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YET ANOTHER TRANSITION

~ *Khushi Dixit*

Amid the outbreak of this deadly virus, there are numerous new norms that we are trying to get used to, be it online classes or farewell, it is all new to us. The 10-minute walk of nervousness to the examination hall is now a 5-second task of entering an ID and password on your laptops. From struggling to find your seat in the examination hall to being able to sit in the comfort of your bedroom. From holding your answer sheet tight and arguing with the invigilator to just giving you two minutes more to peacefully scanning the answer sheet with 10 minutes in hand and mailing it yourself. Even though there are several differences between the traditional examinations in person and the one that takes place on zoom, the idea of exams for students I believe, is yet equally nerve-wracking!

“The question isn't who is going to let me; it's who is going to stop me.”

~ *Ayn Rand*

A MATTER OF PRIDE

~ *Muskan Agarwal*

Rooted in the belief of “Gayatri Mantra” and encompassed by the allure of nature, MIS is a world on its own, situated in the pristine hills of Mussoorie. MIS contributes to an all round development of its daughters, where they are watered with affection and love by its faculty. Abiding to its legacy for more than 3 decades, MIS has moulded saplings into future-ready women with the power of tolerance, acceptance, and respect for themselves and one another. And prestigious school, Mussoorie International School, has bagged the award for the Best Boarding School for Girls in India.



PAST ALL THE ADVERSITIES

~ *Krishna Lavangwala (English Faculty)*

“Students, kindly keep your cameras on.” The most highlighted dialogue of 2020 in the academia world. The entire idea of conducting virtual classes was to not put a curfew on education. No matter how much the kids crib, education does not stop because it is not about the educators or teachers who are pressuring the kids. Moreover, the children do not want to stop learning. I have been pondering upon various questions by children from Middle School and it is astonishing to find that children are easily connecting their education in the real world. The virtual presence definitely was challenging and threatening to the academia world, but, ‘*learning never ends*’ is how the saying goes. Did the children utilise the challenging times? Oh yes, definitely. They challenged the challenging times. For the first time, education, literally, went outside the classroom. They had google on one side and the artificial google (teachers per say) on the other. And both were handled pretty well. Children were more enthusiastic to know more and do more for the classes. Grade 7 girls would come up with various ideas to do a group project on the virtual platform without being excused from their scheduled classes. Grade 9 performed dance, music, in a group for poetry in my class. Everything in the world is instrumental. If you want to let certain things make sense, you have got to put effort. And that is how my kids made it up to my English sessions in 2020.

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IT'S NOT THE END

~ Simran Verma

Exam results are not everything. It can never decide a student's destiny. The result day can be a reason to rejoice for some students but it can also be disappointing for many others; a piece of paper can define a person as a failure. The ones we call legends faced many challenges and struggled hard to earn that word. Walt Disney, a great personality, was fired from Kansas City Stars. According to his senior editor, he lacked imagination and creativity; regardless, he had faith in himself. He never stopped

working and became one of the greatest animators of all time. Will power, dedication, and hard work lead to success. One has to have strong determination to overcome their failures and have a positive vision for the future. If one remains dedicated enough towards their goal, they will definitely work hard by putting all the effort, heart and soul into it. As there is a beautiful saying - *No one has travelled the bridge of success without ever crossing the streets of failure.*

ARE WE READY TO GO BACK TO MIS?

~ Sweety Mohanta

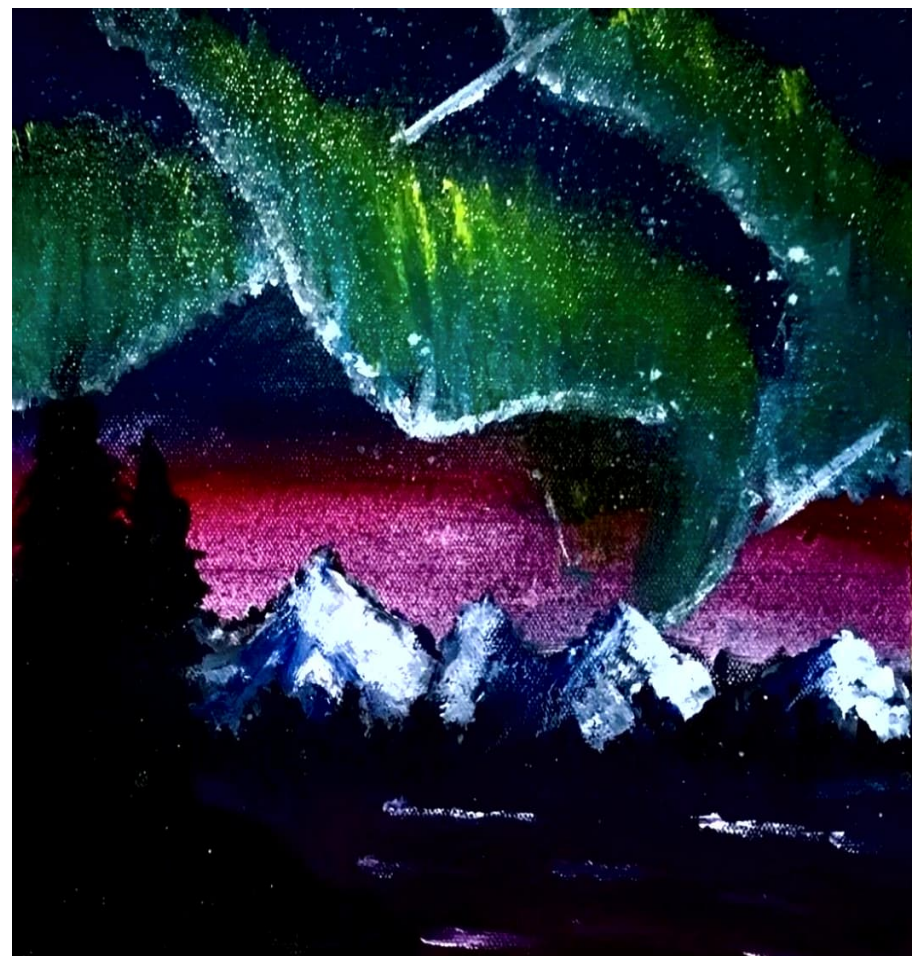
Many parents are worried about whether sending their children to boarding schools would be a wise decision, as online education can be seen as the best alternative. While online education has been working wonders for students, the increased screen time is causing stress and making many students feel unmotivated. Boarding schools are safe to attend as schools are following strict Covid-19 reopening guidelines issued by the government and preparing for the safety and security of the students. Proper and regular sanitization, keeping the students' health in check, and 24×7 doctor assistance are some of the steps which are taken by boarding schools. While the WHO data shows that children and adolescents are less likely to get infected, it cannot be said that their lives can be risked. But boarding schools are taking every step to make sure the children will be safe when away from their parents.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- More than 500 people were sickened by a 'mysterious disease' found in Eluru, Andhra Pradesh. While patients have recovered quickly, the origin still remains unknown. Commonly noticed symptoms are: epilepsy for a few minutes, forgetfulness, anxiety, vomiting, headache and back pain.
- SpaceX's Dragon cargo autonomously docked to the International Space Station. This is the first ever automated resupply launch mission.
- 60+ foreign delegates visit leading pharma vaccine facilities in Hyderabad.
- Bharat Biotech is developing Covaxin, a Covid-19 vaccine, which has now reached phase III trials, and is seeking emergency use authorization by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation.
- In response to mass farmers' protests, a five-point amendment has been proposed for the controversial farm laws.

QUARANTINE GALLERY

~ Aditi Gupta (Grade 7)



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UNIVERSITY VISIT 2020

The extended list to all deemed universities that have visited our school this year. Students do remain attentive to all announcements made by the Global Ambassadors as you do not wanna miss these.

14th September 2020

1. Flame University - India
2. Foothill + De Anza Colleges - USA
3. Iowa State University - USA
4. Krea University - India
5. Lehigh University - USA
6. Michigan State University - USA
7. New York University - USA
8. O.P. Jindal Global University - India
9. Delhi-NCR, India Ohio University - India
10. Ontario Tech University - Canada
11. Pepperdine University - USA
12. Queen's University - Canada
13. Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University - Japan
14. Ritsumeikan University - Japan
15. Ryerson University - Canada
16. School of Visual Arts, NY - USA
17. Sommet Education (Les Rochester Global Hospitality Education) - Switzerland
19. Sommet Education - Glion - Switzerland
20. Stony Brook University - USA
21. Syracuse University - USA
22. The George Washington University - USA
23. The University of Arizona - USA
24. The University of Melbourne - Australia
25. The University of Queensland - Australia
26. Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
27. The University of Dublin, Ireland
28. University College Cork - Ireland
29. University of Bath - United Kingdom
30. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - USA
31. University of Kansas - USA
32. University of Ottawa - USA
33. University of Salford - United Kingdom
34. University of South Florida - USA
35. University of Sydney - Australia
36. University of Toronto - Canada
37. University of Tennessee - USA
38. University of Washington - USA
39. Wayne State University - USA.

TEACHERS UNTOLD PROBLEM

~ Mr. Mayank Chaturvedi (HOD Humanities, House Master)

The pandemic made many countries revamp their Education Policy, as the one thing that has been adversely affected is the education and prevailing schooling systems. The pinch of this one year long turmoil is felt by all; online teaching was a great shock, for both teacher's productivity and also student's social life and learning. Teacher-Student assessments have been conducted online, with a lot of empiricism and unpredictability for everyone. Many exams have been postponed or rescheduled. In such undetermined times, it is manifestly evident that teachers are pushing their limits and feeling pressured. They need socio-emotional support to deliver learning in a time of catastrophe, and helping their pupil's psychological needs. To have a flow in the teaching-learning process, study material is regularly updated on Google Classroom, whilst also taking classes and also solving queries through Skype, Zoom app sessions, and other online apps. We, as teachers, are trying our best by using multiple interfaces. Daily and weekly online homework and exams need to be planned so that students do not lose their interest and seriousness towards the subject.

- One of the biggest challenges, we, teachers are facing is how to maintain 100% attendance and retain their focus by avoiding other media during the learning period.
- Converting teaching aids into digital formats, at short notice, has been a challenge, as many teachers do not have strong digital skills.
- Both teachers and students are facing buffering/lagging issues.
- Students are from different social backgrounds, and not every student has availability of a laptop or an internet connection. It is not possible for these students to attend the online classes, which leads to a major learning gap.

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Diary of a MStar

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| Dear Diary, |
| It's the exam week, everyone is rubbing their noses to the grindstone, and it is the same, old, monotonous week all over again. Writing the diary entry is becoming harder by the week, there's literally nothing, worth writing, happening. |
| The only thing that is happening, is people are falling sick. Our dear illustrator, Shreya, is sick too :(That's why you didn't see any illustration this week. Please take care of yourselves everyone, dress warm and avoid going out in the cold. |
| Also, if anybody has any ideas for the diary entry or wants to take over this column, don't hesitate to contact us. Have a great week further everyone. 'Til next time. |
| ~ Samiksha Singh |

GUESS THESE NOSTALGIC EXCERPTS

1. A comedic show about a pair of identical twins who live at the hotel with their single mother who works there as a lounge singer.
2. An average teenage girl, lives a double life as a famous pop singer and constantly tries to conceal her true identity from the public.
3. A family owns a restaurant and lives in New York. However, the father is a wizard while the children are in training. The child who masters the powers shall be given the family wand.
4. An offbeat teenager can foresee glimpses of the future. With the help of her friends, she tries to avert certain situations and ends up having hilarious misadventures.
5. A singer and instrumentalist gains overnight success when he performs a song by an introverted songwriter, but their relationship is ridden with comical situations since both have opposing personalities.
6. A tomboy, with a facility for sports, is reunited with her twin sister, a superstar, who returns to high school. Matters get worse as their parents work for the same school.

Answer Key: 1. The Suite Life of Zack and Cody, 2. Hannah Montana, 3. Wizards of Waverly Place, 4. That's so Raven, 5. Austin & Ally, 6. Liv & Maddie.

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