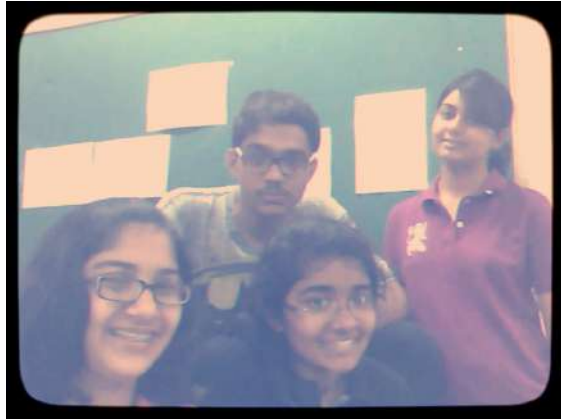




The Elixir

Excellentiam est mere principio



Top: The columnists
Below: The editors
Right: The photographers

Left: The Administration



The
 Team
 back
 then



The Team right now



Top:
The
Elixir
team
Left:
The core
team

Editors' Foreword

Always looking forward

Sorry for the bad joke, but that's what we here in the Core team strive to do – look forward. Editing the articles is no easy task, yet we always look forward to receiving new ones, and making the Elixir even better than it already is. This paper started about eight months back, and every month we saw the quality of articles getting just better and better. It's hard to believe that such a small idea has now turned into such a large publication. Watching it grow before our eyes, it is difficult to express in words how close our team - and the Elixir in general - has become to our hearts. Now, in the finale for the year, we have put together this massive edition showcasing the best pictures of the year we left behind. We are indeed ***looking forward*** to the next year and can't wait to see what our successors have in store for us.

- Tanvi Rao and Krish Mehta, Editors

Photo Head's Foreword

It has been a wonderful experience working for The Elixir. This may sound odd, but I actually enjoyed the work. I really think that this issue has been the most fun of all, so I hope you enjoy it!

- Cassandra Pereira,
Photography Head



Layout Head's Foreword

Working on the layout in the elixir was really a great experience. It was lots of work at sometimes but I did enjoy it. Sometimes, I would annoy the hell out of the EIC which would be really fun. However, it was very helpful that Ms. Snehal would let take my laptop to the dorm so I work better and meet the deadlines. So I could get the latest issue out as soon as I could. I would also like to mention how great a job Krish M. and Tanvi R. did in editing the columns. They really worked hard and put in lots of effort. And let's not forget the editor and chief, well you all know who that is. She put in lots of effort too. And lastly all the columnist without all of you guys this newspaper would not exist! Good luck to next academic year's layout editor of the Elixir!

-Nathan Maniar

Layout Head

The Core Team

2012-2013

From the Editor-in-Chief

Well, it's my last issue as editor-in-chief. And Elixir's first photo issue. So for once, I'm not going to say much—not because I'm too emotional to do so, but because I'd rather show than tell. Before I begin though, I'd like to bid Adieu to all the 12th Graders, particularly Aishni Parab (since she was such a huge help to The Elixir). I still remember all those stressful meetings we used to have about the funding and everything else! Also, I'd like to bid a tearful farewell to Mr. Nathan Maniar, our Layout Head. The Elixir would've been impossible without you. We will miss you, “only” — and all the times you used The Elixir as an excuse to be with your laptop! Lastly, starting and working on The Elixir has always been a pleasure. Whether it was having to act like a tyrant to get the articles in on time or designing every single cover (this one is my favorite— I had designed it in September and decided to use it in my last issue along with the **school colors**' template of purple and black); I loved every moment of it. I look forward to the Elixir Elections to determine who will take over next; and to see them make The Elixir better than it ever was. This issue was almost three months in the making, and the result is in your hands — I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoyed making it. So, for the last time, this is your **Editor-in-Chief Shriya Sekhsaria** signing off, and it's been an honor to say so.



Above: 10th Grade Suite Door

Right: Most sought after soft board

Above-right: The board at the end of the lab staircase on the last day of IB (21st May)



The new “hotspot” in CVSL, attracting people because of the “cool” ACs!



Gadget of the Fortnight

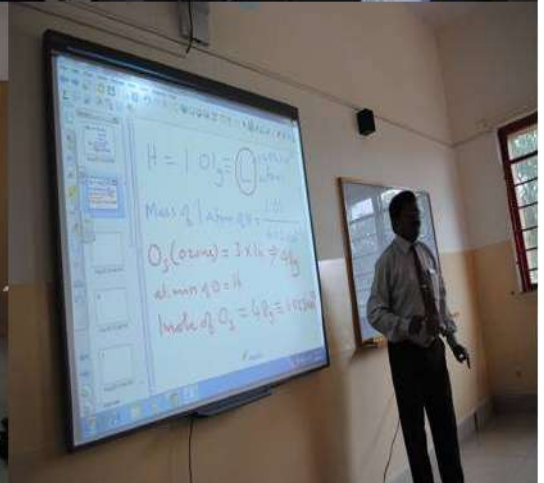
I hope you have all heard of this new gadget, which is now quite a revolution in technology—Google Glass. It is a voice activated device which allows you to do many things. Just say, “take a picture” and Google Glass will photograph what is front of you. You can even take video recordings and then share what you see, live with your friends. While you’re driving, the Google glass will give you directions. Like Apple’s Siri, if you ask the glass a question, it will give you answer. If you’re in another country and you can’t speak that foreign language well, the Google Glass can translate your voice to the any language. It has a flexible and light build. Overall it has a revolutionary design and is available in charcoal, tangerine, shale, and cotton.

- Nathan Maniar IBDP 1 for Server Zero



Below: Submitted by Mr. Tajvir Singh (IT Head)

Smart Board in action!





DEVIL MAY CRY

9.1

There has been speculation about Ninja Theory's take on the Devil May Cry franchise for more than a year now, because they decided to reboot the series and gave Dante, the series' protagonist black hair. After playing the game though, I can say, with confidence that you can forget about any hack 'n slash game you've played before. Whether it's God of War, Metal Gear

Rising, or Darksiders, nothing compares to DmC: Devil May Cry, which has kickstarted 2013 with a bang. The story has you play as Dante, a cocky badassed half-angel, half-demon "Nephilim", who is recruited by his brother Vergil, to take down the demon king Mundus, who runs an organization called the Order, that blinds humans from the real world, through social media and energy drinks. Mundus was also the one who killed Vergil and Dante's angel mother Eva, and eternally punished their demon father Sparda, amidst the war of angels and demons. The brothers are united after years and decide to kill Mundus and take revenge, but this can only be done through limbo. Dante is able to go into limbo thanks to a human named Kat, who is able to travel between the human world and limbo. Most of the game takes place in limbo, and provides for some gorgeous and jaw-



dropping environments, that make full use of the different mechanics of the game and Dante's abilities. Dante is equipped with his sword, Rebellion, and his guns, Ebony and Ivory. Through this journey, Dante is able to learn new abilities with the help of new weapons he discovers. Osiris is giant sickle-like weapon, and Arbiter is a giant axe, which Rebellion simply transforms into when required. Both weapons come with their own quirks – Osiris allows Dante to hook himself to things – even enemies and hurl himself towards them, whereas the Arbiter allows him to pull objects and enemies towards him. These

weapons boost the combat. The combat is slick and requires you to think fast and be creative. You are rewarded for how diverse your attacks are and the kind of combos you can pull, which include throwing enemies into the air, pulling them towards you and cutting them up by spinning Osiris. The game's mechanics are pretty solid, and Dante responds well to quick button-mashing. The enemy AI is also fantastic, and will follow you everywhere, which allows you to throw them off a ledge at times. This leaves us with the best hack 'n slash in a while, and a must for action-lovers.

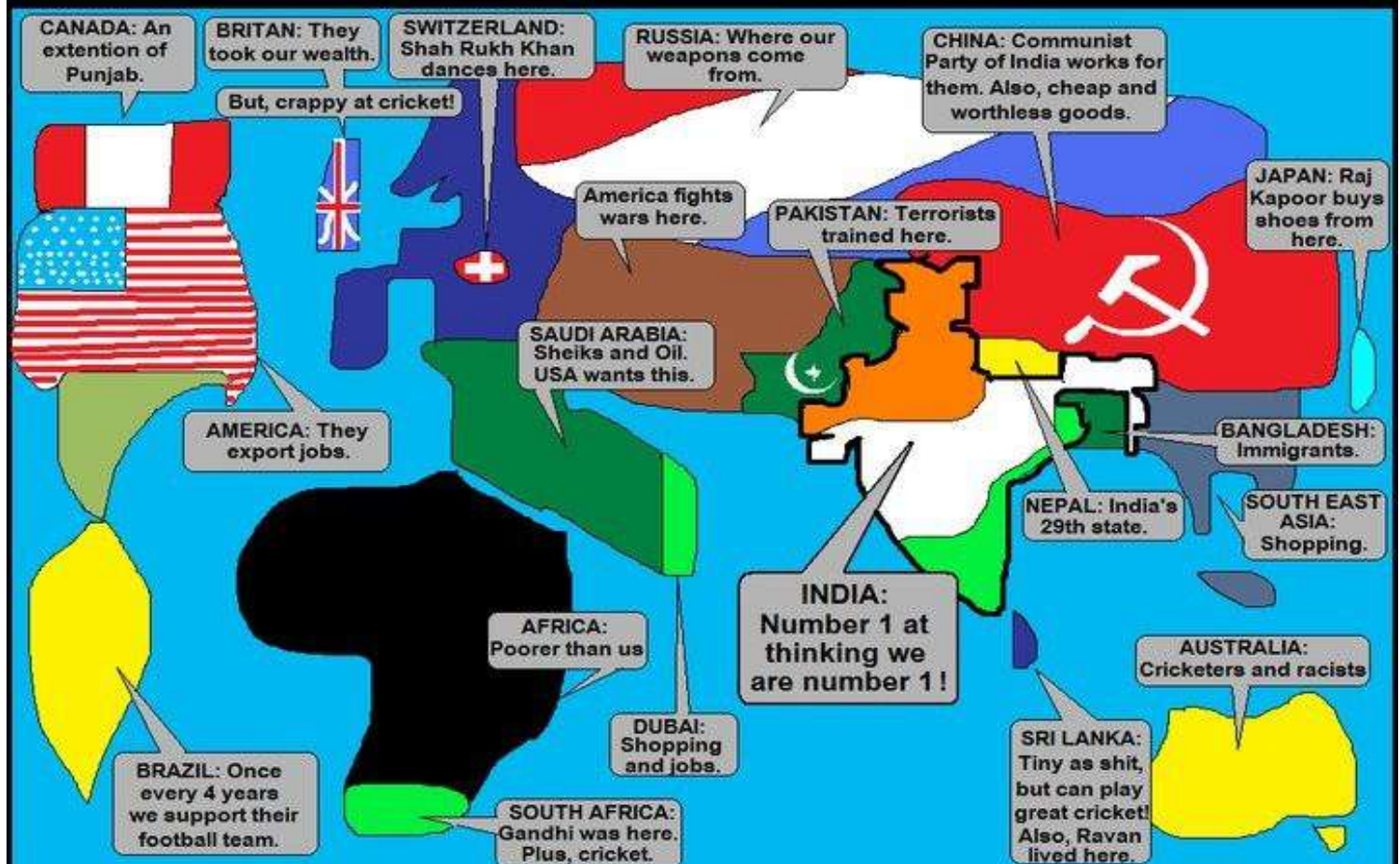
- Nishq Ravindranath, IBDP 1, for Server Zero



TECH MAHINDRA

Submitted by Mr. Tajvir Singh (IT Head)

The World According To India



ToK

- Mr. Satyajit Salgarkar (ToK Coordinator), for "I think therefore I B"



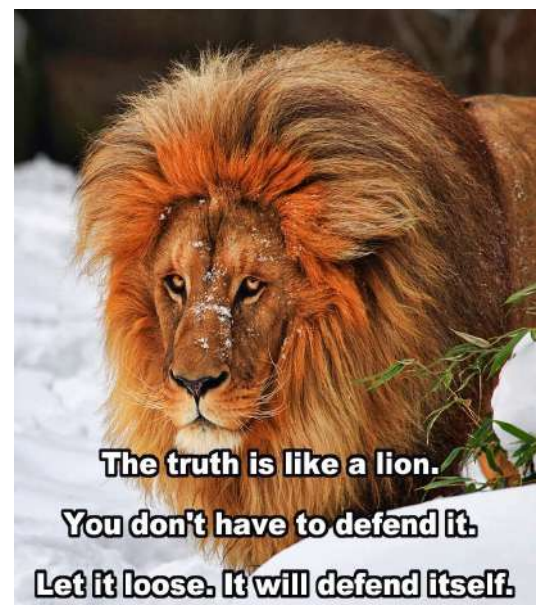
THE OLD SCIENTIFIC METHOD

Formulate a hypothesis.
Accumulate data.
Do extensive experimentation.



THE NEW SCIENTIFIC METHOD

Formulate a hypothesis.
Patent it.
Raise \$17 million.



The truth is like a lion.
You don't have to defend it.
Let it loose. It will defend itself.

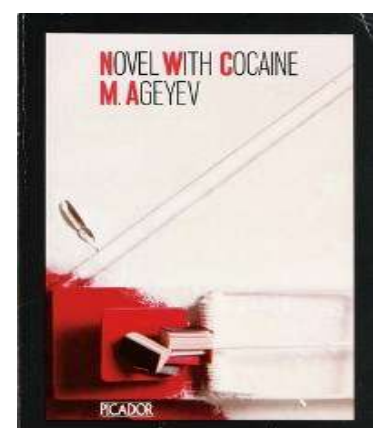
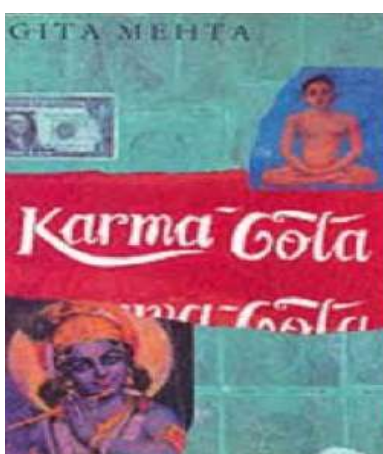
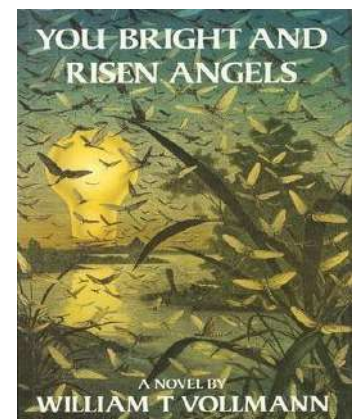
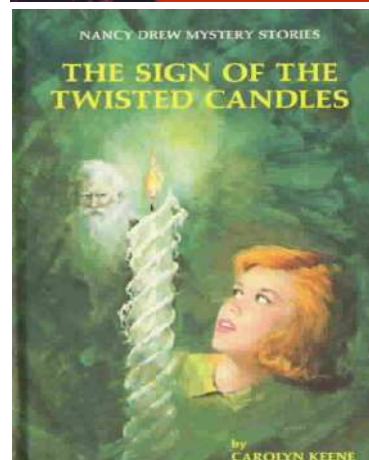
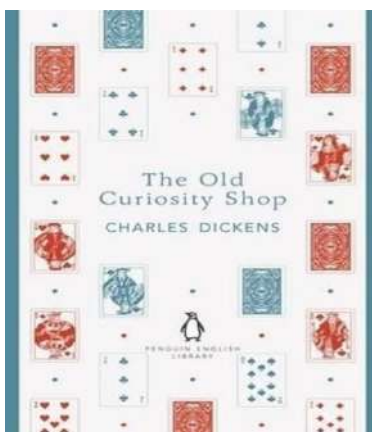
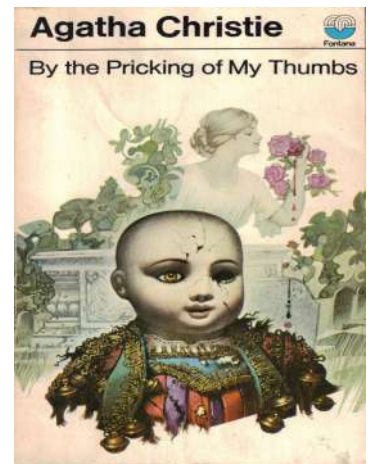
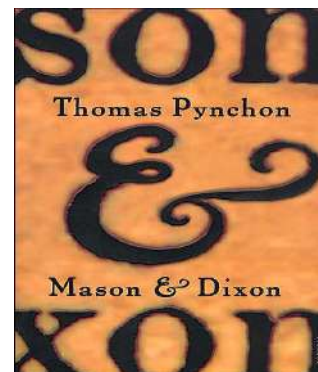
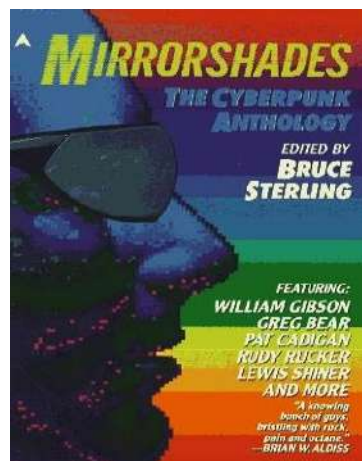
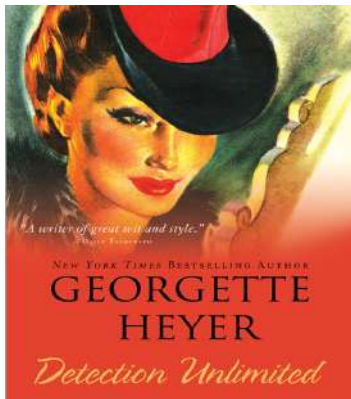
In simple terms, energy can be defined as the ability or capacity to perform work. The atoms and molecules in a chemical compound are held by chemical bonds, which store energy known as chemical energy. During a chemical reaction, bonds of a chemical compound are broken down and energy is released in this process. Humans use chemical energy stored in food molecules to obtain energy for our body cells. Plant cells contain a pigment component named 'chlorophyll' that absorbs light energy from the sun. Carbon dioxide and water obtained from the atmosphere are then converted into sugar molecules, the processes. Chemical energy has a number stored in fuels, it is converted into energy. Wood is one of the oldest forms of heat. We can also use chemical energy compounds. The chemical energy of the matchstick is used to get light and compounds present in the batteries are which is used in many ways. In the most widely utilized source of energy but is a non-renewable source of energy. Therefore, we must use it sensibly to save it for future generations.



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- Balaji Thoppay (Chemistry Faculty) for ChemYstery

BEST BOOK COVERS



Book Covers Submitted by Mr. Paul
Dyer (English Faculty) for Dyer Con-
sequences



Jokes from the Tamil Tiger

Our beloved IGCSE coordinator seems to be breaking some records with his crazily crazy cracks here.

Note: Mr. Ramesh's jokes aren't quite jokes he *made*, but rather just casual statements he has made from time to time in reply to questions or demands by us. They just *happened* to be (very lame) joke material. So here goes...

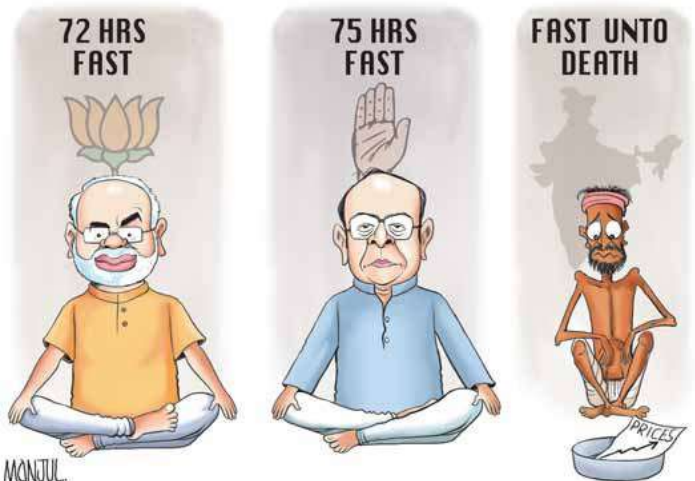
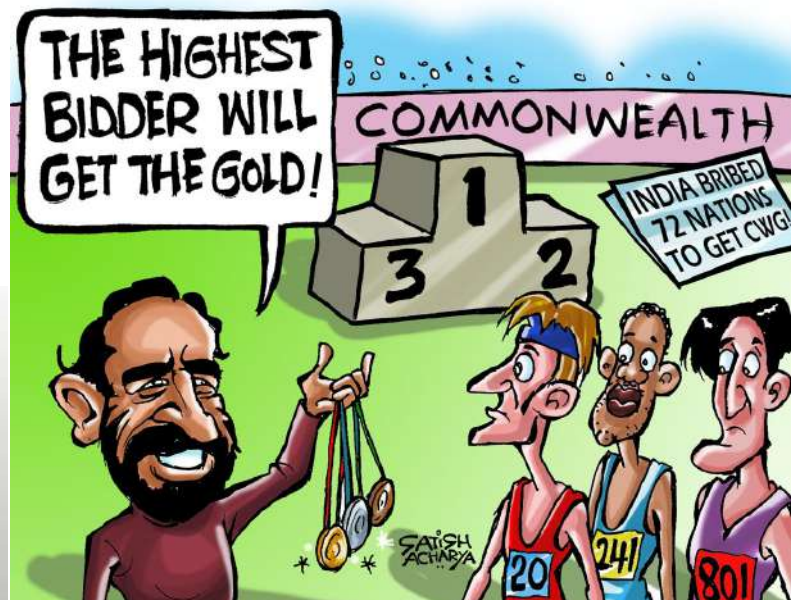
Before our boards last year when we asked Mr. Ramesh to give us Kit Kat instead of Polo during our boards, this was his reply: "It's too late to catch the Kat..."

Quite what he meant by that remains unanswered. Mr. Ramesh loves borrowing. So when he'd take our stuff last year and we would tell him to give it back, this is what we'd get: "I don't go backwards, I only go forwards..."

That's all really! - Karan Erry (IBDP 1) Team Wacko, Awry and Awfully Off-Track

Political Sphere

Submitted by Sarthak Shah of IBDP 1, Team Political Sphere



It's all about the mode

Pour L'Homme

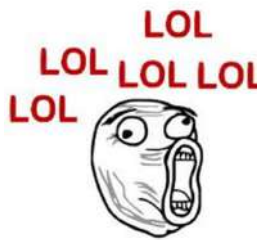


Panache The Party Looks



Submitted by Fashion Team Niharika Roychoudhary
(IBDP 1) and Aabir Mitra (Grade 9— old)





LOL!!

Remember the
LOL craze
around school
when everyone
just couldn't stop
saying it, whether
they were actually
laughing
or not? **IBDP 1
Girls?** Anyone?



The Brads

by Brad Colbow

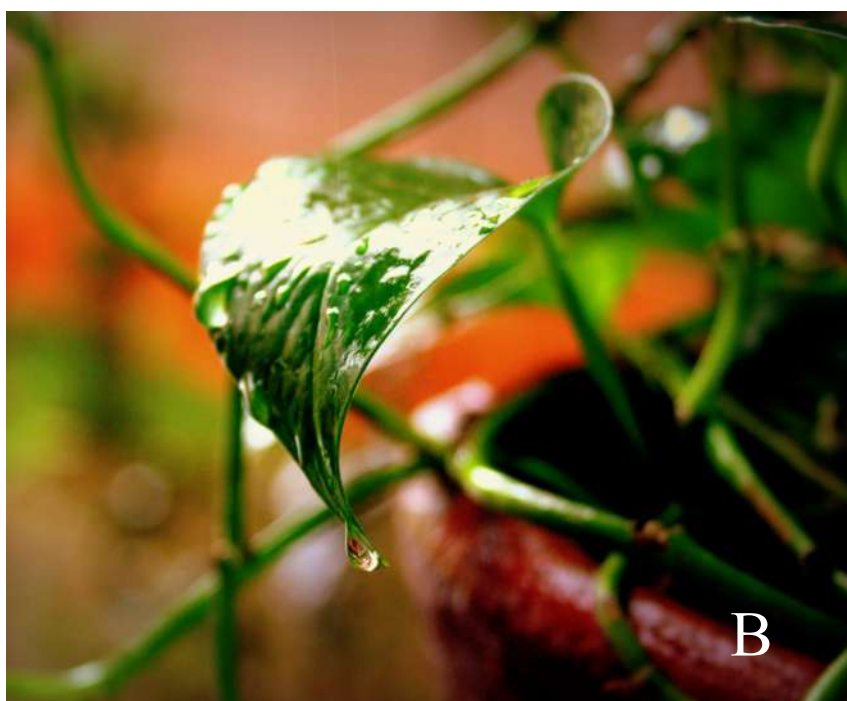


**YO MAMMA IS
SO UGLY, THAT WHEN
SHE JOINED AN UGLY
CONTEST THEY SAID
"SORRY, BUT NO
PROFESSIONALS".**



etc
**end of thinking
capacity.**

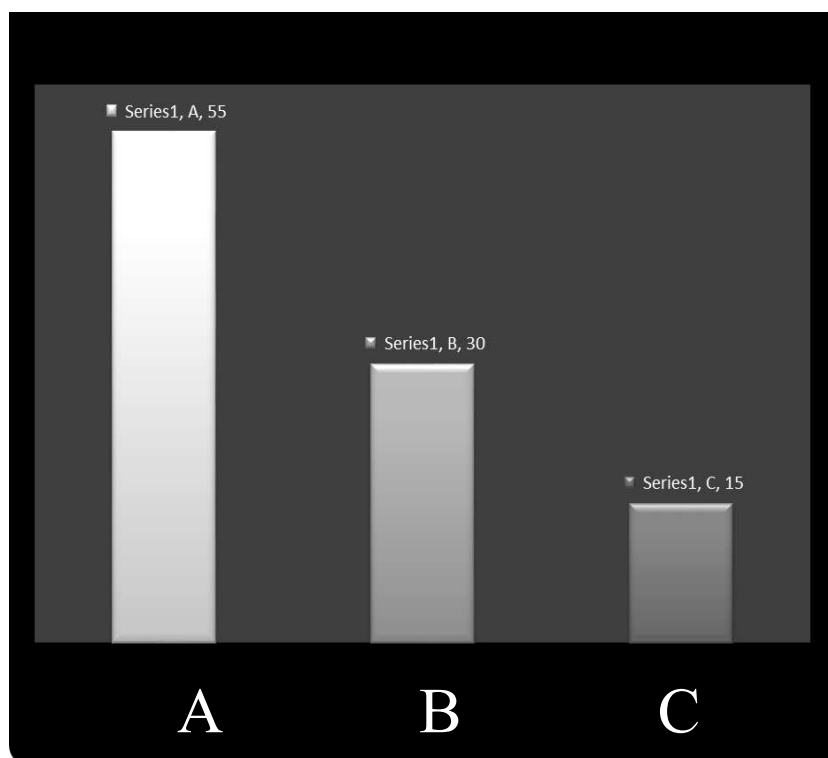
Pictures submitted by the team of
"Yo Blondies!" - Viren Harjani
and Perna Jogani, IBDP 1



WAKAAO

This time, we took a poll on which of the pictures here (all clicked by CVSL students) was the best one. We hope you like them!

- Pallavi SN Kapri and Tavishi Vajpeyi of IBDP 1, Team Wakaaao



JUNIOR SCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Prajakta
Salgarkar (Junior School
Coordinator)



Assembly, Y U no come later in
the day?



Dressed up!



Mona Lisas in the making



What did you just say?
Well, that's simply *fascinating*.



Peace— now please don't
kill me!



Submitted by Mr. S. Ramesh (IGCSE Coordinator) for The Tiger's Den



Party Time!



Just Chillin



BOYS RULE!



GIRL POWER



Working Hard!



Got Fish?



IBDP

Submitted by Mrs.
Snehal Joshi (IBDP
Coordinator) for
Submit with Josh!

Above: Holi — IB style! March 2013

Right: Me and my fair ladies during Spandan on 14th October 2012

Below (left): Me and my lovely physics clan — with one Bio alien during the Valentines Bash on 28th February, 2013

Below (right): Being escorted to the Delegate Dance by my IBs on 2nd November 2012



IBDP 2009-2011



ALUMNI

The **First IBDP Batch** — and the **Latest one**

IBDP 2011-2013





Wilson

Per Ardua Ad Astra

So an eventful semester it has been, full of excitement in light of the Inter- House Events. As prefects this house made us proud and we would like to sincerely thank all the Wilsonites for their support & hard work.



Savage

Palman Qui Meruit Ferat



The Savagites, who are known for marching for years, proved themselves this year also at the 4th Annual Sports meet. Though Savage stood third in the Inter house marching competition this year their style, their posture and their confidence while marching says it all. Savagites like Nishq.R, Tavishi.V (Under 18 sports girl of the year 2012-13), Udita (under 12 sports girl of the year), Param.C, Sahil.S and few others made us proud with their tremendous performance and outstanding skills. They contributed the maximum to the Savage scoreboard. Showing their team spirit, self confidence and a very good understanding between each other all the Savagites celebrated and rejoiced their first ever sports shield in 5 years. Savage won the sports shield in the 4th annual sports meet 2012 -13 and won by about a lead of 25 to 30 points.



Palmer

Nil desperandum



Another academic year is about to begin and Palmer has already seen some new faces. Welcome new Palmerites! We assure

you, within a week the Palmer spirit will be in you too. Over the year, we participated



in a range of competitions. We lost some but 'Nil Desperandum' Palmerites! We learned a lot and had fun along the



way. In this issue we have tried to capture some 'Palmer Moments'. We're hoping to take you on a walk down memory lane to remember some of the finest moments in yellow. Keep up the unmatched House-spirit!

Two of the biggest events of the year are now over and they have both brought all the members of the house together like never before! We did spectacularly well in Marching—missing the first place by less than a point.



Thomas

Per Angusta Ad Agasta

We put up a great show in the Inter-House Dance too, and I doubt anyone



can forget how much hard work we put into it. Cricket was another event that took place recently, that the Thomas House put their heart and souls into. Our team consisted of players of all shapes, sizes and grades, and not a single one of them let us down. We played brilliantly, and finally emerged a well-deserved second. A special mention goes out to Shubh and Mujibuddin who, despite being the youngest members of the team, killed even the seniors of all the other houses.





Welcome to CVSL – August 2012
The staff salute (above) and The Welcome Cake (below)





Above: Great minds think alike at our PTA.

Venue: Conference Room



Above: Are you *really* doubting my capabilities?
Right: You can lift that thing above your head?
 Wow!

Venue: Gym





**SILVER HILLS RESORT
THE IB1 ICE BREAKING PARTY**



ABOVE: PARTY TIME!

Left: My master piece!

The **Madhubani** Workshop

**RIGHT: SANTA IS
COMING TO TOWN!**

20TH DECEMBER, 2012

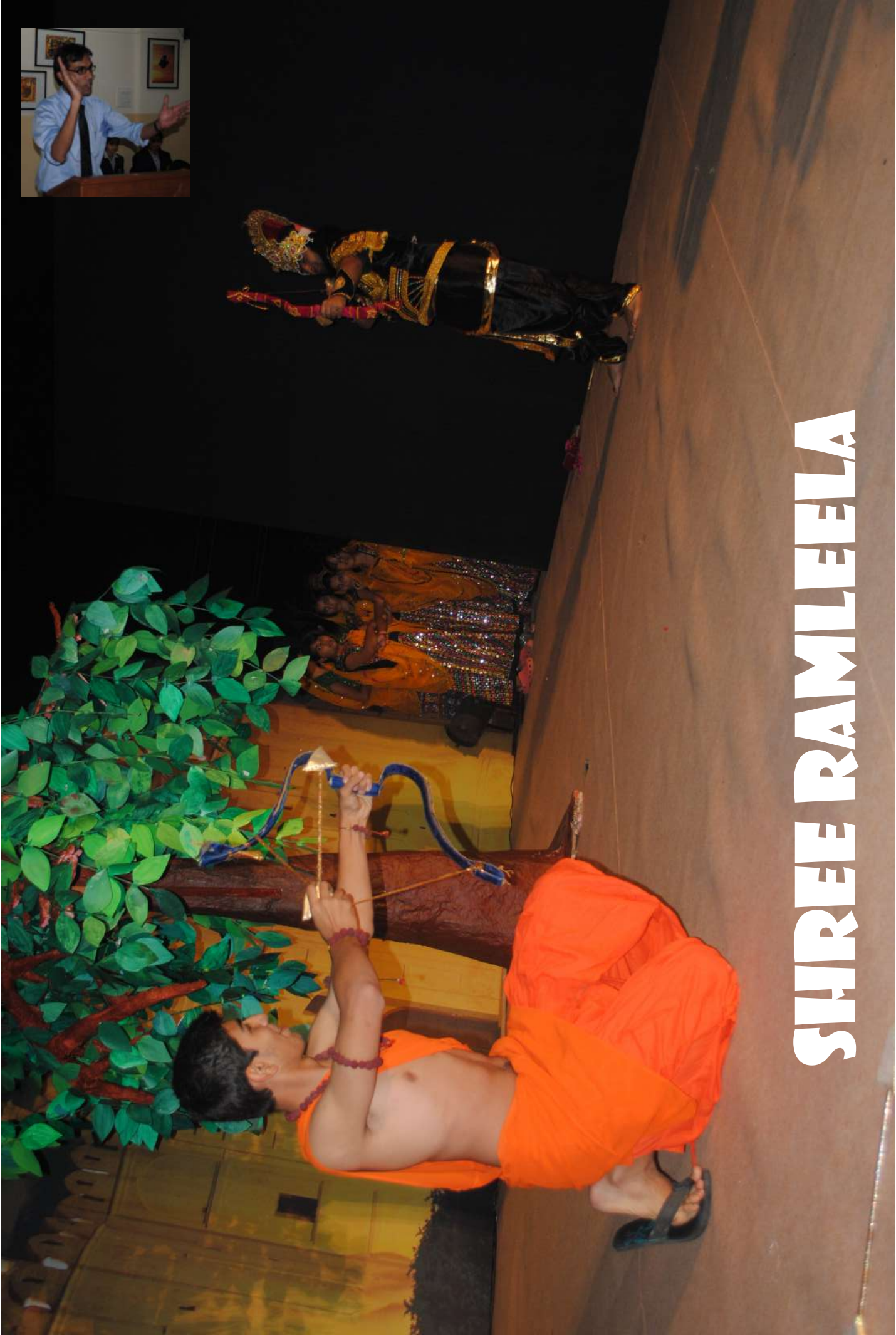


CHRISTMAS PARTY



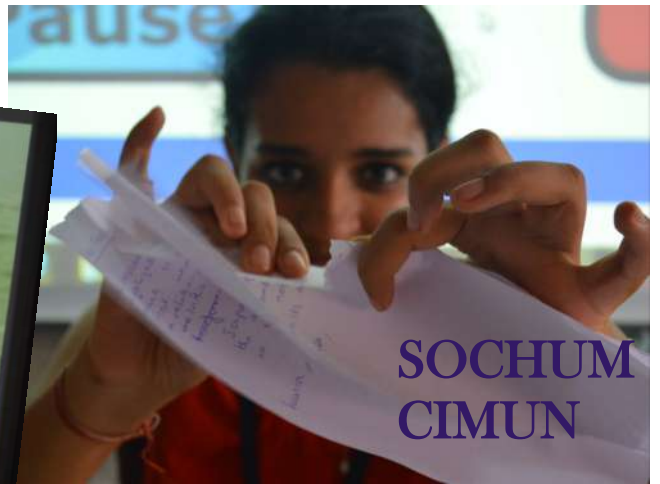
SPANDAN
13TH-14TH OCTOBER, 2012





SHREE RAMLEELA

CIMUN's favorite animal — A Cow ;)



ABOVE: YES, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS TO RESOS THAT ARE NOT GOOD ENOUGH :)

Below: No, you blithering *idiot*— I'm not crazy!



CIMUN

1st to 3rd November, 2012



Below: Remember this guy?
Sshh....It's **Anonymous!**





*The
Prefect
Nominees
2012-2013*

*The
Prefect
Elects
2012-2013*



SUN GAZING, ARE WE?



The Cathedral Vidya School

FOUNDER MEMBERS

NO.	NAME	NO.	NAME
1	AARISH ALI	22	ANNA DALAL
2	AAYUSH KUMAR	23	ANNA SHAN
3	ADITI KUMAR	24	PALAK CHADRIA
4	ADITYA RAI SUD	25	PRANAY SINGH
5	ADIL SINGH	26	PRATEEK KUMAR
6	ANIRUDDH GUPTA	27	PRUTHVI DODHI
7	ASHWIN RAI SUD	28	RISHAB SHAN
8	DANIEL SATHIA RAJ	29	SHANTANU KUMAR
9	DINESH SATHIA RAJ	30	SHASHANK KAPUR
10	HARSH SETHI	31	SHEEL JAIN
11	KRISHNAKANTH SETHI	32	SHIVAN SAKTHIAN
12	JAYAN SHERGILL	33	SHEKHAR KOTHARI
13	KARAN NIGAM	34	SIDDHANT CHAKRABORTY
14	KARAN ERY	35	SIDDHANT SETHI
15	KARAN KUMAR	36	TERRY TRAVASSO
16	KRISH SETHI	37	VAIBHAV KAPOOR
17	KUNDA SINGH	38	VIRUN ARJAN
18	NAAN SHAN	39	VIRAJ GUPTA
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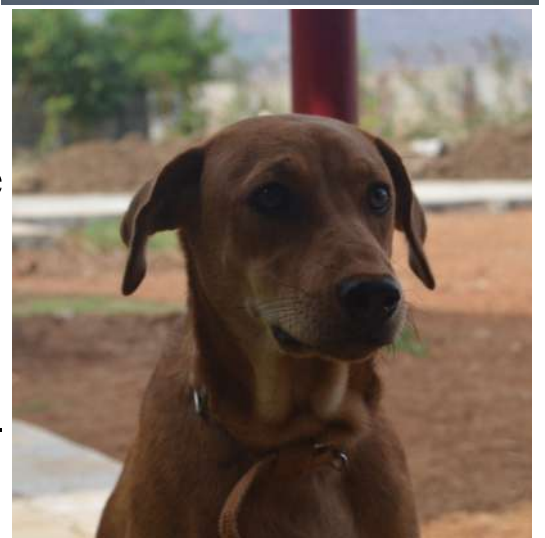
Where art thou,
dear gong? **The**
Chronicles of
the missing
gongs.

Right: A post that has had only **Wilsonites**. **Below:** Our **school bus**.

RESPECT!
THE FOUNDER
MEMBERS' BOARD



Right:
Candy, the
official
school pet
who Mrs.
Sian adopted
for us!



Right: Our
Funky Mum-
mies

School Fete
21st December 2012

ABOVE: THE FLASH MOB Below: A mob has hit school :0

Open Day
21st December 2012



Tunes of CVSL

Left: Sing along!
Children's Day Celebration
2012

Below: Rock 'n' Roll
Training

Remember how many months Mrs. Sain trained for to get the song right for us during the Children's Day Celebration? Because we certainly do. We loved every single performance that day!



Above: Young patriotic
bold at the
Republic Day Celebration 2013





Left:
**Conspiring to
create history.**
SAIBSA on 19th January 2013



**Above: Chaat
party!**

WHAT THE SCHOOL PODIUM
LOOKS LIKE.



Right: Luigi, head of the penguin
family — and someone's *ahem*
toys.





Spandan 2012

**Right:
IT'S OUR
BABY**



Inter house Cricket



Inter house Throw ball



Inter house Table Tennis

Hermes
The Sporty
Edge

Left: Don't
we all miss
Mr. Neeraj
and his jokes
so much?

Sukhwinder Singh Concert
Lohri, 13th January 2013



Above: I know he's a great person !



Gurudwara

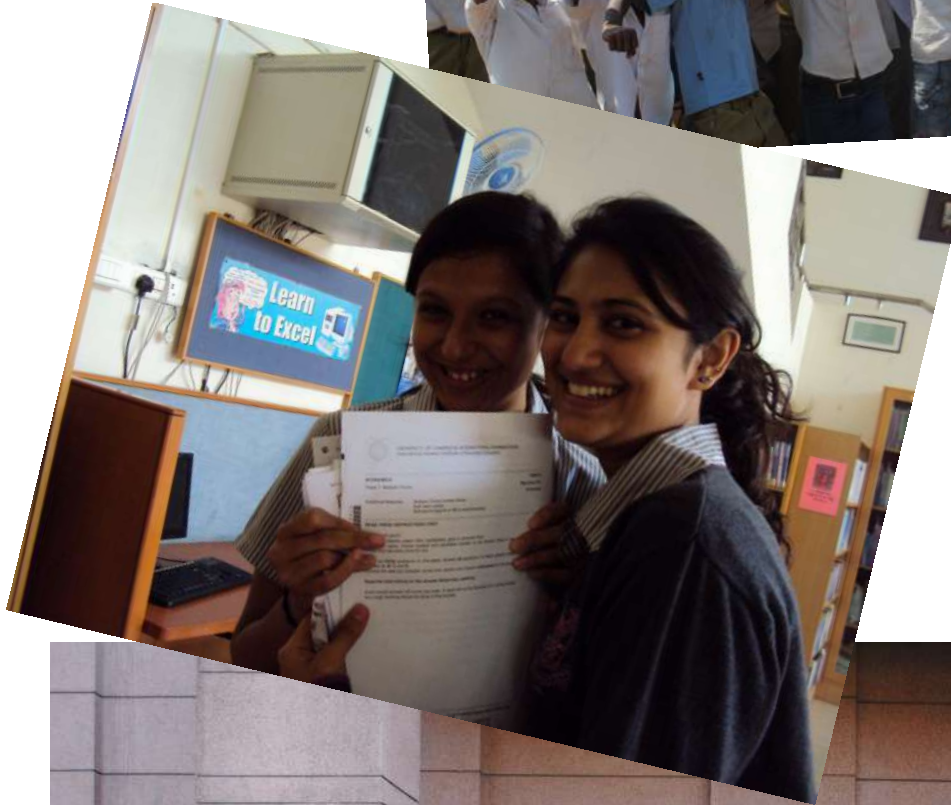


Above: It's the 1st issue of The Elixir !
5th October, 2012



Science Trip

Below: Yes, this does count as CAS.



**LEFT: BECAUSE
"BORROWING" PAST
PAPERS NEVER GOES
OUT OF STYLE –
RIGHT IG CLASS OF
2012?
BELOW: TOGETHER
WE STAND!**



SAIBSA
19th January 2013



**Left: It's just
mud come on!**



**Below: Oh
no! I think
they saw
us.
*First Aid Clas-
ses, Novem-
ber 2012.***



**Above: I solemnly swear
that I will...**



**Right: *Tradi-
tionals* it is!**

**Navratri Celebration
at the Dandiya Night
2012**





**ABOVE: STUDENTS
TURNED CHEMISTS**

**Below: Teachers
turned students**





New Zealand Exchange Program
in February 2013





VALENTINES DAY PARTY 28TH FEBRUARY, 2013





Above: Chem-magic—
its show time!

Above: Remember this guy? Yes, it's the **Hungry Man**, who just *never* gets full at the Chem-magic show during the Science Exhibition on 1st March 2013.



Top: I want my *kato-ra* haircut **NOW!**
Ribbon cutting of the Science Exhibition.

Left: Ya **Baby!**

Tamil Tiger goes **Maharashtrian**?

Below: Come here — I need to tell you a secret!



Left: The girls that created history for CVSL by bringing home the first—and biggest victory yet.

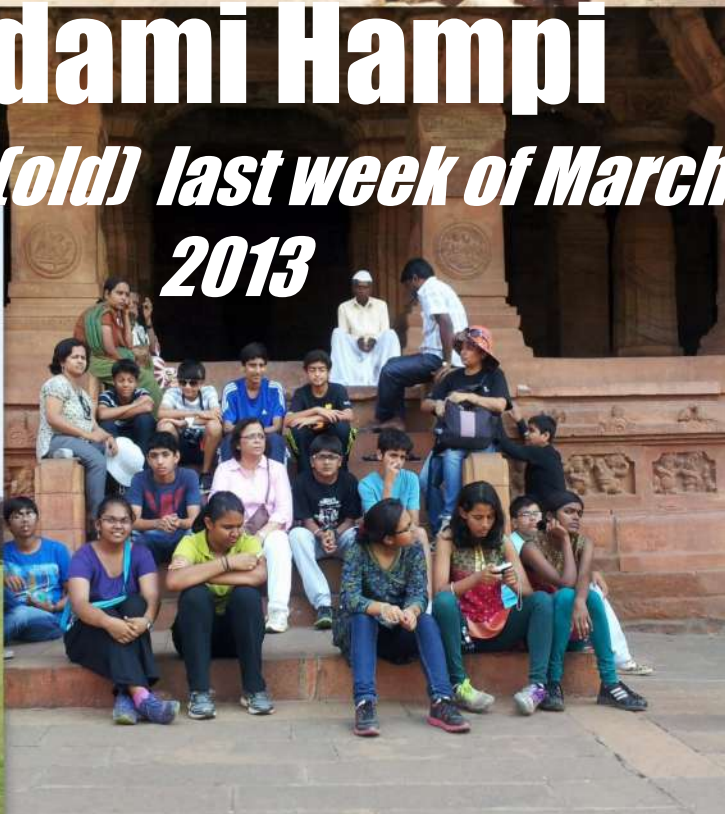
Right: The other kind of mark they left — on the dorm walls after 2010 Halloween!





Badami Hampi

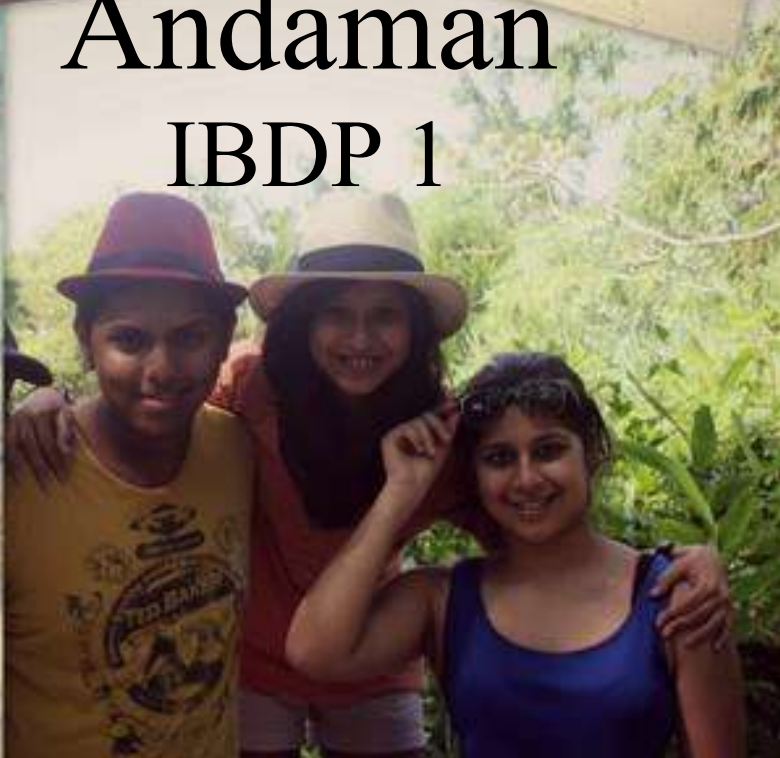
*Grade 8 (old) last week of March
2013*





Kolkata
Grade 9 (old) last week of March 2013

A collage of 25 photographs from a BDP1 trip to Kerala. The photos show students participating in various activities: playing badminton on an outdoor court, walking on a paved path, posing for group photos, and interacting with staff. A large white text overlay reads "Kerala BDP1".



Andaman

IBDP 1





10TH GRADE FARWELL

25TH APRIL, 2013



Elixir's Superlatives!



ABOVE: SHIVAJI, NISHQ'S DREAM. LEFT: NISHQ'S DATE TO EVERY PARTY AND THE PERSON WHO LETS HIM WEAR SHORTS. WONDER WHO HE LOVES MORE.



Most Photographed Location



Most Sought after Person



Favorite Haunt!



Masala rice, anyone?

Most Overused Party Spot



Most Crowded at Sports



Favorite tree



At "I Spread Love" (our charity campaign), we had song dedications and rose distributions. **Best song dedication:** "Papa toh band ba-jaaye" from Kundan Singh to Mr. Nagendra. **Best Roses:** Grade 10 (board) put down 50 roses on Shibani's stone.





"Dear **Mrs. Snehal**, thank you so much for being with us through thick and thin. Your motivation and support has sailed us through storms. We're hope we have done you proud. Lots of love, **IBDP Class of 2013**."

"Dear **Mr. Ramesh**, we've all had our ups and downs over these past two years but you have been an amazing co-ordinator and we have enjoyed our time in the IGCSE block. We'll miss you a lot and its sad that we won't be with you next year. Thank you for everything. Love, **IGCSE Class of 2013**"

"Dear **Mrs. Prajakta**, thank you for being there with us throughout our hard times during the checkpoints. You have been a wonderful guide, mentor and teacher... we will miss you as we move on to IG and we all really love you a lot!" - **Checkpoint Class of 2013**

"Dear **Mr. Bhushan**, your patience with every small matter in the school never ceases to amaze us. You are not only one of the most disciplining and innovative (even with your punishments!), but also one of the most fun coordinators we've ever had. We hope to continue seeing that heartwarming smile and here those jokes all through our remaining time here at CVSL. We love you!"

"Dear **Mr. Nagendra**, you have been with this school right from the start and it's safe to say that *none* of us know a CVSL without you. Every event that is a success and every party that is fun is another feather in your cap. What we love more, however, is how much you love each of us. You truly are irreplaceable to us, Sir."

"Dear **Mrs. Sain**, thank you so much for supporting each one of us every step of the way. No words can even begin to express how much you mean to us. You have nurtured not only each one of us, but even every building of this school as if it were your own child. You have had the biggest hand in shaping each one of us into what we have become, being involved with every infinitesimal activity and the biggest of achievements. Thank you for being there for us — always."

TO OUR COORDINATORS AND PRINCIPAL ...WITH LOVE

