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

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Chai Weather

Avi Bansode and Vivaan Sood *reminisce the Batch of 2025's journey.*

"This is chai weather." Dehradun is the epitome of chai weather. Rain or shine, it is always chai weather. Our batch perches next to the MCR and the MFL block, floating suggestions of this esteemed beverage to whatever fortunate Master finds themselves between this stretch of no-man's land. Chai is the universal conversation starter. It goes something like:

STUDENT: "Sir/Ma'am, what an incredible coincidence - us meeting here!"

MASTER: "Chai *chahiye* ya coffee?"

What little our Batch wouldn't do to score some of that ambrosia.

Chai weather is the perfect kind of weather. It is many things; the day is bright, with a slight nip in the air; it is not hot enough to make standing outside unbearable; and some Master is waiting somewhere, wondering where their Sc class is. It could also equally be used to describe a damper day, marked by a harsh wind and a dearth of sunshine. There are no excuses needed for chai.

I think our unparalleled ability to secure such copious amounts of this drink stem from our determination. We have battled, debated, and compromised on every School decision made since April 1, 2019. We have had a lot to say, and have had to say it. Our discussions, from Council tables to CDH tables, on Colours and Socials, have left few stones unturned. Our most recent

battlefield – on *Predicteds* – only bears testimony to how hard we fought for something better. We have never accepted a decision at face value – perhaps because we never had the time to take anything for granted.

We never had our C Form. That year, the one where bonds are forged, where traditions are inherited, and where the system this School operates on is learned through experience – was lost. Instead, we built our own traditions, learned our own way, and questioned authority because we never had the time to be conditioned into obedience. We never waited to be handed what we could make for ourselves. And so, we made things for ourselves.

We made things happen, and it was this process that provided the avenue for good times. Bad times, of course, provided the sting that let you truly embrace the good times – like those 0-for-3 meal days that make you reminisce about Brunch.

Moreover, we have experimented, and to an equal measure, been experimented upon. Fellow batchmates who co-existed in Tata for that one month would know well as to why we could never stuff one batch into one House. Living apart in five distinct environments amalgamates into this really nifty balance. A balance where you have some of your best times with those you live with, but are met with a

fresh set when you step outside.

So, when you look around, don't count what you never had – instead, count what you did. Count the times you were kind enough to let another person into your thoughts and expressions. Count the times you were lucky enough to get to know a person on a far deeper level than others could. Count the times you ran a little jog to the CDH against the backdrop of an echoing bell. Count the times you shared a laugh with that one person with whom you knew you never had to fake it. Looking back, you've truly made it, and in that journey, it's these tiny moments that have mattered.

Now, understandably, it's difficult to truly acknowledge what's next, to come to terms with this day ending, and to terms with having a lifestyle sans fellow batchmates. The tears are for the future – but, if there are no tears to be shed, fret not for you're not alone in that struggle. Truly, it's difficult to match your sentiment to a fast-moving world and that is perhaps, the greatest peril we must encounter on a journey that we wish we could describe as the perfect, all-we-could-ever-ask for six years. But, we march on.

We power through the sentiment of missed breakfasts, long hours at the Futsal, and two slices of that damned monster pizza. We power on, vicariously, through the beating heart of Chandbagh – jokes can

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This Week in History

1711 CE: The first Italian Language Opera premieres on the London Stage.
1809 CE: The British invade the French Colony Martinique with the outright surrender of the French.
1869 CE: The Russian Chemist Dmitree Mendeleev finishes his version of the periodic table.

AT THE HELM

The following are the appointments for the year 2025-26:

AV Squad: Agastya Jain, Lohitaksh Gupta and Vi-vaan Singh
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Health Today:

Editor-in-Chief: Namish Agarwal

Councils and Committees:

School Council: Krishiv Jaiswal

Games Committee: Harshil Makin

Co-Curricular Council: Ganadhipati Aryan

Pastoral Council: Lakshya Agarwal

We wish them a fruitful tenure!

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The pain of parting is nothing to the joy of meeting again.

—
Charles Dickens

LISTENER'S CHECKLIST

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

SHA: *Hero* by Enrique Iglesias

Rannanjay Dave: *Wavy* by Karan Aujla

Shlok Thumar: *Peekaboo* by Kendrick Lamar

Sarosh Aziz: *Woh lambe* by Atif Aslam

READER'S CHECKLIST

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

Uddhav Agarwal: *Angels and Demons* by Dan Brown

Vihaan Agarwal: *One of us is next* by Karen McManus

Adhyan Sharma: *Call of the Wild* by Jack London

Dhruvraj Negi: *Flowers for Algeron* by Daniel Keyes

UNQUOTABLE QUOTES

Do it goodly.

Arnav Agarwal, perfectionist.

I got literally headache.

SSR, us too.

Delhi is like a plate and Noida is like a bowl!

DSI, onto something.

Isn't Enderick Lamar a football player.

Virren Jindal, 50/50.

Let my time come, I'll pull all your strings.

AKM, underworld ties.

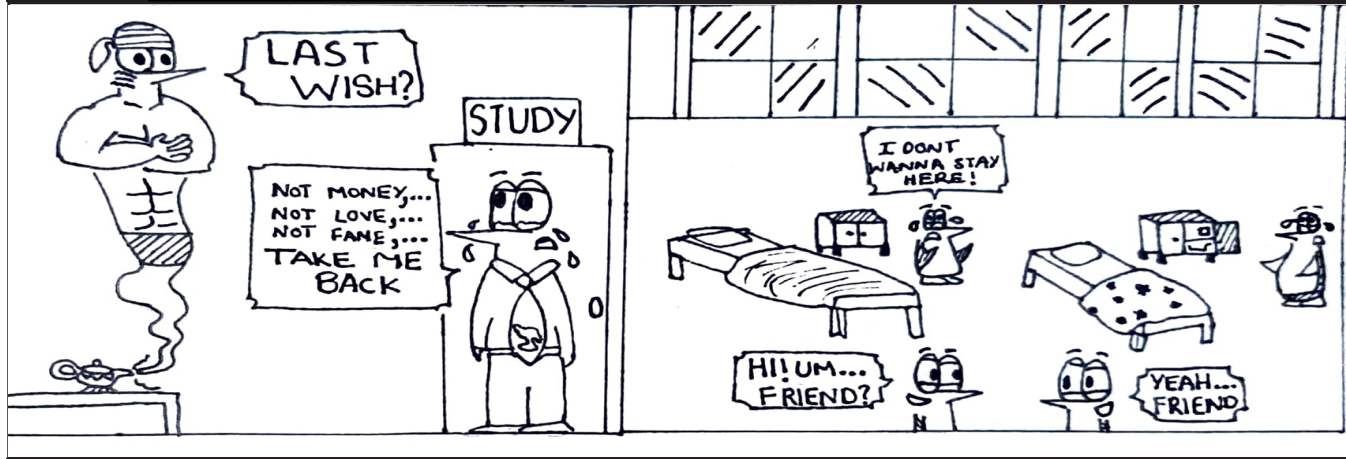
Around the World in 80 Words

The Trump administration ended funding for the UNAIDS, the UN program fighting HIV/Aids. As part of a ceasefire, Israel released 600 Palestinian prisoners in exchange for hostages. According to the FBI, North Korea was behind the \$1.5 billion hack of crypto exchange ByBit, being described as the largest heist in history. Indian Railways announced the construction of the world's longest hyperloop track. India knocked out Pakistan in the Champions Trophy as Virat Kohli scored his 82nd international century.

Do Sco Doodle

The Good Old Days

Keshav Kumar



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run long about a lack of faith in the future, but know that we wish well. We power on through one another

— if it's not your day tomorrow, *your identity* as the **Batch of 2025**. take pride in knowing that it was someone else's day from the rest of the eighty-three people that share

Scribbles

Batch of 2025

How's the josh?

High Sir!

— Divit. F 405-K

PEOPLE SAY NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT I DO NOTHING EVERYDAY!

— BABAYCON Ex. 403-K

Through Doon,
I met my laptop
Forever grateful
EX 438-T

No matter how much you try to control it, you find that you do not take a trip; a trip takes you.

— Hood
Ex. 383-K

Silence Please!!!

(P.S. The time never came)

— Shaurya Tuthra
Ex. 465-K

— When will I know I'm ready? —

— You won't. It's a leap of faith. That's all it is —

Ex 392-T

That's how winning is done.
— 375-J

"Don't stop believin', hold on to that feeling."
— Journey

Jasra (385H)

DEAR SIR,

PLEASE EXCUSE AWAM JAZN

440-T FROM CLASSES

REASON: LAGE 440 VOLT
CHHUNE SE TERE

— *Anty*

Fastest on the track...
and in the bathroom

— Udayveer S. Pasricha
Ex. 373-K

NGL's almost has subject mein aaye,
but NGL I never realized until
it was time to say
"TATA, goodbye".

— *Arjun*

Ex 423-T

"You can either cry in the storm,
or learn to dance in the rain."
— Arjun P. 439-K

Damn, I used
to collect these

Me four
— Zubin :)

— Vivaan

Me too...
— Arjun

— Me three!

Currently sleeping through this
meal too, just like I do
when my attackers spend
90 minutes passing in
circles.

— Aditya Chandiok (452H)

NOT ALL RULES ARE
MEANT TO BE BROKEN,
SOME ARE MEANT TO BE
SHATTERED.

— Ex 409-T

If you want to try, go all
the way. Otherwise don't even start.
— Kratin Goel (Ex. 374-K)

Goodbyes hurt the most
when the other person's
already gone
- signing off
- Pamela Hanway
(Ex 361-K)
Ashima Desai

If you don't
like it,
Don't look at it

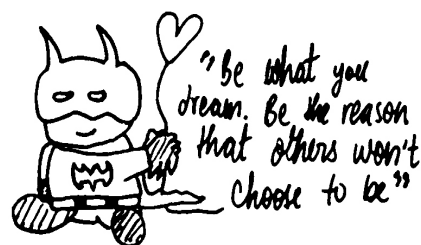
At 351, I found,
361 reasons to love ♥
437 reasons to laugh 😊
222 reasons to live +
- Prakko
[Ex 351-K Prakriti]

"For hills to climb
a mountain so the soul
can soar, this will
always be my home"

- ex 455-11
Prakriti

We play to the logo
on the front, not the
name on the back
(No regrets ②)

Kabir Gandhi #11



- Once an editor, Always an
editor Baron (ex-editor-freakly)

Did it get what I
wanted, got something
better - Any
426-51

"I swear my eyes
were red because
of a dust allergy"
- Syeon E
339/5

I'll see you at the movies
- S ki's 484
9/2/25

Kuch toh
lag kahenge,
logon ka Kaam hai karna,
logon bekar ki baatein
Chodon bekar ki hai Zindagi
Pal bhar ki hai Zindagi
Pal bhar pe dhyan kyu dena!
- Aarush (Ex 402-0)

सारी उम्र हम मर-मर के जी लिए,
एक पल तौह जब हमें जीने दी, जीने दी।
Aradhya Jain - Ex 430-0

Been there, done that,
never got caught.

- Sethi

Been there, done that cause it helped
me focus
- Umair Dhillon 4321c

Been there, done that,
Can't remember most of it.

- Rohan Kailath 371-K

The less you know, the easier happiness comes.
The more you understand, the more it slips away.
So be dumb. Laugh too hard. Love recklessly.
Enjoy the joke before realizing it's on you.

- Ex 489-T

Been there, done that,
got caught once
- Narwal
372J

Been there,
shouldn't have done it,
did it after
winning AFZALS
- Jaiid
424-5

You always have
a choice
- Vatsal
463/5

Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away.

- Sameek Jain
(378-H)

'A smooth sea never
made a skilled sailor'

Ex 415T

They caught me...
but never checked my
Zomato order history. (PHEW!)

- Ven Agarwal (386-H)

They caught me BECAUSE
they checked my Zomato
history. - Avik

I swear I'm tanned

- Pushpendra Goyal 379H
Pushpendra

Kal se padhai
karung... Pakka.
Shreya
Bichwai 428(H)

You can check out of this
Place any time you like,
but you can never leave.

- Yashwardhan Mayur Verma
(376-H) Go H House, Bleed Blue...

There are 14,000,065 possibilities....

This was THE ONE.....

Time really flew.....

- AADI N. KANDELE (464-H)

Mai is Dhanu has bhoj hoon...
Atharv Jain
(417-H)

"Doscors will always have their highs and lows...
but keep moving on as the River flows"
- Vedanta

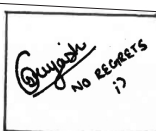
I wish I could
put these six
years on loop
forever!

Aditya
Saxat
(Ex-487-H)

Tried to stay away from the streets,
landed in the sheets.
Thank you Doon.

- Aadi Jain (369H)

She said try modelling,
so I became aeromodelling
- Bhruvaji (444)

NAME: SRIYASH TANTIA	 NO REGRETS ?
No.: 442-TH	
DATE: 1st March, 2025	
"For the first time, I didn't want the last school to end so quickly."	

I didn't crack JEE,
JEE cracked me..
Shashwat (521-H)

YS bhai us
Aditya (Ex-487-H)
Saxat

This school is a place of youth.
Young minds, young souls...
... and young dreams.

Thank you for everything, Doon.

- Avik Bhargava (407-H)
:)

Graduating
with memories,
mischievous
and maybe a little math
- JIHANU THAKASTAR
EX 441-0

I want it to be
pause, repeat and
play only...

ARJUN
MITRA
(421-H)

It's not
enough.

- Dhairya V. Khanna
393-K

"I've given all I can"

Ex 461-T

Higher Education?
Nah. Just high.

Ex - 455T

Wah

'Education is
important, but big
muscles are important?'

Wah

EX-418-T

That it will never come again
Is what makes life in Doon so sweet
"In the end we'll all become stories"

- Karma Khemi

Karma Khemi (411-H)

How lucky am I, to have
something that is so
hard to say goodbye to

Shubh Khanna 447-T

Too soon to turn
the page?

Wah Ex-394 T

दिल से पहले, और फिर
से ज़रादा केरी कुछ वही
मिलता!

Ex 397

Always remember, if you can't
go on an outing she can still
come

- ROHMAN SONI
396-K

Roni

Mama, I didn't know School Captains did...

- A.P

Surely School Council Secretary's don't...
-VB

Who said House Captains don't...
- USP

But Prefects do...
- VB

| mastered the
art of looking
busy.

- Ex 437-T

Came into this school thinking it was
"Hogwarts, all I got was MAGIC MOMENTS"

- Armaan (ex-453J)

Two big balloons OR
Two YCs? Unfortunately,
I could only score the
latter in an all
Boys School

- Daksh EX 390-T

The class bells may
stop ringing, but the echoes
will remain. :-
Daksh

- Ex 429-T

Till the full stop doesn't come,
the sentence is not complete.

Rohan Khanna
401-J

The Week Gone By

Kanishk Bammi

You know what? Every time it's my turn to feature in this section of the *Weekly* I keep thinking of what I'm going to write about. It may, to most of you, seem like an incredibly daunting task. That's the thing about this place though. Even in the most normal week here, there is *always* something going on – so let's go.

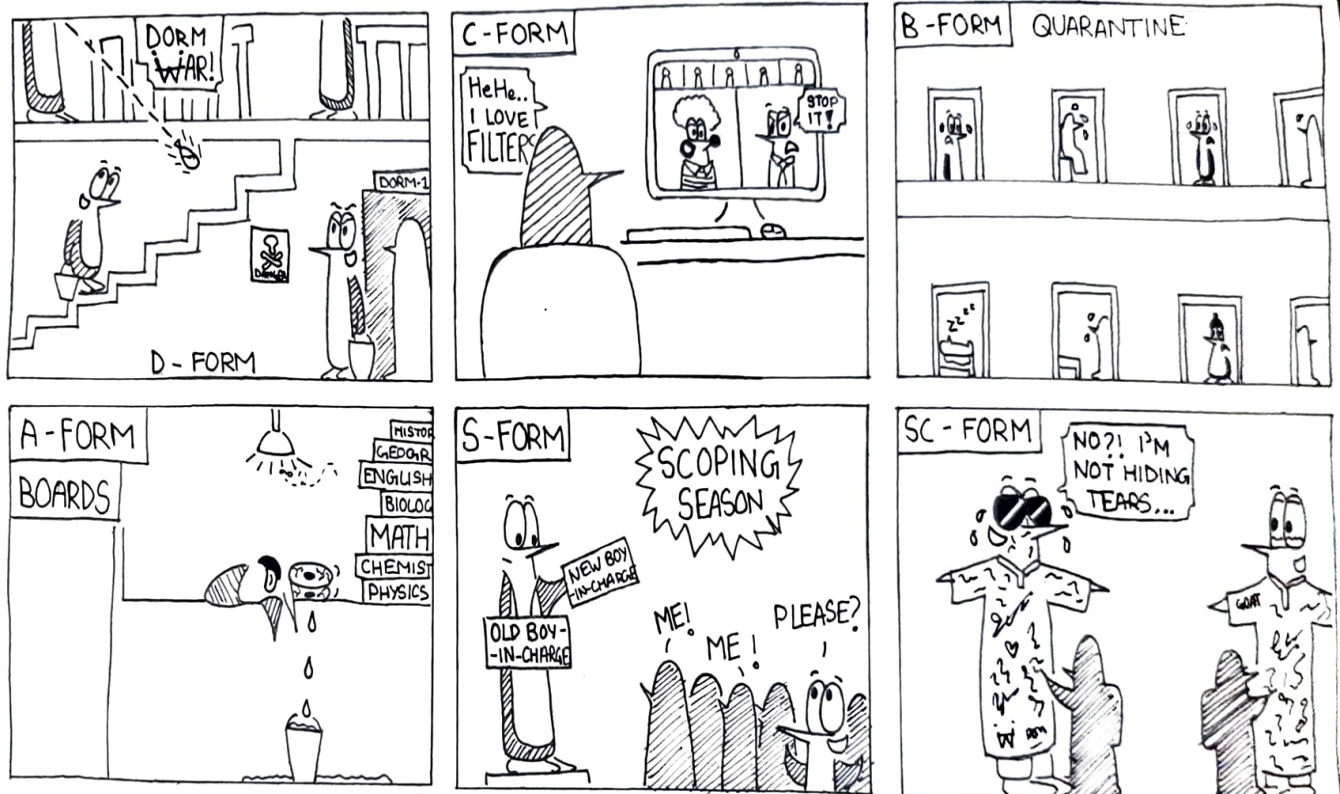
Let's kick things off at the Main Field, where thrill and drama saw an exciting year for Mediums Cricket. The Eagles seem to be emerging victorious yet again, edging the

Swans out by three points to inch closer to the Mediums Cup. The Swans however, remain high in spirits, as they sit atop the House Cup standings. It's all to play for in the Seniors games in the coming weeks, which we're sure will be as exciting as the Mediums ones.

Speaking of things that are coming up in a few weeks, we all keep forgetting about something important. What were they called again? I can't seem to remember... Ah yes! Trials. A Dosco's best friend – an opportunity for you to show your parents and Masters that there's still some hope in you, a chance to tell them not to lose all faith. My advice would be to start working now, before said opportunity escapes your grasp and all that is left is tears.

We don't want to waste too many of those, as a lot of us will be teary eyed tonight as the Batch of 2025 prepares to leave the gates of Chandbagh, leaving behind a lot of inspiration and learnings but also a void that will be incredibly tough to fill. To our Sc-Ls, as you leave with heavy hearts, full of memories, know that we are filled with gratitude for all of you. On behalf of the *Weekly*, I would like to wish you all the very best for the future.

All right then, to leave you now with a quote from Carti – “Wake up! It's the first of the month!”



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