

# The Boarding Chronicle

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## Who are we?

The CIS Boarding Chronicle Team has been formed on September 2013 with a purpose of sharing the happenings at the boarding's every month with you with our newsletter.

## Welcome back to School

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Greetings for the Boarding!

It has been a year since the launch of our first edition. We can proudly say that we have fulfilled our jobs as editors. It's time for a new beginning, the start of a new academic year with a new face of our Boarding Chronicle. With so many new people in our boarding family, the events that happen around boarding are so colossal and also so many in number. I hope the excitement continues and with that here is the ninth edition of the Boarding Chronicle.

## Boarding Event Calendar

11<sup>th</sup> October 2014  
Outing to Jus' Trufs

## The IB1 Excursion to Coorg

### By: Hiya Ghaghda (Grade 11/IB1)

There were 4 main activities that we did during our excursion. On the first day we did river rafting, for some of us it was the first time which was quite exciting, we learnt how to raft and get someone out of the water if they had fallen out, this included being a risk-taker. Then we played team building activities with everyone where each activity involved collaboratively working together. After which, we had a marshmallow challenge where we were given some string and tape, a marshmallow and a some spaghetti, with all these materials we had to we had to build the tallest tower in groups. On the last day we got divided again and were asked to make a movie with a reflection of everything we did during the IB excursion.

## The Boarding's First Football Match

### By: Sharad Kiswani (Grade 11/IB2A)

Something which does not reflect my personality is sports. This was my first time playing football. With no knowledge of the alphabets of the game, here I was, playing on the field against passionate experts. The first boarding football match was held in the football field on a friday evening. I did not know what to do, but I was there to prove that there was more to myself than what people saw, I was there to experience an opportunity that I may never get again and mostly, I was there so I could create fun memories with all my friends, who are so close to me, I can call them family. The players were all divided into a number of teams. I tried my best to help my team win. To my surprise, I played a lot better than I originally thought I could. I was able to face the challenge! Though my team did not reach the finals or semi finals, we did have a lot of fun. Additionally, the mexican dinner and the large cake made the day even more beautiful. I still can't believe that I had actually played in the field. I definitely look forward to playing another match whenever I get the chance to do so!

## The Boarding Ice Breaker Evening

### By: Shubhang Gupta (Grade 11/IB1)

It was mandatory for all boarders to show up for this evening,. Everyone was acting cool and made up excuses so they wouldn't have to show up, but all of us secretly wanted to go, we were actually excited about these group activities! Every group had to perform each activity in rotation; some activities were frankly more interesting than others but we decided to go through with them.

We started with the scavenger hunt; the highlight was definitely singing that old nursery rhyme at the top of our voices. We rejoiced in doing that as a group. The human pyramid activity have us a feeling of paranoia first but seeing other groups do it was reassuring, we ended up doing it 4 times and falling several more times.

Some people were really looking forward to Khokho, which was sadly cancelled, so we were made to race against other groups. This had a way more competitive feel to it, it was a relay race with all the dirty tricks and cheering.

Meanwhile, the photographer was fast at work, capturing our most amazing moments, like when we crossed the maze puzzle, and when we crossed that line skiing; but it wasn't really about the parts where we completed the activities, it was when we were figuring out a way around the maze, and when we were strategizing how to travel faster on the skis. Our journey was as enjoyable as our conclusion, which was a beautiful iMovie recollecting all our moments.

## Saturday Bowling with school teachers

### By: Prashant Lakhwani (Grade 12/IB2B)

The bowling competition between the boarders and teachers from school was indeed a great experience. This was held in Orion mall on a Saturday morning. All the boarders including half of the teachers group left for the bowling with the school bus. When we reached there, we combined ourself with the rest of the teachers group. Then, the games began. All of us were divided into a number of groups and all of us began to bowl. I was really enthusiastic about the event, as I had not bowled for a while. We supported and cheered everyone on until the game ended. All the winners of the first round were given a chance to play in the finals. Luckily, I had won the first round in my team and got the chance to play the second time. While the next round was happening, some of the students began to leave to catch up for a movie or carry on for lunch. Overall, it was a great fun as we did not leave any chance to motivate all the players. I had a memorable time and I look forward to the next bowling



# The Open Couple Theatre

## By: Drishti Kishor (Grade 12/IB2A)

"I think what makes people fascinating is conflict, its drama, it's the human condition. Nobody wants to watch perfection."-Nicolas Cage.



This quote beautifully helps explain my experience watching the play "Open Couple". The play depicted the scenario of a couple trying to modernize and think away from their culture. It seemed to connect with our current generation and mind set. As a student my perspective towards love and relationships was something to be cherished but what I saw here was an insight into another world. It wasn't about the perfection of relationships, but about the couples being in a chaotic mess and trying to seek

mutual understanding and compatibility.

Also, the language used was to suit the audience of the current generation which further helped me to relate to it on a more personal level.

What I learnt from the play? I learnt that one is not restricted by love or culture but simply by the emerging stereotypes and lifestyle that we all are trying to adjust too.

The performance of the actors was incredible and they very well portrayed the image of an open couple in a very hysterical and satirical manner.

To conclude, this play made me reckon the possibility of perfection in a whole new aspect and experience something so surreal and realistic at the same time.

# Plant a Sapling

## By: Sai-Kishan Paladee (Grade 9)

16 September 2014. A day to be remembered as the day the idea for the competition was born. We, the members of the gardening committee, decided to perform a feat that we would be remembered for. We decided to have a competition where instead of just giving the participants a plant, they plant it themselves and take care of it for one whole month.

The boarders first take a plant and a pot each and head to the first station—Fertilisation. Each student takes a turn to put fertiliser into their pots. Also known as "Cocoa peat", this fertiliser's job is to absorb the water so the roots can take it in for survival.

Next, they head to the second station—Composting. Each student now takes a handful of compost and adds it to the pot. Compost is the nutritional source for the plant, and it also leaves spaces between the soil to allow the roots to breathe. It consists of waste that is normally thrown away from the cafeteria. They need to add the right amount, because if too less is added, then the plant may not get all the nutrition it needs, and if too much is added the plant can also die.



The final task that the boarders must do is put sterile, red soil that gives room for the roots to grow. After this they put their name-tag on their plant, water it and leave it out in the sun. After watering their plant for four weeks in a row, judgement day arrives... After judging based on various criteria depending on the plant, winners will receive mysterious prizes!

# The Badminton Tournament

## By: Sharad Kiswani (Grade 12/IB2A)

This was my first ever badminton tournament in the boarding. It was definitely time that we had one since we've never had one before. Since I was given a chance to play, I was like 'Why can't I try my luck once again?' I am sincerely not a sporty person, but when it comes to those, which I know to play, I never leave the chance. The badminton tournament was really fun. We left the boarding with all the players and some of the boarding parents to the sports arena. When we reached there, the list of the players competing against each other was read out and Samin and Saahil called out rules of the games. We not only had singles' matches with the boys and girls separately, but some doubles' matches as well. It was a lot of fun. Not to many people's surprise, Samin won the boys' singles' knowing the fact that he was the best badminton player in the CIS Boarding. Before the night could have gotten over, we had a surprise visit by our school sports' teachers, Mr Bipin and Mr Devaiah. They enthralled the spectators with dashing shots. These teachers not only play awesome sports but they also won the challenge of the badminton tournament against Samin and Suphakt who are the best players in the boarding. I would like to thank the organizers for giving us such a great opportunity. Though I did not win the match, I truly had lot of fun. The food provided by the cafeteria was really good as well. The bond we shared with all the new students at the boarding was just perfect. Overall, it was a great experience and I hope we have many more tournaments like this in the boarding!



# River Rafting

By: Medha Khanna (Grade 11/IB1)

River rafting was simply MIND-BOGGLING!!!! We left early in the morning, and reached our final destination for rafting in Bheemeshwari, but only after a tiresome 3 and a half hour of bus journey. It was awesome; we divided ourselves into groups to fit into three rafts. Then came the FUN hour of using the oar and making the rafts move against the rapids!!! Our raft

instructor, Mr Santosh, was very kind to us throughout the rafting. In the middle of the Kaveri River, we had the opportunity to jump into the cold water. We also took many pictures during the whole journey. After an hour of making the rafts move, we came back to the resort. Our ride from the starting point in the finishing point to the resort was in open jeeps. Once again, boring, and I loved



Santosh remained very throughout our time in middle of the still waters most of us didn't waste jump into the cold so many pictures during After an hour of making came back to the resort. Our ride from the the resort was in open jeep rides can never be the way we bumped

into breakers on the road and had an oopsy-doopsy ride! There were always many monkeys in the resort and on the way to everywhere. Running from monkeys snatching our food, is something that i will not fail to remember!!! The reason behind that...a monkey snatched an apple from me!!



It was an amazing experience as a whole and I hope to go for it again soon.



# Trekking

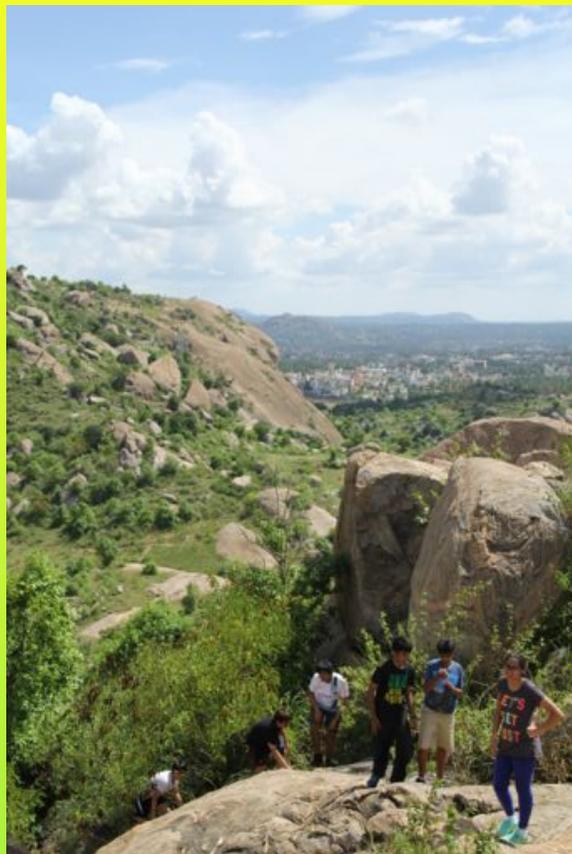
## By: Manika Sadarangani (Grade 11/IB1)

On Sunday morning, we all got up excited to go for trekking and experience a different, new adventure. We left school by 0830 and since it was a two-hour journey, we reached our destination by 1030. We started off with chimney climbing. When the instructor introduced us to what exactly it was, excitement rushed through me as I love doing adventurous activities! I was a little too excited and wanted to go first but I ended up going 5th. In the beginning, I did have a tough time as I had no clue about what I had to do, but the higher I got, the easier it became. It was such a fun experience!

After that, I couldn't wait for the next thing we had to do. It was called bouldering. I knew what a boulder was but I had no clue what this activity was. They made us climb a boulder and it was so amazing! Imagine telling all your friends "I climbed a boulder", how cool would that sound? We were so exhausted after these two activities that we ended up having lunch.

Honestly, the lunch did help us gain back a little bit of our drained energy. The last thing we did was trekking. I wasn't too excited as I was exhausted but we didn't really have a choice. It took an hour for us to trek to the top and 45 minutes to get back down. The journey up was exhausting, but worth it as the view we got to see was like no other, it was just marvellous. This gave us solid proof

of how beautiful nature actually is. By the time we got down and back to the bus, all of us dozed off. It really was a fun and exciting experience and I can't wait for the next time I go trekking again!



## Update from Indomart

To begin with, it is with great support and dedication that this tuckshop has come out to be a successful venture. It has run for nearly 4 months with fantastic sales throughout. The loan of, Rs. 11 000 has also been returned back to the school before the summer holidays i.e. June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014. However, in the operation of Indomart, there have been certain issues that made it quite tough, one of them was the lack of sincerity from some of the volunteers.

We have made plans for the future of Indomart that will be more beneficial for everyone. Firstly, we will be introducing a cart where we will be selling the items from and maybe a few tables and chairs for our boarders to "chill" while having their snacks. Secondly, the installation of a fridge is being processed and we hope it will be there when we return from the Diwali break. Lastly, we would make the management of Indomart more organized; such as make certain rules for the volunteers so they would not take their responsibilities too lightly.

To conclude, as the Student Leader of Indomart, I would like to express my immense appreciation to those who have helped in making this venture a success, from the cleaning staffs, drivers, boarding parents, boarding manager, vice principal, principal, head of school, accounts department, marketing department, and lastly, my fellow boarders.

Please do keep in mind that we are very opened to all suggestions that can help make Indomart expand and serve you better.

Prashant Sunil Lakhwani (Grade 12/IB2B)  
Leader of Indomart Committee– Boarding Tuckshop.



### Quote of the month:

"Imagination is more important than knowledge"  
-Albert Einstein

### Jokes:

Q: What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down?

It gets toad away.

Q: What did the duck say when he bought lipstick?

A: "Put it on my bill."

### Birthdays:

05<sup>th</sup> Oct- Jyotsna

06<sup>th</sup> Oct- Jacob

14<sup>th</sup> Oct- Naren

15<sup>th</sup> Oct- Arihant

16<sup>th</sup> Oct- Medha

17<sup>th</sup> Oct- Manika

18<sup>th</sup> Oct- Ritwik

27<sup>th</sup> Oct- Jinhan Park

### The Boarding Chronicle BLOG:



<http://cisboardingchronicle.blogspot.in>

# Editor's Note:

A very warm welcome from the editors of the CIS Boarding Newsletter.

Wow! A year went by so quick. We hope all of the new boarders have settled into boarding well. This is just the beginning of the year, only two months have gone by and we have already had more events than we had in the whole of last year. With the huge number of people in boarding, there will be a lot of crazy events going on in boarding and as always, we will keep you posted with memories from all of the events.

Feel free to leave comments on our articles, to share your thoughts and suggestions or ask to the author a question. We appreciate your support and are so happy to have you all as readers of The Boarding Chronicle.

With A Hearty Thanks,

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