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Mr Gerry Arathoon, Chief Executive & Secretary, CISCE, visits GSIS



Mr Gerry Arathoon, Chief Executive and Secretary, Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, New Delhi, and his wife Mrs Anita Arathoon seen along with the Heads of Schools in the Nilgiris and the Members of the Academic Council of GSIS

Mr Gerry Arathoon, Chief Executive and Secretary, Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, New Delhi along with his wife **Mrs Anita Arathoon** visited Good Shepherd International School on 17th February 2018 as the Chief Guest for the Investiture and Graduation ceremony.

During his visit, a meeting was held with all the Principals of the ICSE / ISC Schools of the Nilgiris District. Principals from twelve schools attended the meeting. **Dr P C Thomas**, Principal of Good Shepherd International School, welcomed and felicitated Mr Gerry Arathoon for his immense contribution to the field of education.

Mr Gerry Arathoon spoke on the research, initiative, developments in the curriculum and other areas that the **Council For The Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE)** has undertaken. He shared his plans of transforming the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, New Delhi from a national board to a global board which is quite exciting, innovative and challenging. He also emphasized the importance of the cross cultural skills and perspectives which are the most essential element of the 21st century education.

CIS Preparatory Evaluation & NEASC Learning Principles Review Visit



The team of evaluators of CIS and NEASC at GSIS



Mr Stuart McLay addressing the teachers



The team seeing the facilities available in the campus

A team of four educational leaders and evaluators visited GSIS from 6th to 8th of November 2017 for a synchronized CIS Preparatory Evaluation & NEASC Learning Principles Review for the **CIS International Re-Accreditation and NEASC Accreditation**. The team comprised **Mr Stuart McLay**, Associate Director of School Support & Evaluation for the Council of International Schools, **Dr Diane Ullman**, International Accreditation Leader for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), **Mr Jean Claude Chalouhi** and **Mr Simon McCloskey**, Educational Leaders who have considerable experience in evaluating schools for accreditations.

The team visited both the campuses and saw the infrastructure and facilities available in the school. The Leadership Team of GSIS gave presentations covering various aspects of the school such as Purpose and Direction, Governance and Leadership, Overview of Learning Architecture, Learning Culture, Learning Ecology, Students' Learning and Well-Being, Staffing, Premises and Physical Accommodation and Boarding / Residential standards. The evaluators met the Board of Governors, parent representatives, teachers, student representatives of the Prefects' Council, counsellors and Academic Council Members. They interacted with the Core Team that prepared the reports and had classroom walkthroughs / learning observations. GSIS was awarded the candidate status for the CIS International Re-accreditation and NEASC Accreditation after the CIS Preparatory Evaluation and NEASC Learning Principles Review. The school is in the Self-study phase for the CIS International Re-Accreditation and Internal Reflection Phase for the NEASC Accreditation.

“The school accomplishments validate the school community’s provision of international education and demonstrable outcomes reflecting student’s growth as global citizens.”

-Stuart McLay

ACE Training Workshop: Learning Architecture, Learning Culture, Learning Ecology



Ms Darlene Fisher, Chief Learning Officer at Educational Collaborative for International Schools (ECIS), coaching on the ACE Learning



Ms Darlene Fisher in discussion with the leadership team



Inspiring discussions to inspire students



Gearing to ace the ACE

The **NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) ACE training workshop** was held from Tuesday, 20th March to Friday, 23rd March 2018 at Good Shepherd International School. The training was conducted by **Ms Darlene Fisher**, Chief Learning Officer at **Educational Collaborative for International Schools (ECIS)**, developing and presenting teacher and leader professional development. The workshop was attended by the Leadership Group, Core Team members of the NEASC Accreditation and select teachers.

The expertise and extensive knowledge of the workshop leader helped the teaching community of GSIS to better understand the ten learning principles of NEASC, Conceptual understanding, student-centered teaching and learning.

GSIS is in the initial stage of the Internal Reflection process for the NEASC accreditation and this training workshop helped our learning community to make the shift in teaching and learning practices, school culture and to strengthen the areas that require development. This training workshop worked as a platform that helped the school community in our transformation process.

“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.”

- William Arthur Ward

Science Exhibition held at GSIS



Science experiment: Making a volcano erupt

'The proof of the pudding is in the eating', goes the old saying. Middle school students ventured a hands-on **Science Exhibition** on Wednesday, 28 February 2018. The exhibition was organized to celebrate the **National Science Day** to commemorate the discovery of the *Raman Effect* by Indian physicist **Sir Chandrashekhara Venkata Raman**. *Raman Effect* is a phenomenon of scattering of photons which he discovered on 28 February 1928.

The exhibition was inaugurated by **Mrs Elsamma Thomas**, Senior Vice President of the school, in a visual simulation of a *domino effect* or chain reaction to symbolize the cumulative effect produced by one's action. This signifies the importance of our actions and the decisions that we make today for a prospective better future for our younger ones, as their thinking revolved around the theme of the emerging world in 2050.

The exhibition was organized by **Mr Dominic Jude Hurst**, Middle School Coordinator, in collaboration with the science teachers with the key objective of bringing out the hidden talents of students and with a focus on creating more awareness of science, technology and engineering. Over 200 students from grades 7 & 8 of the Middle School displayed their innovative talents. When some students took up the initiative of highlighting the variations in the ecosystem, the green environment, sustainable practices in water conservation and rain water harvesting, some other learners demonstrated the colourful chemical effects in glass containers. The aura and aroma created retained the mystery behind the scientific principles. As the newer generation is surrounded by a plethora of sounds ranging from the mobile phones, alarm bells, to music, some were eager to experiment on sound generating modules. Robots which are believed to have an upper hand in the coming years caught the attention of many. Artificial intelligence, an evergreen topic for debate, was taken up by some, while some others thought no one should forget the roots of our placement in the solar system.

Science is an inspiring process of discovery that helps satisfy the natural curiosity with which all of us are born. Students should come away from their classrooms with an appreciation of the natural world fascinated by its intricacies and excited to learn more. The venture has ignited a spirit of scientific inquiry and has lighted a lamp of curiosity among students which we hope and believe will be taken to greater heights. The science teachers were present to encourage their students to examine, test and revise their ideas about what science is and how it works.

"The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom."

- Isaac Asimov



Mrs Elsamma Thomas, Senior Vice President, inaugurating the science exhibition



Science project on rainwater harvesting



Explaining types of electric circuits



Students performing simple physics experiments



Model of rainwater harvesting and power generation



Model of a thermal power station

Inter House Swimming Competition at GSIS



Students assembled along the poolside for the inaugural ceremony

The **Annual Inter House Swimming Competition** was organized at the Palada Campus of GSIS from 24 February to 25 February 2018. **Mr V Kalyan Ram**, Coordinator, High School, inaugurated the championship. **Ms Riya Malay Shah** took the oath on behalf of all the participants.

The swimming competition was organised in U-14, U-16 and U-19 boys and girls divisions. Students from the four houses participated in the event with great excitement and zest. Students flocked to the poolside for the Inter House Swimming Competition. They moved into the changing rooms to prepare for their swimming in anticipation of bringing glory to their Houses. Students of all the Houses flexed their muscles and set the pool ablaze. The atmosphere was electric with the cheers of the students and the enthusiasm of the participants. The swimming competition progressed event after event as swimmers dove into the water and swam the length of the pool. Students competed with each other in freestyle, backstroke, butterfly stroke, relay and medley and there were instances of nail-biting close finishes. The spectators watched and cheered the winners as they received their certificates and medals. The following students were awarded the individual championships in the various divisions as mentioned in the table shown below:

S. No.	Name of student	Division	Class	House
1	Teerapat Sripiboonpanich	U-14 Boys	FM-1C	Autumn
2	Vama Dharmesh Gathani	U-14 Girls	FM-2B	Summer
3	Krish Hariharan Iyer	U-16 Boys	FM-3E	Spring
4	Ayushi Rajesh Panjri	U-16 Girls	8-A	Autumn
5	Aaryan Luke Mehra	U-19 Boys	IB-1C	Winter
6	Riya Malay Shah	U-19 Girls	IB-1A	Spring

Winter House emerged in the first place as **Overall Winners**. The overall points were as mentioned below:

Position	House	Points
First	Winter	399.5
Second	Summer	399
Third	Autumn	397
Fourth	Spring	386.5

Mrs Vimala Rani Jacob, Coordinator, Higher Secondary School, gave away the prizes and declared the championship closed.



Start of the girls' backstroke event



Girls' butterfly event in progress



Start of the boys' freestyle swimming event



Boys' freestyle swimming event in progress



Winners on the podium after receiving their medals and certificates



The overall winners: Winter House

Imparting Lessons on Sportsman Spirit and Camaraderie



Students assembled on the ground for the opening ceremony of the inter house sports



The chief guest taking salute during the march past of the athletes



Athletes taking their oath during the opening ceremony

The **Annual Inter House Athletic Meet** of Good Shepherd International School was organized at the open-air stadium in the Palada Campus on Thursday, 5 April 2018. The primary aim of this Meet was to encourage students to participate in sports activities and impart lessons on sportsman spirit and camaraderie. **Commander P Jayasanker**, an alumnus of GSIS 1987 Class X batch, was the chief guest. He is a Commander in the Indian Navy and since May 2014, he has been holding the post of Officer-In-Charge at Naval Construction Wing, Kochi. He completed his B Tech in Naval Architecture and Ship Building from Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) and his Post Graduate Diploma in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi.

On his arrival, the chief guest inspected the Guard of Honour. After the inspection of the four houses – Summer, Spring, Autumn and Winter by the chief guest, the march past and Oath Taking Ceremony followed. The march past was spectacular, impressive, and well-synchronized with the drum beats and the blowing of the trumpets. Prominent athletes of the school lighted the athletic torch and the chief guest declared the Meet open. The junior band put on a brief band display and drummers' call.

Students of the four Houses participated in various track and field events. 4 x100 metres relay races and 100 metres finals of boys and girls in various divisions were also held. The day was filled with exciting victories and near misses for all the houses. Soon, as the events progressed, the stadium reverberated with enthusiastic cheers from the spectators. The Meet saw many new records made on the track and field. The parents also participated enthusiastically in a guest event.

The welcome address was delivered by **Mrs Anila Ann Mathew**, Director of Counselling. The chief guest, Commander P Jayasanker, and his wife, Mrs Maya Jayasanker, were welcomed with bouquets. The chief guest addressed the gathering of athletes, students, teachers, coaches, parents and guardians. The medals and certificates to the winners were given away by **Mrs Maya Jayasanker**. The trophy for the leading house was bagged by **Autumn House**. **Mr Ajith P Jacob**,

Director of Activities, thanked the athletes and expressed gratitude. The chief guest declared the meet closed and the event ended with the playing of the national anthem. The day ended with a cheerful note filled with promises for all the young athletes.



Start of the Girls' 100 metres sprint race



Boys' 100 metres sprint race in progress



Winners on the podium



Autumn House with the Hassan Ali Khan Memorial Trophy

"Success is where preparation and opportunity meet."

- Bobby Unser

Inter School Basketball Tournament 2018



The final match in progress



The **Inter School Basketball Tournament** for U-15 boys was held at the Palada Campus of GSIS on Saturday, 17 March 2018. The following teams participated in the tournament:

1. Riverside Public School, Kotagiri
2. The Lawrence School, Lovedale
3. Good Shepherd International School Team A, B & C

The GSIS U-15 Boys' Team A emerged **runner-up**. In the final match, **The Lawrence School, Lovedale**, defeated GSIS. Score: 50 – 35. The following students have won special prizes:

Best Player : Master Kian G (The Lawrence School)
 Most Promising Player : Master Manus (Riverside Public School)
 Most Valuable Player : Master Devansh Mirani, FM-3D (GSIS)

Inter School Table Tennis Tournament 2018



GSIS U-14 Boys' TT team



GSIS U-14 Girls' TT team

An **Inter School Table Tennis Tournament** for boys and girls of all divisions were held at the Palada Campus of GSIS on Saturday, 17 March 2018. The following schools participated in the tournament:

1. Riverside Public School, Kotagiri
2. Crescent Castle Public School, Ooty
3. Unique Public School, Ooty
4. Good Shepherd International School, Ooty

The overall results of the tournament are mentioned in the table shown below:

Divisions	Winner	Runner-up	Best Player
U-12 Boys	GSIS	Riverside Public School	Manthan Atul Thakkar , Grade 6-B, GSIS
U-14 Boys	GSIS - A team	GSIS - B team	Shreyaan Jain , FM-3D, GSIS
U-14 Girls	GSIS - B team	GSIS - A team	Rashi Kedia , Grade 8-B, GSIS
U-16 Boys	GSIS - A team	Riverside Public School	Aryaan Amit Gokarn , FM-4D, GSIS
U-16 Girls	Riverside Public School	GSIS	Haashini (Riverside Public School)
U-19 Boys	Riverside Public School	GSIS - A team	Prathmesh Fomra , IB-1C, GSIS
U-19 Girls	Riverside Public School	GSIS - A team	Haashini (Riverside Public School)

Well done! Congratulations to the Winners!

Inter House Dramatics Competition 2018

High School & Higher Secondary School



Scenes from the play, 'Gone with the Wind'



Scenes from the play, 'Jane Eyre'

The **Inter House Dramatics Competition** for students of High School & Higher Secondary School was held in the auditorium of the Palada Campus on Monday, 19 March 2018. Students and staff of GSIS came together to enjoy the drama competition. The students worked hard and put on a wonderful performance. The result of the competition is mentioned below:

- Best Play** : **'Gone with the Wind'** (by Summer House)
- Second Best Play** : **'Jane Eyre'** (by Winter House)
- Best Actor** : **Shahvir Gustad Anklesaria** (Autumn House)
- Best Actress** : **Rachel Nangrime Nengminja Sangma** (Summer House)
- Second Best Actor : **Kaustubh Kale** (Spring House)
- Second Best Actress : **Khushi Bhavin Parikh** (Autumn House)

Congratulations to the winners and all the participants!

GOOD SHEPHERD FINISHING SCHOOL

Event Management Programme: Poster Design and Presentation Competition



Ms Priyanka Inani, Rtn Elsamma Thomas, Rtn Geetha Sreenivasan, Ms Sukhjot Kaur and Rtn Dr Meenakshi during the Event Management Programme



Students presenting their posters



Ms Prithikashri Ganesh and Ms Nanditha Kannan of JSS International School receiving the trophy from Rtn Geetha Sreenivasan



The best poster designed by the students of JSS International School

The School students of grades 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Nilgiris participated in the **Poster Design and Presentation Competition** on the topic 'Health, Hygiene and Sanitation in the Nilgiris District.' Crescent Castle Public School, Nizam British International School, Nilgiri Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Oxford Continental School, Riverside Public School, Rex Senior Higher Secondary School, Unique Public School, Woodside School, JSS International School, St. Hilda's School and Good Shepherd International School participated in the contest. The participating students from the 11 schools gave wings to their imagination and presented their posters at the competition which was held in Good Shepherd Finishing School on Friday, 09 February 2018. The event was organized by the Rotaract Club of Good Shepherd Finishing School.

The President of Rotary Club of Nilgiris West, **Rtn Geetha Sreenivasan** was the Chief Guest of the event. She presented the awards and certificates to the winning team. **Ms Prithikashri Ganesh** and **Ms Nanditha Kannan** of JSS International School were adjudged the Winners of the Competition.

The Secretary of the Rotary Club of Nilgiris West, **Rtn Dr Meenakshi** gave away the certificates and trophies to the participating schools. The Charter President of the wing and the Founder-Principal of Good Shepherd Finishing School, **Rtn Elsamma Thomas**, introduced the Chief Guest and the theme to the audience. The Rotaract President, **Ms Sukhjot Kaur**, welcomed the gathering, and the Rotaract Secretary, **Ms Priyanka Inani**, gave the Expression of Gratitude.

The former Rotary International Director **Rtn Dr P C Thomas** who is the Founder-Principal of Good Shepherd Institutions graced the occasion with his presence. Many Rotarians and other invitees added value to the Event and the Cause. The 9 months' batch of Good Shepherd Finishing School who are Rotaractors, organized the event as part of their Event Management Programme.