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WELHAM BOYS' SCHOOL

THINK ABOUT IT...

"Most people do not listen with the intent to understand. They listen with the intent to reply"

- Stephen R. Covey

EDITORIAL

Each year that passes by brings not only its share of failures and successes but opportunities that have to be seized and it is this inimitability of each year that makes me believe that life has much more to offer.

No matter how much people try to pull you down or take you for granted, it is always you who has to make a way out of it and as I write this Editorial, a voice none other than my own tells me that I have discovered my way to success and happiness. I now realize that the moment one completes a job satisfactorily, one feels exhilarated at the very thought of having achieved what one wanted.

Dear readers listen to your heart passionately for once and you will realize that in contravention to our belief, it is not merely a pumping machine but much more. Each heartbeat carries with it a limitless message which, if interpreted correctly, can lead you to the sky beyond, where His light showers on your body and you accept the divine embrace. Don't let the summer breeze pass you by. Rather allow it to sooth you as it brings to you the sweet fragrance of His flowers and you realize that there is nothing amiss in the world. For a brief moment appreciate what surrounds you and you will observe the change in how you perceive things differently.

Ever since I entered this 'big' world of ours, I have had a dream, a dream to inspire everyone around me, to be able to make a difference in the lives of people and be able to leave a mark and as I sit here, I can feel that dream finally taking shape.

This term began with the selection of the new Prefect body and I wish them the best and pray that God gives them the wisdom and strength to take Welham forward to greater heights. We ought to be grateful to our School for giving us the opportunity to grow and as seeds in this humungous garden, we should endeavour to soak up every bit of sunlight and evolve into trees of life.

After innumerable efforts to make The Oliphant unique, we have finally come up with new ideas, which I hope will keep you enthralled till the last page. As a new addition to the humour page, we have introduced a monthly 'Sizzler'.

Oli takes this opportunity to wish the Batch of 2015, who will soon leave us, the very best of luck. We also wish all boys of Class X, who are appearing for their Board examination and all other students of the school, who are appearing for their promotion examination the very best and hope they do very well indeed.

Just enjoy this edition of The Oliphant and remember to acknowledge your potential. Dive into the pool of happiness and feel the moment. It is a whole new year that offers new opportunities. So, get up and seize the best that this moment has to offer. And like the clichéd expression, may you all grow From Strength to Strength.



Sheikh Safwan
Editor

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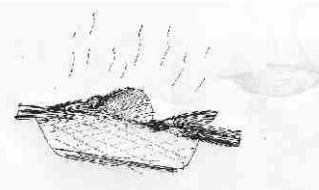
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2015 kick-started with Cristiano Ronaldo once again winning the FIFA Ballon d'or, and proving that when it comes to delivering the goods there is no one better than him. The start of the year 2015 was as bad for Real Madrid as 2014 was good for them, the men in white lost to arch rivals Atletico Madrid for the second time in the year and many fear that this year maybe is a repeat of 2003 when they failed to win a single trophy.

While the previous year was a drag, the new F1 season has been pretty exciting with two of the most successful drivers swapping teams. Fernando Alonso joining McLaren and Sebastian Vettel finally fulfilling his dream of driving the Cavallino Rampante (Prancing Horse) Ferrari.

Coming to School, Jamuna House lifted the Sports Trophy on Founder's Day for the Best Sporting House for the year 2014-15. Cauvery House emerged victorious yet again for the 3rd year in a row at the Athletics Inter-House with the likes of Vishal Singh, Gaurav Bidhuri, Ali Khan and Ayush Tulsyan bringing a high tally of medals for the House and, Gaurav Bidhuri bagging the Athlete of the Year award in the Senior School and Vijay Prakash in the Middle School. Gaurav Bidhuri from the outgoing Batch of 2015 was also awarded Sportsman of the Year 2014-15. 'A team is a good

as its Captain' and hence the School expects a lot from the enigmatic yet soft spoken Ali Khan, who has been appointed Sports Captain for the year 2015-16.

With India hammering Pakistan at the World Cup and Kohli now being dubbed as the new Sachin of Team India, Welhamites took the Inter-House competitions to the next level by proving their mettle in the cricket matches with Cauvery A destroying Krishna XI and starting their campaign – "Our time is now". A brilliant innings by Parth Babbar of Ganga single handedly won the match against Krishna XI with his Bhuvan (from the movie Lagaan) like shots. The Hockey season is also about to begin with all eyes on the Kandhari Memorial Tournament. The possibility of Mahesh Negi returning as coach has been met with Mourinho – returning – to – Chelsea like appraisal. This year promises to be a cracker with Welhamites taking sport From 'Strength to Strength'.

"Let the Games Begin"

-Ali Khan & Tanmay Negi
XII Com

MUSIC REVIEW



Artist	Album	Rating
Linkin Park	The Hunting Party	7.9/10

Even if you don't agree with Einstein's $E=mc^2$, you have to agree that 'Rock' in general is going through its worst phase in history. At a time when bands like Imagine Dragons and 5 Seconds Of Summer are ruling the charts, one can't help but wonder whether today's generation knows anything about Rock music. So what would a band with millions of fans across the globe do? Release an album that sticks in line with what's currently popular? No, not if you're Linkin Park.

The Hunting Party is Linkin Park's latest album that is also their heaviest till date. It leaves no stone unturned in reminding us that rock is all about thundering guitar riffs and solid drumming. But then again you can be forgiven if you think that Coldplay's

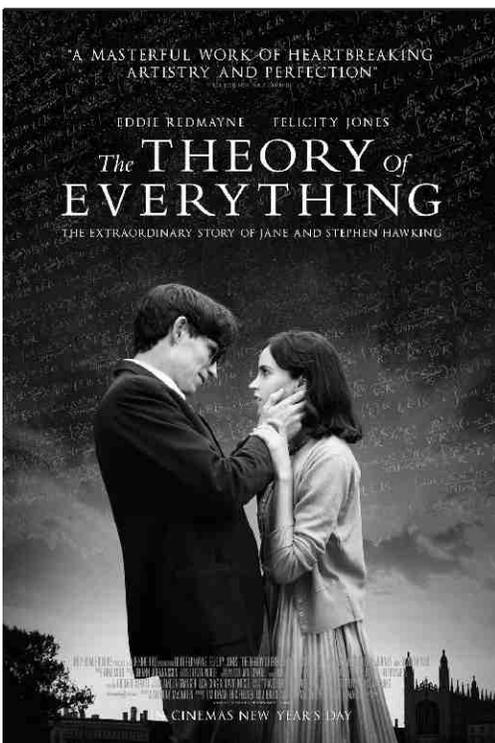
Ghost Stories was last year's best Rock album. While Linkin Park's last two albums were techno oriented, this one has more of a 'in your face' like feel to it. The album was produced by LPs very own Mike Shinoda, bringing an end to their partnership with the legendary Rick Rubin. The very idea of putting this album together was that the world needed to know that Rock isn't dead and that there are still some bands out there who still believe that Rock n' Roll is the greatest thing to have ever happened since the birth of Christ. Tracks such as 'Keys to Kingdom' and 'Guilty All The Same' have the band going all guns blazing and finally proving that Linkin Park can actually make music that can be appreciated by people of all age groups and also dropping the radio friendly tag that they have had throughout their careers. And while Linkin Park won't lay down their weapons in front of more popular artists, who is to say that they can't borrow from others palette and have brought in artists like Tom Morello and Rakim to help them in this endeavor? And the track that made me appreciate this album even more was 'A line in the sand' for it is unlike anything that they have ever done before. The first minute had the essence that was present in the works of veteran bands like Pink Floyd.

The Hunting Party is an album that you must listen to if you didn't enjoy Linkin Park's previous albums; because the 'The Hunting Party' has just begun.

-Tanmay Negi
X-C

MOVIE REVIEW

Title	Director	IMDB Rating	Oli Rating
The Theory of Everything	James Marsh	7.8/10	7/10



The Theory of Everything could be called one of James Marsh's best but is it really? With an extraordinary portrayal of famous physicist Stephen Hawking by Eddie Redmayne, the film is short of various aspects that a 'Hawking Fan' (and it is necessary to be a Sciencie) might want to know about the struggle of his life and the ways he went about discovering his theories.

The movie mostly encompasses Hawking's sex life and his destined marriage with a literature student Jane, played by Felicity Jones. But it doesn't end here as the film digs a little deeper making the viewers explore the strong love that holds both of them together, till they start losing their way. Letting out these intricate details would not be justifiable on my part as I truly feel that this movie craves to be watched. Even though the title of the movie makes it seem boring and too Sci-Fi, the movie proves to be an unexpected journey.

Actors Eddie Redmayne and Felicity Jones, who have earned accolades for their portrayal of Hawking and Jane respectively, have done commendable jobs. The point where Jane realizes that her marriage is over and that she has feelings for another man makes the viewer cry their hearts out as it is impeccably performed. No matter how many times words like 'Relativity' and 'Theory' are thrown around in the movie, they never end up being explained and the real essence of the film lies in Hawking's love story. The movie is well directed but I don't think it could be called John Marsh's best.

-Sheikh Safwan
XI Hum

BOOK REVIEW

Title
Gone

Author
Michael Grant

Genre
Action, Adventure, Escapism



“The kid was on the floor gagging, coughing.... The little girl, the terrified, panicky little girl raised both of her hands, palms out, and from those chubby hands came a blast, an explosion, jets of flame...”

At some point or the in life, all kids think of Utopia as a place without rules or adults to bother them.

Michael Grant has taken these thoughts to a new platform with a fresh perspective in his new series “Gone”.

The story is set in a small town in Southern California; Perdido where hell breaks loose when all of a sudden, everyone above the age of 15 disappear. One moment they are playing games, studying in their classes and going about the regular activities of life and the next, they are all gone.

What really runs in the story is the brutal murder of humanity as kids run around in stores, taking whatever they want. Small kids get drunk and smoke without anyone to stop them. Then steps in Sam, the protagonist of the story to try and get things in order.

The novel is action- packed as kids start developing strange powers. Abilities to control gravity, super speed and fire. Obnoxious kids from the nearby Coates Academy only add to the list of troubles with their own set of powers. As the story unfurls, we get to know of a deeper secret as to why the adults disappeared and what the mysterious, impregnable wall is that has stilled the ocean and stopped the wind.

Fierce rivalry between the two brothers. A 'mind-blowing' mystery. Unique powers with kids. Talking coyotes, water loving bats and man eating worms are only a few of the things that will get you absolutely absorbed in the story.

From a literary standpoint, this novel seems to have borrowed heavily from 'The Lord of The Flies', as it debates similar questions of what happens in society when authority disappears. The difference between them is that while Browning attempts to explain how this situation emerges and present this breakdown of society in a very poetic manner, Grant chooses to and fulfill the fantasies of children by giving them a fast- paced and action packed novel. The plot and writing could have been far more cohesive. All in all, 'Gone' is a fun read for kids, but doesn't hold much value for those looking for something intellectually stimulating.

- Armaan Suhail
X- C

Leisure

What is life if there is no time to spare?
We have no time to stand or to stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare just like the sheep and cows.
No time to see what woods we pass
Where squirrels hide their nuts in the grass.
No time to feel the warmth of the broad daylight,
Or the night lit with the light of the stars,
No time to glance at beauty's demise,
And watch her feet, Oh! How they dance
No time to wait till her mouth enriches a smile
And her eyes twinkle in the trial,
It is true that a poor life has no time to spare,
Has no time to stand or to stare.

- Maulik Agarwal
IV B

Happy New Year

William, Sofia, Shrek, the new year has come
Time to close old doors and open new ones.
Great expectations for our futures sake
And many more resolutions to make
Girls run about with fancy little skirts.
And boys with toys, cars and brand new shirts,
Bakers are busy baking cookies and cakes
Like Christmas trees, snowmen and snowflakes.
I'm so glad the New Year has come
It's a holiday so lets all have some fun
Every little street is filled with so much cheer
Wish you a happy new year!!!

- Bhargav Sharma
IV-B

Realisation

The evening had arrived bringing with it an orange gleam all over the sky. Something whose beauty left everyone mesmerised and the artists in awe, for it portrayed colours that had never existed on the heavenly Earth. The sky stood there like the elegant canvas whose colours were filled by the feel of the moment in our hearts by an invisible artist who let be God. This beautiful evening had come to stay like a bird in a cage whose beauty we so desperately admired. Or maybe I was that bird in the limits, though I could see the open sky, I could not reach it and how I crave to know the essence (the colours in the beautiful sky) that I had created myself, the touch of the wind, which kisses and hugs every part of me as if a message from my beloved in the distant lands, and as I sit here the wind blows and tells me this story, leaving me with her message and secrets through that fluttering of the paper. I continue to write, accompanied with some music, not the music in our MP3's but the chirping of someone who conveys to me that she is the one who has come to me just like a song savouring the cage.

Though I could never find the answers to the questions she would usually ask, there was no point understanding what she had said for her elegant canvas had already turned angry, maybe this was the reason why I had questioned him even though I doubt if it was reasonable enough. But no, he was not angry. His emotions came to me like mystery, like the steps of an artist in a play, moving with uncertainty to convey something (an answer). The answer was a loss of colours in the sky, which had darkened, leaving me blinded. It was here in this darkness that I discovered something that people in this world refer to as 'Silence'. I discovered it in the curls of her hair which ran down her slender neck, in her eyes which gleamed like the mighty stars and through her beautiful body which shimmered like a shade which I had just discovered and all was conveyed by the warmth of her touch. It truly was an amazing feeling as I had never known that I would discover the answers in those warm shades that had left me mesmerised.

That's when it hit me, the answer, that I was the colour myself and my feeling was what had painted the sky and she was the artist, a brush. But she was just a fantasy, which I had sculpted myself, and here I am writing something I told her long ago and then she reminds me, of that song which I had known but forgotten. She was a creation of mine, and me.

But I will still love her as I did before and I know she will continue to send me kisses and hugs through those winds, sing for me through those chirps of hers for all we need in this world is to share what we feel with someone and that is why I write it here on a sheet in the hope that she will read this someday and again remind me of how I would always gleam like a star in her eyes, how I still matter even if her eyes were mine and mine, hers and how we will always be a star to each other.

REALISATION is what I think I should call it.

-Yash Goel
XII Science

Mind, body and soul

Very often we hear the expression, "Mind, body and soul" to define the totality of our existence whereas in earlier times it was believed that the unity of body, mind and soul could help us contact the divine. Current society is concerned primarily with the body and mind. Our spiritual side, which consists of facets like self-awareness is gradually being lost and no one knows why. There are a very small number of places where something about our superior spiritual existence is taught.

Some of us don't even know about our spiritual existence. I think that our primary aim should be to transform our current existence into a better and more satisfied one, which can only be achieved if we can recognize and believe in our superior spiritual existence. We all have the divine power in ourselves but the objective is to evoke that divine by controlling both the internal and external energies in us. You will not be able to achieve anything unless you establish a healthy relation between your body, mind and soul. Making myself abundantly clear, I would say that our soul is the most important source of energy that exists within us and realizing this is the least we can do.

-Yuvraj Pahuja
IX B

Welham Basketball

Up before the sun,
And sweating it like no one.
That is how a day should roll,
For a Welhamite playing basketball.

After the end of classes,
We are back to shoots and passes.
Ready to give whatever we've got,
And soak in whatever is taught.

This legacy we set is one to behold,
'Cause we work hard-weather hot or cold.
As history is evidence to our stand,
It's we who decide where we land.

However, there have been losses,
And there have been defeats.
But dude!! It's Welham Basketball
On the successful track of achieving any feat.

-Stanzin Wangyal
VIII C



Stranded... Stranded?

{This article is a tribute to a great cartoon series loved by all that got lost in the tides of time.}

"So Mr. Armaan, you were stranded in a desert and you found a small house." said the man. "Yes," I replied, "there was a truck parked out front and an antique wind mill in the backyard." He gave me a grim look and said, "Okay. Please continue." I took a deep breath and began...

"The Sun was scorching and I was parched. The sight of a house in the middle of nowhere filled me with hope of survival. I plodded on to the front door and knocked. There was no answer. I walked through to what must have once been the living room. The place seemed abandoned but I did not back off. The floor was dusty and there were cobwebs everywhere. What intrigued me was that there was still a light bulb working and it somehow illuminated the whole room. There was a T.V. set, one of those old ones with an antenna. There were two red living room chairs in the middle of the room, both old and dusty. I walked towards them when I heard a loud creak coming from my right and jumped. It came from the bottom of the stairs that perhaps led to the basement, there was no one there.

I called out. No reply. The staircase appeared very spooky. There was a sort of dread in the air. It was as if something sad

had happened down there. I decided not to go downstairs. I thought of looking for edibles instead. Past the living room chairs, there was a doorway to the kitchen. I went in and spotted a dusty fridge, dirty plates that were piled in a small heap and rotten vegetables that were kept in baskets on a counter. A sudden rush of cold air hit me. I turned impulsively and caught a glimpse of a small creature. It was too big to be a cat. It could have been a dog but dogs don't walk on two legs. I only caught a glimpse before it scurried back to the basement. I hollered out for it but it didn't come back.

The place was creeping up on me, so I decided to grab what I needed and get out of the house. I went back to the kitchen and then I saw the small sink beside the old fridge. My salvation. I turned the rusty faucet on and a few seconds later cold water gushed out. I drank and kept on drinking like a thirsty animal. I got so immersed that I did not notice the shadow creeping up behind me but I did hear a loud creak from the wooden flooring. I twisted to be confronted by the small, pink dog that had brown spots and big bulging eyes. That's the last I remember. I must have passed out."

-Armaan Suhail and Tanmay Negi
X-C

Ariel and Sylvia: A Plathian Tribute

Sylvia Plath has been one of the most influential poets of 20th century. Her utterly riveting works and vivid descriptions of daily objects and activities which can be as mundane as a mirror or bee-keeping, transformed them into works of sophisticated thinking and beautiful description. This poem has been influenced by two major events in her life - her marriage to Ted Hughes and her untimely death, which was a blow to the world of literature.
Sylvia R.I.P.

The oven is burning at 180°C,
The gas engulfing,
The fire, burning and enlightening,
All at once.

The clock ticked 26 past 11
The sun was bright, moon at the most,
They saw the other and fell in love,
Two different people, one on Earth, the other belonging to the blue sphere.

A basket woven of doubt and concept
A crown full of thorns to adorn and sparkling blood
They left all on the pavement and
Walked together, hand in hand
Locating each other in the others element

Leaving behind the muddy prints, towards oblivion.

The bees encircled them, bullied them
Pushing them further into the night
They carried on, impervious
Like motherly love and sons' responsibility, to each other

They are tigers in the wilderness
With no prey or cover, save themselves
Living for, living on each other.

The clock struck 46 past 14
The body limp and discolored in parts
Like the flower petals and flower stigma
A rosy red and ashen black-blue
Hungry birds flocked overhead, hovering
One felt weak, the others pounced
One became prey, the other went to pray
For absolution of his committed sins

One left alone to face the Earth and the blue-sphere
But drowned both, Sylvia and Ariel into the blue sphere
Under the twinkling light and flickering fickle stars
The curtain closed and cast bowed.

-Siddhant Singh
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WELHAM NOW

- 23 boys escorted by **Mrs. Joyeeta Mukherjee** and **Ms. Rakhi Singh** went to Boston, Massachusetts, to attend the Harvard Model United Nations from 26th January to 4th February.
- A workshop for the staff was conducted by **Brigadier Tripathi** on 29th January.
- An Award Leader Training Workshop was held for the staff on the 30th January by **Mr. Kapil Bhalla**.
- A group of 16 boys escorted by **Mr. Jai Ranjan Kagdee** and **Mr. S.S Khaira** attended the 2nd Spring Bird Festival in Nainital from 3rd February to the 5th of February and returned enriched.
- Inter House cricket fixtures for the Senior School began from the 9th February. Ganga House emerged victorious followed by Cauvery, Jamuna and Krishna.
- The Graduation ceremony for the Class of 2015 was held on 9th February. **Akshat Jain** was awarded the Gulab Ramchandaini Trophy for Gentlemen of the Year and **Arpit Khemka**, the Kataria Trophy for the Best All Rounder.
- The Investiture ceremony for the year 2015-16 was held on 10th February. Oli wishes the new Prefects the best of luck.
- **Mrs. J Bhardwarj** conducted a workshop on 'self-



discipline' for the Middle School students on 12th February.

- **Sheikh Safwan, Abhimanyu Singh, Aaditya Rathi, Amartya Tyagi** and **Dhruv Sharan** escorted by **Ms. Indira Mahajan** went to witness a play called 'Bulla' enacted by a group of a visually challenged artists in Chandigarh.
- An English Handwriting Improvement Workshop was held from the 14th to 15th February.
- Inter-House cricket fixtures for the Middle School and the Junior School began on 14th February. Krishna House emerged victorious in both.
- 16 boys and 6 teachers visited the World Book Fair held in New Delhi from the 15th to the 16th of February, 2015.
- The Arthur Hughes Debate for middle school was held on 18th February. **Kartikeya Agarwal** was adjudged the Best Speaker and **Devraj Singhania** and **Sheikh Shayan** tied as the Most Promising Speakers. Jamuna emerged victorious followed by Krishna, Ganga and Cauvery.
- The semi final round of the Annual Spellathon was held on 19th February - 3 teams qualified for the finals.
- The LRC Council meeting was held on 23rd February. **Sheikh Safwan** was appointed the Secretary of the LRC Council for the year 2015-2016.
- The 'Samuhik Kavya Paath Kavita Pratiyogita' was held on 24th February. The award for the Best Speaker went to **Sanskar Gupta** while **Sukarn Pratap Singh** was adjudged

School Captain	-	Harshun Mehta
Sports captain	-	Ali Khan
Academics Captain	-	Amitvikram Dewan
Cauvery House Captain	-	Umair Wani
Cauvery House Prefect	-	Tenzing Namgyal
Ganga House Captain	-	Junaid Jan
Ganga House	-	Aditya Agarwal
Jamuna House Captain	-	Prithvi Agarwal
Jamuna House Prefect	-	Shivay Bansal
Krishna House Captain	-	Aishwarya Soni
Krishna House Prefect	-	Pushpendra Saroj

the Most Promising Speaker. Krishna House came first followed by Ganga, Jamuna and Cauvery.

- The National Science Day was celebrated on 28th February. The Middle School and the Junior School presented experiments. The theme was, 'Science for Nation Building'.
- **Ms. Elaine Higgleton**, an international consultant on dictionaries, famous lexicographer and ELT trainer conducted a workshop on Phonics, Phonetics, Dictionaries and language Games for teachers on 21st February. Teachers from 28 local schools participated in the workshop.



A delegation of 9 students along with Teacher Escort Mr.S.S. Khaira at the PPS. Nabha Young Roundsquare Conference

FOUNDERS' REPORT

There was a chill in the air on the morning of the 29th November, students lay quietly in their beds dreaming about the days to come. The Founders Celebration is an event earmarked in every Welhamites' calendar and this Founder's Day was like no other. The day started with a truly engrossing Book Fair which was followed by an interactive Parents and Teacher Meet wherein the parents were given a holistic view of their children. Post a light lunch, the students headed to the main field, where the Annual Sports Day 2014 commenced with the Lamp Lighting ceremony by the Athletics Captain, Gaurav Bidhuri, followed by the stimulating Inter House March Past, which was won by Krishna House for the fourth consecutive year. Cauvery House lifted the Athletics Trophy due to immense contributions from Gaurav Bidhuri, Vishal Singh and Ali Khan. After the Sports Day, the Junior School play Oliver was performed in the Activity Centre. A musical, the play was very well received by the students and parents alike.

The second day was perhaps the most anticipated for it marked the climax of this year's Founders celebration. The day began with exhibitions held in the Academic block which showcased the great skill and hard work put in by the students. Later in the Activity Centre, the Founder's ceremony began with speeches delivered by the Principal, the Chief

Guest and the Chairman of the Board of Governors. The Principal's Award for Outstanding Performance in Academics went to all those students who got a 10.0 CGPA in their Class X boards and those boys who topped the Class XII boards. The Best House Trophy went to Ganga House whereas the Sports Trophy was lifted by Jamuna House. The School proceeded to the Theatron where the Senior School performed the play "A face in the procession", directed by Pranab Mukherjee, an acclaimed theatre director.

The third and final day began with our former HOD Science, Ms. Nirupma Goel, inaugurating the Welham Carnival 2014. The carnival consisted of many invigorating games and a wide range of food items to choose from. One of the chief attractions of the Carnival was the Welham Jam, where boys danced their hearts out with students from visiting schools.

The Founders' Day celebrations came to an end with the students bidding farewell to their friends and heading to their homes, content and eagerly awaiting the term to come.

-Tenzing Namgyal and Aariz Nizam Ansari
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2nd Uttarakhand Spring Bird Festival

A group of 18 boys escorted by Mr. Jai Ranjan Kagdee and Mr. S.S Khaira went for the 2nd Uttarakhand Spring Bird Festival held at Pawalgarh. We got a chance to meet Tom Alter who told us very interesting stories about Jim Corbett and guided us through the heritage walk, which was a fun filled learning experience. We came across a variety of birds and managed to spot 700 species along with some exotic ones like the Blue Bearded Beater and the Black Crested Bulbul.

Some of the interesting things we saw included Jim Corbett's house, his dog Robin's grave, the Corbett museum, and the iron furnace. All of us had a lot of fun and got to learn a lot about birds and Corbett.

-Yugdeep Shokeen
IX A

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Interview with the Chief Guest Mr. Ashish Rajpal

Mr. Ashish Rajpal was the chief guest for the graduation ceremony 2015. He is the CEO of iDiscoveri and Xseed education. Mr Rajpal has been taught by noted psychologist Prof. Howard Gardener at the Harvard University. He is currently trying to transform the education system so that it can accommodate students from all walks of life. He left us with a compelling thought that we should follow our heart but be ready to face the consequences.

Oli: After having such a lively career in the corporate sector, what motivated you and inspired you to move into the field of education?

Mr. Rajpal: You know when I was about your age, I used to spend my summers trekking in the mountains. That was the time when we passed through villages and I'd see the children of those villages and maybe that must have sparked a little interest in wanting to do something for them. Coming from a middle class family I had to get a job and do the regular stuff to sustain the family. But somewhere that bug was there that maybe one day I'll go back and do it. After getting married and having my own children that lost interest of mine came back and I realized that now was the time. So that is how I got motivated into the field of education.

Oli: Sir, can you please tell us about the Schools of Tomorrow Conference?

MR. RAJPAL: See, what we are trying to do is to change schools, in the sense that it is time we move on from mugging up or simply copying text from the board as in a post Google world there is no point in actually memorizing definitions or even formulas for that matter. You might have a tiny little machine, which is highly portable that helps you to find 1,000 recipes of tomato soup. The challenge is what to do with that knowledge. Can you solve questions? Can you communicate? Can you convince people? These days schools are still following the typical techniques for teaching and so Schools of Tomorrow Conference tries to motivate schools, principals, leaders, parents to change the ethos of schools and prepare

kids for the future and not for yesterday.

OLI: So have you taken any measures that have proved to be successful?

MR. RAJPAL: The primary source of our work is a programme called "Xceed" where we go into schools, into their curriculum which is build around problem solving.

OLI: Sir do you believe in time where technology will actually replace human teachers?

MR. RAJPAL: I think teaching is going to change a lot in the next twenty years. It will be a dramatic change but I don't think that teachers are going to be replaced completely. Like today there are going to be good teachers and there are going to be bad teachers. I think what a teacher does today will be taken over by technology. But what technology cannot take over is mentorship, coaching, support, understanding the different problems of children and catering to those problems as per it demands to be perceived as. What technology can do is give individual time to each kid. And teachers who can embrace this would be even better. And people who try to fight this would lose this battle. So I don't think human beings are going away but the teaching will change.

OLI: And sir finally, what message do you have for the Welham fraternity?

MR. RAJPAL: Do something big with your life. Not anything small. You people are so fortunate as you have the right place, the right foundation. So just go out in the world and make it big.



Aishwarya Soni and Aariz Nizam Ansari in conversation with Mr. Ashish Rajpal

Twelfthies Tribute

Welham will you go out with me ???

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About Youman

It was an amazing experience to be a part of Welham fraternity. I am, and always will be proud to be a welhamite

Fabrizio *[Signature]*
Linos - 2015

Welham taught me to live my life RIGHT!!

WELHAM MADE ME WHAT I AM TODAY!
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Ms. Oliphant.

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Be nice to me you too I would take you!!! for "WELHAM" well done! Thank you!!!
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2015

Too great to be commented upon

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12 years were fun
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Everyone says people are born equal but then some went to WELHAM

: Master Bolton

Life at Welham is like a swing. It takes you up and bumps you down, but only to go higher the next time. To love, to miss, to love, to miss.

[Signature]
2014-2015

A decade of Welham
Tons of memories
to cherish!!!

Thank you Welham
[Signature]
THE CLASS OF 2015

Living life of content
Living life of anguish
But in the end the
Ice melted

A shrewd journey
through the inkbrillan

Welham, I love you

[Signature]

Once a Welhamite,
Always a WELHAMITE

Thank you

OPM for being the best HM! (LOL)

Warden for being the best guardian

will miss you, welham! 

10/10/2015

A decade of Welham...

A decade "from strength to strength"

And to many more...

Cheers and good bye!

Always a welhamite!

2005-15

Always a welhamite!

February 18, 2015.

Let this day be not the last day, but a day to mark the dusk of an old era, and the twilight of a new empire. Let this moment not be the end of life, but the beginning of a life that will be immortalized in celluloid. Let the journey begin...

18/2/2015
Viva Welham!

All geared up to enter the second phase of my life!
Will miss you Welham!!
#GOWELHAM
#GO GANGA!

Toyyab Sabri

[04/2010-03/2015]

WELHAM
REDEFINES
NOSTALGIA...

Batch 2015

वेलहम के मधुनी ने मुझे
विश्वास कि बिहार का बाप बनैसे
कस साल पहले इन्सान कैसा
विराता है।

I am glad 'it' happened,....
I shall miss you forever!!

arpitsharma.
Batch (2005-15)

का रे ! का सब लिख
विर इसमें!

Batch 2015

WELHAMITE FOREVER!!

Wah!!
(Vedant Jain)
(2009-15)

Welham,
was a wonderful experience!!
& I truly cherished every moment
of it. Elias Thomas.
(2009-2015)

Always a welhamite!

H-MUN 2k15



The delegation in front of the Washington Memorial in Washington D.C.

Heavy fog had blanketed Delhi and chances of any flights taking off seemed slim. On the evening of 25th January 2015 a delegation of 23 students along with two teacher escorts met at the Indira Gandhi International Airport to finally make their way to the famous Land of Opportunities.

After a very tiring 16 hour long journey that included a stop at the Abu Dhabi airport, we finally reached Washington D.C, which was our very first stop. The moment we stepped out of the airport, the biting cold hit us across our faces and left us gawking.

We thought we were prepared for the cold but unfortunately, we weren't and the countless layers of clothes that we had on, failed to prevent us from getting the chills.

It was later in the morning that we heard about the worst blizzard to ever hit New York and with New York being our next stop, this news left us very worried. Anyhow, the whole day was packed with sightseeing as we visited the Washington Memorial and the Aero museum. Each site was as enthralling as the other. Later in the day we found out that the very efficient Disaster Management team had cleared the roads to New York and on that note we left from the Capital for the Big Apple – New York.

Our meals in the US of A consisted mostly of fast food and all of us were amazed by the huge portions Americans are fond of eating.

On 27th evening, we reached New York and visited the famous Times Square where we got an hour to shop and roam around. It could have been the first time ever that the students returned on time, but unfortunately we couldn't and the reason

was pretty clear, the horrendous cold. Even though the cold winds that lashed New York that night made our bodies shiver, the lights that surrounded us nullified the cold. It is one of the most magical places that a person can visit, all the advertisements on large TV displays and lighting leaves a visitor in a state of awe.

Times Square was definitely one of the highlights of the trip for the delegation but even better was the visit to UN headquarters and the ferry ride to Liberty Island on the 28th. The visit to the UN headquarters was simply amazing as we finally got to see the actual proceedings of a UN committee and we realized that our MUN's could easily be considered jokes in front of a real UN session. Our walk to the UN headquarters was freezing but all the same enlightening.

We finally went to Liberty Island and somehow the weather seemed to favour us as we could not have wished for a better day. The selfies that were taken on the ferry ride from Manhattan to Liberty Island will be cherished for years to come. Although, due to the time constraints we could only get 40 minutes on the island we still managed to have a good time.

All the fun had to come to an end as now it was time for the real deal. Our MUN was being held in Boston and on the morning of 29th January we began our journey to Boston, Massachusetts. The opening ceremony was scheduled for 6PM and we were fortunate to reach on time. So much travelling can become painful and the first four hours of sessions that were held on the same day as our arrival, highlighted the pain to an even greater extent. Our heads were still spinning because of the bus journey from New York to

Boston. Somehow we managed to keep our heads up and sat through the opening session which went on till 11:30PM.

On 30th January, since our committee sessions were scheduled for late in the afternoon, the MUN Café had organized for us a heritage walk to the MIT and the Harvard University. Our tour guide for the day was resourceful and the stories we got to know about Boston were very informative. The snow was so high that at times, lifting our feet became difficult. Nonetheless the walk through those universities was an enlightening experience and we learnt a lot about the opportunities that would be available to us if we were part of them.

It is truly amazing, the speed at which time passes by during an MUN. The debates were so engaging that grabbed our undivided attention. On 31st January the much awaited delegate dance was to be held. We got partners from various committees to dance with. One thing I have realized in my MUN experience is that it gives students a stage where we can experience new opportunities and make the most of them.

Even though Welham Boys' School could not win individual awards, our experience does count and the skills we have learnt from this simulation exercise can't be ignored.

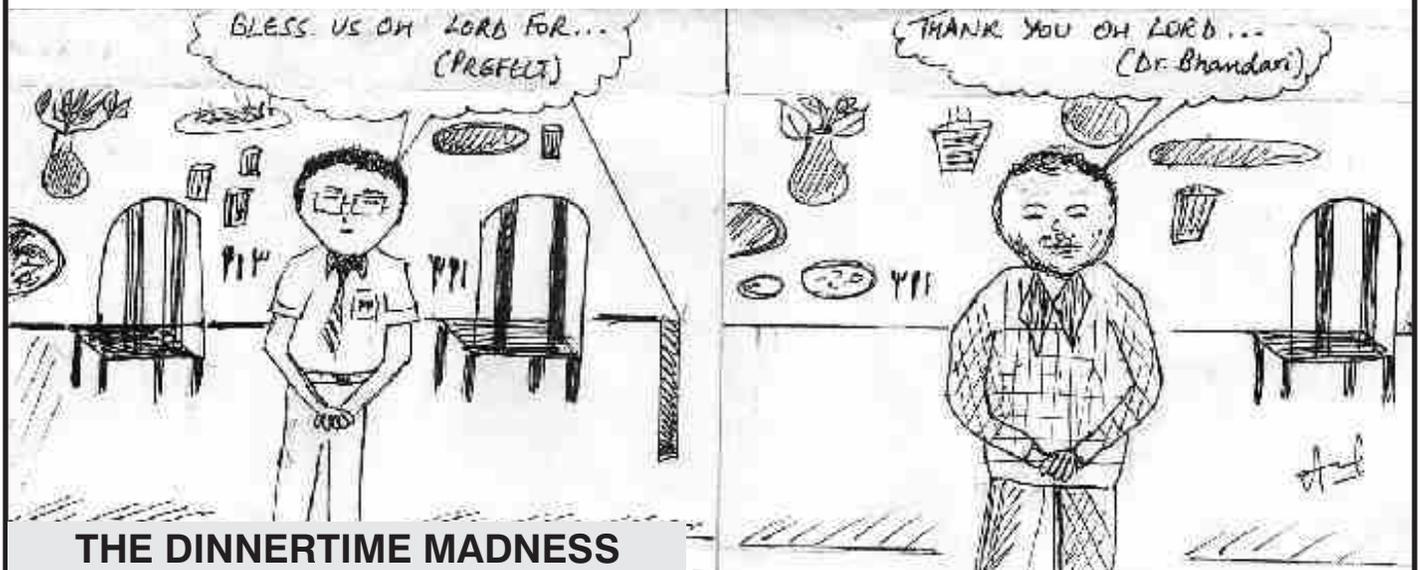
Back in New York on 2nd February we were taken to Macy's, a huge store where one could literally find everything. Our last bit of shopping was completed here and this time we did have quite a lot of time to shop.

Our drive to the New York airport was possibly the saddest of the drives as none of us really wanted to leave the chill of New York.

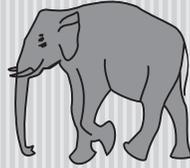
-Sheik Safwan
XII HUM.



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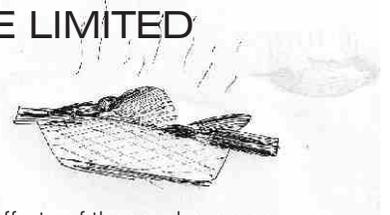
THE DINNERTIME MADNESS



THE RISING INTELLIGENTSIA

WORD WAR

CO- CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE LIMITED



FOR

It must be strange to hear from someone who cherishes and eagerly awaits every activity, that activities should be limited. But it is only because of the fact that these various opportunities have contributed so much to my being that I feel that activities must be limited, not to destroy but to presume the spirit of participation and competition.

Firstly, what does one mean by limiting? In my opinion, limiting refers to reducing the number of students with access to these activities and not the number of activities itself. Students should not be participating in each in every activity. They must specialize. So if there is an exceptional case where a child possesses many talents, it is only fair that he participates in all of the associated activities. But it is unfair on any diligent, talented, hardworking student if someone who is unworthy of participating gets to participate in every co-curricular activity, what incentive does that give for growth?

Imagine a situation where any sports team, say football, has been practicing for months. They have turned their bodies into finely-tuned machines of power and precision. And then I, a dull, lifeless, spookily-skilled waste of space, walk into the team a week before a tournament! Impossible! An affront! Disastrous! Blasphemy! Heresy! But when the same happens for the selections for an MUN? Eh, no big deal (uncaring shrug

is complimentary). Are not efforts of those who prepare vigorously worth at least a modicum of respect? In a free-market economy, there has to be equality of opportunity. But just like the free market economy, within our school, those who excel should receive higher status than those who do not.

Now my argument may sound, like it is unnecessarily supported to learning? Well that is the beauty of a school. There are so many informal channels of experiencing every activity, that one can develop his skill in preparation for the activity of his choice. Hardwork can make one worthy of participating. All I ask, if it's not too much, is that every activity be filled with deserving candidates showing potential and interest in the activity. Not the location. Not the girls there. Not the food. Not a chance to miss classes. Not the opportunity to brag. Interest should be shown in the activities first and foremost; the rest should only follow. Debaters should debate: MUNers should MUN: Dancers should dance; sportsmen should play and activities should be limited

Preparing rigorously.

-Harshun Mehta
XII- Hum.

AGAINST

It goes without saying that co curriculum should be given the same status as the curriculum if we wish to have well-balanced individuals. Future politicians, for example, will not only thrive on law or social studies, but will also become fluent in multiple languages, learn to tango and perform several calculus operations simultaneously, while also experiencing service through community work. Such are the more profound benefits of the co curriculum being integrated into the syllabus.

The important point here is to strike the right balance. Going overboard with co curriculum at the cost of curriculum is not a sensible idea at all. And, blaming the school for it is even more insensible.

"Limited", I think is not the right word. Even if innumerable activities are offered to you, it is you who have to exercise your right of choice prudently. The School, after all is not asking a student to pursue all the activities.

I believe that students have a right to a broad education. Why

should a science student give up music or a social studies student not get the opportunity for sport? The School needs to make sure that all students get opportunities to develop interests and skills that will help them in their family and leisure lives too. Through equal balancing of academics and co curriculum, students have the chance to exercise their rights and the opportunity to be multi- talented. Lopsided individuals are not appreciated, instead, by recognizing their talents, there exists a higher possibility for young people to learn and grow.

Choice works two ways. If co curriculum is good i.e. offers varied activities to choose from, students should also have the right to choose whether they wish to pursue them, rather than being forced to do something they do not wish to do. To wait for the School to set a limit, to curtail the number of activities you should participate in, would be encroaching on your right to make a choice. So, make an intelligent choice. You are free to do it. Why participate in all sports or all MUNs? Like I said earlier, learn to pick the best for yourself. After all, this entails learning too.

On the other hand, let us not ignore the flip side of the argument for it makes sense too. There is no obvious logic in having only super talented individuals, instead society should lean itself towards making specialized individuals in their selected fields as well. Most modern careers require expert knowledge and skills, which can take years to acquire. We should not distract a student from developing skills in whatever selected field he or she has chosen to specialize in. After all, when you see a doctor or employ an engineer, you are not interested in how "well-rounded" they are, just whether they are good at their job. Most specialized professions still do not require us to compromise academic education by over-emphasis on non- academic activities. In that case too, the right choice will have to be made regarding the time and effort one needs to dedicate to one over the other, meaning the curriculum and the co curriculum.

-Ms. Rashmi Rawat
HOD, English

Assumption of Human Evolution

When we are born on this planet, what really drives us? The instinct, what is it? Some say love, some simply survival. Two aspects of any normal human's life which lead him to compromise, divide, prioritize and thus move forward. This 'moving forward' is called evolution, the process where the biological organism adapts to circumstantial changes occurring in its very surrounding, its very periphery.

But what dictates the type or decree of evolution?

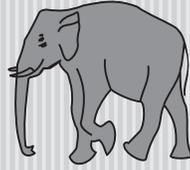
Sociologists and psychologists believe it is a fact that when the organism's current assets are on the verge of becoming obsolete, they try their level best to push forward, to biological re-programme themselves.

But why does this belief of oblivion crop up? Is it the fact that their adaptation will benefit their future generation and therefore the future of their species? But pragmatically speaking in their last moments any organism on this planet, which is not devoid of feelings, will not think of the species to which it belongs but the relations, which it has made within that particular sphere of the species. In simple terms, in any situation where a person is dying, the only thing that will come to his/her mind would be the thoughts about his/her children, spouse, parents and this is what would ultimately drive him/her to survive, even if given a minute more, it keeps the person pushing on.

In Psychology, the experiment on the sterns given by Selye, the general adaptation syndrome, very well works on this ideology. There are three stages. In the first stage i.e. alarm reaction; the person gets ready to face the situation. Resistance, the second stage, the person tries to avert or counter the situation regardless of the possibilities and in the last stage, which is exhaustion, the person gives up and finally goes dormant.

But what is it that creates the alarm reaction and resistance in the first place? It is the motive we look for in our life's driving force, its 'libido.' And the day when we will be able to harness the physical awakening of ourselves, will be the day when we will truly evolve in a manner in which we are actually meant to. But the question that might be left unresolved is whether following the pattern of evolution will truly remain human after manipulating the very source of life, the instinct of survival. Will we truly belong to category, in the recorded history, as Homo sapiens or as specks of dirt in this humongous process of evolution.

-Siddhant Singh
XII-Hum



LASAGNE

Lampoon

PREFECTS OR DEFECTS?

Ali Khan

The Chacha Nehru of the junior school, Ali Khan always tends to share his tuck shop bucks with the juniors (really?). This young man was very close to being the leader of the infamous K-A-T-T-A gang but somehow God showed mercy on him. When asked about his eighteenth birthday, this young man is clueless as to when and what happened on the special day. (Did someone just say L.R.C top?). Our Sports Captain seems to be spending more time in the JAW HQ than he should on the sports field. We wish him the best of luck for his quest to install a JAW President board in the Activity Centre for his new best pal, Aariz Nizam Ansari.



Amitvikram Dewan

His astonishing similarity with Marvel character, Rocket, leaves the students flabbergasted and it is actually rumoured that the two share a blood bond! He may be a studious individual in the eyes of the teachers (especially Joy Sir) but in the rooms of Jamuna House he is a different person altogether. The Chatur Ramalingam of our school, Amit surely is showing positive results in almost every subject. A true inspiration to all the 'chutkoos', Amit has proved the fact that size certainly doesn't matter.

Tenzing Namgyal

The only reason Tenzing has ever wanted to be a Prefect is the HIGH TABLE!! Food is all that he needs and dreams of. His freakishly tiny hands have very often been the butt of most of the jokes made on him. Commonly known as the 'Tenzing Hypertension', his hands never seem to rest, so much so that now he has even started dancing at any tune that crosses his ears (Let It Go!). His aspirations have taken a sudden dip as now this vicious animal, who never tends to stop eating, wants to be the Dance captain too (Yeah, best of luck for that!)(Aviral, what's happening?). He is grateful to be in the prefectorial body as now he does not have to sneak into formal dinners like he used to before.



Junaid Jan

There was a time when his gaze would bring signs of terror on a junior's face however now Junaid's teddy-like features only bring a broad smile. The Kung Fu Panda of Ganga house, Junaid usually does not have a clue of anything that is happening around him (Hmm. Well, who/what is to blame for that). Even though his so called cute looks have created vibes of attraction all over different schools, our little teddy bear is still single (there was a *mreen* sometime back). We are sure that this year he actually goes on to do something which is actually beneficial to the school.



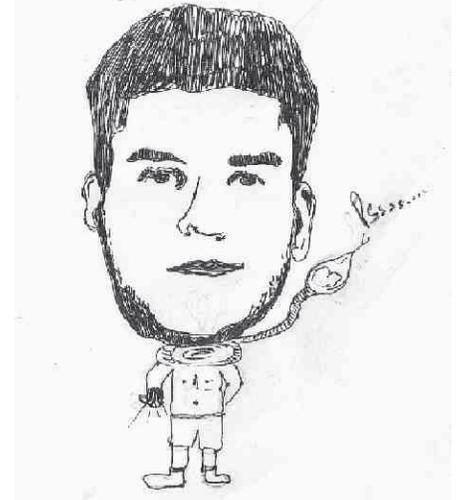
Shivay Bansal

The invisible man of the prefectorial body, Shivay has taken the words 'Silence is better than bullsh*t' way too seriously. He is like this ghost who doesn't want to make his presence felt. The first and the last time he ever spoke to the school at large was probably at the investiture ceremony where too his heart beat louder than his words. His delusion of himself as Ms. Hotty may have brought him popularity but it's high time he realizes that his looks won't help him govern the school (only the hearts of Mayo girls).



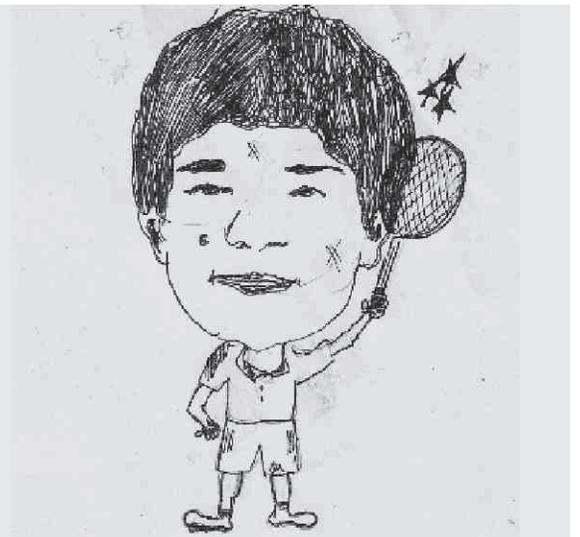
Prithvi Agarwal

First of all cheers to this guy for improving his spoken English because from aa's and ba's he is finally able to pronounce a full word. If during the reportings you are unable to understand what he is saying, you mustn't worry as it is a known fact that the words he speaks literally 'slither' out of his mouth and, to put salt over the wound, not even the doctors can explain this condition. The mystery still remains why a giant like him is called a snake but no matter how big he may be, he still has a gem of a heart. This beast of our school did fall in love once but unfortunately was never able to find his beauty or his princess who got lost in the matrix (better luck next time bro, maybe it'll happen when you start doing the texting yourself!!!!).



Aditya Agarwal

His presence in the prefectorial nominations was a shock to all but once we dig a little deeper this guy does have true determination to have reached where he is right now. A self-conscious freak, Aaditya always tries too hard to look his best but unfortunately fails almost always (nice marching, by the way). The innovative ways with which he holds a fork and a knife are always breathtaking (he still doesn't know how to hold them!) and the way he eats, nauseating. With his ever-growing love for trimmers and shavers, the time is not far when he will actually be gifting one to his girlfriend. (Bal Ki Rani!)



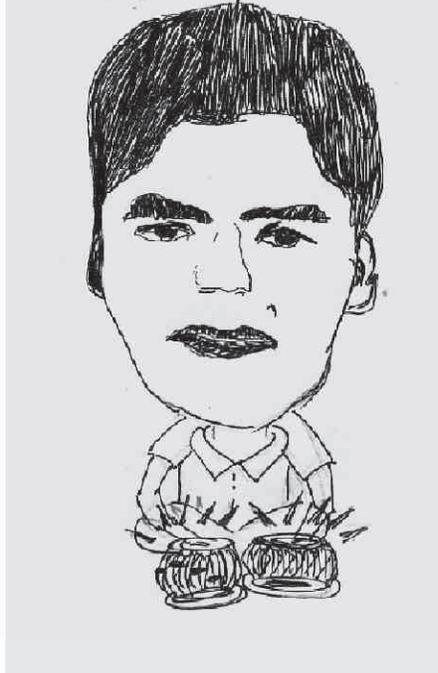
Aishwariya Soni

Turn out for what!!!!Time and again Aishwarya has tried to define a Welhamite in a rather peculiar way however he might have gone off limits on the day after the investiture ceremony. (We all do, very vividly, remember the Prefect's speech catastrophe). Even though his concept of 'new era 'wasn't understood by many, we are sure however that he meant something. Our 'bright eyed mariner' certainly has a bright vision for the school and we wish him the best of luck for his tenure as House Captain this year.



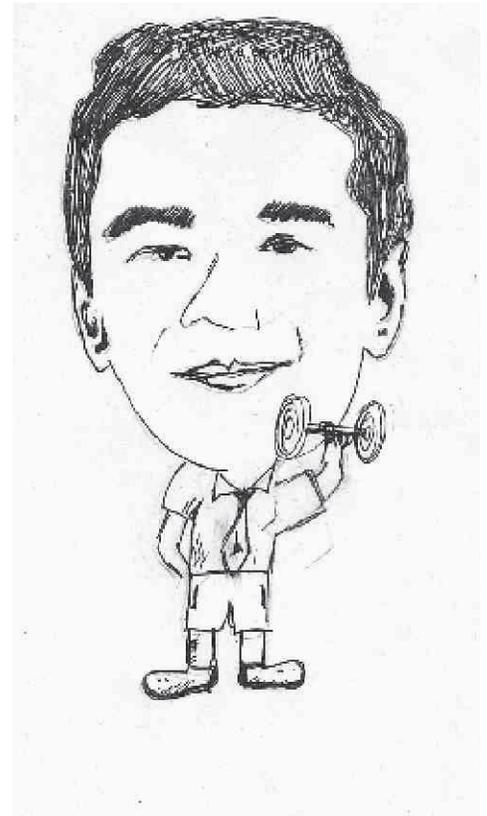
Pushpendra Saroj

From the leather skin of the tabla to the tender cheeks of the juniors, Pushpendra cunningly manages to beat any and everything that comes his way (did someone say Krishna 10th!!!).No one really knows why he fears sitting close to Ma'am Bindra at the high table, but despite everything he has still managed to climb to the top of Ma'am Bindra's 'favourites list'. Regardless of the question any authority has ever asked him his answer has always been a humble 'Yes, Ma'am' accompanied by a gentle nod. His looks are a source of terror amongst the juniors. Nonetheless, he still manages to win their hearts.



Harshun Mehta

Being more conscious about his body these days, it seems that Harshun Mehta has found a new tonic for himself. It is the re-energizing 'Jack Daniels' or 'Danielles' (At least that's what the whole school's been talking about). Neon tights have become a new fashion trend in school (Courtesy- Mr. School Captain). We think that he has a policy of some kind that before revolutionizing the School he wants to 'revolutionise' himself. We just hope that it is not too late before he starts overlooking the flaws in his body and instead focuses on the school.



Umair Wani

He is the real silent killer and being a true diplomat by birth, Umair has managed to win the hearts of both, the teachers as well as the students. He certainly knows the game of politics, no wonder why he has emerged victorious in so many MUN's (none and still counting). Commonly known as 'therapist' (seriously, you should see him gawking at the girls during MUN's), Umair has never really found the right girl. Should he blame the scanty hair on his egg head or his looks, he can't decide, but one thing is for sure that the fault definitely lies in his stars (or maybe Tejaswi's advice).

-Sheikh Safwan and Prabhapaar Singh Batra
XI Hum & X C

Rumour Has It

- Dr Bhandari is scoping to be a member of the Prefect body. (Hard luck, Sir).
- Mr. Samir Dhingra is starring in a movie called 'I know what you did last night' with Faried and Bob.
- Raghav Babbar has been chosen for the Indian Paralympic team.
- Mr. Prashant Arora is the administrator of the Facebook page - 'Vintage Welham'.
- Pranav Gupta still cries for Vineet Peety's sudden disappearance from the school. (Daddy!!!!)
- Since 'Aye Hello!', the most famous catch line of Mr. Jai Ranjan, has got outdated it is rumored that he started a new campaign which goes like this, 'What are you, Yaar? Just you are, Yaar'.
- Mrs. Joyeeta Mukherjee is being appointed as the 'Witch of Witches' at the Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry.
- Prithvi Agrawal and Pushpendra Saroj are working on their phobias of public speaking. (Guys, how many times did you recite the school grace?)
- Aishwarya Soni is soon going to be de-badged from the Prefect Body. (Did anyone say reporting?)
- There will be CCTV cameras installed in every House to keep a check on everything, mostly illegal, going in the Houses. (What happened to Wifi's, huh?)

Through The Keyhole

- **Yuvraj Pahuja:** I can swim underground (in that case Delhi Metro runs underwater!)
- **Ronak Jaiswal:** Today's technology has risen above sea level.
- **Vithal Jalan:** My coach has played Ranji trophy for India (and Dhoni played ICC World Cup, Jharkhand)
- **Sanskar Gupta:** How did Amartya hit the fourth six? Yashovardhan Datal: No, basically it went for a six on an overthrow. (Well, let's see how that happens in the real world!)
- **Vithal Jalan (Again! Dude, you must do something about your verbal skills!):** Guys, when is the next vox popular?
- **Yashovardhan Datal:** I have a headache in my head. (What a surprise Yashovardhan, we thought it happens in your stomach!!!)
- **Parth Babbar to Ashish Vardhan :** Bro, I recently installed snape chate and instajham in my new muck book pro. (Wow, what a nice way to brag about stuff!)
- **Sanskar Gupta to Ayush Tulsyan :** Hey bro, can you hit a double half century?
- **Mr. Jai Ranjan (while teaching Geography to X-C):** India having best textile industry so people from outer world also calling us.

The Whats' to do?

Dear readers in this issue we have tried to bring out completely new sections for Lasagne and this is what popped up in our Editor's mind, 'The Whats' To Do?!! This section will include news about latest video, articles, Facebook pages that a Welhamite must check up on the internet so here We Go!! Don't worry, sneak into the IT Lab and explore the Welham World beyond the walls of Welham.

- **Tenzin's Nach Baliye :-** Check out the video of our newly appointed House Prefect having the time of his life dancing on the song 'Lolipop', which is viral at the moment. His coordination isn't any less than proper dancers. I would say that he must try for the Cultural Fest this time!!!
- **Vintage Welham:** - Having more than 500 likes, Vintage Welham (an FB page) really is growing and continues to entertain Welhamites be it Old Boys or the current generation. Even though the creator of the page is anonymous, Oli wishes to give him a thumbs up for keeping up the good work!
- **The Notice Boards:** - The next time you cross the Academic Block do not forget to check up the new outlay of the notice boards, which is now being changed on a regular basis.
- **Welham Highway:** - Dear Welhamites I present to you The Welham Highway. It is right next to the Badi-courts and rumour has it that walking through the highway is more replenishing than through the Marine Drive. So what are you waiting for, get up and Go!!

Separated at Birth

Amitvikram Dewan	Digit
Arnav Singh	Dampishaj
Abhimanyu Singh Thakur	Crime Master Gogo
Junaid Jan	Any Random Polar Bear
Anmol Saini	Mowgli
Anmol Gupta	Om Nom (from Cut the Rope)
Sheik Safwan, Suryansh, Parth Babbar	The Three Men in a Boat
Armaan Suhail	Khushagra Singh
Aishwarya Soni	Nandu Bhide (Happy New year)
Abeer Suri	Hitman (wannabe)
Utkarsh Gupta	Gorilla or Nicki Minaj (your pick)
Arnab Agarwal	Arnab Goswami

What's in What's out

What's In	What's Out
The Oliphant	No Oliphant for the whole year
Jason Sir	Ma'am Andrea Anand
Inter-House Cricket in February	Inter-House Cricket in March
Opposition Coalition	K-A-T-T-A Gang
WWBS (only Commercies will understand)	JM
Welham Highway	Welham Marine Drive
Tenzing Namgyal	Bivab Bajra Bajra, Naman Lahoti, Vinay Bhatia (The 'saga' continues)

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