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WELHAM BOYS' SCHOOL

THINK ABOUT IT...

"If you can't do the time.....don't do the crime"

- Vincent Patrick

EDITORIAL

Readers, I present to you the fifth edition of the Oliphant for the year 2015!

From the above line I am pretty sure you must have sensed the level of excitement with which I write this editorial. Well, yes, indeed I am really excited and not only because it is the fifth edition of the year but also because I have succeeded to put across a 'voice' for the fifth time in a row now, a voice of which you all are the respective sources.

Every other edition we plan to take out poses a horrifying set of challenges before us and with every new edition the expectations rise just as high. It is with huge dedication and determination, to make Oli a success, that we are able to overcome these challenges. Aah, but who care about that, a new OLI is in front of you!!! So, go ahead and flip these vibrant pages and let yourself onto a whole new experience.

In this edition we have tried our level best to envelope all that happened the past two weeks. From the success of the recent WELMUN to the enthusiastic late night checks of Mr.Amit Singh (that he takes almost everywhere in the campus), we have tried to reflect all of it in this single edition. Not only this, on popular demand, we have revived the 'Those Ones' section to voice the creative quotes our students and teachers share with us. This edition also brings light on the plethora of achievements our school has been rewarded

with and the teamwork our school teams have shown at various national and international level.

Dear readers, success is never ending and failure is never final. This is one of the lessons I have learnt from perhaps one of the most influential people I know and the best part is that if you realize it here, under the warm blanket of Welham, you will not be afraid of failure. It truly is a mantra that, knowingly or unknowingly, has kept me going and has allowed me to scale my limits and travel beyond.

So readers leaving with a much positive note, I hope that this edition, like the countless others, brings a genuine smile on your face and that you enjoy every thought immortalized in these pages. Do remember dear readers that every thought in this world is meant to be expressed, so why don't you express yours too?



Sheikh Safwan
Editor-in-chief

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor-in-Chief,

It is my foremost duties to first congratulate you on the recent feat of launching four editions of the Oliphant. From de facto, becoming an annual affair to a fortnightly, Oliphant has certainly come a long way.

Sir, now that the pleasantries have been made, allow me to be a little critical in my opinion. As an ardent reader, it was quite disheartening for me to see the removal of the 'Word War' section from your magazine. The word war section has been an inspiring platform for students to present their arguments about something they sincerely feel about. Sir, I also hope that the decline in the quality of rising intelligentsia section is not pointing out a trend in school, because in that case we would be like Noah, anticipating an impending doom.

In the same breath, sir I would also like to congratulate your efforts, which have culminated into, better standards of the LAMPOON and LASAGNE sections. The strategy of making the humor section more inclusive seems to have worked very well as we can now see various juniors along with the seniors indulging in the magazine. Sir, recent issues show that the Oliphant is using a capitalist approach in their journalistic ventures, by "giving what sells." Sir, it is my humble request that you maintain the worthy ethos of your magazine, instead of striving for public appreciation. Blatantly put, public following may get short-term appreciation but working on the traditions of an institution can only create a legacy.

I hope that you will take my humble suggestions into consideration.

Always your well-wisher,

Akshat Singh
XI-Hum.

Reply

Dear Akshat,

Thank you for an extremely fair and relevant observation. You will notice in this issue that the quantity and quality of general articles has improved. The content in the magazine is not so much guided by the demand of the students, but rather by the supply (or lack thereof) of material from them. I look forward to the budding intellectuals of the school such as yourself to help in this endeavor by contributing the sort of articles you have mentioned in your letter.

Thanks again.



RINGSIDE VIEW

This month proved to be quite an action-packed one for all the sport enthusiasts not only in school but all across the world. The Barclays Premier League kicked off on the 8th of August and saw Manchester United's marquee signing Memphis



Depay make his debut for the club. The Title holders, Chelsea went off to a disappointing start as they were held to a 2-2 draw by Swansea City. Despite the fact that all Arsenal fans were exuberant about the debut of Petr Cech, the excitement didn't last for long as they were miserably beaten by a newly invigorated West Ham side. Moreover, FC Barcelona's dreams of a sextuple came to a ghastly end as they were thrashed by Athletic Bilbao in the Super Cup.

At the inter-school level the under-15 football team yet again didn't fail to astonish its opponents with their dazzling style of playing football and emerged as the winners of the CBSE Under-15 Sahodya Cup. Aryaman Garg, had his shooting boots on as he win the award for the best striker for the second time this season. The school football team also participated in the 2nd Delaqui Invitational Soccer Cup. The team won two out of the three games that they played against RIMC and DPS Gaziabad and drew a game against the Asian School. The Oli hopes that the Under-14 team will be able to keep all guns blazing at the forthcoming Under-14 Doon School Invitational Soccer Tournament from the 24th of August. Oli wishes the team the best of luck and hopes that the team will bring another trophy home. The middle school football Interhouse commenced in the first week of August. Ganga House won

the contest by winning against Krishna and Cauvery House and drawing against Jamuna House.

In the Doon School Aquatic Meet the School swimming team upheld its splendor by attaining 17 individual medals in 15 events. Yugdeep Shokeen was adjudged the best swimmer in the under-17 category. Overall, the swimming team emerged as the runners-up in the junior category, winners in the middle category and runners-up in the senior category.

To conclude with, Sports at Welham this term has begun on a very high note and the Oli hopes that this momentum can be maintained throughout the term.

Signing off!

Parth Babbar
XII-Hum.

MOVIE REVIEW



We as kids only know about series like Twilight, Harry Potter and about the superhero movie series. And in this process to watch movies that release in front of us, we missed out on something very special, something revolutionary, something that defined the science fiction cinema as we see it today.

A long time ago three movies became so popular that they created an intense amount of anticipation and hype for what would come next. The release of Star Wars: A New Hope (1977), Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back (1980) and Star Wars: Return of the Jedi (1983). Chronologically they are the fourth, fifth and the sixth part of the series but were released before the first three parts namely Star Wars: The Phantom Menace (1999), Star Wars: Attack of the Clones (2002) and Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith (2005).

The seventh installment Star Wars: The

Force Awakens is currently under production and will release this year in November.

George Lucas' "Star Wars" exploded like a supernova in the galaxy of American movies, seeding the science fiction film industry with new technology, greater box office potential and a rare attitude of cinematic optimism. It brought back for a new generation many of the most attractive elements of studio-era moviemaking, and it did so in breathless anthology form. For some young filmgoers these films acted as a doorway to the glory of the movies.

The basic plot of the series is a fantastic Sci-Fi & Fantasy Action Adventure series that takes place: "A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away..." and tells the story of a young boy who wants to become something more than what he was raised for. But without any preparations he enters in this dangerous adventure, finding dark

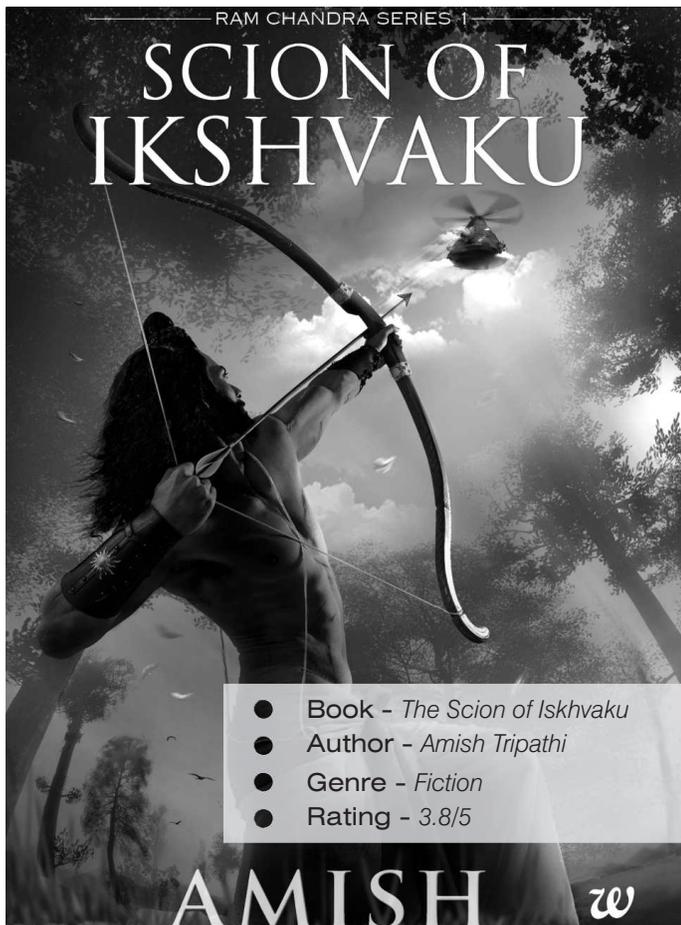
secrets of his past, in order for him to become a hero that will save the universe. The movie is filled with fantastic quotable lines of dialogue and a classic adventure of good vs evil. The heroes and the heavies joust through an exciting series of confrontations, replete with laser guns and other futuristic equipment.

For many of the children of our generation, it might get difficult to bare with effects of the 20th century installments - the fourth, fifth and the sixth part but are easily consumable eye candies. This series is my favorite series and I believe that as a human living in this universe it is our duty to watch all the Star Wars installments in the order they were released and not the chronological order to completely enjoy the Hollywood marvel that it is.

"MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU"

Pranjal Agarwal
XII Com.

BOOK REVIEW



- Book - *The Scion of Iskhvaku*
- Author - *Amish Tripathi*
- Genre - *Fiction*
- Rating - *3.8/5*

Amish has done it yet again. The master of mythology proved his mettle by releasing the very first book of his latest fragment of notions about the Ram Chandra Series after the triumphant Shiva Trilogy. which gives the line of thoughts an evergreen glow which all fans must be aware of.

The book talks about the story of Ram an ordinary prince condemned by his people whose karma made him the God we all know today. The ideology of the book is a little different from what we have been believing according to it lord Vishnu is not born for the sole purpose of saving the earth whenever chaos has arisen but to lead the people of India to a new and better way of life.

True to his name maryada purrosotam Ram is never troubled by the fact that he shall never earn the trust and love of his father instead he leads a life of principles, a life of truth, duty, and honor. Supported at every step by his wife Sita as well as his three brothers.

The book also goes on to talk about brotherly love and affection that ram and Laksman shared. Laksman is presented like a sheild of sorts to lord ram who has always been there to protect him and support him when everyone else wanted to do him harm. It is very touching to see that ram too is protecting Laksman at every step without his knowlage and together they venture into the unknown lands beyond the sapt sindhu and the narmada river only to return fourteen years later on the orders of his father.

It has removed every speck of monotony from the story line and has made it so interesting that it will captivate any reader to the book until the very last phrase- 'The End.'

I recommend it to all readers who like to try something they have never tried before. A genre which can be classified as the perfect blend of mythology and readers digest of 2015. It has become one of my favourite books which I would recommend to be read in the perfect ambience of a cold and cozy environment with a hot cup of coffee.

Devyansh Rai
XII Hum.

BOON OR BANE?

Facebook, today, is the most widely used social-networking website. As with its popularity, it comes with many benefits. People can share information, pictures and videos and chat without disturbance. One can reconnect to lost or forgotten friends, families and schoolmates. With great sources of entertainment such as games, videos, etc. it becomes an excellent boredom slaughterer. Nowadays, it has also transformed

into a great platform for advertisement, business promotion and social promotion.

But as known, a coin always presents itself with two sides. It's a 'fashion' these days to intrude into accounts and reveal information that the account holder wouldn't have ever even thought of disclosing. As we all know, too much of everything is bad, the world has witnessed maximum people getting

addicted to Facebook, an addiction that has crossed limits, and has made its victims procrastinate their work.

So the question is, do we want to carry on with it or not? Do we just see the positive side or also consider the other side? Is this a boon or a bane?

Chaitanya Motani
IX-A

AN EASY MISTAKE

It's been a year since I have taken up humanities and I feel I should share something very important with my readers today. Taking up humanities was the best decision I ever took and I am writing this to inform you that all the preconceived notions that a person has regarding the stream aren't true.

"How much did you score in your boards, beta?"

"10.0"

"Wow, A perfect score! Congratulations! So you will opt for science, right?"

"Umm... I don't plan to study science."

"Really? But why not? I think you should go for sciences since you are so bright.

--When they keep silent--

"I guess you are interested in commerce then?"

--Then with amazement and a hint of disdain--

"Don't tell me you will be taking up ARTS!!!"

I must have had this conversation at least a dozen times during the month of May, after the results for Class 10 were declared. Some of my friends also announced that they would take up Humanities. The reactions they encountered were always the same-- shock, disapproval and sometimes serious counseling. Hearing the same thing from so many people must have caused serious confusion in their minds and made them doubt their own choice. However, they stuck to their guns, and after a year now, they are confident that they have made the right choice.

"Idiot" Stream, as the misconception goes, is for those who are not intelligent enough to 'get' Science in school. Students who opt for Humanities do so because it appeals to them as did to me and not because they cannot cope with the Science curriculum. A quick survey of the Humanities students in our school today will reveal unto us that some of the brightest students have opted for this stream (#school captain & the future Ban-ki-moon). Anyone who is familiar with the Multiple Intelligence Theory will know that intelligence transcends beyond academics.

And now the biggest misconception is that Humanities is an 'easy' stream. In terms of magnitude of syllabus, I admit that Humanities is lighter than science, but by no means is it a cakewalk. Gone are the days when Hum. Subjects were only confined to rote learning and memorizing facts. The examination pattern today has become radically different. To score well, one needs to go beyond textbooks and be abreast with current affairs. History today is not just about the chronological study of dynasties and wars, but the events that shaped the lives of people at different points of time. Political science, isn't just confined to the study of the Indian government, but also requires an understanding of its similarities and differences to other political systems, differences in ideologies that gave shape to these diverse forms of society (All in addition to "200" dates!). Though we may not be spending our weekends taking classes, Humanities definitely requires a great deal of hard work!

Now the thing that gets on my nerves is the response an 'Arts' student gets when he answers to, "What are you pursuing?" Why is it that every time he answers this question, he is met with an unenthusiastic response? I think it is because of some of the following stereotypes: 'Humanities is for lost souls who don't know what they want to do with their lives', All Hum. Students are opinionated.

The picture of us is extremely narrow. One or two subjects maybe easier compared to others, but this doesn't mean that other Hum. Subjects are easy too. Far from it, Humanities as a subject has incredible worth. Doesn't the fact that most of the world leaders & professionals in the world, now and in the past, started with Humanities interest you?

Be seen with eyes full of as much respect for a student of Humanities as you have for a 'Science'.

As Steve Jobs too, once said, "Technology alone isn't enough; it must be married with liberal arts and with Humanities."

Ashish Vardhan
XII- Hum.

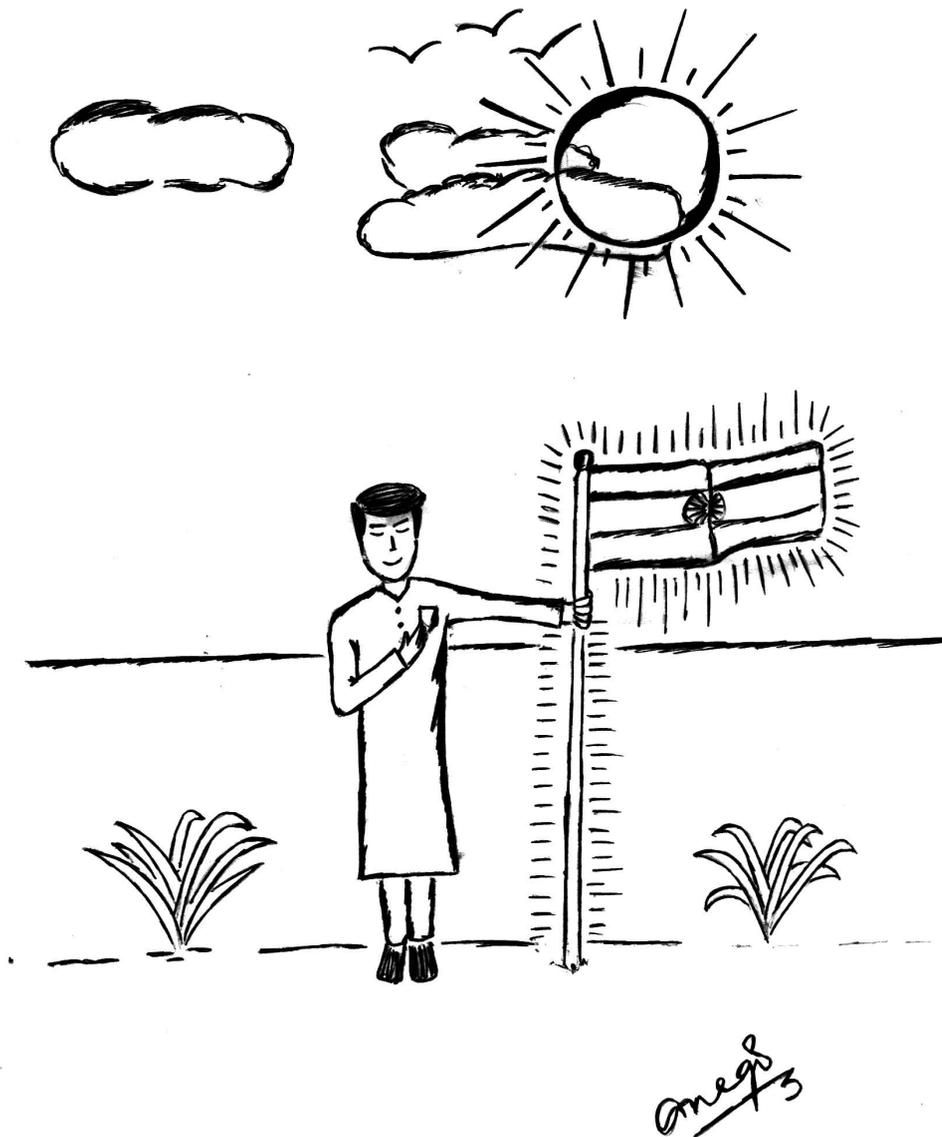
A TRANSITION IN LIFE...

As the plane touched down in Delhi and my father and I got off, I realized that this time the reason of our visit was out of the ordinary. My life, as I knew it, was about to change. Reflecting upon the couple of weeks in March when this decision was taken, I marvel at how lightly I had taken the matter then. There were a lot of ironies in the decision of me coming to a boarding school. My mom always thought that she would never send her children to a boarding school. This also sheds some light on the misconceptions some people have when it comes to boarding schools. From my experience at Welham Boys', I can tell you that coming to this place is not a punishment as some people might think. On the contrary, I believe it's a reward.

I had always been a day boarder, studying outside India. Coming to my country used to be only for fun in vacations. Fast forwarding to April, as I stared at the building that stretched in front of me, I could hear my dad's car speeding away. It was at this moment that I realized, that I was about to step into a whole new phase of my life. Looking back at so many month and years, I often wonder why I left my comfortable life back home? My answer to this is that life starts outside your nest! I have not been at Welham for very long but I have learnt a lot and as I look forward to this term, the sheer potential for learning excites and intrigues me. As I write about this now, I realize how drastically my life has changed: a whole new routine, new environment, new challenges, new competition, and new goals. When I sit to think about it now, I do think that for whatever reason this happened, I am confident that this school will add to my character and bring me close to my goals. There are going to be challenges, no doubt. But as we all sing, " when I'm done, I will return with pride."

Basit Mohammad
XI - Hum.

INDEPENDENCE EXTRAVAGANZA



We recently celebrated our nation's 68th Independence day and since our childhood we have only been familiar with a limited number of heroes when thousands of others contributed to our independence too. These are some heroes who worked in the shadows but were at the zenith of contribution when it came to patriotism because of whom we are breathing peacefully in our country today. Be it the radicals like Bal Gangadhar Tilak or the ahimsa vadies like Mahatma Gandhi, we owe a tribute to each one of them. Some of them were:

1) Jyoti Rao Phule

Inhabitant of Poona, Phule was born in 1827. He was influenced by the ideas of Thomas Paine who saw resemblance in the American civil War and the Caste System in India. He founded the Satya Sodhak Samaj in 1873 to improve the condition of the oppressed people. He died in 1890, but is still remembered by some people for his contribution of the oppressed people.

2) Dadabhai Naorji

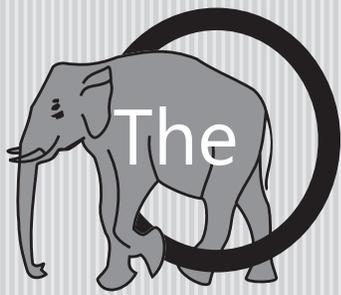
He laid the foundation for female education in Bombay. He was a pioneer in establishing the student literary and Scientific Social Society in Bombay which took the lead in promoting female education. He went from door to door urging parents to send their daughters to schools for education. He volunteered to teach without taking money when the first girls' school was inaugurated by the society in Bombay.

3) Kandukuri Veerasalingam

Born a century prior to Independence was born in an orthodox Hindu family of Andhra Pradesh. He was deeply influenced by the teachings of Raja Rajmohun Roy. In 1876 he started a magazine named 'Vivekavardhini' in Telegu which was totally devoted to social reforms. With his efforts, Rajahmundry Social Reform Association was also founded in 1878 which worked a lot to uplift the weaker sections of the society. He was the first man to bring renaissance in the Telanga region of Andhra Pradesh.

I hope my information helped in increasing your awareness of the array of heroes that contributed to the making of our nation.

Reetom Rakshit
IX-A



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WELHAM NOW

- The senior school Arthur Hughes debate was held on the 23rd of July. Ganga house stood first followed by the Jamuna house. **Amit Vikram Dewan** was adjudged the best speaker in the preliminary round and **Aditya Agarwal** in the finals.
- The senior school Hindi debate was held on the 27th of July. **Pradyuman Dhobal** was adjudged the best speaker and **Sarthak Dhumal**, the most promising speaker.
- With The football season going in full swing, the soccer interhouse for the middle school took place in the 1st week of August. Ganga house emerged victorious followed by the Jamuna House.
- The swimming inter house took place from the 31st July to the 2nd of August. Jamuna house won the competition followed by Cauvery, Krishna and finally Ganga.
- A group of 12 students, along with teacher escort **Mrs. Neeru Ahuja**, attended the RKK Round Square Conference held in the Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls Public School, Jodhpur from 14th to the 16th of August.
- A delegation of 20 boys, along with teacher escorts **Mr. Sushant Portion** and **Mrs. Alka Bhandari**, attended the China WEMUN expo from the 30th of July to the 7th of August. **Abhay Singh Dhillon** and **Abhiraj Ranjan** of class IX were adjudged best delegates and **Pratyush Thakur**, **Rishik Aggarwal**, **Nipun Moore** and **Devraj Singhania** won honorable mentions in their respective committees. Welham Boys' School won the Outstanding Delegation award amongst the 144 international schools that took part in the conference.
- **Raghav Kandoi**, **Raj Jaiswal**, **Abhiraj Singh** and **Gurkirat** participated in the chess tournament held at Welham Girls' school and won the overall trophy.
- The school swimming team went for the Doon school aquatic meet held on the 14th of August. Yugdeep Shokeen was adjudged the best swimmer in U-17 category. The school won the U-17 championship and the over all trophy.
- On Independence Day there was a lecture series on the heroes of India by **Mr. Rajen Brijnath**.

WHEN KRISHNA-A CAME DOWN!!!

Whenever I stand in front of the debris beside the west block, I am reminded of that proud feeling I used to get while calling it 'KRISHNA-A—MY HOUSE!' The moment I see it down to the grounds today, my mind runs back to the day I had woken up to see the most deplorable sight in my life. The day when, the first post on my news feed read something that literally traumatized me. It was by my house captain, Aishwarya Soni. It said: "Guys, Krishna House is down, but I know deep inside that the spirit will never die; Never Say Die!!!"

As a junior, I had always heard stories of that house, the spirit it would bear, the feeling of pride that it stood with. Believe you me that I am really going to miss this house even though I was its member for hardly two months.

Now, some of you might be struck with this question as to why would someone, who has hardly seen the world of Krishna, miss it as if he lived there for his entire life up till now? I will tell you why!

I miss this house so much because this house has taught me many things that I am sure no other house would have. It taught me things like: Staying strong in times of problems, staying patient when you have nothing, staying humble when you have everything and what not. I will really miss the bond of a senior and a junior in Krishna-A as I believe that no "other house" could ever have witnessed such a strong bond between its seniors and juniors because good old Krishna was not a divided residence, it was a dormitory which allowed seniors & juniors to stay together, united. I will miss the mischief that one could only take the pleasure of, while in Krishna. I will miss the aura of that place, the contentment I could feel as I entered it, the fear of the warden as he chased us, the sound of the morning bell as it resonated in our ears and all the other memories that have gone with it.

Well, now that it has happened, and I can't really change the past, I sign off with only one thing in my heart: -

'NEVER SAY DIE!!!'

Aaditya Dokania
X-C

WELMUN 2K15



Sheikh Safwan performing the peace song in the opening ceremony of the WELMUN'15

Bright lights. Rainy days. Beautiful nights.

What started out as a dream in the minds of few turned into reality, never to be forgotten by the hearts of many. Welham boys' School Model United Nations Conference 2015 or WELMUN'15 was an idea which was born in 2011 when young impermeable minds saw their seniors hosting a conference with about 90 delegates from 8 schools. It wasn't the size of the conference that captivated them, it wasn't the lure of schools coming in from all across the country, but it was simply the desire to be a part of something which for them was innovative, new, fun and enjoying. Over the years as these young minds went from MUN to MUN, from city to city, from Ajmer to Boston, the desire to host one them self intensified. Thus, pages from the back of notebooks started being torn, the principal's office became

a daily fixture and evening discussions about it became a regular part of the schedule. After months of deliberation, hard work and loony nights, their work finally bore fruit as the MUN was just days away from happening. The last week of preparation involved frantic phone calls, missed lunches and hours stuck to a laptop. However, the time we spent preparing, no matter how tumultuous or how frustrating culminated in the creation of something wonderful and the day the MUN started it felt, that everything we had gone through over the past month was worth it.

DAY 1:

Usually slow to rise and stubborn to get out of bed, the average Welhamite could be seen awake and ready on the 5th of August 2015. The first day of the MUN was about to begin and one could feel the nervous energy in the air from

the members of the executive board in their three piece suits to the logistics team in their school dress, anxiety gripped each one of them. Around 9 the delegates started trickling in and for registration. Following the registration in the LRC the delegates proceeded to the activity centre for the opening ceremony. Keynote speaker Abhishek tiwari enlightened the crowd over how the Indian model of internationalism should be adopted to bring about cohesion from conflict. Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (the world is one family) is something that we must work towards to bring about global peace, he said. Following this the chief guest for the evening Dr. Vandana Shiva dazzled the crowd with her eloquent speaking skills and her in depth analysis and knowledge about world conflicts. Something that particularly stood out was the idea that all wars are fought for resources.

After the hour long opening ceremony the delegates then proceeded for the conference photograph, after which they went to their respective committees. This year 7 committees were simulated at WELMUN namely:

1. United Nations Security Council
2. United Nations Human Rights Committee
3. United Nations General Assembly Legal
4. United Nations SPECPOL
5. United Nations Emergency Summit
6. All India Political Parties Meet
7. International Press Corps

After hours of intense debate the session for day 1 finally gave way to the principal's dinner, where delegates got the opportunity to socialize and relax after a grueling day 1.

DAY 2:

After a grueling day 1, delegates returned exhausted but more determined for the second day of the MUN. The hour long feedback sessions for the delegates at the end of day 1 seems to have worked as delegates came better prepared and better researched for the second day of the MUN. The level of debate in all the committees increased as we witnessed some heated debates, be it Rahul Gandhi versus the Kashmiri separatists in the AIPPM to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu versus the representatives of Hamas in the Security Council. Tempers flared, insults were thrown and fights ensued as the delegates got into the skin of the diplomats they were representing. A major reason for such dramatic changes in the delegates was the non-stop crisis updates in every committee which kept them on their toes. After an arduous day where the delegates encountered all sorts of challenges they went to the much anticipated delegate dance. (events of the delegate dance shall not find its way

into this article as some moments are meant to be lived not written about.)

DAY 3:

They say 'all good times must come to an end' and that was the resounding feeling amongst the delegates and members of the Executive board alike as the third day started. Rife with emotions, delegates proceeded to their committees, some hoping to win others sad to be leaving. Resolutions were the topics of discussion in most committees as delegates and the executive board worked towards finally creating some paperwork which substituted solutions being proposed through the last two days. After the resolutions were passed and debate was closed, the respective committees moved into motions of entertainment where they let loose and had a chance to relax and enjoy after the hours of grueling debate. Finally the delegates moved for the closing ceremony. The MUN ended with the delegates being rewarded for their efforts in the committees. Some delegates were elated others not so much but everyone learnt a lot, both about MUN's and life in general.

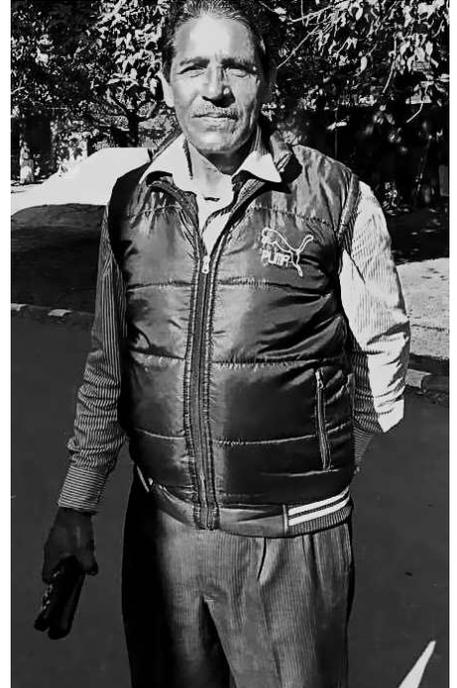
As the crowds dissipated; I lay in wonder as something we had worked for, for months was now over. Nostalgia crept in the moment I uttered those hollow words. There were hugs all around, pictures were being clicked, all were in smiles yet a bitter sweet taste left the mouth as I said goodbye. WELMUN was over yet alive, alive in my memories.

Bright lights. Rainy days. Beautiful nights.

Signing off,
Tenzing Namgyal Bhutia

Secretary General,
WELMUN'15

OLI TRIBUTE



The editorial board of the Oliphant would like to pay its condolences to the late Mr. S.P. Sharma who was the will in the Krishna, the light of our lives, the director of the play where we are mere actors, our mentor in the worse and our family in the best. He is no more for the practical world but he will always be in our hearts guiding us from the worse to come and be with us in the brightest of days and will always be there as our mentor forever. We will miss you sir. We look forward to do wonders under your light from the heavens above.

Aishwariya Soni
XII-COM (Krishna House
Captain; Wardens sir's beloved)

WEMUN CHINA

A group of 20 students escorted by Mrs. Alka Bhandari and Mr. Sushant Portion went for the WEMUN EXPO 2015 which was held in Beijing, China. Our flight to china from was Delhi was quite long but as we were extremely excited for our arrival there it didn't seem boring. After our arrival, our first source of entertainment was the Acrobatics show which left us gaping due to the dangerous stunts and awesome dances. Next on our list was the temple of heaven. Hurl unlike the elderlies of India, we saw the old people of china gymming, playing, playing instruments and singing. The temple was quite enormous with 3 structure spread across a huge area. We then visited The Great Wall Of China which was amazing. Words aren't enough to describe its beauty. On our last day of sightseeing, we visited the Olympic Village. There, the highlight was the

Birds Nest. The visit to its air corridor was my favorite part of this trip. Next we visited the Tiananmen Square and The Forbidden city which was quite mesmerizing too. The next part of our trip was the MUN conference. Although most us had the idea that this was going to be the boring half of our trip we were extremely wrong. We started making new friends from the moment we arrived in Grand Epoch City Hotel. I was really amazed to realize the Chinese also had a good idea about the Indian culture. We had fun having laughs on scenes of the movie 3 idiots. I was quite nervous for my first session. When I entered the committee room, it was quite silent and I took a seat in the corner alone. However, as came out the plaque card of the United States, came the crowd asking for my takes on the topic. I can never forget that moment. Although the sessions were quite

engrossing and fun, even better was making documents outside the session. All of us made numerous new friends with whom our friendship will surely last a while. The most memorable part was the gala dance where we danced heartily with all the delegates, chairs and volunteers. As much as we wanted this trip to last forever it sadly didn't. on the last day even though we had bagged numerous awards and were adjudged as the outstanding delegation, we were all unhappy from the inside because we had to leave. Well never forget the friends we made, the barbeque we grabbed late night, the roses we gave and received, well never forget you WEMUN China.

Abhiraj Ranjan
IX-A

RKK ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE 2015

A delegation of 12 students went for the senior round square conference held in the Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls Public School, Jodhpur. Our teacher escort was Mrs. Neeru Ahuja. We reached Jodhpur by 2 in the afternoon and headed straight away to the registration office. At night the usual Ice breaking session took place which literally broke the ice and let the delegates interact with each other. It was a perfect start to a perfect round square.

The next day was the opening ceremony where the key note speaker addressed us on the topic 'nihil de nobis sine nobis', ie 'nothing about us without us.' From reservations to euthanasia, the keynote speaker gave us substantial topics to discuss upon

in the Barazza session. Jodhpur is famous for its rich culture and considering that we went to visit the Umaid palace and the Mehrangarh fort which enriched our experience even more. What we were really happy about was that there would be no PT in the morning. However, being completely mistaken we were woken up by our house mother at 6 in the morning for 'zoomba'. (Trust me; it was more energizing than our morning PT's). Unexpectedly, the art workshop in the evening gave way to holi with acrylic colors followed by rain dance. The next day gave way to another informative keynote speech followed by a Barazza session. After which was the basketball match where students of Welham Boys' School got a chance to flaunt their talent

in front of other participating schools. The last day of the round square conference was when all the participating schools had to perform a three minute act on democracy. Our students did a radio show which was quite humorous. At the end I would like to thank principal ma'am Bindra for giving us this amazing opportunity to learn and also 'socialize'.

Anant Agarwal
X-A

A TRIBUTE TO A MENTOR

On the afternoon of 18th of August as I crossed the junior school, a heart breaking news reached me and tore my heart apart. It seems as if one of the huge blocks, that completed my childhood, has gone missing.

From being my class teacher in grade 3, my mentor in the junior school, and my companion at Welham, Nonie Ma'am has helped me in my developing years and literally shaped my personality and the very thought of not seeing ma'am in the Junior School Staff room haunts me.

Ma'am has played an integral role in all of our lives, guiding us, helping us cherry-pick the veracious path and making us laugh when we felt low. I would like to thank you ma'am for all that you have done for the Welham Family, for the hundred's of Welhamites who will always remember you and take you as a mentor.

Welham will miss you dearly and we hope that we see you in the future. Thank you for all that you have done for us.

Pranjal Agrawal

Editor

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DOON SCHOOL AQUATIC MEET

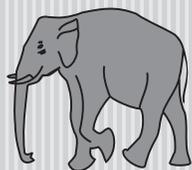
A team of 15 swimmers, 5 for each category namely - junior, medium, and senior, took part in the Doon School Aquatic Meet held in the Doon School on the 14th of August. Welham boys' school performed exceptionally well in the competition beating all the teams in most of the competitions.

With the phenomenal performance, the team managed to get a total of 15 medals, mostly gold's, and emerged 1st runners up in the junior and the senior category whereas in the medium category the team emerged as the winners. The school also lifted the overall championship trophy and Yugdeep Shokeen was adjudged the Best Swimmer in the medium category with a total of 4 gold medals in his tally.

Yugdeep Shokeen

X-A





THE RISING INTELLIGENTSIA

EXAMO-PHOBIA NO MORE

“Second chances don't come around all that often, so we should make the most of what we get.” Seriously? Are you kidding me?.....

My brain had all sorts of chemical reactions going on while staring at the 2 inch thick Chemistry book. The exam was on top of us but that was not all; the thing which baffled me the most was when I saw one of classmates sitting and chatting away to glory. At that time I asked myself; who was a bigger moron, him or me? Unable to answer it myself I decided to ask him the question. The reply I got couldn't have been more blatant. He simply said that he didn't feel like studying that day and anyway he was sure to get another chance. Was it really that simple? I don't know, but it was certainly annoying. It seemed as if the most apprehensive part of student life was fading away. Exams were no more the biggest fear

only because there was a second chance or a third or maybe even a fourth... But that was not my concern as I still had an exam tomorrow and I personally wasn't interested in the second chance.

Coming to the point. Are exams really exams now? Or have they become a myth or maybe a joke. Well, I'm in no position to answer that (because I am still a student who might need the second chance in the future). The flexibility of the rules has quite flagrantly improved the results and also the number of awards being doled out at the Scholars' Recognition Day. Anyway, I think as long as the graph shows acceleration, it will be fine by both the teachers and the students.

The moral ethic of this, however, can be questioned. Gone are the days when students would stay up all night

preparing for the Biology exam (Oh sorry! They do stay up. Only now they have... ahem... other stuff to do!). But what pricks me the most is that this second chance which maybe genuine for some is also portrayed as a bane. The person who really deserves it doesn't get it in the true spirit as there are ten others who want to make the most of the opportunity that is not exactly given to them.

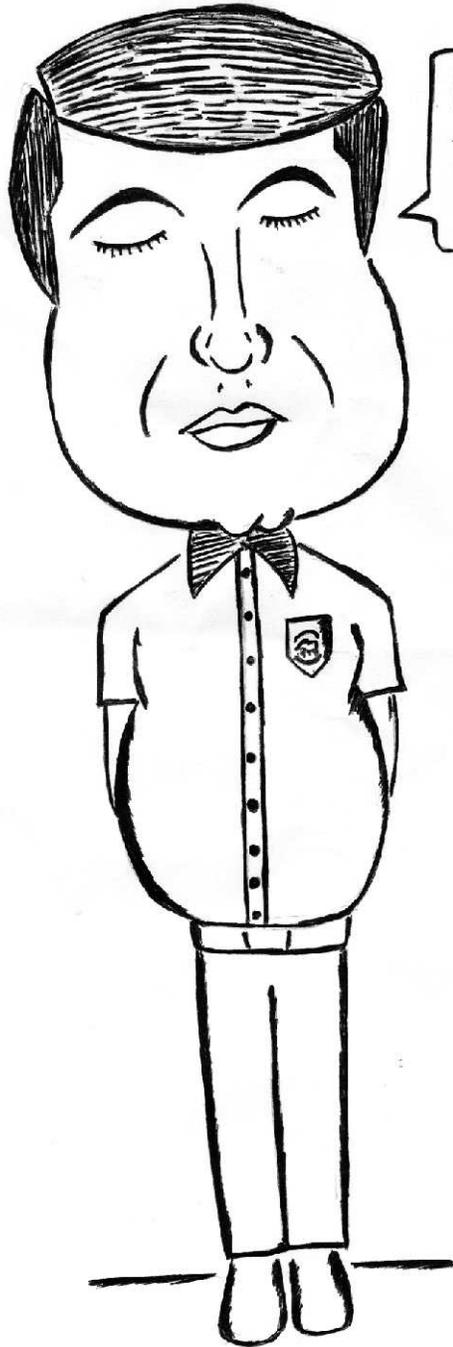
First of all I would like to apologise to the students who would have been already crying by now but truly I didn't want to be harsh on you but at the same time as you can very well see, I never had planned to be considerate with you. But after all we are all children and we do deserve a second chance!

Prabhapaar Singh Batra
XI- Sc

THOSE ONES

- Sometimes we escape into our fantasy only to discover the reality.
– *Sheikh Safwan*
- It doesn't matter if your shadow's crooked as long as you are standing straight.
– *Mrs. Gunmeet Bindra*
- The only difference between my dream and reality is the tense.
– *Mohit Gupta*
- A warrior acts and the fool only reacts.
– *Pranjal Agarwal*
- The danger of trying to capture everything for posterity is that you may be left with a series images of events you never truly experienced.
– *Saurav Sinha*

40% OF WELHAM, OBESE?



HEY!! I'm not that fat... I just weigh 90 kg'sss...

Yes readers, just as alarming as it sounds, the fact that forty percent of the students in Welham are obese, hovers around in the air and pierces like an arrow to all of our achievements. It is mind boggling to note that in a sport-driven environment such as ours we find the statistics at such a tragic level. Where are those monsoon afternoons when juniors would sneak out of their hostels in hope to play in the flooded main field? Where is it that we have failed? Is it because the seriousness of academics has taken over the significance of sports or is it simply because the impetus of sleeping is simply too much to overlook. No matter what the justification is, the importance of sports in life cannot be ignored.

Lack of motivation - There are some boys in school who just need that slight push to help hem realise the gravity of the situation. This is where the aid of a friend or a senior might come in handy. All that the senior needs to do is ensure that the juniors take the fitness trainings seriously. Once this begins and the boys who are fat start feeling a change in them they themselves will want to continue their work out.

Chalta-hai attitude - One of the worst things about a student is that even when he is told to go for morning P.T or perhaps for evening games there still persists this chalta-hai attitude. There is a reason why our school is doing so well in the sports fields. The sportsmen of Welham have are dedicated and have the perseverance to maintain their physique.

As a result of not going for games and not doing physical activity, we have ended up with a forty per cent of our Welham population that are obese. The students at this age do not understand how harmful these statistics are and as we dig a little deeper we get to know that the middle school is worse off than the senior school. The juniors must understand that for a successful and a happy life our physical self plays a very important role. I think that it is time that we all collaborate and take fitness as an important aspect of our curriculum

Yugdeep Shokeen
X-A

WHAT CAN I SAY ????

What can I say ????
33 acres..... How big it is for letting me join, gave my mom a kiss.
The teachers..... really kind in you, a treasure will they find.
Here u become a man from a child!!
Want your life full of joys? Here is the perfect school Welham Boys!!
Here youll go the right way its so good, what can I say???

Devesh Jindal, VII-A

SUBLIMINAL POWER

Everyone has it. It depends on you how you use it.

The omniscient creator has given the power to each and every single creature on this planet to control the inevitable universe. However, every individual lives his life his own way. It is odd why people pray for supernatural powers when you can get everything you want by stabilizing just one thing, your brain wave frequency.

The human mind is infinite. It is the most complex mechanism known to mankind. The brain emits frequencies depending on one's understanding of the universe. These frequencies range from 0 to 40 Hertz. When you are born your brain wave frequency is at the delta level that is 0. However as you grow, these frequencies also increase and can sometimes go up to 40 too. Now, a new born is the most intelligent individual as his frequency level is 0.

However, they face the problem of communication. As a child grows he faces the harsh reality of the universe and ultimately goes on to lose his gift. The gift which could give him everything he would have wanted when he would become an adult. Not that you cannot reach the delta level once you grow but it still will require will power and regularity to reach that fate.

The brain can go into three modes, namely, the conscious mode: that is now, the unconscious mode: that is when you sleep and finally the subconscious mode: which according to me is self-explanatory. Now, reaching the subconscious mode is the ultimatum one needs to achieve. It is on complete relaxation of the mind, body and the soul that you reach this level. Your brain wave frequency at this level is 0 and you are the most intelligent and capable at this mode. These brain wave

frequencies are in direct sync with the entire universe. It is of utmost importance that you believe in all the things stated above as partial confidence would take you nowhere.

Imagine that sitting here you could know what is happening at your home. Even more you can see what is happening at other planets in this universe or for that matter any planet in this never ending universe. Just by intuition! It just requires complete relaxation of the mind and the treasure's there; the subconscious!! The time required to reach this feat depends on your level of concentration. You could even do all of this in a matter of weeks.

So what are your thoughts on levitating? Remember, Nothing is Impossible.

Anant Agarwal
X-A

MONSOON SEASON

One day I woke up late,
And gazed at the rain
Hitting upon the window pane.
The cool breeze whisked me to the heaven's gate,
And the view left me in a stupendous state.
The birds were chirping and singing in a sweet
tone,
Suddenly, it thundered like a roar, which was as
dangerous as a wild boar,
I was sitting beside an open window, watching the
terrific scene alone
The sprinkle on my face reminded me of the sea
shore.
The chilling refreshment of the rain droplets was as
good as gold,
At last, the sun shone brightly,
Letting the sun rays enter and the rain was sold,
And I could feel the fresh air starting to come over
slightly.

Divyansh Arora
VI-C

HELP POOR

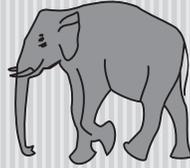
One day when I was crossing the road
A memorable sight I did see
A wealthy man feeding a poor beggar for no cost or fee.

The smile on his face,
Seemed to tell me
Try it yourself blissful you'll be.

I stopped to ask him. 'Who are you?'
He said, 'A human just like you'
I went away wondering
If it could be true.

A golden heart is all you need
To help someone in dire need
And if you do
Wonders will spree.

Bhargav Sharma
VI-C



LASAGNE

LAMPOON

Changing trends of sending letters across the LOC

Yes!!! Bringing to you one of the most sizzling themes ever set for the Lampon ever, 'The changing trends of messages across the LOC'. Now, I genuinely do not feel there is a need to explain the reference of the LOC used above, as I am sure we all are aware of the infamous term commonly used in our school by teachers and students alike. Come on readers! Do I really need to point out what I am trying to convey here? Would someone like to answer? Ha, so here we go! Just like a spy or perhaps a terrorist who constantly tries to scale the borders of the countries, welhamites too are seen sending secret messages to unknown souls (This is the teachers point of view, mind that) and only a welhamite shall know the true meaning of those chits that are sneaked out of the school. But the point is that these trends are slowly and steadily changing.

This analogy is most apt to compare the situation of our very own 'in house' mischief creators, our uncontrollable lovers. They can usually be identified by a tightly fitted shirt (probably bragging their not-so-pumped-up bodies), a pair of swagger shoes (probably borrowed from someone else) and hair standing as high as their forehead. Well, if I were to give an honest opinion, it is not really that easy to be one of these guys, to act as a lover at Welham Boys'. I mean there are some requirements, you see, some very very important requirements that one must adapt to be called a lover here.

So, firstly you have to be the most vella person of the whole batch. Yes readers, no matter how much you deny this fact but deep inside you too know that you have to be a proper vella. Also, as a seasoning, you have to be terrible at your speaking skills and by this I mean TERRIBLE!!! These people usually ask their friends, who usually are the toppers of the English subject, and persuade them to write something 'classy' (One of the very few words they do manage to learn.). And lastly you have to try and get online at least a twenty times a day and this is where your vella skills come in handy. This, readers, is the most important condition that a Lover must follow. You have to have that unconditional force driving you towards the computer in anticipation of a reply from that 'someone'.

See, the trends are changing although there isn't yet a permanent change. Earlier the mischief was easy to catch but now it is more sophisticated. The students learn new ways of receiving and sending their letters and the teachers find even better ways to simply try and 'STOP the nonsense!' It seems that the computer age has aided our generation but I know for sure that those perfumed letters lie nowhere near the scanty e-mails or texts we receive these days.

Signing Off

Sheikh Safwan
XII - Hum.

RUMOUR HAS IT

- Mr. John Casey has taken inspiration from the recent AIB video and has taken it to a higher level. ('Kuch-bhi in the orange gravy' is now being served!!)
- A dark curse was set by Lord Voldemort on the 17th of August. (Did someone say Acadi?)
- Amitvikram Dewan is authoring a book with the title, 'Monsoon Night's with Viraj'.
- After writing his article on obesity Yugdeep Shokeen is scared of getting kicked out of the Oliphant Board (#Oli teacher in-charge Mr. Saurav Sinha!!!)
- The four-road crossing and the road in front of Triveni are commonly known as Amit Chowk and JK colony respectively. Adding to that, the whole area around Cauvery is known as Prashant Nagar. (#only for convenience)
- Mr. Khaira has mastered the art of eating paani-puri with a knife and a fork. (Sir, do teach us this new technique one day.)



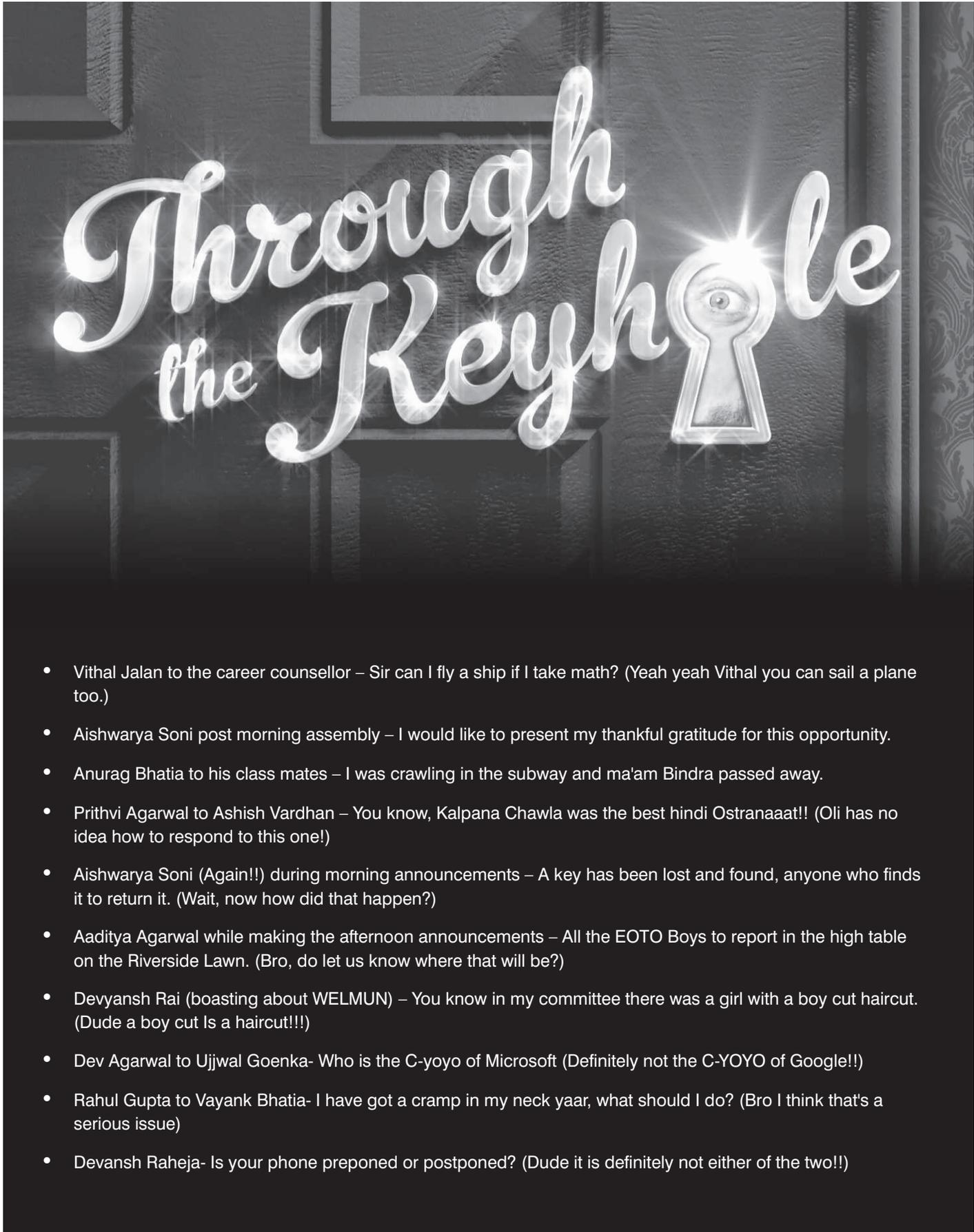
Separated At Birth

Devdhar Bhatia	Chandu (from ABCD)
Tejashwar Raj Jaiswal	Ganesh Acharya
Adhiraj Bhagat	Jonah Hill
Rajat Raina	Richie Rich (wannabe)
Mr. Dayamay Bannerjee (with a beard)	Akshay Kumar (Gabbar is back)
Abhay Agarwal	Ozil
Mr. Rajesh Keshav	Ted

Ever Wonder Why?

- The Bethany Speakers refuse to work during the Dinner Time Announcements. (Did someone say Aishwarya?)
- Anmol Saini stays so unhappy these days (Did someone say Modi Sarkar?)
- Aditya Dokania is so obsessed with the United States these days. (Did someone say WELMUN?)
- Ayush Dixit does not like letters. (#BASANTI)
- Sheikh Safwan falls in love with 'someone new' at every event. (and also likes the movie 'The Matriks')
- Having already been to Ajmer, Harshun Mehta now plans to cross the LOC. (Was the Independence Day his inspiration?)
- Anshuman Agarwal is not seen near the Oliphant Room anymore.

Through the Keyhole



- Vithal Jalan to the career counsellor – Sir can I fly a ship if I take math? (Yeah yeah Vithal you can sail a plane too.)
- Aishwarya Soni post morning assembly – I would like to present my thankful gratitude for this opportunity.
- Anurag Bhatia to his class mates – I was crawling in the subway and ma'am Bindra passed away.
- Prithvi Agarwal to Ashish Vardhan – You know, Kalpana Chawla was the best hindi Ostranaaat!! (Oli has no idea how to respond to this one!)
- Aishwarya Soni (Again!!) during morning announcements – A key has been lost and found, anyone who finds it to return it. (Wait, now how did that happen?)
- Aaditya Agarwal while making the afternoon announcements – All the EOTO Boys to report in the high table on the Riverside Lawn. (Bro, do let us know where that will be?)
- Devyansh Rai (boasting about WELMUN) – You know in my committee there was a girl with a boy cut haircut. (Dude a boy cut is a haircut!!!)
- Dev Agarwal to Ujjwal Goenka- Who is the C-yoyo of Microsoft (Definitely not the C-YOYO of Google!!)
- Rahul Gupta to Vayank Bhatia- I have got a cramp in my neck yaar, what should I do? (Bro I think that's a serious issue)
- Devansh Raheja- Is your phone preponed or postponed? (Dude it is definitely not either of the two!!)

What's in What's out

What's in	What's out
Cinnamon Buns	Cheese Patties
Mrs. Neeru Ahuja	Mr. Orindam Chakraborty
Mr. Robert Petty	Mrs. Harinder Kaur
Ukraine	Maitriks
Pear in fruitbreak	Banana in Fruitbreak
Assistant House Master	House Wardens
Cutting of cakes	Pile on
Amit Chowk	Marine Drive

DUDE OF THE MONTH

Gantlemaan!!! Often heard bellowing his catchphrase all across the campus is the dude of the month Mr. Amit Singh. Since joining the school in 2014 this exuberantly enthusiastic teacher can be seen everywhere on campus from the boys bathroom in the Krishna hostel to the Biology lab in the academic block. Mr. Amit Singh is known for his deep affection for his students and is actively involved in their personal lives (just ask Aariz).

Being recently promoted to the position of Assistant House master of Krishna, Mr. Amit Singh can be seen flashing his charming smile around the campus. (After all, hard work bears the sweetest fruits). Be it his sense of vigilante justice or his deep affection for his students, Oli wishes this enthusiastic teacher, the best for his future.





Welham Boys' School brings back the DSMUN Best Delegation Trophy for the second time in a row



The middle school representatives being sworn in as Prefects

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