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Street Food

The Doon School Weekly visited popular street food joints in Dehradun. The following is a list of some of the best places to eat out.

"One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well,"
-Virginia Woolfe

Whether it is our outing (which starts and ends with a burger) or our School day (which starts with *Chotta Hazri* and ends with *night café*), food, somehow, seems to define who or what a Dosco is. A simple way to prove this hypothesis is to look at the most confounding question a Dosco braves during his outings to Astley Hall. The question is not 'what movie should I watch?' or 'who should I call?' but rather 'where should I eat?' Since time immemorial, Doscos have always had their favourite haunts and their favourite dishes. However, they have rarely stepped out of the confines of Rajpur Road and the seats of President to go on a culinary adventure. So we decided to do the honours.



Our quest and culinary adventure could be considered by some as an inspired and soulful journey while others would read it as a cunning ploy to enable the Editorial Board to gain a few outings. However, all said and done, we worked and planned for ages before we came out with this list, so we truly hope that you relish this journey you are about to embark on. We truthfully believe this list will give you a glimpse of the gastronomical delights Dehradun has to offer.

Name: The Central Stores

Location: Rajpur Road

Cuisines/Specialties: Pork Sausages / Seekh Kebabs

Our Rating: ★★

Walking down Rajpur Road it was hard to resist the temptation to make a brief detour to President and McDonalds which lay right in our line of sight. However, we continued on our mission with utmost restraint and soon came across a shop whose signage read 'Central Stores - Since 1951.' For some reason the sign (and the shop's dingy interiors) were very appealing to us and managed to pull us in! On entering the shop didn't seem like a place where we could get anything to eat but rather had the appearance of meat shop. Fortunately, they sold all kinds of meat, and according to the owner, the Mutton Seekh Kebab was their best dish. We were made to wait for fifteen minutes before being handed a package of neatly wrapped *Seekh Kebabs*. The Kebabs brought sufficient spice to the mouth but lacked moisture, costing them that 'melting' feeling. The flavour was unique, as one could feel the mildness of the meat and the spice simultaneously. The *Pudina* Chutney served along with the Kebabs complemented the dish in terms of flavour, but could not cover up for the dryness of the Kebabs. All in all, the Kebabs were decent, but rather heavy on the pocket.

Name: The Buffet

Location: Rajpur Road

Cuisines/Specialties: Vegetarian Burgers

Our Rating: ★★★★★

After our visit to The Central Stores, we were walking down Rajpur Road, when we entered an unassuming yet bustling little shop called 'the Buffet'. The Buffet has a modest menu, with only five options. We didn't have to even guess what the specialty was, because everyone was having the same thing: A Cheese Burger with a glass of Cold Coffee! The Burgers at the Buffet were made with astounding speed in batches of twenty and no one was made to wait even for a moment. We truly believe that other 'fast food joints' should take a lesson or two from them.

With such a large crowd flocking to the shop every day, there had to be something special. It took us a single bite to figure out what did the trick. The oil oozing out from the fried bun, the crispiness of the *Tikki*, the additional cheese

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APPOINTMENTS

The following have been appointed Editors-in-Chief for the year 2013:

Srijan Prayas: Kartikey Jain

Yuv Arpan: Nipurn Dutta

The following have been appointed Boys-in-Charge for the respective activities for the year 2013:

Video Club: Arnav Jain

Economic Society: Vishal Tumalla

Ritesh Shinde has been appointed **School Hindi Debating** Secretary for the year 2013.

Congratulations!

Unquotable Quotes

The wood is made of bed.

Vivek Vishwanathan, don't let the termites bite.

I hope there's no night toy in the morning.

Aditya Maheshwari, you clearly need the extra toy time.

My headache was aching.

Yash Killa, expressing pain.

It is not a water.

Yashraj Agarwal, the chemist.

You are not allowed to laugh in anytime.

Nikhil Fatehpuria, subjugating others.

This is magics!

Ritzy Rajaswari, mystifying us all.

There is fried omelette and French Eggs for breakfast.

Anirudh Popli, mixing eggs.

There is a new schedule in eight schools.

Devansh Agarwal, the informer.

The WHO?

Who is Oscar Pistorious?

A politician- **Smrithi Nair**

A rapper- **Nikunj Agarwal**

A soccer player- **Yasharth Goyal**

A golfer- **Ashwin Solanki**

A race car driver- **Arnav Jain**

'The Octopus'- **Pragun Aggarwal**

A chef- **Anirudh Batra**

A singer - **Anirudh Popli**

An Oscar nominee - **Vallavi Shukla**

He is the fastest man on 'no legs', also known as the Blade Runner, who has recently been charged with murder.

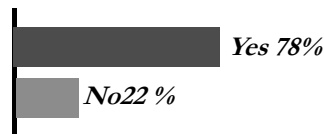


Around the world in 80 Words

This week began with the former aides of the dacoit Veerappan being sentenced to death for their crimes in smuggling ivory and sandalwood. Also, Oscar Pistorius, the fastest man on no legs was convicted of murdering his girlfriend in the early hours of February 14. The recently concluded Women's Cricket World Cup finished with Australia bagging the trophy for a record 6th time. The Grammys started again this year, with some enthralling performances and three new categories which were added.

Opinion Poll

Do you support capital punishment?



(278 members of the School community were polled)

Next Week's Question: What is your favourite sports season in School?

THE WEEK GONE BY

Devansh Agarwal

It has now been three weeks into the term, and every possible reminiscence of us enjoying ourselves during the holidays has been swept clean. This week started with the Senior Inter-House Cricket Competition. The new schedule has proved effective for students playing matches, for they got a chance to catch up on their sleep through the 8th school. Talking about no sleep, P.T seems to have gotten back into the heat of events and P.T Leaders are now working hard in order to win the Gong and possibly decorate their house common rooms with pride and style. Heading to more important topics, the AT's are all geared up and ready for their board examinations. Countless hours of solving and ruttng will now boil down to these few days. Their counterparts, the SCL's have already begun their final examinations and *The Weekly* wishes them the very best of luck. Many of the A formers were seen taking their first private outings, while few decided to stay indoors due to a bad weather forecast, but were left wishing they had braved the scare. To end with, it seems that the weather is still determined to give us a hard time, and as a particular teacher stated, we should keep our umbrellas hanging over heads.

Wedding Bells



The Doon School Weekly would like to congratulate Mr Vivek Kumar on his wedding to Rashmi Srivastava.

and vegetables are what made the Burger utterly delectable. We have to say that The Cheese Burger, despite its rather miniature size, is superior to McDonalds' *McAloo Tikki* in every way. So next time you want to have a *McAloo Tikki*, turn around, cross the road, and go to the Buffet!

Name: Doon Darbar

Location: *Sabastra Dbara* Road

Cuisines/Specialties: *Mughlai/ Mutton Korma* and *Tandoori* Chicken

Our Rating: ★★★★★

Searching for this place drove us up the wall, but when we finally found the elusive road were the *Darbar* lay, we were sure that we would not be disappointed for the for the smell of spices was truly divine. The 'Doon Darbar' employed a rather talented chef who while cooking also performed some rather enchanting tricks with his cooking implements. The manager had to persuade to enter, for otherwise we would have spent the entire day spell bound by the chef's performance. Listening to the advice of the manager, who very enthusiastically claimed that their *Mutton Korma* was out of the world, we ordered the *Mutton Korma* alongside the *Naan*, since the *Sheer Mall* (which is what we came for) was out of stock. The richness of the *Korma* was evident at first sight, with the red and yellow curry submerging the succulent mutton pieces. The first bite, with the power and the spice of the gravy, combining magically with the subtleness of the tender meat, had us enthralled. Along with the good food, the experience Doon Darbar completed our meal, making us want to go back there again, and again, and again. (May we add, that Doon Darbar was the only joint on the list to have a website!)

Name: Chaat Galli

Location: *Chakrata* Road

Cuisines/Specialties: *Chaat/ Gol Gappa*

Our Rating: ★★★★★

Hidden from the public view in a small, concealed alley lies the renowned *Chaat Galli*. With innumerable *Chaat* Stalls to choose from, we settled on '*Aatmaraman's Chaat House*' for the simple reason that it had the longest lines and the brightest signs. The *chaatwala* enthusiastically served us *Puchkas* (which are made of *atta*) followed by *Gol Gappas* (which are made of *stijj*), the latter being a lot more palatable. We would like to add that the rather zesty *Puchka Jol's* something that still makes our mouth water. The *Chaat Galli* is definitely a place to go not only for the food but also for the atmosphere and the experience.

Name: Jainawala

Location: *Chakrata* Road

Cuisines/Specialties: Indian/ *Samosa*

Our Rating: ★★

After a long and painful search for Paneer *Samosas*, we ended up at *Jainawala*, thanks to our *Autowalla*, who claimed that they were '*Dehradun ke sabse musboor.*' Much like the Buffet, this place also seemed to be a local haunt with a large number of patrons. Served within fifteen seconds, the *samosas* were large, deep fried and had the most delectable crusts. With the *samosas* we were also served a sweet, tangy tamarind chutney and a spicy green chutney which seemed to complement the *samosas* rather well. All in all, *Jainawala* is a place to visit for some authentic *samosas*, although the ambience might be a put-off.

Though we have covered only five joints on this list, we did sample more food during our journey through the city. Some of them deserve a special mention. For example, the *Banta* that we had near the Clock Tower was very unique. It was light, thanks to the tanginess of the lemon, and heavy due to the gas of the soda, at the same time. The pepper combined surprisingly well with the drink, giving it a truly unique taste, and a thumbs up from our side. We also fortunately got our hands on *Kabir Sant's Lassi*. As any other *Lassi*, the creaminess was heavenly. The dry fruits and the *malai* added to the effect and completed our food tasting expedition.



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ETON INTERVIEW

The Doon School Weekly interviewed Tony Little, the Headmaster of Eton College, who visited School on 12 February.

Doon School Weekly (DSW): What defines a great education?

Tony Little (TYL): Well, the word 'education' is derived from the Latin word 'educant' which means: to bring out the qualities hidden in a child. Simply put, a great education is one in which a school or institution can bring out the best in a child, 'Ut educant Optimus' (To bring out the best), be it in qualities, academics or sports. The problem is that stunted growth people do not have a chance to develop. They should get an education not only for themselves but for the entire society.

DSW: What, according to you, are the correct methods for a proper functioning of a school?

TYL: I believe there are a lot of specific things needed to make a great school. A high quality relationship between students and teachers, for one, gives teachers and students more opportunities. The thing that happens in schools is that the youth learn more from each other than they learn from the teacher and they also learn more outside the classroom than while inside it. The best teachers are those who know that children learn more outside the classroom and from each other. When I was a young teacher, I watched other experienced teachers teach and I would assess them on how well they created an environment in which a student would like to learn.

DSW: How has education changed from the time you studied in to the present day, and how has the classroom and teacher been reinvented?

TYL: We are at the start of a new era of change. New technologies may help education, and I have seen them being used very publicly. An example of these advancements would be the idea of an interactive classroom. These technologies are still at the hands of the teacher, and their helpfulness depends on the way the teacher uses these technologies. So, the traditional way is to read the text books in the classes for... How long are your classes? (DSW: Forty minutes.) How much can one read in forty minutes? With technology like the internet, forty minutes is quite enough to have a full class. This is good but, it shall be hard because most teachers or at least the teachers at Eton are still used to teaching in the traditional manner with their text books. In a way the classrooms have been reinvented but only time will tell whether it is for the better or not.

DSW: Have you ever been to India before?

TYL: Yes, I have been here before but it is my wife's first time although I have never made it up here before. I had gone to Daly College where I attended a conference on 'Educating India' and one on 'Indus'.

DSW: What are your views about the G20?

TYL: I am not saying this because I am a part of this conference but the reason I got involved in this is because

it allows headmasters around the world discuss various issues and problems which are present in each school. Not all, but most of these schools are English speaking. Such conferences began many years ago. It is a wonderful opportunity that it is happening in India. We get to meet many teachers who have dedicated their lives to the art of teaching while many others have created new concepts to teach and though they may live in Canada they have an opportunity to share this with many other institutions. Another thing is that this opens up new bonds between schools which vary greatly.

DSW: Is it that bad a thing to have a national school?

TYL: No, no. I actually prefer them over private schools or the so called big 'international schools'. Some international schools are so new, and have all the facilities and thus are preferred over other schools.

| Poetry |

THE ROSES

Arnaav Bhavanani

He held his head in his hands,
As teardrops formed a puddle on the ground
Made no attempt to control himself,
While he looked at the plaque on the mound.

He thought of all the days they spent,
The happiness, love and laughter
And the plans they made for the future,
All ripped apart by the slaughter.

The inscription blurred before his eyes,
Yet the memory remained clear and sharp
Every shot fired, every wound inflicted,
Which left an indelible, irreversible mark.

The war was the cause, he told himself,
but in his heart he knew who was to blame
Now, remorse, self-pity and guilt consumed him
He knew his life would never be the same.

Finally, when the world came back into focus,
He realized it was more than what he could bear,
The roses in his hand he looked at one last time,
And knew his heart was beyond repair.

So for peace and freedom from his shattered world,
he decided to make a fresh new start,
But looking at the sky, he knew she was there,
as the silent guardian of his broken heart.

Walking away, he left the roses there,
So white in the early blossom of spring
While he walked, he knew he would never come back,
To where the sparrows chirp and sing.

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