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— The Team



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Every human being undergoes a change in their life as a result of taking risks or a leap of faith. It's a personal preference to acquire that change for yourself, as well as move on to a new chapter since it's often considered an abnormality to many. Residing in a place so new and unfamiliar to an individual can be extremely nerve-racking, but it's the after-effect of the entire transition that should be taken into account instead. I came from Chennai; so moving from one area of opulence to another is what it may be perceived as by many people, however, I prefer to see it as a challenge. A lifestyle like the one I had would not prepare me for the world waiting outside my door. I openly faced that fact as soon as I stepped into the doors of Good Shepherd. I knew that at the back of my mind, my entire life was centered around a bubble; so durable, that it lasted 17 years without bursting.

I was hostile toward change, hence explaining the determination I had entrenched within me to refrain from moving forward. More than convincing everyone around me, I was trying to convince myself that this would be a good idea. Eager yet apprehensive is perhaps the best way to describe how I particularly felt about the next two years that lay ahead. Questions swirled in my mind: Would I make new friends? Would I adapt to the unfamiliar surroundings? The prospect of stepping into the unknown left me feeling vulnerable, yet determined to embrace this new chapter in my life. Adjusting to the routine at GSIS was both challenging and filled with triumphs. The initial days were overwhelming, navigating the unfamiliar surroundings and establishing new friendships. I felt extremely out of place. However, as time passed, breaking through the initial barriers of cliques formed among my classmates became easier and I felt a sense of belonging.



They say home is where the heart is, and right now my heart is in a huge cubicle with my friends laughing about moments from the day. Tiredness fills our bodies but all I want is to sit with them for 2 more minutes. My first month at GSIS left me excited about the idea of the rest of my school life just like this first glimpse of the GSIS experience. It taught me that you don't have to live somewhere for a long time to call that place home.

By Tanvi Jain (IBDP1)
My Experience in Boarding School As a New Student

Q) Is there a specific reason for the loss against Lawrence?

The team took practices lightly after the first 2 wins, as winning got to us and we presumed that what we were doing was enough. We evidently got a slight sense of over-confidence due to prior knowledge of their abilities we observed during the practice match. We were too pressured while playing the match - everyone, including me, lost confidence. We took this loss very seriously but took it as a chance to improve and play better for clubs.



Statement from Eshaan Kattapur on the U-17 matches

Q) How was the first practice match?

We played against Lawrence for the first practice match of the season. It was decent, but there were some inter-team quarrels. However, the team was still strong and managed to score in the 58th minute. It was a draw (1-1). The second practice match was won by GSIS against JSSIS, with a whopping 5-0. This brought up the team's morale and got the team more excited for upcoming inter-school matches.



Q) What were our wins in the Inter-School matches?

OUR 1ST WIN AGAINST
REX

SCORE OF 3

SCORERS: ESHAAN - 1, SANGAY - 1,
SUVID - 1

OUR 2ND WIN WAS AGAINST
HEBRONS

SCORE OF 1

SCORER: SANGAY

OUR 3RD MATCH WAS A LOSS
AGAINST LAWRENCE



The Foundation of Football, World-Class players started off with it, Futbol de sala. Last year AISF wanted India to start playing futsal, so they made futsal day on August 15 happen in 5 indoor pitches. Largest futsal tournament in India - 500 children took part.

~SEBASTIAN SIR (HOD OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION)

Shazia Miss on Why She Chose 'Wicked'

I chose 'Wicked' as part of our upcoming production because the music is memorable and catchy, the characters are endearing and understandable, and the tale is intriguing and original. Many individuals can relate to Wicked's powerful message of acceptance and tolerance. The story offers a fresh and intriguing perspective on a well-known tale by rewriting The Wizard of Oz from the viewpoint of the Wicked Witch of the West. Additionally, the music is amazing, and the performances are consistently excellent. In addition, the story's acceptance- and understanding-focused message strikes a chord with the audience. The "Wizard of Oz" tale and book is about a green-haired villain who becomes a sarcastic heroine and serves as inspiration for the plot of the flashy show. The music and lyrics for the conventional rendition of the musical Wicked were written by Tony Award-winning composer Stephen Schwartz. A challenging enemy in "Wicked" becomes a likable gal with flaws when the main character is softened.



I strongly want to convey the power of self-belief and self-reliance through this play. With this, I feel the play will give a new perspective for students to think and believe in themselves irrespective of the stage, body, race, strengths, and weaknesses they carry.



GLIMPSES FROM THE JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATION





Damien Mathew: The event congregated pupils from various grades, each representing a different culture and language. Through a video presentation, we showcased the beauty of linguistic diversity and the importance of understanding and respecting our mother tongues. My speech highlighted the significance of peace and unity in our global community. Leading up to the event, I felt a mix of excitement and nervousness. It was heartwarming to witness the enthusiasm of my fellow students as we worked together to make this event a success. During the event, there were several moments that stood out to me, such as seeing the smiles on everyone's faces as they watched the video presentation. It was truly inspiring to witness the power of unity and cultural exchange.



Serene Nagpal: The most successful events I have ever conducted would definitely include the International Day Of Peace. Our team had to work day in and day out to ensure everything was in place. We began on Sunday where we formulated ideas and theories as to how we wanted this day to go. We all agreed on the fact that we wanted the entire GSIS family to be displayed as every single one of them is an important part of our aim to achieve this year's sustainable development goals. One of the biggest challenges we faced was organizing all the students. Despite that, we had a great time working with people from different backgrounds and learning about their history. In conclusion, it was as much a learning experience as it was a challenge and I'm sure my team and I are ecstatically awaiting our next event.



Kashvi Bansal: After taking the initiative to host the assembly for the International Day of Peace, it was no piece of cake. We discussed our programme with Mrs Maria and decided upon a speech, a pledge, a video presentation, along with other performances which brought together the bright minds showcasing the unity and diversity of numerous cultures which are present in our school. Communication, coordination and discipline from the students proved to be a challenge since everyone had their own opinions and wanted to be heard, thus causing chaos. But at the same time, we developed leadership skills and navigated through obstacles with assistance from our mentors and definitely learnt how to handle children better. Moreover, it was a thrilling and insightful experience, and I can't wait for several other opportunities like this to knock at our door.





TEACHERS' DAY!



GLIMPSES FROM THE HIGH TEA



University Fair

Xavier University Cincinnati
Manipal University
Queen's University, Belfast
St George's University (School of Medicine)
Shiv Nadar University Chennai
Gitam University Bangalore
Indian School of Hospitality
University of Liverpool
James Cook University Australia
FLAME University
Ohio University
Queen Mary University of London
Birmingham city university
Atria University
University of Vermont
Culinary Arts Academy Switzerland
MIT World Peace University, Pune
Arts University Bournemouth UK
The University of Tennessee
University of Leeds
University of Glasgow
Arizona State University
University of Massachusetts Lowell
The Emirates Academy of Hospitality Management
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
Trinity College Dublin
University of Birmingham UK and Dubai
University of Arizona
UC Santa Cruz
Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago
SCAD University
The University of Manchester
NMIMS Bengaluru
York University
Rochester Institute of Technology
University of Stirling, UK
Aston University
University of San Francisco
Imperial College London

AND MANY MORE...



Mr. Victor Selwin: A Man With A Heart of Gold



MR. NOEL PHILIP



My biggest inspiration has always been my dad and my mom. They have lived by and taught me important principles that I still stand for - hard work, values, faith, and sacrifice. One of my fondest memories of my father is that roots from 90s fashion. Saggy jeans and his attitude of contempt towards them, have forever changed and saved my fashion sense. Music was one of his favourite things, especially classical music. So, you can imagine his reaction when I introduced him to 'Petra', which was far from his style, but little did I know that he grew to love it, especially the guitar riffs, which in turn served as a moment of connection between us. His encouraging and uplifting words served as a lifetime of life lessons, some of them being:

'Live a life that makes a difference in someone else's life' - which is held by the pillars of respect, connection, compassion, generosity and just simply doing the right thing. He believed in investing in people's lives, especially in the form of education.

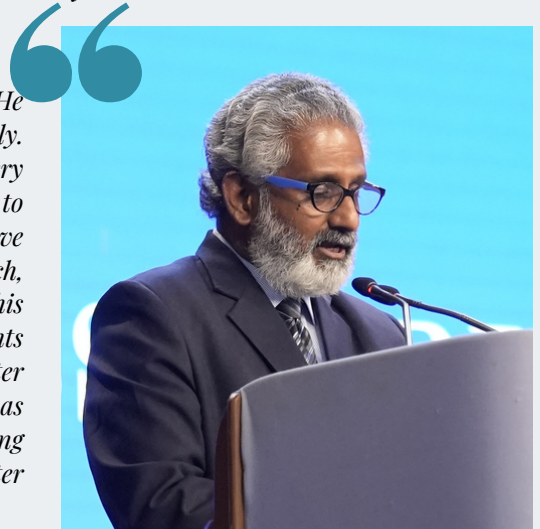
'Cultivate a love for reading' - My father loved reading because it transported him to places that he hadn't gotten the chance to visit, reading gave him the chance to live a thousand lives.

'Dream and live a life that is bigger than yourself' - There is greatness in you. You are unique and you have a lot of potential, just believe in yourself.

In conclusion, living a big life doesn't mean living a perfect life, making mistakes makes us human, my dad got a lot of things right and a lot of things wrong, but that is what made him who he is and ultimately made me who I am today.

MR. V. KALYAN RAM

Victor Sir was a remarkable individual who left an indelible mark on this institution. He was selfless and a very dedicated person who wore many hats - literally and figuratively. He took his roles and responsibilities very seriously and was a navigator, planner of every 'Founders' Day' success as well as the architect of the academic calendar. He gave his all to GSIS and its students as well as its staff. Along with being one of the best teachers I have seen he was a notable gentleman and an avid reader. His descriptive skills were top-notch, this fact is derived from the way he described England, despite never being there! This made for an astounding storyteller. He also has such an amazing vocabulary, that students had to pick up a dictionary after a meeting with him. A perfect example of a taskmaster and perfectionist, as well as a music enthusiast who connected to students with music as the medium. He believed in all of us and our abilities which he, himself cultivated by giving us challenges that pushed us out of our comfort zone. He helped me with my character development as well. He will always be an integral part of all of our lives.



STATEMENT FROM AN ALUMNUS ON MR. VICTOR SELWIN

It cannot be denied that Mr. Victor Selwin had cast an indelible impression on all of our lives, especially during our senior years at school. He had a unique knack for getting through to students and this was more obvious when students needed to be corrected.

The batches of 80s and 90s have strong memories of this towering personality and his service to the school during the over 25 years of service, is nothing short of impeccable.

During his both tenures as my Housemaster (Autumn - always the coolest, if I may say so) and Headmaster, he stood for absolute impartiality among the students. Most Alumni strongly remember passages from Julius Caesar, Hamlet, and Othello even today thanks to Mr. Victor Selwin. One especially cannot forget his handwriting which stood out and inspired many students to write more clearly and legibly.

On a lighter note, many students would wait for his turn as duty teacher so that they could catch a nap during second prep. This man had a heart of gold when he dealt with his students, and his English communication skills added to the effect even though most students realised this only after leaving school. He earned the respect of his faculty peers and his contributions to the school are too long to list. Rest in peace Mr. Victor Selwin. You will always live in our hearts. ~ Tharun Kumar Pathapati

INTRODUCING...



THE
TAHR!

EVENT SCHEDULE



OCT
6-9
FRIDAY-MONDAY

PYKARA

OCT
14-15
SATURDAY - SUNDAY

Founder's Day Evening
Programme

Founder's Day Morning
Programme

OCT
15-18
SUNDAY- WEDNESDAY

University Fair

Break

OCT
28TH-31ST
SATURDAY- TUESDAY

Inter-School Swimming

Inter-School Tennis

TCL Drama Exam

Inter-School Dramatics

SEE YOU IN NOVEMBER!
