



Dear Parents,

As I write this we are coming out of a long weekend in which I was initiated into Holi and, other than two hours of fun and abandonment, every boy could be seen attached to one book or another in preparation for the trials that are now going on.

The newly up-graded classrooms in the main building have been open for business for the last ten days and their beautifully acoustic and visually pleasing environments are now helping to make the trials, as well as the lessons, a better experience. The furniture allows us to easily move between group, pair and individual work and this is how learning should be happening; the environment has to be able to adapt to the activities that the teachers plan rather than restrict what they are able to plan.

In the last couple of weeks we have had many visitors to the campus: The Symphony Orchestra of India gave us all a night to remember in the Rose Bowl and vowed to come back again because they had never had such an engaged and interesting audience. A Design Collective including Prof. Mike Knowles of the Sushant School of Design, Aishwarya Tipnis, our heritage architect and Anubha Kakroo, Dean of Architecture at DIT University joined our own Art and Design masters to hatch a plan for a new type of event we will include in the school calendar next year that revolves around design and product development. We had an induction into the DSOBS and





a farewell assembly for the outgoing SC Form which has been very well captured and shared on our Facebook page. And we have fixed next year's weekly schedule with the approval of the School Council; not something that has an impact outside the walls of Chandbagh but something that will improve the experience for everyone here with its rest and self-directed time for the boys, lesson and planning time for teachers and two schools before breakfast to give the time after lunch for STAs, SUPWs, Service and Sport



All of this, of course, has happened along side the cricket, play rehearsals, dance practices, revision classes, STAs, SUPWs and meals that make up our days here.

While the boys are doing their trials the masters are preparing for the mid-terms ahead of the tidal wave of marking that is about to come their way.

Yours,

Matthew

