

**THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020 - 21 AT A GLANCE**

March 2021

Dear Parents

Greetings!

The year 2020 was a year of challenges. The hurricane of Covid 19 pandemic blew us like a straw, leaving us battered and helpless. If on one hand it exposed the vulnerability of man, on the other, it celebrated his undying spirit that has kept him rebounding and progressing ever since his cave dwelling days. Among other fronts, education sector was severely affected by the pandemic. However, ironically it was an advantage in disguise, it ended up making its victims resilient, innovative and more creative.

I heartily congratulate my students, parents and teachers on the success achieved with the paradigm shift they made from the traditional to online mode of learning. Not only did they adapt to the unusual scenario swiftly but they did it with elan. Alongside academics, all the multifarious activities, celebrations, events and competitions took place in a new style. Apart from the everyday lessons, our children learnt the real-life lessons which have made them stronger and wiser to deal with the unforeseen and emerge a conqueror.

**Highlights of the year 2020-21**

Undeterred by the additional challenges posed by Covid 19, our students, ever ready to seize the day, charted new territories this year too. Their accomplishments have not only expanded their own horizons but have also instilled a new found vigour in their juniors to aim to exceed their capabilities. Here are some of the major achievements of our students.

**Results of CBSE Board Examinations 2020**

Strategic planning reinforced by qualitative study, unflinching dedication and high optimism all through the year enabled our students of Grade 10 and 12 reap a rich harvest of excellent results in the year end examinations conducted by CBSE in March 2020.

- Of the 66 **Grade 12** students who wrote the AISSCE, 47 secured over 90% with the highest being 97.6% (**Raunak Prasant and Abhinav S Menon**) and the school average 92.06 %.
- They also cracked some of the most difficult entrance exams for Economics, Law, Architecture, Design, Engineering, Medical streams and gained admission into prestigious colleges both in India and abroad. They scored excellent ranks in the CET for Medicine, Engineering & Architecture and did extremely well in the entrance exams for entry into IITs, BITS & NITs.

**AISSE 2020**

- Of the 95 **Grade 10** students who wrote the AISSE, 71 secured over 90% with the highest being 99.2% (**Nikita Kiran**) and the school average 92.5 %.

**Other Significant Achievements**

- **Niveditha S. Iyer** (Class of 2020) makes history by being the first student from NPS Koramangala to have been accepted to both Stanford University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). She has chosen the prestigious Stanford University over MIT where she intends to major in Computer Science and study Cognitive Science alongside.
- **Samay Godika** (Class of 2020) has secured admission into prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Boston, USA where he is pursuing Computer Science.
- **Shadan Hussain** (Class of 2020) secured 7th rank in ComedK and 143rd rank in KCET held this year.

- **Shivansh Sinha** (Class of 2020) topped the Law School Admission Test - LSAT India 2020 exam with a score of 99.96 percentile. Shivansh also bagged the Topper Scholarship which is awarded annually to the test taker who receives the highest score on the LSAT—India.
- **Abhiram Nitin** (Class of 2020) secured 18th rank, out of approximately 53000 students in the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) thereby gaining admission to the top law school in the country, National Law School of India University, Bangalore. Abhiram was also ranked 15th out of approximately 13000 students in the All-India Law Entrance Test (AILET), conducted by the National Law University Delhi.
- **Advaith Suresh, Raunak Prasant, Vidushi Bhartari and Sankalp Kundu** secured admission into different branches of the prestigious Indian Institutes of Technology.
- **Pranjal Srivastava** (Grade 11) obtained an all-India rank of 99 in the “Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana” or KVPY exam, a rigorous exam that acts as the entrance exam for several Indian universities including the prestigious Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. Students who achieve a high rank (typically around 300) are invited to the IISc’s 4-year undergraduate programme and receive a monthly scholarship for their higher studies.
- **Saarang Srinivasan and Pranjal Srivastava** have been selected to attend the Informatics Training Camp 2021. The Indian Computing Olympiad conducted the Indian National Olympiad of Informatics (INOI) on the 28th of February 2021. Top 42 students qualified to attend the International Olympiad in Informatics Training camp 2021 (IOITC-2021) to select the Indian team for the International Olympiad in Informatics, 2021.
- **Agneyi Guha** (Grade 12) presented a research paper at the 11th Annual IEEE Computing and Communication Workshop and Conference (CCWC-2021). This is a prestigious international conference where keynote speakers included researchers from Microsoft, Harvard, and MIT, and papers were presented by researchers from around the world.
- **Prakaash Saran** (Grade 6) was declared number 1 in Karnataka and number 12 in India in Tennis by All India Tennis Association on 11th Jan, 2021.
- **Sreejani Bhaduri** (Grade 5) was awarded the coveted SOF Academic Excellence Scholarship for her superlative performance in grade 4 in 2019-20.
- **Swati Nair** (Grade 10), was placed 3rd internationally in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of IEO (International English Olympiad) and 1st zonally in the test.
- **VanshAggarwal** (Grade 8) won the ‘Honorable mention’ among a group of 80 delegates in theHarvard MUN committee for World Health Organization (WHO).
- **Shreya Aiyer's** (Grade 12) essay became part of the book 'A Bend in Time': Writings by Children on the COVID 19 Pandemic', published by Speaking Tiger Books.
- **Shreya Aiyer** (Grade 12) and **Akshay Aiyer** (Grade 10), the brother- sister duo wrote and self-published *Teenagers' guide to stage fright: A short guide to being comfortable in the spotlight* on Kindle Edition.
- **Dev Upadhyaya** (Grade 9) bagged the first place in Category 2 (grades 8-10) of CodeFest 2021, a multi-round coding event by GEAR Innovative International School.
- **Nethra Ramakrishnan** (Grade 7) was placed 2nd out of 600+ participants in Sun Set Photo Contest competition organised by Shoots and Shoots Photography and Filmmaking Academy.

## **SUMMER VACATIONS AND DATES OF RE-OPENING**

The school will remain closed from 1st April 2021 for the summer vacations. The detailed schedule of the re-opening of the school is as follows:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Date</b>
Class 1 to 12	Thursday, 03 June 2021
KG 1	Thursday, 10 June 2021
KG 2	Thursday, 17 June 2021
Montessori (Freshers)	Wednesday, 09 June 2021
Montessori (Juniors & Seniors)	Wednesday, 16 June 2021

**These dates are subject to change based on Government notification at that time.**

### **TEXTBOOKS AND NOTEBOOKS**

A large number of parents have expressed their concern and predicaments in organizing textbooks and other materials well in time. We have made arrangements for books and materials from different agencies and will distribute them to the students in order to avoid any academic hitch when the school re-opens. The prescribed cost and schedule of issue of books will be notified to the students separately.

### **APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER CERTIFICATE**

We have tremendous pressure from parents seeking admission both from India and abroad. In this context, it would be appreciated if parents who are planning to withdraw their wards from the school for the next academic year could inform us in writing of the same, latest by Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Parents will be intimated regarding the payment of annual school fees for the academic year 2021 - 22 through the Acadamis portal. You may login to Acadamis to view the invoice and make the payment **online from 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

We have successfully come to the end of an academic year that has without doubt, proven to us how much we are capable of, as parents, students and educators. It has definitely been an indicator of the strength that lies within each one of us. I would like to convey my very best to you for the summer vacation. Do stay safe and I wish you all good health. I look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed, for what will be another exciting and productive new academic year.

Warm regards

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