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“IN PURSUIT OF SELFLESSNESS”

“If you deeply value something, you should share it”,

Says Anvika Agarwal on being asked what message she hopes her action sends the youth of today. Anvika is a 16-year-old girl who donated about 12 inches of her hair to a campaign called #gifthairgiftconfidence hosted by the Cherian Foundation. Passionate about helping people, she always strives to give back to people in a way that makes a difference in their lives. Anvika states that she is deeply sympathetic towards people who have to go through cancer. She feels that it is an alarming issue in today's time and also puts forward how terrifying it's unpredictability is, as you never know how it can completely spin you off balance. She recently discovered how

through chemo-therapy, cancer patients lose their hair and comprehended the many changes that transpire in their bodies and appearances that would make it tough for them to identify the reflection in the mirror. She then looked at herself and felt not only grateful but also uneasy. This heartfelt concern led her to come up with the idea of donating her hair to cancer research. With the support of her family, she then donated her hair to a campaign that encourages hair donations to create wigs, which are then provided free of cost to women who have lost their hair due to cancer treatments. She adds, “It took a while for me to get used to it as I love my long hair and was initially quite hesitant, but I quickly got over it, as it meant bringing about even the slightest change in someone else's life”. On being asked of her opinion on the phrase ‘hair is your identity’, she exclaims that it does not define your whole self but undoubtedly adds to your confidence and nobody deserves to be deprived of that. “It's an expression of your identity”, These are the words said by this truly selfless girl in response to a statement desperately trying to set up a definite status quo. Anvika's selfless act serves as a powerful reminder that a small gesture of kindness can have a profound impact on someone else's life.

Want to make a change? <https://cherianfoundation.org/gift-hair-gift-confidence/>

PREFECT INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2024-2025

“Leadership is not a position or title but an action or example”
– Cory Booker.



Each year the Investiture Ceremony marks a significant moment in the academic calendar, symbolizing the school's trust in its newly appointed Prefect body. Assuming the mantle of leadership, they solemnly pledge to fulfil their duties with utmost dedication and sincerity.

The Bishops Co-Ed School recently held its Investiture Ceremony for the year 2024-25, on April 26, 2024 in the school auditorium. It marked the formal appointment of the new student leaders into the prefect body, chosen for their exemplary performance, discipline and active participation in school activities. The auditorium, adorned with the motto for the day, “Inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more,” highlighted the aspirations of the young leaders as inspirers to the students and set the tone for the day as it radiated with a festive ambiance, reflecting the spirit of new beginnings.

The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome from Principal Mr Ashley Eates, who greeted esteemed guests, including members of the Governing Body of the Bishop's Education Society, parents and other dignitaries.

The Headmaster, Mr Merwyn Rodricks, led the congregation in prayer, followed by the Bible reading by Headmistress, Mrs Fiona Dinger.

The senior school choir's rendition of the hymn "Be Thou My Vision" added a soulful touch and serene atmosphere to the proceedings. Mr Merwyn Rodricks then called the Prefect Body to the stage.

The prefects marched forward as their proud parents looked on.

The Principal Mr Ashley Eates administered the oath of office to the newly appointed student leaders including the Head Boy Ranvir Gaikwad and Head Girl Chahat Belara, the Vice Head Boy Arjun Darekar, the Vice Head Girl Sayee Murkute, the Sports Captain Siddharth Bhardwaj, The Scout Prefect Ryan Cardoz and the Guide Prefect Chinmayi Yadav who received banners, flags, badges and ties that signified their duties and responsibilities.

The House Captains and Vice House Captains of the four Houses were also sworn in by the Principal.

The House Captains were presented with their flags, ties and badges by our Principal while the same was distributed to the Vice House Captains by our Headmaster. Subsequently, the

Prefects of each House took their oaths, with Mrs L D'Cruz presenting ties and badges to Cooper House Prefects, Wing Commander Wilson to Freese House

Prefects. The Prefects of Lunn and Roberts House were bestowed the honours by Pastor Earl Smokey James and our Headmistress Mrs Fiona Dinger respectively. During his pray-

erful address, the Principal invoked blessings upon the young leaders and asked for divine guidance, hoping they would always act with integ-

riety and honour in their duties. The senior school choir added a melodious touch to the proceedings as they performed Mariah Carey's song "When You Believe". In his impactful speech, Wing Commander Wilson reminded the Prefects that their selection was the result of an arduous process, emphasizing their commitment to exemplify the highest standard of leadership. He urged them to live up to the standards that earned them their positions, quoting

Tom Peters, "Great leaders do not create followers, they create more leaders." This powerful message underscored the responsibilities and expectations placed upon the new Prefects. The ceremony concluded with the Head Boy proposing the heartfelt Vote of Thanks. The event ended on a high note as the

Colour Party smartly returned the banners and flags to their posts. The curtains descended on a momentous and dignified ceremony, marking the dawn of a new era for the Bishops Co-Ed School's young leaders.



Court Clash! - Annual Inter-House Basketball Competition

The Inter-House Basketball Tournaments were held in our school in the month of June and July. Basketball is a valued part of our school's sporting culture, promoting healthy competition, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The individual house achievements are a testament to their hard work and dedication. The matches were intense, filled with skillful plays and strategic moves. All players worked day in and day out and worked on their skill and teamwork to make their house win.

BOYS

In the U12 Category: Cooper house won the title.

In the U14 Category: Lunn house won the title.

In the U16 Category: Cooper house won the title.

In the Open Category: Freese house won the title.

GIRLS

In the U12 Category: Lunn house won the title.

In the U14 Category: Roberts house won the title.

In the U16 Category: Cooper house won the title.

In the Open Category: Cooper house won the title.

U16 Boys

Cooper – Freese 49-11

Cooper – Roberts 37-22

Cooper – Lunn 19-10

Freese – Roberts 16-17

Freese – Lunn 7-10

Lunn – Roberts 5-20

U16 Girls

Cooper – Freese 12-7

Cooper – Roberts 8-4

Cooper – Lunn 19-6

Freese – Roberts 28-2

Freese – Lunn 16-6

Lunn – Roberts 10-16

U14 Boys

Cooper – Freese 6-0

Cooper – Roberts 12-14

Cooper – Lunn 15-20

Freese – Roberts 1-12

Freese – Lunn 0-30

Lunn – Roberts 13-2

U14 Girls

Cooper – Freese 6-20

Cooper – Roberts 4-10

Cooper – Lunn 2-12

Freese – Roberts 4-8

Freese – Lunn 15-0

Lunn – Roberts 4-12

U12 Boys

Cooper – Freese 36-0

Cooper – Roberts 10-2

Cooper – Lunn 6-4

Freese – Roberts 2-6

Freese – Lunn 3-12

Lunn – Roberts 6-2

U12 Girls

Cooper – Freese 4-8

Cooper – Roberts 2-0

Cooper – Lunn 28-2

Freese – Roberts 18-0

Freese – Lunn 0-12

Lunn – Roberts 32-0

Overall, the event was a great success, highlighting the talent and competitive spirit of our students. All the participants played exceptionally well. We wish them all the very best for the future competitions.

INTER-HOUSE ENGLISH DEBATE

11TH-12TH JUL,
2024

Debate is a structured argument where participants present opposing viewpoints on a specific topic. It encourages critical thinking, confidence in public speaking, and the ability to consider multiple perspectives. This event gives an opportunity to everyone to express their opinions either for or against the topic of discussion. The Inter house debate was held on 11th July, 2024.

The Under 19 Debate

TOPIC: "MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS SHOULD NOT BE HELD IN COUNTRIES WHERE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ARE OCCURRING."

Kevin Mathews from Roberts House opened for the motion, followed by Bhavya Gangwal speaking against. Next, Krish Kumar from Freese House spoke for the motion, succeeded by Rebecca Stephen opposing the topic. From Cooper House, Reva Mannar voiced her opinions for the motion, followed by Krishna Khandelwal arguing against it. Finally, Arnav Jain from Lunn House spoke in favour of the motion, while Ayaan Khan stood against.

The following were the individual positions

2nd runner-up speaker : Bhavya Gangwal
1st runner-up speaker : Arnav Jain
Krishna Khandelwal was awarded Best Speaker

The Houses stood as:

4th Place : Freese House
3rd Place : Roberts House
2nd Place : Lunn House
Cooper House, secured 1st Place.



The Under 16 Debate

THE TOPIC FOR THE EVENT WAS: "SHOULD MINORS BE GIVEN ADULT CONSEQUENCES FOR SERIOUS OFFENCES?"

Speaking for the Freese House, were Arsh Diwane and Arna Narang, followed by Ishnavi Kapadia and Abhijit Roy from the Roberts House. Representing the Cooper House were Nitya Pillai and Parina Parwani. Last, but certainly not the least, were Kyra Irani and Veda Parab from the Lunn House.

The following were the individual winners:

2nd runner-up speaker : Veda Parab
1st runner-up speaker : Kyra Irani
Nitya Pillai was awarded Best Speaker.
In the end, Lunn House bagged first place, followed by Cooper House, Freese House and Roberts House respectively

The Under 12 Debate

THE MOTION OF THE DEBATE WAS "SHOULD SCHOOL UNIFORMS BE ELIMINATED?"

Representing the Cooper House, Adheesh Ghai spoke for the motion, while Kriti Shah presented her views in opposition. Next, Samya Garg from the Freese House spoke for the topic, while Soukhya Huddar argued against. From the Roberts House, Yashna Melwani spoke in support of the motion, and Kiara Agarwal presented her contrasting opinions. Aarav Mall from the Lunn House spoke for the motion, while Tashi Pandya spoke against. Kriti Shah was awarded Best Speaker of the event.

The following was the standing of the Houses:

Cooper House stood 4th
Lunn House stood 3rd
Freese House stood 2nd
Roberts House secured 1st place.

The Under 14 Debate

THE TOPIC: "SHOULD STUDENTS BE GIVEN MENTAL HEALTH DAYS OFF FROM SCHOOL?"

From the Roberts House, Pranjal Behera opened for the motion, followed by Agrim Roy stating his views against. Representing the Freese House, Aryan Chawla spoke for, and Marvi Narkhede against the motion. Urvi Agarwal from the Cooper House argued for the motion, followed by Shreya Ghosh against. Finally, Siddhant Singh from the Lunn House spoke in favour of the topic, while Priyanshi Gupta stood against.

Everyone who was up on stage presenting their arguments did it with confidence, sincerity, punctuality and discipline. All of their speeches made the audience ponder on the rising issue of mental wellness and how students may or may not benefit from these days off of school.

The judges evaluated the speeches, and, before announcing the results, gave their opinions and thoughts on the competition.

The individual winners were as follows:

2nd best runner-up speaker: Aryan Chawla
1st runner-up speaker: Priyanshi Gupta
Securing 1st position was Shreya Ghosh from Cooper House who spoke against the motion.

The Houses fared followingly:

In 4th place, Roberts House
In 3rd place, Freese House
In 2nd place, Lunn House
Cooper House secured 1st place.



The inter-house debate was an astounding success, showcasing exceptional talent and spirited competition among students. It fostered teamwork, critical thinking, and effective communication, leaving a lasting impact on the participants, as well as the audience.



THE BISHOP'S
CO-ED SCHOOL,
KALYANI
NAGAR



ANNUAL SPEECH AND PRIZE DAY

The Bishop's Co-Ed School, Kalyani Nagar held its Annual Speech and Prize Day on Tuesday, 16th July 2024 at 5.00 PM in the school auditorium.

This grand event was dedicated to applauding and rewarding students for their exceptional efforts during the academic session of 2023 - 2024, celebrating achievements in both scholastic and co-scholastic domains.

The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome extended by the Headmaster, Mr. Merwyn Rodricks, to the chief guests Mr. Sumesh Jaiswal and Mrs. Jaya Jaiswal, members of the Governing Body, staff, and parents of the prize winners. The Principal, Mr. Ashley Eates, initiated the proceedings by invoking God's blessings. Following this, Ms. Mahima Lala introduced the esteemed Chief Guests, Mr. Sumesh Jaiswal, Technical Director of Broadcom Software, and Mrs. Jaya Jaiswal, Director of Herbochem Industries Ltd. The event was elegantly hosted by Mr. Merwyn Rodricks, Mrs. Steffi Zachariah, and Mrs. Alka Choudhari.

Mr. Ashley Eates, in his annual report, highlighted the outstanding achievements and progress of the students and the school during the year. He encouraged the winners to continue striving for excellence while upholding the institution's values. Expressing gratitude towards the Governing Body and parents, Mr. Eates lauded the excellent results of students in the ICSE and ISC Examinations 2024 and recognized their commendable performance in extracurricular activities. This was followed by a captivating performance of the song "Go the Distance" by the school choir, led by Kainaaz Chothia and Bhavya Gangwal, which filled the auditorium with a spirit of perseverance and hope.

The highlight of the evening was the distribution of prizes to academic achievers from classes 6 to 12.

The Chief Guests, along with Wing Commander Wilson and Mr. McPherson, presented certificates and gift vouchers to the prize winners. Ninety-six ICSE and twenty-four ISC students were felicitated for securing ninety percent and above in the 2024 Board Examination. Special recognition was given to school toppers Dhruv Gupta and Amrita Nair, both scoring 98.6%, each receiving an iPad along with their certificates and mementos.



The event also celebrated achievements in sports, debates, drama, art, and exemplary conduct. Adita Tiwari and Orion Mathews received the coveted Rex Ludorum awards. The prestigious "Principal's Award for Leadership Impact" was awarded to Amrita Nair and Ronav Jaiswal, while Shaurya Desai won the "Freese Trophy for the Best Student" in the senior school. Amrita Nair also received the esteemed "The Spirit of Bishop's" Award. The Freese House, having excelled in various inter-house competitions, proudly collected the "Cock House" trophy.

Mr. Sumesh Jaiswal addressed the gathering, sharing his experiences at IIT Kanpur and emphasizing the importance of perseverance. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by the Head Girl, followed by the singing of the School Song and the National Anthem.

It was a moment of immense pride for the award recipients and their parents, celebrating the glory of their children's success.


SKIT ON DRUG ABUSE AND AWARENESS



After the skit the school counselor, Dr. Yajyoti Singh, spoke at length about the psychological factors contributing to Aayush and Sameer's addictions and the associated side effects. Principal, Mr. Ashley Eates also took the stage, sharing insightful remarks and offering invaluable counsel to the students. The event came to a close with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Mihir Vaidya. He thanked each and every member of the cast as they came on stage for a final bow.

The event was an incredible success with countless hours of practice behind it. The story was a passion project of Mihir Vaidya whose enthusiasm spread to Kyle Irani, Dheya Bachkar, Adit Singh Rawat, and Preeti Humnabadkar who wrote the script.

The success of the event was largely attributed to the mentorship of teachers Mrs. Sandra D'Souza Jose and Ms. Jovia Dsouza, as well as the leadership of student director, Kyle Irani. Encouraged by the outcome, Mr. Eates decided to organize a subsequent performance at the Bishop's School, Camp, in the following week.



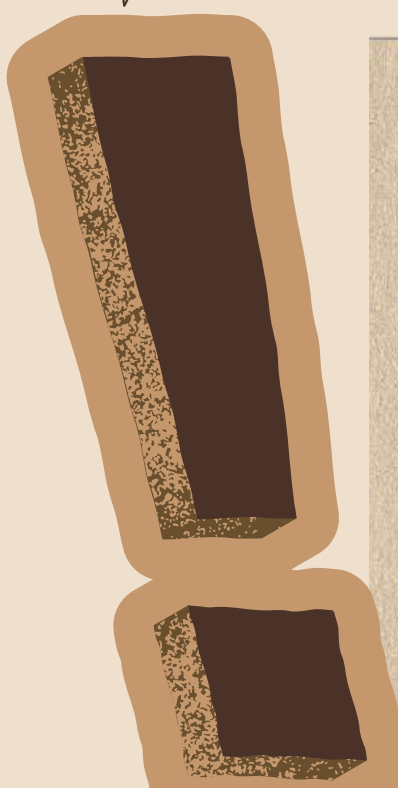
On 19th July 2024, the Stem Club at The Bishop's Co-Ed School, Kalyani Nagar embarked on a journey towards educating their peers on the dangers of drug abuse. The Stem Club, in collaboration with the school Drama Club staged an impressive performance highlighting the issue.

The event commenced with a speech by Adit Singh Rawat. He introduced the club to all the students present. The short but captivating introduction was followed by the skit, led by Kyle Irani, who narrated the story of the protagonist Aayush and his friend Sameer. Kyra Irani joined him at the podium answering queries regarding Aayush's behavior and the toll drugs were taking on him. Aayush, remarkably played by Vihaan Shrotriya, was a young boy who got peer pressured into substance abuse by his closest friend Sameer, played by Akshaj Verma. The story not only centered around how Aayush got drawn into his addictions but also how he got out after the tragic death of Sameer. Aayush's rehabilitation was depicted by means of a beautiful dance choreographed by Shikhar Chaube who truly captured the essence of Aayush's struggles.





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