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Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents and The Gaudium Community,

I am delighted to share with you some of the encouraging highlights of the report issued on Foundational Standards of The Gaudium School by **NEASC** (The New England Association of Schools & Colleges) which '*partners with schools to co-create the future of education through purposeful accreditation focused on high-quality learning for all students*'. Set up in 1885, NEASC serves institutions in over 90 countries.

The Visitors noted that The Gaudium School's vision, mission, and guiding statements are '*widely understood across the community, articulating a clear learning purpose through its pathways and commitment to holistic development. The school demonstrates a shared operational definition of learning that has overarching impacts that shape the learning in the school. Five core developmental pillars help to drive the mission at the school, and the intention of the "Happy Minds Model" is to embed social-emotional wellbeing into learning design, instruction, and school culture'.*

In offering a comprehensive co-curricular sports program as part of its learning opportunities, '*the school cultivates a joyful educational setting for learning.*



Students actively nurture growth outside the classroom alongside their academic journey'.

'The shared understanding of the school's vision for learning is visibly displayed throughout the campus'.
It was heartening that the report read 'Conversations with parents and students indicated that *the strong extra-curricular programs are a part of the reason the school was chosen.* These programs complement the three academic pathways that are offered: the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE); the International Baccalaureate (IB); and Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE), allowing students and families to choose a curriculum that best aligns with their aspirations and learning needs.

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It was reported that '*The school demonstrates a clear forward-looking vision of learning, and this is evident in its development of a new space exploration program, a dedicated space lab area, art integration, plans for a new design room, and their visiting masterclasses.*'
Academic policies of The Gaudium School 'emphasize inclusion, equity, academic integrity, and continuous improvement for learning.'

The report further stated ' The conversations and documentation show there is a clear structured admissions process, successful onboarding for families, and student support policies that ensure inclusion in learning across all school sections'.

'The Gaudium School creates a holistic learning community that is dedicated to advancing student safety and supporting physical, social, and emotional wellbeing within, and around, their premises. Comprehensive policies and effective procedures ensure a secure learning environment campus wide. Necessary onboarding processes prepare all staff in child protection practices, and community stakeholders consistently express feeling valued, supported, and secure'.

The Visitors very kindly acknowledged the entire Gaudium School community for the very welcoming and hospitable manner throughout the visit. In their words, '**The Gaudium School is a community that actively lives its mission of joyful holistic education' and 'the committed leadership, staff, and students who are dedicated to continually improving learning**' ahead of its accreditation process and the adoption of the ACE transformative framework.

Source: NEASC Foundation Standards Report, 27th October, 2026

While October, the month of festivities comes to a close, we wish our dear parents, students and staff members the blessings of the season of light and the removal of all the darkness from our lives.

Sudeshna Chatterjee
Head of School

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Message from the Center Head

Dear Parents,
Greetings from the Gaudium School!

October was a month filled with meaningful learning experiences, creativity and opportunities to strengthen connections between home and school.

The month began with the Student-Led Conferences (SLC), where students confidently shared their learning journeys, reflections and achievements with their parents, demonstrating ownership and pride in their learning.

Our Early Years learners enjoyed a special Grandparents' Day celebration, creating beautiful memories through shared activities and joyful interactions. The celebration helped children stay connected to their roots, appreciate family traditions and cherish the wisdom and experiences passed down through generations.

As part of their Units of Inquiry, students explored different cultures, traditions, languages and ways of life. The Culture Day celebration brought students, parents and teachers together to share their cultural backgrounds and traditions.

These authentic experiences helped children appreciate their own identities, respect diversity and strengthen their international-mindedness.



The Farmers' Market was another highlight, where students showcased their creativity by making artefacts and handmade products.

As partners in learning, we can continue these conversations at home by sharing family stories, celebrating traditions, exploring the cultures and traditions of different countries, and encouraging children to respect diverse perspectives

Together, let us nurture learners who remain connected to their roots while embracing international-mindedness and growing into open-minded, caring and responsible global citizens.

Sapna Mehrotra
Center Head & IBPYP Coordinator
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School Philosophy- 5 Developmental Pillars

Mindfulness and Well-being:

Mindfulness and wellbeing play an important role in helping children stay active, healthy, and happy. As part of our wellbeing sessions, students participated in a variety of traditional games, including Hopscotch, Follow the Leader, Freeze Tag, Simon Says, and Passing the Ball. These fun-filled activities encouraged physical movement, coordination, balance, listening skills, teamwork, and cooperation. The games also helped students develop confidence, follow instructions, and enjoy learning through play.





Alongside physical activities, students explored simple breathing exercises and listened to soft, soothing music to experience moments of calm and relaxation. They also participated in identifying happy and sad facial expressions, which helped them recognise and understand basic emotions. These activities encouraged emotional awareness and provided opportunities for students to express their feelings in a safe and supportive environment.

Through this meaningful blend of physical play and mindfulness, students learned the importance of keeping both their bodies and minds healthy. The sessions created a joyful classroom atmosphere where children felt safe, relaxed, connected, and happy while developing essential skills for their overall wellbeing.

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School Philosophy- 5 Developmental Pillars

Core value :

Our Nursery learners explored the value of **Gratitude** through fun-filled and meaningful activities. They sang thank-you songs, shared their favourite things, practised expressing appreciation through kind words and gestures, and created their own "Thankful Hands." These experiences helped children recognise the little things that bring joy to their lives and understand the importance of saying "Thank you." Through these activities, our young learners began developing kindness, appreciation and a thankful attitude towards the people and things around them.





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School Philosophy- 5 Developmental Pillars

Holistic Excellence:

Holistic excellence lies at the heart of nurturing confident, independent and lifelong learners. Life skills experiences fostered independence, self-confidence and responsibility, while Oxford Reading Tree (ORT) nurtured a love for reading, strengthened early literacy skills and encouraged students to explore stories with curiosity. Pottery provided opportunities for creative expression, experimentation and learning through exploration, while outdoor learning spaces inspired students to ask questions, investigate their surroundings and make meaningful connections with nature. These enriching experiences empowered students to become active participants in their learning, make decisions, collaborate with peers and develop a strong sense of ownership, laying the foundation for lifelong learning.





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School Philosophy- 5 Developmental Pillars

Global Leadership :

Our learners practiced leadership through daily classroom responsibilities, organizing resources, and caring for their learning spaces. They enthusiastically participated in Grandparents' Day celebrations, strengthening intergenerational connections and a sense of belonging. During the Student-Led Conference, they confidently showcased their classrooms and learning experiences to their parents and grandparents, developing communication skills, independence, and ownership of learning.





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School Philosophy- 5 Developmental Pillars

Stakeholder Engagement :

The school community came together to celebrate Grandparents' Day, strengthening intergenerational bonds as children expressed their love and gratitude. The Farmers' Market offered hands-on learning about buying, selling and the role of farmers in providing fresh produce. The Student-Led Conferences empowered children to showcase their learning, reflect on their progress and share their achievements with parents. Together, these experiences nurtured student agency, confidence, communication skills and meaningful family and community connections.









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Learning and Teaching- Month Review

Unit of Inquiry:

Transdisciplinary Theme:
Who we are- Family

Central Idea:
Family relationships contribute to shaping our identity

Lines of Inquiry:

- Family and its characteristics
- Responsibilities within the family
- Ways families influence our identity

Specified Concepts:
Form
Responsibility
Causation

Learner profile :
Caring, Open -minded, Reflective.

Unit of Inquiry:

As part of our ongoing Who We Are – Family unit, this month, students explored the concepts of small and big families through engaging discussions and a Show and Tell activity, where they shared photographs of their family members. They also participated in a mirror activity, observing their reflections and comparing their features with those of their parents, helping them recognise family resemblances.

Students explored family responsibilities through storytelling, role-play, and learning stations focused on everyday routines. Through the story of Tara, they understood how family members work together to keep their homes organised and support one another. These learning engagements encouraged students to reflect on how they can contribute to their own family responsibilities and how each member plays an important role in family life.

Transdisciplinary Language:

Students explored the Jolly Phonics Group 2 letters K and E through engaging songs, sounds, and stories. They were introduced to vocabulary such as king, kite, key, and kangaroo for letter /k/, and elephant, egg, envelope, and eggplant for letter /e/. Through interactive learning engagements, children practised letter recognition, sound pronunciation, and picture identification. They also explored letter formation, strengthening their early literacy skills and phonemic awareness.

Transdisciplinary Math :

Students explored patterns through actions, blocks, colours, natural objects, and beads. They engaged in hands-on learning experiences, discovering and creating patterns independently.

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Learning and Teaching- Month Review

Children developed their understanding of simple patterns using two colours, shapes, and actions. Students were introduced to number 10 through number rhymes, actions, counting, and formation. These play-based experiences strengthened their early mathematical understanding and confidence.

Drama:

Learners explored family responsibilities and routines through role-play and mime. They practised following simple sequences of actions and represented familiar family activities through movement and gestures. Learners also explored family traditions and celebrations through movement, song and simple storytelling. These experiences supported the development of Communication and Self-management ATL skills, as learners expressed ideas, followed actions and participated in imaginative play with growing confidence.

PE:

Students explored jumping on the spot and forward jumps, developing gross motor coordination,balance, body control, strength, and spatial awareness. They developed self-management skills through maintaining balance and practising safe landings, thinking skills by exploring different movement patterns, communication skills by listening to instructions and sharing their experiences, and social skills through cooperation and turn-taking. Students demonstrated the Learner Profile attributes of being Inquirers by exploring different movements, Communicators by expressing their experiences, and Caring by supporting their peers and respecting shared space.

Music:

Students reflected their learning to a variety of natural sounds,(birds chirping, thunder, wind, and rain). Students revisited rhymes with the teacher. They shared their reflection on their learning and demonstrated Communication Skills and Thinking Skills. Attributes of learner profile- Communicators, Thinkers and Reflection.

Visual Arts:

Learners explored different art forms, with a focus on printing using everyday objects and natural materials like leaves to create patterns and textures. They also shaped and moulded clay to create Tic-Tac-Toe games for the Farmers' Market. These hands-on experiences encouraged creativity, curiosity, and experimentation, helping learners develop as Inquirers and Risk-Takers while exploring the concepts of Form and Connection.

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Learning and Teaching- Month Review

Dance:

During this month, our little learners enjoyed exploring different dance movements through Animal Dance, Paca Paca (Chicken Dance) and other action songs. They experimented with body movements, different postures, rhythm, speed and coordination while responding to music and instructions. Through animal-inspired movements, they explored ways of using their bodies to represent different animals and their actions. They also practised moving in different directions, maintaining balance and coordinating their hand and leg movements. As Risk-takers, Communicators and Caring learners, they confidently explored new movements, expressed themselves through dance and enjoyed moving and learning together.

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Learning and Teaching-Month Review

Unit of Inquiry:

As part of the Who We Are unit, children shared their experiences about family members and explored the concept of small and big families. Through role-play and engaging conversations, they learned how family members live together, support one another, and contribute to family life.









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Learning and Teaching-Month Review

TD Language:

Students explored the letters /k/ and /e/through fun, hands-on learning experiences. They practised letter recognition, phonics sounds, and vocabulary through engaging songs and activities while reinforcing Jolly Phonics Group 1 sounds.









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Learning and Teaching-Month Review

TD Math:

Students learned number 0 and 10 this month .They explored patterns and reinforced number recognition from 0 to 10. They also practised identifying zero and understanding its quantity through hands-on learning engagements.








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Learning and Teaching-Month Review

Drama:

During drama sessions, Nursery children explored different emotions through expressions, gestures, and role-play, building their confidence and ability to express feelings.








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Learning and Teaching-Month Review

Dance:

Students explored music and movement through lively dance sessions and creative actions. They strengthened their rhythm, body coordination, and confidence while expressing themselves through movement.








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Learning and Teaching-Month Review

Library:

During library sessions, children enjoyed family-themed stories featuring the Robinsons and Peppa Pig families. These engaging read-alouds helped them make meaningful connections with their ongoing Who We Are – Family unit.









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Learning and Teaching-Month Review

Music:

Students joyfully explored music and movement through Finger Family and other familiar songs, accompanied by actions and gestures. These experiences nurtured their rhythm, coordination, confidence, and active participation.









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Learning and Teaching-Month Review

Visual Arts:

Children explored a creative painting experience using earbuds, experimenting with colours and creating unique patterns while expressing their creativity.









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Learning and Teaching-Month Review

PE:

Children enjoyed running, stretching, and passing through hoops during engaging physical activities. These experiences helped develop their gross motor skills, balance, coordination, and body awareness.








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ORT - Holistic Excellence

ORT :

Children enjoyed ORT story sessions and independently explored picture books, developing their listening skills, imagination, and love for reading.









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Pottery : Holistic Excellence

Pottery :

Students explored clay through pottery, enjoying a rich sensory experience. Moulding and shaping the clay strengthened their fine motor skills and encouraged creativity.








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Life Skills - Holistic Excellence

Life Skills :

Students practised life skills by peeling bananas,tying shoelaces and fastening buttons, developing their fine motor skills, coordination, and independence in everyday routines.









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Outdoor Learning Space- Loose parts Play

Children explored loose-parts play using natural objects, colourful stones, blocks and cardboard tracks, creating, arranging and experimenting through open-ended exploration. This learning engagement nurtured creativity, problem-solving, spatial awareness, fine motor skills and imaginative thinking.













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Outdoor Learning Space

Children engaged in active play using tunnels, big blocks and sand, exploring, building and experimenting through hands-on experiences. This learning engagement strengthened their gross motor skills, spatial awareness, coordination, creativity and problem-solving skills.













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Guest Talk - Stakeholder Engagement

Guest Talk:

Nursery children participated in an engaging guest talk on the importance of family, exploring how family members care for and support one another in everyday life. Through interactive discussions and lively rhymes, they learned about small and big families and enjoyed sharing their thoughts and experiences.









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Student Led Conference-Stakeholder Engagement

Our little learners enthusiastically participated in the Student-Led Conference, showcasing their talents, creations and learning experiences to their parents and family members. They confidently explained the concepts they had explored and demonstrated their skills using the displayed learning resources. This experience fostered student agency, confidence and communication skills while celebrating their learning journey.









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Grandparents Day Celebration-Stakeholder Engagement

Grandparents Day:

Grandparents' Day was celebrated with music and movement, rangoli making, and a vintage show, creating joyful moments for everyone. Grandparents shared their love and heartfelt feelings for their grandchildren, making the celebration truly special and memorable.













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Farmers Market 2026 - Stakeholder Engagement

The Gaudium School Farmer's market 2026 was a vibrant celebration of creativity , collaboration and experiential learning. Through thoughtfully designed stalls , handmade decoration and student led initiatives, learners brought their ideas to life.

The experience nurtured essential skills such as team-work, communication, spatial reasoning and problem solving.Turning learning in to meaningful real world experience.

Growing young Minds, Planting ideas today, Nurturing tomorrow's changemakers!



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Farmers Market - Stakeholder Engagement

Our little nursery learners are enthusiastically preparing to showcase their creativity at the Farmers' Market. As part of the preparation, they are participating in colouring cups, which will be transformed into colourful rattles for the market. Through this hands-on learning engagement, children are exploring their creativity, strengthening their fine motor skills and taking pride in their work. They are also developing confidence and communication skills as they get ready to present their handmade creations to the community.









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Learning and Teaching- Month Ahead

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Unit of Inquiry :

In the coming month, as part of our ongoing unit "Who We Are – Family unit", students will explore how their families influence their identity by noticing similarities, shared interests, habits, and values. Through family photographs, stories, and discussions, they will discover how values such as love, kindness, respect, sharing, and cooperation strengthen family relationships and create a sense of belonging.

Students will also explore how families express their culture through traditions, celebrations, food, clothing, and language. They will appreciate the diversity of family structures and daily routines, recognising that every family is unique and deserves respect and acceptance. These learning engagements will deepen their understanding of identity and help them value different family backgrounds and traditions.

Transdisciplinary Language:

During the coming month, learners will develop their reading comprehension skills through simple stories featuring Peppa Pig and a family picnic. They will practise story sequencing and recall key events, strengthening their listening, memory, and understanding. Learners will also explore the Jolly Phonics Set 2 letters /h/, /r/, and /m/ through sounds, songs, stories, and related vocabulary, building their phonemic awareness and early literacy skills.

Transdisciplinary Math :

During the coming month, learners will practise backward counting from 10 to 1 and explore numbers 11, 12, and 13 through action songs, hands-on math manipulatives, and counting experiences. They will strengthen their number recognition, formation, and quantification skills through engaging, play-based learning experiences.

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Learning and Teaching- Month Ahead

Visual Arts:

In the coming month, learners will co-create an assessment task and success criteria to demonstrate their understanding of different art forms. They will share ideas, make choices, and reflect on their learning, developing student agency and taking ownership of their creative journey. Through this process, they will strengthen their skills as Communicators, Thinkers, and Reflective learners, celebrating their creativity and expressing their learning with confidence.

Music:

Students will revisit rhymes with the teacher. Students will be introduced to (high/low—sounds), Practice new rhymes—open shut them, peanut, and they will share their reflection on their learning and will demonstrate Communication Skills and Thinking Skills. Attributes of learner profile - Communicators, Thinkers and Reflection.

Dance:

In the upcoming month of November, our little learners will begin practising for the Annual Day celebration to be held in December. Through regular dance rehearsals, they will explore body movements, rhythm, coordination, different postures and expressions while learning to move in sync with the music.

Alongside Annual Day preparations, they will engage in action songs and creative movement experiences, exploring different body parts, directions and speeds. These experiences will nurture their confidence, self-expression, coordination and teamwork as they prepare to shine on stage.

PE:

Students will explore throwing and catching through playful movement activities. These experiences will develop gross motor coordination, hand-eye coordination, balance, body control, and spatial awareness. Students will make connections between body movements and the function of their arms during throwing and catching. They will develop self-management skills by controlling their movements and maintaining body balance, thinking skills by exploring different throwing techniques, communication skills by listening to instructions and sharing observations, and social skills through cooperation and turn-taking. Students will demonstrate the Learner Profile attributes of being Inquirers by exploring different throwing techniques,Communicators by expressing their learning, and Caring by supporting their peers and following
safety rules.

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Learning and Teaching- Month Ahead

Drama:

Nursery learners will continue exploring drama through imaginative play, movement, sounds and facial expressions. They will participate in simple role-play activities to express emotions, imitate familiar actions and respond to others. These experiences will support the development of Communication and Social ATL skills, including active listening, taking turns, cooperating with peers and expressing ideas confidently through creative play.

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Action taken by Students

As part of our ongoing Who We Are unit, our little learners took meaningful action by taking up small responsibilities at home to express their love and care for their family members. Through these actions, they demonstrated their understanding of family relationships, shared responsibilities and the importance of contributing to their family, reflecting the IB attributes of being Caring and Principled.













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Education World All India Ranking

The Gaudium School has been ranked 4th in India in the category of International Day Schools. We have also been ranked 1st in Telangana and 1st in Hyderabad.

This recognition reflects the dedication of our teachers and staff, the curiosity and hard work of our students, and the steady support of our parents. It is a achievement we have built together.

We are grateful to every member of the Gaudium family for making this possible. While we celebrate this milestone, we remain committed to our goal of providing an outstanding, joyful, and future-ready education for every child.

Thank you for being part of our journey.



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CFORE All India Ranking 2025 - 26

A proud milestone for The Gaudium School

In the CFORE School Ranking 2025-26, The Gaudium School has been ranked 7th in India in the International Day School category as well as recognised among India's BEST DAY CO EDUCATIONAL SCHOOLS category. We have also been ranked 1st in Telangana and 1st in Hyderabad.



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50 Visionary Principals: Leading Education into a New Era of Learning



Education is entering a defining new era—one shaped by bold leadership, rapid innovation and a growing recognition that learning must extend far beyond the classroom. Across institutions, educators and young learners are embracing new ideas, technologies and approaches that are redefining what it means to learn, lead and prepare for the future.

This special edition features 50 visionary principals who represent their schools and the leadership that drives their journey forward. These educationists are not merely administrators; they are mentors, innovators and change-makers who shape school culture, empower teachers and create opportunities for students to learn, explore and excel.

LEADERS WHO LEAD THE CHANGE

Leadership in education today is not simply about managing institutions; it is about creating a vision for the future and inspiring others to be part of it. The principals featured in this edition represent this evolving role, demonstrating how effective leadership can influence an entire school community.

Forward-looking leaders are building cultures that encourage innovation, collaboration and continuous learning. Their focus is increasingly shifting from conventional measures of achievement to a broader understanding of student success—one that values confidence, character, creativity, communication and the ability to navigate an ever-changing world.

By empowering teachers and giving students greater opportunities to explore, question and create, educational leadership is becoming a catalyst for meaningful and lasting change.

INNOVATION BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Innovation is rapidly changing the educational landscape. Digital learning, artificial intelligence, robotics, immersive technologies and interactive platforms are creating new avenues for knowledge and engagement.

Yet innovation is not defined by technology alone. It is equally about rethinking established practices and finding better ways to make learning relevant and meaningful. Project-based learning, experiential education, interdisciplinary programmes and real-world problem-solving are bringing lessons to life and encouraging students to become active participants in their own education.

THE NEW AGE OF LEARNING

The classroom of today looks very different from that of a generation ago. Learning is becoming more personalised, collaborative and experience-driven, with students encouraged to move beyond memorisation towards understanding, application and discovery.

Alongside quality academics schools are placing greater emphasis on communication, leadership, emotional intelligence, creativity, resilience and digital literacy—skills that will remain vital in a rapidly changing world.

BUILDING THE LEARNERS OF TOMORROW

The future will demand more than knowledge. It will demand adaptability, imagination and the confidence to keep learning. Preparing young people for that future requires an education system willing to evolve, experiment and embrace change.

As this edition brings these education leaders into focus, it also highlights the schools they represent and the leadership that shapes their vision, culture and future. Their collective stories reflect a larger transformation—an effort to build learning environments where every young mind has the opportunity to question, innovate and lead.

Leadership provides the vision. Innovation provides the momentum. And education provides the foundation for a future yet to be written.

> Knowledge can be found anywhere; character is built only through human influence



Sudeshna Chatterjee
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THE TEACHER AS ARCHITECT OF CHARACTER-SCULPTING HAPPY MINDS

In today's IOT enabled lives, where screens compete for attention and instant answers dull the habit of reflection in our children, the teacher's most vital work is no longer the transfer of knowledge—it is the shaping of character.

A teacher, like an architect, works with the raw material of a child's temperament, habits, and choices, designing structures that will hold for a lifetime. Every moment in the classroom is a blueprint: how a teacher responds to failure teaches resilience; how they treat the quietest student teaches dignity; how they admit a mistake teaches honesty. These lessons are caught, not taught-and they outlast every exam.

Character is built from small, repeated acts of integrity, kindness, discipline, and courage. A teacher creates the environment where these acts are practiced daily: encouraging a struggling learner, demanding honesty when cheating is easy, celebrating effort more than talent, and modelling respect when provoked. In an age of artificial intelligence and moral ambiguity, students need adults who demonstrate what it means to be principled, compassionate, and responsible.

At The Gaudium School students are prepared for life. An architect of character does not merely nurture success, but also builds people who can be trusted, who add value to society, and who lead with wisdom. That is the most essential and enduring work in education today.

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Coming Up Next

Date	Day	Event	Grade
5th November	Thursday	Diwali Celebration	All Grades
6th to 9th November	Friday to Monday	Diwali Holidays	Whole School
11th November	Wednesday	Guest Talk	PP2
13th November	Friday	Children's day Celebration	All Grades
17th November	Tuesday	Guest Talk	Grade 3
19th November	Thursday	Guest Talk	Nursery
22nd November	Sunday	Diplomathon	Grade 3
24th November	Tuesday	Field trip	Grade 1
26th November	Thursday	Field trip	Grade 2

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