



From the Principal's Desk

June 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our academic year has drawn to a close and we have much to celebrate and many happy memories. Our students have enjoyed another fabulous year. They have excelled in so many fields it is impossible to list them all. I have attended many celebration events and have listened in awe as their achievements have been described. These achievements have been in their academic studies, sport, music, the arts to name just a few and we are justly proud of them.

I want to thank my team of teachers, Coordinators and Heads of School for nurturing the students academically and for inculcating in them the core values of Indus. I would also like to thank the many parents who have come to see me and contacted me over the year. To have a good understanding of our parent body is very important to enable the school to meet the needs and aspirations of our families and students. Most of all, I would like to thank all the students who bring such energy and positivity into the school. Without them the school is just an edifice.

Over the summer vacation I will be working with colleagues to put into place a smooth opening to the new academic year and setting the priorities to build

upon the successes of the school so that we can improve still further. We should always seek to do better; to challenge ourselves and our students to set the highest standards and achieve our ambitious goals.

PYP:

The PYP Student Led Conference was held on 8th June where students updated their parents regarding their learning journey in each subject area. They not only showcased their portfolios which consisted of evidences of their Transdisciplinary journey through the year, but also guided them through various engagements that led to their understanding of concepts.

We are proud to announce that Manavi Varma of Grade 4 has won accolades at the National and State level Aquatic Championship competitions. She has bagged gold in 50m back stroke, and silver in 50m butterflystroke, breaststroke, free relay and medley relay. We congratulate her and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

MYP:

Final Exams proceeded with limited invigilation for our MYP students from 1st June to 7th June. 7th June was the last working day for students of Grades 6-8 and on 14th June, reports were published on SIMS ERP.

I am proud to report that Natasha Jaichandra of Grade 6 had a great tournament in the recently concluded European Junior Golf championship, which is the qualifying round for the world championship. Therefore she will be representing India in the upcoming World Championship which will be held at Pinehurst during the first week of August in the US. She will be lucky to play

in one of the finest PGA courses in the world! We are very proud of her achievements and wish her continued success.

IGCSE:

The Grade 9 students had their Final Examination from 1st June to 12th June while the Grade 10 students completed their IGCSE June Series examinations. Moderation was done for at least 3 – 6 random answer scripts across 3 levels of scores within 48 hours in the presence of HODs. On 13th June Grade 9 RCD results were published well ahead of time. The Grade 9 students had extra academic time from 11th to 15th June. The corrected final exam answer scripts were shared with the students. Some classes were also invested in reviewing the answer scripts. The students were given the answer keys and the marking criteria was explained so that they can review the details with their subject teachers. The Grade 10 syllabus commenced after that.

On the 16th of June, summer break commenced for students and teachers.

DP:

The Grade 11 students were busy with their final exams and submissions for EE and IA. The TOK presentations have been completed. The G4 project for the science students is in the process of getting completed. All the students have recorded the end of the year reports like CAS/ EE reflections on Managebac.

We now await for the IBDP results. The students, teachers and parents have all worked very hard and I hope the results will underscore their grit and determination.

Placements:

The Placements team has been preparing for the parent workshops that are scheduled to be held in August. They will cover:

- August 1st, 2018 - Understanding the Application Process for the USA and Canada
- August 2nd, 2018 - Understanding the UK (UCAS) System, Australia and Other South East Asian nations' University Application systems
- August 3rd, 2018 - Understanding what is financial aid

Boarding:

Life in the boarding has been fun filled and exciting as always. Weekends were the time when the boys and girls got a chance to explore various activities. There were outings to Play Arena and museums. There were special dinners and buffet meals off campus as well. It was amazing to watch the students taking part in a formal sit down dinner in the school.

Sports plays a major role in the development of our boarders. Be it morning activity, evening sports, yoga sessions, swimming afternoons or even a Zumba class, the boarders have enjoyed every moment of the fun. Team spirit and enthusiasm filled the air at all times.

The boarding also welcomed this year's batch of Pre IB students. Special outings were organised for them to get a feel of Indus and Bangalore as well.

It has been a truly positive year in the boarding and we look forward to another successful academic year beginning in August.

I would like to wish you all the very best for the summer vacation and for continuous learning during this time. I look forward to welcoming you all back, late July/August refreshed, for what will be an exciting, new academic year.

Warm regards,
Sarojini Rao
Principal

Dates For Your Diary: July 2018	
DATE	EVENT
18th July	All HoS & Coordinators return; New teachers join
23rd July	All teachers return
23rd July – 31st July	Professional Development for teachers
28th July	Working Saturday for teachers; Boarders airport pickup Gr 10 &12
30th July – 3rd August	Single Window
30th July	School reopens for Grade 10 & 12
2nd August	Curriculum Road Map Day [Prep to Grade 9]
3rd August	Curriculum Road Map Day [Grades 10 to 12]; Holiday for Gr 10 & 12
4th August	Boarders pickup Grades 6 - 9
6th August	School reopens for all students