



# **CALCUTTA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

## **NEWSLETTER**

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# Parent ORIENTATION

The New Parent Orientation at CIS on 18th June welcomed parents of newly admitted students from Grades 6 to 12, introducing them to the school's ethos, inclusive practices, and culture. This event was distinct from the orientation for parents of students progressing to Grades 6, 9, and 11. **Grade 6 and 9 Orientations took place on 21st June and the same for AS and IBDP Year 1 took place on 22nd June.** Updates on curriculum changes, communication protocols, and the assessment calendar were shared during the orientations. Additionally, the expectations for the new sections were clarified to ensure a smooth transition for both parents and students. These orientations are designed to foster a strong partnership between the school and families, ensuring student success and well-being.



# SEN Department Workshop - Identifying Red Flags-

On **June 12, 2024**, the SEN Department commenced the new session with an interactive workshop on Identifying Red Flags, aimed at middle and senior school teachers. The session began with an introduction to neurodiversity, helping teachers gain a foundational understanding. Following this, teachers participated in simulative activities that placed them in the shoes of neurodiverse individuals, attempting to read and write from their perspective.



This eye-opening experience provided valuable insights into the challenges faced by neurodiverse students. The RED flags of reading, writing, and mathematics were discussed. The SEN Department concluded its segment by discussing fundamental executive functioning challenges that are common among neurodiverse students.



# Alfrink Trip

From **June 22nd to July 1st, 2024**, a group of students from Calcutta International School embarked on a cultural exchange trip to the Netherlands, aiming to promote understanding and appreciation of Dutch culture, traditions, and lifestyle while providing an immersive educational experience within the Dutch education system. During their stay, the students attended classes at Alfrink College, participated in various school activities, and engaged with Dutch students, fostering independence, adaptability, and global citizenship. The itinerary was rich with cultural tours to historical sites and museums, including the Van Gogh Museum and Rijksmuseum. Additionally, the students enjoyed a scenic canal ride, visited the Mauritshuis and the beach, and took day trips to nearby cities such as Amsterdam, Delft, and The Hague. This experience not only broadened their horizons but also forged lasting connections and memories, enhancing their global awareness and cross-cultural competency.



The exchange was supported by chaperones Mrs. Tora Paul Choudhury and Mrs. Samayeeta Das Acharyya, and included participants Archisha Banerjee, Anay Jhunjhunwala, Shirin Reddy, Shyla Bose, Jinay Whora, Oindrilla Dey, Eleena Khan, Dhruvad Dutta, Sashrika Pyne, Sanjana Shaw, Devanshee Ruia, Wu Logan Tzu Ting, Ananya Parakkal, and Divit Jain. Pre-trip orientation sessions and lab lessons on making toothpaste were conducted to prepare students, while post-trip activities involved reflections, feedback discussions, cultural sharing projects, and continued engagement with Dutch peers.

**A holistic educational collaboration between Calcutta International School and Alfrink College**

# The Employee Recognition Awards



On June 23rd, 2024 the academic, non-academic and support staff of Calcutta International School were felicitated for their exemplary activities and service for the previous academic year. The Employee Recognition Awards 2023- 2024 recognised those individuals who were the driving forces behind innovative collaborations and workshops as well as mentors and guides to various teachers and students.



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Bandyopadhyay*



*Elora Patra*



*Neera Dubey*



*Sreeju Kundu*



*Sowik  
Majumdar*



*Debangshee Bose*



*Swasree  
Banerjee*



*Sudha Tulshan*



*Uditia Sarkar*



*Teesta Halder*



*Payal Jain Agarwal*



*Mr. Abdul Samad*



*Shampa Ghosh*



*Bulbul Mukherjee Khan*



*Tathagata Mukherjee*



*Sanjukta Poddar*



*Sujaya Sinha*



*Farishka Dastur*



*Dipanjan Bagli*



*Arun Rout*



*Leslie Kwan*



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*Ayan Biswas*



*Aditua Agarwal*



*Lakshmi Majumdar*



*Rumki Paramanick*



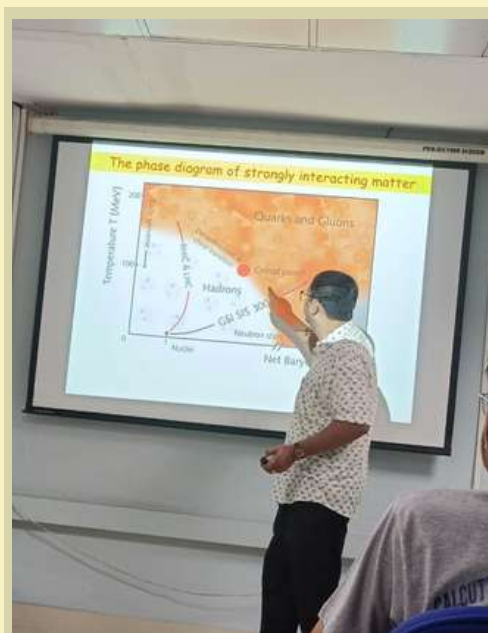
*Soumen Naskar*

# ” VISIT TO CERN



“Science knows no country, because knowledge belongs to humanity, and is the torch which illuminates the world.” - Louis Pasteur.

From **23rd to 29th June, 2024**, students from Calcutta International School participated in an exclusive Masterclass Certified Programme at CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research) in Geneva, Switzerland. This program, offered only through invitation, was tailored to enrich the high school physics curriculum, catering to students in both IB and Cambridge programmes, and aimed to introduce them to emerging sciences that will influence academia and STEM careers in the years ahead



In anticipation of their journey, students engaged in a month-long preparatory session developed in collaboration with Dr. Archana Sharma at CERN. Further preparing for their trip, they visited the Bose Institute of Nuclear Physics at Kolkata's Salt Lake Campus to explore and understand the significant contributions of Indian scientists, particularly those from Kolkata, to the experimental endeavors at CERN.



**MANIFEST**

*Travel*



*Vision Board*



*Smile more!*

**Good Times**



*Enjoy what you love*





# RECREATED CIS LOGO

Introducing Our New Logo! We are thrilled to unveil our new school logo, a symbol of our growth, unity, and commitment to excellence.





# Graduation Day

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." - Eleanor Roosevelt



The Graduation Day for the Class of 2024 at The Calcutta International School was a memorable event filled with inspiring speeches and exceptional performances. Principal Mrs. Tina Servaia celebrated the diverse talents and achievements of the graduates, highlighting notable successes such as world toppers, national-level athletes, and gifted musicians. Mrs. Servaia also shared touching memories of the students, leaving a profound impact on the audience. Mrs. Sharmila Majumdar, Primary School Section Head, congratulated the graduates on behalf of the Junior school Principal Mrs. Patima Nayar and fondly reminisced about their journey, adding a personal touch to the ceremony. Reverend Doctor Dominic Savio, the esteemed chief guest, delivered a compelling address that resonated deeply with attendees, setting a tone of reflection and motivation for the graduates as they embarked on their future. The ceremony concluded with emotional speeches, awards, and a jubilant hat-throwing moment, highlighting the day as a fitting tribute to the students' hard work and achievements.



<b>Valedictorians of the Year</b>	A Level- Dongin Lee	IBDP- Shriyadita Sengupta
<b>Salutatorians of the Year</b>	A Level-Devarya Goenka	IBDP- Dhiman Narayan
<b>Students of the Year</b>	A Level - Advik Harlalka	IBDP- Shreyan Banerjee
<b>The Teacher's Choice Awards</b>	Ranvir Kampani, Debsingha Sirkar and Elrich Chen	



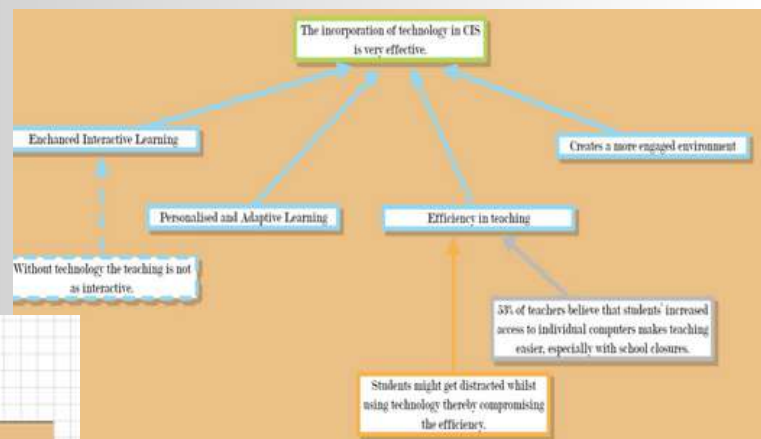
# Callido Workshop



The Callido Workshop was held from **26th to 28th June, 2024** for students from the IB and A level curriculum intended to develop and hone many different skills which they would require to face the world with all its challenges. The workshop focused on critical-thinking skills, research skills and analytical skills and was complete with interactive team activities which aimed to sharpen students' capabilities and collaborative skills. New research methods and techniques for presenting arguments in an organized way were also taught and the workshop required the students to complete online modules that elaborated on framing research questions, making inferences, and constructing argument maps. On the third day of the workshop, the students were required to present a video or presentation as a group on one aspect of the school that they would like to change in order to improve learning. Overall, the workshop was an immersive and enlightening experience that aided students in preparing for university level research skills and higher-order thinking.

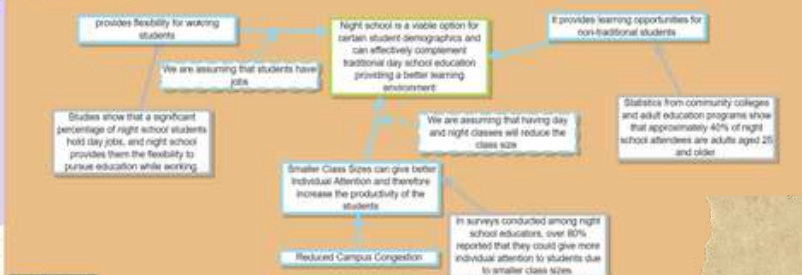
## RESEARCH QUESTION

To what extent is night school effective on the academic performance of adolescents in CIS?



## ARGUMENT MAP

Assessing the viability of night school in CIS



# TOK EXHIBITION



On **5th July 2024**, the students of IBDP Year2 hosted their annual Theory of Knowledge exhibition – an important component of the IB curriculum that aims to showcase the integration of critical thinking into personal experiences and real-world contexts. With the guidance of Mrs. Susmita Mukherjee and Mr. Madhusudan Nandan, students selected a range of thought-provoking prompts and objects related to them, probing into the nature of knowledge. Students presented their curated selection of objects to other students, teachers, parents, and even students from other schools. The event fostered insightful discussion among the attendees, encouraging everyone to reflect on their understanding of knowledge and the world around them. Feedback from teachers and parents praised students for inspiring reflection and presenting them with new information they had previously been unaware of. By connecting abstract theoretical ideas to tangible experiences, the exhibition not only celebrated the students' intellectual curiosity but also emphasized developing well-rounded, inquisitive thinkers prepared to navigate an increasingly complex world.





**'LIFTING THE VEIL'**  
by Ismat Chughtai

- BOLDLY DEALT WITH HOMOSEXUALITY WHEN IT WAS ILLEGAL UNDER SECTION 377
- SHE WENT ON TRIAL FOR OBSCENITY
- WENT AGAINST PATRIARCHAL NATIONALISM + PURITY-OBSSESSED MISOGYNY OF COLONISTS
- TACKLED TABOO SUBJECTS
- IN TODAY'S DAY AND AGE, WE CAN ACCEPT AND APPRECIATE HER WORK

*'If you cut nails after sunset, you will make Goddess Laxmi angry'*

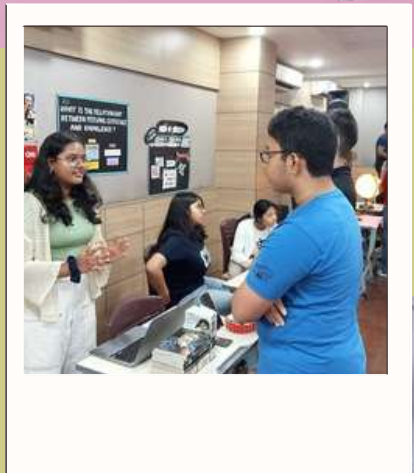
**OBJECT 1: APPROVED ✓ NAZI PROPAGANDA POSTER**



- EXPLOITED THE GREAT DEPRESSION
- BLAMED WEIMER POLITICIANS
- PRESENTED HIMSELF AS THE 'SO-CALLED SAVIOUR'
- MANIPULATED NATIONAL PRIDE

**OBJECT 3: NAIL CUTTER**

- REVERENCE TO TRADITIONAL CUSTOMS
- FEAR OF DIVINE MISFORTUNE
- QUEST TO ATTAIN 'NIRVANA'
- RELIGION OFFERED HOPE AND SOLACE DURING HARD TIMES
- INDIVIDUAL CHOICE WHETHER TO ACCEPT KNOWLEDGE PRESENTED



*#TOKnowments*

# IC3 CONFERENCE

Guidance counseling is a lifeline that nurtures students' academic, personal, and emotional growth, paving the way for a bright future.”

On **6th July, 2024**, Calcutta International School proudly hosted the International Career Counselor Conference 24’, which brought together a distinguished assembly of professionals dedicated to shaping the future of students worldwide.

The conference offered a unique opportunity to exchange ideas, discuss challenges, and explore innovative strategies in career counseling. The event aimed to strengthen seamless transitions from school to college and beyond, emphasizing the transformative impact of effective guidance. The conference featured discussions and workshops, culminating in the release of the IC3 Counselor’s Resource Handbook. This initiative aimed to equip educators with essential tools to support student success worldwide. The school also organized a university fair that offered academic opportunities and carefully addressed students’ needs.



CIS hosted the IC3 conference a second time after 2018 reiterating the school’s commitment to educational excellence and empowerment through comprehensive counseling.



10/05/23

# Student Council Election



A student council is a representative body composed of students elected by their peers to advocate for the interests and concerns of the student body. It plays a crucial role in fostering a sense of community and enhancing the educational experience. Students develop leadership skills, learn about governance, and gain a sense of responsibility and civic engagement by participating in a student council.

Students from classes 9 to 12 voted for the senior student council candidates while 6 to 8 cast their votes for the junior council. The elections saw many electrifying speeches as everybody did their best to present themselves in front of the audience.



We wholeheartedly congratulate every person who elected themselves and campaigned. Most importantly, we facilitate all the members of the student council of Calcutta International School 2024-25!



# UNIVERSITY FAIR- 11TH JULY

In our efforts to make college applications and student development smoother for our students and parents, for the first time CIS hosted a Mega University Fair.

Delegates from over **130 universities** from countries like the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Spain, France, Japan, India etc joined us for the event in the school Multipurpose court. They met with students and parents from middle School to Grade 12, sharing detailed information about admission processes, course offerings, campus life, scholarship opportunities, and career prospects.

This interaction provided valuable insights and guidance, helping students and their families make informed decisions about their higher education paths.



# INVESTITURE - 12TH JULY



Excitement filled the air today as the new student council for CIS took their oaths. The ceremony marked the beginning of a new era of student leadership, with each member pledging to serve with dedication, integrity, and enthusiasm. Congratulations to the new team – we look forward to a year filled with innovation, positive change, and school spirit!



<i>School Captain</i>	<i>Evangeli Saha</i>
<i>School Vice Captain</i>	<i>Deeptendu Sekhar Ray</i>
<i>School Deputy Vice Captain-</i>	<i>Advay Nathany</i>
<i>Head of Media and Communications</i>	<i>Auroni Sarkar</i>
<i>Deputy Head of Media and Communications</i>	<i>Deepro Roy</i>
<i>Head of Alumni Cell-</i>	<i>Rena Tara Phookan</i>
<i>Deputy Head of Alumni Cell-</i>	<i>Anvi Agarwal</i>
<i>Head of Social Services-</i>	<i>Hiya Chitra</i>
<i>Deputy Head of Social Services</i>	<i>Niharika Banthia</i>
<i>Technical Advisor</i>	<i>Anushman Tekriwal</i>



<b>HOUSE CAPTAINS</b>	
<b>Red House</b>	
<i>Captain-</i>	<i>Arya Bhutoria</i>
<i>Vice Captain-</i>	<i>Rohit Dey</i>
<i>Senior Prefect-</i>	<i>Dhruvanshi Ray</i>
<i>Junior Prefect-</i>	<i>Bhavesk Mukim.</i>
<b>Green House</b>	
<i>Captain-</i>	<i>Adya Narayan</i>
<i>Vice Captain-</i>	<i>Hrishit Poddar</i>
<i>Senior Prefect-</i>	<i>Risha Bhattacharya</i>
<i>Junior Prefect-</i>	<i>Krishiv Poddar.</i>
<b>Yellow House</b>	
<i>Captain-</i>	<i>Tamanna Sen</i>
<i>Vice Captain-</i>	<i>Kaavin Raja</i>
<i>Senior Prefect-</i>	<i>Cheero Ray</i>
<i>Junior Prefect-</i>	<i>Reyna Bhaw</i>



**We wish the New Student Council the best of luck and are hopeful that they will uphold the honor and legacy of CIS.**



# Middle School Plastic Awareness



**The plastic awareness drive was conducted on 19th July 2024 in zero lesson in AVR where grades 6-8 attended.**

Starting our session with a video showing the various harmful effects of plastic we first talked about what are plastics, the timeline of various types of plastic, their types, sources. After this we discussed plastic and how they harm the environment where we showed a video on what microplastics are, how they form and where all are they present. Data on how much plastic waste is recycled and not recycled was presented. Few example of recyclable materials were shown. After this discussion we moved to certain ways we as consumers can reduce using plastic usage and contribute to saving the environment.

Lastly we discussed the collaboration of CIS with MAGPET and the installation of the smart bin in school and urged the students to collect plastic bottles from their neighborhood and community and become a "Green Warrior" by participating in this plastic drive. We made them take a pledge regarding this as well and motivated them to work on this and based on the work they'll be awarded batches of being a CIS Green Warrior.



# *Coffee Meet with Parents of IBDP Year 2 Students-*



A coffee meet was organized for the parents of IBDP Year 2 students on **July 18, 2024**.



The gathering provided a platform for Senior Principal Mrs. Servaia and Diploma Programme Coordinator Dr. Runa Ghosh Auddy to engage with the parents, emphasizing the importance of meeting submission deadlines and effectively managing the IBDP curriculum to ensure their child's academic success over the next six months. The Principal and DPC highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts between parents, students and faculty to navigate the challenges of the diploma programme successfully.

# Coffee Meet

## Middle School, IGCSE and A levels



Grade 10 Coffee Meet held on 19th July was a successful event, attended by a large number of parents, the Senior Principal, and the Head of the IGCSE Section. The session focused on providing academic feedback and outlining the school's future plans, including upcoming events and assessments. Their input played a crucial role in shaping the school's strategies and decisions, ensuring a more collaborative approach to education. The event highlighted the importance of strong parent-school partnerships in fostering a positive and effective learning environment for students.

Coffee Meets were also held for Grades A2 on 24th July. The discussions focussed on academics, regularity of attendance, and other areas of student development.

The Coffee meet sessions were also held for Middle school grades where parents were actively engaged in the discussions, contributing their perspectives and suggestions on teaching and learning on the following dates:

7th August - Grade 7

9th August - Grade 8

**THANK YOU**  
*thank you*  
**SO MUCH!**  
*so much*

We proudly present the **Student Council Members of 2024: School Captain and Vice Captain-** Evangeli Saha and Deeptendu Sekhar Ray, **School Deputy Vice Captain-** Advay Nathany, **Head of Media and Communications-** Auroni Sarkar, **Deputy Head of Media and Communications-** Deepro Roy, **Head of Alumni Cell-** Rena Tara Phookan, **Deputy Head of Alumni Cell-** Anvi Agarwal, **Head of Social Services-** Hiya Chitra, **Deputy Head of Social Services-** Niharika Banthia and **Technical Advisor** Anushman Tekriwal.

The House Positions for CIS Student Council 2024 are as follows:

For **Red House, Captain-** Arya Bhutoria, **Vice Captain-** Rohit Dey, **Senior Prefect-** Dhruvanshi Ray and **Junior Prefect-** Bhavesh Mukim.

For **GreenHouse, Captain-** Adya Narayan, **Vice Captain-** Hrishit Poddar, **Senior Prefect-** Risha Bhattacharya and **Junior Prefect-** Krishiv Poddar.

For **Yellow House, Captain-** Tamanna Sen, **Vice Captain-** Kaavin Raja, **Senior Prefect-** Cheero Roy and **Junior Prefect-** Reyna Bhawal.