

THINK ABOUT IT...

“ The world is a comedy to those who think, and a tragedy to those who feel”

- Horace Walpole

EDITORIAL

As I ponder over my thoughts recalling all that has happened over the past two long months, I find it a struggle to decide where to begin. Well, lets see; India just witnessed a terrible loss with Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's demise, the Vyapam Case has left a terrible uproar among the leading party and the oppositions, Greece just had a referendum and is burdened by huge amounts of debt, Archies creator Tom Moore is no more and...um... well, it is just not possible to put everything down. Let's just simply put it this way – all of us have new stories to share, new experiences to talk about and a whole set of new dreams to live and now that it is a completely new term, we can dedicate our potential into discovering ourselves a little better.

As we enter the busiest term of the year, we must make sure that we make the most of the opportunities it has to offer. Keeping up with the array of events can be challenging, but if we are able to manage all these activities here, then no one can stop us achieve our goals outside the school, in the real world, where the moon's light hurts the pretty fireflies and the rains bash the life out of those delicate flower beds. We will have to be rigid and let the rains pour. Respond to the force with even more zest and success is assured, remembering the lessons learnt along the way .

Dear readers, now that the Holidays seem a distant past and we have already gone past the

first moth of the enriching Monsoons, I feel it my duty to remind each one of you of what have missed out on and this is exactly what this edition looks into. With new exciting articles and a whole set of inspiring poems, we have introduced a special column for the humour section, 'On the Tip of Their Tongues' which consists of the thrilling one liners our teachers use almost all the time.

So, that is more likely it, which brings me to the end of my editorial. Dear readers, now that I have neared the end of my school life I come to a conclusion - that time flies like a kite in a naked sky, that it never waits for anyone and that it is one's own responsibility to grab hold of each moment. Making most of your capabilities and your time sure is a mammoth task, but it brings in with it a bucket full of joy and experiences to cherish till eternity.

Dear readers, realize your potential, focus on your goals, and enjoy this edition of the Oliphant to the fullest.



Sheikh Safwan
Editor-in-chief

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor-in-chief,

I must congratulate you for being regular in taking out the Oliphant at such frequent intervals. It is always so very exciting to hold a fresh issue of the Oliphant and I'm the same breath I must commend your team for their amazing job. I'm happy that your dream of making the Oliphant a fortnightly is coming true.

My question to you is indeed simple. The cartoons in the Oliphant, which were one of the most unique and important sections of the magazine and my personal favorites along with that of many other students, have, in my opinion, seen a decline in both quantity and quality alike. I don't seem to understand why the cartoons should be discontinued. What is your take on this? I thank you for taking out some of your precious time and showing light on my letter and look forward to your reply. Gracias!

-Dev Goel
Oliphant fan

Reply

Dear Dev,

Thanks for the letter, it's always great to hear from an "Ollie fan"! We are in the process of sorting the cartoon issue out. Hopefully your favourite section will be back for your viewing pleasure very soon.

Regards
Ed.

PAVLOV ON REPORTINGS

Why prefects give 'reportings' and the students respond to them.

Hungry dogs and hungry rats. That is what the school has been induced to. Hungry dogs and hungry rats. You can hear the barking and squeaking all the time. Every day. Every hour. Every minute. Every second.

I hate reportings. Having stood on both sides of the peacock stage, both as tormentor and as the one being tormented, I feel I've gained enough experience to draw one unequivocal, undeniable conclusion; I hate reportings. I hate them because they waste time. Both mine and that of the students. So many constructive things can be done in the time spent in this act. And it builds an antagonistic relationship between the prefects and the school. So which while the prefects should be viewed as the representatives of the students, they are instead viewed as basically Goons with endless powers to torture. But that's not true. Whether or not our juniors would like to believe us, we have stood in their place and suffered at the hands of our seniors. And back when we were juniors, our prefects weren't nice enough to care about not inflicting permanent injuries.

So why do reportings happen? Simple answer, conditioning. Hungry dogs and hungry rats. Pavlov's experiments prove that one stimulus can be attached to a response; an individual can be conditioned to respond in a certain way after a certain stimulus. The day after a reporting is a day when the school is actively trying to behave at its best. A week goes by without a reporting, and the junior-most class couldn't care less even if the school captain was walking between their lines. What's strange is that technically the school should, from fear of punishment, behave well in the first case. But what happens in reality is that desirable behaviour is only exhibited after punishment. However, even Pavlov acknowledged that punishment only causes a temporary change in behaviour. It would mean that the duration of the change determines the duration between reportings.

But why should a few students care so much about the school's behaviour namely by virtue of being handed a badge? The answer is two-fold. Firstly through latent social learning, all of us have assimilated the fact that a prefect must be respected. Unfortunately, those who are new to the society see no reason to respect a group of 11 strangers. The prefect sees this as an

affront to his authority that he is supposed to receive merely as a reward for being appointed. And in the prefects mind, if they cannot learn to respect him, well then they will learn to fear him.

The second reason is operant conditioning. Upon assumption of duties, prefects are expected to run the school efficiently and are rewarded with praise when the same happens. Reportings are an easy tool to make the school adopt desirable behaviour and he is showered with praise. Much like Mr. B.F. Skinner's rat learns to repeatedly pass the lever and catch cheese, a prefect learns to scream 'Get down' and earn praise. Even though reportings themselves are discouraged, their results are encouraged.

Now, the most important question; how to prevent reportings? Simple answer, behave like humans. If the students could behave desirably in general or at a reminder rather than through reportings, the incentive for reportings disappears. If we can be men, the laws of animals will no longer apply to us.

School, Get Up.

Harshun Mehta
XII Hum

RINGSIDE VIEW

The feeling of ecstasy, which rushes through one's body on lifting the cup, is often preceded by hours and hours of rigorous training. The thought of the same ecstasy reminds me of the hard work and dedication our school swimming team showed this year while the rest of us were busy trying to make our so called 'dreams' come true. It has been only two years since the swimming pool was installed in the school and the swimming team has already begun proving its mettle by surpassing other worthy teams in various competitions. This year the swimming team participated in the U-14, U-17, U-19 swimming IPSC tournaments. The team lifted the U-17 championship trophy and emerged 2nd runners up of competition as a whole. Yugdeep Shokeen, Vayank, Rishik and Mustafa received medals for their dynamic performances.



Usually the football season starts once the school reopens but this year a football camp was held exclusively for the junior die-hard fans of Football. Their hard work and perseverance certainly paid off as they worked their way up to the finals of the tournament (which tournament). It is notable to mention that not only were they winning matches, they beat each and every other team by huge margins. Even though they emerged as the first runners up of the tournament they most certainly held the school's name high because of their goal scoring figure. The tournament saw Aryaman Garg at the top of the goal-scoring chart by an astonishing amount of 10 goals in 5 matches. Well, Aryaman has certainly made the school proud.

Now, under the captaincy of Parth Babbar, the senior team is preparing for the various tournaments that fill the monsoon calendar. First of many tournaments to come for the football team is the CBSE Cup followed by the

prestigious IPSC U-19 football tournament. The Oliphant Board wishes the team best of luck and hopes that they are able to reach to greater heights.

In world sports, 2015 saw football club Barcelona reach the pinnacle of success by completing the treble for the second time. This year also saw the women's football team of The United States of America secure a victory against Japan as they lifted the FIFA Women's World Cup. Also, Chile emerged as the winners of the competition in their home nation after a trophy draught of 77 years.

Yet again Wimbledon didn't fail to amaze tennis enthusiasts all over the globe. It was heart breaking to see Rafael Nadal crash out of the tournament in just the second. Novak Djokovic was able to put up a successful title defence by defeating Roger Federer in the finals and the trophy for the third time in his career. In the women's category, Serena Williams

won the grand slam for the 6th time in her career, a record-breaking achievement. This Wimbledon also made the Indian hearts swell up with pride as Saina Mirza and Leander Paes won the grand slam in their respective categories.

Excitement in the school start to elevate as The Barclays Premiere League approaches. Each and every soccer enthusiast is expecting their favoured team to reach the very zenith and bring home the prestigious Premiere League Trophy. We hope that your teams won't disappoint you.

Signing off,

Parth Babbar
XII-HUM

MUSIC REVIEW



Artist	Album	Genre
Ed Sheeran	5	Hip/Hop, Pop, R&B

If I say I cannot listen to Ed Sheeran at every point of time during the day, I'd be lying. Ed Sheeran is an artist that I have been following before the release of his first global album '+' producing songs like 'Lego House', 'Autumn Leaves', 'Don't' and 'You need me, I don't need you', including many others. Ed Sheeran possesses the supernatural quality of blending every human emotion into a melody that soothes as soon as it hits our ear drums.

'5' is not actually an album but a digital 'bundle' of songs that Ed released by himself before '+' within a span of two years (2009-2011). The album is named 5 because it contains songs categorized into 5 sets of EPs namely: You need to me EP, Loose Change EP, Song I wrote with Amy EP, live at the Redford and NO. 5 collaborations Project. Although this bundle may not be as good as 'X' (Its pronounced as 'multiply' and not EX!), which gave us exquisite songs like 'Photograph' and 'all of the stars'; it still is an album worth spending your night with songs like, 'Little Bird', 'Cold Coffee', 'She', and 'Homeless', 5 is a collection of songs that is must on everyone's playlist.

I give 5, an 7.5/10; maybe because of the bias I have for him; maybe because of the tranquilizing effect that it has on every person that I lend my iPod to.

Aditya Agarwal
XII- Commerce

MOVIE REVIEW



Movie	Director	Cast	Rating
Ant-Man	Peyton Reed	Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas, Evangeline Lilly, Corey Stoll	7.6/10

I would rate this movie as a 7.6 out of 10

"Second chances don't come around all that often. I suggest you take a really close look at it."

- Hank Pym

This summer we already received the big hit of marvel – 'Avengers: Age of Ultron', which truly was a loud action packed film with cities getting destroyed, touchy scenes etc. but just as we were about conclude that marvel is going to stick to this formula for perhaps all their productions, they chose to surprise us with their second production of this year- 'ANT-MAN'.

For this picture Marvel decided to go in a completely different direction: go smaller, both literally and figuratively. The film directed by Peter Reed is simply brilliant. It is just the kind of a film that Marvel fans needed- a stripped down, simple, funny, different and exciting little comedy thriller with consists of likable characters and stakes that matter. These qualities of the film completely make it stand apart from all the other Marvel movies.

The plot is basically about Dr. Hank Pym (Michael Douglas), a genius scientist, who shuts down his own project after he realizes it could endanger the whole world. When his protégé- Cross (Corey Stoll) reignites the project years later, with a clear

BOOK REVIEW

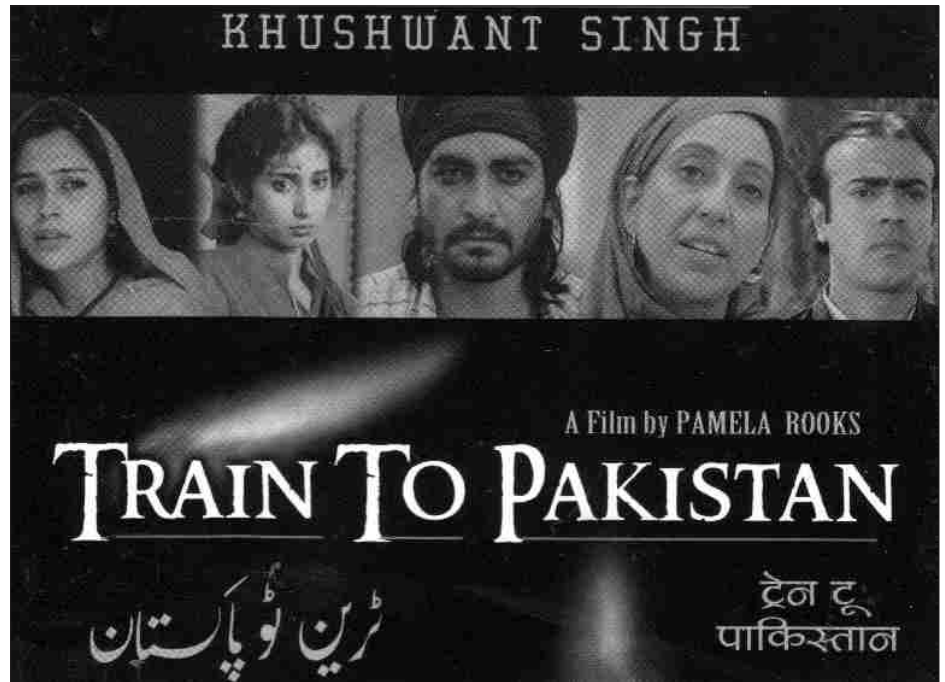


intent to do bad things with it, Pym's only option is to get small time thief Scott Lang (Paul Rudd) to dispute & destroy Cross' plan as he is too old to do it himself. Thanks to Pym, Lang turns into a man who can shrink to the size of an ant and do creative things with that power. The movie has all the familiar Marvel elements present- a villain with the exact same powers as the hero, the imminent end of the world scenario that the hero must avert - but 'Ant-Man' never lets you forget that at its heart, it is just a simple story of a father trying to reconnect with his estranged daughter. The movie revolves around the father-daughter relationship instead of focusing on the action sequence and the ever-expanding Marvel Universe, giving depth to the characters whom one genuinely feels for.

Despite all the emotional heft, Rudd ensures that the best thing about 'Ant-Man' is the broad comedy, by nailing every scene with his hilarious delivery and his goofiness present in all its glory.

In the end I think Ant-Man is a breathtaking, exciting action film and is Marvel's most light hearted film till date. It is absolutely worth a watch.

Pranjal Agrawal
XII – Comm.



Book
Train to Pakistan

Author
Khushwant Singh

Rating
8.8/10

In the summer of 1947, when the creation of the state of Pakistan was formally announced, ten million people—Muslims and Hindus and Sikhs—were in flight. By the time the monsoon broke, almost a million of them were dead, and all of Northern India was in arms, in terror, or in hiding. The only remaining oases of peace were a scatter of little villages lost in the remote reaches of the frontier. One of these villages was Mano Majra, a place, which Khushwant Singh mentions in the beginning of the classic, where Sikhs and Muslims have lived together in peace for hundreds of years.

The descriptions of various characters in the story are presented in great detail that may allow the reader to form a clear picture of what all happened at the time of the Partition. The village is portrayed to be a peaceful and harmonious place until the seeds of hatred and suspicion are sown. This story consists of thrilling plots that weave the main story line and various other instances of brutal reality into a masterpiece. While the basic story line revolves around a Sikh boy and a Muslim girl, who love each other dearly but their

love is threatened by the uproar amongst the two countries, the two separate religions. The story also gives a very detailed background of the brutalities that the people had to face as a result of the partition. Explained with utmost elegance, the story begins with the arrival of a "ghost train" in the village. It is a silent, incredible train loaded with the bodies of thousands of refugees, bringing in the first taste of the horrors of the civil war. As excitingly as is presented by Khushwant Singh, the novel carries the reader through twists and turns until it leads to a common point, which is unknown to all.

'Train to Pakistan' complements the real life incidents that had literally shook North India. It is a chef-d'oeuvre that touches the very core of the heart. This book is a must read for all those who want to catch a glimpse of all that had happened during the partition. Memories of that awful past, that has left a deep wound among thousands of people, has very effectively been brought alive through this great novel by Khushwant Singh.

Abhay Singh Dhillon
IX A

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

- Abraham Lincoln

It all goes back to when I was sent to one of the leading boarding schools of the country. This experience of going into a boarding school is realized and reflected in a very unique process of 'Backward by Design'. When you enter those gates you are what you are and when you leave those gates you are what you become...

The very meaning of a boarding school in this day and age has changed from the past. Whenever I hear people talking about boarding schools today, most of the time I hear a perception that is not based on facts but mere 'Chinese whispers'. It's as if the parents are talking about sending their children to jail. I feel that parents should be more open minded towards this form of education. The movie Tare Zameen Par (2007) shows how the boarding school is more like a torture ground where nobody cares about you, teachers are the scariest people alive and other such things that make hostels sound like a jail or a place where one is abandoned. However let me say none of this turns

out to be true, of course there are always aberrations everywhere. Boarding schools are places where the children come to learn just like in any other school. Integrity, self-discipline, generosity, patience, teamwork and perseverance are qualities that are brought out and inculcated and therefore remain with the students of boarding schools till the end of their lives.

The atmosphere in boarding schools directly reflects the responsibility given to the young men and women who make up the citizenry of these important communities. Respect for others and respect for themselves is generated by overcoming the challenges faced; and doing so through determination, continued effort, and group cooperation. Though students enter boarding schools to focus upon academic development, they quickly learn that the quality of life at their school is also an important part. The very different emotions that the parents go through are understandable but trust me, you will be the happiest when you see your children accomplish all their goals and fulfil all of their dreams in a boarding school.

The very reasons people now send their children to boarding schools are very different from that of the past or that of what are shown in Bollywood movies today. Parents today send their children to boarding schools for the well grooming of their children and making the child develop more on his personality. Coming back to my story I am studying in one of the top ranked boarding schools and I have been here for 8 years now. All credit goes to my parents who always kept a positive outlook.

Understand that I am not placing before you the notion that those who study at Indian boarding schools are 'schooled' in character. What I am clearly stating is that the atmosphere of a boarding school provides for opportunities in which a proficient character and various qualities of leadership are built in the student.

I would like to end by quoting Aristotle "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all"

Aditya Raj Pahwa
XI - Comm.

DEAR DOG

A dog is a man's best friend but the question to ponder upon is "Whether a man is the best friend of a dog". Dogs give us unconditional love which can hardly be reciprocated by any human. They don't see our social status, the magnitude of our riches; they just love us for who we are. But there is one question that I keep asking myself "Is this relationship mutual"?

It is a fact that China celebrates the Yulin dog meat festival. It is celebrated in Yulin, the Gulanxi province of China. The people of Yulin cherish this

summer solstice tradition every year. During this day, thousands of dogs are slaughtered for no good reason. Generally these dogs are homeless or have been abducted. Most of these dogs have some contagious disease but instead of treating them with proper medication, the only medicine they are given is a knife to their throat.

Since the last two years Human Rights Organizations are making efforts to stop this festival. Some activists have tried to stop the event on numerous occasions and appealed for complete extinction of

this notion while some have implored the UK and the USA governments to intervene against it. It is good to see the increasing awareness among people and them making attempts to stop it. I hope it will be eradicated because after all it is our sole probity to give back what actually belongs to the dogs; unconditional love.

Rishabdev Karwa
IX-A

THE VALUE OF A MENTOR

You were not born who you are, but it's the diverse events in your life that make you so. Your teacher, your friends, your juniors, your seniors and various other components that contribute equally in evolving your thoughts and your actions, eventually making you what you are today. All these events are important, however, there is one incident that truly changes the way one defines life. For instance, it may be a visit to a place, or an inspiring novel. For me, it was a movie.

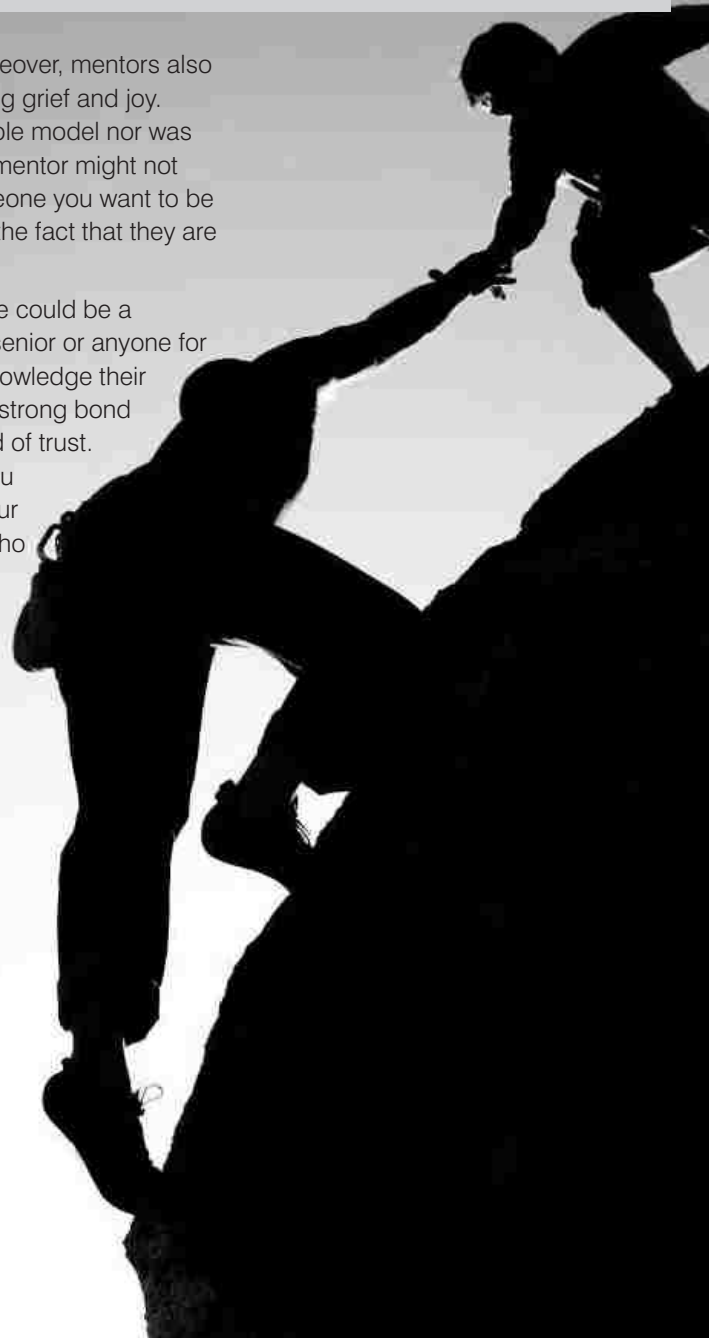
Mary & Max isn't a movie that would inspire a person to study hard or workout but what it will definitely do, is change one's perception of mentors. As the name suggests, the story revolves around Mary and Max. Mary is a small kid from Australia who picks up random addresses from the post office and sends a letter asking about the life there. Max, on the other hand, is an overweight New Yorker frustrated from trying to lose weight and with smokers throwing cigarette butts around. From Mary's maths problems to her divorce and Max's nervousness around ladies to his willingness to kill the smokers, they share all the ups and downs of their lives. What's astounding is that they never actually meet! The movie wasn't persuasive until I realized that this was a true story. I couldn't believe that someone could actually share the deepest secrets of their lives for about three decades with someone whom they haven't actually met.

I realized the importance of a mentor in one's life. Secondly, I also learnt that to build such a friendship, we need to build that trust. Without ever meeting, they shared a friendship that lasted for a very long time. That bond with a mentor is quite helpful. Seeing Mary and Max help each other made me think how difficult life can be if one does not have someone to help him/her find the solutions to the different problems

they face in life. Moreover, mentors also act as friends sharing grief and joy. Mary wasn't Max's role model nor was Max Mary's and so mentor might not necessarily be someone you want to be but what matters is the fact that they are always by your side.

Find your mentor. He could be a teacher, a friend, a senior or anyone for that matter but acknowledge their help and build that strong bond with them: The bond of trust. Have them guide you through life. Find your mentor- someone who will get the real you to surface.

Abhiraj Singh
Class IX



THE LOCKED DOORS



It was a chilly December evening, Shyam came back from his tuition just as the sun decided to take rest, but found that his doors of his house were locked. Assuming that his parents must have gone somewhere, he rushed to his neighbor's residence considering the greater probability of them knowing about his parents' whereabouts. To his disappointment he reached there to realize that their door was locked as well. Feeling extremely suspicious, he decided to get into the shoes of a detective and interpret the situation likewise. He then decided to pay a visit to his aunt's house



THE BUSINESS CONFERENCE

4 boys accompanied by Mr. Joy Arora went to the Wynberg Allen School Mussorie on the 25th of July 2015. The school participated in 3 events namely

- 1.) Business simulation
- 2.) Business quiz
- 3.) Sponsor your click.

The first event of the day was the business quiz in which Tenzing Namgyal and Amit Vikram Dewan cruised to victory by beating their competitors by more than a hundred points in the final round. In the second event all four participants worked as a team to present a plan to develop a business for setting up a business in Amherst, Ontario Canada. We kept the bar raised as we were declared victorious once again. In the final event 'Sponsor your click', the students have had to pick an object in the school and enact a skit trying to sell the product. Raising the bar to pinnacle of success we adjudged the 1st position. Comically we won all the events but were declared 1st runners-up.

THE SAME SCHOOL

We went to the same School
Jumping those same bricks
Rolling on the same sand
Felt happy and gay with the
handful of clay

We went to the same School
Little did we notice the change
Sweeping us out of our play
Pulling us to be someone else

We went to the same School
Each of us led one's own path
Forging our past to create a new future
The glory of success more teasing than
the simplicity of innocence

We went to the same School
Now we stand years apart
Feeling where did those years slip
Yet proud that we went to the same
School

Mr. Srikant
House Master Jamuna B



The Oli 24 X 7

WELHAM NOW

- The school hockey team participated in the David Inglis Hockey Memorial tournament from the 7th of May to the 9th. Parth Babbar was adjudged as the most valuable player of the tournament.
- The Swimming IPSC for the under-17 and under-14 category was held in Genesis School, Noida from the 7th to the 9th of July. The school emerged as winners in the under-17 category and secured the third place in the overall competition.
- The football season went off to a flying start as the Under-14 team was awarded with the runners-up trophy in the IPSC under-14 football tournament. The tournament was held from the 11th to the 15th of July and Aryaman Garg of class IX became the top scorer of the tournament after scoring a total of 10 goals in 5 games.
- A new teacher, Mr. Benjamin has joined the teaching faculty of the school on an exchange program from the United Kingdom. He came to the school in the month of July and will be staying here until the month of September.
- The Arthur Hughes inter house English debate was held on the 24th of July. Ganga house emerged victorious.
- Aditya Agarwal, Amit Vikram Dewan, Tenzing Namgyal and Pranav Gupta went for the Business Quiz to Wynberg Allen on the 25th of July. There were three categories in the competition and the school was able to secure the 1st position in all three of them.
- The Inter house Hindi debate was held on the 27th of July. Yet again, Ganga house was able to claim the top spot while Cauvery house emerged as runners-up. Pradyuman Dobhal was acclaimed the best speaker of the competition followed by Aditya Agarwal who got the award for the most promising speaker.

THINGS TO DO IN THE MONSOON

1.) Season full of opportunities

The autumn term in Welham not only signifies the arrival of the monsoons but it also signifies the arrival of a term that is full of opportunities for the students. Ranging from class 4 to class 12, from sports to co-curricular activities this season proves to be quite a successful one for each and every student who is willing to put in the required effort and determination in order to make his name in the school. The Oli urges the entire student community to try and make the most of the chances and the opportunities that are coming their way.

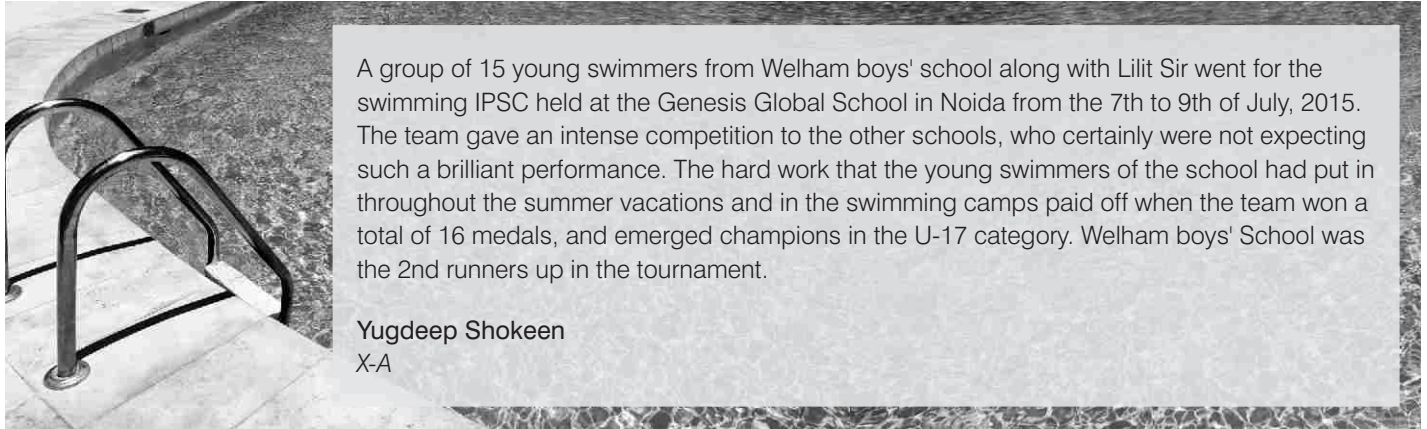
2.) Sleep to the fullest

Even though this term provides a perfect platform for the people who are focused and determined and want to succeed in their school life, this term is also the one in which Welhamites can be seen inside the hostels sleeping away to glory! When it comes to sleep, for a Welhamite each and every minute counts. Early in the morning, when the raindrops start hitting the roof of the building a Welhamite's day is off to a perfect start. He doesn't have to worry about his housemaster deducting 10 points from his account (thanks to the new point system!) and can happily look forward to the rest of the day. Also, even when it is not raining the monsoon weather compels the students to sleep wherever and whenever possible. If a Welhamite needs even more sleep he can always take a nap during the games time and put all the blame on the weather as to why he didn't go out to play.

3.) Playing football in the rain

Football in Welham might only be a seasonal sport but for every Welhamite it is a sport that is played all around the year. Playing football in the rain might lead to a cold or fever but the fun and the thrill that one gets while playing in the rain is totally worth it. With a substantial increase in the number of slide tackles the competition turns into fun. The Welhamites can be seen coming back to the hostels drenched in sweat and mud and with an invaluable smile on their faces.

SWIMMING IPSC 2015



A group of 15 young swimmers from Welham boys' school along with Lilit Sir went for the swimming IPSC held at the Genesis Global School in Noida from the 7th to 9th of July, 2015. The team gave an intense competition to the other schools, who certainly were not expecting such a brilliant performance. The hard work that the young swimmers of the school had put in throughout the summer vacations and in the swimming camps paid off when the team won a total of 16 medals, and emerged champions in the U-17 category. Welham boys' School was the 2nd runners up in the tournament.

Yugdeep Shokeen
X-A

MOTO-MECHANICS CLUB



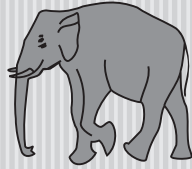
It was on the 17th of May, while I was sitting in my classroom, when I got to know that a car had been donated to the motor mechanics club. A surge of enthusiasm and excitement rushed through my veins as I ran out of the classroom to have a look at the car myself. Careless with my rushing steps, I climbed down the first set of stairs, followed my way through the humid daylight till I could finally get a peek at the car.

Right in front of me lay a well-maintained Sonata car, its headlights emanating a vibrant glow that stirred my heart in every which way. It seemed as if a gift from heaven above, as if the car

was meant to be where it was and suddenly the fragrance of all the flowers (that existed in the whole world) filled my inner self.

On behalf of the school at large and the motor mechanics club in particular, I would like to express heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Darshan Singh, the Chairman of our board for gifting us with this vehicle. It will truly help build an interest in the young creators of our school. All the students of the school treasure your gift and we are lucky to have you as part of our family, guiding us, knowingly or unknowingly, to greater strength.

Pranav Gupta
XII - Comm



THE RISING INTELLIGENTSIA

WOULD CRIME WRITERS MAKE THE BEST CRIMINALS?

Crime-thriller is an intriguing and mysterious genre of books which illustrates out-of-the-box plots, unforeseen twists, and capricious ends. What's not to love? And we are obviously no strangers to the fact that some authors have mastered this art to pen down the intricate details. They display the criminal as an innocent person hiding in plain sight, the murder weapon being circulated like money without arousing an iota of suspicion.

So, the question which touches quite a few minds is, 'Would a crime writer make for the best criminals? They can definitely create them; just give them some time and poof, it's all in their head! The

perfect criminal committing the perfect crime'. So, would these writers be these criminals (the ones that that characterize in the literary pieces) from within? Think of ingenious methods to commit crimes leaving no trace behind. One might think that there is no chance that they, or any human for that matter, can be as efficient in reality. But if pondered deeply, viewing them as master criminals would take a brilliant mind to catch them red handed. We don't think that they are actual criminals as there is no record. And would anyone even think so? In our eyes they have an established profession, so why would they succumb to living in the dark side of the world. But they are

master criminals and this is exactly how they want us to think of them. We never know whether they have actually committed any crime or not, well, so far. But what if the plots of their books are real life experiences, just like prized trophies decorated on shelves. The readers enjoy the dark deeds presented in the books not knowing what really exists behind the curtains.

I will leave you with this task of finding out about the way your brain reacts after imagining Agatha Christie as a murderer, Lee child, a burglar and James Patterson, a mafia head.

Kartikeya Agarwal
X-C

APJ ABDUL KALAM

"Dream, dream, dream. Dreams transform into thoughts and thoughts result in actions"

27th July 2015 marked the death of India's most patriotic icon, a man who spent his 83 years on the planet working for humanity, integrity and service. I used to admire Dr. Abdul Kalam a lot in my childhood, but the day has come when I have to write mournfully about our late former President.

Dr. Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam served as the 11th President of India from 2002 to 2007. He was born on 15th October, 1931, in Rameshwaram, Tamil Nadu. His father was a ferryman and to contribute to his father's income, Kalam used to sell newspapers every morning. The turning point of his life was when he joined DRDO and ISRO as a scientist and administrator after his education. He studied Aeronautical physics during his youth.

He was later known as "The Missile Man of India" for the development of ballistic missiles and launch vehicle technology. He is the recipient of many honorary doctorates from 40 universities and India's highest civilian honors', which include the Padma Bhushan (1981), Padma Vibhushan (1990) and Bharat Ratna (1997).

Kalam was very enthusiastic about teaching children. So after leaving his post as President, he became a visiting officer at the IIM Shillong, IIM Ahmadabad, IIM Indore, IIS Bangalore and many others.

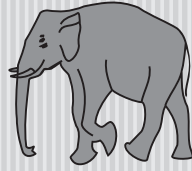
Kalam's writings have inspired many Indians in the past couple of years. To name a few, "Wings of Fire: An autobiography", "India 2020" and "Ignited Minds".

I used to admire Dr. Kalam a lot because of his adorable nature towards children

and his love for the country. His visits to innumerable places around the world have inspired me to do something useful in my life. I am very unfortunate for not having the pleasure of meeting him at least once. On 27th July when I turned on the TV and switched on to the news, it was written in bold and capital letters, "RIP KALAM". I felt devastated to hear that he had died while delivering a lecture at IIM Shillong. It is a matter of pride that he died doing what he loved the most, i.e., spreading knowledge among children.

RIP Sir. India will mourn for you forever.

Ritom Rakshit
VIII



LASAGNE

LAMPOON

I could never have thought that a normal day in school could have ever been an ill-fated one. Not even in the wildest and the craziest of dreams could a Welhamite have imagined getting all his points deducted in one single day. But I, being an exception managed to achieve this feat in quite a capricious and unbelievable manner.

The day had quite a normal start. In the morning when the warden woke me up I perfunctorily slept again. But unlike the other days I did not wake up after 5 minutes; instead when I opened my eyes my roommates had just come back from the morning PT. I had unwillingly bunked the PT. I knew the consequence. The warden would now happily give me a lecture about how I get late almost every morning and in the end he would deduct 10 points from my

total. And that is exactly what happened. But I wasn't so concerned as it was only the first 10 points of my term and I was still left with 490. But at that time I didn't know that even 490 points is also only a negligible amount when one is living one of his most doomed days in Welham.

The classes were going on as they usually did. As I was taking out my books for the Math class I heard a thud. When I looked back I saw my math

teacher lying on the floor and the reason for that was the banana peel which I had quite lazily thrown near the dustbin (I wish my aim had been better). The whole class was laughing by now. Even I couldn't resist my laughter but when he inquired about the person who had thrown the peel, I quite reluctantly raised my hand. Already infuriated by the children the teacher took out his booklet and deducted my 50 points. I lost my 50 points even without doing



anything wrong but at least this incident helped me know that people do slip because of the banana peels lying on the floor!

But the worst was yet to come. It was time for my English class and I had not completed my assignment and I had been procrastinating for almost a week now. I simply chose to bunk my class and escape the wrath of my English teacher. While I was going to Bethany I heard the only voice that I didn't want to at that moment of time. It was of my English teacher who came in the most supreme of fashions, gave me a chit and went away leaving me totally perplexed. I had lost another 80 points for bunking the class and not completing my assignment.

I was a little sad but when I heard that Middle school had a tuck shop that day, all my worries flew away. But then bad became worse. I was caught asking for tuck by the middle school housemother and I was quite obviously punished for it. I suffered a loss of another 70 points. By that time I was almost sure that nothing worse could have ever happened on that day. But it was just

the beginning. When I went back to the hostel I was handed another chit by the warden. This time it read 80 points for bunking the CCA. While dealing with the tuck shop fiasco I had totally forgotten about my CCA.

After such a distressing day the only thing that could have cheered me up was a portion of Butter Chicken and some Butter Naans. I switched on my phone and called up my local guy and asked for a delivery at the local point. When I reached the point of delivery I asked him to throw the food in but as I said so I saw a guard approaching the area. As I switched my attention from the chicken to the guard I forgot about the chicken and it fell on my head. Basically I don't know what it happened but the gravy started dripping from my head. My head was burning but I totally forgot about the pain when I saw the guard. I was caught... AGAIN. I was taken to my housemaster and when he fired me with his line of questions, I was too tired to save myself. Instead I resigned from the idea of prevaricating about the whole incident. I told him about my phone and how I had

managed to get the chicken. After a long denunciation I lost another 200 POINTS. I did get my portion of Butter Chicken but not where I had wanted it to be! (Guys now please hang in here with me... only 10 more points to go).

I was devastated. I had lost everything in one day. Almost the whole school knew it by now. 10 more points and I will be sent home. I needed some solitude and the bench outside the Riverside Lawn was the perfect place. Being there felt so good that I didn't keep the track of time at all and when it finally dawned upon me, it was already 11:30. As a result my day ended the same way it had started. When I went back to the hostel the warden gave me another chit, which said 10 points. And that was the time when I knew that I had lost it all.

**Prabhapaar Singh Batra
& Devansh Raheja**

Separated At Birth

Anant Agarwal	Jin Kazama (Tekken)
Devansh Rai	Cameron (Modern Family)
Mr. Karan Singh	Any politician's Body Guard
Divesh Tayal	Milimeter (3 idiots)
Tenzing Namgyal	Bob (Minions)
Yash Kirty	Mr. Om Prakash
Yashovardhan Singh Datal	Kim Jong Un
Raghav Agarwal	Stephen Hawking
Mr. Brahma Raina	Walter White (Breaking Bad)
Anurag Bhatia	Garfield
Mr. Rajesh Keshav	Ted



- Raghav Aggarwal to a Junior- Why not they speak? Why not?
- Junior's reaction – L.O.L!
- Aviral Agarwal to Amitvikram Deewan- From now on I won't blackmail, I'll whitefemale. (You deserve to die!!)
- Mr. Barthwal to Suraj Kumar- Why because, I am very better at communication.
- Samarth Agarwal to a junior- Do you have any real siblings? (Yaa sure, we have real cousins too).
- Mohit Gupta to Sheikh Safwan – Oye yaar, how many participate in the Welmun are? (Bro you need to bury yourself in the English Grammar Books!)
- Parth Vachani to Rahul Kedia – I have a serious spelling in my leg. (Only God can save ya brother!!!)
- Sheikh Safwan to the Oli Board – Guys which is the most unpronounced word in the school? (Perhaps the Edi-in-chief might know.. ooops)
- Prithvi Agarwal to Ashish Vardan– You know, when the price increases, the Demand aatamaatically discreases. (Hats off brother!)
- Mr. Om Prakash Prasand to Mr. Rakesh Bhatt - (*Aaj khichdi mai heen ka tadka thoda kam hai!*)

Rumour Has It

- Prithvi Agarwal's idea of a date is staring at a wall for 3 straight hours.
- Umair Wani has been given Psychology on a conditional basis. (Our heart goes out to you bro...)
- Harshun Mehta and Aditya Raj Pahwa have become best friends now.
- Devyansh Rai is about to author a book called, 'My book of Fake Facts'. (Well, Oli wishes it is an international Best-seller)
- Mr. Amit Singh has taken up the role of a Night's Guard around the Triveni Hostel. (Mercy sir, mercy!!)
- Mr. Om Prakash has started charging students for the Krishna House "TOUR".
- Sagar Singh has planned to put a 'Dozen' more effort in his studies from next time onwards.
- Aryan Kumar has been appointed the Middle School's Head Boy. (Bhaiyyyyyya, is thiat true?)
- Aditya Dokania visits the Oliphant Room a little too often these days. (Did someone mention K7T?)
- The post of Chaprasi-in-chief for the Oliphant is vacant. (Guys, those interested must contact Anshuman Agarwal for further reference.)

What's in What's out

What's in	What's out
Priority Access Card	Seniority
Co- Scholastic Schedule	Sleeping After Lunch
New 'COTTON' School Shirts	Stinking Shirts
Krishna A in Tapti House	Good Old Krishna Days
WELMUN	Round Square Conference
Juices in Fruit Break	Banana in fruit break
Mr. Om Prakash and Mr. Prashant Arora	Mr. Amit Singh

Ever Wonder Why?

- Teachers are taking extra precaution while teaching these days. (Well, teachers, there is no escaping from the Oli!!!)
- Siddhart Garg is too depressed these days (The ban on Maggi has still not been revoked by the Indian Govt.)
- Mr. Om Prakash Prasad has stopped using Facebook these days. (Did someone say Vintage Welham?)
- Jack Danielle's isn't Harshun's favourite perfume anymore.
- Mr. Amit Kumar has been giving Bun Tikki parties to class 10th C for their extraordinary caliber in class.
- Sheikh Safwan has stopped asking Ma'am Rashmi Rawat for inter-school debates. (No best speaker this time, Mr. Edi-in-chief!)
- The absence of Aahan Upadhyay has had some bright consequences for Nikhil Chandra Jaiswal. (Ummm.. Now what would these changes be?)
- Vijay Prakash is keen on becoming Hopetown's escort for the WELMUN'15. (Saarah khaana and all, huh!)
- Twelfthies have had nightmares of the AV room lately. (Did someone say House Arrest?)
- Mohit Gupta keeps complaining about Vikram Vardhan too often. (Ab Ki Baar Lalit Sarkaar!)
- Aditya Pahwa opens his email account at least five times a day. (The relationship is on a suspended animation mode.)

ON THE TIP OF THEIR TONGUES!

This section consists of the catch phrases the teachers are known for in the school. Let's see what the teachers have to say today. (No offense!)

Mr. Jai Ranjan Kagadee – Ey Hello! I will repeat the lesson to you so that you can better understand.

Mr. Surjeet Singh Khaira – Arre, Blah Blah Blah Blah. You give me in written.
Let's see if you will pass my surprise test on Monday!

Mr. Rakesh Bhat – (After every sentence he speaks) BASICALLY!!!

Dr. Bhandari – You Lack Classsss...!

Mr. Amit Singh – Aey Gaantlemaaaan!!

Mr. Pradipta De – Meet me outside lunch after Bethany.
I will report to THA Ma'am Bindra.

Mr. Joy Arora – Hold your horses Son! Take my way, or the HIGHWAY. (There are many more but if we start penning them down then God knows how long this section may get.)

Ms. Kiran Tripathy – All of the dates mentioned in your book are ON THE TIP OF MY FINGERS!!

Ms. Rashmi Rawat - Children! What language do you understand?

Mr. Ajay Bahuguna – Okay Anant, now you tell me, ab aap mujhe batiye.

Mr. Satyendra Panday – Beta Pleeeeeeejjjj!!!

Mr. Karna Puri – Get your hands out of your pocket! It is not the time to play your pocket Billiards.

Mr. Srikant – Bloody hell, I will whack you! I will then give you a solid kick on your bum!!

Mr. Kuksal - I am telling you, the law of averages will hit you.

Mr. Arun Sharma – Look at your watches! Double up. Daud ke Chalو

Ms. Gunmeet Bindra – I am not warning you, nor am I advising you. I am THREATENING YOU!! Thank You, God Bless us all!



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