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# The Doon School WEEKLY

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

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## From the Cusp

*Armaan Rathi reflects on the prospect of leaving School.*

Disclaimer: This is not a sentimental piece. If you were expecting it to be one, well then, I'm sorry to disappoint. For the first time, I could not care less about how this is received on Saturday. Make of this what you will. This is me rambling on. Me, preaching like a possessed priest from the pulpit. Me: utterly unqualified to say any of what I'm about to type, but, equipped with a new-found penchant for giving unsolicited advice. Me, letting it all out from a place most strange and special and uncomfortable.

Where I am though is on a cusp: an absurdly bewildering no-man's land. You might think of it as being on the cusp of adulthood, or studentship. That is a fair assessment. For I am about to leave School and I am turning 18 soon. Still, I like to look at it as being on the Rye Field on the edge of a cliff that Salinger wrote of in *The Catcher in the Rye*. In the most allusive sense, I'm on that field and I'm about to fall unprepared and headfirst off that cliff and into the throes of adulthood. Like Caulfield, that thought "kills me" (metaphorically, of course). So, before I fall (to my metaphoric death?) I must offer some advice and wallow briefly on this Word Document.

### To My Batchmates,

Well, this is not advice. I can't give you advice. Who am I to give you advice?

This is just something I want you

to think of, to consider simply now that we're about to head out of here, most of us in different directions and about to craft separate and new lives for ourselves.

**Right then,  
enough with the  
sermon. Here's  
the harsh truth:  
You, my dumb  
and dear reader,  
are here for only  
some time.**

That, after all these years of facing whatever comes at us together, is a daunting thought and just altogether a bitter and difficult pill to swallow. But I feel that as we step out of here and into the world, we must let go of this place for a while. To let go is as necessary as it is to engage. There are Seniors that we know who haven't done that. They keep returning, re-engaging with this community and that is something I'll ask you to refrain from for a while. *Why?* Because you're limiting yourselves. There's a great, big world out there that you must now take on, tackle, and make sense of. To do that you

must detach yourself from your life here and more importantly, the way you live your life here. Be ready to unlearn if you have to.

This, all that we have here, Doon, will remain. It'll wait. For that is the nature of memories. Too often I've heard that everything passes; the phrase "this too shall pass" is the chief culprit. Well, *this* is about to pass, but what it will also do is persist. The extraordinary cannot fade. Let go, don't linger, and only when you've had your fill of whatever else is out there, return. You've contributed a verse, now make way for others to do the same unfettered by what's past because, make no mistake, you are the past now. And the knotted lump of air in my throat as I wait for this Assembly to begin suggests only one thing: time's up, boys.

### To Juniors (and Masters, but mostly for Juniors),

This, on the other hand, is advice. First: question everything. It sounds fairly simple but is easier said than done. To be a truly progressive community, we must actively do one simple thing. That is to question everything. From the uniform policy to every form of authority. Talk and debate amongst yourselves, write about these things, and raise these issues zealously in councils and common rooms. This commitment to a rational and continued critique is the only way

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we can improve as individuals and as an institution.

Second: be informed and aware. The best way to do this is by reading. Read insistently and read everything. In classes, on Sundays, as much as you can. Be informed by reading the newspaper. Be opinionated, especially about politics. The idea is to be able to stand for things and have convictions in place of doubts. I'd rather see you be a moral person first and then an ethical one. Robin Hood, in all the diminutions of fiction, may have been unethical, but he was moral. Be Robin Hoods. I'd rather see you worrying more about what you *should* believe in than what everyone else readily believes. You are what you believe in.

Third: value people. I feel that we as an institution place a lot of importance on positions, accolades, and stature—*aukaat*. People are very promptly, maybe even consciously, relegated. While I understand that the ambition to

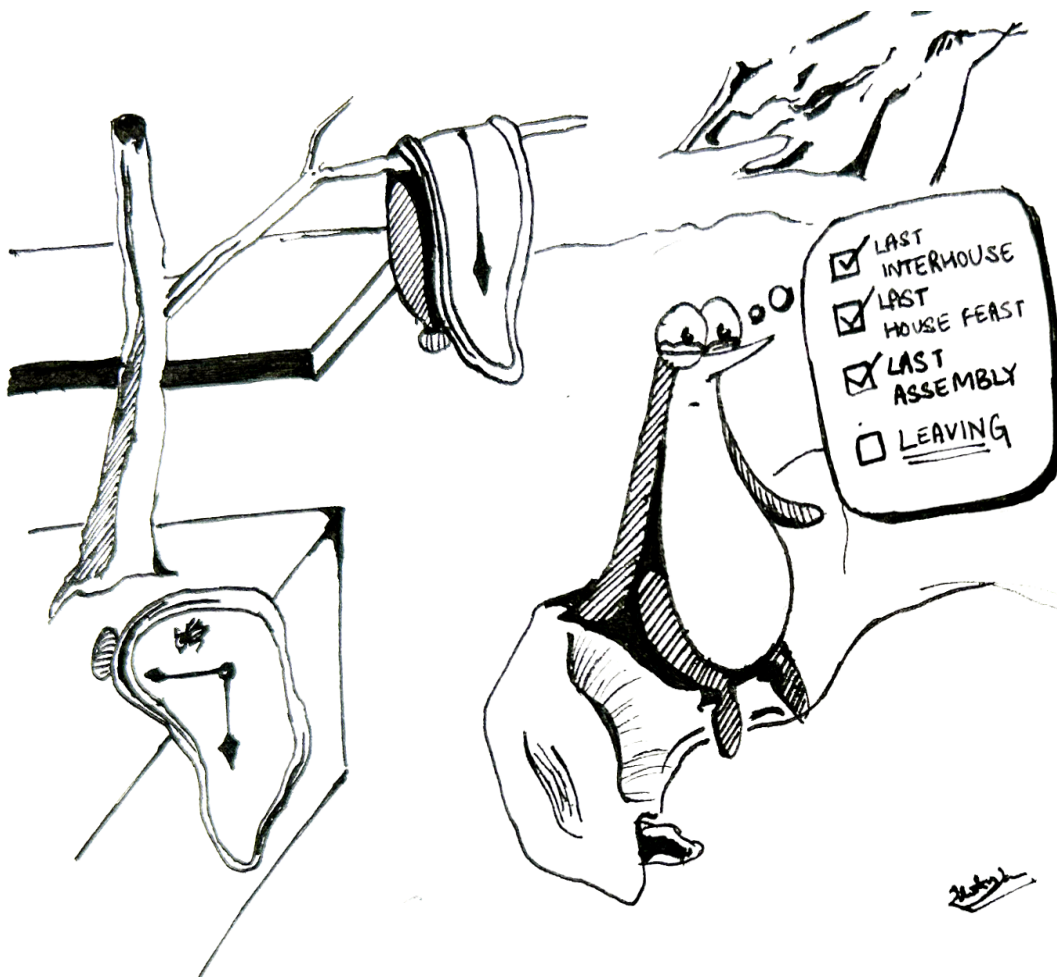
win accolades and man positions is necessary, it must always come secondary to people. Doon is not its legacy, infrastructure, or college placements but rather, its people. What you leave here with are not ties and trophies or tenure but the relationships you've nurtured. Masters become friends and friends become family. That takes time and effort. Cliché, I'm aware, but some things need repeating. Those in charge must realise that their success, personal or otherwise, is by some measure a direct result of the endeavours made by other people. My little success is a direct product of the efforts made by my Juniors and the counsel offered by Masters and Seniors. We must acknowledge these efforts and value them by repaying them with kindness. Be nice. Be appreciative of the kindness and assistance that comes your way.

Right then, enough with the sermon. Here's the harsh truth: You, my dumb and dear reader, are here for only some time.

In D and C Form it may feel like

an eternity. It may feel like you have all the time to do everything. That six years are enough. By A and S Form, you get some perspective about how the years have gone by, and with it, the opportunities. By the end of Sc Form with the last Inter-House, last month on Campus, last House Feast, and at Prize Giving today it feels like time's flown, slipped right through your hands, and the late-night conversations that were once routine and almost necessary because the day would seem incomplete without them, just won't happen again.

Know this now: you will all one day end up like me, writing or thinking, 'time's up, boys'. Before that day comes for you, I ask only a little of you by asking you to ask a lot from yourselves. Because despite how flawed we may be, I see so much promise. This place has so much to offer. Take care of it, first. And second, once you've learnt to take care of it, don't waste it. Make every day count. Life at Doon is that simple.



# Scribbles

## Shera and friends

As we pass out, we'll remain some random names on some random board in some random hallway,  
[ex 324-0]  
- Bhandari

Life is like toilet paper, you are either on a roll or you are taking shit from some a\*\*hole  
- Krishang Arora

It's been one hell of a ride.

- Abhyuday Kainthola  
(Ex. 121-J)

but to us those random hallways will forever remain home.

- Ahan

[ex 340-0]

From mild BTs to wild GTs.

- SHAURYA GOENKA  
(EX. 141-J)

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

- Jhanji (EX-200-J)

My home away from home is Jhanji.

(Jhanjiv Singh Mann 150-J)

A journey like no other.  
- Ransher (Ransher Singh Mann 148-K)

Damn, I used to collect these...

- Saatvik  
(EX-339-J)

me two

- Ahan (ex 340-0)

me three

- Shreyan (EX 186 H)

me four

- Armaan Rathi  
(EX 177 K)

I wish there was a way to know you're in the good old days before you've actually left them

- Shreyan M.

But one day we'll long for the chaos of this crowded, messy house cause the good old days are happening right now.

- Now & Always  
212J

(Veraj)

Good men are just bad men that never got caught

- Ameyath Sodhi

(Ameyath Sodhi)  
EX 122-H

EX 186-H

I live for the nights I can't remember, with the people that I won't forget

- AARUSH SAXENA  
(EX-131-J)

It's not about making the right choice. It's about making a choice and proving it right.

- Udai Singh  
Dungarpur (EX-127-J)

Once a prefect, always a prefect.

- Aditya Jai Khanna  
(EX-128-T)

OKAY,  
iget  
IT!!!

Amish Reddy  
(Ex-191H)

BHAI,  
KAUNSA  
FLAVOUR???

- Maharshi Roy  
Ex-333H

Between 'Hi! I am Devant  
335-H' and 'Touch mein  
rehna saale,' I grew up.  
- Devant Agarwalla  
(Ex-335.H)

One for all,  
All in One.

VIHAN RANKA  
(Ex-216-K)

We didn't realise we  
were making memories,  
we just knew we  
were having fun!!!

- Anuman (332-K)

what happens in the  
man cave, stays in  
the man cave

Ex-176-H  
Imay Borana

WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE...  
WE JUST EXTINGUISHED IT.

Rohel (Ex-183K)  
(Ruhani)  
(Goel)

Arnav Mathuria  
(Ex-186K)

Doon is like a game of  
poker - sometimes you're  
dealt a great hand,  
and sometimes you bluff  
your way through.

- Anrit Agarwal

Ex-193-H

Maybe it  
was peace at  
last, who knows?

- Uddhav (133K)

Uddhav

Guess Who Got the last laugh.

Petwal  
SATVIK PETWAL  
(Ex-142K)

The drama is for the stage,  
Embrace the real you.  
You won't be able to keep up the act...  
Until it's time to say Adieu.

- Kavyan Kanodia

Ex-159-H

Forever, always and beyond.  
So long, Doon!

Ex-170H  
Harsh Tibrewala

Friends of enemies are enemies  
and enemies of enemies are  
friends

- Abhyuday Singh  
(180-K)

Loyalty is  
an expensive gift  
don't expect it from  
cheap people.

SIDDHANT AGARWAL  
(EX-129H)



Sometimes the  
happy thoughts make  
you sad.

-Bire Singh Uppal  
(Ex 182-J)

Ussi Sare Ullu  
De Pathe Dige

-A. KAKKAR  
(Ex 132)

यह छंद माल ना  
मिलेगी दीवारा!

Ranu

(Ex - 137-0)

Ok, now that it is done  
Can I take a nap?

Rishabh Jain  
(Ex - 334-0)

"Toto, I have a feeling  
we're not in Kansas  
anymore"

-Aadi Jayaswal  
(Ex 209-0)

I started missing you,  
as soon as we said  
goodbye!

184-0 Ruchir

Tere nalo wakh hon da,  
Khyal Vi mera koi khyal  
Na.

Akathuria  
(Ex-173-0)

One thing we all adore  
Something worth dying for  
Nothing but pain  
stuck in this game  
Searching for fortune and fame  
(160-0)

Pranav

It wasn't always easy,  
but it was worth it  
Thank you Doon.

-Aditya Gupta  
(Ex 185-0)

मैं पल दो पल का शायर हूँ  
पल दो पल मेरी कहानी हूँ,  
पल दो पल मेरी हँसी हूँ,  
पल दो पल मेरी ज़िंदगी हूँ।

-Anyan Prakash  
(Ex 187-04)

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

144-0 Anyan

लोग पीठ पीछे बड़बड़ा  
रहे हैं,  
लगता है हम सही रास्ते  
जा रहे हैं।

-Tanish Agarwal  
(Ex 179-0)

OBEROI MEIN All In One

HAI BHOOT...  
(146-0) Rishi

Raghav Sharma  
(171-0) Raghav

When you come to the end  
of the line with a place  
like Doon, getting blind  
drunk is really the only  
way to say farewell...  
-Aradhya (Ex 188-0)

They may take our outings,  
but they'll never take our  
freedom!!

- Aditya Gondalia  
(Ex 167-T)  
*Aditya*

सब मोटे माया हैं।  
[Gandhi]  
*Ex-165-T*

And what is life worth  
if the first rehearsal for  
life is life itself

- Tammy G  
(Ex 158-T)  
*Tammy*

I flew, I fell; I cried  
and I laughed,  
No matter what,  
I loved it all!

- Hridin Reddy  
(Ex 337-T)  
*Hridin*

Chill mode *चिल मोड*  
24 x 7

- Ameya Bansal  
(Ex 136-T)  
*Ameya*

Every man dies  
but I'm happy because  
not every man gets to  
live.

Work Ethics Zeal  
Pay Off

- Tips Sharma  
WELF  
(Ex 175-T)  
*Tips*

Tu rehnde praa  
Tu Kush vi ni Karra

*Krishmeet*  
(Ex-130T)  
Krishmeet Ratra

"Doon was a rollercoaster  
that only went up"

- Sudhanshu (Howdary)  
(Ex 194-T)

Sab Kuj Kri ta nade a *सब कुज करि ता नदे अ*

Didn't even try  
just relied on Ardas  
'Popping off'

- Tejveer S.S  
(Ex 206-T)  
*Tej S.S*

I wanna live fast and  
never look back, it's  
what we here for.

- Siddhant K. Singh  
(Ex-151-T)  
*Siddhant*

*Tejveer*  
(Ex - 336-T)  
Tejveer Kathuria

Even with all its sham, drudgery  
and broken dreams, it is still  
a beautiful world.

- Yuvraj Sarda  
(Ex - 204 J)

Go placidly amid  
the noise and haste.

- VEER NIGAM  
(Ex. 203-J)

Hard work doesn't  
always pay off...

*Goofy*  
(Ex 120-JM)

Only need the light  
when it's burning low  
Only miss the sun  
when it starts to snow  
Only know you love her  
when you let her go

*Nigam*  
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Don't count the days,  
Make the days count

- Paraz Agarwal  
(Ex 164-J)

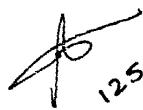
There are no bad  
experiences,  
only bad instances  
The play that never  
goes wrong

- Raghav Mundara  
(Ex-207-T)  
*Raghav*

- Anyon Choudhary  
(Ex-191-T)  
*Anyon*

Memories we made, will stay with you  
 Friendships we had, will forever be true  
 But now, that we leave,  
 I can not say "Adieu"  
 But I will always be there FOR YOU.

- Armaan ~~to~~ Gupta

  
 Ex 125-H

A man who thinks badly of you  
 is worse than you. A man who is  
 better than you does not care about you

  
 ADISH MITTAL  
 Ex 152-K

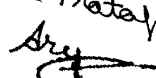
Did everyone see that? Because  
 I'll not be doing it again.  
 It's official!! We are too old  
 to be schooled

- Kapil Thapli  
  
 Ex 214-K

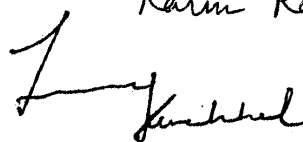
Life moves pretty fast  
 If you don't stop and look around  
 Once in a while.  
 You will miss it!

- Advik Singh Virat  
 Ex 213-K

ना मंजिली की ना  
 हम राह गुजर की देखते हैं,  
 अजब सफर है कि वस हम  
 सफर की देखते हैं।

Ayendra Pratap  


Kand nahi  
 Karm Karc



TANMAY KUCHHAL  
 Ex 134-K

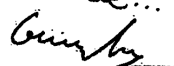
it's something unpredictable,  
 but in the end it's right,  
 I hope you had the time of your life.

VINAYAK ANANDAN  
 Ex 338-K

आने वाला पल,  
 जाने वाला है।

- Aad: Jam  
 (Ex 168-H)

Home, the place where I go  
 To take this burden off my  
 shoulders. Someone take me  
 home...

  
 - Gurmelhar Bedi  
 (Ex 331-K)

# The Week Gone By

Vinesh Uniyal

As you read this, the week would be drawing to its end, and the weather seems to reflect the mood of the entire Community as we await the Sc farewell ceremony: bitter-sweet feelings spreading across Campus. An ominous presence, often shrugged off, seems to approach rapidly as everyone at School starts to dig desperately into their heaps of course books, with requests of extra-Toye rising at an alarming but unsurprising rate. Yet, despite Trials drawing closer, there seems to be a plethora of things going on in Chandbagh.

The beginning of the week saw

School light up with an assortment of colour-coded decor across houses as the ‘senti’ House Feast commenced after prolonged deliberation and uncertainty regarding the date. However, these ‘minor hitches’ didn’t affect the event, with the usual teary-eyed farewell speeches, enthusiastic jam sessions, and voracious appetites that polished off a surfeit of great food carried on unabated: A fitting homage to the batch passing out.

Meanwhile, on the sports field, the Inter-House Junior Cricket Competition saw a thrilling conclusion between Jaipur and Oberoi, as the Eagles held on to their nerves, pulling off a miraculous comeback and flying off with the trophy. Now, we all await the Senior Inter-House to begin while rumours float around of a three-day jam-packed schedule, which quite possibly

might be the most Dosco thing ever.

Sitting on the steps of the Rose Bowl, we will tearfully bid farewell to the Batch of 2023 this afternoon as the melodic strains of *Auld Lang Syne* resonate across Chandbagh, reminding us that our time here is limited. Also, with the Batch of 2023 celebrating possibly their last *apale ki apale* together, we must all remember that an end is merely the start of a new beginning.

For the Sc-Leavers, School is a stepping stone in their journey, and I’m sure they’ll fondly reflect on the process of transition from clueless Juniors to proud and mature Seniors. So, a humble request to the entire School: let’s make their day an unforgettable one because they certainly deserve it.

## Sudoku

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

Source: <https://worksheets.theteacherscorner.net/make-your-own/wordsearch/#top>

### Key:

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

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