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CAIE CONFERENCE 2023: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF LEARNING



On 2nd September 2023, Calcutta International School hosted a day-long conference with over 75 educators, administrators, and policy makers along with representatives from the Cambridge University Press and Assessment, in a bid to share the learnings of the CIS journey as the oldest international school in the Eastern region.





This event which was divided into two main segments began on a melodious note with a musical performance by a Grade 11 student Aurni Sarkar, followed by a heartwarming welcome address delivered by the Principal of the Senior Section Mrs. Tina Servaia, which set the tone for the rest of the day.

Collaboration with other schools who are already affiliated with the Cambridge curriculum or considering joining the curriculum is key to progress and growth. This was emphasized as the *raison d'être* for the event. The morning session continued with presentations by personnel from the Cambridge University Press and Assessment including Mr. Vijay Balakrishnan, Chief Marketing Officer- India and South Asia, Mr. Lalith Prasad -GE, Head of Professional Development and Training, South Asia, Ms. Arpita Mukherjee, Manager for Cambridge Learning for Schools – East India and Mr. Satyajit Sarkar Senior Manager, India East, Bangladesh, and Nepal. These sessions ranged from setting the context for the conference, the need for a progressive curriculum like the one offered by Cambridge University Press and Assessment, the support provided for the schools and educators to deliver this curriculum, as well as the importance of well-being in schools.

The highlight of the morning session was a special *tete-a-tete* with Mrs. Nayar, Principal of the Junior Section of CIS, and Mrs Servaia. In this conversation, the two dynamic leaders shared the journey of the institution which began way back in the 1950s at a time when 'International Education' was not the buzzword it is today.

The two speakers provided insights into the various factors that make CIS a truly international institution, from the way it devotes itself to imparting learner-centric, individualised holistic international-minded education. This heart-to-heart talk was greatly appreciated by the visiting delegates who complimented its engaging format and enriching content.





The post-lunch sessions comprised simultaneous workshops in English, Mathematics, and Science which were conducted by the teachers of CIS – employing the Cambridge way of learning with an emphasis on Active learning, Metacognition, Differentiation as well as Assessment for, of and as Learning.

The workshops which lasted an hour, tracked the way in which educators at CIS transition the learners from one grade level to another, consolidating and advancing the concepts they know.

The success of this event lay in the fact that it was one more way in which CIS reached out to the fraternity of educators to facilitate greater cooperation and learning in a bid to improve the teaching and learning process in all schools – Cambridge and Non-Cambridge.





The Telegraph School Awards

“It is good to win awards but the most important is to win together.” - N’Golo Kante



CIS has done it again! This year at The Telegraph School Awards for Excellence 2023 ceremony which was held on 19th August, 2023 at South City International School auditorium, CIS's nominations were selected to receive some Special Individual Honours under the below categories:



A. SCHOOL CATEGORY

Honour certificate for Excellence in

- Maintenance and Eco-Friendly Initiatives
- Academics (IB Board)
- Extra Curricular Activities

B. INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY

Honour certificate for Academic Excellence by

- Arushi Sanghi
- Manan Poddar
- Rohan Arya Marda
- Yuvraj Agarwal

Merit Certificate for Outstanding Talent in Sports – Advik Harlalka (Athletics)

Honour Certificate for Outstanding Talent in Music – Anchit Sengupta

C. SPECIAL / INDIVIDUAL HONOUR Violet Raj – The Shining Star Employee





Heartiest congratulations to Team CISS!!

INSPIRATION IN EVERY CORNER: CAPTURING THE ESSENCE OF CONFLUENCE 2023



Calcutta International School resounded with enthusiastic cheers once again as Confluence, its annual inter-school festival, returned in full physical glory. Over the years, Confluence has firmly established itself as the crown jewel of Kolkata's school festival circuit. The festival took place from August 4th to 6th, 2023, and witnessed active participation from major schools in the region, including Modern High School International, Delhi Public School Ruby Park, Adamas, Shri Shikshayatan School, Bridge International, BSS, South City International School, The Cambridge School, and The Heritage School.



The fervor and passion displayed by the students transformed this festival into not just a showcase of talent but also a significant social event. The event lineup included traditional favorites such as the Fashion Show, Painting, Singing, and sports like Basketball, along with newer additions like the Shark Tank and Coding competitions. Despite occasional showers, young minds not only competed fiercely but also reveled in the festivities.



Confluence stood as a testament to the exceptional organizational skills, meticulous planning, hard work, and discipline of CIS students who seamlessly coordinated all the events with guidance from their dedicated teachers. Event heads and representatives ensured the smooth execution of activities, while a legion of volunteers, easily recognizable in their black T-shirts, provided invaluable support to the participating students. As one guest student aptly put it, "Their enthusiasm is infectious."

At the grand Award Ceremony, the host school, CIS, emerged as the overall winner. As the gracious hosts passed the trophy to the First Runner-Up, The Heritage School, the cheers of students from all participating schools brightened the cloudy sky. The festival concluded with students dancing to the tunes of DJ Vicky. The abundant talent and unwavering enthusiasm witnessed over the course of three days leave no doubt that Confluence will return next year in an even bigger and grander form.



CONFLUENCE SCHOOL FEST: MIDDLE SCHOOLERS SHINE IN THE SPOTLIGHT



On the occasion of Confluence, middle school students orchestrated three remarkable fundraiser stalls.

Manya Garodia and Anjini Dasgupta (8A) crafted a delightful Donut Bake Sale, directing proceeds towards "Ashari Animal Shelter."



Navya Kothari, Manasavi Sharma, and Ava Xiu Mei Wu (8B) crafted a stall offering homemade cookies, lemon tea, and games, with funds earmarked for the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative.



Aesha Roychoudhury and Aisha Kothari (8B) organized an exhibition cum sale in collaboration with Ankur Kala Women's Centre.



Our gratitude and pride go out to these students for their thoughtful and impactful initiatives!



CIS IB DIPLOMA RESULTS

HOW **CIS** COMPARES WITH THE WORLD

2023		
	CIS	WORLD
AVERAGE POINTS	35.2	30.24
AVERAGE SUBJECT POINTS	6.0	4.84
SCHOOL TOPPER	43	179 WITH 45



CIS IB DIPLOMA TOPPERS

STUDENT WHO OBTAINED **43** POINTS



Yuvraj Jhanwar



CIS IB DIPLOMA TOPPERS

STUDENTS WHO OBTAINED **39** POINTS

SCORED **3** FULL POINTS IN THE CORE



Rishi
Jain



Ayanika
Bhattacharjee



CIS IGCSE TOPPERS

STUDENTS WHO OBTAINED 8A*



Arya Bhutoria



Saamya Sinha



CIS IGCSE TOPPERS

STUDENTS WHO OBTAINED 6A*



Aanya Jain



Darsh Sharma



Evangeli Saha



Manya Saraf



Riva Agarwal



Shome Deepto Sarkar



Smera Kanaujia



Suyash Agarwal



CIS IGCSE TOPPERS

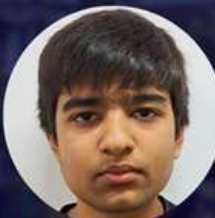
STUDENTS WHO OBTAINED 7A*



Deeptendu Shekhar Ray



Pravar Ingty Agnihotri



Rajyavarrdhan Inan Todi



Sreeja Sarkar



CIS IGCSE TOPPERS

STUDENTS WHO OBTAINED 5A*



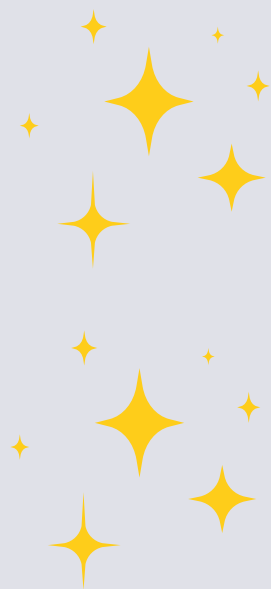
Khushee Agarwal

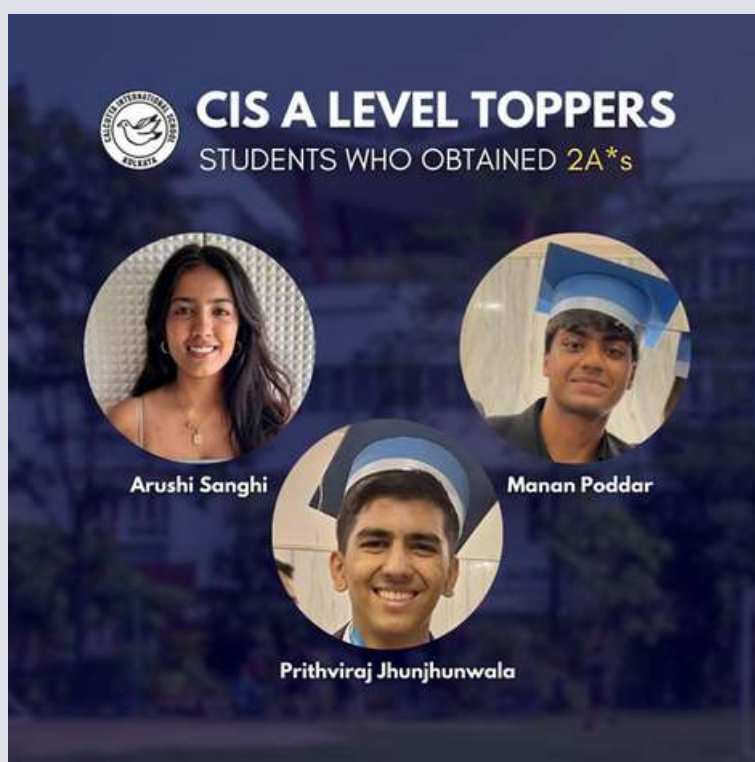
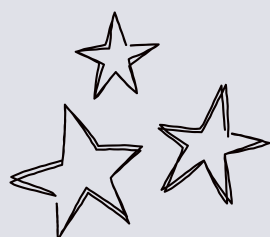
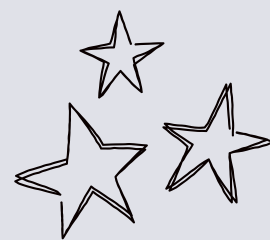


Ruhani Duttgupta



Ahan Law







CIS AS TOPPERS

STUDENTS WHO OBTAINED 5As



Dongjin Lee



Archisha Dasgupta



Jeanette Li



Devarya Goenka

Ashis Panda



CIS AS TOPPERS

STUDENTS WHO OBTAINED 4As



Aaryan
Agarwalla



Advik
Harlalka



Aryaman
Agarwalla



Akshit V
Bansal



Elrich
Chen



Daniel
Lee



Nashia
Raimee



Rohit
Datta



Umeed
Uriyan



Yash
Bagchi



CIS AS TOPPERS

STUDENTS WHO OBTAINED 3As



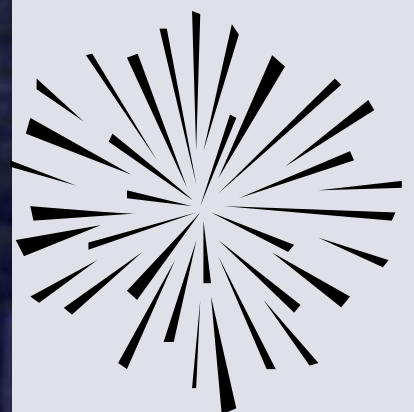
Dhruv
Kataruka

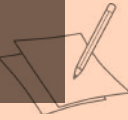


Prakhar
Drolia



Rishabh
Mandal





Inspirational Session with Author Jashodhara Chakraborti



Jashodhara Chakraborti, an author and translator of Bengali Ghost story, 'The Treasure of the Khasi Hills,' visited CIS for an interactive session with Grade 8 on 17th August. The original book is titled, 'Jakher Dhan' by Hemendra Kumar Roy. Ms. Chakraborti provided a brief synopsis of the book and discussed about how an idea turns into a book. She also discussed about her other books, 'The Word Keeper' and 'Sky Serpents.' This was followed by her providing some useful techniques used for translation to the students followed by an interactive question and answer session. This session has generated enthusiasm and interest in the creative process which should develop into an increased interest in books in general in the students.



Collins Publisher Hosts Engaging Workshop at CIS: Unveiling Global Perspectives for Educators"

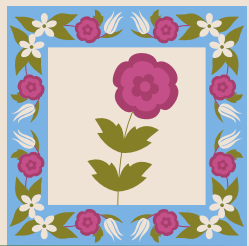
On September 4, 2023, Dr. Elaine Higgleton and her team from Collins Publisher graced the premises of CIS to unveil their latest book on Global Perspective. The event unfolded as an engaging and interactive workshop that spanned two and a half hours, drawing participation from several schools in Kolkata.



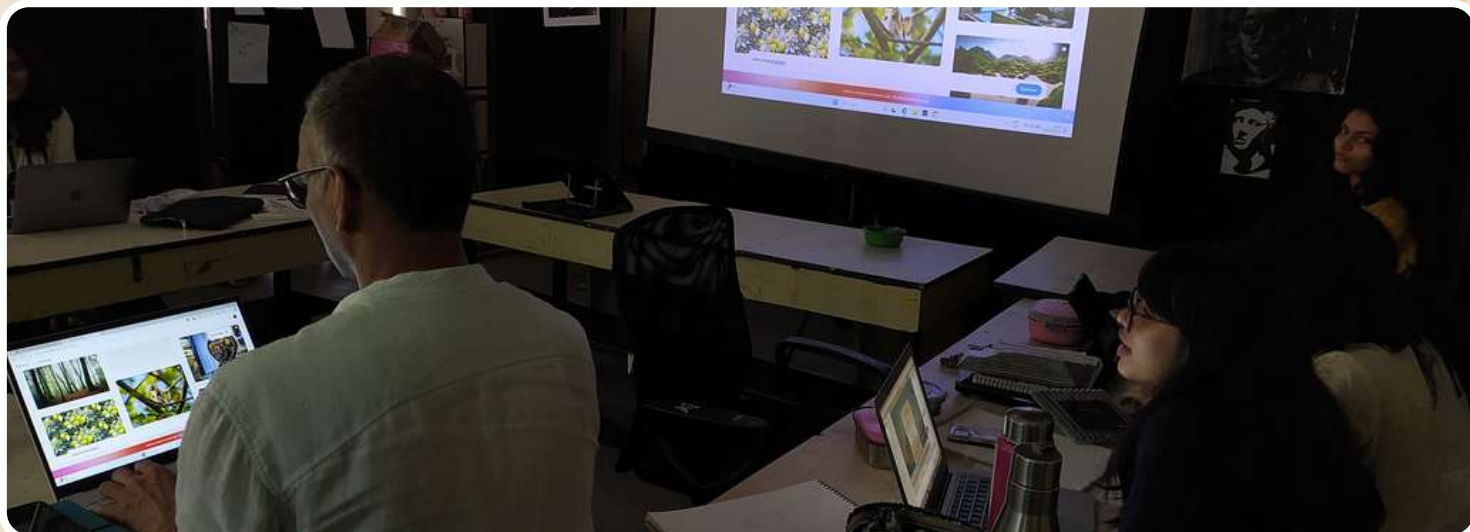
Dr. Higgleton, along with her team, led the workshop with a primary focus on the practical utilization of the newly released books. The session featured a blend of intriguing activities followed by insightful discussions. Teachers from both CIS and other participating schools shared a diverse range of teaching techniques they employ when covering this subject in their classrooms.

The workshop also provided a platform for in-depth exploration of detailed lesson plans for each chapter within the new book. These plans were thoroughly examined and reviewed, fostering a deeper understanding of how to effectively integrate the material into the curriculum.

Following the book release, attendees had the opportunity to view the books on display at the venue.



Mastering the Digital Canvas: A Digital Art Workshop



The students were introduced to some basic as well as important disciplinary norms and issues related to their digital creations. They also learned the values of digital literacy which falls under the ATL skills of communication. In the last session, the students were given an assignment on logo designing for an aviation company in which they planned the process development towards this design. Towards the end, all the students created their presentations and shared ideas through a form of peer learning. The exercise of this design would surely help them in their study.

A Digital Art and Communication Workshop took place in the art room for the art students of Grade 10 and 11 on 17th and 18th August 2023. The workshop was conducted by well-known digital artist and photographer Mr. Rahul Maheshwari. This was a two day introductory workshop to Adobe Application and its uses in the Visual Communications Industry for the senior school art students which aimed to outline the differences of each of the applications, their uses and where they fall in on the larger picture with visual communications, art and media in general.





Leading the Way: E-Waste Solutions from Our Science Department



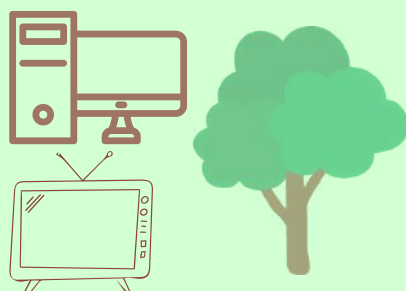
A Green Revolution: E-Waste Bin Installation and Inauguration Marks a Sustainable Initiative



The day commenced with an air of anticipation as students, teachers, and distinguished guests gathered on the school premises. The event was graced by the presence of the school's junior and senior principals, who jointly signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Hulladek's founder, underlining the commitment to this eco-friendly partnership. The General Manager of Hulladek was also present, emphasizing the significance of such collaborations between educational institutions and environmental organizations. The e-waste bins, strategically positioned across the school premises, serve as convenient collection points for electronic devices that have reached the end of their lifecycle. This initiative was not only an essential step towards addressing the growing problem of e-waste but also a lesson in sustainability and responsibility for the students.

In a significant stride towards a cleaner and greener future, CIS's junior and senior school sections collaborated with Hulladek, a renowned environmental organization, to install electronic waste (e-waste) bins on August 16, 2023. This environmentally conscious endeavor, driven by the school's Science Department, showcased a united effort by students and teachers alike to promote responsible e-waste disposal and contribute to a healthier planet.

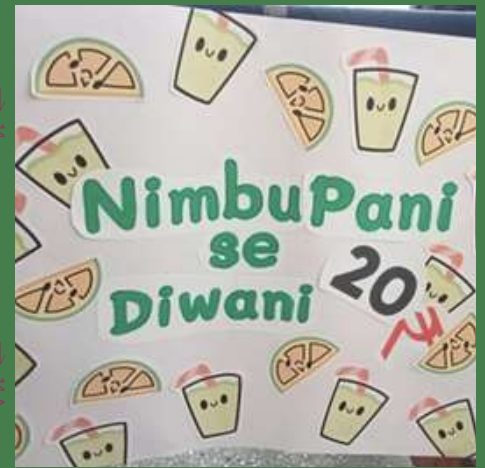
The choice of August 16th for the e-waste bin installation was symbolic, as it drew parallels to the country's upcoming Independence Day celebrations. The initiative aimed to declare "independence from pollution" and pledge towards a future with a cleaner climate and better environmental conditions.



FOODISTAN

Students of IBDP Year I collaborated to organise a food festival called IB Foodistan as their CAS Project to celebrate Independence Day. A variety of Indian delicacies, accompanied by desserts and refreshing drinks were served by the students in the Butterfly Area. This area was decorated with banners and posters, creating a festive atmosphere. The students wore traditional Indian attire showcasing their desi side, and the Sale started during lunch break. Students and teachers enjoyed the delicious food, prepared by the students themselves. From classics like pav bhaji and puchka to unique items like mango cake, nimbu pani, and tricoloured cupcakes, there was plenty to choose from. The best part of this event was that all proceeds were given to charity. Additionally, the students expressed their appreciation by providing food to the Dadas and Didis as a “thank you” for their tireless efforts and continued support around.

Overall, the event left an indelible mark on the students and created fond memories. The students look forward to hosting such events again in the future.



CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM



On the auspicious occasion of India's 77th year of independence, the students from the Middle and Senior sections of Calcutta International School presented a heart-warming array of song and dance recitals, riveting skits and quiz sessions that made us reminisce the relentless struggle of our freedom fighters and their unforgettable sacrifices.



The day has also been traditionally celebrated as India-Korea Day – 15th August being Korean Liberation Day. The students, dressed in brightly hued ethnic wear, danced, sang and performed with zeal, commemorating the spirit of freedom, imperative for a free and equal society. The school took this day to celebrate the historical significance of independence and instil in each one, a sense of gratitude and respect for the rich legacy handed down to us.





EARTH SCIENCE TALK



On the 8th of September, Geography students of the senior section attended an Earth Science Talk, conducted by Dr. J.R Kayal, an expert from the Alumni Association of Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad. During the session, from earthquakes to volcanoes, the students heard about the fascinating history of tectonic plates, as well as the story behind some of the biggest natural disasters till date. Disaster Management methods countries can implement were also discussed.

The students also got a chance to see many different fossils, from prehistoric leaves to samples of fool's gold, and were exposed to a firsthand perspective of what they study in the classrooms. Dr. Kayal was accompanied by Dr. Moitra and Dr. Mukherji whose insights and observations further enriched the experience.



Calcutta International School celebrates Teacher's Day to honour those who make learning an adventure

TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION



Teacher's Day 2023 was celebrated on 5th September by the students of senior school with great enthusiasm. The day began on an exciting note with a friendly basketball match between teachers and students. This was followed by a carefully curated programme that showcased sterling performances in dance and drama as well as a musical medley. Heartfelt self-composed poems were also recited by students to convey their gratitude to their beloved teachers.

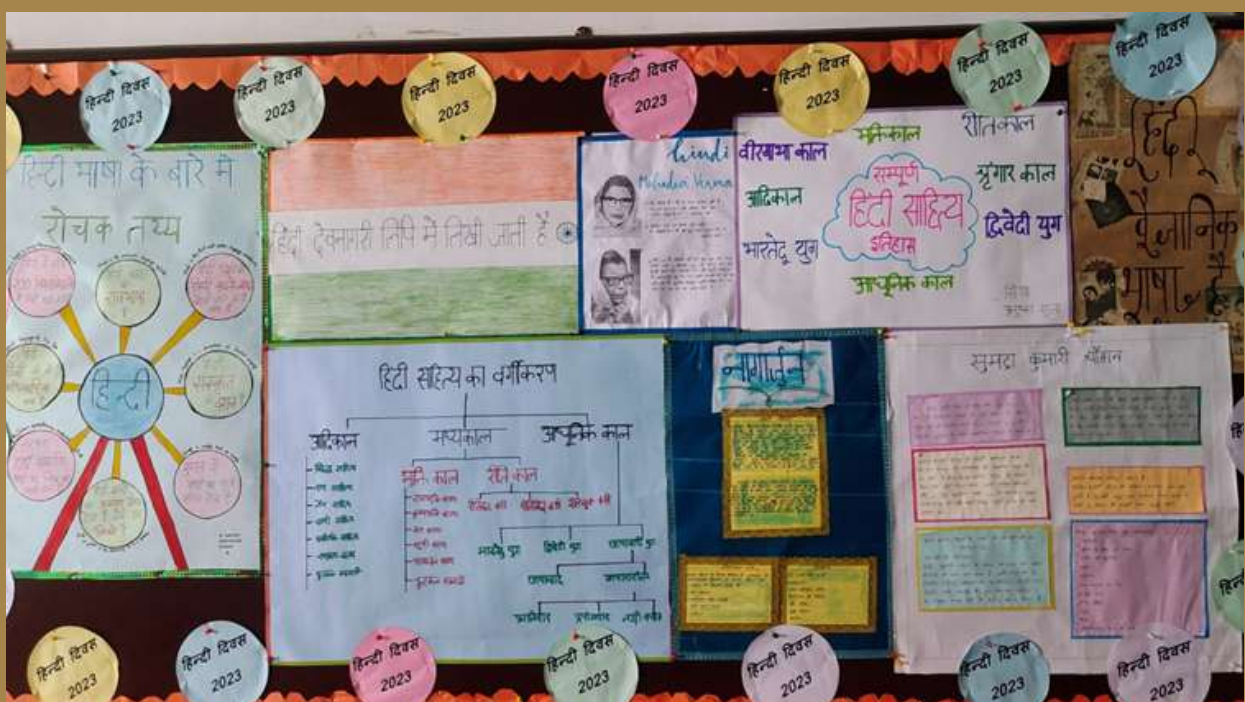


The students' performances throughout the event served as a testament to their love and appreciation for their teachers. Their thoughtfulness, humor, and exceptional talents made this Teacher's Day celebration an unforgettable and heartwarming experience for all.

The World is one Family- Hindi Divas Celebration



Hindi Diwas is celebrated all over India to commemorate the adoption of Hindi as one of the official languages of India. It was celebrated by middle and senior sections on 13th September and the theme for the event was 'NEEV' which means 'Foundation.' A skit depicting the importance of parents was enacted by the students while Hindi songs based on dreams and friendship were sung melodiously by them. The program concluded with a beautiful message of 'Vasudev Kutumbakam' which means that the world is one family.



Exploring the world –Debating Global perspectives

The mighty middle schoolers witnessed an intellectual showdown as our talented young debaters from different houses engaged in thoughtful discourse on a stimulating topic: 'This house believes that social media platforms should be held legally responsible for the content posted by their users. Besides showcasing our students; ability to articulate their thoughts, this event also fostered healthy competition and promoted critical thinking. The aim of this debate was to primarily engage in meaningful discourse and to grow as global thinkers allowing each one of us to inspect issues from a global perspective. The courage and dedication of each participant was laudable as they presented their views on the topic. While Yellow House emerged as the best house led by Anjini Dasgupta who also won the coveted title of the best speaker, it is safe to say that everyone left with a better understanding of the issue at hand.



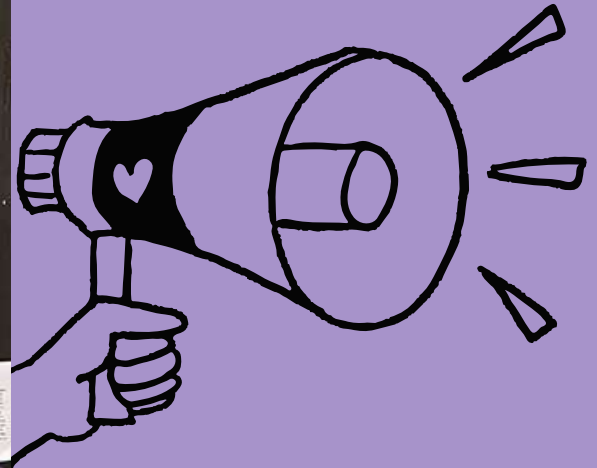
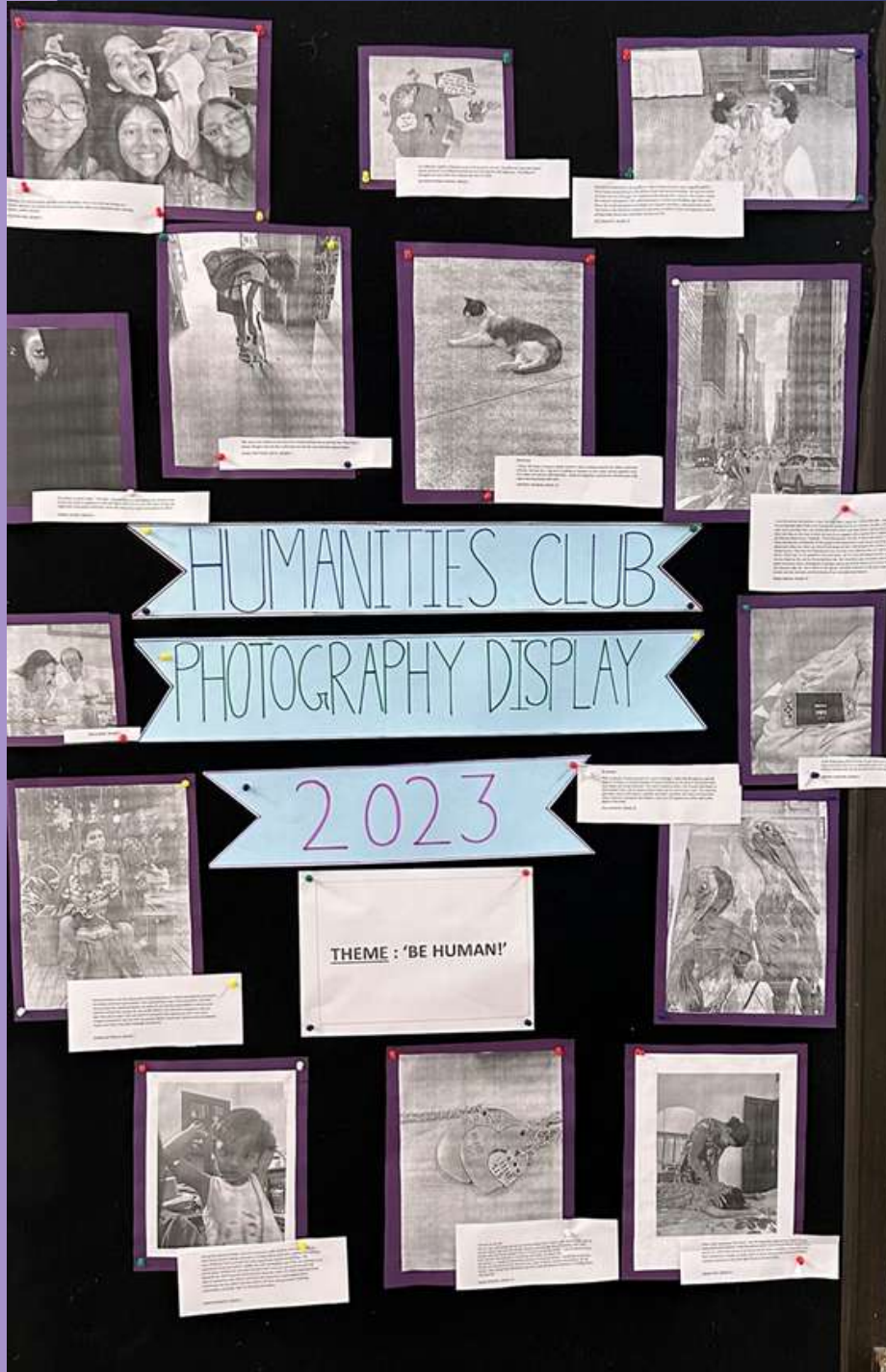
COMMUNICATION AND SOCIAL SKILLS SESSION

The students of IBDP Year I & II attended a session on social integration with the school counsellors, Mrs. Patronobis and Mrs. Halder.



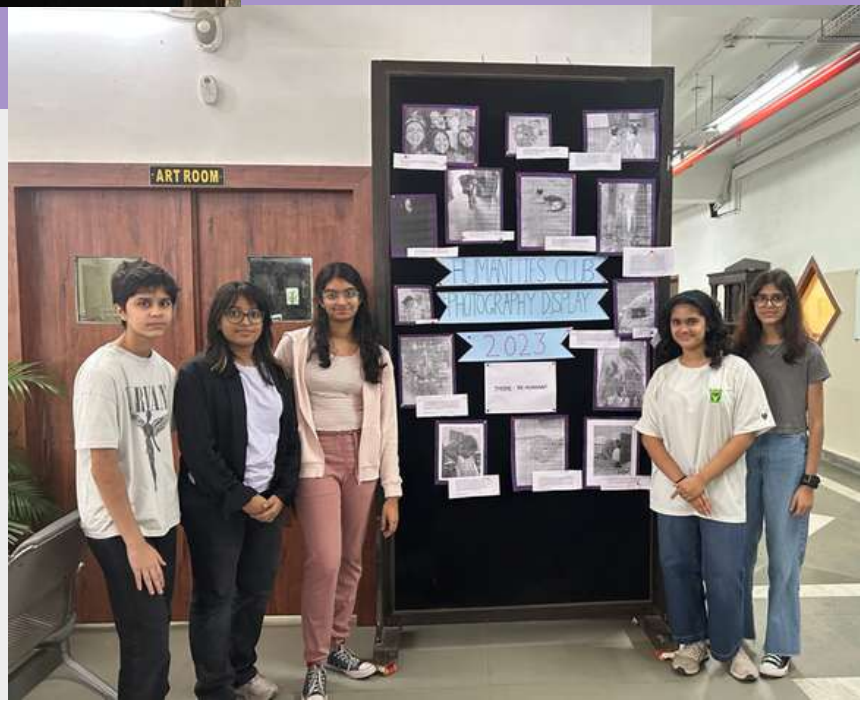
The session aimed at creating a safe space for students to bond through an ice breaking activity. The interactive session enabled students to work on their verbal communication, to identify non-verbal cues of communication, and to build social skills to learn more about one another.

A Photo Walk on 'Being Human'



Students of The Humanities Club participated in the Photography Display arranged by the Club in the month of September. The Theme for the activity was 'Be human!'

Students came up with wonderful entries and diverse takes on the theme as the display was put up in the Atrium.



MENTAL WELL-BEING SESSION WITH ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



On the 27th of May, 9th of June and 22nd of July, Mental Wellbeing sessions were conducted for the Administrative Staff. The facilitators of the session were Ms.Chandana Bakshi, senior mental health worker and psychotherapist, along with school counselor, Mrs.Farishta Dastur Mukerji.

The sessions aimed at creating a safe space for the team to be able to share their concerns, if any; as well as to focus on team bonding and stress management. The sessions were fruitful and much appreciated by all the participants.



UNIVERSITY VISITS AT CIS

Career fairs are an excellent opportunity for students to learn about Universities, their requirements, scholarships and career opportunities post course completion. At Calcutta International School we organize over 8 University Fairs/visits every academic year. On a given day we try to invite Universities from a particular country only. This helps students understand the individual requirements of a particular region and not confuse it with factors required by Universities in other countries. The visits organized this year are as follows:



28th July 2023 US fair

The fair was represented by Arizona State University, Colorado State University, David Eccles School of Business - University of Utah, Governors State University, DePaul University, Indiana University, Northern Arizona University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rowan University, University of Arizona, University of Denver, University of Massachusetts Lowell, University of San Francisco and Wayne State University. The fair was attended by students of Grade 10 to 12.

3rd August 2023 UK Fair

We had 2 UK University Fair in the school. It was represented by University of York, University of Leeds, University of Bristol, Queen Mary University of London, University of Nottingham, University of Southampton, University of Exeter, University of Bath, Durham University, University of Strathclyde, University of East Anglia, University of Portsmouth, Goldsmiths University of London and Swansea University. The fair was also attended by APU, Japan

9th August 2023 Top 3 Canada

Delegates from the University of Toronto, University of British Columbia and University of Waterloo spoke to students of Grade 11 and 12 and answered all questions regarding their admission requirements, application process and scholarships.

17th August 2023 US Fair

The US Fair had Babson College, Franklin & Marshall College, Miami University, Savannah College of Art and Design, The University of Iowa, University of Pittsburgh, Wabash College and Bowling Green State University in attendance.





28th August 2023 Canada

Post the top 3 Universities of Canada we also had Dalhousie University, Queen's University, Carleton University, Guelph University and University of Calgary visit the school and speak to students of Grade 11 and 12.

28th August 2023 Singapore Management University

SMU visited the school for the first time on the 28 th of August. They had an interactive session with students of Grade 11 and 12.

1st September 2023 US Universities

Delegates from the University of Rochester and George Washington University visited the campus and spoke in detail with interested children of Grade 11 and 12.

6th September 2023 US Universities

Oberlin College, Muhlenberg College and Syracuse University delegates spoke to students of Grade 12 on the 6 th of September and apprised them with all information about their respective universities.

7th September 2023 European Fair

Participating Universities included University of Bocconi - Italy, Trinity College Dublin - Ireland, University College Cork, Swiss Hotel Management School - Switzerland, Edhec Business School - France and the Culinary Academy of Switzerland.



On June 27th and 28th, CIS sent a delegation of students from classes 8-12 to attend The Heritage School's Model United Nations Conference.

The students were extremely excited to represent countries from around the world, and enjoyed participating in a plethora of committees ranging from the UNODC, to historic peace talks between Iran and Iraq, to the AUPSC, and a Security Council Committee on the Situation in the Middle East!

As they engaged in debates and negotiations with other 'delegates' from around the world, they were constantly challenged to think critically and creatively, and to consider a range of perspectives and solutions to a wide range of themes! They also said they were amazed by the level of dedication and passion shown by their fellow delegates, and learned a lot from each other throughout the course of the conference.

And we won! We are so proud to announce the following awards:

Prakhar Drolia - Outstanding Delegate

Anirudh Mukherjee - Special Mention

Oindrila Pal - High Commendation

Agastaya - 2nd Special Mention

Aadya Narayan - Verbal Mention

Prithviraj Jhunjunwala (independent delegate) special mention.

THSMUN was an incredible opportunity to hone their skills in diplomacy, public speaking, and critical thinking, while also developing meaningful connections with other young people who share our commitment to creating a better world, and understanding the reality of the frameworks which govern our world today. The students of CIS thoroughly enjoyed this, and look forward to attending more such events!



PROJECT KUNDU: CULTIVATING A GREENER TOMORROW



14 senior school students of CIS participated in Project Kundu, a sapling plantation project hosted by the Center for Contemporary Corporation (@urbanaranya) on Saturday, 29th July. They planted approximately 70 saplings at the boulevards of Southern Avenue. It was an enriching experience that gave students the opportunity to contribute to Kolkata's urban-foresting endeavours.



Visit: Dept of History meet Euroclio



On 31st July, 2023, teachers from CIS attended an informative and interactive session conducted by the European Association of History Educators (Euroclio) in collaboration with History for Peace, at the Seagull Foundation for the Arts. Speakers Andreas Holtberget and Eugenie Khatschatrian, discussed various projects undertaken by the Euroclio. One of the projects was on Oral History in Sri Lanka, titled 'Football makes History' and Historiana, which gave the participants wide ranging and valuable insights into the working of the organisation. It also helped the participants in looking into various teaching strategies, methods, and research topics which will be very useful in assisting the teaching learning process in class.



From Lab to Life: BITM's Biotechnology Workshop Experience



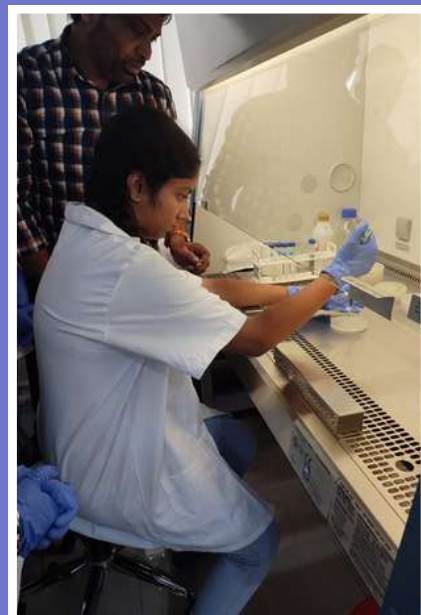
A few Biology students of Grade AS and A2 attended a two day hands-on workshop on 'Basic Techniques in Biotechnology' on August 23rd and 24th in Birla Industrial Technological Museum's Biotechnology Laboratory.

The training program consisted of practical demonstration and hands-on training designed to introduce biotech lab equipment and to provide a basic understanding of techniques in biotechnology. As they engaged in the interactive session, students gained essential practical knowledge of handling equipment, aseptic techniques and basic methods of biotechnology.





On the first day students were introduced to Biotech Lab Equipment showing the working principle and its operation, micro-pipetting techniques, isolation of bacteria from the given sample by serial dilution agar-plating method, and restriction digestion of λ DNA.



The second day of the workshop involved students in Gram staining of the isolated bacteria, Agarose Gel Electrophoresis and Gel analysis of the λ DNA. These concepts aligned perfectly with the A-level Biology syllabus and the workshop provided them an opportunity to explore these methods in a laboratory setting.



Students' Achievements

Marathon maestro!

On 2nd August, Aadya Parshad of Grade 7B completed a 1km marathon of forty lengths in forty two minutes at Bengal Rowing Club. Next year, she aims to complete 2.5km or hundred lengths which is considered to be a marathon and has to be done non-stop, without any breaks.

Rajvir Jhunjhunwala of Grade 7 inspired by his hero Michael Phelps believes that there is no limit to anything and that the more one dreams, the farther they get. He is a part of the Bengal Rowing Club swimming team and has completed the 1 km and 2.5 km 'Swimathon' events organised by the club in the last few years.

This year Rajvir attempted and finished the next milestone of 5 km. He swam nonstop for 2 hours 38 minutes and completed 200 laps of the BRC pool. This was a test of his endurance and stamina, and he feels elated that he could complete it in such a good timing.

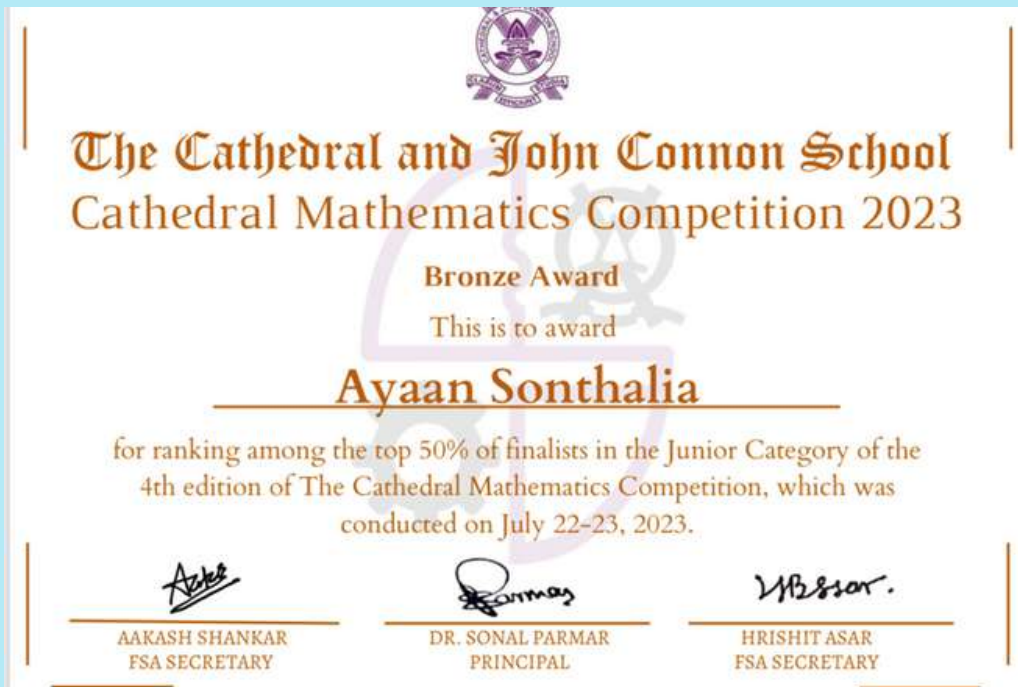


Dreams
Have No
Limit



Master at Mathematics

Ayaan Sonthalia of Grade eight received the bronze award at the Cathedral Mathematics Competition, 2023, held at The Cathedral and John Connon School. Ayaan ranked among the top fifty percent of finalists in the Junior Category of the fourth edition of The Cathedral Mathematics Competition held in July, which is a great achievement!



Congratulations !!

Young Innovators!



At the recent Bengal Rowing Club Innovation Challenge held on 5th August, 2023, nine teams from various schools participated to create models for rural development, pollution and sustainable development. It was the team from CIS, comprising Grade 8 students, Ayaan Sonthalia, Karan Jhunjunwala and Neil Gutgutia who placed first for their model of a drone which was also made to display at the venue.

This was a competitive forum and our young innovators did us proud! Congratulations!

Aurna represents CIS at the National Science Seminar

National Science Seminar (NSS) for school students is the most impactful and popular nationwide annual event organized by the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, ever since 1982.

The seminar involves the nation's school-going youth in critically examining current S&T issues of importance for the society and sharing their own views on these issues with the student and scientific communities of the country.



Students of Grades 8, 9 & 10 were invited to participate in the Seminar. Participant from CIS was selected through a two tiered process of submission and presentation. After an overwhelming response from students, Aurna Banerjee Chowdhury from Grade 10 was selected to participate in the Kolkata District Science Seminar, 2023 on 29th August, 2023 at BITM. Aurna presented her opinion on “Millets- a superfood or a Diet Fad?” with immense confidence and backed up with scientific evidence from case studies and experimental trials.

*Congratulations
Aurna!*

CIS Student Shines at 'Crescendo'

Eimi Yuasa showcased her exceptional musical talent by participating in the much-anticipated Crescendo music competition organized by the prestigious Calcutta School of Music. Among the many talented participants, Eimi, a young violinist, emerged as the second runner-up in the Junior Violin category. This remarkable achievement is a testament to her dedication and commitment towards her craft. Looking ahead, Eimi eagerly anticipates the upcoming winter music programs organized by CIS in collaboration with the Calcutta Symphony Orchestra.



ECA Activities: Enriching Students' School Experience



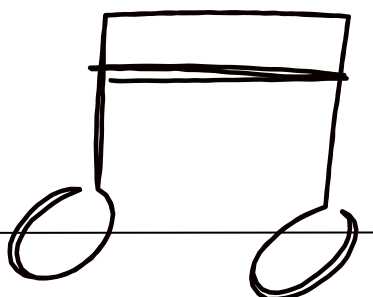
Extracurricular activities in school are a great way for students to explore their interests and develop new skills outside of the classroom. These activities provide students with opportunities to socialize and build relationships with their peers, as well as develop leadership and teamwork skills.

Great schools know that learning is not confined to the classroom. The extra-curricular started from 3rd July 2023 and the programs offered in school are a valuable way to inspire and motivate our students.

This year, CIS offers a total of 11 extracurricular activities (ECAs) for students to participate in. We encourage all students to participate in at least one ECA!

One of the most popular ECAs is basketball, where students can improve their skills and compete against other schools. Football is another popular sport offered, allowing students to learn teamwork and sportsmanship. For those interested in martial arts, taekwondo is available. Students can learn self-defense techniques and improve their physical fitness. Table tennis is also offered for those who enjoy indoor sports.

Photography and chess are two non-sport ECAs that are available this year. Photography allows students to learn about composition, lighting, and editing techniques. Chess helps students develop their critical thinking and strategic planning skills.



For those interested in dance, western dance is available. Students can learn various styles of dance and perform at school events. Robotics is another popular ECA, where students can learn about coding and engineering.

The school has introduced two new ECAs this year: Guitar and Vocals. The response to these new activities has been great, with many students showing interest in learning how to play the guitar and sing. Not only is this activity a fun way for students to learn a new skill, but it also has many benefits. Learning to play an instrument can help improve cognitive function, boost creativity, and reduce stress. Singing can also help improve breathing and posture, as well as boost confidence. We look forward to seeing the progress of our students as they learn and grow through these new activities.

CIS Shoots and Scores at Jr. NBA Basketball Tournament



The Reliance Foundation Jr. NBA India Coach Academy recently organised their yearly training program for coaches, which was attended by our very own coach Mr. Abdul Samad on 29th August 2023. The academy provided a platform for coaches to learn different skills of the game and witness demonstrations by experts. They introduced a turnkey curriculum to help coaches teach basketball to students.



The academy also organised a tournament for students, and we are proud to say that four teams from CIS participated in the Reliance Foundation Jr. NBA 3X3 Regional Championship for U12 years and U14 Years Boys and Girls on 2nd & 3rd September, 2023 at West Bengal Basketball Association. More than 40 schools participated in the tournament.

The CIS teams put up an impressive performance, with the Under 12 category-CIS Boys receiving the Regional Champion Trophy out of 34 schools from different districts of West Bengal. The Under 14 category-CIS Girls also received the Runners up Trophy out of 32 schools from different districts of West Bengal. We are immensely proud of our West Bengal Regional Champion team (CIS under 12 boys) who have qualified to participate in the National Championship at Noida. This is a testament to their hard work and dedication towards the sport.

This was a wonderful platform for coaches and students to learn and showcase their skills. We wish our CIS team all the best for the upcoming National Championship and hope they bring home more laurels.

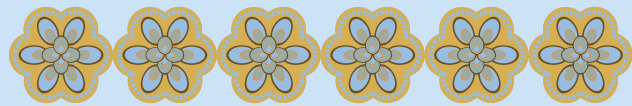


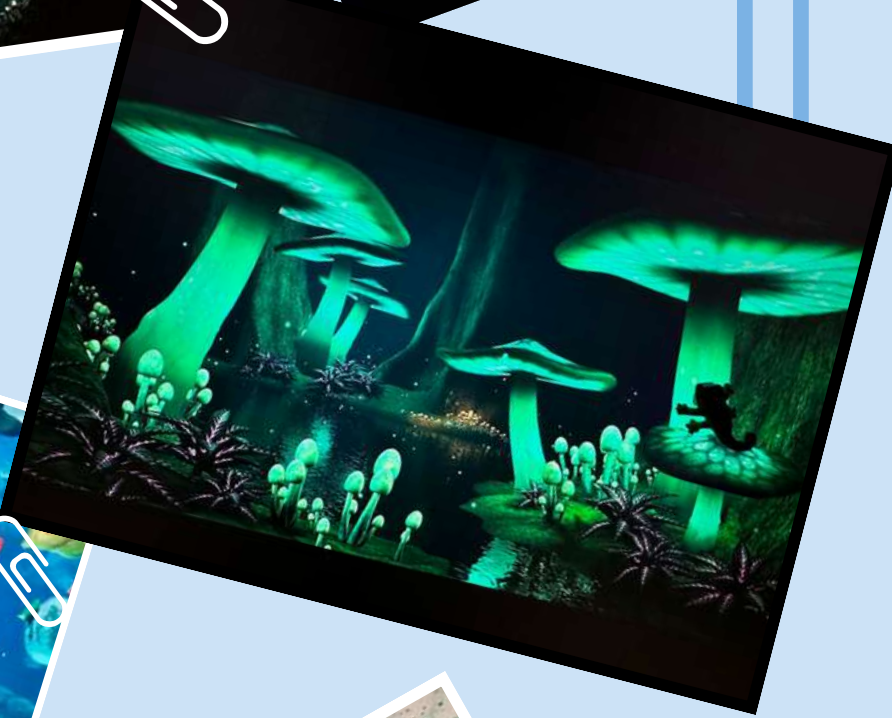
Miniature Magnificence!



Films and movies are larger than life, where every aspect, from the scenes to the characters, is magnified. In this series, ECA photography students have utilised miniatures against backdrops to illustrate how perspective can alter one's perception.

Even the smallest object, when placed within a broader context, can create an illusion of grandeur beyond its actual dimensions. This is a compilation of miniature artifacts fashioned by our ECA photography students, amalgamated to produce a single frame of an awe-inspiring cinematic panorama.







Alumni Visits at CIS: Nurturing Future Leaders

Alumni visits hold a special place in the heart of the Cambridge International School (CIS) community. These visits offer current students a unique opportunity to connect with former students who have ventured beyond the school gates into the world of higher education and careers. In this writeup, we highlight some recent alumni visits at CIS, where past students generously shared their experiences, insights, and success stories with our current students.



Rohan Arya Marda and Yuvraj Jhanwar

The bright valedictorians of the class of 2023, Rohan Arya Marda and Yuvraj Jhanwar, graced the campus to speak to our eager Grade 9 and 10 students. Their inspiring journey through senior school and seamless transition to college provided valuable guidance and motivation to our younger peers. Their words resonated deeply, reassuring our students that success is within reach.

Harsh Kumbhat, Reeshabh Gangopadhyay, and Arnab Saha

Harsh Kumbhat, an alumnus currently studying at the prestigious University of California Berkeley, shared his educational path and experiences with students from Grade 8, 9, and 10. He was joined by fellow alumni Reeshabh Gangopadhyay (studying at Swansea University) and Arnab Saha (pursuing medicine at the University of Birmingham). Together, they provided valuable insights into different academic and career paths.



Alumni from the Batch of 2022

In early July, alumni from the batch of 2022 returned to campus to share their exciting first-year experiences at university. Their visit allowed current students to gain a glimpse of life beyond CIS and served as a reminder of the opportunities awaiting them after graduation.

Reunion with Batch of 2022

Later in July, a few more alumni from the batch of 2022 graced the campus. Their presence reaffirmed the strong bonds formed during their time at CIS and brought a sense of nostalgia to both alumni and students.





Vatsala Mall – Class of 2018

Vatsala Mall, a graduate of the class of 2018, graced the campus on September 21st. She shared her experiences of completing her degree at Northeastern University and her plans for pursuing a master's degree, inspiring current students with her determination and ambition.



Ratul Das and More.....

On July 25th, Ratul Das from the class of 2017, who is embarking on his M.Tech in Computer Science, visited the campus. Alongside him were Somhrit Chanda, Sanaya Kothari, and Saket Mundhra from the class of 2020. Their diverse journeys served as a source of inspiration for students with a wide range of academic interests.

Rishika Bose and Rahul – Class of 2018

Rishika Bose and Rahul, alumni from the class of 2018, took a trip down memory lane by visiting their beloved teachers on August 29th. Their visit was a heartwarming reminder of the strong bonds formed at CIS.



Mr. Edwin Watson:

In a remarkable visit on September 4th, Mr. Edwin Watson, an alumnus from 1968, returned to CIS all the way from Australia. His presence was a testament to the enduring connection between alumni and their alma mater.

In conclusion, these alumni visits at CIS serve as a testament to the enduring connections formed within our school community. They inspire and motivate our current students, providing them with valuable insights into the exciting opportunities that await them beyond the CIS campus. The bonds created during these visits continue to strengthen our school's legacy and commitment to nurturing future leaders.

Teachers' Activity

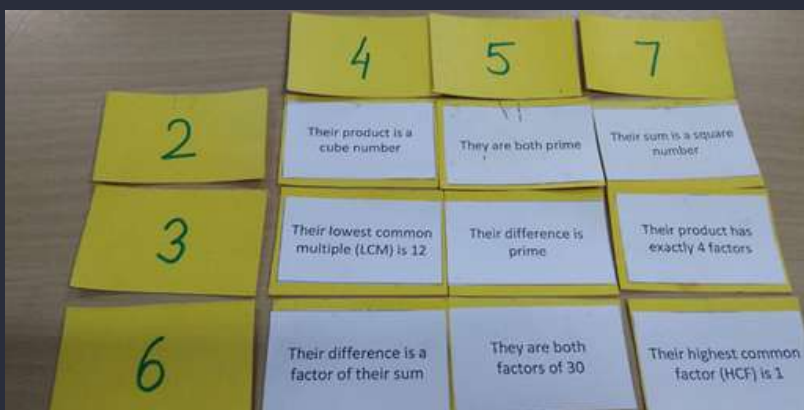
Chemistry is All Around Us



Grade 10 B was asked to present on various topics titled 'Chemistry and environment' which is a part of their IGCSE syllabus. One group consisting of members Ahaan Ghai, Aurna Banerjee Chowdhury, Aarav Bagrecha, Ayesha Kampani, and Hrishit Poddar presented a design on cost-effective water filters for their presentation. It reflected their critical thinking and research-oriented approach towards their topic of Water Pollution. This was a comprehensive student driven project on the design of a water filter underlying water pollution, fostering critical thinking and awareness among students by teacher Samayeeta Das Acharyya.

MATHEMATICS MULTI-MODAL

On 27th and 28th July, students of grade 6A and 6B respectively, took part in an activity which was also their MultiModal Assessment led by Ms. Manideepa Roychowdhury. As the students have just learnt the topic 'Integers', they were given 6 number cards and 9 property cards. The students worked in groups of 3 or 4. They had to find a way to arrange the property cards and the number cards in a grid, so that each property card describes the pair of numbers at the top of the column and on the left of the row. There was more than one way to arrange the property cards. This activity involved creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, learner agency and effective communication.



AN EMPEROR'S SKILL SET!

Grade 6 History Activity



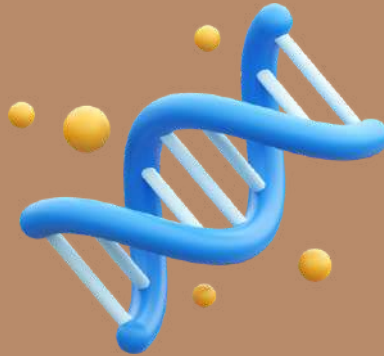
Students of Grade 6 participated in an enjoyable History lesson activity in which they reflected on the essential qualities that an Emperor should possess and filled in their responses under the heading, 'An Emperor's Skill Set!' This activity helped the students to better understand the different Mughal Emperors that they are studying in class. The activity, initiated by Ms. Suvrileena Bandyopadhyay was then compiled and placed as a chart in both the sections.



Skill Development in the IB- Year 1 Biology Class



Students always find the model of DNA intriguing. To understand the concept of double helix and anti-parallel strands of DNA students did a hands on activity with paper cuttings where they constructed their own models of the DNA double helix within a given time frame. Students identified the component molecules of DNA in paper cutting and then predicted the orientation of the two strands of DNA. This exercise helped them to analyse the concept of complementary base pair and the bonding between the components.



After the pandemic years, study of viruses has become an integral part of the curriculum. A flipped classroom was conducted in the Biology lesson with students of IBDP Year I where a comparative study of different viruses was conducted. Students did research on the Corona Virus and the HIV based on the structural differences, the uniqueness of the two viruses, the types of nuclear material present and their target organ in the body. The students were divided into two groups and they then explained the structures and related characteristics of these two viruses by drawing the structure on the board. The skills targeted were critical- thinking, self management, research, and communication.

