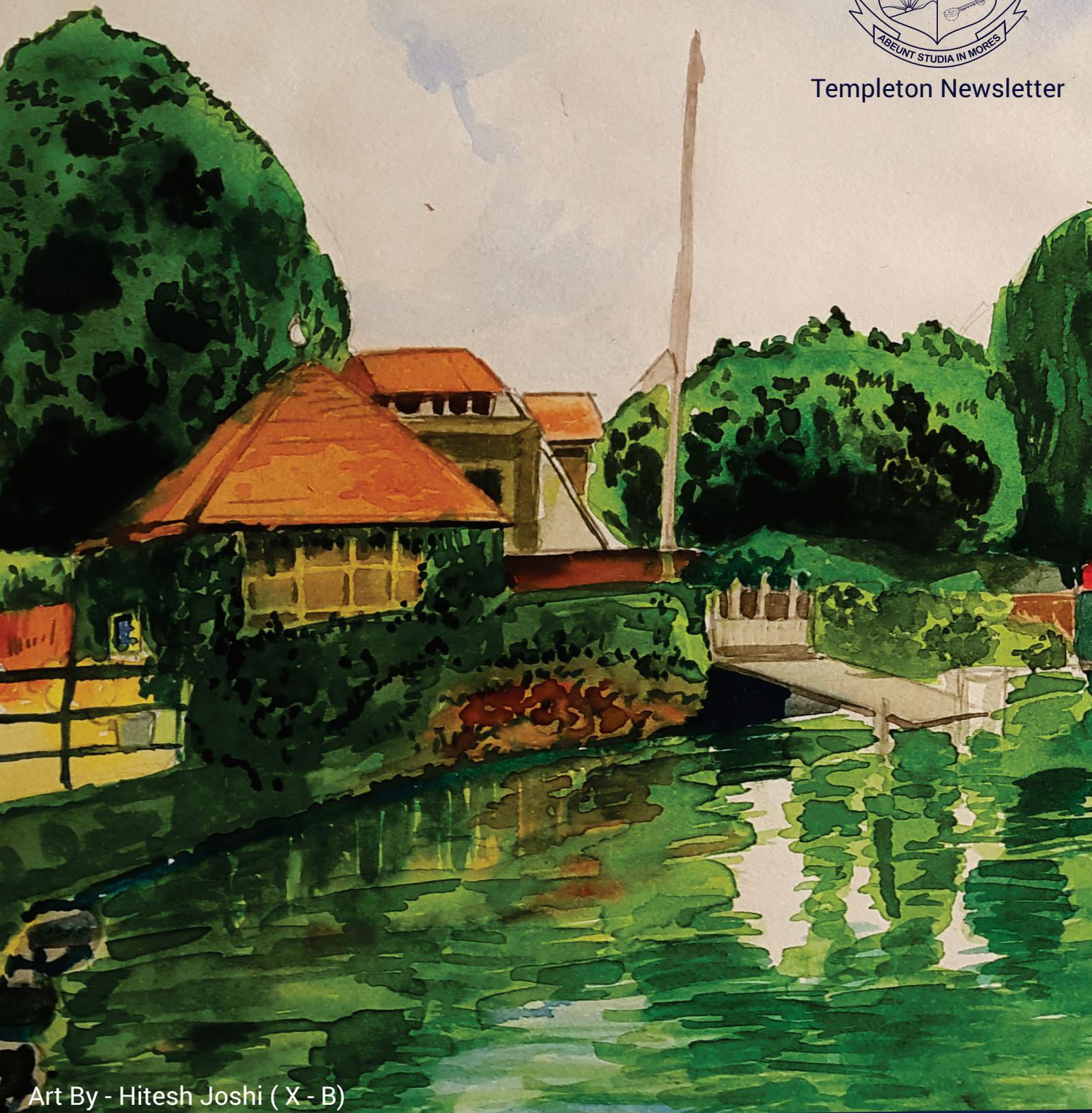


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Kaleidoscope

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

“Sharing of the Best Practices as Education Is Everybody's Business”



Every professional educators love to talk about “sharing of the best practices.” And I have witnessed it myself as I have been a professional educator for nearly thirty years and I have often used that term myself.

The scoring ground here, of course, is to point out that my practices are the best because they work in my classroom. This is actually one of the very valid parameters, nevertheless as a practitioner, I ought to be up to date, incorporating all new approaches to education that reflect new dynamics in the workforce and society—and more so as we know much now about how students learn than we knew when I started out.

At Templeton Academy International, Nainital, discovering and disseminating best practices has been a hallmark of our journey since its inception. We started by declaring, based on our own experience as students, that we knew what did not work and we were determined to stop perpetuating those practices immediately.

Our search for good practice led us first to good theory. The irony, of course, is that “progressive” education is not new; rather, we are returning to a learner-centric approach to individualized attention so that the generations of young people do not fall victims to the factory model of the Industrial Revolution.

We have come a long way on our journey, and now the disseminating of the best practices works in both directions: we continue to seek input from a new generation of practitioners and we also share what

we have learned with others who look on to us, increasingly, for a model of progressive, student-centric, expeditionary and hands-on education.

Most recently, we teamed up with AIESEC Delhi for GIP-Global Internship Program on inviting international interns to coach and mentor our young learners. Maja Djuricic –an intern from Department of Pedagogy, University of Vienna showcased everything we believe about progressive education i.e. “preparing for exams and learning are both necessary, but they are two different things.”

She kept our elementary educators spellbound as she probed their understanding—and misunderstanding—during her interface with them where, she told them, she was not as interested in the right answer as she was in their thinking process. “Students must make mistakes,” she told them. “This is how we move forward.”

Making mistakes and being honest and reflective enough to learn from them is, in itself, an example of the best practice. During our Winter Study Camp, our high school educators collaborated with Extramarks Live for the academic rigor of our senior resident scholars. They shared our success as well as what we have learned from “costly adventures” with technology in the classroom. Their message was simple and consistent: “It isn’t about the technology, it’s about the pedagogy.”

In the meantime, I took a series of interactive session for teaching of English as a second language for the middle and high school as I myself have been an ESL educator throughout my career—and the material



and approach I shared came directly from my work experience of the most successful best practices, later I introduced these educators to those learning outcomes, writing traits, writing process (including peer and self-editing and multiple drafts), differentiated assignments and the integration of reading strategies into content areas, from social studies to science to literature.

On an even larger scale, of course, a few months back I had an interaction with a renowned champion of authentic learning, Dr. S Ravindaran, who addressed an auditorium filled with school heads, policy makers and writers of curriculum at The Indian Habitat Center Delhi where he challenged the audience to "re-imagine schools".

Such schools range from elite to entirely inclusive, traditional to cutting-edge. At Templeton Academy International, Nainital we believe in implementing the best practices of teaching and learning and that's the reason, we are organizing Author's Workshop in April 2015 in association with Scholastic India where in our young resident scholars will have an interface with an author of repute to share and learn from his or her domain of expertise hands on.

With this very intent our middle school students would be undergoing two weeks of theatre workshop to prepare and present a stage production based upon one of their prescribe novel or drama before their parents and peers in May 2015. Such an exercise would help our young learners acquire hands on experience of Script Writing, Prop Making, Costume Designing, Dialogue Delivery, Acting, Background Score, Expression and Confidence.

In June we will invite School Principals from all hill schools for the educational conference, to be held here. The conference would bring a consortium of practitioners together with one objective: to ensure that "no child has to earn the right to belong." This is a powerful vision that we can embrace, with practices that we can also share but much we have yet to learn.

Perhaps the most significant example of our determination to share the best practices came alive with the launch of our Global Village Meet, in February 2015. With an influx of international interns across the globe, as well as the practitioners in our own school exchanging and sharing their domain of expertise under one roof. The goal is to prepare educators to teach by combining theory with immediate application, under the careful mentoring of an experienced educational leader who can demonstrate—you guessed it right—the best practices in a real-live classroom context.

Another feat in this direction was the project called –Sky Observation Night in March 2015 where in a team of Astro-physicists from BITS, Pilani visited our campus and helped our young scholars learn to build to assemble high end double reflection telescope, do the star gazing at night, record their observations, reflect upon their findings and present their learning outcome to their peers and educators.

So the lifelong learning continues, and we keep growing as practitioners. The real practitioners who benefit from all of this dynamic synergy are, ultimately, our own team of educators—and, of course, our young resident scholars!!!

GLOBAL VILLAGE MEET

With the advancement of technology even the universe is being explored at a very rapid pace, the day is not far away that we will be able to meet people from the other world. Meeting and learning has always been a part of beautiful journey that we take in life, moving from one place to another in search of food, knowledge, experiences etc have always helped mankind in enriching their skills and has helped them in becoming more civilized and refined. Right from the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus in 1492 or discovery of India by Vasco da Gama in 1498 the quest has never been satiated. Even today we move from one city to another, one state to the other and one country to another.



We at Templeton have always believed in creating an environment for our students which not only will help them in getting the subjective knowledge but also help them in its practical use. Keeping this in mind we held the first Global Village Fest with association AIESEC, under which we invited 10 International interns from various countries of the world. We were highly elated and exhilarated to organize this grand fiesta at our school campus on 14th and 15th of February 2015. Ten interns from different countries such as Serbia, Indonesia, China, Egypt, Bahrain and Afghanistan visited

Templeton and shared their experience and culture with us.



The students were very ecstatic to meet the various interns; the interns had a very interactive session with the students. In the day time they visited many classes and met the students in person. In the evening they played a football match with the school team. After the match all the august guests were invited by the principal to the school auditorium where they shared their experiences about being in India. They also threw a glint at their own cultural and traditions, every intern told the student about their country and culture with the help of a presentation.

After the end of the presentation session the interns showed the students all the things that they brought from their countries and also gifted a few to the students as a token of friendship and love. At the culmination of the day the High school students got a chance to have an informal interaction with the interns over dinner, which helped them understand each other better. The student also exchanged their E-mail ids so that they can be in touch with one another and can ask for further help if they want to go to their country and study there.

The second day also started with a strong message where in the principal and all the other interns talked about keeping the environment clean and green. After the principal's address all the students and the international interns went to KAMAL TAAL, where they all cleaned the lake and its vicinity as part of Templeton's commitment to keep the vicinity in and around the school clean and green. After the successful completion of the cleaning campaign the interns had lunch in the school mess and then they left the campus with a promise to have many more such endeavours with the Templeton family.



It was a very nice learning experience for all the students and they want to host many more events like this is the future. The power of youth has every now and then recognised by the world and we are sure these young energetic souls are going to be the world leaders of the future. I hope as we walked hand in hand and made this event a success, the same way these young students when they will be leading the world will help to make the world a better place to live in, where there will be no more war no more cry, but only friendship and love!!!

- By Rohit Joshi

GLOBAL VILLAGE MEET EVENT REPORT

Activities:

During the span of this two day long Gala Fest, we had the following activities:-

Saturday: Feb 14th 2015

- Meeting with the School Principal Rakesh saha and the Templeton Group COO Mr Mahesh Pandey and sightseeing tour of the 24 acre of sprawling TAI Campus
- Two hours classroom interaction where the Interns talked and shared about their experience of being in India and the Projects they are currently working for
- Lunch time and preparation for the cultural show, art exhibits and country stall posts
- Evening (5 p.m. to 8 p.m.): Cultural show, art exhibits, media interaction and country stalls wherein the Guest Interns presented their country's presentations and interacted with the TAI students
- Dinner and informal interaction with the High School Resident Scholars with the Guest Interns

Sunday: Feb 15th 2015

- Community Action and Service of Clean Naukuchiatal and interaction with the locals. Interns participated in cleaning the natural lake of Naukuchiatal with TAI students to reinforce their pledge of "Clean India" by managing the waste
- After cleaning the Naukuchiatal all the Guest Interns had a kayaking tour in the natural lake of Naukuchiatal
- Lunch time and good bye meeting with the Principal and the COO
- Leaving the Campus



The Global Village is a diverse and vibrant platform where community gathers from all over the world to meet, share and learn from each other. It is a platform for community to demonstrate their domain of expertise and good leadership. It is also a platform that invites like-minded participants to see how education translates into community action and intervention.

The Global Village promotes networking between north and south, east and west and provides a space for displays, discussions and performances from throughout the world.

On the very outset it is a matter of great privilege and pleasure for us to submit our Global Village Meet report for AIESEC in New Delhi. The Global Village Meet took place at Templeton Academy International on 14th and 15th of February 2015. It was indeed a great occasion and platform for all of us to get an opportunity to invite the various international interns from different countries to one place i.e. to our TAI campus in Nainital district of Uttarakhand , India.

First of all, we would like to acknowledge our sincerest thanks to AIESEC, New Delhi, India who accepted our invite to organise and facilitate for the Global Village Meet at TAI. Moreover, we really wish to thank the whole AIESEC team and all the international interns for being a part of our big family for these two days. It was really the most memorable and cherishable experience for all of us because of their amiable and cooperative demeanours. We also feel indebted to our entire school fraternity who helped us to make the Global Village Meet at TAI the most unforgettable experience for one and all.

Ten interns who came to Templeton Academy International were from different countries such as Serbia, Indonesia, China, Egypt, Bahrain and Afghanistan.

The Global Village Meet at TAI helped our students and teachers to have firsthand account and insights about six different countries, their nationalities, cultures, traditions, languages, food, music, religions, et al.

As a host country, TAI students gave a presentation on Incredible India, and performed on traditional Indian dance forms and sang internationally popular Hindi songs to show case the rich Indian culture and tradition. This is how all the guest interns had an opportunity to have a feel of our rich cultural heritage.

Templeton Academy International would like to thank Ms Anubhuti Joshi – the Vice President, Corporate Affairs and Mr Madhur Makkar – Vice President, Social Project of AIESEC, New Delhi, India for their whole hearted support for making the Global Village Meet at TAI a grand success. We would also like to thank Ms Tanisha Pandey – President, AIESEC , Delhi for her unconditional love and support for this initiative.

We are looking forward to more such events on large scale in future too. With tons of thanks and warm regards!

Templeton Family

HAPPY HOLI

Student's Experiences

INDIAN FESTIVAL OF COLOURS

It was a sunny morning . All the students of T.A.I. were very excited to play Holi . As it was announced to go out and start playing Holi ,we rushed to the basketball court. We waited for the colours to come . As soon as the colours were brought , all of us rushed towards the distribution area . We all were given the colours. All of us started playing Holi . All the students and teachers were applying colours on each other. When everyone finished their colours we started dancing and singing. At last we got some pakoras , ghujias and flavoured milk. We all were happy and enjoyed holi very much.

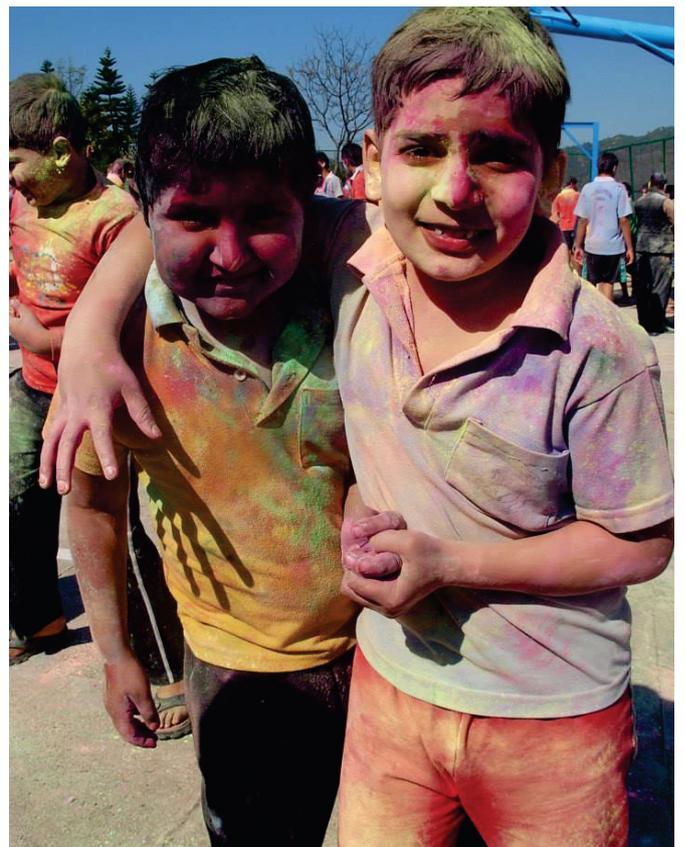
- By Shaun Joshi

On the 6th of March 2015, Holi was celebrated in the school campus. After having breakfast, the students assembled in the basketball court. COO Sir distributed the gulal packets to all the students. All the students started spraying gulal on one another. They even sprayed on the teachers, COO Sir & Principal Sir. Later on every class had their dance performance in which they participated too. Pakodis and sweet juice was distributed to the students and the staff. Overall it was an enjoyable and a perfect weather to play Holi.

- By Pankaj Tyagi

In India Holi is a one of the most important festivals of Hindus. Holi is a festival of colours. It is played everywhere in India. In the same way it is even played in our school. As we were not able to go home for Holi we enjoyed it the same way as we do it at our home. The colours which were provided to us by school were herbal and eco-friendly. We played Holi, had tasty snacks and enjoyed special lunch which was very delicious. We enjoyed a lot and the memories of Holi will be cherished by us life-long. Thank you Templeton for making my Holy so special.

- By Niharika Agarwal



INDIA OF MY DREAMS



**BYKUSHAGRA SANWAL
CLIX A. (GUEST WRITER)**

The 'I' in India is me. I am an Indian and India is in me, thus India my country, is not doing well in some spheres and is still amongst the developing countries then we need to ask ourselves who is responsible for it.

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam had once asked a little girl, "What was her dream for India?" she came the reply "I dream of a developed India." this impressed him and to be honest this is also my dream.



I dream of an India where everyone is educated and employment for everyone is happy and satisfied. I dream of an India where many scientists are engaged in doing significant researches, an India which would be known for its great scientific and technological advancements, an India where the likes of Tata's and Birla's would come up with new inventions, leaving the whole world amazed, great minds of the world guessing as to how the impossible was achieved.

An India, which is a leader in not only in making new discoveries and inventions but also in spirituality, an India with an excellent network of roads and railways as well as bridges connecting even the remotest parts.

An India, where sustainable growth and development go hand in hand. Every person plants and cares for a minimum of 10 to 20 trees in his lifetime, where wildlife is safe from poachers, where man lives in harmony with nature, where no one is afraid of speaking the truth and where there is no corruption.

Women are respected and safe and people from all religion co-exist and where every citizen is proud of being called an Indian. Where people are not afraid of leaving their houses open and there is no crime in the country, everyone is satisfied.

I dream of an India where market places, roads and whole country is spotlessly clean. Where the highest standards of cleanliness and hygiene are maintained. Where garbage is not spilling on the roads and animals are not roaming around the streets.

I dream of an India, where farmers are respected as much as any other professional, where people are not superstitious, an India which is not only superior in science and technology but also in sports, where we are able to win maximum medals in Olympics and other international games.

This is India of my dreams— this is the India in which I want to live—the India of which I'm a proud citizen. This is my India, a great country dominating the international scene, a land of peace, prosperity and plenty.

In the end, I dream of an India as described by Rabinder Nath Tagore in the following lines:

***"Where the Head is held high
Where the mind is without fear
Into that heaven of freedom
"O Lord" let my country awake."***

By Prince Pal

TRENDY MUSIC AROUND

5 Seconds of Summer (also known as 5SOS) are an Australian pop rock and pop punk band. Formed in Sydney in 2011, the band consists of Luke Hemmings, Michael Clifford, Calum Hood and Ashton Irwin. The group were originally YouTube celebrities, posting videos of themselves covering songs from various artists in 2011. From there, they gained a small following in 2012 after posting a series of cover versions of popular songs onto YouTube, then rose to international fame when One Direction invited them on their Take Me Home Tour.



Maroon 5 is an American pop rock band that originated in Los Angeles, California. The group was formed in 1994 as Kara's Flowers while its members were still in high school and originally consisted of Adam Levine (lead vocals, guitar), Jesse Carmichael (guitar, backing vocals), Mickey Madden (bass guitar) and Ryan Dusick (drums). The band was named after a girl the complete group had a crush on. [Maroon 5: Maroon 5: Midnight Miles. MTV (USA), 2006] Kara's Flowers signed to Reprise Records and released an album, The Fourth World, in 1997. After a tepid response to the album, the band parted ways with the record label and the members attended college.



The Wanted are an Anglo-Irish boy band consisting of members Max George, Siva Kaneswaran, Jay McGuiness, Tom Parker and Nathan Sykes. They formed in 2009 and were signed worldwide to Universal Music subsidiaries Island Records and Mercury Records,[1] and managed by Scooter Braun. The series would document the group's stay in Los Angeles while they recorded their third worldwide album and prepare for a world tour, as well as their day-to-day antics. The show promised an honest glimpse into the lives of the band members.



LATEST TECHNOLOGY



Windows 10 is the latest invention of Microsoft Corporation after Windows 8. It is an user-friendly operating system. Those users who have Windows 8 already have the offer of free upgrading to windows 10. Windows 10 feels familiar so you can get more done from the get-go. The Start menu is back with space to pin your favorite apps. And simple navigation means you don't need to spend much time learning anything new. You won't have to wonder if you have the latest features or security updates. Windows automatically delivers updates, when they're ready, directly to your device. Windows 10 has new ways to make you a multi-tasking expert, with great features like Action Center, where all your notifications and key settings are on one easy-to-reach screen, for immediate action. Project Spartan is an all-new browser built to deliver a better web experience. You can write directly on webpages from your PC, read articles distraction-free, and save your favorites to read offline later. With Xbox on Windows, play and connect with your games and friends. Everywhere. The Store in Windows 10 is a one-stop shop for hundreds of thousands of apps including games, music, videos, as well as a new version of Office. Prerelease product shown; screen simulated, subject to change. Features, devices, and available apps vary by market. Apps from the Windows Store, sold separately.

3D Printed Car The latest technology inventions in 3d printing are rapidly changing how things are being made. It's an emerging technology that is an alternative to the traditional tooling and machining processes used in manufacturing.

At the International Manufacturing Technology Show in Chicago, a little known Arizona-based car maker created a media sensation by manufacturing a car at the show. It was a full scale, fully functional car that was 3d printed in 44 hours and assembled in 2 days.



STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENT

Academic Year 2014/2015



Sudhanshu Singh
National Athletics Meet
Rajasthan



Gyanesh Kumar
State level football
Bihar



Raj Agarwal
National Level Chess Competition
Chandigarh Punjab



Sachin Rao



Arjun Singh Negi



Larry Wason



Sudhanshu Singh

"Went For All India Inter School Football Tournament held in Delhi"

TALENTED STUDENTS

RABBIT RUNNING ON THE GRASS

*Rabbit running on the grass,
Up the ground on the course,
Rabbit swimming in the lake,
Eating grass all day long.*

*Rabbit running in the house,
In the forest on the road,
Rabbit running everywhere,
Playing, jumping all day long.*

*Rabbit playing in the park,
Running, eating all day long,
Rabbit smiling, laughing, crying,
Rabbit racing all day long.*



*By Suhail Khan
Class: III*

INTERVIEW

With 12th grade students...



“ I have been studying here 4 years and all my experiences are really positive. Studying in a different country in a school like this makes it a differently enchanting experience. I love the natural environment of the school and the education and sports are also good. This is what I want in life and I am happy with that. I have learnt a lot from the school. I can't explain the moment when I won two trophies for the school and the time I shared with my friends. I would like to recommend the school to my friends and family, too, cause it's having a great environment for learning. ”

Apisit Dhupatemiya (Sports Captain)

“ It has been the most precious 8 years of my life in this school. It was an amazing experience of my life which I can never forget. I always wanted to study in a school which has hills around it and this school has all I wanted. I had many memorable and cherishable moments from this school. The winter camp of my 10th grade is among one of them in which R.D. sir was our warden. I was very weak in mathematics which was far by far my hatest subject. But he during the evening time always taught us maths and due to which I improved in its. I have learnt many things which will be with me FOREVER!!! ”

Faiz Ur Rahman (V.Captain)



“ I have been studying here last 2 year. It was a great experience with lot of learning and fun. I like the school most of frank and dedicated teachers, cultural environment and helpful friends. These three reasons are what all a school should be comprised of. The moment which will be always memorable to me is trip to Nainital. I would recommend the school to everyone. ”

Mayank Varshney (School Captain)

“ It has been wonderful 8 years since I am here in the school and all these experiences I cannot forget throught all my life. I have learned so much here and the values, the precious movements and definitely basketball are going to be always there in my memories. I spent most of my childhood time and my teenage life here and all the fun and joys I did here, I will really be missing. As I was one of the oldest student of the school, so I enjoyed many privileges in all sorts of field. I will really be going to miss all these days, my friends, teachers and T.A.I. ”

Priyanka Anil Gupta (Cultural Secretary)



INTERVIEW

With 12th grade students...



Vivek Kumar Rauniyar

Qus 1. For how long you have been studying in Templeton Academy International?

Ans. I have been studying here for last 5 years.

Qus 2. What kind of experience did you have for Templeton Academy International?

Ans. As before I did not know how to speak in English, first of all I learnt how to speak in English. Then, even my behavior changed drastically, I became a well disciplined boy, I learnt the style of speaking with others and learnt problem solving. I really enjoyed my life as everyone had faith on me. In the school everyone is helpful and caring. The teachers are really awesome. The principal never says 'NO' for anything I demanded. Even my COO always supports me in every aspect of life. Teachers like Lakshmi Ma'am, Rawat sir and Rakhi Ma'am were a great source of inspiration for me. I would convey my gratitude to the principal, the COO, my lovely teachers and my dear friends.

Qus 2a) Could you please give me three main reasons why you have positive impressions about Templeton Academy International?

Ans.

1. Everyone here is caring.
2. The teachers here are really inspirational and motivational.
3. The nature here really soothes the mind.

Qus 2b) Why are these three (or more) the most important for you?

Ans. These three reasons are the most important for me as these factors are the most important ones which define the type of school one studies in. These reasons are really important to make the school a temple of learning.

Qus 2c) Why do you have these positive impressions?

Ans. The teachers here are really inspirational and caring. They really treated me as their own child and therefore, I have such positive impressions of this school.

Qus 3. Did your earlier expectations about TAI come true?

Ans. I got much more than I expected.

Qus 4. Can you please tell me some interesting moments which you had here and which will be always a part of your TAI memories?

Ans. There are a lot of moments in T.A.I which I will never forget which include the time spent with my friends and teachers, study times and times when I used to play some pranks. There are many such moments so, all cannot be mentioned.

Qus 5. Would you recommend TAI to your friends/family members/relatives?

Ans. Yes, surely I will recommend this school to every child who will come to me to get some suggestions regarding the admission of a new school.

Interviewed By Mohammad Amir Faisal

TWO QUALIFICATIONS

Benjamin Franklin, the scientist had known the rigidity of poverty in his early years. Due to his poverty he could not even have a proper education. Hearing that there was a vacancy in a school, he went there for an interview. The school manager asked him: "Have you any higher education?"

"No"

"Have you a degree in any subject?"

"No"

"Have you any teaching experience?"

"No"

"Then what qualifications do you have?" asked the manager annoyed.

For the time being I have two qualifications. The first one is that I am the 14th child in a family of 17 children.

The second is that I am struggling for even a single square meal a day.

Moral: Instead of being beaten by hardships in life, be prepared to beat.

SELF-CONFIDENCE?

“ Always remember you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.” Christopher Robin
Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope & confidence.
Helen Keller. ”

What is Self-Confidence?

Two main things contribute to self-confidence: self-efficacy and self-esteem.

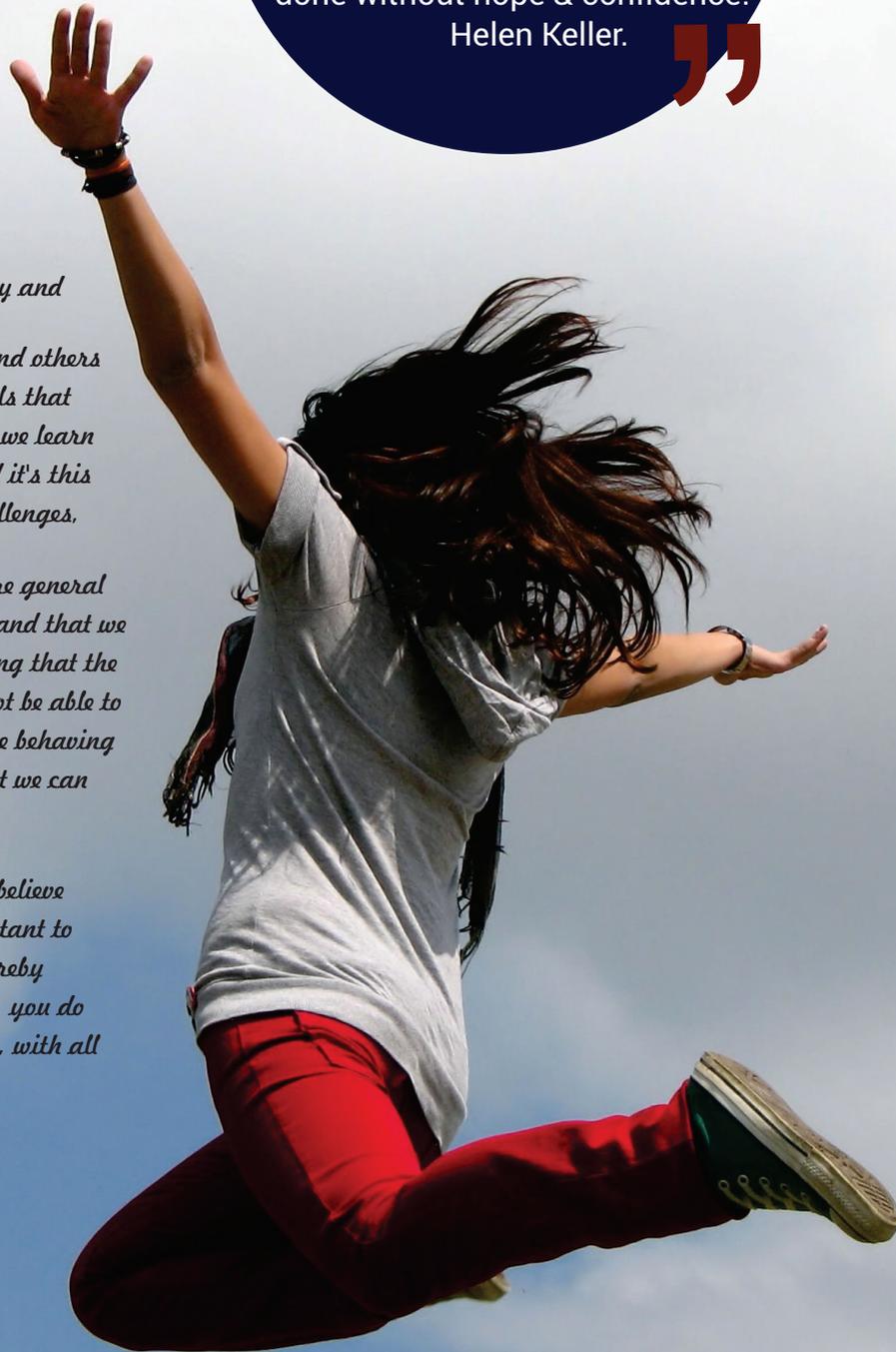
We gain a sense of self-efficacy when we see ourselves (and others similar to ourselves) mastering skills and achieving goals that matter in those skill areas. This is the confidence that, if we learn and work hard in a particular area, we will succeed; and it's this type of confidence that leads people to accept difficult challenges, and persist in the face of setbacks.

This overlaps with the idea of self-esteem, which is a more general sense that we can cope with what's going on in our lives, and that we have a right to be happy. Partly, this comes from a feeling that the people around us approve of us, which we may or may not be able to control. However, it also comes from the sense that we are behaving virtuously, that we are competent at what we do, and that we can compete successfully when we put our minds to it.

Some people believe that self-confidence can be built with affirmations and positive thinking. At Mind Tools, we believe that there's some truth in this, but that it's just as important to build self-confidence by setting and achieving goals – thereby building competence. Without this underlying competence, you do not have self-confidence: you have shallow over-confidence, with all of the issues, upset and failure that this brings.

Top 5 tips for building self-confidence are:

1. Look at what you have already achieved
2. Think of things you are good at
3. Set some goals
4. Talk yourself up
5. Get a hobby



Traveling

Well... I did my first traveling when I was six years old with my two years older sister. We traveled alone to other country to visit our grandma and grandfather. The travel story has continued during life. Mostly, I have traveled during the study time. For now, I have visited fourteen countries and India is 15th one. Once you start to travel you are becoming addicted to it. Definitely, you are becoming open-minded, you look at the world with a positive attitude, you are happy, satisfied, more tolerant, enthusiastic and you share, you share happiness, love, smiles, experiences, life stories, knowledge, you are meeting people from whole around the world, learning about other cultures, traditions, societies, about life values.

So let's travel and have some fun. Don't be one of those ordinary people who says: "One day I will do this (and travel the world)." You will not. There is no perfect timing. You have to make time for it. While most people waste a lifetime of creating dreams (and never realize them) I made everything to fulfill my dream.

I will never understand why so many people are afraid of change and want to stick to their routine. Making a big life change is scary, indeed. But you know what's even scarier? Regret. Sometimes we have to risk something. You might lose, but you can gain even something better. If you do not try, you will never find out. So do not fear change. Do not fear anything. Fear is just an illusion. If you believe in fear, you are a victim of your own mind.

"Make the most of today. Time does not wait. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why it is called the present."
(Alice Morse Earle)

Go travel the world and have the best time of your life! And do not drive yourself crazy and making plans about



"Traveling is the only thing you buy that makes you rich"

where to go and how long to stay in each place... Screw that! It does not matter where you go, it's all about who you meet. Sometimes you love a place and get stuck there for weeks, while another place will not be as interesting as you expected. In those situations it's good if you are free to leave anytime. Even if it costs you more money. Believe me, it's worth it. Keep some flexibility. Travel has taught me that the journey is the destination.

Traveling alone? Please do not be afraid of solo trips. Be thankful to have such an experience. I love arriving in the airport of a country I have never been to before. It makes me feel strong, and excited about the adventures I am about to have. It gives me confidence.

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you did not do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."
(Mark Twain)

Be ready for changes. Every change is

good. To change means to move. And to move means your universe will be in a constant expansion.

As well, you have to be ready of losing your luggage, flight, train, bus. So that's why you have to care firstly about yourself, your luggage, traveling documents, insurance you are having, flight dates, time, about your money, credit cards and phone.

Try new things. Make friends with intuition. Eat food you have never tasted before. Fall in love. Be curious and look beyond what's right in front of you. Take risks. Open yourself up to possibilities. Get crazy. Keep your heart open and be grateful for every new experience. Trust yourself. Discover the beauty of this amazing world and get lost in its opportunities.

"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."
(Abraham Lincoln)

By Maja Djuricic

Traveling About "Follow me"

Murad Osmann - Russian photographer best known for his "Follow Me" project which captures his girlfriend taking him by the hand leading him around the world. The project can be found here: <https://instagram.com/muradosmann/> and facebook page



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One of the best websites for jobs any kind and in any city is Craigslist. Here are some more links:

If you want to teach English, check EslCafe.

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More Jobs listed on Overseasjobs, Work Away, Work Anywhere, Work in Hostels.

Interested in WWOOF? Work a few hours per day and receive free accommodation and meals. Check out HelpX.

Another great page is Staydu, a social travel network for budget travelers. Find work in exchange for money or free lodging. Host, travel and stay with locals from all over the world.

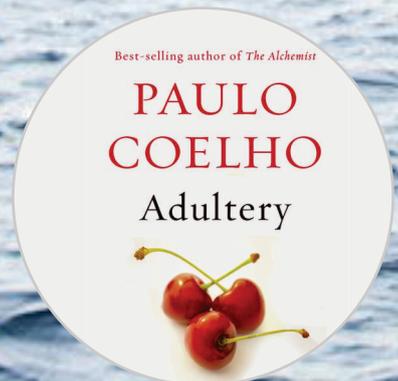
Save money on accommodation by using Couchsurfing. Nowadays everybody knows about Couchsurfing. I am not talking about saving money here. It's just a great side effect. I have met many friends through this website and I could write a book about all the crazy adventures. Step outside of your comfort zone.

Miracles happen only to those who believe in them.

By Maja Djuricic

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THE IMPORTANCE OF REPUBLIC DAY

Many Indians remain largely unfamiliar with the anniversary that Indians celebrate on 26th January. For most Indians the day has lost its meaning and value. It has become just another day not to go to work or to school. While paying tribute to one of the most important dates on the Indian calendar, I take this opportunity to explain the meaning and importance of 26th January i.e, Republic Day.

Republic Day honors the date on which the Constitution of India came in to force on 26th Jan 1950 replacing the Government of India Act of 1935 as the governing document of India. It is a democratic government system which signifies the country's transition towards becoming an independent republic. 26th January was selected for this purpose because it was this day in 1930 when the declaration of Indian Independence (Purna Swaraj) was proclaimed by the Indian natives.

The constituent assembly of India started the work of drafting a constitution for India. The constitution was outlined by the various sub-committees. Dr.B.R. Ambedkar drafted the constitution of India. The assembly had many sessions with many deliberations, modifications and debates. It took nearly 2years, 11months and 18days. By the joint efforts of many leaders the constitution guidelines came out by which proudly we Indians can say that we are Republic. To honor this day our Templetons also took an opportunity to renew the pledge to work for the well-being of our people, for peace and harmony in our society and indeed, the world.



Winter Camp Experience

10th and 12th grades are really important grades for the scholars as the students of these grades face the board examination specially in the schools affiliated to CBSE. Hence, the scholars are given extra time to study by cancelling a bit of the winter vacation which started from 7th December and ended on 4th February for the rest of the school as grades 10th and 12th had to report on 4th January for the Winter Camp. The scholars had to study for the final examinations during this period and the syllabus of some subjects which were left incomplete had to be completed. We really had a lot of fun as

the whole school was looking empty. Our daily schedule started with a morning snacks which included tea and biscuits. Then, there was about an hour time to get fresh and ready for the school. After that there was academy time where each period was an hour. Then, we had lunch in the afternoon and snacks in the evening and finally the prep time. After the prep, there used to be dinner and again prep time. After the night prep, there used to be light snacks of coffee and biscuits. What next? Yeah, 'Lights Off'.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Templeton Academy International is a Fully Residential Co-educational School affiliated to CBSE, New Delhi with separate hostel for Boys & Girls. It is located on the hill top in Naukuchiatal in Nainital District in Uttarakhand, India. It offers a grandstand view of the surrounding and towering densely foliated hills. point and a breathtaking view of the Naukuchiatal Lake below. Templeton Academy is one of the Top 10 boarding / residential Schools with Co-Educational environment in india. Templeton Academy International is the right place in search of best boarding / residential school in india.

We provide holistic education of the mind (through academics), body (through physical education) and the spirit (through club activities and value education).



Art Gallery

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PRINCIPAL'S FAREWELL SPEECH

For Grade XII on Feb 21st 2015



As I have tried to be as transparent as possible and share my learning with others, I want to share my farewell speech with all of you. Hopefully it will do justice to an amazing group of students that are leaving our school in a few days from now:

My name is Rakesh Saha and I am the new principal of Templeton Academy International. I am honored that I have the chance to address the high school community, especially our grade 12 students, on the last day of school for the 2014-15 school year. I have 3 goals for this speech:

- Not to cry
- Make others cry (As I write this, I am sure it has happened several times by this point)
- Make sure that all of the grade 12 students know how important they have been to the positive culture of TAI

Before I start discussing our grade 12 students, I want to ensure that I thank a few groups of people.

Your Parents, I want to thank your parents for bringing you all to our school and trusting us with you all. Most of you did not have a choice, but I hope that if you did, you would have done it the same way. I especially want to thank your parents for raising such an amazing group of people that stand before us today. Parents being involved in their own child's life lead them to more opportunities for success. This group that stands in front of us has shown so many positive qualities and we know this all starts at home.

Our Staff. This is not just about our grade 12 teachers that have taught these students, but it is about the collective effort of ALL of you. Everyone, from the dorm parents, sports coaches, infirmary in-charges,

support staff, and teachers in the school believe in always doing what is best for the students. Your kindness and caring for students as whole people and not as numbers in exams is the reason that we have seen these students blossom into leaders. Thank you for always caring about our TAI kids.

Standing here today, I look back at where I was one year ago. Leaving a school I cared a lot about and crying on stage as I said my final goodbyes was tough. Looking back, I am not sure if it is easier to say goodbye and leave or say goodbye and have people leave you. This is a tough day for me as the grade 12 students here are extremely special to us. They took ME under their wing as soon as I came here ensured I was always taken care of. I know that as I have become older my "cool" factor has lowered but the grade 12 students never made me feel that way at all. They always encouraged me to join them and be a part of their day. From playing games with this class, to giving counseling session to this class just to give them a break from their day, and just sitting and visiting the class, I appreciate every moment that you invited me to be into your world.

If I have one regret about this year, it was that you did not reciprocate to my love and affection the way we wanted. Even though this was an absolutely fantastic year and I got to know the grade 12 students, along with everyone a lot better. I found out stuff that I never knew about you and that you were passionate about. I loved learning about your passion for sports along with your own unique gifts that you had to

share with the world. Although I knew about several of these passions prior to this, it was an amazing opportunity to see you share your passions with the entire school community. As you stood proud of what you had to share, I was even more proud of your openness to do so. Thanks for your willingness to let us get to know you better.

PRINCIPAL'S FAREWELL SPEECH

For Grade XII on Feb 21st 2015

Although this was final grade for you at TAI as a student, this was Kindergarten for me as a principal. I am honored that I got to address you on your final and last day of grade 12. In my first year as a principal, I wanted to sit back and learn the environment of the school and I was so impressed with all that you did. As a teacher first, we are supposed to be the ones that teach YOU, but in reality, you taught me just as much.

You taught me that every single person in our school can be a leader. You never outright said this to me, but you never had to. You showed it in your actions every day. The display that you had in your classroom not only inspired your peers, but it inspired staff as well. Watching you on the playground look after our younger students and care for them was something that inspired me every day. Parents realized your ability to lead and suggested that it should be YOU that helps as volunteer supervisors on our playground. You often argued and complained, yet you just gladly did it.

You taught me to be willing to take risks. Watching your class organize the community run and cleanliness campaign for the entire school was another example of leadership. It may have not worked out exactly the way you wanted, but trying and not achieving total success, is better than not trying at all. Although the results may not have been what you wanted, I was proud that you took the chance.

You have taught me that a pat on the back is always better than a slap on the cheek. Your kindness towards staff, parents, younger students, and your peers was always on display. Thank you for being role models of kindness and caring and because of this, it has run rampant within our school.

You taught me to be yourself. The way you dressed and carried yourself was never about others, but always about how you felt. From seeing students randomly wearing ties to school, doing the robotics at assemblies, sharing their passion for talking, and teaching people about certain behavior Syndrome, you were always you. A saying I have heard this year and sticks with me is "Be yourself, everyone else is taken." You have shown me this over and over again.

These lessons you have taught me: being a leader, be willing to take risks, be kind, and be yourself, are lessons that I will continue to do my best to apply in my own career. For all of you, these lessons that I have learned from you have led you to your tremendous success in your first twelve years of schooling. If you continue to follow these actions, they will lead to continued success in your coming years.

Wherever your future leads you, I will be watching and cheering for you. I am looking forward to updates from your lives and seeing where your education leads. Before you go though, I want to make sure I say thank you for all that you have taught me in my first year of principal ship over here. If I can inspire others half as much as you have inspired me, I know I will have been successful.

Congratulations on your day, follow your passions, continue to be leaders, and best of luck in your future.



WHY TEMPLETON ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL?

- Ideally located on safe environs of a forested hillock beside Naukuchi Lake;
- Education focussed on all round development of a child;
- Latest education techniques and methodology adopted through Smart class rooms for innovative digital curriculum transactions;
- Multifarious activities including snooker, swimming, lawn tennis, horse riding, gymnastics, woodwork, art & craft and music;
- Ample provision for hobby nourishment through various club activities;
- Linguistic lab for spoken language communication program for non English speaking students & communication skill improvement;
- Nutritious and tasty food with homely environment.

AFFILIATIONS

- CBSE - Grades I to XII
- Introducing Check Point & IGCSE curriculum of University of Cambridge International for Grades VI-X

TEACHERS TO STUDENT RATIO: 1:24 / 28 (MAX)

FACILITIES

- Sports: Swimming, Basketball,
- Volleyball, Cricket, Football, Gymnastics, Fitness & Games, Snooker, Lawn Tennis, Horse Riding, etc.
- Performing Arts: Speech & Drama, Indian & Western Music & Dance, etc.
- Hobby Clubs: Photography club,
- Nature club, Science club, IT club, Literary club, and Dramatics club;
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- Fully equipped Physics, Chemistry, Biology, IT, Maths Labs;
- Introducing Linguistic lab for strong spoken language communication.

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