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EWISR 2020-21: Good Shepherd International School once again ranked No. 2 International Residential School in India



Good Shepherd International School – Palada Campus

We are pleased to inform you that according to the EducationWorld India School Rankings (EWISR) 2020-21, the world's largest and detailed schools' ranking initiative, Good Shepherd International School, Ooty has been ranked No. 2 International Residential School in India and No.1 International Residential School in Tamil Nadu.

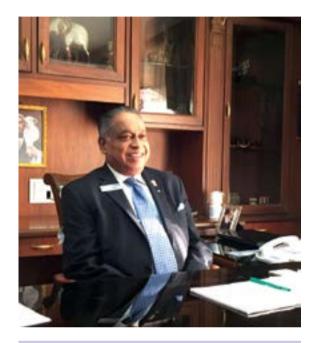
The Delhi-based Centre for Forecasting & Research, one of India's top market research and opinion polling companies, conducted this year's survey during which they interviewed 11,368 well-informed individuals including SEC (socio-economic category) 'A' parents, principals, teachers, educationists and senior school students across 28 cities countrywide. These sample respondents were persuaded to rate well-known primary-secondary schools countrywide segregated into 14 categories (co-ed day, day-cum-boarding, all-boys day, all-girls day etc) to make better comparisons of different categories of schools. Sample respondents were asked to rate every school they were aware of on 14 parameters of the schools' excellence (academic reputation, competence of faculty, leadership

quality, teacher welfare and development, infrastructure, co-curricular education, sports education, individual attention to students etc). The scores awarded by sample respondents under each parameter were totaled to rank schools in each sub-category. Good Shepherd International School is ranked **India's No.1** in the parameter of sports education.

Congratulations to the students, teachers, the leadership team and the management for this outstanding achievement!

Dr P C Thomas Passes Away

"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day... unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed, and very dear."



Dr P C Thomas, Founder-Principal of GSIS

Dr P C Thomas, Founder-Principal of Good Shepherd International School, Ootacamund, passed away on Tuesday, 16th of June 2020. We express our profound grief and mourn the loss of an inspiring individual, a wonderful personality, a great educationist and a hard working Founder-Principal. He was 76. He was a great visionary and an inspiration to the youth. He contributed immensely in the field of education.

The funeral of Dr Thomas was held at the chapel of Good Shepherd International School in the Palada Campus on Friday, 19 June 2020. The traditional 41st day memorial service of Dr P C Thomas was held at 10.30 am on Saturday, 25 July 2020 at the Palada Campus Chapel. His family, friends and staff of GSIS attended the memorial service, ceremonies and rituals. The memorial service was conducted by His Lordship, The Most Reverend Dr A Amalraj, Bishop of Ootacamund. After the service, the bishop and the attendees visited the grave, lighted candles and offered prayers. They also attended the memorial luncheon held in the dining hall of the Palada Campus. Dr Thomas leaves behind a rich and lasting legacy of love, passion and achievement that makes him one of the most important and transformational educational leaders of our time.



His Lordship, The Most Reverend Dr A Amalraj, Bishop of Ootacamund, conducting the memorial service



The bishop and the attendees offering prayers

Dr Thomas was born on 15 October 1943 in Ettumanoor, a major town and municipality in the Kottayam district of Kerala. He studied at St. Thomas College, Palai, for his degree in Botany and St. Joseph's College, Devagiri in Kozhikode for his post-graduate degree in English Literature. Later, he obtained his doctorate degree in education management from Columbia Pacific University, USA. Dr Thomas had worked as a teacher at the Loyola School in Thiruvananthapuram and Sainik School at Bijapur. He later served as the Principal of the Cordite Factory School at Aruvankadu, and the Breeks Memorial School in Ooty. He then founded the Good Shepherd Public School in 1977 and since then it has grown into a world-renowned International School.



The final resting place of Dr Thomas

The school is currently one of the most prominent schools in Asia. Spread over an area of about 160 acres, the school is fortunate to have state-of-the-art facilities and infrastructure, which provide a wonderful teaching-learning environment. Good Shepherd International School has been an IB World School since February 2002. The school was re-accredited by Council of International Schools (CIS) on 27 March 2019 and to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) on 2 May 2019. According to the EducationWorld India School Rankings (EWISR) 2020-21, the world's largest and detailed schools ranking initiative, Good Shepherd International School, Ooty, has been ranked No. 2 International Residential School in India and No.1 International Residential School in Tamil Nadu. The school was ranked the No.1 International Residential School in India in 2016 and the No. 2 in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Dr Thomas, the legendary and iconic personality, a titan of dignity and an epitome of grace, touched many lives with his generosity and passion for life. He had a bright and energetic personality. Dr Thomas is a recipient of numerous Indian and international awards and accolades. He was an active member of the Rotary International and served as the Governor of District 320 and was later elected to serve as an International Director.

His autobiography, *An event called LIFE*, is an account of the journey of his life, a glimpse of important events, its excitements, his beliefs and values. His Mission, Vision and Objectives are our much-cherished treasures. He is the backbone of several institutions and his legacy of unity and harmony inspires us to keep his aspirations alive. He will be deeply missed by everyone he was able to meet and reach out to during his lifetime. He is always in our thoughts and actions. He will continue to remain in our hearts forever.

Grade 12 Board Examinations Toppers: Elsamma Thomas Gold Medals – 2020



V P Laksith



R R Varshitha



Sriniketh Krishnan

The following students achieved the top marks / grades in the board examinations of Grade 12 ISC (Science & Commerce) and IB Diploma Programme held during academic year 2019- 2020:

Topper of the ISC Science Group : V P LAKSITH (Distinction, 95.2%)

Topper of the ISC Commerce Group : R R VARSHITHA (Distinction, 96.6%)

Topper of the IB Diploma Programme : SRINIKETH KRISHNAN [43 points; five 7s & one 6]

They are the recipients of the **Elsamma Thomas Gold Medals** for achieving the highest scores.

The earnest efforts of these students enabled them to achieve top ranks in the Grade 12 board examinations. Success is the result of hard work, learning from failure, loyalty, and persistence. **Congratulations** for this excellent performance. **Best wishes** and **good luck!**

"The healthiest competition occurs when average people win by putting above average effort." - Colin Powell

GSIS and the Trust of the OSA Awards 'Scholarship for Academic Excellence'

The school is committed to provide merit-based scholarships to high-potential students to make their education more affordable at GSIS. Every year, the school awards 'Scholarship for Academic Excellence' to meritorious students of GSIS who have achieved excellent results in the board examinations. Students are selected based on their academic performance in board examinations held during the academic year 2019 – 2020. This award is an educational recognition given to students who top the ICSE and IGCSE board examinations and decide to continue in Grades 11 & 12 in Good Shepherd International School. The award is given to selected students throughout their enrolment in Grades 11 & 12 in Good Shepherd International School. The purpose of the award is to recognize student accomplishments and motivate them to try harder and work to excel.

GSIS was envisioned as a school that would attract students from all sections of the Indian society, from every state in India and abroad, and to be entirely secular. These scholarships are awarded to our students by the **Good Shepherd International School** and the **Trust of the Old Shepherdians' Association (OSA)**. Financial aid is given to students who show the ability to succeed given the right opportunity. 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 2019 – 2020:

ICSE Science & Commerce

Name of student	Course	Board Examination results	Scholarship		
Name of Student	Course Board Examination results		GSIS	Trust of OSA	
DICLUKA LIENAANCIILI CODADINAALA		Distinction			
RISHIKA HEMANSHU SOPARIWALA	ICSE (Science)	94.3%	2 lakhs	2 lakhs	
LINCHA DDADIII		Distinction			
LINGHA PRABHU	ICSE (Science)	93.5%	2 lakhs	1.25 lakhs	
	ICCE (Commorco)	Distinction			
AKSHITA MUTHUKUMAR	ICSE (Commerce)	93.5%	2 lakhs	1.25 lakhs	
Total 6 lakhs 4.5					

IGCSE Science & Commerce

Name of student	Course	Board Examination results	Scholarship		
Name of Student	Course	Board Examination results	GSIS	Trust of OSA	
RAVINA JAYWANT PATIL	IGCSE (Science)	Distinction 9A*'s	2 lakhs	2 lakhs	
KANUPRIYA VINKLE CHAWLA	IGCSE (Science)	Distinction 9A*'s	2 lakhs	1 lakh	
HARSHUL ASHISH AMIN	IGCSE (Science)	Distinction 9A*'s	-	1 lakh	
NITYA NILESH DHANANI	IGCSE (Science)	Distinction 9A*'s	-	1 lakh	
MEET DOBARIYA	IGCSE (Commerce)	Distinction 9A*'s	2 lakhs	1.5 lakhs	
		Total	6 lakhs	6.5 lakhs	



Rishika Hemanshu Sopariwala (ICSE - Science)



Lingha Prabhu (ICSE - Science)



Akshita Muthukumar (ICSE - Commerce)



Ravina Jaywant Patil (IGCSE - Science)



Kanupriya Vinkle Chawla (IGCSE - Science)



Harshul Ashish Amin (IGCSE - Science)



Nitya Nilesh Dhanani (IGCSE - Science)



Meet Dobariya (IGCSE - Commerce)

Academic scholarships carry a significant level of honour and prestige. This initiative to provide merit scholarship in the form of financial aid encourages students who have demonstrated a high degree of scholastic aptitude and performance to continue their education at GSIS.

Congratulations to the awardees!

Though far apart, United in Celebrations: Forty-fourth Founder's Day



Students of high school and higher secondary school presenting a Jugalbandi dance



Prayer offered by Master Shauryaveer Malik of Grade 9



The Middle School Choir singing school song and school prayer song

However far flung they were, the students and members of staff of Good Shepherd International School celebrated the **forty-fourth Founder's Day** on 15th October, 2020, the birthday of the Founder-Principal of the school, Late **Dr P C Thomas**.

The programme began with the rendition of a prayer by Master Shauryaveer Malik of Grade 9. Following this were the School Song and the School Prayer Song sung by the Middle School Choir. The School Prayer was led by Ms Aditi Bisakha Das of Grade 7.

The sorrow caused to the school by the bereavement of its Founder-Principal was expressed by the homage paid to Late Dr P C Thomas by a video presentation based on his biography. The President of the school, **Mr Jacob Thomas**, spoke about his Father and his journey in this world during which he had ensured that he brought about the change that he had envisaged, especially revealed in the setting up of the school and transforming it into the world class Good Shepherd International School.



Prayer by Ms Aditi Bishakha Das, Grade 7



Homage to Dr P C Thomas



Address by the President of GSIS, Mr Jacob Thomas



The Chamber orchestra of GSIS playing the theme song from the Marvel Studios film 'Ant-Man'



Middle School Choir singing 'Let It Be'



The Principal, Mrs Sheila Alexander delivering the welcome address

The composition of Mr Christophe Beck, the theme song of *Ant Man* was played by the Chamber Orchestra of the school. The popular Beatles' number, *Let it Be*, soon followed.

In the Welcome Address delivered by the Principal, **Mrs Sheila Alexander**, she voiced her determination to continue the dedicated work of the school community creating global citizens of young children who are unaware of what being a global citizen entails. The ubiquitous presence at school, a friend and well-wisher of Dr P C Thomas, **Mr V Selvaraj**, the Chairman of the Board of Governors at GSIS, went down the memory lane, reminiscing over his long association with Dr P C Thomas.



Speech by the Chairman of the Board of Governors of GSIS, Mr V Selvaraj, IAS (Retd.)



Address by the Chief Guest of the event, Shri Justice (Retd.) P Sathasivam



Expression of Gratitude by the Senior Vice President, Mrs Elsamma



The Primary School Choir virtually performing the action song, 'Yesterday's Dreams'

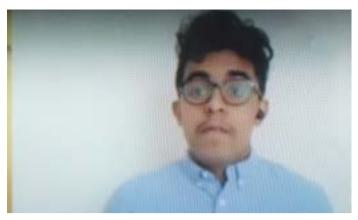
The Chief Guest for the occasion, **Shri Justice (Retd.) P Sathasivam**, Former Chief Justice of India and Governor of Kerala, appreciated the school and all involved in its establishment and growth. He conveyed his best wishes to all the students of GSIS and told them to make the best use of the facilities provided to them. The Co-founder of the school, **Mrs Elsamma Thomas**, expressed her gratitude to all who had made the Founder's Day possible and thanked all the well-wishers of the school.

The Indian Music Choir presented a mixture of traditional and modern music. The students also sang a song from *Border* composed by Anu Malik. A fusion of Bharatanatyam and Kathak, aptly titled as *Jugalbandi*, was presented by students of High School and Higher Secondary School. *Somebody That I Used to Know*, a song written by Belgian-Australian singer-songwriter Gotye, featuring New Zealand singer Kimbra was performed by the Guitar ensemble. Gotye had written and performed this song at his parents' house on the Mornington Peninsula in Victoria, Australia, to convey the experiences he had with relationships. Denize D'Souza and Jeffin Varghese Thomas sang a medley of two songs as a duet. The two songs were *Hero*, originally written by Mariah Carey and *If Heaven Was Needing A Hero* written by Jo Dee Messina. The Choir then presented *Happy*, a song written, produced, and performed by American singer Pharrell Williams and released as the first and only single from the soundtrack album for the film *Despicable Me* 2 (2013). The singing of the school anthem by the Senior Choir signaled that the programme had come to an end.

GSIS gloriously revealed that she had adapted to the new norm, with the entire programme presented virtually. Students and teachers from all corners of the globe had come together to present enjoyable pieces of songs and dances, bringing to fruition the vision of rendering education of international standards dreamt of by Dr P C Thomas.



The Indian Music Choir presenting a mixture of traditional and modern music



Master Jeffin Varghese Thomas singing a medley of two songs



The Guitar Ensemble of GSIS performing an instrumental rendition of the song, 'Somebody That I Used to Know'



The Choir singing 'Happy', a song written, produced, and performed by the American singer Pharrell Williams



The senior choir singing the school anthem

Virtual Model GSMUN: An Exercise of Teamwork and Leadership Skills



Flag presentation ceremony in progress



Flag presentation



The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms Mangalam Karuppiah addressing the delegates

On the 8th of October, 2020 online classes were suspended for two days to allow students to take part in the first ever virtual **Good Shepherd Model United Nations**. Good Shepherd International School was one of a handful of schools in India to host its annual MUN given school closures due to the pandemic.

The flag presentation of the participant countries had been recorded beforehand and was telecast as soon as the ceremony began. Students represented the following seven committees of the Model UN:

- 1. Economic and Financial Council [ECOFIN]
- 2. Special Political and Decolonization Committee [SPECPOL]
- 3. The Youth Assembly [YA]
- 4. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [UNODC]



The Secretary-General, Master Daiwik Locherla Satisha declaring the GSMUN 2020 open



Master Armaan Jain delivering the welcome address



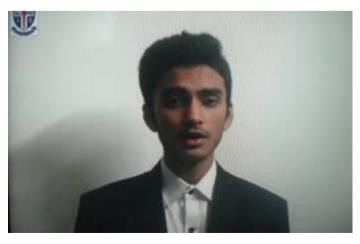
Dr Muralee Thummarukudy, the Chief of Disaster Risk Reduction in the UN Environment Programme, virtually addressing the students and staff



Master Meet Dobariya, Co-Head of ECOFIN addressing the delegates



Ms Kashika Sunil Gulabani, Co-Head of SPECPOL addressing the delegates



Master Krish Rajkumar Jain, Co-Head of the Youth Assembly addressing the delegates

- 5. Disarmament and International Security Council [DISEC]
- 6. United Nations Human Rights Council [UNHRC]
- 7. Security Council [SC]



Ms Rishika Himanshu Sopariwala, Co-Head of the UNODC addressing the delegates



Master Adesh Kedia, Co-Head of DISEC addressing the delegates



A musical interlude



The Expression of Gratitude being delivered by Ms Dhyani Khoont of Grade 12



The Secretary-General, Master Daiwik Locherla Satisha addressing the delegates



Master Harshul Ashish Amin, Head of ECOFIN addressing the delegates

The Deputy Secretary-General, **Ms Mangalam Karuppiah** orated confidently about the potentialities of a virtual MUN in helping nations work for the betterment of humanity and expressed her faith in the heads and co-heads, an ideology that was further endorsed by **Master Daiwik Locherla Satisha** when he declared the GSMUN-2020 open. **Master Armaan Jain's** welcome address for the august virtual audience was well composed and he gave a concise introduction for the Chief Guest of the opening ceremony, Dr Muralee Thummarukudy. **Dr Muralee Thummarukudy** is serving as the Chief of Disaster Risk Reduction in the UN Environment Programme.



Master Hariyanth Nagesh, Head of SPECPOL addressing the delegates



Ms Ravina Jaywant Patel, Head of the Youth Assembly addressing the delegates



Ms Denize D'Souza, Head of UNODC addressing the delegates



Ms Diyansha Magesh, Head of DISEC addressing the delegates

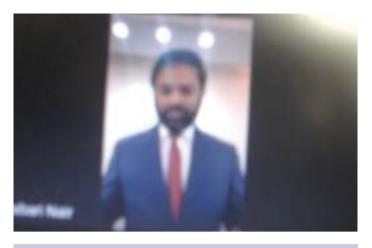


Ms Kanupriya Vinkle, Head of the UNHRC addressing the delegates



Welcome Address by Ms Eve Saha of Grade 12

Dr Thummarukudy's message about the youth having the capacity to change the world motivated the audience members to be more sensitive towards the global issues that demand immediate attention. The co-heads of the various committees took centre stage and gave their speeches about the resolutions of their committees and what expectations they had from their delegates. The musical interlude provided a bridge between the speeches and the expression of gratitude. One could even say that the musical interlude gave our budding musicians a global platform to display their talent. **Ms Dhyani Khoont** of grade 12 gave the Expression of Gratitude. She appreciated the hard work of many individuals which included staff members who worked in a steadfast manner during the last one month to make this year's GSMUN a runaway success.



The chief guest of the closing ceremony, Mr Shabari Nair addressing the delegates



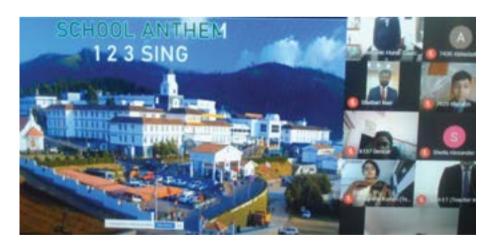
Interactive session with the delegates



Expression of Gratitude by Master Devya Goenka of Grade 12



The Secretary-General, Master Daiwik Locherla Satisha declaring the GSMUN 2020 closed



Students singing the School Anthem

On 9th October, 2020 the closing ceremony for GSMUN 2020 was livestreamed through Facebook and Youtube. Master Daiwik Locherla Satisha enunciated the triumphs and tribulations of the delegates when he touched upon the nuances of their collective endeavour to make GSMUN 2020 memorable. The Heads of the various committees performed the daunting task of reporting the milestones reached by their committee members in less than two to three minutes. The video presentation capturing the Kodak moments of GSMUN 2020 compiled by the Press and the IT was played. Ms Eve Saha of grade 12 introduced the Chief Guest of the closing ceremony. The

Chief Guest, **Mr Shabari Nair**, is the Labour Migration Specialist for South Asia in the International Labour Organisation and is an alumnus of GSIS. Mr Nair's clarion call for the youth was to work in tandem with the broader community to fulfill their goals. There was an interactive round of questions with Mr Nair to keep the transmission of knowledge about the state of the affairs in the current world going. Mr Nair explained complex narratives about the UN in digestible packets of information which the students found very interesting. The Expression of Gratitude for the closing ceremony was given by **Master Devya Goenka** of grade 12. Master Daiwik Locherla Satisha, the Secretary General declared that GSMUN 2020 had ended. The school choir sang the school anthem.

Independence Day Celebrations: GSIS goes virtual on Independence Day 2020

15th August 2020



Brig Suresh Kumar,VSM (Retd), Senior Vice Principal [Administration], hoisting the national flag

The year 2020 will be an unforgettable year for all of us who witnessed radical changes in lifestyle in the wake of a pandemic. COVID - 19 has shook the world to its very roots but the resilient mankind has woken up to grapple with the situation. The world has faced unprecedented challenges but amidst this abnormal situation the world arose to create the New Normal which is a continuation of life and events on a virtual platform and we, as proud netizens and citizens of India celebrated our **74th Independence Day** to commemorate the great day in the history of India which awarded us freedom –freedom from colonial rule of 200 years . 15th August 1947- a red letter day in the history of India - from then till now India has progressed in all fields, even to the extent of facing great challenges like the pandemic. That did not deter India from celebrating its Independence day virtually.

GSIS like every year celebrated Independence Day but with a difference this year as it was a virtual celebration where the whole school and parents from all over the world witnessed this programme with students participating virtually, delivering speeches, presenting dance and music to pay rich tributes to the great freedom fighters. **Brig Suresh Kumar, VSM (Retd)**, Senior Vice Principal [Administration], hoisted the national tricolour flag accompanied by a formal rendition of the national anthem.

Master Abhishek Krishnan of IB-2 did a splendid job hosting this programme, introducing the performers / speakers and monitoring the agenda to ensure that the events run smoothly, since the whole programme was virtual.



Ms Aryana Anoop Chemmanur, FM-2A, offering the prayer



Students presenting a patriotic dance

Ms Aryana Anoop Chemmanur, FM-2A, delivered the prayer. Students paid tribute to the nation by presenting a dance. Speeches to mark the significance of this historic day were delivered by Ms Rishika Hemanshu Sopariwala, ISC-1A and Master Sarvesh Ragavendra Perumal of grade 10. The Indian Music Choir sang two patriotic songs – Vande Mataram, the national song of India and Sare Jahan Se Accha, the patriotic song penned by Muhammad Iqbal. The Western Music Choir gave a melodious rendition of Heal the World, a song originally written and recorded by Michael Joseph Jackson, the 'King of Pop.' Ms Eve Saha of IB-2A, gave the welcome address. She extended a warm welcome to the chief guest, members of the Academic Council, staff and students. The chief guest, Brig Suresh Kumar, VSM (Retd), delivered the Independence Day address. He said that it is our moral responsibility to remember the achievements and pay our respects and gratitude to the 'Father of the Nation' - Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi - and the entire team of leaders, our defence forces, all the satyagrahis, and every single freedom fighter who devoted their time, putting in relentless effort to win us this freedom. They became the unforgettable martyrs. Master Krish Surana, IB-2C, conveyed the vote of thanks to the chief guest, all the performers, administration, members of the music, dance and IT departments for making this event possible.



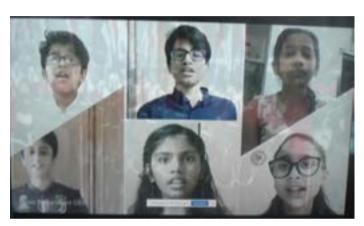
Address by Ms Rishika Hemanshu Sopariwala, ISC-1A



Students singing patriotic songs



Master Sarvesh Ragavendra Perumal, grade 10, addressing the students



Students singing 'Heal the World'



Welcome Address by Ms Eve Saha, IB-2A

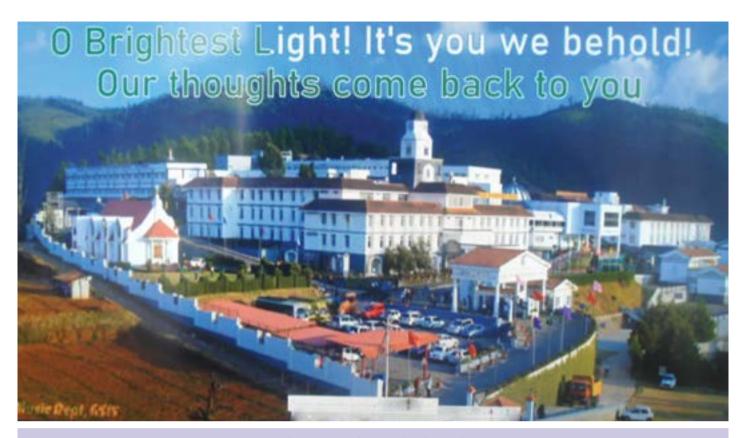


Brig Suresh Kumar,VSM (Retd), Senior Vice Principal [Administration], delivering the Independence Day Address

The programme culminated with our school anthem sung by the students online. The programme though conducted through the virtual platform was flawlessly organized and proved how the students from different corners of the globe could harmonize to present an event and thereby defeat great challenges.

India's Independence Day reminds the country's citizens of all the sacrifices the valiant freedom fighters have made to secure the country's future, so that the later generations could breathe in free air.

"We end today a period of ill fortune and India discovers herself again. The achievement we celebrate today is but a step, an opening of opportunity, to the greater triumphs and achievements that await us. Are we brave enough and wise enough to grasp this opportunity and accept the challenge of the future?"



Students singing the school anthem online

A Virtual Orientation held at GSIS

A virtual **Orientation Programme** was held at GSIS before the start of the academic year on Friday, 31 July 2020. The purpose of the event was to engage with new students, introduce them to the school's culture, build goodwill and create the kind of atmosphere that promotes ongoing student involvement. The corona virus pandemic has dramatically changed our education and students are no longer contained within the conventional classrooms. There is a distinctive rise of e-learning, whereby teaching is undertaken remotely and on digital platforms.

A variety of events were virtually held to orient and welcome the incoming new students. **Mrs Anila Ann Mathew**, Director of Counselling, read the school prayer. The welcome address was delivered by the Senior Vice President of GSIS, **Mrs Elsamma Thomas**. Students and their parents were formally welcomed and introduced to the culture of the School. The Counsellors in the school – Ms Shanthadurga (Middle School), Ms Hemalatha G (High School) and Mrs Mary Shiju Joseph (Higher Secondary School) engaged the students in an ice-breaking session and team building activities during which they played virtual games with the new students.

Next up, was the cultural programme that featured singing, dance performances and playing of musical instruments. Ms Diyansha Magesh, IB-1 and Ms Preita Nadarajah, IB-1, performed dances in a bid to keep the atmosphere lively and entertaining. Master Alexis Nettos, FM-3, showed off his amazing piano skills. The Head Girl, Ms Dhyani Khoont, IB-2, addressed the new students. She said that the activities in the school made her a self-reliant person and nothing can be gained without hard work. Ms Dipsikha Pal, FM-2, then presented a dance, which was followed by a presentation of keyboard music by Ms Keya Vinay Mediratta, IB-1.

Brig Suresh Kumar VSM (Retd), Senior Vice Principal (Administration), advised the students to behave well and stay safe at home. He informed them that the school will reopen when it is safe to do so and it will be in line with the government's standard operating procedure (SOP). The co-curricular captain, Master Abhishek Krishnan, IB-2, showed off his talent in dance. Our music teacher in the primary school, Ms December, sang 'Top of the World' – a 1972 hit song originally written and composed by *Richard Carpenter* and *John Bettis*. The Principal, **Mrs Sheila Alexander** gave the concluding remarks.

"Successful and unsuccessful people do not vary greatly in their abilities. They vary in their desires to reach their potentials."

Students Pay Tribute to Teachers



Virtual presentation of Teachers' Day programme in progress



Ms Diyansha Magesh, IB-1A, presenting the programmes



Master Pratham Hardik Chheda, FM-1A, delivering the prayer



Ms Angelinaashita Ashish Rajwadi, 9A, speaking on Teachers' Day



The School Captain, Master Devya Robin Goenka, IB-2C, addressing the students



The Principal, Mrs Sheila Alexander, speaking on the occasion

The **Teachers' Day** programme began with a prayer offered by **Master Pratham Hardik Chheda**, FM-1A. Soon afterwards **Ms Angelinaashita Ashish Rajwadi** of 9A, and the School Captain **Master Devya Robin Goenka** of IB-2C, addressed the teachers and students with great enthusiasm. This was followed by a speech by the Principal, **Mrs Sheila Alexander**, who spoke about the



Girls of Grade 9 dancing to the tune of the song, 'In Your Hands'



Ms Sayesha Ghosh, 8A, singing 'Never Enough'







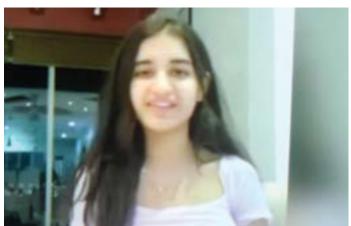


Girls of Grade 11 saying words of appreciation and gratitude

significance of Teachers' Day. In her address, she heaped praises on all the teachers for choosing this noble profession. She drew attention to the fact that teachers gave their all to their students, in times of adversity as well as normalcy.

This was soon followed by a number of cultural performances by students dedicated as homage to their teachers. Through dance, music and oration, students paid rich tributes to their teachers. The girls of Grade 9 presented a dance. They danced to the tune of the song, 'In Your Hands', an all-time favourite song, for their teachers. The performance highlighted the nurturing role that teachers play in the formative years of every student and was in perfect sync with the occasion. The programme also featured two solo





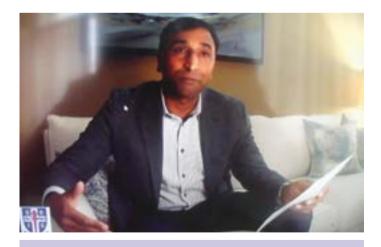
Girls of Grade 11 paying tribute to their teachers



A dance presentation by Ms Diyansha Magesh, IB-1A



The Senior Vice President, Mrs Elsamma Thomas, addressing the students and staff



Address by the President, Mr Jacob Thomas



Vote of Thanks by Master Rudra Dipak Vaghani, FM-3C

performances; **Ms Sayesha Ghosh of 8 A** mellifluously sang 'Never Enough' and, **Ms Diyansha Magesh of IB I A** danced with dexterity and élan.

Penultimately, the Senior President and the President of GSIS addressed the teachers and students. **Mrs Elsamma Thomas** spoke of how teaching was a way of life and remarked how fortunate GSIS was to have a dedicated, helpful faculty of teachers. **Mr Jacob Thomas** in his address fondly reminisced on his school years and expressed thanks to the teachers for choosing teaching as a career. The programme came to an end after **Master Rudra Dipak Vaghani** of FM-3C proposed the vote of thanks.

Celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ!



Primary School Ensemble: Students singing 'Mary's Boy Child'



Prayer and Christmas message by Mr Louis Xaviere



Mr Nirmal singing 'O Holy Night'

The school organized a virtual **Christmas celebration** on Thursday, 3 December 2020. Due to COVID restrictions and the school conducting classes online, Christmas celebrations also moved online. There was no dearth of excitement as it is the season to sing carols and usher in Christmas. Students have come together to make sure they keep the festive spirit alive. The programme commenced with a prayer and message delivered by Mr Louis Xaviere.

Mr Nirmal, our music teacher, sang 'O Holy Night'. The school organized various activities for students. The students exhibited their talent through songs and dance performances. Students of the primary school entertained the attendees with the rendition of 'Mary's Boy Child.' The melodious singing of 'Silent Night' by Ms Ravina Jaywant Patil of IB-1B was amazing. Next was the turn of the students of the middle school to sing 'Deck the Halls', the traditional Christmas carol. The instrumental rendition of 'Jolly Old Saint Nicholas' by the students of the primary and middle school was cleanly presented with deceptive simplicity. Our primary school music teacher, Ms December very well used her voice while singing 'Do you hear what I hear.' The woodwind Trio came up



Time of joy, hope and love: Dance performance by Kanishk and Diyansha



Ms Ravina, Grade 11, singing 'Silent Night'



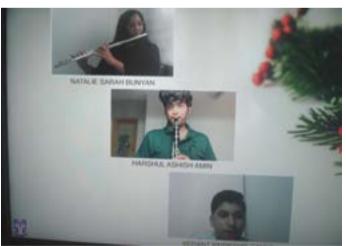
Middle School Ensemble: Students singing 'Deck the Halls'



Instrumental rendition of the song, 'Jolly Old Saint Nicholas', by students of primary and middle school



Ms December singing 'Do you hear what I hear'



Woodwind trio music by students of middle school and higher secondary school

with a medley of songs. Ms Diyansha Magesh, IB-1A and Master Kanishk Magesh, FM-2C, exhibited spontaneous fluid movements as they danced to the tune of 'Jingle Bells'. Mrs Amy beautifully sang the Christmas song, 'Mary, Did You Know' and she was very well supported by the accompaniment on guitar played by Mr Subin. The flute duet recital by our music teachers — Mr John Joseph and Ms Cristina — was beautiful. They played 'The First Noel', the traditional English Christmas carol. In the grand finale, all the music teachers came together to present a jolly, jingling carol medley. The programme ended with Santa's Christmas message and thank you note.



Mrs Amy singing 'Mary Did You Know'



Flute rendition of 'The First Noel' by Mr John Joseph and Ms Cristina



A jolly, jingling carol medley by the music teachers



Message from Santa Claus

Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti: 151st Birth Anniversary of Gandhiji



Master Kanishk Magesh, FM 2C, presenting the cultural events



Students singing the patriotic song, 'Sare Jahaan Se Accha'

2nd October of 2020 saw the GSIS community come together remotely to celebrate the august occasion of the birth anniversary of the **Father of the Nation**, Mahatma Gandhi. This day is also recognised as the **International Day for Non-Violence** to commemorate his life's work, which centered around the ideas of truth and non-violence. Educational institutions all across India celebrate this day with prayer ceremonies and cultural events.



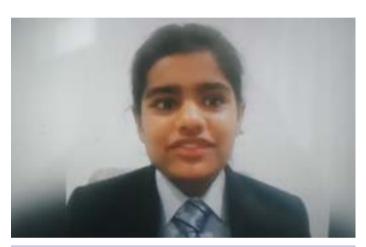
The video presentation depicting the life and work of Gandhiji



Master Utkarsh Navin Goliya, 10B, speaking on the occasion



Ms Angelinaashita Ashish Rajwadi, 9A, addressing the students



Address by Ms Diyansha Magesh, IB-1A



Dance performance by Middle School girls



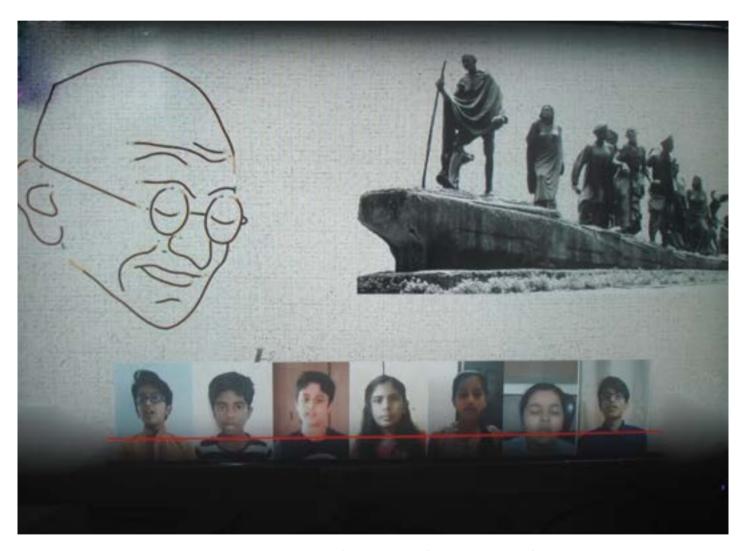
Master Pranshu Yaduka, 9A, playing the bhajan, 'Raghupati Raghava Raja Ram', on his guitar

Born on 2nd October, 1869 in Porbandar, Gujarat, Mahatma Gandhi is remembered as one of India's bravest freedom fighters. He was a social reformer who stood up for the rights of the untouchables and a great teacher who shared his life lessons in many important books, chief amongst them, *My Experiments with Truth*. His principles of truth, dedication, peace and non-violence greatly helped India achieve independence.

To celebrate this day and the life of Mahatma Gandhi, GSIS organised a walkathon early morning across the campus to help them stay fit, energetic and positive for the day. A great proponent of physical health and exercise himself, regular morning and evening walk were a significant part of Mahatma Gandhi's daily regime.

Following this, a virtual cultural programme was also scheduled to take the celebrations and engagement to the entire school community. The programme began with a moving rendition of 'Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram', notable bhajan that has come to be strongly associated with the figure of Mahatma Gandhi. Muhammed Iqbal's 'Sare Jahaan Se Accha' was sung by the Indian music choir to mirror the patriotic occasion. The speeches from the student community came from Master Utkarsh Navin Goliya, 10 B, Ms Angelinaashitha Ashish Rajwadi, 9 A, and Diyansha Magesh, IB 1A, who all espoused on the many notable contributions of the Mahatma to the understanding of our lives, through his ideas of peace and non-violence and his vision for humanity. This was followed by the girls of Middle School presenting a folk dance form of Maharashtra, set to the tunes of the classical Hindi song 'Albela Sajan Aayo Re'. An acoustic rendition of the bhajan 'Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram' was performed by Master Pranshu Yaduka to general applause. The programme came to a musical end with the Indian music choir coming together one last time to perform, 'Vande Mataram', the national song of India. The entire programme was smoothly conducted by the emcee, Master Kanishk Magesh, FM 2C.

Mahatma Gandhi's life is a testament to the ideas he espoused: simple living and high thinking. His invaluable teachings and his contributions as a freedom fighter are a legacy we must take forward through our own actions and thoughts every day.



The Indian Music Choir singing 'Vande Mataram', the national song of India

Happy Gandhi Jayanti!

"The future depends on what we do in the present."
- Mahatma Gandhi

Board Examination Results 2019-2020: Excellent results despite the uncertainty due to Covid-19 pandemic

Our students appeared for the Indian Certificate of Secondary Education [ICSE] and the Indian School Certificate [ISC] examinations during the academic year 2019 – 2020. No student was able to sit for their final exams in the International General Certificate of Secondary Education [IGCSE] and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme [IBDP] due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The final grades in IGCSE and IB were awarded using the teachers' predicted grades and coursework [IAs]. Results of all the board examinations of academic year 2019 – 2020 are published. Our students have produced excellent results. We are delighted to present a brief report of the results of the Board Examinations for the academic year 2019-20.

Indian Certificate of Secondary Education Examination – March 2020 [Grade X, ICSE]

The ICSE examinations began on February 27 and was scheduled to end on March 30. The normal examination schedule was disrupted due to the panic created by the spread of the novel coronavirus. In the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, a few exams were cancelled on March 19 and rescheduled in July, but were cancelled again due to the surge in corona cases. The final results in pending subjects were determined on the basis of their performance in internal assessment, pre-board examinations and the results of board examinations papers in subjects already taken.

Our students excelled in ICSE, registering 100% pass. Of the 25 students who appeared for the examination from Good Shepherd International School in the academic year 2019 – 2020, **21** secured distinction and **4** were awarded first class. The topper scored **96.8%**. One student in Computer Applications scored a perfect **100**.

Results of ICSE Examination 2020 (Science)

Of the 17 students who appeared for the examination in the Science stream, 14 secured distinction and 3 were awarded first class. The topper from the science stream, Master Darshil Kedia, scored 96.8%. He scored centum in Computer Applications.

Second Position : Ms Rishika Hemanshu Sopariwala [94.3%]

Third Position : Master Lingha Prabhu [93.5%]



Master Darshil Kedia



Ms Rishika Hemanshu Sopariwala



Master Lingha Prabhu

 Total Appeared
 : 17

 Distinctions
 : 14

 First Class
 : 3

 Scores of 90% & above
 : 7

 Scores between 80% & 90%
 : 4

 Scores between 70% & 80%
 : 5

 Scores between 60% & 70%
 : 1

The table below shows the overall Grade X ICSE (Science) results:

Overall results	% of students		
Distinctions	82		
First Class	18		
Second Class	0		

Results of ICSE Examination 2020 (Commerce)

Of the 8 students who appeared for the examination in the Commerce stream, **7 secured distinction and 1 was awarded first class.**Master Sanchit Bang topped in Commerce stream. He secured **95.7%**.

Second Position : Ms Ayushi Rajesh Panjri [93.7%]
Third Position : Ms Akshita Muthukumar [93.5%]



Master Sanchit Bang



Ms Ayushi Rajesh Panjri



Ms Akshita Muthukumar

Total Appeared : 8
Distinctions : 7
First Class : 1
Scores of 90% & above : 5
Scores between 85% & 90% : 1
Scores between 75% & 85% : 1
Scores between 70% & 75% : 1

The table below shows the overall Grade X ICSE (Commerce) results:

Overall results	% of students
Distinctions	88
First Class	12
Second Class	0

The school average for different subjects is shown below:

English – 80.8%, Second Language - 87%, History, Civics & Geography - 90.7%, Mathematics - 77%, Science – 79.5%, Computer Applications - 94.7%, Art - 97%, Economics - 91.3%.

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

English – 4%, Second Language –58.33%, History, Civics & Geography – 64%, Mathematics – 32%, Science – 29.41%, Computer Applications – 91.67%, Art – 100%, Economics – 75%.

The table below shows that the Mean Grade achieved by our students in most of the subjects is higher than the All India Average:

Subject	All India / GSIS	Mean Grade
Finaliah	All India	3.17
English	GSIS	2.40
Hindi	All India	2.16
Hillai	GSIS	1.25
Evenel	All India	3.18
French	GSIS	3.00
History, Civics & Geography	All India	2.44
	GSIS	1.52
Nath amaking	All India	3.81
Mathematics	GSIS	2.84
Sainne	All India	3.52
Science	GSIS	2.53
A	All India	1.63
Art	GSIS	1.00
Faceania	All India	2.47
Economics	GSIS	1.38
	All India	1.53
Computer Applications	GSIS	1.08

Well done! It takes a lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline and effort to achieve success and make dreams become reality.

International General Certificate of Secondary Education - May/June 2020 [Grade X, IGCSE]

IGCSE is a two-year programme which culminates in final exams that are set by Cambridge, marked by Cambridge examiners. Our students begin studying the syllabus at the beginning of Year 9 and take the test at the end of Year 10. International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) is an academically rigorous, internationally renowned curriculum offered in the English language which is offered to students to prepare them for International Baccalaureate and CAIE A-level. There are over 70 subjects available at the Cambridge IGCSE, including 30 languages, and schools can offer them in any combination. For students, Cambridge IGCSE helps improve performance by developing skills in creative thinking, enquiry and problem solving.

The International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) examination of Hindi as a Second Language (Reading & Writing) was held at GSIS on Wednesday, 19 February 2020. Listening test of Hindi as a Second Language was held on Thursday, 27 February 2020 and the Global Perspectives paper was held on Monday, 2 March 2020. 72 students of GSIS were registered for the June 2020 series IGCSE examinations. The examinations were cancelled worldwide due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Students were awarded a final grade based on three parameters: predicted grades from teachers, historical data of the school's performance over the last 3 years and the internal assessments. Assessment process combined teacher insights – predicted grades and rank orders - with a rigorous standardization process, keeping teacher judgments consistent across different schools. Cambridge International has released results for students of the June 2020 series to ensure that the students' higher education is not impacted by the epidemic.

Students of GSIS have done exceptionally well and have come out with flying colours. The information given below outlines the overall results:

Total number of students : 72 Distinctions : 36 Merit : 33 **Pass** : 3 Number of A*'s in individual subjects : 228 Number of A's in individual subjects : 132 Number of B's in individual subjects : 143 Number of C's in individual subjects : 104 Number of D's in individual subjects : 35 Number of E's in individual subjects

Results of IGCSE Examination 2020 (Science group)



Master Harshul Ashish Amin



Ms Kanupriya Vinkle Chawla



Master Neev Gulabani



Ms Nitya Nilesh Dhanani



Ms Ravina Jaywant Patil



Master Shreyaan Jain

Total number of students: 48

School Toppers : Master Harshul Ashish Amin [9A*'s],

Ms Kanupriya Vinkle Chawla [9A*'s], Master Neev Gulabani [9A*'s], Ms Nitya Nilesh Dhanani [9A*'s], Ms Ravina Jaywant Patil [9A*'s] & Master Shreyaan Jain [9A*'s]

Second Position : Master Deiv Pinkesh Kotecha [8A*'s & 1A],

Master Hariyanth Nagesh [8A*'s & 1A], Ms Kashika Sunil Gulabani [8A*'s & 1A],

Master Vedaant Vinodkumar Jain [8A*'s & 1A] &

Master Yashvardhan Saraff [8A*'s & 1A]

Third Position : Master Poorvash Muthumaheswaran [8A*'s & 1B]

Master Harshul Ashish Amin, Ms Kanupriya Vinkle Chawla, Master Neev Gulabani, Ms Nitya Nilesh Dhanani, Ms Ravina Jaywant Patil and Master Shreyaan Jain are the joint toppers in the Science stream of IGCSE achieving A*'s in all the 9 subjects.

Results of IGCSE Examination 2020 (Commerce group)

Total number of students: 24

School Topper : Master Meet Dobariya [9A*'s]

Second Position : Master Harshil Aggarwal [8A*'s & 1A]

Third Position : Master Heneel Vishnubhai Patel [7A*'s & 2A's]

Master Meet Dobariya topped in the Commerce stream of his batch securing A*'s in all the 9 subjects. Our students secured 228 A*'s, 132 A's, 143 B's, 104 C's, 35 D's and 6 E's. 35% of all grades achieved are A*'s and 20% are A's. Seven students achieved A*'s in all their nine subjects. A highly commendable performance!



Master Meet Dobariya

A week after results of IGCSE (Class 10) qualifications for the June 2020 series were declared, Cambridge International has revised its earlier granted scores after receiving feedback from several schools. Cambridge International decided that the grades issued for the June 2020 series should not be lower than the predicted grades. Predicted grades of students were submitted by schools on the basis of their overall performance throughout the year. The table shown below reveals the grade X IGCSE overall results:

Overall results	% of students
Distinction	50
Merit	46
Pass	4

The table below shows the % of our students' grades in individual subjects:

Grades	% of students' grades
A *	35
Α	20
В	22
С	16
D	6
E	1

Grades achieved by our IGCSE Science & Commerce students in different subjects are mentioned below:

Subjects		Grades						Total		
Subjects	A*	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	U	iotai
First Language English	14	12	10	21	10	5	0	0	0	72
Literature [English]	18	13	21	16	4	0	0	0	0	72
Cambridge International Mathematics	25	6	10	5	2	0	0	0	0	48
French	18	9	6	12	9	0	0	0	0	54
Hindi as a SL	2	3	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	12
Spanish	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Geography	4	4	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	17
Mathematics	7	2	8	5	2	0	0	0	0	24
Chemistry	20	8	11	6	3	0	0	0	0	48
Biology	22	10	8	6	1	1	0	0	0	48
Physics	31	8	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	48
Combined Science	9	7	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	24
Accounting	9	3	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	24
Economics	9	2	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	24
Global Perspectives	10	26	15	4	0	0	0	0	0	55
Business Studies	9	5	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	29
Computer Science	12	11	7	3	1	0	0	0	0	34
Design and Technology	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Art & Design	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	228	132	143	104	35	6	0	0	0	648

Congratulations to the students for scoring high grades in the board examination! It is a fitting tribute to their resolute efforts and talent, and to the unwavering commitment of our teachers. **Very well done!**

Indian School Certificate Examination – March 2020 [Grades XI & XII, ISC]

The Indian School Certificate (ISC) examinations began on February 5 and was scheduled to end on March 30. Students were able to write examinations in most of the subjects. The ISC board examinations in Biology, Psychology and Business Studies could not be held as the CISCE cancelled these examinations due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Later, the pending examinations that were rescheduled to be held in March were also cancelled. The scores of students in these subjects were determined by the CISCE on the basis of their performance in internal assessment, pre-board examinations and results of board examination papers in subjects already taken.

28 students from GSIS appeared for the ISC examinations. **22** students secured **distinction** and **6** were awarded **first class**. **5 students scored above 90%**. The school has once again shown its academic proficiency by a cent per cent pass.

ISC Examination 2020 (Science stream):



Master V P Laksith



Master S Sachin Velu



Master Shivam Bansal

Total Appeared : 8
Distinctions : 8
Scores of 90% & above : 3
Scores between 80% & 90% : 5

School Topper : Master V P Laksith (95.2%)
Second Position : Master S Sachin Velu (93.6%)
Third Position : Master Shivam Bansal (92%)

The table below shows the overall Grade XII ISC (Science) results:

Overall results	% of students		
Distinctions	100		
First Class	0		
Second Class	0		

Excellent performance! The excellent results have firmly established the school's academic merit and its pedagogical prowess.

ISC Examination 2020 (Commerce stream):







Ms Avani Didwania



Master S Vasikar

Total Appeared : 20
Distinctions : 14
First Class : 6
Scores of 90% & above : 2
Scores between 80% & 90% : 8
Scores between 70% & 80% : 8
Scores between 60% & 70% : 2

School Topper : Ms R R Varshitha (96.6%)
Second Position : Ms Avani Didwania (90.6%)
Third Position : Master S Vasikar (86%)

The table below shows the overall Grade XII ISC (Commerce) results:

Overall results	% of students
Distinctions	70
First Class	30
Second Class	0

The highlight of this year's ISC results is that of **Ms R R Varshitha** who scored cent percent (100%) in Mathematics. The humongous efforts and perseverance of the students are greatly appreciated. The teachers have brought out the best in our students with their hard work and constant efforts. Hearty **congratulations** to all the teachers and students who have worked hard to achieve these excellent results.

The **Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations [CISCE]** was able to handle the difficult situation in the best possible way. Teachers, students and their parents felt quite relieved after the declaration of the results.

The school average for different subjects is shown below:

English – 81%, Mathematics - 81.8%, Physics – 89.5%, Chemistry – 89.6%, Biology – 92.5%, Computer Science - 94.8%, Psychology – 85%, Economics – 73%, Commerce – 88.9%, Accounts – 73.15%, Business Studies – 85.63%.

Our students achieved a higher Mean Grade than the All India Average in all the subjects as shown in the table below:

Subject	All India / GSIS	Mean Grade
	All India	3.08
English	GSIS	2.39
	All India	5.35
Economics	GSIS	3.20
	All India	4.29
Commerce	GSIS	1.60
	All India	5.40
Accounts	GSIS	3.15

	All India	2.64
Business Studies	GSIS	1.88
	All India	4.83
Mathematics	GSIS	2.39
	All India	3.69
Physics	GSIS	1.38
	All India	4.11
Chemistry	GSIS	1.63
	All India	1.90
Biology	GSIS	1.00
	All India	2.25
Computer Science	GSIS	1.00
	All India	1.56
Psychology	GSIS	1.50

The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty. Opportunities don't happen, you create them. Our students achieved success by thinking positively against all odds and carrying on with their hard work.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme – May 2020 [Grades 11 & 12, IB]

A total of **82** students of GSIS had registered for the IB examination for the May 2020 session. 79 candidates appeared for the IBDP and 3 candidates appeared for the IB Diploma Course. The May 2020 examinations for the Diploma Programme were scheduled to take place between 30 April and 22 May. The normal examination schedule was disrupted due to the panic created by the spread of the novel coronavirus. The IB cancelled the examinations due to the COVID-19 pandemic the world over and the dire circumstances faced by the students and educators worldwide.

The IB declared the results for the class 12 students. Depending on what they registered for, the students were awarded a Diploma or a Course Certificate which reflected their standard of work. This was based on student's coursework, predicted grade as submitted to IB by respective schools and the established assessment expertise, rigour and quality control already built into the programme. The Good Shepherd International School produced very good results. 9 students scored 40 points and above in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme of the May 2020 session. **Master Sriniketh Krishnan** scored 43 points out of 45 points in the IBDP examinations 2020 and attained the pride of being the school topper.

Overview of the results:

Diploma Awarded : 79 candidates

Diploma Course Certificates Awarded : Nil
Course Students : 3

Average Diploma score of GSIS students : 34 points

Highest Diploma score awarded to a GSIS candidate : 43 points

Average grade of GSIS students who passed the diploma : 5.41

Number of students who scored 40 points or above : 9



Sriniketh Krishnan



Mohammed Shamak Bin Masum



Raj Nipulbhai Dadhania



Vibhas Rikin Sekhani



Prerna Baid



Veer Manish Sambaragi



Nandini Saboo



Gayatri Cheerathu Dinesan



Pavanrat Sakulsacha

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

School Topper : Master Sriniketh Krishnan [43 points; five 7s & one 6]

Second Position: Master Mohammed Shamak Bin Masum [41 points; three 7s & three 6s] &

Master Raj Nipulbhai Dadhania [41 points; three 7s & three 6s]

Third Position : Master Vibhas Rikin Sekhani [40 points; two 7s, three 6s & one 5],

Ms Prerna Baid [40 points; one 7 & five 6s],

Master Veer Manish Sambaragi [40 points; three 7s, two 6s & one 5],

Ms Nandini Saboo [40 points; three 7s, two 6s & one 5],
Ms Gayatri Cheerathu Dinesan [40 points; two 7s & four 6s] &
Ms Pavanrat Sakulsacha [40 points; three 7s & three 6s]

One student (Master Sriniketh Krishnan) scored 43 points out of 45, two students (Master Mohammed Shamak Bin Masum and Master Raj Nipulbhai Dadhania) scored 41points each and six students (Master Vibhas Rikin Sekhani, Ms Prerna Baid, Master Veer Manish Sambaragi, Ms Nandini Saboo, Ms Gayatri Cheerathu Dinesan and Ms Pavanrat Sakulsacha) scored 40 points each.

Of the nineteen subjects offered, there were 7s in fifteen subjects. 37 students achieved a maximum score of 7 points and 70 students acquired score of 6 points in different subjects. Overall, there were sixty-five 7s and one hundred fifty-five 6s. Eight students scored a 3 in the Theory of Knowledge/Extended Essay combination, with eleven scoring A's in Extended Essay and two scoring A's in Theory of Knowledge. Subjects in which students achieved the highest score of 7 points are English A Language and Literature, Literature & Performance, Spanish, French ab initio SL, Hindi B, Mathematics, Mathematical Studies, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Economics, Business Management, Computer Science, Environmental Systems & Societies SL and Psychology.

The school average grade is higher than the world average grade in the following subjects:

Subjects	School average	World average
English A Language and Literature HL	5.27	5.13
Literature & Performance SL	5.75	4.71
French ab initio SL	5.48	4.97
French B SL	5.33	5.07
Spanish ab initio SL	5.4	5.08
Business Management SL	7.00	5.22
Business Management HL	6.58	5.3
Economics SL	5.4	4.97
Economics HL	5.51	5.34
Environmental Systems & Societies SL	5.63	4.34
Psychology HL	6.00	5.18
Biology HL	5.86	4.72
Chemistry HL	4.95	4.92
Physics SL	5.00	4.69
Physics HL	5.79	5.29
Computer Science SL	6.33	4.25
Computer Science HL	5.38	4.75
Design Technology SL	4.57	3.94
Mathematical Studies SL	5.33	4.45
Dance HL	5.50	4.63

The table below shows the scores (total points out of 45 points) of our IB students:

Scores of IB students	% of students
40 to 45	11
35 to 39	33
30 to 34	42
25 to 29	12
20 to 24	2

We thank the students, staff, parents, guardians and the learning community of Good Shepherd International School for the outstanding results of the IBDP May 2020 examinations. Heartiest **congratulations** to each one of our young achievers and their proud parents!

Happy New Year 2021! Wishing you all a blissful new year. Hope that joy and success follow you in every sector of life.