

# The Doon School WEEKLY

"I sketch your world exactly as it goes." -Arthur Foot  
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## Charting Your Course

**Omar Malik** delves into navigating the challenges and opportunities of Junior Forms in School.

*"The only constant in life is change."*

At this point, the Batch of 2030 is posited at the beginning of their experience as a *Dosco*; probably undergoing the biggest change in their lives.

At the beginning of their journey at School, D Formers are likely to feel that this glorified transformation into a mature young adult is not worth the enormous sacrifices that they have had to make to achieve it, some of them quite involuntarily, including bidding farewell to parents temporarily. But it is. The fact that you have forgone so much to be here, to be sitting in the CDH and reading this issue of the *Weekly* makes it so much more of a reason for you to ensure that you are successful in your purpose. Each one of you might have different aspirations that you want to fulfil but to actually ensure that you are successful in doing so, you will need to make choices all along the way. Because these choices will be influencing your life at Doon and how much you can take advantage of it; you will need to make the right choice. The point of this article is to be of some assistance while D Formers make the decisions that define their *Dosco* life.

I strongly believe that there is no time better suited than D Form to explore School. Firstly,

because it helps us gain a general understanding about how our School functions so differently than most others, and therefore adapt to it faster. Secondly, because it helps you understand yourself, and how to accurately gauge your strengths and weaknesses essentially preparing you to transition to your Main Houses. Unfortunately due to the nation-wide lockdown in 2020, we did not have the opportunity to start off our school experience like you have. This is the precise reason we as the current S Form realise the unparalleled significance of D Form and are so much appreciative of what D Form has to offer. We only lived in the Holding Houses for a fortnight, you have a year. Overnight, we were directly introduced to the overly rigorous lifestyle here and, quite honestly, that made the transition harder. But you have it easier. So, try out new things, venture into the unknown, and seek new experiences.

Having said that, this in itself might sometimes feel like an incredibly challenging prospect, or at least for me, it did. When I was comfortably snuggled in my comfort zone, I used to feel extremely disconcerted at having to attend compulsory House team tryouts, especially for sports and activities that I did not particularly enjoy or wasn't good

at. I realised my mistake much later. But after much deliberation, I also figured out the only way to actually overcome this is by understanding that there is no option but to challenge what you think your limits are because they are actually just the limits of your comfort zone. You might face insurmountable stage fright when you are about to give your House debating team tryout but

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don't sit it out; instead go all out.

Furthermore, it's important to note that D Formers are not expected to know everything or excel in try outs but at the same time are expected to learn the most. Therefore, it's imperative to have a learning mindset, to have a mindset that enables you to not feel disheartened and discouraged at failure, but to analyse your mistakes and

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## This Week in History

**1896 CE:** The first modern Olympic Games are held in Athens, Greece.

**1917 CE:** The United States formally declares war on Germany, entering World War 1.

**1948 CE:** U.S. President Harry Truman signs into law George Marshall's post-World War II plan to revive the economies of western and southern European countries.

**1968 CE:** Civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. is assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.

**1976 CE:** Apple Inc. is founded by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak, and Ronald Wayne.

### READER'S CHECKLIST

What members of the School community have been reading this week:

**Saharsh Khetan:** *Dune* by Frank Herbert.

**Vivaan Arora:** *Bitter Fruit: The Very Best Of Saadat Manto* by Saadat Manto.

**ARJ:** *A Time Traveler's Guide to Medieval England* by Ian Mortimer.

### LISTENER'S CHECKLIST

What members of the School community have been listening to this week:

**Arav Khanal:** *Saviour* by Rise Against.

**Ayaan Adeb:** *Father Stretch My Hands, Pt 2* by Kanye West.

**Aadidev Basu:** *Why'd You Call Me When You're High* by Arctic Monkeys.

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If you have a dream, don't just sit there, gather courage to believe you can succeed and leave no stone unturned to make it a reality.

Dr. Roopleen

# THE WHO?

Who is Leland Wayne?

**Saksham Agrawal:** Basketball player

**Vedans Goel:** Stock Broker

**Atharv Goenka:** Dancer

**Yohaam Marda:** Squash Player

**Sahhil Chhabra:** A Chef

**Leland Tyler Wayne**, better known as **Metro Boomin**, is an American **record producer**. He is best known for songs such as **Superhero** and **Space Cadet**. Having received multiple Grammy nominations, he is regarded as one of the most influential producers in modern hip hop and trap music.

### UNQUOTABLE QUOTES

*I have the book, I have read the movie.*

**Krish Ghai**, reading between the lines.

*If you do not brush your teeth you die.*

**Luksh Shah**, deathly hygiene.

*My head is dislocated.*

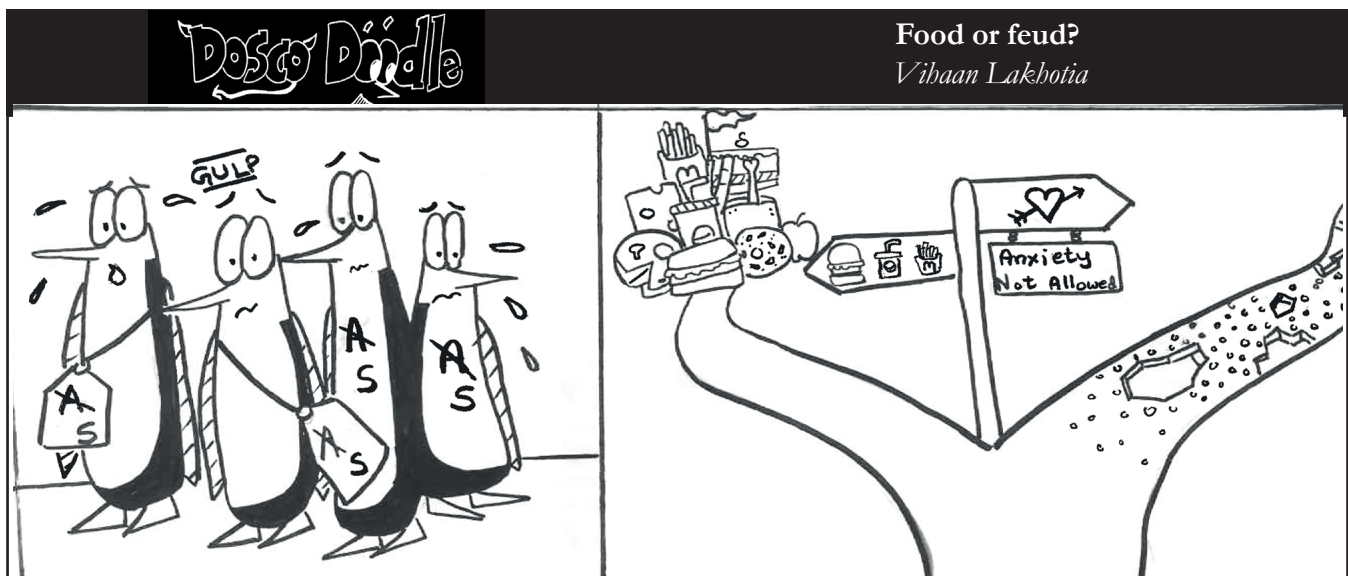
**Shaurya Surana**, so is the part between your ears.

*The death of Hitler led to Germany becoming weak.*

**Viraj Singh**, grammar suicide.

### Around the World in 80 Words

A 7.4 magnitude earthquake hit Taiwan, killing nine and injuring seven hundred. More than fifty thousand people fled the Haitian capital to escape a surge in gang violence. India summoned a US State Department official over a call for fair legal treatment of the arrested opposition leader Arvind Kejriwal. Bassirou Faye was sworn in as Senegal's president. The World Bank projected the Indian economy to grow 7.5% in 2024. Cristiano Ronaldo scored a hat-trick in an 8-0 victory over Abha.



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become better the next time.

Though, how to know what went wrong? There's majorly always been a one word answer to that for most Doscos: communication. Communication, not only with Dorm Mates, Tutors or Housemasters but more importantly with Seniors, has played out as an absolute game changer. The benefits are countless, whether it is just reorienting your thoughts with a light hearted conversation, asking for feedback after that tryout to know what went wrong

or asking for advice regarding a problem. Also, I have always found that the advice I received from Seniors worked out the best simply because they have already been through that, faced it themselves and can therefore relate to your problem better. Moreover, in a boarding school setup like ours, communicating with Seniors, apart from giving you different perspectives, also becomes the most feasible option there is.

To conclude, remember that this period is about change so try your best to welcome it even when you do not feel like it.

Most importantly, it is absolutely non-negotiable that you enjoy this year to its fullest and make the most of it because it's your most carefree time in School, and probably your best time.

## Unveiling the Enigma

Hrishikesh Aiyer

*Microfiction*

In the corridors of the centuries-old manor, detective Alan Reed found himself standing before a door that seemed to radiate an eerie aura. This was no ordinary door; it guarded the secrets of the enigmatic Dr. Evelyn Sinclair, a woman whose very existence was steeped in mystery. Reed could sense the weight of the unknown pressing against the wood, urging him to unravel its secrets.

With a steady hand, Reed grasped the tarnished handle and pushed the door open. The room beyond was cloaked in shadows, the air heavy with the scent of antiquity. Reed's flashlight pierced the darkness, revealing a chamber frozen in time. Dust danced in the beam of light, swirling around a desk cluttered with relics and ancient manuscripts.

As Reed stepped into the room, a chill ran down his spine. There was something unsettling about the stillness, as if the very walls held their breath in anticipation. He couldn't shake the feeling that he was being watched, that every shadow concealed a hidden threat. His gaze fell upon the window, its panes warped with age. It was sealed shut, just as it had been when Dr Sinclair's lifeless body was discovered. Reed frowned, his mind racing to piece together the puzzle before him.

Then, his attention was drawn to a small, intricately carved box resting on the desk. It seemed out of place amidst the chaos of the room, its polished surface gleaming in the faint light. Reed approached cautiously, his senses on high alert. With trembling fingers, he lifted the lid of the box. Inside lay a single object, unlike anything Reed had ever seen before. It was a gemstone, but unlike any he had encountered in his years as a detective. Its surface

shimmered with a hypnotic glow, casting strange shadows against the walls. As Reed reached out to touch the gem, a wave of dizziness washed over him. Colours swirled before his eyes, merging and shifting in an intricate dance. It was as if he had been transported to another realm, where reality and illusion blurred into one.

And then, as suddenly as it had begun, the sensation faded, leaving Reed gasping for breath on the floor. He blinked, disoriented, and found himself staring up at the ceiling, the room bathed in the soft light of dawn. But the box was gone, as was the gemstone that had captivated him moments before. In its place lay a single clue, etched into the surface of the desk with delicate precision.

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As Reed read the words, a cold shiver ran down his spine. The mystery of Dr Sinclair's death was far from over, and the answers lay hidden within the depths of the silent chamber. With determination burning in his eyes, Reed knew that he would stop at nothing to uncover the truth — no matter the cost.

# Game On

*Aakash Mishra recaps the football season so far.*

European Football seems to be firing on all cylinders as the competition within its various leagues has only risen post the COVID-19 pandemic. The physical and tactical appearance of the teams have constantly changed, and shocks and surprises are also visible.

The UEFA Champions League is at the helm of club football. This year just got even better, with sensational match-ups set to appear in the Quarter Finals. The fight for the finals at Wembley has gotten intense, with a change in tactics, teams and players. Pep Guardiola is looking to defend the title this year, with his star-studded team, as they lock horns with the Spanish giants, Real Madrid. Atletico Madrid, with their typical aggressive style of football, hopes to defeat the tactically advanced Borussia Dortmund. Arsenal is currently in their best run of form, as they come out with a draw against a strong Manchester City, and face the most successful German team in recent history – Bayern Munich. Bayern will be looking to turn around and win the upcoming fixtures, after losing their run of form in their recent domestic appearances. One of the most unforgettable matches in Champions League history was FC Barcelona 6-1 PSG, “the Remontada”. Considering this is one of the few matchups since then it is highly anticipated. Both the teams will be looking to put forward a very competitive atmosphere through both legs.

In the La Liga, Real Madrid and Barcelona seem to be waging war for the top spot. Los Blancos, in their refurbished arena, have a good record, after losing no matches to their opponents. The *Blaugrana*, meanwhile, have a good away-game record, as they lost no matches to their opponents away from home. The surprise of the season comes from Girona. Girona, a team that was promoted to the La Liga 2022, is currently in third place, with a promising chance to play European football next year, even eyeing for the second spot this year.

England is going through the roughest campaign as they seem to have a intense and exciting race to the title of English Champions. The Gunners, City and The Reds are very close to winning the Premier League title, as we approach the end of the season. The Red Devils seem to have had a very shaky season, reflected by the visible angst of their fans.

PSG has once again dominated the top spot in Ligue 1, however, it is FC Brest that has shown a tremendous improvement in their league standings, thus delivering an eye-opener for

teams in France. This stunning development comes after FC Brest stood 14th out of the 20 teams in Ligue 1 last season. Marseille, on the other hand, may not even be playing European Football next year. This marks another shocking development considering their heritage.

Serie A has provided a lot of intensity this season, as the top spot is currently sealed by Inter, with Lautaro Martinez emerging as their key player. This performance follows their run in the Champions League last season, as they narrowly missed out on the trophy to Manchester City. Bologna’s run this season has also been inspiring, with their interesting tactical approach under their coach, Thiago Motta.

The biggest shocker this season was perhaps Bayer Leverkusen, as they currently lead the Bundesliga by a huge margin. Bayern Munich has held the title for 11 consecutive years, but this year’s title seems to have slipped away from their grasp, despite having a stunning goal machine in the form of Harry Kane. VfB Stuttgart has also been an exciting team to watch, as they currently stand third in the Bundesliga. Dortmund, despite a promising start to their campaign, could not capitalise on it, and currently sits fourth.

With the European football season reaching its climax, anticipation is at an all time high. The drama, excitement, and unpredictability that has defined this campaign thus far has left fans on the edge of their seats. From the epic battles in the UEFA Champions League to the intense title races in domestic leagues, every match holds the promise of thrilling moments and unexpected twists. As we eagerly await the outcome of the remaining fixtures, one thing is certain: the magic of football continues to captivate and enthrall audiences worldwide. So let us savour every moment, celebrate every goal, and brace ourselves for the exhilarating conclusion to this season that is to come.

## भारत में स्टार्टअप की नई क्रांति

स्टार्टअप क्रांति और भारतीय उद्यमिता पर श्रीअंश बंसल और हृदय कनोडिया के विचार

आज के समय में, भारत में स्टार्टअप संस्कृति ने एक नई क्रांति की शुरुआत की है। यह क्रांति न सिर्फ देश की आर्थिक संरचना को नया रूप दे रही है बल्कि समाज में भी बदलाव ला रही है। नए विचार, नई तकनीक और आविष्कार के साथ, युवा उद्यमी भारत को एक वैश्विक मंच पर प्रस्तुत करने का सपना देख रहे हैं। आजकल, हर कोई स्टार्टअप के बारे में बात कर रहा है। लेकिन स्टार्टअप होता क्या है? सरल शब्दों में, स्टार्टअप एक ऐसा व्यापार है जो नए विचारों और नवाचार के साथ बाज़ार में अपनी एक नई पहचान बनाने की कोशिश करता है। यह उद्यमी की उस सोच का परिणाम है जो समाज में कुछ नया और बेहतर करने की इच्छा रखता है। इस नवीन युग में, स्टार्टअप ने विविध क्षेत्रों में अपने आविष्कारों से समाज को आकार देना शुरू किया है। चाहे वह ई-कॉमर्स हो, डिजिटल शिक्षा या स्वास्थ्य सेवा, स्टार्टअप ने जीवन के हर पहलू में सुधार लाने की कोशिश की है। इन उद्यमों ने न केवल नई तकनीकों और सेवाओं का परिचय दिया है बल्कि सामाजिक चुनौतियों का समाधान भी किया है।

सरकार द्वारा भी स्टार्टअप को बढ़ावा देने के लिए विभिन्न उपाय किये गए हैं। 'स्टार्टअप इंडिया' जैसी योजनाएँ युवा उद्यमियों को अपने विचारों को वास्तविकता में बदलने के लिए आवश्यक सहायता और संसाधन प्रदान करती हैं। इस प्रकार, उद्यमशीलता की संस्कृति को बढ़ावा देने में सरकारी नीतियों की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका रही है। उद्यमशीलता की इस नई लहर ने देश में एक नई उम्मीद और संभावनाओं का माहौल बना दिया है। आज के युवा अपने विचारों को केवल सोचने तक सीमित नहीं रख रहे हैं, बल्कि उन्हें साकार रूप देने के लिए कदम भी उठा रहे हैं। यह स्टार्टअप क्रांति, न केवल आर्थिक विकास को गति दे रही है, बल्कि सामाजिक परिवर्तन का भी एक माध्यम बन गई है। ये नये-नये स्टार्टअप कि वजह से हमारे देश की अर्थव्यवस्था पर बहुत सकारात्मक प्रभाव पड़ा है।

इस प्रक्रिया में, तकनीकी उन्नति ने एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई है। इंटरनेट और मोबाइल तकनीक की पहुँच ने सूचना और सेवाओं को दुनिया के कोने कोने तक पहुंचाया है। यह न केवल बाज़ार को विस्तारित कर रहा है बल्कि उद्यमियों को नए ग्राहकों तक पहुंचने के नए तरीके भी प्रदान कर रहा है। चाहे वह महिला उद्यमी हों या ग्रामीण युवा, स्टार्टअप ने उन्हें अपने सपनों को साकार करने का एक मंच प्रदान किया है। इससे न केवल विविधता बढ़ी है बल्कि समाज में एकता और समझदारी भी बढ़ रही है।

स्टार्टअप की यह यात्रा चुनौतियों से भरी हुई है, लेकिन यह चुनौतियाँ उद्यमियों को और अधिक मज़बूत बना रही हैं। विफलता को एक सीख के रूप में स्वीकार करना और फिर से प्रयास करने की इच्छा, यह अनुभव उद्यमियों के लिए बहुत मूल्यवान है। इस प्रक्रिया में, वे न केवल अपने सपनों को साकार करते हैं बल्कि दूसरों के लिए भी प्रेरणा बनते हैं।

स्टार्टअप की सफलता में निवेशकों का भी एक महत्वपूर्ण योगदान है। नए विचारों में विश्वास रखना और उनमें उनमें निवेश करना, यह प्रक्रिया को और अधिक सुगम बनाता है। इससे उद्यमियों को अपने विचारों को विकसित करने और उन्हें बाज़ार में लाने के लिए आवश्यक संसाधन मिलते हैं। स्टार्टअप और उनके नवाचारों का समाज पर गहरा प्रभाव पड़ा है। उदाहरण के लिए, स्वास्थ्य सेवा क्षेत्र में स्टार्टअप ने दूरस्थ चिकित्सा परामर्श, मोबाइल हेल्थ एप्लिकेशन और उन्नत डायग्नोस्टिक उपकरणों के माध्यम से सेवाओं को अधिक सुलभ बनाया है। शिक्षा के क्षेत्र

में स्टार्टअप ने इंटरनेट पर पढ़ाई के लिए नए रास्ते खोल दिए हैं। स्टार्टअप कंपनियों ने नए तरीके के खेल और पढ़ाई की नई तकनीकें उपलब्ध कराई हैं, जिससे पढ़ाई मजेदार और आसान हो गई है। इससे न सिर्फ बच्चे पढ़ाई में ज्यादा ध्यान देते हैं बल्कि शिक्षकों को भी पढ़ाने में आसानी होती है। स्थायी विकास के क्षेत्र में, कई नई कंपनियाँ बिजली बचाने, कचरा संभालने और पुरानी चीजों को फिर से इस्तेमाल में लाने जैसे ज़रूरी काम कर रही हैं। इससे पर्यावरण साफ और सुरक्षित होने के साथ हम सभी मिलकर एक बेहतर कल की ओर बढ़ रहे हैं।

इस प्रक्रिया में, तकनीकी उन्नति ने एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई है। इंटरनेट और मोबाइल तकनीक की पहुँच ने सूचना और सेवाओं को दुनिया के कोने कोने तक पहुंचाया है। यह न केवल बाज़ार को विस्तारित कर रहा है बल्कि उद्यमियों को नए ग्राहकों तक पहुंचने के नए तरीके भी प्रदान कर रहा है।

इन प्रयासों के ज़रिए, स्टार्टअप ने दिखाया है कि कैसे व्यवसाय और पर्यावरण दोनों के लिए अच्छा काम किया जा सकता है। इसके साथ ही, उन्होंने लोगों में यह समझ भी बढ़ाई है कि हमें अपने ग्रह को बचाने के लिए किस तरह के कदम उठाने चाहिए। ये कंपनियाँ नई तकनीकों और तरीकों का इस्तेमाल करके हमें यह दिखा रही हैं कि हम कैसे प्रकृति के साथ मिलजुल कर और उसे नुकसान पहुंचाए बिना आगे बढ़ सकते हैं। इसी के साथ, ये स्टार्टअप समाज को यह सिखा रहे हैं कि कैसे हम अपने दैनिक जीवन में छोटे-छोटे बदलाव करके बड़ा प्रभाव डाल सकते हैं। चाहे वह कम बिजली का इस्तेमाल करना हो, कचरे को सही तरीके से निपटाना हो या फिर पुनः उपयोग करने योग्य सामग्री का चयन करना हो, हर एक कदम महत्वपूर्ण है। आगे चलकर, इन स्टार्टअप के प्रयास से न केवल हमारा पर्यावरण सुरक्षित रहेगा बल्कि हम एक ऐसे समाज की ओर बढ़ेंगे जहाँ स्थायी विकास मुख्य लक्ष्य होगा। इससे हम भविष्य की पीढ़ियों को एक बेहतर कल दे पायेंगे | यही वह दिशा है जिसमें हमें मिलकर काम करना है, और यही वह पथ है जो हमें एक स्थायी भविष्य की ओर ले जाएगा

इस यात्रा में, हर उद्यमी की कहानी एक नई सीख और एक नया प्रेरणा स्रोत है, जो आने वाली पीढ़ियों के लिए एक मार्गदर्शक बन सकती है। इस प्रकार, भारत में स्टार्टअप क्रांति, नए युग की न सिर्फ शुरुआत है बल्कि यह एक ऐसा मंच है जो देश को विश्व स्तर पर एक नई पहचान और सम्मान दिला रहा है। यह क्रांति युवाओं को विविध नई दिशाओं में सोचने और अपने सपनों को साकार करने की प्रेरणा दे रही है।

# The Week Gone By

Arjun Prakash

This week kicked off with an unfamiliar bunch of characters trickling through the gates of Chandbagh — replicating the tears, albeit another kind, shed by our Sc-Leavers as they continue to roam the fields one last time. However, with ISC papers seemingly disappearing into thin air these days, let's hope we have them for another week.

The newly-knighted Sc-Form has been dressing up a little sharper these days, with the Eye observing their every movement, leading up to Wednesday night's Socials. Thankfully however, we didn't see any prying S Form eyes trying to catch a glimpse of the scene, since for the first time

in a while, they were trusted with their own gathering in Dalanwala. As for our very own Audi, some things just don't change, as the band and dance troupe managed to rescue our soldiers from the bitter taste of unrequited love. But if there's anything we've learned from both these experiences, and the words of a famous Canadian songwriter, *laugh now, cry later* (if at all).

After much deliberation, *kurtas* were the pick of the wardrobe for the Sc Form attending Socials, and perhaps for good reason in these days of rising temperatures. Nevertheless, don't let this warm weather delude you from the cold reality of impending snow-capped mountain peaks, which have always rewarded the organised trekker. Speaking of which, I hope your Midterm preparations are well in order because nature is ruthless up there — sparing no one, not even that one formmate who thinks he can take 'calculated risks' of his own accord.

From past experiences I must warn you that walking sticks are useless if your brain isn't switched on. Besides, if you ever feel like your destination is moving further away with each step you take, sing a song or something, autopilot is an underrated feature of the human body.

There is no doubt that the exam season took a toll on all of us, but little did I imagine that the following week would be equally hectic and tiring. The sight of Masters racing through answer scripts, the familiar tone of scholars being 'disappointed' with 95 percentiles, and the horde of D-Formers crowding around the timetable in the Main Building — makes it safe to say that our community needs "hills to climb", away from the perpetual hustle and bustle of life in Doon. So, as we head for the mountains for Midterm, best of luck, and we'll see each other soon.

## Sudoku

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		6				9		
1		5		6		3	8	2

Key:

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

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