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

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To Chandbagh

Keshav Tiwari *writes about change, leaving School, and his farewell.*

Goodbyes are often clichéd in School. They are cocktails of the same old traditions, the same old emotions, and the same old songs. Towards the beginning of my A Form, I had started to get frustrated by these self-indulgent celebrations that rarely differed as experiences. They came across as a celebration of a monotonous series of rinse-and-repeat anecdotes – does every single batch in School somehow feel nostalgic about the same experiences? Despite this frustration, I would be lying if I said that the same old does not feel good and in some ways, needed right now. This is not because ‘the same old’ brings nostalgia or comfort with it, rather the idea that ‘the same old’ is back. For the last two terms, the Sc Form has gone through a series of lasts that served as *firsts* in post-COVID Chandbagh.

The distinction between the same old and the idea of it, is that the latter is oblivious to the nuanced change that manifests itself in our day-to-day lives. This illusion is a dense fog which makes us unaware of our impact on those around us. The reset button that we all hoped was always there for each of us, but the definition of reset for some was synonymous with that of a default.

School is changing, just as it always does and should. However, one cannot help but feel that the usual rate of change was much slower than its current pace. As the Batch

of 2022 exits the metaphorical gates of Chandbagh on April 9, there is a mist of teardrops in the air. This year though, it is the campus that seems to be shedding the most tears. For the first time in my school life, not only is the exiting batch bidding farewell to Chandbagh, but also receiving a tear-jerking goodbye from it. To accept that goodbye, one must acknowledge that a supposed “microcosm of India” will change as the country does.

The fabric that holds School together is the relationships forged within its four walls. Every single year, some strands of that fabric comes loose for the exiting batch to hold onto. The essence of Chandbagh is what makes this fabric hold strong for each new batch. However, this fabric certainly leaves us with a few loose ends this time, a few questions left unanswered, or unheard. To get answers, however, we can only compare our current reality to an alternate one, which would be, quite ironically, a ‘normal’ one. It is up to the what ifs and the if onlys to steer the course of this institution’s tomorrow. There are increasing murmurs of an asterisk being put next to the phrase “the new normal”; we are all the changemakers, and this got us as close as possible to normalcy, but miscalculated the costs of doing that. Luckily, the asterisk will not

define the impact School has had on us or vice-versa, but will definitely define the effort that went into creating an impact. A task that is truly commendable for a culture-driven School that had to forcefully redefine itself over the past two years. In a recent conversation with a batchmate, I was told that as a School, we are obsessed with what it means to be a Dosco, rather than just being one. That spoke volumes to me. The timelessness that we associate with the label of a Dosco is one that is well-documented by the reunions, gatherings, or any other kinds of event. However, to agree with that last statement would be to admit that we are most like Doscos when with other Doscos. While that may be true in a social context, we are also a School that aims towards accepting individuality and perhaps, thinking of each exiting batch as individuals would help contextualize their impact on the School.

I started thinking about writing this piece while searching for my yearbook quote and while that might not be everyone’s idea of nostalgia, it is certainly an exercise that makes you come to terms with the fact that things are coming to an end. With each Dosco of the Batch of 2022, searching for 20 words or less to capture their School lives, I hope what we find is the acceptance of *the same old*, its non-existence, and most of all, hope.

Scribbles

What doesn't kill you
makes you stronger

Ranvir (666-H)

Press F to pay respects

- zati.wiii

EX-667H

Doonschool
Fred Butt gives you wings

Sharma
(EX-278-H)

Do we still rise?

- Affirmative

Agarwal
hisa (EX 677-H)

School is cool.
That's why it exists.

- Nishant Pradhan. 702-H

Nishant

"Jai Mata Di"

- Nair
(709-H)

'sahi hai thik hai'

Cham (EX-703T)

Whoever is trying to bring you down
is already below you

- (EX-328-T)

Hemant

'There is no life without roses and nettles
Destiny is illusory, only what we believe in
Fence your opportunities, do not fantasize
All that's required is blood and faith'

R.P. (Raghavendra Prasad
Singh EX-299T)

Hota sabke paas hai, sab
chupake rakhte hai, deta
Koi nahi
- Mukherjee (710-H)

Khoya Paya Tune Kya.
Ab Tu Kahe Ginti Kare

- Yadav
(641-H)

"Let's take it from the top"
if only we could :)"

Yadav
(EX 678-H)

Even when you lose
everything, the essence of
Doon will remain.

- Aadit Mittal
(EX 313-H)

Even after spending 2 years in this
place it feels as if it was
yesterday when I first
stepped in...

MEHAR KAPOOR
(EX-711)

Perfection's a myth,
you can choose to
believe in it.

Krishna Jyoti
(EX 691-H)

I'm losing it
down the line
30 20 10

Sharma
(EX 338-H)

How lucky am I to be part
of something so special that makes
saying goodbye so difficult!

- Nighan (EX 161-T)

Zindagi Yahee Hai,
Aur Yaheen!

- Prishna (661-H)

It wasn't just school to
me, it was the chapter I
never wanted to end. The
past explains how I got here,
but the future is up to me - and
I love to live life at full throttle.

- Pitbull (600-H)

If I've learned one thing
from Doon (and finding Nemo)
it's that no matter what life
throws at you... just keep swimming!

Mehar
(EX 178-H)

Perfection's a myth,
you can choose to
believe in it.

Krishna Jyoti
(EX 694-H)

High school to went I,
School high to went YOU
(Read it backwards)

↳ Anurag

Should've burned this place down
when I had the chance.

Singh piling
off
Thud (EX 658-T)

"for there is always a light,
if only we are brave enough
to see it.
or there is always a light,
if only we are brave enough
to be it."

- EX 296-T Agam M.S. Bhatia

It takes a
minute to say
hello and forever
to say goodbye.

SHRIVAR KANUDIA
(Ex 662-J)

These walls are funny.
First, you hate them.
Then you get used to
them. Enough time
passes, it gets so you
depend on them.

P.S. -Iman Chatterjee
(Hamba Out) (Ex 704-J)

अपने गम की जुगाड़ना कर
अपने नसीब की आजुमदना कर
जे तेरा है तेरे चस बुद आखा
रेखे उसे पाने की स्वाइदा ना कर

-Abhisal C. Sudhakar
(Ex 707-J)

लम्हा ऐसा है,
मिन्नत है कि वक्त
रिश्ते ऐसे हैं,
आशा है कि दूरियाँ न
बन जायें॥

(APC-Ex 679-J)

An unbreakable bond is made
6 years of life feels like it started yesterday
Now that I am about to leave
I would want to say
A final Goodbye
- Vishishta Kanodiya
(Ex 685-J)

No haters
Only fans

(Ex 636-J)

ये दिल है कि
मानता नहीं
Hanshika Gupta
(Ex 680-J)

मुझे भी लम्हा-ए-हजरत
हैं कर दिया ला.असीम।
निगाह हमेशा इधर की
तब, इधरी, सगर कदम
आगे सगर की तरफ॥
महिर
MOR ISMAIL
(Ex 656-J)

Hum akele kho na jaaye,
Door tumse ho na jaaye,
Paas aao, Gale se lagao,
Bas thodi der aur ohr jao.

Sahar
- Soham Agarwal
(Ex 689-J)

Dear Doon,

As the wheel of time completes
yet another cycle, I reminisce the
bag of experiences, joy, and tears you
brought about, for it was unlike
anything I ever fathomed. This 6 year
journey has etched a special place
in my heart.

- Aditya Jain
(Ex 664-J)

Aditya Jain

You can take me
out of Doon, but
you can never take
the 'Doon' out of
me. Doon we have
reached the end of
a Journey, but I will
never forget you. Always
a special place in my
heart.
- Jahaan Sahgal (Ex 247)
Jahaan Sahgal (Ex 247)

"Don't cut the lights

Just take it slow
We're moving fast
We've lost control
But, I feel safe with you"
Ultimately, Life may get messy
But, Inshallah Siuuuuu.

EVERYTHING = 3(BALLS)
Ex-211T

हम दुनिया से अलग नहीं हैं,
हमारी दुनिया ही अलग है।

-Ex 314T
Jahaan

Rajveer (Ex-671T)

I laughed.
I cried.
I ate toast.
It was fun.

-En 698-T Yuvraj

IPO
2034

Ex 706-T

The past beats inside me
like a second heart: who
controls the past controls the
future; who controls the
present controls the past.
Hands down, the best 6 years
anyone could've hoped for!

aditya's
Aditya Saraff
(Ex 635-J)

A smooth sea never made
a skilled sailor

- Ex 245T Archit Oberai

"Move On
&
Let Go"

En - 675-T Aradhya
Aggarwal

"Do what you love,
love what you do..."

-Ex 201-T

LOOK
MOM
I CAN
FLY

[Signature] - Sujoy Kapoor
(657-0)

took a ten minute study break
and it accidentally lasted six years.

Ho Kadde Kayi ne Kaude Kayi vahan badle
Na jaar hoye change bas time badle.

[Signature] - Bakshi Bahraam Suri
(652-0)

I hope someday we'll sit down
together & laugh with each other
about these days, these days....

[Signature] - Avi Soni (708-0)

I am thankful to all those
who said No to me. It's
because of them I did
it myself. *[Signature]*

- Imaad Moos (706-0)

I couldn't wait for success
so I went ahead without
it.

[Signature]
#larryman (692-0)

If you keep the small rules,
you can break the big ones :)

[Signature] (682-0)

Acted like a God
thought like the Devil.

- Veer Gill
(297-0)

Inshallah
a Journey gone
well

[Signature] - Namann Dtain
(687-0)

You can't be everyone's cup
of tea, otherwise you'd be a
mug. So be who you are and
say what you feel.

[Signature] (701-0)

Forbidding
was
Forbidden

Your Body is Your GREATEST
INSTRUMENT OF EXPRESSION
(That's what I...)

[Signature] - Adnan Saira (630-0)

ये पल वो पल के शायर ने
यहा रक्त कहानी लिख दी।

- तुषार जलान
(683-0)

Whatever you do in life,
it better make you
happy!

[Signature] (654-?)

WHAT ARE WE GOING
TO DO WITH ALL THIS
FUTURE?

[Signature] (639-0)

This too
has passed...
690/K'22

"Believe you me"
Batch of 2022
You were great
- Ananyaman
croyal
677-K

Goodbyes are only for
those who love with
their eyes. Because for
those who love with
their soul & heart, there
is no such thing as
a separation. - Rumi
RT&RT RT&RT
(690-K)

"Sure I'll see ya."
Not if I see you first"
- Mayank Agrawal
691-K

"We don't even have to try,
it's always a good time!"

- @samuel
649 K

An aristocracy
of Friendship
- Avyukt Kochhar
670K

No one ever told me,
these things happen
too - FIRAS
KHULLAR 686 K

This is not a goodbye,
but a thank you
- Bhavi Kabir
259-K

"We don't need no education
We don't need no thought control..."

Ronav 653-K pranav

Walked in with a heavy bag
leaving with a heavy heart!
- Krish Aggarwal
690-K

No dark sarcasm in the classroom
Teachers, leave them kids alone...

- ADVAITA SOOD ass
660-K

Let us be truly
thankful for what we
have received, which is ...
GOD BLESS!
Anjali 695 K

Hey, teacher, leave them kids alone
All in all it's just another brick in the wall
All in all YOU'RE just another brick in the wall"

- Kabir 645-K Archi

"Everything I went through, you
were standing there by my side
and now you gon' be with me
till my last ride!"

- Vinayak (Cokey)
246K

"It's over before you know it.
Cherish it!"

- Vikram EX-655K

"I'd hate to
write this twice."

- Aryan EX-681-K

The Week Gone By

Shreyan Mittal

The past week was designated as ‘Activity Week’, in order to provide much-needed break at the end of a very demanding Promotional Trials. However, it proved to be anything but stress-free. The three days of activity week saw the Sc Formers putting their all into securing a spot in the prefectorial body, while the three two School Captain nominees used all the tricks up their sleeves in a last-ditch attempt to gather votes. The Nizams also split up and migrated during this period, making way for the S Formers that had to quarantine in the House.

The appointments assembly on Thursday was certainly one

filled with nostalgia, excitement and heartbreak. Seeing the whole School assembled at full strength, singing as one harmonious voice after such a long time, brought back memories of pre-COVID times. It was also a bittersweet moment for the Sc-Leavers as it marked the end of their time in School, though it also meant the start of a new journey for our Sc-formers as freshly appointed prefects were seen being congratulated while those with crestfallen faces were being consoled.

The week also marks the start of a new term in School, a term that finally brings with it the much-missed Inter-House competitions. As meetings outside the CDH increase in number, a sign of the coming activities this term holds, it won’t be long before Chandbagh is taken over by late-night drama and band practices. The action was also seen on the courts this week as the Inter-House basketball

competition began. Despite teams being marred with injuries and players in quarantine, each house put up a stunning display of skill, particularly the Gentlemen and the Warriors who emerged as clear favourites for the House Cup. The Swans managed to pick up a surprise victory, a rare feat that only comes once in a blue moon.

Quite a few ties and blazers were also handed out this week, most likely in preparation for the Prize Giving ceremony this evening. So, as you let the soothing harmony of Auld Lang Syne wash over you, do keep in mind that today is a special occasion for these boys. It is a day that they will look back on years later, for it is the day they graduate from Doon. As their time at Chandbagh comes to an end, we must recognise their contribution to School, and join them in their celebrations this afternoon to make it an unforgettable experience for them.

Sudoku

			7		9			1
7	1		6	4			5	
			5	1	8	9		
5	9	7	2	8	3	4		
		2	4		1	7		
		1	9	5	7	8		
	5			2		1		9
9			1	7				
1		6	8		4			2

Source: <https://worksheets.theteacherscorner.net/make-your-own/sudoku>

Key:

2	3	5	4	6	8	9	7	1
4	8	9	5	7	1	3	2	6
6	7	1	9	2	3	8	5	4
3	2	8	7	5	6	1	4	9
5	6	7	1	9	4	2	8	3
9	1	4	3	8	2	7	6	5
7	9	6	8	1	5	4	3	2
8	5	3	2	4	9	6	1	7
1	4	2	6	3	7	5	9	8

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