



THE HERALD

October to December, 2025



EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

As winter settles softly over the campus, these past months gather in memory like a quiet tapestry of learning, celebration and grace.

The quarter unfolded with effortless poise: House Nights that felt like curated soirées, literary escapes that softened the mind and milestones that reminded us that excellence, too, has its own aesthetic. Sports Day brought its spirited rush, Christmas its gentle warmth - together shaping a season defined not by noise but by presence; not by pressure, but by polish. Quietly brilliant. Softly powerful. Unmistakably ours.

As you turn these pages, may you rediscover moments of beauty, harmony and school spirit.

Happy Reading!

~ Arshgeet Pannu (XII MIK) and Arshiya Kataria (XI DKB)

ANNUAL ACADEMIC PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

The school celebrated its 21st Annual Academic Prize-Giving Ceremony, presided over by our Executive Principal, Ma'am Rosa, who graciously honoured the occasion with her presence.

Students were recognised for their exceptional accomplishments in both Academics and Co-Curricular pursuits and the School Report for the 2024–25 session was presented by the student representatives.

The ceremony concluded with a vibrant cultural showcase featuring orchestral music, soulful songs and spirited performances of Bhangra and Ciddha, adding a festive flourish to an inspiring evening.



THE BRITISH CO-ED HIGH SCHOOL





HOUSE NIGHTS

The school hosted its highly anticipated House Nights for the 2025–26 session on 28th and 29th October. Students from Tolstoy, Tagore and Teresa Houses came together to present an impressive display of talent, creativity and teamwork.

The evenings unfolded with captivating theatre, insightful English, Hindi and Punjabi productions and dynamic dance performances from India and across the world. Rich musical offerings, ranging from harmonious choir pieces to graceful orchestral arrangements added depth and elegance to the celebrations.

The event concluded to resounding applause, celebrating the dedication, passion and collective spirit of every participant.

~ Krisha Ahluwalia (XI DKB)



S. AMAR SINGH KAMBOJ MEMORIAL INTER-SCHOOL ENGLISH DEBATE



The school organised the 19th Annual S. Amar Singh Kamboj Memorial Inter-School Debate on 1st November 2025, with Dr. Gurleen Ahluwalia, Dr. Rouble Brar and Prof. Jaspreet Kaur Kamboj as esteemed judges.

Nigamjot Kaur (IX PB) and Tavleen Kaur (X SHS) represented BCEHS in the competition. The topic for the debate was "Subsidies are a band-aid not a cure." The participants showcased their extensive knowledge, delivering fiery arguments that captivated the audience and earned high praise from the judges. The team from Holy Angels School, Rajpura emerged as the winners.

The judges appreciated the speakers for their insightful perspectives and confident delivery.

INTER-HOUSE ENGLISH DEBATE

The Inter-House High School English Debate was held on 14th October 2025. The topic for the debate was, "Are standardized tests an effective measure of student ability?"

Ma'am Rosa judged the competition. The participants presented their arguments with great ardour and showcased impressive oratory skills. Tolstoy House secured the first position, followed by Teresa and Tagore House. Arshgeet Pannu of Class XII MIK was declared the Best Speaker. Ma'am appreciated the participants and congratulated the winners.



ENGLISH SPELLING BEE



Students showcased their linguistic memory at the English Spelling Bee Competition.

ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਵਾਦ-ਵਿਵਾਦ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਯੋਗਤਾ

“ ਵਾਦ-ਵਿਵਾਦ ਦੀ ਦੁਨੀਆ ਅੰਦਰ, ਪੱਖ ਤੇ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਦੀ ਸੰਘਣੀ ਛਾਂ,
ਸਿੱਕੇ ਦੇ ਦੋ ਪਹਿਲੂਆਂ ਵਾਂਗ, ਹਰ ਪੱਖ ਦੀ ਆਪਣੀ ਜੁਬਾਨ
ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਨੇ ਜਿਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਆਪੋ-ਆਪਣੇ ਅਨਮੋਲ ਬਿਆਨ ॥ ॥ ”



ਵਾਦ-ਵਿਵਾਦ ਇੱਕ ਬਹਿਸ ਦਾ ਅਜਿਹਾ ਢੰਗ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਤਰਕਸ਼ੀਲ ਦਲੀਲ ਨਾਲੋਂ ਦਲੀਲ ਦਾ ਵੱਡਾ ਰੂਪ ਹੈ ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਸ਼ਕਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਭਾਵਨਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਵਿਤ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਯਤਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ। “ਕੀ ਪਾਣੀ ਬਚਾਉਣਾ ਉਰਜਾ ਬਚਾਉਣ ਨਾਲੋਂ ਜ਼ਿਆਦਾ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਹੈ”। ਇਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਮਿਡਲ ਸਕੂਲ ਦੀ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਵਾਦ-ਵਿਵਾਦ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਯੋਗਤਾ ਬਹੁਤ ਹੀ ਮਨੋਰੰਜਕ ਢੰਗ ਨਾਲ 20 ਨਵੰਬਰ, 2025 ਨੂੰ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਗਈ, ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਤਿੰਨਾਂ ਹਾਊਸਾਂ ਦੇ ਕੁੱਲ ਛੇ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਸ਼ਿਰਕਤ ਕੀਤੀ। ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਤਿੰਨ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਦੇ ਪੱਖ ਵਿੱਚ ਤੇ ਤਿੰਨ ਨੇ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਦੇ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਪਣੇ ਅਨਮੋਲ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਸਰੋਤਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਸਾਂਝੇ ਕੀਤੇ ਤੇ ਹਰ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਨੂੰ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੂਰੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਾਮਯਾਬ ਰਿਹਾ। ਇਸ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਸਥਾਨ ਸਥਾਨ ਟੌਲਸਟਾਏ ਹਾਊਸ ਨੇ ਜਿੱਤਿਆ। ਦੂਸਰਾ ਸਥਾਨ ਟੈਰੀਸਾ ਅਤੇ ਤੀਜਿਂ ਸਥਾਨ ਟੈਗੋਰ ਹਾਊਸ ਨੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤਾ। ਇਸ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਰ ਇਹ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਯੋਗਤਾ ਸਫਲਤਾਪੂਰਵਕ ਤੇ ਜੋਸ਼ ਭਰੀ ਰਹੀ।

ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਕਵਿਤਾ ਉਚਾਰਨ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਯੋਗਤਾ

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ਵਾਰਤਕ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਜਨਮੀ, ਛੰਦ ਤੇ ਅਲੰਕਾਰਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਸ਼ਿੰਗਾਰੀ ਹੈ,
ਆਪ-ਮੁਹਾਰੇ ਛੁੱਟਦੀ ਕਵਿਤਾ, ਸਾਨੂੰ ਬਹੁਤ ਪਿਆਰੀ ਹੈ।
ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਜੋ, ਵਲਵਲਿਆਂ ਤੇ ਜਜ਼ਬਿਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਉਚਾਰੀ ਹੈ,
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ਕਵਿਤਾ ਸਾਹਿਤ ਦਾ ਅਜਿਹਾ ਰੂਪ ਹੈ ਜਿਸ ਅੰਦਰ ਨੈਣਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੁਪਨੇ, ਦਿਲਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਸੀਂਗੀਆਂ ਤੇ ਸ਼ਬਦ ਚਿੰਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ-ਨਾਲ ਭਾਵਨਾਵਾਂ ਦੀ ਵਿਆਖਿਆ ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਬਲਤਾ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ। 16 ਅਤੇ 17 ਅਕਤੂਬਰ, 2025 ਨੂੰ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਕਵਿਤਾ ਉਚਾਰਨ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਯੋਗਤਾ ਬਹੁਤ ਹੀ ਮਨੋਰੰਜਕ ਢੰਗ ਨਾਲ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਗਈ, ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਤੀਜੀ ਤੋਂ ਲੈਕੇ ਅੱਠਵੀਂ ਜਮਾਤ ਦੇ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਪੂਰੇ ਜੋਸ਼ ਤੇ ਉਤਸ਼ਾਹ ਨਾਲ ਭਾਗ ਹੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਲਿਆ ਸਗੋਂ ਕਾਵਿਕ ਲਹਿਜੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਲੈਅ, ਅਲੰਕਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਧਿਆਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਰੱਖਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਬਹੁਤ ਹੀ ਵਧੀਆ ਅੰਦਾਜ਼ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਵਿਤਾ ਉਚਾਰਨ ਸਰੋਤਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਕੀਤਾ। ਇਸ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਯੋਗਤਾ ਦੇ ਮੁੱਖ-ਮਹਿਮਾਨ ਨੇ ਵੀ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਲੈਅ-ਭਰਪੂਰ ਕਵਿਤਾ ਗਾਇਨ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਸੰਸ਼ਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਹੌਸਲਾ ਵਧਾਇਆ। ਇਸ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਰ ਇਹ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਯੋਗਤਾ ਸਫਲਤਾਪੂਰਵਕ, ਮਨੋਰੰਜਕ ਤੇ ਜੋਸ਼ ਭਰੀ ਰਹੀ।

NCC ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL POLLUTION CONTROL DAY



NCC DAY



IAYP VOLUNTARY SERVICE



Saving every drop, reducing every plastic – Students in action for a sustainable future

VISIT TO THE HIGH COURT

Through the Corridors of Justice



Our visit to the Punjab & Haryana High Court was an inspiring experience. Walking through its grand corridors and courtrooms, we witnessed justice in action, marked by dignity, discipline and purpose.

The embroidered panels behind the judges highlighted the blend of tradition and law, while the museum brought the judiciary's journey to life through artefacts and historic records. We returned with more than knowledge - we carried a lasting impression of justice as a living, evolving story.

~ Parvaj Kaur (XII MIK) and Arshgeet Pannu (XII MIK)

VISIT TO PUNJABI UNIVERSITY

Students of Classes IX to XII studying Mass Media and Communication visited the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Punjabi University, Patiala. They explored media facilities, observed audio-visual production and viewed student projects such as short films and newsletters. The visit enriched their understanding of Mass Media and inspired them to explore the subject as a possible career path.



KHUSHWANT SINGH LITERARY FEST



On 11th October, students attended the Khushwant Singh Literary Festival in Kasauli, set amidst the misty hills and centred on the theme “Voices of Tomorrow.” The programme featured an Indian classical music recital and insightful sessions by Shobha Dé, Harinder Baweja, A. S. Dulat and Priyambada Jayakumar. The discussions enriched students with diverse perspectives, leaving them inspired by the power of ideas and human resilience.



INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Participating in the International Moot Court Competition at Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior was a rewarding experience. As first-time mooters (A Moot court is a simulated courtroom proceeding), we gained confidence, broadened our perspectives through national and international interaction and proudly received the Best Courtroom Etiquette Award. The experience inspired and strengthened us for the future.

~ Harkiran Kaur (XI GSK), Parvaj Kaur and Arshgeet Pannu (XII MIK)



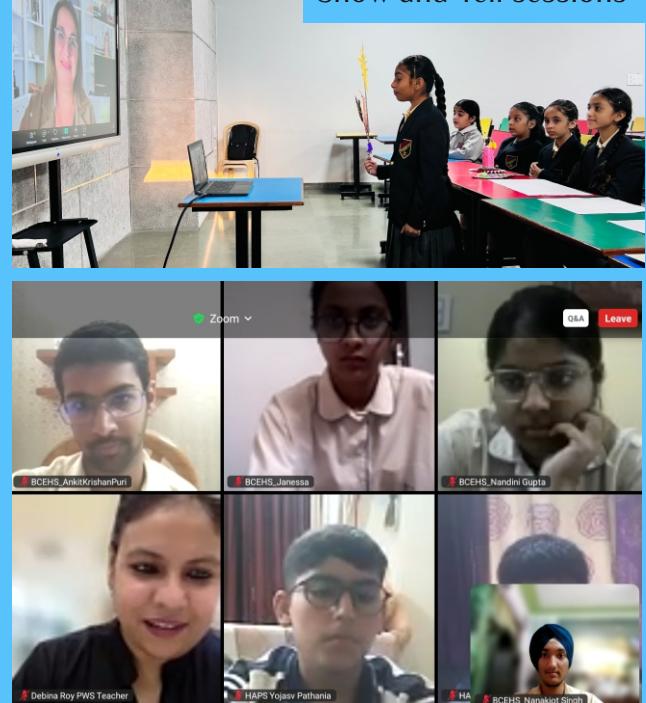


ROUND SQUARE



Show and Tell sessions

Students from Classes III to XII took part in various Round Square initiatives, collaborating with peers across the globe through Show & Tell sessions, Postcard exchanges and English, French and Geography Study Labs. These interactions broadened global perspectives and enriched learning beyond the classroom.



ROUND SQUARE FORUM

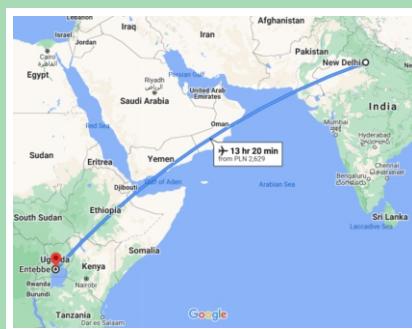
Our school participated in the Round Square Forum at Varanasi, hosted by Sunbeam School, Lahartara, with a focus on sharing best practices and strengthening institutional learning.

The forum brought together nearly 120 school heads and delegates from 55 schools across the Gulf and Southeast Asia, fostering rich professional dialogue.

Key sessions showcased impactful school initiatives, leadership strategies and student-led programmes, reinforcing reflective practice, collaboration and a shared commitment to the Round Square ideals.



EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA



Our school had the privilege of hosting three exchange students Katlego Mothabane, Asanda Thandolwethu Mbangula and Leslie Thabiso Mhlanga from Tiger Kloof Educational Institution, South Africa as a part of the Round Square Programme. Their week long visit brought new perspectives and genuine curiosity, giving our students a chance

to learn about another culture while proudly sharing their own. The following highlights capture the essence of our conversation with them.

What aspects of our school's academic or co-curricular programmes did you find most engaging?

Leslie said, "I was especially fascinated by the Robotics Lab. I really enjoyed the hands-on approach, the technology available and the way students collaborated on various robotic projects." She further added, "Participating in the yoga sessions helped me experience calmness and mindfulness. It gave me a completely new perspective on well-being."

You participated in our Robotics session. How was that experience for you?

Katlego shared, "The robotics lesson was one of my favourite activities. I enjoyed building and programming basic models and I really appreciated how the mentors guided us step by step." She added, "The experience gave me a new appreciation for STEM learning and showed me how creative it can be."

How does school life here compare to your school back in South Africa?

Asanda observed, "This host school seems more disciplined and structured, with a strong emphasis on practical learning, whereas classrooms in South Africa focus more on theory."

How did your host family welcome you?

Katlego said, "I was welcomed with a traditional Indian greeting that included the dhol, sweets and a garland. The warm family meals made me feel completely at home."

What is the first story you will tell your family when you return?

Asanda shared, "I will tell my family about the warmth and hospitality of Indian people, especially the care shown by the host families. They made us feel valued and cared for from the very first day."

What were you most excited about when you heard you were coming to India?

Leslie said, "I was eager to experience India's rich diversity, vibrant traditions, festivals and especially its food."



ONLINE COMPETITIONS

SAI GLOBAL DEBATE



Participating in the virtual Sai Global Debate Competition on November 15th was a rewarding experience. The varied debate formats sharpened our critical thinking and public speaking skills and advancing to the second round among participants from nine countries was both a proud and valuable achievement.

EMERALD HEIGHTS CREATIVE WRITING



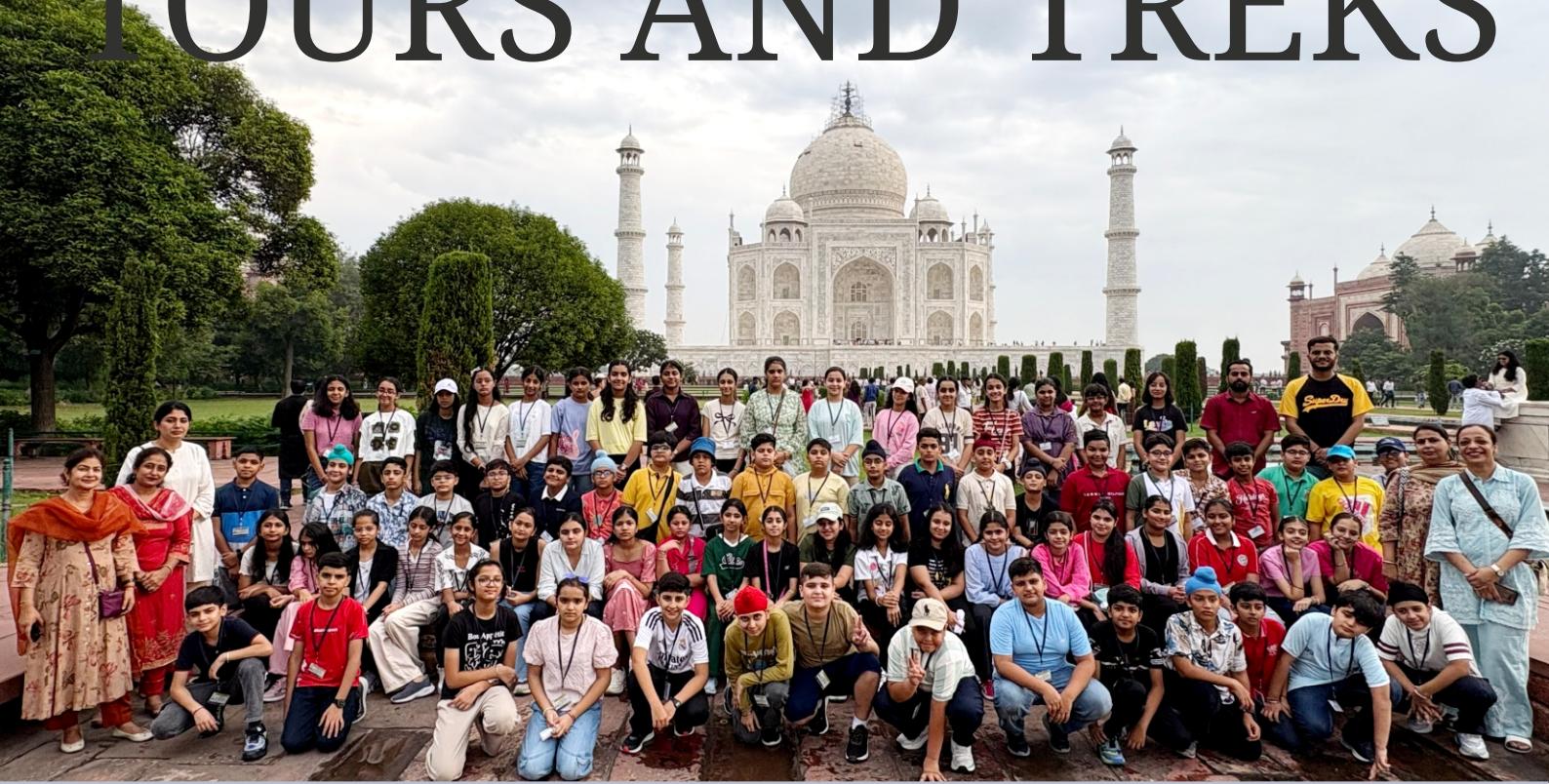
The Emerald Heights Creative Writing Competition was an inspiring experience that offered complete creative freedom through image-based writing. It enhanced our writing skills, encouraged original thinking and showcased diverse perspectives, making it a refreshing and enriching event.

SUSTAINABLE CREATIONS: FROM WASTE TO WORTH

As part of the school's ongoing commitment to sustainability, an organic waste-to-manure composting machine has been installed on campus. This hands-on initiative promotes responsible waste management and empowers students to practise sustainability through real action, reinforcing the importance of caring for the environment every day.



TOURS AND TREKS



The school gives students the opportunity to explore diverse places, cultures and cuisines to enhance their global exposure. This year, our students travelled to Agra, Ranthambore, Bangalore, Mysore, Coorg, Bikaner, Jaisalmer and Delhi.



SPORTS DAY



Our school held its 21st Annual Sports Day on December 18th, 2025.

Ms. Sorokhaibam Bindyarani Devi, an international weightlifter, presided over the function. The march-past ceremony by the three Houses marked the commencement of the celebrations. Students from Classes III to VIII displayed impeccable synchronisation in rhythmic drills and yoga.

The much-anticipated track and field events then commenced amid enthusiastic cheers from the students. As the event concluded, the Chief Guest, Ms. Sorokhaibam Bindyarani Devi, commended the students for their hard work and urged them to strive for excellence in their future pursuits.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



Adorned in hues of red and green, with festive carols and sweet melodies filling the air, the year-end celebration was truly delightful and welcoming. The entire atmosphere was imbued with the joyful spirit of Christmas. Warm greetings welcomed our extended family - special students from The Patiala School for the Deaf and Blind, Saifidipur, The Village School and The Community School girls - as they joined Ma'am Rosa in cutting the Christmas cake. The special guests were treated to delicious snacks, followed by lively and joyous dancing.

