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WELHAM BOYS' SCHOOL

THINK ABOUT IT...

'If opportunity doesn't knock. Build a door.

- Milton Berle

EDITORIAL

When I look back at my past 7 years in Welham, the only thing that has remained constant is change. However the change has never been deliberate. Every year a new prefect body comes in with great ambitions and maintaining the tradition in Welham has always been their top priority. This year was no different. When my fellow prefects were addressing the school for the first time, most of their speech revolved around the idea of maintaining the 78-year-old tradition of Welham. But at that time I asked myself what actually is the 78-year-old tradition.

After only a fortnight of being appointed the Academics Captain of the school, I have realized that maintaining the idea of that tradition is itself a difficult task. In the past seven years, the uniform has changed; the buildings that were the heart and soul of the school have been demolished. But all changes were to bring in something that had been missing and the change was driven by a drive to provide the best to the school community. 'Traditions' in a school are similar to the many social customs that have been present in society for a long time. With time even these customs have evolved and similarly alterations in the boarding school traditions are merely a reflection of our changing times. So maintaining the tradition is not doing what was done 50 years ago but embracing change without losing the essence of the values we hold dear. I think at this moment it would be apt to say what Winston Churchill said a long time back. 'To change is to improve, and to be perfect is to change often'.

While reading the newspaper I came across a very peculiar term called OSL syndrome. Now

many of you would be wondering what this means. It is nothing but 'One Sided Love' syndrome. This syndrome is quite prevalent throughout Welham. Its pervasive nature has haunted Welhamites for a very long time now. Studying in a boys' boarding school comes with certain disadvantages and this predicament is on top of that list.

Throughout the issue you will read many articles that focus on the concept of love and the articles certainly prove how Valentine's Day has become an important part of a Welhamite's life. True, many of them only wish for a Valentine and perhaps that is where all the trouble starts. Welhamites tend to seem uncharacteristically unsure of themselves when it comes to the subject of girls. Even the supposed experts sometimes appear at a loss. They go off on a completely different tangent and their demeanor goes through a rapid change.

I do not blame the students for this but it is only during moments like these when their wisdom and maturity is put to test. This is something only a boarding school can teach us. At Welham we learn certain things which will surely help us live 'life' and help us face the problems like grown men.

Now winters are almost over and unlike Game of Thrones we can be optimistic and hope for a cheerful spring to greet us.

Wishing everyone all the very best with their upcoming exams,

Prabhapaar Singh Batra.

Editor in Chief

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Investiture Ceremony

The investiture ceremony was held on 6th of February, 2016. It is one of the most solemn, most prestigious ceremonies at Welham. The investiture ceremony is a day every Welhamite looks forward to because this is the day on which the leaders and the representatives of the student are formally given authority.

The chief guest for this ceremony was Mr. Deepam Seth, a respected I.G. This year a new post was included in the prefectorial body which was the post of the Round Square President. The new prefect body comprising 12 members was

sworn in by the previous prefect body and was given their badges by the chief guest.

The investiture ceremony is considered to be one of the most respectful days. Due to its legacy, this ceremony marks the end of a successful year and the beginning of a better one. The prefect body is the only student elected body in our school and this is where the ceremony gets its strength. I hope that this year is as fantastic as any year in the past and wish luck to the new prefect body.

Vithal Jalan 10th

School Captain's Desk

So, another batch is about to leave the school and the board examinations are just around the corner.

This is that time of the year when everyone suddenly becomes interested in college admissions, LORs,

SAT scores, projected grades... A lot of people will tell you how, when it comes to college admissions,

the primary criteria for selection are your marks. This has recently led to a general trend of people

looking down upon all other activities and achievements except the academic record of a student. It is

the propagation of this very idea that has led to our educational system becoming so tyrannical because

every student is essentially different and possesses different set of skills. Hence, disdaining all those

students who do not happen to possess an academically inclined mind is unjust. This is exactly where institutions such as ours come in.

While the priority at Welham too, is

academics (which is rightly so, because eventually Welhamites also have to encounter the same educational system as they step outside), the opportunities that the school provides are much beyond the textbooks. So the question that arises is why you should engage yourself in all these extra activities when the world is ultimately going to judge you on how you performed in your board examinations. Well, because great marks can get you into great colleges, but they can't guarantee you a great life. The multi-dimensional personality that one develops through his stay at Welham, will in the long run, determine the way the society treats him because you cannot expect people to judge you on the basis of your college degree throughout your life.

Unfortunately, over the recent past, the mentality of Welhamites too, seems to have been influenced by this general mindset, as a result of which there has been a decrease in participation of the students on the sports field. In my inaugural address to you as the school captain, I have only one message for you. Go ahead and participate in all the activities possible, whether it is in the

sports arena or somewhere else. Go for MUNs, go for debates, and go for quizzes. This year, go ahead and fulfill all your incomplete aspirations, and work towards achieving everything that you ever dreamt of. Ultimately, you too will have to prioritize, but this is the time for you to reinvent yourself, to find out what you are good at. Welham is the perfect place for you to do this. Make use of the vast pool of opportunities that the school provides and by the end of the year, make an identity for yourself. While you work towards doing this, do not overlook your academics. I know this means hard work but the radiance that you emit when you wear that brown blazer of yours convinces me that you will manage.

Signing in,

With a head full of dreams and a heart full of hopes

Mohit Gupta

The Mysterious visitor

Ever since I was a child, I had always been surrounded by my grandmother's stories about ghosts and spirits. I grew up to believe that those are just mere bedtime stories that are used to fool children and scare them to sleep. This time in the holidays and incident took place that made me changed my perception about all the stories that I had been listening to all along.

It was like any other day, everything was normal and I was sitting in my room, studying while my mother comes in and asks me if I wanted to go out for dinner. I generally love such opportunities to spend time with my family but for some reason, this time I denied the offer and told my parents that I wanted to study. So, my parents went out for dinner and assured me that they would be back soon.

By now, it was way past time for my parent's top return and they were also not picking up the phone. Too many strange and unwanted thoughts started to cross my mind and there was also something peculiar about the ambience around the house. The lamp in my room started to flicker and I could also hear the clock ticking and suddenly I heard the door bell. A chill ran down my spine and made me shiver, I was too determined to not go and open the door but somehow I gather all my strength to do so. I convinced myself that my parents had returned. While I was on my way, it rang again. My conscious did tell me not to open the door but with every passing moment, I found myself a step closer to the door. Everything around me had fallen numb and I opened the door slowly with shivering hands.

As I opened the door, to my horror, I couldn't even spot a single soul around. My heart started to beat even faster. Nothing seemed normal to me now. The wind seemed to be whispering to be by making the autumn leaves rustle. The pawls were hooting on the silent night and everything was creepy which was making me even more scared about the situation. While the door was slowly creaking behind, I grabbed and went indie in an attempt to put a need top all this. It was a useless try as while I was out of breath, the grand piano in the room started playing to play a melody on its own from the corner of the drawing room. While I tried to inspect the origin of the sound, all I could find was a small mouse. I retreated to my room but on the way a voice called to me from behind and I was aghast. Seeing an old man sitting on your couch in a situation like this can surely scare you to death, that's what happened to me.

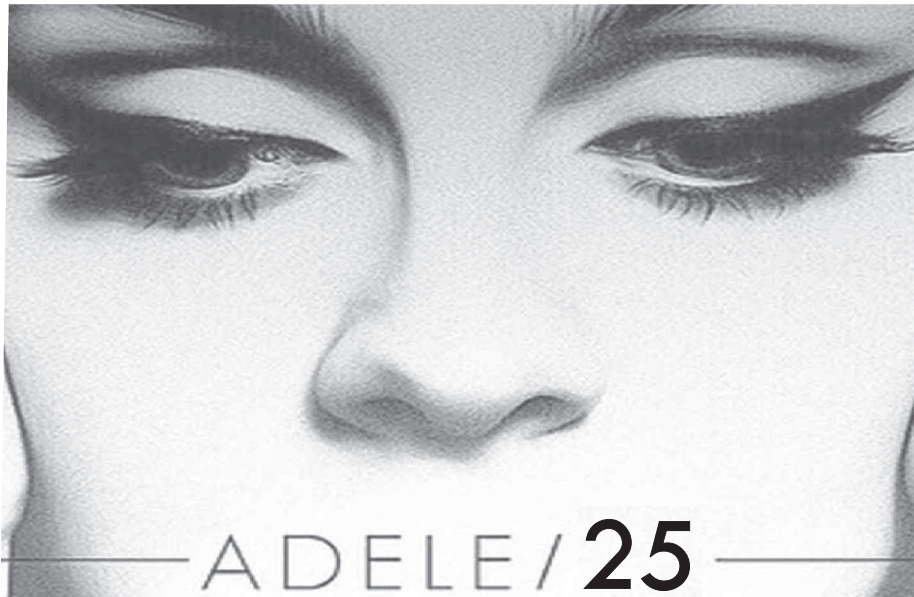
He told me that he was in a friend of my dad and had just dropped by. I got him water and something to much on. While we were sitting and talking, I didn't realize it then but all my fear had vanished, maybe it was the feet of some company. There was a field puff positive energy around him and that was kept me near hi8m. He expressed his memories the times hewn he was a peer of my father while they were together in school. He went on to describe even more beautiful memories that they had shared together.

Finally, when he left, my parents came back. I told them about the my meeting with his old buddy but to my surprise I couldn't sense my father seeing happy about the encounter but all I count sense was tension on his forehead. He ran inside and bought a photo from an even older trunk. My dad told me that they sure were best friends years ago but a car accident had taken his friend away from him.

We never spoke about the incident ever again, I still am confused how it could have happened but whatever happened totally changed my perception about things from the different end of this world. I did get a copper coin from which till day is under my possessing which proves that whatever it was it wasn't an illusion.

Yugdeep Shokeen, X-A
(Based on a true story)

MUSIC REVIEW



With a pen, in my hand, a paper in front of me and the sweet and sad chorus of Adele's third studio album 25's opening track playing over and over again in my head. I have a review to write but a compilation of such sweet melodies sure doesn't allow you to do so. The first song of the album, 'Hello' is a track that you are going to find every second Welshite singing. It is a masterpiece and is certainly not up for any question on this one. As it found its place at the top of the Billboard charts, its mass appeal isn't at all under doubt. After listening to it I was quite sure that the next song sure was not going to be as good but Adele does not disappoint throughout the album.

The next song, Send my love(to your new love), is a nostalgic track that can definitely set an imagery of a breakup that you just had and that you are signing the song right now to make your last lover envy your present life. 'Love in the dark' is also similar to this track as both of them share the same backdrop story but this one will make you instead try to mend broke relations. As I went into the list of the albums it reassured me that I was eight after the breakup that I had just had. And it started "I miss you", the track had said It in the name but the track still

doesn't fail to offer a fresh melody with an unbeatable chorus.

I had already been hearing praises about, "When we were young" and when I listened to it I finally understood why it's worth the praises, it isn't any less than what I had heard about it. The fifth track of Adele's third studio album, 'Remedy' shows a similarity to Coldplay's 'Fix You' and touches one's heart with Adele's beautiful voice. 'Water under the bridge could serve as a cheering up anthem whenever you are feeling low. 'River Lea' was the track that I had been waiting for all along, it was no less interesting than its name. The last track 'Sweetest' was the perfect end to the amazing album that taken the world by storm in 2015.

The songs in this album have definitely found a permanent place in my heart and my soul. The album which invariably beautifully delivered in-the world of legendary singers is worth it. This package of rhymes, beats and synchronization is highly recommended from my side. If you listen to it, your ears surely are going to be stuck to them earphones all day.

Apoorv Goyal and Rohit Chander
IX-C

GAME REVIEW

Title:
UNDERTALE
Genre:
Indie, RPG, Pixelated
Year:
2015
Developer:
Tony fox (Independent)
Rating:
95/100



UNDERTALE: For anyone who has ev

When the gaming industry gets polluted by AAA titles like GTA V and Assassins' Creed Syndicate, someone in a small room somewhere in the world comes up with an idea, and makes a great little game out of it. The last Ludum Dare saw several great games and Tony Fox's Undertale was the inspiration behind many of them.

Anyone who watches YouTube during the vacations would have heard of this game at least once. Now that I think of it, it is likely that Undertale's immense popularity was due to the gaming channels on YouTube. To give you an idea, this game was funded on Kick starter, where it earned over 10 times its original goal of \$5000! It was initially imagined to be only an hour long but stretched to give hours worth of game play.

The mechanics of Undertale looks like any other RPG maker game, with a character you name, limited inventory, a health bar, checkpoint and monsters to kill(or not). This brings me to the Beal breaker if this hilarious game- you do not need to kill anyone to win! This little feature is what crazed everyone on the internet and spawned hundreds of



videos theorizing the story of the game. The story itself is very immersive (but not quite deep as sky rim or Fallout) and will keep you glued to the screen. I shall not reveal any of the stories to you for it was its storyline that got it a straight 10 on 10 By IGN.

The in-game music is all digitally rendered and produced by fox himself. The eerie ambience mixed with spot on, catchy, sarcastic and smile inducing dialogues make this game worth at least two playthroughs (why two? Play and see for yourself!). All the fourth wall breaks and mysterious aura reminded me of Deadpool and the Stanly Parable (another great game, by the way).

Undertale is a delightful experience full of sarcasm, great humour and riddled with pop culture references that fans of story-based games and pixilated adventure games would adore. Also, there are weeping ghosts, hipster kittens and skeleton duo, papyrus and Sans Serif. Time to just go guns blazing...or not!!

-Armaan Suhail XI Commerce
 P.S. The author of this game is secretly a lizard who wants to conquer the world and loves Doritos and Mountain Dew

Platforms:
 PC, PS4, Xbox
 One, Xbox 360
 Developer:
 treyarch
 My Rating:
 9/10



If you are looking for a game which has a plethora of new features but still does not drop out on the tinge of traditional flavors, then I think that this game is just what you seek.

The campaign revolves around multiple characters that have an enhanced brain system which, due to advancements in technology, has helped them to talk to one another by making use of telepathy. The characters are benefitted by the privacy protocol that is included in the system's code. This protocol enables you to talk to just the person(s) you want to without letting any third party hear what you have to say. We know that no one's life is without problems and the characters are no exception. A virus starts to grow within the system and takes control of the squad leader, who becomes your enemy eventually. As the story moves forward, you will bump into many challenges. Finally coming to a stop after tackling the difficult situations in terrible terrains might make you think that you have achieved it all, but beware, you are in for a mental breakdown when you realise what the virus has done.

The multiplayer mode of the game has taken my tongue out of my mouth. You have different characters to choose from (nine to be specific), all with special weapons that have different abilities. Instead of the exo-suits that the characters had in Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare, the characters have been provided with bionic arms and thrusters behind their backs here. One thing that I

really liked was that Treyarch has followed the traditional system of making its maps, the three lane system. This placates the extra burden on the gamer- the burden of remembering the maps. Unlike the Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare, the care packages do not give you any such game changers or over-powered weapon variants which just goes on to add on to the reasons of its success. The Black Ops 3 has also provided an all new market where you can buy camouflages for your gun, gestures for your avatar, and stickers for your emblem. One shortcoming of the game that I came across was that the game does not provide you with a dedicated server because of which gamers face problems while connecting to a server as connecting to foreign servers is a very time taking procedure.

THE ZOMBIES ARE BACK- bigger, better, and dangerous for the record. There are four characters (excluding the ones in the multiplayer mode) to choose from, each having a totally different story leading to their convergence and teaming up to battle the undead. A new system called the 'Gobblegum System' has been introduced which gives you perks to survive the waves upon waves of those toxic and deadly creatures.

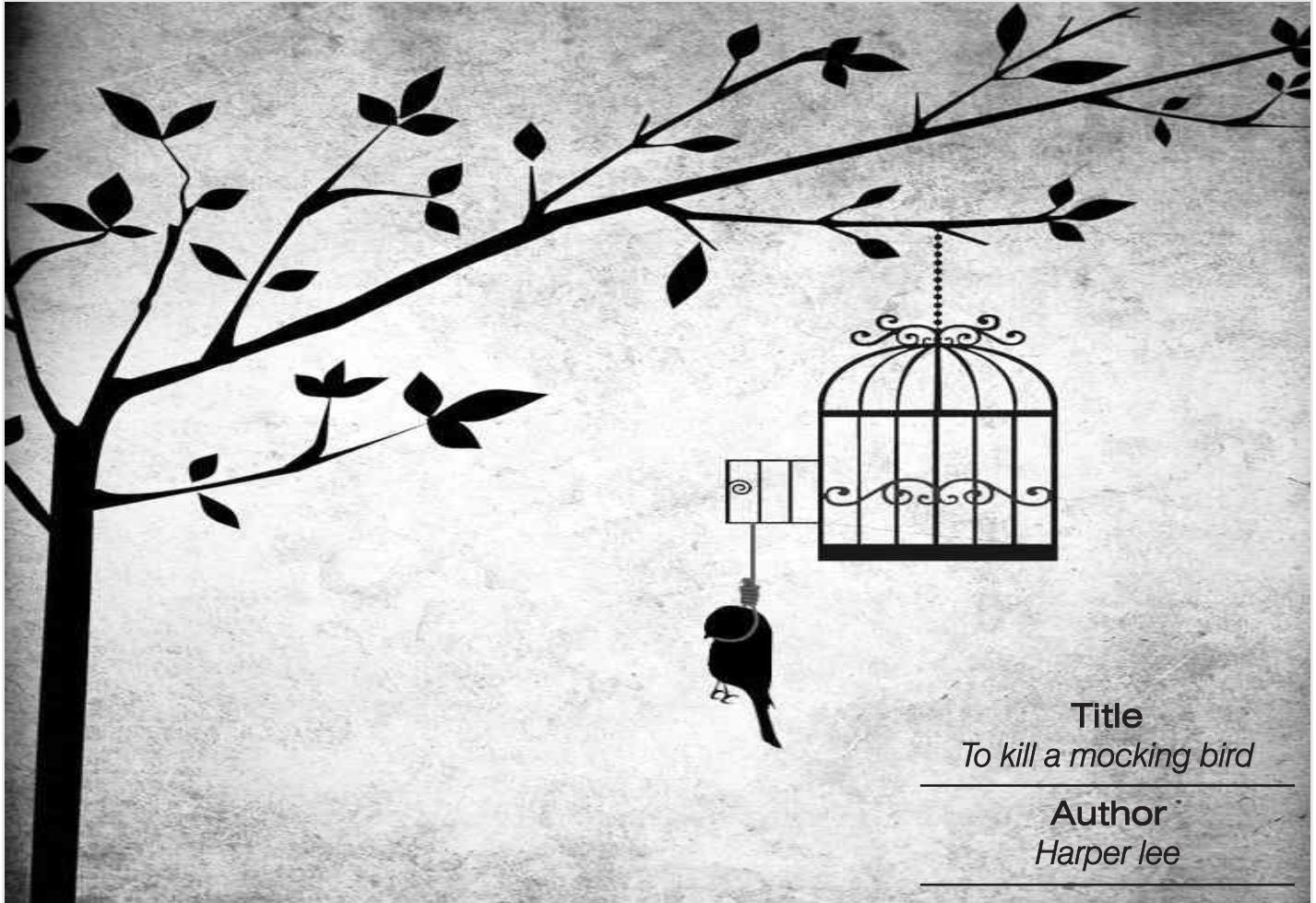
"Imagine a place safe,"

"Imagine a place calm,"

"And then imagine a frozen forest," is what the game is all about. Play wisely!

Aditya Dokania
 X-C

BOOK REVIEW



Harper Lee has done a splendid job, worthy of much appreciation by any commoner, by writing a Pulitzer Prize winner, 'To Kill a Mocking Bird'. The theme is in accordance to the background in US and deals with issues of severe seriousness.

The story is narrated in first person by a 6 year old with the magisterial prose style of an adult. The plot revolves around the grave aspect of molestation and racial inequality in the US and it also inculcates ironical elements of humour. When a black man is blatantly accused of raping a white woman, Atticus Finch, the father of Scout (narrator) has to defend him against the public whilst facing excessive criticism. The way Atticus deals with the case, not losing his morality and integrity on the way, is exemplary for the current lawyers. Atticus, as far as I perceive is allegorical to pure conscience. And in

today's world, the desire Atticus is not xenophobic or homophobic, he isn't a racist or a sexist and he is most importantly, human.

The plot is said to be autobiographical due to its apparent resemblance to the author's personal life. The novel only includes what Scout could have known, due to Lee's attempt to maintain plausibility.

The novel gives you a deeper insight into the perception of sin and urges you to distinguish between the gut instinct of right and wrong and the established

laws. In order to clear out the ambiguity of vacillation, we have to be a part of perceptions more than one, and this novel provides the reader with loads of them.

What makes this novel what it is—for me—is the constancy of morality and the portrayal of dire necessity for it. Also the originality of the book is remarkable. I grasped that we need a varying viewpoint to life because "change is the only thing that will ever remain constant"—ATTICUS FINCH

-Vinayak Agarwal 10th

My Dilemma 5.0

I'm sure most of the people who read this article have chronic on transient dilemmas in everyday life. Likewise I have my own dilemma which is a little unique. This is the story of a person who has to think twice before assuming the simplest question one faces, where are you from? So here's a little back-story before I tackle you to the crust of the matter. I was born in India and so were my father and my grandfather and even everyone before him. My mum is from India as well. So very naturally I am an Indian, right? Well, not so, you see I was fovea when I had shifted to the kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Since then I have been living there. My whole childhood and mist of my teenage years have been spent there. I can relate to every street of Riyadh. Every corner has memories attached to it. It's so easy to forget that Riyadh so not home (technically it isn't). Now, I am sure there are many who will read this and think that this guy has lost touch with his country. So, industry answers this suspicion whose origins are justified. I am very much Indian. I united family in India almost twice a year for about a month or two. I had not completely lost touch. I for one took great pride in our language, culture and achievements both in the past and present. It had been implanted in me, the tinder is my home. Well, then what was the problem? The problem is that I just can't relate to India with a personal view. I have none or a very few memories in this country. Whenever I think of home, Riyadh is what I think of. Whenever someone asks me where I belong to, I instinctively reply Saudi Arabia and then think about whether I am from Saudi Arabia or from India? This is my dilemma. A mind blogging question to which there is no definite answer.

I guess I am not the first and the last person to face this problem. Great dynasties and conquerors were also faced with this question. The Mughals were Persians who came to India and also had to confront this problem, of where there home really was? After Archimedes had been jumping from Portugal to Italy to France and Europe too, a man asked the 40 year old inventor as to which place did he consider being home, he calmly replied, Europe. One can only begin to imagine what Albert Einstein or Von Pommel would be going through when they were involved in the effort to vanquish their own country. We mint look for examples of confused identity. The Sikhs and the Hindus were faced with something familiar during the partition of India. The examples are plenty and have varying degrees of confusion. I know that the national anthems of India as well as V.S.A... I can talk at length about the geographic and geopolitical structures of both the countries. I have friends and family in both too. It is penuriously impossible for me to separate between any of them or give priority to any of them.

The cultures are so different between the two that it is quite often difficult for me to accommodate both the societies in one life. There is a drastic difference in the socio-economic and civil structures of both of these places that it's almost like two different places. The irony of this whole story is that when I was in Riyadh, I disliked the monotony of life there. The singular and systematic way in which life moved around me was irritating. I longed to escape from the nest. Now, when I am in India, I most certainly miss the comfort of my nest; through this whole experience I have realized two things. One, that the nest was not only a nest but it was also a fortress. Second, that life only begins when you come out of your nest. A bird will never know that it can glee if it never leaves its nest. So, the smartest thing to do for the bird is to take the plunge and let the turbulent winds teach it the art of flying. As I was walking on campus one of these days, I came across a thought that sums up my feelings superbly.

With every breath I inhale, I want to go home,
with every breath I let go,
I want to stay

Abdul Basit
XI Humanities

TYPES OF LOVERS

February is a month of love and romance. All credit goes to St. Valentine. We, humans just need a reason or an opportunity to celebrate. And to celebrate love we have Valentine's Day. I will tell you how people see Valentines 's Day in Welham. Some Welhamites are least interested and don't care about valentines' day. They think that they have better things to do in life. Actually some of them are focused on their short-term goals and others don't care because they know that no one will be ready to be their valentine. When their friends buy chocolates or gifts for their valentine, they pass comments such as " Bro you have never gifted me anything, not even a single piece of a chocolate." Guys don't worry, friends don't need to be offered, they just snatch it. These groups of people are highly desperate to get a valentine. They do very hard work throughout the year.

They stalk girls on Facebook. After researching about them, they decide to send a friend request. Here also, there

are two situations. First situation

- (i) The girl won't accept the friend request and the guy will keep on sending requests until and unless the girl blocks him.
- (ii) In this situation, the girl will accept the friend request and later she will make him her brother. The guy will eventually start ignoring her. There is one thing common in both the situations and it is that they will moan and start pursuing another girl as the cycle goes on.

The dudes of the batch: It doesn't matter if its day or night, these guys will be talking to girls, take any random all girl schools' name, they have their fans in the school or girls are mad after these people (or this is what the dude thinks). Their popularity is so much that often girls make them their brother (though they don't act like brothers & sisters. On the Valentine's Day, they get many gifts, cards, chocolates etc. but they don't bother to send something in return. Guys

I hope after reading this, you will tug to help the second group of people.

Finally, most important group of people (who call themselves 'lovers'): They are the most confused and worried people on the campus. How will they send gifts and letters across LOC? Will they be able to meet their valentine? Is there any common out.... And many more such questions. They start planning about gifts more than a month ago. These people will; beg their artist friends to make sketches or paintings. Throughout the day, the person keeps thinking about his valentine. I hope you guys get your valentine and if you don't get to meet one then don't worry, many valentines' day will come in your life.

Life is long and this is our age of infatuation, so try to distinguish between love and infatuation and be serious about the choices you make.

Sherlock (BBC) Mysterious return of Moriarty

The death of Moriarty got my head almost sweating with tension and bewilderment, as to how the serial will continue without such an adept criminal mind, a master brain behind all major and intriguing crimes. Then all hell broke loose when Sherlock committed suicide and brought a gloomy, monotonous patch of mourning, depression in the serial. I sat contemplating, was it for real, were Sherlock and Moriarty really dead or it was just an illusion.

I heaved a sigh of relief when they showed Sherlock, still walking around his gravestone. At the same time there was fear in my heart, that there could be a possibility that Moriarty might also have

faked his death. As his body was left unattended and there was no surety that it was Moriarty who pulled the trigger in his mouth. Moreover it can just be another person dressed like him with made up looks or had undergone plastic surgery.

In this modern world, there is an ocean of opportunities and possibilities to commit a crime with varied ways which can be non-traceable sometimes. Moriarty would again bring a tempest in Sherlock's life, with everything dancing on the tips of his finger. I can assume he must have thought of a legendary plot as he had been free for a long time since he had faked out his death the entry of

Moriarty was really villainous, with all servers down in London, and showing his video on very television in London. The panic on the faces of the people, specially Mycroft Holmes, brings out the indication of a chilly and thrilling beginning of a new crime era.

The villains will surely get stronger and more challenging for Sherlock, with their lord of crime being awoken from his deep slumber of death, after watching "The Abominable Bride", I am anticipating more flabbergasting and perplexing cases for Sherlock's brain to solve.

-Sayantan Das X-A

Solitude

"Solitude is not being alone because at that time we are with our own selves".

Solitude is not bad at all; it is the time when we share sorrow or happiness with ourselves. We know ourselves best; therefore there is no question of any harm while in solitude. A great man once said – "yes, I talk to myself because sometimes I do need expert advice".

When I am saying this, I do not mean that we should always be alone, but at certain times it is best to stay alone. Sharing sorrows will not reduce our anxiety, so why share it? I feel that sometimes by sharing such instances we generate something which is called as a negative environment. People do equate loneliness with solitude but both are two

different aspects of life, which at times should be experienced by us.

We are familiar to the fact that the world may think that we are weak that is why we stay in solitude but to that world I say, experience it yourselves and you would know the power it has.

My motive behind this is not to stop the interactive meets or to promote a quiet, non friendly world but to convey that it is very important to talk to ourselves for a few minutes every day. At the end I would like to say that solidarity is a gift whose actual value is only known by few.

-Yuvraj Pahuja X-B



*Here I see myself today,
In the middle of nowhere,
Where nothing speaks and none can say,
The way to the harbor peace way.*

*That is my desired destination,
a place of peace and lovely scene.
The marvel of god's creation,
the beauty can only be seen.*

*Take me there to the harbor peace bay,
a place where I might get the solitude.
As none can speak and none can say,
from the depths to where it lay.*

*Many doubt its existence,
for they just sit and talk.
Maybe they just need a little assistance,
these words aren't said just to be mocked.*

Vedant Dewan

IX-A

TAKE ME THERE...





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WELHAM NOW

- The investiture ceremony took place on the 6th of February. Mr. Deepam Seth presided over the ceremony. The new prefect body comprising twelve members is as follows :

Head boy- Mohit Gupta

Sports captain – Hardik Gupta

Academics captain- Prabhapaar Singh Batra

Cauvery house captain- Aditya Raj Pahwa

Cauvery house prefect- Aakarsh Gupta

Ganga house captain- Akshat Singh

Ganga house prefect- Shashank Gupta

Jamuna house captain- Devansh Raheja

Jamuna house prefect- Samip Shreshtha

Krishna house captain- Sushen Maini

Krishna house prefect- Sanaz Agarwal

- The graduation ceremony took place on the 7th of February. The guest of honor was Mr. Ravi Shankar. The recipient of the prestigious Kataria Trophy for the best all-rounder of the

year was Aishwariya Soni whereas the gentle man of the year was Aditya Agarwal.

- The Hindi declamation was held on the 2nd of February and the house positions are as follows :
- The interhouse Hindi poem recitation took place in the LRC on 9th February. The house positions are as follows: 1st shared by Cauvery and Krishna, 3rd Jamuna and 4th Ganga. Best speaker was Vishnu Pratap Singh of class 9th while the most promising Speaker was Piyush Daga.
- The Finale of the Inter-House Arthur Hughes Middle School Debate was held on 11th of February where Jamuna House emerged Victorious while defeating Cauvery house that bagged the second position. Krishna and Ganga came 3rd and 4th respectively. The topic for the debate was 'You need not worry about surveillance if you haven't done anything wrong.' Rohit Chander was adjudged the Best speaker where as Abhiraj Ranjan and Abhay Singh Dhillon were given the most promising and promising Speaker awards.

GRADUATION DAY'

On the 8th February of 2016, the class Of 2016 finally encountered the day they almost never thought about; the Graduation Day.

Each and every Welhamite cherishes his time in Welham and that is evident from the sight of introspecting faces during the Graduation event. This year was no different and one could undeniably see their faces and tell that all the fun, all the hardwork and all the memories were overwhelming for them. To add the occasion, the chief guest, Mr. Ravi Shankar touched upon the aspects of life that truly were enlightening. He talked about the 4 H's; hardwork, honesty, humility, humor. He emphasized that only

hardwork will take you forward during the times one thinks that work is going to collapse. Honesty on the other hand was linked with the famous proverb "Honesty is the best policy." Humility was preached upon as an example of the human feat but grounded nature and lastly humor winds up the four H's by making an impact and, for surely humour should never be left behind. Mr. Ravi Shankar also introduced a new acronym for 'LIFE', 'L' stood for learning, for all experiences, good or bad, adds to the treasure of learning, 'I' stands for interest in fellowmen as all friendships are everlasting. 'F' stood for faith as it serves as the last resort of motivation to keep

moving forward and finally, 'E' stood for enterprises humility, honesty, effort all accumulate to come together as enterprise.

The auspicious event was then followed by the impactful final address of the head boy Harshun Mehta, and surely many joined him and supported him in his quest of finding God. His address was rather a sensitive one which I believe will remain with the audience all their life. It couldn't be any better by the Head Boy himself, "God is around you, the person sitting to your right, the person sitting to your left and most importantly, the person whom you see in the mirror every day.

Mr. Surjeet Singh Khera:

Teachers from Social sciences were honored with the "Global Teacher role model" award 2015 by the MVLA (ManushyabalVikasLoksewa Academy, Trust-NGO) Mumbai. The award ceremony was held at India International Centre, New Delhi on 29th Jan 2016. The award includes a citation, shawl, memento and a medal. The award was given to Mr. Khaira in recognition of his untiring services, outstanding performance and remarkable role as a teacher in building a sustainable global society.

Mr. Samir Dhingra-

Our H.O.D. sciences was honored as the best science teacher by the UCOST (Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology) at Award ceremony on 10.2.16 at UCOST Organization, Jhagira, and Dehradun. The award included a citation, shawl and a cherub of Rs. 10,000.

Mr. Prashant Arora-

Our Computer science teacher and Cauvery Housemaster, Mr. Prashant Arora was also awarded the 'Global Teacher Role Model Award' 2015 by MVLA and the (ManushyabalVikasLoksewa Academy, Trust-NGO) Mumbai

On behalf of the whole school, The Oliphant would like to congratulate all three of them. We wish you many more awards in the years to come !

AWARDS



MESSAGE FROM THE CAREERS' DEPARTMENT

I think we see Careers each year as starting to think of Subject choices, University applications and further employability. You may not have had time to give these matters much thought. However, it is clear the Careers Department jumps in quantum years each academic session and the community at large is often aware or maybe not aware how it functions.

This year's letter I wish to take opportunity and discuss 'CITIZENSHIP' and its relation to careers. We know you will have the qualification to enter at Universities worldwide.

Our programmes in school have over the years had a proven reputation for being

an excellent preparation for further studies ahead. With the greater fraternity at larger the department is being able to prepare learners and teachers to be confident, responsible, reflective, innovative and engaged in everything we do offering clear structures and clarity in information.

Our curriculum we are all aware is flexible to all levels of students offering a wide range of subjects and aware of appreciating each ones goals.

A career is of course all of the above, BUT it also refers broadly to the conduct of citizens, Citizens being YOU!: to the ways in which we fulfill responsibilities

and associate with the community at large.

A 'good citizen' is not only the process above attaining high marks, But rather one who makes valuable contributions at each stage of life and modeling high standards.

It is this global citizenship for which we are preparing you Welhamites here at Welham Boys' School, so you do go out to contribute to community and be fulfilled citizens of the broader world.

Ms. Toral Sharan

DALY COLLEGE ROUND SQUARE

For the first time in the history of Round Square an International Young Round Square Conference was held for students aged between 11 to 13 years at Daly College, Indore. The conference started on 4th January with students coming in from all parts of the world. The theme of the conference was "Somewhere over the rainbow, dreaming of a wonderful world".

The first evening at Daly College began with a cultural welcome with dance performances and orientation. Though our group of 6 boys and Mr.Saurav Sinha arrived late due to our flight delay but as soon as we got ourselves registered, the delegates began with one of the prime aims of the conference: "socializing".

Next day, at the opening ceremony Mr. Rod Frazier, Chairman of Round Square declared the conference open which was followed by an opening address by the keynote speaker Capt.Naveen Ghuliya whose legs are paralyzed and whose hands are partially paralyzed too. Overcoming these obstacles he still managed to successfully drive through the world's most dangerous roadway. After the address we broke into our first barazza session of our conference to share our views with our respective barazza members regarding the keynote address. After that was the activity workshop which included activities like puppetry, storytelling, dance and terracotta.

The following day started with morning activities such as yoga and birdwatching. Bird watching is quite popular at the Daly College as it is also a peacock sanctuary. We spent the day

with Mr. Dyu'dChuna, an amazing resource person with an exciting schedule for the day. The first was Colour Connect for which we were divided into groups of four and given a canvas each to paint strange pictures to paint. When every canvas was completed our mystery was solved as when the canvases were arranged it turned out to be really big piece of art. Later the remaining paints were used for an unscheduled face painting session. Next was the "Warrior Dash" an amalgam of puzzles, riddles, treasure hunt and a lot of running. After a long rest and tea we played with the under privileged children and distributed gifts to them and achieved another goal of the conference: "service". This was followed by dinner and dance around a huge bonfire.

The following day, after our morning activities we occupied our minds in a workshop about waste production, individually and as a community conducted by an environmentalist Mr. Ribhu Vohra and Miss Maya Mattens. Then we broke into our barazza groups to discuss the issue of pollution. In the evening there was the multicultural evening in which several schools performed, giving us a glimpse of the different cultures of the world through drama, dance and music. It was followed by a multicuisine dinner through which we achieved yet another goal of the conference which was "unity in diversity".

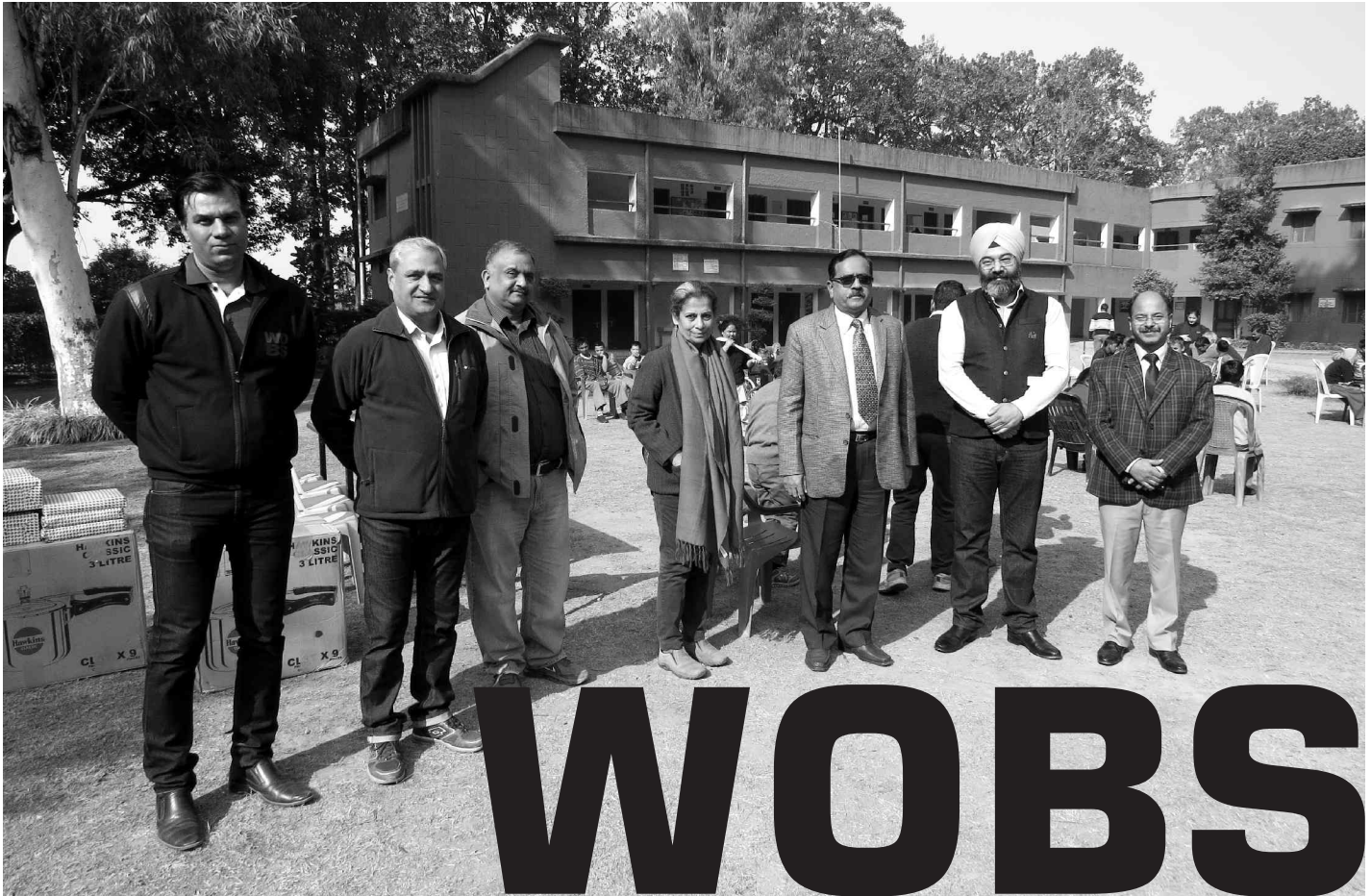
Now for the most adventurous part of conference which was the trip to Mandu, a historical city which was the residence of great rulers of Madhya Pradesh. After

two and a half hours journey through the hills we reached our first destination at the ancient city which was the Roopmati Mahal built by the king of Mandu for a woman he loved dearly but couldn't marry. It was followed by a visit to the tomb of Hoshang Shah which was the first Islamic building in India. Then we arrived at our final JaazBhahadur Palace where we had the last barazza session of our conference in which we sat in the lush gardens of the palace to write poetry, and draw drawings of the palace. After an exhausting trip we got back to the Daly College.

The last day began with the second session of activity workshops. After that was the closing ceremony in which with a heavy heart Mr. Guy McLeen, Deputy head of Round Square declared the conference closed but that was only the official closure. We would also like to thank Mr. Rajiv Lath (class of Welham 1990) who very generously took us all out for a scrumptious lunch.

The last and the most awaited part of the conference was still left, namely "The Indian Carnival". The carnival was a kaleidoscope of activities like magic show, fortune teller, horse and camel rides. True to its name the carnival had delicacies from different parts of India. Finally on 10th January the conference came to an end, goodbyes were said, tears were shed and we returned with great memories and a hell lot of stories to tell.

By: Sarthak Tayal &
Shresth Toshniwal



The Alumni of the Welham Boy's School, Dehradun reconnected with the activities they carried out while they were students. The Welham Old Boy's Society replicated their S.U.P.W (Social Useful Productive Work) model and visited Raphael Home where they donated a hundred Bedsheets and Pillow Covers for the students of Raphael Home.

The Alumni honored their Teacher Ms. HarjitLally and invited her as the Guest of Honor. Proceeding to Raphael Home ,they were greeted by the CEO Raphael Homes Brig. Arun Bhatnagar (Retd.)& Ms. Priyo Lal Director Special Education. Rupinder Thind, President Welham Old Boy's Society presented a Memento to Brig. Arun Bhatnagar (Retd.) CEO, Ms. Priyo Lal and Ms. HarjitLally on behalf of the Alumni and handed over the Bedsheets and Pillow Covers for the students of Raphael Home.

Rupinder Thind remembered his time as a student when he visited Raphael twice every week and played with the students of Welham in the 1980's. "This is a déjà vu moment for all of us; Just like School days, we are back here in 2016 accompanied by the same Teacher Ms. HarjitLally who accompanied us, when I was a student", he said.

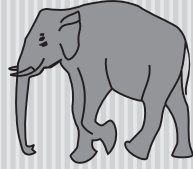
Ms. HarjitLally was choked with emotions and was thrilled that her students are living up to the values and ethos of Welham Boy's School. "These Boys have not only brought me back to relive memories but they recognize a lot of students at Raphael who have since grown up" she added.

Brig. Arun Bhatnagar (Retd.) thanked the delegation for the gifts and took everyone on a tour of Raphael briefing the Welhamites' on the progress made at Raphael over the years.

The Delegation expressed their gratitude to Raphael Home for permitting them to reconnect with them, play with the Students and promised to return back. Before departing, Brig. Bhatnagar handed over an appreciation letter to the Welham Old Boys' Society for their thoughtful and noble gesture towards Raphael.

Welham Alumni, before departing promised to be back for more SUPW activities.

Siddharth Rakshit
Secretarial Officer



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THE DE- FECTORIAL BODY

Mohit Gupta

With 'Luxuria' at the top of his priority list, the Oli doesn't have any doubts about the school's progress under Mohit's leadership. It is still a mystery as to how he is able to address the school so eloquently considering his flippant command over the language (La Pacino!) Our school captain has been facing a lot of problems but none of them are at par with the problems at the High Table. The fancy cutlery and not so trivial conversations have been the major reasons for Mohit's debilitating appetite and it is a treat to watch the battle between him and the food.

Prabhapaar Singh Batra

The blow certainly hasn't been dealt with yet for you can still see the Academics Captain fuming, muttering to himself and shaking his fists at the skies. Despite the frustration, one can finally see PP dressing up properly (where has the torn jersey and the no tie swagger gone?). In his early days as the prefect PP seems to have developed a habit of waking up early in the morning (class 9 would surely know) .Lastly, he is overly burdened with the responsibility of completing the HATTRICK. People patiently await the surprises on 17th August.

Hardic Gupta

After the prefectorial body was announced, every student in the school would have finally realized that 'size does not matter'. The people's choice, Hardic believes that silence is the best of all

virtues but that is only at a superficial level. Even though he is the quietest person at a public forum when it comes down to talking about oneself or shying away from responsibilities Hardic can talk for hours and hours. An inspiration to all the 'chutkoos' in the school, he is undoubtedly the shortest sports captain in the history of Welham.

Vikram Vardhan Singh

Vikram seems to be enjoying the best of both worlds, as he has become a part of both- the prefectorial body and the infamous 'katta' gang. Most would think that the unspoken coalition between him and PP is what has resulted in a surprising seating arrangement at the high table. This person was also a victim of the 'mysterious night'. Ironically the Round Square President has succeeded in each and every field except Round squares. His down under connection is visible with his intense use of Snapchat (What happens in the 10 seconds?)

Aditya Raj Pahwa

The senior member of many high organizations in Welham, this man has managed to maintain a reputation everywhere. 'The man with the perfect timing' has proven his mettle yet again by securing a seat at the High Table. Sources say his next target lies between Bethany and Narmada with a stick in hand but it is yet to be proven true.

Aakarsh Gupta

The successor to Amit Vikram Dewan in terms of the humor section, Aakarsh can

literally force you to kill yourself with his so-called funny jokes. Class 11 Commerce is over the moon with the school's decision to appoint him as the prefect so that he has something else to do rather than harming people with his lethal jokes. His not so healthy habits at the table have been a constant source of amusement and disgust to the '12'.

Akshat Singh

This man was too close to achieving greater heights and no one can understand better than him the meaning of the expression 'all lost in one night'. After becoming a prefect Akshat also seems on course of becoming the announcement Captain (try sitting on the other side of the High Table). Since the day the results were announced Akshat has already started working for WELMUN so that he can secure his desired post (Hopefully this time the night won't do wonders!).

Shashank Gupta

A very popular face amongst the juniors of the school, the Ganga house prefect has managed to conceal the identity of his mysterious girlfriend (the Oli is going to get to the bottom of this). Invariably obsessed with his hair, his locker has turned into a cosmetics shop specializing in waxes and gels. His constant running has raised many questions amongst people as to what he plans to do with that stamina (a jump over the LoC cannot be ruled out). He has also been rumored to keep PP and Vikram company on the way to the

assembly when it's half finished with constant support from Mr. OP (arreeeynyaar, Tell PP and Vikram to Hurry Up!).

Devansh Raheja

PoP breathed a heavy sigh of relief on the 5th of February but he hasn't had a moment to relax since then (too much house spirit is bad for health!). He is rumored to be in contention for the Foodie of the '12', though Vikram has been showing stiff competition. His on the face talks have been a constant source of amusement and it is said that the rebels of the High Table have been using this as a lifeline of humour (We do see PP and Vikram laughing a lot these days).

Samip Shrestha

The surprise package of this year, Samip has been the topic of every gossip in

school. Quite like Hardic, Samip also believes that silence speaks louder than words. The silent guardian of the prefectorial body, his unbelievably loud screams do seem to get the work done. The appointment of Samip does tell people that sometimes you don't have to act, you just have to sit back and let others act.

Sushen Maini

The most carefree person in the prefectorial body Sushen seems to be more serious about his body rather than the school. At the High Table the Krishna House Captain can be seen following a balanced diet so that he can build a perfect body for the 'Socials' (the body will only help if the socials happen this year!!). In a tussle with the 'man with the perfect timing' for the stick in hand, everyone waits for the day his patience runs out.

Sanaz Agarwal

The pseudo-academics captain literally breathes books. Seeing Sanaz without a book is rarer than witnessing the Haley's Comet. The 'dark knight' quite unlike Batman is invisible during the night and is seen with a teacher at all times during the day. Reports have come in that teachers are planning to launch a petition to gain restraining orders from the overly curious mind. Moreover his weird accent at the high table (please pass the "vigitable!") makes the entire prefectorial body burst into laughter.

Ever Wonder why

- Mohit Gupta doesn't wear his school captain's tie every day (High time that you learn some dining etiquettes).
- Vedant Dewan (Maakhan) is popularly known as "The Party Animal". (Guess someone has been very busy singing party raps and karaoke!)
- Anant Agarwal has finally started working for the Oliphant. (The move to bring in Dev and Vinayak did serve right!)
- Sixty students from class 10 have applied for the Australian Exchange. (It's hot there, isn't it?)
- Vijay Prakash made sure that class tenth got their self-out on the '14th' of February. (There was hope for her to be in town)
- Vithal Jalan has started writing articles for the Oliphant. (Looks like someone does not want to feature in the humour section anymore.)

RUMOUR HAS IT

- Hardic Gupta has taken to Buddhism (the vow of silence is indeed a difficult art).
- Vithal Jalan asked for tomato ketchup at Subway. (thank god he didn't ask for chutney)
- Ayush Tulsyan and Ayush Dixit have finally decided to study. (Deactivation of FB account is surely a huge leap)
- The Oliphant is looking forward to recruit Vithal Jalan. (The Oliphant room needs cleaning! A lot of cleaning!)
- Dev Goel considers Lasagne as the platform of vengeance. (No wonder Vithal is always starring in it.)
- Devdhar Bhatia has replaced Manwar Ji in the Physics Lab as Mr. Dhingra's assistant. (Bhatia, please pass me the glass slab)
- Yuvraj Pahuja finally understood the meaning of sarcasm. (he just used it)

Separated at Birth

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| Sidharth Singh | Chirag Agarwal |
| Hank Schrader(Breaking Bad) | Mr. Pushpendra Dabral |
| Bogdan (Breaking Bad) | Mr. Gosain |
| Hazari Bearer | Pradyumn Dobhal |
| Devansh Raheja | Aditya Achreja |
| Dev Goel (The Oliphant) | Peter Parker (Daily Bugle) |
| Junaid Jan | Hannibal Lectre |
| Vinayak Agarwal | Will Hunting |
| Vithal Jalan | B. R. Ambedkar |

Those ones

Devansh Raheja- Everything is fair in love, war and Welham Boys' School.

Aditya Dokania- When I am good, I could save lives but when I am bad I could be lethal. (Still can't get over it)

Aishwarya Soni- 10 years down the line your swag ain't gonna pay your bills in exotic restaurants.

Raghav Babbar- With style comes in swag and with swag comes me.

Vithal Jalan- I am not a racist, I am a realist. I will call him white. (Definitely not a racist!)

Through the *keyhole*

- Anshuman – The fact is that my Dads didn't want me to drop Economics. (Oh boy!)
- Nikhil Gupta – When will the prefect body be announced?
- Anshuman Agrawal- Definitely after the investiture ceremony!
- Joy Sir to Aryan Arora- What does ICICI stand for?
- Aryan Arora- Indian Cooperation of Indian Cooperation of India
- Devansh Raheja- The details should be typed on the white board. (Surely we will use a pen to write on a computer)
- Utkarsh Kumar- That movie left me in a Dalaima. (Welham Newz certainly doesn't focus on English speaking skills)
- Sukarn Singh- My pen is in your backside. Could you please pass it?
- Vithal Jalan- There are two types of medicines- Allopathy and telepathy. (wow! Never heard of them!)
- Tanish Shukla- I am from Toral's maam tutor group. (And Dev Goel fails to identify the error)
- Vithal Jalan to PP- Don't put me through the keyhole. (Overruled)

What's in What's out

| What's in | What's out |
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| Vikram Vardhan Singh | Akshat Jain |
| Student Development Inspector(SDI) | Mr. Srikant |
| House wise line up | Class wise line up |
| Calcium pills | Chocolates |
| Dev & Vinayak | Aaditya & Yugdeep (Oli recruitments) |
| Agni Icy | Trimax |
| Vithal and Rajesh sir | Yuvraj and Raman sir |
| Punyagam Singh Batra (no jersey, no tie swag) | Prabhapaar Singh Batra (Suit and Tie Swag) |
| Wavelength | Sankalp |

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