

Principal's Newsletter September 2023

PYP-Primary Years Programme



MUN-Model United Nations

Our PYP 5 learners participated in the Model United Nations organized at Grand Hyatt in Pune. The students were actively engaged in researching and representing the country and office that they were allotted. This first interaction with the rest of the school peers was a great learning experience for PYP 5 as they explored and built on research and communication skills. Students enjoyed being a part of the discussions and debates and have indeed taken a leap in their learning journey.



Anti Bullying Sessions

The PYP behavioral counselor conducted anti-bullying sessions for PYP students. The sessions covered the necessary aspects like empathy and respect for peers and the need to follow essential agreements. It also gave students clarity of what is counted as a prank and an act of bullying.



Teachers Day Assembly

Teacher's Day in the PYP was celebrated with a lot of gusto as the PYP 3 students and teachers organized a special assembly to outline the importance of the day and the contributions that teachers make to the lives of the students. Students performed a dance and sang songs to glorify the significance of the teachers in each one's life. The celebration did make the teachers feel special and ensured a lot of laughter and fun, as well.

Investiture and Star Awards Ceremony



The Investiture Ceremony of the third Innovation Council took place in the school in the presence of the CEO and MD of the Indus Trust – Lt. Gen. Arjun Ray. After the traditional lighting of the lamp, our Principal, Mr Sandeep Chhabra welcomed the newly elected Innovation Council, and the swearing-in ceremony of the Council took place. The occasion along with the pinning of the badges for the office

bearers also was graced by the CEO addressing the parents and students present for the ceremony and drawing light to the importance that innovation plays in today's fast-changing world.

The Star Awards ceremony for the academic year 2022 - 23 was also held on the same day. These awards appreciate the effort of students in the realm of academic, leadership, innovation, and holistic achievements. We congratulate all the star awardees.

Grandparents Day



Grandparents Day was a heartwarming celebration filled with generations coming together in a beautiful display of love and nostalgia. The children sang and danced with boundless enthusiasm, their youthful energy bringing smiles to their grandparents' faces. In return, the grandparents shared treasured memories and stories of their own childhoods, creating a bridge between the past and the present. It was a day where the vibrant energy of youth blended seamlessly with the wisdom and experience of age, creating enduring memories that would be cherished for years to come.

Hindi Diwas Assembly



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.



Ganesh Chaturthi Assembly

To mark Ganesh Chaturthi, the enthusiastic students of PYP 2 orchestrated a vibrant assembly that left a lasting impression. The festivities commenced with the spirited beats of lezim, casting a lively ambiance. The ceremonial lighting of lamps and the melodious recitation of the aarti set a divine tone for the event.

The students then delivered an engaging video presentation, delving into the symbolism of various aspects of Lord Ganesha. To conclude the assembly on a high note, a captivating dance performance enthralled the audience, and everyone savored the delightful distribution of mouthwatering modaks.



Art Challenge

The annual PYP Art challenge was conducted for all the grades in the PYP. Students were encouraged to choose a medium to express their ideas on the given topic. The topics for the challenge enabled students to put their creative thinking skills to the test and further was able to give an opportunity to all our budding artists to express themselves. The EYP explored concepts of shape while the PYP students tried putting abstract emotions and ideas on paper through their varied interpretations.



Interschool Literary Festival

The third virtual PYP Interschool Literary Festival was held on September 14th and 15th for students of PYP 3 - 5. Eleven IB schools from Bangladesh, Delhi, Pune, Nasik, and Mumbai volunteered to be a part of this event by allowing their students to participate in this virtual challenge organized by IISP. A few challenges which gave an opportunity to students to showcase their writing and verbal skills were organized and children from the 11 participating schools took part in them with a lot of gusto. The winners of the challenges were declared on the second day of the festival during the closing ceremony. The literary festival was indeed a celebration of stories, poems, and essays. IISP students outshined all schools by securing a place in all the events. A big congratulations to all our participants and winners!



WEP and 8-hour courses

Keeping the Indus vision in mind that focuses on the holistic development of students, this month the first round of 8-hour short courses have begun. Students have 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 Bhagavad Geeta.

Upcoming Events

- 6th October -PYP 3WAY Conference with TA
- 11th October- EYP, PYP 1 &PYP 2 Poetic Toot Day
- 13th October -PYP 3-5 Checkmate Challenge
- 16th October-End of Interhouse Sports

- 20th October -PYP Interclass Cultural Festival/ Dussehra Assembly
- 26th October-ACER 2 EYP and PYP Term 1 reports go live
- 27th October -ACER 2
- 28th October -EYP and PYP PTM
- 31st October -Mufti Day and Halloween Assembly/ End of ISSO Competitions

Middle Year Programme (MYP 1 - 3)

Investiture Ceremony



This year on the 8th Ceremony the newly appointed council members were officially vested with authority and responsibility that came with their new roles. The badges were pinned to signify their roles and the expectations, placed upon them. The innovation council members met to discuss their initial plans with the MYP Head of School to foster a culture of Innovation in the school.

Hindi Diwas





On the occasion of Hindi Diwas students presented various colourful programs under the guidance of Hindi teachers. The program commenced with the lighting of the lamp. Showcasing glimpses of Indian culture, the students created beautiful rangoli designs. They recited Saraswati Vandana, Hindi-based poems, stories on education and life values, and shared some interesting facts about the language, emphasizing its importance. The celebration concluded with an expression of gratitude and a closing ceremony.

CAD Challenge





Recently CAD/3D Challenge was conducted for our students. They were tasked with a mission aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 11 (SDG 11) - Sustainable Cities and Communities. The challenge invited young minds to step into the world of computer-aided design and 3D modeling, where they could channel their creativity and digital technical skills to address real-world issues. With the promise of making a positive impact on the world, our students dove headfirst into the captivating world of computer-aided design and 3D modeling.

What made this challenge truly exceptional was the fusion of technical expertise with a deep understanding of global issues, encapsulated within SDG 11. Through their remarkable 3D models, they demonstrated their potential as the architects of a sustainable, resilient, and inclusive world. Their journey, featured here, serves as an inspiration for us all to actively engage in creating a brighter future for our communities.

Glimpses from the classroom









Our grade 6 students embarked on an exciting journey into the art of storytelling. Encouraged to unlock their creativity and imagination, these young minds dived into the world of narratives, where words become the brushstrokes of their vivid imagination.

Eighth Graders used the outdoor spaces to explore - How the pulse rate changes with different activities- at rest, walking, and jogging.

Students also conducted a peer-led session during their PHE class.

Flip teaching was conducted with our Seventh Graders, where they explored and presented the causes and consequences of the fall of the Roman Empire.

The festival of Ganesh Chaturthi brings joy and prosperity. The students of Grade 6 created posters to describe the importance of the festival and its significance.

Upcoming Events

6th and 7th October – Imagination Retreat

9th October – WEB Page Designing Challenge

14th October – MYP PTM

20th October – Cultural Fest

25th to 30th October – ACER TEST

31st October – MYP Halloween Celebration

HOLIDAYS:

2nd October – Gandhi Jayanti

23rd and 24th October - Dussehra

Grade 9 & 10- MYP

Class Room Activities



History- Individuals & Societies- Exploring Industrial Revolution Trailblazers: A Class Endeavor- MYP Year 4

MYP Year 4 students embarked on a journey of discovery, delving into the lives and achievements of three remarkable pioneers associated with the Industrial Revolution in both Britain and Japan. The spotlight shone on Josephine Cochrane, Thomas Edison, Captain Meriwether Lewis, and Captain William Clark as our diligent researchers unveiled their stories. Within the classroom setting, they not only shared their findings with their peers but also opened the door to a fascinating exploration of the ground-breaking inventions that characterized this era, spanning various fields. What made this endeavor truly captivating was the students' ability to bridge the gap between these historical innovations and their contemporary significance. By illustrating how these inventions continue to shape our modern world, they ignited a spark of motivation among their fellow classmates and researchers, inspiring them to delve deeper into novel ideologies and methodologies.

Spanish Language & Literature- MYP Year 4

Students engaged in a captivating number game where their focus was directed towards the number 7 and its multiples. Rather than simply uttering those numerical values, they were tasked with crafting 2-3 sentences in Spanish to express them.

French Language & Literature- MYP Year 5

Grade 10 French Capable students ventured outdoors for their class. With the successful completion of Unit 1, they were set to delve into a reflective session by constructing a French-language interview. The captivating theme for this endeavor revolved around the environment and sustainability. The idyllic setting for this learning experience was the garden nestled between the Primary School-Middle School and Secondary School.

Hindi Diwas Delights



On the guidance of entire Language acquisition department, Hindi Language & Literature teachers, Ms. Smita Vaidya and Dr. Rekha Kathare, in commemoration of Hindi Day (September 14), the students of MYP Year 4 at Indus International School, Pune, presented a variety of colorful programs. The program commenced with the esteemed guest, Mrs. Manisha Upadhyay, who hails from Mumbai and has over 30 years of experience in the field of education, along with her role as a social worker. She shed light on the "Significance and Development of the Hindi Language" during the program.

The event was conducted by Vedika Shinde, and Rakshit Ranjan recited a poem centered on the values of life. Hiya Mukherjee presented a poem titled "The Bond of Hindi." The students also staged a group play based on education. Following these performances, Vedika Shinde expressed her gratitude to the audience, concluding the program.

Exploring Media and Language



An Online Workshop

Our students from MYP Year 5 and DP 1 embarked on an exciting online learning journey with the Goethe Institute. This engaging workshop unfolded in two parts, with sessions on 16th September and 7th October. The following students enthusiastically participated:

- Arun Iyer
- Prasad Patil
- Krishna Prakash
- Mytri Rajendran
- Aditya Bhussanavar

During these workshops, our students were divided into two groups, each delving into distinct aspects of media and communication. In one workshop, they had dived into the world of "Media News Writing," honing their skills in crafting news stories suitable for various media platforms. In the other workshop, titled "Disinformation and Fact-Checking," they learned to spot suspicious content in social media posts. They also gained hands-on experience in creating visuals to highlight the telltale signs of misinformation using photo editing tools.

Goethe Exams Preparation for German Language Enthusiasts

Twelve of our German language enthusiasts from MYP 4 and MYP 5 are gearing up for the upcoming Goethe exams, scheduled for November and December. These exams are a testament to their understanding of the German language, and they have eagerly begun their preparations under the guidance of our dedicated German teacher, Ms. Dhanashri Kulkarni. We wish them the very best as they embark on this linguistic journey!

Online Teams Class after School- Ms. Dhanashri Kulkarni

Online Teams classes after school, aims at hand holding new students and for Goethe exam preparation and doubt solving.

MYP Year 4 - Exam Platform- AssessPrep Orientation for students



Our MYP Year 4 students embarked on an exciting journey into the digital learning landscape during their AssessPrep Orientation Session, led by Ms. Sonal, on 21st September.

A Closer Look at Installation: The focal point of the session was the step-by-step process of installing AssessPrep. She emphasized the importance of this process and explored the functionalities that AssessPrep offers. Our students, with the help of IT Team, quickly grasped the significance of a seamless installation.

Empowering Assessments: AssessPrep is reshapes assessments to suit the IBMYP onscreen assessments and learning journey perfectly. With AssessPrep, subject assessments empower our students to practice rigorously for onscreen assessments, ensuring they are well-prepared for the same in MYP Year 5.

Meet the IT Team: During the session, our students were introduced to the IT team, for any software installation-related queries. This connection ensures they have the support they need for a seamless transition into the digital assessment platform.

The session ended with students having a clear understanding of the platform's interface.

MYP Year 4 & 5 upcoming dates:

- MYP 5 HYE Results- 29 Sep
- MYP 5 PTM- 7th October, 2023
- MYP 5 ISL- Batch 1-25th Oct- 29th Oct and Batch 2- 30th Oct – 3rd Nov

- MYP 4 & 5 ACER2- 7th Nov
- MYP 4 Webpage designing challenge- 9th Oct
- MYP 4 Cultural Fest- 20th Oct

Senior School Programme

Grade12: IISPMUN



From 1-3 September 2023, IISP's Model United Nations (MUN) welcomed 400 delegates between the ages of 10-18 from 28 cities across India for its first-ever inter-school conference at a premium 5-star hotel in Pune, Hyatt Regency. As one of the largest, most premium conferences in the country, IISP MUN consisted of 12 committees discussing a wide range of pressing issues facing the world today, such as the ongoing crisis in Sudan, nuclear warfare, the death penalty, artificial intelligence, de-dollarisation, and more. Delegates also dealt with continuous bombshell revelations and intense scrutiny during the crises and press conferences, where they were able to better simulate real diplomats.

Grade 12- Workshop in Flame University



The workshop on "Career Opportunities in the Design of Information Technologies for Future Healthcare Systems" by Prof. Edward Jay Wang, held at Flames University on September 4th, 2023, was an enlightening and thought-provoking event.

Prof. Wang, a renowned expert in healthcare technology, shared his insights on the intersection of information technology and healthcare, highlighting the burgeoning career prospects in this dynamic field. He emphasized how innovations like electronic health records, telemedicine, and AI-driven diagnostics are revolutionizing healthcare, creating an urgent need for IT professionals.

Attendees gained valuable knowledge about the evolving healthcare landscape, including data security and privacy concerns, interoperability challenges, and the role of Big Data and machine learning. Prof. Wang's practical advice on acquiring relevant skills and staying updated with industry trends resonated with aspiring IT professionals.

The workshop fostered a sense of optimism and enthusiasm among participants, inspiring them to explore exciting career paths in healthcare IT. It was a memorable event that showcased the boundless opportunities awaiting those interested in shaping the future of healthcare through information technology. Prof. Wang's expertise and guidance left attendees motivated to embark on this rewarding journey.

The Unsung Heroes of Education



School Bus Drivers and Attendants Upholding the School Mission

While teachers and parents play a vital role in a student's educational journey, there exists another group of unsung heroes who often go unnoticed yet profoundly impact the lives of students every day – school bus drivers and attendants, affectionately known as "didis" in some regions. Their role extends beyond mere transportation, as they provide crucial yet underrated support and contribute significantly to the overall well-being of students.

School bus drivers and attendants often become familiar faces in a student's life, offering friendship, guidance, and empathy. Through their daily interactions, they create a comfortable and caring environment onboard the bus.

The knowledge of a school's vision and mission is crucial for school bus drivers and attendants as it helps them align their behavior, contribute to a safe environment, maintain professionalism, communicate effectively, and collaborate with the school community while fulfilling their responsibilities.

By embracing the core values of love, discipline, respect, and empathy, employees not only enhance their personal growth but also contribute to building a harmonious and inclusive society. At the Indus School, we firmly believe that these values, combined with a strong sense of purpose, enable our employees to navigate through life with confidence and make meaningful contributions to the world.

TOK Essay titles



Unpacking of TOK Essay titles

Mr. J K Nair, our dedicated TOK coordinator, played a pivotal role in the crucial process of unpacking TOK essays. His wealth of experience and profound understanding of the Theory of Knowledge (TOK) principles make him an invaluable asset in this endeavour. When Mr. Nair undertakes the task of unpacking TOK essays, he delves into each essay title with meticulous attention to detail.

In a two-day session, Mr. Nair along with Mr. Pushkar and Mr. Ravikanth engaged students in thoughtful discussions about the clarity of their knowledge issues, helping them refine their understanding and sharpen their focus. They encouraged students to contemplate the effectiveness of their essay introductions, ensuring they set the stage for a profound exploration of knowledge.

In the intricate process of unpacking TOK essays, Mr. Nair assumes the role of a dedicated guide and mentor, leading students through the intricate labyrinth of knowledge exploration.

Session on Critical Thinking



As part of the academic experience, an Extended Essay session was dedicated to guiding students through the EE process. Critical thinking is a vital skill that plays a significant role in decision-making, problem-solving, and understanding complex issues. To help succeed in this endeavour, we organized a session by our EE Coordinator, Ms. Debosree Roy which provided us with essential information and tips to excel in EE.

Whether you're a student looking to excel academically, a professional seeking to enhance your problem-solving abilities, or simply someone interested in sharpening your thinking skills, this critical thinking session was designed to cater to your needs.

The main highlights were

- Gain a deeper understanding of critical thinking and its real-world applications.
- Acquire practical techniques to analyze information, evaluate arguments, and make informed decisions.
- Engage in interactive activities that challenge your thinking and encourage creative problem-solving.
- Connect with like-minded individuals from diverse backgrounds and expand your network.

Upcoming Events

DP

Grade 12

4th and 5th October 2023: TOK Boot Camp

6th October 2023: Innovation Day

7th October 2023: Online PTM

CP

CP 1 - Scholastic India Internship Programme

Grade 11-DP



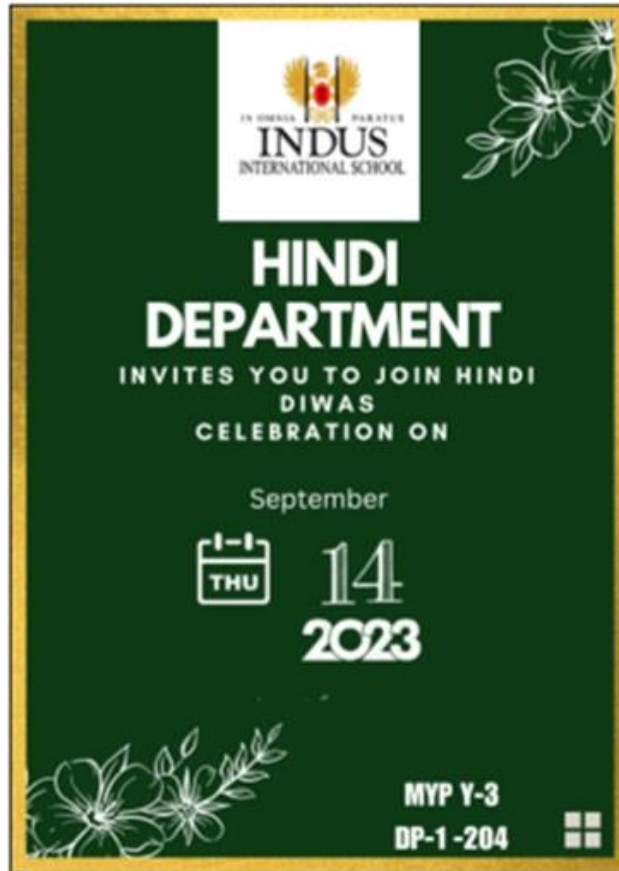
Evolution of Design Education - Rethinking the traditional boundaries of Design

An opportunity to understand the evolving landscape beyond product and graphics and where design education is headed was given to 13 DP 1 Computer science students. The session was held at Flame University on September 04, 2023. Prof. Wang, a distinguished personality in the field of ubiquitous computing and healthcare technology conducted this session. By shedding light on innovations such as electronic health records, telemedicine, and AI-driven diagnostics, Prof. Wang highlighted the transformative power of technology in healthcare. The emphasis on data security, privacy, interoperability, and the role of advanced technologies like Big Data and machine learning provided attendees with a holistic view of the challenges and opportunities in this dynamic field. One of the most significant takeaways from the workshop for students was Prof. Wang's practical advice on skill acquisition and staying updated with industry trends.

Bridging the Gap Between Code and Creativity



Hands-on experience is not just an additional aspect of learning; it is an integral part of the educational and skill development process. It molds individuals into competent, confident, and ready to tackle the challenges of the real world. Grade 11 Computer science students got such an opportunity to explore the different parts inside the CPU and other components of a computer in the school IT room.



Embracing the Rich Cultural Tapestry of our Hindi Language

Hindi, being one of the most widely spoken languages in the world, connects millions of people not only within our nation but also across the globe. It is a symbol of unity in diversity, transcending regional and cultural boundaries. Grade 11 Hindi students and teachers celebrate Hindi Diwas on September 14. It was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the beauty and versatility of the Hindi language and how it has woven itself into the fabric of our society. Hindi teachers and students have planned a variety of activities like poem recitations, speeches, dances, quiz competitions, guest lectures, and many more.



Media literacy among young learners - Regional Online Workshop Series- Topic "Newslandschaft".

A few German language students were engaged in an Online workshop organized by Goethe-Institut Kolkata and Pune in Association with Deutsche Welle Akademie. "Newslandschaft" is a specialized component of the "DigiVerse: How to Read Media" project, which aims to strengthen media literacy and critical thinking across sectors and institutions. It focuses specifically on enhancing online media and

information literacy among youth in South Asia. The topics covered include basic news writing, disinformation identification, online privacy, video blogging, and podcasting. The program incorporates both German and regional media analysis and involves participants in collaborative media production. The resulting media content will be featured on the project website.

The CAD/3D Design Challenge

MYP 4 and DP 1 Computer Science and Design students took part in this engaging CAD/3D Design challenge on September 22, 2023. The focus of the challenge was UN Sustainable Development Goal 11.

The following topics and rubrics were shared with the interested students on the same day. Students were asked to create a 3D/CAD model for any of the following selected Topics:

1. Transport Planning for a Sustainable City of 2030
2. Traffic management for the sustainable city of 2030
3. Intermodal Transportation hub for 2030 (transportation hubs that integrate different modes of transit (e.g., bus terminals, train stations, metro stations))
4. Pedestrian-friendly design (Creating walkable and pedestrian-friendly streetscapes with wide sidewalks, well-marked crosswalks, and pedestrian-oriented amenities like benches and shade structures)
5. Energy efficient buildings/houses.

(Encouraging energy-efficient and environmentally friendly building designs and construction practices to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.)

A Session on Mental Health and Well-being



Empowering Minds, Embracing Wellness

All the students of DP 1 will be undertaking an interdisciplinary project on “Mental Health and Wellbeing” as a part of their Innovation Curriculum. A session with regard to this was organized on Friday 22nd September. We started by introducing the students to the school counselors, the professionals trained in psychology and education, dedicated to fostering the academic, social, and emotional development of students. Research in the field of ‘Mental Health and Wellbeing’ not only contributes to the scientific understanding of mental health but also informs policies, interventions, and support systems, ultimately enhancing the well-being of individuals and communities worldwide. Research skills are essential abilities that enable students to investigate, analyze, and interpret information effectively. These skills are crucial in various fields and are applicable to Extended essays and IA for various subjects in a diploma program. During the session, an understanding of what primary data is and what is secondary data for undertaking research was given. Students were

encouraged to undertake some preliminary research on the aspect of their interest and identify which two subject disciplines can be connected to it. Session

Upcoming events:

6th October: Innovation Day

20th October: Cultural fest

Placements

Classroom Sessions



Grade 12: Gearing Up for the Early Application Cycle

Early Applications: Our Grade 12 students recognize the significance of early applications and have been diligently working with their assigned College Counsellors to prepare their first set of early applications. This proactive approach reflects their determination to secure spots at their preferred colleges.

School and Personal Projects: The Innovative Curriculum at Indus, teaches our students to extend their interests and talents beyond the classroom. Many of them are actively involved in personal and community-driven projects. These projects showcase their leadership, initiative, and their commitment to making a positive impact on the world around them. Such experiences are invaluable additions to their college applications.

Code Day and Indus MUN Conference: Our students have been making a mark on the world stage through their participation in events like Code Day and the Indus MUN Conference. Their contributions highlight their skills, interests, and their ability to excel beyond the classroom.

SAT Scores: Many of our students have taken the SAT right here at Indus and have achieved impressive scores. Strong standardized test scores can significantly enhance their competitiveness in the college admissions process.

Guidance on Essays and Applications: Effective essay writing is a crucial aspect of the college application process, and our students are receiving top-notch guidance. With personalized feedback from their assigned college counsellors, they are honing their essay-writing skills to present their unique stories and strengths effectively.

Student Resources: The College Counselling Department has equipped students with a wealth of resources to support them throughout their college application journey. These resources include sample applications, essays, guidance on filling up the questionnaire for letters of recommendation, and tips for building a standout profile.

We are immensely proud of our students' dedication, achievements, and the indelible mark they are leaving on their journey toward higher education. As we continue to work together, our students are poised for success in their college endeavours.

Grades 11: Navigating the College Admissions Process

The College Counselling Department has been conducting weekly sessions with the Grade 11 students and more personalized and frequent one-on-one sessions with the Grade 12 students to help them navigate through the college admissions process. The following topics have been covered in the Grade 11 sessions –

- Profile Building
- Exploring University and Course Options
- Navigating the SAT

Grade 10: Discovering Your Path

The College Counselling Team welcomed a very enthusiastic batch of Grade 10 students during their first common session for this academic year. The main takeaway for the students was to focus on their academic performance and start identifying which activities they would like to pursue, and which they would like to drop. The team explained to the students that they needed to work on their time management skills. They were advised to prioritize their academics and one or two activities that they enjoyed most. This would help them work towards creating a spike in their profile which top Universities prefer when compared to a well-rounded average profile. The key phrase was 'work towards excelling'. We also discussed the purpose of the PSAT, which will be held in March as well as how to make the most of the University Fairs organized by the Department.

Grade 9: Building Strong Foundations for the Future

The College Counselling Process begins in Grade 9 at Indus International School Pune. Every student is assigned to a College Counsellor who sees them through their high school journey. During our first common session with Grade 9, the College Counselling Department introduced themselves and explained the process and expectations of the Department. Grade 9 is the year for the exploration of interests and talents. Students were informed of the various extra-curricular activities that the school offers and were advised to participate in as many as possible. In addition to this, if they are already pursuing an activity outside school that they enjoy, they are advised to build on it. The students were informed that they could meet their assigned college counsellors independently if they required any further clarification with regard to their subject selections or any other profile-related query. The focus this year will be to help our Grade 9 students explore their interests, strengths, and subject preferences.

University Visits



We were honored to host a distinguished group of university officials in the month of September from the University of Calgary, Marist University, Huron University, SCAD (Savannah College of Art and Design), and EHL (Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne) on our campus. Their visit was an exciting opportunity for our Grade 11 and 12 students to engage in insightful conversations about higher education, scholarship opportunities, and future academic prospects.

During their visit, these representatives provided valuable information about their respective institutions, academic programs, and unique opportunities for our students. It was a session filled with meaningful interactions and informative discussions, further enhancing our student's understanding of their educational options beyond high school.

Session by Faculty of Rishihood University on 'Neuroscience Tricks to Augment Learning'



Rishihood University, established in 2020, is a private University in Sonipat, offering undergraduate programs in Entrepreneurship, Creativity, Education, Technology, and Leadership. A special session by their esteemed faculty and Neuroscience researcher, Dr. Kanishka Sharma was organised especially for the Grade 11 students on the topic 'Neuroscience Tricks to Augment Learning'.

Learning how to learn is the science of human cognition and a very relevant skill for our Grade 11 students as they embark on their IB journey. Dr. Sharma introduced the topic with some interesting facts

about the human brain. He then went on to explain that in order to understand brain functions, neuroscientists use many techniques such as electroencephalography (EEG), functional MRI, and cognitive tests. He spoke about the neuroscience concept of learning and showed how humans perceive the external environment. He next introduced the students to neuroscience-backed techniques to learn faster and longer. A few fun experiments with students was the highlight of his session.

Session by Faculty of IUPUI on research in Neuro Psychology



Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) is a vibrant urban research university nestled in the heart of Indianapolis, Indiana. IUPUI offers a wealth of research prospects spanning diverse fields. Whether delving into healthcare, engineering, social sciences, or the arts, students can engage in practical research experiences that empower them to make significant contributions to groundbreaking discoveries and advancements. These opportunities not only enhance their academic pursuits but also equip them for prosperous careers in their chosen domains. IUPUI's dynamic research ecosystem nurtures inquisitiveness and inspires students to venture into the frontiers of knowledge. Its dedication to research and innovation is underscored by state-of-the-art facilities and fruitful collaborations with leading industries.

Our Grade 11 and 12 students who were interested in learning more about the research opportunities available at the University attended a session by Dr. Bethany Neal-Beliveau, Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies for Psychology. Dr. Bethany spoke about the research she and her team are involved in which revolves round drug addiction in worms. This research is related to the field of Neuro Psychology. She also spoke of the various other fields of Psychology that students could major in and their future prospects.

IUPUI not only delivers top-tier education but also empowers students with experiences that prepare them for success in an ever-evolving world. Its strong community integration promotes service learning and internships that equip students with real-world skills. It's a place where students can excel academically, professionally, and personally.

Conference at FLAME University

The College Counselling Department was invited for an immersive experience at FLAME University's picturesque campus. This conference offered invaluable insights into the exceptional learning journey that FLAME University provides.

The counsellors got an opportunity to engage in a line-up of activities meticulously crafted to provide a comprehensive understanding of what sets FLAME University apart. Over the course of the conference, esteemed Professors and students lead interactive sessions that provided a profound insight into their academic approach, pedagogical strategies, and core values.

Upcoming Events

Digital SAT Examination -7th October 2023

Oxbridge/Medicine UCAS Application Deadline -16th October 2023

Cambridge Admission Testing (for Oxbridge/Medicine Applicants) -18th October 2023

Oxford Admission Testing (for Oxbridge/Medicine Applicants)-19th October 2023

Oxford Admission Testing (for Oxbridge/Medicine Applicants)- 20th October 2023

SAT Registration Deadline for November Examination -20th October 2023

ACT Examination -28th October 2023

Sports

ISSO -International Schools Sports Organisation



This month our students participated in ISSO National games in Swimming, Shooting, Sept, and table tennis in various age categories at Noida from 13th -16th sept. The students have demonstrated their exceptional skills and sportsmanship. Although they have achieved limited success in swimming and table tennis it was an enriching experience for the Indus School students, who gained valuable insights into the sport and developed their confidence and resilience.

The success in the Shooting is commendable. Our Grade 12 student **Nishka Bothara** displayed precision and focus and secured a gold medal that highlights her exceptional abilities in this challenging discipline.

Our MYP students **Shaili Behere** secured a silver medal in the 200m medley and **Naishvi Chheda** won a silver medal in the 50m freestyle. Both, displayed perseverance and dedication led them to this victory

against participants from various schools across India. This win has motivated Shaili, Naishvi and many others to follow their passion and continue working towards it.

Zila Parishad Competitions



Basketball

Our school had active participation in the Zila Parishad basketball competitions across various age groups (U14, U17, U19) for both boys and girls. Such diverse involvement in sports is not only commendable but also instrumental in fostering a healthy sports culture within the school.

In the Under-17 Boys category, students displayed their budding basketball skills. While the competition was fierce, our school's teams demonstrated great potential and secured **1st position**.

In the Under-19 Boys category, our school's basketball squads continued to impress. Their dedication to training and their passion for the game paid off, secured **the runner-up** position.

For the Under-14 Girl's category, put up a remarkable performance. Their experience and proficiency in the sport were evident, resulting in **third** positions.

These achievements are a testament to the hard work and commitment of the student-athletes and the guidance of their coaches. Our school's success in these competitions not only showcases its athletic prowess but also promotes the importance of sports and teamwork. Well done to all the participants and congratulations!

Badminton

The Zila Parishad Badminton competition was held on September 9th at Dhruv global school, Pune. Our school had actively participated in the Under 17 boys, girls, and U19 boys' categories. The teams displayed their potential and secured different positions. Our Under 19 boys secured 1st place, under 17 boys have achieved 2nd place and in under 17 girls' have secured 3rd place.

Athletics

Our Grade 11 student Arnav Kadam has participated in district athletic championships, held at Balewadi stadium. He has secured second position in the 200m event and qualified for the State athletics championship.

Swimming

Our MYP student Shaili Behere received a bronze medal in the 31st state-level swimming competition held at Balewadi Stadium swimming pool on the 17th sept organized by St. Ann's Educational Trust.

Student Achievements

Avyay Rath





We would like to share an initiative by Aavyaay Rathi MYP-2 over this break where he engaged with underprivileged children from Ashray NGO and taught them about UN SDG Goal 3 - Health and Well-being and Climate Action. He also distributed some goodies to celebrate Ganapati.

The kids especially appreciated the tips and suggestions that Aavyaay shared about emotional well-being.

The children really enjoyed the session and were asking for more. They sent some audio clips later with their compliments.

This was a great learning experience for Avyaay as well as an opportunity for reflection.

Arnav Kadam
Pune District Athletics Championship 2023.

Athletic Achievements in the



Arnav Kadam Grade 11 - DP participated in the Pune District Athletics Championship in the month of September. He won a silver medal in 200 Meters with a Personal Best of 22.80 seconds and a Gold Medal in Relay with a Personal Best of 44.60 seconds.

Arnav has now been selected to represent Pune District at the Maharashtra State Athletics Championship, which will be held on 4th and 5th October in Nashik. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Ronith Lahoti



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What more is needed to boost one's confidence, if one qualifies for participation in the National Championship by winning a Silver (2nd Position) at the Regional Level. That's aptly the story of Grade XI (DP) eagle Ronith Lahoti.

He won the Silver Medal astride horse Frank Heights in the Dressage event in Regional Equestrian League (REL), held at Sagar Equestrian Sports Academy, Jaipur, on 30th Sept. 2023.

To qualify for participation in Junior National Equestrian Championship (JNEC), a rider has to clear at least 2 rounds of Dressage at 2 different state-level championships / RELs with a specified score. Ronith had already cleared his first round winning a Silver Medal astride horse Karla at the Embassy Premier League 2023 in Bangalore on 29th July 2023. With this win in Jaipur, he has now qualified for participation in the upcoming JNEC in Dec. 2023 for Dressage. He has already qualified for participation in JNEC for Horse Show Jumping as well. As such, we will see Ronith participating for both Show Jumping and Dressage at JNEC. As he prepares over the next 2-3 months, we wish him all the best to bring in accolades in this year's JNEC too.

Boarding

2nd September: Dr. Kaveri conducting a Health & Hygiene educational session



Dr. Kaveri, the school doctor, delivered an informative talk to boarding students on health and hygiene. She stressed the significance of maintaining good health through practices like handwashing, personal hygiene, a balanced diet, sufficient sleep, and regular exercise. She also highlighted the importance of cleanliness and maintaining a healthy daily routine.

Additionally, Dr. Kaveri held a separate session for girls, discussing menstrual hygiene and emphasizing proper care and awareness during menstruation. She also addressed topics related to PCOD and PCOS to ensure students were well-informed about these health concerns.

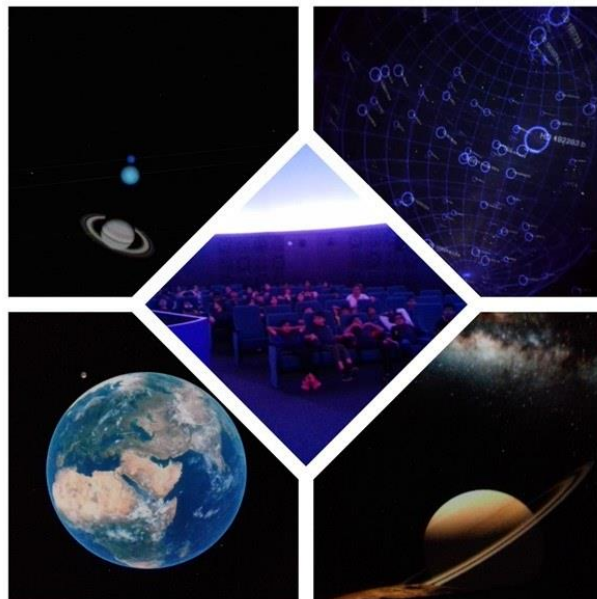
3rd September: Sinhagad Fort Trek





The boarding students embarked on an adventurous trek to Sinhagad Fort, a historic hilltop fortress nestled amidst the picturesque landscapes of Maharashtra. With backpacks filled with essentials and hearts brimming with excitement, they set off on a journey that promised not only physical challenges but also a glimpse into the rich history of the region. They savored local cuisine on their way to the fort. Despite being first timers, the challenging trek tested their endurance, creating lasting memories of nature's beauty and the region's heritage. The fort showcases the valour and courage displayed by the great Maratha warrior and commander Tanaji Malusare. This was a rewarding experience for our students, who tested their physical abilities as well as appreciated nature, history, and the value of teamwork.

9th September: Visit to Pimpri Chinchwad Science Park









The trip to Pimpri Chinchwad Science Park and Planetarium was a wonderful educational experience. The boarding students grabbed the opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of science and astronomy while having fun along the way. The Science Park had various sections such as Automobiles, Energy, Fun with Science. The Planetarium section “Taramandal” was an inflatable dome planetarium where the students attended interactive shows of a simulated night sky. This trip left a way deeper appreciation for the wonders of the natural world and the vastness of the universe.

10th September: Lunch Outing







The lunch outing to Barbecue Nation and Dockway Restaurant provided a refreshing break from the boarding routine, offering our students a taste of culinary delights and a chance to bond with their friends. From the interactive grills, and happening music, to the riverside charm, these restaurants provided diverse flavors and settings that will be cherished for a long time. It was an unforgettable and satisfying culinary experience, proving that good food and great company can always brighten up your day.

17th September: Visit to Katraj Zoo







The visit to Katraj Zoo treated our students to a remarkable display of wildlife. From graceful Sambars and Chinkaras to the majestic Elephants, Bisons, regal presence of Lions, Bengal Tigers, Cheetahs and many more animals, that were surrounded by the beauty of nature.

The snake park, with its assortment of snakes and reptiles, including the impressive King Cobra and Rock Python, likely provided a unique educational opportunity. Turtles, Tortoises, and Alligators added to the unique attraction. The involvement of knowledgeable zookeepers in educating the students about snake safety measures and the significance of every organism in the ecosystem demonstrates the zoo's commitment to conservation and education.

This outing undoubtedly had a profound impact on the students. It not only connected them with the marvels of the natural world but also fostered a deeper appreciation for wildlife conservation efforts. The memories created during this trip will likely stay with them for a long time, serving as a source of inspiration and motivation to continue advocating for the protection of our environment.

As they boarded the bus back to school, it's easy to imagine the students carrying with them a newfound sense of wonder and gratitude for the beauty of nature and the power of shared experiences. Such experiences are crucial in shaping the next generation of environmentally conscious individuals.

19th to 23rd September: Ganesh Chaturthi Celebrations





Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated with great enthusiasm. The Junior Boys Boarding area was beautifully decorated with colorful pandal, lights, and rangoli. A finely crafted Lord Ganesh idol was brought to the pandal amidst music and dance. Morning and evening special pujas were held regularly for 5 days. Sweets, Fruits, and Modak were served as Prasad.

The dance and drama club students performed a dedicated dance for Lord Ganesh. On the last day, the idol was joyously immersed in the nearby Manas Lake with music and dance.

This celebration at the boarding school cultivates a sense of community and spiritual connection amongst the students, creating cherished memories during their school journey.

30th September: Visit to National War Memorial Southern Command







Visiting The National War Memorial Southern Command was a meaningful and educational experience for boarding students. This memorial pays tribute to the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the nation. On this trip the students learned about India's military history, the significance of the sacrifices made by our armed forces and gained a deeper understanding of patriotism. The visit was followed by lunch at McDonald, which provided a balanced mix of education, reflection, and fun for the students.

Hobby Clubs

Over the past two months, our hobby clubs have become vibrant centers of creativity and innovation, offering students a fulfilling way to spend their weekends. This period has witnessed our students breaking free from convention and venturing into uncharted territory. With unwavering enthusiasm, students have embraced their chosen activities, transforming their free time into a joyous exploration of their passions. Notably, our students have taken the initiative to establish the "Eyelids and Ropes, The Poetry Club," showcasing their eagerness to delve into the world of artistic expression and imagination. Their dedication and fervor for their hobbies are not only commendable but also indicative of their potential to excel in their chosen fields. This journey has just begun, and the future holds boundless opportunities for their passions to flourish.

Karate and Self Defence



Cooking and Baking



Story Telling , Dance and Drama



Gardening



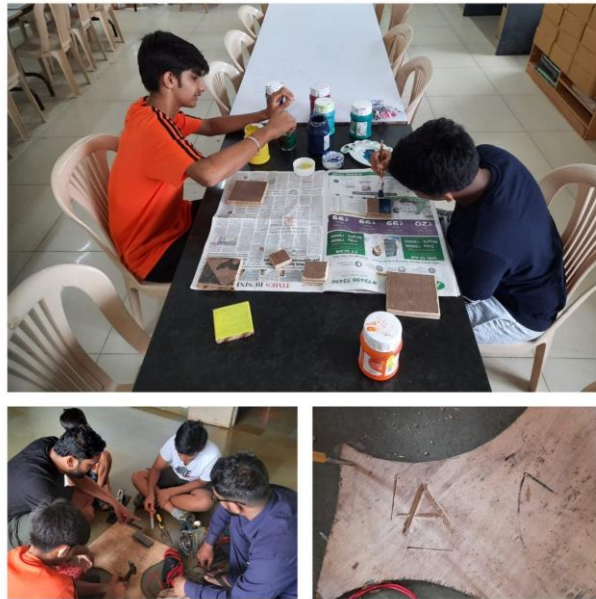
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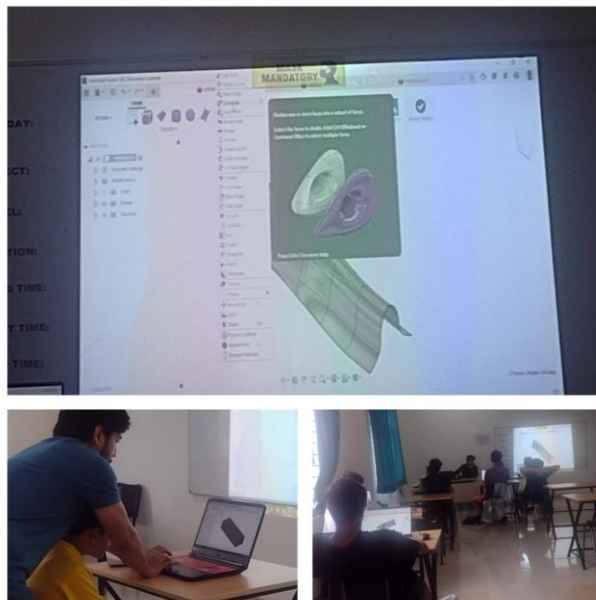
Cross Fit and Training



Carpentry



F-1 Stem Program



Upcoming Events in October

- 1st October: Movie time and Lunch/
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- 7th October: Campus Clean Drive
- 8th October: Trek the hills behind the school.
- 14th October: Garba Night

- 15th October: Mall Outing
- 21st October: Dussehra Holidays
- 22nd October: Dussehra Holidays
- 28th October: Treasure Hunt
- 29th October: Bhaja Caves, Trek to Visapur and Tamini Ghat Waterfall (weather permitting)

Thanks, and warm Regards,

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