



# ALFRINK

## EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

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## Day 1

Students of CIS greeted their visitors in traditional clothes, following which was an Opening Ceremony. This featured a recital by Dhiman Narayan of IB1, Anchit Sengupta of AS, and Rohit Dey of class 9, as well as a dance performance to “Aigiri Nandini” by Prisha Basu and Reema Dey of A2. There was then a short ice-breaking session conducted by teachers, as well as a pottery workshop.





## Day 2

A workshop on classical dance was conducted by teachers Mrs. Samayeeta Das Acharyya along with Ms Madhumita De Roy, following which was a Bollywood dance workshop led by Ms Suvraleena Bandhyopadhyay. Students from Alfrink and IB-1 picked up steps from popular Bollywood songs – including disco and bhangra steps – with great enthusiasm.



# Day 3 & 4

Mrs. Sohini Das and her team from Awakening Storytellers, conducted a workshop on performative storytelling for the Alfrink and CIS students. The students showcased how powerful words can be to break religion, class, and gender biases. The performances began by introducing the history and culture of their own countries.

The students of Alfrink, accompanied by 2 CIS teachers, also visited Dakhinapan for a shopping trip.



# Day 5

The closing ceremony included presentations of the dance and performative storytelling, the students had learnt throughout their visit. The teachers from Alfrink were felicitated, and a video

montage of the programme made by Ha Sun Bae of A2 was also presented. The CIS Principal, Mrs. Tina Servaia, addressed the gathering, as did Mr Marcel De Haas. The school captain, Prithviraj Jhunjhunwala, also gave a vote of thanks.

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# The Times of India, Kolkata, on the Alfrink-CIS Collaboration-15th December 2022

## Alfrink College, Netherlands visits Calcutta International School

**A**fter a gap of two years, necessitated by the pandemic, Calcutta International School hosted Alfrink College from the Netherlands again. A collaboration that had started years ago, yet again provided a meaningful platform for students from both countries to engage in cultural immersion and valuable exchange.

The working week from November 21 to 25 was therefore, a special one for the students of Calcutta International School. Altogether 22 high-school students and four teachers from Alfrink College, spent five days interacting with the IBDP students and teachers through various workshops.

### Day 1

Students of CIS greeted their visitors in traditional clothes, following which was an opening ceremony. This featured a recital by Dhiman Narayan of IB1, Anchit Sengupta of AS, and Rohit Dey of class IX, as well as a dance performance to "Aigiri Nandini" by Prisha Basu and Reema Dey of A2.

There was then a short ice-breaking session conducted by teachers, as well as a pottery workshop conducted by Art Rickshaw.

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