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## Swimming Report 2015

Nehansh Saxena reports on the recently concluded Inter-House Swimming Competition.

This year saw a palpable increase in the intensity of swimming done in school. The feats achieved in the sport this year were much more than that of the past years, and needless to say, the performances of swimmers were phenomenal. This success that the boys tasted this year in the sport has not been achieved by a casual wade in the swimming pool, but months, or even years of rigorous training. This year's recently concluded Inter-House Swimming Competition bore witness to the benchmark that swimming in School has been able to set, after years of progressive performances.

In this year's Inter-House Swimming Competition, the exemplary performances given in the Mediums Category caught the competition's spotlight. It wasn't a revelation: out of the eight records that were broken, seven records were shattered in the Mediums Category itself. The amount that the Mediums'

swimmers toiled this season was directly responsible for the unmatched results that could be seen. The relays were thrilling to watch, with Jaipur and Hyderabad houses seeming to be the only houses challenging each other, occupying the first and second positions repetitively. The highlights of this category were the Breaststroke events, Backstroke Events, 50 meters Butterfly, 200 meters Individual Medley, and the short distance Freestyle events. Those who proved their efforts were Anish Bhide, Zorawar Bhatti, Ritik Chamola, Rishabh Goel and Kshitij Goel. However, there were more meritorious swimmers, who deserve to be mentioned- Shiven Dewan, Tanay Gopal Agarwal and Nehansh Saxena, who collectively set seven new records in Breaststroke, Backstroke and Butterfly respectively.

Nehansh also broke the 200 metres Individual Medley record. It is the sole proof of the advancement our swimmers have made in recent years. Jaipur House, with its stupendous 'team-power', deservingly lifted the Mediums cup.

The Seniors Category, having its own band of greats (some who are still record-holders), did not hesitate in giving brilliant contests. The unique point in this category was the 'spirit' with which the competitive sense was taken. This 'spirit' was further energized by the resonating cheers from the juniors. The races were found to be more competitive on the whole, as compared to any other category. The margins of triumph were very narrow indeed, often propelled by bouts of inner 'josh' in the final leg of the race. The events that caught the limelight in this category were the 50 metres Freestyle (with four contestants nearly breaking the School record), Butterfly events and Breaststroke events. The School Swimming Captain: Arunabh Utkarsh proved his mettle by being placed at the top in his events. Raghav Kumar came first in all the Butterfly events and also set the benchmark in the stroke as far as the 200 metres Butterfly event was concerned. Pratyaksh Singh Parmar did not hesitate to showcase his rather explosive finish. The exchange students Steve and Sean set fire to the pool with their exceptionally fast timings, though not being much ahead of our own talent: Nihal Singh Mann. In the long distance events, Agastya Shetty and Varun Sehgal showcased the result of months of labour that led them to win with ease. The relays were in favour of Hyderabad House in each case. Jaipur House maintained its position though and lifted the Seniors Cup.

The Juniors Category also proved to be as competitive as the other categories, considering the lack of experience of the participants. Although no records were broken this year in this category, promising performances were definitely given by many of the juniors. One should also realize that at this stage of

### Records

#### Mediums

50 metres Butterfly: Tanay Gopal Agarwal

50 metres Breaststroke: Shiven Dewan

100 metres Breaststroke: Shiven Dewan

200 metres Breaststroke: Shiven Dewan

50 metres Backstroke: Nehansh Saxena

100 metres Backstroke: Nehansh Saxena

200 metres Backstroke: Nehansh Saxena

200 metres Individual Medley: Nehansh Saxena



## Regulars

### GK Quiz

The **IPSC GK Test** was conducted in **The Doon School** on **3rd September, 2015**. In the **senior category**, Advait Ganapathy and Priyanshu Raj have scored the highest marks and secured the position in the **Top 20%** of the students in the **IPSC GK Test 2015**. In the **junior category**, Ranvijay Singh and Kanishkh Kanodia have scored the first two positions respectively and have secured their place in the top **20%** of the students in the **IPSC GK Test 2015**.

Congratulations!

### Music

The following are the results of the **Inter House Music Competition** for the year **2015**:

- 1st:** Oberoi House
- 2nd:** Kashmir House
- 3rd:** Tata House
- 4th:** Jaipur House
- 5th:** Hyderabad House

Congratulations!

### This Week in History

**1789:** Congress passes the First Judiciary Act which provided for the U.S. attorney general and the Supreme Court.

**1941:** Linda McCartney is born.

**1949:** Raja Rammohan Roy, educationist and social reformer passes away

**1991:** Children's author Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, dies at age 87.

**1996:** The US and the world's other major nuclear powers sign a treaty to end all testing and development of nuclear weapons.

**2003:** Anthony Hopkins receives a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

*In order to attain the impossible, one must attempt the absurd.*

**Miguel de Cervantes**

### Cricket

The following boys have been awarded **Colours** in **Cricket**:

**Half Colours:** Udaiveer Singh Jaijee, Ashvin Agarwal, Angad Singh Shergill.

**Full Colours:** Aryaman Panwar

Well done!

### UNQUOTABLE QUOTES

The teas were ship overboard.

**Shreyansh K. Goyal**, *redefines the Boston Tea Party.*

What's the place of the name?

**Mitul Agarwal**, *geographer or philosopher?*

How well you hear in your eye?

**Arjun Singh**, *provides an eyeopener.*

People who spread violence are violinists.

**PMV**, *music critic.*

Are you going to the 'hospichal'?

**Tanvir Bal**, *gets ahead of himself.*

I need an analyzation to my fitness level.

**Aditya Saboo**, *we'll analyze your English for free.*

I will 'nose' it for sure.

**MTS**, *surely not your grammar.*

You are stretching yourself too thin.

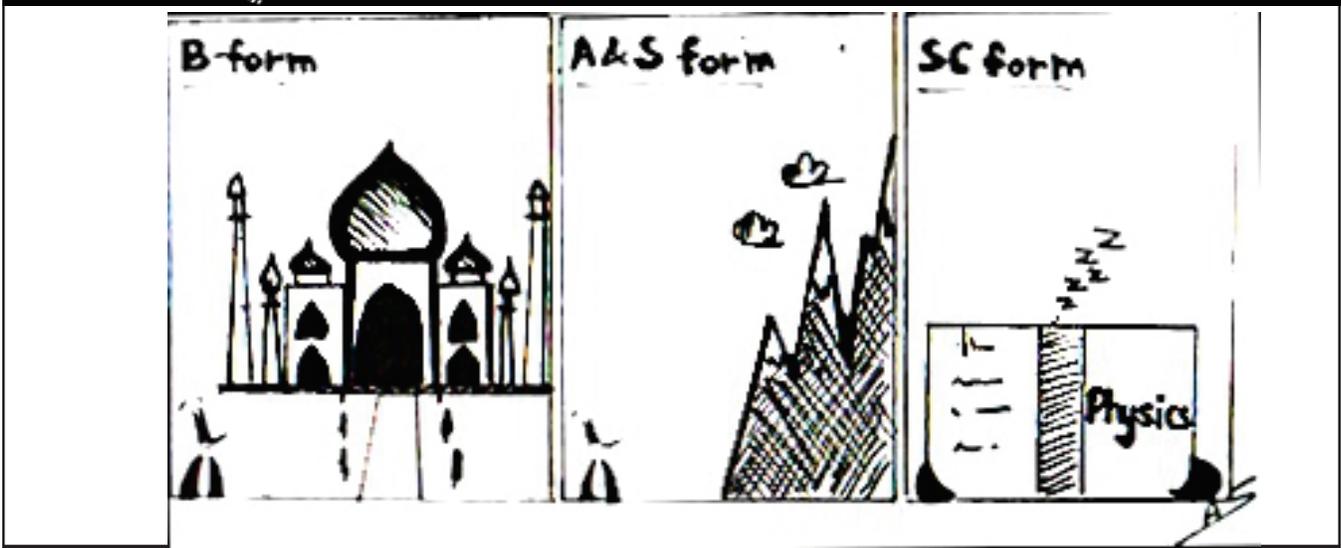
**SKD**, *medical anomaly?*

### AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 WORDS

EU leaders are all set to meet in Brussels amid continuing tension among members over a deal to relocate 120,000 migrants across the continent. Pope Francis has begun his tour of the US to greet millions of American Catholics and address problematic issues. Burkina Faso's interim President Michel Kafando has said he is back in charge and civilian rule restored after last week's military takeover. Chinese President Xi Jinping has sought to reassure US business leaders, in a wide-ranging speech

### Dosco Doodle

### Midterm Mania Aryaman Saluja



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School life, there is a lot to learn. There were some well-cultivated talents in this category, who had their own share of wins. The events that were a must-watch were the Freestyle events, Breaststroke events, Backstroke events and the powered-up relays. The juniors who presented their flair in the sport have a long way to go from what they achieved in this category. Agastya Nath Khanna, Bhaimeer Singh, Mehrab Singh Pannu and Karan Sampath gave scintillating performances and outdid their personal bests. Tata House thrashed all the other Houses by colossal margins and received the much coveted Juniors Cup.

Thus, this year's Inter-House Swimming ended on toweringly high note. Jaipur House lift the House Swimming Cup for the fifth consecutive time; a distinguished achievement indeed. The number of records broken this year was a gargantuan figure, equivalent to that of last year's. Records are nothing more than mere limitations, which are meant to be overcome. The records that were set this year will further propel the progress of swimming in Chandbagh. Fresh talent is bound to outshine the old.

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Apropos your column, 'The Week Gone By', published on September 19, I would like to bring to your notice that your columnist has erred in his statement about the Music Department's (referring to the House Choir section of the competition) 'commendable effort initiated... to inculcate' (sic) 'Indian songs as well', as a 'continuation from last year'. In fact, the songs in this section have always featured music from the folk and classical music traditions of India. In the year that showcased acappella (unaccompanied) singing--- it may be appreciated that this is a style of singing which is not confined to any one musical culture.

Your columnist has also remarked on the choir songs 'arousing many a soul from their deep slumber'. We are glad to know that the music had such a rousing nature, but will point out that such a remark does no justice to the very fine quality of Hindustani classical vocal music and tabla playing that had preceded the choir section; it is, in fact, if indeed the statement is true one, a rather sad commentary on musical understanding and appreciation in School. It also shows a certain insensitivity on the part of your columnist with regard to the long hours of practice and dedication to their art put in by the performers in these solo sections. It is our considered opinion that in a column that chronicles School events on a weekly basis, due care must be taken not to confuse humour with shallow flippancy.

Sincerely,  
Priya Chaturvedi & Partho Roy Choudhury

| Junior Poetry |

## The Archeologist

Agastya Bhargava

Live every moment,  
forget all torment,  
the world has too many evils too complain about  
too many evils for happiness to sprout  
just be happy with what you have right now,  
cause when it goes, you won't know how.  
Be yourself  
don't act like anyone else,  
every one is unique,  
to live, devise you own technique,  
love those close to you,  
forgive those who try to harm you  
don't bully  
they don't understand fully  
what it's like to be secure  
they feel they can never be sure.  
Do what you love,  
not what the wishes are from above,  
learn to respect,  
everyone,  
no matter who they are,  
that's real power.

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## The Archeologist

Aayush Chowdhry

Disconsolate, I tread,  
I live on little meat and mead.  
To disinter relics is my job,  
I work for a rebarbative slob:  
Who is the museum's head,  
Or a narcissist well fed.  
I am hapless, I see;  
I mither to be free.  
I think and it portends,  
I realize at the end,  
That all my work and torment,  
Would be worthless, if sent.  
The museum will take my find,  
And use an unnecessary mind,  
Just to place it in a reliquary,  
For someone to present their casuistry.

**Minutes of the School Council Meeting**  
Meeting held on August 12, 2015 in the Nandlal Kilachand Library

Following members were present for the meeting:

Dr. Peter McLaughlin	Headmaster (Chairman)
Mr. PK Nair	Assistant Headmaster
Mr. Vinay Pande	Senior Deputy Headmaster
Mr. Kamal Ahuja	Deputy Head, Academics
Mr. Sameer Katre	Director of Administrative Affairs
Mr. Piyush Malaviya	Director of Public Affairs
Dr. A Shukla	Director of Sports/ Outdoor Pursuits
Mr. A Qezilbash	Dean of Students' Welfare
Mr. Manu Mehrotra	Housemasters' Representative
Dr. Ritu Mohan	Teachers' Representative
Mrs. Sonali Malaviya	Dames' Representative
Anvay Grover	Secretary
Sahir Chaudhary	School Captain
Aditya Vardhan Bhardwaj	Prefects' Representative
Akarsh Tibrewal	H House Senior Representative
Yash Dhandhanania	H House Senior Representative
Anirudh Bazari	H House Junior Representative
Sanjum Dhaliwal	H House Junior Representative
Manan Pradhan (Stand-in for Dhruv Johri)	O House Senior Representative
Saamarth Juneja	O House Senior Representative
Abhiraj Lamba (Stand-in for Kanishkh Kanodia)	O House Junior Representative
Gunvir Paintal	O House Junior Representative
Nikhil Saraf	T House Senior Representative
Yashvardhan Meel	T House Senior Representative
Raghav Bagri	T House Junior Representative
Nandil Sharma	T House Junior Representative
Arth Gupta	J House Senior Representative
Nihal Singh Dhillon	J House Senior Representative
Aayush Chaudhary	J House Junior Representative
Zoraver Bhati (Stand-in for Yash Dewan)	J House Junior Representative
Devansh Agarwal	K House Senior Representative
Rishabh Agarwal	K House Senior Representative
Shiven Dewan	K House Junior Representative
Kushagra Kar	K House Junior Representative

**Matters discussed:**

**1. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Devansh Agarwal and seconded by Saamarth Juneja.

**2. Junior STA should be held on Wednesday**

The Oberoi House Representative informed the Council that Junior STA was currently held on Tuesday and Saturday. This cut into the juniors' games time. He suggested that STA be shifted to Wednesday because there are only seven schools on the day, and hence STA could start early. This would, in turn, not reduce the time for practices. The other senior representatives agreed with the proposal. The Assistant Headmaster said that he would look into the matter and see what can be done.

**3. Clarification on the subject of speakers**

Devansh Agarwal asked the Council to clarify the position of the school authorities on the use of sound speakers in school. The Council was informed that possession of sound speakers is not allowed as it leads to the house being disturbed. There were suggestions to debate this policy, however, the Chairman stated that discussion on that matter lay outside the purview of the agenda that had been set.

**4. The number of speed-breakers in school should be reduced**

The School Captain talked about the large number of speed breakers in school, especially on the road next to the Skinners playing field. A number of others echoed his opinion. The Senior Deputy Headmaster said that although there are many speed breakers, this was needed specifically because Doscors tend to impede vehicles on the road rather than move out of the way. The Chairman closed the discussion on the matter by saying that the school was responsible for the students' safety and it was better to take precaution under any circumstance.

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### 5. Provision of hot water on rainy days

Yash Dhandhania introduced the proposal by saying that the temperature decreases during evenings in Dehradun, especially because of the rainy weather. He suggested that hot water for bathing be made available for students in these conditions. The Assistant Headmaster informed the Council about the school rule that hot water should be made available to students whenever the temperature fell below 24 °C. The Secretary said that the rule was no longer being implemented and should be restarted. The AHM said that he would co-ordinate with the Dames' Representative and re-implement the rule.

### 6. Increase in number of IB teaching hours

The Secretary introduced the proposal by stating that most IB classes were falling short of the number of required teaching hours. Arth Gupta elaborated on this by saying that we were only meeting 68% of the teaching hours. The Senior Deputy Headmaster said that IBO suggested the number of teaching hours rather than mandating it, but agreed that that was no reason for students to be taught for a lesser duration. The Deputy Head Academics said that efforts were being made to increase the number of teaching hours through evening classes, and that this problem would be solved when the trimester system will be introduced. In the interim, a temporary provision would be made such as increasing the number of classes in the month of March.

### 7. Night Café should be restarted (additional matters)

Yash Dhandhania pointed out café was not being served even though a decision had earlier been taken to serve it throughout the term. The Chairman said that since the decision had been taken and there was no reason to stop it. It was hence decided to restart café for the whole student body.

As there were no other matters to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary  
Anvay Grover

Headmaster  
Dr. Peter McLaughlin

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## Art Trip to Chandigarh

### Amol Singh reports on the recently concluded Art Trip to Chandigarh

On the 28th of August, a group of 12 students, escorted by Mr. Madan Singh and Ms. Banita Bhau embarked on a journey to Chandigarh. The purpose of the visit was to visit the Government Museum and Art Gallery, Chandigarh, and also to visit the famous Nekchand Rock Garden.

After a long and tiring journey, we reached our hotel and hit the sack soon after eating authentic Punjabi food at a nearby *dhaba*. The next morning we were out to fulfill the purpose of our visit. After navigating through the confusing routes we finally reached the Government Museum and Art Gallery. There we met with an official who volunteered to guide us and show us around. We first looked at the *Phulkari* section, which is essentially an embroidery technique from the Punjab region, literally meaning flower work. We also looked at different types of *Phulkari* from different regions of Punjab. Then we headed to the miniature sculpture section followed by the miniature paintings section. We were amazed to see the detail in such minute pieces of art and also the vibrant choice of colors. We saw a huge array of art works from different civilizations, geographical regions and time period such as Mughal art from Akbar's region, and *Pahari* Art from Kangra. There were also many sculptures and paintings based on the life of Buddha. We were lucky to see paintings by prominent artists such as Sobha Singh and Raja Ravi Verma which helped us understand how time influences art and colour combinations.

Having completed the tour of the museum, we then went for the annual Chandigarh Film Festival, which was coincidentally happening right next door. We saw short films by budding film makers on social issues such as domestic violence or the nonsensical content of songs these days. We then went to the Architecture museum where we got a chance to study Le Corbusier's plans of Chandigarh and how specific buildings like the Governor's House were designed. We then had a brief lunch break and proceeded to our next stop which was Nekchand Rock Garden. There we all split into different groups and decided to explore it on our own. We took a detailed round of the place, carefully observing all the hard work that had been put into reshaping all the junk into beautiful pieces of art. One fact that shocked all of us was that the man behind the Rock garden (both physically and mentally) Nekchand had kept this place a secret from the outside world for 13 years. After enjoying ourselves thoroughly at Rock garden we walked towards the famous Sukhuna Lake where we relished glasses of ice tea and the pleasant weather. We proceeded towards Sector -17, the gastronomical hub of Chandigarh where we feasted on the scrumptious food and then proceeded to our hotel where everyone immediately sacked out after the tiring day. The next day we were back in School after an exhausting journey. We are extremely grateful to the Art department for organizing this trip and giving us this opportunity to get a glimpse of what the world of art is.

# The Week Gone By

Aryan Chhabra

“Only when it is dark enough can we see the stars.”

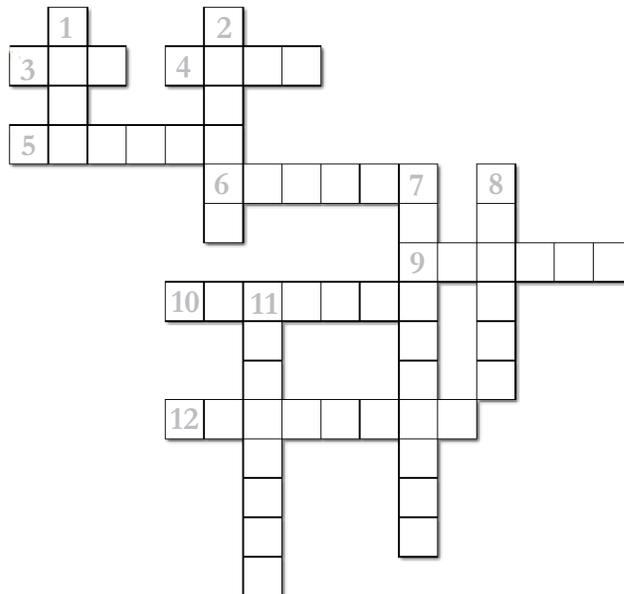
This quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson aptly describes the week that went by. Whether it be the inter house football matches or the morning basketball practices, this week witnessed doscos moving from one battle to another. Be it in terms of activities or sports, never had we been in such a predicament before in this term. But it is only in times like these that we fully appreciate the value of *vellapanti* and the moments we were indulged in doing what we loved, be it legal or illegal. And it is only with continuously dreaming of those times coming back that we endure such hardships.

This week marks the end of the much anticipated football competition that entertained the hearts of many. We witnessed some highly interesting matches, with nail biting finishes and unexpected results. Kudos to all those involved, for putting up a splendid show of skills and unmatched speed and for giving in all they had. Moving on, Founder's practices continue with full flair and those involved have to put up with long practices, sleepy eyes and not to mention missing late night talks with their closest confidants. Meanwhile, the masters will have to cope with lazy heads and tedious faces for days on end and pray for the Founder's to get over to get some serious work started.

On a lighter note, this week continued the tradition of having career fairs and yes, as usual our school was greeted by new 'guests' that helped relieve the tension brewed by the inhuman college cut-offs and extremely competitive academic requirements. Moreover, quite a few of us will miss our midterms due to various IPSC tournaments. The practices for them have been conducted almost regularly and we wish them the very best of luck for their upcoming tournaments and hope that they emerge victorious.

Midterms are inching closer and so is our excitement. While we wait with alacrity to get out of school and go to more interesting places like ~~mountains~~ mountains, it is important to focus on the current activities. For the whole community, this is a much needed break and while we prepare ourselves for the adventure that follows suit, it is my advice to keep calm and carry on.

# Crossword



### Across

3. The National animal of Nepal.
4. The legislative body of Japan; a special course of food to which a person restricts themselves, either to lose weight or for medical reasons.
5. The last man to have walked on the moon.
6. The departure of Israelites from Egypt under Moses.
9. The author of the fiction series, 'The Song of Ice and Fire.'
10. The only 'empire' to have taken part in the World War 1.
12. The city that will host the 2022 Asian Games .

### Down

1. The lead singer of the hard rock band, 'Guns N Roses'.
2. He is the winner of 22 Academy awards.
7. The act of talking while sleeping.
8. The leader of the Labour Party in the U.K.
11. The Prime Minister of Australia.

Note: All answers related to persons in this crossword refer to their surnames.

<b>Down</b>	<b>Across</b>
1. Rose	3. Cow
2. Disney	4. Diet
7. Somniloquy	5. Cernan
8. Corbyn	6. Exodus
11. Turnbull	9. Martin
	10. Ottoman
	12. Hangzhou

### Answers to This Week's Crossword:

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