When my Editor-in-Chief asked me what my plan was as I went ahead to write a prospective page one article, I could only reply very abstractly: “It would be on friendships and memories”. As you proceed to read this article, the tunes of Auld Lang Syne would be waiting to soon reverberate across the Rose Bowl and plunge straight into the hearts of every Dosco, Master and parent present in the Rosebowl this afternoon. A crowd of hundred Doscos will rejoice as they go in circles singing Balakari Rama and Appalle ki appalle, transcending any differences which ever separated them. The feeling is very strong and emotive but inexpressible in words.

The feeling that consumed me was the same when Ansh asked me about my article. Something strong surging past me but hard to articulate. During this transitional period of the year, as S formers turn to SC formers and the D form joins Chandbagh, we also bid farewell to the senior most batch in School. It also becomes transitional because the ones who are leaving have turned from being just seniors to friends and mentors and everything else that epitomises trust and camaraderie.

In one of the late-night sermons I received from a close senior, I was told that a part of us also leaves School with the seniors that we bid farewell at Prize Giving. As every Dosco takes his ticket out of School, he carries along a baggage full of memories, laughter and cherished relationships with his friends and Masters. At the core of a boarding school like ours are these relationships that we build over time. For those of you who ever wonder why the legacy of our School goes such a long way, it is because our School provides a conducive environment to breed such camaraderie across the rungs of the hierarchy. From occasions of celebrating birthdays or playing an Inter House match as equals to enjoying treats after winning an Inter House competition, we come across occasions where the walls of hierarchy are transcended to reach a stage of pure friendship. Apart from just the SC-Ls, it also becomes equally tough for many to bid farewell to individuals with whom they have learnt and experienced so much.

For many of us, the value of such things that we take for granted only surfaces when it is taken away from us. When one’s time elapses in this institution, one can only wish to relive it innumerable times. Only when I realised that my closest of friends from the SC-L will be leaving soon, did I begin to reflect on the value of relationships. Trailing back into time, one can remember our first interaction with the SC-L batch with them as our guides. It slowly turned into them ‘booting’ us at Tuck Shop or collecting dough from juniors to get themselves a packet of chips. As our C form approached, they became the individuals who would rush to our dorms with shouts of “say something” and would pass on their favours. As they reached their A form, we witnessed how their personalities shaped and their innate talents nurtured. Come their SC form and our S form, they turned into our friends. Gradually, the very same lens with which we saw them as Seniors turned them into our best of friends.

However, with this journey came along a hard-hitting realisation. While the transformation of my Seniors was visible, even I had undergone the same process to find myself only a level below the SC-Ls. The cycle will continue only to reach a point when someone else is bidding our batch farewell. This experience is what lies so much at the core of our ethos. It makes every Dosco realise the importance of the fraternity that he is a part of. Writing at an event where we say the hardest of goodbyes to our fellow Doscos, John Mayer’s ‘Stop this Train’ rings incessantly in my mind –

**Stop this train**
I want to get off and go home again
I can’t take the speed it’s moving in
I know I can’t
But, honestly, won’t someone stop this train?
The School Hindi Debating Society is starting a debating ladder in which participants will be ranked with respect to their performance and contribution to the society. The ladder will decide candidates for Inter-School debate competitions.

All boys wishing to participate should mail their names to the School Hindi Debating Captain.

**COVER POINT**

The School Cricket Team played a match against ITM on Sunday. Batting first, the School team won by 43 runs.

Manan Agarwal scored 43 runs, Arnav Jain scored 41 runs and Arijit Sannamanda took 4 wickets.

Well done!

**RETOUR AND REBUTT**

The School hosted the 3rd annual Junior English Debating Invitational Cup. The team comprising Kabir Singh Bhai, Lorcan Conlon, Shreyan Mittal and Agam Bhatia emerged victorious.

Congratulations!

**TAILORED TALENT**

Sanjum Dhaliwal has been awarded the Games Blazer.

Well done!

**UNQUOTE AB QUOTES**

> Only facts can be wrong.  
> Shrivar Kanudia, evidently.

> I won't see any dinosaurs because only a few of them are left.  
> Ribhav Bansal, Shrivar agrees.

> Draw the windows.  
> Balraam Suri, artistic.

> Let's go to some place with some open oxygen.  
> Yatharth Goel, deoxygenated.

> My shoes were slippering.  
> Ranunjeya Singh, on thin ice.

> I literally saw the ball thrice, but I didn't see it.  
> Saatvik Anand, clearly hallucinating.

> W'ly is the water so wet?  
> Riddhim Agarwal, eureka!

> W'ly it didn't get sticked?  
> Jinay Borana, in a sticky mess

**BLAZIN' IN BLACK**

Scholar's Blazers have been awarded to Amritansh Saraff, Anant Jain, Ansh Raj and Milind Khemka.

Kudos!

**Around the World in 80 Words**

Pakistan violated Indian Airspace policies and ceasefire rules along the LoC. Eight people including the Nepal Tourism Minister were killed in a helicopter crash. The second summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and U.S. President Donald Trump took place in Hanoi. Nigeria re-elected Muhammadu Buhari as president. Chelsea FC’s keeper Kepa Arrizabalaga was fined for defying manager Sarri’s direct instructions. Music giant Spotify released their application in India. Beresheet, the Israeli spaceship was launched heading towards the moon.

**No Escape**

Saatvik Anand

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The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity.

— Amelia Earhart

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Scribbles

"We are such stuff
As dreams are made on
And our little life is rounded
with a sleep."

-Rashk i Toor (468-K)

Doon in that unique institution
that helps you foster into
the individual you’re always meant to
become.

-Mahatma Gandhi

"As I stood on the rooftop,
we thought of the future.
All I want to do is sit in the sun and
be happy."

-Zindagi Shandhi

"No, it won’t always be this way.
I want you to know that
when the people
who make your life
memories forget you, it
remains."

-Richard Burton

"You can only hide for a short time when
it’s burning."

-Samar Mundri

"All in all, I learned a lesson
from it though, you never see
it coming, just get to see it go."

-Sandy

"The two hardest things to say in
life are, 'I love you' and 'goodbye'."

-George S. 304f

"I know this day would
come but didn’t know
it would be this soon.
Because I can get addicted
with the people I love
and the people love me.
This moment is the best."

-Shanshi (322-K)
I knew it had to end.
But never believed it.
I do, I know I have to.
But not how I can do it.

DOSCO Forever.
- Abhijit Lamba

I was born to be a
Dr. Bhabha.
- Yashinda Gupta

I felt bad when I left my
family to join Doon so you
can imagine how I feel now.
- Ray 512-714

We are all lost souls
Searching for answers that
don't exist.
- Chumberpally

I am not saying it's
going to be easy.
I am just saying it's
going to be worth it.
- R. Singh 536-K

Doom is a black and white picture
with a few goldenMMF.
- Shaurma Varmti

They all want
JIMMY CHEWS - Ginger.
- Pravin Bagla

Take me back to
when I first met.
- Raghu Soubi

We're thieves, in a world
that don't want no more.
- Kesha Devi

If I could change
one thing about
this place it would
be nothing.
- Prasad Shardi (532-0)

A brotherhood,
A family, that's
what I got and
that's all I want.
- Prakash (561-14)

"What we call
we beginning is often
the end. To make an
ead to make a
beginning. The end is
when we stop
when we stop being
a family."
- Swans, 1988

"We have a precious
place. Everything can be so
beautiful as beginning.
Thank you, family for the
best memories.
- Pinky Shankar (541-14)

Just ONE Decision
could define you!!
- Mahesh

"Cause it's a bitter sweet AM
that life...
- Ajay Parmar (533-0)

Easy come, easy go.
A little high, little low
- Pravin Bagla

Don't worry what
people will say,
just do what is
right and enjoy
great school days.
- Neeraj Singh (532-0)
"The two hardest things to say in life are hello for the first time and goodbye for the last."

- Chogyal, 463-5 (Living Single Mother)

These walls are from you, A game of chess:
I am the one who you used to climb.
Though time passes, you though time passes, you nous used to climb.
- Nanhem, 543-R

"How did they come here?"

- By Rosalind Homes.

Go absolutely mad in the noise. win your medals and your certificates...

- Important from behind. Why are you laving behind? [Ex: 474]

- Lakshman

Keep the ball, tigers and

- Viwek Verma

Vigha, too marvellous for worlds, thank you Doon. [Ex: 482-H]

- Viwek Verma

Life at Doon is not a big huip; it's a Million little things.

- Yash

We're in our element, but we are not free.

- Varun Mittal

A few hours I spent in school will be worth a thousand hours I spent outside the school at times. It was the best thing that happened to me.

- Paul (Ery)

I hope someday we sit down together and laugh with each other about these days!!

- Srinivas

I could never forget the memories, most of all the nicknames, I made here.

- Nishant (Tarush)
When we gain school, we leave our family.
When we leave school, we leave another family.

"Home is where the heart is..."

"The heart is where the head is..."

"Either you’ve got a lazy eye or a lack of respect."
- Yousuf ‘Ila’ Kakar

"Every Enrico will probably say this, but friends you make in school are going to make up most of your friend circle when you grow up. Don’t be scared to make dangerous memories."
- Makar

"We can live in a world that we design."
- Ex 523K

"A brotherhood that’s what I got and that’s all I want."
- Dr. Bhide

"We’re all mad here."
- Alice (508.54)

"It’s amazing what you can accomplish if you don’t care who takes the credit."
- some US president

"6 years of tears & triumphs."
- Devi (64532-K)

"Stepped in on 1st April 2013, and the rest is history..."
- Harsh (510-T)

"Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened!"
- Shashi (Rajvar K)

"Bonds formed at Deon with our own dust."
- Duniya (Ex-589-H)

"It’s a speeding train."
- Shanker (506-T)

"They can’t put a price on us."
- Alia (509.54)

"When it’s dark enough, you can see the stars."
- Apollo 11 (Ex-879)
Night-time Melodies

Veer Nigam reports on the recently held Hindustani Classical Music concert. On the 16th of February, Doscos and Masters alike got to witness a serene evening filled with eclectic music performed by our Hindustani Classical Music students. Our first performer for the evening was Vedant Gattani, playing the santoor. Vedant performed two captivating compositions of Raga Hansdhvani (cry of the swan). The two compositions were in Madhyalaya (medium speed) Ektaal (12 beats) and Drut laya (fast speed) Tenteaal (16 beats). The compositions had a delightful beginning (alap) and finally ended with the Jhala (concluding composition), eliciting a mélange of emotions.

Our second performer for the evening was Anant Kuriyal, one of our two Choir Leaders. Anant performed two compositions of Raga Baghshree, a melodious opus reminiscent of the midnight hours. His first and second compositions were in Madhyalaya laya Tenteaal and Drut laya Ektaal respectively. Both his compositions consisted of Chota Khayal which classical compositions are indigenous to North India. His nightingale voice waltzed through the winter night, bringing the soft wind and silent trees to life.

The next performer was our youngest tabla player in School, Harveer Singh Kochar. He played Kaidas (bases) and Thekas (parts) from jhap taal (10 beats).

The performance contained magnificent melodic patterns and ended with a Tibat.

Up next was Raghav Singhal, our other Choir Leader, who sang two compositions of Raga Shuddhi Kaijwan. The first was a Chota Khaya and a Tarana (a composition based in Arabic or Persian). The performance was interesting owing to the second composition which was unique, leaving everyone in a whirl of wonder and contentment.

After this performance we had Nikunj Bansal on the sarod. He played three compositions of Raga Bibiag. The first composition was composed By Ustad Ali Akbar Khan, and the other two by Ustad Amjad Ali Khan; two of the world’s great sarod maestros. This performance was engaging due to the Saral-Jawab (question-answer) form of music between the instrumentalist and the tabla player.

Our final performer for the evening was Karthik Subbiah, one of the Orchestra Leaders. He performed three compositions of Raga Jhog. This was a memorable performance due to the improvisations and a traditional Chota Khaya interpreted on the santoor.

In the end, the performances were received with well deserved applause and the audience left wonderstruck and in awe of them.

Rumours regarding the Pulwama attacks are rampant across all forms of media. This makes it imperative that we as a community remain informed, and not fall prey to these rumours. To that end, the Weekly presents here the summary of the current situation, curated through official statements and releases.

On 14th February, 42 Central Reserve Police Force personnel were killed in a suicide bombing orchestrated by the terrorist group Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM). Following the attack, India began a manhunt for those who might be a part of the terrorist group. As a part of the effort to track those responsible, India launched a non-military anti-terror pre-emptive strike at a JeM terrorist camp in Balakot on 26 February. The rationale given for this was that the Indian government had acquired credible evidence that JeM was planning another attack. A dossier regarding the presence of JeM camps and its leadership in Pakistan was also handed over to the Pakistani government to prevent them from claiming that they do not house terrorists. In response to the violation of their airspace, Pakistani forces crossed the LOC the following day and targeted non-military targets during an air strike. According to the Pakistan foreign ministry’s statement, the purpose of the attack was “to demonstrate our right, will and capability for self-defence” and not harm civilians.

During the attack, a Pakistani fighter jet as well as an Indian MiG 21 bison were shot down, as reported by the Indian government. Pakistan claims that it had shot down two - not one - of our fighter jets and that none of theirs had been shot. There is no clear evidence of which side of the story is true.

The pilot of the Indian fighter jet, Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman, was taken in custody of the Pakistan government. To confirm his capture, a video of the pilot was posted on media. The Indian government strongly condemned the video describing it as a “vulgar display of an injured personnel of the Indian Air Force in violation of all norms of International Humanitarian Law and the Geneva Convention”.

As a gesture of reconciliation, Pakistan handed over the pilot yesterday. They have also claimed to be open to dialogue and find a diplomatic solution. As we read this, we can all hope the tensions between Pakistan and India settle down and the next update that comes is good news.

The Weekly mourns the deaths of the CRPF personnel and all soldiers who lost their lives in these recent conflict and hope for speedy resolution of tensions between the neighbours.
The Week Gone By

Aryan Bhattacharjee

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On the other hand, the Big Eagle’s incessant, and rather long detailed, meetings outside the CDH has pushed Inter House Play directors to begin editing their scripts and casting. It won’t be long before Drama takes over as the activity of the season. Quite a few ties and blazers were awarded this week, perhaps in anticipation of the very special event this evening. For it is a moment a lot of young men who graduate today will look back upon with pride, judging their characters and attempting to map their progress since. It truly is their day today, so to the rest of our community: let’s do all we can make it unforgettable, because they deserve it.

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Crossword

Indian Politics

Across
3. This organisation was founded by Rash Behari Bose.
6. The 14th prime minister of India.
7. This regulation was introduced by Narendra Modi in 2016.
10. The founder of BJP who passed away last year.
11. He was the president of the Indian National Congress from 1938 to 1939.
12. She was the first female president of India.

Down
1. A surgical strike was conducted by the Indian military in response to the ___ attack by Pakistan.
2. A movement that aimed to boycott British goods during their rule.
4. This movement involved people hugging trees to protect them.
5. He inspired the Dalit Buddhist movement.
8. Operation Blue Star was conducted by her.
9. First war of Indian independence is also known as ____ Mutiny.

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

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