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### Academic Year

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"This is a new year. A new beginning. And things will change" – By Taylor Swift. The academic year 2021 -2022 started on April 5 2021 in the virtual platform Zoom and Google Meet.

### **Fee Concession**

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school The management has initiated necessary measures to ease the burden on parents by providing fee concession to all the students since April 2020. From May 2021 to July 2021, only tuition fees and administrative fees were collected from students. Students were also exempted from paying the sports fee, stationary fee, computer fee, science fee and lab fee for three The SMC months. supported parents by reducing 10% of the

### Issue of Library Books – Reading Activity

Reading is a passport to countless adventures. It is the gateway skill that makes all other learning possible. To let our children, fly to the world of fantasies, our

school's librarian had initiated the distribution of books to the students during the lockdown. PDF of the books available in our library was also made accessible to the students. Students are expected to send an E-mail to the librarian requesting the books of their choice. The books are then issued to the students every Wednesday from 5 pm to 6.30 pm at the school.



tuition fees for May 2021 to July 2021. Besides, late payment was not charged for the months from April to July.

Since the financial difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemics persist, the school management has decided to extend the same fee concession for the next two months, i.e., August and September 2021.

### **Happiness Curriculum**

The happiness curriculum sessions are being conducted every week for students of Classes VI, VII and VIII from 18.04.21 onwards to spread joy among students whose interaction with their peers is restricted due to the lockdown. Multiple skill-oriented learner-centered activities are conducted during these sessions, which help students to cope with the stress caused due to the current pandemic situation.



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### **SMC- Parents' Meet**

SMC – Parents' Meet for KG classes to grade V was held on 22 May and for classes VI to XII, was held on 23 May 2021. This proved to be a fruitful interaction between the SMC and the parents for the development of the school and the betterment of our children, where we analysed both our strengths and areas for improvement.



More than 420 parents attended the meeting, and the meetings held on both days generated insightful suggestions. The school management committee thanked and appreciated the parents for their wholehearted support and encouragement, which keeps us going despite the pandemic constraints.

### **SMC-** Teachers' Meet



SMC – Teachers' Meet was conducted virtually. The meeting proved to be a worthy platform to discuss the holistic progress of our institution and to identify potential areas for improvement.

### Textbook, Notebook and Printed Notes Distribution

Textbook and notebook distribution was carried out according to the following schedule:

Class KG, 1 & 2 - 10.04.21 Class 9, 10 & 12 - 11.04.21 Class 6,7 & 8 - 12.04.21 Class 3,4 & 5 - 13.04.21

Printed notes were distributed on 20.05.21, 22.05.21, 18.08.21, 19.0821 and 22.08.21 to reduce students' screen time, who have to copy the notes from the Google Classroom otherwise.

### **Office Bearers Selection**

The election of the school office bearers was conducted on 12.08.21, and the following students were elected as

### School Students Council Members



Tanvir Rahman Head Boy Class XII



Gouri . Jyothish Deputy Head Girl Class XI



Khazeena Eman Head Girl Class XII



Hiba Sherin Sports Secretary Class X



Abhinav S Ashok Deputy Head Boy Class XI



Aafiya Aladeen Linguistic Secretary Class XII

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### **Earth Day Celebration**

Earth day celebration and awareness program were conducted virtually by the Department of Science and Social Science on 22 April 2021. Children actively took part in the virtual programme.

### Independence Day Celebration

Independence day celebration - 15 August 2021. A fantastic and inspiring programme teeming with the spirit of independence was put up by the students of grade VIII. colourful The vibrant and celebration included patriotic dance and speech songs, performances of eminent freedom fighters enacted by students. The programme was broadcasted live on YouTube.



















Special Onam assembly was conducted on 19.08.21 by the students of classes IX and X. The spirit of oneness inspired the programme. It showcased the grandeur of our rich cultural heritage by exploring the significance of the myth regarding the homecoming of the legendary king Mahabali.

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## Vaccination

### 'Doing it all; Protects us all.'



Inoculation for students aged 12 to 17 years was conducted from 16.08.21 to 19.08.21, in Lubaba bint Al Harith School, Sur.

### HP IDEA Training

Six of our faculty members are attending a course conducted by HP IDEA, which promotes and stands for new strategies and innovations in the education system. The course aims to develop effective teacher-leaders embedding cutting edge handy teaching skills across the participating schools. The course also aims at supporting teacher and student entrepreneurship ideas. The HP IDEA program will support the strategic objectives of the regional Ministries of Education and private school groups – and help address the challenges and harness the opportunities presented by COVID-19's impact on the education sector.



Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. - Nelson Mandela

### **Turncoat Debate Competition**



Online turncoat debate competition of class XII students was conducted on 19.08.21. Eight students participated in the competition, where two students each different The represented houses. programme provided a space for the students to showcase their eloquence and debating skills.

### **Daily Assembly**

All the respective classes conduct daily special assemblies to celebrate "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" INDIA@75



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### HP IDEA (Innovation & Digital Education Academy)

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As Olympic silvel medallist gymnast Jonathan Hotton once said, "It's not about winning of losing a competition, it's about beating the doubt within youlself and knowing that each day you are one step closel to youl goals."

Indian School Sur envisions that its students carve a niche for themselves in all of their endeavours. Concerning this, we extend invaluable opportunities for students to grab and excel both at inter-school and intra-school levels. Co-curricular activities are essential for all students and help in enhancing the learning process. Even though the pandemic has disrupted our everyday school life, we have strived hard to conduct competitions online this year to provide the students with a platform to showcase their talents and enhance their personalities along with their academic progress.

The co-curricular activities held virtually during the last academic year (2020-2021) was a significant milestone. This academic year (2021-22) also we have planned various events for the students to explore their creative skills and advocate remarkable progress in their personality refinement. Events are categorized under four levels; sub-junior, open, junior and senior and the domains include dance, music, art, IT, performing arts and literary events. These activities stimulate painting, singing and speaking skills in students. Co-curricular activities make the students fit for the future and develop a competitive spirit, cooperation, leadership, diligence, punctuality, and team spirit. The events are non-competitive, and non-competitive, and students are graded according to their performance with A+ (Outstanding), A (Very Good), B+(Good) and B (Average). The events were also broadcasted live through YouTube/Zoom.

The literary events were conducted from May 3, 2021 to May 20, 2021. The most eminent judges judged the programmes from all over Oman, India and Dubai. The art events were conducted during the vacation. We witnessed the dedicated efforts of the students to display their craft and to hone their creative skills.

These activities are designed and balanced with the academic curriculum so that every student gets to learn beyond the framework of academic learning. We have seen the students making the best use of the opportunities to mould their personality and enhance their social, intellectual skills and moral values.



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### CCA Art & Craft Events

### CLASSES I & II:

Colouring - My Home or My Garden

Clay Modeling - Fruit Basket or Vegetable
Basket

- Wealth from Waste Open theme
- Finger & Vegetable Printing Open theme

### **CLASSES III & IV:**

- Drawing & Colouring My City
- Collage Tear & Paste My Dream Home
- ► Wealth from Waste Open theme
- Origami Animal Kingdom

### **SUB-JUNIORS:**

- Painting Village
- Pencil Sketching Scenery
- Bottle Art
- Coffee Painting Open theme

### JUNIORS:

- Painting Scenery
- Pencil Sketching Portrait or Still Life
- Canvas Painting- Open theme
- Coffee Painting- Open theme

#### **SENIORS:**

- Painting Save Planet Earth
- Poster Making "India A Kaleidoscope of Rich

Culture & Heritage "

- Canvas Painting Our World in 2021
- Coffee Painting Open theme



### **Online Chess Training and Tournament**

To enflame the sporting spirit during the COVID-19 pandemic time, our P.E department started giving chess training through the free online website www.lichess.org, on all Chess is a universal game that weekends. promotes critical intellectual skills such as problem-solving, logical thinking, pattern recognition and concentration. Training sessions commenced in May 2020 and is successfully progressing. At present, 50 students regularly participate in the weekend training sessions. To give the training efficiently, students are divided into three

groups according to their playing levels: beginners, intermediate, and advanced. To develop the competition experience, tournaments are organized for different groups (beginners and advanced groups) on every Friday and Saturday. Students are actively participating in these tournaments and showcasing their talent and game spirit.



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### **Inter-House Yoga Competition 2021**

In order to keep the students physically and mentally strong, the school had organized an online yoga competition for classes III to XII on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Twenty boys and 35 girls participated in the competition. The competition was conducted separately for boys and girls in which boys were divided into four teams of 5 students each and girls into seven teams of 5 students each on every



team. Each team had performed Suryanamaskar, Naukasana, Ardhamatsendrasana, Pada hastasana, Sarvangasana, Trikonasana, Chakrasana, Shashankasana and Dhanurasana. The competition has helped the students to cultivate a spirit for practising yoga every day.

### Various Sessions for Children

- Career guidance session for Indian students in Oman- by Bahwan Cybertek – was attended by the students of grades XI & XII and VIII- X on 17 April 2021.
- Free NASA Space Simulations- Moons to Mars coding workshop attended by students of class VI – X on 22 April.
- Workshop for classes I VIII WORD WIZARD - Literacy skills and activities by GEMA was held on 24 April 2021.
- Students of classes IX-XII attended a career guidance program exclusive for NRI students conducted by MAK Anwar on 1 May 2021. The session was organised by VIZHI- A HRD WING OF TMMK.

- Know Your Self- Mental Health Awareness
- Students of classes IX-XII attended the Know Your Self – Importance of Mental Health workshop by Nowcare4U on 4 May 2021.
- Know Your Self- Mental Health Awareness program attended by classes V - VIII conducted by Nowcare4U on 11 May 2021.
- The workshop was par with international standards.
- Speakers from team NowCare4u were Mr. Vineet, Ms. Jyothi, Ms. Tanya, Ms. Sejal.
- Speakers from Sur were Dr. Srinivasan, Dr. Sujatha & Ms. Meera.



### **ROUND-UP** SPOTLIGHT **RASHTRAGAN** Majority of the teachers took part in RASHTRAGAAN, an initiative by the Ministry of Culture to mark Azadi Ka

Mahotsav Amrit and received ecertificates for their participation.

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### **Department Wise Training Session**

Department wise training session: provided a replenishing learning experience for the teachers as they shared their teaching strategies and innovative ideas on teaching in the Google era.

### **In-House Training**

Intensive In-House Training of for the faculties all departments was conducted before the commencement of classes for a period of 4 days, from 26.07.21 to 29.07.21. Eminent resource persons were present each day to enrich the teachers with their educational expertise and knowledge.

Dr. Sheela Raghavan (Member Technical Committee, NABET) handled a session on modern classroom management on 26-07-21.



Mr. Arogya Reddy (Principal, Ambassador School, Sharjah, UAE) handled a session on communicative activities on 27 -07-21.

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- Mr. Narayana Joisa (Principal, Polar International School, Bangalore, India) handled a session on common errors in English by Indian speakers on 28-07-21.
- $\triangleright$ Mrs. Anitha Sadanand (International Certified Career Coach & Certified Resource Person) handled a session on the effective implementation of Art Integrated Learning on 29-07-21.

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- Webinar for Teachers
  - As part of CPD the training sessions were held for all departments from 26/07/21 to 29/07/21 (timings from 8.00am to 1.00pm). The teachers shared their teaching strategies and innovative ideas of teaching different topics within the department.
  - The teachers attended the webinar on 'New Assessment for Board Examination', on July 14, 2021, by Dr.Sudha Acharya, Principal ITL Public School, New Delhi.
- Teachers and students attended GLINTS Going Beyond- Meet the Leader Programme. The resource person for the programme was Prof. Manish Jain. The event was organised under the aegis of Board of Directors of Indian Schools in Oman and was hosted by Indian School Nizwa.
- Stride (Motivational Talk) by Mr. Gaurav Nahar was organised under the aegis of Board of Directors of Indian Schools in Oman. The programme was hosted by Indian School Muladha on 7 June 2021.
- Teachers had attended 'Cisco Webex-Stress Management Techniques' on 21 May. Resource person Ms. Geeta Hiteshi, hosted by CBSE COE DELHI EAST.
- Teachers had attended capacity building programme for teachers teaching 'Artificial Intelligence' in class XII, organised by CBSE in collaboration with IBM. A threehour session was conducted batch-wise from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021.
- Teachers had attended the capacity building programme for teaching 'Information Technology' (skill subject) in class IX/X on 31 May 2021.

- The teachers of the Department of English attended – 'Seed Program for Learning English' by Mr. Hendrik Hartzenberg, English Department, University of Technology and Applied Sciences- Sur from 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
- The teachers attended a session on 'Blended Learning Goal with Focus Project' on 25 April 2021.
- Six of our teachers is attending a six-month technical course conducted by HP IDEA. They have successfully completed four sessions. The following sessions commenced from Tuesday, 18 May 2021.

School Facebook Page

Indian School Sur updated and revamped its Facebook page for the virtual display of our student's talent on social media.



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## **Class X & XII Results**

### We achieved 100% result in CBSE class X and XII Board Exams.

### INDIAN SCHOOL SUR EXCELS IN CBSE CLASS X RESULTS:

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The much-awaited results for class X were announced on 3<sup>rd</sup> August by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on its website, putting an end to all the speculations. As expected, the school has produced 100% results, giving a huge relief to all the students and the parents. Indian School Sur is proud to announce the outstanding result of class X for the academic year 2020-21. However, this year the result tabulation has followed unique criteria, prescribed by the CBSE Board due to pandemic looming across the globe. Miss Shahana Rajasekar topped the school with 488 marks (97.6 %) followed by Miss Abhirami Thayala Valappil with 483 marks (96.6%) & Miss Musarrath Jahan with 478 marks (95.6%). Out of 65 students who enrolled for the board examination, 9 students got 91% and above, 21 students got between 81 – 90%, 13 students got between 71 -80% and 12 students between 61% and 70%. Subject toppers are as follows: Abhirami Thayala Valappil scored 100 in Malayalam, Shahana Rajasekar scored 98 in English, 96 in Mathematics, 99 in Science & 97 in Hindi , Musarrat Jahan scored 99 in Social Science and Salma Ibrahim Abdel Ghani scored 98 in Arabic . The president of the school management committee Mr. Mohammed

Ameen and other esteemed members of SMC and the principal Dr. S Srinivasan stand in admiration of the board results and applauded the students wholeheartedly for their spectacular performances, the teachers for their tireless efforts and the parents for their extensive support.

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The results for class XII CBSE board exams were declared on 30th July by CBSE New Delhi. The school has achieved 100% results. The result has been amazingly appreciable. The school has been very consistent in securing commendable results. The combined effort put in by the management, principal, staff and students in the last two years has yielded excellent results. However, this year the result tabulation has been based strictly on the prescribed guidelines by the CBSE board for class 12 batch 2020-21 due to the pandemic. In the science stream, Miss Afnan topped the school with 474 marks (94.8 %) followed by Master Harsha Amala Dev Murugan with 473 marks (94.6%) & Master Amal Ashok with 470 marks (94.0

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%). Out of 34 students who appeared for the class XII exam, 31 got distinction which is above 75% of the total strength and three students scored between 60% to 74%. Subject toppers are as follows: - Afnan, Amal Ashok, Harsha Amala Dev Murugan, Hiba Raushana Rasheed, Kevin Justees, Khashanie Samindie, Tadi Kiriti Raju, Laiba Adnan, Laiba Khan Niazi, Nisha Shil and Terony Rosemary Gomes scored 95 marks in English. Afnan, Khashanie Samindie and Tadi Kiriti Raju scored 95 marks in Mathematics. Afnan, Amal Ashok and Harsha Amaladev Murugan scored 95 marks Physics. Afnan, in Harsha Amaladev Murugan and Hiba Raushana Rasheed scored 95 marks in Biology. Afnan and Harsha Amaladev Murugan scored 94 marks in Chemistry. Khashanie Samindie, Tadi Kiriti Raju and Saad Ahmed Faisal scored 94 marks in Computer Science. Amal Ashok, Bushra Salim, Harsha Amaladev Murugan Hiba Raushana Rasheed, Laiba Adnan, Nisha Mazumder Terony Rosemary Gomes and Mahmuda Sultana Rini scored 94 marks in Physical Education.. The president of the school committee management Mr. Mohammed Ameen, other members of the and principal Dr. S Srinivasan SMC congratulated the students and the teachers for the excellent results.



AFNAN 94.8 % Class - XII



MURUGAN 94.6 %



AMAL ASHOK 94 %

### Quiz India @75

Our children actively participated in Quiz INDIA@75, hosted by Indian School, Muscat, an initiative of the Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman.

### Jashne E Azadi Quiz 2021

Master Srihari Pradeep and Aswath Sreedhar of grade IX qualified for the final round of Jashn-E-Azaadi Quiz 2021 in the senior category, organised by Grads International School, Noida, India. The theme of the quiz was based on 'Indian Sports'.



The Indian School Talent Fest, under the aegis of the Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman for the academic year 2021-22, will be hosted by Indian School Darsait to enhance creativity and boost the morale of every child. The theme of the event is India's glorious seventy-five years of independence. The programme includes 'Cultural Fiesta' and 'Unique Talent Recognition' (UTAR). The programmes are scheduled through virtual platforms on 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

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### **SKILLBOWL QUIZ**

**Karthik S Pillai** and **Shivanee Senthil Kumar** bagged the second and third positions respectively in "Main Bhi RJ" contest conducted by SKILLBOWL.

**Dhyaneshwaran Rajasekar** was one of the winners of SKILLBOWL Bollywood Biopic Movie Quiz.

**Mrs. Reshma Shaikh** was one among the winners of The Indian Cuisine Quiz conducted by SKILLBOWL.



Mohammad Mustafa of grade IV received prizes for the 'Quran Recitation' competition by the Ministry of Education.



### **E- MAGAZINE - REFLECTIONS**

E-Magazine REFLECTIONS Vol- 3 2021-22, consisting of literary works and artwork of the students, was published on 15 August on the occasion of our Independence day celebration.



School / college magazines reflect the identity of the educational institutions through the writings of its students and teachers as well. It helps them **to improve their reading and writing skills to a great extent**. It even helps them in providing possible opportunities to improve their creative writing.







ISQUIZ-2021 - The interschool mega quiz contest, under the aegis of Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman, is the biggest quizzing event hosted by Indian School Muscat. Two hundred students (82 students from Sub-Junior category, 76 students from Junior category and 45 students from Senior category) participated from our school for first prelims. Out of which, 28 students from the Junior category and 11 from the senior category were qualified for second prelims held on 28th August 2021. Four students from the Junior category and one from the senior category were qualified for mega prelims held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021. Ms Hifza Aziz Ul Hasan of class 7A (Junior category) and Mast. Sreehari Pradeep of Class 9B (Senior category) were selected as final contestants for the 'Grand Finale' held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021.



Mast. Ayaan Ameerkhan and Mast. Abaan Ali of class 3B are the winners of Sub-Junior category in school level.





## YOGA DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

Commemorating 7th 'International Day of Yoga', Embassy of India Muscat, in cooperation with the Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman organized a 'Yoga Demonstration Contest' for the students of Indian schools in Oman. A total of 28 students participated in the contest from our school out of which the best two demonstrations from Junior and Senior categories were selected for the finals.

Harshitha Chaudhary of class IX-B won the First prize in the Senior category.





Pallavi Abhilash Nair of class VI-C secured the Third prize in the Junior category. Both the winners were given prize money of 150 and 50 OMR respectively.





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### Under the aegis of Board of Directors Indian Schools in Oman



\*The fourth edition of Stride Entrepreneurship programme moderated by

Dr. Mariam Noronha, Assistant Professor and Coordinator – Startup and Innovation Cell,



Ness Wadia College of Commerce, Pune – India. Indian School Sur hosted the programme on 22 August 2021.

The chief guest of the programme was Mr.Ahmed Tabook, Commercial Director, Free Zones- Salalah, Oman.



The function was presided over by Dr. Sivakumar Manickam, Chairman, Board of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman.

The Guest of Honour was Ashwini Sawrikar, Finance Director, BoD and Director incharge of Indian School Sur. The motivational session was graced by a fantastic team of panel members consisting of seven young enterprising entrepreneurs. The programme offered aspiring entrepreneurs to listen to the first-hand experiences of setting up a startup.



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### Logo Design Contest

To commemorate the glorious 75 years of India's Independence, Board The of Directors, Indian Schools in Oman, organised a 'Logo Design Contest' in association with the Embassy of India. The contest was open to all students of classes from VI-XII.

#### **STEPS FORWARD**

**Digital Library** 



Our school has taken a great initiative to put forward an online database of various digital learning aids like images, texts, videos, audios and other eLearning materials. The pandemic made the users more aware of this service, and during the lockdown, when people were locked up in their houses, more people started exploring the digital platform.





'Maths Club' play an important role in building positive relationship between teachers and children. 'Maths Club' will be inaugurated soon.



They will be opportunities to showcase their talent and help children become ambassadors of mathematics.

### **UN Club**



UN Club will start in September which will be useful for the students to get prepared for 'Mock UN'.



### **IN THE WINGS**



### CELEBRATIONS OF IMPORTANT SCIENCE-RELATED DAYS

### World Ozone Day



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 16 (Std IX) Activity planned: 'Eco- Film Award': Film making to raise awareness on protection of environment.

### World Blood Donation Day



October 1 (Std III) Activity planned - Sciencegraphy image-based An Science quiz in which participants only displayed are photographs and images. Participants are required to scientific explain any principle related to the respective image displayed.

### World Food Day



October 16 (Std V) Activity planned- 'Healthy Salad Culinary'.

### International Science Day



November 10 (Std I & II) Activities planned – 'Fancy Dress' activity in which children must dress up and perform as renowned scientists.

### National Pollution Prevention Day



December-2 (Std - VI) (Activity- 'Role-play' on the theme protection of environment)

### National Energy Conservation Day



December-14 (Std-VIII) (Activity- Seminar on the topic – 'Importance of Energy Conservation')



Science is a wonderful thing if one does not have to earn one's living at it. — Albert Einstein —

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Science, my lad, is made up of mistakes, but they are mistakes which it is useful to make, because they lead little by little to the truth.

– Jules Verne

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### **INVESTITURE CEREMONY**

Student prefectural body will be sworn in the month of September.

### "A leader is the one who knows the way,

shows the way and leads the way".

To instill leadership traits among students, the school delegates a student body with responsibilities. The investiture ceremony for the academic year 2021-22 will be conducted in September 2021.



Creativity, innovative spirit and articulation are the vital attributes of education in acquiring knowledge and honing soft skills. Co-curricular Activities have a significant role in transforming youth into proud citizens of the modern world where creativity rules the perch.



