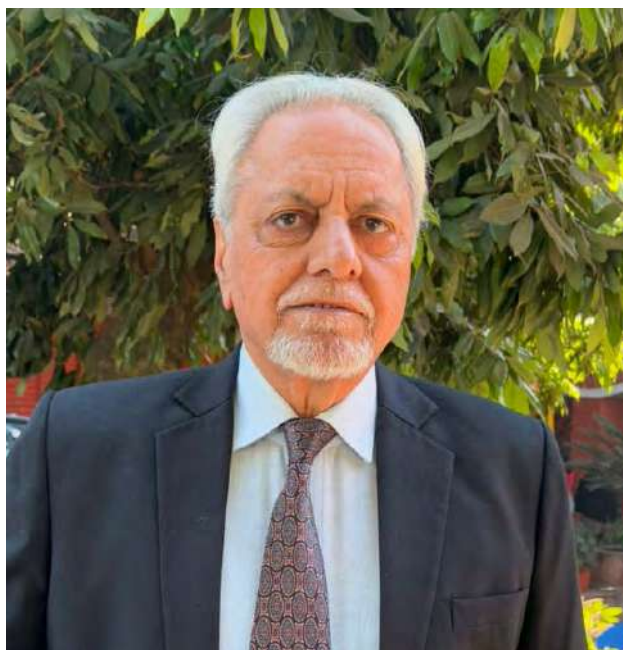




LITERARY CLUB IN-CHARGE

# *Reflections*

NEWSLETTER | 2024-25



Mr. C. P. Dang | Chairman

As we come together to celebrate our Annual Sports Day and prepare to close the calendar year, it gives me immense joy to finally share with you this special edition of Reflections—a magazine that captures the vibrant life, resilience, and achievements of The Doon Girls' School over the academic year 2024–25.

I want to take a moment to congratulate each and every student for their outstanding performance and spirit this year. From representing Uttarakhand at inter-school sports tournaments, participating in national MUNs, staging poetic performances, and engaging in environmental workshops and storytelling labs, your contributions reflect the values of excellence, curiosity, and courage that define DGS.

To the passing-out batch of 2024, I offer my

## Strength, Purpose, and Progress: DGS Spirit

heartfelt congratulations. You were the first cohort to experience the school in its transition from a preparatory school to a full K–12 institution—and you have led the way with grace. To the current Grade 10 students, who will soon return from the winter break to face their board exams, I extend my best wishes. Prepare well, remain focused, and remember that we believe in you.

As we look ahead, I am pleased to share a significant milestone: Phase 1 of our Vision 2025 is now complete. When you return from winter holidays, you will move into the new hostel block—modern, child-friendly, and built with care. This marks not just the end of a construction phase, but the beginning of a new era at DGS.

We now turn our attention to Phase 2, which will see the creation of new academic and creative



spaces, further building on our vision to offer a truly 21st-century learning environment. Despite delays due to natural disruptions, our commitment remains unwavering.

What began as a preparatory school on a historic campus in Dehradun is now evolving into a fully integrated K–12 learning institution, preparing young women not only for exams but for life. I thank all our teachers, staff, and parents for walking this journey with us—and most importantly, I thank our students for giving meaning to everything we build. Wishing you all a joyful holiday season. May you return refreshed, inspired, and ready to take on the next chapter with strength and purpose.





Ms. Monisha Datta | Director

## Celebrating 25 Years of Growth, Gratitude, and Purpose

As The Doon Girls' School celebrates its Silver Jubilee, I find myself reflecting not only on the journey of this institution but also on my own—having been here since its inception, growing alongside it for the past twenty-five years. This milestone is deeply personal, for the school and I have matured together, weathered challenges, and celebrated triumphs hand in hand.

From the very beginning, our vision was clear: education must go beyond academics. It must shape character, nurture empathy, and instill the values that make us good human beings. In these twenty-five years, I have witnessed countless young girls walk through our gates, each one carrying the spark of curiosity and leaving with the strength of compassion, integrity, and resilience. That, to me, is the true success of our school.

The culture of The Doon Girls' School has always been rooted in respect—for self, for others, and for the world around us. We have cherished diversity,

encouraged dialogue, and fostered creativity. Our classrooms have been places of inquiry, our playgrounds arenas of teamwork, and our cultural spaces stages for expression. Together, these experiences have created a vibrant community where learning is joyful and values are lived, not just taught.

As I look back, I am filled with gratitude—for the teachers who have been pillars of dedication, for the parents who entrusted us with their daughters, and for the students who continue to inspire us with their dreams. And as I look ahead, I am filled with hope—that the next twenty-five years will see The Doon Girls' School continue to shine as a beacon of holistic education, preparing young women not only to excel but to lead with kindness and courage. On this Silver Jubilee, let us celebrate not just the years gone by, but the values that will carry us forward.









Mrs. Sumali Devgan | Principal

It is with joy and pride I write this message in our annual yearbook, 'Reflections,' marking the Silver Jubilee year of our school. Twenty five years ago The Doon Girls' School began its journey with a vision to nurture young minds, instil values and empower the girls to become responsible citizens. Today we proudly celebrate this milestone with the same dedication, perseverance and collective effort. Over the years the school has grown in so many ways and the campus has witnessed laughter, resilience and the dreams of many students. Our alumni, spread across diverse fields are examples of quality and excellence we continually strive for.

As we look forward to Vision 2025, we reaffirm our commitment to an all round education, balancing

## Honouring Our Legacy, Embracing Our Future

academics, sports, the arts along with character development so that our students will successfully be able to face the rapidly changing world. 'Reflections' is a collection of memories of our achievements and may it inspire everyone to cherish the past, celebrate the present and look forward to a promising future.

I convey my thanks and gratitude to our team of dedicated staff members, our supportive parents and our students. Together we shall continue to uphold the legacy of our school and move ahead confidently into the future.

"As long as we have memories, yesterday remains and as long as we have hope, tomorrow awaits."







# Year At A Glance

## APRIL 2024

- ❖ Ganga Puja for New Students
- ❖ A Valuable Gift
- ❖ An Art of Making Essential Oils
- ❖ Balsabha
- ❖ On the Spot Art Competition
- ❖ Terry Fox Run
- ❖ Startup You Training Session
- ❖ Monthly Open House
- ❖ School Birthday and Investiture Ceremony
- ❖ 17th Rupali Memorial Art Competition
- ❖ Spic Macay
- ❖ Music of the Spheres
- ❖ World Book Day / Book Fair
- ❖ Tinker Fest
- ❖ Inter-house "JAM" Competition/inter Class Table Dodging
- ❖ Reading India - 2024
- ❖ A Visit to ONGC Museum
- ❖ Basketball Match at Thrillopia Academy
- ❖ 24th Open State Roller-Skating Championship
- ❖ District Association Karate Championship
- ❖ Staff Badminton Tournament



## MAY 2024

- ❖ Spic Macay
- ❖ Inter-house Hindi Declamation
- ❖ Spectrum-24
- ❖ Nature Walk
- ❖ Hindi Recitation At Oasis
- ❖ End Of Term Program - Dasvaras
- ❖ 21st Uttarakhand State Karate Championship
- ❖ U-12 Basketball Tournament At Wynberg-allen
- ❖ CISCE National Yoga Olympiad Trials



## OCTOBER 2024

- ❖ Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti Celebration
- ❖ Wildlife Week Celebrations
- ❖ A Visit to the General Post Office
- ❖ Visit to NIVH, Dehradun
- ❖ Military History Seminar (MHS)
- ❖ Dusshera Celebration
- ❖ Excursion/Midterm 2024
- ❖ 49th Junior National Championship
- ❖ Inter-House Dance Competition
- ❖ Virasat: A Celebration of Talent and Culture
- ❖ SFA Championship 2024-25



## NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2024

- ❖ Children's Day Celebration at School
- ❖ Winter Carnival at Welham Boys' School, Dehradun
- ❖ Delhi Zone Basketball Tournament
- ❖ DDPSA Senior Girls' Basketball Tournament
- ❖ District Athletics Meet
- ❖ Annual Sports Meet





## AUGUST 2024



- ❖ The Oasis - Mun
- ❖ Student Exchange Programme - DPS, Vikasnagar
- ❖ Welmun - 2024
- ❖ Independence Day
- ❖ The Doon School MUN
- ❖ A Visit to the Post Office
- ❖ Learning How to Create your Own Story at The Doon Library and Research Centre
- ❖ 14th Inter School English Elocution Competition
- ❖ Spic Macay Cultural Journey
- ❖ Janmashtami Celebration
- ❖ 2nd Inter School Hindi Debate Competition - (Seniors)
- ❖ CISCE U.P. & U.K. Region Basketball Girls' Tournament 2024
- ❖ CISCE U.P. & U.K. Region Skating Girls' & Boys' Tournament 2024
- ❖ District Team Selection Under-16 Basketball Championship 2024
- ❖ National Sports Day

## SEPTEMBER 2024



- ❖ Swachchhta And Hindi Pakhwada
- ❖ Teachers' Day Celebrations
- ❖ Hindi Workshop - BSAI
- ❖ Cultural Evening By Spic Macay
- ❖ Exploring Nature
- ❖ 1st OKGKS Open District Karate Championship 2024
- ❖ 16th UK Yoga Championship
- ❖ 15th Sri Tek Chand Memorial Basketball Tournament (U-12)



## FEBRUARY 2025



- ❖ Basant Panchami
- ❖ Special Assembly
- ❖ GWB2025 – Accelerating Equity in Science
- ❖ House Parties
- ❖ 16th Inter School (Jr.) Science Quiz
- ❖ Emotional Well-Being and Conflict Resolution Workshop – BSAI
- ❖ Science, Math, and Social Studies Exhibition
- ❖ Visit to The Doon School (National Science Day)
- ❖ Inter-House Basketball Championship
- ❖ Inter-House Badminton Championship

## MARCH 2025



- ❖ Women's Day Special Assembly
- ❖ Holi Celebration
- ❖ Down Syndrome Day
- ❖ The Doon Girls' School shines at Green Gurukul
- ❖ Orientation
- ❖ Ganga Pooja/Mid Term Trip – A Memorable Experience

## APRIL 2025



- ❖ World Autism Awareness Day
- ❖ Balsabha
- ❖ On-the-Spot Art Competition
- ❖ Nukkad Natak at Raphael
- ❖ Sadhna Utsav Elocution at Nanhi Duniya Public School
- ❖ MUN – Vidhiutsav (Youth Parliament 'सियासत') – UPES Law Fest
- ❖ Self-Defence Workshop by Kavach Training System
- ❖ Nature Club Activity
- ❖ Inter-School Rupali Memorial Art Competition
- ❖ School Birthday Celebration
- ❖ The Music of the Spheres (7th Edition)
- ❖ World Book Day & The Doon School Literature Festival
- ❖ Interaction with Author Bijoya Sawian
- ❖ Nature Walk to Rajaji Tiger Reserve

# Student Achievements

## | ICSE - Grade X Result (Batch 2024-25)

April 30, 2025

Congratulations to our Grade 10 students on their excellent performance in the ICSE Board Exams. This achievement reflects not only their hard work but also the unwavering support from their parents and the dedication of our teachers. We are immensely proud of our students for setting such high standards and accomplishing remarkable success.

Parents, your encouragement and guidance have been instrumental in this journey, and we thank you for your continuous support. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to our teachers for their commitment to nurturing and inspiring our students. Together, we celebrate this collective success and look forward to future achievements. Well done!



Kavya Chugh  
91.4%



Geet Saini  
90.4%



Saima Arora  
88.2%



Saisha Jain  
85.2%

Kavya Chugh topped the class with an impressive 91.4%, scoring a perfect 100 in History & Civics, 92 in Maths, 95 in Biology and 90 in English!

Geet Saini followed closely with 90.4%, shining in Hindi with a fantastic 95 marks and 93 in Art.

Saima Arora secured 88.2%, scoring a remarkable 97 in History and 96 in Art

Saisha Jain achieved 85.2%, with a strong 92 in Hindi and 95 in Art.

Saumya Nayak scored 91 in Hindi.

At The Doon Girls' School, we continue to encourage our students to aim high and achieve their best. Here's to reaching even greater heights!



# Best in Class



Jainandini Singh  
Grade - III



Misheeta Mittal  
Grade - IV



Miraya Agarwal  
Grade - VI



Lavanya Vishal Patel  
Grade - VII

# Best in Subject



Jainandini Singh  
Grade - III  
Subject : English, EVS, SSt.



Yashasvi Yadav  
Grade - III  
Subject : Mathematics



Misheeta  
Grade - IV  
Subject : English, Hindi,  
Mathematics, EVS



Sanskriti Gupta  
Grade - V  
Subject : EVS



Miraya Agarwal  
Grade - VI  
Subject : Mathematics, EVS, SSt.



Lavanya Vishal Patel  
Grade - VII  
Subject : Mathematics, SSt.



Samaira  
Grade - VIII  
Subject : EVS, SSt.

# Investiture Ceremony

April 17, 2025

The Investiture Ceremony, marking a significant milestone in our school's journey, was held with great enthusiasm and solemnity on 17/4/25, in celebration of the school's 25th year of establishment.

The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome extended to all guests, followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by our respected Chairman, Mr. C.P. Dang, Vice President Mr. Mohit Dang, and esteemed parents, symbolizing the beginning of an auspicious journey. A heartfelt prayer and a soulful hymn, led by Mrs. Devgan and the school choir respectively, set the tone for the event.

A brief narration of the school's inspiring 25-year journey paid tribute to its founder, Shri Tek Chand Ji (Bau Ji), whose vision of empowering girls through quality education continues to guide the institution.

The core of the ceremony – the Investiture – saw the announcement and felicitation of the newly elected student council members. Badges and appointment letters were presented by Mr. Mohit

Dang, as proud parents and peers applauded the young leaders stepping into their new roles.

Adding a melodic touch, the school choir performed the uplifting song "You Raise Me Up", dedicated to all mentors and guiding lights in students' lives. The newly appointed council members then carried out a dignified march past around the amphitheatre, symbolizing their commitment to leadership and responsibility.

The event concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony, commemorating 25 years of excellence, followed by High Tea in the Dining Hall.

The entire event was seamlessly hosted and managed by Koel House, whose students showcased remarkable teamwork, confidence, and leadership in compering and coordinating the ceremony. Their dedication truly reflected the values of the house and made the event a grand success.

Nandini Arora

HM (Koel House)

Student Name	Post
Gaurangi Rastogi	Head Girl
Samaira Gagneja	Vice Head Girl
Lavanya Vishal Patel	Cuckoo House Captain
Miraya Agarwal	Cuckoo House Vice Captain
Aadya Gupta	Koel House Captain
Kriti Sri Ram	Koel House Vice Captain
Kamal Kour	Myna House Captain
Tamreen Brar	Myna House Vice Captain
Saumya Jha	Robin House Captain

Student Name	Post
Mishika Agarwal	Robin House Vice Captain
Aalia Singh	Sports Captain
Tok Elizabeth	Vice Sports Captain
Kavyanjali Chauhan	Discipline In-charge
Shreeya Jha	Discipline In-charge
Sinaaki Cynthia	Literary Club In-charge
Sanskriti Mehrotra	Nature Club In-charge



# Student Council (2025-26)



Gaurangi Rastogi  
Head Girl



Samaira Gagneja  
Vice Head Girl



Lavanya Vishal Patel  
Cuckoo House Captain



Miraya Agarwal  
Cuckoo House Vice Captain



Aadya Gupta  
Koel House Captain



Kriti Sri Ram  
Koel House Vice Captain



Kamal Kour  
Myna House Captain



Tamreen Brar  
Myna House Vice Captain



Saumya Jha  
Robin House Captain



Mishika Agarwal  
Robin House Vice Captain



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Sports Captain



Tok Elizabeth  
Vice Sports Captain



Kavyanjali Chauhan  
Discipline In-Charge



Shreeya Jha  
Discipline In-Charge



Sinaaki Cynthia  
Literary Club



Sanskriti Mehrotra  
Nature Club In-Charge



# Awards and Recognitions

March 6, 2025

We are proud to share that our students brought laurels to The Doon Girls' School by securing the 3rd position in the Green Gurukul 2024 competition. Their creativity, dedication, and impactful participation in various eco-friendly activities like clean-up drives, waste-to-art projects, and sustainability campaigns truly stood out. Our students not only contributed to diverting over

700 kg of waste and collecting 2,238 kg of textile waste, but also actively took part in over 2000 climate and waste-related actions. As a token of their achievement, they were awarded certificates and medals, making us immensely proud. Their efforts echo our commitment to building a greener, more conscious tomorrow!





# Student's Corner

## | Head Girl's Message

April 17, 2025

“That’s the difference between you and me – you want to lose small, I want to win big.” Harvey Specter. Many of us have grown up listening to anecdotes of the people throughout the ages who steered the world’s fate. But we all know it takes baby steps to be big. As the Head Girl of The Doon Girls’ School, it is an honour to write this for our annual school magazine, Reflections. My story began in 2017 when I first walked through the gates of this school and became a Dynamo. I was a raw youngster, wide eyed, uncertain and far from the qualities one might expect in a Headgirl. Throughout these years I stumbled often, I sailed the raging seas of failure, but I learned and I grew. I learned the difference between the right and the wrong. We are told often by adults to be careful but I believe sometimes you have to be a bit reckless in the present to become careful in the future. This place has been more than just a school; it has been a home and a mentor that has shaped me into who I am today. I have learnt many a lesson in the classroom, the dormitory and on the games field. I learned about service, empathy and importantly I learned to have the courage to stand tall even when I felt small.



I am grateful to my teachers who believed in me and friends who stood by me in my darkest days. To my juniors I say; The path may be rough, but don’t hesitate to stand against the wrong because in the end you will feel at peace. My thanks to the Silver Jubilee Batch of Grade X for being with me as my crewmates on the ship we have been sailing together. My journey from the hesitant child to Headgirl is proof that growth is possible when you face challenges.

This school has given me more than education – it has given me confidence and character and as I step in the next chapter of my life, I shall always carry its values with me and fulfil my duties and responsibility with honesty and integrity, proud to call myself a daughter of this boarding school.

I end my message with the school motto : Penser c’est voir.

- Gaurangi Rastogi, Grade X

# Creative Corner . . .



When I first joined this boarding school it was a very big change for me because it was my first time living away from home. When I was joining, I felt very nervous but also excited at the same time. As an introvert, I was not very confident, but I saw this as a chance to grow and living here has made me more independent. Day by day I am improving myself and learning how to manage things on my own. I am truly grateful for all the opportunities I have got here and till now and will get more in the future. All the challenges I face here help

me to move on out of my comfort zone and make me a better person. I did not expect that I would be able to make good friends here that easily but I have made amazing friends. It feels like I have a second family in the dorm who understands me and cares about me. I never imagined that I will have such a wonderful time away from home!!

Avira Garg, Grade IX



Investiture Ceremony is a day of pride and celebration, and for every Council Member (like me), it is from this day, they have to take their duties seriously and live and abide by the oath.

This year, we witnessed the Investiture Ceremony of our 25th Council, since it is the Silver Jubilee for our school. So, to enhance the celebration, our school invited the families of our Council members.

Our ceremony began with a prayer and a hymn, thanking the Almighty for showering His blessings on our school. Then our Chairman, Mr. C.P. Dang & the parents lit the ceremonial lamp.

Our director, Ms. Monisha Datta, read the performance review of our Council members. The badges of our council were put on the captains and prefects by the parents. Their smiles showed how proud they felt of their daughters.

The ceremony ended with a song, "You raise me up" which was dedicated to our mentors, teachers and parents, who have been the support system for all of us.

Gaurangi Rastogi, Grade X





## Chakrata: A Wild Adventure!

There are trips that pass and fade, and then there are experiences that become stories for a lifetime. Our school trek to Chakrata was the latter — a heart-pounding journey into the midst of nature, filled with adventure, laughter and lessons that went beyond the classroom.

### Day 1: Into the Heart of the Forest

With knapsacks on our backs and spirits high, we boarded the bus, eager to leave the known behind and venture into the wild. The ride was marked with singing, nonstop chatter and excitement as we speculated on what was to come.

As we arrived at our campsite, a city-free world lay before us — towering trees, birdsong, and the crisp mountain air greeted us. The first test was “survival skills.” From setting up tents like experts to mastering the nuances of using washrooms in the jungle, every experience was a hilarious adventure, and the cuisine was simply divine. For some reason, each bite seemed to be more delicious in the wilderness.

### Day 2: Chasing Sunsets and Night Trekking

The sunrise infused us with energy and anticipation when we embarked on the trek. Our goal was to experience the Himalayan sunset in its full splendor. It had taken hours to reach here and the scenery was nothing but breathtaking — gold rays lighting the sky.

When evening arrived, excitement grew. With torches in hand, we stepped into the dark maintaining our alertness. The rustling leaves, distant noises of nocturnal animals, and our whispers made it a real test of courage and friendship!

Then we had a friendly competition of exciting team games, Winners got a chance to make the all-time favourite “Maggi” while others ventured into the darkness to collect wood — each hurdle making the adventure sweeter!

### Day 3: Triumph and Celebration

The last day commenced with engrossing games, where teamwork and planning dominated. Then, before long, came the farewell ceremony — badges, certificates and words of appreciation registering our success.

As the bus rolled out, tiredness gave way to feelings of victory.

The forests of Chakrata had given us not only adventure, but also values of teamwork, patience, and simple happiness amidst nature.

It wasn't just a trek, it was a journey of discovery; one we'll cherish forever!!



Samaira Gagneja, Grade IX

# | Ganga Puja

April 1, 2024

The new students sought the blessings of God as they performed the Ganga Puja at Rishikesh. They had a great time embracing the tradition that

deepened their spiritual connection and enriched their cultural understanding.





# | Midterm Trip 2024

October 16-19, 2024

Our students had an exciting mid-term trip, exploring the vibrant cities of Delhi and Jaipur, and the serene hill station of Mussoorie. In Delhi, they discovered historical landmarks; in Jaipur, they immersed themselves in royal heritage; and in Mussoorie, they enjoyed nature's beauty, making the trip both educational and memorable.





# | Self-Defence Workshop

April 12, 2025

On today 12th April, 2025 a self-defence workshop was organized at amphitheatre, conducted by Mr. Varun Rawat, a representative of the Kavach Self Defence Training System. This informative and engaging session aimed to raise awareness among our students about the importance of self-defence and equip them with practical skills to handle challenging situations.

Mr. Rawat began the session by discussing key incidents, such as the Nirbhaya case, to highlight the significance of self-defence in today's world. Through these examples, he motivated the students to prioritize their safety and be prepared for unforeseen circumstances.

The workshop focused on teaching techniques that

do not rely on physical attributes like body strength, weight, or height. Mr. Rawat emphasized that mastering the right techniques can empower individuals to protect themselves effectively. To make the session interactive, he invited students to demonstrate various self-defence moves under his guidance, using one of his team members for practical demonstrations.

The enthusiasm of the students was palpable throughout the session, as they actively participated and showed keen interest in learning these essential skills. The workshop concluded with a group photograph, capturing the excitement and collective spirit of the participants.





# Learning and Development

## | A Valuable Gift

April 1, 2024

The Constitution is the soul of India. The students of The Doon Girls' School were fortunate to have received the book of the Indian constitution, a copy of the original, by Mr. Pramod Sharma the former Principal, Mayo College, Ajmer and Founder Principal and Vice President, Genesis Global School. Written in calligraphy, readers have praised it as a masterpiece of constitutional law. Thank you sir for this wonderful gift.



## | An Art of Making Essential Oils

April 5, 2024

Essential oils are the concentrated extracts of potentially beneficial plants. A workshop on the same was held on the 4th April, 2024 for classes 8 to 10 to know the various essential oils and the benefits derived from their usage. It was hosted by

Ms. Tanya from England. She gave us the privilege to smell oils like lavender, frankincense and many more and told us that they are good for our mental and physical health.

-Tamreen



# | Balsabha

April 6, 2024

'Bal' means children and 'Sabha' means special assembly. Bal Sabha is celebrated every year in our school to welcome new members of the DGS, where they introduce themselves through their performances. This year it was held on 6th April. The new students captivated everyone's heart as they recited, poems, cracked jokes, danced and also solved Rubik's Cube blind folded. What an amazing display of talents!

-Shveni Jain



# | Startup You Training Session

April 11, 2024

The StartUp You training session was held for 3 consecutive days where students were given an insight on consciously planning and controlling the time spent on specific tasks to increase efficiency, effectiveness, and productivity. It involves organizing and prioritizing tasks, setting goals, and making conscious choices about how to allocate time to various responsibilities and activities.



# | Monthly Open House

April 11, 2024

'Nature is an integral part of mankind'. The first Open House was held on 13th April where students brought forward the reviews on books they have read on nature. All the groups also shared their experiences and learnings from the mid-term trips they had gone on in the month of March to different destinations. The PPT on the same was a visual treat for everyone.





# | Tinker Fest

April 25, 2024

In today's fast-paced world where technology continuously evolves, the students of The Doon Girls' School not only showcased their brilliant outfits crafted with sustainability, but also bagged the first prize in the competition. From bold and glamorous to subtle and natural, the students unleashed their creativity effortlessly.



# | Reading India

April 25, 2024

The Doon Girls' School hosted 'Reading India - 2024' an event organised by the Ministry of Culture and Development to promote reading habits among children. The students were thrilled to read books, spanning various genres. Every turn of the page brought fresh adventures and unforgettable characters to life.



# | A Visit to ONGC Museum

April 29, 2024

The Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) is a treasure trove of knowledge, offering a glimpse into the world of oil extraction, both offshore and on land. During a recent visit, our senior students had the privilege of learning about historical drilling

methods, modern techniques, and the intriguing process of fractional distillation. Thanks to Mr. Vinod KB for giving our students this enriching experience.



# | Spectrum-24

May 04, 2024

Unison World School hosted Spectrum-24, a competition that celebrates creativity and talent as every year in May. This annual event provides a platform for students to explore various art forms and showcase their abilities.

Samaira and Lavanya, from 'The Doon Girls' School participated in the 'House of Gourmet'

competition and received the runners-up trophy. They had to create sandwiches of different flavours and styles. Both these girls had recently started with Home Science activity. It was their hard work and dedication which got them this trophy.

# | Hindi Recitation at The Oasis

Aug 02-03, 2024

In a harmonious gathering, our school participated in the Time to Rhyme Hindi Recitation Competition hosted at Oasis. The stage came alive with young poets, their voices weaving intricate patterns of emotion and rhythm.

Our students won a prize in each category. In Category B: Yashika from Grade IV secured a third position in the individual category.

Yashashvi and Jainandini from Grade III, along with Misheeta, Christine and Amaira from Grade IV, exhibited outstanding teamwork and clinched the second position in the group category.

Their achievements reflect dedication, skill, and teamwork. Well done, young stars.



# | THE OASIS - MUN

The Doon Girls School was invited to the third Inter-School Model United Nations (MUN) on August 2 and 3, hosted by The OASIS, and 11 of our students took part in the two-day event. Under the theme 'From Harm to Harmony,' the event saw participation from 11 schools, with a total of 125 students involved in diplomatic discussions and debates. The event began with an inspiring opening speech by Mr. Sanjiv Bathla, the School Director and Head of School, who welcomed all participants and highlighted the significance of global harmony. The simulation featured a range of committees, from the peacekeeping United Nations Security Council to the influential United Nations General Assembly, as well as the

specialized World Health Organization and the dynamic International Press Corps (IPC). Delegates engaged in meaningful debates and produced well-crafted and thoughtful resolutions. The Best Delegation Trophy was awarded to Doon International School, City Campus. It was a valuable experience for our students, as they developed crucial speaking skills and expanded their knowledge on various topics through research. The event concluded on a high note, with participants taking away valuable lessons and experiences, reaffirming their commitment to fostering peace and understanding towards all, in a complex world.



# | Student Exchange Program

Aug 06-07, 2024

## **Aug 06 - DPS on our campus**

The student exchange programme between The Doon Girls' School and DPS Vikasnagar was a successful initiative that highlighted the importance of experiential learning and interdisciplinary education. The session held in The Doon Girls' School Campus was activity-based, promoting hands-on learning interdisciplinary connections.

There was a Flashmob dance workshop which was an energetic and engaging experience for the students. This was followed by an art session which focussed on creating polygon shapes where students crafted diamond shapes using pre-cut pieces of paper. This was in connection to the Mathematics programme held earlier where polygons and the importance of triangular shapes in bridge construction were explained and discussed. Students were divided into groups and provided with materials to construct model bridges by incorporating triangular shapes into their designs. During this exercise, it was wonderful to see the teamwork and critical thinking involved.

## **Aug 07 - Visit to DPS Vikas Nagar**

Upon our arrival at DPS Vikasnagar, we received a warm and enthusiastic welcome from the staff. Despite the traffic delay, they were waiting for us at

the reception. The day was packed with engaging activities. We kicked off with an art class where students skilfully crafted fish from clay.

Following that the collaboration activity not only fostered teamwork but also rewarded the winning team with a storybook each – a thoughtful gesture. During the break, DPS students generously shared their refreshments. It's heart-warming to witness such camaraderie and creativity!

After the break, they had a sports activity planned for the students, introducing them to a parachute play activity that they thoroughly enjoyed. The sports activity was followed by a music and dance class where the Indian and Western music teachers collaborated, blending both styles seamlessly. This suggestion was especially refreshing after the tiring sports session. To gather feedback on their exchange program experience, students were asked to fill out a feedback form.

As we prepared to leave for our school, students were once again offered refreshments for the bus ride. The staff escorts, Vice Principal and Principal also received a token of thanks from the school. The DPS staff accompanied us to the gate, adding a warm touch to our departure. Overall, it was an amazing experience!







Welham Boys' School hosted the Welham Model United Nations Conference (WELMUN-2024) from August 8-10, 2024. This year's theme, 'Concordia Discordia,' meaning 'A Harmony of Discord,' captures the paradox that progress requires both collaboration and diversity. It represents the coexistence of discord and harmony, shaping the essence of existence. The conference welcomed 400 delegates from 27 prominent public schools across India and abroad. During the opening ceremony, Chief Guest Lt Gen K J Singh (retd.) addressed the student delegates, emphasizing the role of the United Nations in promoting awareness and education.

The student-led event was organized by an Executive Committee made up of seven student executive chairs. These chairs managed seven committees that simulated various UN bodies, including the United Nations Security Council, the Disarmament and International Security Committee, the United Nations Human Rights Council, the Lok Sabha, the International



Criminal Police Organization, the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and the International Press Corps. The committees engaged in discussions on critical topics such as the 'Arab-Israeli War,' 'The Maritime Chokepoints,' and the 'Role of Article 356 and the Implementation of the Uniform Civil Code.'

The Closing Ceremony was honored by Pushpendra Saroj, Member of Parliament, as the Chief Guest. As the youngest person ever to serve in Parliament, Saroj shared insights on how education has shaped his outlook and decision-making abilities. He encouraged students to appreciate diverse perspectives, actively engage with their communities, and take initiative in tackling social issues.

MUN aids in skill development and provides a platform for young individuals to engage actively in diplomatic efforts to address and resolve global conflicts.





# | The Doon School MUN

Aug 08-10, 2024

Ten girls from Classes IX and X attended the Model United Nations event at The Doon School, Dehradun.

Class IX: Stuti Kanodia, Kamal Kour, Gaurangi Rastogi, Aalia, Tamreen and Shveni Jain

Class X: Saima Arora, Saumya Nayak, Geet Saini and Kavya Chugh.



## | A Visit to the Post Office

Aug 17, 2024

Our visit to the post office was designed to provide a hands-on understanding of postal services, bridging theoretical knowledge with real-world applications. We began with a tour of the post office, where a friendly staff member explained the workflow, from receiving mail to sorting and delivering it to recipients. Students interacted with customer service staff to learn about their roles, including assisting customers with sending parcels, purchasing stamps etc.

The students explored various stamps, learning about the famous leaders featured on them and the significance of different PIN codes. They also discovered that savings can be made both in banks and post offices. The highlight of the visit was the opportunity for students to write postcards and drop them into the big red mailbox, experiencing the full process from writing to mailing.





# Learning How to Create Your Own Story at The Doon Library and Research Centre

Aug 20, 2024

Six enthusiastic students from our school had the opportunity to visit the Doon Library and Research Centre. Their mission? To unravel the secrets of story writing and discover the magic behind crafting compelling narratives.

Instructor: Mr. Nicolas Hoffland

Focus: Understanding the “Cheat Code” for effective storytelling/story writing

The Cheat Code: Mr. Nicolas introduced the concept of a storytelling “cheat code.” According to him, every great story follows three essential steps:

Old World: Setting the stage by introducing characters, context, and the existing situation.

New World: Introducing a twist or conflict that disrupts the status quo.

Decision: The pivotal moment where characters make choices that drive the plot forward.

Illustrative Example: Mr. Nicolas used the popular Bollywood film “3 Idiots” as an example. Students analyzed how the movie followed the cheat code, from the college days (old world) to the pursuit of passion (new world) and the decision to challenge norms (decision).

Movie Screening: “Finding Nemo”: After the theory, students enjoyed a screening of “Finding Nemo.” They actively identified instances where the cheat code played out in the animated adventure.

Discussion: Engaging discussions followed the movie. Students explored which elements corresponded to the old world, new world, and critical decisions within the film.

Conclusion: The trip to the Doon Library and Research Centre left our students inspired and eager to apply the storytelling cheat code in their own writing.



# 14th Inter School English Elocution Competition

Aug 22, 2024

The Doon Girls' School hosted the 14th Inter School English Elocution competition featuring the participation of 26 renowned schools from Mussoorie and Dehradun. This event, which encompassed both individual and group categories, provided a platform for young speakers to showcase their eloquence and passion for poetry recitation in English.

The English Elocution competition at The Doon Girls' School is renowned for fostering linguistic proficiency, expressive communication, and cultural appreciation. As a landmark event in the

academic calendar, this competition plays a pivotal role in promoting the beauty and significance of English poetry.

The distinguished Panel of Judges included renowned experts in English language and literature, Ms. Poonam Jaiswal (Former HOD English, Unison School), Mr. Ashford Lyonette (Eng. Dept Selaqui International School), Dr. Aloka Niyogi (an Educationist, a Motivational Speaker, a Freelance writer) and Mr. Sameer Chopra (English Dept, The Doon School).

## Overall tally

Position	School Name	Points
First	Doon International City Campus	429
Second	St. Joseph's Academy	427
Third	The Oasis	418





# 2nd Inter School Hindi Debate Competition - Seniors

Aug 22, 2024

The Doon Girls' School organized the 2nd Inter School Hindi Debate Competition in Category A for classes VII & VIII and Category B for classes IX to X on 29th August 2024.

22 renowned schools of Dehradun keenly contested. The children received a resounding applause for their performances by the audience.

The judges for the competition were: Smt. Vijaya Laxmi Jugran, Smt Monika Sharma, Smt. Paras Gupta and Smt Sujata Paul.

At the end of the competition, the judges gave away the certificates and prizes to the winners and addressed the participants with some words of encouragement.

The best speakers for Category A were Navya Joshi

(St. Joseph's Academy), Prakriti Chauhan (DAV Public School) and Sudhyati (Doon International School)

The best speakers for Category B were Shivanshi (Doon International School) and Samridhi Kukreti (DAV Public School)

Doon International School bagged the first position, The Doon Girls' School secured second position and their team comprised Gaurangi Rastogi, Saima Arora, Saumya Jha and Lavanya Vishal Patel.

DAV Public School secured third position and the replica of the Running Trophy was presented to the team of The Doon School who were the winners in 2023.

## Overall tally

Position	School Name	Points
First	Doon International City Campus	303
Second	The Doon Girls' School	283
Third	DAV Public School	116.5





# | Swachchhta and Hindi Pakhwada

Sep 01-14, 2024

Hindi Pakhwada was celebrated in our school with great enthusiasm, centered around the theme of cleanliness.

The observance began with an oath-taking ceremony on cleanliness, followed by creative competitions such as writing slogans, making posters, and the much-anticipated Bal Sansad (Youth Parliament). Conducted by students of Classes 9 and 10, the Bal Sansad included an engaging quiz and highlighted the students' ability to articulate ideas and debate pressing issues with confidence.

Adding to the awareness efforts, Class 7 students conducted a special assembly on climate change. Through a well-prepared PowerPoint presentation

and an interactive quiz, they helped spread crucial information on environmental challenges and sustainable practices.

A major highlight of the celebration was a Nukkad Naatak (street play) written and directed by Mr. Varun Chamoli. The play focused on themes of cleanliness and climate change and was met with much appreciation, particularly during its performance at Deen Dayal Upadhyay Coronation Hospital.

The Hindi Pakhwada celebrations served not only to promote the Hindi language but also to inspire students to think critically and act responsibly on issues that affect their communities and the environment.





# A Visit to The General Post Office, Dehradun

Oct 09-10, 2024

On 9th October, 2024 a group of 47 students, accompanied by 5 teachers, visited the post office near Clock Tower, Dehradun on the occasion of World Post Day. Upon arrival, the post office staff gave us an informative session about their services. They explained how we can send postcards to our family and loved ones, as well as documents via simple post and speed post. We also learned that the post office handles parcels weighing up to 35 kg.

An interesting service they mentioned was the availability of Gangajal, which can be purchased at the post office and sent to anyone across the country. This allows people to send sacred water from the Ganges to their loved ones, especially those who may not have access to it.

The staff highlighted the government's savings schemes for girls and women, offering attractive interest rates, encouraging us to save money at the post office. They then showed us the Philatelic Bureau, where we saw a variety of stamps and



learned that it is possible to personalize stamps with our own pictures.

Additionally, we were informed that the post office offers services related to Aadhaar, including enrollment and updates. We were also shown the mail sorting area, where we observed how letters and packages are organized for delivery.

The visit was both educational and engaging, with students learning many new things about the post office's diverse services.

## Visit to NIVH, Dehradun

Oct 09-10, 2024

On the 10th of October 2024 students from classes 6, 7 and 8 visited the National Institute for Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIVH), Dehradun. They headed straight to the office of the Director, NIVH Dehradun. While the students were in the audio recording studio of NIVH, the Director NIVH addressed the students and answered the questions raised by the students.

Students were elated to visit the FM studio and they readily interacted with the radio jockey present.

The students also visited the library and gained insight into the Braille writing system.

Students were excited when they entered the computer

lab for the visually challenged and they gained more knowledge on the way the visually challenged use the digital platforms. Students also visited the science lab and they understood the modification made to suit the needs of the visually challenged.

Students were shown the complete process of the printing of the Braille manuscripts.

The visit to NIVH, Dehradun was very informative for the students. The students appreciated the endeavors made by NIVH to improve the quality of life for the visually impaired.

# Military History Seminar

Oct 09-10, 2024

The 8th Military History Seminar (MHS) was held at Welham Boys' School from October 9 to 10, 2024. This prestigious event brought together students and delegates from various schools from all over India to engage in discussions and activities

centered around military history, particularly focusing on the Kargil War.

It was a remarkable experience for all the participants, including the ten girls from our school.

# GWB2025 – Accelerating Equity in Science

Oct 09-10, 2024

The Global Women's Breakfast 2025 was held at Unison World School, Dehradun, on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. The theme this year was "Accelerating Equity in Science." The event, aligned with the International

Day of Women and Girls in Science, aimed to build a network to address gender equality barriers in STEM.

The event featured guest speakers who shared

valuable insights. The Science Department's PPT was informative, highlighting statistics to support the theme. Five girls from Class 8 Shrivali Singh, Samaira Gagneja, Saumya Jha, Geetika Shakya and Mridini Chauhan participated in discussions, hands-on activities and presentations.

Escort teacher Mrs. Kiran Jayal participated in an 'Art' activity while students were engaged in the program. Nine schools took part in GWB2025.





# 16th Inter School (Jr.) Science Quiz

Feb 21, 2025

On Friday, February 21, 2025, we had the honor of hosting the 16th Inter-School (Junior) Science Quiz Competition – Quest, an exciting platform that brought together bright young minds from nine reputed schools across Dehradun.

After several intense and intellectually stimulating rounds, five schools advanced to the finals: PYDS School, Dehradun Boys' School, Delhi Public School Ghaziabad, Welham Boys' School, and The Doon Girls' School. The competition was fierce and showcased the students' deep understanding and preparation.

A tie between Delhi Public School Ghaziabad and Dehradun Boys' School added an extra edge to the final round. Dehradun Boys' School ultimately emerged as the top scorer but as part of the host institution, the winning trophy was graciously awarded to Delhi Public School Ghaziabad, who finished with an impressive 159 points. PYDS School secured third place.

Alongside the quiz, the day also featured the Change Maker Programme, a vibrant exhibition where over five schools presented innovative projects addressing real-world issues. The event was a celebration of creativity, problem-solving, and youth-driven action. PYDS School stood out with their impactful initiative and lifted the trophy for the Change Maker Programme.

The events were judged by Mr. Prakhar Ghildyal, Vice President at Educational Initiatives Pvt. Ltd., known for his expertise in student learning analytics, and Ms. Vanshree Scott, a veteran Science teacher and House Mistress at Welham Girls' School. Their thoughtful evaluation and presence added great value to the day.

The dual events—centered on science, innovation, and social impact—made for an enriching and inspiring experience for all involved.



# Emotional Well-being and Conflict Resolution Workshop - BSAI

Feb 23-24, 2025

We had the privilege of conducting a transformative workshop on "Emotional Well-Being and Conflict Resolution" with dedicated educators from 15 of India's well-known boarding schools. This enriching session brought together teachers from Yadavindra Public School, Welham Girls' School, Mayo College Girls' School, The Doon School, St. George's College, Rishikul Vidyapeeth, Kasiga School, Unison World School, Pinegrove School, Welham Boys' School, Vidya Devi Jindal School, The Sanskaar Valley School, Selaqui International School, Ecole Globale International Girls' School, and The Doon Girls' School.

All participating institutions are proud members of the Boarding Schools' Association of India (BSAI),

reinforcing a shared commitment to student well-being and progressive education.

The workshop was co-facilitated by Dr. Kartikeya Singh from the Rosemounts Center for Well-Being and Ms. Monisha Datta, Director of The Doon Girls' School. Their insightful guidance created a space for open dialogue, meaningful reflection, and collaborative learning.

It was truly an inspiring experience to collaborate with such a committed group of professionals.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to making this workshop a resounding success. Together, we continue to build stronger, more emotionally aware learning communities.





# Science, Math, and Social Studies Exhibition

Feb 28, 2025

The Science, Math, and Social Studies Exhibition 2025 focused on the theme "Smart City and Renewable Sources of Energy". This interdisciplinary event highlighted students' creativity & understanding of how technology, sustainability, and urban planning can work together.

The exhibition encouraged interdisciplinary learning, fostering critical thinking and teamwork as students developed solutions for real-world

challenges. The exhibition was a success, demonstrating how smart cities and renewable energy can shape a sustainable future. Students showcased their academic skills and creativity while addressing global challenges. The former Director, Mrs. Indira Goswami, was the chief guest. She encouraged the students and praised their efforts, acknowledging their hard work and innovative thinking.



## Visit to The Doon School

Feb 28, 2025

On the occasion of National Science Day, a group of students from 'The Doon Girls' School, Dehradun, Akshaya, Yami, Miraya, Vibhi, and Misheeta, visited The Doon School, Dehradun.

The students participated in informative presentations and engaging activities focused on the topics of Terrarium and The Raman Effect. Additionally, the students actively took part in a hands-on activity, building a model in the Physics lab within a set time frame.



# Environmental Stewardship

## | Nature Walk

May 05, 2024

Every alternate Sunday our nature club students go for a walk in the campus. Exploring the natural world through a nature walk is not only educational but also invigorating.

On this walk they observed various plant species, learned about conservation, and planted some saplings. The first walk of this term fostered awareness and a sense of responsibility toward nature.



## | A Visit to Anand Van

Sep 29, 2024

On September 29, 2024, a nature walk led by Mr. Suniti Bhushan Dutta at Anand Van (Jhajra Forest) aimed to deepen participants' understanding of local flora and fauna. The walk began with discussions on native trees, including the Kadam, Haldu, Ber, and Amla, as well as insights into Anand Bugyal, the high-altitude meadows in the Himalayas. The participants enjoyed birdwatching, identifying various species such as the Black-headed Chawara and Indian Paradise Flycatcher, showcasing the region's avian diversity. The group also learned about the differences between venomous and poisonous creatures, emphasizing the importance of this knowledge for safety. One highlight was the Golden Wood Spider, noted for its unique feeding habits. The walk concluded with an exploration of a large termite hill, illustrating the intricate interdependence of species within the ecosystem.





Day 1 : October 3, 2024

The Wildlife Week celebrations commenced with a short play titled "Let's Calculate - Paper," written by Ms. Garvita Waldia, a former student. The skit raised awareness about the use and misuse of paper, emphasizing the environmental impact of paper consumption and the importance of making eco-friendly choices.

Mr. Suniti Bhusan Dutta, a distinguished wildlife biologist and nature educator, guided the children on a nature walk, where they experienced the beauty of nature first hand. Participants learned about diverse flora and fauna, including various insects like butterflies and moths. Students from Him Jyoti School, Dehradun Hills Academy, Brooklyn School, and The Doon Girls' School joined the walk.

The day's highlight was a collective oath taken by the children, with a commitment to reducing paper waste, recycling whenever possible, and supporting sustainable paper products.



Day 2 : October 5, 2024

As part of Wildlife Week, a workshop titled "Nature and Poetry" was conducted by renowned educator and former principal of Welham Girls' School, Mrs. Jyotsna Brar. She emphasized the significance of poetry in connection with nature and taught an easy method to write a Japanese poem known as Haiku which has a 5-7-5 syllable structure..

Day 3 : October 7, 2024

The event began with a workshop conducted under the guidance of the well-known environmentalist Mr. Rakesh Khatri, also known as the Nest Man of India. During this workshop, students learned how to make birds' nests and the intricacies of their maintenance.

The Doon Girls' School presented a captivating song on climate change titled "Pyare-Pyare Maati Mangal Pyare Hain Sab Jeev-Jungle"





## 17th Rupali Memorial Art Competition

April 18, 2024

The 17th Rupali Memorial Art Competition was held on 18th April to celebrate the memory of the late Mrs. Rupali Dang. Her passion for art and creativity continues to inspire us, and this competition is a fitting tribute to her legacy. 26 renowned schools from Dehradun and Mussoorie took part in the various categories. The students performed extremely well and great art skills were displayed by them. To sum up the programme, a very imaginative and creative workshop was held by Mr Paul Damle on innovation and design.

Three judges who enlightened us with their presence were Mrs. Anjali Thapa from IT School of Art, Mrs. Seema Nichani from Kala Kendra and Mr. Vaibhav Tomar (Masters in Fine Arts).

Position	School	Points
First Position	DIS City Campus	366
Second Position	Ann Mary School	318
Third Position	Summer Valley School	311





# | SPIC MACAY

April 18, 2024

The students of The Doon Girls' School were privileged to have been a part of the Spic Macay, cultural programme held on 18th April, 24 in the school premises. Shree Kalamandalam Rama Kutty gave us a brief introduction about the Kathakali dance, followed by depiction of a beautiful scene from Shrimad Bhagavatham where Sudama goes to meet Lord Krishna in Dwarka.

What an exhilarating display of art it was!

- Stuti



# | Music of the Spheres

April 22, 2024

Our school proudly hosted the Sixth Edition of the 'Music of the Spheres', a musical event on 22nd April, 24 to raise awareness about the environment and promote sustainable practices. The event witnessed the participation of many reputed schools. Each of them displayed heartwarming performances one after the other, through their mellifluous voices. Whilst participating with

enthusiasm and gusto, all the students demonstrated their progress and development through their mesmerising performances.

The entire audience was left speechless when the children of Bajaj Institute of Learning for Deaf Children performed the National Anthem in sign language.



# A Cultural Journey

Aug 23-25, 2024

(Day 1)

Dr. Ashish K. Srivastava, an IAS officer and Vice Chairman of the Mussorie-Dehradun Development Authority, welcomed over 2,000 participants to the Spic Macay State Convention.

Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt captivated the audience with his exceptional sitar skills. Renowned singer Ms. Vidushi Sudha Raghunathan performed soulful classical ragas that deeply touched the hearts of the audience.

Students had the chance to learn from Gurus in various arts, including dance, music, painting, and theater. This immersive experience fostered cultural exchange and personal growth.

(Day 2)

The day began with a rejuvenating yoga session that set a positive tone for the activities ahead.

A renowned flutist conducted an insightful workshop on the art of flute playing. Pandit Deepak Maharaj left the audience spellbound with his intricate footwork and expressions.

Shri Prem Hindwal showcased traditional mask dance techniques in a mesmerizing performance.

The programme featured soul-stirring Hindustani vocals by Pandit Omkar Dadarkar and a breathtaking sitar performance by Pt. Kushaldas.

(Day 3)

Vid. Parvathy Baul captivated the audience with her soulful renditions of stories about Lord Krishna. Padmashree Malini Awasthi ji delivered a moving performance portraying Maa Yashoda awakening Lord Krishna, leaving a lasting impression on all.

Students showcased their newfound skills learned from various Gurus, including performances in Bharatanatyam and other traditional art forms, demonstrating their growth and learning throughout the event.

The following students participated in this State Convention : Akshaya Elapanda, Aadya Gupta, Sinaki Bhuyan, Mridini Chauhan, Saima Arora, Miraya Agarwal, Sanskriti Mehrotra, Divistha Mittal, Mishika Agarwal, and Hasrat Kaur Brar in various art forms like Kuchipudi, Tie & Dye, Hindustani Vocal, Theatre, Kathak, Kangra Painting and Sikki Grass Craft.





# Inter-House Dance Competition

Oct 29, 2024

On October 29, 2024, our school hosted an engaging and vibrant folk dance program aimed at promoting cultural heritage and diversity. The event featured a variety of traditional dances, each representing the rich tapestry of our country's folk traditions prepared by Ms. Rini Chakravarty, Kathak Teacher.

## Program Highlights :

### 1. Cheraw Dance by Koel House

Dancers - Hasrat Kaur Brar, Akshaya, Shreya Midhha, Aalina Chauhan, Christine Neelam.

### 2. Tippani Dance by Robin House

Dancers - Kavita Bisht, Mishika Agarwal , Jainandini, Amaira Gagneja, Aarshi Pandey, Sinaki Bhuyaan



### 3. Lambadi Dance by Cuckoo House

Dancers - Tenzin Choizom, Samaira Gagneja, Yashashvi Yadav, Tok Riza, Aryanshi Verma, Sanskriti Mehrotra

### 4. Bengali Dance by Myna House

Dancers - Shrivali Singh, Anoki Bhuyan, Misheeta Mittal, Tenzin Youdon, Chrisann Sequeira , Sanskriti Gupta

The event culminated in a mesmerizing Kuchipudi dance performance by a talented Grade 6 student, Akshaya.

The folk dance program was a resounding success, bringing together students, parents, and teachers in a celebration of our cultural heritage.



# | Virasat 2024

Oct 19-29, 2024

Virasat, an annual cultural festival, is held in Dehradun with the aim of providing a platform for artists of all levels, from emerging talents to seasoned performers. The festival is renowned for its inclusivity and its role in promoting art and culture across regions, making it a coveted stage for performers of all ages.

Saisha Jain and Vedant Khetan, two of our school's most talented vocalists, showcased their remarkable skills in a classical music performance. They chose to perform Raag Bhairav, a morning raga known for its grandeur and solemnity. The duo's perfect synchronization, pitch control, and expressiveness were truly commendable, and their performance not only impressed the audience but

also earned them widespread acclaim from music enthusiasts and critics alike.

Another highlight of the event was Akshaya's beautiful Kuchipudi dance performance. Akshaya's performance was an exquisite representation of this art form, as she flawlessly executed the delicate movements and intricate expressions that form the core of Kuchipudi.

We are incredibly proud of Saisha, Vedant Khetan, and Akshaya Elapanda for representing our school at Virasat. It is our hope that their success will inspire other students to explore their artistic interests and strive for excellence in whatever field they choose.



# | Winter Carnival at Welham Boys' School

Dec 01, 2024

On 1st December, a group of 31 girls from Grades 1 to 5 went to Welham Boys' School to attend the Winter Carnival. The event was filled with exciting activities, and the girls particularly enjoyed the Fun and Food Zones, where they had the opportunity to participate in various games, enjoy delicious treats, and explore the festive atmosphere. The day was filled with laughter, joy, and memorable moments.





# Nukkad Natak

April 05, 2025

On 5th April 2025, a group of 13 students from our school participated in a Nukkad Natak at Raphael Ryder Cheshire Home based on the theme "Climate Change", with a strong focus on Global Warming. The participating students were: Mannat, Lavanya, Aadya Gupta, Kriti, Aalia, Tamreen, Shreya Jha, Saumya, Samaira, Sanskriti, Savi, Shreya and Stuti.

The street play highlighted the harmful effects of global warming, such as melting glaciers, rising sea levels, deforestation, and extreme weather conditions. Through powerful performances and thought-provoking dialogues, the students emphasized how human negligence is endangering the planet.

A key part of the act focused on the 7Rs of sustainability –Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle, Rethink, and Replace– encouraging the audience to adopt these practices in their daily lives to fight climate change and reduce their carbon footprint.



# On-the-spot Art Competition

April 05, 2025

On April 5, 2025, an On-the-Spot Art Competition was organized for students of Grades 1 to 9, following the Baal Sabha. The event took place in the school's amphitheater, a vibrant and open setting that provided an ideal atmosphere for creativity to flourish. The wide, airy space allowed students to freely choose their own comfortable spots—whether under the shade, on the steps, or in the open sunshine—creating a cheerful, relaxed environment that encouraged artistic expression. Laughter, excitement, and the sound of pencils and crayons brought the entire area to life. The theme for this year's competition centered around Earth Day, inviting students to reflect deeply on the importance of protecting the planet. They were encouraged to translate their ideas about environmental conservation, the beauty of nature, and sustainable living into visual art. The young participants approached the theme with remarkable enthusiasm and imagination. Many

illustrated forests, oceans, and wildlife, while others depicted solutions such as recycling, renewable energy, and responsible use of resources. Teachers and organizers observed with pride as students demonstrated both creativity and awareness. The activity served as an opportunity for children to explore their artistic abilities while learning to appreciate the environment. Through their drawings, they expressed concerns about pollution, deforestation, and climate change, as well as hope for a greener, healthier future. This blend of artistry and environmental consciousness made the competition truly inspiring. It became a valuable educational experience that nurtured creativity, strengthened environmental values, and encouraged students to become responsible stewards of the planet. By combining fun with learning, the competition successfully instilled a deeper appreciation for Earth Day and the role each individual plays in safeguarding our world.

# Design and Technology

## | Innovation and You

Design and Technology teaches us that creativity has no limits. This inspiring project proves it—every part of the house was built using discarded materials. It shows that with innovation and effort, nothing is impossible. In design and technology classes, children learn practical skills

like making wooden items such as lamps, tables, and chairs. Under the guidance of qualified trainer Mr. Paul Damle, students gain hands-on experience and understand the value of sustainable design and resourcefulness.





# Sports and Games

## 24th Open State Roller-Skating Championship 2024

April 12-13, 2024

A big shout out to the success of the school's Roller Skating team at the 24th Open State Roller Skating Championship. A moment of triumph, a journey of growth, learning and determination. Tenzin

Choizom bagged a bronze medal in the U-11 category and Saumya Nayak bagged two bronze medals in the U-16 category.

## District Association Karate Championship

April 13, 2024

We are pleased to share that our students participated in the District Association Karate Championship on 13th April, 2024 and brought laurels to our school. Misheeta won a Gold Medal and Yashasvi won a Bronze.

Indeed a proud moment for 'The Doon Girls' School.



## Staff Badminton Tournament

April 15-16, 2024

The Staff Badminton Tournament was a wonderful event that brought colleagues together for a day of energetic matches and shared enthusiasm. All the participants played with great spirit, showcasing their skills and providing plenty of entertainment for the audience. The matches were filled with friendly rivalry and good sportsmanship, reflecting the true spirit of the game. Congratulations to the winners.



# 21st Uttarakhand State Karate Championship

May 05, 2024

Congratulations to the talented participants representing The Doon Girls' School in the 21st Uttarakhand State Karate Championship!

Misheeta of Grade IV showcased her exceptional skills and secured the gold medal in her weight category.

Yashasvi of Grade III demonstrated her prowess and earned a well-deserved bronze medal. Their achievement made everyone proud.



# CISCE National Yoga Olympiad

May 15, 2024

The CISCE National Yoga Olympiad serves as a platform to inspire and motivate young students to reach new heights in yoga. It emphasizes the importance of physical well-being and holistic education among students. On May 15, 2024, The Doon Girls' School hosted the CISCE Yoga Trials. A total of 30 students participated, representing

renowned institutions such as Welham Girls' School, Summer Valley School, St. Judes School, and other schools from Uttarakhand. Our students Mridini Chauhan and Chahak Mimani were also part of the trials and got selected to represent Uttarakhand Zone in the Nationals.





# CISCE U.P. & U.K. Region Basketball Tournament (Girls)

Aug 05-06, 2024

The prestigious CISCE Basketball Tournament witnessed remarkable performances from the Uttarakhand Zone teams, with young players showcasing their talent and determination on the court. The tournament was hosted by Dr. Virendra Swarup Public School, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. In the **Girls' Under-14 category**, two promising students — **Tenzin Youdon Khum** (Class VII) and **Shrivali Singh** (Class VIII) — represented the **Uttarakhand Zone Basketball Team**. Competing against 11 strong teams, the Uttarakhand team delivered a commendable performance and

secured **4th place** in the tournament. Meanwhile, in the **Girls' Under-19 category**, **Saumya Nayak** of Class X represented the Uttarakhand team, which went on to clinch the **1st position** in a highly competitive field of 12 teams. Her contribution was instrumental in bringing glory to the team and the state. These achievements reflect the dedication, discipline, and hard work of the young athletes and highlight the growing prominence of sports, particularly basketball, among school students in the region.

# 1st OKGKS Open District Karate Championship 2024

Sep. 02, 2024

Thirteen girls from our school participated in the 1st OKGKS Open District Karate Championship 2024 at Shivalik Academy, Selaqui, Dehradun. They showcased strong skills and sportsmanship, reflecting the growing interest in martial arts among young girls.

**Results of the Championship were as follows :**

## **Kumite Event:**

Gold Medal : Yashasvi Yadav, Kavita Bisht  
Silver Medal : Kamal Kour, Aarav Shakya  
Bronze Medal : Misheeta Mittal,  
Aradhya Kanchan, Kaashvi Kedia,  
Geetika Shakya, Riddhi  
Varshney, Sinaaki Cynthia,  
Saumya Jha

## **Kata Event:**

Gold : Misheeta Mittal  
Silver : Lavanya Vishal Patel  
Bronze : Tamreen Brar, Gaurangi Rastogi



# 15th Sri Tek-Chand Memorial Basketball Tournament

Sept. 27-29, 2024

This year, ten teams competed in the inter-school basketball tournament. The opening match saw The Doon Girls' School (DGS) face Shikshaankur. On Saturday, DGS secured a semifinal spot by defeating DPSG with a close score of 8-6. Earlier league matches included strong performances:

The Oasis beat Shikshaankur 16-2

PYDS won against Him Jyoti 12-3

DPSG defeated Shikshaankur 25-4

The Oasis triumphed over St. Jude's 29-2

Sun Valley beat The Doon World School 11-2

DGS outplayed St. Jude's 34-6

These victories led The Doon Girls' School, PYDS, The Oasis, and Him Jyoti to the semifinals. On Sunday, two semifinal matches were held. In the first, PYDS beat The Oasis to reach the finals. The second semifinal featured Him Jyoti and DGS. In an exciting final, The Doon Girls' School emerged as the champions, defeating PYDS with a score of 21-10.

Best Player: Tok Riza

Most Promising Player: Kavita Bisht





# | SFA Championship 2024-25

Oct. 14, 2024

SFA- Sports For All (SFA) : This year's championships took place across 10 cities and featured over 150,000 participants from more than 7,000 of India's top sporting schools. The event kicked off on October 4 in Uttarakhand and culminated in the final championship hosted in Jaipur from December 6-16.

The SFA Championships served as an unprecedented platform for school contingents to compete for the title of Uttarakhand's best school in sports. The event emphasized not only competitive spirit but also teamwork, dedication, and sportsmanship.

The Doon Girls' School proudly participated in this year's SFA Championships. Our students

participated in various events like Athletics, Karate, Table Tennis, Basketball, Badminton etc.

Out of 169 participating schools, our institution achieved a commendable 11th place. This performance showcased the talent and hard work of our athletes.

The SFA Championships 2024-25 marked a significant milestone in the development of grassroots sports in India. With the support of institutions like The Doon Girls School, SFA aims to inspire young athletes and build a robust sporting culture that would benefit the nation in the long run. We looked forward to further engagement and success in the upcoming events.





# District Athletics Meet

Nov. 09-10, 2024

A total of 39 students from our school participated in various events at the District Athletics Meet. The event highlighted the excellent coordination and team spirit of our students, especially during the March Past. With their synchronized movements

and disciplined approach, they secured the second position in the March Past competition, showcasing their commitment and teamwork.



# DDPSA Senior Girls' Basketball Tournament

Nov. 12-15, 2024

Seven teams competed in the event, and our team gave an exceptional performance throughout the competition. The final match was an exciting clash between The Doon Girls' School and The Cambrian Hall School. Our team fought valiantly and earned a well-deserved second place in the tournament, a remarkable achievement considering the high level of competition. The team members included:

Kavya Chugh (Captain), Saumya Nayak, Kavyanjali Chauhan, Tok Riza, Tenzin Youdon, Kavita Bisht, Kriti Sri Ram, Miraya Agrawal

Shrivali Singh, Sanskriti Mehrotra, Samaira Gagneja, Tok Elizabeth





# Annual Sports Meet

Dec. 12, 2024

The Doon Girls' School celebrated its 13th Annual Sports Day on 12th December 2024, themed "Sports for the Promotion of Peaceful and Inclusive Societies." The event was graced by Chief Guest Shri Narinder Jit Singh Bindra, Chairman of Gurudwara Shri Hemkunt Sahib Management Trust, Uttarakhand. The day began with an impressive march past by the four school houses — Cuckoo, Koel, Myna, and Robin. Students competed in events such as sprints, relays, long jump, shot put, hurdles, and discus and javelin throws, along with inclusive fun races.

Notable winners included:

Aarshi Pandey – 1st place in U-12 100m

Geetika Shakya – 1st place in U-14 100m

The second half featured vibrant displays in Karate, Yoga, Aerobics, PT, and Skating, with the boys' synchronized skating act drawing special applause. Several students were recognized for their wonderful achievements:

- Kavya Chugh & Ankita Das – for participation in Sub Junior National Roll Ball Championship 2024

- Karate students were awarded with yellow & orange belts

- Misheeta Mittal – set a National Record with 40 cartwheels in 60 seconds

- Christine Neelam & Mridini Chauhan – qualified for Junior National Championship 2024

The event concluded with a speech by the Chief Guest.



# Festivals/Events

## | Independence Day

Aug. 15, 2024

The 78th Independence Day was celebrated in school. It was a proud moment when our chairman, Mr. C. P. Dang hoisted the national flag and we sang the national anthem and patriotic songs. Our Chairman set free some pigeons along with the younger students of the school giving us an experience of what freedom looks like. This was

followed by a program presented by Koel House. We learnt about the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters to make our nation a free country. The Principal's speech inspired us to become good citizens of the country.

## | Janmashtami Celebration

Aug. 26, 2024

Myna House beautifully brought Lord Krishna's life to the stage in a vibrant Janmashtami dance drama. The play began with Krishna's birth, depicting the miraculous events surrounding his arrival. From his miraculous birth and playful childhood to his triumph over Kaliya and the wisdom of the Bhagavad Gita, the students

captivated the audience with their energy and expression.

The performance was a celebration of creativity, teamwork, and cultural heritage—an inspiring display of talent and devotion that left a lasting impression on all who watched.

## | Teachers' Day Celebrations

Sep. 05-06, 2024

Teachers' Day was celebrated with warmth and enthusiasm over two joyful days, recognizing the hard work and dedication of our educators.

Day 1 saw all teachers heading to Spillway Resort, where they enjoyed a refreshing day filled with a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. It was a much-deserved break, allowing the staff to relax, bond, and recharge in a beautiful setting.

Day 2 brought the celebration back to the school campus, where Class 10 students organized a special event in honour of their teachers. With

limited resources and time, the students managed to put together a heartfelt and enjoyable programme, filled with performances and thoughtful gestures. Their efforts were deeply appreciated by all the teachers.

The two-day celebration was a perfect blend of fun and gratitude, making it a memorable occasion for everyone involved. We extend our sincere thanks to the students of Class 10 for their creativity and dedication in making the event truly special.







# Gandhi Jayanti and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti Celebration

Oct. 02, 2024

Our school celebrated the birth anniversaries of Lal Bahadur Shastri and Mahatma Gandhi with great enthusiasm. All students participated in Shramdaan, helping to clean classrooms and assisting the Didis and Bhaiyas.

Robin House presented a play commemorating

Gandhi Jayanti, which highlighted Gandhi Ji's life and his philosophies. During lunchtime, council members served meals to the children and aided the Bhaiyas. It was a wonderful day filled with learning and community spirit.

## Dussehra Celebration

Oct. 13, 2024

The Dehradun Boys' School hosted a vibrant Dussehra program inspired by the Ramcharitmanas, celebrating cultural heritage and spirituality. Students brought the life of Lord Rama to the stage with well-rehearsed performances, portraying key characters and moral lessons with enthusiasm. The school choir added depth to the

event with soulful renditions of Chaupais and Dohas, enhancing the spiritual atmosphere. The program was a great success, reflecting the dedication of both students and teachers, while also highlighting the significance of Dussehra and Lord Rama's teachings.

## Children's Day Celebration

Nov. 14, 2024

Children's Day was celebrated with enthusiasm and joy at our school. The celebration included a range of exciting activities, delicious food, and a variety of entertainment options for the students. Teachers organized and performed several hilarious programs that had the children laughing and thoroughly enjoying the day. In addition to the

performances, several games stalls were set up, offering students the chance to engage in friendly competition and win fun prizes. It was a day of celebration, filled with fun and memorable moments, making Children's Day a truly special occasion for all students.

## Holi Celebration

Mar. 14, 2025

The Doon Girls' School came alive with vibrant hues and joyful laughter as students and staff celebrated the festival of Holi with great enthusiasm. The school grounds transformed into a riot of colours as children smeared each other with eco-friendly gulal, symbolizing love, unity,

and the triumph of good over evil. Traditional music, cheerful dancing, and a spirit of togetherness filled the air. This colourful event not only brought immense joy to the students but also reinforced the values of harmony and happiness.







# Alumni Talk

You probably don't not know me because I went to school here a very long time ago but some of my warmest childhood memories were made within the walls of this very school.

When I first arrived at DGS, I felt extremely lost and homesick. However, with a little time and some good luck, I quickly found my footing and made some of the best friends ever. I learnt new things, met new people but most importantly, I played and had loads of fun.

So, if you are reading this as a student of Doon Girls', then I hope you know how lucky you are. This school made me who I am today and taught me many lessons - the most important among them being - how to always find the goodness in life and how to always have fun, wherever you are. I hope it does the same for you.

Loads of love and good wishes

**Tishya**



I still remember walking through the grey coloured gates of The Doon Girls' School for the first time with the hopes of making many new friends, and suitcase as big as me, holding my parents hands with mixed emotions, not knowing what to expect!

At the age of six, I had no idea that this place—my very first hostel—would become the foundation of who I am today- it's a memory I carry like a dream. It was a playground of discovery for me.

Every time I recall about my childhood, it's like a flashback of memories playing in my head like a movie!

I remember the flutter in my stomach as my parents waved goodbye. The unfamiliarity of neatly arranged dormitory beds, the sound of the school bell echoing through the campus, and the strange

hush of shared spaces was overwhelming. That first night, was the hardest, but it wasn't long before routine crept in and transformed fear into comfort.

It was my first taste of independence. It was here that I first learned that strength comes wrapped in kindness, that confidence can be worn like a badge, and that laughter in the corridors is just as important as lessons in the classroom. From sleepy early morning PT sessions to evening prep times and giggles in the dormitories, and even celebrating festivals away from family, everything was a new adventure.

Doon Girls taught me more than textbooks ever could. It taught me to speak up, stand tall, and support others doing the same, every moment helped shape the woman I am today. It challenged me but also introduced me to some of the deepest friendships of my life. We entered as girls, nervous and unsure. We left with memories etched in our bones—and a sisterhood we still carry in our hearts.

My story of Doon Girls would be incomplete without mentioning Pavitra ma'am. My favourite person who made school a home for me. In a new land, with a new language and unfamiliar faces, you were my anchor. As a young Nepali girl far from home, I often felt small in a big world—but your warmth, your patience, and your quiet strength made all the difference. You weren't just a teacher; you were my elder sister and my safe space. Thank you for every smile, every kind word, and every moment you made me feel seen and loved. I carry your kindness with me, always. It wasn't just my first hostel—it was my first real world. And I wouldn't trade a single bittersweet moment of it. You gave me sisters instead of classmates, and memories instead of just marks. Even the tough days came with their own wisdom—and for that, I am grateful. No matter where life takes me, a part of my heart will always walk those corridors, laugh in the recreation hall, and watch the sunset behind the school gates.

To all current Dynamos—cherish every moment. These are the days that become stories, the friendships that last lifetimes, and the roots that let you fly. One day, you'll leave those red-brick walls and step into a much bigger world. But what school gives you—discipline, dignity, resilience, and a deep sense of belonging—will always travel with you.

So, live it all fully. Laugh loudly. Cry when you need to. Write letters. Dance at hostel nights. And know that you're part of something much bigger than yourself—a legacy of strong, beautiful, spirited girls who went before you and are cheering you on from afar.

Thank you, Doon Girls. For everything.

With pride and love,

**Dr. Shaurya Upadhyay, Batch of 2003**





When one considers my days at school, one walks into the memories of those moments, which strongly impacted my formation.

There were giggles in the corridors, nervous excitement before the exams, and teachers encouraging us when we did not even know to encourage ourselves. I will treasure these memories forever.

Students of today, grab every moment. These bonds of friendship you forge, these challenges you overcome here, and these dreams you have the courage to dive after will lay the strong foundation for your future journey.

Thanks to the teachers and mentors who sowed seeds we still nurture after having left.

Once a part of this family, always a part of it.

warm wishes,

Vanya Gupta, Batch of 2021



In the mosaic of dawn and dusk, they wander,  
Lovers of vibrant, electric, tender.  
People call them multitaskers, restless minds,  
But I see hearts, ablaze, unconfined.  
To those who dance in daylight's gleam,  
And waltz with whispers of midnight's dream,  
Their rhythm is a symphony, an endless art,  
A pulse of the soul, a passion of the heart.  
Let the world brand them frantic or lost,  
But they wear their fervor, no matter the cost.  
In creation's rush, they discover peace,  
In their calling's embrace, spirits release.  
Sleep in the arms of the soothing night,  
Or wake with dawn's spark, ready to ignite.  
For joy is the compass that guides their flight,  
Through realms of the heart, into boundless light.  
They say, "Settle down," but why should you cease,  
When dreams' dance brings such sweet peace?  
Let whispers be shadows fading in air,  
For the pulse of passion is beyond compare.  
So dance freely, let your spirit soar,  
In the sway of soul, find what you adore.  
The world may watch, but it's your song to sing,  
In your heart's rhythm, you're a sovereign king.  
Rest if you must, under stars' gentle guide,  
For in dreams, wildest truths often hide.  
Don't heed voices seeking to confine,  
For in your craft's love, you eternally shine.  
Embrace "restless" with pride,  
For in the journey, wonders reside.  
Be madly in love with what you pursue,  
And let nothing and no one ever stop you.



Into the forest, a leap was made,  
Over the fence where doubts cascade,  
No barriers broken, just courage unfurled,  
Stepping into the depths of an unknown world.  
No map in hand, no guiding star,  
Wandering through lands both strange and far,  
Sounds of fear in the shadows crept,  
But forward I walked, where my hope was kept.  
Each rustle, each whisper, a test of might,  
But I knew there was a path bathed in light,  
The closer the echoes, the stronger the fight,  
Yet the end was near, just out of sight.  
Don't falter now, the finish is nigh,  
Don't wait for a witness or a watching eye,  
For the journey within is a solitary quest,  
Keep moving forward, give it your best.

The sunset she was trying to chase, although she was  
caught up in the chaos of the day.  
Smiling she ran to the place where she could see the  
orange meet the base.  
The blue in the sky soon turned red and then she finally  
got some rest.  
The one moment of the reddening light, made the birds  
chirp from the height.  
Her aura changed from black to blue in the shades of  
red that made her bloom.

- Ananya Gupta



# Vision 2025

## I wonder how?

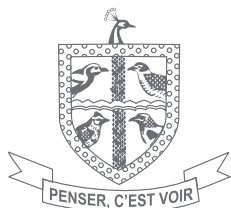
A poem written by Meera Saini of Grade IV

I wonder how the birds fly? or how does a baby cry?  
I wonder how a bird would stay alone in a tree? or how you will adjust in a group of three?  
I wonder how a child grows to an adult in no time? or how to make juice out of lime?  
I wonder how plants grow? or how does the water flow?  
I wonder how a country would be, when there will be no trees?  
or how will anyone win, when there is no one to lose.

*“If Vision 2025 shows us where we are going, Reflections remind us of how far we have already come.”*

Through moments of curiosity and learning, our girls shape the world around them.  
Their wonder becomes our inspiration. Their questions become our purpose.  
Their reflections become our story.

*Credits : Thank You to all the members who contributed in Reflections 2024-25.*



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