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"I sketch your world exactly as it goes." -Arthur Foot

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**The Doon School Weekly bids farewell to Dr. Arvindnabha Shukla.** *On this occasion his friends, students and colleagues share their thoughts on his tenure.*



ASH has been, by far, one of the most influential figures of my experience at Doon. Through Hockey and Hindi, not only did he teach me to think from different perspectives, but fundamentally shaped my identity in School. He was my confidant and mentor – someone who relentlessly restored my confidence when things seemed dark or when my self esteem had taken a beating. His knowledge, benign patience, encouragement, discipline, and unstinting support will be sorely missed. The hours spent laughing at the lamest of puns, receiving endless *gyaan* and even the occasional scolding are moments I would be willing to relive a thousand times over. I know that his absence will be felt on Campus and he will not be forgotten but all that I want to say is how immeasurably grateful I am that he found it worthwhile to get to know me.

**-Samar Kumar**

A few days ago, I was reminiscing about the moment when SKV asked me to meet Dr. Shukla, the day I joined School. It was only to be discovered later, that this short acquaintance would develop into a lifelong friendship. We have trekked together for thousands of kilometres in mountains and desert, lived together in tents, bivouacked and of course faced the threats to life and limb – this has truly strengthened our bond. Our families also share a similar bond that will be missed as they move up the hill to Mussoorie. My deep heartfelt thanks to Mrs Shukla for her affable nature and the way she entertained us when we barged into their home. I wish the family good wishes and all the best of luck in their new journey.

**-PKJ**

ASH Sir is the Master that we as Seniors have looked up to. A presence on Campus who has been involved in every single sphere of a Dosco's life. Whether it be the unrelenting battle of hockey sticks on the Main Field or the battle of minds during a debate, his legacy has surpassed the levels one can only aspire towards once one enters School. Even with such great impact, he had a deeply respectable attribute of putting others forward. Being positioned on the side of every expedition picture one can find, or next to the Kamla Jeevan teams, Hockey teams, or Prefectorial teams of the past. While being a leader, he has led the growth of hundreds of others. Watching him bid farewell makes my eyes tear up, but to have been guided by him has surely been an honour and a privilege. Thank you, Sir!

**-Keshav Tiwari**

My hockey journey in School started in B Form. This one day, ASH Sir came up to play with the Junior School team and that's when I had my first conversation with him. Then, in a minute or two, he taught me the most important aspect of the game, teamwork. ASH Sir has been the backbone of the School Hockey Team for the last 30 years. It was truly an honour to share the field with you Sir. Thank you so much for everything you have done for School and the team during your time at Doon.

**-Anant Kuriyal Ex 568H**

# To Memories Made

**The Doon School Weekly bids farewell to Dr Praveen Dwivedi.** *On this occasion his friends, students and colleagues wish him all the very best for the future.*



Despite having heard from Seniors how exciting PVD Sir's classes are, and yet unsure about what to expect, it has been a long and spectacular journey for us in the Accounts classroom to have become today – as Sir likes to call us – “pillars of his heart.” When I think about someone so central to our lives, in and outside the classroom, leaving, it feels nothing less than incredulous and unrealistic. PVD Sir has been our mentor, an ideal Dosco Master, and a constant and friendly support to all of us - someone you would want to go to if you wanted to have a ‘real’ conversation. I think I speak for everyone when I say that Sir's presence will truly be missed in School and that he will forever remain Chandbagh's PVD.

**-Aditya Saraff**

PVD Sir has played an integral role in shaping me into the person that I am today. From being my tutor in Foot House in my D Form, to having the opportunity to work with him in the Motor Mechanics STA and now also being my Business Studies and Accounts teacher, he has been there for me throughout my entire School journey. Not only has he been an excellent support system in the classroom, he has guided me in all spheres of my Dosco life. He is one of the most approachable Masters that I have come across and his work ethic is something that I truly appreciate. No amount of words will be enough to thank him for all that he has done for me and the innumerable batches that he has interacted with. He has left a lasting impact on Chandbagh and I wish him all the best for all his future endeavours.

**-Archit Oberai**

My association with Dr. Praveen Dwivedi started from the day I first visited Doon with my family in August, 2009. Dr. Dwivedi is one of the most approachable and helpful people I have ever come across in my life. He has not only made me very comfortable with the School system, but has also helped me to understand the intricacies of working here. His passion for academics, active involvement with students, and concern for his department are inspiring. I have had the pleasure and opportunity to work closely with Dr. Dwivedi in Sapera Basti for underprivileged children. I personally learned a lot through this activity about how person can make a change in the lives of others through selfless deeds. We had endless discussions on various issues, and I always banked on his wisdom and valuable insights and he never disappointed me. He is a reservoir of knowledge and I have learnt more from him about our surrounding communities than from any other source. I will fondly remember him for having the ability to effectively deal with all types of situations and for treating everyone with respect and fairness. I wish him and his family the very best in their future endeavours.

**-MPT**

Doctor Praveen Dwivedi. Our first experience with him was the famous “three P” philosophy we learnt during ‘Options at 14+’ all the way back in C Form. With that, we began an exciting journey with Sir. From Business Studies’ classes to conversations with him in the House, he has been an everpresent and radiant person. What we cherish the most is our trip with him to Singapore for the NUS Economics Summer Camp. Helping us out and being there for us throughout the trip, be it Advay's fever or Tushar's airport mishap, we will always be indebted to him. We wish him best of luck for his future endeavours.

**-Advay Sapra and Tushar Jalan**

# Roving Eye

*An insight into the ongoing S Form 'Scoping season'*

Your Closest Allies

It's that time of the year, and once again the all-knowing Roving Eye must report on the various dealings between masters and students alike. While the pandemic took away the usual autumn term 'scoping season' from the S Formers, a few good men did not let their computer screens get in the way of them establishing themselves.

The much-coveted position as the School Poster Boy is being eyed by a specific few. Even as Mr. Ponytail hopes to grab the position, fierce competition from the Nizam Zoo and Mr. VP has led to him forming platonic friendly bonds with the Juniors. The Nepali Boxer attempts to play catch-up in the rat race to become the School Poster Boy, hoping the support of his 2nd Father Housemaster will earn him a much-deserved nomination. His gentlemanly neighbour seems to have played his cards right, as he rallies the pseudo-scholars of Chandbagh against the Nepali Boy Band.

The Nizam Zoo is frantic with action during the ever-popular S Form 'scoping season.' On the field, the soon-to-be President also tries his level best to claim the coveted blue and gold hockey stick, though it seems that he is aiming for higher positions as well. Tensions are running high within the cages of the Zoo as the Call-over-in-Charge surprises many with his vocal abilities, becoming the new front runner for the prestigious title of Head Zookeeper. On the academic front, RDG's Favourite Student can be seen scrambling for as many activities as possible, while the Black Sheikh can be spotted with his arm around his Kashmiri boss counterpart as he tries to become the director of Asia's Largest Suit Convention.

Meanwhile, across the *Quadi*, the House of Gentlemen bustles with activity, most of it happening on the hockey field and badminton courts. Mr VP, who has consolidated the support of the English and MFL departments, faces slight competition from the Industry Baby in the MUN sector, and of course, the Black Panther tries his hand at basketball every now and then. South Delhi's finest benchwarmer vouches confidently for a position of power, as the not-so-friendly Giant plans to slither his way to the top. Industry Baby seems to think these prestigious positions are an all-you-can-eat buffet as he shoots his shot with more teachers than he does on the basketball courts. Ghaziabad's very own Guddu Bhैया has his own nexus of connections with most Masters

that may prove to be extremely useful.

On the other side of School, the situation with the Warriors is a precarious one. The House of Warriors witnesses tensions running rampant as the Surd and desi Shaq also shoot their shots on and off the court. The Surd's endeavours seem to have no bounds as he dabbles around with football, much to the disdain of his Gujarati form mate. The Polar Bear's snake-like tendencies have us wondering whether it is a facade or just pure acting prowess; he sure hopes Dr. Mishra would assume it is the latter.

Whereas, in the other corner, a cloud of uncertainty looms over the Eagles' Nest as our beloved Stephenian retreats to conquer foreign territory, leaving the throne in the hands of his second-in-command. With our Old Man struggling to keep up with the battle for 'Poster Boy', he attempts to take on the role as the 'father of the house' only to realise his wise words are drowned by the sweet melody of Indian Classical that flows through the ears of the Mongoose. The king of Odisha marches on with his ~~mixed-toye~~ army in an attempt to capture the seat left open in the absence of the Dark Knight. On the other hand, our convocation of eagles must be cautious as it looks like the AV boy has slithered out and into the ranks of the young and innocent hatchlings.

Across the Skinners, the Lake of the Swans now sees some birds flying ahead of the flock. The promotion of James Bond has created uncertainty among the masses, especially considering the ~~chitpicking~~ out-of-the-box thinking that goes on among the birdwatchers. The Rajasthani Royal tries to take home-ground advantage, hoping that blood runs true. Taking advantage of his absence, our very own editor ~~in-chief~~ tries his best to snatch the position as the head of the flock. While Maharajan Jr also has a vested interest in the race, he simultaneously keeps his eyes set on the ~~annual~~ Coffee Table Book. The newly formed bodybuilder also now attempts to tip the weights in his favour. Not to be forgotten, a certain candidate's goggles have set his vision and voice straight on one of the coveted positions, moving synchronously with the Minute Maid.

We wish every contender the very best of luck come the Ides of March, just remember to keep your friends close and your enemies closer.



## Sports

Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix  
India tour of South Africa Cricket 1st Test  
African Cup of Nations Football  
Winter X Games: January 21st  
Handball World Championships  
Australian Open

December 12th  
December 17th  
January 9th  
January 21st  
January 13th  
January 17th

The Week

## TV Shows

Hawkeye November 24  
With Love December 17  
Cobra Kai December 31  
Stay Close December 31  
Peacemaker January 13  
How I Met Your Father January 18

The Guardian

## Books

No One is Talking About This  
A Passage North  
Great Circle  
Bewilderment  
Free: Coming of Age  
Call Us What We Carry

Patricia Lockwood  
Anuk Arudpragasam  
Maggie Shipstead  
Richard Powers  
Harald Jähner  
Amanda Gorman

The Times

## Music

KICK II and KICK III Arca  
Wild Dreams Westlife  
Utopia Travis Scott  
The Overload Yard Act  
Voyeurist Underoath  
30 Adele

The Guardian

## Movies

Trail Blazers  
A Nightmare on Elm Street  
Gabriel's Rapture  
Harry Potter 20th Anniversary: Return to Hogwarts  
The Machine

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