

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK
NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL, INDIRANAGAR
AN OVERVIEW OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

Dear Parents

Greetings of the season

We are once again at the end of another academic year at NPS-INR. Needless to say, 2020-2021 has been one of the most life-altering and challenging years for all of us. This of course, did not deter our students from stepping up and winning appreciation and accolades in various fields -both scholastic and co scholastic.

This is a great time to reflect on some of our achievements, update you on some important events and together hope for a better and more successful 2021.

At the very outset, I thank you for your continued support for the school. In a time when we had to reinvent, innovate and execute at short notice to cohesively work on the online forum, your valuable feedback has fuelled us on. It only goes to show your tireless efforts in working in partnership with us to ensure that your ward strives to 'Reach Out, Reach High, Reach Beyond.'

The Times Education Excellence Awards 2020 helps one get a glimpse of the best of educational institutions in and around Bengaluru that step up to offer stellar faculty and infrastructure. The winners were adjudged post a rigorous and detailed research based on various parameters. We are happy to announce that once again NPS, Indiranagar has made a mark.

In the survey conducted by the premier newspaper organisation, THE TIMES OF INDIA, for CBSE Curriculum and for Online Teaching, NPS Indiranagar has been ranked 2nd and 3rd respectively,

As a result of the pandemic Covid-19, education has changed swiftly and dramatically, with teaching undertaken remotely and on digital platforms. We appreciate our students and parents, who stood with us in this endeavour, for their total involvement and encouragement.

SOME ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR STUDENTS DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021:

As always, our students have racked up many achievements on the national and international platforms, which we are very proud to announce.

The School's Annual Results 2020

Our students have once again excelled in the 10th and 12th Board Exams. It has definitely been one of the many silver linings to a year that has been different from all others in their school life. The results of Grade 10 averaged at 90.35% with two students sharing the coveted first place. Ishita Mittal and Vishnu Ram Sampathkumar both secured a whopping 98.2%. Our Grade 12 results were truly top notch and pride-worthy. With the Science stream averaging at 89.95%, Parth Arora was our top scorer with an admirable 97.8%. The Commerce stream average was 88.41%, with Nithya Prabhu securing a commendable 96.8%.

The batch of 2020-21 had some excellent placements in the IITS with Amod Holla and Anshul Panda placed in IIT Delhi, Sai Ashrith and Dhruv Srikanth placed in IIT Hyderabad, Parth Arora in IIT Chennai and Preethi C D , in IIT Guwahati.

14 of our students have joined the prestigious Foreign universities such as Brown University, UC Washington, UC Santiago, UC Berkeley, University Of Indiana, Cambridge University, UK, University of Warwick, UK, University of Leeds, UK, University of Singapore and Hong Kong University.

Under Graduate Common Entrance Examination of Design (UCEED)

Sohum Dutta of Grade 12 has secured the All India 6th rank in UCEED conducted by IIT Bombay.

IRIS National Science Fair Grand Award Winners

Aria Narayan Vikram and Vishnu Sampathkumar of Class 11 have won the Grand Prize in Biomedical Engineering at the IRIS National Science Fair conducted from 20-24 January 2021. Aria has been chosen as part of Team India for Regeneron's International Science and Engineering Fair 2021 for her project StethoDoc which is the world's first Augmented Reality Guided Smart Stethoscope. Vishnu's project, titled 'ADiag', is a Graph Neural Network based algorithm that diagnoses Alzheimer's disease, using cortical thickness as a biomarker. In addition to winning the Grand Award, he also secured a position on Team India at the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) 2021.

Siddhant Attavar wins the gold award at the Indian Science and Engineering Fair

The Indian Science and Engineering Fair was conducted on 10th January 2021. Siddhant Attavar of Class 10 did himself proud and won the gold award at this fair. He has been selected to represent India at the Genius Olympiad 2021 and the Global Science and Technology Bowl 2021, Hong Kong. He won the award for his project SMART: Stroke Monitoring And Rehabilitation using Technology which uses innovative technologies like EEG and machine learning to provide stroke diagnosis and rehabilitation services to patients at home.

E-summit Entrepreneurship Event

From 6 -10th January 2021, IIT Roorkee, in collaboration with Clever Harvey, held their E-summit Entrepreneurship event. Participants had to come up with a novel, feasible business idea and pitch it to potential investors. After a social media round where 16 out of hundreds of teams were selected, 2 teams from our school did us proud. Janav Arun and Preksha Tyagi came first overall with their portal to help children with special needs. They earned a cash prize of Rs. 25,000, a sit down with the CEO of Clever Harvey and an opportunity to pitch their idea at IIM Udaipur. Shreyas Bachiraju and Pragadeeshwar Kannan were the first runners up, with their driver safety system, Drive Safe. They too were awarded an opportunity to pitch their idea at IIM Udaipur as well as a meeting with the project head of Clever Harvey.

Dhyan Vyas, emerges winner at Chri-Zzer – 2020

Chri-Zzer – 2020 is a National Level Business Quiz competition organized by School of Commerce, Finance, & Accountancy and School of Business & Management for students at the Intermediate level (9th to 12th Grade). Chri-Zzer 2020 is the Flagship Event of CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Pune Lavasa Campus - The Hub of Analytics in Collaboration with CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Delhi NCR campus. It had more than 600 participants from all over India and a few from other countries as well. It was conducted on various online platforms and had 3 preliminary rounds and a final round. Renowned quiz master Dr. G S Pradeep was the quiz master for the finals. Dhyan Vyas secured the 1st prize, winning a cash prize of 1 lakh Rupees, in this highly competitive event.

Ace quizzier Dhyan Vyas adds more feathers to his cap

Deccan Herald Fun quiz

Deccan Herald in association with Deeksha Academy held the Deccan Herald Fun quiz for Class 8 to 11 students. Dhyan Vyas from class 11B bagged 1st place, surpassing over 5000 entrants. He received a cash prize of Rs. 25,000.

Dhyan Vyas also participated in the **Numero Uno National level school quiz** conducted by Nexus Consulting on 27th and 28th of June 2020.

The quiz was conducted in three rounds, Preliminary, Semi-final and Final, where more than 220 participants from various cities all over India, took part. Dhyan finished as second Runner up in this highly competitive event.

TW MUN 2020

On 7 and 8 November, IIT Bombay hosted its scientific extravaganza, Techfest 2020. They hosted the Techfest WorldMUN, among numerous other events, which had a mammoth participation of more than 500 delegates from across India. Our students shone bright yet again. In the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Anirudh Sai H (representing United States of America) of Class 10 secured the Commendable Delegate award, placing third in over thirty delegates. In the very same committee, Arjun Ramesh (representing Singapore) of Class 10 placed fourth and was awarded a Special Mention for his exceptional performance. In the UNGA Social Humanitarian and Cultural Committee, Vaidheesh Bharadwaj (representing China) of Class 10 placed third and secured the Commendable Delegate award. Abhishek G of Class 10 took on the role of the Moderator and served on the Executive Board of the Commission for Narcotic Drugs. He was tasked with judging the delegates' performance through a rigorous 2 days. Congratulations to all the winners!

JPGS Talen-'Tech'-Xange

Even though competitions have shifted to an online platform involving a change in format, our students have embraced the opportunity with confidence. JPGS held Talen-'Tech'-Xange an Interschool competition comprising 4 events and our students were well placed in all of them. In the Corporate Titans event, Siddharth Kaul and Mahee Gubbi of Grade 12 came first. In the Movie Making event, Lakshay Kumar, Aaditya Kumar, Tanmay Sinha, N S A Varshini of Grade 9 came first. In the Yes! Professor event Samyuktha Kovilakath of Grade 8 came first. In the 90 Second Challenge event, Devyanshi Chakraborty of Grade 7 came second and Saumya K Mehta of Grade 11 came third.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

On the International Day of Yoga, a special online celebration was conducted at NPS Indiranagar, on Monday, 22 June 2020, during the morning assembly session.

To further emphasise the importance of Yoga in our day-to-day lives, our students, right from Kindergarten and Montessori to Grade 12, got together virtually to highlight various yoga asanas and their health benefits.

VIRTUAL CELEBRATION OF THE INVESTITURE CEREMONY

In the wake of an unprecedented lockdown period followed by the transformation in educational system, NPS Indiranagar prompted yet another example of educational innovation. The school celebrated the indomitable spirit of young talented leaders and commemorated them by means of a Virtual Investiture Ceremony on Monday, 24 August 2020. In this exceptional virtual dais, the young leaders of NPS Indiranagar were formally bestowed with the responsibility of leading their school with commitment, confidence and competence. They were reminded to be adept at informed decision making, creative problem solving, and above all, adaptability. The event was joined by students, parents, and teachers and proved to be an exhilarating moment for all the office bearers who were filled with zest and eager to take up their newly bestowed duties.

VIRTUAL GRADUATION CEREMONY – 2021

Another first for NPS, Indiranagar was the virtual Graduation Ceremony held on 27 January 2021. The outgoing Grade 12 that normally receives a grand and solemn farewell in the form of a ceremony at the school premises had to make do with a virtual one. Albeit virtual, the ceremony was pregnant with varied emotions. The Chief Guest for the ceremony was Dr Anasuya Sengupta, an alumnus of NPS INR. Her advice to the outgoing batch of students was to navigate through difficult times, always be joyful and make rational choices rather than compulsive ones. The students were declared graduands and will be moving on to widen their horizon with our blessings.

COMPASS 2020: FINDING DIRECTION

It is rightly said, 'There are no old roads to new directions'. Towards the end of their academic year, Students of grade 10 have to choose their stream of study for higher classes. They are often confused about what choice to make.

As part of Compass 2020, students of Grade 10 attended a group career counselling session at the beginning of the week and experienced a week-long exploration of the senior school Science and Commerce curriculum. To help the students and parents make an informed decision about the choice of stream for grade 11, National Public School, Indiranagar, hosted the online panel discussion for 'Compass 2020-Finding directions' on Saturday, 5 December 2020.

There was a panel of five members who shared their thoughts, experiences and guided the audience. The speakers included Ms. Veena S Venkatesh and Ms Ranjini Sridhar from the NPS parent fraternity, Mr Arvind Ajoy and Ms Urvija Srivastava from the alumni, and Ms Nanda Rajiv who is currently studying in grade 12. All the inputs from the speakers were based on their own experiences as students, parents or professionals and how their decision has moulded their lives and steered them towards their career goals.

Mathtrix 2020

National Public School, Indiranagar conducted its Mathematics Fest, Mathtrix 2020 on 20 November 2020. Our guest speakers for the day were Mr Shan Kadavil, the CEO and Founder of FreshToHome and Rohan Kapoor, an alumnus of National Public School, Indiranagar.

Some outstanding events were: 'Seg-Fault' 'Rhythm-X' 'Abstraction' 'Desolate Planet' and 'Maximus' which saw creative skills at their best.

National Public School, HSR Layout emerged the overall winners of Mathtrix 2020. Mathtrix 2020 definitely delivered on all levels as said in its tagline, 'Explore. Excite. Equate.'

SUMMER VACATIONS AND DATES OF RE-OPENING

The school will remain closed from 1st April 2021 for the summer vacations. The detailed schedule of the re-opening of the school is as follows:

Class	Date
Class 1 to 12	Thursday, 03 June 2021
KG 1	Thursday, 10 June 2021
KG 2	Thursday, 17 June 2021
Montessori (Freshers)	Wednesday, 09 June 2021
Montessori (Juniors & Seniors)	Wednesday, 16 June 2021

These dates are subject to change based on the Government notification at that time.

TEXTBOOKS AND NOTEBOOKS

A large number of parents have expressed their concern and predicaments in organizing textbooks and other materials well in time. We have made arrangements for books and materials from different agencies and will distribute them to the students in order to avoid any academic hitch when the school re-opens. The prescribed cost and schedule of issue of books will be notified to the students separately.

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER CERTIFICATE

We have tremendous pressure from parents seeking admission both from India and abroad. In this context, it would be appreciated if parents who are planning to withdraw their wards from the school for the next academic year could inform us of the same, latest by Monday, 15 March 2021. You may download the application form “annexure F” from the school website to submit the same at the school Bursary.

Online fee payment for the academic year 2021-22 will be on your acadames portal from 22nd. March 2021

We have successfully come to the end of an academic year that has without doubt, proven to us how much we are capable of, as parents, students and educators. It has definitely been an indicator of the strength that lies within each one of us. I would like to convey my very best to you for the summer vacation. Do stay safe and I wish you all good health. I look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed, for what will be another exciting and productive new academic year.

Warm regards

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