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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2020

School Reopens after the Winter Break	6 Jan
Mid-Term Exams start for AS, A2 and IBDP Year 2	6 Jan
Coffee Meet with parents of Grade 6	8 Jan
Coffee Meet with parents of Grade 7	9 Jan
Coffee Meet with parents of Grade 8	10 Jan
Inter-House Science and Maths Quiz for Middle Section - Finals	10 Jan
Subject Selection forms to be given out for A-Levels and IBDP	15 Jan
Heats (Senior School Sports)	19 Jan
Senior School Sports	20 Jan
Inter-House Essay Writing Competition in English – Grades 6 to 12	22 Jan
Netaji's Birthday - Holiday	23 Jan
Elocution Competition in Hindi / Bengali	24 Jan
<u>Saraswati</u> Puja – Holiday	29 Jan
Reports for AS, A2 and IBDP Year 2	30 Jan
Coffee Meet with parents of IBDP Year 1	31 Jan

DR NATH AS A PANELIST AT TALENT MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE



Dr Munmun Nath was one of the panelists at the 2nd Edition of Talent Management Roundtable. The theme of this year's roundtable was "Changing Landscape of Leadership". It was attended by distinguished academic and business leaders across industries.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Mr Surya Subha Banerjee, English teacher at CIS has been shortlisted amongst the top 50 nominations worldwide for the Dedicated Teacher Awards, constituted by the Cambridge University Press.

TOP 50 Nominations at a glance:

<https://dedicatedteacher.cambridge.org/entries/>



Aryan Singhania of AS Level achieved an All India Ranking of 13 and Yashvi Bhutoria of AS Level secured second position at the National Economics Olympiad organised by Shri Ram College of Commerce.



TRITEE BASU

Winner

(Junior Level-Grade 8)

**IN SEARCH OF YOUNG
RUSKIN BOND CONTEST**

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YOUNG
RUSKIN BOND
CONTEST: CIS
IS PROUD OF
THE TWO
STUDENTS
WHO WON IN
THEIR
RESPECTIVE
CATEGORIES**



DEBANJAN RAY

Winner

Intermediate Level - Grade 9

**IN SEARCH OF YOUNG
RUSKIN BOND CONTEST**

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END OF YEAR PROGRAMME 2019

"The stage is a meeting place for all the Arts" - Oscar Wilde.

It was indeed so. The CIS students took the stage at the Science City Auditorium on 6 December for the school's End-of-Year Programme and transformed it into a realm of magic, transported the audience back to the times of Scott, Eliot and Shakespeare. The young thespians took them to Scotland, to the UK and also India with their amazing stagecraft.



A month-and-a-half long rehearsal, tedious practice, and preparation, culminated into a celebration of Art, Colours, Creativity and Literature.

END OF YEAR PROGRAMME - MIDDLE SECTION



Performance
of Grade 6: an
adaptation of
"CATS" by T.S.
Eliot

Grade 7
performance
based on
"MELON KING"
by Vikram
Seth



Grade 8
enacted an
adaptation of
"LOCHINVAR"
by Sir Walter
Scott



END OF YEAR PROGRAMME - SENIOR SECTION

Grade 9 performed **SHYLOCK, THE VILLAIN!?** - an adaptation of **THE MERCHANT OF VENICE** by William Shakespeare



Grade 10 performed **"THE FOURTH WITCH"**, an adaptation of **MACBETH** by William Shakespeare.



ALFRINK COLLEGE VISITS CIS

11 students accompanied by 3 teachers from Alfrink College, the Netherlands visited CIS for an exchange and cultural immersion programme. The week-long programme started on 9th of December and ended on 16th December.

Some highlights of the visit include:

- a performative story-telling workshop
- Indian classical dance workshop
- folk dance workshop
- pottery workshop
- community involvement programme at Premasree
- fun activities such as Bowling and Mystery Room.



COUNSELLING INTERVENTION



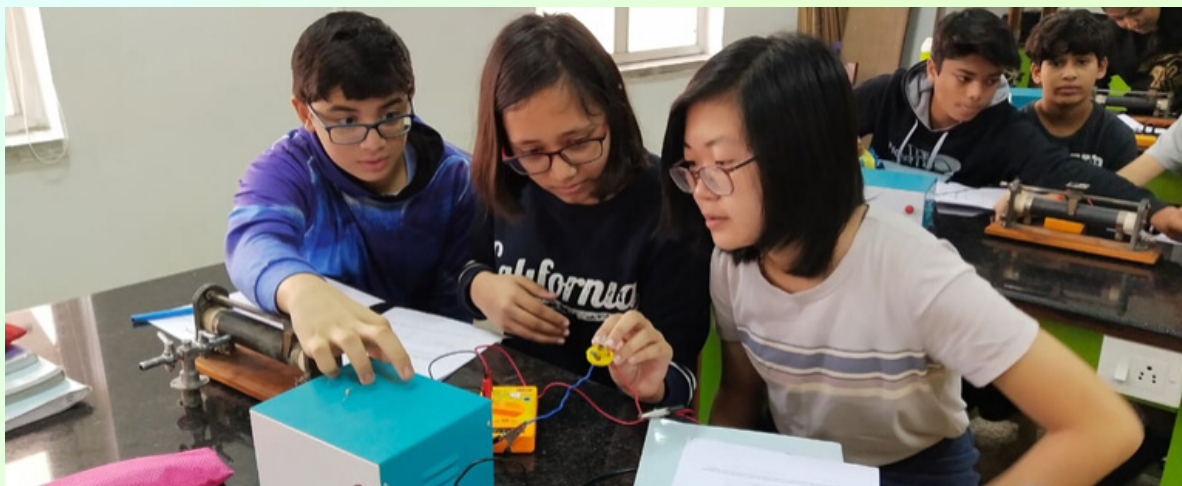
The SEN and Counselling Department of CIS, along with the Middle and Senior section heads and Ms. Rina Mitra (pastoral care teacher), had a detailed discussion with faculty members of Alfrink College on 12th December 2019. The meaningful interaction focused on best practices and would benefit both institutions in the areas of identification and early intervention of high risk students, differentiated teaching in classrooms and providing holistic social and emotional care.

Senior school students of grades 9-12 attended an interactive session with the school counsellors on Cyber Safety, on 11th and 13th December. The sessions focused on sensitizing students on not only what qualifies as a cyber crime, but also online behaviour that may not be illegal, but is inappropriate and has far reaching effects on various aspects of our lives. The sessions were very well received by the students. They were able to relate to the various online activities discussed and were also instrumental in citing strategies to promote better internet safety.

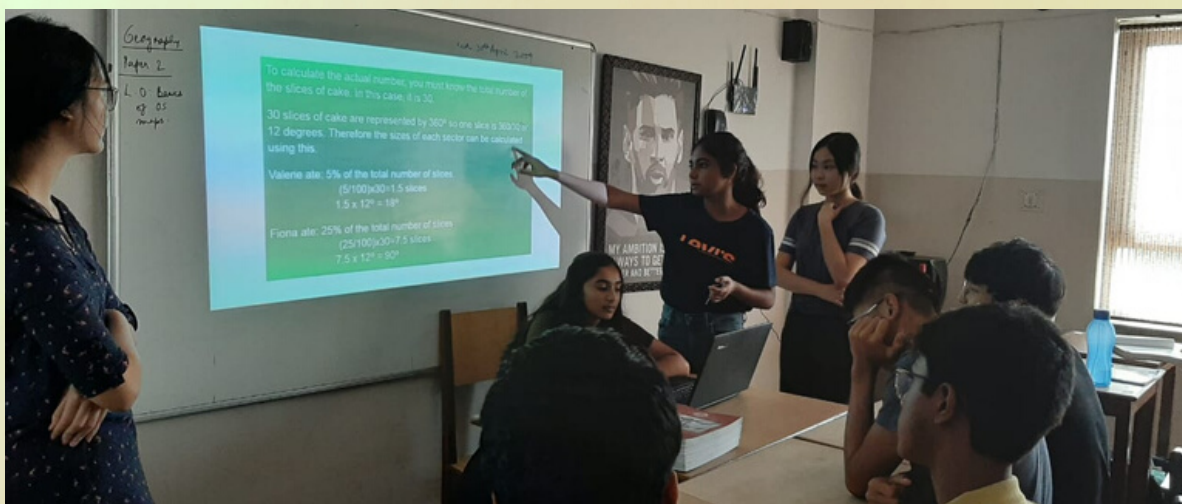


The School counsellors had an orientation programme with teachers of the whole school on the newly developed Mental Wellbeing Policy and Discipline Policy of the school

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES - JOY OF LEARNING



Learning by doing - Grade 8 students building different combinations of series and parallel circuits during their Science (Physics) lab lesson.



Peer Teaching in Grade 10: Students teaching statistics.



The students of AS Level learnt about the structure of DNA through an activity. Students could easily identify the components of DNA and construct the double helix. The students could also understand why one strand is anti-parallel to the other.

TEDx YOUTH EVENT

The CIS TED-Ed Club hosted a TEDx Youth Event at Gyan Manch on 9th December. There were a total of six speakers – three from CIS and three external. Anjali Surana spoke about menstrual equity and hygiene. Araiya Bhattacharjee spoke about social media. Sreejita Roy spoke about the power of optimism. Also, amongst the speakers were Mr Harsh Johari, life-coach and Mr Papa CJ, a stand-up Comedian and a former CIS student Ms Mekhola Das. The event ended with a stand-up show and book signing by Papa CJ.

Photo Credit: Valerie Chen



CLUB EVENTS

On 30th November the members of the Interact Club took the underprivileged children of the Navjyoti Jana Kalyan Society to witness the Indian Super League match between Kolkata and Mumbai at the Salt Lake Stadium.

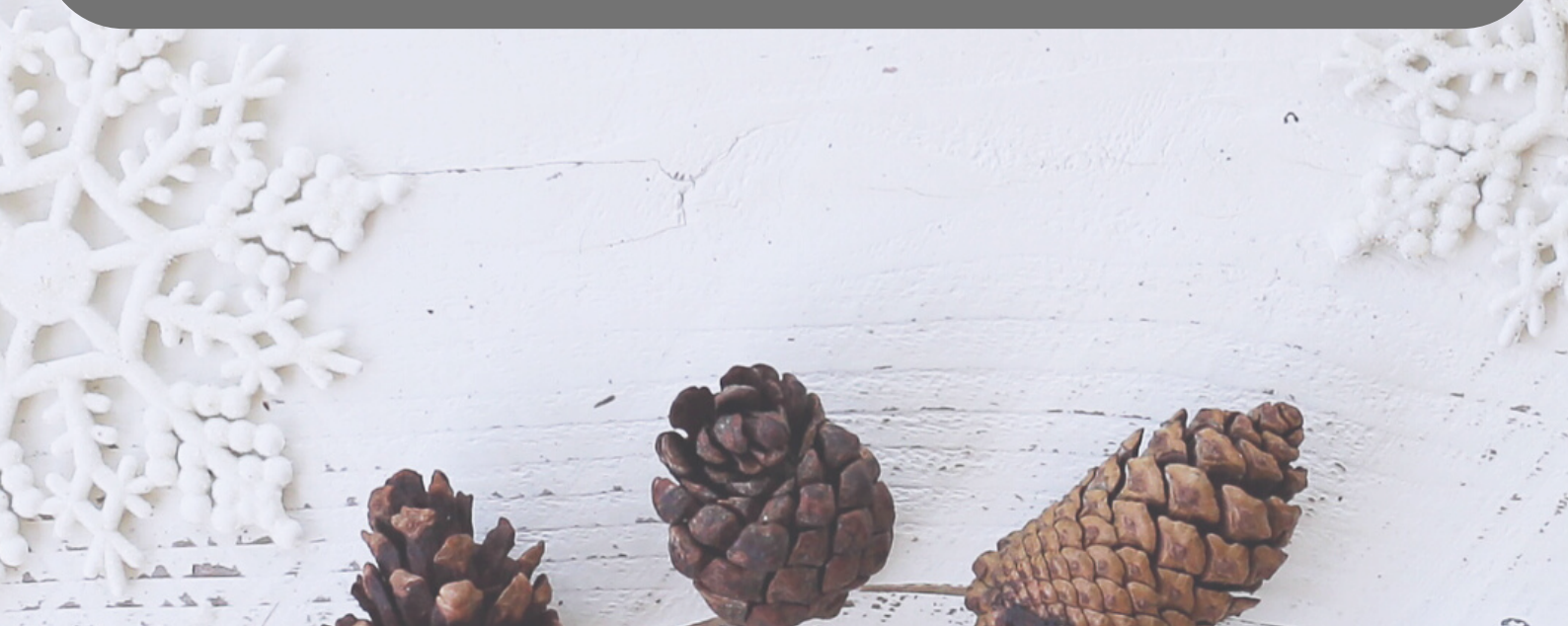


The Med Club organised a free physical health check-up for the members of the staff and faculty of CIS on the 29th November. This was their first event and they were thrilled by the enthusiastic responses. More than 45 teachers participated in the programme. The members conducted blood sugar test, blood pressure test, BMI calculation, the Harvard Step test.

HISTORY WORKSHOP (MIDDLE SECTION)



The History department organised a workshop for the students of the Middle Section where they learned about different methods applied by historians to unearth the history of a place. They were provided with old artefacts, photos, objects and were taught to frame research questions. They would then be able to follow up with further research. They will embark on a project about the "history of our school" in conjunction with many other renowned schools in Kolkata that aims to document the history of schools in the city over the years.



COMMUNITY SERVICE WITH THE STUDENTS OF EKTARA

*Spreading the Joy of
Christmas.*

*On 14th December the
students of Middle Section
from CIS hosted students of
Ektara and taught them to
create Christmas gift bags
and decorate them.*



CIS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE TATA STEEL KOLKATA 25K MARATHON



Tata Steel Kolkata 25 km Marathon is the largest platform for NGOs across India to raise funds for the vital work they do. This year on 15th December, IBDP Year 2 students of Calcutta International School participated in the TSK Marathon to support The Oral School for Deaf Children, Kolkata. Shrija Pathak, Jane Ha, and Ilena Pal ran with the special kids, in the race for Champions with Disability. From the same grade, Mehul Bhargava, Aneesh Bhattacharjee, Nafis Adnan and Justin Hu participated in the 5km Ananda run, to support and create awareness about The Oral School for Deaf Children, Kolkata.



Middle Section ushers in the festive season through Christmas Carols.



*Wish you a Merry
Christmas And
a Happy New
Year*