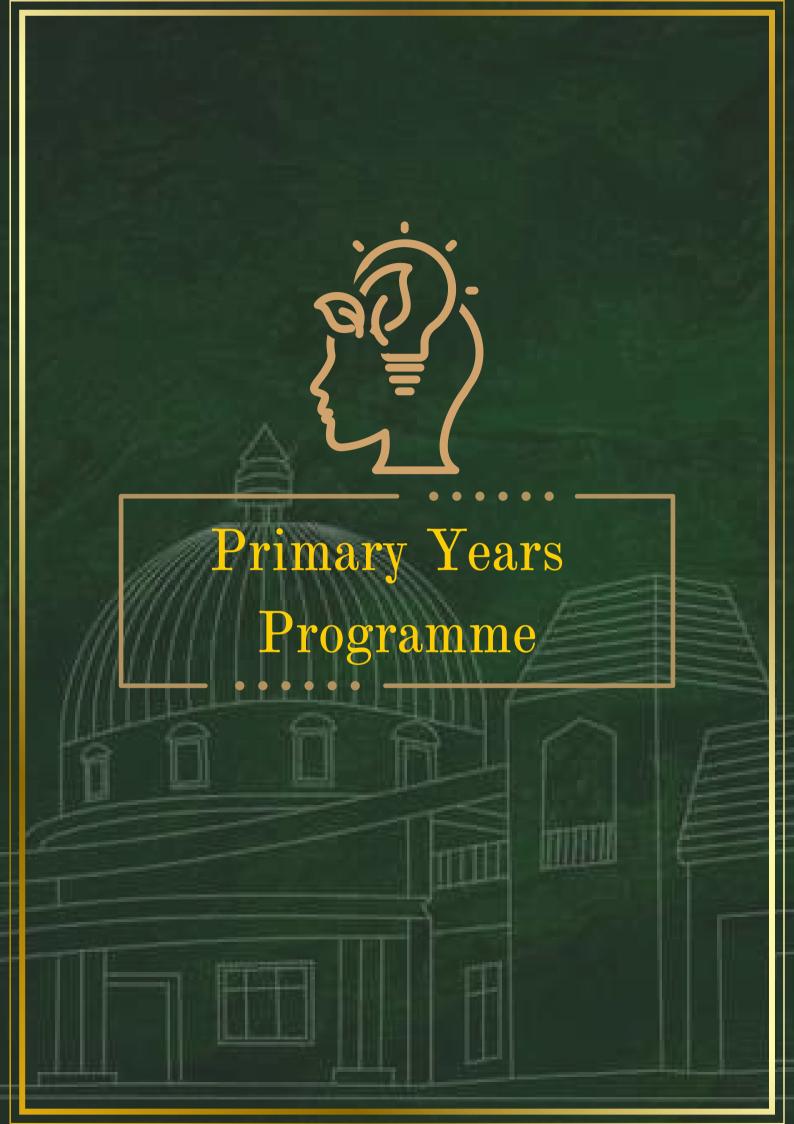


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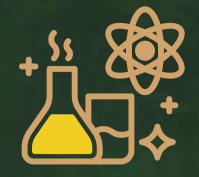
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Pandora's Lab – The PYP Science Fair

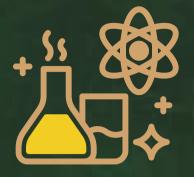


The PYP Science Fair, held on 1st October for the very first time, was a vibrant showcase of curiosity, innovation, and scientific thinking. Students from Grades 1 to 5 took part enthusiastically, exploring a wide range of science concepts that went beyond their regular curriculum. Each project reflected student agency — from selecting topics to conducting experiments and presenting findings — highlighting their growing confidence as young inquirers.

The fair aimed to integrate science learning across disciplines and encourage students to make real-world connections through hands-on exploration. Over three weeks of preparation, students collaborated in small groups to investigate phenomena from everyday life — from energy transformations and plant growth to forces and human body systems. They explored the breadth of Science by choosing experiments from Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Environmental Science. The exhibition day was buzzing with excitement as students confidently demonstrated their experiments, explained their processes, and responded thoughtfully to questions from teachers and peers. The event not only deepened conceptual understanding but also nurtured critical thinking, communication, and collaboration skills.

The success of the first-ever PYP Science Fair stands as a testament to the spirit of inquiry that defines the IB philosophy — empowering students to explore, question, and discover the wonders of science with curiosity and joy.









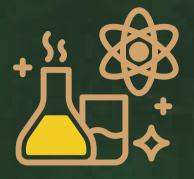
















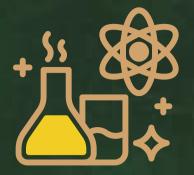
















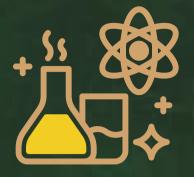
















Once Upon a Page – PYP Virtual Interschool Literary Festival



The 5th PYP Virtual Literary Festival, hosted by IISP on 15th and 16th October, was a grand celebration of language, creativity, and expression. This year marked a special milestone as the festival expanded its participation to include students from PYP 1 and 2, offering our youngest learners a platform to share their voices and ideas with confidence. The event was graced by our Chief Guest – Ms Shabnam Minwalla, an author truly for the young learners who engaged all participants in an enrapturing story telling session about how she finds inspiration in the mundane which helps her write the most interesting stories about Mumbai and teenage daughters and their problem with the ballet teacher.

The two-day virtual event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 16 schools across Chennai, Mumbai, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, Noida, and Nepal, making it a truly collaborative and multicultural experience. Students engaged in a variety of events that showcased their oratory and written communication skills, including storytelling, poetry recitation, extempore, creative writing, and dramatic expression. Participants impressed the judges with their originality, clarity of thought, and stage presence, making the competition both inspiring and enriching. Our IISP students performed exceptionally well, demonstrating their linguistic flair and love for literature across categories and grades. The festival not only celebrated the power of words but also reinforced the IB ethos of global mindedness, creativity, and confident communication. It was indeed a memorable literary journey that inspired young minds to imagine, express, and connect through language.



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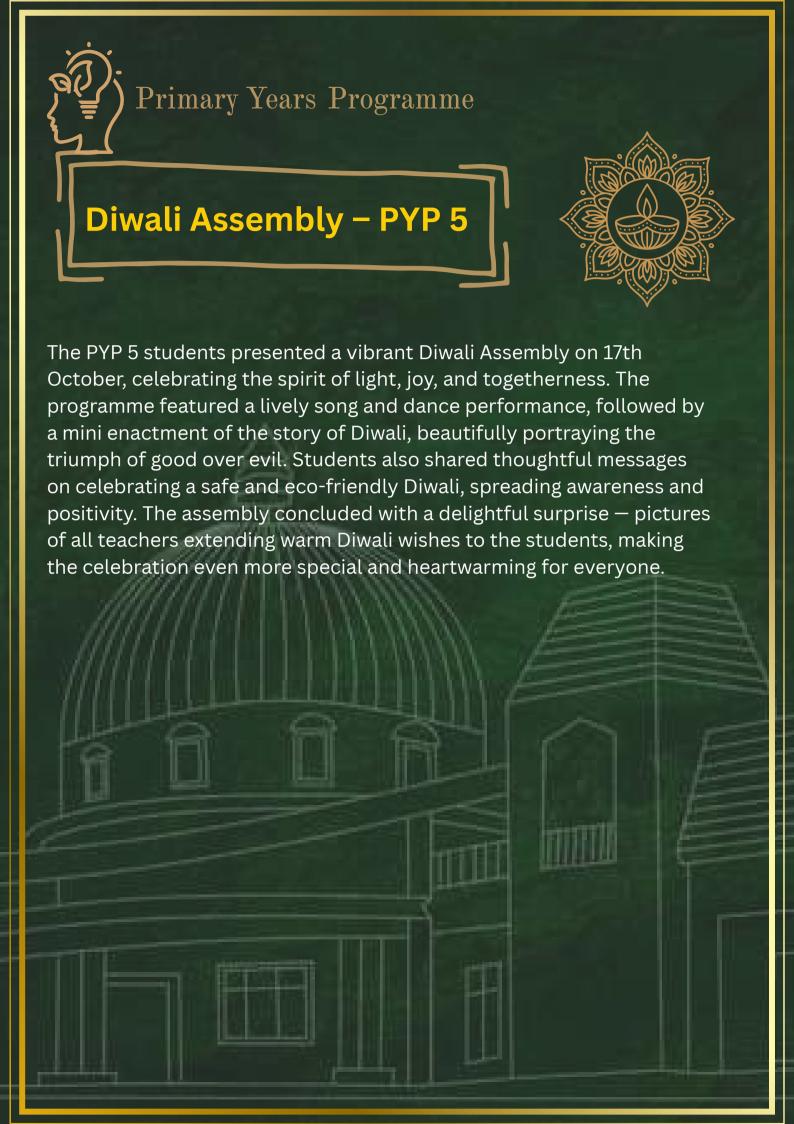














Diwali Assembly - PYP 5













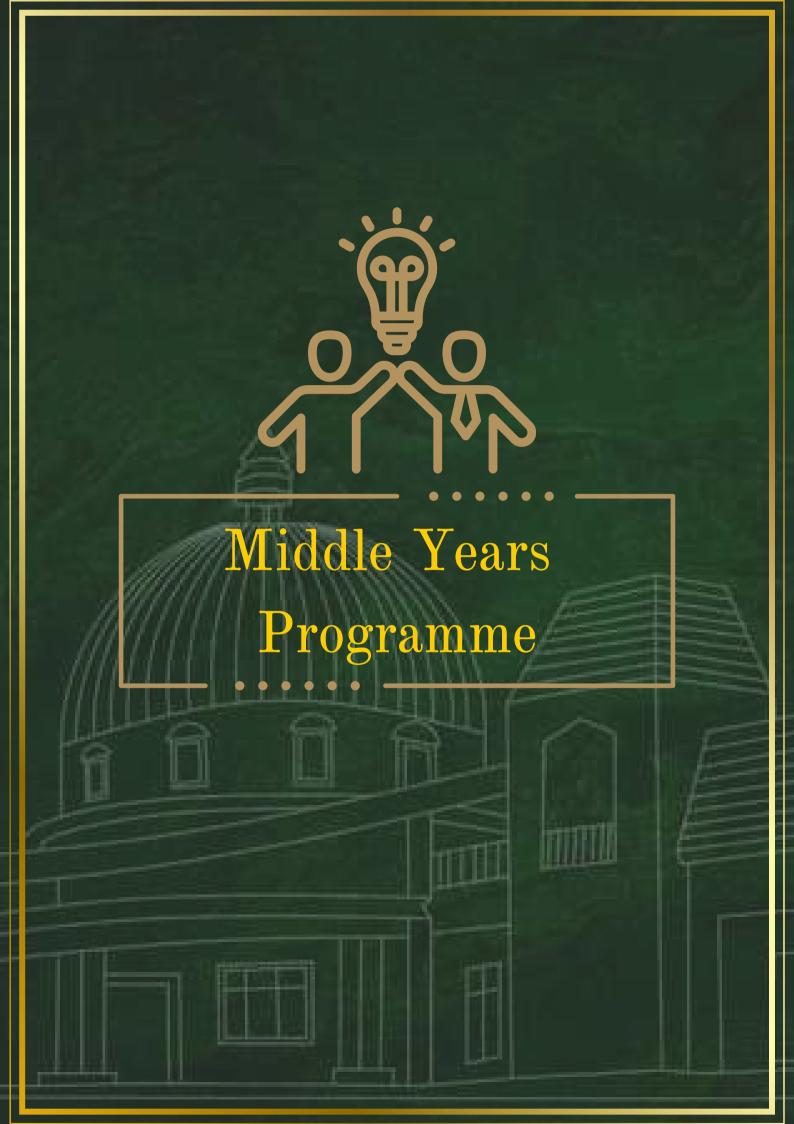




PYP Updates



Sr. No.	Event	Date
1	PYP ACER 2	3rd & 4th November
2	PYP Term 1 Reports go live	PYP Term 1 Reports go live
3	PYP PTM	8th November
4	Eureka Fest	10th & 11th November
5	Children's day Assembly	14th November
6	Writer's Retreat	17th November
7	PYP Thanksgiving Day/ PYP 4 Exploring Observatory- Star Gazing	28th November





The MYP Debate Challenge

The MYP Debate Challenge brought together some of the most articulate and analytical young speakers from Grades 6 to 8. Participants impressed the audience with their persuasive arguments, well-researched perspectives, and confident delivery. The event fostered critical thinking and encouraged students to engage with global and contemporary issues in meaningful ways.

Winners

MYP 1

- PBest Team (For the Motion): Aisha Naik (6D), Tarun Rao (6C), Avanish Ahirrao (6B), Srisha Gavali (6A)
- Best Speaker (For): Aisha Naik (6D)
- Best Speaker (Against): Arjun Roy (6B)

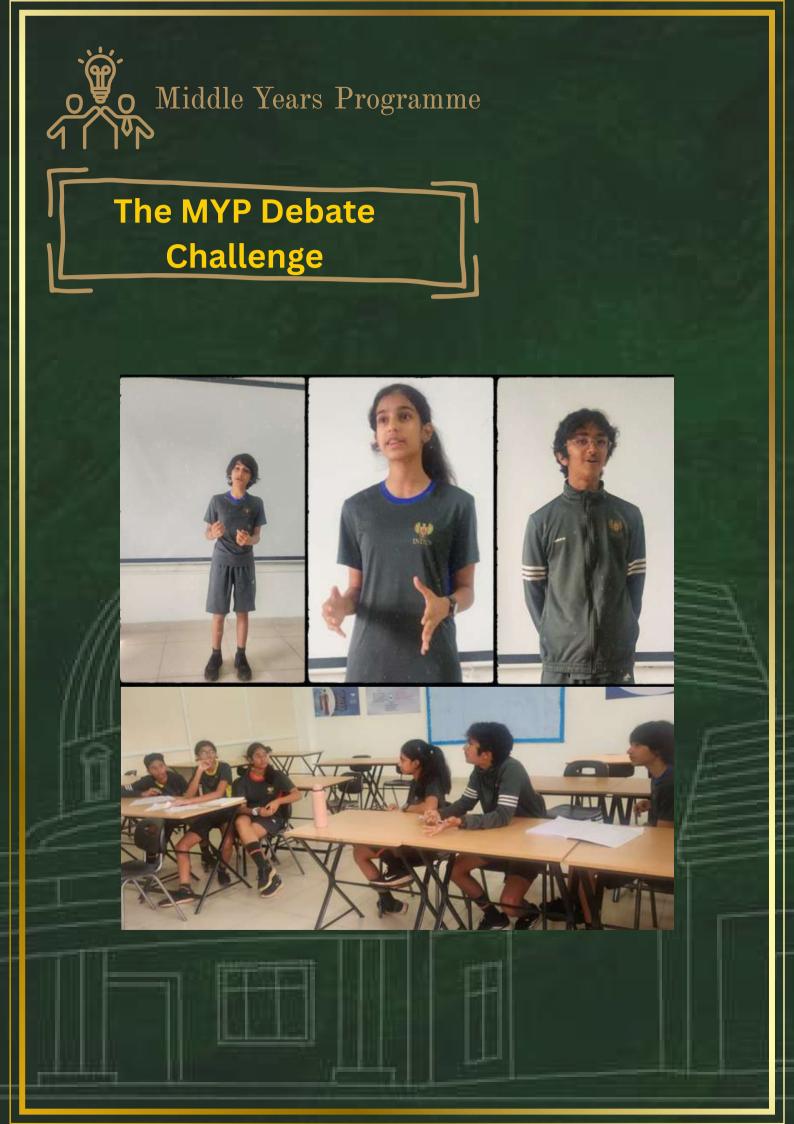
MYP 2

- Pest Team (Against the Motion): Almira Lodha (7C), Tara Kibe (7D), Shaurya Anand (7A)
- Best Speaker (For): Romeet Pathak (7A)
- Best Speaker (Against): Shaurya Anand (7A)

MYP 3

- Pest Team (For the Motion): Agam Gupta (8C), Neeva Bidaye (8D), Ira Mate (8A)
- ګ Best Speaker (For): Agam Gupta (8C)
- 🖱 Best Speaker (Against): Vihana Shah (8B)

The competition was a testament to the students' growing confidence, awareness, and ability to articulate complex ideas with clarity and conviction.





Research Orientation — Building Inquirers

Students participated in an interactive session on effective research practices. The orientation focused on key aspects such as formulating inquiry questions, identifying credible sources, organizing data, and citing references responsibly.

Through hands-on discussions and real-world examples, learners gained a deeper understanding of ethical research — a cornerstone of the MYP framework.

This initiative aimed to enhance students' inquiry and critical-thinking skills, preparing them for upcoming projects and assessments with confidence and integrity.

Classroom Spotlight – Geography in Action

Grade 7D students, Ayanah Wagh, Amullya Digrase, and Jagravi Shinde, created an insightful model demonstrating how latitudes influence climate and biomes across the world. Using pins, strings, and digital mapping tools, they effectively visualized how sunlight, temperature, and humidity vary from the equator to the poles.

Their innovative work beautifully integrated research and design thinking, highlighting the powerful connection between geography and climate systems.



Research Orientation — Building Inquirers





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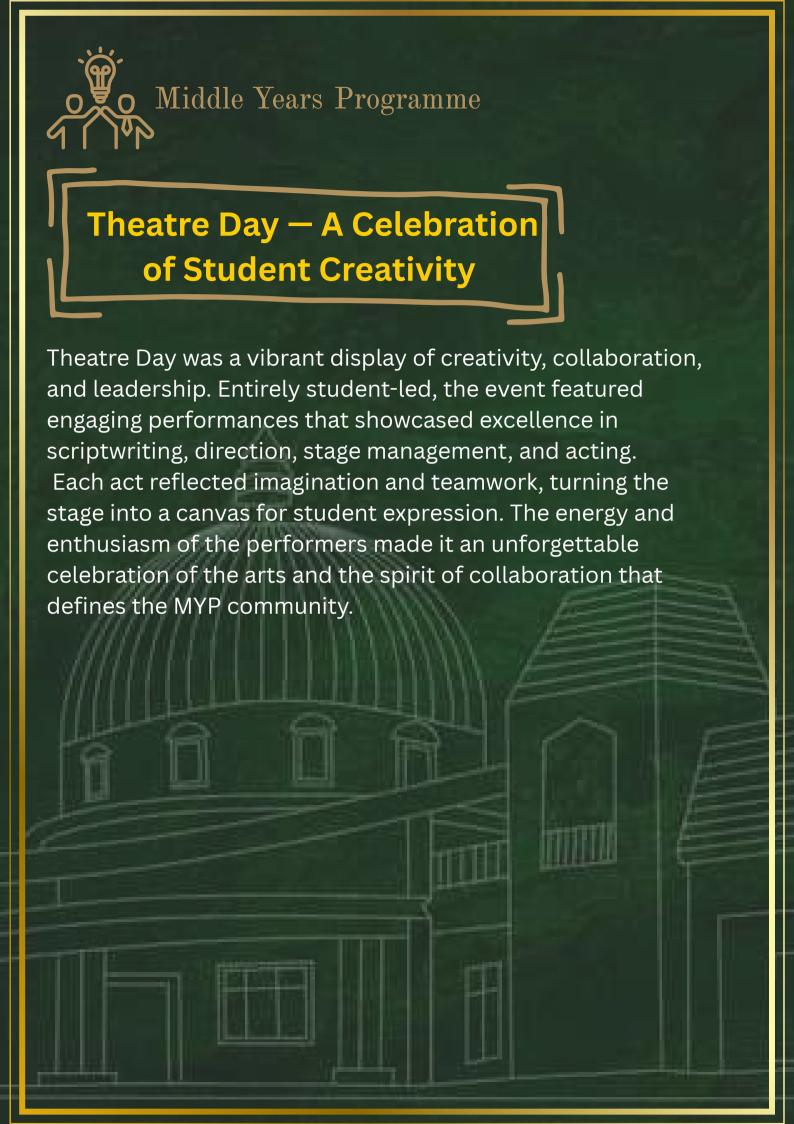
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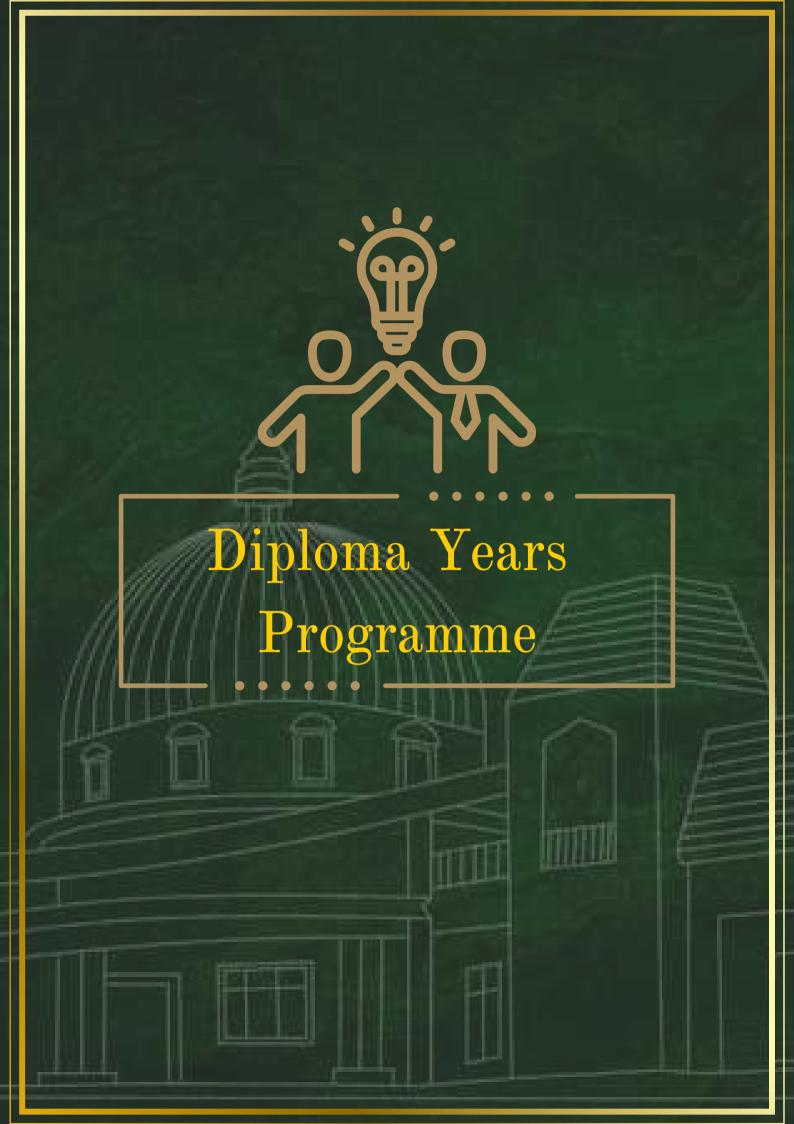






MYP Upcoming updates

Sr. No.	Event	Date
1	ACER 2	3rd & 4th November
2	MYP 1-3 Math Challenge	19 th November
3	Teacher Advisor Meetings	17 th to 21 st November
4	Atheletics Meet	22nd November



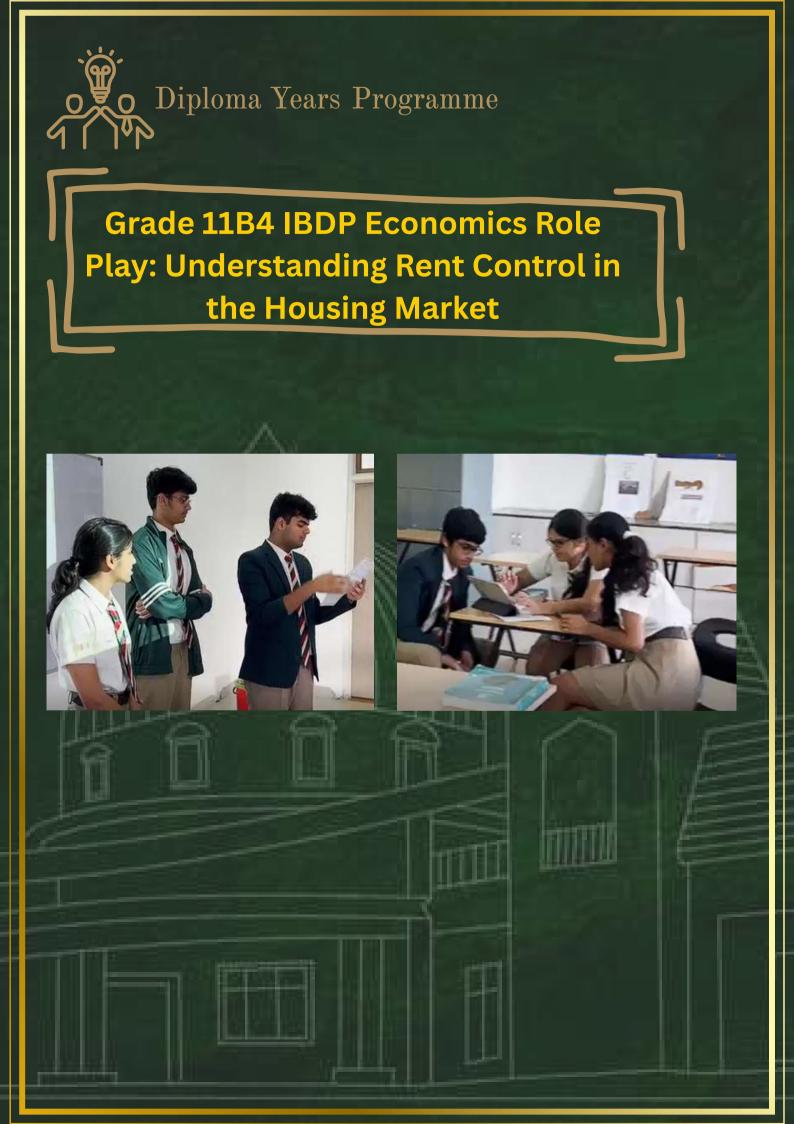


Diploma Years Programme

Grade 11B4 IBDP Economics Role Play: Understanding Rent Control in the Housing Market

As part of their 'Government Intervention' topic in Microeconomics, students of Grade 11B4 participated in an engaging role-play activity exploring the concept of rent control as a price ceiling. The session aimed to help students understand how government policies impact market equilibrium, stakeholders, and overall economic efficiency. Students took on the roles of landlords, tenants, government officials, real estate agents, and economists, each presenting their perspectives on a proposed rent control policy in a city facing housing shortages and rising rents. Through lively discussion and debate, they analyzed the short-run benefits of affordability against the long-term consequences of housing shortages and reduced quality.

The activity concluded with students drawing market diagrams to illustrate the effects of price ceilings and reflecting on whether rent control is an effective form of intervention. It was a dynamic and thought-provoking exercise that brought economic theory to life through collaboration, critical thinking, and real-world application.





Diploma Years Programme

IBDP Business Management Students Visit SP Jain School of Global Management, Mumbai

On September 27, 2025, 38 IBDP Business Management students visited SP Jain School of Global Management in Mumbai, led by Capt. Rajiv Bali and Ms. Surbhi Shahi. The main event was a workshop titled "Marketing Madness," focusing on global branding psychology. Students learned how brands are perceived as "people" and the importance of emotional connections, using examples like Volvo and Nike.

Key takeaways included:

- Branding shapes identity and fosters loyalty.
- Cultural awareness is vital in global marketing.
- Design thinking and consumer-centered strategies impact branding decisions.
- Authenticity and cultural sensitivity are essential for brand trust.

Students found the session transformative, shifting their view of marketing from transactional to one of identity and responsibility. The visit aligned with the department's goal of providing industry exposure and a global perspective in the IBDP Business Management curriculum at Indus International School, Pune.



O Diploma Years Programme

IBDP Business Management Students Visit SP Jain School of Global Management, Mumbai





















Diploma Years Programme

ZP Bhugaon School Visit – SportsInteraction

On 10th October, we were delighted to host the Grade 7 students from ZP Bhugaon School for their second interaction on our campus. Our DP student volunteers and council members were thrilled to reconnect with them and lead an engaging 40-minute sports session focused on Kho Kho. The activity encouraged teamwork, strategy, and skill-building as our students guided the children in preparation for their upcoming school sports events.

This collaboration has been a rewarding experience for both groups, fostering sportsmanship and community spirit. We look forward to continuing these sessions through November, introducing new sports such as Kabaddi, Chess, and Shot Put to further enhance their skills and confidence.



ZP Bhugaon School Visit - SportsInteraction









Diploma Years Programme

Hercules House Project: Project GRIT (Growth, Resilience, Intensity, Tenacity) - 21 days Surya Namaskar Buddy Challenge

The Hercules House initiative is an inspiring program designed to promote a healthy lifestyle throughout the school community by pairing teachers and students as wellness buddies. Weekly celebrations honor the most dedicated pairs, fostering energy and motivation as they embark on a 21-day journey together. Each participant receives a personalized journal to track their progress, reflect on their experiences, and set intentions for the upcoming week.

Additionally, the challenge features virtual workshops led by yoga instructors and nutritionists, providing valuable insights on maintaining balance and well-being. Through supportive camaraderie and shared objectives, the Hercules House Project not only enhances physical health but also strengthens relationships within the school, cultivating a vibrant and cohesive community committed to holistic growth.



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Diploma Years Programme

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING SESSIONS – MYP 4-5, DP-CP TOPIC- ANTI- BULLYING & INCLUSION

The Counselling Department held Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) sessions on Anti-Bullying and Inclusion for Grades 9-12, coinciding with World Mental Health Day. These sessions went beyond the traditional anti-bullying message, addressing modern and digital bullying. Students reflected on their role in creating emotionally safe spaces and how their choices affect peer culture. Sessions included tailored topics for different grades, such as "Unmasking Bullying" for MYP 4 and 5, and "The Power of One" for DP1. Through interactive activities, students explored the spectrum of harm, the bystander effect, and the importance of empathy and inclusion. The focus shifted from labeling individuals to understanding emotional maturity. Students shared experiences that highlighted their increased awareness and accountability, recognizing that bullying involves daily choices rather than just "bad people." The sessions emphasized that inclusion is a continuous practice of empathy and respect.



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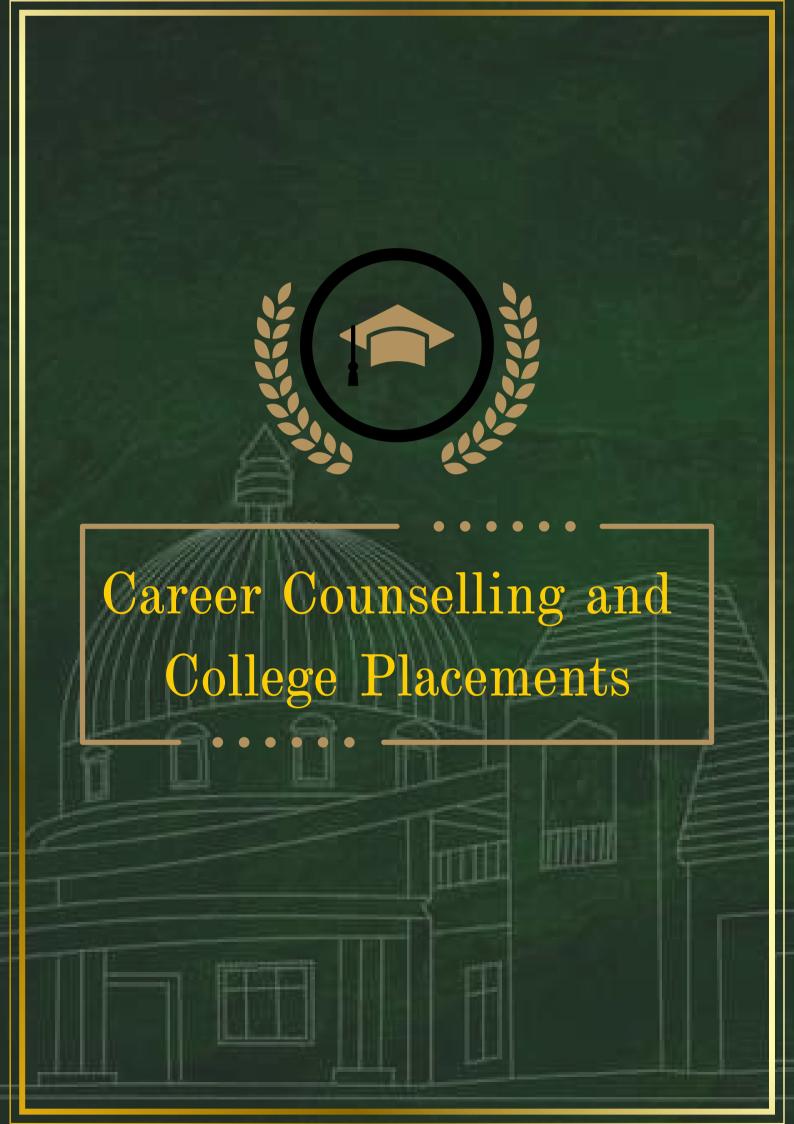




o Middle Years Programme

DP and Sports upcoming updates

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1	House show	8th November
3///	Writers retreat	17 th to 21 st November
4	Atheletics Meet	22nd November
5	ISSO cricket under 19	17 th November
6	School Olympic Championship	14 th November Onwards





Grade 12 students are actively engaged in early university applications with support from their college counselors. Key activities include:

- Focused essay writing sessions that help students articulate their narratives and boost confidence through iterative feedback.
- One-on-one and group meetings with counselors to shortlist universities based on academic interests and career goals.
- Guidance on filling out application forms, uploading documents, and understanding each university's process to reduce stress.

This collaboration has set a solid foundation for successful applications, showcasing students' enthusiasm for their academic future. The school looks forward to continuing support throughout the application season.

Northeastern University

Northeastern University conducted a presentation for Grade 11 and 12. The event aimed to engage prospective students and provide insights into Northeastern's globally integrated academic programs. Key highlights of the presentation included:

- Admissions Overview and guidance on the application process.
- Interactive sessions with university representatives and current students.
- Information on co-op programs, scholarship opportunities, and global campus network across the U.S., U.K., and Canada.

The session was well-received, offering valuable exposure to Northeastern's interdisciplinary and experience-driven education model.





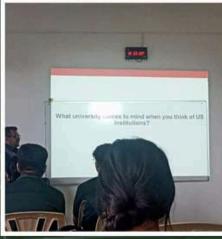


















Presentation by Miami University

Miami University official gave a personalized presentation to our Grade 11 and 12 students sharing details about the university, programs, tuition and living expenses and the various scholarships that they offer. Their Co- Op programs are highly popular amongst international students.

Global Cert's Singapore Immersion Program

Students from Grades 9 to 12 participated in the Singapore Immersion Program organized by Global Certs, which offered a unique blend of academic learning and professional exposure. The program provided students with firsthand insight into Singapore's dynamic business and technology ecosystem.

Key highlights included:

- Academic sessions led by a professor from the National University of Singapore (NUS)
- A field visit to the Singapore Housing Board
- Interactive sessions with industry experts
- A Shark Tank-style competition
- Team-building activities
- An online internship component

Students were actively engaged from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM daily, followed by organized outings. The itinerary also featured a city tour, including visits to Gardens by the Bay and Universal Studios. Feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive, reflecting the program's impact and value.



Out of approximately 55 participants, 12 students represented Indus International School. They performed commendably, with the following students ranking in the Top 25% and earning **Letters** of Recommendation (LORs):

- 1. Aaryan Sanghvi
- 2. Ishaan Gite

Special Mentions:

- Yatin Valecha
- Saher Oswal
- Rhea Narkhede
- Yajas Gupta

Participation

- Agastya Rathore
- Hiya Mukherjee
- Om Supe
- Rithvik Thachappilly
- Sharanya Nandy
- Vansh Parmar

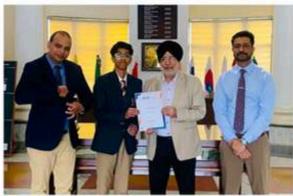




























Education in Ireland Fair in the City

The Education in Ireland team shared details of the upcoming Government of Ireland Roadshow through a formal email invitation. The message included a warm greeting, a reminder to register, and a comprehensive schedule of the roadshow across five Indian cities from 4–12 October 2025. It highlighted key benefits of attending, such as direct interaction with representatives from 21 Irish institutions, academic consultations, visa guidance, and insights into study opportunities in Ireland. A registration link was provided to facilitate easy sign-up, ensuring the community could engage with the event effectively.

<u>Ashoka University High School Summer Programmes Session-Saturday, 27th September, 2025</u>

The Ashoka University High School Summer Programs session took place on Saturday, September 27, 2025, in Pune. It focused on various subjects and essential 21st-century skills to help high school students prepare for college and future careers. The session highlighted the Ashoka Young Scholars Programme 2026, featuring India's largest certified summer residential programs for students entering grades 9-12. These interdisciplinary programs emphasize interactive learning and real-world insights for students' academic growth. Additionally, the session included information on the Ashoka Horizons Achievers Programme, which offers unique online weekend courses with personalized mentorship and extended opportunities like internships and research.





















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Next Genius Scholarship Program

The Next Genius Scholarship Program identifies and supports high-performing Grade 12 and gap-year students with full and partial tuition scholarships to outstanding universities in the US, Europe, India, and Qatar. Since 2014, our college partners have awarded scholarships worth \$45 million to over 350 students from India, Nepal, and Bangladesh. These scholarships are just the beginning — we mentor our scholars from high school through college and into their careers, building a strong community of future leaders and change makers.

College List (2025)

The complete and updated list of colleges is now available on our website:

next-genius.com/colleges

Each of these colleges is committed to supporting talented students through merit-based scholarships and offering them a truly global learning experience. Here's also a useful tool to look at and compare the colleges: Comparison Matrix.

Who Can Apply?

Students currently in Grade 12 (or in a gap year)
Students who are a citizen of India, Nepal, Bangladesh
Students of any nationality studying at a high school in India
Students who can demonstrate financial ability to pay for travel and basic living costs

Register here: https://www.next-genius.com/register



HIGHER ED INSIGHTS

- 19% Drop in U.S. International Student Arrivals
 - A decline in August 2025 is due to:
 - Stricter visa processes
 - Approval delays
 - New H-1B visa rules with a \$100,000 fee
 - Impact on universities includes budget constraints and reduced diversity, especially for private institutions.
 - Columbia University faces a \$20 million annual cost from the H-1B fee, affecting operations.
 - The U.S. may lose skilled professionals, while Canada and Australia have more welcoming policies.
 - Admissions teams need new strategies to attract international students.
- Australia Prioritizes Quality Over Student Caps
 - Australia drops international student caps, focusing on quality and protection with the Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2025.
 - Goals include:
 - Combating unethical practices
 - Enhancing education standards
 - Protecting students
 - Supporting Indigenous medical students
 - Strengthening early childhood education
 - TEQSA will manage offshore education providers, aiming for 295,000 international students by 2026.
- UK Universities Open Campuses in India
 - Nine UK universities can now open campuses in India under the NEP,
 offering British education locally.
 - Participating universities include:
 - University of Southampton (Gurugram)
 - University of Liverpool and Lancaster University (Bengaluru)
 - Queen's University Belfast (GIFT City, Gujarat)

This initiative provides global exposure and prestigious degrees, with the UK expecting £50 million in economic benefits, strengthening India-UK educational ties.



Alumni Spotlight

Poorvi Thigale - Class of 2014



After graduating from Indus, Poorvi joined the University at Buffalo for a BA in Economics. She played many roles at UB including Activities and societies: Treasurer, UB Debate Society; Treasurer, UB Society of Feminists; Chair, Student Council for Inclusive Excellence. After completing her undergraduate program, Poorvi pursued various work experiences in the field of economics before joining her master's program at Indian Institute of Management at Tiruchirappalli. She is now working as a Senior Capabilities and Insights Analyst at McKinsey & Company!

Poorvi holds a strong voice and actively contributes to Animal Welfare • Arts and Culture • Children • Civil Rights and Social Action • Economic Empowerment • Education • Health • Human Rights • Poverty Alleviation • Social Services

LinkedIn: linkedin.com/in/pthigale



Alumni Spotlight

Shreyas Kulkarni- Class of 2018



A data science enthusiast, Shreyas pursued his bachelor's degree in data science from the reputed Purdue University. During his studies he engaged in various internships and built Machine Learning Models to find most significant behaviors affecting weight loss based on users who frequently updated their weight in a Keto diet-based app.

- Implemented the ETL process (Extract, Transform and Load data) to transfer the data from multiple databases to a single Google warehouse and further queried relevant data using RDBMS to create custom Google Data Studio dashboards to visualize and present the data to multiple clients weekly. Shreyas then went on to pursue a part time Masters in Analytics at Georgia Institute of Technology and worked with Nike as a Machine Learning Engineering.

He Implemented and analyzed several dimensionality reduction and clustering techniques to find the best method to represent 3D body scan data.

- Created anomaly detection models by using classification algorithms and a convolutional neural network to detect bad body scans from good body scans.
- Optimized current kids sizing windows by using data visualization and grid search to get maximum population coverage.

 Linked In: linkedin.com/in/shreyas-kulkarni10



Upcoming University Visits

University	Country	Date
IE Univeristy	Spain	4th November
Plaksha University	India	6th November
University of St. Andrews	UK	11th November
University at Buffalo	USA	20th November
IOWA State University	USA	20th November
Foothill + De Anza Colleges	USA	20th November
Indian University Fair	India	25th November
	India	25th November





Update from the Boarding Office

This month has been vibrant for our boarding students, filled with celebrations and creativity. Key events included:

- **Garba Night**: Joyful festivities with traditional dances, awards for Best Dressed and Best Dancer, fostering camaraderie.
- **Poster Making Competition**: Students expressed patriotism through creative designs, showcasing talent and enthusiasm.
- **Diya Painting Competition**: Highlighted artistry and festive spirit in preparation for Diwali.
- **Bingo Night**: Encouraged fun and friendly competition among students.
- **Rangoli Competition**: Promoted teamwork and artistic expression in colorful designs.

As Autumn break approached, students shared goodbyes and enjoyed a mall outing for festive shopping. Diwali celebrations featured colorful decorations, interactive dining experiences, and special outings. Throughout the month, students participated in various activities, including fitness, chess coaching, and hobby clubs like Karate and Photography.

A special acknowledgment goes to Ms. Aruna for leading the beautification initiative, with Parth Shinde as a standout contributor. Overall, it was a month of learning, creativity, and community spirit among the boarders.



The boarding students joyfully celebrated Garba with great enthusiasm and devotion. The evening began with an aarti, where students offered prayers and sought blessings. Dressed in vibrant traditional attire, they filled the atmosphere with festive energy as they danced gracefully to the beats of Garba music.

The celebration also featured exciting awards that added to the spirit of the evening:

Best Dressed Girl: Alisha Vanzara and Best Dressed Boy: Aayan Mamani

Best Girl Dancer: Aayat Ladhani and Best Boy Dancer: Sarfaraaz Aswani

Group Winner: Garba Fomo Rizzlers — Aayat Ladhani, Aanya Charaniya, Tanishka Ladda and Vianca Jeswani.

Consolation Prizes: Rajvir Hake, Sukonchaj Mongkoltanawat, Vivaan Singh, Yash Galande, and Sarth BhangeSpecial Prize: Aarav Kamani The night was filled with music, laughter and celebration, beautifully showcasing the spirit of Navratri.





























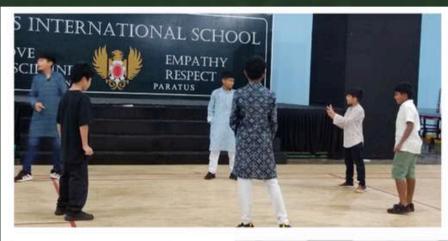
















































On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, 2nd October, the boarding students participated enthusiastically in a Poster Making Competition on the theme "Patriotism." The activity encouraged students to creatively express their love for the nation through colours, symbols, and inspiring messages.

The winners were as follows:

- PYP Category: Sukarljai Mongkoltanawat
- Jr. Boys MYP Category: Arsh Panjwani
- Girls MYP Co-Winners: Aayat Ladhani and Vianca Jeswani
- DP & CP Category: Samiksha Radder

We are proud of the effort and creativity displayed by all the boarders in the poster competition. The competition was extremely close, reflecting the talent and enthusiasm of every participant. Congratulations to all the winners and participants — well done.



























































As part of the Diwali preparations, the girls' boarding conducted a vibrant Diya Painting Competition. The students showcased their creativity by beautifully decorating diyas with colours, glitters, and traditional patterns, capturing the festive spirit of Diwali. Each diya reflected joy, positivity, knowledge and the essence of the festival of lights.

The winners of the competition were Samaaya Tuladhar (DP1) and Krishna Yadav (DP1) for their exceptional artistry and attention to detail. Their work truly embodied the theme of Diwali—spreading light and happiness.

Rangoli Competition

The girls' boarding organized a vibrant Rangoli Competition, where creativity and teamwork filled the atmosphere with colours and festive spirit. The students showcased their artistic talent by creating intricate designs using traditional patterns with colourful powders. Each rangoli reflected the students' imagination and cultural appreciation. The event concluded with the announcement of the winners- Tisha Andani and Riona Khoja, whose beautiful and well-detailed design stood out for its precision, creativity, and elegance. The competition brought joy and togetherness among the girls, celebrating art and tradition in true festive spirit.



Diya painting













Diya painting













Diya painting













Diya painting









Rangoli Competition













Rangoli Competition













Rangoli Competition















The boarding students enjoyed a lively and entertaining Bingo Night, filled with excitement, laughter, and friendly competition. The evening brought everyone together as students eagerly marked their numbers, cheering with joy each time they got closer to a win. The room was filled with anticipation and smiles, making it a perfect blend of fun and excitement.

The winners of the first & second round were:

- Jaldi 5: Kasidit Maneesakprasert (Grade 6) & Tisha Andani (Grade 11)
- Top Row: Phoutthasin Souliya (Grade 9) & Gaurav Wable (Grade 9)
- Middle Row: Om Vitankar (Grade 4) & Sana Pirani (Grade 8)
- Bottom Row: Arzaan Abdullah (Grade 8) & Ahil Zaffar (Grade 4)
- Full House: Arzaan Abdullah (Grade 8) & Aahan Popatani (Grade 6)
- Unlucky: Soha Hemnani (Grade 7)

The Bingo Night was a wonderful success, full of laughter, fun, and friendly spirit, leaving everyone with fond memories of an enjoyable evening together.











































































As the much-awaited Autumn break approached, the boarding students were filled with excitement and cheer. The atmosphere in the boarding houses buzzed with energy as students packed their bags, exchanged hugs, and shared plans for the holidays. The corridors echoed with laughter and goodbyes, as everyone helped each other with last-minute packing and ensured their rooms were tidy before departure. While some students eagerly looked forward to reuniting with their families, others were excited about the adventures awaiting them during the break. The warmth of togetherness and the joy of anticipation marked the perfect beginning to the Autumn holidays.

Pavillion Mall Outing

The boarding students who stayed back during the Autumn break enjoyed a fun-filled outing to the Pavillion Mall. The visit was a perfect blend of leisure and festivity as students explored the mall for Autumn and Diwali shopping. They browsed through various stores, picked up festive essentials, and indulged in a joyful shopping experience. The vibrant decorations and festive atmosphere at the mall added to their excitement, making the outing a refreshing and memorable one.



















































Pavillion Mall Outing













The boarding students joyfully celebrated Diwali with great enthusiasm and festive spirit. The boarding houses were beautifully adorned with colourful rangolis, twinkling lights, and diyas that illuminated every corner with warmth and happiness. Dressed in vibrant festive clothes, students had sweets and exchanged greetings, spreading the joy of togetherness. The evening came alive with the sparkle of phooljhadis, the sound of crackers, and the burst of colourful flower pots lighting up the night sky. The highlight of the celebration was the magnificent Aakash Kandil that brightened the atmosphere and symbolized hope and prosperity. It was truly a radiant and memorable Diwali celebration for all.

Barbeque Nation Lunch Outing

The Indian students who remained on campus during the Autumn break had a special lunch outing at Barbeque Nation, Westend Mall. The students savoured a variety of grilled delights and buffet treats, enjoying the interactive dining experience the restaurant is known for. From juicy kebabs to fresh salads and desserts, the meal offered something for everyone. The outing was filled with laughter, conversations, and a chance for the students to unwind while relishing the flavours and making fond memories together.































































Barbeque Nation Lunch Outing













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The Thai House Lunch Outing

The Thai and Korean students who stayed back were treated to a special lunch outing at Thai House. The students enjoyed a vibrant culinary experience, exploring the authentic flavours of Thai cuisine. From aromatic curries to fresh spring rolls, each dish delighted their taste buds. The outing was not only a treat for the palate but also a wonderful opportunity for the students to bond, share stories, and enjoy a relaxed afternoon together in a lively and welcoming ambiance.

Wall painting

Ms. Aruna took the lead in inspiring and motivating the boarders to beautify the boarding house through creative wall art. Under her guidance, the students enthusiastically engaged in painting vibrant designs, adding color and life to the walls. Among the participants, Parth Shinde stood out as the most active contributor, putting in remarkable effort and energy throughout the activity. The initiative not only enhanced the boarding environment but also fostered teamwork and artistic expression among the students.



The Thai House Lunch Outing













Morning Fitness Activity













Wall Art



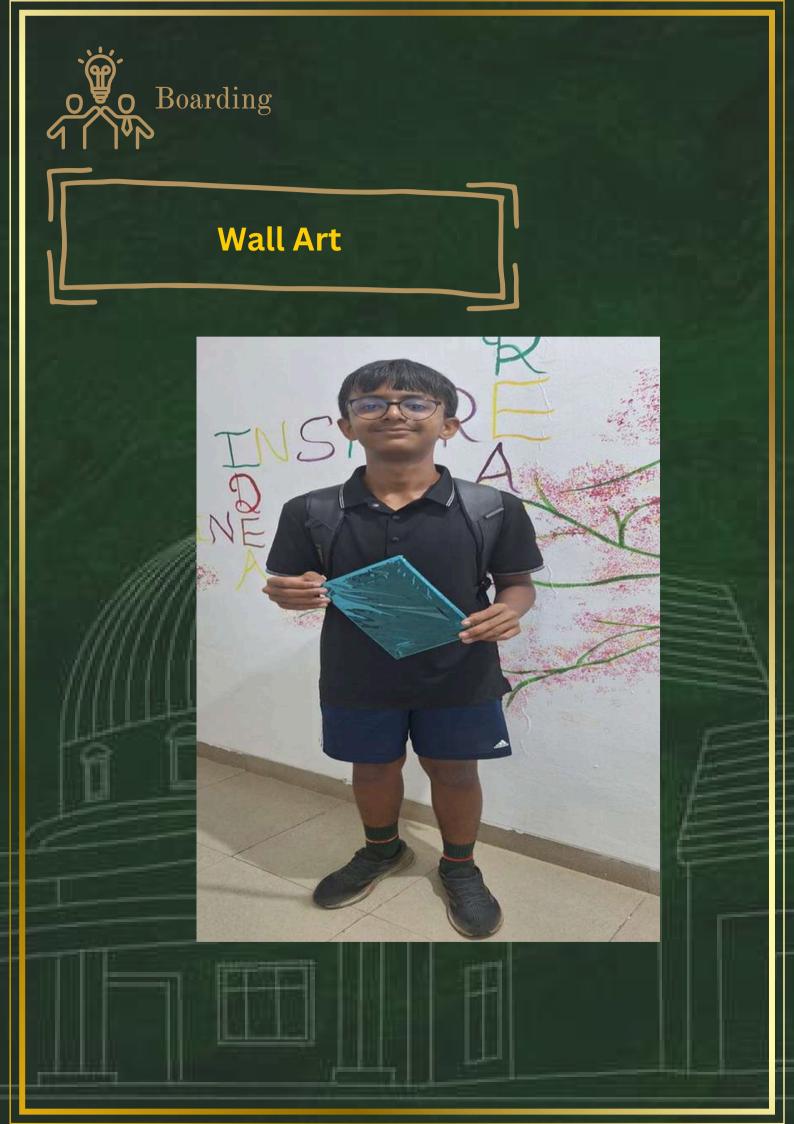














Chess Coaching













MYP Support Classes













Circle up













Karate and Self Defense: Mr. Shamsher Alam









Cooking and Baking: Ms. Ujwala Kamble & Ms. Meera









Board Games: Ms. Neena Srivastava









Cross-Fit & Training : Mr. Mahesh Gulia









Yoga & Meditation : Ms. Rachna Rangray









Photography & Music: Mr.
Stephen & Ms. Aruna









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Upcoming Events in November



WEEKEND ACTIVITIES



SCHEDULE OF ACTIVIES

NOVEMBER 2025

1-NOV SAT

WORKSHOP BY BOARDING COUNSELLORS

2-NOV SUN

MALL OUTING

8 - NOV SAT OVERNIGHT CAMPING AT PAVNA AND TREKKING FOR GIRLS

9 -NOV SUN PURANDAR FORT TREK OR TORNA FORT TREK (WEATHER PERMITTING)

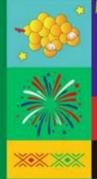
15 - NOV SAT OVERNIGHT CAMPING AT PAVNA AND TREKKING FOR BOYS

16- NOV SUN

ACTIVITY TO BE DECIDED



Upcoming Events in November



WEEKEND ACTIVITIES



SCHEDULE OF ACTIVIES

NOVEMBER 2025

22 - NOV SAT

INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH BOARDING COUNSELLORS

23 - NOV SUN

TERM 1 - FUN AND FAIR EVENT

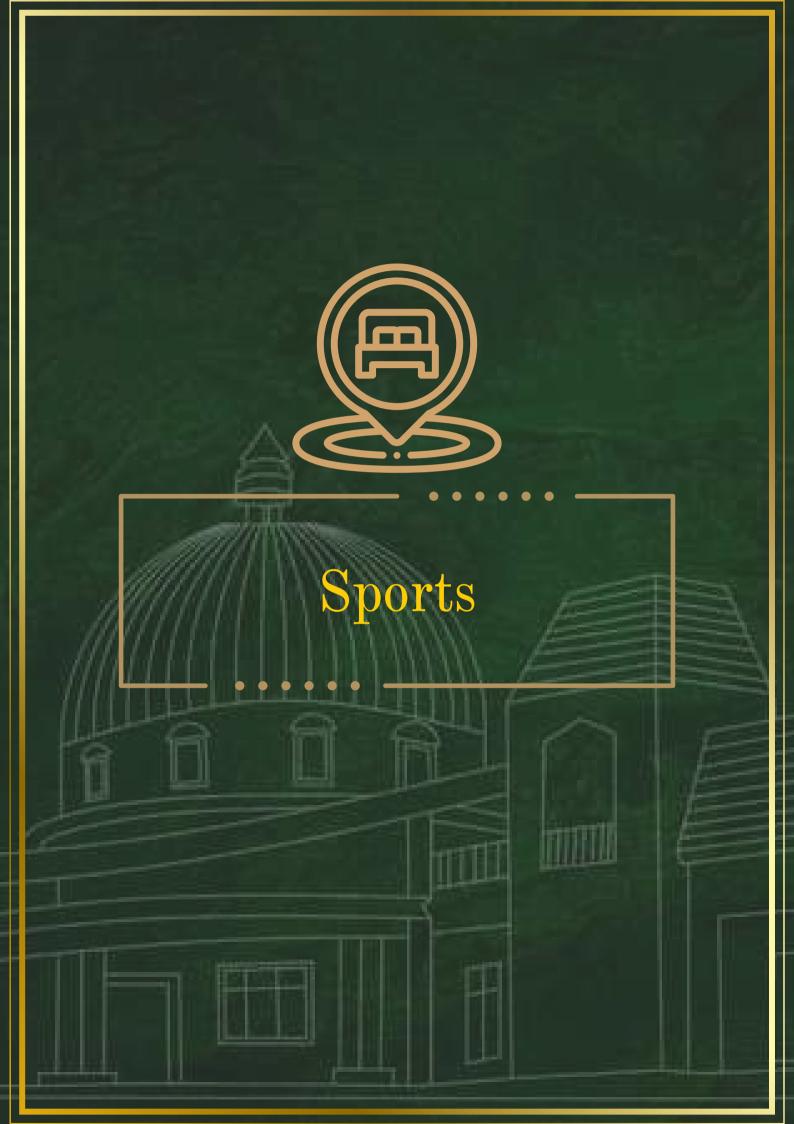
29 - NOV

SAT

HYE STUDY WEEKEND

30 - NOV SUN

HYE STUDY WEEKEND





ZP DSO District Table Tennis Tournament Results

We are proud to share the outstanding performance of our students at the ZP DSO District Table Tennis Tournament:

Boys U-14 Team - 2nd Place

- Raaghav Khamparia
- Kian Baldota

Boys U-19 Team - 2nd Place

- Kartikeya Nangrani
- Mitansh Bagade
- Shaurya Pawar
- Shaurya Singh
- Kanav Khandagale

Zonal Competition Selections

- Kartikeya Nangrani
- Mitansh Bagade

Congratulations to all the players for their commendable effort and achievement!



ZP DSO District Girls' Table Tennis Competition – Baramati

Our Girls' Table Tennis teams delivered an exceptional performance at the district competition held in Baramati.

U-17 Girls Team - Gold Medal 7 (Selected for Zonal Level)

Team Members:

- 1. Ananya Marathe
- 2.Saranya Chondhe
- 3. Vania Sharma
- 4. Hridima Deodhar

U-19 Girls Team - 4th Place

The team showcased remarkable determination and narrowly missed the Bronze medal. Their effort and teamwork were truly commendable!









Football Achievements

Our Indus Football Girls' Team secured 2nd place in the VIVA Tournament powered by Vibgyor, NIBM.

Vianca was awarded the Best Player of the Tournament for her outstanding performance!

ZP District Level Tennis Tournament Winners

An incredible showing from our Tennis athletes at the district level! Boys' Category:

- U-17: Ayaan Mantri Bronze 🕉
- U-19:
- Arjun Veluri Gold 👅
- Rian Mujgule Silver 😿
- 🔹 Vihaan Mantri Bronze 🕉
- Rutvij Naikthigle 4th Place

Girls' Category:

- U-14:
- 🔹 Shanaya Kamat Bronze 👅
- Neeva Bidaye 4th Place
- *U-17*:
- Anushka Chirputkar Silver 🕉
- All players have been selected for the Zonal Level Tennis Tournament to be held in Solapur













ISSO Nationals Highlights | 10th - 14th October

We are thrilled to celebrate the phenomenal performances of our athletes at the ISSO Nationals 2025, held from 10th–14th October across two venues:

Badminton & Table Tennis: Prometheus School, Noida Tennis: Adani International School, Ahmedabad

Badminton

U-19 Girls Team – Bronze Medal 👅

Players: Alisha Kaushal, Rhea Narkhede, Nisa Darda

U-19 Girls Individual – Bronze Medal 🕉

Winner: Alisha Kaushal

SGFI Selection: Congratulations to Alisha Kaushal for her selection to

represent at the SGFI Nationals!

Table Tennis

U-17 Girls Team – Gold Medal 😿

Players: Ananya Marathe, Rhea Narkhede, Alisha Kaushal

SGFI Selection: Congratulations to Ananya Marathe for being selected to represent at the SGFI Nationals!

III Tennis

U-17 Boys Individual – Gold Medal 👅

Winner: Arjun Veluri

SGFI Selection: Congratulations to Arjun Veluri for his selection to

represent at the SGFI Nationals!



























International Award for Young People

We are proud to celebrate Devansh Shah (DP 2), for earning the International Award for Young People (IAYP) Silver Award! This remarkable accomplishment reflects his dedication, perseverance, and commitment to personal growth. Through community service, adventure, skill development, and physical recreation, Devansh has demonstrated leadership and resilience. This achievement was accomplished under the valuable guidance of our faculty, Ms. Anugya Aggrawal. Congratulations to him on this outstanding accomplishment and for inspiring others to strive for excellence.





Mrs. Shalini Sehgal IBDP Co-ordinator

In September, Ms. Shalini Sehgal, IBDP Coordinator and IBEN Workshop Leader, conducted a Category 2 Extended Essay workshop at Mentari Intercultural School, Jakarta, enhancing teachers' understanding of supervision practices and assessment standards. Her expertise fosters high-quality teaching at Indus International School, Pune, and contributes to the global IB community.

In October, she was invited by the International Baccalaureate's curriculum development team to join the DP Economics – Basecamp initiative. Collaborating with international experts, she reviews trends and pedagogical approaches in Economics, reflecting her commitment to improving curriculum design and showcasing Indus International School's thought leadership in the IB community.





Mrs. Girija Nair Head of Department - Chemistry

We are proud to announce that our very own Mrs. Girija Nair has successfully completed the prestigious "Post Graduate Diploma in Education-International" from Birmingham City University in the United Kingdom. This achievement was accomplished in collaboration with the Institute for Teacher Education and Research Innovation (ITARI) in Bangalore. Congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment!





Mrs. Helen Furtado EYP Co-ordinator

We are delighted to announce that a member of our faculty, Ms. Helen Furtado, has secured the 1st Rank in the 2nd Phase of the International Digital Teachers Olympiad. This prestigious event celebrates excellence in digital pedagogy and innovative teaching practices, bringing together educators from across the globe. Representing Indus International School, Pune, our educator has showcased remarkable skill and dedication, contributing to the school's esteemed reputation for academic advancement and professional excellence.

As part of this recognition, they have been invited to share their teaching journey through a short video that will be featured on social media platforms.

We congratulate them on this outstanding achievement and thank them for their ongoing commitment to fostering an environment of innovation and growth within our school community.





Anugya Aggrawal IB MYP & DP Economics and BM Educator

We are excited to announce that Ms. Anugya Aggrawal has completed the 'Connected Leadership' online course from Yale University via Coursera. This five-week program focused on human-centered leadership, covering key dimensions such as Self, Teams, System, and Impact. Key takeaways included:

- The importance of connection in leadership
- Aligning purpose with priorities for greater impact
- Using systems thinking for sustainable change

Led by Peter Boyd from Yale, the course provided a transformative perspective on leadership. We applaud Ms. Aggrawal for her dedication to continuous learning and her intention to share these insights with our school community.





Ms. Radhika Vaidya MYP-DP-CP Language Acquisition facilitator

We are pleased to share that Ms. Radhika Vaidya, MYP-DP-CP Language Acquisition Facilitator at Indus International School, Pune, was invited to lead the IB DP SAIBSA French B sessions held at NES International School, Mulund on 11th October 2025.

This opportunity reflects her expertise and dedication to enriching the IB community through knowledge-sharing and collaboration. The session was well-received, contributing valuable insights into effective practices in French B teaching and assessment.

We extend our congratulations to Ms. Vaidya and appreciate her role in representing our school on a wider educational platform.









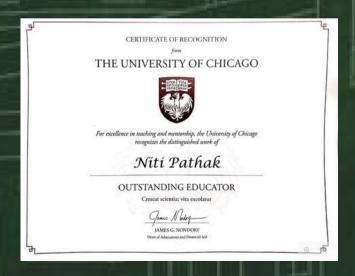
Ms. Niti Pathak Chemistry Facilitator

We are thrilled to announce that one of our distinguished educators has received the University of Chicago Outstanding Educator Award. This annual honor recognizes teachers who significantly impact students' learning and growth, nominated by alumnus Ronith Lahoti.

The award highlights:

- Inspiring a love for learning
- Exceptional commitment to teaching
- Support beyond academics
- Transformative educational experiences

Recipients receive a certificate, an appreciation letter, and memorabilia from the university. We congratulate the awardee for their outstanding dedication to education.





Mr. Jayakrishnan Nair Head of Social Sciences, TOK Coordinator

We are pleased to share the recent professional milestones achieved by Mr. Jayakrishnan Nair, Head of Social Sciences and TOK Coordinator at Indus International School, Pune.

- Attended IBEN Webinars
- Participated in the International Baccalaureate Educators Network (IBEN) webinars in May 2025 and October 2025, enhancing his expertise in IB curricula and global best practices in education.
- Completed Post Graduate Diploma in Education International (PGDEI)
- Successfully earned a PGDEI from Birmingham City University in June 2025, demonstrating his commitment to continual academic and professional growth.
- Facilitated SAIBSA History Session
- Served as a session facilitator for History educators at the South Asia International Baccalaureate Schools Association (SAIBSA) event held in October 2025, sharing his knowledge and leadership with the wider IB teaching community.

We commend Mr. Nair for these impressive achievements and thank him for his continued contributions to teaching excellence and educational leadership within and beyond our school community.











Ms. Smita Vaidya IB Language Acquisition Facilitator

We are pleased to share that a member of our faculty has successfully completed a series of UNESCO Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) courses this month.

These courses, offered by UNESCO, focus on building educators' capacity to integrate emotional intelligence, resilience, empathy, and well-being into teaching practices—skills that are invaluable in today's dynamic learning environments.

We congratulate our educator for this achievement and for their ongoing commitment to fostering a supportive and emotionally aware classroom culture.







Ms. Harpreet Kaur Homeroom facilitator, IB Educator

We are delighted to share that Ms. Harpreet Kaur has recently completed the IB Educator Certificate (IBEC) in MYP from the University of Windsor, in collaboration with ITARI.

This accomplishment reflects her dedication to enhancing her professional practice and deepening her expertise in the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme.

We congratulate Ms. Kaur on this noteworthy achievement and appreciate her commitment to lifelong learning and excellence in education.

