This year saw a power packed, talent filled hockey competition and some incredible performances from unexpected quarters. Great skill, impeccable conversions and rigid defending summed up this year’s tournament. Practices started in full swing for the Houses after Midterms, unlike the School Team which had started practices much earlier. Many boys were still seen playing the cricket shot, showing us that maybe they hadn’t got enough time to get over the long-drawn cricket season yet. Soon enough, the tournament drew close and Houses started taking practices much more seriously.

In the juniors’ category, there were a number of close-knit games with many Houses winning in the very last minutes of their matches. Kashmir House, led by Vivek Vishwanathan, received a boost with a future school teamer in their playing eleven. Considered as the dark horses of the tournament, the Kashmir House juniors were spirited and inspiring throughout their games. Their style of play was enigmatic and they were indeed the deserving winners in the end. The Tata House juniors’ team dominated in the early stages, steamrolling other teams in a fantastic start to the season. But, they were unable to sustain that level of performance, and began to falter at crucial stages as the competition progressed. The last match of the season, between the two giants, saw Akhil Ranjan stealing the show, leading Kashmir House to lift the Junior Hockey Cup. Hyderabad House juniors, coming a close third were enthusiastic and skilful, but were unable to get their act together. Oberoi House, with the pressure of the House Cup, did quite well after their rather slow beginning. Jaipur House, considered to have a star studded line up due to several junior school team players in their ranks dominated in possession, but failed to hit the target on most occasions. Dominating around the midfield was not enough, as they lacked the ability to convert opportunities into goals. Quality performances were not expected from many of the junior players, but they certainly proved their mettle. Players like Naadir Singh, Akhil Ranjan, Kismat Chopra, Tushar Sharma and Kartikey Garg stole the show on many occasions and proved to be very exciting players to watch.

The Senior Competition went down to the wire, with Jaipur House and Tata House both sharing the Senior Cup. Tata House added the House Cup trophy to their cabinet. The House of Steel, led by Arjun Parmar, used their resources wisely. Ishan Sandhu emerged the highest goal-scorer of the competition, scoring seven goals. Their Leagues had a good opening, but failed to capitalize against Oberoi and Kashmir. Their House XI lost to Jaipur in the first match, but after some tactical changes, remained unbeaten in the three matches they played. Stellar defensive displays by the Jaipur House House XI involving Anubhav Agarwal earned them the Senior Cup, with the House XI remaining unbeaten and without conceding a goal throughout the tournament. Their Leagues however, despite a strong midfield, failed to live up to expectations securing a lone victory to go with one draw and two losses. Oberoi House was feared by many, with key school team players comprising their House XI. However, they were unable to capitalize as there were gaping holes in their defense. Their Leagues team was the most effective and managed to accumulate the maximum number of points. Hyderabad House were in contention for the Senior Cup, did quite well after their rather slow beginning. Jaipur House, considered to have a star studded line up due to the senior school team players including Adhiraj Singh, Yuvir Khosla, Shantanu Seth, Ashish Rao, Arjun Parmar, Siddhant Sachdev and Dhruv Aggarwal made a difference to the way their Houses performed.

Now one can only get excited thinking about next year’s competition: which teams would do well, which wouldn’t, which players would put in their best, and which would lead their houses to victories.

The following are the results of the Inter-House Hockey Competition, 2012:

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Congratulations!
The following are the results of the Squash Individual Championship:

Under 13:
Winner: Tushar Sharma
Runner up: Varun Seghal

Under 15:
Winner: Dhananjay Bansal
Runner up: Jai Ahuja

Under 17:
Winner: Shubham Agarwal
Runner up: Jai Ahuja

Under 19:
Winner: Ishaan Sandhu
Runner up: Madhavan Saklani

Kudos!

The School took part in the French Language Scholarship Examination. The following won prizes in their respective levels:

Level 1:
Gold: Rudra Srivastava
Silver: Samarth Bhardwaj
Bronze: Rahul Bagchandani

Level 2:
Gold: Rohan Hundia
Silver: Anway Grover

Level 3:
Gold: Shivam Goyal
Silver: Sidhant Gupta
Bronze: Nivit Kocchar

Level 4:
Gold: Piroune Balachandran
Silver: Anshuman Bhargava

Well done!

The following are the results of the Inter-House Chess Competition, 2012:

Juniors:
1st: Jaipur
2nd: Oberoi
3rd: Kashmir
4th: Hyderabad
5th: Tata

Seniors:
1st: Jaipur
2nd: Kashmir
3rd: Oberoi
4th: Tata
5th: Hyderabad

Congratulations!

Shivam Goyal has been appointed the first Boy-in-Charge of Golf.
We wish him a fruitful tenure!

Are you aware of the controversy around the cartoons of BR Ambedker and Jawaharlal Nehru?

Yes 22%
No 78%

(321 members of the School community were polled)

A stumble on the parapet.  
That was all it needed.  
The rush gave me a feeling like never before.  
The feeling of flight, the free self I became.  
Watching colours flash before my eyes,  
I felt content, knowing the world was not devoid of joy.  
I saw my life’s journey play itself before me.  
It made me evocative; nostalgic.  
I felt like reliving every moment.  
Then, Life passed by in front of me; it smiled.  
And before I hit the concrete, it said,  
“On the other side, don’t wait for me, you are now a part of eternity.”

Beklow are the names of the top ten goal scorers of the recently concluded EPL Season. The first person to find the names and show it to the Editor-in-Chief will be treated to an HCF at Nirula’s by RSF

A Hindi Dramatics Play will be staged on May 28, in the Rose Bowl at 8:00 p.m. by faculty members of the Hindi Dramatics Society.

The Battle of the Bands will take place on May 29, after dinner in the Rose Bowl.
The School's average in the ISC examination was 87.98% while in the ICSE it was 90.41%. 58% of those who took the ISC scored more than 90% while 63% of those who took ICSE scored more than 90%.

Well done, all!
Minutes of the School Council Meeting
Saturday, March 27, 2012, 3:00 pm in the Nandlal Kilachand Library

The following were present for the meeting:

1. Dr. Peter McLaughlin Headmaster (Chairman)
2. Mr. Philip Barrett Deputy Headmaster
3. Mr. Sanir Katre Director of Administrative Affairs
4. Mr. PK Nair Dean of Studies
5. Mr. Ashad Qezilbash Dean of Students’ Welfare
6. Mr. Piyush Malviya Dean of External Affairs
7. Mr. Debashish Chakraborty Housemasters’ Representative
8. Mr. Anand Kumar Mandhian Teachers’ Representative
9. Mrs. Sarabjeet Sandhu Dames’ Representative
10. Yuv Vir Khosla School Captain
11. Sidhant Sachdev Prefects’ Representative
12. Nabed Shah H House Senior Representative
13. Abhishek Bansal H House Senior Representative
14. Rohan Chaudhri H House Junior Representative
15. Saleesh Goyal H House Junior Representative
16. Dhruv Aggarwal (Stand-in for Karan Singh) J House Senior Representative
17. Karan Pratap Singh Kairon J House Senior Representative
18. Rahul Chauhan J House Junior Representative
19. Sahir Chaudhary J House Junior Representative
20. Abhijeet Karwa K House Senior Representative
21. Nivit Kochhar (Stand-in for Madhav Dut) K House Senior Representative
22. Devansh Aggarwal K House Junior Representative
23. Ashvin Solanki K House Junior Representative
24. Himanshu Poddar (Stand-in for Raj Surana) O House Senior Representative
25. Nakul Talwar O House Senior Representative
26. Manan Pradhan O House Junior Representative
27. Shourya Kishorepuria O House Junior Representative
28. Aviral Gupta T House Senior Representative
29. Arjun Parmar T House Senior Representative
30. Nikhil Saraf T House Junior Representative
31. Smayan Sahni T House Junior Representative

Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting
The Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Aviral Gupta and seconded by Arjun Parmar.

Matters arising from the previous meeting
1. Café should be started for the entire School on a daily basis
   The Secretary informed the Council that Café has been started after the decision was made in the previous meeting.

2. There should be free seating in the CDH for the entire School on holidays and weekends
   The Chairman said that the Housemasters’ Council decided to allow free seating in the CDH. As a trial, it would be
   started with lunch on Sunday, where fewer boys would be present and there would not be an issue regarding the
   distribution of shares.

3. Remedial Classes should be held after lunch or after dinner
   Nabeel Shah requested the Council to relook into the matter as there are weak students who could need extra help
   and it should be made compulsory for them. Dhruv Aggarwal also added that these classes should also be optional
   for other students who might want help. Mr. PK Nair informed the Council that these were stopped due to poor
   attendance. The Chairman also furthered the idea of making such classes compulsory for those who were given
   Red Cards and those who were poor at a particular subject. A decision was taken and Mr. PK Nair was requested
   to see the possibility of having remedial classes for next term with all the Heads of Departments.

4. Usage of Grounds behind Jaipur House
   The Chairman told the Council that a company called Canon Design had been selected by the Board of Governors
   and said that the company will be working with the School over the next few months to see that the requirements
   were met.

5. Academics
   a. IB Classes should be equipped with functional technological facilities
      A decision was not taken, as the Technology Council Meeting had not been held. A meeting of the Technology
      Council was going to be held the following Monday and a decision would be taken then.
   b. IB Markers should be awarded to batches even if there aren’t ten students in a class
      Mr. PK Nair told the Council that this was discussed in the Academic Council Meeting and students, not only IB
      students, would be awarded Markers for this academic year.

6. Both a Hindi and an English Play should be staged at Founders’ Day
   The Chairman re-iterated the reason behind staging a play every alternate year. He also added that it would be
   necessary that boys do not crib about not having enough time. Sahir Chaudhary told the Council that boys would
   only be a part of it if they had the time and they would prioritize. Mr. A Qezilbash informed the Council in concern
   with where and when the play would be staged, as the first day of Founder’s would not witness a large crowd.
   Abhishek Bansal suggested that we perform a shorter play and the other could be the highlight of Founders’ Day.
   The Chairman agreed to the idea, as parents would then be allowed to stay with their children for longer. Mr. A
Qezilbash said that he would address the Council regarding the Master-in-Charge and the details of the play in the following meeting.

7. Scholars’ Blazer should be awarded on an honorary basis
Mr. PK Nair reported to the Council after discussing the proposal with the Academic Council and the sub-committee. It was decided that it would be fair to either have a point scheme or not to have one at all. Awarding the Scholars’ Blazer on an honorary basis would only complicate the procedure and boys would then be able to question the boys who received the blazer.

8. Confirmation of lunch outings
The Secretary brought to the notice of the Council that lunch outings had been allowed for boys of Sc Form. They would be allowed to split one regular outing for two lunch outings and they could take the two outings any time in the term. They would be given the same sum of money but a shorter duration.

9. Ties
Yuv Vir Khosla requested the Council to take a decision on all ties that resembled the School Colours tie. The Chairman suggested that all ties should be introduced through the School Council and a sub-committee should be formed to review all prevalent ties. A sub-committee comprising Mr. Philip Burrett, Arjun Parmar, Nabeel Shah, Siddhant Sachdev and Shorya Kishorepuria was formed.

10. Timings for Day-Outings
The Chairman informed the Council that no decision had been taken to change outing timings for this term. The decision that was going to be taken would be in effect from next term.

Proposals for the Current Meeting
1. New Uniforms
Mr. Philip Burrett introduced to the Council the new uniforms that had been shortlisted by the Council previously. After looking at the different samples of both designs and colours, the Council finally decided to keep the colours of the uniform the same, but to improve the quality of the clothes that were in regulation.

2. Increase in the number of Honour Boards for activities like debating, quiz etc.
Abhishek Bansal expressed his views on having Honour Boards for other activities in School. He furthered his argument by adding that many Honour Boards that are prevalent are redundant, as the activities have been stopped. The Chairman thought it was a good idea, though he was uncertain about the number of Honour Boards and the criteria on the basis of which activities would have Honour Boards. He asked Abhishek Bansal to make a list for the next meeting so that the Council could take a final decision.

3. iPods should be allowed for S Formers
Karan Kairon conveyed the message that iPods were not considered to be too much of a luxury and that music helped boys to relax. Dhruv Aggarwal expressed his apprehension as there would be an issue of responsibility and the School would be held responsible till a certain extent. The Chairman also admitted that responsibility was one reason why he would disapprove of iPods. Furthermore, there was not only the risk of ipods being lost, but also how they might be used. Siddhant Sachdev and Mr. Philip Burrett also agreed that there was not much use for iPods and they would only cause further problems. The Chairman decided to look at the proposal again in the following meeting.

4. Academics
a. November Trials for IB Sc Form students should be cancelled
Abhishek Bansal was critical about the way the doings of the previous batch was having an effect on the way they were going to be treated. Yuv Khosla said that this time could be utilized for classes and boys would be able to complete all their submissions. Mr. Debashish Chakrabarty addressed the Council regarding the seriousness of Sc Formers during classes and the way assignments were submitted. The Chairman believed that there was no harm in cancelling the Trials but the boys would have to agree to get their February Trials’ marks sent, this would be to ensure that boys take their exams seriously and do not waste their time. He said that the Council would only take a final decision if the IB Sc Form was ready to take the decision.

b. IB classes should be of a longer duration
The Secretary brought to the notice of the Council that it would be helpful if the duration of the classes were increased as then a more comprehensive discussion would be possible. Mr. PK Nair said that though he would not be able to increase the duration, as it would change the timetable for the entire School, he would incorporate more double schools from next term.

5. The Academic Council should have at least one student representative
The Chairman spoke on the importance of a Studies’ Council in School, which would comprise both students and masters, so that various academic concerns could be addressed. He believed that the Council should focus on implementing this and the Secretary of the Council could then be made a part of the Academic Council for all the discussions that would require him, as many discussions would not concern the students largely. Mr. PK Nair was asked to oversee this and prepare the criteria of such a Council for the following meeting along with Yuv Vir Khosla.

6. Boys and girls should be allowed to keep their Marker Cups
Mr. AK Mandhian, expressing the views of some masters and students said that boys wished to keep their Marker Cups as a sense of achievement. Mr. PK Nair and Siddhant Sachdev furthered this belief by adding that a Marker Cup would only add to a students pride in his achievement. Dhruv Aggarwal questioned the Council as to why only Marker Cups were going to be given away. The Council, in general, believed that other trophies are generally passed on as they are bigger in size and duplicating them every year would also be expensive. Mr. AK Mandhian also added that Marker Cups are both small and inexpensive and are given for most subjects every year. The Council decided to allow boys to keep their Marker Cups from the following year.

Secretary
(Shashvat Dhandhania)

Chairman
(Dr. Peter McLaughlin)

5. The Doon School Weekly Saturday, May 26
**Goodbye Sir!**

The Doon School Weekly interviews KV Arjun Rao, who will be leaving School at the end of this term

The Doon School Weekly (DSW): What did you think of School when you first joined?

KV Arjun Rao (KAR): My only knowledge of Doon came from meeting ex-Doscos in college. Some of them were fairly annoying but then I realized that that was because I was of the same nature as well, having been to a fairly similar school myself. We all stuck our noses up in the air and strutted around the place. But there were quite a few cool guys I knew in college who were from Doon; however, I always got the feeling that they were insular (even more than the rest of us boarding school chaps) in nature. So that was how I knew of school, but one of the crucial reasons why I actually wrote to Doon was because of Dr Kanti Bajpai. I had met him before and he's the most un-ex-Dosco you can meet, so it didn't even strike me that he'd actually been here. It wasn't until I actually got here that I realized that he had studied here. During our first meeting he kept making vague references to his time in School, though I didn't know where he had gone, but when he became the Headmaster, I applied and came here to teach.

DSW: What do you think of School now?

KAR: I think this place is fundamentally exactly the same. Not much has changed, except the look of the school. But I think the feeling of school is exactly the same. After all, it is much easier to change buildings than to change mindsets. The hardest part of any task that any organization, administration or institution has is to try and change mindsets. The buildings, the fields, the uniforms are the easy part but it's the mindset that has to shift and change. There needs to be constant evolution and I think with age the understanding of what that evolution is and what it stands for and why it is necessary sinks in. I think one has to understand what that evolution is and what it stands for and why it is necessary. I think this place is fundamentally exactly the same.

DSW: What is your most memorable moment in School?

KAR: My only wish when I joined? KV Arjun Rao (KAR): My only knowledge of Doon came from meeting ex-Doscos in college. Some of them were fairly annoying but then I realized that that was because I was of the same nature as well, having been to a fairly similar school myself. We all stuck our noses up in the air and strutted around the place. But there were quite a few cool guys I knew in college who were from Doon; however, I always got the feeling that they were insular (even more than the rest of us boarding school chaps) in nature. So that was how I knew of school, but one of the crucial reasons why I actually wrote to Doon was because of Dr Kanti Bajpai. I had met him before and he's the most un-ex-Dosco you can meet, so it didn't even strike me that he'd actually been here. It wasn't until I actually got here that I realized that he had studied here. During our first meeting he kept making vague references to his time in School, though I didn’t know where he had gone, but when he became the Headmaster, I applied and came here to teach.

DSW: Which is your favorite play that has been staged in your time in School?

KAR: My favorite play would be The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, staged in 2004. I do believe that that was my most important show. It was a three man cast and the play ran to an hour and a half. It was the most enjoyable experience as a director, ever.

DSW: Do you have any plans for your next book?

KAR: There are ideas. Some I forget some I remember, some I remember to write down, those are the ones that’ll survive. But at the moment I am in the middle of this entire move. I think it’ll be difficult. I am really hoping I will have my evenings off from now on and be able to write at that time.

DSW: Your perception amongst students has been of a ‘cool Master’; how difficult has it been to uphold such an image?

KAR: Nine years and this is your question?! Er… I don’t know actually. It’s incredible how people who work hard become cool or are lucky (and this is true of students as well). You decide for yourself what is important to you and stick to it, no matter what the cost and you will find that nothing is difficult.

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The Doon School Weekly Saturday, May 26

Utkarsh Jha

The past week has been extremely tiring for most of us, with one exam after the other hurtling towards us at full steam. Even the most resilient seem to have suffered and can now be seen shouting for mercy. The S formers, after their brilliant results, seem to be struggling as much with their tests as they did with their boards, and worse is that a repeat performance is far from expected! Therefore, the look of agitation and irritability that they have on their faces, the look that seems to be saying, ‘Why make us go through this so soon after our boards?’ seems to be justified. Moreover, our sympathies lie with the Masters too. They are being bombarded with corrections every day, and even the most cheerful of them are beginning to wear the expression which reads- ‘Will holidays never come?’

However, this week did witness a few interesting things. The School Internet connection started working according to its own whims and fancies!Possibly, the Internet is extremely tired as well, but such unprecedented and non-calendared breaks cannot be afforded.

Thankfully, this week has not seen long assemblies, hardly any announcements, and the speeches have anyway been called off. With this weather and Trials upon us, boys have not been up to a lot. But as soon as Trials are over, we have the Masters’ play and the Battle of Bands before Golden Night.

While you worry about your fate (which depends on your results), or take time out to plan your vacation, let me wish you, on behalf of the Weekly, Happy Holidays!
**Holiday Checklist**

**MOVIES**
- The Dark Knight Rises
- The Amazing Spiderman
- Madagascar 3
- Step Up: Revolution
- GI Joe: Retaliation
- Ted
- Tere Meri Kahaani
- The Dictator
- Rock of Ages
- Ice Age: Continental Drift
- Savages
- Gangs of Wasseypur

**Music**
- Maroon 5: Overexposed
- Linkin Park: Living Things
- John Mayer: Born and Raised
- Chris Brown: Fortune
- Usher: Looking for myself
- The Offspring: Days Go By
- 50 Cent: Untitled
- The Hives: Lex Hives

**Sports**
- Euro 2012
- Cycling: Tour de France
- Summer Olympic Games
- Golf: British Open
- Basketball: NBA Finals
- Tennis: Wimbledon

**Politics**
- Chinese Premier Elections
- Greek Parliamentary Elections
- French Legislative Elections
- Mexican Presidential Elections
- Indian Presidential Elections
- US Presidential Elections

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