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IB MYP

Message from Principal

Dear Parents,

It was a great beginning of the academic session in June 2023, with our students returning in their spotless new uniforms, new books and bags and primarily, their joyful smiles.

A new academic block was launched which we call 'B Block' and we are mighty happy with all the new classrooms and soon to be set up staff rooms, additional IT labs and Science labs. At every level, academic work has begun in earnest. Our students of the Senior Classes are having weekly evaluations, soon to be followed by Unit Tests for others.



Along with the induction to new curriculum and approaches for the students, we have been conducting diagnostic assessments to get to understand our learners better. These will be followed up by parent meetings, so that you and the teachers work as a team to support our students. Interhouse events are coming up and we expect all our students to be willing to audition and if chosen/ selected, participate wholeheartedly in the events.

Educational excursions take learning out of the textbooks and classrooms, into the open world. We have therefore arranged for these outings to various interesting organisations such as the NIRD (Aspects of rural development and self efficacy), ICRISAT (UN International Year of Millets 2023), Akshaya Patra (The joy of Seva), the Zoological Park (Ex Situ Conservation of Fauna) etc to give different perspectives to their learning .

The Student Council elections are a highlight of the school year. Our student leaders, elected representatives in a democratic system of E Voting will lead the students in various positions of authority, honing their skills of Global leadership. Preparations are going on for the student elections process.

A number of senior students have been endowed with the responsibility of being Bus Prefects and looking after the wellbeing of the students of their respective vehicles. We admire the solemnity with which the bus prefects have taken up their role.

Teachers have completed close to 100 hours of professional development with face to face sessions in school, the induction programme and online training for academic subjects.

We are joyfully on our way to unravelling one more grand year at school! We look forward to your gracious company and partnering with us on this journey ahead.

Message from MYP Coordinator

IB and ChatGPT

The IB thinks that tools like spell checkers, translators, and calculators will all be powered by artificial intelligence (AI). Therefore, in order to ensure that students use these new AI technologies in an ethical and productive manner, we need to modify and transform our educational programmes and evaluation procedures. The IB will engage with schools to support their students on how to utilise these tools responsibly in accordance with our values of academic integrity but will not outright forbid the usage of such software.

The IB does not consider any work produced—even partially—by such tools to be the student's own. Students should be aware of this. Consequently, it must be made clear that AI-generated text, images, or other content is not.



This incredible new technology shouldn't be viewed as a danger. We must realise that it will become a commonplace tool in our life, just like calculators, translation apps, and spell-checkers, therefore we must modify and alter education to prepare students to use these new AI tools successfully and responsibly.

Teachers are expected to ensure that students will be made aware that the work produced by these technologies is not regarded as their own. Academic dishonesty would result from the submission of AI-generated work under one's own name. But that does not equate to forbidding its use.

Naturally, the teacher would have to explain why it is ethical for them to utilise AI tools but also not for the students to use them to write their assignments, but even this may make for an intriguing ethical lesson.

In the long run, AI is likely to entail that we spend more time understanding, explaining, and analysing problems rather than teaching the mechanics of communication or essay-writing. Instead of being afraid of something, we can appreciate it.

Deepa Chhabra
MYP Coordinator

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ET Education Leadership Summit 2023: Celebrating visionaries in education



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The field of education encompasses a multitude of passionate educators dedicated to realising the aspirations of countless students and parents. Amidst this vibrant landscape, certain exceptional individuals shine bright with their visionary contributions and achievements. In a bid to acknowledge their contributions, Optimal Media Solutions, a division of the Times Group Company, took the initiative to launch the inaugural ET Education Leadership Summit 2023.

Presented by fee payment platform GrayQuest, the event that took place on Friday, turned out to be a glittering affair that honoured outstanding educators and institutions' contributions which played a pivotal role in transforming Hyderabad into a thriving education hub. The event featured two engaging panel discussions: 'Navigating Education Leadership in the Digital Age: Strategies for Success,' and 'Promoting Student-Centered Learning: The Shift in Education Leadership Paradigms.' Panellists included, chief guest of the day **Dr BVR Mohan Reddy** (corporate honcho and Padma Shri awardee), **Dr Santanu Paul**, **Amala Akkineni**, **Bharat Mathukumilli**, **Dr S Anand Reddy**, **Christopher Short**, **Seetha Murthy**, **K Kirthi Reddy**, **Dr Chandrasekhar D P**, **Rishab Mehta**, **Y Sridevi**. Educationist **Harishchandra Prasad** gave the keynote speech.

Adding to the event's grandeur, distinguished badminton player **Sri Kidambi Srikanth** served as the guest of honor and presented awards to deserving leaders in recognition of their significant contributions to the field of education.

NURTURING CHILDREN IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT FOSTERS CURIOSITY, JOY AND HOLISTIC LEARNING

Even as she pursued her studies at Rutgers University in New Jersey, USA, Kirthi Reddy was constantly reminded of the invaluable exposure and experience she gained. The environment, structure, processes, and approach to learning deeply impacted her. What particularly fascinated her was the seamless convergence of various disciplines, encompassing diverse aspects of life, which not only motivated individuals to evaluate their strengths and capabilities but also explore their passions.

As a member of Hyderabad-based Promoter Group, Aurobindo Pharma, Kirthi Reddy knew that she could make a difference. She swiftly realised that the prevailing education system heavily favored rote learning, emphasising memory rather than instilling the joy and satisfaction of genuine learning. This realisation led to the establishment of The Gaudium, a place where learning extends beyond traditional subjects, to include sports, arts and theater, thereby creating a comprehensive educational experience.

Initially established as an experimental venture in one of Hyderabad's emerging hubs, The Gaudium eventually flourished into a full-fledged school set on a sprawling 27-acre campus. Kirthi Reddy firmly believes that expansive space is es-



K Kirthi Reddy-Founder & Director The Gaudium School

sential for children to explore and connect with nature, providing them with an environment conducive to enriched learning. The grand campus offers numerous opportunities for children to pursue their academic, artistic, athletic and theatrical interests.

Kirthi Reddy's vision for The Gaudium is to offer a transformative educational experience that empowers children to discover their true potential, find joy in learning, and become well-rounded individuals in a rapidly evolving world.

Message from ILD Team

Core Values

Scaffolding Academic rigor as a "Life Skill"

Academic rigour refers to a certain standard of excellence that professors or teachers expect from their students. Academic achievement, like getting good grades in school can help students develop important life skills, such as time management and organization.

These skills will be useful later, both in their personal lives and in careers. Academic rigour helps students also develop a sense of punctuality which is very useful in daily life as professionals.

Scaffolding Strategies Students can use to help make learning effective:

Show and tell:

The use of visual aids in learning not only makes learning easy but also enhances memory. It also creates a fun environment for the students to absorb the knowledge faster and better. This improves the memory of the students.

Tap into prior knowledge:

Students could share their hunches, experiences in their personal lives and ideas about the lesson or concept taught. This method would help in remembering the material better because of its application to personal experiences of the student.

Give students time to talk!

Students should be given some time to talk amongst their peers because discussion on the topic helps them verbally make sense of the material and articulate their learning. The think-pair-share, turn-and-talk, triad teams, and structured discussion should be encouraged.

Pause, ask questions, pause, review!

In this interactive way, an idea is shared, and then there is a pause time given for reflection on what was shared, followed by asking a strategic question and finished by a pause again for reflection. This helps in checking the understanding of the concept by the students. Wishing you all the very best to our dear students. Always be joyful, proactive, attentive, and responsible in all that you do.

Warm Regards,

Leonie Marshall,
HOD Inclusion and Learning Diversity Team.
School Counsellor (CBSE)
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MYP 2-5 Parent Orientation

Stakeholder Engagement

We would like to take this opportunity to inform all stakeholders about the happenings in the MYP Parent orientations.

MYP is a skill based curriculum and it gives an opportunity to students to develop skills to be futureready. It is unique as there is freedom to design the course and assessments which gives a chance to experience the critical thinking and creativity by the teacher and student community. To understand more about this curriculum there were two Parent orientations conducted on June 10th for Year 1 MYP in the School campus and June 17th for Years 2 to 5 MYP virtually. It focused on subjects offered, Assessments - Formative and Summative, and assessment schedules, ATL skills, Learner profiles, School policies, etc. We are sure that we have informed and given a clarity on the curriculum and its requirements as well as answered parents' questions to their expectations. Thank you.

Sivarama Sarma. P
Continuum coordinator



Induction Highlights

Stakeholder Engagement

In T.S.Eliot's words, "Every moment is a fresh beginning." The first 11 days of the academic year 2023-2024, welcomed happy faces, old and new, to start with a new zeal, a year of teaching and learning. There were sessions for the staff to induct them into the vision and mission of the school. It began with a stimulating session with M. Pullela Gopichand and continued with a range of in-house sessions like unpacking the five pillars of The Gaudium School, learning First Aid and being mindful of POCSO, to name a few. The induction ended with a hope to unlearn, relearn and discover our true potential.

Sohini Ghosh



International Yoga Day

Mindfulness and Wellbeing



The International Day of Yoga has been celebrated on the 21st June every year, since 2015, and is a recognised event not only in India but all around the world. As part of it our teachers along with parents got an opportunity to participate in a school organised yoga event held on 17 June 2023. All of us felt energized and motivated by the yoga exercises which made a difference by bringing all of us out from the regular classroom environment to a pleasant and peaceful world for some time. It's worth remembering experience and, being in a pose itself will often teach us the greatest lessons – about our breath, strength, patience and acceptance.

Sushmita Mishra



MYP New Parent Orientation

Stakeholder Engagement

We at The Gaudium, make sure to orient parents about curriculum philosophy, and subject choices and update them on many more such requirements through orientations in the beginning of every new academic year. Parents were explained about the previous year's achievements and about the new initiatives the school is engaging for the current academic year and the school policies by our Principal Ms.Sudeshna Chatterjee. MYP Coordinator and Continuum Coordinators oriented parents about the MYP Curriculum and the assessments requirements.

Deepa Chhabra
MYP Coordinator



World Environment Day

Core Values

World Environment Day, which focused on the pressing issue of plastic pollution. This assembly served as a powerful call to action, uniting our school community in a collective effort to beat plastic pollution and create a sustainable future.

The assembly was a testament to the dedication and commitment of our teachers. Through thought-provoking presentations, engaging discussions, and a shared pledge, they ignited a spark within us, inspiring us to become responsible stewards of our environment. The pledge encompassed vital steps such as reducing plastic waste, educating ourselves and others, organizing clean-up activities, collaborating with local organizations, and advocating for change.

Sushmita Mishra



Best out of waste activity

Core Values



In our ongoing commitment to environmental preservation and sustainability, our school organized a remarkable event as part of our World Environment Day celebration: the Best Out of Waste activity. This exciting and innovative event aimed to promote creativity, resourcefulness, and our collective effort to #BeatPlasticPollution. Teachers came together on 5th June to unleash their creativity and make a difference. With a twist that heightened the excitement, participants were given only 20 minutes to complete their creations, encouraging quick thinking, innovative ideas, and effective utilization of materials.

Sushmita Mishra



Caring and Sharing assembly

Core Values

Sharing and Caring: Strengthening the community together.

In the fast-paced world, it's easy to overlook the power of sharing and caring for one another. But fostering a culture of kindness and support is crucial for building stronger communities. Small acts of kindness and support is crucial for building stronger communities. The school year commenced with a beautiful assembly fostering the importance of Caring and Sharing. The students from MYP1 to MYP 5 participated in active discussion and brainstorming, sharing their personal experiences to the word caring.

Archana Shukla



Goal setting – MYP Students

Global Leadership

Students of MYP started their new session 2023-24 with a Global Leadership Activity of Goal Setting so as to keep them focussed and sustain their learning and development. Setting short term and long term goals would help students to create a road map for success. They used the SMART technique of goal setting which are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound.

K.Fathima

MYP I & S Facilitator



Singapore and Asian schools Math Olympiad

Global Leadership

To arouse students' interest in mathematical problem solving to develop mathematical intuition, reasoning, logical, creative, and critical thinking , last year Gaudium school has taken a thoughtful initiative to motivate students to participate in SASMO and make the best of it , we are proud to facilitate few of our students - who won Silver , Bronze and Honorable mention awards .

Sunitha V



Developing French skills in a unique way

Holistic Excellence

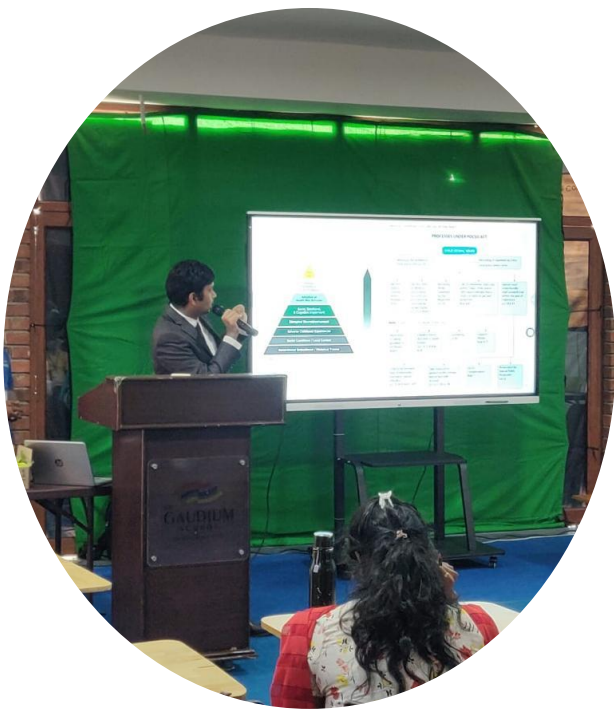
On the 21 st of March 2023 the MYP 4 students had a unique learning experience. The students' vocabulary skills and sentence formation skills were tested through a card game. The students had to frame sentences using different cards. They had to ensure that their sentences were grammatically correct with the nouns matching the determinants as well as the verbs. The students made lot of interesting sentences. They learnt a lot and enjoyed themselves through this game.

Sudha Dutta
HOD Foreign Languages



POCSO Session for teachers

Stakeholder Engagement



SAA – Belonging Project

Global Leadership

The Belonging Project at The Gaudium School was a transformative initiative that aimed to cultivate a culture of caring and sharing among students. This project recognized the importance of fostering a sense of belonging and empathy within the school community. Through various activities and events, students were encouraged to extend their kindness, compassion, and support to one another. The project emphasized the power of small acts of kindness and the impact they can have on individuals and the wider community. Students participated in activities such as sharing personal stories, engaging in collaborative projects, and organizing community service initiatives. These experiences allowed them to develop a deeper understanding of the diverse backgrounds, experiences, and challenges faced by their peers.

Archana Shukla
MYP-DP English facilitator
SAA Coordinator



Bus Prefect Assembly

Global Leadership

"The very essence of leadership is that you have to have vision. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet."

The newly appointed Bus Prefects will be serving as excellent role models to their fellow students, representing the school and will follow all the bus discipline. Prefects must lead by example through exemplary good manners and behaviour, demonstrate the leadership qualities and school values of Respect, empathy, Integrity, Perseverance and gratitude

Dr Zeba Bux



MYP 5 Field Trip - NIRD

Global Leadership



Time to explore outside te classroom



Holistic Excellence



MYP Children involved in various skill building activities



PLT MEET

Stakeholder Engagement



PLT Meetings for
successful year planning

Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event	Grade
7th July	Friday	Field Trip	MYP 1
13th July	Thursday	Inter house competitions(T-Shirt painting & Fireless cooking)	MYP 1 to 3
15th July	Saturday	Inter House Debate Competition	MYP 4 and 5
18th July	Tuesday	Special Assembly	MYP 4 and 5
26th July	Wednesday	Health check	MYP1-5
27th July	Thursday	Student Council Elections	MYP1-5

Links

Our website:

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

Learning blogs:

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

Facebook : For daily updates please like the page.

<https://www.facebook.com/thegaudiumschool/>

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