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GSIS Celebrated its 43rd Founder's Day: A Platform for Intellectualism and Harmonious Eclecticism



Students of the Summer House: Proud Winners of the Cock House Shield

The **forty-third Founder's Day celebrations** spanning over two days, 15th and 16th of October 2019, included a homogenous blend of a variety of programmes ranging from Western classical music to Indian classical dance. All members of the audience were agog with curiosity as the bugle call announced the arrival of the Chief Guest, **Dr Maithree Wickramasinghe**, the Chair and Senior Professor of



Special chapel service in progress on 15 October 2019



The Principal, Dr P C Thomas, cutting the birthday cake on his 76th birthday



The Principal, Dr P C Thomas, addressing the members of staff



Musical presentation by girls' band: Instrumental rendition of the popular song, 'shallow'



Musical presentation: Our boys singing 'Ride', a popular song originally written and recorded by the American musical duo, 'Twenty One Pilots'



Ms Sayesha Ghosh and Ms Megha Elizebeth Stephen singing a medley of two songs, 'A Mother's Prayer' and 'Because You Loved Me'

English at the Department of English, the founding Director of the Centre for Gender Studies at the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka and a Visiting Professor at the University of Sussex, United Kingdom and the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. They had already been entertained by the musical presentations by the various bands formed in the school.



The Symphony Orchestra performing the title song of the epic biographical drama film, 'Bohemian Rhapsody'



The Junior School Choir



The Pooja dance, a traditional dance of invocation. The girls invoke the blessings of the goddess, Saraswathi.



The Middle School Choir singing the choral pieces - 'Hakuna Matata' and 'I want something just like this.'



Students perform a socio-religious folk dance, Dandiya Raas

After the Chief Guest was seated in the midst of the audience, her entry accompanied by the musical fanfare, the formal programme commenced with the School Song and the School Prayer Song led by the school choir. Following the formal singing by the choir, were Symphony Orchestra, the traditional *Pooja Dance* revering the goddess of learning, **Goddess Saraswathi** and the **Carpenters' Top of the World** sung by the tiny tots of the Junior Campus. *Something just like this* and the much-loved *Hakuna Matata* from **Lion King** were sung by the Middle School students. A variety of dances followed: *Dandiya Raas* by the Grade 9 girls and *Clap and Tap dance*



A presentation by students of the Junior School



Woodwind Ensemble: Students performing a medley of classic Walt Disney songs – ‘Arabian Nights’, ‘Friends Like Me’ and ‘A Whole New World’.



Junior students performing a fusion dance



The Strings Ensemble: Students performing ‘Canon in D’, a piece of violin music originally composed by the German Baroque composer Johann Pachelbel



The Chief Guest, Professor Maithree Wickramasinghe, addressing the audience

by the students of the Junior School. The Woodwind Ensemble sounded like Arabian music as the students played tunes from **Walt Disney’s Aladdin**. We had young Greta Thunbergs flitting around the stage when the *Fusion Dance* was performed to convey to the audience the importance of Nature. Symbolising the togetherness and camaraderie that is part of the residential lifestyle were the musicians of the *strings ensemble* who played *Canon in D* and the *Adam’s Family* theme. Continuing the spirit of the family was **Mr K S Sripathy’s** address extending a warm welcome to the Chief Guest and all the parents, guardians and well-wishers of the school. Echoing the mood created by all our participants was the speech rendered by our Chief Guest who emphasized the need for schools to cater to holistic education while making students aware of the importance of preserving Nature while living in close communion with her. In keeping with the norms of hospitality, the Co-Founder and Senior Vice President, **Mrs Elsamma Thomas,**



Mr K S Sripathi, IAS(Retd) presenting a memento to the Chief Guest, Professor Maithree Wickramasinghe



Students presenting 'Navadurga', a classical dance



Percussion Ensemble: A performance based on the song, 'Jump in the Line', composed by Lord Kitchener and originally sung by Harry Belafonte



Junior students performing the Light and Dark presentation



The Chief Guest, Professor Maithree Wickramasinghe, seated along with the Senior Vice President, Mrs Elsamma Thomas and Mr K S Sripathi, IAS(Retd)



A view of the audience in the auditorium

expressed her gratitude to all present and also to all who had put in their best to make the Founder's Day programme a success. A mellifluous medley of three songs by two girls was followed by *Navadurga*, a classical dance representing the nine forms of the Goddess of strength and the worship rendered to her. The percussion ensemble comprising *Jump in the Line* followed this highly appreciated dance. The last two items of the programme for the day that were greeted by thunderous applause were the *Hand mime* accompanied by a country music tune, *Belfast Polka*. The members of the Senior School Choir sang *Bonse Aba* and *The Greatest Show* brought the show to an appropriate close.



The Senior Choir singing 'Bonse Aba', a Zambian Christian song of celebration



Dinner for the parents and guardians at the dining hall

For those who have been attending the Founder's Day programme for years together, at the initial stages, it seemed to be merely a continuation of the tradition: the bugle call and the General Salute welcoming the Chief Guest, the Inspection of the Guard of Honour and the March Past accompanied by tunes played by the four bands, Senior and Junior, Pipe and Brass. However, the changes were subtle, but significant. There were newcomers who were part of the show, picking up the legacies that many stalwarts in the school had left behind and there were changes in the tunes played too. The formations were those of Circles and Arcs and the Lotus, all highly symbolic of the laurels gathered by the school. The first sign of novelty was a *fusion dance* culminating in the formation of a pyramid by the girls of the Good Shepherd Finishing School. The display of the mountaineering skills was followed by a brand new form of display of the gymnastics skills. Following this was the Indian classical music, characterised by complicated notes accompanied by a variety of rhythms created on the percussion instruments. The *Sailors' Hornpipe Dance*, performed on the greens was followed by the *Equestrian Display* and the *Percussion Ensemble* comprising a variety of beats.

In the meantime, the Old Shepherdians revived old memories when they met the Principal, **Dr P C Thomas**. The distribution of the Special Awards including the **Elsamma Thomas Gold Medals**, Scholarships and the Prizes for the Houses followed the *Percussion Ensemble*. The **Cock House Trophy** was lifted by the **Summer House** who had shown what diligence and team spirit meant. A formal welcome was extended to **Prof Maithree Wickramasinghe** and the other guests. The Chief Guest enthralled the audience again by her speech, this time, focusing on the importance of education and the need for all to take up a job.

The National Anthem was then played by the Brass Band. The school had once again shown her commitment to nurture multiple skills in the students. An atmosphere of satisfaction and the thought that *'All's well that ends well'* echoed through the minds of all who left the stadium.



March-past of the horse contingent



March-past of the girls' Sea cadet Corps



March-past of the girls' pipe band



The Chief Guest, Professor Maithree Wickramasinghe, seated along with the Senior Vice President, Mrs Elsamma Thomas, Vice President, Mrs Julie Pradeesh and Members of the Board of Governors of GSIS



Brass and pipe bands performing during the Founder's day celebrations



Students of GSFS performing a contemporary dance



Dance performance by Junior students



Sailors hornpipe dance



Adventure sport of rappelling: A controlled slide down the rope



Gymnastics: Boys performing somersault



Indian music ensemble: A traditional rendition of music using a variety of music instruments



Equestrian vaulting: Students performing gymnastics on horseback



Percussion Ensemble



Distribution of prizes, awards and trophies



A view of the audience seated in the pavilion

Special Guests at GSIS



Ms Bindiya Murgai

Ms Bindiya Murgai, Mental Fitness and Mindfulness Coach, Therapist and Writer, conducted a workshop at GSIS for members of staff on Wednesday, 17 July 2019. She exposed the members of staff to various methods to involve themselves and students in **Mindfulness** activities on a regular basis.

Ms Bindiya Murgai is an Executive and Life Coach to clients from across the globe. Her therapy, coaching practice and workshops have helped numerous people enhance their mental fitness, overcome depression, relationship hurdles, personal challenges, grief, stress, anxiety, improve self-esteem and body image, and several other emotional and psychological problems. She is a recipient of the prestigious **Rex-Karmaveer-Chakra Award** instituted by International-Confederation-Of-NGO-(iCONGO) in partnership with United Nations.



Maj Gen N S Raja Subramani, SM, VSM

Maj Gen N S Raja Subramani, SM, VSM, Chief Instructor (Army) of Defence Services Staff College (DSSC), was the Chief Guest at GSIS during the 73rd Independence Day celebrations held at GSIS on 15 August 2019. He hoisted the national flag to the brass band's rendition of the national anthem and addressed the students and staff of the school.

He graduated from NDA and on commissioning from IMA joined the Garhwal Regiment (Infantry) in December 1985. He has a varied exposure of serving in different parts of the country and has been actively involved in operations in both Eastern and Northern fronts bordering China & Pakistan respectively. He has also been involved in counter intelligence operations in Kashmir and Assam.



Brig Raminder Singh Guraya, VSM

Brig Raminder Singh Guraya, VSM, Commandant of the Madras Regimental Centre, Wellington, was the Chief Guest during the Opening Ceremony of the Model United Nations held in the auditorium of the Palada Campus on 12 September 2019.

He was a student of Sainik School, Kapurthala and is an alumnus of National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, Pune. He was commissioned into the Madras Regiment in June 1988. He has varied operational and administrative experiences that include counter-insurgency operations in high altitude, deserts, northeastern states, northern borders with China and Jammu & Kashmir. He has travelled widely and has been instrumental in carrying out defence cooperation with many armies of friendly foreign countries.



Lt Gen M G Girish (Retd), PVSM, AVSM, VSM

Lt Gen M G Girish (Retd), PVSM, AVSM, VSM, was the Chief Guest during the Closing Ceremony of the Model United Nations held in the auditorium of the Palada campus on 14 September 2019.

His early school education was at the Breeks Memorial School in Ootacamund and he completed his school education from the Stanes High School in Coimbatore. He joined the National Defence Academy in 1962 and served in the Indian Army till he retired in August 2006. He retired as the Director General – Discipline, Ceremonials and Welfare at Army Headquarters. He is a paratrooper and has commanded a parachute unit. He was actively involved in the military operations that liberated Bangladesh in 1971. He is a Rotarian since 2009 and now lives in the Nilgiris.



Prof Maithree Wickremasinghe

Professor Maithree Wickremasinghe, PhD, the Chair and Senior Professor of English at the Department of English, the Founder-Director of the Centre for Gender Studies at the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka and a Visiting Professor at the University of Sussex, United Kingdom and the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, was the Chief Guest for the 43rd Founder's Day programme held in the Palada Campus on 14 and 15 October 2019.

Prof Maithree Wickremasinghe is the wife of Mr Ranil Wickremasinghe, the former Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. She has over 25 years of experience in formulating gender equity and equality policies/strategies, conducting gender sensitization trainings and evaluating women's and gender programmes for local and international organizations.

EducationWorld India School Rankings (EWISR) 2019-2020

The Annual **EducationWorld India School Rankings (EWISR)** is a very comprehensive and detailed school rankings survey that rank the country's Top 1,000 primary-secondary schools. The Top 1,000 schools are ranked not only nationally but also state-wise. We are happy to inform you that according to **EducationWorld India School Rankings (EWISR) for 2019-2020, Good Shepherd International School is ranked the No.1 International Residential School in Tamil Nadu** and the **No. 2 International Residential School in India** for the year 2019. The school is **ranked India's No.1 in the following parameters of excellence - Co-curricular Education, Infrastructure Provision, Safety and Hygiene - and No. 2 in Pastoral Care.**

The schools are ranked based on several parameters of school excellence including teacher welfare and development, competence of faculty (given double weightage), academic reputation, co-curricular education, sports education, life skills education & conflict management, individual attention to students, leadership / management quality, safety & hygiene, infrastructure provision, internationalism, pastoral care, value for money and community service. The extensive survey was conducted by the Delhi-based C fore (Centre for Forecasting & Research Pvt Ltd) to select and rate the top schools in India. The rankings convey the message that there is more to schooling than academic excellence alone and the best institutions develop the multiple intelligences of their students. In this most detailed school rankings survey, 122 personnel from C fore interviewed 12,213 parents, principals, senior teachers, educators and senior school students in 28 major cities and education hubs across India and it reflects a broad consensus of informed public opinion.



Good Shepherd International School – Palada Campus

GSIS encourages academic excellence and provides a plethora of activities throughout the year. A team of well-qualified, dedicated, inspiring, experienced and skilled teachers purposefully guide students to achieve their goals. In 2019, among the top 10 International Schools in India, GSIS achieved the following ranks in the different parameters of excellence:

Sl. No.	Parameters of Excellence	Rank
1	Co-curricular Education	1
2	Infrastructure Provision	1
3	Safety and Hygiene	1
4	Pastoral Care	2
5	Community Service	4
6	Competence of Faculty	4
7	Teacher Welfare and Development	6
8	Individual attention to students	7
9	Leadership / Management Quality	8
10	Internationalism	9

The national ranking awarded to GSIS during the last four years is mentioned below:

International Residential School				
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019
Rank	1	2	2	2

We **congratulate** the management, members of staff, students and their parents for this excellent achievement!

Scholarship Awarded to Students for Academic Excellence



*Kumaravel Harikaran
(ICSE - Science)*



*Lisa Amit Patel
(ICSE - Science)*



*Eve Saha
(ICSE - Science)*



*Chintankumar Trilokram
Pawar (ICSE - Commerce)*



*Armaan Jain
(IGCSE - Science)*



*Devya Robin Goenka
(IGCSE - Science)*



*Shubh Amit Patel
(IGCSE - Science)*



*Siddhant Kanoi
(IGCSE - Science)*



*Amrith Ram Kancharla
(IGCSE - Science)*



*Pallapati Rushik
(IGCSE - Commerce)*

Meritorious students of GSIS who have achieved excellent results in the Board Examinations held during the academic year 2018 – 2019 are awarded ‘**Scholarship for Academic Excellence**’ and ‘**Certificate of Academic Excellence**.’

Students who top the ICSE and IGCSE Board examinations and decide to continue in Grade 11 & 12 in Good Shepherd International School are awarded the ‘**Scholarship for Academic Excellence**’ and the ‘**Certificate of Academic Excellence**.’ The purpose of the award is to appreciate and encourage students and recognise their proven academic ability. The award is given to selected students throughout their enrolment in Grades 11 & 12 in Good Shepherd International School.

These scholarships are awarded to our students by the **Good Shepherd International School** and the **Trust of the Old Shepherdians’ Association (OSA)**. The following two tables show the details of the scholarships awarded by **Good Shepherd International School** and the **Trust of the Old Shepherdians’ Association** for the academic year 2018 – 2019:

ICSE Science & Commerce

Name of student	Course	Board Examination results	Scholarship	
			GSIS	Trust of OSA
Kumaravel Harikaran	ICSE (Science)	Distinction 92.7%	2 lakhs	2 lakhs
Lisa Amit Patel	ICSE (Science)	Distinction 92%	2 lakhs	1.5 lakhs
Eve Saha	ICSE (Science)	Distinction 89.3%	-	1 lakh
Chintankumar Trilokram Pawar	ICSE (Commerce)	First Class (74.7%)	2 lakhs	-
Total			6 lakhs	4.5 lakhs

IGCSE Science & Commerce

Name of student	Course	Board Examination results	Scholarship	
			GSIS	Trust of OSA
Armaan Jain	IGCSE (Science)	Distinction 8A*'s & 1B	2 lakhs	2 lakhs
Devya Robin Goenka	IGCSE (Science)	Distinction 7A*'s & 2A's	2 lakhs	1.5 lakhs
Shubh Amit Patel	IGCSE (Science)	Distinction 6A*'s, 2A's & 1C	-	1 lakh
Siddhant Kanoi	IGCSE (Science)	Distinction 5A*'s, 3A's & 1B	-	1 lakh
Amrith Ram Kancharla	IGCSE (Science)	Distinction 5A*'s, 2A's & 2B's	-	1 lakh
Pallapati Rushik	IGCSE (Commerce)	Distinction 3A*'s, 4A's & 2C's	2 lakhs	-
Total			6 lakhs	6.5 lakhs

Certificate of Academic Excellence



Saahas Sunil



Maanya Raju

Name of student	Course	Board Examination results
Saahas Sunil	IGCSE (Science)	Distinction 4A*'s, 2A's & 3B's
Maanya Raju	IGCSE (Commerce)	Distinction 2A*'s, 4A's, 2B's & 1C

Merit scholarship in the form of financial awards and Certificate of Academic Excellence encourage good students to continue their education at GSIS and pursue future academic endeavours and prospects.

ISC and IBDP Board Examination Toppers 2019: Elsamma Thomas Gold Medals



Brindhya S



S Rooshni



Aarya Robin Goenka

Students who achieve the top marks / grades in the board examinations of Grade 12 ISC (Science & Commerce) and IB Diploma Programme are awarded the **Elsamma Thomas Gold Medals** every year. In the board examinations held during academic year 2018-2019, the following students received the award for achieving highest scores:

Topper of the ISC Science Group : **Ms Brindhaa S** (Distinction, 93.2%)
Topper of the ISC Commerce Group : **Ms S Rooshni** (Distinction, 92.8%)
Topper of the IB Diploma Programme : **Master Aarya Robin Goenka [44 points; five 7's & one 6]**

All of us **congratulate** you all for this excellent performance in the Grade 12 board examinations. We hope that all of you continue to achieve this serial of good marks. **Best wishes** and **good luck** for keeping up the brilliant work!

Teacher Orientation: Vision to Action

'We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act, but a habit.'

– Aristotle



Members of the Academic Council and the faculty during the orientation programme



The Principal, Dr P C Thomas, addressing the faculty



The Senior Vice Principal (Academics), Mrs Sheila Alexander, delivering the Welcome Address

On the 16th and 17th of July 2019, GSIS staff members - both new and existing - attended a two-day **Orientation Programme** in the Palada auditorium to get themselves orientated to the Vision, Mission and Objectives of the school and also the GSIS' definition for learning. **Mrs Sheila Alexander**, Senior Vice Principal, welcomed all the teachers and read out the list of universities they had graduated from. Mrs Alexander drove home the point that GSIS is a premier academic institution and every member has to play a role in optimizing the cognitive capability of the student which will ultimately bring about a positive transformation in the student. The teaching and learning practices have to reflect the ten ACE Learning Principles as augmented by NEASC. The second speaker of the day was **Brigadier Suresh Kumar (Retd)** and he unfolded the various facilities available for the staff members, the allied institutions serving the well-being of the students and delivered a presentation on the new 20 acre campus that will be functional by April 2020. There was a presentation on the Gudalur farm from where all the organic produce are supplied to cater to the dietary needs of the school community. **Mrs Anila Mathew**, the Director of Counselling, took the audience members through an inner journey of one's emotions when she asked them to do two activities about our "emotional cup". We had to identify our current state of being and what is like for a student who studies at GSIS. The point that she drove home was that every child is unique and needs to be appreciated. The Principal, **Dr P C Thomas**, announced the new appointees and that each Coordinator will be responsible for the Professional Development sessions that take place every Monday. Sir thanked all the teachers for the stellar board exam results.



The Senior Vice Principal (Administration), Brig Suresh Kumar (Retd), talking to the faculty on general guidelines, facilities and infrastructure at GSIS



Self-introduction of new faculty members



The Principal, Dr P C Thomas, Members of the Academic Council and faculty during the orientation programme



Ms Bindiya Murgai, a Mental Fitness coach, therapist and writer, conducting a workshop on Mental Fitness, Mindfulness and Emotional Hygiene

On the 17th of July **Mr Kalyan Ram**, the High School Coordinator, spoke on perspectives and how it aides a teacher into understanding their students better. The speech was right as rain because he tapped into our calling in life. He used episodes from the *Mahabharatha* and *Ramayana* as allegories for our classroom experiences. He compared Sahadev, one of the five Pandava brothers to a teacher because a teacher has to kindle a thought and if the student refuses to answer it, then it is the student's loss. Only when teachers are willing to learn does growth happen. **Mr T Suresh**, the HSS Coordinator took up the issue of "Learning for Understanding". Standards and Benchmarks of the various curricula offered at GSIS, the nature of transfer goals and how a two-dimensional classroom can be transformed into a three-dimensional one, the difference between macro-concepts and micro-concepts, concept-based teaching, the structure of knowledge and so on were a few core topics he dealt with and after hearing Mr Suresh's intellectually stimulating speech the auditorium felt like a lyceum. **Mrs Anila Mathew** introduced the guest speaker for the 2019-2020 Orientation Programme, **Ms Bindiya Murgai** who is a Counsellor, Life and Mental Fitness Coach and an Inner Wellness Guide and Speaker. She has been awarded the *Karmaveer Chakra*, constituted by the United Nations and the International Confederation of NGOs (iCongo). She taught how to reduce our stress by using various techniques such as deep breathing, self-talk, body scan yoga, centering the body, how to empathize and mindful circles. The teachers let their guards down when she asked them to do two ice-breaker exercises with any staff member they had never spoken to earlier. The audience often burst into peals of hilarity as the activities took place but when it came to the silent exercises, the ambience became one of deliberative reflection.

"You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great."

- Zig Ziglar

Reaching for the Stars: An Eye-opening Experience at the Space Camp



Students and the chaperones who attended the space camp in May/June 2019



Pizza party at Decatur



Students enjoying their food at a restaurant in the United States

When thirty-five students accompanied by their three chaperones left India for the **NASA Space Camp** at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama for two weeks (25th May – 8th June), little did they realize that they are embarking on a new stage of their life because their horizons would be broadened and they would return to school as well rounded learners of the twenty first century. The Space Camp at Huntsville comprises three different courses: Aviation Challenge, Space Academy and Robotics; each containing its customized series of highly challenging and exciting activities of two – three levels relevant to the person’s age. Each of the three courses helps youngsters to train like an astronaut, to develop their problem solving and critical thinking skills. According to the architects of the NASA Space Camp, “Space Camp is the ultimate educational experience that illuminates real-world applications of science, technology, engineering and mathematics”.

The Aviation Challenge is a military-style training camp which optimizes and burnishes every youngster’s passion for aircrafts, passion for learning survival techniques and picking up the basics of being a pilot. The students learn the aerodynamics of flight, how to fly



Davidson Center for Space Exploration in Huntsville, USA



Students watching a killer whale (orca) performing at SeaWorld in Orlando



A thrilling water ride at SeaWorld in Orlando



A Sea Lion at SeaWorld in Orlando

a jet and survive a helicopter crash. They had the unique experience of flying in an F-16 fighter jet simulator. The 'FTX operation' where FTX stands for Field Training Experience enables teams to go undercover and rescue a hostage without having their cover blown. It gives the participant an opportunity to engage in a real-life military operation. Our students can vouch that the Space Academy taught them the topology of space, the dynamics of a space mission and how to build prototypes of small rockets. The thrill of walking in a reduced gravity chamber like one would do on the surface of the moon is immeasurable. During the Robotics Camp, they learned the historical milestones in robotic engineering and the nuts and bolts of making an actual robot that can traverse on terra firma, on water and air! At the end of the enterprising week, two teams competed in an obstacle course featuring the robots that they had built. Each programme at the camp has its own capstone activity that the participants are encouraged to compete in. The competitions enrich a person's team building skills as one learns to cooperate and work with their team. One student exclaimed, "Overall, they proved to be learning experiences with loads of fun".

On 31st May, the contingent travelled to Decatur to meet the Rotarians and enjoyed the ice cream and pizza party with them. From 2nd June to 7th June, they visited different theme parks in Florida. They visited **Busch Gardens, SeaWorld, Universal Studios, Islands of Adventure, Aquatica Water Park** and **Magic Kingdom**. They beheld dolphins, orcas, sea lions, other aquatic life, oceanariums and went on roller coaster rides; they walked in the footsteps of fictional characters and availed a wide spectrum of action-packed entertainment that the theme parks had to offer. The Walt Disney World Resort in Florida is by itself a mega city of epicurean delights which the students got to enjoy with their friends.



Superstar parade at Universal Studios in Orlando



The Mythos Restaurant in Islands of Adventure of the Universal Studios: Overlooking a lake, an other-worldly experience!



Jurassic Park River Adventure at Universal Studios' Islands of Adventure



Students enjoying the ride at Universal's Islands of Adventure



The Walt Disney World Resort in Florida



Universal's Islands of Adventure theme park: The Durmstrang guys and the Beauxbatons girls perform the Triwizard Spirit Rally

Nilgiris District Inter School Debating Competition



Master Abhishek Krishnan and Master Devya Robin Goenka showing their certificates – An excellent performance!

The **Annual Inter School Nilgiri Library Debating Competition** was held at the Nilgiri Library in Ooty on Saturday, 16 November 2019. The competition was organised by the Nilgiri Library, one of the prestigious visages of the Nilgiris district, located on the Commissioner’s Road in Ooty town. The Nilgiri Library, established in 1859, which has a chequered history, is the hub of several cultural activities in the Nilgiris.

Forty speakers from twenty schools from various parts of the Nilgiris district vied for the top honours. Two students represented each school and presented their arguments. Judges were assigned to select the best speakers and the top schools from the group. The topic chosen for this year’s debate being “*Co-education – Boon or Bane?*”, we were sure that it was going to be an amazing debate with intense and interesting arguments.

Our students were brilliant, well-informed and had a broad-based knowledge on many topics. They worked hard on oral argumentation and spoke with great fluency and ease. They argued their points in a convincing manner and expressed their views with eloquence. They were articulate while expressing their thoughts and opinions. The participants speaking for both ‘for’ and ‘against’ the motion debated enthusiastically. The team of **Master Devya Robin Goenka**, IB-1C, and **Master Abhishek Krishnan**, IB-1D, represented GSIS in the event. Master Devya Robin Goenka was of the opinion that co-education is a boon while Master Abhishek Krishnan argued that co-education is a bane. At the end of the debate, **Master Devya Robin Goenka, IB-1C, was adjudged the best speaker in the individual category, and the GSIS team was declared overall second in the school team category.** Our school team received gift vouchers. Master Devya

Robin Goenka received a cash voucher of Rs 2000 and Master Abhishek Krishnan was awarded a cash voucher of Rs 800. They can avail these vouchers to buy books from Higginbothams, a local bookstore in Ooty. **Lawrence School**, Lovedale, bagged the first prize.

The road to success is not a bed of roses. Only those who wade through hurdles can achieve success. The event presented a kaleidoscope of opinions, thoughts, ideas and perspectives that definitely enhanced the knowledge and understanding of the topic. Our students set the standard very high with their hard work, drive and passion. Our boys made GSIS proud with their excellent performance and oratory without giving in to the pressures of the competition. We **congratulate** the boys for their hard work, self-discipline and determination! All the best in their future endeavours of discussions and rhetoric.

GSIS Celebrates India’s 73rd Independence Day

On 15 August 2019, Good Shepherd International School celebrated the **73rd Independence Day** with great patriotic fervour lit with the sudden appearance of the sun in a week that featured much dampening rain.

Students were served breakfast dishes in tricolours of our flag to celebrate the spirit of patriotism. The school community assembled in the auditorium for a special assembly to pay a tribute to the nation. The bugle call indicated the arrival of the Chief Guest, **Maj Gen N S Raja Subramani, SM, VSM** – Chief Instructor (Army) of Defence Services Staff College (DSSC), for the august occasion. The national anthem (*Jana Gana Mana*), played by the brass ensemble, provided the backdrop for the flag hoisting and brought the anthem to everyone’s lips.



The Chief Guest, Maj Gen N S Raja Subramani, SM, VSM, hoisting the national tricolour

The speaking engagements at the programme began with **Ms Ayushi Mehta** (Grade 8) who decided to highlight the importance of celebrations on this momentous day. A soulful addition followed in the form of two patriotic songs performed by the Indian music choir: *Vande Mataram* and *Kadam Kadam Bhadaye Jaa*. The speech of the day from the student body came from **Master Kumaravel Harikaran** (Grade 11) who beseeched the audience to spare a thought for the sections of the Indian society who bear the brunt of social and economic iniquity.

A gracious welcome note from the school's Head Boy – **Master Sriniketh Krishnan** (Grade 12) welcomed the Chief Guest **Maj Gen N S Raja Subramani** and the other dignitaries: **Mrs Mahalakshmi Subramani**, **Mrs Elsamma Thomas** (Senior Vice President), **Mrs Sheila Alexander** (Senior Vice Principal – Academics) and **Brig Suresh Kumar** (Senior Vice Principal – Administration). The address stressed upon the importance of patriotism without any aristocratic alienation. The salient address of the day was delivered by the Chief Guest who chose to tailor it to the mindset and concerns of his audience: the youth, providing them with great insights and understandings that would aid them to realise their and thereby their nation's potential.

The celebrations also featured a series of students who received awards in the form of medals and certificates that were won at many key inter-school and district level competitions. The closing address was delivered by **Master Vedaant Vinodkumar Jain** (Grade 10) who expressed his gratitude to all who contributed towards the successful completion of the programme.



Arrival of the Chief Guest



The Indian music choir singing 'Vande Mataram'



The Chief Guest seated along with the Senior Vice President and the Senior Vice Principal (Administration)



Ms Ayushi Mehta speaking on the occasion



Master Kumaravel Harikaran addressing the audience



Master Sriniketh Krishnan delivering the Welcome Address



The dignitaries seated on the dais



Maj Gen NS Raja Subramani delivered the principal address of the day



Mrs Mahalakshmi Subramani distributing certificates



Distribution of certificates



The Vice President, Mrs Elsamma Thomas, presenting a memento to the Chief Guest



Master Vedaant Vinodkumar Jain expressing gratitude

GSMUN 2019: Learning Teamwork, Leadership Skills and Diplomacy



Flag presentation of the UN delegates



The Head and Co-head of the ECOFIN speaking to the delegates



The delegates seated in the auditorium

From the 12th of September to 14th September 2019, Good Shepherd International School held its Annual **Model United Nations**. The theme of GSMUN 2019 was *“Healing Mankind to Resurrect.”* The students converged at different venues for three days to engage in intense debates: three days where the school’s paradigm shifted from an institution of learning to a simulated United Nations Headquarters. **Brigadier Raminder Singh Guraya**, (VSM), the Commandant of the Madras Regimental Centre, Wellington was the Chief Guest for the opening ceremony at the auditorium of the Palada campus. After the arrival of the Chief Guest with ceremonial fanfare, the middle school boys of the SCC marched down the center aisle with flags of various countries representing the student body.

Master Armaan Jain and **Ms Eve Saha** were the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General respectively. There were eight different committees led excellently by our very student leaders of Good Shepherd International School. The committees were as follows:

- **Security Council:** **Master Kumaravel Harikaran** as Head, **Master Mayanka Agarwal** as Co-head and **Ms Megha Elizebeth Stephen** as rapporteur



Brig Raminder Singh Guraya, VSM, answering questions



Address by the Secretary General, Master Armaan Jain



Lt Gen M G Girish (Retd), PVSM, AVSM, VSM, seated along with the Senior Vice President and members of the Academic Council

- **Economic and Financial Council (ECOFIN):** Ms Maanya Raju as Head, Ms Harshita Amitkumar Khemka as Co-head and Master Utkarsh Niraj Arya as rapporteur
- **Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (SOCHUM):** Master Krish Surana as Head, Ms Gulnaaz Kaur as Co-head and Master Adhik Raghuram as rapporteur
- **Special Political and Decolonization Committee (SPECPOL) :** Master Pranav Trehon as Head, Master Ahmed Afzal Sardaria as Co-head and Master M K Nitesh as rapporteur
- **Youth Assembly (YA):** Master Devya Robin Goenka as Head, Ms Kavya Dubisetty as Co-head and Ms Devikaa Prashant Thakker as rapporteur
- **United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment for Women:** Ms Lisa Amit Patel as Head, Master Saahas Sunil as Co-head and Master Sharvesh Ragavendra Perumal as rapporteur
- **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (HCR):** Master Amrith Ram Kancharla as Head, Ms Vishwa Bharat Patel as Co-head and Master Advait Ramanan Dinesh as rapporteur
- **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP):** Master Abhishek Krishnan as Head, Ms Krishnapriya Andru as Co-head and Master Shiv Manish Punjabi as rapporteur

The IT team provided the cyber infrastructure to ensure that the sessions went on without interruptions with **Master Shubh Patel** as the head and **Master Pallapati Rushik** as the deputy. His team prepared the video presentation for both the opening and closing ceremony. **Ms Abigail Maria Hurst** was overall in charge of the Press along with **Ms Madhumitha Ashwin**. **Ms Shikha Kurian** of grade 12 expressed words of gratitude.

On 14 September, Good Shepherd Model United Nations for the year 2019 came to a grand close in the Palada school auditorium. The Chief Guest for the occasion was **Lt Gen M G Girish (Retd)**, awardee of Vishisht Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and the



Lt Gen MG Girish (Retd), PVSM, AVSM, VSM, addressing the delegates



Model Security Council in progress



United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (HCR)



Model Youth Assembly in progress



Model Special Political and Decolonization Committee (SPECPOL)



Model United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Param Vishisht Seva Medal by the President of India. He is now a member of the Rotary Club of the Nilgiris. **Ms Aastha Dulhani** of grade 12 initiated the ceremony with her mellifluous speech recounting the importance of GSMUN sessions in preparing students to become leaders. Master Armaan Jain expressed the challenges and the milestones of the various UN delegates in his panoptic speech. All the leaders spoke with gravitas in their voice and said they gained immensely from the last three days. Lt. Gen Girish took the dais to proffer his explanatory speech on the Model United Nations. Students had a lot of questions for Lt. Gen Girish when he opened up the forum for them to interact. The expression of gratitude was delivered by **Master Namith Anil** of grade 12 which was received with rounds of applause. **Master Armaan Jain** presented the Closing Declaration of GSMUN 2019. The invigorating 3-day MUN session culminated with the school community singing the school anthem.



United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment for Women



Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (SOCHUM) in progress



Economic and Financial Council (ECOFIN)

Teachers' Day: Students pay rich tributes to Teachers



Middle School girls performing a skit



A warm welcome to the teachers!



A skit by Grade 8 boys

5th of September commemorates the birth anniversary of **Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan**, first Vice President of India, the second President of India and a distinguished scholar of comparative religion and philosophy. When he became the President of India, some of his students and friends requested him to allow them to celebrate his birthday on 5 September. He replied, *"Instead of celebrating my birthday, it would be my proud privilege if September 5th is observed as Teachers' Day."* His birthday has since been celebrated as **Teachers' Day** in India.

This is a day when students all over India celebrate and pay rich tributes to their teachers, facilitators and guides. A teacher can be a friend, philosopher and guide, who not only imparts knowledge but also enlightens the students about the value of life and helps them to steer their way through the stormy waters. A teacher endowed with the skills of facilitating knowledge in an ever-growing, dynamic world is always a learner first who has evolved through years of learning and is constantly updating themselves with



Dance performance by Grade 8 girls



Girls of Grade 9 performing a dance

new methods, new techniques to suit the requirements of a new generation of students. Thus, the value of teachers and their contribution in igniting and shaping the young minds of the future is immense. Great teachers devote their time and dedicate their lives to transforming, shaping and preparing the youth for their future. This is an important day to express gratitude towards teachers who have dedicated their lives to mould the future of millions of children.

Teachers' Day at Good Shepherd International School was celebrated on the 9th of September on account of ongoing examinations. Though it was a belated one, it was celebrated with the usual fanfare of welcoming the teachers into the school auditorium.

The programme commenced with a thanksgiving prayer which was coined and led by the School Head Boy, **Sriniketh Krishnan**. The prayer was a fitting tribute to the teachers with the words: " However sweet, however sour, however strict regardless of their power, we know they love us and we love them too", that said it all. This was followed by an address to the assembly by Senior Vice Principal [Academics], **Mrs Sheila Alexander**, who spoke about the teachers' responsibilities in guiding 21st century students with the light of knowledge and enlightenment. She emphasized on the guru-shishya relationship and tradition in the Gurukuls as mentioned in the Upanishads, where the students went to the Gurus and learnt about life under their tutelage, thus becoming their protégés. In the 21st century, there has been a paradigm shift in learning and teaching strategies and the 21st century teachers of GSIS are well equipped to be the beacon of light and guide the students in becoming confident citizens of the world. Teachers of the ancient times as well the modern times have been instrumental not only in imparting knowledge but also in inspiring the students. The Senior Vice Principal stated Aristotle's view that a teacher gives life's direction to a child. This is followed zealously in Good Shepherd which has a dedicated team of teachers who prioritize on student's intellectual growth and well-being, with firm but loving hands to guide them on the right path. With the world going through radical changes due to the prevalence of technology, our teachers guide them to use it effectively for intellectual and academic purpose. Thus the paradigm shift in strategies of learning for students and teachers aid the learning community as a whole.



A skit by HSS girls



A skit by HSS boys



HSS boys performing a dance



Rock band by boys of grade 11



Skit by students of grade 11



The Senior Vice President, Mrs Elsamma Thomas, extending greetings to the teaching faculty

Students across the sections presented a variety programme for the entertainment of their teachers. The programme was hosted by students from Grade 11. They were Mayanka Agarwal, Armaan Jain, Reva Bhavesh Khoont and Harshita Khemka. The programme comprised skits, dance and musical presentations. There was a hand mime presentation, "Thank you" by the girls of Grade 9 which received a standing ovation from the audience.

The Senior Vice President, **Mrs Elsamma Thomas**, on behalf of the Principal, **Dr P C Thomas** extended greetings to the teaching faculty on the occasion of Teachers' Day and reiterated the responsibilities of the teachers of the institution in shaping and educating the students of Good Shepherd International School.

Children's Day celebrated with fanfare at GSIS



Staff Choir singing the School Prayer Song



A classical dance performance by Mrs Rema Madhu



A rendition by boarding house parents

November 14th, the birthday of **Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru**, India's first Prime Minister, is celebrated as the **Children's Day** in India. Prior to the death of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, India celebrated Children's Day on 20 November, the date observed as Universal Children's Day by the United Nations.

Children's day at GSIS is all about teachers performing, entertaining and preparing lip smacking dishes for the students. The celebrations began with a special assembly at 9.30 am with the rendition of the school prayer song by the teachers' choir. This was followed by a classical dance by **Ms Rema Madhu**, the H O D of dance. This graceful performance was followed by a series of skits, dances and songs performed by teachers of Middle School, High School, Higher Secondary School and the co-curricular sections. A fashion show by teachers of the higher secondary section, depicting the traditional dresses worn in different states of India, was a show-stealer. The show was anchored by **Mr Kalyan Ram**, the High School Coordinator and **Ms Anugraha**, Teacher of History, High School. A skit by High School teachers integrated a lot of comic elements and amusement for everyone. Teachers from the middle school performed a mélange of dances which eventually made the students dance.

The one-hour performance by teachers was followed by the Food Fest which began at 11 am for all the girls and Middle School boys. The High School and Higher Secondary boys were allotted the time from 1pm to 3 pm. The Food Fest had a wide spread of Indian and continental dishes and students had a great feast. The *Mehendi* and temporary tattoo stalls were manned by the Good Shepherd Finishing School girls.



Dance performance of teachers



Folk dance



Brig Suresh Kumar (Retd) and Mr John Das singing a Hindi number 'Jhuk gaya aasman'



Fashion parade



Dance performance of lady staff

As always, there was the most sought-after dosa counter with all different types of dosas and side dishes. There was the mocktail and dessert counter, which served gulab jamuns, pastries, strawberry and chocolate shakes, *blue lagoon* ice creams and *mojito*. The other two counters were for noodles, roasted chicken and momos. Students also visited various games stalls. The atmosphere was electrified as students, all dressed for the cause, added to the mirth and merriment.

The food fest was followed by the lucky draw, which was attended by the whole school. The function came to a close with the final address by **Mrs Sheila Alexander**, Senior Vice Principal (Academics).



Members of staff enacting skits



Food festival in progress



Live counter of grilled chicken



Fun games



All fun and games



Tug of war: A test of strength



Girls and boys of GSIS in the stadium on Children's Day



Boys posing for a group photograph in the pavilion



Girls watching the events during the food festival

New Office-bearers of Interact and Rotaract Clubs sworn in



Master Vignesh Balasubramaniam presenting the Collar, Gavel and Interact President pin to Master Saahas Sunil, the new Interact President

The new office-bearers of Interact Club of GSIS and Rotaract Club of GSFS were sworn in on Monday, 19 August 2019, in a grand **Installation Ceremony** organised in the auditorium of Good Shepherd International School, Palada campus.

Rotarian Dr V Balasubramaniam, President of the Rotary Club of Nilgiris West, **Rotarian Mr Stephen Cruz**, Secretary and **Rotarian Ms Dechamma Aiyappa**, Director, Youth Services of Rotary Club of Nilgiris West, were present on the occasion. Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotarians, from virtually every nation, plan and carry out a remarkable variety of humanitarian, educational, and cultural programmes that touch people's lives in their local communities and our world community. Rotary Club supports several of government's development plans in the Nilgiris. Dynamic and active Rotarians who are working in different fields come up with useful and effective ideas to deal with several social problems in the Nilgiris.

The procession of the Rotary dignitaries and the office-bearers of the Interact and Rotaract Clubs entered the auditorium marking the beginning of the ceremony. The President of the Rotary Club of Nilgiris West, **Rotarian Dr V Balasubramaniam**, started the meeting by calling it to order. **Ms Ameena Sharief** delivered the opening prayer and invoked the blessings of the Almighty. Rotarian Ms Dechamma Aiyappa introduced **Rotarian Dr V Balasubramaniam**, President of the Rotary Club of Nilgiris West, to the gathering. The teams of new office-bearers of the Interact Club of GSIS and Rotaract Club of GSFS were invested with their badges of office for the academic year of 2019-2020. All the students of Grades 9 and 11 of GSIS are members of the Interact Club. The following students of GSIS are the new office-bearers of the Interact Club:

President	:	Master Saahas Sunil, IB-1D
Vice President	:	Master Shubh Amit Patel, IB-1C
Secretary	:	Ms Vishwa Bharat Patel, IB-1A
Treasurer	:	Ms Gulnaaz Kaur, IB-1B
Directors	:	Master Kunta Adheip Reddy, IB-1C [Community Service]

Master Pallapati Rushik, IB-1B [Vocational Service]
 Ms Kavya Dubisetty, IB-1B [Club Service]
 Ms Angel Jose, 9A [International Service]
 Master Keertan Vasani, FM-3C [International Service]
 Ms Rachel Paul, FM-3C [International Service]

Along with commitment to community and international service, Interactors strive to develop leadership and professional skills that will benefit them throughout their career.

All the students of the 9 months' batch of GSFS are members of the Rotaract Club. The following students of GSFS are the new office-bearers of the Rotaract Club:

President	:	Ms Pranidhi Jain
Vice President	:	Ms Rajyalakshmi M
Secretary	:	Ms Rishika Satish
Treasurer	:	Ms Kruthi Khandelwal
Directors	:	Ms Aarthy V S [Community Service] Ms Priyanka R Mutreja [Vocational Service] Ms Kavya Gangadhar [International Service] Ms Harshita Agarwal [Club Service]

The Collar and the Gavel were presented to the new Presidents of the Interact and Rotaract Clubs after the office-bearers took their oaths and were presented with the badges. The Presidents vowed to offer their best services to the local community and the society at large with active collaboration from the club members. Rotarian Dr V Balasubramaniam, President of the Rotary Club of Nilgiris West, addressed the congregation. He stressed on the importance of group leadership and urged them to have integrity, competence in decision making ability and empathy as these are the key traits of a successful leader. **Mrs Elsamma Thomas**, Senior Vice President of GSIS and **Mrs Meenakshi Venkataraman**, past president of the Rotary Club of Nilgiris West, also spoke on the occasion. They felicitated the incoming and outgoing office-bearers.



Rotarian Dr V Balasubramaniam calling the meeting to order



Prayer by Ms Ameena Sharief of GSFS



Welcome Address by Rotarian Dechamma Aiyappa



Ms Pranidhi Jain presented the badges of office to the new Rotaractors



Ms Pranidhi Jain addressing the audience



Master Saahas Sunil presenting the badges of office to the new Interactors



Master Saahas Sunil addressing the audience



Address by the Chief Guest, Rtn President Dr V Balasubramaniam



The incoming and outgoing office-bearers of Interact and Rotaract Clubs seen along with Rtn Dr V Balasubramaniam, President of the Rotary Club of Nilgiris West, Rtn Dechamma Aiyappa, Director of Youth Services and Rtn Stephen Cruz, Secretary



A view of the audience



The incoming Interactors taking the oath



The incoming Rotaractors taking the oath

Symposium to raise awareness of Organ Donation



Rtn Dr V Balasubramaniam addressing the audience



Rtn Dr V Balasubramaniam lighting the lamp



A symposium on 'Organ Donation Awareness' in progress at JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty

An **Organ Donation Awareness Symposium** was organized at the JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty, on Saturday, 24 August 2019. Forty-four students of GSIS attended the symposium that was organized by the Rotary Club, Nilgiris West, in collaboration with the **MOHAN Foundation**.

MOHAN is an acronym for Multi Organ Harvesting Aid Network. MOHAN Foundation was first conceived in 1996 and became operational in 1997 in Chennai. It was founded by **Dr Sunil Shroff**, a renowned urologist and transplant surgeon. MOHAN Foundation is a registered, non-government, not-for-profit, charity organisation with its headquarters in Chennai in India. It has offices in Chennai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Delhi and information centers at Visakhapatnam, Coimbatore and Chandigarh. The Foundation works in the field of organ donation and transplantation. Many people develop organ failure due to disease or injury. Their condition may become fatal if they do not receive a suitable transplant on time. But, there is an acute shortage of organs for transplantation.

Dr V Balasubramaniam, President of the Rotary Club, Nilgiris West, **Rtn Dr Dhanabal Palanisamy**, Principal of JSS College of Pharmacy, and representatives of the MOHAN Foundation lighted the lamp. The programme began with a round of compliments, the welcoming of the Rotarians was led by **Dr V Balasubramaniam**, the President of the Rotary Club, Nilgiris West. Along with their introductions, they provided an ample amount of information on organ donation and transplants. According to them, thousands of Indians die



Rtn Dr Vivek Shanmugar enlightening the audience on the importance of organ donation



Interactors and Rotaractors at the venue of the symposium



Dr Vivek Shanmugar and Dr K Shivadarshini



A view of the audience

as there is a huge gap between patients who need organ transplants and potential donors and a single donated human body can contribute to saving at least eight lives. Eminent doctors like **Dr K Shivadarshini**, **Dr Vivek Shanmugar** and representatives of the Mohan Foundation enlightened the audience on organ donation, transplants, the biological conditions in which an individual can donate his/her organs, the administrative prerequisites to donating organs, the many myths surrounding this subject, the familial implications of organ donation and the plight of hundreds of people waiting for organ transplants. They tried to convince the public, especially the youth, of its desperate importance. They also cleared the doubts raised by the audience members. **Master Vignesh Balasubramaniam**, our former Interact Club President of GSIS, talked about compassion and **Ms Pranidhi Jain**, Rotaract Club President of GSFS, spoke on organ donation.

Committing to be an organ donor is a generous decision that can save the lives of patients. Organ transplantation gives thousands of patients each year a renewed chance at living full and active lives. Almost anyone can become an organ and tissue donor, and there is no question of disfigurement. Consider the gesture as the final act of love and generosity towards others. However, the sad part is that the need for organs and tissue outweighs their availability.

“Without the organ donor, there is no story, no hope, no transplant. But when there is an organ donor, life springs from death, sorrow turns to hope and a terrible loss becomes a gift.”

A Home for abandoned and destitute senior citizens: A quiet place to live



Boys of IB-1 at Mercy Home



Boys distributing biscuits



The senior citizens in the old-age home

Good Shepherd International School organised a community service trip for boys of IB-1B & C on Sunday, 17 November 2019. Twenty-four boys of the school visited **Pope Paul Mercy Home** in Nanjanad, Udhagamandalam, which is home for 120 senior citizens.



Providing care and support to the senior citizens

The number of elderly persons in poverty is increasing rapidly. Prevalence of diseases and hospitalisation rates are quite high in older people. Many of them have physical disabilities or medical conditions, but are unable to gain access to basic healthcare. Their families no longer take care of them as they may not have the resources or the time to look after them. Their families or people who are not even related to them, leave them in old age homes. Many senior citizens take ill health in their stride as a part of normal ageing. What they have to realize is that disease and disability may not be part of old age and that they have to seek help to address the health problems. Students at GSIS are encouraged to do community service at old age homes and orphanages.

Our trip to **Mercy Home** aroused in me some mixed feelings, which I was unaware of. There was definitely some incongruity of our initial feelings regarding a journey outside the school premises. We were gleeful and of course, started with the pop music. However, it took me no time to realise the acute problem of our feelings. In no time, the evening had started to hint at some gloomy and sullen change of emotion, as if to warn us of our callous feelings for elders. As we entered the house, the blinding darkness of the time had given way to some awakening. It was as though a white beam of hope had pierced through us and resulted in a sunny, autumn morning of blossomed flowers.

When we reached the home, we realised that all of them were patiently waiting for us. Soon, we joined in the celebration of service. Their little hearts soon spoke in great unsuppressed voices, and in spite of their physical constraints, which were beyond our comprehension, there came some sort of relief in our eyes. The endeavour of our service had now brought about the unspoken passion of life there. There were neither difficulties nor grief, but only gratitude to God. The silence attenuated the thud of the heart and gave way to hope. The spirit of life was simple and yet complex to fathom for an 'outsider'. With small prayers and big smiles, everyone embarked on the journey full of passion. A life that may not be worth living became exuberant and energetic by our mere serving of food with philanthropic sentiments. Finally, the message of *L'Étranger* by **Albert Camus** became clear and so did I realise the incompleteness of my education without service to the society.

- **Master Krish Surana, IB-1C**

"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up."

- **John Holmes**

"The simplest acts of kindness are by far more powerful than a thousand heads bowing in prayer."

- **Mahatma Gandhi**

Board Examination results 2018-2019

Our students took the **Indian Certificate of Secondary Education [ICSE]**, the **International General Certificate of Secondary Education [IGCSE]**, the **Indian School Certificate [ISC]**, the **International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme [IBDP]** and The **Trinity College London [TCL] Theory and Practical Music Examinations** during the academic year 2018 – 2019. Students of Grades 6 and 8 appeared for the **Cambridge Primary Checkpoint** test and the **Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint** test respectively. Results of all the board examinations of academic year 2018 – 2019 are published. Our students have once again produced excellent results.

We feel honoured to present a brief report of the results of the Board Examinations for the academic year 2018-19.

Indian Certificate of Secondary Education Examination – March 2019 [Grade X, ICSE]

The ICSE examinations were held in the school from 22 February to 25 March 2019. Our students excelled in the ICSE board examination registering 100% pass. Of the 28 students who appeared for the examination from Good Shepherd International School in the academic year 2018 – 2019, **20 secured distinction, 6 were awarded first class and 2 obtained second class. The topper scored 93.3%. Five students – Ms Arya Gopikrishnan, Master Harsh Vardhan, Master Maanav Kumarpal Shah, Ms Eve Saha and Ms Lisa Amit Patel scored centum in Geography. Four students – Master Kumaravel Harikiran, Master Harsh Vardhan, Master Shreyansh Agarwal and Ms Lisa Amit Patel achieved centum in Computer Applications. One student – Master Harsh Vardhan achieved centum in Chemistry.**



*Master Maanav
Kumarpal Shah*



*Master Suryansh
Jagdish Saboo*

The topper from the science stream, **Master Maanav Kumarpal Shah**, scored **93.3%**. **Master Suryansh Jagdish Saboo** topped in Commerce stream. He **secured 88%**. 5 students scored 90% or more, 11 students scored 85% or more and 19 students scored 80% or more. The school registered a centum pass percentage this year as well.

The school average for different subjects is shown below:

English – 80.96%, Second Language - 75%, History, Civics & Geography - 88.75%, Mathematics - 70.54%, Science – 77%, Computer Applications - 91.4%, Art - 90%, Economics - 76.3%.

The percentage of our students who scored 90% or more in various subjects is mentioned below:

English – 3.57%, Second Language – 17.86%, History, Civics & Geography – 57.14%, Mathematics – 17.86%, Science – 29.17%, Computer Applications – 70.37%, Art – 100%.

Well done!

International General Certificate of Secondary Education - May/June 2019 [Grade X, IGCSE]

The International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) examinations were conducted at GSIS from 21 February to 6 March 2019 (March series) and 30 April to 14 June 2019 (June series). The IGCSE students of GSIS came out with flying colours. **74** students appeared for the IGCSE examinations in 2019 and have done exceptionally well. It is a fitting tribute to their resolute efforts and talent, and to the unwavering commitment of our teachers.

The information given below outlines the overall results:

Total number of students	:	74
Distinctions	:	38
Merit	:	35
Pass	:	1

Results of IGCSE Examination 2019 (Science group)



Master Yugam Surana

Total number of students	:	61
School Topper	:	Master Yugam Surana [8A*'s & 1B]
Second Position	:	Master Armaan Jain [8A*'s & 1B]
Third Position	:	Master Devya Robin Goenka [7A*'s & 2A's]

Results of IGCSE Examination 2019 (Commerce group)



Master Joseph Joseph Parel

Total number of students	:	13
School Topper	:	Master Joseph Joseph Parel [7A*'s & 2A's]
Second Position	:	Master Pallapati Rushik [3A*'s, 4A's & 2C's]
Third Position	:	Ms Maanya Raju [2A*'s, 4A's, 2B's & 1C]

Our students secured 145A*'s, 190A's, 171B's, 121C's, 29D's and 10E's. 51% of all Grades achieved are A*'s & A's. The marvelous result is due to the hard work and combined efforts of our students and teachers. Congratulations to the students for scoring high marks in the board examination!

Indian School Certificate Examination – March 2019 [Grades XI & XII, ISC]

The **Indian School Certificate (ISC)** examinations started on 5 February and ended on 18 March 2019. **21** students from GSIS appeared for the ISC examinations. The school once again achieved cent per cent pass. **19** students secured **distinction** and **2** were awarded **first class**. **4** students scored **90% or above**.



Ms Brindhha S

Results of ISC Examination 2019 (Science)

Total Appeared	:	8
Distinctions	:	6
First Class	:	2
Scores of 90% & above	:	1
Scores between 80% & 90%	:	3
Scores between 70% & 80%	:	4
School Topper	:	Ms S Brindhha (93.2%)
Second Position	:	Ms R Sneha Nair (87.2%)
Third Position	:	Master Andrew Alex Kallivalappil (83%)



Ms S Rooshni

Results of ISC Examination 2019 (Commerce)

Total Appeared	:	13
Distinctions	:	13
Scores of 90% & above	:	3
Scores between 80% & 90%	:	7
Scores between 70% & 80%	:	3
School Topper	:	Ms S Rooshni (92.8%)
Second Position	:	Master Aaryan Agrawal (92.2%)
Third Position	:	Master Siddanth Narayan Lohiya (90.4%)

The highlight of this year’s ISC results is that of **Ms S Rooshni** who scored cent percent (100%) in Economics. The school average of our students for different subjects is shown below:

English – 89.19%, Mathematics - 70.9%, Physics – 69.8%, Chemistry – 77.1%, Biology – 91%, Computer Science - 97.8%, Economics – 88.2%, Commerce – 88.8%, Accounts – 75.8%, Business Studies – 86.9%.

Another **excellent performance! Congratulations** on completing this first stage of your future career!

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme – May 2019 [Grades 11 & 12, IB]

In May 2019, a total of 83 students of GSIS appeared for the IB examination. 81 candidates appeared for the IBDP and 2 candidates appeared for the IB Diploma Course. Good Shepherd International School produced one of the best results of all the years when **12 students scored 40 points and above** in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme of the May 2019 session. **Master Aarya Robin Goenka** scored an enviable **44 points** out of 45 points in the IBDP examinations 2019 and attained the pride of being the school topper.



Master Aarya Robin Goenka

Overview of the results:

Diploma Awarded	:	74 candidates
Diploma Course Certificates Awarded	:	7 candidates
Course Students	:	2
Average Diploma score of GSIS students	:	34 points
Highest Diploma score awarded to a GSIS candidate	:	44 points
Average grade of GSIS students who passed the diploma	:	5.3
Number of students who scored 40 points or above	:	12

The distribution of the individual scores of the first, second and third positions are shown below:

- School Topper** : **Master Aarya Robin Goenka [44 points; five 7’s & one 6]**
- Second Position** : **Master Vijaya Lakshman Meka [43 points; four 7’s & two 6’s] & Master Dwij Dipak Patel [43 points; four 7’s & two 6’s]**
- Third Position** : **Master Prabhraj Singh Bhatia [41 points; three 7’s & three 6’s], Master Stavan Shailesh Patel [41 points; four 7’s, one 6 & one 5], Master Prathmesh Fomra [41 points; three 7’s & three 6’s] & Ms Muskaan Kanoi [41 points; three 7’s & three 6’s]**

Six students scored 40 points and two students scored 39 points. Of the nineteen subjects offered, there were 7’s in thirteen subjects. Overall, there were fifty-one 7’s. The lowest score in most subjects was 4. ‘A’ Grades were acquired by 16 students in Extended Essay and 4 students in Theory of Knowledge. 14 students scored the maximum of 3 points in Extended essay / Theory of Knowledge. 23 students achieved a maximum score of 7 points and 65 students acquired score of 6 points in different subjects. Subjects in which

students achieved the highest score of 7 points are Spanish ab initio SL, French ab initio SL, Hindi B SL, Business Management HL, Economics HL, Environmental Systems & Societies SL, Chemistry HL, Computer Science SL, Physics HL, Mathematics SL & HL, Mathematical Studies SL and Visual Arts SL.

Heartiest congratulations to each one of our young achievers and their proud parents!

Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint Examination – April 2019 [taken in Grade 8]

89 students of FM-2(Grade 8) took the **Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint examination** held in the school from 15 April to 17 April 2019. The tests were conducted in **English Papers 1 & 2, Mathematics Papers 1 & 2 and Science Papers 1 & 2**. The tests provided an assessment of knowledge, skills and understanding in English, Mathematics and Science.



Ms Devikaa Prashant Thakker

Ms Devikaa Prashant Thakker secured the **first position** scoring the highest possible **perfect score of 18 points**. She achieved the highest possible score of 6 points each in **English, Mathematics and Science**. **Master Adhik Raghuram** secured the second position with 16.4 points. He achieved the highest possible score of 6 points in Mathematics, but he managed to secure only 5.0 points in English and 5.4 points in Science. **Master Akhilesh Sai Bikkina & Ms Panisra Sakulsacha** jointly stood third scoring 16.3 points each. Master Akhilesh Sai Bikkina scored 6 points in Mathematics and Science but managed to score only 4.3 points in English. Ms Panisra Sakulsacha received 4.8 points in English, 5.5 points in Mathematics and 6 points in Science. 6 is the highest achievement level and 1 is the lowest achievement level in each subject.

The highlights of the overall scores of our students in English, Mathematics and Science are shown below:

Overall scores	English	Mathematics	Science
6 out of 6	1	11	13
5 out of 6	2	17	31
4 out of 6	17	26	36

82 students of FM-2(Grade 8) were evaluated also in Global Perspectives. The highlights of the achievement levels of our students in Global Perspectives are mentioned below:

Achievement levels	Number of students
Gold	14
Silver	67
Bronze	1

The subject averages in English, Mathematics and Science are **3.1, 4.2 & 4.9 points** respectively. **Congratulations** for the excellent examination results.

Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Tests – April 2019 [Grade 6]

Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Tests for students of Grade 6 were held in GSIS on 15th, 16th & 17th April 2019. **41** students of Grade 6 from the Junior Fernhill Campus appeared for the tests held in the Examination Hall at the Palada Campus.

Master Ronaal Sameer Patel topped the batch of students with a score of **17.7 points**. He scored **5.7 points in English and the maximum of 6 points each in Mathematics and Science**. **Master Nihar Mohan Choudary Maddipati** stood second with an overall score of 17.4 points. He scored 5.4 points in Mathematics and achieved the maximum score of 6 points in English and Science. **Master Ishanya Deepak Bassi** secured the third position with an overall score of 17.1 points. He scored 5.1 points in English and achieved the maximum score of 6 points in Mathematics and Science. The examination score is ranked from 0 to 6 for each subject, with 6 being the highest possible score.



Master Ronaal Sameer Patel

The highlights of the overall scores of our students in English, Mathematics and Science are shown below:

Overall scores	English	Mathematics	Science
6 out of 6	2	4	11
5 out of 6	7	12	17
4 out of 6	5	11	4

35 students of Grade 6 were evaluated in Global Perspectives. The highlights of the achievement levels of our students in Global Perspectives are mentioned below:

Achievement levels	Number of students
Gold	1
Silver	34
Bronze	0

The subject averages in English, Mathematics and Science are **3.4, 4.3 & 5 points** respectively. Sincere **congratulations** to their hard-earned success!

Trinity College London(TCL) Music Examinations 2018 & 2019

Our students took the TCL music examinations across nine levels from Initial to Grade 8.

TCL Practical Music (Classical) Examinations – November 2018

139 students participated in the **Practical Music (Classical) Examinations** conducted in GSIS from 26 November to 30 November 2018. **33** students achieved **Distinction**, **58** secured **Merit** and **39** were awarded **Pass** certificates.

TCL Rock and Pop Music Examinations – November 2018

63 students appeared in the **TCL Rock and Pop Music Examinations** conducted in GSIS from 27 November to 29 November 2018. **10** students achieved **Distinction**, **19** secured **Merit** and **22** were awarded **Pass** certificates.

TCL Theory of Music Examinations - November 2018

39 students of GSFS appeared for the **TCL Theory of Music Examinations** on 03 November 2018. **27** students achieved **Distinction**, **7** secured **Merit** and **5** were awarded **Pass** certificates.

TCL Theory of Music Examinations - May 2019

380 students of GSIS took the **TCL Theory of Music Examinations** that was held in May 2019. **178** students achieved **Distinction**, **112** secured **Merit** and **61** were awarded **Pass** certificates.

Congratulations to all! Keep up the good work. Continue to strive for excellence and virtue.

Trinity Music Workshop held at GSIS

The **Trinity music workshop** for the music teachers of GSIS was conducted on 21st and 22nd October 2019 at the music recital hall of GSIS. The workshop conducted over a span of two days from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm had a total of 21 music teachers participating from both Fernhill and Palada campus. A team of four consultants from the Trinity examination board were the facilitators of the workshop: **Ms Priya Chaturvedi, Ms Anjali Mata, Mr Ritwik Bhattacharya** and **Mr Pratik Kulgod**.

The workshop was very informative and gave the music teachers a lot of insight about the Trinity examination and how it works. The first day of the workshop helped the participants to review and scrutinize the syllabus for the *Rock and Pop*. This was an eye-opener for many as the majority of the teachers have specialized in classical music. The session was quite interactive with the participants trying out the different sections of the examination such as performance, improvisation and playback. There were also some good performances from the experts using their various instruments. On the second day, the wide span of syllabi for classical examination,



The team of consultants from the Trinity examination board at GSIS



Ms Priya Chaturvedi and Ms Anjali Mata during the music workshop



Our music teachers seen along with Mrs Sheila Alexander, Senior Vice Principal (Academics), Mr Dominic Jude Hurst, Director of Activities and the team of trainers from the Trinity examination board



Mr Pratik Kulgod and Mr Ritwik Bhattacharya talking to the music teachers



Music teachers of GSIS during the music workshop

such as aural and sight-singing were covered. The syllabi for piano, keyboard, guitar, vocals, strings, woodwind, brass and percussion were explained in detail to the teachers. The workshop was appreciated by all for helping them understand the examination and its processes better. We look forward to many more of such training programmes in the future.

Inter School Games Competitions

Tennis Tournament 2019

The 3rd State-level Tennis Tournament for under-12 and 14 boys and girls was held in Coonoor from 7 May to 8 May 2019.



Pranav Natarajan



Ashley R S



Kanupriya Vinkle Chawla



Nitya Nilesh Dhanani

The following students of GSIS won prizes:

S. No.	Names of students	Class	Category	Position
1	Pranav Natarajan	FM-1B	Under-12	3rd Place
2	Ruthran Duraisamy	FM-3B	Under-14 Doubles	3rd Place
	Uddhav Beriwalla	10B		
3	Ashley R S	8A	Under-14	3rd Place
4	Kanupriya Vinkle Chawla	FM-4A	Under-14	3rd Place
5	Nitya Nilesh Dhanani	FM-4A	Under-14	2nd Place

Congratulations!

Cricket News...



*Master Arnab
Nalamothu*

Master Arnab Nalamothu, FM 4D, represented the Nilgiris District Cricket Association under-16 team, that participated in the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) Inter-District Cricket Tournament for **P R Thevar Trophy** held at Dindigul on 7th, 8th and 9th of June 2019.

Well done!

Table Tennis Tournament 2019



GSIS Table Tennis team seen along with the TT coaches

The **Nilgiris District Table Tennis Tournament** was held on Saturday, 17 August 2019, at the Kerala Samajam, Coonoor, under the aegis of the Nilgiris Table Tennis Association (NTTA). Students of GSIS exhibited a good performance as mentioned below:

S. No.	Names of students	Class	Category	Position
1	Nirmit Agarwal	FM-2D	Sub-Junior (U-14)	Runner-up
2	Adhithya R S	6E	Cadet (U-12)	Runner-up
3	Khush Milan Patel	6C	Cadet (U-12)	3rd Place
4	Thota Hemanya Chowdary	6A	Cadet (U-12)	4th Place

Congratulations!

Chess Tournament 2019



The **District-level Chess Tournament** for U-12 and U-15 boys was held on 14 and 15 September 2019 at the MMT Hall, Providence College, Springfield, Bhandisholai, Coonoor under the aegis of Nilgiris District Chess Association.

We are happy to inform you all that **Master Kavish Agrawal** of FM-1C has won the first place in the U-12 category.

Well done!

Master Kavish Agrawal

Inter School Soccer Tournament 2019



GSIS U-19 boys' football team

The **Inter School Soccer Tournament** for U-19 boys was held at the Open Air Stadium in the Palada Campus of GSIS on Sunday, 15 September 2019.

The following is the list of schools that participated in the tournament.:

1. SDAT (Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu) Team
2. The Lawrence School, Lovedale
3. Hillfort Matriculation School, Kotagiri
4. Nilgiris Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Lovedale
5. Unique Public School, Fernhill
6. Good Shepherd International School, M Palada



The final match in progress



GSIS and SDAT teams lineup prior to kickoff

Good Shepherd International School was **runner-up** in the tournament. In the final match, SDAT (Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu) Team defeated Good Shepherd International School (Final score: 2 – 0). The following students received special prizes for their outstanding performance in the tournament:

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| Best Player | : | Master R Vasanth (SDAT team) |
| Best Defender | : | Master S Sachin (SDAT team) |
| Best Midfielder | : | Master Chirantan Kundu (GSIS) |
| Most Promising Player | : | Master Pranav Trehon (GSIS) |
| Most Valuable Player | : | Master S Thanush Kumar (Hillfort Matriculation School) |

Well done!

Inter School Hockey Tournament 2019



GSIS Hockey Team (U-15 yrs division)

The **Inter School Hockey Tournament** for boys was held at Hebron School, Ooty, from 13 November to 16 November 2019. Eight schools participated in the U-15 yrs division:

1. Crescent Castle Public School, Ooty
2. Laidlaw Memorial School & Junior College, Ketti

3. Riverside Public School, Kotagiri
4. Chamraj School, Ooty
5. St. Joseph's Boys' Higher Secondary School, Coonoor
6. Cantonment School, Wellington
7. Brindavan Public School, Coonoor
8. Good Shepherd International School, Ooty

In the U-15 yrs division, the **GSIS team** emerged winners. In the final match, GSIS team defeated Crescent Castle Public School, Ooty. The score was 1 – 0.

The following schools participated in the **Inter School Hockey Tournament** for boys, U-17 yrs division, that was held at Hebron School:

1. Crescent Castle Public School, Ooty
2. Laidlaw Memorial School & Junior College, Ketti
3. Hebron School, Ooty
4. Chamraj School, Ooty
5. St. Joseph's Boys' Higher Secondary School, Coonoor
6. JSS International School, Ooty
7. Brindavan Public School, Coonoor
8. Good Shepherd International School, Ooty



GSIS Hockey Team (U-17 yrs division)

GSIS won the final match after winning the penalty shoot-out (3 – 0) against Crescent Castle Public School, Ooty, following a 1-1 draw in the match after the stipulated time. **Well done!**



Inter House Dramatics Competition 2019

Middle School



Scenes from the play, 'QUASIMODO'

The **Inter House Dramatics Competition** for students of Middle School was held on Saturday, 16 November 2019. The results are as mentioned below:

Best Play : **'QUASIMODO'** – An adaptation of *The Hunchback of Notre-Dame* by **Victor Hugo** (by **Winter House**)

Quasimodo is a fictional character and the main protagonist of the novel *The Hunchback of Notre-Dame* (1831) by Victor Hugo. Quasimodo was born with a hunchback and feared by the people in the town as a sort of monster, but he finds sanctuary in an unlikely love that is fulfilled only in death.



A scene from the play, 'A ROYAL CON-FUSION'



A scene from the play, 'THE NECKLACE'

- Second Best Play** : 'A ROYAL CON-FUSION' (by Summer House)
- Third Best Play** : 'THE NECKLACE' by Guy de Maupassant (by Spring House)
- Best Actor** : Master A P Maghizhan (Winter House)
- Best Supporting Actor** : Master Advait Ramanan Dinesh (Autumn House)
- Best Actress** : Ms Aryana Anoop Chemmanur (Winter House)
- Best Supporting Actress** : Ms Japjee Kaur (Winter House) and Ms Hashini Prakalya Krishnakumar (Spring House)

Congratulations to the winners and all the participants!

GOOD SHEPHERD FINISHING SCHOOL

Desserts Making Course at GSFS

"Good food is always sweeter when served with desserts."



Desserts prepared and presented by the participants

Dessert is a sweet dish usually served at the end of a meal. The English word 'dessert' comes from a French word, 'desservir', meaning de-serve or to remove what has been served. It refers to what is served to you after the main meal had been cleared away from the table. The term dessert applies to many confections such as custards, gelatins, ice creams, cakes, puddings, sweet soups, biscuits, pies, pastries, candies, chocolates and tarts. Presence of desserts on the menu satisfies one's culinary desires.

Girls at GSFS are taught not only to make different kinds of delicious desserts with varying composition of different ingredients, but also different presentation styles of plating desserts, to showcase the best of plating techniques. At the end of the course, an interesting dessert making competition was held at GSFS and the students of the 9 months' batch participated in the event that was held on Friday, 08 November 2019. The teams tried out creative new recipes. The menu looked colourful with a blend of both Indian and Western desserts. The following teams were the winners of the competition:

- 1st Place : Ms Pulotoli Yepthomi, Ms Dharshini, Ms Rajyalakshmi and Ms Kruti Khandelwal**
2nd Place : Ms Pranidhi Jain, Ms Aarthi, Ms Veena, Ms Diya Prasanth and Ms Mahek
3rd Place : Ms Rushali Agarwal, Ms Roshni, Ms Krishna and Ms Aamina Jamal



1st Place : Team of Ms Pulotoli Yepthomi, Ms Dharshini, Ms Rajyalakshmi and Ms Kruti Khandelwal



2nd Place : Team of Ms Pranidhi Jain, Ms Aarthi, Ms Veena, Ms Diya Prasanth and Ms Mahek



3rd Place : Team of Ms Rushali Agarwal, Ms Roshni, Ms Krishna and Ms Aamina Jamal

The objectives highlighted through this event were time management, team spirit, cooking skills, working with grace and poise and meeting deadlines. Making a delicious dessert for a party and getting all the attention it deserves doesn't put one's effort in vain. Again, making the dessert is half the battle, plating is just as important.

"Good food is all the sweeter when shared with good friends and family."

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