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The Doon School WEEKLY

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

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WEEK GONE BY

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Between Arrival and Departure...

Kanishk Bammi and Krish Agrawal

"It's at Doon where a kid who spends five years taking every outing and medical leave possible, would cry as he left his Boys behind for the last time."

Firstly, we need to take a moment just to acknowledge the fact that we're still here. Congratulations to everyone for *actually being* here, six years later.

COVID, War(s), the threat of a zero Batch, and acne. We've been through a lot. None of us could have imagined, back in 2020, that we would join the School not on Campus, but through a Zoom meeting. Despite the odds though, we've made it. We've been raised together and have collectively learnt everything we know. And now we're finally done. Let's take a moment to let that sink in.

We all believe that we are inherently different, and that when our time comes, we'll do things our way. And yet, all farewells eventually seem to boil down to the same cliché. However, we think this is natural... while we aren't a part of this School's identity, the School is the biggest part of ours. We can criticise this place all we want, but, we fail to realise that it has been Doon that has given us something we care so much about that we want to criticise and improve in the first place. No two journeys through these Walls are the same, and in the end, we walk out not with Ties or Blazers, but with stories... stories of that one Extra-PT that you'll never forget... stories from the Mid-term you hated the most at the time, yet it's the same Mid-

term you recollect with fondness; stories of how you had a bad day, but it didn't matter because your friends did something funny; stories that have made us who we are. Stories that will truly be unique — and if anything positive comes out of here, it is that our grandchildren will be entertained.

As the song goes, "*A hundred bad days make a hundred good stories.*"

It's at Doon that a kid who spent five years taking every outing and medical leave possible, would cry as he left his Boys behind for the last time. It's at Doon that a once-homesick C Former, who would cry to his parents every day, would grow up to be someone consoling other homesick C Formers. But most importantly, it's at Doon that you walk into a Dorm of twenty boys, where no one knows each other, where everyone comes from a different city, talks with a different accent and has a different personality. But there's something magical that happens when you leave six short years later, crying on each other's shoulders, trusting one another with everything.

But our journeys have not only been about the 92-odd of us. It has involved the sacrifice of everyone around us... the Linen Room *bhaiyas* who were always there with a smile on a Sunday morning. The Masters who still held onto hope that we could do better even at times when we

were not sure of it ourselves. Our parents, each of whom sent us here in the first place. And most importantly, the sacrifice of Doon, which has kept us happy (for the most part) for these six years. We must be grateful for those around us, for those who helped us reach here, for each other, and for the responsibility that now lies with us to carry on what we have learnt over these last few years. Gratitude, perhaps, is the truest measure of what these six years have meant. It's endearing to feel the same affection that ninety Batches have felt towards a place — a place that over eight-thousand people have called home.

Right now, wherever you may be in life, reading this (we hope this *Weekly* is one you will keep), if you're happy with the person you are and if you're proud of what you've become — it is, in part at least, because of Doon. Maybe in ways you haven't realised yet, despite all the criticism we've offered, Doon has quietly been shaping you, teaching you, guiding you, and making you a better individual. Doon has inspired us to feel stronger. It has made us braver. It has reassured us that doing the right thing is worth it. It's worth the struggle, the pain, the tears. We wouldn't be here writing this now, if we didn't feel

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FACEM TRADERE

Following are the **Appointments** for the year 2026-27:

Young Entrepreneurs' Conference:

President: Aryan Agarwal
Executive Director: Hrishikesh Aiyer

Social Service:

Secretary: Ekaraj Makkar

LISTENERS' CHECKLIST

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

- Uday Rana:** *Raindance* by Dave
- Tejas Bharadwaj:** *Waves* by Kanye West
- Abhishek Shukla:** *Courtside* by Karan Aujla
- Vivaan Agarwal:** *Pal Pal* by Afusic
- Guduru Likhit:** *Lovely* by Billie Eilish

READERS' CHECKLIST

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

- Arsh Jain:** *The Art of War* by Sun Tzu
- ANC:** *The Second Curve: Thoughts on Reinventing Society* by Charles Handy
- Taarak Harjai:** *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir
- Vedanshh Dewan:** *Red Rising* by Pierce Brown

This Week in History

- 1872 CE:** Yellowstone National Park is established as the world's first national park.
- 1876 CE:** Alexander Graham Bell patents the telephone.
- 1946 CE:** Winston Churchill gives his famous Iron Curtain speech.
- 1962 CE:** Wilt Chamberlain sets the NBA single-game scoring record with 100 points.
- 1979 CE:** Voyager 1 makes its closest approach to Jupiter.

UNQUOTABLE QUOTES

- Today lifeline; tomorrow deadline; after deadline you dead.*
- JTR,** shiver me timbers. *I'll make your Weekly Monthly and your Monthly Yearly.*
- SRT,** on the prowl. *I should get a board.*
- Aditya Koradia,** it's a bit much, isn't it?



Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose. You can spend your whole life looking over your shoulder at what might have been, or you can turn your face toward what still can be. The past is a place of reference, and not a place of refuge. The moment you understand that, you move on.

Lyndon B. Johnson (adapted)

Around the World in 80 Words

Iran was bombed in a US-Israeli strike that killed Ayatollah Khamenei, leading to the election of his son, Mojtaba. Holi was delayed in several states due to a lunar eclipse. Following protests that toppled the government, eight hundred thousand Kathmandu residents returned to their hometowns for the upcoming election. AI benchmark hits human-level reasoning. Ravi Shankar was appointed head of the Lok Sabha Privileges Committee. Indian beat England in the Cricket World Cup Semifinals; to face New Zealand in Final.

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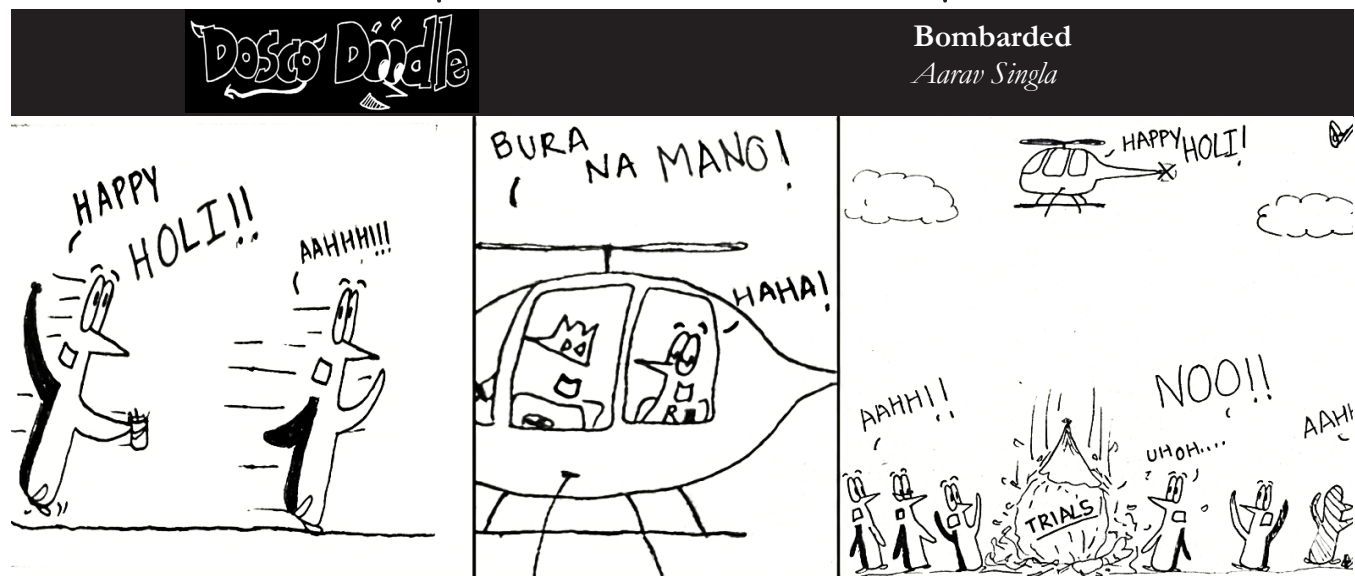
Shrikritt Jajoo, Taarak Harjai and Soumik Agarwalla have been awarded the **Scholars' Blazer**.

Congratulations!

PHRASE OF THE WEEK

Auld Lang Syne

Meaning: For the sake of old times. A phrase often whispered through the halls of Chandbagh during the passing-out of our Sc-Leavers.



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like a part of Doon had its hand over our shoulder, making sure we don't fall.

Doon has given both of us, like it has many other Doscos over the years, the chance to unapologetically be ourselves. Without Doon, we wouldn't be able to think independently, navigate difficult situations and trust ourselves to figure things out. It's here that we learnt resilience, adaptability, and the quiet ability to keep going.

We've both made our fair share of mistakes... and it hasn't been perfect, but that's what makes Doon — Doon. It creates an ecosystem that teaches you to adapt, think on your feet, hustle, and just get by day in and day out. No other school can really teach you the way Doon does; perhaps that's why it is so difficult to replicate. At Doon, you are

expected to work things out for yourself, on a level field, with nothing but each other to get by. You don't see this in a day school, where you're spoon-fed every step of the way and quantified only as a grade on a report card, nor in other residential schools that lack the same degree of independence as Doon. Doon is a special blend of everything — and therein lies its signature quality that you know will send you out in six years as a changed person. It's impossible to put a finger on it.

In a few years' time, we won't really remember all the bad times or the things that disappointed us during our time in School. Some of us will have kids, someone will be a crazy scientist, a business tycoon, and hopefully even a comedian. Hell, someone might even be Headmaster. We won't remember every argument, every test, every lost match. But we will

remember the sound of laughter down the corridors, the comfort of familiar faces across the CDH table, the view from the House balcony, the certainty that for six years, this was home. Time has a way of sanding down the sharp edges of experience and leaving behind only what matters.

As we reflect today on all the people who made us who we are, it feels like we're saying goodbye. But we will carry a piece of each other into everything we do next — to remind us of who we are, and of who we're meant to be.

It's been a hell of a ride. Goodbye, Doon. Until we meet again.



Scribbles - Batch of 2026

To the people who made the bad days good and the good days unforgettable...

(Signature)
Ex. 467/04

My life is just like a sine curve, this school was the absolute maximum!

- *(Signature)*
ex-4920

In my defence, I was often left unsupervised

- *(Signature)*
ex 507-0

He said one day you'll leave these walls behind so live a life you will remember

- Atharv Uppal
ex 596-0

Damn, I used to collect these - Krishna 595-K

Me Too

- *(Signature)*
(467/04)

Me Three

- Kanishk Bamni
ex 507-0

Me Four

- Krishav Jainwal
470-K

Me five

- Harshil Malan
491-K

Graced by the bell one more round and I would have lost my mind.

- *(Signature)*
ex 546-0

I thought I could bunk this too

- Arjuman Ag
ex 529-0

School's timetable said one thing, my timetable said another!

- Arjun Gupta
ex: 530-0

Don't count years, make years count.

- *(Signature)*
ex 475-0

PER ASPERA AD ASTRA
(THROUGH HARDSHIPS, TO THE STARS)
- *(Signature)*
EX 538-0

How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard?

- Adhiraj Singh Nam
EX-494-0

From "just one more" to "one last time". We never saw it coming

- *(Signature)* - ex 493-J

"You never know when it's the last time."

EX-485J

"We really had no idea what we were doing, somehow it worked"

- Kedia 466-H

guys, one last futsal scene at 5?
ex-495-J

JUST SLEEP DO IT

- NEGJ
(ex 504 H)

'Carpe diem'
- Harsh Begani Ex-598-K

(Signature)

I am not a Procrastinator, I just spend time on the wrong things

(Signature)

Started off as Strangers
ended up as Brothers

- Khanna
Ex-468J

It was just a chapter then,
a core memory now,
& a story we'll carry forever
Savya - Ex. 619-J

To stories and storytelling.
- ex 510 J

Handwritten signature
Tiwari

We started as random notes
but somehow we turned into
a song I'll never skip.

- Rekhal Ex-509J

"Although the ink is dry, my secrets stay -
I'm gone, undetected - Pranav
Kawja - 556-J

"Mom, I want to spend my birthday with the boys"
- Dungi Ex-500J

More memories than notes
and I wouldn't have it any
other way...

- Sumeir Bhatia

Don't cry because it's over.
Smile because it happened.

Onwards and Upwards

- Anugya Gughalia

- Debo (Ex-474-J)



Why regret something you once wanted?

- Aahaan Gupta

sorry guys ...
"last run through" was ours
It wasn't perfect, but it
- Ex 542-J

For what it's worth
it was worth the while ...

- Nabhiy Singal
Ex 537-0

- Savya Somani
Ex 613-0

"I THOUGHT WE WERE
GOING TO MUSSORIE,
MON?"

- Agniv
Ex 599-0

CHILL MAAR SAB
ARRANGE HO JAAEGA!
NAMISH Ex 533-0

Si Ji mazzu
agya
- ADIKSH
ex 486-0H

I CARED
MORE THAN I REALISED
Samarth
Crupta Ex 593-0H

My robot failed its CAPTCHA. It's having a midlife crisis.

Singh
508-H

"They called Icarus foolish for flying too high,
but history bows only to those who dare to defy."

- Jitu, 473H

What's the vibe, what's the agenda boys
- Agastya Murali

Seen it, done it
and liked to tell the
tale
- Shrivatsa Vaid

Bad ideas, great company,
good stories
- Harshul Makin

Vibes the vibe, agendas the agenda,
we do this together
- Devansh Jitu

I deal of 22 21...




ambika
Punder.
ex-532(H)




In the depth of winter,
I finally learned that
within me lay an invincible summer
- Saumik 597-H


Ladies & Gentlemen, "Some conversations last
This is your ; further than flights"
Capitain speaking (especiall via Email :))
Managing TimeZones, Tempers
& Turbulence




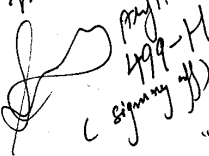
Smiles and words can lie, but not eyes 
~~Apology~~
AGU


THE BEST "Ecole"
ever  (in
French)

Your Favourite
AEROMODELER
MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST
PRESIDENT

- Kashy

550-H

Keep you ***** empty,
your buckets full 505-H


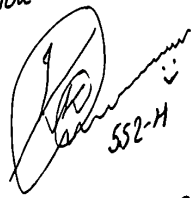
Keule na hain
fir milongre

499-H
(signing off)


From Now The days will
be bright but I'll make my
night brighter.


Batch of 2026; We are out
of ammo and out of bounds

- Damian
Garg 

Yr vo baat nhi rhi
ab maza nhi aata
goa chalen?


552-H

"Decisions were made, good or bad doesn't matter because
it all led to this." - Zohaib


Pain doesn't disappear when you
sit with it, it fades away when
you outgrow it.
- Ranjan (527 H)

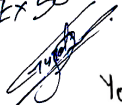
- Jindal 518-H

Projects, I've had a few.
But, then again, too few
to mention.
- Shob 594-H


you win some,
you lose some
- Krishna 470-K

Job tak musaan ke niche
aag nhi lagti vo rocket
nahi banta

- Surya Venna
Ex - 590-T

TO GET SOMETHING YOU WANT
NEVER GIVE UP
YOU CAN DO SOMETHING YOU
HAVE NEVER DONE.
- Ex 587-H


Every opinion
now accepted was once
eccentric
NEER 586-K


You can catch flies with honey
but you can catch more honey
by being fly

Ex 590-T


Senior Year was tough. We worked hard. Mr. GPT worked harder.

- Shivansh 584-H


"Life's a party and
I'm the pinata"
- Pruthi Singh
Jarvis, more.....
- Shantanu 547-K

The second best
decision I've ever
made was to come to
Doon, the best was
to stay - Anur
Ex 539-T


I was sad about leaving
school until I realised that
grief is the price we pay
for love, and it would be
sadder if I wasn't sad.
Ex 585-T


Too young to be rushing
things, but too old to be
wasting time


Ex - 497-T

Nothing in life is promised
except death... & I am glad
I had the opportunity to play
this game of life with my
friends around me.


Ex 642-T

Got hit in the face. Called it
Character development. Would recommend.
Ex-496-T 

You ever notice when you take a wrong turn on google maps, it does not scream at you? It simply says, "rerouting"
Sumedh 471-K

Jo bhi main, Kehna chahun
Barbaad Kare alfaaz mere
- Jordan Rockstar (2022)
Ved Chivra Ex 592-K

"Koinophobic"
- Harshil Makin 481-K

$K=FC^2$
- Ayush Raghuramski 512-K

You're not perfect sport and let me save you the suspense Your life in school won't be perfect either but whether or not you're perfect for each other that's the real deal
- Krishna 595-K

The bad news is that time is flying the good news is you're the pilot
- Shavnya 511-K

"... Job's met Einischd"
- Adhwan Swai 490-K

Nothing in life is promised except death... & I am glad I had the opportunity to play this game of life with my friends around me.
- Ex 642-T

FLY
- Abhimanyu 545

"Throughout heaven and Earth, I alone am the jobless one"
- Ckm. 516-K

Stud of Chandbagh
- Shuryajit (Ex 472 H)

Veni, Vidi, Vici
"I came, I saw, I conquered"
- Aditya Shashank Agrawal Ex - 524K

"It's not that deep"
- Bong 589

The house only wins if you walk away
- Kapri Ex 553-0

Don't look back, you're not going that way.
- Madhav Chava 482-T

The smartest thing I did is I never gave up - Chinmaya Tripathi 531-K

And in this moment, I swear we are infinite
Ex 489-T
Kello

Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.
- Ananya

We weren't brought here to change the past, we were brought here to write the future
- Rohan Nagar Ex 543-T

The freedom to make my own mistakes was all I ever wanted. But I guess I ended up making a little too many.
Pranay Ex 506-T

Sometimes I question my sanity. Occasionally, it replies.
- Ex 520-T

We spent so much time counting down the days never realizing we were counting down the moments we would one day wish back.
- Hemant Khandelwal Ex-483-T

The joker always gets the best laughs
- Ex 583-T

If you're afraid of failure, you have a dream worth chasing
Kai Kuba Ex 544-T

2020-2026
THE ULTIMATE TREP.
- Ex 541-T

The Week Gone By

The Senior Board

This week was funny. It gave us two reasons to cry. First and foremost, our dear Sc-Leavers are actually 'leaving.' The School will surely miss their unkempt hair, unshaven face, and perfect attendance records. The role they played was one of consistent mentorship, bringing the comfort of seeing a friendly face in the crowd every once in a while and having someone to look up to. Well, this is a call to the now Sc Form: the several spots of being the 'usual offenders' are now open, and we do have big shoes to fill. The corridors feel emptier already; it seems like they left with the noise and left us with the echoes. So empty, in fact, that some might suggest building Boards to fill them up.

Secondly, and arguably more woefully, *Socials*. Our Batch entered with the expectation of some reciprocative female social engagement. Yet, the deodorant and cologne wasn't put to the best of uses, with the dance floor being divided down the middle — our very own LOAC. Our lads stood in strong circles of male solidarity, glass in hand, confidence peaking, without knowing where to direct this charisma, unfortunately. Anyway, good food drowns all these woes without much thought to how the rest of the evening went.

Speaking of good food, *Holi* this year was definitely one for the books. The *Chaat* stalls on the Main Field saw heavy traffic despite most plates ending up with a little less than ideal 'food colouring'. The calls of a more 'civilised' *Holi* celebration went unheard as innocent 'harlequins' were torn through the middle and found themselves in the dustbin. And we Doscocs painted the entire School

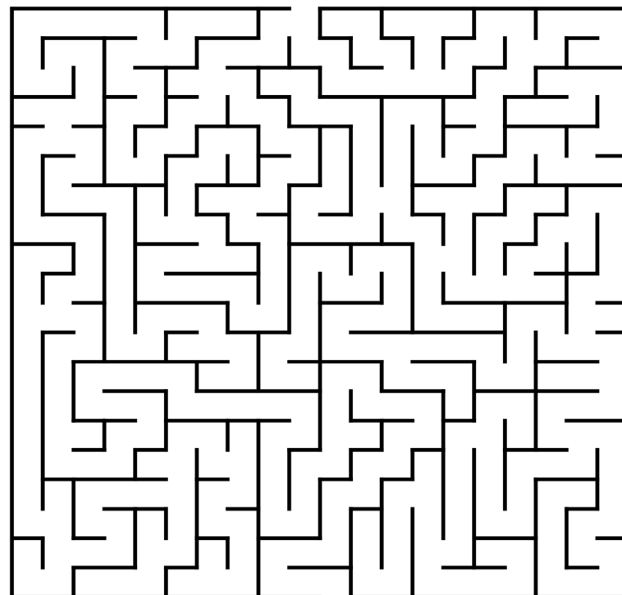
red, green, yellow and purple because apparently, the Main Field is subjective and can include on certain days the *quadi*, the Houses, the *bajri* paths, and the washrooms (much to the dismay of our dear *Robin*).

Prefects wore their campaign skins once again yesterday as they combed their hair back, shined their shoes and put on their innocent, good boy smiles to convince the parents of our smallest Penguins why it is a good idea for their children to have sanctions imposed on them. Questionable as propaganda, but reports suggest that it seems to have worked.

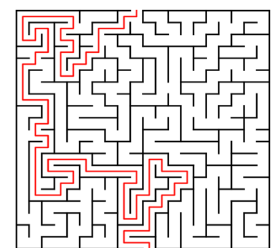
Anyway, as you sit in the Assembly reading this, it's funny to think how far we have come. The gentlemen going up on stage today stand testament to the system this School is grounded in. So, remember to enjoy the moments while they last and to congratulate our *men in black* (ties) and the graduating class.

Have a good night. Cheers!

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