

The Elixir

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Happy World Teachers' Day!



Recently, on the 5th of September, which was *National Teachers' Day* (celebrated in memory of S.Radhakrishnan) we had The CVSL Film Fest to honor our teachers . Here's what some of the teachers had to say about it:

"Acha tha, and should continue this way for the years to come!"

"There was clearly a lot of effort involved"

"It was well organized, but could have included games for teachers..."

"Good job! All teachers were well-acknowledged, and food was very, very nice!"

"It was very creative, especially the award ceremony. The teamwork was inspiring!"

"The program was very entertaining and also very creative. It was well researched, and an excellent display of teamwork!"



For those of you who don't remember, or are unaware, every year, the teachers and students have a competition to see whether a better program was presented on Teachers' Day, or Children's. Though this is all in good taste and for fun, everybody works very hard to make the other extremely happy on this day dedicated to them! Well, since all that has been said and done, there's only one more thing left for the teachers to say: *"You're on!"*, as we all await the Great Children's Day Spectacle.

From the Editor's Desk

Behind the Pages....



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Dear Reader,

On behalf of my team, I take immense pride in welcoming you to The Elixir! Well, actually I don't welcome you just yet. There are some things you have to read first!

That's why, before I can say anything, I must express my heartfelt gratitude to not only to the best team anybody could ask for, but also to the school staff and Elixir audience whose support has kept us going. Even though the team is probably already tired of all the grueling hardships and toil they are put through on an hourly basis, remember— *you* who make up the Elixir as much as we do.

Many people have asked us, "Why Elixir... What does it stand for?" Well, "Elixir" is an English word that means "the sweet potion of life". Staying true to Latin (the official language of Cathedral), our motto is "Excellentiam est mere principio", which means "Excellence is only the beginning". We hope to stand by our motto for the years to come.

Sounds fun? Well, I hope it does— because as time progresses, you know the list will only get longer— and better! Also, if you have *anything* to say to us— feedback, suggestions, ideas, submissions,... do let us know at elixir@cathedral-lonavala.org. You can also meet me in the hallways and tell me or maybe just even hand me a sheet!

So *now*, I am simply delighted to welcome you to The Elixir- Believe me when I tell you that it really, *really* wasn't easy getting here— just ask anybody from the team!

Shriya Sekhsaria,
Editor-in-Chief,
The Elixir

Announcements:

- From Issue 2, we are also going to start including the Food Menu and Weekend Schedules here.
- Is there anything you want to say to us? Well, then send it over to elixir@cathedral-lonavala.org. If you can't email us, then write it and give it to us in the halls or simply tell one of the editors!
- The advice columns, addressed to C and V (both remaining anonymous, of course) begin next edition, so start sending in those mails!
- Our submissions column is also open now, so you can send in jokes, riddles, puzzles, poems, short stories, and a whole lot more!
- We have a contest every week, that goes by the name of "Caption this", where we show you a photograph and ask you to caption it. Every week, there will be one winner who will get their photograph published in the newspaper, along with a few lines about them. So get captioning!
- Every week, the "Wakaa" columnists (Tavishi Vajpeyi and Pallavi Kapri, IBDP 1) will be conducting a poll and would like everyone's opinions on it. The topic for the following week's poll will be published along with the results of the current week's poll.
- Another very interesting development here— you're now allowed to send in greetings (happy birthday/congratulations/all the best) to whoever you want, and you can even request to be anonymous. Remember to send in your greetings by Saturday latest.



A note from the Editor-in-Chief:

Every week, the team of Elixir names one particular CVSLite (teacher/student/admin,...) as person of the week and interviews them, so the whole school can get to know them better. If you would like to nominate somebody for person of the week, then you can let us know who it is, and why we should nominate them at elixir@cathedral-lonavala.org. Our first person of the World Teachers' Day week is Mrs. Meera Sain, as she is not only the head teacher who won this honor by votes, but also received the Dronacharya Award for our inspiring light on Teachers' Day.

Interview with person of the week: Mrs. Meera Sain

Interviewer: *How do you feel about being the person of the week?*

Mrs. Sain: *giggles* Well, I feel honored! *giggles some more*

I: *Why do you think you got the title?*

MS: Well, if I was to be completely honest, I would say it's simply because I am the head of the school, and you felt like you had to.

I: *Honestly it was by voting. The core elixir team voted and you emerged victorious- you beat Ms. Snehal and Mr. Nagendra by just 2 votes!*

Then I feel great and in am touched with the response

I: *In this year what is the most interesting thing you heard about yourself?*

MS: Hmmm— a little one's mother came to me and said "I wear trendy saris" *giggles*

I: *Well, that's probably true— next question. We all know you're a great chef. So, if you had to cook for one particular house, which one would it be?*

MS: I am not partial, but if I had to pick one house, it would be Thomas because they came last in the overall standings so I'll try to encourage them.

I: *That's honestly very sweet! Next- What do you expect from this year's coming prefect body .do you think they would be better than last year's?*

MS: I expect a lot from this year's batch. *thinks a little* Yes, they would be better than last year.

I: *Well, CVSL's been around for a while now, and a lot of projects and ideas have gone into making it what it is today. Which one do you think was the best?*

MS: Well, there have been lots of brilliant ideas like the Indus valley project, our plays like the Ramlila and Joseph, our every day assemblies, Spain Day... the list is endless! But I think the very best *idea* of them all, according to me, is probably the idea about allowing Visual Arts to be one of the subjects for our IBDP.

I: *Who do you think is the best performer amongst teachers? Performer as in a brilliant all-round performer!*

MS: Um, *thinks very hard* I think Mrs. Prajakta would be my pick because she is simply outstanding as an all-rounder. She is an active participant in *all* activities, an amazing friend, a brilliant mother, and superb teacher. She is truly a performer in all fields— have you ever heard her sing?

I: *Of course! She's got a voice of gold! Now for some student-oriented questions: which student according to you has the best dressing sense?*

MS: Current students only or are ex-students also allowed?

I: *One boy and one girl each from both current and ex- students.*

MS: Ok for ex I would say Maan and Trisha. As for current maybe Aayush Nahar and Mahika?

I: *One last question before we move into fast facts, and I'm sorry but this one is the hardest of them all— I know you're no astrologer, but Can you still make 5 predictions about the academic year 2012-2013, just for fun?*

MS: *laughs* Well, I can try— but don't hold me on my word in case any go wrong: Firstly, our IGCSE batch would perform better than last year- I am expecting 8 A*s again from some of my kids! Next, our IB results would also be better than last year and mind you, I expect 45 from 2 of my students!

We will be the best school at Spandan once again, and we will get an auditorium of our own. Also, our school will be the top 2 IB schools in India this year— though the last two could in fact be counted as wishful thinking.

I: *Thank you so much, Ma'am. Now, we move on to our Fast Facts, where you answer in one word. So thank you so much, Ma'am!*



Fourteen fast facts with person of the week: Mrs. Meera Sain

1. One person who resembles you in school: Pallavi (if her hair was long) should resemble me because I used to be like her- naughty and serious at the same time.

2. Name one movie which resembles the CVSL student body: Wake up Sid- I have lots of Sids here!

3. Name one person who is misunderstood in CVSL: Teachers - me, Students- Vaibhav Kapoor

4. Five facts about you that we don't know:

- I am half-sardarni (grrrrrr)
- I am a papa's girl
- I am an introvert
- I hate gossip (yuck)
- I love dancing and painting and would love to learn them someday - Once I retire, maybe?

5. If you had to write an autobiography. What will it be named? My elixir (hahahahaha)

6. Best and the worst things about your job: Best thing- I can be with the children whom I love the most
And the worst thing is that I have to shout at the children whom I love the most

7. Most innovative CVSLite: Mr. Balaji Thoppay

8. A song which describes you: The soundtrack from kal ho naa ho

9. Something that is missing from cvsl: A school bus

10. 10 ex-CVSLites who you miss the most: Vaibhav, Maan, Sashank, Viraj Kutia, Varun ambani, Khushika and Natasha, Mantra, Aarosh, Dhruv Vaidya, Nikita Hariramani



11. One student endeavor you are very excited about: CIMUN. I was always excited about one happening in my school

12. One person whose soul and spirit is beautiful: My mother, but from CVSL, Sara D'Souza (Teachers) and Aartee Thadani (Students)

13. Five people you are very proud of in CVSL: Though they still have a long time to go, the five would probably be: Siddhart Gadiya, Vaibhav Kapoor, Aditya Gala, Karan Manek and Raj Bhagat

14. Girls would you want in your room if you were a boarder: Maithili, Sara, Pallavi, Mahika, Sheel, Shriya, Tavishi (the quiet one)



Assemblies For the Week 8th to 12th October 2012 Theme: **Inquirers**

8 th Oct	Monday		Karan	
9 th Oct	Tuesday	IB2 A	Meena	
10 th Oct	Wednesday			Mentoring
11 th Oct	Thursday	IB2B	Satyajit	
12 th Oct	Friday			NEWS

From the Tiger's Den — A column by Mr. S. Ramesh, IGCSE Co-ordinator

Tiger wisdom for the week:

Past is experience, present is experiment, but future? Future is expectation! Use your experience in your experiments to get your expectations. Wish you a very happy life.

The tiger's roar:

When Rajnikanth was a student, *teachers* used to bunk classes.

To be as healthy as him, the tiger says:

Exercise steady!!!

Regular, moderate exercise is better than occasional bursts. Exercise is healthy - to a degree. A lot of people go way overboard with exercise. Today, there are many people who push the envelope, that is who use and abuse exercise to reach even exceed limits. If we look at the recommended physical activity level its intensive exercise thrice a week. But currently, 75% of the people cannot be persuaded to exercise. They are not interested. They consider physical activity as a strain and don't want to do it. The physical activity recommendation currently is 5 times a week. for 30 minutes. This activity doesn't just mean working out, cycling, gardening or performing stretches in school also count. Listen to your body and take occasional breaks.

Submit with Josh!

A column by Mrs. Snehal Joshi, IB Co-ordinator

Dear all you brave souls who have decided to take IB,
It is time for you all to surrender to the evaluations once again— the weekly tests are just around the corner. What's at stake?

Well, a *lot*! For all you newbies in IB-1, it's your subject choices, and for IB-2, well, remember those predicteds? They're on their way!

There's also:

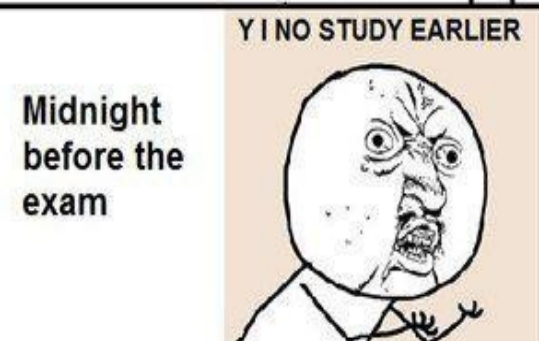
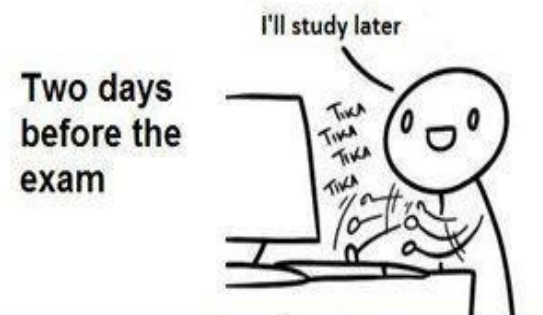
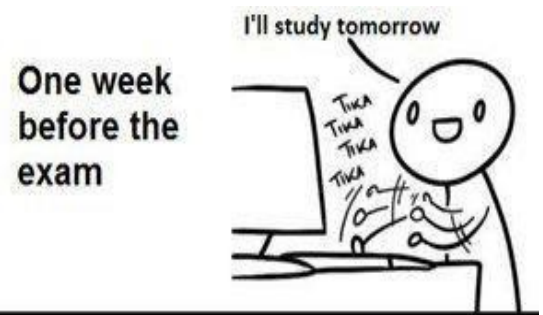
1. BM IA 2nd Draft for IB 2
2. 1st Stage of the ITGS Project Work for IB2
3. History Essay (2nd Draft) for IB2
4. Eco Project Work for IB1 (finally something for you too, IB1s! Don't think only IB2s have work!!)

Remember- NO LATE SUBMISSIONS AND ITS AN ORDER!

Love you too,

Your one and only,

“Snez”



To Mrs. Dabral- A note for Mrs. Rupa Dabral, Academic Co-ordinator

Ma'am,

Welcome back! We missed you a lot, and honestly, the school felt incomplete without your constant smiling and encouraging. Words fall short to express what your presence means to us here- right from those first few days till now, you've stood by us and supported us in every endeavor, giving us an infinite number of memorable moments like the Indus Valley Civilization Project, amongst other mesmerizing fests.

We love you, Ma'am!

Also, this year, our school is undertaking the “Project India”, which is scheduled for the 10th of November— it's time to get your creative caps on— another epic CVSL production is on its way!

The Clash of the Titans...

Thomas

Per Angusta Ad Agusta

All the newcomers at CVSL,

By now most of you have probably received a total exposure of the rivalry between houses. Unfortunately, due to the inter-house events not having fully kicked off yet, few of you have truly seen Thomas house at work. We persevere for perfection. We were the first house to win the cock house trophy, and another one is on its way. If you have been placed in Thomas, be proud, for you are now part of the best - and if not, you have plenty of reason to despair. We are literally bursting with talent, not only on the field but also the stage. Last year, Thomas won most cultural events due to our unmatched skill. For us, Thomas isn't just a house; it's a way of life. We live, learn and play together- like a family - and we will emerge victorious!

Savage

Palman Qui Meruit Ferat

Driven by courage and valor, we, the Savageites have always been achievers in many fields. Our green flag has been known to stir up fiery spirit and enthusiasm on every field.

Last year, the house did extremely well by coming second overall, missing our Marching trophy by just a few points. Marching is our pride, and we ought to win it this year with the thriving spirit of all the newcomers!

Nikhil Gupta, is just as encouraging, if not more, as our previous mentors like Palakh Chhabria, and has driven to help us achieve victory in all spheres.

This year we have many new assets like Manas Dutt (who came 2nd at the Inter house Hindi Debate), and many others, just waiting for their talents to be unleashed.

Our last year's house mistress Mrs. Jaspreet Kanwar was a big support to all of us and even though she is not there with us this year we have our witty, humorous and extremely supportive Dr. Rajesh Babu.

Tavishi Vajpeyi, Nishq Ravindranath, Maithili Shinde, Krish Mehta, Param Chandra, Sahil Sen and many others are all set to lead us to glory on sports day.

Moreover, this time, we *will* be number one, and bag that Cock house title. You better watch out-because after all, we *are* your Daddy.

Wilson

Per Ardua Ad Astra

Reaching for the stars has always been our motto and we make sure that we practice what we preach. At first, the house had lost faith in itself after losing several valuable contributors but boy were we wrong! With the combined efforts of quite literally everyone, we not only walked away with the marching shield but also won the sports shield and last but definitely not the least – The Cock House.

The year commenced on a victorious note with all due thanks to Shriya Sekhsaria and Tehseen Contractor who waxed eloquently in the Inter-house Hindi Debate.

Every year seems harder and more challenging to overcome but Wilson is known for its spirit and strength to overcome every obstacle that is thrown at its path and I know and believe that this year too we will prove our metal and outshine the rest and keep the trophies to ourselves – where it belongs.

Palmer

Nil Desperandum

Palmer has once again become the most happening house - in the first month itself, the controversies have started pouring in (remember the Hindi debate?) However, towards the end, no matter what the decision it is the unity amongst the Palmerities that makes us special.

I remember being nominated as a house captain where I was made to promise that I will take care of my juniors and my fellow Palmerities. However as the end of my term neared I realized that I was not able to fulfill this promise as it was the other way around. It was my fellow Palmerities who took care of me. Therefore I would like to take this opportunity to talk a little about them:

Aneeshaa- Healthy (you know what I mean), annoying, irritating, but still one of the most cheerful and passionate Palmerites.

Rushabh- Gigantic, prodigious very harmless and sweet.

Shilin- Muhammad Ali, intellectually a little cracked, benevolent

Chinmay- Sergio Ramos, आता माझी सटकली, very emotionally attached to the house.

Manik- Very talented and an ever ready Palmerite.

Parth- Talkative, actually very talkative, actually very very talkative...yeah I guess that's it.

Burhan- The powerhouse and at the same time Mahatma Gandhi of our house.

Nihar Dalal- Prefect and Perfect Palmerite

In the end, I promise one other thing- whoever's name missed out was because of the lack of space provided for the column!

WAKAAO!

Get ready to get Whacked out with some awesome polls and wakaao pakaa riddles with Pallu and Tavu!

THE RIDDLES

Q1. The Pope, Beyonce, Barack Obama, and Bill Gates are on the same plane. There are only 3 parachutes left for the 4 of them. Obama says: "As the President, I think I should have the right to have a parachute, because I rule millions of people in the greatest nation of all." Beyonce says: "As one of the greatest singers of all-time, I think I should deserve to be safe- I'm an important contributor to pop music." Bill Gates says: "As one of the richest successful company owners, I think I should live because I'm on top of the economic cycle, creating jobs and incomes for millions of people. I am a wealthy and intelligent man." Finally, the Pope says: "I'm an old, religious man. I lived a life that's full, I helped millions of people find their way through God, I'm ready to let go of a parachute and to face my fate." Which one of them will abandon the parachute and die?

A1. Did I ever mention the plane was crashing? No one's going to die!

Q2. When one does not know what it is, then it is something; but when one knows what it is, then it is nothing.

A2. A riddle

Q3. A word I know, six letters it contains, subtract one, and twelve remains. What am I?

A3. Dozens. Because dozen means twelve, and since dozens is a six-letter word, if you take away the 's' then you get dozen.

Q4. I go up but at the same time go down. Up towards the blue sky, and down towards the ground. I'm present tense and past tense too, so why don't you come for a ride, just me and you! What am I?

A4. See-saw

Q5. Two fathers and two sons sat down to eat eggs for breakfast. They ate exactly three eggs, each person had an egg. The riddle is for you to explain how.

A5. one of the 'fathers' is also a grandfather. Therefore the other father is both a son and a father to the grandson. In other words, the one father is both a son and a father.

Q6. Why can't Kevin Laroche, who is now living in Canada, not be buried in the USA?

A6. Because he is STILL alive!

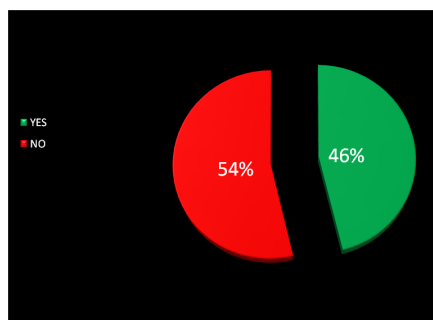
Q7. A doctor and bus driver are both in love with the same, attractive girl named Sarah. The bus driver had to go on a long bus trip that would last a week. Before he left he gave Sarah seven apples. Why?

A7. An apple a day keeps the doctor away!

THE POLL: Do you think deodorants should be banned in order to prevent Global Warming?

FOR "DEO":

1. "Let the world die, I need my deo."
2. "Odour control and not everyone can afford good perfumes."
3. "Global Warming has shut down companies- I hate Capitalism!"
4. "I don't enjoy dirty body odour."
5. "Let the world die, I need my deo."
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7. "Global Warming has shut down companies- I hate Capitalism!"
8. "I don't enjoy dirty body odour."



NEUTRAL: Many people came up with a point saying only deodorants CONTAINING CFC's should be banned completely.

AGAINST "DEO":

1. "They can ultimately cause skin cancer."
2. "One can bathe twice a day using neem leaves to cleanse themselves and if people drink enough water, they won't have severe odour issues."
3. "There are so many other alternatives."
4. "Testing is done on Rabbits eyes and just because they cannot express their pain or cry doesn't mean that this should continue."
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7. "There are so many other alternatives."

PALLU AND TAVU'S PERSPECTIVE:

CFC's (Chlorofluorocarbons) are said to affect the ozone layer and slowly over the year due to these, the ozone layer is being depleted. The ozone layer plays an extremely important role to Earth as it prevents Ultra Violet rays from coming in. Therefore, it is not COMPLETELY fair to ban deodorants however, CFC containing deodorants should be banned and people should learn how to control the use of all aerosols which include deodorants, air fresheners, hair sprays, etc.

Not only the ozone layer, but deodorants can also cause Skin cancer and the production of them in large factories can lead to large amounts of pollution in the environment.

From the Land of Math

If the after-dinner entertainer were compelled to rely on one article of paraphernalia alone, he would scarcely make a better choice than a box of wooden matchsticks. They lend themselves not only to puzzles and catches, but also the mathematical games as shown below.

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One of the possibilities in this field, little exploited, is the matchstick equation. The illustration gives five examples. Each row is a separate puzzle, an equation given in Roman numerals. In the third puzzle, the square is intended to represent zero, and must be read as such. All the equations are false as they stand, but each can be changed into a true equation by altering the position of only one match.

Caption this!

Photo credits: Mr. Arun Joshi



CC'est la mode

High school is now equivalent to an every-day fashion parade. Let's be honest, (yes, guys, we're talking about you too) we each spend at least 20 minutes (make it an hour for the more fashion-possessed) to dress up, even if it's just for dinner or prep.

So here, in CVSL's very first student newspaper, we bring to you the fashion column, *C'est la mode*, to tell you, quite literally, what is 'style'. Because (we're being honest, we might as well admit this) we do have quite a few people who would be hauled away screaming, if the fashion police ever decided to pay us a visit. Yes people, we do know that 'beauty is in the eye of the beholder'. But that's no excuse for ya'll to walk around in your jammies all day long.

And that's just the start! If we were to share our thoughts on some of the fashion disasters still lurking about the corridors - pant-sagging, *such* a lame 80s cliché style, why is it still here? I mean, really guys? We do *not* need to see your funky boxers. I'm sorry, but isn't being "well-groomed" one of our requirements here?

We girls rebel so much against French braids that we actually fail to notice how many times it has appeared on the ramp this year. That's right; we're saying that French braids are actually good. Besides, it's been scientifically proven that wearing French braids significantly lessens the dirt and greasiness of your hair (not to mention that it keeps lice away - though we know that you'll aren't at that stage...at least most of you!!)

Slippers are yet another controversy. They may be convenient, but really, they barely count as shoes. They don't protect your toes (which, by the way, should be hidden from plain sight if they're not cut and clean. Big, yellow toenails = gross mental image) besides which they don't really even flatter all foot types.

So guys- you can take the tip of the week as not to wear slippers and crocs, but rather carry the look with loafers instead.



Nihar Dalal: Spotted wearing these everyday loafers. Way to go, Nihar!



Looks like the plaits have hit the red carpet too!



Who wore it best- Captain or Prefect?



They say that if a guy wears a pink shirt, they have a pair of stilettos hidden somewhere. However, this seems very contradicting in the case of our two captains here. These two sportsmen were spotted wearing the same shirt to prep on 24th evening. The same shade of pink, but both wore it in such a way that it depicted their own character and style. Sadly, one of them has to leave. Let's start off with Mr. A.

He pulled off a casual look with jeans but wore Vans that completely... What do I say? Killed the look? Well, as you can see, he is the 'boy next door' type.

In Mr. S's case, he was seen wearing a t-shirt the same shade of pink with black Adidas track pants, but added the totally must-have shoes. Despite the tracks not being such a good idea, he *did* wear the whole look better.

Sorry, little prefect, better luck next time. Until then, to all of you who are reading this, watch your outfits- because if *you* don't, we surely will.



A word from our world

Hello, readers! I am Urvin Soneta, and my column is going to contain fun facts, factoids and hilarious one-liners. You'll get to know things you never knew before and explore things you never knew existed! So stay transfixed as I introduce my first column which, I assure you, will be followed by many more intriguing ones in the future!

What's Right Is Wrong!

1. Dogs and cats are often thought to be completely color-blind and see the world in scales of grey. That is wrong. They do have color vision, which is not nearly as good as that of humans.
2. The most widely spread factoid is that The Great Wall of China is the only man made structure that is visible from space. Firstly, if one is still close enough to earth to actually see the great wall, they can also see road networks, and other large objects created by man. There is, in fact, no distance from earth from which you can only see the Great Wall. By the time you get a few thousand miles away, you can see nothing that is manmade. Astronaut Alan Bean said: "The only thing you can see from the moon is a beautiful sphere, mostly white (clouds), some blue (ocean), patches of yellow (deserts), and every once in a while some green vegetation. No man-made object is visible on this scale."

If any suggestions or queries contact me on elixir@cathedral-lonavala.org, with the subject as "A Word from our world".

Tune up

"One good thing about music - when it hits you , you feel no pain." - Bob Marley

Well, I doubt anyone in their right mind would deny *that* statement. Music is the shorthand of emotion. Have any of you heard a song that has a memory attached to it, which makes you unintentionally close your eyes every time you hear it being played? It's happened to me. We all feel the need to unwind, hence we tend to rewind.

The song of the week : Gangnam Style

Top 15 on the charts:

1. Hall of fame (ft Will .I.Am)-The Script
2. Say Nothing -Example
3. Gangnam Style -PSY
4. Let me love you - Ne-Yo
5. Blow me one last kiss - P!nk
6. We are never ever getting back together - Taylor Swift
7. Wings - Little Mix
8. You bring me joy - Amelia Lily
9. I cry - Flo Rida
10. Good times - Owl City & Carly Rae Jepsen
11. She Wolf (Falling to Pieces)(ft. Sia)- David Guetta
12. Good Intentions -Dappy
13. Bom Bom - Sam and the Womp
14. Some Nights - fun.
15. Read all about it Part 3- Emili Sande
16. Well, that's it for this week- remember to tune in for more music next time!

Che-mystery: "Step one, Chemcellence"

Balaji Thopppay, M.S., Faculty Chemistry CVSL

Most of the students make the mistake of thinking that chemistry is a very difficult subject- and maybe it is- the symbols, formulas, equations, calculations, rules, concepts and theories *can* get a little overwhelming.

From alchemists who dealt with the 'mythological aspects' of chemistry, to the inventions, discoveries, framing rules, naming substances, principles, of our modern chemistry today; the question remains the same: what really made these things a craze? Why has fun and affinity become the driving factor in learning chemistry and succeeding in learning it with flying colours? Efficiency with fun filled efforts is the key- I think a fun filled learning environment is more like a cure to the 'indescribable and unbearable burdens' of learning chemistry. What we need here, is curiosity- a whole lot of it - and a love towards the subject, to get us what we need.

HERMES : The sporty edge

The second youngest of the Olympian Gods, Hermes was the son of Zeus and the Pleiade Maria. He was the God of transitions and boundaries, and is known for being swift and fleet-footed. An athlete of sorts, it seems only appropriate that the sports column of the Elixir be named after him.

The inter house sport events are yet to kick start. The inter-school events have begun, with the school football teams participating at the Jamnabai IB Liga. A first round defeat for both of them was a disappointment, nevertheless, both teams did their best and put up a good fight.

MISTAB, on the other hand, held at Don Bosco School Lonavala, was a great success and our school managed to win something or the other in every sport, and nearly every category. My heartiest congratulations go out to all those who took part. The most awaited event, as of now, is our main inter-school sporting event SPANDAN, where schools from across the country battle it out for the championship trophy. The two events to be held this year, are football and basketball. For the benefit of those who don't know yet, SPANDAN will be held on the 13th and 14th of October this year. Here's hoping our teams put up a fight for the trophy this year too!

- Siddhant Hemnani, IB 2
Sports Captain ('11-'12)

Chemistry becomes a mystery to many students as it is "too difficult to understand and get through".

It's important that we realize that a fun filled learning environment can help the student community speed anything up, or bypass a million obstacles, but it isn't the only requirement for chemcellence- or excellence in Chemistry. It also requires a *lot* of dedication to achieve.

The real goal of this debut article – and this column, in fact- is to encourage the learning community to enjoy studying chemistry, and to see learning it as a stepping stone instead of as a crutch. Here, innovation is born- we're going to use ways of learning that have never been used before.

In my upcoming articles I would be introducing as many ways as possible to make the learning process more fun filled as well as a joyful experience, sharing some of my own experiences along the way.

PCM Diaries — Shilin Jog

The title of the article is rather self-explanatory, one might think to themselves. However, the magnitude and depth of this topic is unending, and had I the time to spare, I can promise you my fellow readers that I would have delved much deeper into this rather peculiar mind-set of the people I so affectionately call PCM's.

To begin with, the term PCM originates from a rather dubious and highly questionable subject combination of Physics, Chemistry and Math. Apart from the fact that I cannot even fathom *why* someone would embark on such a perilous journey, the truth is that this unique sub-species is not just limited to those with that particular subject combination. This is where my opinion differs from the rest of the species. There indeed exist those that subscribe to that highly volatile mind-set, yet who have not selected the three afore-mentioned subjects as academic preferences. (And vice-versa).

Now that you have a brief idea about who PCM's are, let me try my best to give you a brief idea about *what* they are. Contrary to popular belief, they are ubiquitous in nature (If you subscribe to my theory that is not only that subject combination

that brands you as a PCM). They are not very often identifiable at a first glance, unless you are an experienced spotter. However, they are present in abundance, and if you don't believe me, glance to your right. There's a good chance there'll be a PCM skulking around.

The mentality of a PCM is subject to a great deal of controversy. However, there are a few aspects of this endangered mentality that are unanimously agreed upon. They have a questionable need to often resort to solecism, which can mean any one of two things.

The nonstandard or ungrammatical use of a language. A breach (however slight) of etiquette.

ALL PCM's have an insatiable need to question. Their arguments however, are terribly easy to refute, this being a direct function of their highly predictable nature.

It may appear, from the rather probing nature of this article, that it is intended to discredit PCM's. Please don't get me wrong. That is the last thing I would want to do, as an individual who accepts and loves them in society. They have, over the course of several years, made themselves a loved bunch. Be it the clichéd yet unique fashion sense they somehow seem to all

subscribe to, or their wonderfully magnanimous attitude towards life in general, they are a very lovable lot.

Last but not in one bit the least, ladies and gentlemen, is their delightful sense of humour. All PCM's have the remarkable ability to turn a frown upside down. There is a poetic quip that was invented for this unique characteristic of theirs and it goes like this.

"Whether it rains or shines, a PCM will make you smile"

They somehow manage to pull off jokes that would be incomprehensible within the norms of society, and still get away with them. Lastly, the term PCM is widely believed to be a derogatory term. Please do not make such assumptions. After reading this article, I do hope that every one of you stops criticizing them and accepts the beauty of the oneness that the PCM kind possesses. So if you are a PCM, take pride in your kind, don't be ashamed, and proclaim yourself to the world!

All comments and feedback (there's going to be a lot of that) would be appreciated. Remember to write to me at elixir@cathedral-lonavala.org, with the subject as 'Shilin Jog'!

I think therefore I B — A column by Mr. Satyajit Salgarkar, ToK Co-ordinator

Hello, and welcome to your ToK joint!

You may have heard about this term 'ToK' from your seniors or if doing IBDP you must have been going through its ordeal. Theory of Knowledge or ToK as it is called is a curious 'thing'. Yes, I am not calling it as a 'subject'! It cannot bound into a textbook, there no defined lines of syllabus and there is definitely no one single way of learning it- no, wait- of *experiencing* it. In that sense, ToK is like life- everyone's is unique and worth learning from.

Before answering the question what ToK is, let me clarify what ToK is definitely NOT. It is not meant to prepare you to study philosophy. Though ToK or epistemology is a branch of philosophy, and we do refer to many philosophical theories in it, the emphasis is not to learn them thoroughly. ToK is not a course on current affairs. We take lot of examples from the current events as real-life situations but that's not our focus. One of the most inter-

esting features of ToK is that it is a course where teachers will *not* have the last word!

We are all 'knowers' in the ToK world, the one having, seeking and analyzing knowledge, and your world view is as valid as mine. ToK may not be a course with immediate utility value. If you do physics and maths it may help you in technical studies or if you do economics and business it may aid in understanding management. There is no such clear link between ToK and a future course or career. Rather, ToK prepares you for your entire life. And in that sense it can equip you with the ability to...

- Believe strongly with good reason
- Debate pros and cons
- Generalize with prudence
- Deduce consequences
- Identify assumptions
- Make responsible, ethical decisions
- Carry out and handle criticism.

So coming back to the question what ToK is all about, here is 'my' answer. ToK is about having and asking questions about knowledge itself. The fundamental concept of ToK is therefore the question- 'How do we know, what we know?' However, it is

not only about asking questions but also about finding the possibly good answers and most importantly finding 'your' own answers. Therefore I would like to conclude that ToK is course in critical thinking. It's a path; to take that sense of the word course; which leads to freedom from second-hand, imposed ideas and freedom to think for you and express it.

Welcome to ToK- welcome to freedom!

[I will be suggesting websites, book/ magazines and of course movies here which will help you in your IBDP ToK programme]

Website for the fortnight-

www.snopes.com :this is an excellently irreverent resource about rumors, misconceptions, factoids and other nonsense that makes rounds as knowledge.

Reading for the fortnight – 'View-counter view'; TOI- op-ed. Read it for developing the ability to see the both the sides of an argument.

Film for the fortnight - 'Vantage Point'.

This film raises the age old question 'Do we believe what we see or do we see what we believe?'

The Wall of Music

— Garv Sethi, Grade 10

‘What music does to your soul is like what the heart does for the body’. Music, a shoulder to lean on, has always been a coping mechanism in many lives. Music is my abode, a sanctuary from the rest of the world. It can make your spirits soar and make you smile during your worst times. Music has the power to heal a broken heart and brighten a beautiful smile. Every mood that a person dwells in can be de-

scribed by a song.

“Long you live and high you'll fly, and smiles you'll give and tears you'll cry, and all you touch and all you see, is all your life will ever be.” –Pink Floyd. Pink Floyd aka The Gods of Rock have always been a favorite band of many across the globe. Their psychedelic rock music fits into moods of all kinds be it grief or pure joy. Their music acts as a drug, a mode, a vessel, that carries one to a beautiful and enigmatic world. To many the show tune rising gradually to a full-fledged song may seem

boring, but it cannot be denied that their influential lyrics have become the very definition of music for some.

As you probably know, here you will find out about the song of the week, the history of an artist/ band, what goes on behind the scenes in concerts, and lots more! Remember, requests and suggestions are welcome: you can email me at elixir@cathedral-lonavala.org, but remember to make the subject “Wall of Music”.

Necessity or Desire – Mobile Phones -

Yasha Khuthia, IBDP 1

Now, mobile phones have started dominating our lives- in fact, our life *revolves* around these electronic devices. In today's world, our excessive usage is now seen as ‘misuse’- we are using mobile phones to stay in contact with our friends and family, we use it to access social networking sites, emails and many other web applications. Nowadays messaging friends for casual conversations on a daily basis, updating statuses every split second and using the device for long hours for no particular useful activity has become a necessity in our life and this right here is where the actual

problem starts. When we think we cannot stay without our phone, or we are handicapped if our phone is not with us, we actually begin showing signs of being slaves to this device.

On the other hand, it cannot be claimed that mobile phones are an utter waste and are a vicious invention that have ruined the human society with its effects, because communication, socialisation and business have become *unimaginably* easier than ever before. Mobile phones make it very easy to arrange business appointments specially when you are travelling- a desire to talk to a loved one overseas can be fulfilled in just a matter of few seconds. If used exactly the way it is supposed to be, this wonderful invention would enrich our busy lives with colours of maintained long

distance friendships, healthy business relations and easy communications with family. It also allows us capture our memories, in the form of pictures, voice recordings and videos which are cherished- for all our lives.

Having a fancy mobile phone has become a status symbol in today's society and the main purpose of this brilliant invention is being disregarded and ignored- it is now becoming a great bane to the human race. In today's world, updating oneself with technology is of great importance, but obsessing about it will get us nowhere and will hinder our own development as individuals. Therefore, the choice is ours to make, “What are mobile phones to us- a NECESSITY or a DESIRE?”

The title-360° -implies that, every person in an organization gets a performance feedback from their supervisors & peers, and also involves a self-assessment, which could be synced with our IB-objectives, to certain extent.

In our introductory article, I take this opportunity to showcase the amazing talent of our grade IX students, who came up with impromptu role-plays for explaining the different forms of organisations –their advantages and disadvantages. The category was ‘Private Sector organizations’, where the leader of Black berry boys- Arya and his team came up with an interesting skit on ‘Franchise’ and was followed by QA session from other groups. See pic-1. Each group- Avengers (Leader- Utkarsh-Co-operatives), Red-Bulls (Leader- Krishn- Close -Corporations) and Falcons (Leader – Aabir- Joint -ventures) came up with equally innovative skits. In essence, it is a pleasure to have such creative minds working in our class which makes learning an interesting platform for students as well teachers. Here after, we will continue to showcase the different activities which will highlight the further developments in the learning environment with the support of teachers’ and students’ from subject areas pertaining to humanities. Cheers!



–Gargi Roychoudhury (Head of Humanities)

Friends

–Tehseen Contractor, Grade 7

Someone kind, loving and sharing
Who never lets you down and keeps
you smiling.

She cares for you and is always with
you,

Can you guess who?

She laughs with you, and cries when
your face has a grey look.

And when she meets you, she gives
you gifts and books.

She is someone kind and special.

My friend, you are the most royal.

Politics around the globe

— Sarthak Shah, IBDP 1

The past week was quite action packed in terms of political activities in and around the world-our Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh turned 80 on 26th September. Views still stand unmatched over the island row between Japan and China which erupted last week. The Japanese and Chinese foreign ministers have been holding talks on the matter. The meeting came on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York on 25th September 2012. Japanese car manufacturing company,

Toyota, has shut down all its Chinese plants as a mark of protest. President Obama, made headlines after his speech seeking reforms in the Arab world. The president's address on 26th September 2012 to the UNGA was his first detailed response to the violence and protests that erupted in the Middle East and North Africa after circulation this month of a video made in the U.S. mocking the Muslim faith's Prophet Muhammad. The Arab countries strongly protested and wanted strict blasphemy laws. However their demands contradict Free Speech Laws prevalent in most western countries. More news on world political affairs next week. Stay tuned!



Halo 4 Preview

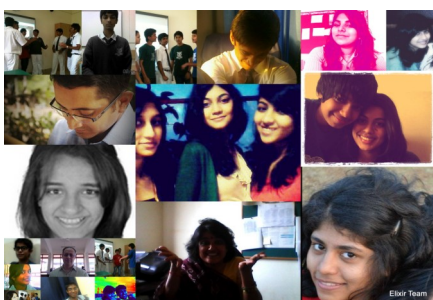
When Bungie handed over the Halo franchise to the then-new 343 Industries back in 2010, most people assumed that the franchise was doomed, but everyone still hoped for the best. For a while there was no news whatsoever on what the new Halo game was – which left fans of the series eager for any information they could get. It was later announced that Combat Evolved would be remade in HD. 2011's Combat Evolved: Anniversary Edition was quite a disappointment, with the controls being extremely rigid. It was remake of the 2001 classic, so that was expected. Then at E3 2011 Halo 4's trailer was shown, with the revival of the series' main and most loved character – Master Chief. Soon, screenshots and gameplay clips were published, and some leaked. At E3 2012 a proper game play demo was shown with Master Chief doing what he does best – alongside Cortana.

Single Player: The campaign demo started off really well, showing how 343 Industries had stayed true to the series, as well as made some massive changes, like the new enemies that are similar to the Lambent from the Gears of War series. They dissociate when shot in the face, and a few of them teleport as well, making it harder to kill them. The AI seems to have improved, and the new weapons look pretty damn awesome, with the regular Assault Rifle and Shotgun demoed at E3, also 343 has shown off a few from the improved multiplayer. Even the mechanics of the game are promising, with improved sound and smoother gunplay.

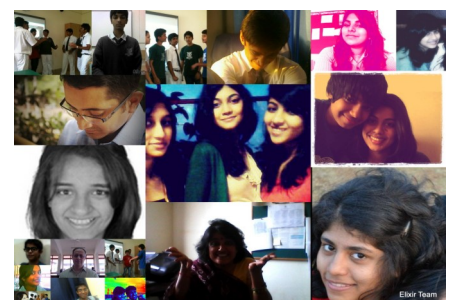


The demo showed a tropical setting where Master Chief is gunning Covenant guards to investigate a rather strange looking enemy dropship that didn't seem to belong to Covenant forces. The graphics look terrific, out-ing 2010's Halo Reach, which was one of the best looking games of the year when it came out, with its dynamic sceneries and visuals, and for once the graphics are actually as good as these screenshots.

The single player campaign looks extremely promising, with the tagline "An Ancient Evil Awakens". There's a lot to be excited about here. 343 are really trying to get the balance right between keeping everything that has made Halo so good for so long, whilst trying to refresh things and be innovative with a series that has been accused of stagnancy and no originality in the past. Whatever it may be, I'm assured that the future of Halo is in good hands, and we can expect a whole new trilogy. We'll be sure to update you with a review, as well as news on the multiplayer of this new entry into Halo's immersive universe soon.



Let's get introduced to some of our team!



Dyer Consequences —

Paul Dyer, Faculty (English)

In his Preface to *The Picture of Dorian Grey*, Oscar Wilde says, “There is no such thing as a moral or an immoral book. Books are well written, or badly written. That is all.” However, he observes elsewhere that, “[m]orality, like art, means drawing a line someplace.” Where and how this aesthetic—this artistic moral line—reasserts itself depends on the individual writer and the individual reader; or on, most importantly, the context in which a literary work takes place, mutates from idea (vision or fantasy) into intelligible artifact.

Transgressive fiction—fiction that intentionally trifles with normative conduct—is the locus primarily of radical imaginative individualism. The transgressive elements may be contentual or formal. According to Wikipedia:

Transgressive fiction is a genre of literature that focuses on characters who feel confined by the norms and expectations of society and who break free of those confines in unusual and/or illicit ways. Because they are rebelling against the basic norms of society, protagonists of transgressional fiction may seem mentally ill, anti-social, or nihilistic.

Before we object to transgressive fiction—should we want to—it would be prudent to remind ourselves that, outside a small club of intrepid intellectuals, we have always had a long-standing suspicion of fiction *per se*. Even Herman Melville had to claim to his publishers, before they agreed to publish *Moby-Dick*—one of the greatest novels ever written—that he’d been on a whaling expedition himself. Melville lied, of course; because most readers—and publishers, even today—are innately distrustful of fictioneers and want to know their credentials; as if all novelists, poets, dramatists, and short story writers were somehow secret practitioners of fact.

Most people would rather read a mediocre literary achievement about a community established in a secret Alpine hideaway written by someone who has at least climbed a mountain than a dazzling feat of the imagination concerning such a community written by someone who has never left her little littoral town. This brings us to two questions: to what extent do we look for fact (or realism) in fiction; and to what extent does the availability of fact in, or through, a fictional work determine our opinion of the work’s success as a literary artifact?

To be continued...

Pushing the limits: *Betrayal*

— *Tishya Venkataraman, IB-1*

No failure in life, whether of love or money, is ever really that simple; it usually involves a type of a shadowy betrayal, buried in a secret, mass grave of shared hopes and dreams. That universal mass grave exists in a private cemetery that most of us have. Those suffering from the loss, especially those committing the betrayal refuse to acknowledge its existence.

When you realize you've been deeply betrayed, fear really hits you. You fear that you won't be able to trust again. You fear that whatever you've been betrayed about is going to haunt you for the rest of your life. The fact that you're never going to be able to believe anybody when they tell you something related to it. That's what you feel first. And then it's anger and frustration. The anger leads to frustration. You can't get the anger out. It becomes so hard to tell someone what you feel. For someone who hasn't been there, hasn't seen it can't comprehend what you're feeling. Then disappointment and disillusionment. Nothing fights dirtier or more brutally than blood; only you know

your own weaknesses, the exact placement of the heart. The tragedy is that one can still live with the force of hatred, feel infuriated that once you betray another, although that guilt lasts through life and death, immutable, unchanging, no matter how great the misdeed or betrayal. Part of the problem is how little we understand about the ultimate effects and consequences of betrayal on our hearts and spirits; and on trust and respect for that one person. In writing, there are only really a few good stories to tell. In the end, the betrayal and the failure of love is one of the most powerful stories to tell.

Tragedy normally comes with betrayal and compromise—by trading in our integrity and failing to treat life and others in our life, with respect and dignity. That's where the truest and most tragic failures come from... they come making the choice to betray another soul, and in turn, giving up a piece of your own. In the end there's just one question I can ask: ***What does anyone know about traitors? Or why did Judas/Brutus do what he did?****

**in reference to the biblical tale*

Some amazing reactions in our Chem Lab



CHESTER THE JESTER

“CHESTER THE JESTER” has been written and edited by the two of the most crazy, cool, idiotic and talented people in school. This column is named “CHESTER THE JESTER” because... well... because... we just liked it and it sounded good. Okay, jokes apart, the reason we named our column that is because ‘JESTER’ is a person who makes other people laugh and that is our main aim, and ‘CHESTER’? Well we needed a word that rhymed with ‘JESTER’! This column is basically your weekly dose of laughter, and our main motive is to put a smile on your faces. Be it a good day, or bad we guarantee some laughs out of our readers! J

We write this column in full confidence that we will successfully entertain you, however, in the spirit of generosity we would like to encourage you to send in funny jokes, pictures, quotes, incidents that livened up your day, funny catch phrases that your friends or teachers have used, and you can also dedicate a joke or a picture to your friends. We will look forward to your inputs, if you think we can improve our ‘ishtyle’. You can contact us at elixir@cathedral-lonavala.org, but make sure you make the subject “Chester the Jester”! Now we leave you with a joke that made us fall off our chairs laughing, and will surely prove our craziness and talent for the art of humor.

A blonde, wanting to earn some money decided to hire herself out as a handyman and started canvassing a wealthy neighborhood. She went to the front door of the first house and asked the owner if he had any jobs for her to do.

“Well, you can paint my porch. How much will you charge?”

The blonde said, “How about 50 dollars?” The man agreed and told her that the paint and ladders that she might need were in the garage. The man’s wife, inside the house, heard the conversation and said to her husband, “Does she realize that the porch goes all the way around the house?”

A short time later, the blonde came to the door to collect her money.

“You’re done already?” he asked. “Yes,” the blonde answered, “and as I had paint left over, I gave it two coats. “ Impressed, the man reached in his pocket for the \$50. “And by the way”, the blonde added, “that’s not a Porch, that’s a Ferrari.”

We hope you had as good a laugh as we did- Au Revoir for now!

Your craziest comedians,

Aditi K. and Maalav T.



The Blonde Side

A Column by Prerna Jogani and Tanish Khanchandani (IB-1)

Did you hear about the blonde who studied for her blood test and still failed it?

A blonde went to the pizza parlour and ordered a pizza. The waiter asked her if she wanted it cut into six pieces or twelve. “Oh, six,” she said. “I could never finish twelve pieces.”



Why did the blonde put lipstick on her forehead?
Because she was trying to make up her mind.

A blonde was asked what the capital of California was. “That’s easy,” she said. “It’s C.



Upcoming Birthdays

1. Mr. Neeraj Singh (10th Oct)
2. Shivalika Tandon (10th Oct)
3. Afreen Advani (11th Oct)
4. Sashwath Gowda (13th Oct)
5. Mr. Pushpal Chakroborthy (13th Oct)
6. Shriya Sekhsaria (15th Oct)
7. Yasha Khuthia (15th Oct)
8. Siddhanth Shinde (15th Oct)
9. Shivanjali Ahluwalia (16th Oct)
10. Mr. Mosin Punjabi (18th Oct)



Let’s get introduced: here is some
more of our team: our columnists!



What's the difference between gossip and scandal? So glad you asked! Anyone can commit a minor indiscretion and generate a day's worth of buzz, but in order for gossip to birth a *true scandal*, it requires the right person to be in the wrong place.

So I take this opportunity to welcome you... to our very own kingdom— of **scandals** that will blow your mind right off your shoulders.

Of course, no gossip is complete without sources— so feel free to submit on the elixir id— and don't worry— you *will* be kept anonymous at all costs.

You're being watched

Hello people of the lower race,

This is A, here to burn all of you with some red hot gossip for this week. Want to know the secrets? You'll find them all here!!! Except for one – my identity!

Firstly, we start off with the so called "Friendship" between Ms. S and Mr. K. They are close friends aren't they? But the question here is, are they getting a little *too* close? Fights are happening everyday between them, but they just do not seem to stop talking! Is this the one in which hate has gotten fate to get them closer?

Next, I am going to tell you about the fight between Ms. P and Ms. A. A cat fight – intriguing, right? Recently, Ms. P punched Ms. A on her face due to an image created by Ms. A in Ms. P's head. Ms. A just kept arguing with Ms. P because she spoke a *little* rudely to a teacher because dinner wasn't being served on time after the recording of the Ram Leela. Ms. A said that the scrap has been sorted out, but can a physical fight really get out of someone's mind that easily?

That's it for now, but remembers this – you know I'm watching you!

-A

Do you need any answers and wish to stay anonymous? Well, now you can as the long awaited 'ask V' is now open!
Officially, V

Welcome, people. I have only one thing to say: my mission is to exterminate confusion, and believe me—I'm not afraid to get my hands dirty in the process. Bisous, C

Email us at elixir@cathedral-lonavala.org, but remember to make the subject "Ask C and V".

For all those gossip lovers

What a deadly start to the one last night! Little N came bouncing around with those cute pigtails of hers, ruffling through everyone's privacy only because she was thrown off her floor by E. Quoted: Eh you, E! (Pointing four fingers)

Just then, Sun began pulling a fast on N as well because she was disturbing the quiet and sanity on the first floor.

N, somehow drew attention to herself by throwing the spare garments onto all the girls and as usual, got herself into trouble.

Alas, little N, better keep your fingers to yourself next time— but remember— no matter what, we all love you!

-SJ

Beep column by - PR, BW.

Well, a beautiful day full of scandals, uh-huh, hold on a moment – we're saying a scandal is merely gossip made tedious by morality. Today, we bring lots of "gossip" to you Lovely Ladies and Gentlemen who curiously skim the paper for the most interesting piece. Trust me, you've come to the right place.

I guess the Ram Leela wasn't as holy as it was supposed to be. "Yay, let's go to Mumbai!", was the thought on everyone's mind. Well, I'm sorry peeps- didn't work out that well, did it? Steam rolling off the wheels (and peoples ears), the *marvelous* journey ended in a not-so-expected way - our famous little poodle AA received quite a hard blow on the eye by our 'cute' P. Sorry AA, but we really don't think samosa and chutney appeals to everyone, especially in a situation where people want to eat each other up.

Alright, now for the shocker of the week. Shivvy darling, our famous lead actor, left the sets of CVS productions, leaving all of us hanging. Well, the sets of JNS productions didn't appeal to you huh? Two days in and ran back. After all a home production is a home production. Welcome back, darling!

Goodbye for now, but we'll see you soon. Remember, the key to good eavesdropping is *not* getting caught. And we can *assure* you- we won't.

P.S: We're watching you. Always.

Xoxo,
BW and PR :)

Voicing our heart to hearts

Congratulations, Checkpoint, IGCSE and IB batches of 2012 for a splendid performance.

You really have done us all very proud! We hope to see more such performances in the future. Let's go, batches of 2013— the records have to be shattered once again!

Good luck to all those CIMUNners!!

Jai Shri Ram!
Good luck to all artists behind "Shree Ram Lila"! May Ram be with you!



Hello CVSL-ites,
Today when I am away from CVSL and all my teachers and friends, I realize how beautiful my two years at CVSL were! I still cherish every moment spent at CVSL with all of you! Miss you all loads. Hope to be at CVSL very soon. :)

Regards,

Viraj Khuthia

Congratulations to *Malliketh Nagda* and *Bhaktee Modgil* for their new posts on our student council.

Strokes of genius

In every issue of the Elixir, we aim to showcase the artwork of some of our students and teachers. Take a look at our strokes:

