



Parent Newsletter

Senior School

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UPCOMING EVENTS (MARCH 2020)

EVENTS	DATE
Session of Grade -8 with the guidance counsellor on IGCSE courses	4 th
Spring Break	6 th – 10 th
Mock Exams for Grade 10 to commence	11 th
Session of Grade -8 with the guidance counsellor on IGCSE courses	11 th
Parent-Teacher Meeting for Grades 6 and 9	14 th
Mock Exams for AS, A2 and IBDP Year 2	16 th
Parent-Teacher Meeting for Grade 7	21 st
Test Week for IBDP Year 1	23 rd – 27 th
Annual Exams (theory papers) for Grade 8 to commence	27 th
ECA for 2019 -20 ends	31 st

A NOTE FROM MR AYAN PAL, CEO CALCUTTA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



The 21st Century heralds the advent of new perspective, new challenges, new faces, new heights, new rules, new laws, new commitments, new look and new objectives. From this year, CIS is not going to be just an institution where your child is going for academic excellence but would explore themselves, grow in a holistic environment, raise their bar, question the inevitable and scale new heights.

I would like to thank the Board of Governors for giving me such an opportunity to work with such a wonderful team.

It would be the endeavour of my team and me to create leaders out of the children and not just followers of rote learning, unquestionable faith and fearful of something new. And this is what International Education is striving for.

I want to give you a glimpse of the colossal dream and the detail would be conveyed in due course. I would like to emphasise on three fold path of **Sustainability, Innovation, Success**.

Sustainability:

CIS's thought process has been built upon on three cognitive steps. First, looking beyond singularity, emphasising on relationships of factors and creating the whole. Second, respect the present and conserve every element rationally. Third, future is the most important life dimension, which cannot be compromised and our children should create the future from now on. Only then they can get a better present than us. Thus here we have devised our education path so that, our students become the true bearers of the future of this beautiful world.

Innovation and International Mindedness

The world actually lies outside the realm of regular expectations. Nothing from the past, point to a convincing possibility. Our children must learn how to cope with unplanned yet colossal impact of the unpredictable. The only human skills that can live up to this mammoth task are INNOVATION and HUMAN SPIRIT. Our children would learn to appreciate that the diversity of human spirit is definitely central among the many challenges of this era and celebration of the Human spirit along with its diversity can only bring the manifestation of true education. Leadership through serving, knowledge about various customs, perspectives, ideas and attitudes, identifying self and bringing out the best of others are some of the attributes which have been incorporated in our delivery of education.

Success:

Success in CIS is about leaving a mark, which time cannot erase. This is not something that is only restricted to a large scale enterprise. It is rather on the significance of will and action. Here even the smallest contribution would be nurtured, promoted and shaped into proud moments in human history! Our students would discover themselves and lead others.

Again, I want to thank you for your unquestionable support for the school and hope you would play a bigger role in our quest for excellence!

Mr. Ayan Pal

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Vaibhav Saha of Grade 6 made CIS proud by securing the 7th position at the **Wiz Spell Bee National Mega Final** held at **Kumaraguru College of Technology, Coimbatore** on **28th December 2019**.



The Global Toppers of Calcutta International School were felicitated by the CAIE in a private function in Mumbai. Mr. Samitava Mukherjee, HOD Mathematics accompanied the group.

MENTAL WELLBEING WORKSHOPS



Senior School Principal, Dr Munmun Nath and the school counsellors Ms Farishta Dastur and Ms Spriha Patronobis attended the Interactive Session on Management of Mental and Development Disorder, organised by Indian Chamber of Commerce, in association with Caring Minds.

Grade 7 students attended an interactive session with the school counsellor, Ms. Spriha Patronobis on 'Breaking Gender Stereotypes' on 12th February, 2020.



Students brainstormed on how gendering impacts our mannerisms, interests/hobbies, career choices, clothing, and expression of emotions, among other areas of life.

The session also focused on some gender related challenges faced by the students in the classroom. The students shared various strategies to bring about more gender equality in their class.

SCHOOL TRIPS (SENIOR SECTION)



The students of grades 9, 10 and 11 went for their class trip to Bishyupur from 7th to 9th February 2020.

They visited the various temples of the terracotta architecture on the first day. On the second day they visited a place called Gongonji which is also called the Grand Canyon of India, located along the banks of the river Shilaboti.



Students of A2 Level visited BITM. They attended a session of demonstration on Biotechnology tools and techniques. They learnt about the PCR machine used to amplify DNA, the process of Gel electrophoresis done for DNA profiling and other biotechnological processes.

SCHOOL TRIPS (MIDDLE SECTION)



The students of Grade 7 went on an educational trip to Santiniketan, Birbhum. They visited the Visva Bharati campus and Rabindranath Tagore's house which is now a museum archiving artefacts that tell stories of his life and creations including his Nobel Prize. The students studied about the dry landscape of Khoai and spent some time in the weekly market of the Ballabhpur village. They took part in outdoor Art activities and enjoyed the tribal cultural performances. They also had a glimpse of the leather goods processing and textile printing units at Amar Kutir.



The Middle Section students spent a day at the manufacturing units of ITC at Panchla (grade 6) and Uluberia (grade 8) on 28th January. They witnessed how every minute details of the production are meticulously followed, everyday products like biscuits or flour are prepared, packaged and dispatched, and how the plants work and generate employment. Through presentations, visiting the plants and witnessing the manufacturing to quizzes and QnA, the ITC members engaged the students in this fruitful learning journey.

LANGUAGE DAY AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE ELOCUTION



Language Day was celebrated in school on 21st February as a part of the International Mother Language Day. Students performed songs and skits in Bengali and Hindi to promote love for these languages.



Elocution Competition in foreign languages such as French, Spanish, German, Mandarin, and Korean was held on 19th and 21st February for the students of the Middle Section.



The preliminary round was compulsory for all the students. External judges were invited who graced the occasion by their presence. It was an event where the students showcased their competence not only in the language but also in public speaking.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



The Inter-School Basketball tournament was held on 5th, 6th & 7th February.

Calcutta International School won the championship trophy by defeating Sushila Birla Girls' High School in the finals.

VISIT OF MR AND MRS SIMPSONS



CIS was extremely happy to welcome George and Brenda Simpson of Tampa, Florida, to the school on 6th February 2020.

Mrs Brenda Simpson was a student of the school, then known as Miss Barth's School, from around 1953 to 1956.



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



I LOVE BOOKS DAY, presented by the English Department on Valentine's Day promoting love for reading amongst the students.



Presentation in the assembly by Grade 9 students: The imminent danger of the Corona Virus and how to be safe from it.

Students of Middle Section had their last session of this academic year with EKTARA.

Sports with Ektara students at CIS



Learning ICT skills



KNOWLEDGE SEMINAR

The school organised the Annual Knowledge Seminar for the students of Grade 10 and their parents on 20th February. This seminar is held every year just before the Grade 10 students submit their choices of subjects for the class 11 level, choosing between either the AS or IBDP boards along with specific subjects. The Principal Dr. Munmun Nath along with the senior section head Mrs Anasuya Paul the IBDP coordinator Mrs Tina Servaia briefed the gathering about the process and important pointers to keep in mind before making their choices. Every department head also gave their inputs on the occasion and the session concluded with a question answer session.

