



# PRISM

IB Diploma Programme

# From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the maiden edition of the Middle & High School Newsletter for the academic year 2022 - 23!

As I sit back to reflect on the joys of learning at The Gaudium, I realise that our classrooms are spaces where dreams are carved and nurtured; quite evidently so, as we experience the privilege of appreciating the school environment in its richest glory after the whole pandemic fiasco. It has been an eventful month and we have experienced an extraordinary range of activities that enriched the education of our students, beyond the time-tabled curriculum. The Grades 10 and 12 batches of 2021-22 are once again proud crusaders of brilliance at the Board Examinations and their concerted efforts have borne sweet fruits of success; needless to mention that the pride of the moment will be cherished forever. We are also exceedingly gratified for our students have bagged coveted seats at the best-rated Universities around the world. Next, we have had the formation of the Student Council 2022 that witnessed the candidates putting up the toughest fight in a battle of equals. Ultimately, the most deserving were declared the winner and they will soon be invested with the honour. In their victory is written the tales of responsibility to uphold the sanctity of our institution. Above all, the students have been engaged in variety of exceptional learning experiences with visible cognitive benefits.

To quote Dalai Lama "While educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their heart," and I take great pride in claiming that our students have ventured into becoming mindful, reflective individuals who value their relationships above everything else owing to our resolute efforts of instilling The Gaudium core values. I believe that the open, honest relationships that we enjoy between home and school are essential models for our children. I also believe that they serve to reinforce and amplify our efforts, and through alignment they become resonant. This resonance pulls us along and keeps us in harmony. Thus, in our classrooms we see The Gaudium's vision manifested in reality with illustrative examples of students empowered by learning, empowered by values, empowered to act, while remaining firmly grounded by our belief in the five-developmental pillars.



The commencement of the school boarding also marks the start of another glorious educational journey. It has been a remarkable sight to watch our young learners at the boarding taking up ownership of their own learning and overall well-being. It is also noteworthy that we have had an overwhelmingly high rate of admissions this year across all grades. We certainly owe this success to your splendid commendation and laudation. We are and will forever remain grateful to you for trusting us with your child's education and formative edification.

Stay Safe, Dream Big and Celebrate the Small!

**Shalini Singh Hamilton**



# Holistic Excellence - IBDP 2020-22 Results

It's just the  
beginning and we  
have miles to go...



The IBDP results for the academic year 2020-22 have been declared and our students have shown outstanding resilience and dedication to learning, taking up the challenges thrown at them almost at every step of their educational journey. The Gaudium is proud of every single Diploma student who overcame all the hurdles so successfully. We take immense pride in sharing that we have achieved very good results and innumerable individual student performances worthy of unabated applause.

Despite all challenges posed by the pandemic, this is an outcome of the relentless efforts put in by every faculty member, unwavering support from the management and the sheer dint of determination of our dear students.

In this moment of revelry, we express our gratitude to all the stakeholders. Thank you for partnering and supporting us in all our initiatives.

**Varsha Dillikar**  
**Diploma Programme Coordinator**



# Holistic Excellence - For us Success is a journey



## *Congratulations !* **IBDP-2020-22 Results**

*We are proud of our students who triumphed in meeting the rigour of the IBDP curriculum. Thankful to our hardworking teachers and ever supportive parents.*

*Once again we have proved by breaking the World average. Our second cohort has achieved the school average of 33%.*



**Jyotirmayee Bommisetti**  
40/45



**Aaryavardhan Chawla**  
40/45



**Bhavana Kamuri**  
37/45



**Adithya Rakesh**  
37/45

*The Gaudium celebrating the hard work of every student ...  
Just the beginning ... miles to go...*





# Holistic Excellence- Foreign Languages

Bonjour& Ola!!!

At The Gaudium we intend to make the students' journey of the Foreign Languages joyful and fruitful at the same time. Once the students find the teaching learning process meaningful they will automatically be engaged and start taking the initiative for their progress.

In the Foreign Languages department, this year, we have students opting for B SL and Ab Initio SL in French and Spanish. In both the languages the Assessment pattern is the same. The only difference being the timings and the word limit/speaking time. All the four language skills i.e. listening, speaking, reading and writing hold the same weightage of 25% each. Therefore, during the teaching learning process each skill is given equal importance. The students are exposed to various activities to build their language skills and to be able to apply them confidently. Some of the activities include role plays, debates, discussions, presentations, student led classes etc. They are also exposed to watching videos and short films to get them accustomed to the accent of people from various countries/regions. Apart from these the students are given worksheets and study notes regularly during their classes or for practice at home.



As the students are given positive reinforcement of all the concepts and the themes they are ready for any assessment. The school assessments help them prepare for their final IB exams confidently and take the exams joyously.

**Sudha Dutta**  
**Head of Foreign Languages**

# Holistic Excellence – Group 4 Project unpacking opportunities for the young minds...



Students were given complete orientation on the Group 4 project. They were provided with an umbrella topic, Health Science, on which each group of students exhibited their ideas and research to our esteemed Director and Principal, teachers and fellow junior students. The students' work on each criteria of group 4 project will be submitted to the IB as a part of evidence.



# Session on GDC Calculator

## Technology integration in IBDP classes



Technology or in other words application of scientific knowledge changed everything for mankind. So, it is imperative for an ideal classroom to implement adequate technology to improve academic standards and be more prepared for a fast fast changing universe.

Good practice of technology integration gives opportunities for innovative practice, particularly related to collaborative and inquiry-based learning, simulation and community-building among learners. IBDP Year 1 students who will using GDC for various mathematical applications were oriented on its usage and various modes of working.

**Sunitha V**  
**Maths Facilitator**  
**IB MYP & IB DP**

# Core Values- Session on Goal setting

## Goal Setting: Making the invisible visible

Many a times we see people working hard but don't seem to get what they want or desire. One of the important reasons they feel this way is that they haven't spent much time thinking about what they want from life and haven't set a goal. Every individual needs to have a goal in life to be focused and disciplined in life.

The students of DP1 were given a session on “ **Smart Goal setting**” on 27 th July 2022. The aim of the counselling session was to highlight the importance of goal setting in students life . Secondly how to set SMART goals in life ( short term / term goal) , Understanding its importance and planning. The students actively participated in the session. They were also provided with activities to make their planner for their upcoming exams. Through the activities they were able to identify their obstacles and fears and they were taught how to reduce these fear and obstacle to achieve their targets in life.



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Also the session concluded with directing the students to face little obstacles in the path to success which will teach them how to prepare better . So we should never give up because the only ingredient to achieve our goal is to keep trying and believe in ourselves.

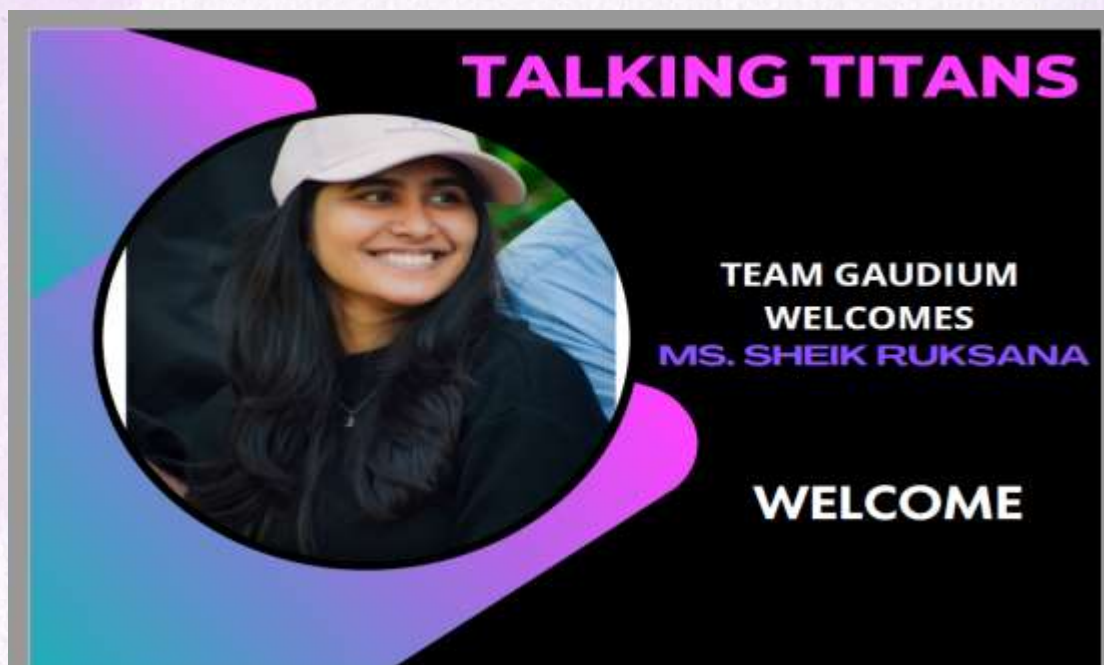
**Ms.Sukanya Das**

**School counsellor & IBDP Psychology facilitator**





# Core Values -Talking Titan



On the 1st July 2022 , as part of the Bonding session, the Talking Titans was conducted on **“Setting goals and prioritizing the objectives to achieve goals”**, for the IBDP students. The guest speaker was a very young Ph.D. Research Scholar from the IIT, Hyderabad. She spoke from her heart and presented interesting anecdotes from her life and career in academics. She also spoke about setting goals and stressed on the practicality of goals. This aspect of her talk was in sync with the SMART goals concept that the pillar of Global Leadership upholds.

# Stake Holder Engagement - Teacher Induction Programme



Beginnings and endings are what make up a story so interesting, so engaging. Similarly, the start of each academic year is crucial to ensure that the upcoming days are used to unlock each child's potential. Just like every other year at The Gaudium, this year too the first two weeks after the summer vacation were dedicated to induct the teachers into the mission, vision and philosophy of the school.



# Teacher Induction Programme



Teachers had sessions on Leadership skills, Core Values, POCSO etc. They had fun and frolic in the various mindfulness activities and Zumba sessions. The PD sessions were aiming at preparing The Gaudium team to make the learning journey of their students the most cherishing and help them evolve as confident global leaders.



# Stakeholder Engagement

## IBDP Year 1 Students' INDUCTION



The new academic year of 2022-23 started with us welcoming the IB DP Year 1 students. The teachers and IBDP Year 2 students under the guidance of the Middle & High School Principal and the Diploma Programme Coordinator created fun-filled activities for the new students so that they could be inducted into the school and curriculum ethos. This induction programme started on the 30th June and went on till the 7th of July. Apart from the ice breaking and team building activities, the new students were also given a glimpse of the Diploma Programme and the rigour of its academic expectations. The new students readily engaged with their teachers and seniors in the induction programme.



# Stakeholder Engagement - Reopening of the school for the Students



The wait for the students to come back to school never felt longer than it felt this year as we were waiting for all the students to come back to the campus for more than 700 days. On the 15th of June, when the students came we could see the mixed feelings of excitement, joy, and confusion among the students, parents and teachers. But one thing seemed certainly evident - each student and teacher felt good to come back to school after the hiatus that the pandemic had pushed us into.



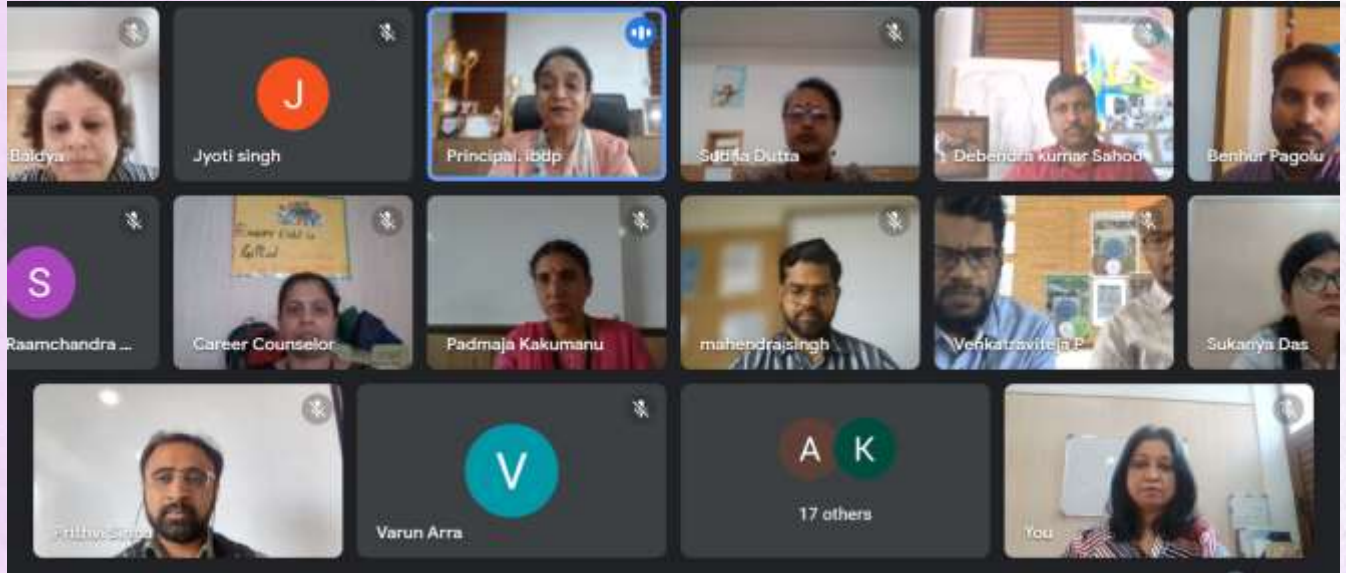
# Stakeholder Engagement - Parent Orientation



The parents of secondary year students were oriented on the senior secondary curricula available at The Gaudium on 11th June 2022. All the parents and students who have taken admission with The Gaudium were invited and briefed about the school's philosophy, vision and mission. The principal of the middle and high school, Ms Shalini Singh Hamilton informed the parents about the various curricula being offered. Followed by this the respective curriculum coordinators gave the details of each curriculum and stated how the educational philosophy of The Gaudium is weaved around each curriculum. For the IB DP, it was the Diploma Programme Coordinator, Ms Varsha Dillikar who discussed the salient features of the IB DP. She also introduced the IBDP teachers to the parents.

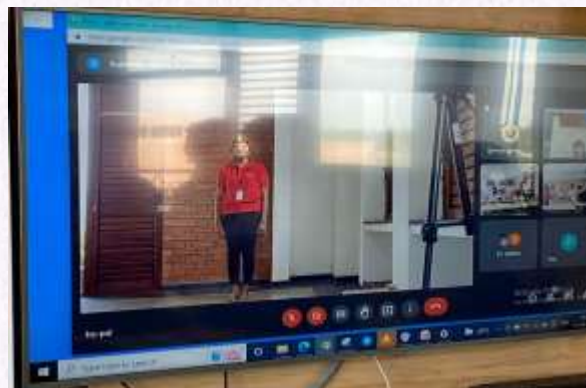


# Stakeholder Engagement – Virtual Parent Orientation for DP1



The Virtual Parent Orientation was conducted on 16th July 2022 for the DP Year 1 students and parents at 10:45 am. It started with the principal's address who briefed them about the School's Vision, Mission and Philosophy. She discussed the core values in detail and assured that everyone has to imbibe these core values in The Gaudium and adhere to them. Her assurance to the parents that we at The Gaudium are always there to support the students made the parents confident and satisfied. Later the Diploma Programme Coordinator took over the mantle and orientated them about all the subjects, she introduced the Class mentors and Co-Class mentors to the parents, explained them about the assessments and deadlines to be strictly followed.

# Mindfulness and Wellbeing - International Yoga Day and World Music Day



On the 21st of June, we the entirety of the middle and high school celebrated the legacy of Yoga and Music, which for ages have been fundamental reasons behind the well being of humans. With that essence in mind, the students came up with songs, dances and most importantly, do-yourself Yoga sessions. This was a recorded event where the middle and high school students watched it from their classrooms.



# Mindfulness and Well being – Substance Abuse Awareness



Substance abuse is one of the leading concerns in adolescence today. Many of the students during this stage of development tend to be tempted towards using drugs mainly due to peer pressure and also curiosity. The session was conducted for grades 9 to 12 across all curriculum, CBSE, IGCSE and DP. The aim of the session was to be aware of the temptations of addiction, and mainly the physical, psychological and social effects of substance abuse. The school counsellor focussed on how substance abuse can alter one's personality. Students were very intrigued to hear the various aspects related to substance abuse.



**Leonie Marshall**  
Head of Learning and Inclusion department.

# Global Leadership – Career Counselling Session



In The Gaudium we always believe that the career counselling is important as it helps the students to choose their right career option. The Career Counsellor Ms. Mahitha Sammeta conducted a career session to grade XII students and explained the importance of college applications and the application requirements of various countries. The points that are covered in the session were:

- Importance of the Academics (IX-XII).
- Importance of the Term/Trail exams.
- Importance of the Extracurricular and Co-curricular activities.
- Preparing for the Standardized test (depending upon the country)
- Importance of Personal Essay
- Country wise application requirements.
- College Application process at Gaudium





# Global Leadership – Career Counselling Session



# Global Leadership - Business Network International



Business Networking International is largest and most successful business networking organisation. It offers members the opportunity to network, share contacts, and, most importantly, business referrals. It provides a structured and supportive system of giving and receiving business referrals. Our Principal, Ms. Shalini Singh Hamilton, was invited as a special guest on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022. She shared her thoughts about how The Gaudium school has been instrumental in changing the lives of the students who are scaling new heights. She explained the 'Happy Minds Model' of the school which creates uniqueness and testimonies our belief system that Holistic excellence can be achieved through an ecosystem of core values, supported by mindfulness and wellbeing involving all stakeholders, so that our global leaders are ready to take quantum leap into the uncertain future. Her visit to the BNI also ensured that as a school we procure the best from our vendors for the students.



# GLOBAL LEADERSHIP - Student Council Election 2022

The Gaudium School is committed to imparting holistic education to the students. It is imperative for each student to experience leadership opportunities during their schooling, to learn the art of building relationships within teams, defining identities, and achieving tasks effectively.

In accordance with the leadership goal that we have 'Student Council Elections 2022-23' were held at The Gaudium School on 22nd July. The council election was a three-day process. The students filed their nomination for various positions on 18<sup>th</sup> July. The students first began with delivering their campaigning speeches for their respective posts on 20th July. The contenders for the various coveted positions made attractive posters to convince the students that they are the right choice for the position. The campaigning speech was followed by Personal Interviews conducted by our Senior Leadership Team and Pedagogical Leadership Team on 21st July. The final stage of the process was the casting of votes by the students and the teachers on 23rd July. These elections provided an opportunity to the students to witness and exercise their fundamental right to vote. Students exercised their right to franchise by choosing the candidates of their choice through Google Form-Ballot Paper. After the toiling of three days of campaigning and casting of votes, the much-awaited results of The Gaudium School Student Council Elections 2022-23 was declared on 26th July 2022.

**Debanita Roy**

***Biology Facilitator - [IBDP/CIE]***

***CAS Advisor and Activity Incharge***



# Global Leadership - Nominee Interviews



The Student Leadership Council is the reverberating heartbeat of one of the Gaudium's five developmental pillars, vis. Global Leadership, which is founded on the aspects of Self-Development, Building Skills and Community action. The Student Council will comprise of student representatives elected after a rigorous process of elimination rounds on their manifesto presentation while campaigning, personal interview with a panel and student and teacher voting.



# Global Leadership - Nominee Interviews



The nominees of the Students Council have been taking great strides to prove their mettle in the battles of equals.

# Global Leadership - Election Process



Students campaigning for their positions...



# Global Leadership - Election Process



Nominees  
giving their  
speeches



# Global Leadership - The Voting Process





# The Mandate



After undergoing an elaborate process of elections, the elected students made it to the final destination and now will be forming the **Student Council** which will take its oath on the Investiture Ceremony which will be held on the 4th of August.

# TGSMUN Chapter One



We proudly announce and bring to you the first edition of the **The Gaudium School Model United Nations**. A Model United Nation is a surreal 3 day experience where students of various ages come together to take their country's stand on a certain agenda. Filled with enthralling debate backed up by hours of research, the learning experience is really one to cherish and remember. The event is integrated by using the various parts of the happy minds model such as Global Leadership and Holistic Excellence.

The event was announced on the 15th of June, although the journey goes a little further back to the 22nd of April and that is where it all began. From decisions on committees to design samples to policy drafts we've all worked our way as a team learning important skills along the way. This experience is certainly one to remember and honestly shows how much it takes to put up an event whether it be the logistics, or the organizing or the designing. As students of IBDP this majorly implicates on our CAS portfolio and on our college applications. CAS shows a glimpse of how many challenges we may face in order to get through with our work in the timely manner, with quality up to the highest standard.

In conclusion, it is an honor for us to be able to host this 3 day conference and set the trend for the many more successful additions to come. Hope to see you all there !

Regards,  
**Mahathi Penmetsa**  
Secretary General  
IBDP 2





# TGSMUN ORIENTATION



To begin the integration of debating into our school, four external resource persons - Timothy Preetham, Saniya SG, Ramal Jagan, and Jahnavi Vantaram visited the school to help our students to understand the voice and opportunity that comes by participating in MUN. They helped our students by making the students relate why it is a wonderful opportunity to be part of the MUN and how it contributes to their college portfolio. The resource persons have also been guiding us through the whole process of MUN and we are also proud that they will be part of our Executive Board in the MUN.

# Onset of the Clubs

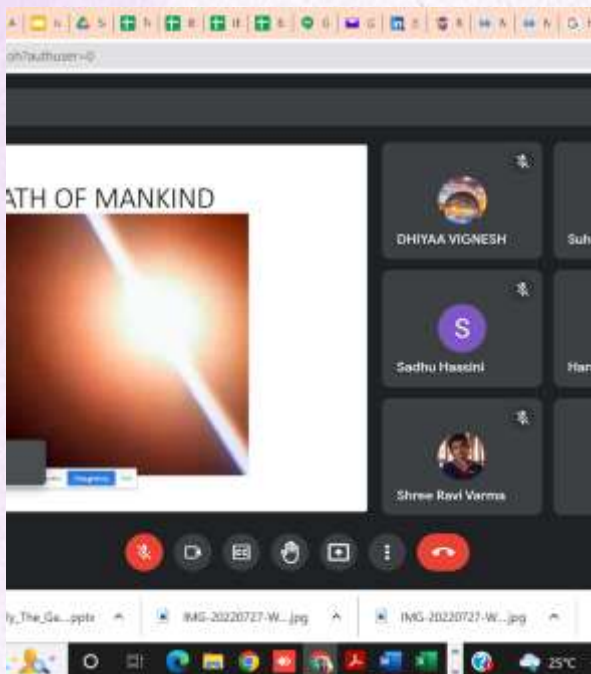
At The Gaudium, our constant pursuit is to provide a platform where the students can realise all their cherished ideals of excellence in every aspect of their educational careers...and Clubs are a great way to achieve that goal! It helps hone skills, foster creative thinking, and teaches one to work effectively in a team.

The Gaudium School is proud to offer 5 exciting clubs this year for the students. It will encourage students to work on fun-filled experiential activities along with their teacher mentors who are the minds behind each Club.



The five Clubs are:

1. Astronomy and Space Research Club
2. Public Speaking and Debate Club
3. Photography Club
4. Tech Club
5. Entrepreneurs' Club





# Upcoming Events...

Date	Day	Event	Grade
5th - 7th August-2022	Friday- Sunday	TGSMUN	DP 1 and DP2
9th August 2022	Tuesday	Muharram Holiday	DP 1 and DP2
12th -15th August 2022	Saturday - Monday	HMUN	DP 1 and DP2
17th - 26th August 2022	Wednesday - Friday	Unit Tests	DP 1 and DP2
29th August 2022	Monday	National Sports day	DP 1 and DP2
30th Aug	Tuesday	Ganesh Chaturthi holiday	DP 1 and DP2

# Links

Our website:

<https://www.thegaudium.com/>

Learning blogs:

<https://www.thegaudium.com/the-learning-blogs/>

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