



# P R I S M

CBSE MS EDITION



March-April 2024

# Message from the Head of the School

Dear Parents,

"I love to rise in a summer morn

When the birds sing on every tree" William Blake

It is that time of year when the sun starts stretching its open arms across our lands and the warm winds start blowing.

Our students of Cambridge and CBSE took their board examinations in Feb-March, and we also conducted the final assessments for the students. MYP and DP students will be completing their assessments and board exams in April and May, followed by the Summer break.

On 14th March, we happily started the academic year 2024-2025 for Cambridge and CBSE, ushering in the 10th year of The Gaudium School.

We bid a nostalgic farewell to our Graduating students of Grade 10 and 12 in a beautiful ceremony on 6th April, in the presence of the Founder Director Kirthi Ma'am and CEO Ramakrishna Sir and our esteemed parents. All our good cheer and blessings to our fledgelings as they take their flight into the wide world of possibilities and opportunities.



On the bedrock of the Happy Minds Model, the school has built its five pillars of Holistic Excellence, Mindfulness and Wellbeing, Core Values, Global Leadership and Stakeholder Engagement to emerge in 10 years as an iconic educational institution, that values JOY to be the ultimate Learning Outcome, and prepares its students for the world at large.

Auspicious as the number 10 is, it denotes new beginnings. So here is to wishing every stakeholder of The Gaudium School a great 10th year of learning and growing!

Have a happy Summer Break and see you all soon!

Ms. Sudeshna Chatterjee

Head of School



# Message from the Coordinator - CBSE MS

As summer's sun slowly transitions from warm to scorching, it is water that soothes our bodies, quenching our thirst and providing relief from the relentless heat. But imagine if water was not there...

Our parched throats would ache, longing for the cool, refreshing taste of a sip of water. The earth would crack beneath our feet, devoid of moisture and life. The vibrant green of trees and plants would fade to a dull brown, as they wither and struggle to survive without water's nourishment.

Life as we know it would be impossible without water. It is the essence of life, essential for our survival and the health of our planet. To emphasize the importance of water, we celebrated World Water Day on March 22nd. Our eighth graders showed us through their efforts that this is a day when we should come together to recognize the significance of water in our lives and reflect on how we can ensure its sustainable management for generations to come. Our water warriors in their propaganda by posters, a mime act and song pledged their efforts to save water.



Our seventh graders were no less. They became advocates of positive change as they raised awareness about Sustainable Development Goals through an assembly. They talked about each goal in detail and showed us how important it was for us to adopt these goals as our own.



# Message from the Coordinator – CBSE MS

Our students are the leaders of tomorrow. By introducing them to the SDGs and to days such as World Water Day, we empower them with the knowledge and awareness needed to become responsible global citizens who can contribute positively to society. Many students were not aware of the global challenges facing our planet, such as poverty, inequality, climate change, and environmental degradation.

Discussing the SDGs helped raise awareness about these issues and their interconnectedness, fostering a sense of urgency and responsibility to address them. As the world faces increasingly complex challenges, it's essential to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and values needed to navigate and address these challenges effectively. These assemblies prepare students to be future-ready, adaptable, and resilient in a rapidly changing world.

Here is to building responsible leaders who are future ready and global citizens who can make a difference to society as envisaged in Gaudium's vision and mission.

Remember, every action counts!

Ms. Anita Sreejit  
Coordinator-CBSE-MS



# Perseverance: A Gateway to Success

Perseverance is defined as the ability to stick with and finish something, even when it's difficult. It's easy to confuse perseverance with stubbornness, but they are two very different things. Stubbornness refers to being unwilling or unable to change one's mind or way of thinking about something; this can lead a person down the wrong path without realizing it until it is too late. Persevering involves taking steps toward your goal every day until you reach it—and then celebrating! Perseverance can be learned. There are plenty of ways for us all learn how not only survive but thrive under pressure:

**Perseverance can help students succeed in school-** Perseverance is an important skill that can help students succeed in school. When you persevere, you keep trying even when things get hard. Students who have the perseverance to stick with something until they succeed are more likely to get good grades and go on to college than those who give up easily. They're also more likely to graduate from college once they get there!

**Perseverance leads to success at home and in school -** The ability to persevere is an important quality to have in school and at home. Let's look at how perseverance helps students achieve success in school:

- Students who persevere can stay focused on their studies even when they encounter obstacles or setbacks along the way. The key here is not giving up when things get difficult; instead, students must find ways around these challenges so they can keep moving forward towards their goal(s).
- Those with perseverance tend not only achieve better grades but also show improvement over time as they continue working hard at whatever challenges come up along their path towards success.

**Conclusion -** Perseverance is a key trait to have, not just in school but in life. It will help you succeed at home and in school, as well as in future jobs or careers. Perseverance means that you'll stick with something even when it's difficult or painful—and that kind of dedication pays off!

Ms. Leonie Marshall

HOD ILD

School Counsellor



# Holistic Excellence



**ISB sessions** - Workshops on various topics like Global Citizenship, Stem and Robotics and Coding was conducted by ISB for our teachers to equip them with the fundamental and intrinsic knowledge in those fields. The sessions were accompanied with various group activities like poster making and presentations that made it interactive and engaging. Teachers were also given a run through of the syllabus and worksheets for each topic pertaining to different grades.



**Pi day** - The new academic year commenced with the celebration of Pi day. Students recalled what is Pi and understood the application of Pi in everyday life. Students engaged in group activity and produced creative posters related to Pi day .





# Holistic Excellence



**ICT** - Students of grade VII and VIII are enjoying their learning in Animation and Photoshop



**Academic Review meeting** - The results of students were analysed by our Principal ma'am in the presence of all the teachers. Subject wise and class wise analysis was done. Identification of the areas of improvement and affirmative actions in various subjects was discussed to upgrade the results in future.



# Holistic Excellence



**Setting goals** is an effective way to increase motivation and to help create the desired change. In order to lead the students to carve a definite pathway to achieve their goal and motivate them to work on it, students were given goal setting sheets wherein they jotted down their short term and long-term goals. With the help of their class mentors, they wrote down their SMART goals and their strategies to overcome the potential impediments.



**Science** - Students unlocked the secrets within nature by engaging themselves in an exciting lab activity wherein they explored stomata and guard cells. They had dived into the fascinating world of plant physiology as they observed those microscopic structures in action. In addition to that students learnt how they regulated gas exchange and played a crucial role in plant survival. During their laboratory session, students enthusiastically observed and classified various microorganisms such as euglena, entamoeba histolytica, yeast, and euglena, marvelling at the distinctive traits exhibited by these diminutive creatures.





# Holistic Excellence



**Grade VIII** - Rational numbers activity on types of numbers Students define the different types of numbers like natural numbers, whole numbers and rational numbers and show that both natural and whole numbers are also rational numbers

**Grade VII** - Students made a 10/10 grid and represent the given fractions and decimals by converting them into like fractions and show on the grid using appropriate colours



**Unveiling Nature's Magic:** Our latest experiment proves the power of chlorophyll! Witness green parts' remarkable photosynthesis ability in action, illuminating the wonders of plant life.



# Mindfulness and Wellbeing



**Separation Anxiety Among Boarding Students** - Boarding schools, institutions where students live within the premises while being provided education, have long been esteemed for their rigorous academic programs and character- building environments. However, the transition to such settings can be particularly challenging for some students, triggering what is known as separation anxiety. This psychological condition is characterized by excessive worry and fear about being apart from home or from those to whom the individual has a strong emotional attachment. While separation anxiety is commonly associated with younger children, it can also significantly affect older children and teenagers, particularly those adjusting to the boarding school environment. The ILD team at The Gaudium School addresses this concern with the boarding students at school on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 to support their mental health and wellbeing through a group session entitled "Separation Anxiety Among Boarding Students." Where they talk to the students about the meaning of separation anxiety, its symptoms and coping strategies followed by a very interesting team-building and friendship activity. The session was a great success, where students opened up and interacted with the counsellors.





# Core Values



**Class assemblies** - Our school assemblies on integrity and mindfulness were truly inspiring. The students learned about the importance of being honest, respectful, and responsible individuals. They also learned how to be present in the moment and cultivate a sense of calm and focus in their daily lives. These assemblies were a great way to promote positive values and help students become better versions of themselves.



**World water day assembly by Grade VIII** - The school assembly on World Water Day was a great success, thanks to the efforts of the Grade 8 students. They presented a wonderful mix of songs, mime, and talks on the topic, which highlighted the importance of conserving water and protecting our planet. The audience was thoroughly engaged and inspired by their performance.



# Core Values



**SDG's assembly by Grade VII** - Our school recently organized an assembly to promote the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). During the assembly, students shared inspiring stories and examples of how the SDGs are being implemented around the world. The choir also performed a song that represented the 17 SDGs. The main objective of this assembly was to raise awareness among the students and motivate them to make a positive impact. Overall, it was a great initiative taken by the school to promote sustainable development.



**World Autism Awareness Day - Mime**- Increasing awareness about autism among students is crucial for fostering acceptance, empathy, and inclusion. By educating ourselves and others about the diversity of neurodevelopmental conditions, we can create a more supportive and understanding environment where every individual feels valued and accepted for who they are. Let us embrace differences and celebrate the unique strengths of all members of our community, including those with autism.





# Core Values



**Assembly on "World Earth day"** - The students of Grade VIII CBSE conducted the assembly for World Earth day on 19th April 2024. Thought for the day, Skit, song, and interesting information on Earth day gave more insights to the students and it was a memorable event.



# Global Leadership

## Poem on SDG (Featuring all 17 goals) - By Kenisha Das of VII A, CBSE

17 UNSD Goals

Each of them plays an important role!

### 1<sup>st</sup> , No Poverty

Gotta make sure all got money!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> , No Hunger

A good meal provides a good slumber

### 3<sup>rd</sup> , Good Health & Well - Being

Please make sure your heart's still beating!

### 4<sup>th</sup> , Quality Education

Educated people build our nation!

### 5<sup>th</sup> , Gender Equality

To no gender should you show partiality!

### 6<sup>th</sup> , Clean Water & Sanitation

To be hygienic, there should be no hesitation!

### 7<sup>th</sup> , Affordable and Clean Energy

To build a great team, you require synergy!

### 8<sup>th</sup> , Decent Work & Economic Growth

Enables us to march forth!

### 9<sup>th</sup> , Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure

Is the backbone for a better future!

### 10<sup>th</sup> , Reduced Inequalities

Don't take this goal with frivolity!

### 11<sup>th</sup> , Sustainable Cities & Communities

Sustain all cities, be rewarded with prosperity!

### 12<sup>th</sup> , Responsible Consumption & Production

For this goal, there's no place for any inaction!

### 13<sup>th</sup> , Climate Action

Combat climate change to save Earth from destruction!

### 14<sup>th</sup> , Life Below Water

Quick, this otter needs a doctor!

### 15<sup>th</sup> , Life on Land

Against all threats, we all bravely stand!

### 16<sup>th</sup> , Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions

Don't underestimate the power of legal decisions!

### 17<sup>th</sup> , Partnerships for the Goals

Remember that each of us plays an important role.



# Global Leadership

## Rewards and Recognitions

Congratulations!

We are delighted to inform you that our student, **A. Suhas Reddy** of Grade-VII-B has now become a published author with **Scholastic Writers Academy**.

Scholastic Writers Academy, identifies and nurtures talented writers from across the country. The 10-day mentorship programme, under the able guidance of Literary Experts, helps writers hone their skills, provides them with a reader's perspective and molds them into becoming published authors. We are had an e-Book launch for '**Little Bits of Magic**', on Friday 15 March 24.



**BOOK LAUNCH**

## Little Bits of Magic

20 AUTHORS | 20 STORIES | 1 DREAM

**JOIN US** Friday, 15 March 24, 5:30 PM

**f LIVE**



Saachi Gupta,  
Mentor



Ms. Jyoti Nambiar,  
Vice Principal, Delhi Public School,  
Indore



Neeraj Jain  
Managing Director  
Scholastic India

According to a recent article in **the Times of India**, our school has been making waves in the local community. The article notes the school's commitment to providing a well- rounded education, focusing on academic excellence and social responsibility. It also highlights the school's success in producing confident, capable graduates who are well- prepared for the challenges of the modern world.



The clipping features a large headline and several columns of text. It includes a photograph of a school building and a sports field. The text discusses the school's commitment to holistic education, mentioning various extracurricular activities and the school's focus on developing well-rounded individuals. It also highlights the school's success in producing confident and capable graduates.





# Global Leadership



## IDE bootcamp workshop attended by the Computer Science teachers

"Innovation, Design, and Entrepreneurship (IDE) Bootcamp" was hosted by Vardhaman College of Engineering, Hyderabad and supported by apex bodies such as AICTE and their esteemed knowledge partner, Wadhvani Foundation. This bootcamp gave an enriching experience that will equip teachers with valuable insights and skills in the fields of innovation, design, and entrepreneurship



## Anti-Narcotics workshop attended by the ILD team

The ILD team attended a workshop on Anti-Narcotics on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2024, which was conducted by the Hyderabad police. There were more than 1000 representatives from various schools, NGO's and corporate sector as well. The session was very informative, the guest speakers spoke about the physical, psychological and social effects of substance abuse, how does drugs have an adverse effect on the economy thus affecting the world at large.





# Global Leadership



**Understanding teenagers:** Aim and objective of the session was to sensitize teachers on skills to deal with teenage challenges. The session started with a mindfulness activity. Followed by a PPT on the various challenges students undergo physically, mentally and socially. The next segment of the session was an activity where teachers were divided into groups of 5. We had 11 such groups across CBSE and CIE teachers. Each group was given a case history based on counselling cases. Teachers of each group then shared their opinions on each case.

**SPORTS CORNER**  
This young Hyderabad athlete is all set to conquer the world

## Hyderabad's Gymnastic Sensation!

**Nishka Agarwal**, a 16-year-old gymnast and student at The Gaudium School, was first introduced to the sport at seven years. As a child, she did not think much of it other than as a fun/fitness activity that she got to explore at summer camps (at LB Stadium). However, as she neared the age of 12, and showed immense discipline and promise, with guidance from acclaimed gymnast Aruna Reddy and her now coach Manoj Rana, she began to consider taking up gymnastics professionally.

Born to Praveen and Aditi Agarwal, the Hyderabad athlete has won multiple gold medals within eight years. She has been awarded at district, state, national, and international levels in the junior category for artistic gymnastics, which includes four events namely table vault, balancing beam, uneven bar, and floor exercise.

**THE ROUTINE**  
Nishka trains for nearly five to six hours a day. Her training involves hyper-stretching exercises divided into two sessions, one in the morning and the other in the evening. Regarding food intake, Nishka does not follow a strict diet but does make sure to avoid "junk food" and stick to proteins.

**WINS SO FAR**  
Some of her recent gold medal hauls include ones for the Junior National Championship held at Odisha; the Khelo India Youth Games, in Chennai; and the International Pharaohs Cup for Artistic Gymnastics held in Cairo, Egypt. Of her one-of-a-kind experience in Cairo last year, the young prodigy who just transitioned into the senior category shares, "It felt like a new step for me, taking part internationally for the first time."

**STAYING GROUNDED**  
Being thrust upon the world stage has not just been a whirlwind of an experience for Nishka, but also for her parents who have been her supportive guardian angels doing everything they can to make sure their daughter lives out her dream. When asked how they help keep Nishka stay grounded, her mother Aditi shares, "Nishka has always been a very grounded child. Even when it came to studies, she was interested in it personally. The way she has managed it all has been beautiful to see."

**LINED-UP NEXT...**  
Moving forward, Nishka, who just finished her tenth board examination, will be seen continuing her schooling while gearing up for the Asian championship that will be held in May. After which she will be tirelessly preparing for the Commonwealth Games and the Olympics. ■ IPSHITA



# Global Leadership



**Nurturing Next-Gen Skills at Bright Champs** - In an engaging orientation session, Bright Champs introduced its innovative learning programs, including robotics, coding, and financial literacy to ignite knowledge and growth in young learners.



**Teacher friendly technology** - The technology for teacher's sessions held in our school was very informative and helpful. The teachers learned about new tools and techniques to integrate technology into their teaching practices. These sessions were a great way to enhance their skills and keep up with the changing trends in education. The teachers left the sessions feeling empowered and excited to apply what they learned in their classrooms.





# Global Leadership



**Celebrating Excellence: NCO and SOF Awards-** Our exceptional young students have once again made us immensely proud! In the recently concluded National Cyber Olympiad (NCO) and Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF) exams, our students secured top honours. Their unwavering dedication and exceptional problem-solving skills shine brightly, further strengthening our commitment to nurturing future leaders. We extend our heartiest congratulations to our award-winning champs!



**Triumph at Padhya Prasthan: Venkat Shines!** - In the recently concluded Padhya Prasthanam competition, our very own B. Venkat Reddy from Class VII A, CBSE secured an impressive 2nd place. Venkat's dedication, hard work, and exceptional performance have made us immensely proud. His journey to this achievement was marked by countless hours of preparation, unwavering focus, and a passion for knowledge.



# Global Leadership



**Rewards and Recognitions** - On the final day of the academic year, the school filled with the sound of loud applause and cheers as teachers were presented with awards and recognitions. These accolades were a heartfelt tribute to the teachers' unwavering dedication and their impact on students' lives. It was a moment of gratitude and celebration that highlighted the collective achievements of the school community. This marked a successful end to the academic year.





# Stakeholder Engagement



The **3-way conference** after the term 2 examination was a success, with all participants - parents, teachers, and students - effectively engaging in meaningful discussions. The conference provided an opportunity for parents to learn about their child's progress, for teachers to provide feedback, and for students to reflect on their learning journey. Overall, the conference was beneficial in promoting collaboration and enhancing the learning experience.



As part of the **Women's Day celebration**, our organization recently invited an IT professional Ms. Sireesha Peyyeti who spoke about women's empowerment. She highlighted how women can empower themselves by taking charge of their careers and seeking out opportunities to learn and grow. Her insights were truly inspiring and left a lasting impact on all those who attended the event.



# Stakeholder Engagement



**Setting up your classroom (the physical, social and emotional aspects of a classroom)** - To ensure optimal classroom environments for students' learning and development, a workshop was conducted by CBSE coordinator, Ms. Anita Sreejit, in collaboration with Ms. Sunitha Indukuri. Recognizing that a well-designed classroom not only impacts students' physical comfort but also their emotional and social well-being, the workshop focused on crafting effective layouts and seating arrangements conducive to enhanced learning experiences.



**Boarding students- Outing to BBQ nation** - A group of our boarding students recently enjoyed a delightful evening at Barbeque Nation. The Restaurant's lively ambience and mouth-watering grills set the perfect atmosphere for the students to bond over delicious food and shared laughter. It was a memorable gastronomic adventure filled with camaraderie and culinary delights!





# Stakeholder Engagement



**Session on 5 Pillars -** Teachers recently learned about the 5 pillars of education: Core Values, Holistic Excellence, Global Leadership, Stakeholder Engagement, and Mindfulness and Well-being. By incorporating these pillars into their teaching practices, teachers can create a nurturing and supportive learning environment that benefits their student's well-being and success.



**Introduction of new team heads for new academic year-** The declaration of heads of departments in a school is an important process that helps to ensure effective management of the institution. These individuals are responsible for overseeing the academic programs in their respective departments, as well as ensuring that teachers are providing quality education to students. Their leadership and guidance play a critical role in shaping the overall success of the school.



# Stakeholder Engagement



**Empowering Educators: Professional Development Sessions** – Our committed teachers have recently taken part in enriching Professional Development (PD) sessions. These sessions have covered a wide range of topics, ranging from social-emotional learning to digital instruction, as well as effective classroom management. As we continue to grow, our dedication to lifelong learning remains steadfast. We applaud our enthusiastic educators!



During the recent **policy review meeting**, our community came together to discuss ways to promote inclusivity, academic excellence, and student well-being. The meeting focused on refining guidelines to create a more vibrant and supportive learning environment. Teachers were encouraged to participate, as their input would be valuable in shaping the school's future policies.





# Upcoming events

DATE	DAY	EVENT	CLASSES
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Monday	School Re-open	Grade 9 to Grade 12
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday	School Re-open	Grade 4 to Grade 8
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday	School Re-open	Grade 1 to Grade 3
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Friday	School Re-open	Nursery & PP1 (school familiarization)
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday	School Re-open	PP2 and Whole school (Nursery to Grade 12)



# LINKS

## **Our website:**

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

## **Social Media:**

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

<https://www.youtube.com/c/Thegaudiumschool>

<https://www.instagram.com/thegaudiumhyd/>

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