

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a wonderful time with your wards and have prepared them in your own way for the term ahead.

Return to school for the Staff

Members of the Leadership Team returned to school on the 21st of July. Our new teachers also reported for duty that day. They spent three days understanding the Indus Vision and Mission, the different academic programmes offered in school, school schedules, Whole education, etc. The rest of the teachers reported for duty on the 24th of July.

Professional Development

Since the 24th of July we have had lots of Professional Development programmes. We have had, among other things, in-house programmes on Assessment for Learning, whole school procedures (for uniformity and efficiency), preparation of Curriculum Documents, and also discussed matters arising out of the IB PYP and DP reviews.

Two PYP teachers attended a three-day session conducted by Ms. Kathy Short on *Inquiry as Curriculum*. Ms. Short has worked extensively with teachers all over the world to develop inquiry-based curriculum and has authored multiple books and articles, including *Creating Classrooms for Authors and Inquirers*. She is currently the President of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Members of staff, including Ms Deepti Chitkara (who heads our Placements Cell), attended training for Naviance, a programme designed to support our students in their career planning through university placements. This training was conducted by Ms Elizabeth Shuman who is a Lead Training Specialist from the Naviance Summer Institute, USA.

A three-member team from our Indus School of Leadership did a day-long workshop for our teachers with on the theme of Team Building. Staff enjoyed the activities and learned a lot as well.

Students' achievements in badminton

During the vacation, three of our students did very well at state-level and national-level badminton tournaments.

- Vaishnavi Reddy won the Chaaji Memorial National Under-15 tournament in the Singles and Doubles categories. She is the only player from the region who will represent India at the Asian Badminton Championships in Jakarta later this year.
- Ruhi Raju won the Telangana State Championship in the Under-15 Doubles category.
- Eshita Raju won the Telangana Formation Day Open in the Under-15 Doubles and stood 3rd in the Telangana State Championship Under-15 Doubles category.

We congratulate the players and wish them the very best in the year ahead.

Assistance from Parents for Resource Personnel

While there will be a very strong focus on academic work this year, we will not neglect Whole Education. In fact, I will personally monitor the progress. We would like to have an enriching Whole Education programme for our students. I appeal to all parents to assist us in our efforts. It might be a student visit to a factory or workplace (such as a bank), a school visit by an expert in some field, a training programme by a professional, and so on. **All we ask is to put us in touch with the person(s) and we will do the rest.**

CRM Day

A request to all parents to come for the CRM Day to be held on Saturday the 8th of August. The day's programme will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Secondary Block AV room.

Concluding Message

As we begin our new term, I reiterate our pledge to deliver on whatever we have promised. We are grateful for your support and understanding. Every bit of it shall be vindicated.

I look forward to meeting with you in the new academic year.

Warm regards,

C P Joseph

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