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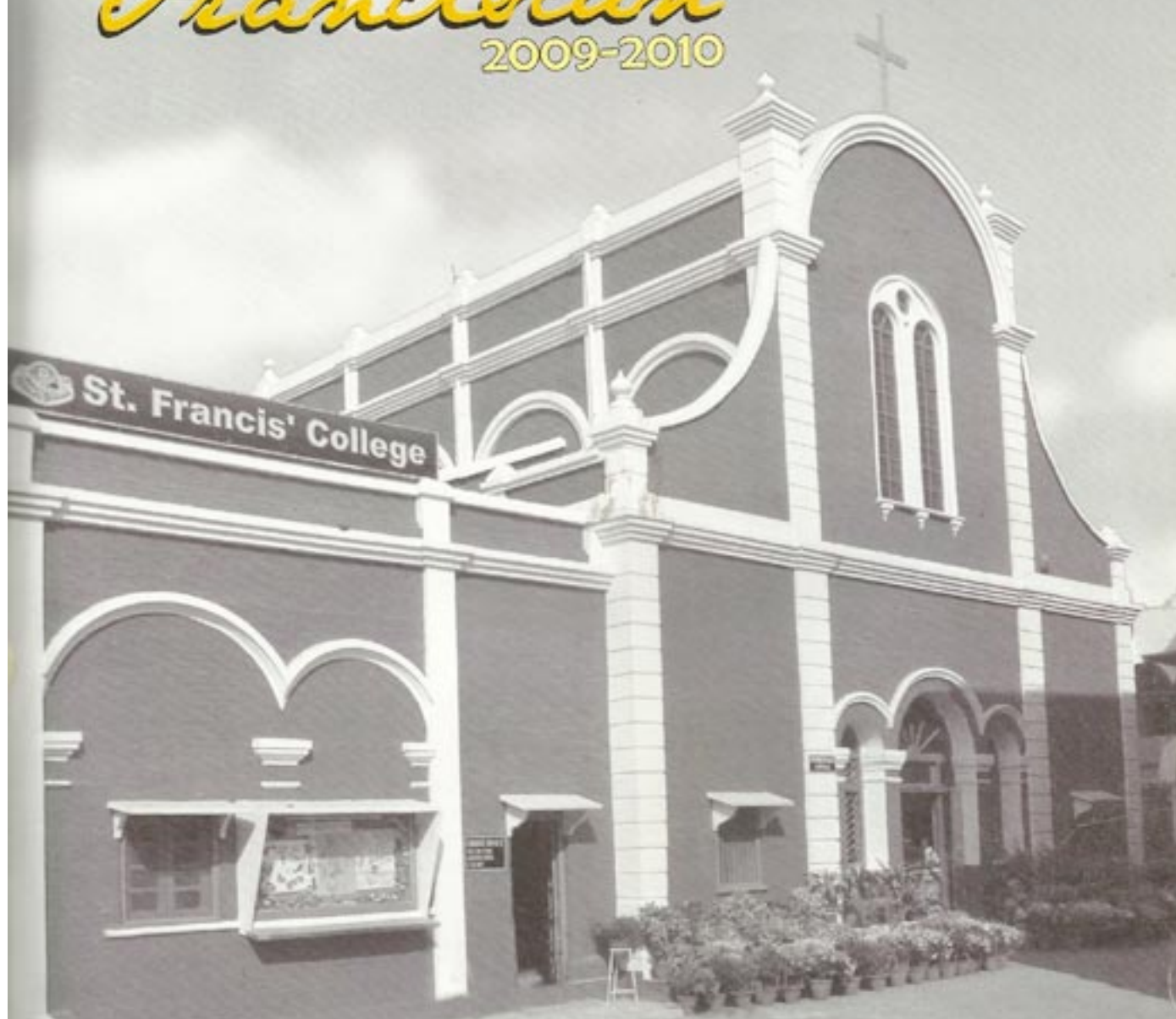
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# Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

## Make me a Channel of Your Peace

1. Make me a channel of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love,  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

2. Make me a channel of your peace,  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.
3. Make me a channel of your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving to each one that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.





# College Anthem

## We will Answer

1. Tho' no bugles may blow and no drums beat,  
Tho' we hear not the marching of proud feet,  
Tho' no flags and no pennons the day greet,  
We will answer when duty shall call.

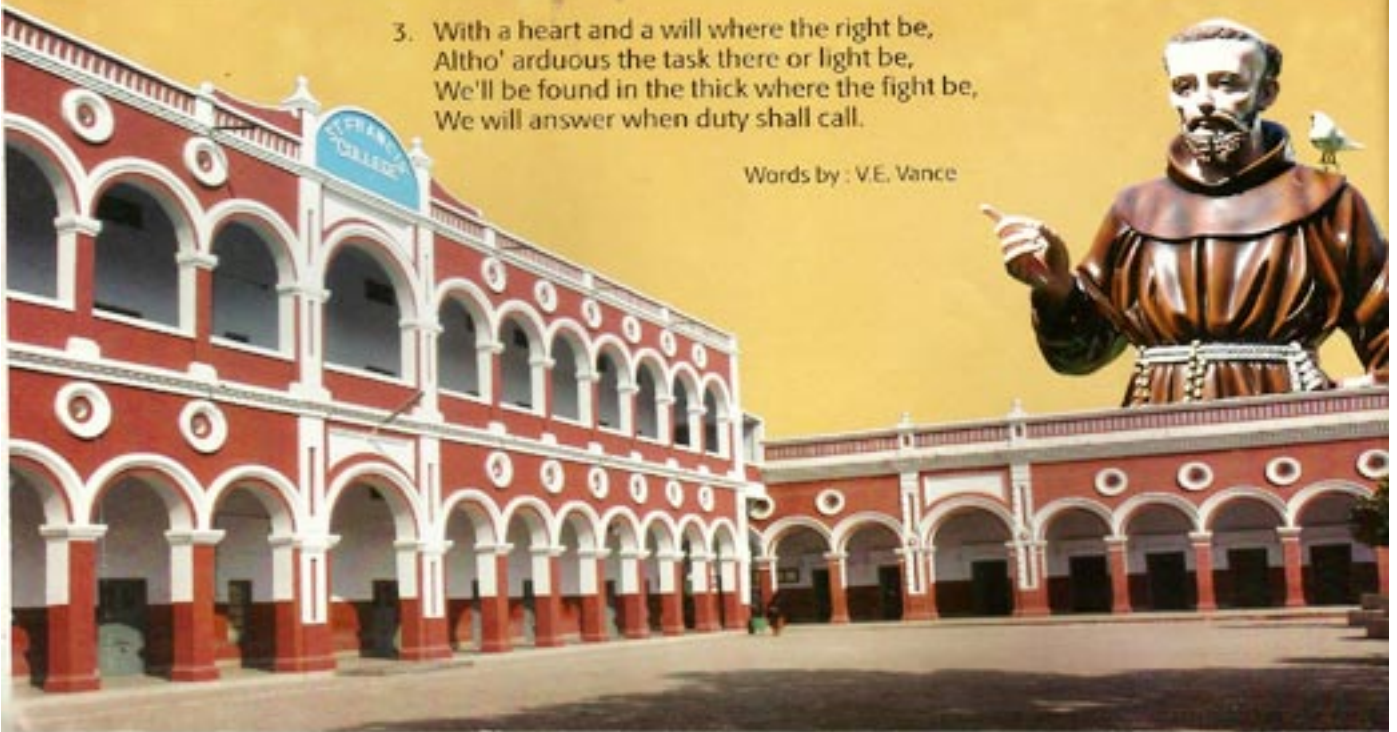
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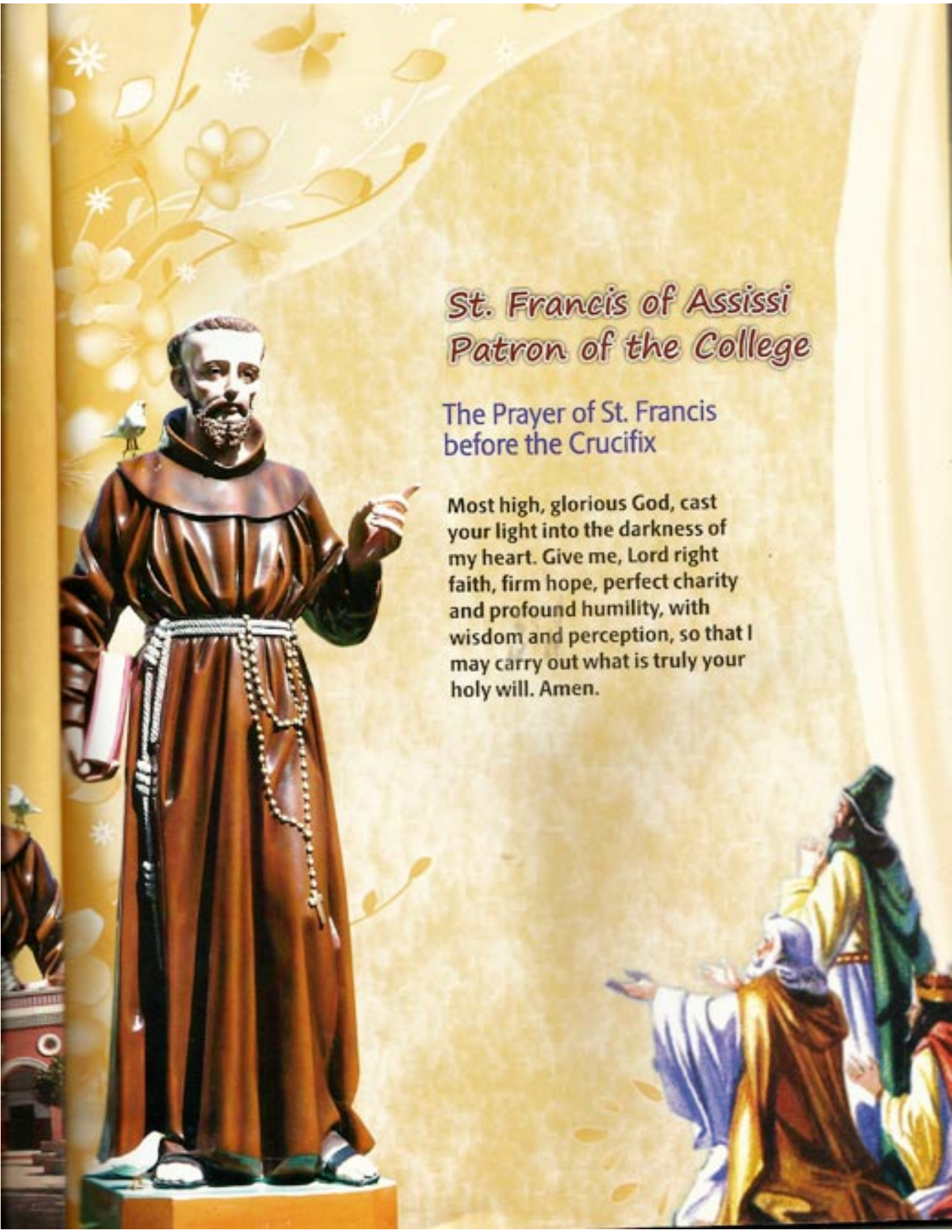
To the end we'll be true; we'll forget not,  
All the care Alma Mater thou spared not,  
To the spirit of Francis we'll fail not,  
We will answer when duty shall call.

2. Through the heat of the day and the burden,  
And thro' sweat and thro' toil without guerdon,  
To dishonour we shall not be lured in :  
We will answer when duty shall call.

3. With a heart and a will where the right be,  
Altho' arduous the task there or light be,  
We'll be found in the thick where the fight be,  
We will answer when duty shall call.

Words by : V.E. Vance





*St. Francis of Assisi  
Patron of the College*

**The Prayer of St. Francis  
before the Crucifix**

Most high, glorious God, cast  
your light into the darkness of  
my heart. Give me, Lord right  
faith, firm hope, perfect charity  
and profound humility, with  
wisdom and perception, so that I  
may carry out what is truly your  
holy will. Amen.

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## Principal's Message



QUASQUICENTENNIAL

**We give thanks to thee, O God  
We give thanks  
We call on thy name and recount  
Thy wondrous deeds (Pslam : 75:1)**

The above words of the psalmist from the Bible spontaneously ring in our hearts and minds as we celebrate Quasquicentennial of our college. We, the Franciscans bow our heads and thank the Almighty for showering his manifold and bountiful blessings upon our institution during its 125 years of existence.

St. Francis' College has reached a milestone in history. It was founded in 1885, envisioned by the founder Principal Rev. Fr. Norbert OFM Cap., an Italian Capuchin priest who planted the seed in the city of Nawabs on the 26th of April that year, hardly expecting that the tiny seed would blossom into a gigantic tree sheltering innumerable students through centuries. The imposing and impressive structure houses about 3000 students and 108 staff members, providing value based wholesome quality education. The yeoman's service rendered by the institution during this time has ensured the rise of educational standards in the city while the college itself has reached glorious heights from a humble beginning. Walking in the footsteps of the founder, through the hallowed portals of the college, 35 Principals in succession have left no stone unturned for its growth and development.

Undoubtedly, times have changed. A student of today lives in an increasingly diverse and globalised community. The recent developments in the field of education, learning process and technology approaches during the last two decades have transformed human life and the world. They have also impacted the instructional process and redefined the concept of learning. Our central government's recent initiatives in the form of grading system with Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation and recommending introduction of three language formula and constitution of a national commission for secondary education etc. designed to reduce stress and to bring India at par with international standards are indeed laudable. It can be safely deduced that education today does not mean measurement of the level of learning outcomes only of the learner but also reflects life skills acquisitions, personality attributes, behaviour, interests, attitudes, values and proficiency in indoor and outdoor co-curricular activities. Let me state categorically that we, at St. Francis' have endeavoured towards a holistic growth and development of intellectual, emotional, spiritual and social needs of a child in the last 125 years. Our boys learn values of equality, freedom, justice, compassion and solidarity in our college and thus are moulded into better human beings.

Before I conclude, let me remind my faculty members and teachers universally that the students learn values from teachers rather than from books. Hence let us endeavour to teach the young minds through our exemplary way of life and thus give credence to John Dewey's perception "Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself".



**Fr. Vincent Pinto**

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House Captains, Vice-Captains & Prefects with the Principal,  
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
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NCC Contingent (2009-2010) with the Principal & Vice Principal

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## The College Report 2009-2010



The session 2009-2010 was a glorious one in the bright history of St. Francis' College. Franciscans, as always dominated various Inter-School Competitions outperforming every other institution and more so doing it with grace.

St. Francis' College is one of those few institutions in the city whose students excel not only at academics but also in sports and other extra-curricular activities.

This claim was validated by the fact that St. Francis' College bagged top honours at three major Inter-School Competitions. First of them was 'Extravaganza-2009' hosted by St. Dominic Savio College, where our school students made an exhibition of their talents. We were peerless and thus won the competition.

This was an indication of greater things to come. Encouraged by our Principal's words, the SFC team went off to La Martiniere Girls College for 'Bee Jewel' where our students faced some tough competition. Eventually the undaunted spirit of our boys paid off as we won the Bee Jewel Trophy, the first time in SFC's history.

'Expression' is an event which every school in the city dreams of winning. It's 2009 edition was hosted successfully by St. Francis' College as more than fifteen reputed institutions of the city participated. St. Francis' College won this event comprehensively but as gracious hosts we gave the 'Champion of Champions' trophy to the First Runners-Up - Loreto Convent.

Franciscans have a passion for sports. Rigorous practice from a very young age produces able athletes. So our talented students participated in the Avinash Chaturvedi Memorial Tournament's for both Cricket and Football, with zest this year. The boys under the guidance of Mr. Vig reached the finals in both Cricket and Football, losing unluckily by narrow margins in each.

The annual concert was held on the occasion of Patron's Day. The various plays ranging from - 'The Spotted Man' by the students of Class 11th and 12th and 'Noah's Ark' captivated the audience. The concert was a huge success with the plays being admired by all.

The year 2010 is truly a special one for the Franciscan fraternity. From a humble beginning way back in 1885 to the grandeur of today, we have always been guided by the teachings of our patron, St. Francis of Assisi, who led a life of humility & devotion.

On January 22nd of this year St. Francis' College entered into it's Quasiquicentennial year.

An Inter-Religious Prayer Service was held on this occasion and we had preachers from all faiths addressing the students followed by the Holy mass. Later, in the presence of our Former Principals and alumni the college marchpast was held. This was followed by the unveiling of the stone commemorating the Quasquicentennial of our institution, in the presence of the day's Chief Guest, the Bishop of Lucknow. This was the initiation of the year long Quasquicentennial celebrations.

With this the activities for the Session 2009-2010 concluded. Throughout the year, the student council was supported immensely and encouraged throughout by our Principal, the Vice-Principal and various members of the staff.

As the students of the 2009-2010 batch come to the end of their journey as Franciscans, we thank our Alma Mater for making us what we are. We can never repay this debt, though it is certain that we shall be Franciscans till the end, answering when duty calls. □

**Parth Shukla**  
College Captain



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*People are like stained-glass windows.  
They sparkle and shine when the sun is out,  
but when the darkness sets in,  
their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.*



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## St. Andrew's House Report

"For Honour Alone"



**Kanishka Pandey**  
Captain



**Siddharth Kapoor**  
Vice-Captain

With sheer determination and a view to bring laurels to our house, we took oath as captain (Kanishka Pandey) and vice-captain (Siddharth Kapoor).

The year began on a good note with the scintillating performances of Kanishka, Debyendu, Abhishek Kaul, Praveen which helped us to finish 1st in Badminton.

Next in line was Chess where our players managed to secure 2nd position.

Despite brilliant individual performances specially by Ayush Kumar Singh, Kautilya, Abhijeet, Sir Dean we lost both the matches and stood 4th in Basketball.

Volleyball proved to be a nightmare for us. Although Siddharth, Ankit, Kanishka, Udit showed good skills but those were not good enough to move us towards victory and we found ourselves at the bottom occupying the 4th position.

We managed to secure 3rd position in Table Tennis despite sterling performances by Devesh and Abhishek.

Then, it was the time for the game honoured as the religion of the nation Cricket. Our Tendulkars gave commendable performances. The incomparable efforts of Ayush, Faraz, Harsh, Kanishka, Siddharth, Ankit, Shubham, Kautilya helped us to occupy the 2nd position.

It was now time to move to the front field to witness the clashing of the hockey sticks. Excellent stick work showed by Siddharth, Anubhav, Ankit made it possible for us to clinch the shield.

After taking on the heat in the hockey field, it was the "Call of the Blues" for us as we plunged into the Swimming pool. Stunning strokes by Samit Kapoor, Parv, Kunal, Akshay, Shivansh, Prakhardeep, Nikhil in their respective categories helped us to lift the shield.

In the annual Marathon race, our Athletes proved their stamina and everyone was mesmerised with their performance. Siddharth (2nd), Kabir (3rd), Piyush (4th) helped us to take away the shield with a lead of only 1 point over St. Francis' House.

Finally we made way to the much awaited Athletics shield. In the 'C' Division Saarim, Kabir, Utkarsh, Vikhyat, 'B' division Siddharth, Ayush, Tayyab, Shubham, 'A' division Osama, Piyush, Deepak contributed their sweat and we managed to run away with the shield.

In Tug-O-War, herculean efforts from Kaul, Kundu, Praveen, Nanda, Akshay, Sir Dean, Ayush brought the cake for the house.

26th January, Republic Day! Our patience and hardwork bore fruits and the college witnessed St. Andrew's House lifting the COCK HOUSE SHIELD.

Lastly, we would like to extend our vote of thanks to our House Master Mr. A.M. Morrison, Mrs. R. Jackson, P.T.I., Mr. N. Vig for their constant support, guidance and encouragement.

We sign off with the hopes that new captains will associate the house with many accomplishments and honours. ☐

**Kanishka Pandey**  
Captain

**Siddharth Kapoor**  
Vice-Captain

## St. Francis' House Report

*"Perseverance Conquers All"*



**Mohit Ahuja**  
Captain



**Mohd. Asad Yusuf Kidwai**  
Vice-Captain

*"Always aim for the moon, Even if you miss, You'll land among the stars"*

Same was the case with us this year. From the very beginning we had just one thing in our mind to get our hands on the "Holy Grail" of St. Francis' College, the Cockhouse Shield. Though we couldn't achieve it but in the end what satisfied us was that all year round we gave our best and always believed in fair play.

Starting off on the lush green grass of our college, the battleground of many a warriors weaning the yellow armour ready to show their mettle. "Football", the word which creates a buzz, an environment of euphoria all round the college, which turns even the closest of friends into fierce rivals on field. Some great display by our juniors viz Sameer, Saurabh and Saksham layed the foundation for a great finale in the A division. Though we remained unbeaten throughout the tournament but too many draws ultimately led to our downfall. Among the seniors Mohit, Qasim, Parth and Asad were the driving forces of our team leading us to an overall 2nd place. Moving on to a smaller section of the field, next up was volleyball. Some soft touches and powerful smashes by Mayur, Mohit, Ameen and Qaseem led to a triumphant victory as we witnessed the sweet taste of success and got our hands on our first shield.

Then came hockey where we lost in the tie-breaker of the final. Road to final was made easy by Ritesh, Vaibhav and our respected vice principal who played a major part in our victories as we finished second.

Cricket was very disappointing, though Asad, Ashar, Qaseem and Tejas worked their hearts out but as a whole, our performance was way below our potential.



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After showing lightning fast speed on the field it was time to fly and make some dunks as the referees whistle set our Jordans and O'Neals into action. Mayur, Vaibhav and Apoorv were the stars as we finished 3rd in the overall basketball standings.

After seeing sunny days it was time to face some fierce storms, as our ship almost sank in the swimming pool. But valiant efforts by Mayur and Qaseem in the senior group and Suyash in the junior group gave us a little to cheer as they bagged their medals.

Then the time came for some hardcore indoor action, as shuttle cocks cried for help due to some hard smashes from our players. Vivek and Milind were the star players of the junior groups while Samrath the hero of the senior group, whose efforts helped us to bag the second position.

Table Tennis was another of our conquests. In the junior group Tushar, against all odds, miraculously won the championship while Varun, Shaksham and Mohit gave us vital points as we finished top and firmly grasped the Table Tennis shield. Chess was again disappointing but Abhilash in the senior group helped us in gaining vital points.

Then was time for the Marathon where the valiant Asad ran tirelessly and comfortably finished ahead of all his counterparts. But due to lack of help given by the other runners from our house we could only bag the 3rd position.

Atlast came all the track events and it was time for the biggest event, Athletics, which has been known for turning the points chart upside down in the last few years. In the junior group Arijit, Kartik, Saurabh and Akshit did their best but it required an super human performance for us to get to the top. But as they say "Cometh the hour, Cometh the man". Asad and Mohit gained a lot of points in the senior group as we finished second in the overall Athletics meet and Asad winning the Athletics championship. A lot of credit also goes to Qasim, Mayur and Qaseem who displayed a great spectacle of their strength and gained vital points for us.

In the end, I would like to express my deep gratitude towards my house master Mr. D. Jackson without whom it would have been impossible to manage the various events. One of his orders that will remain forever in our minds, "Boys!!! Chin up, Chest out". Though our performances fluctuated but right from the very beginning till the end we had our chins up and chests out with pride.

At last, I would like to thank my Vice Captain Asad Kidwai, the College Captain Parth Shukla and a dear friend Qasim Ali without whom it would have been impossible to carry out the herculean task of managing the house. Last but not the least I bow my head expressing my gratitude to Mr. Vig whose infinite knowledge in the field of sports has kept the college among the topmost and my Principal Rev. Fr. Vincent Pinto.

With these words, an ocean of memories and a heavy heart, I wish my successors all the very best and would like to convey just one message, "As long as you are confident and up for the challenge the yellow flag will soar high up in the sky". Don't waste a minute being unhappy. If one window closes, run to the next one or break down a door." □

**Mohit Ahuja**  
Captain

**Mohd. Asad Yusuf Kidwai**  
Vice-Captain

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*Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.*



## St. George's House Report



**Kartik Mehrotra**  
Captain



**Mohd. Akbar Khan**  
Vice-Captain

The colour Red has been a symbol of passion and determination and truly during the course of this year we can say with great satisfaction that we have completed in setting the standards of excellence in all events, and by excellence we don't simply mean the events we won, but more importantly, the hard work we have put in and the things we learnt while working as a team.

As the year began we started winning prizes in debates and elocutions with excellent speeches by Dhruv in college section and Arnab, Tejaswin in the school section. Though, leading the Literary shield, the shield was cancelled as all the events were not completed on time.

The sporting activities commenced with the interhouse Badminton; Tanuj and Mudit did well in A division, while Yaman and Arnold in C division.

Following Badminton was chess. In A division Shalab was brilliant with his mind and we managed to acquire second position in the chess championship.

Next in the line was Table Tennis. It was disappointing for us. Only Kartik was able to reach the semi-final in A division. In senior doubles the team of Tanuj and Kartik reached the quarter final but lost the nail biting match.

After the summer break, next in the line was Basketball. Being the best team on paper we were expected to win this shield. We won the first match against St. Andrew's House, defeating them by a huge margin of 32 points. In spite of good performances by Arun, Sir Ryan, Mudit and Vinayak, we could not break the jinx and lost the final game by one point.

In Volleyball, we lost the first tie against St. Francis' House, considered to be the best. Giving them a tough fight we lost by mere 4 points. In the second match we again defeated St. Andrew's House by a margin of 22 points. Excellent performances were shown by Kartik, Tanuj, Mudit and Vikram.

Next in the pipeline was football, to which I am addicted, the common religion of all Franciscans. Once more the silent fields were set ablaze by ambitious teams and booming shots from athletic players. A league was set up. In A division, we faced first St. Andrew's House. We dominated the whole match and won 2-0. Next in the line was St. Francis' House, considered to be the best, yet not able to defeat us. The match was a draw 1-1. The final match had to decide the trophy, against St. Patrick's house. We won the A division soccer. Excellent defending was carried out by Akansh and Kartik. Arun and Akbar were the best on the wings. In B division, we topped the charts. Abhishek scored all the winning goals. Qazi, Akshat and Sarthak were great. C division



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was a little disappointing. Yet we clinched the second spot. Remarkable players were Arnold and Siddhant. Thus, we lifted the most important trophy, soccer.

In hockey, even our best efforts could not help us secure the winning position against St. Patrick's. Our amateur midfield proved capacious enough to let them through. In the second match against Andrew's, we matched them till the end and as the game went into the penalty shootout, we fired on all cylinders, yet lost 5-4. Great efforts were shown by Vikram (hockey-captain) and Palash. Defense line was held strong by Kartik and Shashank.

Cricket was next to follow. Audacious as ever, we went into the competition with high spirits. Facing St. Patrick's we were defeated by 8 runs, despite great performance by Akbar. In the second match against St. Francis' House we won a nail biting match, by one run. In the final match which was to decide our fate of winning the shield, batting first, we raised a towering score, courtesy our Ace batsmen Akbar, Akshat and Pranjal. Our bowling trumps Anubhav, Pranjal and Arpan displayed their skills and we were about to win the match, yet lost by a narrow margin.

With the lady luck drifting somewhere else, swimming brought us some fortune. Our best bet Akansh, Anurag and Shivansh in the college section and Shashwat and Varsh in the Junior Section proved to be exceptions.

It was Athletics which was our last chance to give other houses a run for their money. Our boys made their presence felt and won laurels to the house. In C division Arnold was great. In B division Debarshi, Qazi and Surya were superb. But it was A division in which we made vital presence felt. Akbar, Arun, Ramandeep and Varun were great in both the track and jump events.

Marathon was never our sport. With our main athletes Arun and Akbar backing out, our hopes crashed. Only Qazi (5th) and Dev (15th) were able to clinch positions within the top 15.

As an apogee, I thank my diligent house master Mr. P Bhargava for his encouraging and inspiring efforts. I also thank Mr. Vig, without whom, conducting the activities would have been impossible. Before my memory fades into oblivion, I must thank Akbar (Vice-captain), Vikram (Hockey-Captain), Shashwat, Tanuj, Sabarwal, Pranjal, Palash and Akshat for having shared my responsibilities throughout the year. As per custom, and with a bitter tear in my eyes, I pass on the mantle to another pair of responsible hands, hoping for yet another successful year.

*Go Red-Devils!!* ☐

**Kartik Mehrotra**  
Captain

**Mohd. Akbar Khan**  
Vice-Captain

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*The first duty of a leader is to make himself be loved  
without courting love.*

*To be loved without 'playing up' to anyone - even to himself.*

## St. Patrick's House Report



**Abhijay Ghildyal**  
Captain



**S.M. Tahir Raza Zaidi**  
Vice-Captain

As I begin to pen down the 'Fight the good fight' memories in ink, the feelings of sorrow and nostalgia overpower me. It feels like yesterday we were handed over the flag and mantle of the house to lead and direct the house. Time slipped like sand, urging us to move ahead.

Our quest for the prestigious Cock House Shield started with badminton. The participants filled with zeal and vigour participated in the competition. But the efforts of our players could not help us overpower the performance given by our rivals. We came third in badminton inspite of stellar performances by Abhyay, Oman Parikshit and Satwik.

Next in line waiting for us was the game of intelligence 'Chess'. Our house considered as strong favourites didn't let anyone down by winning the Chess Shield comfortably. Mitesh emerged the B division champ and Anirudh emerged the C Division champ. Excellent performances by Adheesh and Sarfaraz also propelled our campaign. Mitesh also emerged the winner of the open seniors.

Chess was followed by Basketball. In spite of having a weak and inexperienced team we surprised everyone by our performance on the field. The leadership skills of Ojha, the basketball captain, coupled with the cool and calm performances of Abhijay, Chintan, Saif, Kartikeya and Shubham helped us defeat St. Francis' House comfortably in the first match. In the finals we faced St. George's House that were considered as the best team and had five college team players out of the six. But our determination and self belief helped us to win the thriller of a game by just 1 point and we emerged the Basketball champions.

The focus now shifted to the back field for the Volleyball shield. Our house defeated St. Andrew's house in the first match and in the finals we faced another strong team of St. Francis' House. But this time we could not overpower the skill and technique of our rivals and we were crushed to defeat in straight sets. But the performances given by Ojha, Abhijay, Tahir need to be appreciated.

Returning back from the summer break to the grassy field, it was time for the most awaited sports of St. Francis' College – football. The event proved to be a nightmare for us as we came fourth in all the three divisions. Still individuals performances of Ojha, Tahir, Osamah, Aman in A Division, Danish, Saif and Siddharth in B Division and Sandeep and Kashif in C Division were applauded by one and all. In B and C Division we lost all the matches in penalty shootout where our small talents crumbled under pressure and could not perform to their potential.

But still all was not lost as we were still leading in the Cock House shield. The next event to follow was Table Tennis where we were considered the favourites. In C division



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Yashwant emerged the runner up and well supported by Anirudh and Falak. In B division Faizan emerged the champ with commanding performances in every match. He was also well supported by Bilal and Kunal. In the open seniors the team comprising of Faizan and Karan crushed every opponent they faced and emerged winners by defeating Abhishek and Devesh in the finals. In open juniors Prakhar and Yashwant also played exceedingly well and emerged runner-up in open juniors.

The attention now shifted towards the sport about which the whole nation is crazy – Cricket. Being the winners for the past two years we were the team to beat this year. But all hopes of our opponents evaporated into thin air as we didn't lose even a single match in this event. In the first match against St. Francis' house, Yasin took us out from a grave situation and cracked the only half century of the event and Gaurav followed by taking a hattrick to seal the match for us. Next we defeated St. Andrew's house with the help of some good team performance. The last match against St. George's house was the most tense as we were against a formidable side. But with help of an all-round performance by Tahir Raza and good captaincy by Yasim we won the match by 8 runs. The Cricket Shield was won by us for third year in a row under the able leadership of Yasim.

Next in line was swimming. Though we were not a side to reckon with in this event even then some inspiring performances by our boys helped us secure the third position. Avishrant won a gold medal in all the races and was the best swimmer in his respective category. Abhijay also showed his determination and proved his worth by winning a couple of medals. Swimming made way for Marathon. Being completely written off in this event where everyone expected us to come fourth we surprised our rivals by coming second. Our cause was helped by Abhijay, Osamah, Sandeep, Kashif and Mannan.

The focus now shifted towards the front field for the hockey shield. But our passion for success received a major jolt when we lost the first match to St. Francis' House after scoring the first goal early. In the next match, which was played against St. George's, the goalkeeping skills of Tahir proved handy as we defeated them 3-2 in the penalty shootout. Therefore we could only manage the third position but the performances of Yasim, Tahir, Abhijay, Osamah, Yash, Savitra and Ojha were applaudable.

The second last event was Athletics. It was a sorry state of affairs for us as we could only manage the fourth position in this event. Good performances were given by Yasim, Abhijay, Osamah, Sandeep and Kashif.

The last event for the academic year was the March Past. With our troop of skilled boys we came first in the March Past shield to end the year on a high. In the end we missed the Cock house by just 3 points.

Special mention was brought when Yasim from our house was adjudged the "Best Sportsman" and Md. Athar got "Best All Round Student".

I would also like to thank Yashab, Varun, Siddharth, Parth and Varun for bringing great laurels to the house in literary events.

I would also like to thank Sir Brian D'More; our P.T.I., Mr. N. Vig and our principal Rev. Fr. Vincent Pinto for having faith in us and therefore assigning us with these duties. I would also like to thank my Vice-Captain, Tahir, for being with me through thick and thin and supporting me every time. □

**Abhijay Ghildyal**  
Captain

**S.M. Tahir Raza Zaidi**  
Vice-Captain

## NCC Report 2009–2010

The Training Year 2009–2010 was full of thrill, excitement and adventure. Our spirits were high and we were eagerly waiting for our training to begin. The year commenced with the regular NCC classes and parades on Wednesday and Saturday. The high standard of the drill showed the amount of time and training that had gone into our preparation for various NCC activities.

After the Quarterly Examinations we started preparing for the Combined Annual Training Camps. This year our cadets attended two camps. The first camp CATS–222 was held at Army Parade Ground, Lucknow Cantonment from 7th October 2009–16th October 2009. The camp was held under the able leadership of Lt. Col. Tanveer Ahmad Siddiqui. Our cadets were under the command of Cdt. Sgt. Ankit Sau. The main aim of the camp was to inculcate the ideals of discipline, teamwork, courage and citizenship, and to introduce them to camp environment. The camp saw the participation of over 600 cadets. The cadets had the unique experience of staying in a tent at this camp. The cadets were also taught the handling of 7.62 mm Self Loading Rifle and 7.62 mm Light Machine Gun at this camp.

The next camp CATC–190 was held from 15th October 2009–24th October 2009 at Kanpur Cantonment. The Camp Commandant for this camp was Wg Cdr Gurmail Singh. At this camp the cadets were subjected to strenuous drill classes, health runs, exercises and also attended 'A' certificate classes. The most fascinating experience at the camp was the aeromodelling displays put up by the Senior Division cadets. Cdt. Gaurang Sikka stood First in the Firing Competition and was awarded a Gold Medal.

On the 10th of December 2010 the Second Year cadets were taken for Range Firing to the range at Army Parade Ground, Lucknow. Each cadet was taught how to handle a 2 Mark IV 0.22 Bolt Action Rifle. Each cadet was also given 8 cartridges to fire.

The cadets also showed their skills on Independence Day, Patrons Day, Republic Day and also at the opening ceremony of the State School Games at the RDSO stadium. Thereafter we started preparing for our 'A' Certificate Examination. The exam was held on 25th of January 2010. With this our training year had come to an end.

As we bid farewell to the National Cadet Corps we carry with us the motto 'UNITY AND DISCIPLINE' and promise to serve our motherland in times of need. As we pass out the qualities of leadership, courage, comradeship, sincerity and honesty are embedded in our hearts. I take this opportunity to thank our Principal Rev. Fr. Vincent Pinto and our Troop Commander Second Officer Allen M. Morrison for their support and guidance. I would also like to wish the cadets all the very best for the coming session. □

**Cadet Sergeant Ankit Sahu**

*Courage and perseverance have a magical talisman,  
before which difficulties disappear  
and obstacles vanish into air.*



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## List of Students of ISC (12) Examination of March 2009

Name of students	Percentage		
Anant Goel ( <i>First</i> )	94.25	Sarthak Sharma	86.00
Ashish Sahu ( <i>Second</i> )	93.50	Shrey Gupta	86.00
Allan V. Mathai ( <i>Third</i> )	93.25	Akshat Mehrotra	86.00
Amit Shukla ( <i>Third</i> )	93.25	Anurag Yadav	86.00
Ritesh M. Krishna ( <i>Third</i> )	93.25	Mayank Arora	86.00
Chitrarth Prasad ( <i>Third</i> )	93.25	Lakshya Sharma	85.75
Mirza Mazhar Ali Beg	92.50	Prakhar Tripathi	85.50
Apoorv Rastogi	92.50	Sayujya Sharma	85.25
Mohd Salman Khan	92.50	Anshuman Vikram Singh	85.00
Amit Bir Singh Chadha	92.25	Ayan Anil	85.00
Naman Varma	92.00	Vishesh Sinha	85.00
Sagar Uprety	92.00	Dharma Jagwani	85.00
Yasir Haque	92.00	Syed Taha Abbas Zaidi	84.50
Arpit Ahuja	92.00	Aditya Agarwal	84.25
Zohair Parvez Khan	91.25	Khwaja Moshin Uddin	84.00
Harshit Agarwal	90.75	Vaibhav Joshi	83.75
Harshit Kumar Singh	90.75	Rishi Raj	83.75
Priyank Jain	90.50	Umang Prateek	83.75
Shashwat Rastogi	90.25	Abhinav Kumar Joseph	83.25
Swayam Kartikey	90.00	Karam Jagwani	83.25
Syed Fahim Akhtar	89.50	Mohd Ahzam	83.00
Prannoy Sharma	89.25	Arijeet Chatterjee	83.00
Animesh Dayal	89.00	Rohit Arora	83.00
Pranav M Tripathi	89.00	Alok Mishra	83.00
Amit Mohan Awasthi	89.00	Manik Kumar Tandon	83.00
Rohit Tandon	89.00	Akshay Bakshi	82.50
Harshit Agarwal	88.75	Shubham Misra	82.50
Rajbir Singh	88.75	Yatin Sharma	82.50
Ravi Nandan	88.00	Prannoy Rai	82.25
Pulkit Agarwal	87.75	Shivam Malik	82.00
Jagjot Singh	87.50	Arpit Sadhwani	81.00
Sarthak Khare	87.50	Pulkit Sethi	81.25
Harsh Deep Singh Bhatia	87.50	Atul Kumar Bose	81.00
Kumar Amit	87.25	Mohammad Bilal	81.00
Aakash Agarwal	87.25	Ankit Misra	80.75
Himanshu Bhandari	86.75	Ahsan Zaidi	80.50
Md Faisal Javed	86.75	Gaurav Tripathi	80.50
		Binu Varghese	80.25

Krishna Rastogi	80.25	Pragya Mitra	75.50
Abhinav Dixit	80.00	Syed Ali Shoeb Rizvi	75.25
Amit Arora	80.00	Syed Fazeel Ahmad	74.25
Aviral Vikram	80.00	Hasan Shueb	75.25
Divyansh Bhatt	79.50	Aashwin Rai	74.00
Sahil Bhatia	79.50	Utkarsh Singh	74.00
Shikhar Raj	78.75	Ata-Ur-Rahman	73.50
Mohd Sameer Ahmad	78.75	Abhijit Prasad	73.25
Vishal Tewari	78.00	Nishant Parker	72.25
Abhishek Verma	77.75	Snehil Singh	71.50
Prakhar Moham	77.50	Lallam Kumar Sinha	71.00
Savio Joseph Singh	77.25	Shasak Choudhary	70.50
Abhinav Lal	77.00	Vikas Cyril Ekka	69.75
Siddharth Joel David	76.75	Prateek Gupta	69.50
Kushal Gupta	76.25	Shivam Sharma	67.25
Vageesh Bhan	76.00	Kuldeep Patani	60.25
Aniket Gupta	76.00		

### Subject wise highest marks obtained in ISC (12) Examination of Marks 2009

SUBJECT	NAME	MARKS
English	ANANT GOEL	92%
	APOORV RASTOGI	92%
Env. Education	KUMAR AMIT	92%
	AMIT BIR SINGH CHADHA	92%
Hindi	AMIT MOHAN AWASTHI	96%
	APOORV RASTOGI	96%
Mathematics	ASHISH SAHU	97%
Physics	ALLAN VALSARAJ MATHAI	95%
	AMIT SHUKLA	95%
	ASHISH SAHU	95%
Chemistry	ALLAN VALSARAJ MATHAI	95%
	RITESH MOHAN KRISHNA	95%
Biology	DIVYANSH BHATT	78%
	SAHIL BHATIA	78%
Computer Science	ANANT GOEL	98%
	KUMAR AMIT	98%
	RITESH MOHAN KRISHNA	98%



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## List of Students of ICSE (10) Examination of March 2009

Name of students	Percentage		
Praveen Honhar ( <i>First</i> )	96.6	Shivam Agnihotri	90.4
Shubham R. Asthana ( <i>Second</i> )	95.8	Akshat Agarwal	90.2
Basit Naseem ( <i>Third</i> )	95.0	Archit Bansal	90
Aditya Mehrotra ( <i>Third</i> )	95.0	Kalrav Krishna Tripathi	90
Amol Khanna	94.2	Utkarsh Gupta	90
Kautilya Nishant Shukla	94.2	Pritish Raj	89.4
Kartikya Singh Sangwan	94	Parth Saksena	89.2
Shubham Srivastava	93.8	Prashast Prabhat	89.2
Hitesh Athwani	93.6	Saumitra Vatsal	89.2
Satwik Misra	93.2	Anubhav Srivastava	88.6
Vaibhav Sethi	93	Faiq Hasan Farooqui	88.6
Dhruv Kumar	93	Akash Chitranshi	88.6
Naman Makker	92.8	Shashank Trivedi	88.4
Achintya Bhatnagar	92.8	Manu Raghuvanshi	88.2
Archit Gupta	92.8	Sparsh Raj Gupta	88
Ayush Kumar Singh	92.6	Samrath Khare	87.6
Abhyudaya Mishra	92.4	Sarthak Shreya	87.4
Harshit Agarwal	92	Sarthak Srivastava	87.4
Prateek Chandra Nigam	92	Harshit Tandon	87.2
Rishabh Singh	91.8	Ayush Tripathi	86.8
Siddhant Sharan	91.6	Pushpinder Taneja	86.8
Saurish Kar	91.4	Debyendu Kundu	86
Pranjal Krishna	91.4	Yash Mehta	86
Akshat Nagar	91.2	Pratham Mehrotra	85.8
Dhruv Saksena	91.2	Pritish Raj	85.8
Mohd Yashab Abbas	91.2	Ahmad Baig	85.4
Siddharth Kapoor	91.2	Ashutosh Dey	85.2
Prakhar Mohan	91.2	Akshat Sharma	84.6
Aditya Patel	91	Sachin Tripathi	84.4
Nimish Puri	91	Shikhar Raj Singh	84.4
Sparsh Jauhari	91	Dhairya Anand Gupta	84.4
Abhitosh	90.8	Shakul Srivastava	84.4
Sajal Gupta	90.6	Ramandeep Singh	84.2
Syed Sarafaraz Akhtar	90.4	Sarthak Mohan Singh	84.2
		Sarthak Kulshreshtha	84



Shrey Srivastava	84	Apoor Gupta	81.6
Kanishka Kohli	83	Savitra Kumar Singh	81.6
Rohit Tandon	83	Malay Jape	81.2
Aditya Kumar	82.8	Shivanjan Saini	81
Mohd Gulfam Siraj	81.8	Chander Mani Singh	80.4
Sameer Singh	81.8	Sahaj Pratap Singh Nanda	80.2
		Saif Ullah	80.2

### Subject wise highest marks obtained in ICSE (10) Examination of Marks 2009

SUBJECT	NAME	MARKS
English	PRAVEEN HONHAR	94%
Hindi	SHUBHAM ROHAN ASTHANA	95%
Env. Education	AMOL KHANNA	99%
History, Civics & Geography	PRAVEEN HONHAR	98%
Mathematics	SHUBHAM SRIVASTAVA	99%
Science	SHUBHAM ROHAN ASTHANA	97%
	BASIT NASEEM	97%
Computer Application	BASIT NASEEM	100%
	ACHINTYA BHATNAGAR	100%
	SATWIK MISRA	100%
	HARSHIT AGARWAL	100%
	ASHUTOSH	100%
	ADITYA MEHROTRA	100%
	PRANJAL GOEL	100%

*If you wish success in life,  
make perseverance your bosom friend,  
experience your wise counsellor, caution your elder brother  
and hope your guardian genius.*



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## Results of Co-curricular Activities 2009-2010

### JUNIOR SCHOOL

#### Hindi Writing Competition

<b>Class III-A</b>	
First :	Anshu Mishra
Second :	Yuvraj Dasgupta
Third :	Sujay Rastogi

<b>Class III-B</b>	
First :	Aatman Mishra
Second :	Jay Bharadwaj
Third :	Mohd. Fuzail Siddiqui

<b>Class III-C</b>	
First :	Avishkar
Second :	Aryan Rastogi
Third :	Arpit Agarwal

<b>Class III-D</b>	
First :	Raunak Sikka
Second :	Pranay Singh
Third :	Parv Arora

<b>Class IV-A</b>	
First :	Shwetank Garg
Second :	Arjav Rastogi
Third :	Kirit Kumar Sawhney

<b>Class IV-B</b>	
First :	Lakshya Saxena
Second :	Sanghit Saxena
Third :	Paurush Pratap Singh

<b>Class IV-C</b>	
First :	Varad
Second :	Animesh Kapoor
Third :	Shubham Yadav

<b>Class IV-D</b>	
First :	Akshya Anand Nand
Second :	Vatsal Bora
Third :	Syed Mohd. Hussain

<b>Class V-A</b>	
First :	Anirudh Agarwal
Second :	Pulkit Mahajan
Third :	Arpan Tandon

<b>Class V-B</b>	
First :	Mohd. Insha Abbas
Second :	Vatsal Srivastava
Third :	Samrat Singh

#### Class V-C

First :	Raj Jaiswal
Second :	Aryansh Raj Saxena
Third :	Akshat Pratap Singh

#### Class V-D

First :	Utkarsh Verma
Second :	Keshav Agnihotri
Third :	Akshat

#### Quiz Competition

##### Class - I

First :	Kushagra Kanaujia	I-A
	Abhyudoy Chaki	I-A
Second :	Abhineet Arora	I-B
	Atif Abbas Zaidi	I-B
Second :	Omkar Chaudhary	I-C
	Pranad Pranshu	I-C

##### Class - II

First :	Mihir Dey	II-B
	Karan Bhasin	II-B
First :	Aryan Dhawan	II-C
	Jasman	II-C
Second :	Vedant Mehrotra	II-A
	Aaron Samuel	II-A

##### Class - III

First :	Jay Bhardwaj	III-B
	Divyansh Krishna	III-B
First :	Ashutosh Chakravarty	III-C
	Aditya Singh Chauhan	III-C
Second :	Dushyant Chandravansh	III-D
	Aditya Vikram Nandi	III-D
Third :	Ansh Kakkar	III-A
	Devansh Bhuvan	III-A

#### Hindi Elocution Competition (Individual)

First :	Samrath Srivastava	V-D
Second :	Insha Abbas	V-B
Third :	Vivek Nigam	V-D

#### Hindi Elocution Competition (Group)

First :		V-B
Second :		V-D
Third :		V-A

### Hindi Elocution (Group)

First	:	K.G.-C
Second	:	K.G.-D
Third	:	K.G.-A

### Chess Inter House

#### Class - V

First	:	Anirudh Agarwal	V-A
(St. Patrick's House)			
Second	:	Kabir Khan	V-A
(St. Andrew's House)			
Third	:	Raj Jaiswal	V-C
(St. Patrick's House)			

#### Class - IV

First	:	Vatsal Bora	IV-D
(St. George's House)			
Second	:	Manas Agarwal	IV-D
(St. Patrick's House)			
Third	:	Nitesh Mohan	IV-B
(St. George's House)			

#### Class - III

First	:	Pranshu Sinha	III-D
(St. George's House)			
Second	:	Anmol Singh	III-C
(St. Francis' House)			
Third	:	Saif Ali Abbasi	III-B
(St. George's House)			

### Badminton Inter House

#### Class - III

First	:	Siddhartha Mishra	III-B
(St. Patrick's House)			
Second	:	Anmol Singh	III-C
(St. Francis' House)			
Third	:	Ali Abbas Naqvi	III-C
(St. Patrick's House)			

#### Class - IV

First	:	Vansh Pratap Singh	IV-C
(St. Andrew's House)			
Second	:	Maitreya Singh	IV-B
(St. Patrick's House)			
Third	:	Shashwat Mishra	IV-C
(St. Francis' House)			

#### Class - V

First	:	Vardan Agarwal	V-D
(St. George's House)			
Second	:	Aashish Kakker	V-B
(St. Patrick's House)			

Third	:	Mohd. Insha Abbas	V-B
(St. Francis' House)			

### Word Power

#### Class - IV

First	:	Vatsal Bora	IV-D
Akshaya Anand Nanda IV-D			
Second	:	Shubh Sahai	IV-B
Maitreya Singh IV-B			
Third	:	Vasudev Tangry	IV-A
Kirti Kumar Shawney IV-A			
Fourth	:	Sarthak Rastogi	IV-C
Animesh Kapoor IV-C			

#### Class-V

First	:	Arpan Tandon	V-A
Anirudh Agarwal V-A			
First	:	Vatsal Srivastava	V-B
Snehargho Mukherjee V-B			
Second	:	Akshat Singh	V-C
Aryansh Saxena V-C			

### English (Solo) Singing Competition

#### Class - III

First	:	Aditya Vikram Nandi	III-D
Second	:	Devashish Bhuwan Joshi	III-A
Third	:	Stephen Hill	III-A

### Drawing Competition

#### Class - I

First	:	Mayur Vaish	I-D
Second	:	Tanishq Dhawan	I-C
Third	:	Shaurya Pratap	I-A

#### Class - II

First	:	Parth Kumar Khare	II-B
Second	:	Achlendu Singh Srinet	II-D
Third	:	Mumuksh Srivastava	II-D

#### Class - III

First	:	Dev Pratap Singh	III-B
Second	:	Sujay Rastogi	III-A
Third	:	Shree Vardhan	III-A

#### Class - IV

First	:	Shrey Jain	IV-A
Second	:	Shubham Yadav	IV-C
Third	:	Akshat Srivastava	IV-B



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**Class – V**

- First : Ayush Joshi V-A  
 Second : Hritvik Kaushik V-D  
 Third : Abhiraj Gupta V-A

**25th U.P. State Taekwondo Championship**

Parv Kapoor won a Gold Metal in the 'Pee Wee Feather' Category

**Kids Day held at Lucknow Golf Club**

**Fancy Dress (3-7 years)**

- First : Dev Khatri  
**Instrumental (0-7 years)**  
 Second : P. Pradyumnan  
 Third : Aaron Samuel  
 Third : Y.E. Mayuresh

**Singing (10-12 years)**

- Third : Yuman Ul Islam

**International Assessments for Indian Schools (English) convened by the University of New South Wales**

Distinction : Mazharain Hussain Class III



**SENIOR SCHOOL**

**Inter House Hindi Elocution for Class VI, VII & VIII**

**Class VI**

- |                        |      |                    |
|------------------------|------|--------------------|
| First : Tejaswin Goyal | VI-C | St. George's House |
| Second : Retwik Kapoor | VI-B | St. Francis' House |

**Class VII**

- |                        |       |                     |
|------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| First : Aaryan Tandon  | VII-B | St. Patrick's House |
| Second : Arnav Agarwal | VII-C | St. George's House  |

**Class VIII**

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|-------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| First : Shivansh Chopra | VIII-C | St. Andrew's House |
| Second : Satvik Mishra  | VIII-B | St. George's House |

**Inter House Hindi Elocution for Class IX-XII**

**Class IX & X**

- |                               |      |                     |
|-------------------------------|------|---------------------|
| First : Amil Bhatnagar        | X-B  | St. Francis' House  |
| Second : Raghuvansh R. Saxena | X-D  | St. Patrick's House |
| Third : Varun Chowdhary       | IX-D | St. Francis' House  |

**Class XI & XII**

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|------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| First : Debyendu Kundu | XI-B  | St. Andrew's House |
| Second : Dhruv Saxena  | XI-C  | St. George's House |
| Third : Parth Shukla   | XII-C | St. Francis' House |

### Inter House English Elocution for Class VI, VII & VIII

#### Class VI

First	: Shrimant K. Pratap Singh	VI-B	St. Andrew's House
Second	: Rahul Bhattacharya	VI-D	St. Francis' House

#### Class VII

First	: Hardeep Kalra	VII-B	St. George's House
Second	: Arnav Agarwal	VII-C	St. George's House

#### Class VIII

First	: Ankur Malik	VIII-A	St. George's House
Second	: Aniket Bhadauria	VIII-D	St. Patrick's House

### Inter House Hindi Elocution for Class IX-XII

#### Class IX & X

First	: Mohd Zaki Hasan		St. Patrick's House
Second	: Tushar Kanaujia		St. George's House
Third	: Amil Bhatnagar		St. Francis' House

#### Class XI & XII

First	: Debyendu Kundu	XI-B	St. Andrew's House
Second	: Dhruv Saxena	XI-C	St. George's House
Third	: Parth Saxena	XI-A	St. Patrick's House

### Inter House Hindi Elocution for Class IX-XII

#### Class IX & X

First	: Varun Tandon	X-D	St. Patrick's House
Second	: Ashwin Gupta	X-C	St. Francis' House
Third	: Mohd. Zaki Hasan	X-C	St. Patrick's House

#### Class XI & XII

First	: Dhruv Saxena	XI-C	St. George's House
Second	: Siddharth Tandon	XII-C	St. Patrick's House
Third	: Parth Shukla	XII-C	St. Patrick's House

### Inter House Quiz for Classes VI, VII & VIII

First	St. Andrew's House	
	Aryant Ranjan	VI-A
	Mayank Prasad	VII-D
Second	St. Francis' House	
	Ritvick Kapoor	VI-B
	Aunish Mukherjee	VII-C
Third	St. George's House	
	Pranav Mishra	VIII-A
	Harshvardhan Dixit	VI-A
	Arnav Agarwal	VII-C
	Himanshu Joshi	VIII-C

**Victory belongs to the most persevering !!**



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## Annual Prize Winners 2009-2010

### RANK HOLDERS

#### I - A

- First : Kushagra Kanaujia  
Second : Vansh Sinha  
Third : Adit Nuwal  
P.Pradyumnan  
Y.E.Mayuresh

#### I - B

- First : Ali Kausar Kaamran  
Second : Mohd Sadique Raza  
Third : Krish Srivastava  
Atif Abbas Zaidi

#### I - C

- First : Prabhan Khera  
Second : Kaustubh Singh  
Third : Rishabh Agarwal  
Vinayak Nigam

#### I - D

- First : Abhas Porov  
Second : Akshat Dikshit  
Vansh Jain

**First in all the section of Class I :**  
**KUSHAGRA KANAUJIA (I-A)**

#### II - A

- First : Vivan Maitreya  
Second : Dhruv Rohira  
Third : Arnav Mishra

#### II - B

- First : Parth Kr. Khare  
Second : Parth Gupta  
Third : Aaryan Kumar  
Mihir Dey

#### II - C

- First : Bhavesh Agarwal  
Second : Aryan Dhawan  
Third : Jasman Singh Saluja

#### II - D

- First : Aditya Gulati  
Second : Aditya Surbhit  
Third : Achlendu S. Srinet

**First in all the sections of Class II:**  
**BHAVESH AGARWAL (II-C)**

#### III - A

- First : Ansh Kakkar  
Second : Mohd Faiz Abdy  
Third : Sujay Rastogi

#### III - B

- First : Jay Bharadwaj  
Second : Divyansh Krishna  
Aviral Goyal

#### III - C

- First : Aditya Singh Chuhan  
Second : Pranath Pathak  
Third : Shashwat Jaiswal

#### III - D

- First : Aditya Vikram Nandi  
Second : Suyash Vardhan Mathur  
Third : Kaustav Chatterji

**First in all the sections of Class III:**  
**ADITYA SINGH CHUHAN (III-C)**

#### IV - A

- First : Shashank Dixit  
Second : Vasudev Tandrey  
Third : Kirti Kumar Sawhney

#### IV - B

- First : Shubh Agarwal  
Second : Raghav Rastogi  
Third : Srijan Gupta

#### IV - C

- First : Sarthak Rastogi  
Second : Sanskar Mani  
Third : Shantanu Kumar

#### IV - D

- First : Vatsal Bora  
Second : Akshya Anand Nanda  
Third : Tejas

**First in all the sections of Class IV:**  
**VATSAL BORA (IV-D)**

#### V - A

- First : Anirudh Agarwal  
Second : Mohd. Ali Shehral  
Third : Madhav Rastogi

#### V - B

- First : Nitish Gupta  
Second : Akash  
Third : Mohd. Insha Abbas

#### V - C

- First : Shivank Sahai  
Second : Ayush Gupta  
Third : Akshat Singh

**V – D**

- First : Samarth Srivastava  
 Second : Daksh Bhatnagar  
 Ishrit Tewari

**First in all the sections of Class V:  
 SAMARTH SRIVASTAVA (V-D)**

**VI – A**

- First : Mannan Bhatia  
 Second : Vinayak  
 Third : Kunal Mehrotra

**VI – B**

- First : Prankur Sinha  
 Second : Varun A. Sane  
 Third : Aniruddha Banerje

**VI – C**

- First : Vipin Pahwa  
 Second : Syed Zain Haider  
 Third : Syed Ali Abbas Rizvi

**VI – D**

- First : Aditya A. Sane  
 Second : Dhruv Singh  
 Third : Sparsh Sinha

**First in all the sections of Class VI:  
 MANNAN BHATIA (VI-A)**

**VII – A**

- First : Sarthak Goel  
 Second : Ayush Jain  
 Third : Shantanu

**VII – B**

- First : Hisham Ali Ansari  
 Second : Sagar Rohira  
 Third : Tanishq Jaiswal

**VII – C**

- First : Sarthak Mathur  
 Second : Udit Bali  
 Third : Aishwarya Misra

**VII – D**

- First : Tushar Agarwal  
 Second : Mayank Prasad  
 Third : Abhinav Pandey

**First in all the sections of Class VII:  
 SARTHAK GOEL (VII-A)**

**VIII – A**

- First : Shikhar Shukla  
 Second : Pranav Mishra  
 Third : Amit Agarwal

**VIII – B**

- First : Antriksh Wahi  
 Second : Prabhanjan Agarwal  
 Third : Kartik Srivastava

**VIII – C**

- First : Siddhartha Hitkari  
 Second : Dev Banerjee  
 Third : Shubhankar Jain

**VIII – D**

- First : Divyaman Singh  
 Second : Sidharth Talwar  
 Third : Tanmay Saraswat  
 Shaurya Raghuvanshi

**First in all the sections of Class VIII:  
 SHIKHAR SHUKLA (VIII-A)**

**IX – A**

- First : Arpit Kar  
 Second : Palas Khanna  
 Third : Shray Saurabh Agarwal

**IX – B**

- First : Pranav Rai  
 Second : Raahul Saxena  
 Third : Samuel Wilson

**IX – C**

- First : Nishant Sharma  
 Second : Purak Jain  
 Third : Shikhar Mathur

**IX – D**

- First : Tushar Kanujia  
 Second : Himanshu Singh Dhoni  
 Third : Varun Chaudhary

**First in all the sections of Class IX:  
 TUSHAR KANUJIA (IX-D)**

**XI – A**

- First : Archit Gupta  
 Second : Shubham Srivastava  
 Third : Achintya Bhatnagar  
 Sparsh Jauhari

**XI – B**

- First : Mayank Tripathi  
 Second : Abhyudaya Mishra  
 Third : Akshat Nagar

**XI – C**

- First : Shubham R. Asthana  
 Second : Praveen Honhar  
 Third : Sajal Gupta

**First in all the sections of Class XI:  
 SHUBHAM ROHAN ASTHANA (XI-C)**



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## FULL ATTENDANCE

### Nur - A

Shreyas Mahaur

### Nur - B

Shreshth Srivastava

### Nur - C

Parth Gupta

### Nur - D

Harsh Kushwaha

### K.G. - A

Syed Mohd Fayer

Joyjeet Banerjee

### K.G. - B

Yatin Danani

### K.G. - C

Safal Singh

Mohammad Rayyan

### K.G. - D

Vakul Vimug

### I - A

Vyom Tandon

Kushagra Kanaujia

Shikhar Adelphi

### I - C

Mohd. Arman

### I - D

Yash Rastogi

Manas Rastogi

### II - A

Abdul Samad Siddiqui

Shubh Shankar

### II - B

Karan Bhasin

### II - C

Anubhav Singh Rawat

### II - D

Aastik Saluja

### III - A

Samit Kapoor

### III - C

Abhay Jaiswal

Abhishek Srivastava

### III - D

Akshdeep Singh Narual

Kanishtha Siyaram

Kushagra Mehrotra

Yash Tripathi

### IV - A

Shwetank Garg

Suryansh Saraswat

Samarth Shanker Tewari

Ayan Kumar

Anadi Mohan

### IV - B

Kirath Singh

Mangalam Srivastava

Vasishtha Siya Ram

### IV - C

Sarthak Rastogi

Sanskar Mani

### IV - D

Akshya Anand Nanda

Mohd Anas Qurashi

Syed Mohd Tabish

Tejas

### V - A

Aaditya Garg

Abhirath

Devang Agnihotri

Hamad Khan

Karmanya Pande

Kunal Agarwal

Syed Ali Mubeen

### V - B

Aditya Thapliyal

Kartikey Sharma

Mayank Keswani

Nitish Gupta

Shakti Sikka

Vatsal Agarwal

### V - C

Apurv Bansal

Aviyansh Anuraag

Faraz Azeem

Shaariq Ashar

Shivendra Pratap Rai

### V - D

Akshat

Uttkarsh Verma

Varun Ahuja



**VI – B**

Shubham Pratap Singh  
Varun A. Sane

**VI – C**

Harshil Sachanandani

**VI – D**

Arsh Abdullah  
Rishab Jaiswal  
Sparsh Sinha

**VII – A**

Gyanish Kumar  
Prabh Simran Singh Narula  
Saksham Srivastava

**VII – B**

Syed Ali Ameen

**VII – C**

Bhanu Pratap Rai  
Kartikya Singh

**VII – D**

Ambikeya Singh Sangwan  
Mohd Irfan

**VIII – A**

Shikhar Shukla  
Govind Mittal  
Wilfred Labanty

**VIII – C**

Himashu Joshi  
Sagar Srivastava

**VIII – D**

Shikhar Kapoor

**IX – A**

Prannoy Deep

**IX – B**

Pavitra Singh  
Ujjwal Srivastava

**IX – C**

Nishant Sharma

**IX – D**

Archit Kotwal  
Neelesh Mehrotra  
Saksham Kapoor  
Tushar Kanaujia

**XI – B**

Yash Mehta  
Shashank Trivedi

**GOOD CONDUCT**

Nur – A :	Shaun Morrison
Nur – B :	Yashveer Raj Singh
Nur – C :	Vansh Agarwal
Nur – D :	Ranveer Arora
K.G. – A :	Shorya Singh
K.G. – B :	Arnav Jha
K.G. – C :	Samson Vincent Julius
K.G. – D :	Manas Goyal
I – A :	Dev Khatri
I – B :	Pranjal Kumar
I – C :	Vibhav Agarwal
I – D :	Kartik Kumar
II – A :	Shashank Mehrotra
II – B :	Dev Kumar Mishra
II – C :	Shantanu Misra
II – D :	Akash Singh
III – A :	Abhinandan Asthana
III – B :	Allen Singh
III – C :	Yuman-Ul-Islam
III – D :	Sanil Gulati
IV – A :	Shresth Grover
IV – B :	Maitreya Singh
IV – C :	Ayush Shanker Tripathi
IV – D :	Vishwaas Saxena
V – A :	Sameer Verma
V – B :	Sajal Khare
V – C :	Devansh Kapoor
V – D :	Pranjal Kumar
VI – A :	Anshuman Srivastava
VI – B :	Gurpreet Singh Narula
VI – C :	Kunal Mathur
VI – D :	Mukund Khanna
VII – A :	Kushagra Gupta
VII – B :	Ahmad Areeb
VII – C :	Zohrain Husain
VII – D :	Parth Singhal
VIII – A :	Govind Mittal
VIII – B :	Syed Yawar Ali
VIII – C :	Mayur Deepak Kenkre
VIII – D :	Rishabh Banerjee
IX – A :	Parnnoy Deep
IX – B :	Suyansh Bansal
IX – C :	Sameer Kumar
IX – D :	Ankit Sahu
XI – A :	Pushpinder Taneja
XI – B :	Zaid Imran
XI – C :	Malay Jape



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# Scholarships

## JUNIOR SECTION

### ASHISH ANAND SCHOLARSHIP

(Awarded for obtaining highest marks in Class V- A)

ANIRUDH AGARWAL ..... 864/900

### ADITYA TANDON SCHOLARSHIP

(Awarded for obtaining highest marks in all the sections of Class V)

SAMARTH SRIVASTAVA (V-D) ..... 875/900



## SENIOR SECTION

### MR. & MRS. G.P. DASWANI SCHOLARSHIP

(Cash Prize of Rs. 1000/- awarded for obtaining highest marks in Mathematics in all the sections of Class XI)

SHUBHAM ROHAN ASTHANA (XI-C) ..... 99.8%

### REV. FR. ROMANO MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

( Awarded for obtaining highest marks in Class XI in the academic year 2009-2010)

SHUBHAM ROHAN ASTHANA (XI-C)

Nur-A



Mrs. A. Anuraag

Nur-B



Ms. L.M. Fernandez

Nur-C



Mrs. A. Singh



K.G.-C



Mrs. D. Albert

K.G.-D



Ms. M. Saxena

I-A



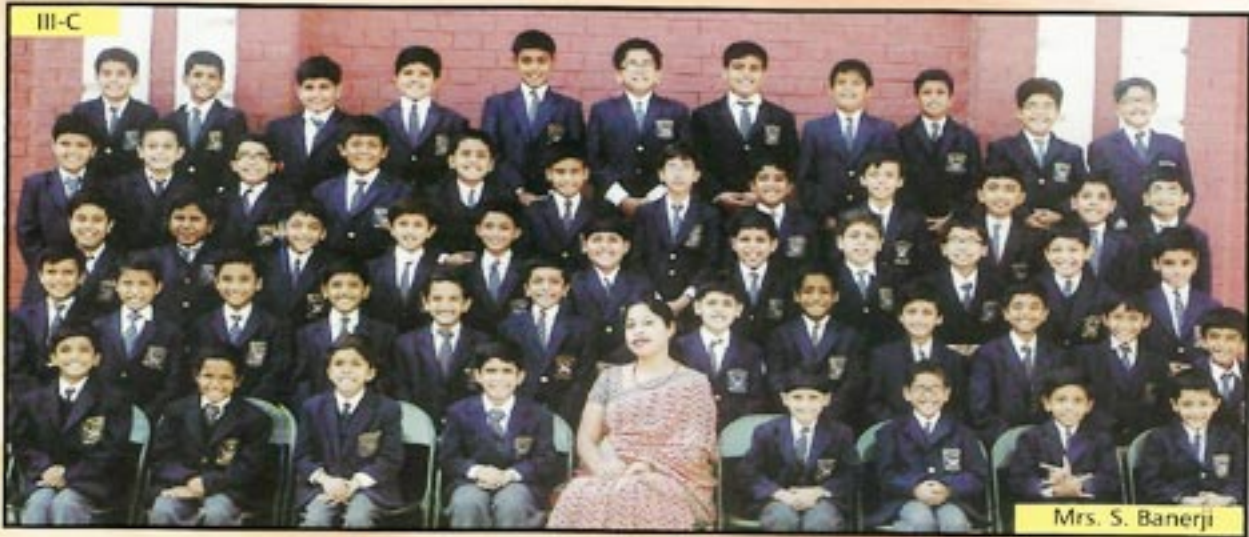
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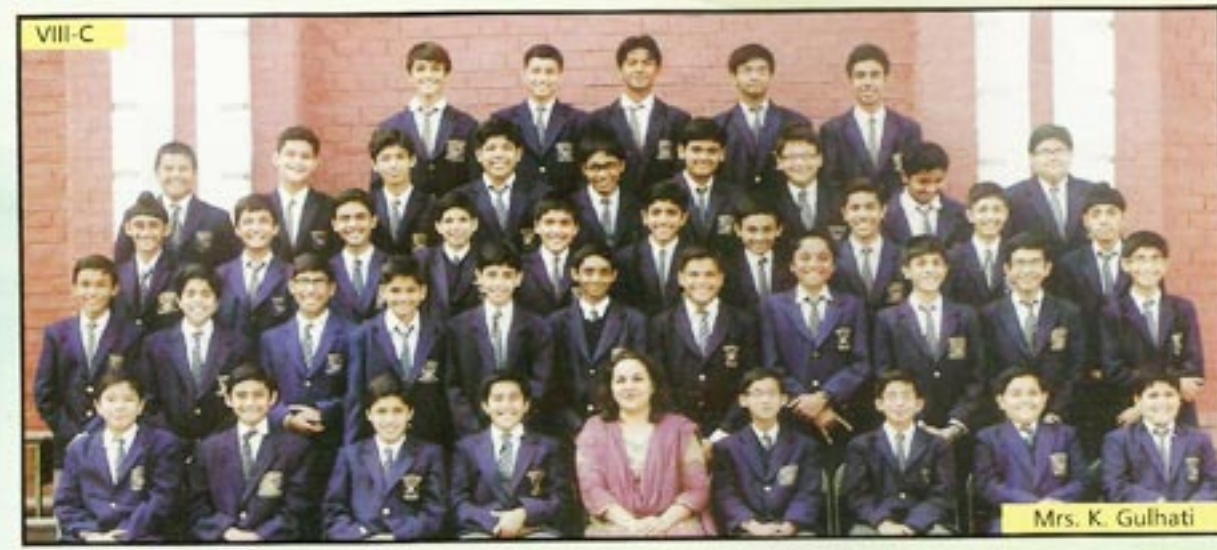
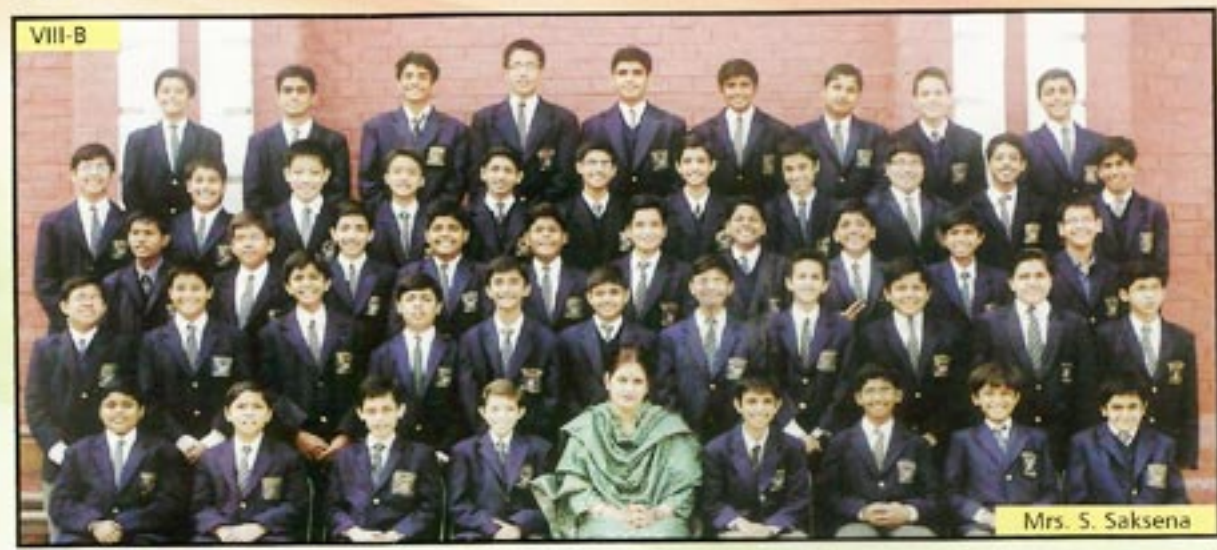




















XI-A



Mr. A. Sinha

XI-B



Mr. B. D'More

XI-C



Mr. A. Dean





QUASQUICENTENNIAL

# English Section

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## Life Cycle of a Franciscan

"Wow!! Wouldn't it be amazing after we complete class 12th be free from the the shackles of fat books and disciplinary orders and rules.....??" — I asked my friend.

But ..... But .... I was wrong ..... absolutely wrong!! On gazing at the red brick walls of my Alma Mater and statue of St. Francis of Assisi standing still, I remembered.....

Starting from the day when I held my father's index finger on coming to this huge building had said, crying bitterly—"Papa I don't want to be here" till today what I have acquired from this school is irreversible!!

All these 14 years I only thought that my childhood was now over and what I had to do was only study and study. But then as I stepped out my college premises I realised that today was the end of my childhood days..... end of my glorious school days and ..... my life as a FRANCISCAN!!!

Then suddenly from nowhere crept out a tear from my eyes and I remembered.....

Chorus nursery rhymes by Ma'am Philips and Ma'am B. Singh; end of my primary studies with Sir Mc Donald; commencement of a new lease of studies with Sir Daniel; selection in N.C.C. by Sir Morrison; disciplinary actions taken by Ma'am Khan; marvellous English vocabulary of Ma'am Saksena; awakening in physics by Ma'am Mukherjee and Sir Bhargava; learning Hindi with Ma'am Kandpal, Ma'am Kar, Ma'am Saxena; preparing for my 10th board with the help of my mentor and guide – Sir Mathews.

Higher Secondary teachers (who were no less than true friends) ..... Sir Sinha's kind behaviour; Sir Sawhney's organic glorious past of our school; Sir Srivastava's mindboggling matrices; Ma'am Nagar's laughing (lip widening) classes; Sir Kumar's discussions of doubts; Sir Jackson's enthralling oration; and last but not the least stack walks and scolding's of Father Pinto .....

I remembered .....

Gymnastics in sports meet; items in annual concert, THRILLING AND AWESOME EXPRESSIONS (our literary bonanza), group photos after winning EXTRAVAGANZAS of other schools; finishing our tiffins within first three periods; acting like greedy dogs at the college canteen; getting excited by seeing the nervous defaulters in the electronic gadgets check; copying practical work; mind-blowing debates.....

It seemed to me that these little things will be unforgettable throughout my mortality..... as cherished school days..... as delightful days. The college motto – Pax – et – Bonum and the Quasquicentennial stamp on my blue green striped tie will always remain a shadow of me.....

I (from the bottom of my Heart) am grateful to all teachers who have nurtured us from a thumb sucking child to a full grown up man – a responsible citizen.

As I depart with a heavy heart, I have only to say –

**"For Men may come, Men may go, But Franciscans will remain forever at the top!!"**  
(As Pepsi, Cola, Lollipop is the secret of our Energy!!!!)

& ..... **"We will answer when duty shall call !!"** ☐

**Hitesh Athwani**  
**XI-A**



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## In the 21st Century, the world is facing a global catastrophe



Scientists have sounded the alarm bells over impending global catastrophe as existing governments and institutions are too powerless to head it off. The world faces a compounding series of crises – from energy, food shortages, climatic change, new diseases and increasing anti-biotic resistance all driven by human activity, which is beyond the capacity of existing institutions to cope with, warns a group of eminent environmental scientists and economists.

Neoliberal globalisation is incapable of resolving the mounting world crisis. The lack of sharing and unequal distribution of the world's natural and energetic resources is at the heart of this problem. Energy, food and water crises, climatic disruption, declining fisheries, ocean acidification, emerging diseases and increasing antibiotic resistance are examples of serious, intertwined global scale challenges spawned by accelerating human activities.

Today there is little doubt that climatic change is occurring, and that negative consequences are beginning to emerge. According to a report published by the European Commission, climatic changes already account for around 160,000 deaths a year worldwide. The countdown to climatic change catastrophe is spelt out by a task force of senior politicians, business leaders and academics from around the world and it is remarkably brief. In as little as 10 years, or even less, their report indicates, the point of no return with global warming may have been reached.

The main causes behind the catastrophic changes in the global climate are deforestation, indiscriminate cutting of trees, uncontrolled use of fossil fuels leading to depletion of natural resources besides causing large scale pollution thereby leading to global warming. There are various effects of Global warming ranging from melting of polar ice-caps and subsequent rise in sea level as well as loss of home of penguins to change in global climate leading to adverse impact on crops and aquatic life due to rise in water temperature.

The immediate major risks to humanity are identified as a global war triggered by competition over scarce resources, the catastrophic consequences of global warming; and international terrorism that could potentially develop into a nuclear conflict. Other dangerous risks include the persistence of extreme poverty and the widening of the great divide between extremely rich and poor, potentially leading to massive disturbances.

A 'reformist solution' to the existing structures is insufficient – the real solution lying in a people-oriented system that enables direct participation in the economic and political decisions that affect people's lives. Social programs must additionally ensure that everyone receives enough resources to have a decent standard of living. What is needed is not only a dialog among environmental experts, NGOs, and governments, but also the engagement of individuals around the world who are concerned about the potential global and local effects of climatic change. Only through broad participation and cooperation will we be able to find innovative solutions.

The empowerment of women, the abandonment of war, a strict protection of the environment, and the eradication of extreme poverty and inequality are all indispensable measures to building a better and sustainable world. The profound possibility is there, so is the profound hope. Enough words have been said : now is the time to act, and to act decisively. □

Rohit Nigam  
X-C



## The Diference You Can Make



Your everyday actions have far reaching consequences. Every action of yours, right from switching on radio sets, music systems, microwave, etc. add to global warming.

*Trust take a look:-*

1. **Using an air conditioner (2.5 ton) for an hour generates 3 Kg of CO<sub>2</sub>.**  
But if you decide to go without AC for an hour a day, you can stop the release of  $3 \times 365 = 1095$  kg of CO<sub>2</sub> per year.
2. **Using a geyser for an hour generates 3.3 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>.**  
If you cut down on your use of geyser by just one hour a day, you can stop the release of  $3.3 \times 365 = 1204.5$  kg of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere per year.
3. **The estimated population of India on March 2008 was 1.13 billion.**  
A single tree absorbs one ton of carbon dioxide during its lifetime.  
Even if each of us plant just one tree in our lifetime, we can eliminate 1.13 billion ton of CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere.
4. **One dripping tap in a house = wastage of 13 litres of water in a single day.**  
Wastage in a year =  $13 \text{ litres} \times 365 = 4745$  litres of water. □

Sparsh Jauhari  
XI-A

## Will Power



"Will Power" is one quality that has made mortals immortal. We all know about Helen Keller. She was born blind and deaf but went on to become a famous author and lecturer. Many people, against the odds, have triumphed over disability or illness to achieve fame. Some examples are Ludwig Van Beethoven, the famous musician; Louis Braille who invented the Braille script for blind; Stephen Hawking, the famous physicist. We should take inspiration from them and never lose our will power. □



Adhwant Mishra  
I-C



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## Heal the World

Human knowledge consists not just of libraries of parchment or ink, it also comprises volumes of knowledge that is written on the human heart, chiseled on the human soul and engraved on the human psyche. All of us are products of our childhood, but some of us are the products of a lack of childhood – an absence of the wonderful age when we frolic playfully without a worry in the world, basking in the adoration of our parents and relatives, with our greatest concern being the big Maths test on Monday morning. Today lack of childhood is a universal calamity, a global catastrophe. All around us are dozens of children who have not experienced the joy, who have not been accorded the right and have not been presented the liberty of being a naive kid. They are constantly encouraged to grow up faster, as if this period is an irksome and burdensome stage, to be endured and ushered through as quickly as possible. Those of us who do not have an idyllic childhood mature earlier while their bodies remain young.

Our generation has everything on the outside success, luxury, fancy stuff, but an aching emptiness within. This cavity in our chests, this barrenness at our core, this void in our centre is the place where the heart once beat and where love resided. Love is the most valuable and precious legacy, the golden inheritance and richest bequest of all beings. Earlier houses lacked electricity and parents squeezed their kids in little, dark and cold houses. But those homes were lit with the glow of love and heated with the warmth of human heart, as parents gave their kids primacy in life. This generation has witnessed the abrogation of parent – child covenant. Psychologists have put forth an immense database of knowledge detailing the harmful effects of denying children the unconditional love necessary for the complete development of their mind and character. This neglect has forced many of us to inevitably raise ourselves. We are growing distant from our families as the invincible and indestructible bond that had glued generation together is unraveling.



Each of us is an object worthy of love. If we enter this world knowing that we are loved and leave this world knowing the same, then whatever happens in the intervening period can be dealt with. However, if we are not fortunate enough to be loved, we will be condemned to seek something that can fill the emptiness within us. The pain, anger and violence within us are due to the fact that children are thundering against neglect and screaming to be noticed. Children, globally, are victims of maltreatment also because of neglect. In India, everyday six youths below twenty commit suicide, twelve children die from firearms, 399 kids are arrested for drug abuse and 1352 babies are born to teen mothers.



**Heal the World**

On the other hand are children who are unable to understand the love of their parents, especially of fathers. They cherish their independence and have moved on, leaving their parents behind. They believe that fathers do not love their children as much as mothers do. This is false, for fathers, being stoic, tend to restrict themselves from open overtures of affection. They may be strict with us and treat us harshly but if we observe deeply, we will notice the

profound love and concern they nurture in their hearts for us. They do not adopt leniency and rarely compliment us so as to incite us to succeed in life. Our actions may fill them with pride but they would never reveal it. Instead of displaying resentment we must understand their nature and cease judging them.

In Britain, 20% families sit down together, to dine, once a year! Less than 33% of American children have a bed-time story read to them. Getting parents to re-dedicate themselves to their children is not the entire story; the other half includes making the children re-accept their parents. If we delve in our mind, we will come across memories of tiny gestures of our parents that show the love they harbour in their heart. Thus it is necessary to replace our anger with absolution and forgiveness or we may never rest in tranquility till our end approaches.

The time is, therefore, ripe for us to take the initiative and HEAL THE WORLD. ☐

**Shubham Agarwal**  
X-C

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## Santa Claus

- S** stands for stockings we hang up so high.
- A** is for All we get if we don't cry.
- N** is for Nobody he will pass by.
- T** is for Tomorrow the day we eat pie.
- A** stands for At last old Santa, is nigh.
- C** for the Children who love him so well.
- L** for the Little Boy his name he can spell.
- A** stands for Apples so easy and red.
- U** is for Us as we wait for his sled
- S** stands for Santa Claus who comes in the night. ☐



**Hiresh K. Singh**  
I-B

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## Joke Time



so funny. Buntu replies, "Ha ha! When you weren't looking, I stepped out of the circle three times!" ☐

One day, Buntu was out driving his car and he ran into a truck. The truck's driver made him stop the car and get out. He took a piece of chalk and drew a circle on the pavement. He told Buntu, "Stand inside that circle and don't come out, or I will beat you up!" Then he went over to the car and slashed the tires. Buntu started laughing. This made the man angrier, so he smashed the car's windshield. This time, Buntu laughed even harder. Livid, the man broke all the windows. Buntu was now laughing hysterically, so the truck driver asked him what's

**Yash Misra**  
I-D



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## Francis of Assisi, Saint of Humility



Born into a wealthy family, he was a soldier and prisoner of war before he experienced a conversion in his early 20s. He sold his property, gave the proceeds to the church, and began a life of poverty and devoutness. He soon attracted followers, whom he sent to preach throughout Europe, and in 1209 Innocent III gave approval for the Franciscan order. The Rule of St. Francis stressed the need to imitate the life of Jesus. In many ways a mystic, Francis viewed all nature as a mirror of God, calling all creatures his brothers and sisters. In 1212 he allowed formation of an order for women, called the Poor Clares. In 1219 he went to Egypt, preached to the Sultan, and visited the holy places of Jerusalem. In 1224, after a vision, he became the first person to receive the stigmata. His influence helped restore popular faith in a church much corrupted by wealth and political aspirations. □

Vivek Nigam  
V-D

## Wonder "Full" Facts

- \* You know how we use **toothpicks** to remove food stuck in our teeth? Well, the early Romans used porcupine quills as toothpicks! 
- \* **French** was the official language of England for over 600 years. 
- \* **Dogs** and **wolves** yawn as a sign of contentment.
- \* If you keep a **goldfish** in a dark room, it will eventually turn white.
- \* In ancient **Greece**, women counted their age from the date they were married.
- \* The word "**checkmate**" in chess comes from the Persian phrase "shah mat", which means the king is dead. 
- \* **Pigs** don't have sweat glands, so they can't sweat.
- \* **Pneumonoltramicroscopicsilicovolcanicoconios** is the longest word in the English vocabulary. 
- \* An **octopus** has a "mini brain" for each arm in addition to its main brain!
- \* A **raisin** (a dried grape) dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continually from the bottom of the glass to the top! □

Yash Misra  
I-D

Wisdom is to soul, what health is to body !

Knowledge is the key to success !!

## Maths: A woeful yarn

Oh my! Oh my! What are those horrible creatures doing on my notebook?  
They are none other than numbers, all big and scary  
And what are they doing here?  
Multiplying, dividing, adding and all sorts of things that I could never get right,  
coz solving problems makes me sick,  
"Hail the toppers in Maths, do tell me, what's the trick?"  
Maths, Arithmetic or Mathematics, call it whatever you want to  
Still it'll continue to haunt you.

In my dreams I'm visited by Algebra accompanied by it's x, y and z.  
With it's ununderstandable theory it gives me nightmares such that I'm petrified to  
even go to bed.  
Simple interest is not at all simple (what is the principal doing on my notebook,  
anyways? Adding and Subtracting?)  
Exponents give me pains and pains, my head goes haywire in finding the losses and  
gains.

Triangles and angles are worse; never could I understand them,  
You know, I was always weak in "Geography".  
Ratio has two dots, proportion has four,  
So two ratios make proportion, isn't it?  
But my teachers, they thrash my logic black and blue  
That really makes me think may be they need to tighten up a loose screw.



I'm worse at fractions, I cannot understand what is twenty-seven  
doing on top of eight,  
Won't it be crushed by twenty-seven's weight?  
Integers make me weep and give me grief;  
So many pluses and minuses in one sum makes it hard to  
concentrate,  
So illogical is it's logic, inside my head it cannot penetrate.  
To make the situation worse, someone discovered formulae,  
I try and try, but still I'm unable to get it right,  
And makes me look as if Christmas has been cancelled.

To understand Maths, the way is not what teachers not say, but is not what I am not  
able to understand, it really is unsolvable, ununderstandable and full of illogical  
logics,  
It makes me weak giving sleepless nights for weeks.  
Practice is definitely NOT the best teacher, it has it's leaks.  
Now, whatever left, speaks out loud-really Maths is Mental Arithmetic Troubling  
(and) Harrassing Students. □

Arnav Agarwal  
VII-C

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The journey of a 1000 miles, begins with a small step !!



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## A letter to Bill Gates.....!!

Dear Bill Gates,



This letter is from Banta Singh from Punjab. We have got a computer in our home and we face some problems, which I want to bring to your notice.

After connecting to Internet we planned to open an email account. But whenever we fill the form of Hotmail, in password field only\* comes.

But in rest of the fields whatever we typed comes but we faced the problem only in password field. We checked with Hardware vendor and he said that there is no problem in keyboard. Because of this we have opened the email account with password\*\*\*\*\*.

But I request U to check this as we our self don't know what is the password!!!.

The next one is that we are unable to enter anything after we shut down the computer. There is a button for start but not for pause, stop as in stereo recorder, We request U to add the same in future.

There is a option as RUN in menu. This one of my neighbour after clicking started running and he has run up to Amritsar from Chandigarh. So we request u to change that to SIT. So that we can click that by sitting.

One doubt is that can I click Re cycle bin. I own a scooter in my home. Is there a separate option as Re scooter bin available in the system?

In Microsoft outlook we are able to see the outer view of the mail. Is there an in look through which we can have inner view of the mail?

The last one is my wife has lost the door key of our house. So I searched for the same in search option of start icon. But I did not find the same there also. Is it a bug?

Rest in next letter.

Yours Anonymously

Banta Singh. ☐



Siddhartha Mani  
Class VII

## A White Hen

*A white hen sitting  
On white eggs three.  
Next, three speckled chickens  
As plump as plum can be.*

*An owl, and a hawk,  
And a bat come to see,  
But chicks beneath their mother's wing  
Squat safe as safe can be. ☐*



Ishantanu  
II-C

## Clock

*One big hand and  
one small hand.  
Moving like a  
fairy's magic wand.  
Telling us the time  
to finish our work in hand. ☐*



Ambrose John  
I-A

## NSG-The Men in black

"It goes, strikes, achieves and quietly comes back just like the mythological Chakra which would behead the demons and return to the finger of Lord Krishna", says Nikhil Kumar, former director-general of the National Security Guards (NSG), describing the elite anti-terror crack force.

The NSG proudly wears the mantle of being one of the finest counter-terrorist units in all of Asia. But being the finest unit does not come without a price. The NSG stimulates hundreds of realistic scenarios in daily drills-the key being rapidity and surprise. The unit is popularly known as the Black Cats, because of the black nomex coveralls and balaclavas (head gear) or assault helmets they adorn. Their motto is-One for All, All for One.

Their selection process is one of the most gruelling and the probation grind saps the toughest of recruits. Endurance tests involves unerring target shooting at the end of a strenuous obstacle ridden cross country run. This is meant to gauge the candidate's performance under conditions of stress and exhaustion. Those who complete this course are inducted into the NSG and given further training. Some operators are sent to Israel for specialized training.

In 'combat room shoot' commandos have to enter in a dark room, adjust their vision to the darkness and shoot at a target-all within three seconds by a torchlight or a compatible laser image intensifier. Similar training is also conducted under discotheque strobe lights as well, which are some of the most difficult shots to take. Commandos are trained to shoot in a double trap manner - one at the chest to halt the victim and second to club his skull open. Shooting skills are honed at an electronic combat shooting range, with a target exposure time of two to three seconds.



After completing their training, the commandos have to be on an 'alert status' mode for two months. During this period the target strike rate has to be above 85% for a commando to remain in the force. Practice is their key and the commandos have to go through the routine drill daily to keep themselves fighting fit and ready to move anywhere in the country within a notice of thirty minutes.

NSG personnel use weapons like the famed 9mm Uzi sub-machine gun. Their weapon of choice, however, is the Heckler & Koch family of 9mm sub-machine guns, the 7.62mm PSG-1 sniper weapon, Carl Gustav rocket launchers and the Heckler & Koch 512 12-gauge shotgun. Side arms include Glock 17 and Sig Sauer P226 9mm pistols. A commando also handles combat gadgets such as AK - 47/56/74s, Browning high power 9mm pistols, 5.56mm M16A2s and the locally manufactured 7.62 mm SLR and 5.56 mm INSAS rifles.

They are also armed with state-of-the-art surveillance gadgets and other sophisticated reconnaissance equipment. The unit is also parachute-trained and has a superb bomb disposal squad.

The NSG is an elite force providing a second line of defence to the nation. The NSG has maintained an edge over terrorist outfits in possession of latest technology and training and are considered among the finest special operations units in all of South Asia. They are like nukes. The ultimate back-up.



Saumitra Vatsal  
XI-A



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## “Atom, A Good Servant But a Bad Master”

Like fire, steam and electricity, atomic energy is also a powerful source of energy. The use of which totally depends on man. He may use it for constructive as well as destructive purposes. So far, unfortunately, this energy has been used for destructive purposes alone. Heaps of atom and hydrogen bombs are piled up in America and Russia and also in some other countries. The Atom bomb was first used by America on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Both these big cities of Japan were reduced to the ground. The world was greatly terrified.



But this is only one side of the coin. There are scientist and thinkers who are trying to make constructive use of this energy. If they succeed, we will live in an entirely new world. Scientist are of the opinion that atomic energy can be used successfully in industry, agriculture, transport, etc.

The world has already begun to face the shortage of coal, petrol and other sources of fuel. We can generate electricity from atomic energy. This will help in running machines and industries. Production will increase manifold. The prices will come down. The standard of living will go up. Some developed countries have already begun to use this energy for such purposes. There are already a number of reactors in our country, and they are generating thousands of units of electricity every year. India has entered the field in a big way.

Today we run our vehicles, trains and aeroplanes by using petrol, diesel, coal or electricity. Atomic energy can be used in place of these sources which will make transport cheaper, quicker and more comfortable. We need more land to increase food production. Mountains and hills have to be levelled. Barren and rocky lands have to be reclaimed. Atomic energy can be very useful in converting such tracts into fertile plains. Further this energy can be utilized for ripening of crops in a much shorter time. We would be able to raise more crops from the same land.

Today Radium rays are used for treating cancer. Similarly, atomic rays will be used to relieve the pain and suffering of the people. No disease will remain incurable.

The future is not so dark as some people take it to be. Only, the atomic energy should be used for constructive purposes, for bringing peace and prosperity to mankind. Its use for destructive purposes must be banned. We are happy to note that constant efforts are being made in this direction. □

**Utkarsh Saxena**  
IX-C

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## Punctuality

*Punctuality is a golden rule,  
Learn it well, while in school.  
Work put off is time lost  
Which won't come back at any cost.  
Do it well, do it soon  
Punctuality is a boon. □*



**Kshitij Tandon**  
II-C

## Glass Recycling

Glass recycling is both simple and beneficial. Let's start with the benefits of glass recycling. A glass bottle that is sent to a landfill can take up to a million years to break down. By contrast, it takes as little as 30 days for a recycled glass bottle to leave your kitchen recycling bin and appear on a store shelf as a new glass container. Glass containers are 100-percent recyclable, which means they can be recycled repeatedly, again and again, with no loss of purity or quality in the glass. Recovered glass from glass recycling is the primary ingredient in all new glass containers. A typical glass container is made of as much as 70 percent recycled glass. According to industry estimates, 80 percent of all recycled glass eventually ends up as new glass containers. Every ton of glass that is recycled saves more than a ton of the raw materials needed to create new glass, including: 1,300 pounds of sand; 410 pounds of soda ash; and 380 pounds of limestone. Making new glass means heating sand and other substances to a temperature of 2,600 degrees Fahrenheit, which requires a lot of energy and creates a lot of industrial pollution. One of the first steps in glass recycling is to crush the glass and create a product called "cullet". Making recycled glass products from cullet consumes 40 percent less energy than making new glass from raw materials, because cullet melts at a much lower temperature. Because glass is made from natural materials such as sand and limestone, glass containers have a low rate of chemical interaction with their contents. As a result, glass can be safely reused. Besides serving as the primary ingredient in new glass containers, recycled glass also has many other commercial uses—from creating decorative tiles and landscaping material to rebuilding eroded beaches; as I pointed out at the beginning of this article; it's simple because glass is one of the easiest materials to recycle. For one thing, glass is accepted by almost all curb side recycling programs and municipal recycling centres. What people have to do to recycle glass bottles and jars is to carry their recycling bin to the curb, or maybe drop off their empty glass containers at a nearby collection point. If you need an extra incentive to recycle glass, how about this: Several U.S. states offer cash refunds for most glass bottles, so in some areas glass recycling can actually put a little extra money in your pocket. □



**Amol Khanna**  
XI - A

## My Crazy Subjects

*Geography is full of Maps,  
History is full of silly old chaps,  
Many secrets Science keeps  
But often sees my class mates sleep  
I dont know why Hindi is at  
the bottom, when I study it I feel  
so rotten. But one thing I would like  
to tell you that east or west G.K. is the best. □*



**Mohd. Hamza Khan**  
VI-A



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## Some Great Thoughts

- “When one door closes, another opens – but we often look long and so regretfully at the closed door, that we do not see the one which opens for us.”
- “Always do what you have always done, you will always get what you have always got.”
- “Be kind to everyone you meet. Who knows, the next person you meet has a broken heart.”
- “Men are born with two eyes and one tongue in order they may see twice as much as they say.”
- “A man is not finished when he is defeated, he is finished when he quits.”
- “It is easy to laugh at someone, it is easy to hate someone. But what is difficult is to be gentle and kind to everyone.”
- “Here is a test to find whether your mission on earth is complete – if you are alive – it is not!”
- “It is better to explore life and make mistakes, than to play safe.”
- “Be kind and courteous to people on your way up because you might meet them on your way down.” □

Anant Aggarwal  
V-D



## Golden Words



- The six most important words: ☞ “I admit, I made a mistake.”
- The five most important words: ☞ “You did a good job.”
- The four most important words: ☞ “What is your opinion”.
- The three most important words: ☞ “If you please.”
- The two most important words: ☞ “Thank you.”
- The least important word: ☞ “I” □

Harshdeep Singh  
I-B

Personality can open doors,  
but only character can keep them open !!

## The New Earth Pledge – Everyday Is Earth Day

On 22nd April people all over the world celebrate the Earth Day. This custom dates back to the year 1970 when the American Senator Gaylord Nelson first celebrated the Earth Day. The United Nations celebrated it first in 1971. Since then most of the countries, including India, have been celebrating the event each year. This day is also significant because St. Francis of Assisi, probably the worlds first environmentalist, was born on this day.

Though environmental issues have come to light only in past few decades, concern for environment is nothing new in our country. Back in 1847 in the first recorded socio-ecological resistance movement in India, when the army of the King of Jodhpur started to log a forest, Bisnois of Jodhpur staged a non-violent protest, offering their bodies as shields for the trees. The King of Jodhpur was, as a result, forced to halt the logging and declare the region a reserve, off limits for logging and hunting.

Later a similar successful 'Chipko Andolan' a movement took place in the early 1970s in the Uttarakhand region of our country, spreading later to the entire country, resulting finally in more forest sensitive policies.



In our culture we consider earth as mother and regard her with a deep sense of reverence. The earth is the provider of all basic things needed to sustain life. It is the place man rises from and ultimately returns to by the end of his life. But with the rapid technological and industrial progress in our modern day lives, we seem to have lost the very basic values which were once an inherent part of our culture. Mahatma Gandhi had once remarked – "There is sufficiency in the world for man's need but not for man's greed." We should take away from nature only what is necessary and also try to give back whatever is possible.

Love and respect makes all relationships successful. This is very true for our relationship with earth – no matter how smart, intelligent and successful we get to be, as we progress technically we have to be careful that we are in no way harming our earth and the life within it. Elwyn Brooks White, in Essays of E.B. White, 1977 has once said "I would feel more optimistic about a bright future for man if he spent less time proving that he can outwit Nature and more time tasting her sweetness and respecting her seniority."

We need not be great environmentalists or social entrepreneurs for this. In small ways we all can do this. Planting a few trees and taking care of them, using eco-friendly products like using paper or jute bags instead of polythene bags, recycling things whenever possible, conserving paper, reducing wastage and spreading awareness are very simple ways by which we can show our love and respect for our planet earth and make everyday, the earth day. □

Dhruv Singhal  
11-C



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## Answers ..... I have to find !!!

- You Mr. Sun,  
Do you enjoy and have fun ?
- You Mr. Moon,  
Why don't you come at noon ?
- You Mr. Sky,  
How can you allow birds to fly ?
- You Mr. Star,  
Why are you far ?
- You Mr. Cloud,  
Why is your voice so loud ?
- You Miss River,  
Why does your cold water make me shiver ?



*All these questions I have in mind.  
And their answers one day I've to find.*

**Shikhar Adelpi**  
I-A

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## A Cold Departure.....

### MOMENTS CANNOT BE TRAPPED!!



Such rhetorical questions often appear as bold projections in one's mind when a thought for someone who is physically not with us is invoked.

But no matter how hard one works to forget the bygone times spent with the departed, the mark it leaves on the minds is everlasting, and unforgettable.

Such is the true state of the hearts and souls of the entire Franciscan family, from the very moment it lost a very young member and excellent scholar – "Basit Naseem", a student of Class XI-C on the 14th September, 2009. Basit was sober, calm and friendly in his attitude, whose mere absence is strongly felt and shall be always felt....

The vacuum that his absence has now created would only be filled by time, but one thing that has been projected by his early departure is – Whom God's love, die young.....

I, Hitesh Athwani on behalf of the entire Franciscan family extend my profound grief for the sudden demise of Basit Naseem and also pray to the Almighty to make his parents able to overcome their overwhelming loss of their beloved. □

**Hitesh Athwani**  
XI-A



## The Most Fascinating Facts



1. **Four** is the unluckiest number in China, probably because it sounds like 'death' in Cantonese. So strongly is this felt that, in many places, there are no 4th floors in buildings and no 4 in car number plates.
2. Even if you shouted in space and somebody was right next to you, they would not hear anything at all.
3. The **oceans** on Earth contain 99 per cent of the living space on our planet, but only about 10 per cent of this space has been explored.
4. An interesting **dolphin** fact: dolphins are mammals, not fish! They live on average 20 years.
5. A **Blue whale's** tongue weighs more than an elephant. Tiger shark embryos fight each other in their mother's womb. The survivor is born.
6. **Longest officially recognized place name is:**  
Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateaokawhenuakitanatahu, has 85 letters, it's the name for a hill, 305 metres (1,000 ft) high, close to Porangahau, New Zealand.
7. When **glass breaks**, the cracks move at speeds of up to 3,000 miles per hour.
8. **Sharks** can live up to 100 years.
9. All the planets in our solar system rotate anticlockwise, except **Venus**. It is the only planet that rotates clockwise.
10.  $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$
11. The word "**listen**" contains the same letters as the word "**silent**"
12. **Bone** is five times stronger than steel
13. The height of **Mt. Everest** (29,035 feet) was revised upward by 7 feet based on measurements made in 1999 using the satellite-based Global Positioning System.
14. The average person has 100,000 hair on his/her head. Each hair grows about 5 inches (12.7 cm) every year
15. **OWL** is the only bird, which can rotate its head to 270 degrees
16. After spending hours working at a computer display, look at a blank piece of white paper. It will probably appear pink.
17. Global Positioning System (**GPS**) is the only system today that can show your exact position on the Earth anytime, in any weather, no matter where you are!
18. A **Blue Whale** can eat as much as 3 tonnes of food everyday, but at the same time can live without food for 6 months.
19. The only 2 animals that can see behind itself without turning it's head are the rabbit and the parrot.
20. **Human Beings** use 14 muscles to smile and 43 to frown.
21. **Hummingbirds** are the only animal that can also fly blackwards.
22. The **shortest war** in history was between Zanzibar and England in 1896. Zanzibar surrendered after 38 minutes.
23. The **cockroach** is the fastest animal on 6 legs covering a meter a second.
24. **Bamboo** can grow up to 3 ft in 24 hours.
25. The **smallest man** ever was Gul Mohammed (1957-1997) of India, who measured 1 feet, 10 inches
26. The **YKK** on the zipper of your Levis stands for Yoshida Kogyo Kabushibibaisha the worlds largest zipper manufacturer. □

Ojasvi Sharma  
IV-D



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## Some Facts About Cricketers

Saurav Ganguly started playing cricket with his left hand so that he could use his left handed brothers sports' equipment and is the only captain who does not shave during a test match.

Shane Warne was a postman before playing cricket.

The nick-name of Glen Macgrath is 'Pigeon' due to his small chest.

Parthiv Patel and Irfan Pathan have yet to pass class 10th.

Mahela Jayawardene keeps kissing his bat, while batting when he is going good.

Sachin Tendulkar always wears his left pad first.



Amol Khanna  
XI-A

## Thanks to my family

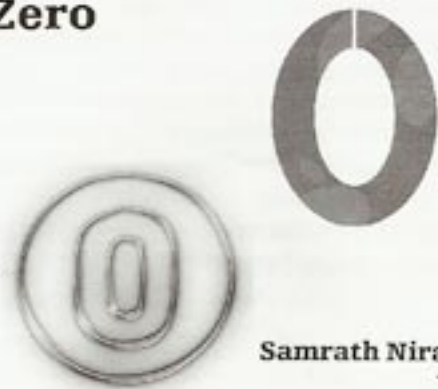
Thank you,  
For teaching me right from wrong and,  
Encouraging me to keep my dreams in sight  
For showing me to not let obstacles keep me down,  
And for creating a smile from my frown  
For saying that you care for me,  
And for showing how special love should be.  
For wiping my tears when I feel sad,  
And for calming me down when I tend to get mad.  
For helping others with the good that you do,  
and for teaching me to help others too.  
For hugging me when I am feeling blue,  
And whispering into my ear "I love you".  
Thank you my family, for all that you do;  
I don't know where I would be if it weren't for you.



Prakhar Singh  
I-B

## Mr. Zero

Dear Mr. Zero,  
You are a hero.  
In the world of mathematics,  
You are simply fantastic.  
When we add you,  
The number increases ten fold,  
When we multiply you with the larger,  
The result is the smallest.  
people think you are useless,  
Yet why do students  
Often meet you in the test?



Samrath Niranjana  
VII-C

## Effective Studying



It is the general misconception that success in the field of study is an exclusive gift to a select few. However, this myth is not true. If we endeavour hard enough, success is achievable. There are certain strategies to be adopted and points to be put into consideration in order to do so, which are given below.

The first step of all is to choose your work station. This should not be your bed or any centre of attraction like next to a television or video game console. Trust my personal experience, no mortal can concentrate fully next to his computer or television. Once this is done, you should attempt to develop confidence. Recollect any

incident – ANY, in which you scored well or were praised for your work. Thereafter, picture yourself at the day of the result and the subsequent shower of praises by the teachers or parents. Next, repeat several phrases to boost your self-esteem, for example, 'I can do everything' or 'No one can defeat me'. Pumping up your confidence plays a crucial role in your concentration and willpower.

In case of technical subjects like science, one should begin by first comprehending or understanding the concept of your topic instead of mere cramming which fades away after a passage of time. Believe it, most of the toppers use grasping as a foundation on which cramming is applied to obtain a few more marks in the subject – and is temporary. With respect to maths and computer programming, reasoning holds the throne. The basic idea of the question and clear knowledge of the subject are instrumental. In language, one must read several books and enhance his vocabulary before he may call himself a master. Obviously, the books in question should not be comics as 'goosebumps' as far as vocabulary is concerned.

If you happen to find yourself disinterested in your studies – the examinations being two months later, you should glance at the syllabus of each subject properly so that you may realize the gravity of the situation. The company of good students and knowledge of their current progress also provides the urge to pick up the book. I will point out that you may succeed in your first attempt. Even Thomas Edison, before inventing the light bulb, faltered 2000 times! When questioned on this, he replied that he did not fail 2000 times, but succeeded in his goal which just happened to be a 2000 step process. Hence, your every mistake enables you to realize your weaknesses and facilitate an opportunity for self-improvement.



I shall conclude by saying that no one is born great and that everyone has the capacity to excel – no matter what his past record has been. Everyone can rise just as the phoenix rises from the ashes. We already possess the potential to be second to none and a little confidence guided by technique can go a long way in shaping our future. □

**Pawan Rai**  
IX-B



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## Parable of the Pencil – Pencil Story

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box.

"There are 5 things you need to know," he told the pencil, "Before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be."

**One:** You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand."

**Two:** You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil."

**Three:** You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make."

**Four:** The most important part of you will always be what's inside."

**And Five:** On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write."

*The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart.*

**Now replacing pencil with you:** Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best person you can be.

**One:** You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand. And allow other human beings to access you for the many gifts you possess.

**Two:** You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems in life, but you'll need it to become a stronger person.

**Three:** You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make.

**Four:** The most important part of you will always be what's on the inside.

**And Five:** On every surface you walk, you must leave your mark. No matter what the situation, you must continue to do your duties. □

Siddhartha Mani  
VII

## Did You Know?

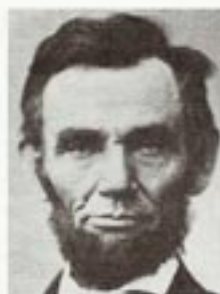
- ✦ **Boxwood** is one of the few woods that actually sinks in water.
- ✦ The earliest evidence of the use of 'paper money' was in China.
- ✦ **Comets** are mostly made of ice.
- ✦ One tree has enough **pulp** to make 3000 newspapers.
- ✦ 1440 pictures are required for a **cartoon film** of 1 minute.
- ✦ In India, it is said that the **language** of the people changes every 20 km. □



Amol Khanna  
XI-A

## History's Mystery

- ☛ Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846  
John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946
- ☛ Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860  
John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960
- ☛ Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.
- ☛ Both wives lost their children while living in the White House.
- ☛ Both Presidents were shot on a Friday.
- ☛ Both Presidents were shot in the head.
- ☛ Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy.  
Kennedy's secretary was named Lincoln.
- ☛ Both were assassinated by Southerners.
- ☛ Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson.
- ☛ Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808  
Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908
- ☛ John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839  
Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939
- ☛ Both assassins were known by their three names.
- ☛ Both names are composed of Fifteen letters.
- ☛ Lincoln was shot at the theatre named 'Ford'  
Kennedy was shot in a car called 'Lincoln' made by 'Ford'.
- ☛ Lincoln was shot in a theatre and his assassin ran and hid in a warehouse.  
Kennedy was shot from a warehouse and his assassin ran and hid in a theatre.
- ☛ Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trails.
- ☛ A week before Lincoln was shot, he was in Manroe, Maryland  
A week before Kennedy was shot, he was with Marilyn Monroe. ☐



**Dhruv Shukla**  
IX-C

## Money

*Bankers lend it,  
Women spend it,  
Children waste it,  
Taxes take it,  
Dying leave it,  
Heirs receive it,  
Robbers seize it,  
Rich increase it,  
Gamblers lose it,  
I could use it. ☐*



**Shashwat Chauhan**  
III-C

## Dear Mother

'M' is for the million things you gave me.  
'O' means only that you are growing old.  
'T' is for the tears you shed to save me.  
'H' is for the heart of purest gold.  
'E' is for the eyes, with love-light shining.  
'R' means right, and right you'll always be.  
*Put them all together, they spell mother,  
A word that means the world to me. ☐*

**Darren Browne**  
IV-C



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## The First Generation of Cancer : Homo Sapien?



Today, we are aware of a deadly disease which exhibits itself in myriad forms and is known for causing agonizing human deaths worldwide. A disease which has medical experts running around like lost lambs, trying to figure out its source and proper cure. Yet, even after years and decades of efforts, we have only isolated some minor instances of cancer; skin cancer, bone cancer, lung cancer and breast cancer, to name a few. We are still unaware of the true and deadliest form of cancer which has infected every corner of our planet.

In simple words, cancer is an uncontrollable and unhealthy rate of cell division which rapidly exhausts the organism and has severe implications throughout the affected area. Cancer typically originates from a few carcinogenic cells and by rapid cell division depletes normal body cells. Herein lies the true nature of the Human Cancer, which has, akin to its deadly nature, spread itself all over the planet and is now bringing about true destruction to its host.

The human infection started out as small clusters of individuals, vastly separated by geographical features, harmless in its well spread out form. Soon, with its incredible flexibility and ability to insubordinate its environment, the infection set off a chain of conquests, leading to its goal of gaining over lordship of the earth. Animals were its first prey. Plants followed. The Cancer became more organized in its modus operandi. With the advent of deadlier knowledge and skills, such as fire, the wheel, metals, masonry, transport, architecture, warfare, science; combined with its exponential rate of population growth, nature itself bent down under the banner of human conquest. The Cancer thus fed on the Earth's resources. It devoured all resources in one area, and then moved on to the next. With rising population and scarcity of land, it developed techniques of commutating one resource into the other and artificially supplementing the Earth's resources. This has endowed the Earth with an extension to its dwindling lifespan, an extension quite sufficient for The Cancer to find a new host.

For a cancer, a host is good only as long as it can sustain the cancer, then a new host is needed. Recent efforts on the part of the most elite humans have revealed prospects of finally providing a new dimension for the spread of the human cancer. Mars has been a hot topic for research for sustaining human life in space. The Moon, Earth's own satellite, has been found to contain the life sustaining elixir, water. We may soon be looking at a new era, an era of extraterrestrial human life. Till then, the only advice to my fellow carcinogens is to wait and pray, for soon we will get a new, may be even better host, to utilize for our great cause. Make your best efforts to make this one last only a little longer, if at all, for soon we will, yes we will..... □

**Archit Bansal**  
**XI-C**

## Anger and Love have no limits..... !!



While a man was polishing his new car, his four year old son picked up a stone and scratched lines on the side of the car. In anger, the man took the child's hand and hit it many times, not realizing, he was using a wrench. At the hospital, the child lost all his fingers due to multiple fractures.

When the child saw his father ..... with painful eyes he asked "Dad when will my fingers grows back? The man was deeply hurt and speechless. He went back to the car and kicked it many times. Devastated by his own actions ..... sitting in front of the car he looked at the scratches. The child had written "Love You Dad". Next day the man committed suicide.



Anger and Love have no limits .... !! Always remember that things are to be used and people are to be loved, but the problem in today's world is that, people are used and things are loved. ☐

Akshat Pratap Singh  
V-C

## Nanotechnology & Nanobiotechnology



Manufactured products are made from atoms. The properties of those products depend on how those atoms are arranged. If we rearrange the atoms in coal we can make diamond. If we rearrange the atoms in sand (and add a few other trace elements) we can make computer chips. If we arrange atoms in dirt, water and air we can make potatoes.

Today manufacturing methods are very crude at molecular level. Casting, grinding, milling and even lithography move atoms in great thundering statistical herds.

It's worth pointing out that the word 'nanotechnology' has become very popular and is used to describe many types of research where characteristics dimensions are



less than about 1,000 nanometers. For example, continued improvements in lithography have resulted in line widths that are less than one micron: this work is often called "nanotechnology". Many of exponentially informing trends in computer hardware capability have remained steady for last 50 years. Nanotechnology will help us in building computer systems with mole quantities of logic elements that are molecular in both size and precision and

are interconnected in complex patterns. There are two more concepts commonly associated with nanotechnology : Positive assembly and massive parallelism.

Nanobiotechnology deals with the study and application of biological and biochemical activities from elements of nature to fabricate new devices like biosensors. Nanobiotechnology is often used to describe the overlapping multidisciplinary activities associated with biosensors particularly where photonics, chemistry, biology, biophysics, nanomedicine and engineering converge. ☐

Archit Agarwal  
IX-C



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## The Art of Effective Communication



Man is a social being. He frequently needs to interact with other human beings. This interaction may involve primarily speech, writing and gestures. We all know that only human beings have been bestowed the ability to think, to write and to talk. But to utilize this ability to the fullest extent is not simple; it is an art which one must master in order to succeed in life.

To convey our thoughts and feelings we may simply speak or write, but it usually fails to have an impact on others. The manner in which we speak determines whether our message has an everlasting impact, or it evaporates from the minds of the audience. We must realise that in today's world, people have little time at their disposal. Thus, instead of beating about the bush we must be precise in what we speak or write.

Moreover, the recipients of our message tend to lose interest if our message gets too long. We should properly structure our ideas – be brief, convincing and flexible.

We must ensure the accuracy of the facts we provide to the recipients of our message. If that is not done people would lose trust in us and would simply ignore whatever we say or write. In other words, we should be honest while dealing with others.

Self-praise is disliked by everyone. In fact, self-praise has a negative impact on our audience and readers. Thus, our pride should not be conveyed to those who hear us or read our writings.

Finally, we must know that every person cannot be expected to behave in a rational way under all circumstances. Thus, a logical speech may not be as effective as a speech that causes people to "feel" the message we wish to convey. We all know of the play 'Julius Caesar' by William Shakespeare and know of the powerful speech by Mark Antony, a friend of Caesar, who succeeded in turning the tables on the people who murdered Caesar. His speech was so effective because he appealed to the emotions of the people.

To conclude, we can safely say that we are what we communicate and communication is the key to success in life – be it in professional or personal fronts. □

**Dhruv Singhal**  
X-C

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## The Importance of a School Magazine

Today almost every school in the city has a magazine of its own. Through this the schools communicate their values and achievements to the external world. The importance of a school magazine in the life of students is great. It is enlightening for both the students and guardians because it contains all important news about the school. The students consider it a matter of pride to get their articles published in the magazine. Thus the most important thing about the school magazine is that it creates an opportunity for the boys to develop and enhance their creative skills. Through the school magazine some of them are sure to make their mark in the literary world. It has rightly been observed that: *"The school magazine is the cradle of future writers."* □

**Aviral Sen**  
IX-B

## The Ironies of Life



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- ⊗ If you yelled for 8 hours, 7 months and 6 days you would have produced enough sound energy to heat up one cup of coffee. (*hardly seems worth it*)
- ⊗ If you produce gas constantly for 6 years and 9 months, enough gas is produced to create the energy of an atom bomb. (*now this is more*)
- ⊗ Right handed people, on an average live nine years longer than left handed people. (*and what if you are ambidextrous ?*)
- ⊗ The ant can lift 50 times its own weight, can pull 30 times its own weight and always falls over on its right side when intoxicated. (*but how do you get an ant intoxicated? and did tax payer fund this research??*)
- ⊗ Polar Bears are left handed. (*who cares?*)
- ⊗ The Catfish has over 27,000 taste buds. (*what can be so tasty at the bottom of the pond?*)
- ⊗ The flea can jump 350 times its body length; its like a human jumping the length of a football ground.
- ⊗ Cockroach can live 9 days without its head before it dies.
- ⊗ Butterflies taste with their feet. (*thats almost as bad as catfish*)
- ⊗ An ostrich eye is bigger than its brain. (*I know some people like that*)
- ⊗ Starfish don't have brains. (*I know some people like that too*) □



Durgesh Rastogi  
VIII-D

## Impossible

"If fifty million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing", said Bertrand Russel. Not surprisingly therefore every thing in this world was achieved by people who believed in themselves, rather than what was commonly believed.

In 1903, the New York Times commented that scientists should not waste their time and money in airship experiments, since flying is an impossible act for mankind. Exactly one week later, the Wright Brothers made the first successful flight at Bitty Hawk, USA.

In 1948, the Science Digest with conviction stated that landing and moving around the moon poses so many serious problems that it may take more than 200 years for science to achieve the feat. Exactly 21 years later, Neil Armstrong set his foot on the moon!



Truly, the lives of all these great men remind us that achievement begins with believing in ourselves.

Come; let us memorize these magic words which have the potential to transform this world,

"We can, if we think we can!" □

Hritik Kaushik  
V-D



## Be Positive

*"What is the end for a caterpillar, the rest of the world calls a butterfly."*

I am neither a doctor, nor a scientist; and no, I'm not a genetic genius either! The fact is that I'm still a student and at this point of my life, I'm positive that I can be either of the above. Why not? For I firmly believe that— "If you think you can.... you can."

I believe that positive thinking is the best practice to adopt and to expect the best outcome of every situation is the healthiest way to keep going ahead in life. Attitude has a strong "Boomerang effect" and positive attitude will bring back positivity, while negativity could get us caught in nothing, but a pessimistic web. It is best to treat any failure a learning experience to move ahead in the maze of life.

### TRAITS OF A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

**HOPE** – Always hope for something better. This gives you a reason to face each day with a new zeal.

**LET GO** – Don't brood over a situation for too long. Avoid carrying too much "baggage" from the past as it will only weigh you down.

**'THIS TOO SHALL PASS' ATTITUDE** – If good times do not stay, why should the bad times last long? It'll pass!

**'ACTION ORIENTED'** – Only hope and wishful thinking will get you nowhere. Action is required, so get into the mood to move.

**FOCUSED APPROACH** – Limited efforts will fetch you only diluted results. So focus on achieving.

**CREATIVITY** – to be able to look for the good in any situation, one needs to be creative. Nurture a different prospective to find potential solutions.

**GRATITUDE** – A thankful attitude for all your blessings, makes it easier for the heart and mind to face new challenges of life.

All in all, a positive attitude in life will lead you to success.

### HOW YOU CAN DO IT

One is not born with a positive attitude. It is to be developed with time and practice. A few simple tips can take you a long way

- Put your focus on the things
- Overcome procrastination. Do not postpone.
- Avoid negative influence.
- Acknowledge your strengths
- Behave, feel and be a winner
- Have a grateful attitude.



Studies have shown that staying positive reduces stress, increases self esteem, raises your confidence and makes you productive. Physical and psychological wealth is directly related to a person's attitude. One can reach new pinnacles of success by treating the challenges of life as mere ladders to achieve greater heights. □

**Raahul Saxena**  
IX-B

## Virtue of Gratitude

*This small story teaches us why we should have absolute faith in God.*

Once there was a small kid on Earth.

One fine day it was known that God is distributing apples to humans in his place at heaven.

The kid was very happy to receive that news and it went with a lot of enjoyment to heaven to get an apple from God.

There was a big queue to get an apple from God and this kid also joined that queue.

While he was standing, he was fully excited and thrilled for the fact that he was going to receive in person from God's hands. His turn too came and the kid showed its both the hands to receive an apple.

God gave him the apple but unfortunately the tiny hands couldn't hold that big apple. The Apple fell down and got wasted in mud.

The kid got disappointed.

The ministers near God informed that if the kid likes to have an apple from God again then it has to again follow the queue.

Having waited for so long the kid didn't want to return back to Earth with empty hands so it decided to wait again in the queue.

This time the queue had become even longer than the previous one. While waiting in the queue, the kid could see a lot of people who returned back with an apple in their hands and utmost satisfaction on their faces.

The kid was so much disappointed and thought that "why I alone didn't get an apple in hand when all others were easily able to get it."



What is the sin I did that I alone should suffer like this..... " Now the kid was so scared that it should not miss the apple again. Again its turn came and God gave the apple to the kid's hands and after giving the apple God spoke to the kid.

"My dear child, last time after giving you the apple, only I noticed the apple I gave you was a rotten apple and that's why I made that fall down from your hand. Having given you a rotten apple, I felt bad for you and I wanted to give you the best apple in the farm and that time the best apple in the farm was growing and that's why I made you wait for such a longtime in the queue. Here it is. Now the apple that you have in hand is "THE BEST' apple in the farm till to date."

*Sometimes it happens as even after we put our 100% dedication and commitment things may get delayed or things may go wrong. Believe that God has something great for us and that's why this has happened. ALWAYS SAY*

*"Gratitude is Absolutely the Best way to being more in one's Life" □*

Antrikesh Wahi  
VIII-B



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## High Marks in Exam might not guarantee success!!



Fear of examinations, anxiety over results and poor marks are driving many teenagers desperate and crazy. "Exam frenzy" push the sales of memory-aid pills and stimulants to high levels.

Is academic excellence a true measure of one's success in life? Is there a correlation between successful people and marks they secured in their academic career.

My parents, are reasonably successful in their careers – and they are not toppers. The one most important thing that they've taught me is that the achievements of great men and women stood on the foundation of mistakes they made in their formative years. After all, behind Edison's saga of success, lay a history of failures.

When students walk the tightrope of tough time schedules, stressful assignments and anxiety ridden coaching classes, the damage is inflicted on mental and physical well-being. Ten years down the line, it will not matter which college one graduated from or how much one scored. The values of honesty and integrity which one learns are the bedrock of success. Discipline groomed and nurtured in school days, alone will lead one to success. After all success does not carry a report card. It is like a lamp, which burns with the oil of virtues. Therefore, we really need to introspect what exactly are we heading for.



Obedience to teachers, respect to elders and sincerity towards studies may sound old-fashioned to many disoriented youth of today. But on these golden pillars alone, stands the edifice of success.

The time has now come for us to change. As Gandhiji said, "Be the change you want to see." For India to become economically, socially and politically a super power, we students must orient ourselves to these time tested virtues and translate them in our actions.

May every student coming to our esteemed institution be a true winner of life!  
Amen! ☐

**Vikrant Sharma**  
X-A

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## Famous Quotes on India (by non Indians)

- ☉ **Albert Einstein**:- "We owe a lot to the Indians, who taught us how to count without which no worth while scientific discovery could have been made."
- ☉ **French Scholar Roman Rolland** said- "If there is one place on the face of earth where all the dreams of living men have found a home from the earliest days when man began the dream of existence, it is India."
- ☉ **Hu Shih, the former Ambassador of China to USA** said:- "India conquered and dominated China culturally for 20 centuries without ever having to send a single soldier across her border." ☐

**Sparsh Jauhari**  
II-A

## Perceptions

*Of all the variety words, the English language did devise  
There was one word I always did like.*

*The mere beauty of the word lies in its interpretation  
The monodirectional multi-meaning word..... perception.*

*The opinions vary like the vagaries of the seasons.  
Every human has his own logic and reasons.*

*Some think that the celebrities are the epitome of success and fame.  
While some feel they are unreasonably artificial and seriously same.*

*Some feel the youth of today is drowned in slumber  
While some feel it is you and I who is going to make world an object of wonder.*

*Some feel the politicians of today would gobble the wealth of the country if they could  
For I feel they were no termites, if only we were no pieces of wood.*

*Some feel the wars are effective tools for leaders to satisfy their personal spites while  
some feel users are a pathetic attempt to set the price of a human life.*

*Some blame the stars for their pitiable circumstances  
While some have realised that far is a repercussion of their own actions.*

*While there are a few who wonder about the secrets of life  
Its revelations its uncertainties its bitter truths and sour lies*

*Some believe we were all creations of God's hands  
While some believe we were creatures before we could stand.*

*There are a few who often ask, "What happens after we die?"  
On them I laugh in amusement and suggest, "Why dont you give it a try."*

*So you see what makes us different is not how we look or what is name. It is our  
thinking which matters. No two people in the world ever think the same. □*

**Amil Bhatnagar**  
X-B



## Little Tears

*I saw a little lad  
who was very sad  
because at a young age  
he had lost his dad  
he worked in a hotel  
and cleaned dirty dishes  
he ate little food  
and dreamt of fishes  
it was a pity  
to sell his tears  
I wish I were grown up  
to wipe his tears. □*



**Parth Agarwal**  
I-B

## My Class Teacher

*My teacher's name is Mrs. I. Hill,  
She teaches us with love and skill.  
What Language and Literature is all about,  
Why ant is so thin and elephant so stout.  
Why the sun, the moon, the stars are so far,  
Why apple is so sweet, but lime so sour.  
Why God is great and friends so dear,  
What laughter is and what is a tear.  
With eager faces and eyes that are bright,  
We look up to you - O'guiding light!  
Thank you dear teacher,  
for your patience and grace,  
For your gentle hands  
and your smiling face. □*

**Pranjal Kumar**  
I-B



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## Some Interesting Facts about India

1. Sanskrit is the mother of all the European languages. Sanskrit is the most suitable language for computer software – a report Forbes magazine, July 1987.
2. India is the largest democracy in the world AND one of the most ancient and living civilisation (10,000 years old).
3. Algebra, Trigonometry, Calculus are studies which originated in India. Quadratic equations were first used by Sridharacharya in the 11th Century.  
The largest no. the Greeks and the Romans used were 106 whereas Hindus used no. as big as  $10^{53}$  (10 to the power 53) with specific names as early as 5000 BC.
4. India is the only country other than Japan and US, to have built a super computer indigenously.
5. India is one of the few countries in the world which gained independence without violence.
6. Mahatma Gandhi is the only Indian who has over 80 stamps issued from around 80 countries in honour of him.
7. After USA, India ranks second in the world, in the number of companies listed with the stock exchange.



Sparsh Jauhari  
II-A

## Nostalgia

*Close is the time when we shall part,  
When we all will have a different way,  
Nostalgia is not far away.*

*The wake up, the uniform, the rush and the school bag,  
The prank, a Tiffin steal, the cane and the giggle gag  
O my God! Will it all be a passe?  
Nostalgia seems not far away!*

*No! I shall not part with, will not leave you,  
These moments! you are mine, will not let go of you,  
But I know you are sand, my fist you will pass through,  
So, I'll put down the times on my pages my way,  
I can see you Nostalgia; you are on your way!*

*As you will show up, I shall dive into my pages,  
And thank you then, for bringing across the ages,  
The crazy memories, I had on my way.*

*Nostalgia, Nostalgia, I am grateful to you... and I know you are not far away!!*

Sidhartha Bhutani  
Ex-Student (Class X - 1987)



## Aspects of Life



*When two hearts meet,  
The illness of the soul goes away.  
When two towers are destroyed,  
Destruction finds its way.  
When Gods are not prayed,  
Destiny sways its way.  
When plants are not watered,  
Then breeze neglects its way.  
When flowers start to blossom,  
Sunlight finds its way.  
When life is not lived,  
Darkness finds its way.  
When the day's work is over,  
Happiness finds its way.  
When elders are not respected,  
We leave ourselves in a situation,  
When "Kismet" guides our fate.  
When the game is to be targeted,  
Only the apathetic find their way.  
When friends are not considered  
Comradeship sway its way.  
When two souls unite,  
a new generation arises.  
A generation of people,  
who have passion in their hearts,  
But fail to realise the depth of life.  
They have observation for love,  
Which drives them away,  
From their imperative duties.*

*"So let us comprehend, the actual  
profundity of life, And let people live  
their lives serenely." □*

**Karan Saxena**  
IX-D

## The Paradox of our Age

*We have bigger houses, but smaller families;  
more conveniences, but less time.*

*We have more degrees, but less sense;  
more knowledge, but less judgment;  
more experts, but more problems;  
more medicines, but less healthiness.*

*We've been all the way to the moon and back,  
but have trouble crossing the street  
to meet the new neighbour.*

*We build more computers  
to hold more information,  
to produce more copies than ever,  
but have less communication.*

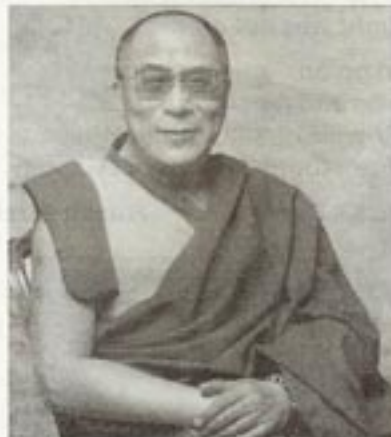
*We have become long on quantity,  
but short on quality.*

*These are times of fast foods,  
but slow digestion;  
tall men, but short character;  
steep profits, but shallow relationships.*

*It is a time when there is much in the window,  
but nothing in the room. □*

— His Holiness the XIV<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama.

*Contributed by :*  
**Samrath Niranjana**  
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## Lesson of Everyday

Everyday I hoped but lost;  
Everyday I watched my feelings tossed

Everyday I tried—  
And watched my unpaid fees;

Everyday I hid—  
And watched my tears roll;

Everyday I walked—  
And watched darkness prevail;

Everyday in the tempest—  
I watched my ship go sail;

Everyday I dreamt—  
And watched my dreams all shattered;

Everyday I gave—  
And watched that it never mattered.

But still I kept on going—  
And going step by step;

I walked though never knowing—  
I learnt miseries to accept

Because one day in my dream—  
I saw a smiling face—

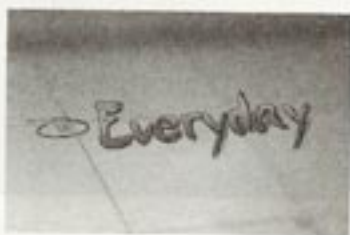
And someone told me then—  
Do not leave the undone race.

Somehow I understood,  
That darkness may prevail,  
That obstacles will be there,  
But my ship had to sail.

The smiling face was God's,  
And He told me life's a war,  
I had to keep on going  
the light was not afar.

"And go on," said my soul  
"Go on and reach your goal",  
And hence I found my way  
By those tough lessons of everyday. □

Harsh Mishra  
V-D



## A Mighty Heart

Take a look at yourself now,  
And you will see how,  
You traded your love for something new,  
Overlooking the one who loved you so true.

You loved me like no one ever could,  
and by my side you always stood,  
then why did u leave me,  
midst the highway  
Turned your back and walk  
out of my way.

So now you're gone,  
And I'm left to realise how,  
Wrong it was to have  
loved someone fake,  
who slammed the door  
and loved the sound of my heart break. □

Arnab Chakraborty  
X-D

## Colours and me !

Red is the colour of anger,  
Welling up within me.

Orange is the colour of fun,  
And all the energy bubbling inside me.

Yellow is the colour of the sun,  
Which makes me feel warm and happy.

Green is the colour of giggles and  
laughter,  
Of midnight feasts in a boarding school  
dormitory.

Blue is the colour, which is really cool,  
Like swimming in a summer pool.

Purple is the colour of creative ideas,  
Crayons, pencils and paints.  
Colours describe how we feel everyday,  
So listen to the colours,  
They'll help you find your way. □

Vasu Aggarwal  
V-C





## Summer's Day

*A deep blue sky on a summer's day,  
Is for me a blessing in every way,  
I find time to sit and dream on my own,  
To be thankful for my lovely family and home.*

*For my neighbours who always greet,  
As I go walking down my street,  
Friends give me happiness and pleasure,  
As I play with them at leisure.*

*Insect, birds and bright foliage on the trees,  
These small delights do make me pleased,  
An aeroplane flying in the sky,  
Is something to send my spirits high.*

*I sometimes take with me my favourite book,  
Enjoying the peace as through the pages I look,  
The simple things like these, in my life on earth,  
Make me feel happy and fill me with mirth.*

*So please sit out under a deep blue summer sky,  
And wait for the pleasure to come by,  
Then you too will have a good cause to say,  
What wonderful peaceful summer's day. □*

**Aatri Sinha  
VIII-B**



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## Logically Thinking

- ☞ Every man should marry. After all, happiness is not the only thing in life.
- ☞ If your father is a poor man, it is your fate but if your father-in-law is a poor man, it's your stupidity.
- ☞ Practice makes a man perfect, but nobody is perfect, so why practice.
- ☞ If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?
- ☞ "Hard work never killed anybody", but why take a risk!
- ☞ "Your future depends on your dreams." So, go to sleep.
- ☞ Since light travels faster than sound, people appear bright until you hear them speak. □

**Amol Khanna  
XI-A**

**The 'will' is more important than the 'skill' !**

**Don't bury your failures, failure defeats losers  
but failure inspires winners !!**



## College Chronicle 2009-2010

- April 1 : New Academic session commences
- April 2 : Day and Night 20-20 cricket match at Sahara Shahar was organised where St. Francis' College team beat Woodstock College Mussorie by 10 wickets
- April 22 : **Investiture Ceremony** was presided over by the *Chief Guest – Dr. Anil Kumar Pathak (P.C.S.) - ADM of Lucknow*. He inspired the students to aspire high and make a place for themselves in the society with sheer grit and determination. The following students were assigned the offices for the academic year 2009-2010

**College Captain** : Parth Shukla

### House Captains

- St. Andrew's House : Kanishka Pandey (*Captain*)  
Siddharth Kapoor (*Vice-Captain*)
- St. Patrick's House : Abhijay Ghildyal (*Captain*)  
Syed Mohd. Tahir Raza Zaidi (*Vice-Captain*)
- St. Francis' House : Mohit Ahuja (*Captain*)  
Mohd. Asad Yusuf Kidwai (*Vice-Captain*)
- St. George's House : Kartik Mehrotra (*Captain*)  
Mohd. Akbar Khan (*Vice-Captain*)

### Prefects :

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| Mohd. Athar (XII-A)        | Yash Nautiyal (XII-A)               |
| Anant Kumar (XII-B)        | Dhruv Saksena (XI-C)                |
| Praveen Honhar (XI-C)      | Abhyudaya Mishra (XI-B)             |
| Aditya Mohan (XII-B)       | Syed Wajeehul Hasan Shahper (XII-A) |
| Akash Dhar Dwivedi (XII-C) | Kartikeya Singh Sangwan (XI-C)      |
| Amol Khanna (XI-A)         | Satvik Mishra (XI-A)                |

### English Editors:

- Syed Mohd. Najmuddin Naqvi (XII-B)
- Shubham Rohan Asthana (XI-C)

### Hindi Editors:

- Subin Thomas (XII-A) Mohd. Yashab Abbas (XI-B)

### Event Captains:

- |               |   |                    |       |
|---------------|---|--------------------|-------|
| Cricket       | : | Mohd. Yaseem Abbas | XII-C |
| Basketball    | : | Siddhant Ojha      | XII-A |
| Table Tennis  | : | Devesh Dwivedi     | XII-A |
| Football      | : | Najmuddin Naqvi    | XII-B |
| Badminton     | : | Kanishka Pandey    | XII-B |
| Swimming      | : | Nikhil Gutpa       | XII-B |
| Hockey        | : | Vikram Shah        | XII-C |
| Music Captain | : | Mudit Kumar        | XII-A |
| Chess         | : | Sachin Asthana     | XII-C |

- April 24 : **Junior School Prize Distribution.**
- April 25 : **Senior School Prize Distribution – Chief Guest : Mr. Rajat Kumar, General Manager, Hindustan Times, Lucknow**
- April 25 : Avinash Singh Vishen of Class VI-C was awarded with an Initial Plectrum Writer with Merit by Trinity College, London. The programme was held at New Delhi



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## A Century in Turmoil

The great Albert Einstein once remarked — “I do not know how the third World War will be fought, but I can tell you what they will use in the Fourth rocks!”

Today, the world is facing a global catastrophe not just from the threat of the nuclear weapons but from all fronts, be it diplomatic, environmental or any other; everything is in a turmoil in the 21st century.

Terrorism is perhaps the greatest threat in the world as besides spreading terror, it is also responsible for degrading relations between nations. Take the example of India and Pakistan. The frequent attacks by Taliban on India has affected the diplomatic relations between the two countries. Both countries have been increasing their nuclear arsenal so that in the event of a war, none is overpowered by the other.

Environmental problems caused due to human activities also pose a great threat to the survival of mankind. Global warming is the increase in the average temperature of the Earth's near surface air and oceans and its projected continuation. Global surface temperature increased  $0.74 \pm 0.182$  during the last century. Human activities are mainly responsible for global warming.

Global warming has serious impacts. The rising temperature of the earth causes the glaciers and ice caps to melt as a result of which, the sea level rises. This will result in the submergence of islands and low lying areas. Reports say that on an average, increase of  $2^{\circ}\text{C}$  is enough to melt the ice sheets. This will increase the sea level by sixteen to twenty feet.

Motorsports, which has continued to captivate and enthrall people for years is largely responsible for the depletion in the supplies of petroleum. In Formula One, perhaps the most prolific racing event in a year, approximately 3000 litres of petrol are spent in each race. That brings the total consumption in a season of eighteen races to approximately 54000 litres. Likewise many other such events are held that consume almost this much amount of fuel.

Environmental damage and war share a very close relationship. Today, nations are busy advancing their armoury and nuclear arsenal. Testing of fission bombs have a drastic effect on the environment. The vast plethora of energy liberated and radioactivity caused at the blast site and in the surrounding areas renders it uninhabitable and useless.

Lazaris was quite right when he remarked, “Nothing changes until you do.” This truth is miles deep and anything but simple. Today, people are either ignorant or they simply do not give a damn about the problems and concerns that may impede our own existence and our progeny's.

Today, we are at such a junction, that we must all be able to read the writing on the walls or else be prepared to face the heat. □

Kaustav Ganguly  
XII-B





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- May 1 : **Inter House Badminton 'C' Division**
- May 2 : **Inter House Badminton 'B' Division**
- May 4 : **Inter House Badminton 'A' Division**
- May 5 : **Open Junior Badminton Doubles**

### **Inter House Badminton Open Senior Doubles**

Result of Inter House Badminton Championship for the Cock House 2009-2010

- First* : St. Andrew's House 57 Points
- Second* : St. Francis' House 48 Points
- Third* : St. Patrick's House 38 points
- Fourth* : St. George's House 34 points

- May 5 : Junior School closed for the **summer vacation** due to heat wave.
- May 7 : **Inter House Chess 'A' Division**
- May 13 : Inter House Open Chess Championship Senior
- May 13 : Inter House Table Tennis 'A' Division
- May 14 : Inter House Open Doubles Senior Table Tennis
- May 16 : Uttar Pradesh 4th State Level UCMAS Abacus and Mental Arithmetic Competition 2009 was held at CMS, Aashiana. The following students participated :
  - 1) Sagar Kumar VI-C (C-3 Category)
  - 2) Harkeirat Talwar VI-B (C-3 Category)
  - 3) Sparsh Agarwal VI-C (A-1 Category)They bagged the Runners-up Trophy for St. Francis' College competing with several prestigious schools of the state.
- May 16 : **Parent Teacher's Meeting** for the Classes IX, X, XI & XII.
- May 17 : The college closed for the **summer vacation**.
- May 20 : **I.C.S.E. and I.S.C. results were declared.**
- June 6 : **HDFC Bank Merits Scholarships 2009**  
We are proud of the following students who were awarded the certificate of Achievement for reaching the various levels of HDFC Bank Merits Scholarship, 2009
  - 1) Karan Saxena IX-D awarded the Silver plus level.
  - 2) Astitva Chandra VII-D awarded the Bronze level.
  - 3) Master Zohrain Husian VII-C awarded the Silver Level
- June 22 : Second Officer Allen M. Morrison, Associate NCC Officer of our college attended the Refresher Training Course for Airwing NCC Officers at the Airwing faculty, Airforce Station, Tambaram- Chennai and stood First in the Order of Merit. He was also awarded a trophy for being the Best Officer in Drills.
- June 30 : **Staff meeting** was held
- July 1 : **College re-opens** after summer vacations.
- July 3 : **Inter House Chess Championship 'B' Division**



- July 4 : **Inter House Chess Championship 'C' Division**
- July 5 : **A friendly football match** was organised with La Martiniere College at St. Francis' College where our college won by a score line of 10-0.
- July 6 : **Open Chess Junior Championship**  
 Chess Shield Points for the Cock House 2009-2010 are as follows-  
*First* : St. Patrick's House 50 points  
*Second* : St. Andrew's House 47 points  
*Third* : St. George's House 41 points  
*Fourth* : St. Francis' House 39 points
- July 8 : **Inter House Hindi Elocution for Classes VI, VII and VIII**
- July 10 : **Inter House Basket Ball**
- July 11 : **Inter House English Elocution for Classes IX, X, XI and XII**  
 Judge 1 – Ms. Fanthome, Vice Principal, La Martiniere Girls College  
 Judge 2 – Mr. Amitabh Agnihotri, La Martiniere Boys College  
 Judge 3 – Ms. Maya Ray, Loreto Convent
- July 11 : **Inter House Basket Ball (Finals)**  
 Basketball Trophy for the year 2009-2010 is positioned as following –  
*First* : St. Patrick's House  
*Second* : St. George's House  
*Third* : St. Francis' House  
*Fourth* : St. Andrew's House
- July 12 : **A second friendly football match** was organised with La Martiniere College where our college team won by a score line of 10-1
- July 14 : **Inter House Volleyball**
- July 15 : **Inter House Volleyball (Final)**  
 The Final Tally for Inter-House Volleyball shield for Cock House 2009-2010 was as follows-  
*First* : St. Francis' House  
*Second* : St. Patrick's House  
*Third* : St. George's House  
*Fourth* : St. Andrew's House
- July 17 : **Inter House English Elocution for Classes VI, VII & VIII.**
- July 20 : **A Lecture on Traffic Rules** by S.P., Traffic, Lucknow
- July 22 : **Inter House Football Championship – 'C' Division**
- July 22 : **B.S. Sood Memorial Inter College Basketball Tournament**, St. Francis' College were Runner up and lost to the host Spring Dale College, Kanpur Road under the leadership of Siddhant Ojha of Class XII-A.
- July 23 : **Inter House Hindi Debate for Classes IX, X, XI and XII.**
- July 23 : **Inter House Football Championship – 'C' Division**
- July 24 : **A swimming competition** was organised by Civil Service Institute (C.S.I.) of Lucknow, where the following students of our college were declared winners-



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- 1) **Avinash Singh Vishen (IV-C)**  
First : Relay  
Second : 25m Breast Stroke  
Third : 25m in Back Stroke
  - 2) **Abhinav Mishra (VI-A)**  
Third : Relay  
Fourth : Freestyle  
Fourth : Breast stroke
  - 3) **Ananya Mishra (XI-A)**  
First : Freestyle  
Third : Backstroke  
Third : Breast stroke  
Third : Relay
- July 28 : **Inter House Football Championship – 'B' Division**
- July 28 : **Hisham Ali Ansari** of Class VII-B who represented St. Francis' College was placed third in the Inter School Art Competition for Classes VI to VIII, organised by La Martiniere College.
- July 29 : **Inter House Football Championship 'B' Division.**
- July 30 : **Extravaganza 2009**  
St. Dominic Savio College, Indira Nagar organised a three day Inter College Youth and Cultural Festival in which 18 prestigious institutions of the city had participated. Our students were outstanding in various competitions that were held. The results were—
- 1) **Ad Mad Contest** – The College team represented by Sarthak Kulshreshtha, Ritvan Pandey, Siddhartha Tandon, Raghav Kapoor and Naman Kohli bagged the First Prize.
  - 2) **Face Painting Competition** – Ayush Kumar Singh and Akansh Tandon were excellent and got the First Prize.
  - 3) **Hindi Debate** – Mohd. Yashab Abbas who spoke for the motion was judged as the highest scorer in the debate. Debyendu Kundu who spoke Against the motion was also outstanding. Together, they bagged the first prize.
  - 4) **English Debate** – The college team represented by Dhruv Saxena and Amil Bhatnagar. The team got the Second Prize.
  - 5) **Quiz Competition** – Praveen Honhar and Najmuddin Naqvi were the participants and got the Third Prize.
  - 6) **Power Point presentation** – Ashutosh Dey and Mohd. Yashab Abbas presened a Power Point Presentation in the 'Youth Summit' on 'Eco-friendly activities' and were judged third.
- Finally, among 18 prestigious institutions of the city who took part in this grand event, St. Francis' College was awarded "The Champion of Champions" Trophy.
- July 30 : **Inter House Football Championship – 'A' Division**
- July 31 : **Inter House Football Championship 'A' Division**  
Results Inter House Football Championship for the Cock House 2009–10

<i>First</i>	:	St. George's House
<i>Second</i>	:	St. Francis' House
<i>Third</i>	:	St. Andrew's House
<i>Fourth</i>	:	St. Patrick's House

Aug 1 : Parent Teacher's Meeting for Classes VI to XII

Aug 3 : Inter House Hindi Elocution for Classes IX, X, XI & XII

Aug 4 : Inter House Football Championship 'A' Division

Aug 5 : Inter House Quiz for classes VI, VII and VIII

The winner was St. Andrew's House. The following students were the winners-

<i>First</i>	:	Divyansh Joshi	VIII-B	St. Andrew's House
		Mayank Prasad	VII-D	St. Andrew's House
		Argant Ranjan	VI-A	St. Andrew's House
<i>Second</i>	:	Ritwik Kapoor	VI-B	St. Francis' House
		Pranav Misra	VIII-A	St. Francis' House
		Aunish Mukherjee	VII-C	St. Francis' House
<i>Third</i>	:	Arnav Agarwal	VII-C	St. George's House
		Harshvardhan Dixit	VI-A	St. George's House
		Himanshu Joshi	VIII-C	St. George's House

Aug 7 : Inter House Table Tennis 'B' Division

Aug 8 : Inter House Table Tennis 'C' Division

Aug 10 : G.K. Dictation, Moral Science and Catechism exams for First Term begin.

Aug 13 : Bharat Jyoti, an NGO organised an **Inter School debate competition**. 27 prestigious institutions of the city participated in this event. Out of 76 participants who took part, **Debyendu Kundu**, was judged the **Best speaker** - Against the motion and was awarded, the first prize. **Dhruv Saxena** was the **Best speaker** in for the motion category and bagged the second prize.

Overall, St. Francis' College stood first in the competition.

Aug 15 : **Independence Day celebrated**. The day began with a church service at 6:45 A.M. in the college chapel by offering a special prayer for our motherland followed by the ceremonial Flag Hoisting by the Chief Guest Rev. Vincent Pinto, Principal, St. Francis' College, Lucknow.

Aug 17 : **First Quarterly Examination commence**.

Aug 21 : **India Book of Records** awarded "The Memory Grandmaster Title" for the year 2009 to the following students -

1)	Mayur Kenkre	VIII-C
2)	Madhav Khanna	II-A
3)	Mukund Khanna	VI-D

The students were outstanding in the memorisation of -

- 50 digits in less than 5 minutes
- 50 random words in less than 6 minutes
- 25 fictional events and historic/future dates in less than 5 minutes.

Aug 23 : **Kanishka Saxena** of Class V-B qualified the gold level of **HDFC Bank Merits Scholarships 2009** to win a cash prize of Rs. 2500. The examination was conducted at Eram Inter college, Indira Nagar, Lucknow.



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- Aug 31 : **Regular classes resume after the first quarterly exams.**  
Sept 5 : Teacher's Day was celebrated with great pomp and show. The entire college was in a festive mood and the students, brimming with reverence and respect for their teachers made it a memorable occasion. Many colourful programmes like dances, skit and drama were presented by the students in the School Auditorium.

### **Teacher's Day Celebration; Friendly Basket Ball match between staff and students**

<b>Staff</b>	<b>Students</b>
Fr. V. Pinto	Siddhant Ojha
Fr. Marianus	Mayur
Mr. A. Dean	Abhijay
Mr. R. Francis	Mudit
Mr. R. Misra	Abhijeet
Mr. A. Srivastava	Saif
Mr. B'D More	Kalrav
Mr. H. Gregory	Vinayak
Mr. Kocher	Kartikeya
Mr. P. Pathak	Kautilya & Divyanshu

The top scorers for the staff were Fr. Pinto, Mr. Dean and Mr. Francis. This enabled the Staff to win comfortably with a scoreline of 34 to 22 against the students.

The celebrations ended with a grand lunch from the management.

- Sept 8 : **Answer scripts shown to the students of Class VI to XII**  
Sept 14 : Basit Naseem of Class XI-C passed away. We pray to the Almighty to grant eternal rest to his departed soul.  
Sept 15 : **Distribution of report cards.**  
Sept 19 : Avinash Chaturvedi Memorial Inter College Football Tournament was held from 12th Sep 2009 to 19th Sept 2009 at Chowk Stadium. St. Francis' College played the first match on 15th Sept. 2009 against St. Joseph College, Rajajipuram in which our college team won by 6-0. The second match was played on 16th Sept. 2009 in which St. Francis' College beat Christ Church College by 1-0. The goal was scored by Mohit Ahuja. In the Semi-final, St. Francis' College beat Jaipuria college by 1-0. Osama Carr scored the winning goal. In the final of the tournament St. Francis' College went down fighting to Lucknow Montessori, Sadar by 1-0. For St. Francis' College, Mohit Ahuja got a scholarship of Rs. 3600/- for being an outstanding player in the tournament.  
Sept 20 : The entire city was moved by the news of a very serious car accident in which we lost our student. Ayush Pandey of Class X-B. May his soul rest in peace.  
Sept 23 : **Answer scripts of First Term Exam for Class X shown to the parents.**  
Sept 24 : **Answer scripts of First Term Exam for Class IX shown to the parents.**

- Sept 25 : A "Memorial Service" was held to pray for the repose of the departed souls of – Basit Naseem (XI-C) and Ayush Pandey (X-B)  
The entire college staff along with the students of Classes X, XI and XII attended the service and prayed together. There were readings from the Holy scriptures of Bhagwat Gita, Quran and the Bible.
- Sept 26 : "The Rotary International Club" organised an Inter School English Debate Competition at CMS, Gomtinagar, Lucknow. 18 prestigious institutions of the city participated and St. Francis' College was represented by Dhruv Saxena & Debyendu Kundu  
Dhruv Saxena bagged a well deserved Best Speaker – For the Motion. A brilliant effort made by the college won the "Best School Trophy".
- Sept 26 : "The Rotary International Club" felicitated the two top rankers of our college for securing outstanding marks in ICSE 2009-10.  
Praveen Honhar – 96.6% and Shubham Rohan Asthana – 95.8%  
The students were given certificates along with Gold and Silver medals respectively.
- 26th Sept. : Dussehra break.
- Oct 2 : Past vs Present Students Cricket Match for celebration of Patron's week.  
Past beat the Present by 24 Runs.
- Oct 3 : Past vs Present Basket ball match – The Past beat the Present in a hard fought match by 40-38. For the Present Basketball team, Kalrav Tripathi (XI-A) and Mohammad Saif (VI-B) played an outstanding game and scored 11 and 13 points respectively.
- Oct 4 : Past vs Present Football Match – The Present beat the Past by 2-1 goals.  
Parth Shukla and Siddharth Kapoor scored 1 goal each for the Present team.
- Oct 4 : Patron's Day Celebration – started with a Holy mass in the Chapel at 7.00 a.m. The Chief Guest of the day was Rt. Rev. Dr. Gerald John Mathias, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Lucknow.  
After the Chapel service, there was a special Felicitation ceremony where the teachers were awarded certificates for obtaining full attendance in the session 2008-09. A special recognition for Mr. Shishupal, a helper, who completed 25 yeas of his dedicated service. After the prize distribution, the students were given ice-creams on the occasion of our college feast. The toppers of I.S.C. and I.C.S.E. 2009 were also given certificates from the college. The celebration ended with a High Tea hosted by the management for all the staff members.
- Oct 5 : Past vs Present Badminton Match  
The Present beat the Past by 2 matches to 1. The following students represented the Present team –  
Kanishka Pandey (XII-B) *Captain*      Abhijay Ghidyal (XII-C)  
Samarth Gupta (X-C)                      Abhishek Kaul (XI-B)
- Oct. 7 : 20 Airwing NCC cadets attended the Combined Annual Training Camp - CATC 222 at the Army Parade Ground, Lucknow.



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Oct 14 : **Inter House Swimming Competition**

First	:	St. Andrew's House	73 points
Second	:	St. George's House	59 points
Third	:	St. Patrick's House	42 points
Fourth	:	St. Francis' House	32 points

## List of Prize Winners (Swimming) 2009-2010

### Age Group 6-9

**Parth Srivastava** III-D St. Patrick's House

First : 25 Meter Free style

Third : 25 Meter Breast stroke

**Samit Kapoor** III-A St. Andrew's House

Second : 25 Meter Free Style

Second : 25 Meter Back Stroke

Second : 25 Meter Butterfly

**Shikhar Khanna** III-D St. George's House

Third : 25 Meter Free Style

First : 25 Meter Back Stroke

**Shashwat Chaturvedi** I-B St. George's House

Third : 25 Meter Back Stroke

First : 25 Meter Breast Stroke

Third : 25 Meter Butterfly

**Vanshraj Seth** IV-D St. George's House

Second : 25 Meter Breast Stroke

First : 25 Meter Butterfly

### Best Swimmer in Age Group 6 to 9 :

Samit Kapoor III-A St. Andrew's House

### Age Group 10-12

**Avishrant Gupta** VI-B St. Patrick's House

First : 50 Meter Free Style

First : 50 Meter Back Stroke

First : 50 Meter Breast Stroke

First : 25 Meter Butterfly

**Shaariq Ashar** V-C St. Patrick's House

Second : 50 Meter Free Style

**Ritesh Singh** VI-B St. George's House

Third : 50 Meter Free Style

Second : 50 Meter Back Stroke

**Kunal Agarwal** V-A St. Andrew's House

Third : 50 Meter Back Stroke

**Parv Kapoor** IV-D St. Andrew's House

Second : 50 Meter Breast Stroke

**Siddharth Chaturvedi** V-B St. Andrew's House

Third : 50 Meter Breast Stroke

Third : 25 Meter Butterfly

**Abhiraj Gupta** V-A St. Andrew's House  
*Second* : 25 Meter Butterfly

**Best Swimmer in Age Group 10 to 12 :**  
Avishrant Gupta VI-B St. Patrick's House

### Age Group 13-15

**Dhruv Shukla** IX-C St. George's House  
*Second* : 50 Meter Butterfly  
*First* : 50 Meter Free Style  
*First* : 50 Meter Back Stroke

**Shashank Deo Pandey** X-A St. Patrick's House  
*First* : 50 Meter Breast Stroke

**Akshay Srivastava** IX-A St. Andrew's House  
*Second* : 50 Meter Breast Stroke

**Mayur Deepak Kenkre** VIII-C St. Andrew's House  
*Third* : 50 Meter Breast Stroke

**Suyash Garg** IX-B St. Francis' House  
*First* : 50 Meter Butterfly  
*Second* : 50 Meter Free Style  
*Second* : 50 Meter Back Stroke

**Nalin Sah** VIII-C St. Andrew's House  
*Third* : 50 Meter Butterfly

**Shivansh Paul** VII-C St. George's House  
*Third* : 50 Meter Free Style

**Siddhant Saraswat** VIII-B St. Francis' House  
*Third* : 50 Meter Back Stroke

**Best Swimmer in Age Group 13 to 15 :**  
Dhruv Shukla IX-C St. George's House

### Age Group 16-18

**Prakhar Deep** X-C St. Andrew's House  
*Third* : 100 Meter Breast Stroke  
*First* : 100 Meter Free Style  
*First* : 50 Meter Free Style  
*Second* : 50 Meter Breast Stroke  
*First* : 50 Meter Back Stroke

**Nikhil Gupta** XII-B St. Andrew's House  
*First* : 100 Meter Breast Stroke  
*First* : 50 Meter Breast Stroke  
*First* : 50 Meter Butterfly  
*Third* : 50 Meter Back Stroke

**Qaseem Haider Naqvi** XII-B St. Francis' House  
*Second* : 100 Meter Breast Stroke

**Mayur Narang** XII-A St. Francis' House  
*Third* : 100 Meter Free Style



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<i>Second</i> :	50 Meter Free Style		
<i>Third</i> :	50 Meter Butterfly		
<b>Akansh Tandon</b>	IX-C	St. George's House	
<i>Second</i> :	100 Meter Free Style		
<i>Third</i> :	50 Meter Free Style		
<i>Second</i> :	50 Meter Butterfly		
<b>Anurag Tiwari</b>	XII-A	St. George's House	
<i>Third</i> :	50 Meter Breast Stroke		
<b>Abhijay Ghildyal</b>	XII-C	St. Patrick's House	
<i>Second</i> :	50 Meter Back Stroke		

### Best Swimmer in Age Group 16 to 18 :

<b>Prakhar Deep</b>	X-C	St. Andrew's House	
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### 200 Meter Free Style Open

<i>First</i> :	Prakhar Deep	X-C	St. Andrew's House
<i>Second</i> :	Akansh Tandon	XI-C	St. George's House
<i>Third</i> :	Mayur Narang	XII-A	St. Francis' House

### 200 Meter Breast Stroke Open

<i>First</i> :	Nikhil Gupta	XII-B	St. Andrew's House
<i>Second</i> :	Qaseem H. Naqvi	XII-B	St. Francis' House

### 4 X 25 Meter Individual Medley Open

<i>First</i> :	Suyash Garg	IX-B	St. Francis' House
<i>Second</i> :	Nikhil Gupta	XII-B	St. Andrew's House
<i>Third</i> :	Akansh Tandon	XI-C	St. George's House

### 4 x 25 Meter Free Style Relay Open

#### *First* : St. Patrick's House

<b>Shashank Deo Pandey</b>	X-A	Milind Gaur	IX-B
<b>Hamza Jamal</b>	IX-C	Abhijay Ghildyal	XII-C

#### *Second* : St. George's House

<b>Anurag Tiwari</b>	XII	Aakansh Tandon	XI-C
<b>Dhruv Shukla</b>	IX-C	Shivansh Paul	VII-C

#### *Third* : St. Andrew's House

<b>Osamah Ahmad Warsi</b>	XI-C	Prakhar Deep	X-C
<b>Nikhil Gupta</b>	XII-B	Siddharth Kapoor	XI-A

### 4 X 25 Meter Medley Relay Open

#### *First* : St. George's House

<b>Dhruv Shukla</b>	IX-C	Anurag Tiwari	XII-A
<b>Akansh Tandon</b>	XI-C	Shivansh Paul	VII-C

#### *Second* : St. Francis' House

<b>Mayur Narang</b>	XII-A	Qaseem Haider Naqvi	XII-B
<b>Suyash Garg</b>	IX-B	Sagar Rana	VIII-A

#### *Third* : St. Andrew's House

<b>Prakhar Deep</b>	X-C	Nikhil Gupta	XII-B
<b>Akshay Srivastava</b>	IX-D	Osamah Ahmad Warsi	XI-C

Oct 15 : 8 Airwing NCC cadets attended the Combined Annual Training Camp at Kanpur Cantonment.





- Oct 16 : **Diwali Holidays.**
- Oct 22 : **Annual Concert** — The annual concert once again turned out to be a great crowd puller where parents enthusiastically came in large numbers to witness their talented wards performing on stage. The programme was a mixture of sound, music, dance and overall entertainment. Beginning from the tiny tots of Classes Nursery and K.G., to the senior school students, all participated with complete gusto. –
- Nov 1 : **Old Franciscans' Association** organised the **Annual Old Boy's Dinner.**
- Nov 3 : **Inter House Athletics Long Jump — A, B & C Division**
- Nov 3 : **'Reflections'** organised as a literary event to enhance artistic, innovative, logical and creative talents of the students of Class VI to XII. The literary and cultural event was hosted at Spring Dale, Ashiana. St. Francis' College participated amongst nine reputed – institutions of our city. The team comprising Tushar Kanaiya and Karan Saxena stood second in the Dumb Charades event.
- Nov 3 : Quiz was conducted by Traffic Police S.P. City, Mr. Harish Nath. The following students did us proud –
  - First : Harshit Tandon XI-C
  - Second : Asil Zaidi XII-B
  - Third : Syed Sarfaraz Akhtar XI-C
- Nov 4 : **Inter House Athletics Hop Step and Jump — A, B & C Division**
- Nov 5 : **Inter House Athletics High Jump — A, B & C Division**
- Nov 5 : **Drawing Competition 2009**
  - Results of Class VI-*
  - First : Anurag Sharma VI-D
  - Second : Arjun Kumar Nag VI-C
  - Third : Anuruddha Banerjea VI-B
  - Results of Class VII*
  - First : Naman Kapoor VII-D
  - Second : Mrigank Ashesh VII-C
  - Third : Hisham Ali Ansari VII-B
- Nov 6 : **Inter House Athletics – Shot Put — A & B Division.**
- Nov 6 : **Inter House Athletic Discus Throw — A & B Division.**

### List of Prize Winners (Athletics) 2009-2010

#### 'C' Division

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|-------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| <b>Kabir Singh</b>      | VIII-C | St. Andrew's House |
| First : 100 Meter       |        |                    |
| First : 200 Meter       |        |                    |
| First : 400 Meter       |        |                    |
| First : 800 Meter       |        |                    |
| Third : Long Jump       |        |                    |
| <b>Uttkarsh Bisaria</b> | VIII-C | St. Andrew's House |
| Second : 100 Meter      |        |                    |
| Second : 200 Meter      |        |                    |



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Second : 400 Meter  
 Third : 800 Meter  
 Second : High Jump

**Sandeep Prasad Krishna** VIII-B St. Patrick's House  
 Third : 100 Meter  
 Second : Long Jump

**Sarim Khan** VII-C St. Andrew's House  
 First : Long Jump  
 First : Hop Step & Jump

**Abdulla Ansari** IX-A St. George's House  
 Third : 200 Meter

**Kashif Khan** VIII-A St. Patrick's House  
 Third : 400 Meter

**Manan Mehrotra** VIII-B St. Patrick's House  
 Second : 800 Meter  
 Second : Hop Step & Jump

**Samir Piyush** VII-C St. Francis' House  
 Third : Hop Step & Jump

**Kinshuk Daryani** VI-D St. Patrick's House  
 First : High Jump

**Kartick Mathur** VIII-A St. Francis' House  
 Third : High Jump

### Inter House Relay 4 X 100 Meter

First : St. Andrew's House

Kabir Singh VIII-C Sarim Khan VII-C  
 Uttkarsh Bisaria VIII-C Vikhyat Bhatnagar VII-C

Second : St. George's House

Arun Arnold Singh X-A Abdulla Ansari IX-A  
 Arnab Aggarwal VII-C Himanshu Joshi VIII-C

Third : St. Francis's House

Fardeen Siddiqui VI-C Kartick Mathur VIII-A  
 Kush Tanvani IX-C Aamin H. Rizvi V-B

### 'B' Division

**Siddharth Kapoor** XI-A St. Andrew's House

Third : 200 Meter  
 First : 400 Meter  
 First : 80 Meter  
 Second : Hop Step & Jump  
 First : Discus Throw  
 Third : Shot Put

**Aayush Shukla** X-B St. Andrew's House

First : 100 Meter  
 First : 200 Meter

**Mohd. Tayyab Javed** IX-C St. Andrew's House

Second : 100 Meter

**Shubham Srivastava** XI-A St. Andrew's House  
*Third* : 100 Meter

**Debarshi Ghosh** IX-A St. George's House  
*Second* : 200 Meter  
*Second* : 800 Meter  
*First* : Long Jump  
*First* : Shot Put  
*Third* : 400 Meter

**Mohd. Saif Ahmad** VI-B St. Patrick's House  
*Second* : 400 Meter  
*Third* : 800 Meter  
*Third* : High Jump

**Mohd. Basim Abbas** VIII-C St. Francis' House  
*Second* : Long Jump  
*First* : Hop Step & Jump

**Qazi Umair Arshad** IX-C St. George's House  
*Third* : Long Jump

**Pranav Wilson** XI-C St. Patrick's House  
*Third* : Hop Step & Jump

**Akshit Dhumal** XII-C St. Francis' House  
*First* : High Jump

**Raghav Sharma** IX-C St. Andrew's House  
*Second* : High Jump

**Arpan Mahajan** X-A St. George's House  
*Second* : Discus Throw

**Danish Ullah Khan** X-A St. Patrick's House  
*Third* : Discus Throw  
*Second* : Shot Put

#### **Inter House Relay 4 X 100 Meter**

*First* : **St. Andrew's House**

Shubham Srivastava XI-A Mohd. Tayyab Javed IX-C  
Aayush Shukla X-B Siddharth Kapoor XI-A

*Second* : **St. George's House**

Debarshi Ghosh IX-A Akshat Sharma XI-C  
Akbar Basir VIII-B Arpan Mahajan X-A

*Third* : **St. Patrick's House**

Mohd. Saif Ahmad VI-B Pranav Wilson XI-C  
Mohd. Saiful Siddiqui VIII-D Syed Sarfaraz Akhtar XI-C

#### **'A' Division**

**Mohd. Asad Yusuf Kidwai** XI-B St. Francis' House

*Second* : 200 Meter  
*First* : 400 Meter  
*First* : 800 Meter  
*First* : Long Jump  
*Third* : Hop Step & Jump



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<b>Mohit Ahuja</b>	XII-C	St. Francis' House	
<i>First</i> :	100 Meter		
<i>Third</i> :	200 Meter		
<i>Third</i> :	High Jump		
<b>Mohd. Akbar Khan</b>	XI-B	St. George's House	
<i>Second</i> :	100 Meter		
<i>First</i> :	200 Meter		
<b>Osamah Ahmad Warsi</b>	XI-C	St. Andrew's House	
<i>Third</i> :	100 Meter		
<b>Piyush Mehta</b>	XII-B	St. Andrew's House	
<i>Third</i> :	400 Meter		
<b>Abhijay Ghildyal</b>	XII-C	St. Patrick's House	
<i>Second</i> :	800 Meter		
<b>Mohd. Osamah Carr</b>	XI-B	St. Patrick's House	
<i>Third</i> :	800 Meter		
<b>Arun Arnold Singh</b>	X-A	St. George's House	
<i>Second</i> :	Long Jump		
<i>First</i> :	High Jump		
<i>First</i> :	Hop Step & Jump		
<b>Mohd. Yasim Abbas</b>	XII-C	St. Patrick's House	
<i>Third</i> :	Long Jump		
<i>Second</i> :	Hop Step & Jump		
<b>Deepak Joshi</b>	XI-A	St. Andrew's House	
<i>Second</i> :	High Jump		
<b>Qaseem Haider Naqvi</b>	XII-B	St. Francis' House	
<i>First</i> :	Discus Throw		
<b>Syed Mohd. Qasim Ali</b>	XII-A	St. Francis' House	
<i>Second</i> :	Discus Throw		
<i>Second</i> :	Shot Put		
<b>Mayur Narang</b>	XII-A	St. Francis' House	
<i>Third</i> :	Discus Throw		
<i>First</i> :	Shot Put		
<b>Saitra Kumar Singh</b>	XI-B	St. Patrick's House	
<i>Third</i> :	Shot Put		
<b>Inter House Relay 4 X 100 Meter</b>			
<i>First</i> :	<b>St. George's House</b>		
Mohd. Sameer Azmi	XII-A	Ramandeep Singh	XI-B
Siddharth Varun	XII-C	Mohd. Akbar Khan	XI-B
<i>Second</i> :	<b>St. Francis' House</b>		
Shivashish Pandey	XII-A	Qaseem Haider Naqvi	XII-B
Mohit Ahuja	XII-C	Mohd. Asad Yusuf Kidwai	XI-B
<i>Third</i> :	<b>St. Patrick's House</b>		
Mohd. Osamah Carr	XI-B	Abhijay Ghildyal	XII-C
Mohd. Yashab Abbas	XI-B	Syed Mohd. Tahir Zaidi	XI-B

### 1500 Meter Open

First	:	Mohd Asad Kidwai	XI-B	St. Francis' House
Second	:	Kabir Singh	VIII-C	St. Andrew's House
Third	:	Siddharth Kapoor	XI-A	St. Andrew's House

### Marathon Open

First	:	Modh. Asad Kidwai	XI-B	St. Francis' House
Second	:	Siddharth Kapoor	XI-A	St. Andrew's House
Third	:	Kabir Singh	VIII-C	St. Andrew's House

### Athletic Championship

'A' Div.	:	Mohd. Asad Kidwai	XI-B	St. Francis' House
'B' Div.	:	Siddharth Kapoor	XI-A	St. Andrew's House
'C' Div.	:	Kabir Singh	VIII-C	St. Andrew's House

## **List of Prize Winners (Sports) 2009-2010**

### Inter House Badminton

#### 'A' Division Singles

Winner	:	Kanishka Pandey	XII-B	St. Andrew's House
Runner up	:	Samarth Gupta	X-C	St. Francis' House

#### 'B' Division Singles

Winner	:	Vivek R. Wesley	IX-B	St. Francis' House
Runner up	:	Parikshit D. Dhar	IX-A	St. Patrick's House

#### 'C' Division Singles

Winner	:	Akash Singh	VIII-A	St. Andrew's House
Runner up	:	Milind Pandey	VIII-C	St. Francis' House

### Badminton Doubles Open Senior

Winner :				
Samarth Gupta (X-C) & Vivek R. Wesley (IX-B)				St. Francis' House
Runner up :				
Kanishka Pandey (XII-B) & Abhishek Kaul(XI-B)				St. Andrew's House

### Badminton Doubles Open Junior

Winner :				
Akash Singh (VIII-A) & Saad Mustafa Rizvi (VII-B)				St. Andrew's House
Runner up :				
Milind Pandey (VIII-C) & Avinash S. Vishen (VI-C)				St. Francis' House

### Table Tennis Singles

#### 'A' Division

Winner	:	Devesh Dwivedi	XII-A	St. Andrew's House
Runner up	:	Abhishek Kaul	XI-B	St. Andrew's House

#### 'B' Division

Winner	:	Faizan Hussain	IX-A	St. Patrick's House
Runner up	:	Saksham Kapoor	IX-D	St. Francis' House

#### 'C' Division

Winner	:	Tushaar Trivedi	VI-C	St. Patrick's House
Runner up	:	Yash Tandon	VI-A	St. Patrick's House



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### Open Senior Table Tennis Doubles

Winner : Faizan Hussain (IX-A) & Karan Ghosh (IX-B) St. Patrick's House  
Runner up : Devesh Dwivedi (XII-A) & Abhishek Kaul (XI-B) St. Andrew's House

### Open Junior Table Tennis Doubles

Winner : Fardeen Siddiqui (VI-C) & Gaurang Sikka (VIII-D) St. Francis' House  
Runner up : Prakhar Tandon (VIII-C) & Yashwant Singh (VII-C) St. Andrew's House

### Inter House Chess

#### 'A' Division

Winner : Praveen Honhar XI-C St. Andrew's House  
Runner up : Shalabh Agarwal XII-A St. George's House

#### 'B' Division

Winner : Mithesh Kaladi IX-C St. Patrick's House  
Runner up : Shubham Rai X-D St. Francis' House

#### 'C' Division

Winner : Anirudh Agarwal V-A St. Patrick's House  
Runner up : Aishwarya Misra VII-C St. Andrew's House

### Open Senior Chess

Winner : Mithesh Kaladi IX-C St. Patrick's House  
Runner up : Shalabh Agarwal XII-A St. George's House

### Open Junior Chess

Winner : Anirudh Agarwal V-A St. Patrick's House  
Runner up : Aishwarya Mishra VII-C St. Andrew's House

### Yogendra Narain Cup for Best All Round Student

Senior : Mohd. Athar XII-A

### Late Harry Sealy Cup for Best All Round Student

Junior : Anirudh Agarwal V-A

### Father Alfred Cup for the Best Sportsman of the Year

Mohd Yasim Abbas XII-C

Tug-O-War : St. Andrew's House  
Avinash Anand Memorial Hockey Shield : St. Francis' House  
Masood Hasan Memorial Football Shield : St. George's House  
Sanjay Dhawan Memorial Cricket Shield : St. Patrick's House  
Rohit Gurnani Memorial Badminton Cup : St. Andrew's House  
Hubert Fanthome Memorial Marathon Shield : St. Andrew's House  
Harrison Memorial Athletics Shield : St. Andrew's House  
Kaushlaya Devi Vig Memorial Swimming Cup : St. Andrew's House  
C.B.Sikka Memorial Chess Trophy : St. Patrick's House  
Joe Parker March Past Shield : St. Patrick's House

**Cock House for the Year 2009-2010**  
ST. ANDREW'S HOUSE

Nov 6 : **The Better English Expression Society of La Martiniere College** hosted the second **BEE Jewel Inter School Literary and Cultural meet** in which all the leading schools of the city participated. The students of St. Francis' College excelled in the following contests organised under BEE Jewel, 2009.

**Story Writing Event** – Shubham Agarwal stood First from Classes IX & X  
Praveen Honhar stood Third from Classes XI & XII

**Extempore Speech Competition** – Amil Bhatnagar stood First from Classes IX & X.

**Turncoat Event** – Debyendu Kundu stood third from Classes XI & XII

**Elocution Competition** – Dhruv Saxena stood first from Classes XI & XII.

**What's the Good Word** – The team comprising Parth Saksena, Parth Shukla, Sidharth Tandon and Najmuddin Naqvi stood second.

**St. Francis' College** were overall declared "**Champion of Champions**" at BEE Jewel, 2009.

Nov. 9 : **Expression 2009** – The 4th annual inter college literary and cultural festival when St. Francis' College attempted to showcase the best student talent from 12 prestigious institutions of the city under one roof. The 4 day extravaganza continued to endeavour on the part of St. Francis' College to bring together students from Classes IX to XII in a spirit of healthy competition – vying for laurels in various conventional and novel contests strengthening our century old tradition to further the cause of nurturing inherent student talent. Our esteemed Judges for the festival were–

**English Debate :**

Mrs. Kumkum Ray, *Head of Department, English – Amity University*

Dr. (Mrs.) Urvashi Sahani, *Proprietor, Study Hall*

Dr. Saman Habib

**Elomime :**

Mrs. P. Rodricks, *Principal – Play House School*

Mrs. Seema Rajbir, *Principal – Red Hill School*

Mrs. N. Newton

**Innovation :**

Dr. S. Bhatia, *I.T. Degree College*

Mrs. Meeta Ghosh

Dr. Anil Kumar Rastogi, *CDRI*

**Monoacting :**

Ms. Mridula Bharadwaj

Dr. J. Fernandes, *I.T. Degree College*

Mr. Atamjeet Singh

**Indian Music :**

Mr. Kamal Khan

Mr. Naresh Saxena

Mrs. Babita Chowdhary.

**Western Music :**

Sr. Marjorie, *Head Mistress – Cathedral School*

Mrs. Michelle Fanthome, *St. Teresa's Day School*

Mrs. A Figg.



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### **Choreography :**

Ms. Asma Hussain, *Asma Hussain Institute of Fashion Technology*  
Dr. R. Smart Joseph, *I.T. Degree College.*

### **Talent Cocktail :**

Mrs. Usha Francis  
Mr. Rajiv Verma, *Director, LMA*  
Mrs. R. Mishra, *I.T. Degree College.*

### **Hindi Debate :**

Dr. Shakil Siddiqui  
Dr. Manuka Khanna, *Reader, Political Science, Lucknow University*  
Dr. Sabeena Anwar.

- Nov 14 : **Children's Day celebrations** – The college organised an Annual Fete as a part of programme. The colourful event was a grand success with children and adults enjoying equally.
- Nov 21 : Art, Dictation, G.K. and Moral Science examinations begin for Classes VI – IX
- Nov 27 : **Half Yearly Examination begin.**
- Dec 16 : Trinity College, London conducted Foundation Level graded examinations in music performance at City Montessori School. The following students participated and were awarded "Trinity Guildhall."  
**Arnav Agarwal (VII-C)** got Trinity Guildhall in Initial Electronic Keyboard Examinations and passed the exam with a distinction.  
**Avinash Singh Vishen (VI-C)** got Trinity Guildhall Grade I Plectrum Guitar with merit.  
**Siddharth Nagpal (VIII-B)** got Trinity Guildhall Initial Plectrum Guitar with distinction.
- Dec 18 : **Answer scripts of Half Yearly Examination shown to the students.**
- Dec 19 : Christmas Celebrations for students of Classes VI to XII – A colourful nativity play and melodious carols formed a part of Christmas celebration. The programme was pepped up with the entry of Santa Claus who entertained the students by his dance and by giving sweets.
- Dec 22 : Answer scripts shown to the parents. The Principal gave a grand Christmas dinner in the evening to the staff members. Everyone enjoyed Christmas Carols around the Bonfire.
- Dec. 23 : **The college closes for Winter vacations.**
- 2010**
- Jan 7 : Regular classes resume after Winter vacations.
- Jan 7 : The **Principal's Birthday** was celebrated with fervour and a special Assembly, where he was felicitated with a special address followed by a fellowship meal with the teachers.
- Jan 19 : Mexus Education Pvt. Ltd. and National Geographic Channel organised Iken Scientifica 2009 powered by Parle G at Jaipuria College in which Arnav Agarwal of also VII-C was awarded certificate of Excellence for an outstanding performance for winning the City Final of Iken Scientifica. He also got an entry in National Final conducted at IIT, Bombay where he was selected in top 10 rankers at the National level for Class VIII.



Jan 21 : 4th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) Entrance Test conducted. The students were tested on topics related to Geology, Astronomy, Atmosphere and Hydrosphere. 20 students were selected in an all Indian basis for a training camps to be held at Bangalore from 1st May to 20th May 2010. After the camp, 4 students from India would be sent to Indonesia, where the International competition would be conducted. Dhruv Singhal of X-C has been selected for the training camp. We wish him all the Best.

Jan 22 : **The Inauguration of Quasquicentennial celebrations 2010**  
22nd January 2010 was a red letter day in the history of St. Francis' College for it heralded the quasquicentennial (completion of 125 years) celebrations of this premier institution pledged to the cause of academic excellence and scholastic achievement. The inaugural programme comprised of a wide gamut of events that were hosted in an unprecedented scale of festive fervour. The day aptly commenced with the Inter Religious Prayer service at 9 am. Leading luminaries of distinction, including Sh. Nirmal Singh Saini, *Director, Guru Govind Singh Sports College, Lucknow*, Maulana Khalid Rashid, *Nayab Imam Idgah, Aishbagh* and the Brahm Kumari Radha graced the august occasion. These eminent personalities presented a short reading from their respective holy scriptures followed by a brief prayer as a mark of obeisance to the Almighty. The function was presided over by the Chief Guest Rt. Rev. Dr Gerald John Mathias. A Concelebrated High Mass was solemnised in his gracious presence. The holy congregation also offered intercessory prayers for the well being of the institution, ex-principals and teachers associated with this college. The ceremony also witnessed the distinguished presence of reputed dignitaries, professionals and other renowned citizens of Lucknow. The college choir led by Mr. Derick Jackson sang special songs and hymns to commemorate the completion of 125 years. The holy mass was followed by a special morning assembly. The students of Saint Francis' College pledged loyalty to their alma mater. This was followed by the unfurling of the college flag, an enthusiastic presentation of the college anthem and the crucial unveiling of the commemorative plaque by the Chief Guest. Pigeons were let off to reiterate Francis' commitment to noble cause of peace. Colourful balloons lent a festive appeal to the celebratory occasion. The Bishop gave an inspirational message during the auspicious occasion. The Principal of St. Francis' College, Rev. Fr. Vincent Pinto made an emotional speech in obeisance of the institution. The students were delighted to receive refreshments at the end of the programme. The VIP's were served high tea in an atmosphere of festive gaiety. The staff members were treated to a sumptuous lunch at the end of the inaugural programme. The opening of the quasquicentennial celebrations most importantly involved the issue of new monogrammed ties which all students of Saint Francis' shall sport year long as part of the grand celebrations.

Jan 26 : **Republic Day Celebration** started at 9 a.m. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr. Om Veer Singh, *Chief General Manager, Telecom, U.P. East*. The main event began with the Flag hoisting followed by March Past by the students of Class IX to XII. The attraction of the event was the Prize Distribution ceremony. The English and Hindi speeches delivered by



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Dhruv Saxena and Praveen Honhar mesmerised the audience. The English and Hindi Choir spread the message of patriotism around. The speech delivered by the Chief Guest was a source of encouragement for all. The programme concluded with our Principal's message for the students.

Feb 7 : **Cock-House Picnic at Kalagaon.**

Feb 10 : **Farewell to Class XII students:**

The entire Franciscan fraternity gathered to wish the students for their forthcoming Final exam as well as success in life. After the entertaining programmes and a special slide show, the students and staff gathered together for a lunch.

Feb 15 : Indian Association and Physics Teachers conducted National Standard Examination in Astronomy Junior 2009-2010. The examination was conducted at 351 centres in all with a total of 6000 candidates enrolled. Karan Saxena of IX-D was awarded a certificate for having been placed among the Top 10% of this examination out of 4 candidates enrolled at his centre. The centre for conducting this examination was City Montessori Inter College.

Mar 3 : **Annual Examination 2010 commence.**

Mar 3 : **I.C.S.E. and I.S.C. Exams begin.** We wish our students all the Best.

Mar 22 : Answer Scripts shown to the students of Classes VI to XI.

Mar 30 : **Report Cards given out.**

*In this manner a year packed with manifold activities drew to a close. The boys strove in deep earnest to win laurels for their alma mater. The Franciscans now zealously wait to brace the quasiquicentennial year with irrepressible enthusiasm and energy. Imbued with true Franciscan fervour they are pledged to uphold the lofty ideals of academic achievement and co-curricular excellence that St. Francis' College is so reputedly reckoned for. May God bless our endeavours so that there may be greater glory, honour and pride for our beloved institution.*

Hail St. Francis !

*In fond association*

— **MANEESHA GEORGE**



## Franciscan Panorama



Thanksgiving on  
'Patron's Day'.

Fun & games at the  
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Children enjoying a 'Jumbo Ride'  
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'Grief & Disbelief'—  
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The Chief Guest delivering his Republic Day message.



The Winners of the 'Cock-House Shield' 2009-10 — St. Andrew's House.

The combined Winner & Runner-Up teams for the 8th Avinash Chandra Chaturvedi Memorial Inter College Football Tournament with the Principal, Rev. Fr. Vincent Pinto.



Bidding a tearful farewell to the ISC-2010 Batch.

## Quasquicentinnial Celebrations



Reading from the Scripture —  
The Word of God for the ear of man.



Concelebrated Holy Mass marking the beginning  
of the Quasquicentinnial Celebrations.



Inter-Religious Prayer meet.



Hoisting the College Flag on the Momentous Day.



Ex-Principals and Ex-Officials of the College re-living the past.  
(from Left to Right) : Rev. Fr. Vincent Nazareth, Rev. Fr. Paul Rodrigues,  
Rev. Fr. Praveen Quadras, Rev. Fr. Donald De Souza, Rev. Fr. Peter D'Souza  
Rev. Fr. Ronald D'Souza & Rev. Fr. Anthony D'Souza.

## Expression - 2009



Principals of various participating institutions at Expression - 2009.



College Captains of various participating institutions handing over their college flags pledging fair participation.

'Let the Good times begin' —  
The Chief Guest declaring  
Expression - 2009 'Open'.



'The Colours & Sound of Dance' —  
Choreography Contest.

## Expression- 2009



*'I beg to differ' —*  
Audience participation during the debate.



Western Music Contest.



Choreography Competition at Expression - 2009.



Strongly 'For' the motion — English Debate.



*'The Winner takes it all' —*  
Chief Guest Mr. Kamal Saksena ( IPS), I.G. Recruitment, U.P.,  
at the Prize Distribution function of Expression - 2009.



## Annual Concert

'Engrossed' —  
a section of the audience.



'Unity in Diversity' is the message  
by the tiny-tots of Nursery.

The little ones of K.G. enacting  
'The Pied Piper of Hamelin'



Students of classes I & II swaying to the  
'Bhangra Beats'.

## Annual Concert



'A thing of Beauty is joy forever' —  
Classes III & IV.

A trip to the 'Wild West' by  
students of class V.



'Noah's Ark' being staged by the  
students of Middle School.

'The Spotted Man' —  
Senior School English Play.



## Annual Concert



Choreography —  
'Facets of Life'.

'Chakravyuh' —  
Hindi Play.



The College Choir with soulful  
renditions during the  
Annual Concert.



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## लोकतांत्रिक दायित्वों का निर्वाहन जवाब देही के अभाव में एक अभिशाप है।

*“मुझे असीर करो, या मेरी जुबां काटो।  
मेरे ख्याल को बेड़ी पहना नहीं सकते।।”*

“लोकतांत्रिक दायित्वों का निर्वाहन जवाब देही के अभाव में एक अभिशाप है।” मैं इस वक्तव्य से पूर्णतः सहमत हूँ। परन्तु इस विषय पर विचार करने से पूर्व हमें यह जानना होगा कि लोकतंत्र क्या है? – लोकतंत्र—यानि लोगों द्वारा चुना गया तंत्र। क्योंकि मानव सदा से ही व्यवस्था प्रिय रहा है और यह व्यवस्था वह अपने विकास के लिए ही करता है। उसकी इस प्रवृत्ति के फलस्वरूप समाज और राज्य अस्तित्व में आये, राज्य सार्वसौम्य सत्ता सम्पन्न होकर अपनी जनता को अच्छी से अच्छी शासन व्यवस्था प्रदान करे। यह अच्छी शासन व्यवस्था तभी प्राप्त हो सकती है कि जब लोकतांत्रिक दायित्वों का सही प्रकार से निर्वाहन किया जाए तथा उनकी जवाब देही तय की जाये। मुझे बहुत ही दुःख के साथ कहना पड़ रहा है कि हमारे देश में लोकतांत्रिक दायित्वों के निर्वाहन की जवाबदेही का सर्वथा अभाव है।

अब मैं आपको इसके कुछ उदाहरण देता हूँ क्योंकि हमारे लोकतंत्र के तीन आधार स्तम्भ हैं (1) विधायिका (2) कार्यपालिका एवं (3) न्यायपालिका। लोकतंत्र का पहला स्तम्भ विधायिका है जो कानून बनाने का कार्य करती है। लेकिन आज, हमारी विधायिका अपने लोकतांत्रिक दायित्वों का निर्वाहन किस प्रकार कर रही है? आज हमारी अशिक्षित जनता, दुर्बल विपक्ष, संकीर्ण स्वार्थगत दलबन्दी और सत्ता लोलुपता के कारण भारत में आज लोकतंत्र के इस स्तम्भ में दायित्व के निर्वाहन का सर्वथा अभाव है।



महाराष्ट्र, गुजरात, उड़ीसा में विधायिका अपने दायित्वों का निर्वाहन किस प्रकार कर रही है, हम सब भली भाँति देख रहे हैं। आज कार्यपालिका में भ्रष्टाचार शीर्ष पर व्याप्त है। किसी समय पर हमारे स्वर्गीय प्रधान मंत्री राजीव गाँधी ने कहा था कि एक रूपये में से 17 पैसे ही गरीबों तक पहुँचते हैं। लेकिन वर्तमान में, इससे भी बुरे हालात हैं। आज, अधिकतर भारतीयों का इस व्यवस्था से विश्वास उठ चुका है और कुछ यही हाल न्यायपालिका का भी है जहाँ पर पैसे के बल पर फैसले करवाये जा रहे हैं, जहाँ एक गरीब धनजय को तो फौसी के तख्ते पर चढ़ा दिया जाता है परन्तु अपनी बी.एम.डबल्यू से एक करोड़पति किस प्रकार 6 गरीबों को कुचलकर अंतिम निद्रा में लीन कर देता है; क्या इसकी जवाब देही इस न्यायपालिका की नहीं बनती? क्या उत्तर प्रदेश तथा महाराष्ट्र में किसानों द्वारा की गयी आत्महत्याओं के लिए किसी की जवाब देही नहीं है? हमारे देश में, रोज कहीं न कहीं जिस प्रकार कानून का मजाक बनाया जा रहा है, क्या वह किसी की जवाबदेही है? हमारे देश में जिस प्रकार धर्म, जाति के नाम पर राजनीति हो रही है, क्या उसमें किसी की जवाबदेही नहीं है? एक छोटे से छोटे काम को करवाने के लिए जिस प्रकार के रवैये का सामना एक आम आदमी को करना पड़ता है, उसका जवाब कौन देगा? क्या कारण है कि हमारे देश में एक अमीर और अमीर होता जा रहा है और एक गरीब आत्महत्या करने को मजबूर है?

एक समय 'वह' था, कि एक रेल दुर्घटना होने पर तत्कालीन रेल मंत्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्री अपने पद से इस्तीफा दे देते हैं 'और' एक समय 'यह' है, कि आतंकी हमला होने पर, मीडिया के दबाव में आकर हमारे तत्कालीन गृह मंत्री शिवराज पाटिल इस्तीफा देने को 'मजबूर' होते हैं जिसका पर्दाफाश हमारे लोकतंत्र के चौथे स्तम्भ 'प्रेस' ने किया कि किस प्रकार कानून की धज्जियाँ उड़ाई गयीं। और यही चौथा स्तम्भ, जो कुछ हद तक अपने दायित्वों का निर्वाहन सही प्रकार से करता है, लेकिन उसकी एक गलती पर, 26/11 के हमले के बाद, गलत रिपोर्टिंग को आधार बनाकर उसके लिए नियम बना



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दिये जाते हैं। क्यों? क्योंकि यह चौथा स्तम्भ कुछ जवाब देही तय करना चाहता था जोकि एक आम आदमी नहीं कर सकता। क्या हम यह प्रश्न उठा सकते थे कि आखिर कैसे 60 घंटे बाद हमारी कार्यपालिका अपने दायित्वों का निर्वाहन सही प्रकार से कर पाई? क्या हम यह पूछ सकते थे कि तत्कालीन मुख्यमंत्री कैसे एक फिल्म निर्देशक को लोकेशन दिखाने ले गये? क्या 'इस' प्रकार हम अपने

दायित्वों का निर्वाहन करेंगे? लेकिन ये तो सिर्फ 'कुछ' उदाहरण हैं। जब तक इन दायित्वों की जवाबदेही तय नहीं होती, तब तक यह एक अभिशाप ही है। जिस प्रकार मनुष्य पर समाज का नियंत्रण है, ऋतुओं पर काल का नियंत्रण है, बहती हुई नदियों पर तटों का नियंत्रण है, उसी प्रकार लोकतांत्रिक दायित्वों के निर्वाहन पर जवाब देही रूपी नियंत्रण होना ही चाहिए। इनका अभाव, एक ऐसे अभिशाप के समान होगा, जैसे यदि नदी पर तट रूपी नियंत्रण न होता है तो वह मैदानों में जाकर सूख जाती है और बाद में विनाश करके भैरव गर्जन करती हुई तबाही मचा देती है, जिस प्रकार बिना अंकुश के हाथी और अनुशासन रहित समाज विनाश की ओर जाता है, उसी प्रकार लोकतांत्रिक दायित्वों के निर्वाहन के अभाव में हमारा समाज भी एक अभिशाप समाज है।

और अंत में, अपनी लोकतांत्रिक व्यवस्था को देखते हुए मैं सिर्फ और सिर्फ यही कह सकता हूँ:

*"यह दागदार उजाला, यह शबे गाज़ी का सहर।  
वो इंतज़ार था जिसका, यह वो सुबह तो नहीं!!"* □

मो. यशब अब्बास  
XI-B  
छात्र सम्पादक

## सोचो, समझो फिर बोलो

अरबी कहावत है कि जीभ को इतना मत दौड़ने दो कि वह मन से आगे निकल जाए। मन को यह सोचने समझने का अवसर मिलना चाहिये कि क्या कहना है, क्या करना है, क्या नहीं? कुमार्ग पर चलने से जिन्हें रोक सको, जरूर रोको पर इतना न बन पड़े तो जीभ पर लगाम लगाकर रखो ही। वह जब कड़वा बोलती है तो अनेक अनर्थ खड़े हो जाते हैं। कहते हैं कि ज़बान की लम्बाई तो तीन इंच ही होते हैं पर छः छः फुट के आदमी को मार देती है। कबीर ने सच ही कहा था जो बिना विचारे बोलते हैं सो पीछे पछताते हैं। काम अपना बिगाड़ते हैं और जग-हँसाई अलग होती है। वे यह भी कहते थे कि ऐसी वाणी बोलनी चाहिये जिससे मन का अहंकार घटे। दूसरों के हृदय को शीतल करें और अपने लिये भी शान्ति अर्जित करें।



कुटिल वचनों से मनुष्य को हानि ही होती है। इसलिये समझदारी इसी में है कि जो भी बोला जाए, वह सम्यता की मर्यादा में रहकर बोला जाए। कटुवचन मित्रों की संख्या घटाते हैं और शत्रुओं की संख्या बढ़ाते हैं। इस तथ्य को समझकर सम्मानपूर्वक जीवन व्यतीत करने के लिये कभी भी कटुवचनों का प्रयोग न करें। □

अरुण चौधरी  
VII-D

## नज़्म



अस्सलाम ऐ सेंट फ्रांसिस तू हमारी जिन्दगी  
तेरे दामन से निकलती है मसरत की नदी  
यह हुआ दिल से है कि रोशन रहे तू हश्त्र तक  
घू न पाये तुझको इक पल भी जहाँ की तीरगी।  
अस्सलाम ऐ सेंट फ्रांसिस .....

लखनऊ की शान क्या तू शाने-हिन्दोस्तान है  
तू हमारी शक्तिशयत की खास इक पहचान है  
क्या करें तारीफ खुद अपनी ज़बान से हम तेरी  
हर तरफ दुनिया कसीदे तेरे ही तो पढ़ रही।  
अस्सलाम ऐ सेंट फ्रांसिस .....

तूने पैगामे-मोहब्बत सारी दुनिया में दिया  
अम्नो-तहजीबो-तमददुन का सिखाया फलसफा  
कौमी यकजहती कहीं तेरे सिवा पायेंगे हम  
तेरे दम से ही हमारी जिन्दगी में रोशनी।  
अस्सलाम ऐ सेंट फ्रांसिस □

अनुपम सिन्हा  
विज्ञान शिक्षक

## हँसना सीखें

गुमसुम रहना ठीक नहीं,  
थोड़ा सा मुस्काना सीखो।  
व्यर्थ सोच में क्यों रहते हो?  
हल्का-फुल्का रहना सीखों।

गुस्ता यदि ज्यादा आता है,  
हँसता मुख को रखना सीखों।  
अधिक उदासी तनिक न अच्छी,  
हर पल में तुम हँसना सीखो।

हँसना एक व्यायाम भी है,  
इसे तुम अपनाना सीखो।  
मत सकुचाओ मत शरमाओ,  
जी भर के तुम हँसना सीखो। □

कनिष्क खरबन्दा  
II-B



## ग्लोबल वार्मिंग

ग्लोबल वार्मिंग का अर्थ "लगातार असामान्य रूप से धरती में बढ़ते तापमान से है।" हमारी धरती का वातावरण विभिन्न गैसों से मिलकर बना है, लगातार औद्योगिक कार्य तथा अधिक मात्रा में कार्बन डाई ऑक्साइड का उत्सर्जन हो रहा है। यह गैस वातावरण में परत के समान जम रही है। यह सूर्य की रोशनी को धरती के भीतर तो आने देती है परन्तु बाहर नहीं जाने देती है। जिससे वातावरण में सामान्य से ज्यादा ऊष्मा एकत्र हो जाती है और वातावरण गर्म हो जाता है।



ग्लोबल वार्मिंग सम्पूर्ण मानव जाति के लिए विनाश का द्योतक है। तापमान के निरन्तर बढ़ने के कारण ध्रुवीय प्रदेशों की बर्फ तेजी से पिघल रही है जिससे समुद्री जल स्तर बढ़ रहा है। वातावरण में तेजी से बदलाव आ रहा है। गर्मियाँ गर्म तथा सर्दियाँ और सर्द हो गई है। वन्य जीवन तथा जलीय जीवन का सामंजस्य बिगड़ गया है।

यदि हम अपने आने वाले कल को सुरक्षित बनाना चाहते हैं तो इस विषय पर लोगों तक जानकारी पहुँचाना जरूरी है तथा वृक्षारोपण को बढ़ावा देना है। □

आत्मन मिश्रा  
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## शिक्षक - छात्रों के भविष्य निर्माता

*"नरता का आदर्श तपस्या के भीतर पलता है,  
देता वही प्रकाश जगत को, जो अभीत जलता है।"*

जिस प्रकार एक दिए की ली स्वयं जलकर दूसरों को प्रकाश देती है, उसी प्रकार एक आदर्श शिक्षक वह है जो छात्रों को ज्ञानमयी बनाने के लिए स्वयं कठिनाइयों में रहने की क्षमता रखता है।

विश्व का हर एक राष्ट्र योग्य और चारित्रिक अध्यापकों के निर्माण के प्रश्न को लेकर चिन्तित है क्योंकि शिक्षक ही तो छात्रों का भविष्य निर्माता है, शिक्षक वास्तव में देश और समाज का प्राण है। हमारा ये संसार अपने अज्ञानी बच्चों को शिक्षक पर सौंप देता है, शिक्षक ही तो है जो छात्रों के अज्ञान रूपी यक्षुओं को खोल कर उन्हें ज्ञान रूपी प्रकाश प्रदान करता है तथा उन्हें योग्य और चरित्रवान बनाता है। तभी छात्र उस शिक्षक को देवता के समान समझते हैं जो निःस्वार्थ भावना से रात दिन छात्रों के हित में कार्य करता है।



कक्षा में छात्रों को पाठ आसानी से समझ में आए, इसके लिए आवश्यक है कि शिक्षक छात्रों के सामने पाठ्य विषयों को इस प्रकार प्रस्तुत करे कि छात्र उसे सहज ही ग्रहण कर ले। वह विषय के प्रत्येक अंश पर सरलता के साथ प्रकाश डाले क्योंकि उन विषयों का छात्रों को कोई ज्ञान नहीं होता; वह उन विषयों को अच्छी तरह से तभी समझ सकते हैं, जब उसे धीरे-धीरे सरल शब्दों में समझाया जाए।

अक्सर देखा जाता है कि छात्रों के न पढ़ने पर या गलती करने पर अगर शिक्षक उनको दण्ड देते हैं तो कोई भी छात्र उसे हृदय से स्वीकार नहीं करता; अर्थात्- वाह्य रूप से तो वह दण्ड ग्रहण कर लेते हैं परन्तु आन्तरिक रूप से वह दण्ड उनके लिए असहनीय होता है, ऐसी स्थिति में छात्र के संभलने की जगह, कुमार्ग पर जाने की संभावना ज्यादा रहती है। दण्ड, उद्दण्डता को प्रेरित करता है। कभी-कभी छात्र दण्ड की वजह से हीन भावना के शिकार हो जाते हैं उसका आभास प्रत्येक शिक्षक को होना चाहिए।

*"कोई न अच्छा बिल्कुल होता, गुण अवगुण सब में होता है।"  
है गुलाब, फूलों का राजा, पर काँटा उसमें होता है।"*

शिक्षक वही जिसका हृदय प्रेम से ओत-प्रोत हो, वाणी प्रेम से भरी रहे, वह एक साधक की तरह सभी को सच्चा प्रेम करे, वह प्रेम को ही अपने जीवन का आधार माने। इन सबके बावजूद अगर वह छात्रों को अनुशासन में रखे तो दृढ़ता से रखे, कठोरता से नहीं। शिक्षक को छात्रों के सामने एक आदर्श प्रस्तुत करना है, क्योंकि वही तो छात्रों के पथ-प्रदर्शक होते हैं, जो उन्हें आदर्श नागरिक बनाने के लिए प्रेरित करते हैं। अतः अगर शिक्षक छात्रों में अपने बच्चों की छवि देखे और प्रत्येक छात्रों को उन्नति के शिखर तक पहुँचाना ही अपना परम उद्देश्य समझे तब प्रत्येक विद्यालय का प्रत्येक छात्र उन्नति के मार्ग पर अग्रसर है "तभी शिक्षक छात्रों के भविष्य के निर्माता होंगे।" □

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दो पल की मेहनत बेकार है,  
जीवन तो श्रम का ही नाम है।

श्रम से ही इंसान पाता है राम को,  
और अपने काम से ही कमाता है अपने नाम को।।

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## कैरियर चुनने में माता-पिता का फैसला

आप सबने 3 इंडियट्स तो जरूर देखी होगी, और यदि नहीं देखी तो एक क्या तीन बार देखियेगा, और साथ ही साथ अपने माता-पिता को भी अवश्य दिखाइयेगा। आज कल के ज़माने में ऐसी प्रभावशाली विषयों पर आधारित सिनेमाओं की अति आवश्यकता है।

हर माता-पिता चाहते हैं कि उनके बच्चे सफलता के घरणों का नमन करें, अर्थात् सफलता उनके पास स्वयं आए। आज की सदी में पैसे और चैन दोनों ही एक दूसरे से "न मिलने" की कसम खा रखी हैं। जहाँ भरपूर पैसा है वहीं चैन की चाह है, और जहाँ चैन है, वहीं पैसा समुन्दर पार मग्न है। पैसे के लिए आज के नौजवान अपने माता-पिता के बताए हुए कैरियर पर चलना अपना कर्तव्य मानते हैं।



माता-पिता भी बड़ी शान से कहते हैं - "हम अपने बच्चों को इंजीनियर ही बनायेंगे।" "ऐसा क्यों, ज़रा सोच कर देखिये-क्या और कैरियर खराब है? क्या सिर्फ इंजीनियर बन कर ही आप अथाह पैसा कमा सकते हैं? अगर ऐसा है तो मैं आप को यह बताना चाहुँगा हर व्यवसाय में पैसा है। आपको केवल उस कार्य में प्रयत्न करना है; क्या अगर कोई विद्यार्थी आई.आई.टी. तक नहीं पहुँच पाया तो क्या वह अयोग्य है? - "नहीं"।

आपने यह सुना होगा कि कोई विद्यार्थी यदि एक्टर या फैशन डिज़ाइनर या फिर कोई ग्लैमर की दुनिया से जुड़ा हुआ व्यवसाय करने की चाह रखता है तो उसे; उसके माता-पिता कहते हैं-"नहीं, लोग क्या सोचेंगे? तुम्हें दर-दर की ठोकरें खानी पड़ेंगी, इससे अच्छा है कि तुम इंजीनियरिंग कालेज में पढ़कर अपना भविष्य उज्ज्वल करो।" अब यदि छात्र का रुझान कैशन डिज़ाइनिंग में है तो वह डॉक्टरों या इंजीनियरिंग कैसे पढ़ पाएगा और यदि पढ़ भी लिया तो सफलता कैसे प्राप्त करेगा?

कैरियर तो बच्चों को सँवारना है, तो फिर उसमें माता पिता का क्या फैसला? यह बात मैं मानता हूँ कि माता-पिता हमेशा हमारा भला सोचते हैं, परन्तु उन्होंने तो अपना कैरियर स्वयं बनाया तो हम क्यों नहीं, इसलिए मैं कहता हूँ "सुनो सबकी; पर करो मन की" जो तुम्हें पसन्द आए तुम वह करो। यह मत सोचो कि मुझे अपने व्यवसाय में अत्यंत प्रयत्न करना है।

मैंने कुछ ही दिनों पूर्व लखनऊ विश्वविद्यालय में साइकोलोजी विभाग की अध्यक्षा डा. अर्चना का लेक्चर सुना था जिन्होंने बड़े ही प्रभावशाली ढंग से कैरियर चुनने में माता-पिता बच्चे एवं टीचर या गार्ड का योगदान समझाया था, बड़ी ही कुशलता से वह इसी बात पर आ पहुँची कि कैरियर चुनने में तीन बातों का अवश्य ध्यान रखें।

1. उस कैरियर में, आप की रूचि हो।
2. आप केवल पैसा ही नहीं पर अपने आने वाले परिवार के लिए कार्य कर रहे है।
3. कुछ ऐसा करिये जिससे समाज को लाभ प्राप्त हो। □

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हौंसला वही है जो कभी न टूटे,  
हिम्मत वही है जो कभी न छूटे,  
जीवन की राह पर अग्रसर रहो,  
रास्ते के रोड़ों को तोड़ते रहो,  
यही है जीवन की रीत,  
इसी से होगी अपनी जीत। □



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