

Principal's Newsletter August 2023

Primary Years Programme (PYP)



1 - Book Tasting

Book Tasting

The Library at IISP with the PYP language team organised a 'Book Tasting' session for the PYP students. Students were encouraged to survey the various genres of books that were made available and visible in the library. The learning experience helped students get acquainted with the various reading genres and are proving to be an exciting initiation into a year of reading! They were also asked to reflect post the activity.

PYP 1 and 2 students also understood the difference between fiction and non-fiction and helped categorize books in the respective categories.



2 - EYP Nuts and Bolts Day

EYP Nuts and Bolts Day

The EYP students worked on their gross motor skills by celebrating the Nuts-and-Bolts Day. The activities planned for students gave them an experience of STEM activities by building figures and structures using the hardware materials. Students honed their spatial skills by identifying the right bolts and nuts by matching their sizes and requirements.



3 - Gender Sensitization Session

Gender Sensitization

Gender sensitization sessions for all grades were conducted by the PYP Counselor over the second week on August. The sessions focused on building awareness about mutual respect, devoid of any gender bias for all age groups. They also helped students become considerate about their peers and recognize the measures they need to bear in mind for one's own safety.



4 - IBT Acer

IBT ACER

Students of PYP 3,4 and 5 had their first round of the ACER exam on the 17th and 18th of August. ACER is an international benchmark test which is based on testing the cognitive abilities and conceptual clarity of students. The first round was used as a diagnostic exam to analyse the needs of the grades to ensure and build on the requirements of academic rigor.



5 - Independence Day Celebration

Independence Day Celebrations

As we celebrated Independence Day in school, our young eagles across PYP 3,4 and 5 showed their talent and love for the country through various inter-house competitions. PYP 3 students displayed a character parade showing their respect to all the people who helped India become the country we are. These included personalities such as Bhagat Singh, Kalpana Chawla, Rani Lakshmbai, and other such figures. PYP 4 students displayed true patriotism through a singing performance by each of the houses.

PYP 5 showcased beautiful dance performances on the beats of Chak De! India and Lehra Do among others. The performances surely added to the patriotic spirit for the day.

-Contributed by Mihika Joshi, PYP 5



6 - Sports Day

Indian Sports Day

To celebrate the sports that have their roots in India, the PYP teachers organized an assembly. The assembly helped bring to fore the different sports that originated in India and the various sports personalities for the same. Students were excited to know that some of the most popular indoor games like chess, snakes and ladders and hopscotch have origins in our country. Throughout the week each grade explored an Indian game by engaging in a friendly game of the same. Games like Kho – Kho, 5 tiles and kabaddi were played by our PYP students.



7 - Fly High Day



8 - Mufti Day

Mufti Day and Fly High Day

PYP students celebrated Mufti Day along with the Fly High Day on 31st August. The Fly High Day gave students an opportunity to explore the concept of aerodynamics as they experimented with various objects to ensure that they come up with simple machines and structures that will keep light materials air borne. Students created structures of catapults, planes and parachutes using recycled materials to test the various theories and logics to keep things levitated. This experience was a fun one as students collaborated with their peers for the same.

Teacher Advisor Meetings

To reflect upon the well-being of students mapped to every teacher advisor, a meeting was organized between the parent and the teacher. The meeting helped the initial introduction of the teacher advisors and also helped set the goal for the students. The meetings also proved to be a great way for teachers and parents to discuss about aspects of holistic development of students and the efforts they can put, as a part of their action plans, to be able to achieve their SMART C goals.

WEP and 8-hour courses

Keeping the Indus vision in mind that focusses on the holistic development of students, this month the first round of 8-hour short courses have begun. Students have gotten the opportunity to choose a course of their liking and expand their knowledge base. The WEP clubs have also commenced wherein students have chosen to be a part of a club of their liking, in order to improve on a previously acquired skill or learn a new one. A variety of options were given to students to choose from, which covered the expansive spectrum of language, visual arts, performing arts, media awareness, science, tourism, innovation, culinary arts and finding the essence of the Bhagvad Geeta.

Middle Year Programme (MYP 1 - 3)

Celebrations



"Friendship Feast" event took place on 7th August. It was a day filled with laughter, camaraderie, and the celebration of the beautiful bonds that connect us all. To highlight the significance of friendship, students exchanged handwritten notes of appreciation and gratitude. These tokens of friendship were a simple yet profound way to express how much our connections mean to us.

India's 77th Independence Day was celebrated by partnering with our parents. They shared stories, perspectives, insights, and thoughts on the significance of this important day in our Nation's history. Various activities were conducted to bring out the essence of the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters, to encourage critical thinking, empathy and a sense of national pride.

Reading, Writing and Art Challenges



To ignite students' passion for literature and enhance their creative writing skills, we conducted a Reading and Writing Challenge on 16th August 2023. The challenge was designed to encourage students to explore the world of books and express their thoughts through writing. MYP 1 participated in the Reading Challenge, while MYP 2 and 3 participated in the Writing Challenge.

On the vibrant day of August 28, 2023, an exhilarating art challenge came to life. Guided by the spirit of creative exploration, students found themselves presented with an extensive array of captivating topics, each a doorway to boundless imagination and self-expression. These carefully curated themes served as the catalyst for unleashing their inner artistic ingenuity, inviting them to delve into the depths of their creativity.

Anti Bullying Week



In last week, the school celebrated 'Anti-Bullying Week' with MYP 1 -3 students. During these sessions, the counselors discussed various types of bullying like Verbal, Physical, Social/Relational and Cyber bullying along with their examples. The counselors encouraged the students to practice the 4 core values of Indus -Respect, Love, Empathy and Discipline. Apart from this session, students also took action to create awareness against bullying where they were encouraged to make either a Poster/Slogan/Poem/Art/etc. related to the theme of 'Anti-Bullying'.

Achievements



Serah Sanghvi & Kiara Gadda , participated in 5 tournaments of basketball and won 4, against teams from Pune district and various parts of Maharashtra; against participants from different clubs, associations and schools.

Winners of Art Challenge

Winner MYP 1: 1st Place – Vihana Shah

2nd Place – Anushree Dopade

3rd Place – Agam Gupta

Winner MYP 2: 1st Place – Avyaay Rathi

2nd Place – Adhrit Rane

Winner MYP 3: 1st Place – Arjun Jagtap

2nd Place – Vihaan Mohan

3rd Place – Shravani Khanekar

Winners of Reading and Writing Challenge

MYP 1: 1st Place – Avani Tangirale and Armaan Choudhary

2nd Place – Vihaan Jain

3rd Place – Aarav Agarwal

MYP 2: 1st Place – Tarini Supekar

2nd Place – Payaswani Makhija

3rd Place – Ditsha Chakraborty

MYP 3: 1st Place – Sara Shah and Ayanna Saurabh

2nd Place – Mihit Ghatikar

3rd Place – Saeed Kawane

Senior School Programme

Tree Plantation Drive August 14th 2023



As a part of innovative initiative “*Collaborate to Conserve*” and promoting Environmental Sustainability, two of our grade 11 students Ronith Lahoti and Roniet Shende initiated tree plantation drive in the school campus on 14th August 2023. 150 trees were planted at the open space near auditorium by grade 11 students on that day.

Name of plants planted:

Bauhinia blakeana (kanchan)

Indian Gooseberry (Amla)

syzygium cumini (jamun)

Cassia fistula (Bhava)

Cluster fig (Umber)

fiscus Benjamina (ficus)

myrobalans Terminalia (hirda)

Terminalia bellirica (baheda)

Tamarind (chinch)

Dalbergia sissoo (sisam)

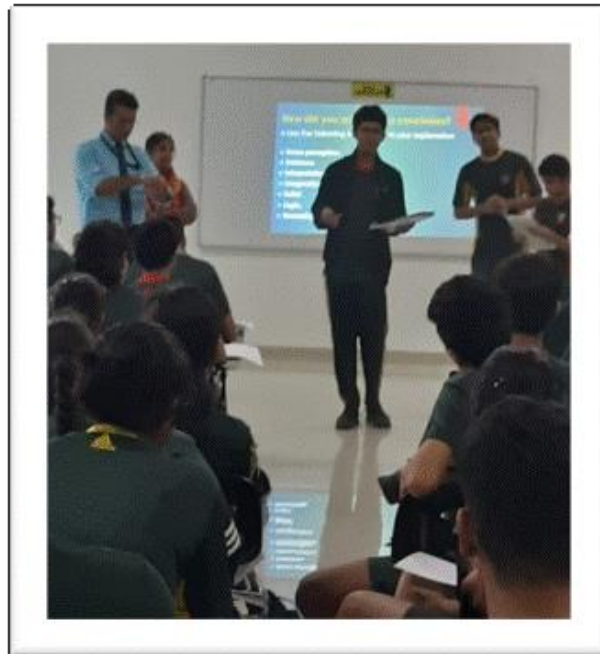
Educational (CAS) trip to Green Tokri – August 19th 2023



An educational trip was organised for our grade 11 students on Saturday 19th August 2023. The main objective of this trip was to reconnect with nature and immerse oneself in the beautiful surroundings of the Green Tokri Farms, situated at the foothills of the Sahyadri.

This trip presented a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about organic farming and hydroponics. It also gave an opportunity for students to get to know one another better and create lasting bonds. By experiencing the beauty of nature together, we are sure that most of the students have built a sense of camaraderie and have fostered a lifelong appreciation for the environment.

Introduction to IBDP Core- TOK Orientation



The core of IB Diploma Programme strives to make a difference to the lives of students. It provides opportunities for students to think about their own values and actions, to deepen their understanding of their place in the world and to sensitively consider the contexts and views of others. Students were given an overview on how Theory of Knowledge (TOK) explores questions about knowledge and the process of knowing. Students were encouraged to become more aware of their own perspectives and the perspectives of others through small activity.

Coffee Morning – August 21st 2023



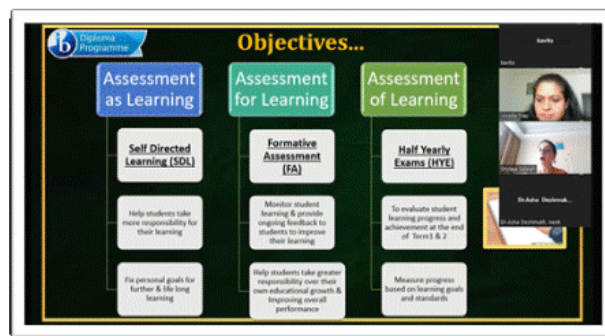
Good parent-school partnerships are one of the best ways to support children's learning, development and wellbeing. In order to take this partnership ahead and to encourage parental involvement, Coffee Morning was organized for grade 11 parents on Monday 21st August 2023. It was an informal interaction where glimpses of the activities done so far were shared along with a very brief understanding of assessments by Head of School Ms. Anubha and Programme Coordinator Ms. Jovella.

Session on Academic Integrity – Referencing MLA 8 Citation- August 25th,2023



Academic integrity is a guiding principle in education and a choice to act in a responsible way. It is the foundation for ethical decision-making and behaviour in the production of legitimate, authentic and honest scholarly work. At Indus, we motivate and encourage students to be honest in all of their academic work. In order to get an understanding about Academic integrity, a session has been organized on MLA 8 type referencing on Friday 25th August, 2023. It was successfully conducted by Mr. Sharat Pavate - Head Learning Resources.

New Parent Assessment Orientation – August 26th,2023



Assessments are an important part of instruction that determines the extent to which the educational goals are being achieved. They provide information about student performance, progress, and interests that can be used to make judgments and decisions about their learning process. In order to get a better overview about the Assessments in grade 11, Online Assessment orientation was organized for the parents especially who are completely new to IB programme. The objectives of SDL/ FA and HYE were also shared during the session.

Insightful Coffee Morning



Insightful Coffee Morning: Navigating MYP and Learning at Indus

The Grade 9 parents' coffee morning was a gathering where a window into our educational journey was opened. The event encapsulated a essential aspects of our Middle Years Programme (MYP). The parents were updated about- MYP Orientation, Directed Learning (SDL) and Formative Assessment (FA) tasks calendar, Toddle usage. It was also informed that the Teacher Advisor meetings have begun, fostering personalized growth for each student. Feedback is meticulously tailored to cater to individual progress. Teacher Designers have embarked on a journey with students, igniting their aspirations and instilling the spirit of Tikkun Olam - repairing the world. The students have seamlessly integrated Toddle and Outlook into their academic lives. This digital stride propels them towards efficient communication and organization.

Online Assessment Orientation for Parents



Our recent online parent orientation, led by Ms. Sonal, unveiled the dynamic online assessment platform, AssessPrep. With a focus on its importance and functionalities, parents gained valuable insights into its capabilities.

AssessPrep redefines assessments, tailoring them to an onscreen exam like learning journey. Subject assessments on the platform empower students to practice for the onscreen assessments.

The session covered easy software installation, ensuring accessibility across devices. Parents departed with a clear understanding of platform navigation and installation procedure.

Student Orientation by MYPC

On Thursday, August 24th, Ms. Sonal had the privilege of conducting the Second orientation session for Grade 9 students.

The focus of the session was on the MYP Assessments and Grading System.

During the session, the students actively engaged in discussions and sought clarification on various concepts.

One key area of interest was the Interdisciplinary [IDL] Unit-related terms, particularly PRM (Pre-Release Material) and references. I was pleased to see their enthusiasm as they raised thoughtful questions and participated in meaningful interactions. The ongoing IDL unit is a past IB unit between Individuals and Societies and Language & Literature.

On August 10th, an initial orientation session was held where Ms. Sonal provided essential information about the MYP program, as well as various school-related terms. She also delved into familiarizing attendees with tools like Toddle and Outlook that are integral to their academic experience.

MYP Team looks forward to further opportunities to engage with Year 4 students and support their academic journey.

A Theatrical Weekend



A Theatrical Weekend: Students Embark on a Theatrical Journey at Goethe Institute Camp

Last weekend, on the 26th and 27th of August, the Goethe Institute organized an engaging theater camp for young learners from partner schools, honing their German language skills. The event took place at The Central Park Hotel in Pune, and we are pleased to share that two of our Grade 9 students, Yajas Gupta and Aaryan Jagdale, were enthusiastic participants. Our German teacher Ms. Dhanashri Kulkarni accompanied them throughout the event. During these two immersive days, Yajas and Aaryan delved into the captivating realm of theater. The camp seamlessly integrated theater basics with German vocabulary pertaining to the art form. The culmination of their learning journey was a remarkable performance in German, showcasing their newfound skills. We are proud of Yajas and Aaryan's commitment and enthusiasm. Such ventures continue to inspire holistic growth and cultural exploration among our students.

Grade 12 Leadership Camp



" The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails." - John Maxwell.

Indus School of Leadership (ISL) is one of India's premier leadership training institute. The leadership development philosophy is based on acquiring the ability to lead oneself first, then others. Consequently, the focus is on the process of experiential learning with guided reflection for heightened self-awareness.

The energetic batch of Grade 12, Indus International school, Pune successfully completed their 4 - day Leadership Development Program at Indus School of Leadership. The two batches of grade 12 students attended the ISL camp from 28th July 2023 to 5th August 2023. Students were successfully engaged in various activities related to wellness, a team of teams, adaptability, and climate change as a part of their leadership training. The students were able to evolve as leaders on leadership disposition like goal setting, inspired vision, challenge the process etc. Subsequently, guided reflection will be conducted by our experienced trainers to bestow meaning to the experience for further application and help gain knowledge of their self-image, self-concept and purpose.

Leadership development programs are designed in-house by expert trainers who are certified by ACCT, Project Adventure, and ICF who are pioneers in experiential learning and coaching. These educational leadership programs are custom designed as per the training needs analysis. The programs are meticulously constructed training programs for young minds.

Keep moving, keep learning!

Grade 12 Parent Orientation



We welcomed the Grade 12 parents for the Orientation, a pivotal event as the students embark on their final year of school. This year marks the culmination of their educational journey, and we provided the insights, guidance, and resources to ensure a successful and fulfilling year ahead.

The Grade 12 curriculum is designed to challenge students academically while equipping them with the skills necessary for future endeavours. Throughout the year, students will be engaged in advanced coursework, research projects, and opportunities to delve deeper into subjects of interest. Our dedicated team of educators will be available to provide guidance on college applications, scholarships, and standardized tests, ensuring your child is well-prepared for the next chapter.

Extended Essay Session



As part of academic experience, an Extended Essay session was dedicated for guiding students through the EE process.

The Extended Essay is a crucial component of the International Baccalaureate (IB) program, offering you a unique opportunity to explore a topic of personal interest in depth. To help succeed in this endeavor, we organized an session by our EE Coordinator, Ms. Debosree Roy which provided with essential information and tips to excel in EE.

Key points which were discussed

1. Introduction to the Extended Essay and its Significance
2. Choosing a Suitable Research Question
3. Navigating the Research Process
4. Structuring Your Extended Essay
5. Effective Research and Citations
6. Avoiding Plagiarism and Maintaining Academic Integrity
7. Timeline and Deadlines
8. Q&A Session

We invited experienced faculty members to lead the orientation, and they shared valuable insights and strategies to ensure success in the Extended Essay. We are excited to support all the students in this academic endeavor. Let's work together to make your Extended Essay a rewarding and enriching experience.

Grade 12 Friendship Day Assembly



Friendship is one of an important aspect in our lives. One might change cities, but the connections we make stay there for a long time, even for a life time. To celebrate Friendship Day, an assembly was organized for students of MYP 5 and DP-2. The DP Counsellors started the assembly with an interactive discussion on what true friendship means to the students and what qualities they look for in their friends. This discussion helped the students in reflecting that friendship is not just the responsibility of person, but the other one is also required to hold the same values and put in efforts. When mutual respect and efforts come from both the sides, that friendship develops into a long-lasting one.

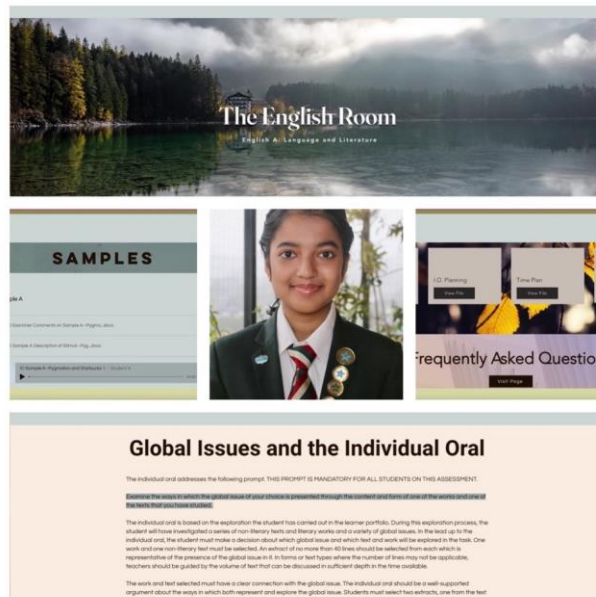
Students shared about how trust and communication are of utmost importance and are the pillars of a meaningful friendship. Teenage years are at times difficult for them to navigate, and having friends alongside them in this journey can help them too. The idea that having more friends makes one more comfortable and accepting was also explored with them. One needs to understand that we do not need to make friendship or tie a bond with anyone and everyone around us, but it is good to be cordial with everyone. The students could also resonate with the thought that *“Life is not about the quantity of friends you have. It is about the quality of friends you have.”*

Towards the end, students were also urged to express gratitude to their friends for the support they bring into their life.

A visit to Zila Parishad school: Service initiative by Grade 12 Boarders



The English Room (Resource Center Website)



It feels wonderful to share the creation of The English Room: the official IBDP English A Language & Literature Resource Center for the 2023-24 batch at IISP. It has been a journey filled with much exploration and learning. With the goal of providing the Diploma students with comprehensive guidance and support. The students of DP2 have curated resources, including writing strategies, analysis techniques, study guides, and more. Most of the resources have been taken from MY IB and examiner comments which should help in self and peer assessment too. This initiative is to empower fellow

students to excel in their IBDP English A journey, and the students plan to continuously update and enhance the website. We are excited to see this platform foster a supportive learning community and contribute to the academic success of the DP2 students at IISP.

Here's the link to The English Room: <https://englishindus.wixsite.com/resource-centre>

Zaina Kudchiwala Achievement



Zaina Kudchiwala, a Grade 12 student, exhibits a remarkable passion for computers and data science. Over the course of the year, she has been devotedly exploring the field. During the summer, she actively sought to upskill herself in data science by attending Scaler's masterclasses. Through these classes, she gained valuable knowledge in Python programming, Tableau visualization, machine learning fundamentals, and principal component analysis. The experience broadened her understanding of key concepts and equipped her with practical skills essential for a career in data science. For her first summer project, she worked on Sentiment Analysis utilizing Deep Learning and BERT with Coursera. She used BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) to classify tweets into positive and negative sentiment classes. She also used Transfer Learning to fine-tune the pre-trained BERT models for the project. For her second summer project, she worked on Distributed Multi-worker TensorFlow Training on Kubernetes with Google. She used Kubeflow, a Google-developed open-source platform for ML and AI, to deploy a distributed multi-worker TensorFlow training job on Kubernetes. Additionally, she worked on optimizing the training job using GPU resources. Her project involved understanding the architecture of Kubeflow and Kubernetes, as well as learning the concepts of distributed machine learning.

IBCP - IB Career-Related Programme (CP)

Took me by surprise!



By Annesha Biswas

IBCP 1

Coming from a typical Indian household, one almost hears it every day, that your life depends on science! This may relate to many others like me. I still don't know what I want to do; all I've ever known is that I want to be someone with a lot of money. I always thought, until grade 10, everything you want to do in life needs a science. All I can say is that science was never something I was interested in.

Then I was introduced to IBCP (career-related program), which is equivalent to IBDP but with a greater investment of time and efforts on our careers, and in my case of, without science! It allows me to create my own bundle of subjects that I am interested in without including anything that will demotivate

me from studying. IBCP focuses on development of professional skills and exposure to real life scenarios. Personally, I always have been someone who has been tremendously interested in business and how the world works. The world outside is very different from what we read in classrooms. Well to my surprise, IBCP provides us with business experiences through internships. We have a curriculum core which helps us discover ourselves, our skills and provides us with an opportunity to develop the skills required for a business administrator.

There are not many schools which offer IBCP. I am fortunate to study in a school that does. I know many of you might say that universities don't accept IBCP because it is not as well known as IBDP. Even I thought so, but the massive college fair in our school earlier this month changed my mind. Many universities of business accept IBCP and provide us with courses, scholarships, programs and every other facility that any student can get. Business being my main focus, it helps me learn everything through that lens and within my interest.

In my eyes, with business involved in everything now days no matter what the field is, IBCP allows all those who are interested in a future involving business as their core focus to strive towards a single path goal.

“Reflecting on My Fashion TV Internship”



By Ashwin Walankikar

IBCP 2

Greetings,

I found myself immersed in the fascinating worlds of media and fashion when I started the FTV internship, which provided the foundation for an illuminating journey of personal and professional development.

Throughout this internship, Fashion TV, a global powerhouse associated with style and innovation, gave me a front-row seat into its inner workings. This experience, however, was everything but passive; it compelled us to take an active role in society. The chance to design and deliver presentations where knowledge and artistic expression were effortlessly merged was a highlight of my experience. My communication skills were honed during this process, which also demonstrated the value of clear visual and vocal articulation.

Reflecting on these sessions, several major insights stand out. The precise procedures that guide FTV exposed the industry's underlying dynamism. The importance of close attention to detail and careful

planning was brought home by seeing how each component carefully lines up to realise a vision. This understanding is now present in many areas of my life, from planning my own projects to how I approach my academic work.

In addition, the FTV team's culture of cooperation served as a lesson in the value of cooperation and persistent dedication to excellence. The integration of many abilities and skills that each added to the bigger whole served as a strong reminder of the importance of teamwork. Since then, this newly acquired viewpoint has changed the way I approach group tasks, enabling me to capitalise on the abilities of my coworkers to achieve success as a group.

The pinnacle of this journey was the culmination of our presentations. Standing in front of peers and experts to present ideas highlighted how crucial excellent communication and persuasive public speaking are. This life-changing encounter left a lasting impression on me and inspired me to face obstacles head-on because they frequently serve as the drivers of personal development.

In a larger sense, this FTV internship has improved my knowledge of the media and fashion environment and revealed new opportunities for both personal and professional endeavours. The impact continues to be felt as this chapter comes to an end. The foundation for my future pursuits will be built on the talents I've developed, the insights I've learned, and the relationships I've made.

I extend heartfelt gratitude to our mentors and the FTV team for their guidance and support throughout this enriching experience. As I look ahead, armed with newfound insights and an unwavering drive for excellence, I am excited to navigate the uncharted waters with enthusiasm and determination.

Placements and Counselling

Indus College Fair
















BOARDING PASS	INDUS COLLEGE FAIR 2023		AIR INDUS
	Embark on your journey with us to talk to top universities across the globe		Flying to future careers! Hop on board to meet 86 universities from 16 countries!
	Name of passenger: You/Your Friends/Family	Departure: 9:00 am	*All passengers must carry their course interests and career aspirations along with them*
	From: Indus International School Pune	Arrival: 3:30 pm	
To: Your Future Career	Gate: Sports Complex	Date: Aug 18 th 2023	Flight: IISP23-24
			Scan Code for details: 

Indus International School Pune arranged its second annual INDUS COLLEGE FAIR on 18th Aug'23 where 85+ renowned universities from the US, UK, Canada, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Europe, Japan, Switzerland, etc. participated in the fair.

The fair was organized with an aim to provide all the information needed for undergraduate studies. Students and Parents got an opportunity to directly interact with the University delegates. It was an engaging day for both students and parents as they got to interact one-on-one with the representatives and gain the necessary information and exposure to take the next step towards their higher education.

In our attempt to strengthen the Career Counselling community, we collaborated with the other Schools in Pune and extended the invitation to them.

It is the constant endeavour of Career Counselling Team to provide a myriad of diverse opportunities to all the high school students at Indus International School Pune.

We thank our DP2 students, Maanya Sanghvi, Malhar Bhandari and Nirav Chopade for designing the fabulous posters of INDUS COLLEGE FAIR.

Sincere gratitude to our Senior Management Team for their unflinching support.

British Council Fair















BRITISH COUNCIL FAIR

The high school students of Indus International School Pune got an opportunity to interact with top 25 UK universities (including the Russell Group). The British Council Fair was organized on 11th Aug, where students and parents learnt about the various courses, scholarships and funding, accommodation, career prospects, etc.

UK has a wide variety of institutions and courses to choose from. Students and Parents interacted with the universities to understand all details that will help them to make informed decisions.

Participating Universities:

- 1 Birmingham City University
- 2 University of East London
- 3 King's College London
- 4 Northumbria University Newcastle
- 5 Newcastle University
- 6 City, University Of London

- 7 University of Nottingham
- 8 University of Hertfordshire
- 9 Leeds Beckett University
- 10 Leeds Arts University
- 11 University of Birmingham
- 12 Queen Mary University of London
- 13 Brunel University London
- 14 University of Portsmouth
- 15 University of York
- 16 University of Essex
- 17 University of East Anglia
- 18 Aston University
- 19 University of Surrey
- 20 Manchester Metropolitan University
- 21 Swansea University
- 22 University of Leeds
- 23 University of Westminster
- 24 University of South Wales
- 25 University of Chester

US University Fair









World-renowned US Universities with a strong reputation for academic excellence visited Indus International School Pune and interacted with our high school students. These universities are known for its strong academics, plethora of majors, diverse student body and vibrant campus life.

Students enthusiastically interacted with the Universities that have cutting-edge brain science, path-breaking performances, innovative startups, big data, Nobel and Turing prizes, hands-on learning, and a whole lot of other achievements.

University of Southern California

University of San Francisco

Carnegie Melon University

The New School, New York

Macalister College

Illinois Wesleyan University

Goucher College

University of Wyoming

Marymount Manhattan College

Boston University

Special VR Session by University College Dublin(UCD)





Prof. Eleni Mangina from University College Dublin, School of Computer Science presented our DP students to an augmented reality educational application (Arete Showcase App and MirqageXR).It was an engaging and informative class, with all students gaining hands on experience as they operated and interacted with the VR devices and apps. We thank Prof. Eleni for conducting an exciting and interactive session for our students. We have planned various interactions with the University professors and skill building workshops which will help our students to gain exposure in their subject of interest.

Classroom Sessions with High School Students





The classroom interactions help us to build a bond with the students that enables trust which is much needed requisite in career counselling.

Regular classroom sessions have been conducted for DP1 and DP2 students and have been guided on the following crucial aspects of college applications:

SAT/ACT & TOEFL/IELTS scores

Early Action, Early Decision and Regular Application

Importance of Transcripts

Applications systems (Common App, UCAS, OUAC, etc.)

High School Transcripts

Recommendation Letters

Personal Statements/Essays

Co-curricular & Extracurricular activities

Importance of good academic achievement in DP1

Workshop for Parents of DP2 Students

A virtual workshop was conducted for parents of DP2 students to plan the way forward to college applications. Below are some of the important topics that were covered during the orientations: **What do Universities look for in College Applications** **College Preparation and Action Plan** **Scholarships** **Importance of Transcripts, LORs and Essays** **Application Timeline** **Application Process for various countries** **Standardized Tests** **Profile Building.**

Cambridge Assessments Admission Test 2023

The registrations for Cambridge Assessments Admission test 2023 will be open from 1st September to 29th September at 18:00 (BST). All tests are scheduled on 18th October 2023 and the Career Counselling Team will help the students with registration, as per their requirement. The registration window is for the following Admissions Tests: [BioMedical Admissions Test \(BMAT\)](#) [Test of Mathematics for University Admission \(TMUA\)](#) [Engineering Admissions Assessment \(ENGAA\)](#) [Natural Sciences Admissions Assessment \(NSAA\)](#) [Thinking Skills Assessment Section 1 \(TSA S1\)](#) [Thinking Skills Assessment \(TSA\)](#)

SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test)

Indus International School Pune is officially a SAT Center, one of the largest Test centers in the region, successfully conducted the Digital SAT on 26th August 2023 for 75 students from various schools.

The SAT is an entrance exam used by most colleges and universities to make admission decisions in India and abroad. The SAT is a multiple-choice adaptive test, created and administered by the College Board (USA).

The test was conducted as per the required guidelines mandated by College Board.

मुळशी तालुकास्तरीय बुद्धिबळ स्पर्धा उत्साहात

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संचालनालय महाराष्ट्र राज्य पुणे,
जिल्हा क्रीडा अधिकारी कार्यालय
पुणे, मुळशी तालुका क्रीडा शिक्षक
संघ यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने शाळेत
मुळशी तालुकास्तर मुले आणि
मुलींची स्पर्धा बुद्धिबळ झाली. या
स्पर्धेचे उद्घाटन कासारआंबोलीचे
सरपंच उमेश सुतार यांच्या हस्ते
झाले. सहभागी खेळाडूंना सैनिकी
शाळेची संस्कृती शिंदे हिने
शापथ दिली. तालुक्यातील १८



कासारआंबोली (ता. मुळशी) : तालुकास्तरीय बुद्धिबळ स्पर्धेत सहभागी झालेले विद्यार्थी.

शाळांमधील ९७ मुले व ५८ मुली
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बोधनकर, मुख्याध्यापिका सुवर्णा
कांबळे, उपमुख्याध्यापक अनंत
कुलकर्णी, पर्यवेक्षक संदीप पवार,
मुळशी तालुका क्रीडा शिक्षक

संचटनेचे उपाध्यक्ष संतोष बनकर,
प्रा. सागर तांगडे, बुद्धिबळ
राष्ट्रीय पंच केतन खैरे, पवन
कातकडे आदी मान्यवर उपस्थित
होते. सूत्रसंचालन व संयोजन
पर्यवेक्षक संदीप पवार यांनी केले.
क्रीडा शिक्षक महादेव मगर यांनी
आभार मानले.

स्पर्धेचा निकाल पुढीलप्रमाणे

वयोगट १४ मुले -
अलौकिक सिन्हा (प्रथम, बू
रिझ स्कूल, हिनवडी), २)
परम जालान (द्वितीय, संस्कृती
स्कूल), शिव व्यास (तृतीय,
ध्रुव ग्लोबल), अंश नायर
(चतुर्थ, पवार पब्लिक स्कूल),
अन्य झेंडे (पाचवा, संस्कृती
स्कूल). **मुली -** राजनंदिनी
पवार (प्रथम, श्रीश्री रविशंकर
विद्या मंदिर), तनया तेंडुलकर
(द्वितीय, संस्कृती स्कूल),
सान्वी कपूर (तृतीय, बू
रिझ स्कूल), यशविका मेरोडा
(चतुर्थ, ऋषी गुरुकुलम),
आनंदी बर्वे (पाचवी श्रीश्री
रविशंकर विद्या मंदिर).

वयोगट १७ मुले -
अर्चित देशपांडे (प्रथम, श्रीश्री
रविशंकर), इशान वरूडकर
(द्वितीय, संस्कृती स्कूल),
आर्या पारीख (तृतीय, संस्कृती
स्कूल), प्रचित बोर्से (चतुर्थ,
श्रीश्री रविशंकर), अलक्षेत्र
पुरोहित (पाचवा, बू रिझ
स्कूल). **मुली -** निकिता महाजन
(प्रथम, श्रीश्री रविशंकर),
निहा रिका स्वरका (द्वितीय,
संस्कृती स्कूल), मण्मयी वैशाल
(तृतीय, श्रीश्री रविशंकर), रित
मैनी (चतुर्थ, कलर्स इन्व्हेशन
अॅकॅडमी), कार्तिकी आल्हाट
(पाचवा, पेरिविकल इंग्लिश
मीडियम स्कूल)

वयोगट १९ मुले - आरव
शाह (प्रथम, इंडस स्कूल),
अर्चिसमन वडगेकर (द्वितीय,
ध्रुव पब्लिक स्कूल), मयंक
उपसल (तृतीय, ध्रुव ग्लोबल
स्कूल), मय्य शर्मा (चतुर्थ,
ध्रुव ग्लोबल स्कूल), परम
कऱ्हाड (पाचवा, बू रिझ).
मुली - सायली खंडगळे
(प्रथम, म. ए. सो. राणी
लक्ष्मीबाई मुलींची सैनिकी
शाळा), संस्कृती शिंदे (द्वितीय,
सैनिकी शाळा), मनाली जाधव
(तृतीय, सैनिकी शाळा), श्रेया
रसाम (चतुर्थ, पिरंगुट इंग्लिश
मीडियम स्कूल), दुर्वा गोरे
(पाचवी, सैनिकी शाळा)

Our Boarding grade 11 students Aarav Shah has participated in Zila parishad under19 chess tournament on 23rd august in Pune. He has secured 1st position and qualified for District level. Congratulations Aarav!

Swimming



Our grade 9 student Samiya Gulati has participated in Maharashtra State Finswimming selection try-outs on 6th August at Tilak tank, Deccan, Pune and got selected for the same.

Sana swim with great confidence and endurance throughout the race. Best of luck Samiya!

DSO Inter School District Cricket Competition



A group of students from Indus School recently participated in a DSO inter school district cricket competition in Pune. The students have demonstrated their exceptional skills and sportsmanship. Although, they did not achieve any position but it was an enriching experience for the Indus School students, who gained valuable insights into the sport and developed their confidence and resilience.

Boarding

5th August - Parent Speaker



Mr. Anand Patel member of The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) was invited to share his own boarding life experiences with the students, making it a valuable weekend activity for both newcomers and old students. The Interactive session helped the students gain a better understanding of boarding life and how to adjust to the new environment.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Anand Patel for his wonderful support and encouragement to the students.

7th August Ice Breaking Party

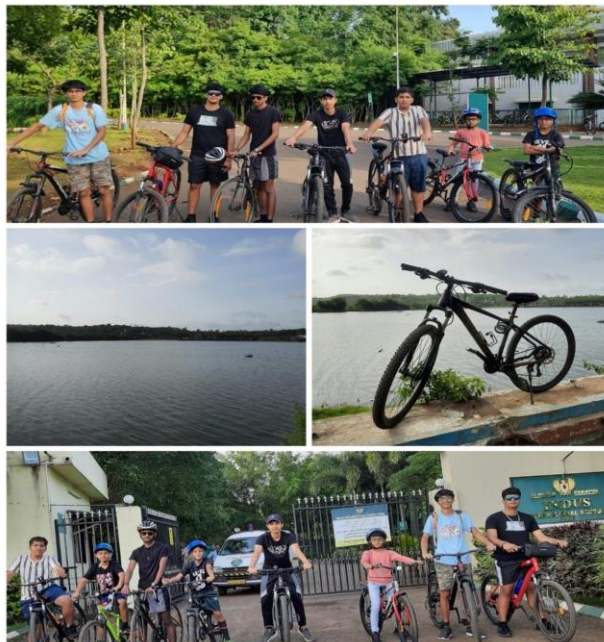






The ice-breaking party was a tremendous success, fostering a strong sense of unity among both new and existing boarders. Laughter, dance, and games played a key role in instantly bonding the attendees, making awkwardness vanish and friendships bloom. The party's impact was profound, leaving lasting memories and creating a tight-knit community that will undoubtedly enhance the upcoming academic year.

12th August: Cycling



A few of the PYP, MYP and IBDP boarders had their first experience riding their bicycles around Manas lake. The view around the Manas lake was refreshing which made the experience a memorable one. The clear waters, mirrored the surrounding hills, adding to the beautiful scenery. The peaceful atmosphere turned their cycling adventure into an unforgettable memory.

13th August: Trekking / Nature Trail







Many of the boarders had an amazing time exploring the nearby hills and grasslands. They hiked through the lush green hills, enjoying stunning views. This outdoor adventure allowed them to disconnect from technology, connect with nature, and build lasting friendships. For some it was a first-time journey invading the nature. It was a journey of both physical challenges and personal growth, leaving them with cherished memories and great learning.

15th August: Independence Day Celebration





Indus International School, Pune celebrated our country's 77th Independence Day with enthusiasm. The hoisting of the national flag and singing of the national anthem was accompanied by celebrating the 78th Independence Day of Republic of Korea. Cultural performances, including patriotic poetry and dynamic dances, captured the essence of the occasion. The event left a renewed sense of national pride and unity, highlighting our ongoing journey towards progress and togetherness.

The boarding Dance, Drama and Storytelling Hobby Club students prepared a dance, on Vande Mataram. Mikhael Lobo from Grade 11 interpreted the song for all.

Now for a story,

I have heard before,

Yet different each time.

A song to smear the soil

Of our country on us, a teaching.

Of our diverse guardians of the north,

Of our cavalry embodied with sacrifice,

Of the guerrillas who fought for longer than the rest,

Of the massacre spurred by a few words of our own,

Of green earth that survived its own disasters.

There is nothing more for me to say,

But praise our interpretation of

Vande Mataram

-Mikhael Lobo.

19th August: Photography Competition



On the 19th of August 2023, the school witnessed an inspiring display of artistic prowess as students across PYP, MYP, IBDP, and IBCP levels participated in the eagerly anticipated Photography Competition. The boarding students grasped their cameras and phones, immersing themselves in the world of photography. This hands-on experience allowed them to explore their creativity and perspective. As the shutters clicked and frames froze, the participants reveled in their artistic journey. The beauty of nature, the vigor of sports, and the depths of human values were captured through unique lenses, reflecting the diverse perspectives of our students. The Photography Competition not only showcased the students' skills but also celebrated their imaginative approach. It was a day when lenses transformed into storytellers, capturing moments that resonated with the heart and soul.

In the end, the competition wasn't just about winning, but about expressing, exploring, and embracing the world through the eyes of a photographer.

20th August: Pavilion Mall Outing





The trip to Pavilion Mall provided the boarding students with a much-needed break from their academic routines. It was a day of exploration, laughter, bonding, exploring diverse cuisines, indulging in retail therapy, and enjoying with friends truly made the day special. The culinary adventure not only satisfied hunger but also broadened palates and strengthened bonds over shared meals. Additionally, the shopping enthusiasts found joy in selecting unique items, adding a touch of independence to the day. It's clear that the memories created during this outing will remain cherished reminders of the joy that come from embracing new experiences outside the school environment.

26th & 27th August: Monsoon Games





The Monsoon Games not only celebrated the fervour for sports but also provided a unique opportunity for students to break free from their routine and enjoy the magic of the monsoon season.

As the day unfolded, the air was filled with the sound of laughter, jubilant cheers, and the unmistakable spirit of healthy rivalry. The boarding students embraced the occasion, fostering bonds and forming cherished memories in the excitement of the games.

Hobby Clubs

This year the Boarding house parents have planned and implemented the Hobby club activities for their students. The Boarding House Parents have utilized their expertise and engaged the students on the

weekends. These hobby clubs are not just extracurricular activities; they are gateways to self-discovery, personal growth, and lifelong passions. By providing a platform for students to explore diverse interests, the boarding school cultivates a community of well-rounded individuals who are not only academically accomplished but also creatively enriched. As students engage in these clubs, they embark on journeys of self-expression, skill development, and camaraderie that will leave an indelible mark on their lives.

Karate and Self-Defence



Cooking and Baking



Storytelling, Dance & Drama



Gardening



Embroidery



Cross Fit and Training



Carpentry



F-1 STEM Program



Student Achievements

Ronhit Lahoti-Collaborate to Conserve







Institutionalized last year in October 2022, “Collaborate to Conserve” has so far collected about 70 Kg of Plastic Waste and sent for processing to make poly fuel – an innovative plastic waste management focusing on protecting the environment. The next step in “Collaborate to Conserve” was towards nurturing the environment through tree plantation. A special mention to Kshitij Kesharwani grade 12 IBDP who contributed 250 plastic bottles.

Ronith Lahoti -Second Milestone Conquered with Glory





Second Milestone Conquered with Glory : Regional Equestrian League, Chennai - Equestrian Ronith Lahoti held on Sunday 27 th August 2023

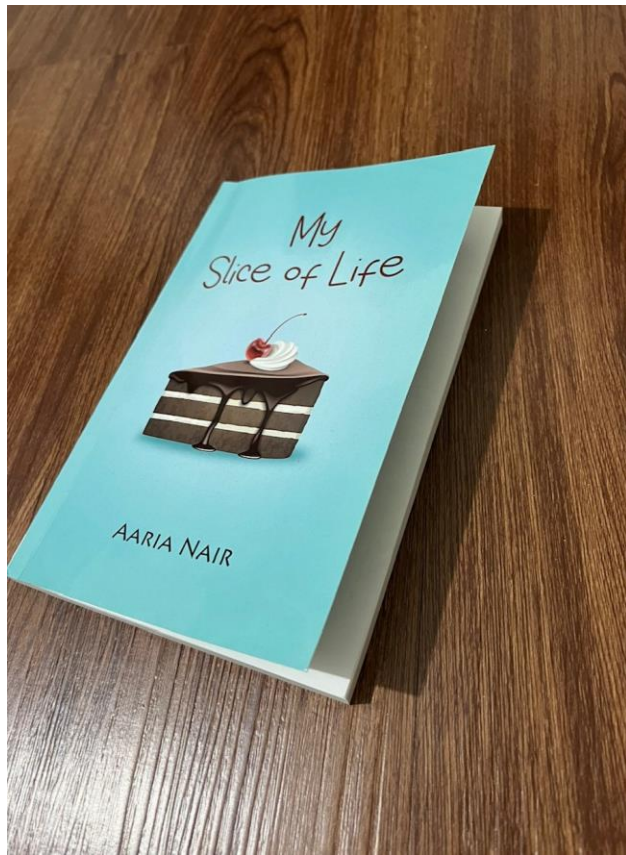
We are really proud to share Roniths victory for the Chennai Regional leagues.

Our young equestrian, Ronith Lahoti, Grade XI (DP), has already started marching ahead towards his quest for Junior National Equestrian Championship (JNEC) in December 2023. A that too in his own winning stride!!! Ronith qualified himself for participation in JNEC in Horse Show Jumping by clearing competitive rounds at the Regional Equestrian League (REL) held recently at Chennai Equitation Centre on the wonderful Sunday afternoon of 27th August 2023. Moreover, Ronith demonstrated his competence by winning 2 bronze medals at the event in 2 rounds of Horse Show Jumping astride horses Bangie De Prissy and Lambiek.

To qualify for participation in JNEC, a rider has to clear atleast 2 rounds of Horse Show Jumping at 2 different state level championships / RELs with a specified score. Ronith had already cleared his first round at the Embassy Premier League 2023 in Bangalore on 29th July 2023. With these clear winning rounds Chennai Equitation Centre, Ronith is now qualified to compete in JNEC this year in Dec. 2023. Ronith had bagged "Individual 4th Position" and "Team Bronze Medal" in JNEC last year. We wish him all the success for preparation and participation to continue his winning stride in JNEC this year too.

Aaria Nair







The book follows multiple experiences I've had in the past couple of years, and how they helped me grow into the person I am today.

A big 'Thank you' to all my teachers and friends who have all been my inspiration and my biggest support..

Upcoming



Upcoming Events:

PYP

1st to 3rd September-IISP MUN

8th September- Investiture Ceremony

14th September-Hindi Diwas

18th September-Ganesh Chaturthi Assembly

22nd September-CAD Challenge

Senior School Upcoming Events:

Grade12

11th September 2023: DP2- RCA2 Examinations begin

29th September 2023: RCA2 Results published

Upcoming Events:

Placements and Counselling

4th September 2023-University of Calgary - Visit

9th September 2023-ACT Examination

12th September 2023-US and UK University visits by Campus Connect

15th September 2023-LNAT Registration Deadline if applying to Oxbridge

22nd September 2023-SAT Registration Deadline for October Examination

26th September 2023-IUPUI session on Neuro Psychology

29th September 2023-Cambridge Admissions Testing Registration Deadline

Oxford Admissions Testing Registration Deadline

ACT Registration Deadline for October Examination

Upcoming Events:

Boarding

2nd September: Student Speaker / Parent Speaker

3rd September: Sinhagad Fort Trek - Trekking Route (weather permitting)

9th September: Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Museum of Indian History

10th September: House of Mysteries and or Lunch Outing

16th September: Engineers Day Competition

17th September: Katraj Zoo Visit

19th September: Ganesh Chaturthi Celebrations

23rd September: Parent Speaker - Military Officer Parent

24th September: Raigad Fort Visit (weather permitting)

30th September: Aga Khan Palace or War Museum and Lunch

Thanks and warm Regards,

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