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Spotlight Events

Annual Swim Meet 2026
Celebrating Sporting Excellence





The Annual Swimming Meet 2026 was held at the Calcutta Swimming Club, with heats on 18 August and finals on 21 August. Students from Grades 6 to 12 participated across three age groups, competing in a range of swimming disciplines, including Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly, along with relay events.

The Middle and Senior School saw 63 students participate in the heats, with 29 events conducted. Qualification for the finals was based on students' performance in the heats. The event celebrated individual excellence, with students across the different age groups earning Group Champion titles. Their performances reflected the commitment and preparation invested in developing sporting talent across the school.

Group Champions

- **Group A – Boys: Yash Vardhan Binnay (A2)**
- **Group A – Girls: Shivika Johri (A2)**
- **Group B – Boys: Kiyan Jal Bulsara (9B)**
- **Group B – Girls: Viha Goenka (8A)**
- **Group C – Boys: Devyansh Shah (6A)**
- **Group C – Girls: Arshia Gupta (7B)**



Overall House Championship

- **Champion:** Red House
- **1st Runner-up:** Green House
- **2nd Runner-up:** Yellow House

The meet celebrated students' enthusiasm, discipline and sporting spirit, providing them with an opportunity to demonstrate their skills and perseverance beyond the classroom.

We extend our sincere gratitude to **Mrs. Pratima Nayar, Principal, Junior School, and Mrs. Harsimran Kaur Kapany, Head of School**, for their guidance, encouragement and support in making the Annual Swimming Meet 2026 a successful celebration of sporting excellence and participation.





National Library Day 2026
Inspiring Readers Empowering Librarians






The 3rd Edition of National Library Day was celebrated on Saturday, 22 August, with an engaging and inspiring programme centred around the theme “Find Your Joy: Inspiring Readers, Enriching Lives.”

The celebration brought together 25 librarians from 19 schools across Kolkata, creating a wonderful platform for collaboration, learning and the exchange of ideas. Our Grade 9 student volunteers played a pivotal role in welcoming the participants and ensuring the smooth conduct of the programme.

The event began with a warm welcome to all the participating librarians, followed by the inaugural address by Mrs. Kapany, Head of School. This was followed by addresses from Mrs. Nayar, Principal Junior School and Mrs. Ganguly, Librarian setting the tone for a day dedicated to celebrating the evolving role of libraries and librarians.

The programme was thoughtfully divided into three enriching segments.

The first session, “Reimagining Library Spaces that Inspire Reading,” was conducted by Ms. Praveena Ireland, Manager, British Council Library. The highly interactive session encouraged participants to rethink traditional library spaces and explore ways of making them more engaging, welcoming and intellectually stimulating. Through collaborative discussions and sharing of ideas, librarians reflected on how their spaces could inspire curiosity and foster a deeper love for reading.



The second session explored “How Librarians Can Enhance Their Visibility and Leadership,” led by Ms. Jyotsna Singh, Reading Strategist, Scholastic. She introduced participants to the four dimensions of Environment, Entertainment, Engagement and Emotionality, along with the role of individual personality in shaping reading experiences. The session encouraged librarians to look beyond conventional approaches and consider innovative ways of connecting with readers and strengthening their presence as leaders within their school communities.

The final segment, “Building Meaningful Collections that Truly Reflect and Serve Our Readers,” was conducted by Ms. Kuheli Sarkar and Mr. Vivek B.G. from the Parag Initiative. The session featured a lively musical-chair book activity, where participants were encouraged to judge books through their visual cues and blurbs, articulate their first impressions, and reflect on what makes a book worthy of a place on their reading shelves. The activity offered a playful yet meaningful way to think about collection development and the importance of understanding readers' interests and needs.

The initiative reflects CIS’s commitment to purposeful professional development through collaborative learning, fostering a culture of continuous learning and growth across the school community.

Mr. Subrata Ghosh Honoured at IIHM Teachers' Day Awards 2026





Mr Subrata Ghosh, Head of the Art Department, was felicitated by the International Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM) at the IIHM Teachers' Day Awards 2026, in recognition of his contribution as an outstanding educator. The honour celebrates his 27-year journey in teaching and his dedication to the profession of nurturing young minds. Mr Ghosh expressed his gratitude to IIHM for recognising the teaching community and its commitment to excellence and best practices.

Congratulations to Mr Ghosh on this well-deserved recognition! Calcutta International School is truly proud to celebrate this significant milestone in his inspiring journey as an educator.

Academic Enrichment

Exploring the IB Core
A Journey Through EE, CAS and TOK





The IBDP Annual Core Walk Through organised by the IBDP Year I students along with their teachers, took place in the morning of 17th August in the AVR. The exhibition was overseen by DPC Dr Runa Auddy, along with EE coordinators Mrs Debalina Mitra Chatterjee, Mrs Tora Paul Chaudhury, CAS Coordinators Mrs Debatmita Guha and Mrs Udita Sarkar, TOK mentors Dr Madhusudan Nandan, Mrs Sushmita Mukherjee, Ms Bidisha Chandra, Mrs Kusumika Mitra, ATL coordinator Mrs Swati Chamaria and Learner Profile Mentor Mr Subrata Ghosh,and Mrs Preeti Roychoudhury.

The Core Walk Through is a specially curated exhibition that demonstrates the essential tenets of the IB Core curriculum and how CIS delivers that curriculum to its students.











Each of the core components had a dedicated stall - EE, CAS and TOK where students and teachers engaged with the visitors through interactive games and displays to explain the component clearly. There were 2 additional stalls dedicated to the IB Learner Profile and the ATL skills- which invited the visitors to participate in meaningful activities that taught them about these curriculum components.

The walk through was a resounding success as IB parents got a hands-on experience of what their children learn in the programme. Students of grades 8 to 10 also visited the exhibition with some parents attending as well. This proved to be another enriching experience for them as they appreciated the holistic approach of the IB programme in school.

Reading Meets Art
Reimagining the Literature Textbook





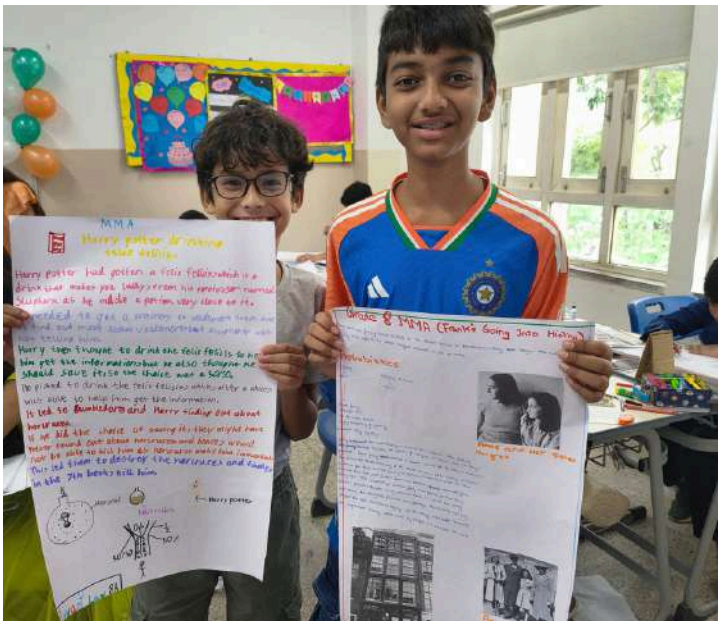


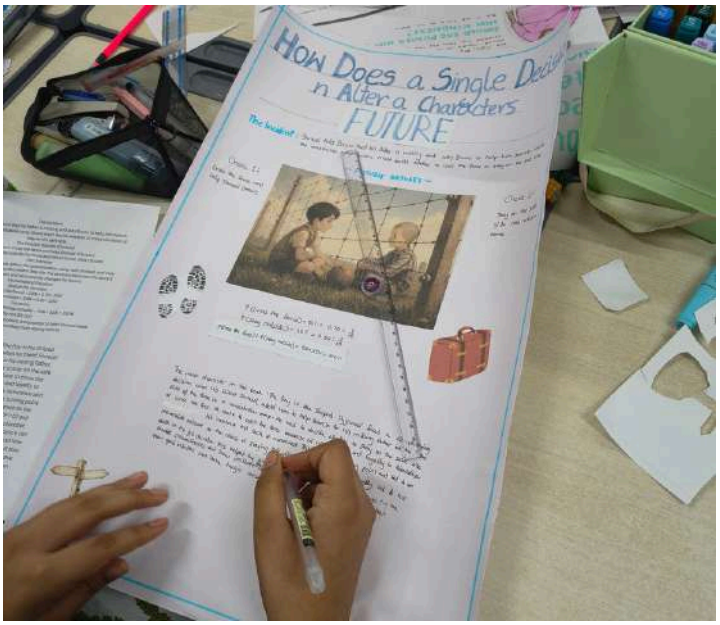
As part of the Reading Programme's integration with Art, Grade 8 students redesigned the cover of their Literature textbook, translating their engagement with literature into visual interpretations. On 15 July, Ms Preeti Roy Chowdhury, English HOD, and Mr Subrata Ghosh, Art HOD, shared the brief, outlining the interdisciplinary nature of the activity. Throughout August, students developed individual cover designs, combining literary understanding with artistic creativity. The completed designs were displayed along the school corridor, showcasing students' interpretations. The activity encouraged close engagement with literature, visual communication and independent thinking, reflecting the CIS ethos of holistic education and interdisciplinary learning.



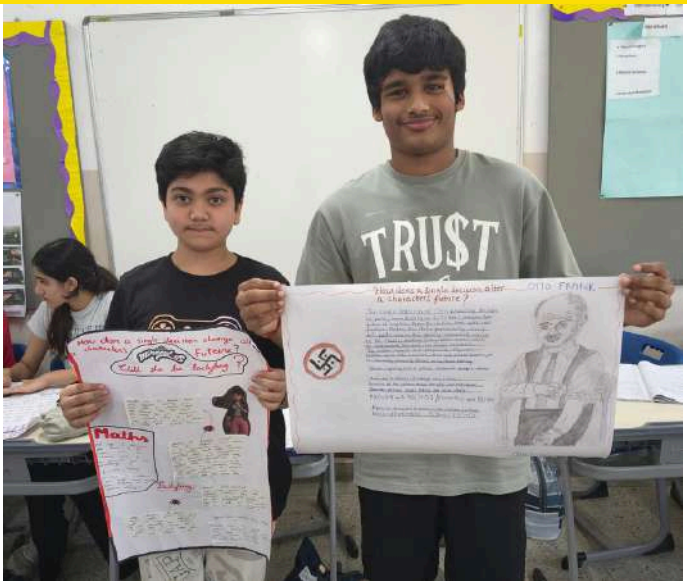


Bridging Mathematics and Literature
An Interdiciplinary Approach





Ms. Bidisha Chandra and Ms. Debdatta Ray designed an interdisciplinary Multimodal Assessment (MMA) linking literary analysis with mathematical probability through Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken". Grade 8 students explored how a single decision alters a character's future. Through close reading, students analysed explicit choices and implicit emotional impacts, while probability lessons helped them map incidents, possible outcomes, and actual results. Students then created museum-style "fork in the road" exhibits with probability trees and 100–120-word analytical commentaries, demonstrating how choices shape narrative trajectories and eliminate alternative possibilities. The activity fostered interdisciplinary thinking, enabling students to connect literary interpretation with mathematical reasoning.





Presentation of the Toolkit – Celebrating the Spirit of Vishwakarma Puja





As part of the Global Perspectives unit “What Makes Us Humans,” Grade 6 learners designed toolkits tracing the evolution of tools, exploring how changing human needs, technology and ways of working have shaped their purposes and uses.

Connecting their learning to the local context, learners explored the significance of Vishwakarma Puja, which honours tools, machinery, craftsmanship and the people whose skills contribute to society.The toolkits were showcased on 18 September 2026. Teachers from different departments visited the display, asked questions and engaged learners in discussions, encouraging them to explain their research and share their perspectives.

The presentation highlighted the relationship between human ingenuity, technological change and cultural traditions, helping learners appreciate the role of tools and craftsmanship in shaping communities.





Student Development

IBDP Year II CAS
Service Visit to APAK NGO

On 24 July, Daniel Ho of IB1 Ab Initio, accompanied by Spanish Language teachers Ms Sayantani Roy and Ms Anirudha Chakraborty, visited APAK NGO to support its work in animal welfare. Medicines and supplies were handed over to the APAK team using funds raised during the Multilingual and Multicultural Food Fest at Farmers' Garden





. The initiative, undertaken as part of the IB1 CAS programme, enabled the funds raised through the school event to be channelled towards the care of animals in need. During the visit, Daniel also had the opportunity to support the treatment of stray dogs in challenging street conditions. The experience highlighted the value of community service, collective responsibility and meaningful action towards animal welfare and environmental responsibility.

WORKSHOP FOR DRAMA STUDENTS







A Drama workshop was conducted by Ms Shuktara Lal on 4 and 5 August 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The workshop was attended by Drama students of Grades 9 and 10 and focused on Paper 1: Written Component, particularly the theory portion.

The first day focused on Section C, which includes questions based on the devised piece prepared by students for their coursework. Students were guided on how to approach and answer these questions effectively. They enacted scenes from their devised pieces to understand the technical aspects of performance and learn how to explain their creative choices.

On the second day, the workshop covered Sections A and B, with a focus on short- and long-answer questions based on the pre-released material. Students practiced answering questions related to design, technical elements, and reasoning, with emphasis on understanding the text and supporting their answers with relevant explanations.

Ethical Hacking: Inspiring the Cyber security Leaders of Tomorrow









On 19 August 2026, the Science Department at Calcutta International School organised an insightful session on “Ethical Hacking as a Career” in the AVR, led by Mr Sandeep Sengupta, a professional ethical hacker from the Indian School of Anti-Hacking. Students from AS, A2, IBDP Year I and II participated actively, engaging with the facilitator through questions and discussions. The session highlighted the vulnerabilities of our increasingly digital world and introduced students to the growing opportunities and highly rewarding career pathways in cybersecurity. Through practical insights and real-world examples, students developed greater awareness of digital security, ethical hacking and responsible technology use. The session aligned with the CIS ethos of fostering curiosity, responsible citizenship, critical thinking and future-ready skills.

CISMUN 2026
A CONFLUENCE OF DIPLOMACY AND CRITICAL THINKING







CISMUN 2026, held from 7 to 9 August, brought together 130 delegates from 12 schools for three days of diplomacy, debate and critical thinking. Through committees including the United Nations Security Council, Allied Control Council, Dual National Council and International Press Corps, delegates tackled major geopolitical and historical issues while honing their negotiation, policy-making and public speaking skills.

Guided by Teachers-in-Charge Mrs Rituparna Mukherjee, Mrs Sreeja Kundu, Ms Bidisha Chandra, Mr Ushmeyo Majumdar and Mrs Oindrillia Gooptu, and led by the student Secretariat headed by Secretary-General Arghamman Dutta, the conference maintained a spirit of academic rigour and collaboration throughout. The presence of Chief Guest Mr Sukrit Sen and alumnus Aryan Singhania further enriched the event, inspiring delegates and contributing to the intellectual exchange that defined CISMUN 2026.

A SMALL INDIAN TRAIL: A CAS INITIATIVE









A Small Indian Trail was a vibrant CAS initiative led by groups of students from IBDP Year I, celebrating the rich cultural diversity of India through food, art and creativity.

The students brought India to life through colourful stalls representing different regional flavours and traditions. From the much-loved Sikkimese Wai Wai Chaat and refreshing golgappas to stalls showcasing Indian arts and handmade creations, the event offered the school community a small yet delightful cultural journey across the country.

Beyond celebrating India's diverse culture, the initiative carried a meaningful purpose. Students took responsibility for planning, creating and managing their stalls, while raising funds through the sale of delicious treats and artworks. The proceeds will be used to support those in need, turning their celebration of India's diversity into an act of compassion and service.

A Small Indian Trail was therefore more than just a collection of food and art stalls—it was a student-led celebration of culture, creativity, collaboration and giving back to the community.

India–Korea Day Celebration





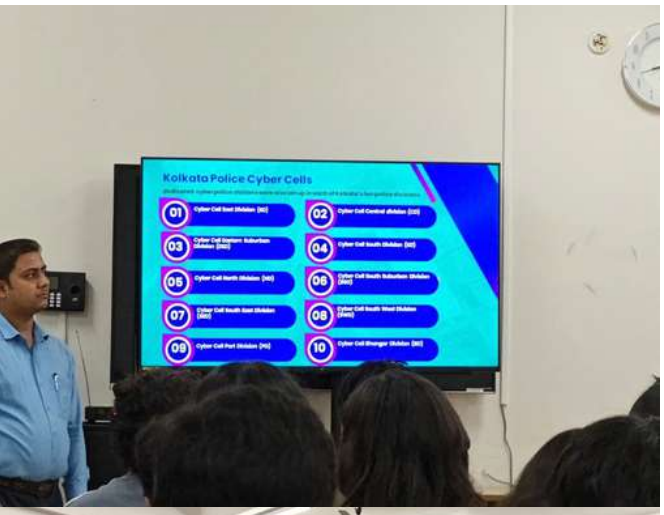


On 14 August, students of Grades 9 and 10 gathered at the IGR to celebrate Independence Day through dance, recitation, drama, film and visual storytelling, reflecting on freedom as the ability to think, question, express, create and embrace diverse perspectives.

The programme featured the Grade 9 dance performance Hindustani, celebrating freedom of expression; a Grade 10 recitation, Voices That Were Never Heard, highlighting overlooked perspectives in history. This was followed by the Grade 9 skit Voices Across Time, depicting changing ideas of identity and independence. However, the riveting short film Unanswered left an indelible impression on the minds of the audience.The celebration concluded with a Grade 10 chart presentation that visually represented the journey and meaning of independence through diverse people, events and perspectives.

Together, the presentations offered a thoughtful reflection on freedom as both a historical legacy and a lived experience for today's young learners.

Cyber Security Awareness
Staying Safe in the Digital World









The Science Department of Calcutta International School organised a Cyber Security Workshop for Grade 8 students on 19 August 2026 in the AVR. Conducted by Sub-Inspector Mr Ranjan Chakraborty of the Kolkata Cyber Crime Department, the session aimed to raise awareness about cyber threats and promote safe digital practices. Students were introduced to various online risks and practical strategies for protecting themselves in the digital space. The interactive workshop encouraged active participation and questioning, helping students develop cyber security awareness, critical thinking and responsible digital citizenship. The initiative reflected CIS's commitment to equipping students with the knowledge and skills needed for a safe and responsible digital future.

CIS Hosts Mini India University Fair









Calcutta International School hosted a Mini India University Fair for students and parents of Grades XI and XII on 12th August, bringing together representatives from some of India's leading new-age and multidisciplinary universities.

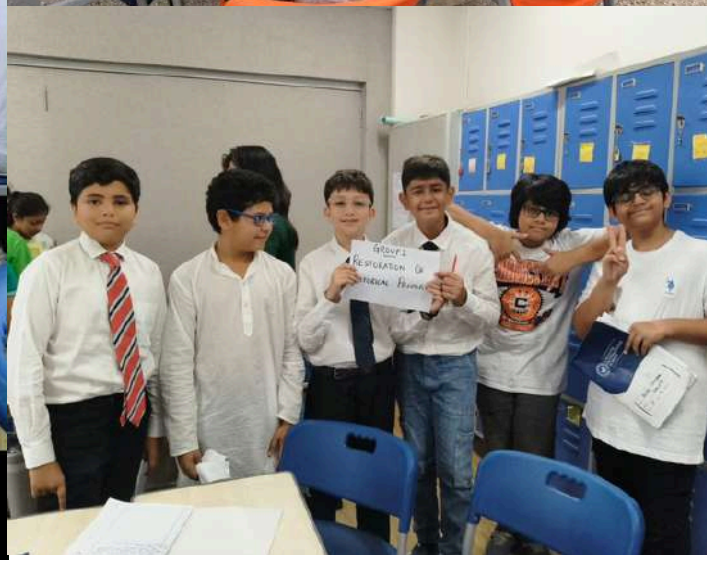
The fair featured Ashoka University, FLAME University, Plaksha University, ATLAS SkillTech University, Krea University, Ahmedabad University, Tetr College of Business and Masters' Union. Students and parents had the opportunity to interact directly with university representatives, explore academic programmes and understand the distinctive approaches to undergraduate education offered by these institutions.

With the global higher-education landscape evolving rapidly, it is increasingly important for students to keep Indian university options open alongside applications to overseas institutions. India's higher-education sector is expanding its range of interdisciplinary, liberal arts, technology, entrepreneurship and industry-integrated programmes, giving students a growing choice of pathways within the country.

Middle School Independence Day 2026







The Independence Day celebration for middle school was centered on the theme: If the Indian Flag Could Speak... Behind the scenes of the middle school Independence Day showcase, students engaged deeply with the Enrichment Curriculum, sharpening research skills by gathering and recording information and framing precise questions from broad topics. Alongside, the LEAD strand Respecting Self, Others and Systems guided them to collaborate with discipline, creativity, and empathy. Executive functioning skills — planning, prioritising, and coordinating — shaped their month-long journey of research, reflection, and preparation. Their showcase became more than a celebration of history: it was a vibrant expression of resilience, responsibility, and teamwork, revealing the essential intertwining of national identity and personal growth.

Middle School Inter-House Basketball Tournament – Boys' and Girls'





The Middle School Inter-House Basketball Tournament held on the 14th of August was filled with energy, excitement and plenty of house spirit. Green House delivered a strong performance in the Girls' tournament that saw them claim the championship, while Yellow House finished as runners-up.

The Boys' final was a closely contested encounter between Yellow House and Red House, with both teams evenly matched throughout. Yellow House eventually emerged victorious with a final score of 20-17, securing the championship, while Red House finished as runners-up. The Head of School, Mrs. Kapany also joined the students on the sidelines, enthusiastically cheering the teams on and adding to the excitement of the final.

The matches were conducted under the expert supervision of Mr. Samad, and the tournament was made even more special by the enthusiastic support of students who gathered along the sidelines to cheer for their housemates in all the breaks. The tournament was a wonderful display of teamwork, determination, friendly competition and house pride.

Senior School Inter-House Basketball Tournament – Boys' and Girls'





The Senior School Inter-House Basketball Tournament brought plenty of excitement to the Basketball court from 3rd to 6th August. The boys and girls teams played with great enthusiasm, energy and, most importantly, lots of House pride.

With matches taking place during the breaks, there was always a huge crowd around the court, with House mates cheering, encouraging and celebrating every basket and every effort. The support from the sidelines added to the team spirit and made the matches all the more enjoyable.

Yellow House took the Boys' Championship, with Red House finishing as Runners-up. In the Girls' tournament, Red House emerged as Champions, followed by Green House as Runners-up.

The school extends its sincere thanks to Mr Samad for organising and conducting the matches, and to all the students for making the tournament a fun and spirited celebration of House pride.

CIS Delegates Excel at Harvard MUN Jaipur







Calcutta International School (CIS) participated in Harvard MUN, Jaipur, from 20–23 August, earning the prestigious title of Best Small Delegation among over 30 schools and 400 delegates.

In a proud achievement, all five CIS delegates received awards across three committees. Head Delegate Basundhara Chowdhary (10B) and Tanay Rampuria (10A) received Diplomatic Commendations in SOCHUM. Devansh Golchha (10A) earned an Honourable Mention in UNDP, while Rayansh Kundu (9A) and Bhhavesh Mukim (10A) received Outstanding Delegate Awards in UNSC.

Adding to the delegation's success, Neil Gutgutia (AS2) served as Assistant Director of DISEC, working alongside Harvard students on the Executive Board.

Accompanied by teacher-in-charge Ms Rituparna Mukherjee, the students participated in skill-track workshops and leadership forums led by students from the Harvard International Relations Council and Athena Education. The sessions offered valuable insights into international diplomacy and helped students strengthen their negotiation, public-speaking and coalition-building skills through interaction and feedback from Harvard students. The delegation's achievements reflect the students' dedication, collaborative spirit and growing confidence as young global leaders.

Denim Upcycling Sustainability Drive





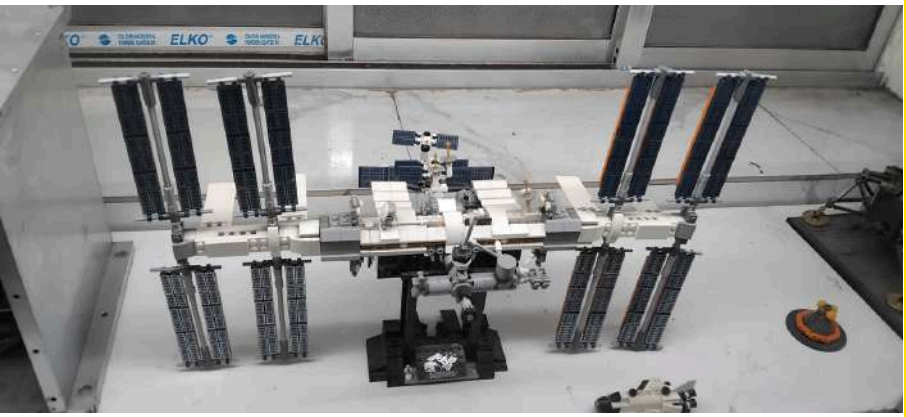
On Friday, August 14, members of the Science Club participated in a Denim Upcycling Sustainability Drive in collaboration with the NGO Aquaterra. Students brought pre-used denim, fabric and decorative materials, which they creatively repurposed into bookmarks and keychains under the guidance of the NGO team.

As the activity was held on the eve of Independence Day, students incorporated patriotic themes into their creations, featuring symbols such as the Indian national flag, lotus, peacock and popular sporting personalities.

The initiative demonstrated how everyday materials such as old jeans can be given a second life through creativity and responsible reuse. It encouraged students to make sustainable choices while developing their creativity and environmental awareness.

The drive supported SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, by promoting reuse and reducing waste; SDG 13: Climate Action, by encouraging sustainable practices; and SDG 4: Quality Education, through experiential learning focused on sustainability and responsible citizenship.

Science Club Visit to the Museum of Astronomy and Space Science









On 27 August, members of the Science Club embarked on an exciting journey into the world of astronomy and space exploration at the Museum of Astronomy and Space Science, Kolkata.

Established in 1999 and inaugurated by India's first astronaut, Rakesh Sharma, the museum houses 12 fascinating rooms filled with stories of space exploration.

Students explored rockets, spacecraft, scientific equipment and exhibits, while also discovering signatures and memorabilia of renowned space pioneers such as Yuri Gagarin and Kalpana Chawla.

The highlight was a captivating movie experience in the 3D theatre, making the visit an inspiring blend of science, history and exploration.

CIS Senior School Boys at the Bengal Basketball Premier League





The CIS Senior School Boys Basketball Team participated in the Bengal Basketball Premier League held on 28th and 29th August 2026 at La Martiniere for Boys School, Kolkata.

The team played four matches against The Newtown School, Armenian School, La Martiniere for Boys, and St. Thomas' School, securing two wins and two losses.

Throughout the tournament, the boys displayed tremendous grit, determination and team spirit. They fought hard in every match, showed resilience under pressure and never gave up, battling until the final whistle. Their commitment, teamwork and fighting spirit were a true reflection of the sporting values of CIS.

The tournament provided the team with valuable competitive exposure and an opportunity to test their skills against strong opposition. The experience will contribute positively to their continued development and preparation for upcoming competitions.

Science Club Investiture Ceremony 2026–2027



The Science Club Investiture Ceremony 2026–2027 was held on 4th September marking the induction of the new Science Club. The programme began with a presentation showcasing the club's journey and achievements, followed by a video message from the previous Core Committee sharing their experiences and best wishes. The highlight was the badge-giving ceremony, conducted by the Head of School, Section Heads, and Heads of Science.

Tokens of appreciation, including upcycled denim bookmarks and repurposed Blinkit-bag thank-you notes, reflected the club's commitment to sustainability and creative reuse.







Hindi Diwas Celebrations
Mela, Cultural Performances and Food Fest



Calcutta International School celebrated Hindi Diwas with a vibrant and engaging Hindi Mela, bringing together students through language, literature, art, culture and creativity. The celebrations featured colourful display boards and presentations highlighting the significance of Hindi, social awareness, family values and the contributions of Hindi poets and writers, creating an interactive and enriching experience for the school community.

Students across the Middle School actively participated in the celebrations. Grade 6 presented a thought-provoking skit on the usage and relevance of Hindi in today's classrooms, along with a display board focusing on the importance of family. Grade 8 presented a vibrant dance performance based on the theme "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam", conveying the message of universal brotherhood and harmony. They also created a display board centred on social awareness.





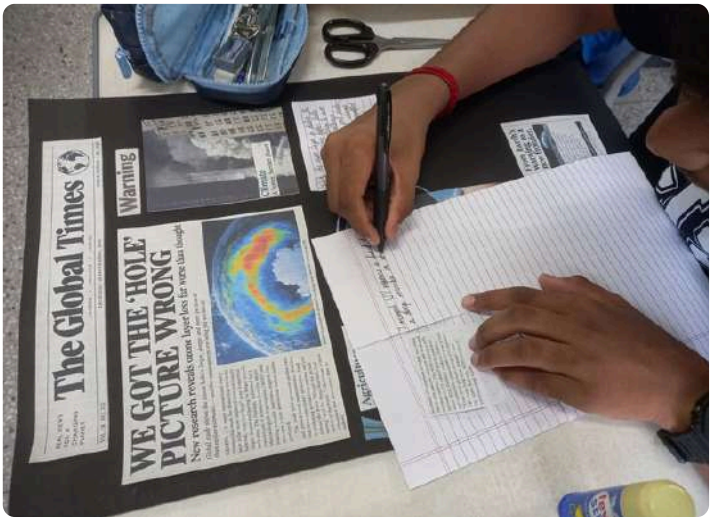


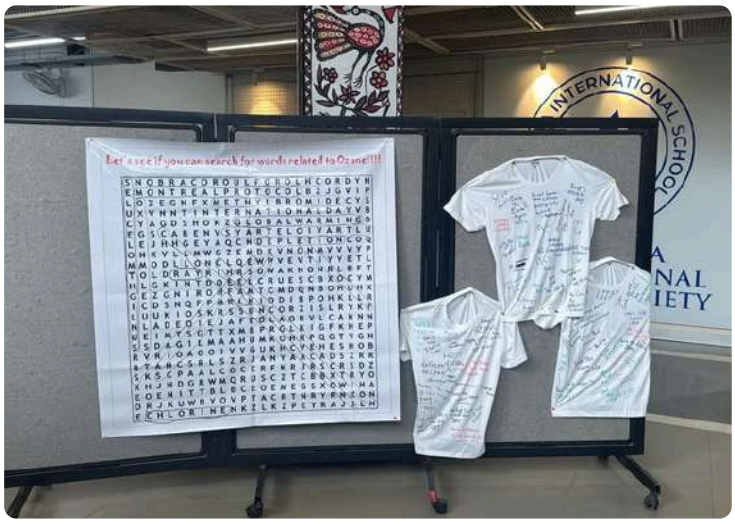


The celebrations also included a special cultural programme in the IGR, where students came together to appreciate the richness and diversity of the Hindi language. The programme highlighted the global importance of Hindi and featured poetry, a skit and dance performances, providing students with an opportunity to express themselves creatively while celebrating Hindi and its cultural heritage.

Adding to the festive spirit, Grade 7 students organised a food fest in rooms 7A and 7B, bringing together food, culture and community in a lively celebration.

OZONE DAY 2026





As part of the Science Club's Sustainability Drive, Calcutta International School observed Ozone Day on 18th September with students of Grades 6–11. The day began with an orientation video, followed by creative activities including posters, infographics and slogans made by students of middle and senior school promoting ozone protection. Students and teachers received Ozone Day badges and participated in break-time activities such as T-shirt pledge writing and an Ozone-themed word search. The initiative supported SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption) and SDG 13 (Climate Action).





SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOP

On 11 September 2026, Eimi Yuasa and Aesha Roychoudhury from IBDP Year I organised an engaging Self-Defense Workshop for students of Grades 8–11, providing them with an opportunity to develop practical skills, confidence, and awareness related to personal safety.

The workshop was led by experienced professionals with expertise in Mixed Martial Arts (MMA), Kumite, Kata, and Kickboxing, including a Self-Defense Instructor at the Kolkata Police Training School and an Instructor for the Kolkata Police. Through demonstrations and hands-on activities, students were introduced to effective self-defense techniques and the importance of situational awareness, discipline, and quick decision-making.

The session encouraged students to build confidence in their ability to respond appropriately in challenging situations while emphasising that self-defense is not only about physical techniques, but also about awareness, preparedness, and responsible action.







CIS Girls' U-17 Basketball Team Secures Runners-Up Position



The CIS Girls' U-17 Basketball Team participated in the Inter-School Under-17 Girls' Basketball Tournament hosted by RPGIS on 19 September 2026. Played in a league format among three teams, the tournament featured closely contested matches throughout.

CIS began with a thrilling encounter against RPGIS, winning by one point in extra time after the match ended in a tie. In the second match against MHSI, despite losing key player Prisha to an ankle injury sustained in the opening game, the team displayed remarkable resilience before narrowly losing by one basket.

With all three teams finishing level on points, the final standings were determined by score difference, resulting in CIS being declared Runners-Up and receiving the Runners-Up Trophy.

The tournament provided valuable exposure for the players, who demonstrated teamwork, determination, resilience and sportsmanship throughout. Accompanied by CCA Coach Mr. Suvra Banerjee, the team also benefited from meaningful interactions with players from other schools.

CIS extends its appreciation to RPGIS for the excellent organisation, hospitality and overall management of the tournament, which made the event a rewarding learning experience for all participants.

Session with University of Southern California



Calcutta International School hosted an information session with the University of Southern California (USC) on 1 September 2026, providing students and parents with an opportunity to interact directly with a member of the USC admission team.

The session was conducted by Ms. Julie Chiu, Admission Officer at USC, and was attended by students and parents from Grades IX–XII at CIS, as well as students from other schools and independent college counsellors from Kolkata.

The session covered key aspects of the USC undergraduate experience, academic programmes, admission process, application planning, student life, scholarships and opportunities for international students. Students and parents also had the opportunity to ask questions and gain first-hand insights into the application process directly from an admission representative.

The interaction provided valuable perspectives on preparing for U.S. university applications and encouraged students to think ahead about their academic interests, extracurricular engagement and overall university planning.

Session with Tokyo International School



As part of Calcutta International School's continued efforts to broaden students' understanding of global higher education opportunities, delegates from Tokyo International University (TIU) visited the school on 6 August and conducted an engaging session for students on studying in Japan.

The session introduced students to the academic opportunities and experience of pursuing higher education in Japan, while offering valuable insights into the country's universities, programmes, admissions pathways and student life. Tokyo International University, for instance, offers English-medium undergraduate programmes through its E-Track, including Business Economics, Digital Business & Innovation, International Relations and, from the 2027 intake, Data Science & AI.

With the global higher education landscape evolving rapidly, it is increasingly important for students to look beyond the traditional destinations and explore a wider range of possibilities. The interaction with the TIU delegates encouraged students to consider Japan not simply as an alternative destination, but as a country with its own distinctive academic and cultural opportunities.

Session by Singapore Management University



On 27th August 2026, Calcutta International School had the privilege of hosting a session with Singapore Management University (SMU), one of Asia's leading universities.

Mr. Andrew Low, from the Office of Admissions, engaged with parents and students of Grade XI and XII, providing valuable insights into SMU's diverse range of undergraduate programs. During the session, he outlined the admission requirements, application timelines, interview process, and available scholarships, helping students better understand the opportunities SMU offers to aspiring applicants.

The interaction was highly informative and inspired students to consider the possibilities of pursuing their higher education at a globally recognized institution in Singapore

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Programmer’s Got Talent: Celebrating Creativity Through Code





The Computer Science Club organised Programmer’s Got Talent on 11 September at ICT lab2, providing students with an opportunity to showcase their programming projects. Students participated in two categories—Grades 6–8 and Grades 9–12. Mayank Agarwal and Agastya Chanda were selected as winners in category 1 and category 2 respectively through audience voting. The event was hosted by Sheona Jena (AS) and Mehak Mohta (IB1), while Angelisa Das (IB1) covered the event through media. Students presented innovative and engaging projects, inspiring and enriching fellow CS Club members. The event developed programming, communication, creativity, presentation and peer-learning skills, while reflecting CIS values of collaboration, innovation and student-led learning.

Interact Club Investiture Ceremony 2026





On 4 September 2026, the Interact Club Investiture Ceremony was held in the AVR to officially induct the newly elected council of Calcutta International School's Interact Club. The event was graced by distinguished members of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria, the parent Rotary club, who felicitated the student leaders and presented them with their badges as a symbol of responsibility and service. President Nityanshi Newar, Vice President Prisha Kejriwal, Secretary Risha Bhattacharya, Treasurer Neil Gutgutia, Directors Vihaan Kumar Dhir, Wamiq Ali Molla, Khyati Kothari, Devansh Golcha, Anaya Churiwala, and Ambassadors Aarush Churiwala and Krishangi Poddar were formally invested. The ceremony celebrated leadership, collaboration, and the Interact motto of "Service Above Self," reinforcing the CIS values of integrity, compassion, and meaningful community engagement

People & Paws Bake Sale
A Sweet Step Towards Animal Welfare







The People & Paws Bake Sale, organised in collaboration with Interact Club of Clacutta International School, was a successful initiative to support animals in need. Students and volunteers came together to contribute homemade baked goods, volunteer their time, and actively participate in the sale. The enthusiastic response from students and staff helped raise ₹14,000, which will be used to support Ashari NGO and provide essential care and resources for animals in need. The event highlighted the values of compassion, teamwork, generosity, and community involvement.

Exploring New International University Campuses in India





With the global higher education landscape continuing to evolve, it is increasingly important for students to consider India alongside international destinations when planning their undergraduate education. Keeping this in mind, CIS hosted a special university session on 26 August for students of Grades XI and XII, bringing together representatives from some of the leading international universities establishing campuses in India.

The session featured Illinois Institute of Technology – Mumbai, University of Aberdeen – Mumbai, University of Bristol – Mumbai, University of York – Mumbai, and University of Liverpool – Bengaluru. These new international branch campuses are creating opportunities for students to pursue globally recognised university degrees while studying in India.

In the session, students learnt about the academic programmes, admission requirements, application processes, scholarships and student experiences offered at these emerging campuses. The session also provided an opportunity to understand how international universities are adapting their programmes to India's evolving higher education and employment landscape.

80 Years of Independence: Learning for Equality.









On 19th August, 2026 The students of IBDP Year I conceptualised and designed a collaborative CAS–English session on “80 Years of Independence: Learning for Equality.” Conducted as a podcast-style interaction, the session brought together LGBTQIA+ community members and allies, including Sandip Kantha Mukherjee, Debdatta Biswas, Dr. Debjyoti Ghosh, Tista, Abhijit Dalai and Robin Anupriya (RHA Kolkata). Students explored themes of identity, equality, diversity, inclusion, empathy and human rights through lived experiences Mr. Surya Subha Banerjee and Mrs. Preeti Roychowdhury mentored students in research and interviewing, while Ms.Udita Sarkar and Ms.Debatmita Guha supported the CAS integration. Cheero and Aesha facilitated the discussion, demonstrating student leadership, collaboration and meaningful engagement.

Science Club Visit to RBI Monetary Museum





As part of its experiential learning initiatives, the Science Club organised a visit to the RBI Monetary Museum on 11 September 2026. The visit enabled students to explore the intersection of science, technology and everyday life through the evolution of currency. Students investigated the scientific principles behind banknote materials, specialised inks, watermarks, security threads and anti-counterfeiting technologies. The exhibits encouraged students to observe, question and connect classroom concepts with real-world applications. The experience strengthened scientific curiosity, critical thinking and awareness of how chemistry, materials science and technology contribute to secure and sustainable currency systems.

Student Achievement

Sammagnah Shines at Crescendo XV







Sammagnah Bardhan of Grade 9A participated in Crescendo XV 2026, organised by The Calcutta School of Music, and secured the Runner-up position in the Drumkit discipline in the Junior category. The competition was held on 9 August 2026 at the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR). The event provided young musicians with a platform to showcase their talent, creativity and dedication. Sammagnah's impressive performance reflected his passion for music, discipline and perseverance. His achievement highlights the importance of nurturing individual talents and aligns with the CIS ethos of encouraging students to pursue their passions, build confidence and strive for excellence beyond academics.

Medhaavi’s Golf Achievements

Medhaavi participated in the Rajesh Kumar Poddar Amateur and Junior Open 2026, held on 19–20 August, securing third place in her category. She followed this achievement with an impressive second-place finish in her category at the Mahitosh Ray Junior Memorial Open 2026, held on 2–3 September.



These accomplishments reflect her dedication, discipline and passion for golf. Balancing academics with a sport that demands considerable time, commitment and practice is no small feat. We extend our appreciation to her teachers for their continued encouragement and support as she pursues her sporting aspirations while maintaining her academic commitments.



Dhruv’s Winning Streak





Dhruv D. Patodia (6A) secured podium finishes in three IGU Junior Golf Championships. He secured 3rd position in his category at the Jharkhand Junior Masters, held in Jamshedpur on 13th and 14th August, followed by 1st position at the IGU Junior & Amateur East Zone Feeder Tour – Mahitosh Ray Junior Memorial Open, held at Tollygunge Club on 2nd and 3rd September. He continued his winning streak by securing 1st position at the IGU Patna Junior Golf Championship, held at Patna Golf Club on 12th and 13th September. His remarkable consistency across all three championships is commendable, reflecting his dedication, discipline and growing prowess on the golf course.





Yuvaan Strikes Gold in Thailand



Yuvaan Agarwal of Grade 8 participated in a Taekwondo competition held in Pattaya, Thailand, from 31 July to 2 August.

Competing in the Under-45 kg category, he secured a Gold medal in Speed Kicking and a Bronze medal in Kyorugi.

His strong performance across both disciplines reflects his skill, determination and commitment to the sport.



Eben’s Winning Performance









Eben Vaswani of Grade 8 was part of the winning team at the Calcutta Cricket and Football Club 7s Tournament, held in September over two weeks. He made a significant contribution to his team’s success, scoring five goals during the tournament. Eben was also awarded Best Player in the Under-25 category in recognition of his outstanding performance. His achievement reflects his commitment, skill and contribution to the team’s tournament victory.

A Musical Milestone for Shanaya



Shanaya Parreira Patodia of grade 7, secured 2nd place in the finals of Crescendo XV 2026, the Calcutta School of Music's Annual Music Competition, held on 8 August at the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR). Competing in the Classical Piano – Primary Category, Shanaya delivered a confident performance before a large audience.Having previously experienced stage nervousness, Shanaya's growing confidence reflects the value of the many performance opportunities she has received at CIS. Her achievement is a wonderful testament to her dedication, perseverance and musical growth.



Lavik Lifts to Victory





Lavik Agarwal of grade 6 participated in his first Kettlebell Competition in March 2026, a Grand Prix event held in Hyderabad under the aegis of Girivoy Sports India Federation (GSIS). The competition featured around 150 athletes representing 14 states. Competing in the One Arm Long Cycle event with a 6 kg kettlebell, Lavik secured a Bronze Medal in his category. CIS congratulates Lavik on this commendable achievement and wishes him continued success in his sporting journey.

Prernaa’s National Squash Success



Prernaa Kanoi of Grade 9 has continued to excel on the national squash circuit in 2026. A National-Level Squash Player and three-time West Bengal State Champion, she is currently ranked No. 1 in her age category in West Bengal and among the Top 25 nationally. She has secured impressive positions across national tournaments, including 7th at the Tusk Investment Eastern Challenger and Squashxtreme Open, 8th at the Eastern Slam and Bengal Junior Open, and 6th at the White Lotus Bangalore Squash Open. She will next compete at the prestigious Indian Junior Open. CIS applauds Rerna’s dedication and consistent performances on the national circuit and wishes her every success at the Indian Junior Open.

CIS Swimmers Shine at Inaugural KSL Competition



The inaugural Kolkata Sports League (KSL) Inter-School Swimming Competition was held on 27 August 2026 at The Heritage School, marking the first sporting event under the KSL initiative. The League brings together five international-curriculum schools in Kolkata—Modern High School International, RP Goenka International School, The Heritage School, South City International School and Calcutta International School—to provide students with regular opportunities for competitive sporting exposure.







CIS was represented by 22 students from Grades 6–12 across the U14 and U19 Boys' and Girls' categories. Competing in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and relay events, our swimmers demonstrated exceptional determination, confidence and team spirit. The team secured an impressive 11 Gold, 8 Silver and 6 Bronze medals in individual events, along with Gold in every relay event. All four CIS teams—U14 Boys, U14 Girls, U19 Boys and U19 Girls—were awarded Group Champion Trophies. This outstanding performance is a testament to the swimmers' dedication, perseverance and team spirit, making it a remarkable achievement for CIS.







Students of IBDP Year I also supported the event and will contribute to coordinate future KSL competitions. The meet was a memorable beginning to this exciting sporting initiative, celebrating excellence, camaraderie and sportsmanship.



Professional Development

Professional Learning in Action





On 10th June 2026, Ms. Rituparna Roy, Middle School English Teacher, conducted a Department PLC on key learnings from the Cambridge Lower Secondary English training. The session focused on moving beyond formal tests to continuous formative assessment through questioning, discussion, observation, written work, peer and self-assessment. It also explored effective differentiation through appropriate scaffolding and extension, while emphasising learner responsibility and reflection. The session encouraged teachers to shift from asking, “Have I taught this?” to “Have my learners learned this, and how do I know?” The PLC reflected the CIS ethos of nurturing active, reflective and independent learners.



Strengthening Global University Connections

On 25 August, CIS Career Counsellor, Mrs Sanjukta Poddar attended a special interaction in Kolkata with representatives from nine leading U.S. liberal arts colleges, including Bates, Carleton, Claremont McKenna, Colgate, Haverford, Davidson, Middlebury, Wellesley and Wesleyan.

The session provided valuable insights into the U.S. liberal arts admissions process, including academic and extracurricular expectations, meaningful super-curricular engagement, scholarships and financial aid for international students. With CIS students recently securing admission to several of these institutions for Fall 2026, the interaction was particularly relevant. The insights gained will further strengthen CIS's university counselling practices and help students and families make informed decisions while developing authentic and meaningful profiles for university applications.





CIS at IC3: From Information to Insight





The Head of Student Development at Calcutta International School, Mrs Sanjukta Poddar attended the 10th Annual IC3 Conference & Expo at the Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai, on 19–20 August 2026. Marking a decade of the IC3 Movement, the conference brought together 1,922 participants from 48 countries under the theme, “Looking Deeply – From Information to Insight.” Sessions explored student well-being, career and university counselling, cultural fit, institutional partnerships and the evolving education landscape. The IC3 Expo also provided opportunities to engage with universities and gain insights into emerging programmes, admissions practices and scholarships. Participation strengthened CIS’s commitment to professional learning and ensuring that its university and career counselling remains informed, student-centred and responsive to the changing higher-education landscape.





4th Pan India IB DP Coordinators Meet

The 4th Pan India IB DP Coordinators Meet was held on 8 August 2026 at The British School, New Delhi, under the theme *Sharing Best Practices Across IB World Schools*. The meet brought together Diploma Programme Coordinators from IB World Schools across India for a day of professional exchange and reflection.

The event featured four sessions addressing key aspects of the DP framework. The Power of Questioning explored strategies to foster curiosity, inquiry, and higher-order thinking. Keeping Work Alive in the Age of AI examined academic integrity, ethical AI use, and methods to establish authenticity and understanding in student work. Informed Feedback which Leads to Feed Forward highlighted constructive feedback and the effective use of IB command terms to strengthen student outcomes. The concluding session, Building a Research Culture in Schools, focused on the progression of research skills and student-led Extended Essay conferences.



Awards and Rewards

The Telegraph School Awards for Excellence 2026

Calcutta International School (CIS) was recognised in several categories at the Telegraph School Awards 2026, celebrating the school's commitment to excellence, environmental responsibility, social service and holistic education. The awards ceremony was held on 22 August 2026 at the EZCC Auditorium.

School Category:

CIS received Certificates of Honour in the following categories:

- Excellence in Maintenance and Eco-Friendly Initiatives
- Social Service
- Excellence in Extra-Curricular Activities





Individual Category – Senior-Most / Graduated Batch

The achievements of the CIS community were further celebrated through individual recognitions for students and a former faculty member:

- Aarav Bagrecha – Certificate of Honour for All-Round Excellence
- Lakshya Agarwal – Certificate of Honour for All-Round Excellence
- Advay Nathany – Certificate of Merit for All-Round Excellence
- Nehal Saxena (Dance) – Certificate of Honour for Outstanding Talent
- Aadya Narayan – Certificate of Honour for Outstanding Talent in Music
- Lakshya Agarwal (Golf) – Certificate of Honour for Outstanding Talent in Sports

A special note of pride goes to Ms Neera Dubey, former CIS teacher, who received the Lifetime Achievement Award for a Teacher—a prestigious recognition of her enduring contribution to education and a remarkable milestone in her professional journey.

These recognitions celebrate the talent, dedication, sporting and artistic accomplishments, and spirit of service that enrich the CIS community. The school congratulates all the awardees on their achievements and extends its best wishes for their continued success.





