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### CIS International Certification



*The Principal, Dr P C Thomas, in conversation with the CIS Visiting Team comprising Mr Peter Gittins and Mr Alan Scott*

The **Council of International Schools (CIS)** is a global non-profit membership organization that provides services to schools and higher education institutions. **GSIS is a CIS accredited school.** GSIS was awarded the CIS accreditation in 2013 and the school is preparing for the CIS reaccreditation this year.

**CIS International Certification** is a new service launched by the CIS for CIS member schools. In response to growing demand from the international school community for a programme to help schools better understand and develop global citizens, the CIS organized extensive consultation with experts in international education and a two-year pilot programme

with several diverse schools. This has helped the CIS to develop the **International Certification**, a process which guides and supports school development, and allows schools to endorse, further develop and gain recognition for their international programmes.

The process will lead to changes and improve programmes in schools. The school can further develop the outcomes of its work through sharing, using a collaborative network of different schools. Within the school, the process is characterised by several project works that engages the whole school community in meaningful dialogue about the meaning of internationalism. CIS Member Schools undertaking the certification process can foster mutual support, communication, and collaboration between them. Schools can share their practices, learn from each other and benefit from their strengths.



*A Meeting of Mr Peter Gittins and Mr Alan Scott with the student leaders*



*Mr Alan Scott interacting with students in the Art Room*



*Discussions: Mr Peter Gittins and Mr Alan Scott interacting with the students*



CIS International Certification will help the school to achieve the following goals:

- A commitment to high quality international education.
- International/intercultural learning and the development of global citizens.
- Provide opportunities for professional development to school leaders and staff. Will provide more input on global citizenship, international and intercultural development.
- Ensure commitment of the school community. Project-based collaboration focused on the qualities, principles and skills needed to engage in the world.

The CIS Visiting Team comprising **Mr Peter Gittins** and **Mr Alan Scott**, two qualified and trained evaluators, were in GSIS on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 for the team visit. They observed all types of learning contexts in the school and interacted with students, parents, faculty, members of the Academic Council and school's Board of Governors. They also observed classes and interacted with the International Certification Project Heads, volunteer committees and team members. Separate detailed meetings were held with the following Project Teams –

Project Team 1 : School Guiding Statements  
Project Team 2 : Sustainable Development

- Project Team 3 : Staff Professional Development
- Project Team 4 : Service Learning
- Project Team 5 : Student Global Citizenship Learning
- Project Team 6 : School (Extra)Co-curricular Activities

The Visiting Team also attended the school exhibition and visited the stalls put up by the Project Teams. GSIS is recognized for its intellectual rigour, commitment to continuous improvement and quality education.

## **IB Diploma Programme Evaluation Visit**



*The visiting IBDP Evaluation Team*



*A Meeting with the members of the Academic Council*



*Mr Nandan Khale and Mr Regis Caudrillier during a meeting with the IBDP faculty*



The IB Organization is committed to implement its programmes in IB World Schools. Programme evaluation is both a requirement and a service provided by the IB Organization to IB World Schools in relation to the Programme Standards and Practices.

An IBDP Evaluation Team visited GSIS on 1, 2 & 3 March 2017. The visiting IBDP Evaluation Team comprising **Mr Nandan Khale**, Visiting Team leader and **Mr Regis Caudrillier**, Visiting Team Member, evaluated the IB Diploma Programme, the ongoing process of action and reflection to ensure that the standards, practices and requirements of the programme are being maintained.

The Evaluation Team was taken on a tour of the campus to inspect the various facilities that are available to IB students in the school. They also interacted with students, parents, guardians, teachers, Learning Support Team, Counsellors, IBDP Coordinator, Extended Essay Coordinator, Teacher Librarian, TOK Coordinator, CAS Coordinator and the Board of Governors. They gathered evidence and described their findings with regard to the progress of the implementation of the programme since the last evaluation process. After an analysis of the self-study questionnaire, the supporting documents and the findings of the school visit, the IB will send a final report to the school with commendations and recommendations.

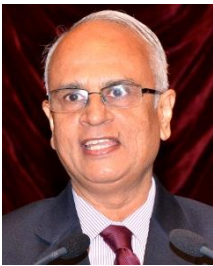


Mr Regis Caudrillier interacting with students



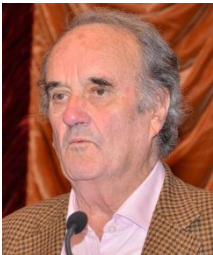
Mr Nandan Khale observing an IB DP class in progress

## Words of Appreciation...



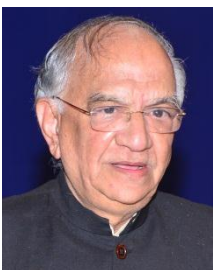
*"A very enlightening visit to one of the finest institutions. I have seen many but there is none other than GSIS. The facilities, the faculty and the atmosphere provide an excellent opportunity to provide the best of knowledge and beyond. And the GSMUN is an excellent idea, conducted professionally and proficiently. Thank you for inviting us. Thank you Dr P C Thomas and Mrs Elsamma Thomas. Congratulations. All the very best and God bless!"*

- Mr Madhusudan Ganapathi, IFS (Retd), Former Ambassador of India & Former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India  
September 2016



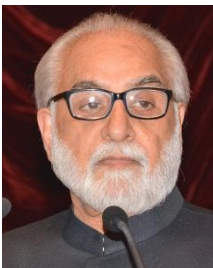
*"It has been a great privilege to be asked to speak to the students of this remarkable school."*

- Sir William Mark Tully, Former Bureau Chief of BBC, New Delhi  
16 September 2016



*"It was indeed a delight to be associated with Good Shepherd International School Founder's Day celebrations on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. I enjoyed the cultural programmes as well as the Gymnastics / Equestrian performances of the students. Truly a school with a Mass and International Standard. Best wishes to Dr Thomas and his team."*

- Mr T S Krishnamurthy, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India  
16 October 2016



*"Sheer delight and privilege to visit an educational institute of such high standard. Can be easily rated as the best in the country and one of the best globally. Thank you, Dr Thomas for this opportunity."*

- Mr Satnam Jit Singh, IFS (Retd)  
17 September 2016



*"The experience of attending and speaking at the Investiture and Graduation Ceremony today is quite hard to express in words. The journey of Dr Thomas in bringing this remarkable school to its present milestone speaks volumes of his visionary ambition, unfettering spirit and the impeccable attention to detail. Thank you Dr Thomas and Mrs Thomas for welcoming me warmly to the GSIS family and I wish the school further heights and more accolades!"*

- Ms Ruchira Ghosh, Regional Director for South Asia, Cambridge International Examinations  
18 February 2017



*"It was great to be here for the last 3 days representing IB for the evaluation visit. A great school with an amazing leader and genuine persons. A case study indeed. Cheers, way to go!"*

- Mr Nandan Khale, Visiting Team leader, IB Diploma Programme Evaluation  
03 March 2017



*"What an amazing welcome from Dr Thomas and the whole team of GSIS! Everything has been arranged to perfection and everyone has been so flexible. Thanking you for an amazing learning experience. Warm regards."*

- Mr Regis Caudrillier, Visiting Team Member, IB Diploma Programme Evaluation  
03 March 2017

## New Cricket Field Inaugurated



*Special guests along with the Principal, Dr P C Thomas*



*Mr N Ramachandran unveiling the plaque*

A special Inauguration Ceremony was organized in the Palada Campus of GSIS. The long-awaited new cricket field was inaugurated on Wednesday, 5 April 2017. The plaque was unveiled by **Mr N Ramachandran**, President of the Indian Olympic Association. **Mr Ganapathi Ramachandran**, Chairman and Executive Director, Trigyn Technologies Limited, **Mr Debendranath Sarangi, IAS (Retd)**, **Mr V Selvaraj, IAS (Retd)**, **Mr K S Sripathi, IAS (Retd)**, **Mr Surjit Chaudhary, IAS**, students, their parents, guardians and other well-wishers witnessed the inaugural ceremony.

The ground was levelled and hardened and has underground drainage facilities. The sun shades and a scoreboard are put up and the work of the New Cricket Field is now complete with the planting of grass on the pitch and outfield. The field will continue to have modifications and improvements in the future.



*Mr N Ramachandran speaking on the occasion*



*The new cricket field*



*Students, their parents, guardians and special guests during the event*

Speaking at the Inaugural Ceremony of the New Cricket Field, **Mr N Ramachandran**, President of the Indian Olympic Association said, *“During my travels, I have seen so many cricket grounds, but this one is specially historic. Historic for the reason that this is the highest cricket ground in India. The earlier record was held by the cricket ground that was there in Chail, Shimla. This one is higher than the one in Chail. So, there again, your Principal has scored a first.”*

The extra sports facilities at GSIS will help to explore the talent of students, channelize the talent of youth towards positive direction and also provide a platform to harness their capabilities in the field of sports.

## **A Habitat for Butterflies in the Palada Campus**

*“The earth has its music for those who will listen.”*

- **George Santayana**

Nilgiris is a biodiversity hotspot with an incredible abundance of flora and fauna. Ootacamund, situated in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, popularly known as the ‘Queen of Hill Stations’, is home to many exotic species of butterflies. Over 1,500 species of butterflies are found in India. Members of **Tamil Nadu Butterfly Society** has recorded 271 species of butterflies in Tamil Nadu. Butterflies indicates the plant diversity of a particular place and are indicators of the health of the local ecosystem.

Butterflies have come into this world before the human beings. Their development is closely linked to the evolution of flowering plants, since both adult butterflies and caterpillars feed on flowering plants. Butterflies are the best pollinators next to only bees. They are part of the food web and they are perfect ecological indicators. Absence of butterflies indicates an imbalanced and decaying environment. If a minute of disturbance occurs to its surrounding it will cause a major change in the ecosystem itself.

A new **Butterfly Park** is coming up in the Palada Campus. The desire was to put in the minds of the students -

- The concept of conservation and co-existence, so that they grow with a sense of value of the world we live in.



**Butterfly Park in the Palada Campus**



**The CIS Visiting Team taking a tour of the Butterfly Park**

- Enthuse pupils to start looking at butterflies with love and understand the importance of their right to co-exist in this planet.
- To inculcate in the pupil some activities that will encourage them to observe and identify butterfly species, and improve their habitat.
- Open the young minds to the fragility of the ecosystem and the major role played by butterflies and insects.
- Children in the junior classes could be guided to see the life cycle of butterflies - the egg, the larva, the pupa and the adult butterfly for practical learning experience.
- Give children the knowledge of native plants and encourage them to plant and maintain host plants and nectaring plants around their house and in the school premises.
- Teach the children the easiest way to conserve butterflies, insects, birds by creating a suitable sustainable environment.
- Encouraging students to participate in conservation projects can also go a long way in conserving the butterfly population.

The park is a landscaped grass habitat with a host of different plants and pathways. The plants maintain the cool temperature and humidity of the area. It is a perfect natural setting for butterflies. The butterfly enthusiasts at GSIS has spotted *Nilgiri Tiger*, *Nilgiri Fritillary*, *Nilgiri Clouded Yellow*, *Nilgiri Four-ring*, *Southern Birdwing* and many other species of butterflies here. The park is a good place for nature lovers and students can enjoy a lot in the greenery around.

**“You educate a child, you educate a nation.”**

## **Mounted Gymkhana held at DSSC, Wellington**



**Our young riders at the Wellington Gymkhana Club Ground**

The **Mounted Gymkhana** of Defence Services Staff College was held on Saturday, 08 April 2017 at Wellington Gymkhana Club Ground. Our students took part in the Show Jumping and Mounted Gymnastics events.

Several friendly competitions were organized to test the horses, riders and their riding skills. **Master Prabhraj Singh Bhatia**, FM - 4E, brought laurels to the school by securing Second Position in Show Jumping. Our students displayed their riding skills and performed several gymnastic exercises on the back of the moving horse, 'Formula One.' **Master Kasidit Khajornsakchai**, IB-1C, **Master Aditya Amar**, 9A, **Master Manav Sushil Thadani**, FM - 4E and **Master Prabhraj Singh Bhatia**, FM - 4E secured second place in Mounted Gymnastics team event. **Well done!**



*GSIS Equestrian Team*



*Master Prabhraj Singh Bhatia performing Show Jumping*



*Equestrian vaulting: An exciting competitive team sport*



## **The Annual Inter House Athletic Meet 2017**

*"The will to win means nothing if you haven't the will to prepare." ~ Juma Ikingaa*



*Students assembled on the ground*

A sunny and bright morning heralded the Annual Inter House Athletic Meet for the year 2016 -17, bringing together all the four Houses on the greens to showcase their agility and physical prowess.

On 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2017, the Good Shepherd Indoor Complex was geared up for the Ceremonial Guard of Honour and March Past, where all the houses assembled to fall in their contingents. The Chief Guest for the occasion was **Mr Sumesh Lekhi**, Alumnus of Good Shepherd International School, Ootacamund, and his gracious wife Mrs Rashmi Lekhi.





**Arrival of the Chief Guest**



**Inspection of the Guard of Honour**



**March past of the Sea Cadet Corps contingent**



**The Chief Guest along with the Principal and other dignitaries**



**Athletic Torch Relay in progress**



**Students taking the Athletes' Oath**

The ceremonial March Past was followed by the symbolic lighting of the Torch by the leading athletes of our school. The Chief Guest, in his address, declared the Meet Open. The young athletes led by the Games Captain, took the oath to abide by the rules of Athletics in a spirit of fair competition. The oath was led by the Games Captain for the year 2017-18. With the resonating Drummers' Call deftly playing a melodious rhythm, the events for the day commenced with the 100 metres finals for boys and girls of all divisions. The young athletes representing their Houses stormed through the tracks running with the zeal and spirit of sportsmanship which was an evidence of rigorous practice and passion. The enthusiastic spectators comprising the school students, members of staff and the loving parents were treated to hours of adrenaline rush when the 4 x 100 metres relay for all divisions of boys and girls kept the spectators on the edge of their seats as the runners raced along the tracks handing over the baton to the subsequent runner with utmost precision and



*Drummers' Call*



*Boys' sprint race in progress*



*Girls' relay race in progress*



*Guest Event in progress*



*Winners on the podium*



timing till the final runner made it to the winning point. This was the heart-stopping, breathtaking event which had the students of the four Houses cheering the athletes.

The major attraction of the day was the Guest event – the IPL musical game. The IPL season and fever was brought alive in the lush green stadium with the High School Coordinator Mr Kalyan Ram inviting all the guests to represent the IPL teams. It was wonderful to see all the parents come down from the pavilion, to enthusiastically participate in the Guest event.



*The Chief Guest addressing the students, their parents, guardians and other guests*



*Mrs Rashmi Lekhi distributing trophies*



*Mrs Rashmi Lekhi distributing trophies*



*Students of Spring House with the Hassan Ali Khan Memorial Shield*

After the welcome address by the Director of Counselling Mrs Anila Ann Mathew, the Chief Guest for the day, our beloved alumnus, Mr Sumesh Lekhi in his speech appreciated the young athletes and shared some nostalgic moments of his years in school representing his House in Athletic Meets.

This was followed by the most awaited moment, the prize distribution felicitating the individual champions, the new Meet Records set by athletes, both boys and girls, and the coveted Cock House Shield. This year the Cock House shield was won by **Spring House** scoring 60 points followed by Summer, Autumn and Winter respectively. The prizes were distributed by Mrs Rashmi Lekhi.

The Inter House Athletic Meet culminated with the expression of gratitude by the Director of Activities, Mr Ajith P Jacob and the Chief Guest declaring the Meet closed. The curtains came down with the School Anthem.

## **Annual Inter House Swimming Championship 2017**



*Opening Ceremony of the Inter House swimming Competition*



*Boys' freestyle swimming competition in progress*



*Start of the girls' backstroke event*



*Girls' backstroke event in progress*



*Boys' relay race in progress*



*Winners on the victory stand*



GSIS hosted its **Annual Inter House Swimming Championship** at its swimming pool in the Palada Campus on 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017. These three days were fun-filled and exciting for our young swimmers. The competition was held in the Inter, Senior and Super Senior divisions for boys and girls. Master Udayan Rajoo, IB-1C, took the oath on behalf of the participants.

The swimming pool wore a colourful and festive look. Students in the gallery cheered and motivated the participants. Our swimmers mastered the different styles through consistent practice and rigorous training. They demonstrated the various styles of swimming and competed in several events such as 25 m freestyle / back stroke / breast stroke / butterfly stroke, 50 m freestyle / back stroke / breast stroke, 100 m freestyle, 4x25 m individual medleys, 4x25 m freestyle relay, 4x50 m freestyle relay and 4x25 m medley relay.

The young swimmers performed very well and they made their houses proud. The championship saw three new records being made at the swimming pool by the swimmers of the Autumn House as mentioned below:

S. No.	Division	Event	Performance
1	Senior Girls	4 x 50 m freestyle relay	3:16.20 minutes
2	Senior Girls	4 x 25 m freestyle relay	1:24.82 minutes
3	Super Senior Boys	4 x 50 m freestyle relay	1:12.33 minutes

The **Winter House** emerged the ‘Swimming Champions’ with a total tally of 476 points.

**Well done! Thank You** to everyone who took part and supported these events.

**“The water is your friend. You don't have to fight with water, just share the same spirit as the water, and it will help you move.”**

- Aleksandr Vladimirovich Popov

## Science Exhibition held at GSIS



*Domino Show: students watching the domino tiles as they fall*



*Display of working models*



*Students displaying their working models during the exhibition*



*Students showcasing their innovative science skills*

A **Science Exhibition** was organised at GSIS on 28 February 2017. India celebrates **National Science Day** to mark and highlight the discovery of *Raman Effect* by the Indian physicist, Sir Chandrashekhara Venkata Raman. It was on 28 February in 1928 that Sir C V Raman discovered the *Raman effect*. National Science Day is celebrated to encourage our youth to develop a passion for science, explore new horizons in science and push scientific frontiers further. The event saw young enthusiastic participants putting up interesting exhibits comprising innovative working models and investigation based projects.



**The CIS Visiting Team comprising Mr Peter Gittins and Mr Alan Scott visiting a stall put up by the Project Team**



**Parents and guardians attending the science exhibition**

The exhibition named **'Allotropes'**, a term used to exhibit different forms of the same substance, was virtually displayed in its true sense by the students of the Middle School. The exhibition started with a *domino show* in which several thousand domino tiles standing on end in long lines so that when the first tile is toppled, it topples the second, which topples the third, etc., resulting in all of the tiles falling. The kick off for the dominoes was not only spectacular but conveyed the message that one's action, locally, can have a domino effect globally. The budding young scientists displayed projects ranging from hands on experiments to electronic gadgets of drones, holograms and many more. The spectacular display of chemicals and biology models added zest to the show. The exhibits of our budding young students were indeed eye openers on various topics related to tapping of solar energy, agriculture, technology, biodiversity, conservation of environment, flying of drones, electrolysis, crystal growth, chemistry in daily life, etc.

**'Allotropes'** served as a launching platform not only to exhibit their scientific skills but also enhanced their creativity and aesthetic sense. The teachers appreciated the students for their novel ideas and applauded their novel projects. Students came to view the projects which in turn proved to be a good learning experience. This exhibition was one of its kind with an endeavour to promote scientific attitude among budding young students.

The CIS Visiting Team comprising **Mr Peter Gittins** and **Mr Alan Scott** attended the science exhibition and visited the stalls put up by the Project Teams on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2017. Parents and guardians also visited the science exhibition organized on 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2017. They appreciated the students who displayed their innovative talents. The exhibition created more awareness of science, technology and engineering.

## Waste wizards



**Various products made out of recycled materials displayed in a stall at GSIS**



*Display of several functional items made from waste materials*



*A hanging tyre seat for the garden*

***“Cleanliness is next to Godliness.”***

It is a good habit to keep ourselves and our surroundings clean and tidy. Keeping everything clean and tidy is a way of showing that you care about yourself, your family, other people and your surroundings. ‘Cleanliness is similar to godliness, and both share similar traits such as self-control and taking positive action.’

The Waste Wizard is an online waste sorting tool that provides information on how to properly handle and dispose off over 1500 different waste items. It also helps you learn what to do with your waste materials. Waste Wizard focuses on solutions for people to handle waste and often recycling them for reuse.

We are taught from our childhood that cleanliness is next to Godliness and that it is important to keep your room clean and look after your personal hygiene. It didn’t make too much sense when our parents scolded us but it started to make sense when we left home and came to a boarding school. Forty students living together in one dormitory and sharing bathrooms, urinals and sleeping space was when the thought of hygiene and personal grooming became so important. The waste is not only human waste but the waste that we generate by using so many things in our day-to-day lives. Everything moves through a system from extraction to production to distribution to consumption to disposal.

The truth is that it is a system in crisis. And the reason it is in crisis is that it is a linear system and we live on a finite planet and you cannot run a linear system on a finite planet indefinitely. We need to move into the circular economy of reusing, reducing and recycling our waste products. With this in mind, the FM 4 students of Global Perspectives came out with the logo of the ‘Waste Wizards’ and along with the junior students designed ways to use the waste products in school and a plan to make products out of them. The success of their first showcase of products was greatly appreciated that they made more items to sell it to parents to generate funds for charity which was a very satisfying outcome for all the hard work that went into making ‘Best out of Waste.’

## **Alumni Reunion 2017**

***“That’s the fun of going to a high school reunion: it’s seeing the people who you were close to all those years ago, and re-exploring the relationships of the past.”***

**- Jon Hurwitz**

The **Annual Alumni Reunion – Back 2 Roots** - was organized at GSIS on 21, 22 & 23 April 2017. Forty-three Old Shepherdians came together for the reunion with great anticipation of meeting old friends, a chance to reconnect and renew their ties. They took less time to rekindle their old friendships with their old classmates. They realized how much things had changed, and yet everything still felt comfortingly familiar.

The programme was thoughtfully prepared to accommodate all the Old Shepherdians. A Graduation Ceremony aimed at the alumni from the Grade 10 ICSE classes of 1992 who were celebrating twenty-five years since passing out from the school was also organized. The event attracted a good turn-out again this year with alumni travelling from all corners of the globe to attend the ceremony at their alma mater. The 1992 batch of students in their gowns and caps attended a Special Assembly and Graduation Ceremony in the auditorium. A minute of silence was observed in memory of three students of the 1992 ICSE batch who had passed away under tragic circumstances. Three Old Shepherdians delivered



*The Old Shepherdians at GSIS*



*Ceremonial Procession of the ICSE batch of 1992*



*Lighting of the Graduation Lamp*



*A view of the audience*

their insightful speeches regarding their days at the school and their successful career. The slide show on the white screen took them back to a time of many great memories and recollecting those good times. It rekindled many memories of their journey through school. The Old Shepherdians participated in several rounds of Antakshari and Quiz representing their former houses. Over luncheon, the conversation was as usual, stimulating and enjoyable. After lunch, more old friendships were renewed. A sparkling drinks reception and a grand dinner was organized at Hotel Taj Savoy on 22 April. Mr Ivan Enos, our old music teacher, entertained all of us with his popular western music.

The Old Shepherdians still remember their time at school with great affection. A tour of the Palada Campus and Fernhill Campus brought back many old memories. They planted saplings in the Fernhill Campus. The Trust of the Old Shepherdians' Association (OSA) award scholarships to our students who top the ICSE and IGCSE Board examinations. The money drawn from the alumni fund help our bright students to pursue their future academic endeavours.

We thank all the alumni. Your participation has enriched the event and renewed the joy of the reunion. It was three great days and a wonderful celebration.





*An Old Shepherdian addressing the gathering*



*Presentation of the Graduation certificate*



*Address by the Principal, Dr P C Thomas*



*Mr Murugendra Chigateri, President, the Alumni Association of GSIS, speaking on the occasion*



*Mrs P Solomons, retired English Teacher, attending the ceremony and travelling down memory lane*



*Antakshari and Quiz in progress*



*Mr Ivan Enos singing and playing the guitar at Hotel Taj Savoy*



*Old Shepherds planting saplings*

## Best Bowler



We are happy to inform you that **Master Meet Dobariya**, FM-1C, was selected as the **Best Bowler** in the U-13 yrs Inter School Cricket Tournament for Selma / Selai Gowder Memorial Rolling Trophy for the year 2016 - 2017. He took 10 wickets in 4 matches. The tournament was held in February / March 2017 in the Nilgiris.

**Well done!**

*Master Meet Dobariya*

## Nilgiris District U-19 Cricket Team



**Master Maanav Trehon**, IB-1C, has been selected for the Nilgiris District U-19 cricket team. He participated in the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) U-19 Inter District Cricket Tournament that was held from 19 - 20 January 2017 at Dindigul, Tamil Nadu.

*Master Maanav Trehon*

## Inter School Hockey Tournament 2017

The **Annual Inter School Hockey Tournament** for boys was held at Brindavan Public School, Coonoor, on 29 January 2017.

In the U-14 yrs division, the **GSIS team** secured the **second place**. In the final match, the Brindavan Public School defeated GSIS team. The score was 1 – 0. Two players of GSIS were awarded special prizes. **Master Tharun Vikash**, Grade IX, was adjudged the **Best Player** of the tournament. **Master Havi Patel**, Grade IX, was declared the **Best Goalkeeper**. **Well done!**



Runner-up: GSIS Hockey Team (U-14 yrs division)



Master Tharun Vikash



Master Havi Patel

## Inter House Dramatics Competition 2017

### High School & Higher Secondary School

Best Play	:	'I Am Sam' (by Autumn House)
Second Best Play	:	'The Mouse Trap' (by Spring House) & 'The Play of God' (by Summer House)
Best Actor	:	Hitayu Kukatla (Autumn House)
Best Actress	:	Lithia Anil (Autumn House)
Second Best Actor	:	Vedant Sagar (Winter House)
Second Best Actress	:	Chanmolu Krithi Ridhi (Summer House)



Scenes from the play, 'I Am Sam'



A scene from the play, 'The Mouse Trap'



A scene from the play, 'The Play of God'

**Congratulations to the winners and all the participants!**

## Inter House Classical & Folk Dance Competitions 2017

### Middle School

**Dance** is a performance art form consisting of purposefully selected sequences of movements of hands, legs and head. **Classical dance** is an umbrella term for various performance arts rooted in religious Hindu musical theatre styles, whose theory and practice can be traced to the Sanskrit text *Natya Shastra*. **Folk dances** are popular dances considered part of the tradition of a particular people or area.

In the **Inter House Classical and Folk Dance Competition** held at GSIS on 04 March 2017, the results are as follows:

#### Grade 7 : Classical Group Dance [Bharatanatyam]

Song: *Aigiri Nandini*

Names of students	House	Position
Diyansha Magesh	Autumn	I
Kanak Kale		
Zoya Mannan		
Mangalam Karuppiyah	Winter	II
Kashvi Agarwal		
Preita Nadarajah		
S Akshara	Summer	III
Vama Dharmesh Gathani		
Akshitha Muthukumar		



Autumn House team



Winter House team

## Grade 8 : Classical Group Dance [Kuchipudi & Odissi]

Song: *Shankara Sri Giri*

Names of students	House	Position
Lisa Amit Patel	Autumn	I
Yashitha Madanapalli		
Mukti Jain	Summer	II
Eve Saha		
Rishika Basak	Winter	III
Prisha Krishna Parvataneni		



Autumn House team



Summer House team

The competition helped the young girls to understand various 'mudras' and 'bhavas' and work towards perfection.

## Grades 7 & 8 combined: Folk Group Dance

House	Position	Theme	Song
Spring	I	Fisher folk	<i>Maria Pitache</i>
Summer	II	Wedding	<i>Iski Uski</i>
Winter	III	Patriotism	<i>Kashtiyani Bhi</i>



Spring House team



*Summer House team*

**Congratulations to the winners!**

## **Inter House Symphony Competition 2017**

**Annual Inter House Symphony Competition** was held at GSIS on 05 April 2017. The competition was organized in three categories – Wind Band, Strings Band & Rock Band musical presentations. The results are as follows:

**Wind Band musical presentations:**

**First place : Winter & Spring**



*Wind Band of Winter House*



*Wind Band of Spring House*

The Wind Band uses wind instruments such as trumpets, trombones, euphoniums, flutes, clarinets and saxophones. The player blows into the instrument and melodious music is produced by the vibration of air. It also uses the full range of percussion instruments including xylophone and glockenspiel. The Winter House Wind Band played the theme music of the fantasy TV series *Game of Thrones* composed by Ramin Djawadi. The Spring House played the theme music of *The Rains of Castamere* composed by Ramin Djawadi.

**Strings Band musical presentations:**

**First place : Spring & Autumn**



*Strings Band of Spring House*



*Strings Band of Autumn House*

The String Bands comprised bowed instruments such as the violin and plucked string instruments such as the guitar. Percussion instruments also played a prominent role, including the xylophone. The stringed instruments produce sound by vibrations created by the strings of the instrument in the surrounding air. Spring House presented the music of *Boulevard Of Broken Dreams*, a song by Green Day. Autumn House presented the music of *Alone*, a song by Alan Walker.

#### Rock Band musical presentations:

First place : Autumn House

Second place : Winter House



Rock Band of Autumn House



Rock Band of Winter House

In the Rock Band category, keyboard, bass, electric guitars and drum kit were played together with a singer singing a selected song. Autumn House presented an excellent performance of the rock song, *From the Inside*, by *Linkin Park*, an American rock band from Agoura Hills, California, whilst Winter House performed *Crazy Train* of British vocalist Ozzy Osbourne.

Overall Winner : Autumn House

Congratulations to the winners!

## Good Shepherd Finishing School

### Indian Cooking Fiesta



Students of Elegance House



Students of Elegance House serving Bengali cuisine



*Students of Emancipation House*



*Students of Emancipation House serving Punjabi cuisine*



*Students of Excellence House*



*Students of Excellence House serving Andhra cuisine*

Cooking is the new fad amongst students. The 9 months' batch of students of GSFS participated in the Indian Cooking Competition that was held on 23, 24 and 25 February 2017.

The students of the three houses - **Emancipation**, **Excellence** and **Elegance** participated in a competition of cooking Indian food recipes. They prepared their food and presented their respective cuisine and culture in the following order:

- Emancipation – Punjabi
- Excellence – Andhra
- Elegance – Bengali

The Food & Beverages training sessions at the Finishing School helped them to explore their culinary skills and creativity in preparation of food and its presentation. The atrium in the campus turned into a cultural hub on all the three days. They cooked Indian food to their heart's content. A series of cooking skills are put to test during the event. **Team Elegance** prepared Bengali cuisine and was adjudged the **winner**. **Team Emancipation** that prepared Punjabi cuisine bagged the second position. **Team Excellence** received the third position. They cooked Andhra cuisine. It takes a lot of hard work, determination, dedication, self-discipline and effort to emerge as winners. **Congratulations!**

***“Once you understand the foundations of cooking - whatever kind you like, whether it's French or Italian or Japanese - you really don't need a cookbook anymore.”***

- Thomas Keller