It’s rather oxymoronic to both dread and to look forward to a single moment. Yet that is what leaving School is; it’s full of emotions pulling you in opposing directions. It’s rather hard to describe the lead up to the end of this journey. On the one hand, you think of the crazy times ahead at college. But on the other, you realize that the closeness and the familial nature of this community can never be recreated in this world.

And I’ll definitely miss this closeness the most. Where else in the world would someone care enough for you to sit until three at night, listening to you weeping? Or work to try to solve a problem of yours, right before an examination? It is this brotherly nature of our interaction with each other, where we (mostly, we’re all human and competitive) want the good of a fellow Dosco. Doon’s system is unique in the fact that while it has a traditional system of seniority, that is not necessarily bad. Why else, then, would a senior help a junior with his problems. Because he feels indebted to his senior, who helped him with his problems. This cycle of goodwill is why School is special, especially for me.

The experience of leaving this place is jarring, to say the very least. It’s a rather long process, which begins towards the end of SCL form, wherein it slowly starts sinking in that you are no longer a part of the system and are perhaps now simply a surplus to requirements. While this manifests itself in the rather tourist-like life SCLs lead, it also prepares them for the huge culture shock, waiting for them when they leave the gates.

Fast forward to the last few days. Suddenly, you begin enjoying the ‘goodly smell of rain on dry ground’, as you never did before. You have arrived at your ‘last wicked Wednesday at School’, and perhaps enjoy your last Tuesday pasta night (hopefully with strawberry flavoured Greek yoghurt to gulp it down with – sadly, we only got that once). You frantically meet teachers, watch Inter-House matches, enjoy play practices, or talk to juniors and form mates for the last time, so that these stay fresh in your memories. You would probably get an auto-book passed around as well. And while you rush through all of these, you perhaps have that sinking feeling, giving you small twinges of pain as you sleep, wearing you down in the background.

Then comes the final day. It’s all a blur. You’re packing, meeting with as many people as possible, and taking as much in as possible all at once. But maybe, just maybe, in a small, private moment, you’ll shed a tear, lamenting the things you couldn’t say or do or shouldn’t have said and done.

Finally, comes the bidai, the farewell. The ones who care for you will come out and say goodbye. This is the most public part of this journey to the end. Trust me when I say this: it won’t matter whether it is ten or fifty people coming out to say goodbye, because it always leaves you secure in the knowledge that there are some people who care for you. That is all that matters: the fact that you made an impact on some people, and perhaps changed their life a tiny bit.

Going out of the gate, my mind wandered. It was a lot like the ‘flashing of your life before your eyes when you die’. It wanders to memories unexplored, such as the time in which you were about to leave School because you hated the food and the hardship. Such as the time when you made a wrong and short-sighted decision and lost a friend because of it. It leaves you simultaneously chuckling and weeping. The only thing that makes this ‘flash under your eyelids’ different is

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SWIMMING IN SUCCESS
A team of 4 boys participated in the Inter School Aquatic Meet held at the Shri Ram Centennial School on 12th May, 2018, winning 14 medals in total. The following are the individual awards:
Balraam Suri won a Bronze medal in the 50m butterfly event. Jayaditya Dahiya won a Gold medal in the 50m breaststroke. Karan Sampath won a Bronze medal in 100m individual medley. Tarun Bhide won a Gold medal in the 50m backstroke and a Silver medal in both the 50 and 100m freestyle.

The relay team comprising Balraam Suri, Jayaditya Singh, Karan Sampath and Tarun Bhide also won a Gold medal in the 4x50m medley relay and a Silver medal in the 4x50m freestyle relay.

Congratulations!

UNQUOTABLE QUOTES
I haven't heard anything.
Rushil Choudhary, disappointed.
Your face was hiding.
Kanishkh Kanodia, *hides in shame*. The fatal blow was actually fatal.
SPB, really?!!
The earth is at the center of the earth.
Ameya Bansal, spaced out.
Why are you burning your locker?
Kushagra Kar, burnt out.
I don't haven't unquote.
Bhai Kabir Singh, ironic.

If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way.
— Napolean Hill

THE WHO?
Who is Abel Makkonen Tesfaye?
Divyansh Nautiyal: A professional boxer
Sargun Singh: A Japanese table-tennis player
Sushmit Das: A politician
Abel Makkonen Tesfaye, known professionally as The Weeknd, is a Canadian singer, songwriter and record producer. He is most famous for his album 'Starboy'.

EXPONENTIAL EXPERTS
School participated in the International Middle School Math Competition, held at the International School of Amsterdam. A team comprising Agam Bhattia, Kabir Subbiah and Tushar Jalan placed 9th out of 65 teams.

Another team comprising Gobind Singh Bhatti, Advay Sapra and Arnav Pratap Choudhary placed 31st overall.

Well done!

Around the World in 80 Words
North Korea threatened to cancel the first-ever summit between Kim Jong-Un and Donald Trump, due to the USA-South Korea military drills. In Karnataka, the Congress formed a coalition with JD(S). Thunderstorms and lightning strikes killed up to 80 people in five states, mainly in Uttar Pradesh. Gaza border protests continue as 4,000 Palestinians protested in five locations across the border, throwing bombs and burning tires. Everton F.C.'s manager, Sam Allardyce, has been sacked, after being in charge for six months.

The ‘Food Fight’
Anant Ganapathy
that it is prolonged, and it hurts.
It lingers, and while the good
memories pull at your heartstrings,
the regrets shred it to pieces.
It took a little time before the
culture shock hits you. Removed
from the hall of mirrors that
is Doon, you thought that
your importance was simply an
illusion. Your actions fade into
insignificance. You feel much
smaller now, back to being an
insignificant little speck in the very
large universe.
Not quite, though. As one
of my juniors said to me while
consoling (oh, what a reversal
of positions!) me, you aren’t just
another someone for the people
who came out and said bye to
you. Somewhere, somehow, you
did change their life, and perhaps
made them a slightly different, if
not better, person. These people
will cherish the times spent with
you, the advice you provided, and
the help you took. And that is more
than most people accomplish in a
lifetime.

UNDER THE SCANNER
Karnataka Elections 2018 | Bhai Kabir Singh

In the recently-concluded
Karnataka elections, Congress
emerged as the winner in the
rat race against the BJP to form
a coalition government. The
prediction was that the BJP was
to have a clear win and emerge
as the single largest party.
Accurately predicted, BJP did
emerge as the single largest party
with a grand total of 104 seats,
just falling short by nine seats to
form government on their own.
The elections saw an all-time
high in the number of votes
cast - almost 50 million people
cast their vote (72.13% of all
eligible voters); this is the highest
voter turnout since 1952 state
polls. The Congress had pooled
in all their resources for these
elections. They even brought
in Sonia Gandhi, an influential
leader of her time, to participate
in rallies. With having formed
governments in four states
only, they desperately needed
to win the Karnataka elections.
Or they would have become,
as Modi had put it, “PPP -
Punjab, Puducherry, Parivar.”
The Congress’ manifesto made
a plethora of promises. They
promised to create one crore
jobs in Karnataka, spend 1.25
lakh crore on irrigation systems,
create an agricultural corridor,
reduce professional tax etc., all in
the span of five years, which is
almost impossible. The BJP was
on camera, allegedly distributing
cash outside Nalini Raghunatha
Rao Degree College. The BJP
was caught handing out 500
rupee notes while Congress was
distributing 600 rupee notes. BJP
has also been accused of offering
100 crore and cabinet posts to
JDS MLAs. It is quite clear that
India still has a long way to go in
the battle against corruption.
In the end, neither of the
parties garnered enough votes to
form Government on their own.
This is where the J(DS) party
played a vital role. With J (DS)
having won about 30 seats, they
were very capable of turning
the tables. In the need to form
a coalition, they were the perfect
candidate. Congress seized this
advantage, and drafted an alliance
with the JD(S). Now, despite a
majority of 116 seats the JD(S)
and Congress has not formed
the government in Karnataka,
with a 15 day period to prove
their majority. The Karnataka
elections could have been a big
win for Congress, but they still
have a long way before they can
compete with BJP’s mammoth
of 21 state governments.
### POINT-COUNTERPOINT

**Are seniors exploiting the Senior-Junior Hierarchy present in School?**

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#### Kushagra Kar

Power, positions and authority: we could choose to pursue them for the sake of self-empowerment, or employ them as tools to better the lives of those entrusted unto us. Our School revolves around structures which have cemented themselves over generations, the most integral of which is the Hierarchy of Seniority. Naturally, any hierarchy is based on some form of seniority, but our distinctive factor is that the uppermost rung of the ladder has the ‘ability’ (read ‘right’) to warp the rest of the system as it sees fit. Ironically, the derivative of ‘power’ for those willing to retalior the system to best fit themselves, is the hierarchy itself.

The first question to be examined is the nature of entitlement. Feeling entitled, by virtue of being among the top-dogs, to a far more flexible set of rules is a reality amongst SCs. We believe that we have conquered the battle of living in Chandbagh, and therefore are not only professionals in living in it, but obligated to exercise our power over those who are not yet learned in the ways of Doon. Hence, in the spirit of training juniors in the way that Doon functions, it makes sense to send them on errands at odd hours of the night. It’s alright though, because as repayment, we offer them our advice and tutelage. Agreed, as seniors, we have the knowledge to counsel those in need, but what difference does it make when the idea of a subsequent debt hangs over the junior like Damocles’ sword? We are by no means doing the community a ‘favor’ by abiding by the rules we have for the last five years.

It seems to far too many people that every little thing, from leading the House in a sport or attending meals, is for the benefit of the rest of the community. Entitlement to the idea that the system would completely be directionless without our existence comes as an added privilege of being in SC-Form. We need to realize that the School functioned before us, and that it will continue to after us as well. All we can do in this year, is our best to point it in a productive direction. All the collateral thereafter will be as much a reminder of our time as anything else.

Yet, how does any of this mean we exploit the system? To exercise authority where we have none. To exercise said authority over people we have nothing to do with. To lay claim to the aforementioned ‘authority’, without fully understanding the responsibility that comes with it; all to our own benefit, is conclusively nothing more than exploitation.

#### Zohravar Bhati

Various members of our School have a misconception that supporters of the senior-junior hierarchy are obstinate and mono-idealistic. I consider it a failure of our institution to have students who are imperceptive to grey spaces—a supporter of the hierarchy is not a self-imposed dictator!

The other major deterrent to the functioning of this system is an uninformed understanding of the hierarchical system by those who do not have prior contextual (exchange students, new masters etc.) exposure to the system.

To develop a formative thinking upon the topic we must understand what hierarchy is: a system of authority designed to bring about discipline and regimentation. Outside the confines of these walls we see hierarchy being formed primarily on the basis of experience and ability. Within our institution the hierarchy is openly questioned for ‘disregarding’ the ability of a junior to lead. However, it is experience that makes a senior—based off probability—an abler leader. A senior’s enhanced understanding of institutional systems, codes and protocols gives him the basis for superior leadership skills, especially given our years of experience in the School.

Hierarchy is not to be mistaken for coercion. The core tenet of disciplined freedom is striking the right balance; discipline must be maintained, while a degree of openness will always exist among the boys. Controlled freedom, something we will experience in the real world is the only way to strike that balance. Here the words “controlled freedom” must be stressed upon as even in the real world regimentation it is necessary. The political executive is directly responsible for upholding the law. This doesn’t mean that instances of unlawfulness by members of the political executive such as the actions at Hashimpura—a massacre of 42 people by the police—are unheard of.

So are seniors exploiting the hierarchy? No, we are against exploitation. However if the question was, are some seniors exploiting the hierarchy? Then the answer is a resounding yes. The hierarchy itself does not warrant the abuse of juniors, nor are such cases a regularity. The instances of abuse of our system are inevitable as in any society there are bound to be a few ‘immoral constables’. However, it is the vast majority of moral ones which ensure our institution continues to reap the benefits of the hierarchy to this day.
"Decaying and Rotten"

Ansh Raj analyses the ongoing Iran Nuclear Deal.

After a series of unfortunate events (in terms of failed promises- the Wall, the healthcare act, the H1B Visa reform etc), President Trump finally seems to have recovered from his state of dormancy. The epicentre of Trump’s strike, this time, is Iran. Using his usual evocative rhetoric (“the deal was an embarrassment to me as a citizen”), Donald Trump has decided to withdraw the United States from the 2015 nuclear agreement with Iran and re-impose sanctions that were waived post the deal.

The nuclear agreement was fairly straightforward - Iran had often been widely suspected of bolstering its nuclear arsenal, and in order to curb Iran’s ambitions, the US and the EU had begun imposing economic sanctions on it. Subsequently, Iran entered into an agreement (the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, 2015) with the US, UK, France, China, Russia and Germany, in which it would allow meticulous international inspection of its nuclear activities, and in return, have its economic sanctions lifted.

Over the past three years, Iran had reportedly violated the agreement on numerous occasions. However, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the statutory body responsible for all nuclear activities, in its latest statement, made it clear that Iran had been working in accordance with the terms of the agreement. This notwithstanding, Donald Trump has decided to pull the US out of the agreement.

Undoubtedly, the sanctions are going to plunge Iran’s economy into disarray, something that it had begun to recover from only recently. However, the ripples of this decision are extremely grave and far reaching. The decision to impose sanctions has the potential of tossing the entire world into an abyss of uncertainty. This is a triumph of aggression over peaceful diplomacy. By scrapping the deal, the US has not only revived tensions with Iran, but also given the world a fear the rise of another potential nuclear state.

Another serious implication of the US’s withdrawal is being borne by European corporates, or rather, the entire European economy. Very recently, German-based automaker Volkswagon, and European plane-manufacturer Airbus invested heavily in Iran. Trump, following the withdrawal, is coercing these corporates into withdrawing their investments from Iran. While European leaders have made a joint statement that they will keep their end of the deal, the chances of them resisting Trump’s coercion, given their past of always walking behind the US, appear highly bleak.

But more important is the concern that has arisen from this withdrawal, in light of the current scenario on the international arena. Only recently, talks of North Korean denuclearisation, as well as peace with its southern counterpart, had begun to surface. This step can act as a strong deterrent to any such possibility. North Korea’s denuclearisation, and the subsequent world order, may, indeed, appear far-fetched now.

All hope’s not lost, however. Donald Trump had expressed his issues with only certain clauses of the deal. If Iran and the US can make concessions and reach another agreement, the world may be able to heave a breath of relief.
**Famous Plays**

Across


3. ‘The Lion…’ is the third longest running Broadway play of all time. It is based on a 1994 Disney animated film.

4. A Streetcar named…’ is a Pulitzer Prize winner by Tennessee Williams about two sisters and their journey of life.

5. This comedy, ‘The Importance of Being…’ landed its playwright in jail, due to its attack on social institutions like marriage, but was thoroughly enjoyed by audiences.

6. This tragedy, ‘Death of a…’ by Arthur Miller has been performed 742 times and has won four Tony awards.

7. Written by the ‘Father of Tragedies’, this play is about a prince struggling to avenge his father, whom he discovers was killed by his uncle.

8. ‘A Raisin in the…’ by Lorraine Hansberry was one of the first plays that explored the agonies of the ‘Black Community’.

9. ‘A Streetcar named…’ and ‘<em>Waiting for…</em>’ was the first ever professional play by Samuel Beckett. Originally written in French, it narrates the story of two men in search for the meaning of life.

Down

1. Into the…’ is a Disney film adaptation, which explores the consequences of the characters’ wishes and quests.

2. ‘Horse…’ is a Pulitzer Prize winner by Tennessee Williams’ about two sisters and their journey of life.

3. ‘Salesman…’ is the third longest running Broadway play of all time. It is based on a 1994 Disney animated film.

4. ‘Hamlet’ was the first ever professional play by Samuel Beckett. Originally written in French, it narrates the story of two men in search for the meaning of life.

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The Week

Gone By

Karan Sampath

After over three months of term, there still seems to be no respite from the long nights and early mornings, with an Inter-House Competition always lurking around the corner. First it was PT, then Dance last weekend, now the brilliantly executed One-Act Play, and wrapping it all up with Band as a final chapter. It truly seems to be a never-ending saga of perseverance and perspiration.

The Dance competition was entertaining and eventful to say the least; from Jaipur’s ‘Insanity’ to Oberoi’s ‘Overdosed’. There was a notable display of emotional themes this time, with Hyderabad basing their dance on various emotions and Tata choosing to focus on motherly love. Congratulations are in order for the Nizams, who continue their winning streak from the PT and cricket competitions. Friday also saw the beginning of the much-awaited Inter-House Hockey Competition, with all houses losing to one another on the field in rapid succession; much like the IPL in the common rooms.

Saturday brought a fitting relief and joy for our new D and C-formers in the form of a PTM. However, it was Monday which had the entire School holding its breath - not only the S-Form, which had been in that vegetative state for much longer. The ICSE and ISC results lived up to their name and reputation, evincing a wide range of emotions across Chandbagh. Perhaps the only relief many of us will draw is a gentle taper before we head home.

The Week
go

to

END

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Note: All answers to this crossword are the concerned persons’ surnames.