



*July 2013*

*From the Principal's Desk.....*

***Vision is not enough; it must be combined with venture. It is not enough to stare up the steps; we must step up the stairs.***

Dear Parents,

It was indeed with a sense of accomplishment and gratitude that the teachers were welcomed on 22<sup>nd</sup> July for a fortnight of Professional Development and planning.

The day started with the Principal's welcome and a presentation on "The Way Ahead" to bring about a clear understanding of the goals set and the tasks ahead. The Presentation focused on nurturing leadership competencies in students and the development of teachers.

This was followed by the CEO Lt Gen Arjun Ray's invigorating presentation on Goal Setting. The "why" and "how" was explicitly brought out. The punch line "no goal is achievable without grit" underlined the need to set challenging goals that will bring out one's full potential.

The entire cohort of teachers has been busy working and reviewing the Leadership Curriculum as a more structured approach has been worked out. The PYP teachers have revised the Programme of Inquiry and Scope and Sequence Documents after the vertical and horizontal alignment of learning outcomes. They have been trained to learn the features of RAZ Kids, an online resource for Language. They also have reviewed school policies and have been working on creating the IB planner. Classroom management was also a part of Professional Development. These sessions are ongoing throughout the year.

The DP Orientation by the Head of School and DP Coordinator, focused on changes and strategies to implement the course. There were workshops on Assessment for Learning, Differentiated Instruction and Innovation, to name a few for the teachers in the senior school.

The students of Grades 10 and 12 returned to school on 29 July. All other grades students will start school from 5 August.

The Placement Cell has been busy with University admissions for Grade12 and also in meeting parents and students of Grades 10 and 11.

As always July 5<sup>th</sup> was much awaited as the results of the seventh batch of the IB DP students were declared. Once again it was a proud moment. The results are excellent with 97% students achieving the Diploma. We have crossed Global Averages in almost all subjects. We congratulate each and every student. We also thank our teachers and parents for their tireless effort.

The Indus Fledgling 2013 was well appreciated by parents, students and Indus staff. Please contact the editorial team for any suggestions. We are open to receiving feedback and will incorporate ideas in order to enhance the richness of the magazine.

Curriculum Road Map day will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2013. This is an opportunity to gain an understanding into the programmes across the school. Parents may also meet and interact with the subject teachers, programme coordinators and Heads of school. They will also gain an understanding of the role of the Parent Advisory Committee. We look forward to meeting you.

The main focus of the 15<sup>th</sup> Principals' Conference on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013, focused on increasing Academic Rigour and Excellence not only in the IB DP but also across all three programmes. The implementation of Head Start to the IB DP through the IGCSE Fast Track schedule was also reviewed to facilitate a clear understanding of its implementation in Grades 8 and 9 respectively. With special emphasis on the learning outcomes and a structural approach to the Leadership Curriculum our continuous effort to realize whole education will be more meaningful.

The year ahead will be one in which we will continue to work to achieve the targets set. My goals will focus on:

1. **Improving academic rigour with focus on Head Start IGCSE and the successful graduation of the 8<sup>th</sup> batch of DP students.**
2. **Student and Teacher Leadership with emphasis on the Leadership Curriculum**
3. **Aesthetic Development with focus on the School Concert**

With goals in place, we are confident of success. Thank you for all your support which I am sure will continue as we move on to face the challenges ahead.

Regards,

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