2021 and helped in facilitating better learning methods. Yes, I would definitely like to continue with Google Classrooms and some of the softwares like Jamboard, Google Form etc. even in offline mode. I feel that these techniques will help to reduce wastage of paper and thereby save the trees.

## 3. The theme of the year is 'Learn from Everywhere'. Could you tell us about certain unexpected places you have learnt something from?

Yes, I learnt to operate a lot of technology from my students. In fact, they saved me everytime I made a mistake in class! The theoretical portion of technical methods I picked up from my colleagues. The students played a major role in teaching me the application of the new teaching techniques.

## 4. Reflecting upon this year, could you name certain achievements by the MHS family in the senior school which you take pride in? Which events are you looking forward to in the upcoming offline year?

This year, I am looking forward to cultural activities, Sports and Inter-school fests. The programme that I liked the most last year was UBUNTU. I found it very different from the programmes that usually happen. Being an ex student, I took pride in seeing the way the present students- with full confidence- conducted the whole programme.

## 5. As the school celebrates its 70th year, what is your message to the students and teachers?

MHS has come a long way. We must strive to keep the flag flying high. The MHS family should learn to be rooted in our tradition and embrace all that is modern.