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WELHAM BOYS' SCHOOL

THINK ABOUT IT...

"Exams test your memory, life tests your learning; others will test your patience."

– Fennel Hudson

EDITORIAL

Here we go again! Exams are on and I can totally understand the level of stress all of us undergo during these moments of our lives which is exactly why we have come out with this edition. Exams sure are an important aspect of our lives but that alone does not justify the fact that we students cannot have fun. So, go ahead, take out at least half an hour of your time and read the sixth edition of the Oliphant.

Does hard work bear its fruit? I feel it absurd that at times we question ourselves and question the amount of dedication we must put in any work set before us. The main problem that I notice amongst most students is that all of us have a very materialistic approach to success and thus we care too much of the outcome forgetting the means. It is through hard work that we come out with our Oli editions, it is with hard work that our swimming team succeeds, it is with hard work that the teachers put in to help students that makes us evolve for the better. No hard work goes in vain and somewhere down the line it always does return so, dear reader, work hard for your exams and exclude your worries from the results as somewhere down the line your hard work will bear fruit.

And finally I come to this edition of the Oliphant. This edition posed quite some challenges, the exams being just the tip of

the iceberg, we still tried our level best to envelope this edition with all the things that happened in the past weeks. For starters, we have the fully updated Welham Now section and a Lampon with a theme set for all the exam freaks of the school. Not to miss our beloved Lasagne section, which I am sure, will keep all of you gripped.

So ease your pressure and go through this edition with a calm mind. I am sure that all of us will succeed in our exams and most importantly cooperate with each other. We get so many chances and opportunities to prove our mettle of which we do not avail. Exams however pose a set of challenges all of us face together and I do not see any reason why we should not succeed.

Dream big always. Push yourselves always. Live your lives to the fullest... Always.

Signing off



Sheikh Safwan
Editor-in-chief

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RINGSIDE VIEW

Whenever one looks back at his own doings, there is always that one thing that he would want to change. This statement holds true for each and everyone with the exception of the school football under-15 team. This football season, most certainly proved to be a flabbergasting one for the aspiring footballers at school. The junior team participated in four tournaments, clinching the trophy in two of them and emerging as the first runner-up in another. Subsequent to their triumph in the under-15 CBSE Cup the school under-15 team participated in two tournaments simultaneously, namely the Doon School Invitational Under-15 soccer tournament and the Summer Valley 7 a-side Tournament. In the former, the team emerged victorious after thrashing RIMC in the finals by a score line of 6-1. Proving himself as a prolific striker by scoring a total of 13 goals in 6 matches Bistrit Gurung was rewarded with the golden boot. The Oli salutes the performance of the school junior team and hopes that their performances will become better and better with each season.

Swimming Team winning the 5th P.A. Kidd Swimming Memorial at the Wynberg Allen School

Even though the junior football team was the highlight of the term, the school swimming was also able to prove its mettle yet again. On the 3rd and 4th of September the school swimming team took part in the Wynberg Allen Swimming Meet. With a total of 14 gold

medals, 7 silver medals and 3 bronze medals the team was able to bring home the winner's trophy. Moreover, Sanaz Agarwal, Yugdeep Shokeen, Zaid Ahmed and Moksh Kandpal were adjudged as the best swimmers in their respective categories.



GAME REVIEW

The end of the football season marks the commencement of the athletics season. The athletes can be seen sweating it out on the fields on a regular basis. On the 6th of September a team of 10 boys participated in a 10km marathon held at the Whyeberg School. The team performed well. Raghav Babbar came 5th in the marathon and Welham Boys' was able to secure the third position. The Oli wishes the Athletics the best of luck and hopes that they will be able to triumph over other worthy teams in the IPSC Athletics Meet.

In the global arena, the US Open is underway. Andy Murray crashed out of the tournament in the second round after being beaten by Anderson. The Swiss maestro, Roger Federer beat Richard Gasquet in the quarter-finals and in the all-Swiss semi-final against Stan Wawrinka came out triumphant yet again. He eventually lost the finals to man of the moment Djokovic. In the woman's category Serena Williams lost in the semi finals, ending her dream of making history. Two Indians, Sania Mirza and the unstoppable Leander Paes yet again won in the mixed doubles competition.

In the world of football, this week witnessed a lot of action and drama. In the Euro qualifier, Wayne Rooney scored to surpass the goal tally of Sir Bobby Charlton to become England's all time leading goal scorer. The Barclays Premier League continues its unpredictable run with lots of surprising results, chief among them the defeat of Chelsea by Everton while Manchester City's perfect start to the season shows no signs of coming to an end Signing off!

Parth Babbar and Devansh Raheja
XI-Com



Platforms
XBOX 360, XBOX ONE,
PS3, PS4, PC.

Developer
BioWare

Publisher
Electronic Arts

Genre
Action-Adventure, RPG,
Open-World

Rating
9.2

DRAGON AGE
INQUISITION

A game that will have you hooked on for weeks, even after the main story, exploring the vast love associated with the franchise.

“Bad things should happen to bad people, we find someone not so bad, and maybe he'll end up not so dead.

-Sera, Friends of Red Jenny

“One should not judge a book by its cover”-That's what they say but you can almost always judge a video game by its cover. This particular game's cover has a huge green lit cloud and lots of ugly faces looking down onto one man who had a flaming sword in one hand. Now, who doesn't play a game with flaming swords?

Flaming sword!

Dragon Age: Inquisition is much more than that. Imagine lighting breath dragon, beautiful landscapes, high level combat, character creation, races and a plethora of beasts to fight with an arsenal of customizable weapons AND amour. Enough? No? Add to that ruling over all of Thedas, ten different, controllable characters and ice breathing dragons. That should be enough for new players to immediately order this game. For returning players, your previous choices will affect your

story and our Hero of Fereledan has returned! Stumped? Should be!

BioWare has stuck to the flexibility that it has had in all of its games. For those of you who were not so fortunate to play the previous installments in the Dragon Age series, for EA has planned it out (for once). All players can sign their profile with the game and customize or alter their choices.

Now, the story goes as this- Mayes (wizards/Magicians for you lesser informed people) and Temples (soldiers/warriors) have been waging war against each other. A peace conference is called but is interrupted by Corypheus (pronounced KORI-FI-US) who has a plan to take over the world. Things go wrong and a massive hole/breach/rift (the one on the cover) appears in the sky spawning monsters from the Underworld. This event caused our hero to get imbued with powers to open or close this rift and many smaller versions like it. Now it's up to us (you) to save all of human-kind or, in this case, a lot of 'kinds'.

I leave the rest for you to discover.

-Armaan Suhail
XI - Com

MOVIE REVIEW

Director
Camille Delamarre

Cast
*Ed Skrein,
Ray Stevenson,
Loan Chabanol,
Noémie Lenoir*



FROM THE PRODUCERS OF THE
TAKEN TRILOGY

THE **TRANSPORTER** REFUELED

One doesn't simply make Jurassic Park without Dinosaurs or Star Wars without Light Sabers so why would anyone in their right mind do a Transporter Film without Jason Statham?

Before I dive into the details of this installment of the Transporter Films, let me tell you a little about what the series has actually been about. The last three parts namely *The Transporter: 2002*, *Transporter 2: 2005* and *Transporter 3: 2008* were done by the action phenomena Jason Statham. He plays the role of Ex-special forces operator Frank Martin who now drives a highly customized Audi hiring himself as a mercenary transporter who moves people or goods around as his job requires.

Refueled is the fourth in the improbably long Transporter series, with Skrein replacing Jason Statham as Frank Martin. In this film Frank does his risky work with aplomb, remaining unruffled behind the wheel of his tech-savvy sports car. That is until Anna, a reluctant

prostitute (played by a doe-eyed Loan Chabanol) with a vendetta against her boss, swerves him off course. Reluctance – and Anna's unwillingness to be a sex worker – is supposed to be her main charm, and Delamarre contrasts Anna against the more amenable and street-savvy Maïssa (Noémie Lenoir). In the opening sequence, the film relies on a hackneyed flashback to establish Anna's motive. The righteous Anna is out to kill the man who forced her into prostitution. The boring portrait drawn is that Anna is pure and good. This causes the film to draw a hasty line between sex work and murderous revenge.

What's more, the film is anchored in an odd daddy-dearest plot line, with Frank revering his father (Ray Stevenson) and playing the straight man to his dad's Don Juan charms. Whereas Frank Sr. is a suave yet resourceful former intelligence operative who calls to mind James Bond circa the mid-nineties,

Frank Jr. is a 007 for millennials: Intuitive technology is a seamless part of his life. Try as it might to recast the familiar tropes of the action genre in a hip and modern light, *The Transporter Refueled* can't seem to step out from under the shadow of better bygone action titles.

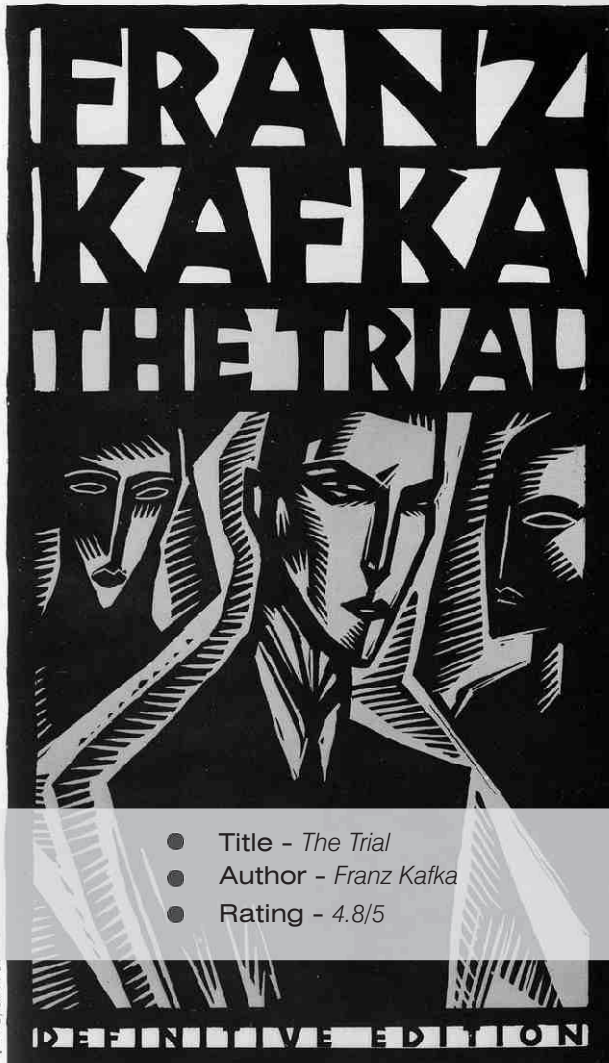
The film has a decent plot but is not enough to put up with the name and fame of the previous Transporter films and has cheap silly car chases that are more about loud crashes and CGI than the thrill of speed.

Viewers who enjoyed the action in prior Transporter movies, and don't mind seeing a different actor behind the wheel, should find enough slick action to satisfy their appetite for vehicular thrills.

I give this film a 5/10

Pranjal Agrawal
Class XII - Commerce

BOOK REVIEW



- Title - *The Trial*
- Author - *Franz Kafka*
- Rating - 4.8/5

'But I'm not guilty' says K. 'It's a mistake. How can a person be guilty at all? Surely we are all human beings here, one like the other. That is right,' he is told, 'but this is a way the guilty are not to talk.'

The trial was left unfinished due to Kafka's sudden death. However, it was published by Max Brod in 1925. It is a sequence of ten chapters all published in the order of which Kafka had written them. Well the ten chapters go on narrating the unfinished story of a young man, a bank official, who wakes up in his house one morning to find himself arrested without knowing what crime he has committed. Throughout the story, he makes various attempts to 'justify himself' against the unknown charges he is being tried for. This very man also tries to influence a number of people who he believes may affect his acquittal. He is never physically compelled to attend the court proceedings and is never prevented from walking out from the court he is being tried in. Moreover, he is offered at least one chance of justifying his crime, and in spite of all the chances he gets he ends up marching off to his execution on the eve of his thirty first birthday to die 'like a dog'.

Throughout the story, throughout all the sober and almost-flat elaboration of Josef K's predicament, the question on every reader's lips is 'why?'. The book poses tough situations that even the readers find hard to imagine. What has the unremarkable young man done? What is the guilt? Part of the answer lies in the fact that he never asks the question, though he claims that he has asked it. It is an aspect of his guilt that beyond asserting his innocence, he comes to take a sad pride in being tried for judgment. I would recommend this book to all those readers who want to try something new. This book will keep the readers on the edge of their seats till the very end and keep them wondering this unknown K's faith and perhaps their own too.

-Mir Ali, *XII-Hum*

INDIA-A LAND OF VERBAL WARS

India can be termed as a country in which anything can be debated upon. Topics ranging from NDA being anti-farmers or anti Industrialists to Rahul Gandhi's shoe size are quite popular in our houses. Eradication of poverty, increase in literacy rates etc. are some of the topics which seem unknown to our country. RSS, a group which is behind the BJP led Government consists of bachelors. How can they tell people as to how many children should they have? An increase and a

new turn is needed in the orthodox Indian mindset. The term 'Hindu Sanskriti' should not be restricted to what the so called religious groups say. On Valentine's Day, such groups had their men burning valentine cards on roads. Moreover there were people in cafes to check for occurrence of anything against the 'Hindu Sanskriti'. Now, if kissing also goes against their thinking, then how do they expect people to have 'four' children? India can overcome its weaknesses only if they

start to analyze and adapt modernity. India being a developing nation can only be a world power one day if it takes steps towards modernizing itself without neglecting its ethics and 'sanskars'.

-Vishnu Pratap Singh
IX-B

INTRICACY OF INDIAN POLITICS

In lieu of the recent events that took place in Bihar, politicians have wholeheartedly decided that they are not ready to improve. This is the usual scenario of Indian politics but this time the magnitude of the conflict was hilarious.

It all started with Mr. Amit Shah, the president of the Bharatiya Janata Party and three other members of the same getting trapped in a lift in Bihar; deliberately or not is for God to decide. But people, this is Indian politics. There is always a tinge of Bollywood comedy to the proceedings. In the current context Mr. Lalu Prasad and Mr. Nitish Kumar vaguely passed comments on the appalling condition of the president

of BJP saying that his triple excel weight had reasoned in the 'technical glitch' that occurred. The BJP mastermind has filed a case against the so called Maha Gath Bandhan for his highness was trapped in the lift for thirty minutes straight. He publically accused Nitish Kumar by saying that he has appropriate evidence to accuse Mr. Chief Minister and his known associates for this malarkey.

It just doesn't stop here. How could NaMo have kept shut on this? He backfired by saying that the DNA in Nitish Kumar's Blood is infected with politically transmitted diseases. And that his DNA is not normal to which Mr. Kumar's reply totally reflects what Indian

politics is all about.

Starting with his usual 'respected Modi Ji' he went on to say that his DNA is branched from orthodox Biharis bloodline and in utter distress sent about four samples of DNA of Biharis and his own to the Prime Minister's Office.

In view of the upcoming Bihar elections, politicians have promised in the typical Indian political format that events like these will continue to decrease in number but for those who have common sense can clearly figure out that this only implies that these events will keep on entertaining 8 P.M. News Viewers.

ONE FOR THE RACQUET AFICIONADOS

On the 18th of April, 1915, approximately a hundred years ago, a Morane-Saulnier Type L fighter bird with a punctured gas pipe and a German bullet, left a Doppler sight that seemed to hold across the Belgian sky. The inconvenienced Pilot was a celebrity of sorts at the l'aviation militaire and was, almost immediately after the crash landing, gained by his German counterparts trying to carbonize his beloved aircraft and with it an avant-garde piece of war technology.

On the day the Great War began, this 26 year old French aviator had found himself in the awkward position of being stranded in Berlin. In the years leading up to the war, he had set the world record for reaching the highest altitude by man in an airplane, had become the first man to cross the Mediterranean sea in a plane; and had performed numerous exhibition flights that had taken him all over the European continent. And so in 1914 when the German troops were pouring into Belgium, the Aviator sat anxiously under house arrest in his Berlin Hotel room. Faced with the prospect of internment this man escaped through his

bathroom window in the middle of the night to walk to the fields where his airplane sat. With a couple of gasoline cans on board he had taken off into the darkness to launch an exhilarating gradual ascent in the general direction of purpose and freedom.

These were the days when pilots would carry a hand gun with them and shoot at enemy planes awkwardly jutting out midair as the heavy gust of wind crashed against their flapping leather helmets and dusty eye glasses. It was all a bloody parody. Quite literally. By the end of 1914, our aviator who had been serving in the French Air Service, became part of a path breaking solution when he returned to test a recently developed device that enabled a pilot to fire bullets from a mounted machine-gun through the blades of the propeller of his plane. The device, employed successfully by this pilot in the early spring of 1915, allowed him to approach his enemies head-on in the air, giving him a vast advantage. On April fool's day in 1915, he nailed his first German victim, an Albatross reconnaissance aircraft, in the next two

weeks, he downed four more. The American media dubbed him as the first flying ace of the War.

On the 18th of April, 1915, he was captured by the Germans at Hulste in Belgium. He escaped for the second time and made his way back into France. A German aircraft designer who went by the name of Anton Fokker advanced the technology gained from the wreckage of the French plane. He invented the Interrupter Gear, a far more elegant solution than the French Deflector Blades. This was eventually bettered in 1916 by none other than Marcel Dassault, who introduced the Éclair propeller for the Caudron G3. The French were aviation pioneers in the first half of the 20th Century, a case, most Indian legislators of the right wing, would like to see History- through its great disorderly Tangle of schemes, repeat well into the 21st.

By the way, this French aviator, his name was Roland Garros.

Parth Parasher

JOURNALISTS CAUSE SUPPLEMENTARY IMPAIRMENT...



Freedom of 'Press'. A phrase very conveniently used by the so called 'News honchos' to portray anything in any shape, size, or magnitude they feel like. Using a particular freedom as a shield under which you violate other people's freedoms is inconvenient. Taking benefit of the doubt about the proper definition of 'freedom of press', the media very expediently presents news in a way, which, in most cases, results in a flow of information totally different from the fact. They possess the quality of turning an elephant into a microorganism and an ant into a mammoth. By exercising this very quality, they tend to add some of their opinions in the form of facts and give the world what they want to the world to know.

Journalism can be seen through two different lenses. One shows us

journalism as seen theoretically, which I believe has now attained a place in the utopian world. And the other shows the ground reality. So talking about what is prevailing in the world today, I would like to throw light on how journalists tend to incline towards 'misusing' their 'power' if I may use the word. Power here is not physical, military or even subliminal power for that matter. Power here is the very feeling of blurting out some facts with your own opinion so as to demean others or portraying incidences after changing them from all dimensions which these people get after hearing the very powerful phrase in itself, freedom of press.

This web of such cheap highs that the media gets after insulting is so dense that it even traps budding journalists. In today's world, the social behaviors of crabs seem quite prevalent in humans.

This is exactly why journalists who are new to this whole new world or I should call it a basket also turn out to be the same manner less crabs who will pull down new born crabs the moment they try to come out of the basket.

It is a very sad state of affairs to see honest, hardworking and committed journalists also being criticized with the ones who commit such moral crimes. It is very difficult to separate blue ink from clean and transparent water even if only one drop of it is introduced in the glass. Imagine separating a drop of water from a jar filled with this blue ink. It is sad to be living in a world where people are joking around with something as serious as this.

-Aaditya Dokania
X-C

WELHAM BOYS SCHOOL

-Pranav Jindal
VII-A

A holy garden where seeds start,
Where they are taken as a little heart

A holy path to move ahead in life
Here, are crossed playing in a hurdle determined life.
My second home to expand my mind,
Where my teachers are erudite and kind.

A craft room where creativity is enhanced,
Where brushes are efficient and advanced.

A temple of learning where new days embark,
Where the candles of love and learning sparks.

An edifice with bricks of hard work and unlimited tries,
A wonder, itself that touches skies.

A grand temple of learning
Where every movement is a day and every season is spring.

A heaven where dreams commence,
Where hopes have no bounding or fence.

An ocean to swim across reality,
When fine of trust are held with unity.

A school where every teacher is like God,
Where in a garden of love and care we trod.

LOOPHOLES IN POCKETS OF TIME

'Pockets of time' is a phrase that is oft repeated in the assembly speeches of Mrs. Bindra as the exams approach. Many Welhamites also adopt this phrase as a part of their study skill. But this phrase is an accumulation of loopholes. Nature gives us what we yearn for in accordance with the law of attraction. Thus, it is our own thoughts that guide us in our life's experiences. There is a famous saying that 'Man proposes and God disposes!' but pockets of time hinder our attempt to take a breather. It hence forces our gray cells to be active even in our free time. This leads to many psychological disorders among children.

The pockets of time phenomenon force a student to refrain from taking a break and just relax. Continuous thinking leads to mental disorders, something very common amongst children today. While flipping through the pages of an

India today magazine, I came across an article on the IIT coaching centres. The article talked about the pressure under which children lived in these institutions preparing for their ambitions. They spent, at least 16 hours studying and rest of the time sleeping. Hence, these children were found to be victims of chronic tension and sleep deprivation due to wrong study habits and the utilization of the so called topper concept 'Pockets of time'.

Shashi Tharoor, in his book, Pax Indica, talks about the life of students in coaching centres of Kota and the trending formula of dummy schools. Last 5 years have seen a steep rise in the number of dummy schools. These schools provide coaching to students preparing for the IIT's and have tight study schedules that restrict the children from getting involved in sports and other stress busting activities.

Hence, these institutions lack the basic fundamentals of a school, a place where students learn the basic morals of life. A busy exam schedule always requires a break. So, follow my advice and take a deep breath and when you return back to study, your learning will be even better than before.

Staying engrossed in our self-created woes doesn't allow us to laugh or smile, and makes our mood somber. There is a need of a child like positivity in our school. Spreading happiness also helps us receive the same in accordance with the law of attraction. So just enjoy every moment and live life king size even during the exams.

Best of luck

-Viraj Mehrotra
XI-Hum

ORGAN TRADING

No matter how serious the title of the article may sound, I feel it is very important to discuss it in the Oliphant. For a better understanding, Organ Trade is the trade of human organs for the purpose of transplantation. In the recent past it has been reported that there is a severe shortage of organs worldwide and this has led to the illegal trafficking of organs. It was not long ago when the commercial trade in organs was illegal across the globe. Illegal organ trafficking is widespread and the retrieval of data of the black market is just as difficult to obtain.

Legalization of the organ trade to combat organ shortage and illegal trafficking is a subject of much debate. On an average, an individual has to wait for three and a half years for an

organ to become available for transplantation.

Iran has been the only country which allows legal buying and selling of organs, but there are a lot of limitations in its system:-

- Firstly, foreigners are not allowed to buy organs from Iranians as market exists within the country.
- Secondly, the organs can only be transplanted between the people of the same nationality, that is to say an Iranian cannot buy organs from a citizen of another country.

So, the Iranian system has been put up as an example that produces intended results and safe organ trading model supported by legalized donation and all of this brings us back to the same

question – should the other countries follow this too? If we actually dive a little deeper, but taking a different note, whenever any law or norm is made illegal, it attracts more attention and even stronger counter actions are taken.

Solutions have been put forward by many theorists to increase the amount of legally available organs so as to prevent the illegal trafficking of organs around the globe.

-Raghu Raghav
X-B



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WELHAM NOW

- A delegation of 16 boys participated in the DS MUN held at the Doon School from the 21st to the 23rd of August. Welham Boys' was adjudged the Best Delegation for the second consecutive year.
- On the 23rd of August a Spic Macay programme was organized by Welham Boys' School where **Mrs. Patricia Rosario** and **Mr. Mark Troop** enthralled the audience with their amazing pieces of opera.
- A group of 5 students along with **Mr. Brahma Raina** went for the Sherwood Quest in Nainital held from the 20th to the 23rd of August. The quizzing team which comprised **Yugdeep Shokeen** and **Aryan Kumar** came 4th out of 16 participating teams.
- The Basketball Interhouse was held in the last week of August. The house positions were as follows. Krishna house emerged winners followed by Cauvery, Jamuna and Ganga.
- The Inter house English One- Act Play was held on the 26th of August. The house positions were as follows 1st Cauvery 2nd Jamuna and Ganga and 4th Krishna
- The music Interhouse was held on the 29th of August. The house positions were as follows 1st Cauvery 2nd Ganga 3rd Jamuna and 4th Krishna.
- On the 29th of August Welham Boys' participated in the the Capta Caelum tournament held at the Wynberg-Allen School Mussoorie. **Junaid Jan** and **Ashish Vardhan Singh** secured the second position in headgear designing.
- On the 2nd of September **Mr. S.S. Khaira** was declared a semi finalist of the Education prize 2015" Harnessing Innovation in the Senior School" category by The Global Education and Leadership Foundation.
- The school participated in the Silver Jubilee Convergent held at the Mayo College Girls School from the 1st to the 4th of September. **Samarth Dhumal** was adjudged the best rebuttler in the hindi debate and **Pradyuman Dobal** was adjudged the best speaker. **Sheikh Safwan** was adjudged the the best actor in the English play. **Utkarsh Kumar, Umair Wani** and **Junaid Jan** secured the first position in the multimedia competition.
- A group of 5 students along with **Mr. Saurav Sinha** went for the Editors Conference held at the Scindya School from the 2nd to the 6th of September.
- The swimming team participated in the 5th P.A. Kidd Swimming Memorial held at the Wynberg-Allen School in Mussoorie on the 3rd and 4th of September. **Moksh Kanpal** was adjudged the best swimmer in the sub-juniors category, **Zaid Ahmed** in the junior, **Yugdeep Shokeen** in the intermediate and **Sanaz Agarwal** in the senior's category. Welham Boys' emerged as the overall winners.
- Welham boys' participated in the Wynberg-Allen inter school cross country held on the 6th of September. **Raghav Babbar** secured the 5th position.
- On the 7th of September a talk by **Mr. Nawazzudin Siddiqui** was organized.
- The 25th Oliphant Debate was held on the 12th and 13th of September. Students from 12 schools participated with Doon School beating St. Josph Academy in the final to pick the trophy.

5TH P.A. KIDD SWIMMING MEMORIAL

The swimming team after its rigorous practice, participated in the 5th P.A. Kidd Swimming Memorial held at the Wynberg-Allen School, Mussoorie on the 3rd and 4th September and yet again the swimming team did not fail to prove its mettle.

In all the swimming team won 14 Gold medals, 7 Silver medals and 3 Bronze medals. The school won the individual championships in all the four categories. In the sub-junior category Moksh Kanpal was adjudged the best swimmer. Zaid Ahmed was adjudged the best swimmer in the junior category,

Yugdeep Shokeen in the intermediate category and Sanaz Agarwal was adjudged the best swimmer in the senior category.

Our swimming team, with the leadership of coach Lalit Singh and swimming captain Aaditya Agarwal, sure does win awards but more has to come. With the best swimming facilities our school has to provide it is only now that we make a complete use of them and it is only then that our victory follows.

Yugdeep Shokeen
X-A



THE EDITORS' CONFERENCE

On the 2nd of September, 5 students along with Mr. Saurav Sinha went to the Scindia School, Gwalior to attend the 4th edition of the Editor's Conference. On the first day of the conference, students from various schools were divided onto mixed groups. The purpose of each group was to prepare a newsletter within the time span of three days. The keynote speakers that had come from various fields of work motivated and inspired the students to take up journalism in the future.

The three days that had been given to the students to prepare the newsletter proved to be quite engaging and

exhausting. Despite all the hardships that the groups had to endure and the ups and downs that came along, all the groups were able to take out a newsletter within the allotted time frame. On the last day of the conference, three resource people came to the conference to have a look at all the newsletters. This day proved to be quite an enriching one for all the budding journalists as the resource people discussed the errors in every newsletter and suggested ways to improve on them. Overall, the conference was a great success for all the students as well as everyone who was a part of it. I

would recommend each and every student who wishes to become a journalist to go for this conference.

Also a special mention to Samveg Jain who won a prize for outstanding contribution. Well done Samveg.

Devansh Raheja
XI-Com

MCGS SILVER JUBILEE

On the 31st of August a group of 14 boys along with their teacher escort Mr. Gyan Aswal went to Mayo College Girls School, Ajmer for the all India Silver Jubilee Convergence. The convergence consisted of English Debate, Hindi Debate, English Dramatics, Multi-media and the Quiz.

A total of sixteen teams participated in the preliminary round of the English debate where the team was to choose two members, one for the turn-court and the other for a two minute Extempore. Our team qualified the preliminary round but could not qualify for the finals and thus stood third.

With the most sizzling topics for the Hindi debate, our Hindi Debating Team won the hearts of all of the judges with their flamboyant speaking skills.

Samarth Dhumal was awarded the best rebutter and Pradyumn Dhobal was the best speaker in the Hindi debate. Our team stood third in the event but from their performance one can conclude that Hindi Debating skills are improving in the school and we hope that we have just as many Hindi debaters in the near future.

Coming to the English Dramatics, the teams were to write a script on a topic given on the spot and were given the time of two hours to complete the script. This activity was perhaps the most challenging activity as with writing one has to write all the character sketches, build a plot and add many other implications. Our school stood third in the Dramatics with Ali Khan, Pranav Gupta, Sheikh Safwan, and Anurag Bhatia as the members of the team.

Sheikh Safwan was adjudged the best actor.

Lastly, in the multi-media too the theme was given to the three-member team on the very first day and all the teams were to direct a short film. The theme set was – 'adversity can make someone triumph and make the other cry'. The short film directed by Junaid Jan, Uttkarsh Kumar and Umair Wani, won the third prize.

The MCGS Silver Jubilee Convergence truly was a great learning experience for each one of us. I would especially suggest the juniors who are interested in writing to opt for the competition next year.

-Anurag Bhatia
X A

My Friend

My friend is very mischievous but helps me in every possible way. He is usually very generous but can sometimes also be miserly. When I get sad he is always around to cheer me up. Sometimes he troubles me way too much and we get into a fight, but it doesn't take much time for us to make up and become friends again. Whatever happens he will always be my best friend.

-Pranav Raheja
6A



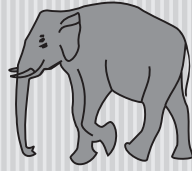
THE AUTUMN SEASON

One evening at seven,
I felt I was in heaven.
A silent breeze touched my nose,
Like a little pink rose.

A huge dry leaf,
Fell down in grief,
This weary night,
Was not at all that bright.

As it started drizzling,
The hot earth started sizzling,
My most bizarre night,
Was filled with real fright.

- Ved Motani
6B



THE RISING INTELLIGENTSIA



DEMOCRACY: REALLY THE BEST FOR ALL?

In modern society, our generation has grown up listening to our elders saying, 'democracy is the best' and 'God bless democracy'. But since the start of this noble idea, it had led to face stiff criticism. It truly looks like the most citizen friendly system in the world. The question thus arises is that, is it only good on paper or is it practical too? To answer this we must look for examples around the world. We must look and compare the social, economic and political aspects of democratic countries and non democratic countries of the world.

To start with, democracy itself has come a long way. Its birth place was the Greek civilization and it was propagated in the modern world by John S. Mill and tried in France. Democratic France did not last long. This highlights an important feature of democracy. Democracy is an idea too fragile for unstable situations. It is too unstable to

bring stability after a revolution. We need not look too far for unstable democratic countries. Pakistan became independent alongside India and was established as an Islamic republic. It was born a democracy. However it didn't remain a democracy for too long with the likes of Zia ul Haq and Pervez Musharraf seizing power by

undemocratic means. On top of being fragile, it is also challenged by more practical and sometimes more successful concepts of communism or socialism. To combat this, the United States has orchestrated a propaganda war against these alternatives. Since they have been largely successful in doing so the common notion about

communism or socialism is largely negative.

Communism takes its roots from Russia, erstwhile USSR. Lenin talked about equality on all fronts. This notion swayed large masses in his support and the Russian revolution took place. The equality he talked about never came. When USSR broke up, the grim truth came to light. There indeed had been inequalities in the form of poverty and religion. Today Russia is a democracy or at least that's what they say it is. The current leader, Vladimir Putin has been in power for the last 20 years. He conveniently switches between the posts of the president and prime minister to surpass constitutional term limits. Frequently, we hear of the murders of political activists and opposition leaders under his rule. His rule has reduced Russia to an institutional democracy.

On the other hand we have another communist country, China. It follows communism only in its political structure. Its economy is based on

socialism and so are its laws and social structure. This has resulted in an excellent growth pattern, economically, socially and educationally. China by no means follows the principle of equality. It is witnessing a growing gap between the rich and the poor. In spite of all this, china can be called a successful communist state.

Now we must at the democratic parts of the world. Starting with the largest democracy in the world, India. It has been 68 years and we don't really have enough to much to show for it. There are still villages in our country where electricity is rare. Running water is considered a luxury. Poverty, unemployment, hunger are still rampant in this country. Though we are a democracy, there is now a growing support for "other options". India still has the highest approval ratings for democracy in Southeast Asia; however it is undergoing a declining trend. But looking at other democracies like the United States or Europe, we can see them as successful states. Comparing economic growth patterns between

democratic and non democratic countries, the later show a better pattern of growth. But we still cannot say that non democratic countries are better than democratic ones.

Coming to spreading democracy as a principle, it has largely been a failure. The Vietnam War was fought for making Vietnam a democracy. Similarly the west gave their continuous support to unregulated and unknown groups in the Middle East who rose against the government in violent clashes which resulted in massive civil wars across the region. The Arab spring is what we call it today. Only a few countries came out of the turmoil with stable and functioning governments. So it would not be wrong to conclude that the largest push towards democracy in the modern world was an overwhelming failure.

Having analyzed a broad spectrum of aspects between democratic and non-democratic countries it is up to the reader to decide: Is democracy really is the best?

Abdul Basit

ABSOLUTE POWER: A RECIPE FOR FAILURE

Absolute power corrupts absolutely! And that is what happens if there is a single leader of a group. This can be inferred from instances like WWII, when Hitler led his country into ruins and when Napoleon Bonaparte lost everything he had won for France.

One leader of a group means that all is in the hands of one man. The decisions taken would only have one perspective and that may not help the group work efficiently. The only reason democracy is considered as one of the best forms of government is because in democracy the power does not lie in the hands of one person but there are a lot of leaders who have their own responsibilities.

The past has quite evidently shown us how a single leader can ruin the future

of his group. The Nazis may have been the best and the most competent race in the world but their leader; Adolf Hitler did not let them function effectively and forced them into destruction in 1945. Hitler wanted to conquer the world and it was his ambitions which became the reason for Germany's loss of power. Only if there had been few more people to lead the group, then may be the difference of opinion would not have let this happen and there would have been no World War II.

After the execution of King Louis XVI, and after various other turn in events Napoleon emerged as the new leader of France as he helped France win more territories and increase its influence in Europe. But power corrupted him and Napoleon crowned

himself as the king of France. In his conquest of gaining more territories, he lost the support of many and gradually lost all the territories he had won after the renowned battle of Waterloo.

This proves that many leaders are necessary for a group of people to function properly. Both the history and the present show us how more leaders can effectively lead the group. This shows that absolute power in the hands of one is like giving him a 'burning arrow' so that he can burn the people of his own group.

-Punyagam Singh Batra
IX- B

A SMALL STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

I recently read an article about the struggle for civil liberties in the United States in the 1950's and 60's that led to the admission of the first black student to the University of Alabama. For some reason it lingered in my mind for a long time and got me thinking. I feel as if this event marks a watershed in the history of man's fight to accord each human being an equal opportunity to realize their full potential. Also this struggle is of great personal relevance to my life and the lives of everyone in my generation.

Human history has seen a constant conflict between those who try to maintain the status quo, concentrating power in a few hands, and those who advocate and fight for the ideals of equality, liberty and justice. Just a few decades ago, it was your race that predetermined the chances of your success rather than your potential, ability and personality.

The admission of that first black student to Alabama University was in many ways the beginning of a new phase in the battle for human equality. A bastion of discrimination had been penetrated and the message sent out was clear—change was here to stay. Prejudices, though they may exist would no longer be tolerated. Though the incident may have been one involving African Americans, it opened the floodgates

and minority groups the world over began to refuse to surrender to any discrimination against them. The following decades have seen all sorts of traditionally so-called “weaker sections” take up cudgels against the institution, no longer requesting, but rather demanding equal opportunity. It is this spirit that has transformed the role of women in society. It has allowed people to demand freedom of sexual preference without prejudice, and people of the developing countries to gain access to the best education and employment opportunities they deserve by merit.

It is easy to forget the good fortune of living in the time that I do if I were to forget the historical context of my existence. While earlier generations accepted discrimination as a norm, our

generation considers it a crime. While earlier generations thought of equality as an intangible ideal, we have come to accept it as our truth, if not in full measure, then at least substantially. While earlier generations dreamt of realizing their full potential, we are fortunate enough to be able to fulfil our dreams. It is a tribute to the spirit of mankind, that no matter how powerful be the forces of intolerance and hatred, at an individual level, people are becoming more and more tolerant in thought and action. In a century marred by war and political conflict, this spiritual evolution has been man's greatest achievement by far.

-Saurav Sinha
J-235 Class of '91



LOSERS OR WINNERS

“Losers are the ones who never lost.”

-Paulo Coelho

All winners were once losers. Losing sure is a very important aspect of our lives and people might say – 'fight to win!', but just as easy this is to say implementing those three words in our lives is perhaps one of the hardest challenges we face. But again, is a task only about losing or winning, as I believe that with every task it is the learning that comes with it matters the most. We all tend to chase achievements and try to fill our caps with as many feathers as we can, forgetting the means used to get those 'feathers'. We see politicians achieve status they never deserved, we see industrialists claiming lands they never owned. Is this winning or losing?

The other thing I would like to talk about is the fear of failure. We all have that inner voice that keeps on reminding us of our flaws because of

which we prevent ourselves from reaching out for opportunities. Well this is where our winning or losing begins. If we take every step of our life as a challenge and try to push our limits we will definitely emerge Winners and not failures.

Humiliation, losing and achievement are all interconnected. Humiliation is what makes us focused as because of humiliation we work even harder so that we are not humiliated again. A person who has suffered from humiliation and losing will be determined to achieve his goal. He would work day and night to get his dignity back.

Love is also what we learn from losing. It is losing again and again and striving hard to achieve that makes us love it. When we hit that rock bottom, we are fear-less and we face the world iron-hearted. A person who loves his work is the one who has worked very hard to

achieve it. Only when he loses something again is when he will fall in love with it. Love is nothing but the result of all hard work.

The best thing about losing is that our want to achieve something increases after each time we lose. For example for anyone who can easily be employed, employment may not be very important but for a person who has been defeated in finding a job, employment means a lot. At the end I would like to say that losers are only those who are afraid to re-enter the race of life so please define your motives now and see what the world has to offer.

-Yuvraj Pahuja
X-B

Book Review Kane & Abel

Kane and Abel is a fantastic novel written by Jeffrey Archer. Amazingly told, this book has a grand storyline. The description of the feud between the two characters, William Kane and Abel Rosnovski lasting a lifetime kept me hooked throughout.

Their paths cross many times in the story and each time due to some confusion they hate each other more. They continue to snatch what is most beloved to one another until the end. The end has a great twist, but both of them end up losing so many things because of their hatred. I loved reading a book and if you have not read it yet, please do read and enjoy it.

-Viraj Lohia
6C

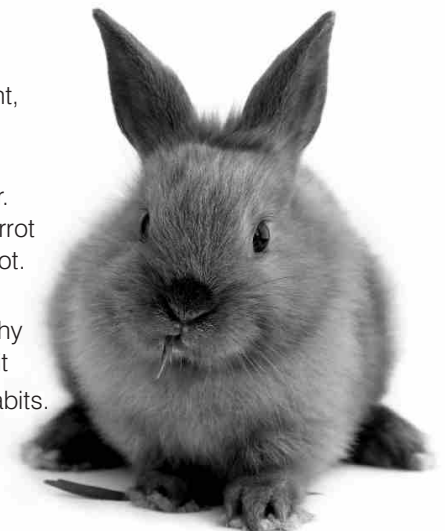
MY PET RABBIT

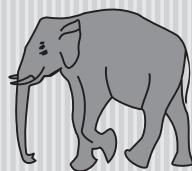
I have a pet white bunny,
Who is indeed very funny,
Though he's small he can fight,
If you trouble him he'll bite.

His long teeth and ears
Make insects shake with fear.
He loves to eat his favourite carrot
And he plays with my pet parrot.

I don't know exactly why,
But sometimes he acts very shy
I guess he's just a cute rabbit
Who has learnt some strange habits.

-Krishna Agrawal
6B





LASAGNE

LAMPOON

Laptops are no longer in use, all the hard disks have been hidden somewhere to resist temptation, library books have been returned and more importantly course books have finally been taken out. This certainly suggests that exams have come. With no knowledge whatsoever of the course or the chapters that are coming in the exams, a Welhamite can be seen carrying a book in his hand but hardly does he ever read it until the night before the exam. (Even this requires a high motivation factor and a cup of coffee do come in handy during this time).

This time I am going to tell you about the studying habits of different Welhamites in accordance to their stream or subjects.

Science

The whole school is under the impression that the 'sciencees' have been slogging to get good results but they fail to see the 'real picture'. When they see a student of sciences with a book they see a student who is working hard but what they fail to see is a student who is lost in his dreams, a student who has counted the number of pages in the chapter at least 5 times, who has won a Nobel Prize in his day dreams and has a Lamborghini parked in his garage.

Commerce

This is the next category of the students who are less burdened and that can clearly be seen on the faces of these intrepid commerce students. With only two subjects to practice (Other teachers

no offence, that's what we are told) they try to focus too much on those but many a time it doesn't bring any fruitful results. Maybe even they are busy doing something, which many are unaware of.

Humanities

In this group the students range from the studious ones to the completely carefree ones. There are some who don't even have an idea about the exam schedule. Staying true to their spirit these people don't need a book in hand to start dreaming because they will mostly be found on their bed. Only this time they would be sleeping and dreams would only be a by-product of the brain maintenance process.

But after the previous issue of the Oliphant no one seems to be taking these exams casually. (Well, it is good to know that the Oliphant does make a difference). The P.S.P.A (Principal's Special Powers Act) has been

successful in compelling the students to do what is best for them; Study!! With the housemasters roaming around the hostels at night it has only made it difficult for the students to even try and waste their time.

At the same time we should never underestimate a Welhamite. A Welhamite who doesn't want to study will not do so even if God himself comes down and requests him to. But for the ones who are planning to study this time I hope you perform well. For the juniors I only hope that this helps you decide your subjects in the future because trust me whatever I have written is 'almost' true!

Prabhapaar Singh Batra
XI- Sci

THOSE ONES

- A person dies the day he is born. (Prove it!).
Mr. Rajesh Keshav
- There is no pillow more comfortable in the world than the pillow of a clear conscience.
Mrs. Gunmeet Bindra
- When I am rude I am the dude.
Raghav Babbar
- Our 'pockets' of time have too many holes in them.
Sheikh Safwan

Tanmay Negi	Mr. Prashant Arora
Pradyumn Dhobal	Mr. Satyendra Pandey
Mr. Rajesh Keshav	V.I.R.U.S (3 Idiots)
PR, JK, AJ	The Shaukeens
Prabhapaar Singh Batra	Khushwant Singh
Amitvikram Deewan	Tyrion Lannister
Mr. Karan Singh	Baahubali
Rajat Raina	Walt Jr. (Breaking Bad)
Mr. Saurav Sinha	Devyansh Rai
Ratik Khandelwal	Altu (Son Pari)
Yash Pandey	Master Monkey (Kung Fu Panda)

Separated At Birth

Ever Wonder Why?

- Mr. Srikant carries the R.D.Sharma with him so very often these days. (Did someone say Bachelor of the year?)
- Ali Khan does not dedicate songs to anyone anymore.
- Sheikh Safwan has stopped accessing facebook ever since MCGS Silver Jubilee.
- Mr. Arun Sharma and Mr. Sanjeev Rana do not click pictures together anymore.
- Devyansh Rai fears faking facts these days. (*Chori Pakdi jaati hai bro...*)
- A chill runs down Mr. Amit Kumar's (AU) spine before entering class IX B.
- Mr. Amit Singh has stopped calling students Gantlemaaaan these days. (Seems like Oliphant does have some effect on some people!!)
- Junaid Jan has had a broad smile on his face ever since his return from the MCGS trip.

Through the *keyhole*

- Punyagam Singh- I want to go for the IPSC literally fest. (The Oli hopes that you literally go for it).
- Ms. Gunmeet Bindra- The school will be going for a night out on the tenth of Diwali.
- Mr. Brahma Raina to Nikhil Chandra Jaiswal- Go and call your colleagues! (Then sir you can call your classmates)
- Nikhil Jaiswal- Mark Zuckerberg is the new CEO of Google. (Someone needs to read those GK books kept in the library!!)
- Yugdeep Shaukeen- Weight is the ultimate form of sarcasm. (And 'wit' is measured in kg)
- Pushendra Saroj to Mir Ali – The Vasant Valley Movie is being directed in Chachaya Home. (What?)
- Amitvikram Dewan to juniors – Oye guys, go to your irrespective classes!! (yeah man we will try doing that!)
- Nikhil Kumar (The Flash) to Sheik Safwan – *Babdababda*, please do not put this in Throw the keyhole.... *Babda* (Well lets just throw the ball then)
- Aaditya Dokania to Anshuman Agarwal – Oye! When will the Preachers day be celebrated? (Certainly not on the 5th of September)

What's in What's out

What's in

Mr. Negi (Krishna Warden)

Parth Parasher

Silence After Dinner

Stop Watch during Ma'am Bindra's Assembly

Oli Debate right before exams

Welham NDTV movies

Aatif Aslam Songs

What's out

Mr. Amit Singh

Ms. Neeru Ahuja

Late night walks

Stop Watch during Mr. Kandpal's Assembly

Oli Debate in August

Welham News

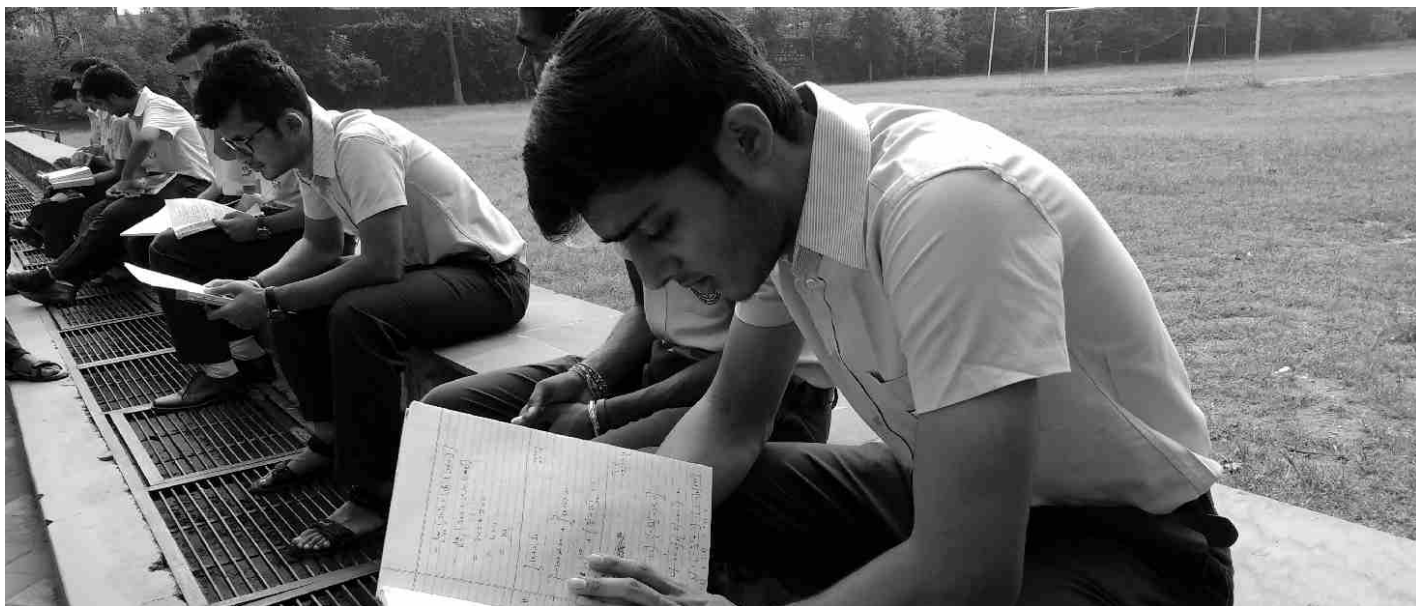
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RUMOUR HAS IT

- Ashish Vardhan is the school's most efficient decision maker in the school. Baat Khatam!
- Harshwardha Bansal (Krishna B) aspires to be a waiter. (Well you have already practiced a lot.)
- Sheikh Safwan has planned not to step out of his house during the winter vacations (Is there a girl next door?)
- Mr. Dayamay Bannerjee and Mr. Prashant Arora are not in speaking terms these days. (Competition sure can rip friendship apart.)
- Parth Babbar has taken true inspiration from the workshop on 'Learning Skills' and is finally seen studying in the prep hall.
- Devyansh Rai has officially changed his pet name from John to Google Baba. (Great!)
- Mr. Amit Singh has been taking house-mastership tuitions from Mr. Om Prakash. (best of Luck with that sir!)
- V.K. Ohri (author of grade XII Economics Book) has been a student of Mr. Dayamay Bannerjee!
- Prithvi Agarwal has been worshipping Bhairo Baba these days. (Now what could be the reason for that?)
- Mr. Om Prakash treats the Krishnaites with Lababdar Chicken every fortnight. (If this is true, I am changing my house right away!)
- Twelfth Science has decided to go on a hunger strike for not being exempted from mid-terms (This is what an over-load of studies does to a person!! Be rational people!!)
- There is a secret cabin below the school hospital where Dr. Gurumurti forcefully injects the typhoid vaccines! (Oh, this obsession!)

WELL HMMM...





It certainly is never too late



Mr. Parth Parashar chairing the preliminary round of the 25th Annual Oliphant English Debate

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