



# **CIS SPEAKS**

**June – July  
2018**

**Class 8A & 8B**

# Student Council election and Investiture Ceremony



I was pretty confident as I have been serving in the student council for many years. Like every year, the students who are in the council for the first time will take some time to get used to things but so far everything has been going smoothly. My aim is to win, obviously, but also try as hard as we can and give our best.

-Saket Mundra (Captain, Red House)

This is my first time serving in the student council. I feel really happy and proud and really look forward to this year. I hope I am able to meet everyone's expectations.

-Shreshth Sarda (Vice Captain, Yellow House)



I had goosebumps all through the investiture ceremony, I felt really empowered and proud. With the position of the School Head Boy comes a lot of responsibilities and I really look forward to them.

-Vijyant Mehra (School Head Boy)



I felt really humbled when I got elected. I have been in CIS for 13 years now and representing my house and the school in the student council really means a lot to me. When I received the badge I was filled with gratitude, pride and responsibility towards my house and school.

-Anjali Surana (Vice Captain, Green House)





The Students Council, this year, seems very enthusiastic! With their post comes a lot of responsibilities and we do expect a lot from them. We expect them to be very proactive in taking responsibilities and help juniors, peers and teachers for the smooth functioning of the school. We expect them to enforce discipline and check the language used by the students. We wish the teachers will be able to focus more on the teaching-learning process while the Council takes care of the discipline in school.

-Mrs Sharmila Mukherjee (Section Head, Middle Section)

Although I am still a minor, today, for the first time I got a chance to elect my House Prefect. Whenever I thought about voting, the first thing that struck me was choosing the right person for the role. This meant I had to make a big decision.

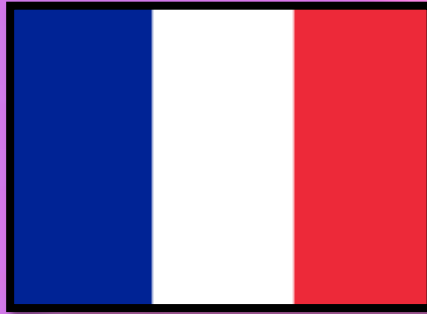
On 27.06.2018 we gathered for electing the junior prefect at the AVR. After all the nominees gave their speeches we all got the voting slip where we had to choose the contender we wanted to vote for. This was a tough decision. It was a unique experience.

-Arya Bhutoria (Class 6A)



# Bastille Day celebration

**Middle school celebrated Bastille Day on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July.**



**A conversation between two participants of a play, a day before the celebration**

*Class 8 classroom*

<b>Shubraneil</b>	Hey! Are you prepared for tomorrow's play on the French Revolution?
<b>Aaryan</b>	Yeah. I mean—I have been practicing a lot but the idea of performing in front of so many people makes me... super nervous!
<b>Shubraneil</b>	Same here! I am afraid of forgetting what to do next in front of so many people! What if I forget my lines?
<b>Aaryan</b>	Oh, by the way what are you wearing tomorrow? As are you done designing your costume?
<b>Shubraneil</b>	Yes. I shall be wearing formal clothes, and you?
<b>Aaryan</b>	Umm - I will also be wearing that and I might be improvising a bit... maybe by putting a sash around my waist to make me look more like Napoleon.
<b>Shubraneil</b>	Oh that's a brilliant idea...
<b>Aaryan</b>	Everything seems in place - it is just I am very nervous, I don't know why!
<b>Shubraneil</b>	...hmm...I feel the same.
<i>Enter Class teacher</i>	
<b>Teacher</b>	Don't worry boys. You shall shine! Best of Luck!
<b>Both</b>	Thank you teacher



Class 8 performed a play to show the causes and effects of the French Revolution

I teach the class 8 students History and we are exploring the French revolution right now so I was particularly looking forward to their play and they did a laudable job! It was surprisingly detailed and presented in a really unique manner. They covered a lot of aspects of what was taught to them I was very happy and impressed.

- Mrs Tina Servaia (History Teacher)

I really enjoyed the play, thought it was very detailed and the students were very professional and meticulous with their acting.

- Ms Sarkhel (French teacher)



Class 7 presented a power point presentation showcasing what they learned about the French revolution It was really a fun way to learn and an enriching experience. We had great fun!

- Class 7 students



# Senior school art workshop

On Friday 13th of July 2018, classes 9 to 12 took part in an art workshop on Designing and Graphic designing conducted by David Wittenberg. The workshop included an Overview on courses and Programmes at The National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) a workshop by ISDI, Parsons Mumbai and a session on making portfolios for an application.



I think it was a wonderful experience for the students! It was very enriching and I'm sure it will help them a lot. The workshop was a huge success!

-Mr. Ghosh (HOD art)

# FROM THE ECA DESK

***“Don’t be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart.”***

Extracurricular activities are an essential part of our curriculum. ECA activities focus on development of mental skills and physical skills. The intent is to build self confidence, leadership and sportsmanship among students. A total of 9 ECAs are offered here which include Chess, Photography, Western Dance, Guitar, Taekwondo, Basketball, Football, Table Tennis and Robotics.

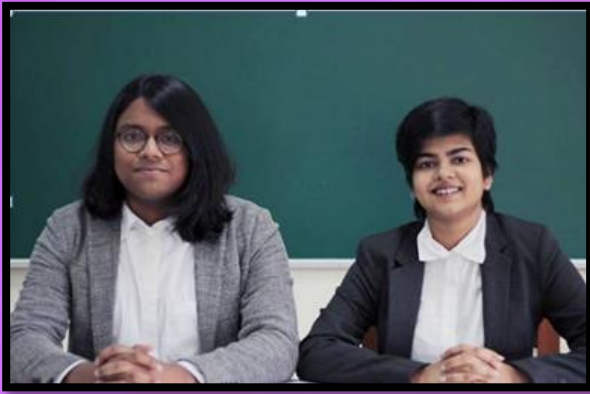


ECA orientation for this academic session was successfully conducted on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 wherein brief introductions of the ECAs were given. We wish all students to have a fun filled and meaningful learning experience in their ECAs in the session 2018 -19.

# CIS MODEL UNITED NATIONS

This year CIS MUN saw the largest footfall it has ever seen, and we simulated 5 committees - UNSC, discussing the implementation of R2P and humanitarian exemptions in sanctions regime; UN Commission on the Status of Women, discussing women in crisis and post conflict situations; ECOSOC, discussing the potential for crypto currencies with special emphasis on Venezuela; UNGA1 DISEC, discussing weapons of mass destruction, as well as the International Press Corps.





We approached the conference with a mindset geared towards learning, and simulated committees such as UNCSW, our flagship committee, which was the first of its kind to have taken place at the school level here, and we couldn't have been more proud about the level of success that it saw, releasing a final unanimous Agreed Conclusions from the Commission as a whole at the end of three days of debate.

- Sanjula Rajat and Moithyl Das (Joint Secretary Generals)



I thought the MUN this year was very well organised. The students raised their standards by a huge notch this year; they researched very well and were prepared very well. We had a lot of schools participate this year, which tells us that CIS is already an established and reputed Munner.

-Sushmita Mukherjee (Senior School teacher)

Calcutta International School Model United Nations reached its fourth year this time amidst huge expectations after last year's success.

The General Assembly had the agenda of the prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new system of such weapons and measures to prevent non-state actors from acquiring weapons and weapons of mass destruction.

-Mr Pratik Shome (CIS MUN Teacher in charge)



# Middle School Orientation

The Orientation Programme for parents and students of Grade 6 was held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June, for Grade 8 the Orientation Programme was held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and for Grade 7 it was held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018. These orientation programmes served as occasions where one and all were reminded of their duties and responsibilities of the new academic session. All vowed to work with renewed vigour and enthusiasm towards another successful, exciting and fun-filled year ahead.

**A warm welcome to the Middle Section (the first rung of Senior School) was extended to the Parents and Students of Grade 6.**

- Mrs. Sharmila Mukerjee (Section Head, Middle Section)



# Senior school orientation

The parent orientation for the new academic session was held on 18th June 2018 for classes 9, AS and IB1. This programme for grades 9 and AS aimed not only at familiarizing the parents with the IGCSE and AS level curricula that their child is undertaking, but also to introduce them to the teachers and systems of senior school. The parent orientation for IBDP batch of 2020 was started by the IBDP Coordinator Mr. Samitava Mukherjee who addressed the parents with his welcome speech and presentation on the IBDP at CIS. After this, the Theory Of Knowledge (TOK) and Extended Essay (EE) coordinator Mrs Tina Servaia gave an overview of TOK to the parents with emphasis on the fact that despite being a new subject, our students do well in their TOK and EE components because of the support and guidance they get from all the teachers. Subsequently the CAS coordinator Mrs Debleena Gupta showed a video covering all the CAS experiences and projects. She was aided by Samridi Ghattak (student of IBDP batch of 2018). The subject group coordinators subsequently introduced the Year-1 subject teachers to the audience.

Dr Munmun Nath (Senior Principal), Mrs Anusuya Paul (Senior School, Section Head)





# PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP

Psychology students of class 12 from Calcutta International School went for an internship programme from 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June at Fortis Hospital. In these five days, the students learnt about mental disorders and were informed about the different career options in the field of psychology and work ethics in an authentic clinical environment. Students were given an exposure to a clinical setup where they observed the interaction between the doctor and patients. On the last day students presented a skit on mental health. The best ones were selected for the final round at Kala Mandir.

Though psychological disorders as a whole are a fascinating subject and one which I have studied for a few years to gain knowledge of, this internship provided an in-depth view into the subject and was truly informative. - **Prithvijit Parmanik**

I was extremely eager to attend the internship as I was curious to know more about mental disorders and their diagnoses. To observe the interaction between the doctor and patients was insightful and the whole session made me much more aware. - **Uravi Agarwal**

This internship programme was extremely informative. The most interesting part for me was when we visited patients in the wards and got to see real life cases. It gave me a clearer picture of how a patient-practitioner relationships works. - **Mridul Harbhajanka**



# The “Soular” Project

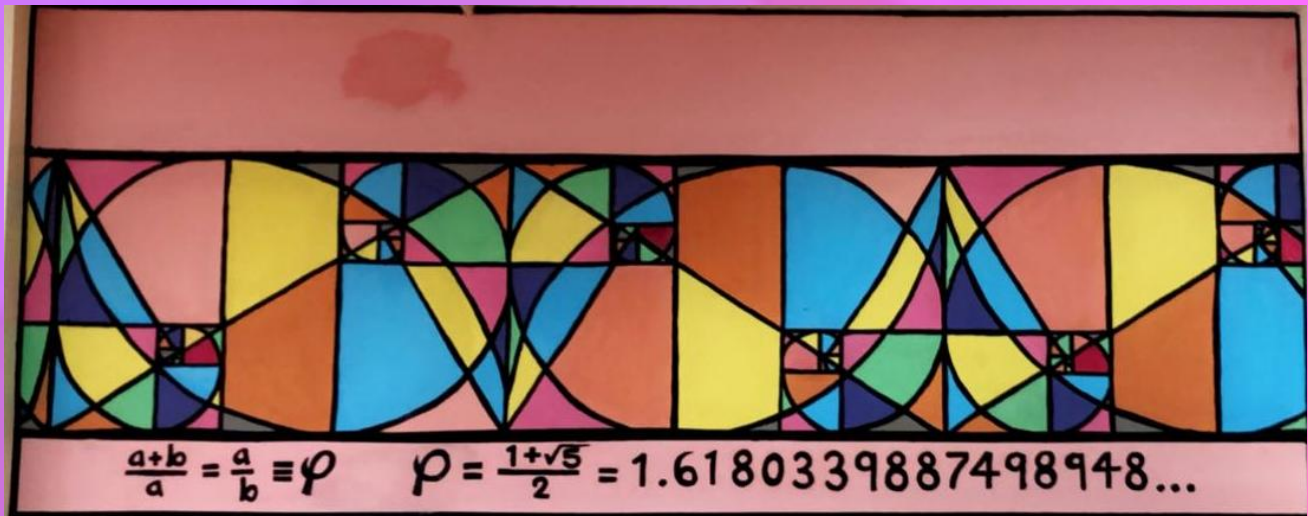


The IBDP Year-2 students Shaurya Saboo and Kishlay Chajjer along with few other students of CIS founded the “Soular” project as a part of their CAS lead project where they visited a village in Sundarbans in South 24 Parganas, for distribution and installation of solar panels in the houses. It was a “real humbling experience” in their own words where they could really get the understanding of how even a small LED bulb installed in a home can make a huge difference in the lives of the people.





# When Math became Art



As a collaborative learning experience between Mathematics and Visual Art, students of IBDP Year-2 Anshika Binrajka, Kishlay Chajjer, Gunjan Gaheer and Trevor Chen created an art form by applying “the golden ratio” on a wall of Room-9 (The Math Lab) during the summers under the supervision of Maths HOD and IBDP coordinator Mr Samitava Mukherjee and Art HOD Mr Subrata Ghosh.



# The Learner Profile Workshop for Students

On 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> July the new batch of IBDP Year-1 students attended a workshop on the IB Learner Profile. The workshop was designed and conducted by Mr Subrata Ghosh and Mrs Debalina Chatterjee where the students tried to interpret and understand different attributes of the IB learner profile around us through visuals.



## The Language Fest



The Spanish, Hindi, Japanese and French Students of IBDP Year-1 under the able guidance of their Language teachers Ms Ratnottama Aditya Chaudhuri, Ms Soni K Jha, Ms Poonam Nand Dey and Mr Biswajit Mukherjee organized a Language festival on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2018. The objective of the fest was to portray the culture of the countries they represented through presentations, song, dance, quiz and food. The event was a great success and the excitement and enthusiasm among the students was praiseworthy.

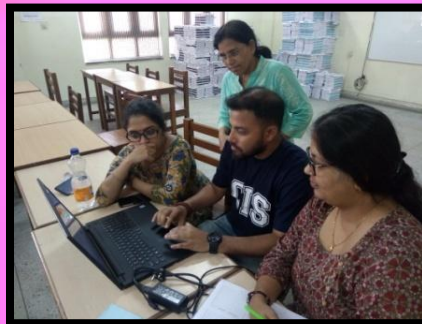


# Professional Development for Teachers: Language Workshop

In order to equip the IBDP Language teachers better and update them about the revised curriculum and assessment practices, a full day language workshop was organised on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2018. The workshop was facilitated by Ms Rini Ghosh, (HOD Foreign Language, Jamnabai Narsee International School, Mumbai) and turned out to be a great learning experience for all the participants.



## Professional Learning Community: When teachers are learners



During the months of June and July, a series of workshops and sharing sessions were organised for the teachers. The primary areas where teachers had effective sharing of knowledge, teaching strategies and experience with each other were: Horizontal Planning in order to inculcate critical thinking among students, annual self evaluation of IBDP standards and practices, Approaches to teaching and learning (ATL skills) and supervision of Extended Essay and CAS experiences.



## IBDP Results for the Batch of 2018

The results for the IBDP May 2018 Examinations were published on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 with all our students obtaining the much coveted IB Diploma. Shruti Mishra with a total grade point of 42 (out of 45) became the topper for the batch and Harsh Banthia became the second highest scorer with a total of 38 diploma points. The average diploma score for this year's batch has been the best till date for our school and four of our students obtained the highest grade point of A in their Extended Essay components. We congratulate the entire batch for their tremendous achievements!





The CIS Family welcomes all students and teachers to the new academic session 2018 – 2019 wishing that we all go far together and blaze a path of glory for our School



**“Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure... than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.”**

**Theodore Roosevelt**