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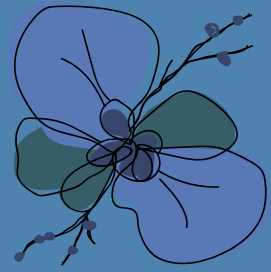
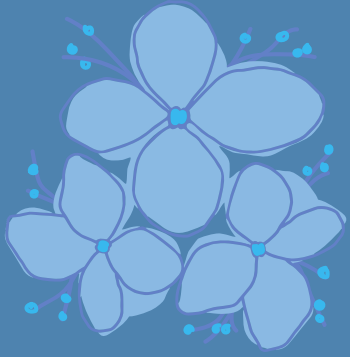
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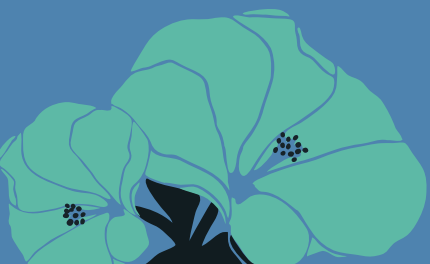
## *The Editorial*

Greeting Shepherdians!

Happy New Year and welcome back! It was a rather long break, wasn't it? Well, we are beyond ecstatic to showcase the past month's talents, events, and much much more.

We hope you had an amazing holiday, and we also hope that you enjoy this new edition of 'The Tahr Times', as much as we did while making it!

Happy reading,  
Sanaya Pathapati - Editor - in- Chief.



*REMINDER!*



**SAVE**  
**WATER**  
**SAVE**  
**EARTH**

Water is life's most precious resource. Let's make a difference by conserving it for a sustainable future



2023

WRAPPED

# WINTER VACATIONS

From an academic standpoint, my vacation was a complete disaster. I did not do anything that I had anticipated. Okay, now coming to the topic... how I spent my vacations. This holiday, for me, was a chance to savor moments of peaceful reflection, curl up with an excellent book, or simply appreciate the lovely silence that often eludes me in my bustling hostel life. With plenty of time, I returned to my interests, which had been put on hold for around five months. So, for the first two weeks, I spent my time painting, going for walks, crafting, and changing my space, allowing me to express myself. I couldn't leave India due to my father's busy schedule, but I met my school classmates for a short lunch and a sleepover at my place. It was a memorable get-together filled with fun and food.

The first two weeks of my vacation were productive, while the following two weeks were spent relaxing. I used to wake up at noon every day and spend the entire day on my phone, doing nothing... Nothing. On the penultimate day of my vacation, we attended a family gathering. The day that I met my cousins and family was the day that made my vacation. I felt elated as the experience was very nostalgic.

My vacation was essentially a stay-at-home, leisurely vacation that allowed me to explore and learn more about myself. Overall, I had a good time during my vacation, although I did not do much. I procrastinated and only completed some of my intended tasks... But that's OK; I did end up finishing my school holiday homework and lessons learned.

**PURVAJA**



# WINTER VACATIONS

As my exams came to an end one by one, December 15th was swiftly approaching. I could hardly wait to return home after being away for so long. Living in a large, close-knit family, I was eager to see them again. I spend most of my time alone in my room watching TV shows, reading, studying, listening to music while putting on private concerts for my bunny, and watching ice skating and volleyball videos on YouTube.

When I ventured outside my chamber, I attempted gardening but was utterly unsuccessful. Plants are similar to young children in requiring constant nurturing and care.

The most fascinating part of my vacation was my trip to Dubai. I was unaware of how thrilled I was until we boarded the plane bound for the UAE. My brother and I were in awe as we saw the supercars cruising down the streets. Of course, the highlight of Dubai was visiting the Burj Khalifa during the dazzling light shows at night. A common thread throughout the trip was sage advice from our taxi drivers. Noticing our youthful enthusiasm, anytime we saw a luxury supercar, they would remind us, "Study hard now, so one day you'll be able to buy one of those cars with your own hard-earned money." They also shared their poignant life experiences, from which I learned that those who have lived through adversity often give the wisest counsel. And, if you like cars, visit FIRST motors. It's a heaven for car lovers. Don't visit their Instagram for spoilers. Thank me later!!

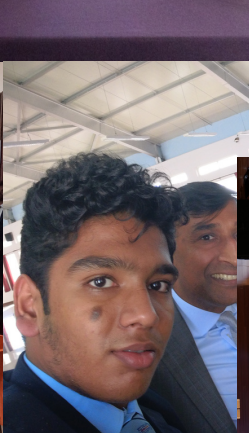
Try indoor skydiving, which is just beside Ferrari World! Indoor skydiving was the highlight of the trip for me! Once you visit the UAE, you'll always be back there, and it's a given! Soon, the vacation was ending, and I was surprised at myself for looking forward to school. I met my friends and relatives, and everything was going great. While on the way to the airport, I realized I had left behind everything. Until last year, I felt like an academic victim, but a change of mindset led me to realize that I must become an academic achiever again.

With this, the vacation ended with new experiences that awaited me.

Kavya



# IB MANTHAN





# CHANDNI'S ISC EXAM PREP

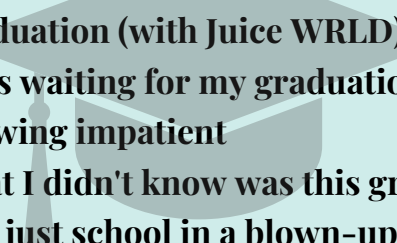
*It's been very challenging to manage time and everything else all together. Board exams can be a tough nut to crack, and the struggle is real! It's normal to feel overwhelmed, stressed, and even lost. Getting caught up in the hype and feeling immense pressure to perform well is easy. There is an entire list of struggles faced by each batch preparing for the board examination coming up, but it becomes easier when you make a study buddy or find humor in your day-to-day life. Not to mention, finding time for yourself under all the burdens and stress of academics is significant.*

*Most importantly, the only thing we, as a batch and all the coming board batches, should remember is that we should enjoy the stress we have right now because this may be the last time we go through it with the people living with us. Therefore, we must enjoy every second of this year and try to live life fully. You never know when you will see these familiar faces next, so make sure you make the most of it and irritate them all you can. Make all the memories you can and cherish them later on.*



# Graduation

Everything feels like a dream, a long dream of 7 years that has allowed me to be a part of something. To begin with, Fernhill was a home to me where I could get away with anything, be it shouting the lyrics of 'Rolex' in the classroom or splashing soft drinks on others. I am certain that Fernhill students are still longing to be within those four walls again, be those kids who were obsessed with First In Math and Football Games (6C). Moving on, middle school years were filled with ebullience and chaos and I spent most of my time in Shanta Miss's office. However, those days were overshadowed by the jokes and moments that I shared with my friends, such as getting caught while chewing gum in class or 'The Caminos' incident. Days passed by and on March 19th, 2020, we all went back home but our learning through online classes continued. Moreover, the communication of answers during examinations was like playing the role of Professor from Money Heist. And let's not forget the extensions to freeze the screen and "net issues" to skip classes, or in our case, the teachers chose to leave the meeting. And finally, the phase of COVID-19 ended and we all came back to school while the pressure of boards hovered over us. But in those times, the motivational PPTs (GP), respective class jokes, Ela Miss's literature classes, and Kalyan Sir's roasting sessions kept us going. Now we want to replay those High School episodes because we are currently occupied with our boards. However, let us go back to our 11th grade and view it all once again: from banging the door during French to putting a BIOS password in my laptop (1C). We all have those series of moments not only constrained to our classrooms but also our boarding houses. The stories from our dorms are usually the ones that can't be mentioned, so I would like to keep it that way. However, the show is coming to an end now and we are found to be calculating the number of days left, but deep down we know these school days are never coming back. Looking back, five years ago, I was a member of the choir for my seniors' graduation day, and now I will be singing for mine. Time really does fly so let's have no regrets and break the streak of 'The Expulsion Season' for good. Now, as we are about to leave this place and our school days, let's play the verse of:



Graduation (with Juice WRLD) –  
I was waiting for my graduation  
Growing impatient  
What I didn't know was this grown-up world  
Was just school in a blown-up world





## POETRY CORNER

*As the year grows old and winter slips in, A  
break back home always makes me spin!  
Escape the hustle, leave the worries behind, At  
home, a place so peaceful, a gleeful peace I can  
find. The gate opens, a familiar soft clang,  
Welcoming me with love, as I happily sprang. I  
continued to learn, soaked in the scent of home  
With laughter in the air, but with family, not  
alone. Carefree days come to an end and eyes  
adjust, To old faces, to learning, a welcomed  
trust. Teachers' and friends' smiles, a calming  
sight, Familiar voices, warm and ever so  
bright. We return to the site of knowledge, a set  
of gems, To be unfolded in classrooms, as we  
grow our stems. So, let the New Year not be  
one where we chase, But a year we carefully  
weave, step by step!*

*- Meera V, MYP-4B*

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**FEB**  
**1-7**

*Third trials for Grade X and ISC 2*

*First Trial Examination for Grade X  
(IGCSE) & Grade XI (ISC).*

**FEB**  
**15-20**

*PS & All Girls classical  
Dance & Music*

**FEB**  
**8-14**

*Boards examinations start for ISC 2*

**MS-GSMUN**

*Pykara, WTC- Watermanship skills.*

**FEB**  
**21-29**

*Inception Day*

*First Trial Examination for  
Cambridge Primary Checkpoint  
(Grade VI IGCSE)*

*Cambridge Lower Secondary  
Checkpoint (Grade VIII IGCSE)*

*Investiture & Graduation  
Ceremony*

