Until We Meet Again...

The Doon School Weekly bids farewell to Mr Rajesh Majumdar, Mr Arun Bhatt, and Mr Abhinav Mishra. On this occasion, their friends, colleagues, and students share their thoughts on their time spent with them.

While it was only in my S Form that I first interacted with RMR Sir, his positive attitude and willingness to help made working with him extremely seamless. His dedication and hard work were a constant source of inspiration, and I learned a great deal from his perseverance and commitment to excellence. His impact on the School community over the years will undoubtedly remain a part of this institution's legacy, and his contributions will be remembered for a long time to come. Though I am sad for his departure, I am grateful for having served the little time as the Study Council Secretary under his stewardship and hope that we remain true to the values he always stood up for. I extend my best wishes to him as he embarks on new endeavors and continues to make a difference.

-Aryaveer Agrawal

Mr. Majumdar will be remembered for transforming the science department into a lively and vibrant space where several activities and exchange interactions under his guidance have provided exposure and fostered cultural growth for all involved. His keen aesthetic sense permeated the surrounding and this element became ubiquitous in the Main Building after he took over as the DEA. Amongst the many good things he envisioned for the School community, the one that stands out for me personally is the reflection diary which provided a valuable platform for self-reflection. His unwavering support for all forms of Art in School is again something if continued with the same fervor will elevate and enrich the learning experience of our students. I take this opportunity to thank him for his support and encouragement and I wish Mr. Majumdar Priyanka Ma'am and Shivya happiness, prosperity and peace in life.

-SPB

-MIA
THE GRAND STAGE

The following are the results of the Inter-House One-Act Play Competition:

1st: Tata House
2nd: Hyderabad House
3rd: Kashmir House
4th: Oberoi House
5th: Jaipur House

Best Actor: Sai Arjun
Best Director: Sai Arjun
Best Supporting Actor: Arnav Tiwari
Best Technical Director: Aryaveer Agrawal

Congratulations!

THE WHO?

Who is Nicholas Hilmy Kyrgios?

Neil Sahni: A ballet dancer
AVM: A tennis player
Abhiram Vella: An astronaut
Haardik Gupta: An author
IkJot Singh: A Footballer

Nicholas Hilmy Kyrgios is an Australian professional tennis player. Kyrgios achieved his career-high ATP singles ranking of World No. 13 in October 2016. He has won seven ATP Tour singles titles and reached eleven finals, most notably a major final at the 2022 Wimbledon Championships.

UNQUOTEABLE QUOTES

I beat up Sulphur.

ABE, violent chemist.

I was looking with my hand.

Aaditya Agarwal, sixth sense.

Tiger eat me.

Kushaagra Mittal, a victim.

It is an offensive offence.

Vishwajivay Rathore, offended.

Hydrogen is floating.

Ekraj Makkar, 'stating' the obvious.

The G Store postponed couldn’t be.

Zohaib Choudhary, postponing education

You are mentally white.

Zubin Mehra, stereotyping.

I look down from below.

Trijat Shah, looking into the underworld.

Come ahead me.

Shauryajit Singh, generous.

Top pointer of the Inter House Hockey.

Aryan Ranjan, stud.

I did not meanted that.

Kharanshu Pasala, clearly.

Why should I escape the matrix when I can rule it

Ikjot Singh, Tate Singh

I am thinking what I am not thinking.

Shiven Runga, lost in thought.

I wanted to got the markers.

Raghav Vij, disapointed.

I am deeply analysysing it.

Vijay Bolina, critical

We’ve used much of these unquotes.

Pragyan Goel, true.

This Week in History

1928 CE: Walt Disney’s Mickey Mouse makes his debut with the premiere of the cartoon Plane Crazy.

1954 CE: The US Supreme Court unanimously rules in Brown v. Board that racial segregation in public schools is unconstitutional.

1969 CE: American lawyer and judge Abe Fortas becomes the first US Supreme Court justice to resign under threat of impeachment.

1975 CE: Tabei Junko of Japan, accompanied by Ang Tsering of Nepal, becomes the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

1986 CE: The action blockbuster Top Gun is released.

Many of life’s failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.

— Thomas Edison

PEN TO PAPER

Following are the results of the Kanwar Rani Tara Devi Hindi Essay Writing Contest:

Winner: Rahul Kapri
1st Runner Up: Yash Dongre
2nd Runner Up: Aadi Kandele

Congratulations!

Around the World in 80 Words

Cambodia’s election commission disqualified the Candlelight Party, the country’s main opposition party, from contesting in July’s election. Cyclone Mocha crashed ashore the coast of north-western Myanmar and neighbouring Bangladesh, killing hundreds. Former NBC Universal advertising chief Linda Yaccarino was revealed as Twitter’s new CEO by Elon Musk. City beat Real Madrid 5-1 on aggregate to advance to the Champions League Finals for the first time in 13 years. Barcelona won the La Liga after four years with four matches to spare.
RMR Sir is one teacher that I have looked up to since he first started to teach me in my B-Form, he has motivated me to research and become better at what I do and has played a big part in my growth in physics and as a person overall. Sir has taught me a great deal about work ethic and punctuality which are things that I still carry with myself. RMR Sir has imparted knowledge and inspired me with his passion, dedication, and unwavering commitment to his work and his students’ growth and development. His unique teaching style, infectious enthusiasm, and ability to connect with each one of us have left an indelible mark on our hearts and minds. As RMR Sir moves on to new endeavours, I wish him all the best and hope he will continue to inspire and touch the lives of many others.

-Krishiv Jaiswal

I came to know Mr. Arun Bhatt when his daughter started going to the same school where my daughter was studying. In all these years, as a human and as a friend, I found someone willing to go beyond his comfort zone to help others. He is an excellent educator who not only has a good command over his subject but is always there to help and support students. His positive attitude and being a team player made him quickly settle in Tata House as Assistant Housemaster. I got the opportunity to work with him as Housemaster for a few months and in those months, I could see the love and care he had for the House. The bonding he had with the residents of Tata House was beyond words. Mr Arun Bhatt’s presence in the House as well as his presence on the field supporting the House will be sorely missed. He had been an inspiring individual for most of the young minds and has made a significant impact on them. The Tata House Warriors and I will miss him greatly, we are grateful for all that Mr. Bhatt did for the House. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

- ADN

Maths has never really been my subject. Often burdened with a fear of it, I tried to stay away. Yet throughout my life, only one teacher was able to bring me closer to it: ABT Sir. He has been guiding me since my D-Form. When he realised the terror I had for the subject, he slowly yet steadily, guided me through all the bumps I

-Rohhan Soni
In the realm of education, there are teachers who leave an indelible mark on their students’ lives, forever shaping their academic and personal journeys. Unfortunately, now we bid farewell to one such extraordinary educator, AVM Sir, an English teacher who has ignited a love for language and literature within countless hearts. Throughout Sir’s time in School, the classroom transformed into an epicenter of knowledge and learning. AVM Sir’s persistent dedication and commitment to the craft were evident in every class he took, as the walls resonated with the magic of prose, poetry and Shakespeare. But his impact extended beyond the realm of academics. Sir was more than a teacher; he was a mentor, a guide, and a very good friend. AVM Sir’s kind and compassionate nature created a safe space where students felt seen, heard, and valued. His belief in the potential of each student became a catalyst for their personal growth and self-discovery. AVM Sir’s departure leaves behind a void that will be deeply felt by both Students and Masters alike. However, the legacy of Sir’s teachings will forever remain engraved in the hearts and minds of those who had the privilege of being part of the educational journey. Thank you AVM Sir for your contagious passion, and your profound impact on the lives you have touched. Your contributions to the School in band, teaching and to the lives of your students will forever be cherished and celebrated.

-Dhairya Khanna

At this moment, whenever the thought of AVM Sir strikes my mind - I am distinctly reminded of his energetic yet amusing classes. It was a space where I believe all my other batch mates and I deeply connected with him over not just academics, but rather our common interests like films, music, sports etc. I’ll never forget how you always made me laugh with your silly jokes and puns, and vice versa. Sir- you’ve been there for me through thick and thin, and I’m going to miss having you around to talk to and hang out with. My Formmates and I will miss saying hello to you every time you passed us on our way back to our House. It’s been an honour.

-Ryan Jain

I was a part of AVM Sir’s class throughout his time at School and I can safely say that there are a few Masters who possess such an immense passion for their subject. It wasn’t just about the classes but his warmth and the informal yet strong relationship he had with each individual made interactions with him special. His love for literature, music and cricket allowed many of us to connect with him and there was nothing better than to have a hot cup of tea along with Wai-Wai or omelettes at his home and just talk about all the things ranging from cricket to School to politics. I will always remember the time when I went to his House for my midyear assessment and we ended up talking about cricketing legends over some Shawarma Kebabs. I don’t know what to say apart from the fact that it’ll be different in School without him, without someone calling out ‘tatyaad’ whenever they see me. He is leaving the School but the experiences he shared, lessons he taught, and memories he made, will always be with us. Thank you for being someone I could confide in at all points. I wish you the best for whatever life throws at you.

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-Ryan Jain

AVM Sir is one of the best Masters I have come across in this School. He has been a constant source of guidance and inspiration for me as well as the School Popular Band, helping us along the way. With his amazing voice he has led by example and his Concert in the Park performance is one to be remembered. Be it the sports field or the Music School AVM Sir’s sphere of influence extends far beyond the classrooms. I am truly going to miss Sir for he has had a massive impact on my life for the better and is more than just a classroom teacher. On behalf of the Chandbagh community I wish him the best of luck for his future endeavours.

-Anuj Agarwal
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The Term Gone By

Vir Mehta and Vivaan Sood

It is either coincidence or sheer misfortune that every Spring Term seems to go by the exact same way — gradually beginning, and then accelerating beyond our comprehension. To summarise a whole term, especially one full of activity, in merely a few words is no easy task, so please forgive us if we leave out any crucial details. This truly has been a rollercoaster of a term, so, dear reader, join us as we take you along the ebb and flow once again.

While the term officially kicked off in February, some unlucky boys were forced to leave the comfort of their homes to come to School in the Arctic-esque weather that is Dehradun in early January, to attend the last few (for some futile) classes before their dreaded Boards’. Trust us, when we say it was like the Arctic, we really do mean it. To wake up in the morning in that kind of weather was a herculean task, yet in true Dosco spirit, the ever-obedient Doscos arose from their deep slumber day after day, their only fuel being the fact that these long weeks affected their future (of course, only slightly).

Come the 31st of January, and the School had regained its stride, as droves of (well-rounded) boys poured in through the gates of Chandbagh. This year, Doscos doubled as mules for various types of Ramen, only for the Ramen to all be taken as soon as the peak was reached. Just to let you know, it is merely a matter of luck, for it is entirely based on the Guards’ mood. Also, what time you enter School matters – midday is typically the best time, for it’s when the hawks are the most tired. Speaking of food, the talk of the town was the new one-week trial menu proposed by the Board. First week in School, and a fresh new menu that included all new items like Hot Chocolate. Exciting times! However, it is to be said that the menu that included all new items like Hot Chocolate. Exciting times! However, it is to be said that the menu lasted for exactly one week, following which we swiftly regained its stride, as droves of (well-rounded) boys poured in through the gates of Chandbagh. This year, Doscos doubled as mules for various types of Ramen, only for the Ramen to all be taken as soon as the peak was reached. Just to let you know, it is merely a matter of luck, for it is entirely based on the Guards’ mood. Also, what time you enter School matters – midday is typically the best time, for it’s when the hawks are the most tired. Speaking of food, the talk of the town was the new one-week trial menu proposed by the Board. First week in School, and a fresh new menu that included all new items like Hot Chocolate. Exciting times! However, it is to be said that the menu lasted for exactly one week, following which we swiftly returned to old ways. As they say, old habits die hard.

All the while, the batons were passed on, with the new prefectory body and captainties for the upcoming year finally being formed. With so much competition for these ties and badges, many would surely be disheartened to not become what we are back to our winning ways in Basketball, although the School B Team would beg to differ. Enter the final few weeks, and the School community was treated to spectacular dances that saw the House of Swans and the Gentlemen finally take the top two steps of the podium respectively. That being said, Inter-House Dance, Play and Band are all now completely
formal events that require perfect decorum from us Doscos. In a fiery speech, we have been bidden to use the unique Dosco clap that highlights the power us Doscos hold as trendsetters. Speaking of Play, as usual, the School saw mesmerising plays, and over the two days the hard-work of all involved was truly exhibited for all to see. After a five-year hiatus, to see such awe-inspiring performances was really remarkable, and it paved the way for future performances to be that bit better. What makes this term special is the balancing act that it forces Doscos to perform. To manage time while exhibiting the best of performances, whether it be on the hockey field, or in the Rose Bowl, it clearly highlights the grit that is required to succeed in School, and it is commendable that the ‘House Rest’ phase this term did not last for too long.

Dear reader, as holidays roll around, we bid you to introspect — introspect on what you have been through this term, and how you would like to enter these holidays. After all, it seems like time to think is all we have before the holidays, considering the dismal state our bodies are left in due to the Hockey Inter-House. Even if holidays come a week too late, perhaps it is a week better spent on ourselves.
Sports
Indian Premier League Finals: May 28th
Monaco Grand Prix: May 28th
UEFA Champions League Final: June 10th
The NBA Finals: July 1st
Wimbledon: July 3rd
British Grand Prix: July 9th

TV
Ted Lasso (S3 ongoing): March 15th
Never Have I Ever (S4): June 8th
The Crowded Room: June 9th
Secret Invasion: June 21st
The Witcher (S3): June 29th

Video Games
The Lord of the Rings: Gollum: May 25th
Hello Neighbour: Search and Rescue: May 26th
Street Fighter 6: June 1st
Final Fantasy 16: June 22nd
Pikmin 4: July 21st

Music
Trackhouse
Almost Healed
Speak Now - Taylor’s Version
What Ifs and Maybes
Wish You the Best

Movies
Fast X: May 19th
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse: June 2nd
Transformers: Rise of the Beasts: June 9th
The Flash: June 16th
Oppenheimer: July 21st

All movies and TV shows comprising the Holiday Checklist on page 8 are certified as PG 13.