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# ALUMNI PLACEMENTS - BATCH OF 2024-25

**We are pleased to share the updated list of alumni placements for the Batch of 2024-25. While an initial list was released earlier in the year, a few admissions were finalised later due to extended counselling timelines at certain institutions.**

SL No	Name	College
1	Aditya Amit Kale	BITS, Goa campus
2	Aditya Kiran	PES University, Bengaluru
3	Akshara Raman	University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
4	Ananth Anand	PES University RR Campus, Bengaluru
5	Aniruddha Umesh Kulkarni	Northeastern University, USA
6	Aryan Subudhi	Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS)
7	Avani Narasimha Pai	PES University, Bengaluru
8	Ayantika Sen	Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore
9	Chaitrashree Harinath Raja	BMS College of Architecture, Bengaluru
10	Divya Gopal	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA
11	Elizabeth Mary Manuel	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA
12	Keshav Kordale	BITS, Hyderabad campus

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Sl No	Name	College
13	Ketaki Abhinandan Ekande	BITS, Hyderabad campus
14	Krish Jauhri	BITS
15	Martin A Gomez	BITS, Goa campus
16	Mrigank Kumar	RV College of Architecture, Bengaluru
17	Mukunthan K U	IIT Madras
18	Ojaswini Dhar	BITS, Goa campus
19	Parnika Singh	RV College of Architecture, Bengaluru
20	Prahaldhan S	BITS, Hyderabad Campus
21	Pratiksha Rout	M.S. Ramaiah Institute of Technology, Bengaluru
22	Rishi Rajesh	RV University, Bengaluru
23	Ruchir Kulshrestha	Delft University of Technology, Netherlands
24	Samridh Sood	University of Waterloo, Canada

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SL No	Name	College
25	Shashank Acharya	BITS Pilani campus (Shashank secured admission to IIT as well, but chose to pursue his academic interests at BITS)
26	Siddharth Mohan	IIT Bombay
27	Tanmay Das	Manipal Institute of Technology, Bengaluru
28	Vihaan Vishwanath Siddini	PES University Banashankari, Bengaluru
29	Aadya Jahnavi Jayadutt	Jain University, School of Sciences Bengaluru
30	Aarav Kumar	Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) Bengaluru
31	Aditi Karmakar	Boston University, USA
32	Aditya Gururaj	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign United States.
33	Allen David Louis	BITS, Goa campus
34	Ameya Mishra	University of Twente, Netherlands
35	Anshi Dev	The Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, London, UK
36	Anuj Bhattacharya	Purdue University, USA

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SL No	Name	College
37	Gagan A M	B.M.S. College of Engineering, Bengaluru
38	Gungun Surana	PES University, Bengaluru
39	Hiban Omer	Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute
40	Kavya Shankar	The University of Edinburgh, UK
41	Lavanya Kalia	Manipal Institute of Technology Bengaluru
42	Narayan Murali	RV University, Bengaluru
43	Ohanna Chakraborty Lahiri	Bharati Vidyapeeth Medical College, Pune
44	Palak Mehta	University of Pittsburgh, USA
45	Prateek Bansal	B.M.S. College of Engineering, Bengaluru
46	Preethi Prabhu	Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Bengaluru
47	Ritwika Maitra	MIT Art, Design & Technology University (MIT ADT University), Pune
48	Roshan Jose B	Vellor Institute of Technology, Chennai

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49	Shantanu Kadiyali	Manipal Institute of Technology Manipal
50	Spandan Shee	O.P. Jindal Global Law School Haryana
51	Srinath Vikram	Florida Institute of Technology USA
52	Trividha Nath	Manipal Institute of Technology Bengaluru
53	Aadya Reddy Karet	Krea University, Andhra Pradesh
54	Arnav Adarsh Reddy	Christ University, Central Campus, Bangalore
55	Aryan Ethan Garg	St. Stephen's College. Delhi
56	Atulit Subramanian	National Law School of India University, Bengaluru
57	Avni Kansal	Christ University, Central Campus, Bengaluru
58	Ayush Ghose Dastidar	O P Jindal University, Haryana
59	Fareed Ur Rehman Kidwai	W.P. Carey School of Business, Arizona State University, USA
60	Harikrishnan Ganapathy	Christ University, Bengaluru

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61	Jaswant Sai Krishna D	RV University - School of Design and Innovation, Bengaluru
62	Lisha Agrawal	Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Bengaluru
63	Maanasi Narasimhan	Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Bengaluru
64	Meghna Philip	BITS Law School, Mumbai Metreopolitan Region
65	Nandita Anandkumar	Flame University, Pune
66	Nilaksh Gupta	Christ University (Central Campus), Bengaluru
67	Rakshak Jain	St Joseph's College of Commerce Bengaluru
68	Ranvit Bahirwani	National Law University, Delhi
69	Ranya Bahirwani	BITS Design School, Kalyan, Maharashtra
70	Rishabh Kakar	Flame University, Pune
71	Samrudh S Mallapadi	Jain University, Bengaluru

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72	Soham Dutta	Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS)
73	Tanya Dangwal	Christ University, Central Campus, Bengaluru
74	Tarun Raja	Christ University, Bengaluru
75	Vaishnavi Prakash	St Joseph's College of Law Bengaluru

# ACHIEVEMENTS

- On 26<sup>th</sup> January, **Aarav Vedhanayagam and Vedanth Raykar** from Grade 8B participated in The Young Creators League (YCL), a tech innovation challenge by Plaksha University at Mohali and emerged as winners. Representing their team, IntelligenZ Force, they presented their project: "Eye Interactive: Gaze into the future of care." 67 teams from 53 schools across 19 states (over 300 students) were in the final round. In this highly selective competition, only ten teams were declared winners.



On 17 January 2026, Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul International School, in collaboration with Roboprenr, conducted its annual robotics competition, Roboprenr Robotics League 2026. Our school team has once again made us immensely proud of their outstanding performance.

In the Tech Innovator category, **Ananya Nair** of Grade 8C presented an innovative exhibit on an Intelligent Stethoscope and secured the Runner-Up position.

In the Senior Category – Mars Rover Challenge, the school team comprising **Vedanta Desikan Thathachari (9B)**, **Yohan Alexander Mathew (8A)**, and **Aatmik Pant (8B)** showcased remarkable teamwork and technical expertise, earning the Second Runner-Up position.



# ACHIEVEMENTS

On 24<sup>th</sup> January, **Geetanjali Chidambaram of 8A** participated in an interschool chess tournament conducted by Innovators Chess Academy as part of Festival Caisa. She secured 3<sup>rd</sup> place in her category, winning 3 out of 4 games.



The Brain Bee is a neuroscience competition for teenagers that aims to motivate students to learn about the brain and inspire them to pursue careers in science.

**Niharika M Thodi of Grade 11A**, secured second place at the Regional Level Brain Bee 2026 competition held on 4<sup>th</sup> January at Narayana Health City.

Our Economics student **Akshaj Sharma of Grade 11A** performed extremely well and had made it to the top 5.



# ACHIEVEMENTS

## Financial Quiz

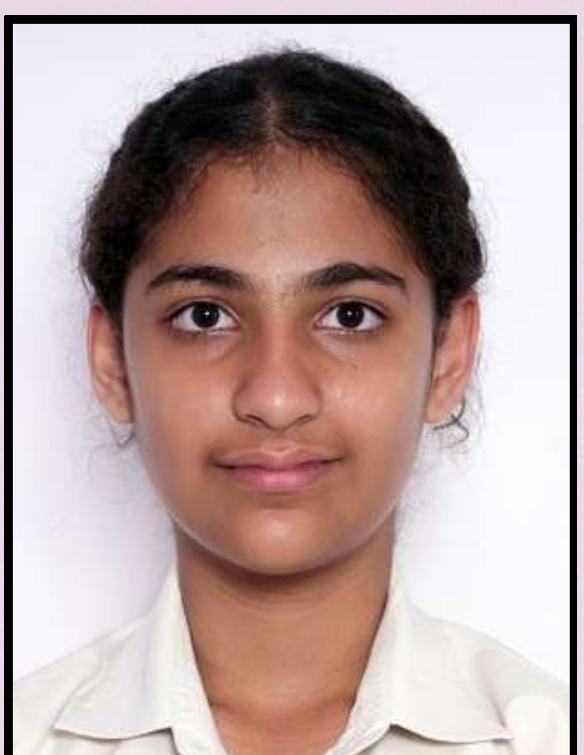
Zerodha Varsity, with Qshala as its official quiz partner, conducted a Financial Quiz for students of Grades 6–8. In the preliminary round held on 5th January, five teams with three members in each team, qualified for the finals which were held on 8th January. Well conducted, challenging, and highly interactive, the quiz also featured an exciting audience round.

The winners were **Pranav Ganesh (8B)**, **Hridaan Talukdar (7B)**, and **Krish Sundar (6B)**, who were awarded ₹1500 each. The first and second runners-up received ₹1000 and ₹500 respectively. All participants were presented certificates and goodies.



## NAFL-JUNIOR MUN

NAFL-North conducted a Junior Mun for Grades 6-8 on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of January. There were four committees in which our students represented. Three students—**Sovan Panda of 8A**, **Akriti Mehra of 8A** and **Samaya Narayan of 7A** won Honourable Mention and were awarded a trophy and a certificate.



# ACHIEVEMENTS

**Prakaash Sarran (Grade 11) is an emerging tennis player who has consistently delivered strong performances at both national and international levels.**

Prakaash was the finalist in the men's doubles event at the All India Ranking Tournament held in Coimbatore from January 5th to January 11th, where his achievement was featured in the newspaper. The following week, he competed in the ITF J200 international tournament held in Gurgaon. In that event, only two Indian players managed to cross the first round, and Prakaash, ranked around 700 in the junior rankings, defeated a Russian player ranked approximately 171 in the world. This stands as his best victory to date. The result was also reported by Indian Tennis Daily.



## TAMIL NADU ROUND-UP

### Chengalpattu, Ranipet in title clash

**TIRUNELVELI:** Chengalpattu registered an eight-wicket win over Theni and set up a title clash with Ranipet in the S.S. Rajan Trophy T20 tournament here on Thursday.

#### The scores: Semifinals:

Coimbatore 121/9 in 20 overs (J. Kousik 55) lost to Ranipet 122/3 in 16.5 overs (R. Jaiganesh Kumar 45).

Theni 102 in 19.4 overs (A. Mohammad Aadil Shaan 55) lost to Chengalpattu 103/2 in 13.2 overs.

### Pranav shocks Irfan

**COIMBATORE:** Pranav Karthik pulled off another upset, knocking out second seed Irfan Husain 6-3, 6-3 in the semifinals of the K.S. Ganapati and G. Lalitha Memorial AITA ₹1 lakh prize money tournament at the KGR Tennis Academy courts on Thursday. He will take on Aniketh Venkatraman, who got past top seed Oges Theyjo 6-1, 1-0 (retired) in the final.

**Other result: Doubles: Final:**  
Aniketh & Pranav bt Preetham Ganesh & Prakkash Sarran 6-3, 6-3.

### Harshavardhan slams unbeaten century

S. Harshavardhan's 164



**Champion outfit:** Super Kings CA, which won the SDCA inter-academy u-18 tournament on Wednesday.



**The top two:** Preetham and Prakkash, the runners-up, and champions Aniketh and Pranav with chief referee Krishnan, centre.



Harshavardhan 164 n.o., M. Agilandeswaran 58) bt National Model SSS 35 in 25 overs (N.G. Adhersh 4/7, A. Rithin 3/4).

### Super Kings CA clinches the title

**SALEM:** R. Dhesigan (126 n.o., 110b, 15x4, 2x6) set up Super Kings CA's 137-run win over Unique in the final of the SDCA inter-academy under-18 tournament.

**The scores (final):** Super Kings CA 286/8 in 50 overs (R. Dhesigan 126 n.o., V.G. Pugal Vishnu 55, P. Jeeva Ganesh 3/75) bt Unique 149 in 37.3 overs (A. Kissvanth 47, S. Pratheshwaran 3/37).

# MAJOR EVENTS

## HANDING OVER CEREMONY

The Handing Over Ceremony, a momentous occasion marking the transition of responsibilities from the Grade 12 leaders to their deputies, was celebrated on 31st January 2026.

The event began with a warm welcome to the Guest of Honour, Ms. Bhargavi Raman, founder of the Arts for Mental Health Initiative and an integrative therapist with specialised training in expressive arts therapy, somatic practices, and trauma-sensitive mindfulness. An esteemed NPS alumna from the Class of 2008, she was welcomed along with the Principal, Ms. Jyotsna Nair.

As the ceremonial lamp was lit, students of Grades 6–9 presented the Devi Saraswati Vandana, a devotional offering in praise of Goddess Saraswati set to Raag Desh. Ms. Raman fondly reminisced about her school days and shared valuable insights drawn from her life's journey. She emphasised the importance of questioning the default, listening to one's inner voice, and allowing oneself to make mistakes to define a life path that often unfolds gradually.

This was followed by the principal presiding over the symbolic exchange of the school and House flags, formally marking the handing over of leadership. School Prefect Raahil Prakash delivered a heartfelt speech reflecting on the year's accomplishments and expressed gratitude for the unwavering support that enabled his team to achieve their ambitious goals.

The highlight of the event was the announcement of the Best Outgoing Student award, presented to School Prefect Raahil Prakash for his exceptional leadership and all-round excellence. Certificates of Appreciation were conferred upon Student Council members, interschool competition winners, and students with perfect attendance.

# HANDING OVER CEREMONY

Adding vibrancy to the ceremony, the Grade 9 VPA (Visual and Performing Arts) Club presented a captivating and skilfully coordinated classical Indian dance—an offering to Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati.

The auditorium reverberated with thunderous applause as the Principal, Ms. Jyotsna Nair, awarded the Overall Inter-House Cultural Trophy to the jubilant Pioneers. Students of Grades 7–9 then performed Man in the Mirror by Michael Jackson, inspiring hope by encouraging all to pass on values such as honesty, kindness, and commitment, ensuring these principles continue to guide and uplift future generations.

The School Prefect and Best Outgoing Student, Raahil Prakash, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the institution for honouring him with the prestigious award.

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Vice Prefect Sanjana Venkatakrishnan, followed by a touching gesture from students of Grades 9 and 11, who presented Best of Luck cards to students of Grades 10 and 12, wishing them success in their board examinations and future endeavours.



# HANDING OVER CEREMONY



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# REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

NPS Koramangala commemorated India's 77th Republic Day on 26th January 2026 with great patriotic zeal and enthusiasm on the school grounds. Accompanied by the members of the Student Council, the Principal, Ms. Jyotsna Nair, unfurled the tricolour as the school choir rendered a soulful and patriotic rendition of the National Anthem, in the august presence of students, teachers, and parents.

The programme featured a captivating dance by the VPA dance students of Grade 9, performed to a medley of patriotic songs that enthralled the audience with its grace and expressive choreography. This was followed by an eloquent and thought-provoking address by Ms. Swati Brahma, Department of Physics, who invoked the spirit of patriotism and emphasized the importance of individual potential. She reflected on the significance of the day by highlighting the values enshrined in the Constitution and encouraged students to embody the ideals of unity, integrity, and responsibility in their everyday lives. The student speech delivered by Ananya Iyer of Grade 9B further inspired the audience, as she underscored the idea that meaningful change begins with small, consistent actions and motivated her peers to actively contribute towards nation-building.

The celebration concluded on a high note with a brief address by the Principal, leaving the gathering inspired, reflective, and proud of the rich democratic heritage of the nation.



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# START INTERSCHOOL ART COMPETITION AND BAKE SALE

The Interschool Art Competition- NPS KRM stArt – on 24th January 2026, witnessed enthusiastic participation from 230 students across 10 schools. The competition was divided into three categories:

## **•Category A (Grades 3 & 4 - Colour Pencils)**

Theme: “Where My Heart Smiles”

(Draw a place or thing that makes you feel happy.)

## **•Category B (Grades 5 & 6 - Oil Pastels)**

Theme: “Festivals of India”

(Show your favourite festival/s.)

## **•Category C (Grades 7 & 8 - Acrylic Paint)**

Theme: “A Better Tomorrow”

(Paint ideas that can improve the quality of life for people and the planet.)

The event wasn't just about creativity but also about contributing to a meaningful cause.

All proceeds from the event- through registration fees and bake sale- will be donated to Karunaashraya, a palliative care home for terminally ill cancer patients. The event witnessed immense creativity, teamwork, and generosity by everyone involved in the event.

# START INTERSCHOOL ART COMPETITION AND BAKE SALE



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# GRADE 7: WRITING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

The Grade 7 Writing Workshop was conducted with great enthusiasm and confidence at National Public School, Koramangala, on 7th January 2026 in the school auditorium. The workshop was organized by the students of Grade 7 with valuable guidance and encouragement from the teachers and the Principal, Ms. Jyotsna Nair.

The workshop began with student mentors demonstrating effective writing techniques and clearly explaining the stages of the writing process. Parents then took on the role of writers and composed essays, which were thoughtfully evaluated by the students. Based on the feedback provided, parents revised their work and produced final drafts. The session concluded with the Principal inviting feedback from parents, many of whom expressed high appreciation for the initiative. The workshop proved to be enriching, collaborative, and highly rewarding for both students and parents.



# POCSO TRAINING SESSION FOR EDUCATORS

On 3rd January Col Ravindra Shirahatti conducted a POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Training Programme for educators to create awareness and strengthen child protection practices among teachers and staff. The session aimed to familiarize participants with the provisions of the POCSO Act, 2012, and highlight their legal and ethical responsibilities in safeguarding children.

The training covered key aspects such as types of offences, mandatory reporting procedures, confidentiality, and appropriate responses to child protection concerns. Through practical examples and discussions, participants gained clarity on identifying warning signs and handling sensitive situations with care and responsibility.

The programme was interactive and informative, reinforcing the importance of creating a safe, inclusive, and supportive school environment. It reaffirmed the school's commitment to child safety, legal compliance, and the well-being of every child.



# OTHER EVENTS

## LITTLE THEATRE PLAY

On 16 January, NPS Koramangala hosted the stage play The Star, presented by Bangalore Little Theatre. This stage adaptation of Patol Babu, the Film Star, a short story by Satyajit Ray, is a heartwarming tale of forgotten dreams and the magic of second chances. All proceeds from the performance will be directed towards BLT's Shaping Lives programme, an initiative dedicated to creating hope and providing meaningful opportunities for disadvantaged children.

The actors brought the story alive in an engaging and humorous manner, beautifully highlighting the importance of self-respect, dedication, and finding dignity even in the smallest of roles. Using simple sets, effective lighting, and expressive performances, the cast captured the essence of the characters and the spirit of the narrative.

The play not only entertained the audience but also offered a meaningful message about perseverance and personal pride. The performance was well received by teachers and students alike, leaving them thoughtful, inspired, and thoroughly entertained.



# LITTLE THEATRE PLAY



# CPR TRAINING PROGRAM

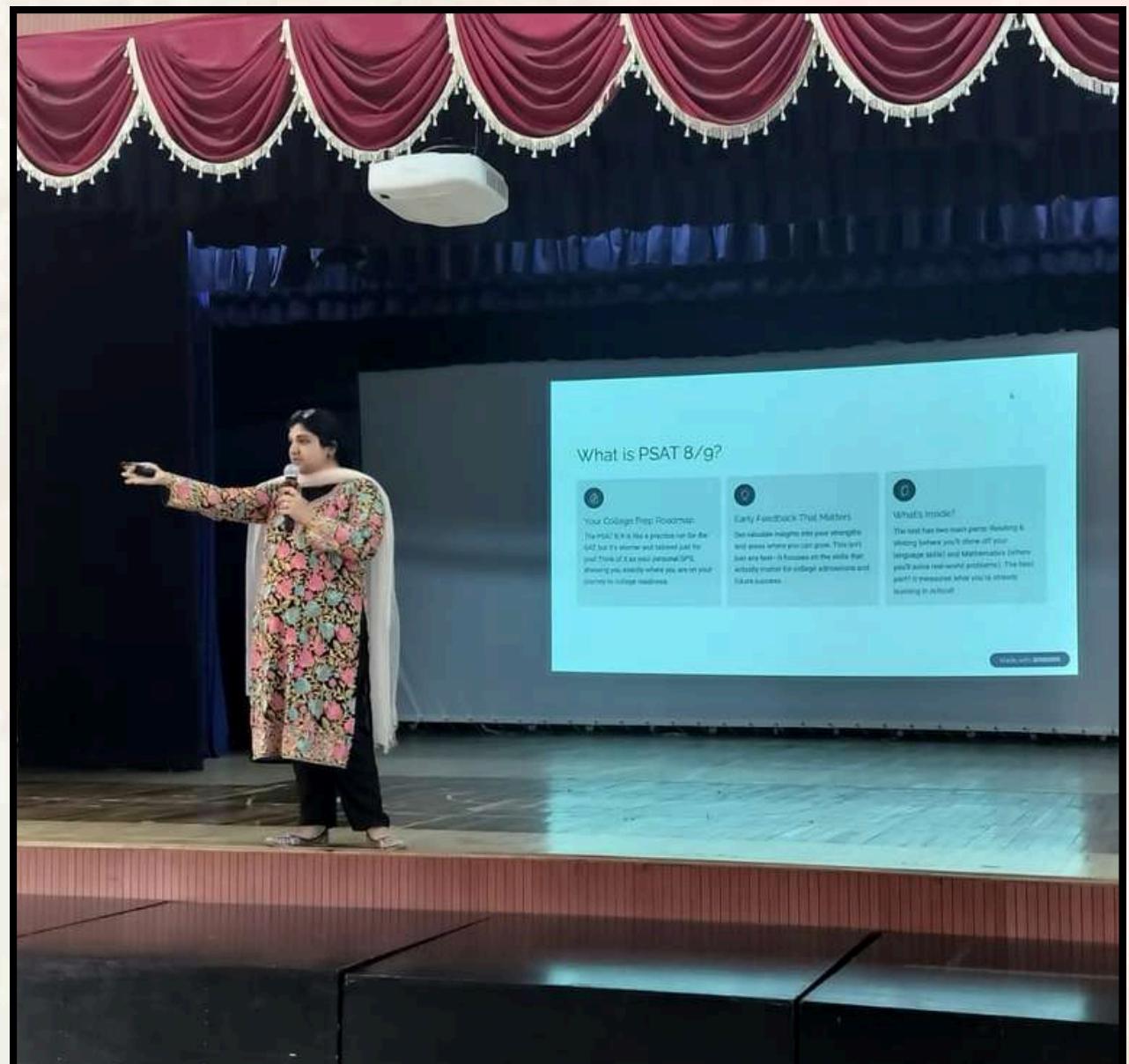
A CPR training session was conducted at the school on 27th January 2026 under The School CPR Program initiated by the Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine (ISCCM). The session was led by Dr. Mahesh Padyana, Consultant in Critical Care at Manipal Hospital and Executive Member, ISCCM Bangalore, along with a team of dedicated doctors and nurses.

Dr. Mahesh delivered an engaging and informative presentation explaining how the heart functions, the difference between a heart attack and cardiac arrest, and the importance of timely CPR. The procedure, precautions, and correct techniques of administering CPR were explained through videos and interactive question-and-answer segments. A short skit by the medical team effectively demonstrated the correct method of performing CPR. Students then received hands-on training in groups using mannequins, making the session practical and impactful. The programme successfully equipped students with essential life-saving skills and confidence.



# PSAT PRACTICE TEST INFORMATION SESSION

An introductory briefing on the PSAT Practice Test was conducted in December for students of Grades 8 and 9 by the school career counsellor, Ms. Shivika Gupta. The session familiarised students with the test's purpose, structure and digital format, highlighting how early exposure helps identify strengths, improve skills and build confidence for future academic pathways.



# CLASS ASSEMBLY - GRADE 8A

Voices of the World – One Stage, Many Stories

“Language shapes the way we think and determines what we think about” – Benjamin Lee Whorf.

On 13<sup>th</sup> January, Grade 8A presented a rich and impactful assembly that celebrated linguistic diversity and cultural heritage, while reminding the audience that beyond words, the most important language we must all learn is kindness, as beautifully emphasized in the science faculty member, Ms Rema Satish’ opening address. The highlight of the assembly was a skit inspired by the 1970s sitcom Mind Your Language. It portrayed students from diverse countries and cultures who come together in the United Kingdom to learn English under a committed yet often frustrated teacher. Through humour, expressive performances, and relatable situations, the skit illustrated how English serves as a bridge for communication, collaboration, and understanding across cultures.

As the story unfolded, moments of confusion and conflict revealed the challenges of learning a new language. However, the characters soon realized that language is not meant to divide but to unite. By embracing their differences, they transformed misunderstanding into mutual respect, showing that diversity strengthens society. The assembly was further enriched by a thoughtful speech highlighting that every language is a world in itself, carrying history, identity, and unique ways of thinking. It stressed the importance of preserving one’s mother tongue while appreciating global languages that enable international cooperation and shared progress. The programme concluded with a vibrant dance showcasing India’s linguistic diversity, followed by the song Don’t Stop Believin’, leaving the audience inspired to honour all languages and ensure that every voice continues to be valued and heard.



# CLASS ASSEMBLY - GRADE SA



# INTERHOUSE COMPETITION

## CYBER CLUB

### **Apology- We missed this event in our 3rd edition**

On August 11, 2025, the Cyber Club made history by hosting its first-ever interhouse PC building and hardware assembly competition for students in grades 9–12. The event challenged participants to race against the clock as they assembled a fully functional computer from a set of disassembled components.

Each team was provided with either a new or an older PC and tasked with correctly placing, connecting, and securely fitting all components using the tools provided. Once assembled, the systems were carefully inspected for build quality. To add an extra layer of difficulty, participants were then required to power on their computers without a power button, instead shorting the motherboard pins using a screwdriver.

The Voyagers emerged as clear winners, led by Jayanth Devendran Shobha (11A) and Nishant Ray (12C), with a system that booted flawlessly and was assembled with near-perfect precision. The Explorers secured second place, followed by the Challengers in third.

The event highlighted this generation's growing curiosity and enthusiasm for the often overlooked field of PC hardware and was widely regarded as a resounding success.



# INTERHOUSE COMPETITION

## PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

The Performing Arts Club hosted a vibrant dance competition for students of Grades 6–8 on January 29. Centred on the theme Dance in India, the event opened with the Explorers' evocative portrayal of Indian mythology through the avatars of Lord Shiva. The Challengers followed with History of India, seamlessly blending classical and contemporary styles. Crowd favourites, the Pioneers, dazzled the audience with a medley of Indian dance forms including Bhangra, Bihu and Garba. The Voyagers brought the evening to a graceful close with Festivals of India, capturing the essence of Onam, Navratri, Ganesh Chaturthi and Shivaratri.

With enthusiastic support from student volunteers, the event concluded on a high note. The judges declared the Pioneers as winners, the Explorers as runners-up and the Challengers in third place. Overall, the competition was a grand celebration of talent and India's rich cultural diversity.



# INTERHOUSE COMPETITION

## PERFORMING ARTS CLUB



# FIELD TRIPS

## GRADE 8

The Grade 8 educational excursion 'From Begur to Bangalore,' organized by Heritage Inspired from 7th-9th January, was both engaging and informative. Students explored Panchalingeshwara Temple and Begur Fort to learn about Bengaluru's earliest history, followed by visits to Tipu Fort, the Summer Palace, and Kempe Gowda's Watchtower. Cubbon Park, Seshadri Iyer Memorial Hall, and colonial churches added cultural insight. Meals at Godavari's Café, MTR, and Koshy's enhanced the experience, making the trip enjoyable and educational.



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## GRADE 8



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## GRADE 9

The students of Grade 9 went on an exciting field trip to Amegundi Resort, Kanakapura, on 16th January. The day began with engaging team-building games that helped students develop cooperation, coordination, and leadership skills while having great fun. Adventure activities such as the zip line and rope courses added thrill and excitement, boosting confidence and teamwork. Students were treated to a delicious breakfast and lunch, which added to the overall enjoyment of the trip. The bus journey was equally memorable, filled with music, dancing, and laughter. The trip was a refreshing and enriching experience, strengthening bonds and creating joyful memories for everyone.



# FIELD TRIP

## GRADE 9



# FIELD TRIP

## GRADE II

Grade 11 students went on a two-day, fun-filled field trip from Bengaluru to Hassan and Chikmagalur on 16–17 January 2026. Highlights included a visit to the magnificent Hoysaleswara Temple, sports and team-building activities, an entertaining magic show, a lively dance evening, village exploration, a jeep ride to the trekking site, and a scenic mountain-top experience before returning home with lasting memories.



# COMMUNITY SERVICE

The students of Grade 10 visited an old age home on 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 as part of their community outreach programme. The visit was planned with the intention of spending meaningful time with the residents and helping students develop sensitivity, empathy, and social awareness.

To begin the interaction, the students conducted a fun-filled games which were enjoyed enthusiastically by the residents. The lively participation and cheerful exchanges created a welcoming and joyful environment. Students then spent time engaging in music and conversations with the elderly, listening attentively to their experiences and sharing moments of warmth and connection. The students contributed essential rations and a large quantity of bananas, which were distributed in the mess by three student volunteers.

The visit was a rewarding experience that left a lasting impression on the students, reinforcing the importance of kindness, respect, and community service. It was an enriching day marked by shared smiles and meaningful human connections.



# TEACHER SPEAK

Dear students,

**In the words of – Robert F. Kennedy – "Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly."**

Before I begin, I just want you to think about a simple question.

How many times have you ever failed at something?

Now here's another question that follows the first.

How many of you enjoyed failing?

I'm sure you must be thinking that no one enjoys failing.

That's because We've been told failure is bad.

Failing a test? Embarrassing.

Losing a match? Disappointing.

Not getting chosen? Heartbreaking.

And so, we start fearing failure. We hide it. We avoid risks.

But... what if we've misunderstood failure all along?

What if failure wasn't the enemy of success.....but the secret ingredient to it?

Let's flip the word. Let's recondition our thinking.

F-A-I-L = First Attempt In Learning.

- When babies learn to walk, they fall. Then fall again. Then again.
- But we don't call them a failure. We call them brave.
- When you ride a bicycle for the first time, you wobble, maybe crash.
- But eventually, with those failures, you learn balance.

Here are some stories you might know:

Thomas Edison, who invented the lightbulb, was once asked how it felt to fail 10,000 times before getting it right. He said, "I didn't fail 10,000 times. I just found 10,000 ways that didn't work."

What an attitude! Failure didn't stop him. It shaped him.

# TEACHER SPEAK

**Michael Jordan's most famous quote about failure is:**

"I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."

He also elaborated on this idea by saying,

"I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career.

I've lost almost 300 games.

Twenty-six times I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed".

He uses these examples to illustrate that failure is an integral part of success, and that one must embrace it to achieve greatness

Want to be great at something?

You have to be willing to be bad at it first.

- The best writers wrote terrible first drafts.
- The greatest athletes lost many games before winning championships.
- The most successful people you admire? Failed. Often. Loudly. Publicly.

What made them different?

They didn't stop. - They used failure as feedback, not as a finish line.

Lets UPEND the meaning of the word Failure. We will tell ourselves - "Failure is not the opposite of success, it is the compost of success." Failure makes us braver, resilient and learners.

So here's my message to you today:

Don't run from failure. Run with it.

Try out for that play, audition for that dance, apply for that scholarship, enter that competition, ask that question, start that project.

Even if you fall flat on your face — fall proudly. Because that fall is teaching you more than comfort ever could.

In fact, I'll leave you with this:

• The real failure... is never trying.

The real failure... is never growing.

The real failure... is fearing failure itself.

So next time you stumble, smile. Get up. Dust off.

And say, "I just took my first step toward something great." - Thank you.

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Thank you.

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