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From the Principal's Desk

"To accomplish excellence we must not only keep pushing, pushing and pushing, but also go beyond what is mandated; to unlock potential."

Dear Parents,

July is a much awaited month as it unfolds the **results of our Grade 12**, IBDP. With every passing year it is only getting better. Our tenth batch comprising 166 students have done us proud. We have had 3 perfect scores- 45/45. This is creditable considering that in the Asia Pacific Region only 54 students have achieved this. We extend our congratulations to Ami Mehta, Samiksha Choudhury and Mahesh Bhide for this achievement. 10% of our students have scored 40 plus. We have surpassed the global average in most subjects. This would not have been possible without the excellent work by our teachers, your support and belief in us at all times.

The school reopened for the new teachers on 20th July and for the rest on 25th July. This is an important period before the academic year, as the **Professional Development** sessions that have been planned are intense. They not only strengthen classroom practices and strategies but also self development. Sessions to name a few include continuous improvement, metacognitive and collaborative groups strategies, concept based learning, unit planners, mindfulness, deep reading, pastoral care, the purpose of education and the school vision.

25th July commenced with my welcome to all the teachers and staff which focused on the Indus Vision and the way ahead. Plans were shared with teachers to enhance academic rigour, strengthen the leadership curriculum and consolidate on our USP of whole education. We will ensure continuous improvement through experiential learning. The process will emphasize on design thinking and innovation in particular.

On 25th July, Gen Ray spoke about creating teacher leaders who will first unlock their own potential and then unlock the potential of the students, who will nurture value driven citizens, who will pay back to the society and who will apply academic excellence in real life situations. At Indus, teachers will create an enriched environment that is stress free, mindful, social and collaborative. There will also be a focus on non-cognitive skills. He stressed the need to enhance the sense of belonging among the Indus fraternity.

The House Masters have been busy with **consolidating the House Visions** for the session ahead. Work is in progress by the Phoenix House on the certification of the sanitary napkin project. The approval from the concerned government agency is awaited. Pegasus is finalizing the sewing and tailoring course offered by Usha Singer to empower underprivileged women. Hercules will set up a recycling machine in their bid to clean the campus. Orion will be working on the school magazine with the Indus International Community School.

On 27th July, a combined workshop was conducted by Gen. Ray and me for the teachers as a part of their professional development. The focus of the workshop was on:

- ✓ Deep reading leading to deep thinking and therefore deep learning
- ✓ The CEO also stressed on the concept and significance of developing a Bi-literate brain, where one can seamlessly move from digital to print media.

Deep reading is a survival skill of the 21st century. It is not enough to read alone but also to reflect and spend time with oneself. We endorse the view that children who read, will be adults who think. Our focus will be on reading and we look forward to your support in our endeavor to help students read, reflect and transform.

The **Placement Cell** has been busy helping the Grade 12 students with their transcripts that are required for universities abroad and in India. They have also scheduled University visits for August, September, and October.

I am delighted that your children study here, the number one school in the country which prepares them for life. We look forward to a positive, productive and rewarding year ahead.

Regards,

Mrs. Sarojini Rao

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