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"I sketch your world exactly as it goes." -Arthur Foot
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Arav Khanal talks about navigating the complex landscape of personal growth and guided pursuits.

Distinguishing between boundless optimism and a spirit of adventure can be challenging. This is something I've been told... everywhere. That everything should be a measured response with substantial evidence. Distinguishing between boundless optimism and a spirit of adventure can be challenging. Yet when you are told to be adventurous, there is the expectation that you do set your sights into the deep blue sea, and fish with abandon. Where do you draw the line? Or rather, where do they draw the line?

That when you cast your rod into unknown waters, with no guarantee on what you will catch, it is not optimism, but rather blindness.

Trust can be fragile; it shatters when interests collide. As you grow up, you grow rebellious. You yearn for independence, which is difficult when you are being pulled in from all sides. But you also realise that, at one point, everybody else was that same rebel too. Would intuition prevail over hindsight? Or are your superiors victim to the same complex you question, attempting to convert

you to the illusion of being right? Delving too deep into individualistic pursuits can begin to sow seeds of doubt. They germinate to bloom as cascading roses, by which point you are used to the thorns. They bluff a superficial crimson, hydrated by your sweat, and dyed by your blood. However, it is beautiful to witness the fruits of your labour be so magnificent, fruits not so sinful to consume. You maintain your new garden, which sentiments lead you to believe is the best garden. Every day you admire it and ponder on how to improve it. And that is when a fallacy develops.

Sometimes you must let go of things you have spent a lot of energy building. It is painful to realise that you must return to square one. Starting anew on a journey you've already invested so much effort on is taxing, more so than the first time you embarked on it. Because it is not just about forming new connections, it is also about having to break all the old ones. They say old habits die hard, and I feel School does a fantastic job of teaching this to all.

Perhaps it is because I have been reluctant to change. Conventions, culture, and cynicism, these are things I am warned of, and oftentimes do a good job of just flying over my head. But you feel such demons breathing down the back of your neck.

Around every corner, hiding in

the shadows, and lurking in the deep-seated psyche of what seems to be all those who spend enough time within these walls. School's system of having tutors, masters-in-charge, and an extensive pastoral team proves to always be useful — and I am sure everybody is ever thankful for all they have meant.

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After all, it's not rare that someone would feel lost with all there is to do in School. However, there are still times where I, as well as many others, feel victim to a complex that should not exist; should we really aim to achieve what we say we do.

As I write this, I observe the fog settle outside in the night backdrop of a stunning night sky. The darkness shifts around forming abstract images, and I grow weary. It's not easy to comprehend one's place in the world. I revel over simple joys like the rain, yet I yearn for the greatness that awaits at the end of long paths paved with hard

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This Week in History

1821 CE: Central American countries declare independence from Spain.

1901 CE: Theodore Roosevelt is sworn in as the 26th President of the United States .

1940 CE: Germany bombs multiple British cities marking the beginning of The Blitz.

1963 CE: The bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church ignites the Civil Rights movement.

2008 CE: Lehman Brothers' bankruptcy triggers the Global Financial Crisis.

TRIALS CHECKLIST

1. Study Complain about laptop screenings.
2. Learn a new sport.
3. Form study groups with people as hopelessly lost as you.
4. Prepare yourself for likely answers by writing "A," "B," "C," and "D" on flash cards.
5. Highlight every line of text.
6. Ensure the typewriter has fresh paper and ink.
7. Students who eat healthy, balanced breakfasts tend to do better in school. Find out which students do that, and cheat off them.
8. Pick a religion and pray.
9. Finally start that workout regime.
10. Finish the exam with flying colours, then wake up.

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To sin by silence, when they should protest,
makes cowards of men.

—
Ella Wilcox

द वीकली की ओर से सभी को हिंदी
दिवस की हार्दिक शुभकामनाएँ ।

UNQUOTABLE QUOTES

English really isn't Englishing right now.

Namjus Multani, English Vinglish.

I do not identify as Ishaan Bisht.

Ishaan Bisht, identity crisis.

A crime for a crime is not a crime.

Jigmet Urgian, criminal offence.

I am not lazy, I am just highly motivated to do nothing.

Aaditya Agarwal, Bottom G.

My father deals in flowers so I only eat flowers.

Shubh Agarwal, colourful diet.

I am watering the water.

Ganadhipati Aryan, keeping hydrated.

What did you caught me?

Prabhav Jain, caught red-handed.

Trips ain't trippin' up.

Aryaman Agarwal, bad trip?

I scored in tomorrow's match.

Ayan Dhandhania, the one true prophet.

When time will you be there?

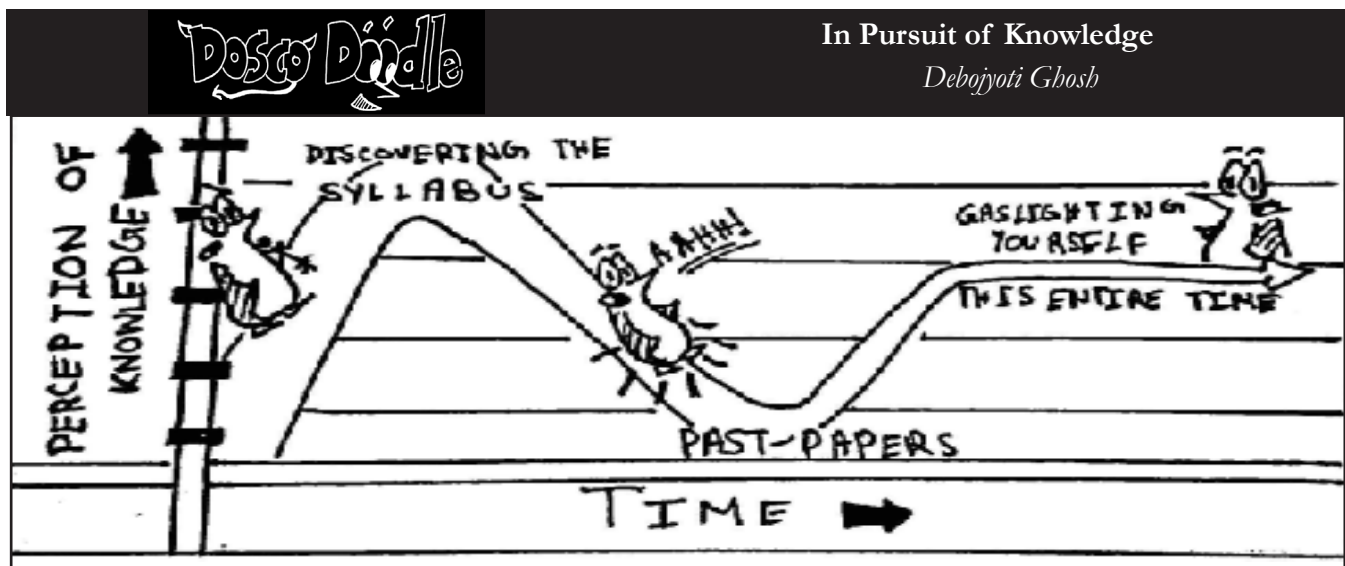
Anshuman Gupta, planning ahead.

Every dad has its own bad son.

Aaryan Kayal, parental guidance.

Around the World in 80 Words

A deadly earthquake struck Morocco with the death toll crossing 2800. Kim Jong Un and Vladimir Putin met for a Weapons and Aid summit in Russia. A catastrophic flood swept Libya, leading to 6000 deaths. Joe Biden visited Vietnam, looking to establish new diplomatic relations. Kerala closed schools and offices in several villages after an outbreak of the Nipah virus. India beat Sri Lanka to reach the Asia Cup finals. Novak Djokovic clinched his 24th grand slam at the U.S Open.



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work. I struggle to make sense of what's given, but after a point you need to give in to the absurdity of the world around you.

Not everything is black and white, sure, but I see things as blue and orange. There is no linearity to things, but sometimes you just need to pick a side and get done

with it, and sometimes it just happens to be unconventional. Once again, it is the gap between personal endeavours and guided pursuits that continues to foster such conflict. All students have the right to self-discovery — however painful failure may be — and success is sweeter the longer you are starved of it, however,

being guided might just be what it takes to propel yourself into lush pastures. The important thing is to know that you are entitled to your own thoughts and actions.

One World, One Language?

Nanda Karumudi ponders the effects of possibly implementing a global language in society today.

In a School full of polyglots like myself, I always wondered what a world would look like with a universal language, but it wasn't till the semi-finals of the Senior Inter-house Debates that I realized, that language is more than simply words. Communities are formed through their cultures, traditions, unity, and collective history as a whole. All of it just appears in a language. Since that day, I questioned myself: Is it possible to have a worldwide, universal language that unifies, and embodies everyone?

Well, we live in a world where language is the primary tool for expression and communication all around the globe, but in a rapidly globalising world, like the one we live in, the need for a universal language seems to be more apparent than ever before. Having a world language would foster better communication, understanding, and collaboration among people from different cultures and backgrounds. It would break down barriers and promote inclusivity on a global scale. On the other hand, the concept of imposing one language on the entire world would heavily affect cultural diversity and linguistic heritage. Language is deeply intertwined with culture and identity. Losing or diluting various languages for a universal one would lead to the loss of unique perspectives and traditions.

A world where both communication and trading between countries is more effortless and efficient than ever before would feel like a dream come true. Now, having become better informed about this topic, I recognize that implementing a global language on a large scale is questionable.

Language acquisition is a complex process that demands significant time and effort, the expectation of everyone learning a new language would be an immense undertaking. Realising this kept me puzzled for a few days, but when I came back to the original question, I found the solution! I discovered that the impracticality of a global language concept currently stems from the education rate of the population. However, we must acknowledge that education rates are steadily rising in today's world. The number of people speaking English is increasing rapidly. Therefore, if the world

initiates efforts to establish a universal language now, I genuinely believe it could succeed.

Even though the practicality of a universal language seems more possible now, many may still argue that promoting one dominant language may lead to the erosion of linguistic diversity or favour certain cultures over others. However, it is important to note that advocating for a world language does not mean suppressing or devaluing other languages.

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Multilingualism can still thrive alongside the universal language as an integral part of cultural heritage. In fact, it could potentially support linguistic diversity by reducing the pressure on minority languages to adapt to relatively more dominant ones. Communities could continue to cherish their unique languages and traditions while also using the universal language for broader communication. While the concept of a universal language may seem utopian, the advantages it offers are undeniable. Improved communication, enhanced global collaboration, economic benefits, and advancements in education are just a few of the numerous advantages that a universal language could bring. It is essential to recognize that implementing such a language would require careful planning, sensitivity to cultural diversity, and inclusive policies. However, the potential benefits for humanity's progress, unity, and understanding make the pursuit of a universal language a compelling idea worth exploring.

The Week Gone By

Vivaan Sood

It seems that the onslaught of Trials hasn't quite struck the right chord with us. Burning the midnight oil now implies a certain inertia that not even night cafes can dispel.

The B and S Form find themselves facing the curriculum change and feeling the bitterness of upcoming exams. But don't worry, younger readers; the path ahead for you seems like a cure-all. On the other hand, the gravity of these exams doesn't seem to have resonated in the A and Sc Form, with several members alike engaged in various 'extracurricular activities'.

The advent of Trials rather rudely interrupted what was turning out to

be a delightful Junior Inter-House Football Tournament. However, Trials themselves seem to be interrupted by the commencement of Basketball practices, as all Houses can be seen attempting to transform even the most diminutive individual into a functioning shooter. Even Founder's preparations struggle to find footing in all the chaos. All in all, we find ourselves in the midst of what is perhaps the most tumultuous 30 days of the year, with events and activities awkwardly conflicting with one another. It is not a balancing act, dear readers; it is war.

Trials also broke the two-week dry spell that, for better or for worse, saw sunlight reach us for the first time since the start of the term. While some welcomed the warmth, for others the increase in temperature also increased their propensity towards irritability. However, the

return of damp conditions makes these exams even more unbearable, especially since Trials themselves represent another two-As the tenure of the Sc Form reaches its twilight, many of the S Form can be seen succumbing to sycophancy, the pressure of academics and added responsibilities, as the time for turnover grows closer. For those whom such a realisation has not yet dawned, there is still time (albeit, time which may be ill-fated).

To conclude dear reader, even as talks of a national-name change and extraterrestrials goes on outside these four walls, and that of Trials within, I urge you all to try to keep your head screwed on; the task ahead may seem Sisyphean, but it's just another name for a job not so alien to us.

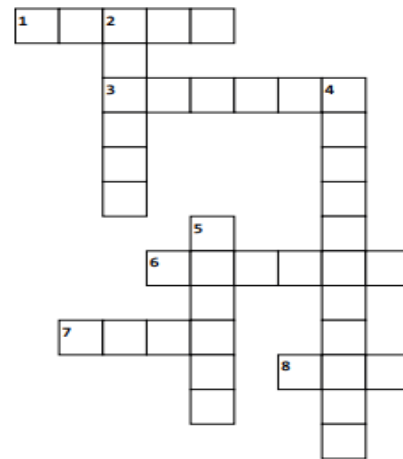
Crossword | Headmasters of The Doon School

Across

- The Headmaster responsible for introducing weekly entertainment screenings in the Rose Bowl and introducing quizzes and puzzles to the *Weekly*.
- His tenure saw high-profile visits from notable figures like Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia and PM Indira Gandhi.
- This headmaster proposed and implemented IBDP, offering an alternative to ISC.
- This Headmaster reduced the frequency of the *Weekly*, redirecting funds as contributions to the Indian war effort during World War II.
- This Headmaster's tenure saw the addition of Oberoi House. He was also the grandson of the founder of the School.

Down

- He was the first Indian Headmaster of The Doon School, marking a historic milestone in the School's leadership.
- This Headmaster was the first Old Boy to become Headmaster at The Doon School.
- This Headmaster was known for his commitment to academic excellence, and the introduction of the Scholars' Blazer to incentivize students.



8. Das	Across
7. Foot	
6. Bajpai	
3. Miller	
1. Mason	
2. Simeon	Down
4. Ramchandani	
5. Martyn	

Answers of this Week's Crossword

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

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