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# Message from Head of School

Dear Parents,

December and January were stunning culminations of our Year 10 celebrations- The annual Programme and The Road Safety Run for the Gaudium Community.

We commemorated the mystic '10' by encouraging our Pre-schoolers to delve into the secret powers of nature and its implicit principles to maintain harmony in its diversity. Our little students extolled the capacity of nature to sustain and heal and gave us the message of following nature's principles for a healthy and happy life. This was entitled "Dasa Neeti".

The students of Grades 1-2 laid bare the impressive lives of ten role models and changemakers whose contributions to the world were vastly transformational. We are talking about:

we are talking about Mother Teresa, Mahatma Gandhi, Charlie Chaplin and other such greats. What impressive performances, songs and dances were put up by our students! This was "Dasa Prernayey"

Grades 3-5 took us on a global journey in 'Dasa Dishayen' and dived into the socio-economic and environmental practices and beliefs of indigenous tribes, who are still striding two realities-between the need for development and industrial growth and its impact on their traditions and culture. We looked through their eyes at climate change, loss of biodiversity, the hazards of deforestation and rapid urbanization on ancient tribes with rich legacies at stake. How perfect the message on creating learners without borders.

Middle and Senior school brought out the inherent and universal morals in our scriptures and texts that directed man in early society (also completely relevant today) to live non-corrupt, non-aggressive lives, compatible with fellow humans and nature. This was the unfolding of "Dasavatara" through the common dilemmas of our youth today. We hope our adolescents and teenage students find their interpretation through the metaphors extolled with song and dance, to live more meaningful lives, with a clear sense of self identity and the empowerment of 'choice'.

The Run for Road Safety brought together the Gaudium Community, with students, parents and staff running 10K, 5K and 2K supporting responsible behaviour and action on the roads. As a school strongly supporting family values, we brought our community together to support safety on our roads. Thank you for being a part of the run.

As we count our days to the Cambridge and CBSE Board examinations, we pray for serenity and equanimity in our students and appeal for the composure and loving support of our parents towards children facing their public examinations. Patience and perseverance are key.

May the Almighty shower blessings on each of you and your family in this splendid New Year.

**Ms. Sudeshna Chatterjee**

**Head of School**



# DP Coordinator's message



## "Empowering Success Through Meaningful Assessment"

Dear Parents,

Assessment plays a crucial role in the academic journey of IBDP students, ensuring they develop the necessary skills, discipline, and confidence to succeed in their final exams. It serves as a continuous learning process that allows students to gauge their understanding, receive constructive feedback, and refine their approach to different subjects. Through regular weekly assessments, term exams, and mock exams, we provide students with structured opportunities to apply their knowledge, strengthen conceptual clarity, and fine-tune their exam techniques. These assessments are carefully designed to simulate real exam conditions, helping students manage time effectively, build resilience under pressure, and develop a strategic approach to answering questions.

Moreover, assessments enable students to track their progress over time, identify areas that need improvement, and adopt better study habits. Continuous feedback from these evaluations allows them to address gaps in learning, seek additional support when needed, and steadily improve their performance. By maintaining this rigorous assessment framework, we not only prepare students for their final IBDP examinations but also equip them with essential critical thinking, analytical, and problem-solving skills that will benefit them in higher education and beyond. These skills are crucial not only for academic success but also for real-world challenges where adaptability and perseverance play a key role. Your support in encouraging students to take these assessments seriously, reflect on their performance, and work towards consistent improvement is invaluable in their overall academic growth and future success.

**Dr. Jyoti Singh**

**IBDP Coordinator**



# Holistic Excellence

## CAS Exhibition: The CAS Journey in Action



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The CAS Exhibition showcased the creativity and commitment of students as they presented their Personal Projects, a student-initiated endeavor and a mandatory requirement for CAS completion. Each project reflected their passion, perseverance, and engagement with real-world challenges. From community service initiatives to artistic expressions and skill-based ventures, students demonstrated their journey through Creativity, Activity, and Service. The exhibition highlighted the impact of experiential learning, fostering personal growth and social responsibility. Engaging with peers, teachers, and visitors, students shared their reflections, challenges, and achievements, making the event an inspiring testament to their dedication and the essence of CAS.

**Archana Shukla**  
**CAS Coordinator**



# Holistic Excellence

## Bridging Generations: Alumni Homecoming



We were honored to welcome back our esteemed alumni for a special visit to the school, where they engaged with our current DP students, offering invaluable insights into their journeys beyond school. During the session, they shared their experiences on the college application process, providing practical advice on how to craft standout applications, select the right universities, and prepare for the challenges of higher education.

In addition to college applications, the alumni discussed the importance of balancing academics with extracurricular activities. They emphasized that excelling in both areas is not only possible but essential for personal growth and success. Their stories of internships and how they maximized learning opportunities beyond the classroom inspired our students to take proactive steps in exploring career interests and gaining hands-on experience.

The interaction provided our DP students with a realistic perspective on what to expect in the coming years, motivating them to stay focused, stay curious, and work towards a well-rounded future. We are grateful for the alumni's continued support and their willingness to guide our students as they embark on their own exciting journeys.



# Holistic Excellence Hyderabad Literary Fest



Attending the Hyderabad Literary Fest 2025 was an enriching experience for the faculty. Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismail's lecture served as a great reminder of how teaching can be made more effective by leveraging local resources, fostering curiosity, and encouraging experiential learning. These strategies will be implemented in the classroom to create a more interactive and engaging learning environment for students.

This event not only reinforced the significance of continuous learning for educators but also inspired the exploration of creative ways to make science education more accessible and enjoyable.



# Holistic Excellence: Exploring the Frontiers of Biology: Student Research in Action



Research in biology offers students a unique opportunity to deepen their understanding of scientific concepts and develop essential analytical skills. A group of aspiring young researchers has taken on an exciting project exploring *enzyme immobilization*, a cutting-edge technique widely used in biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, and industrial processes.

Enzyme immobilization involves fixing enzymes onto a solid support, enhancing their stability and reusability while maintaining their catalytic efficiency. Through this research, students are investigating various immobilization methods—such as entrapment in alginate beads or adsorption onto solid surfaces—to optimize enzyme activity and efficiency. Their work not only strengthens their grasp of biochemistry and enzymology but also introduces them to real-world applications, from improving industrial enzyme usage to advancing medical diagnostics.

This hands-on research fosters critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration, essential skills for future scientists. By engaging in experimental design, data analysis, and troubleshooting challenges, students gain invaluable experience that prepares them for higher education and careers in scientific research. Their exploration of enzyme immobilization exemplifies the power of inquiry-based learning, bridging theoretical knowledge with practical application to inspire innovation in the biological sciences.

**Dr. Jyoti Singh.**





# Enhancing Excellence: In-House PD for IBDP Educators



Professional development is an integral part of enhancing the teaching and learning experience, and the recent in-house PD session for IBDP teachers was a testament to the power of collaborative learning. Designed as a platform for educators to share insights and best practices, the session focused on key aspects of the IBDP curriculum, including *CAS*, *TOK*, and *Unit Planning*.

Teachers engaged in meaningful discussions on the importance of a well-structured *Unit Planner*, ensuring alignment with IB's inquiry-based approach while effectively integrating Approaches to Teaching and Learning (ATL). The session on *Theory of Knowledge (TOK)* explored strategies to encourage critical thinking and interdisciplinary connections, enabling students to engage with knowledge from diverse perspectives. The *CAS* discussion emphasized fostering student agency through meaningful experiences that align with the program's core values, helping students develop holistically beyond academics.

This collaborative PD session not only strengthened teachers' understanding of essential IBDP components but also reinforced the significance of reflective practice. By sharing experiences and strategies, educators enriched their professional toolkit, ensuring that classroom practices continue to evolve to support student success. Such initiatives highlight the commitment to continuous learning and excellence in delivering the IB curriculum.

**IBDP Coordinator**



# Mindfulness and Wellbeing

## Stride for Safety: Road Safety Run 2025



The DP 1 CAS students actively volunteered for **The Gaudium 10K Run for Road Safety**, demonstrating their commitment to service and community engagement. They played a crucial role in ensuring the event ran smoothly by leading **Zumba and warm-up exercises** to energize the participants. Along the track, they enthusiastically cheered on the runners, motivating them to reach the finish line. Additionally, they assisted in distributing **medals**, celebrating the achievements of all participants. Their efforts not only contributed to the success of the event but also embodied the true essence of CAS—engaging, supporting, and making a meaningful impact.



# Core Value

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Our Annual Day celebration this year is inspired by the profound theme of *Dasa Avatara*—the ten divine incarnations of Lord Vishnu, each symbolizing the triumph of good over evil and the evolution of righteousness through time. These avatars, from Matsya to Kalki, represent not just mythological tales but timeless lessons that continue to shape our modern world.

Each incarnation reflects a fundamental principle of life—protection, wisdom, resilience, and justice. In today’s world, where challenges of morality, ethics, and values persist, the teachings from these avatars guide our decisions, urging us to stand against injustice, embrace knowledge, and uphold truth. The tale of Rama inspires integrity, Krishna teaches strategic thinking and duty, while Narasimha reminds us that courage prevails in the darkest times. The essence of these stories is not confined to ancient scriptures but resonates deeply in our daily choices, reinforcing the importance of perseverance, selflessness, and standing up for what is right.

As we bring these stories to life on stage, we celebrate not just the victory of good over evil but also the evolution of humanity’s moral compass. Let this Annual Day be a reflection of how ancient wisdom continues to illuminate our path, inspiring us to make ethical choices, foster kindness, and contribute to a world that upholds righteousness and justice.



# Global Leadership CAS Legacy Project: Inspiring Change, Leaving a Mark



This year also marked the beginning of a new tradition at The Gaudium, where select student-led initiatives from their CAS Personal Projects were chosen as Legacy Projects to be carried forward. Out of many remarkable endeavors, three stood out for their lasting impact—**TEDx**, **Wall to Wall**, and **The Gaudium Gazette**. These initiatives will now be an integral part of the school's culture, passed down as a legacy from its students. This tradition reinforces the spirit of CAS, ensuring that future cohorts continue to innovate, inspire, and contribute meaningfully to the Gaudium community.

## CAS Coordinator



# Global Leadership Masterclass by EU Business School



On January 29, 2025, we had the privilege of hosting an insightful masterclass by Prof. Agapito Leonardo from EU Business School. The session provided students with a comprehensive understanding of the benefits of studying business in Europe, the diverse career opportunities for business graduates, and strategies for global career success.

Prof. Leonardo's extensive international experience offered students valuable guidance on navigating the evolving business landscape. The session was highly interactive, with students of MYP 5 and IBDP 1 actively engaging in discussions. They posed numerous questions about studying in European countries, particularly regarding the three campuses of EU Business School and the unique advantages of studying across these locations.

This enriching learning experience equipped aspiring business professionals with the knowledge and tools to make informed decisions and excel in a global career.

**Career Counselling Cell**



# Global Leadership New Zealand University Fair- Uniconnect 2025



On January 20, 2025, we successfully hosted the New Zealand Education Fair – UniConnect, supported by Education New Zealand. The event provided an excellent platform for students and parents to engage directly with representatives from eight QS 500-ranked universities, exploring a wide range of academic programs, scholarships, and career pathways.

The fair featured informative workshops covering key topics such as study-to-work opportunities, post-study careers, and course selection, offering valuable insights for students aspiring to pursue higher education in New Zealand. A key highlight of the event was an exclusive academic workshop conducted by Dr. Tere McGonagle, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Massey University, who provided expert guidance on global education prospects.

Students of Grade 11 from both CBSE and IBDP 1 had a great learning opportunity, gaining first-hand exposure to international academic pathways and future career possibilities.

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# Global Leadership Great Talk by British Council- King's College London



On January 21, 2025, we had the privilege of hosting the GREAT Talks session, organized by the British Council in collaboration with King's College London. The session was conducted by Dr. Oliver Runswick, who provided fascinating insights into the usage of digital technology in sports and exercise.

Dr. Runswick explored how psychology, Extended Reality (XR), Virtual Reality (VR), Mixed Reality (MR), and Augmented Reality (AR) are transforming the sports and exercise industry, offering innovative solutions to long-standing challenges. The session was highly interactive, with enthusiastic participation from students of IBDP 1.

A key highlight was the engaging quiz segment, where many students showcased their knowledge and won exciting prizes!

The GREAT Talks session provided students with an invaluable learning experience, broadening their perspectives on the intersection of technology, psychology, and sports science.



# Global Leadership CAAAN Alumni and Summer Programme



On January 23, 2025, we hosted an engaging session with alumni from the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassadors Network (CAAAN). The session, addressed by Mr. Anansh from CAAAN, provided students with valuable insights into university applications, campus life, and academic opportunities at Cornell University.

The interactive session featured a comprehensive presentation followed by a dynamic Q&A, where alumni shared their first-hand experiences, expert guidance, and practical advice on navigating the admissions process. Students actively participated, gaining in-depth knowledge about what it takes to succeed in a competitive global academic environment.

This highly informative event empowered students to make well-informed decisions about their higher education journey, equipping them with essential knowledge to explore prestigious university programs and summer opportunities.

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# Stakeholder Engagement

## TEDxTheGaudium – Chapter 2: Rediscovering the “Forgotten Forms”



<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/can-tedx-talk-help-your-business-bilyana-georgieva>

The Gaudium School is proud to announce the return of *TEDxTheGaudium – Chapter 2*, an event dedicated to exploring the theme “*Forgotten Forms*.” This edition will delve into the revival and reinterpretation of overlooked ideas, lost traditions, and unconventional expressions that continue to shape our world in unexpected ways.

With the core team now selected, preparations are well underway to curate an inspiring and intellectually stimulating experience. The event is tentatively scheduled for *July 19, 2025*, and the registration process has officially commenced. As the selection of speakers and volunteers progresses, the organizing team is working meticulously to ensure a platform that fosters thought-provoking discussions and meaningful storytelling.

Through this event, TEDxTheGaudium aims to celebrate creativity, reflection, and innovation by bringing together a diverse group of speakers who will challenge perspectives and ignite curiosity. Stay tuned as we embark on this exciting journey to shed light on the *Forgotten Forms* that deserve recognition in today’s ever-evolving world.



# Upcoming Event

Date	Day	Event	Grade
04/02/2025	Tuesday	Mini TOK Exhibition	DP1
14/02/2025	Friday	Collaborative Science project exhibition	DP1
15/02/2025	Saturday	Mock 1 TWC	DP2

