



# Senior Section Newsletter

## April 2022

**Welcome to our second newsletter of 2022. We hope you enjoy reading about our students' achievements and activities during the latter part of this term.**

This time of year is always a particularly busy one for our Senior students, who have been occupied with Mock Exams, Unit Tests and intervention classes to ensure they are fully prepared for the final exams in their respective courses. We are extremely proud of the maturity, diligence and dedication our Year 11, 12 and 13 pupils have shown and I know you will join us in wishing them the very best for the crucial months ahead.

In addition to their studies, our Year 13s are busy planning the next stage of their academic journey, with the support of our team of university coordinators.

This year, 67 students applied to attend UK universities and have received offers for a variety of courses including Medicine, Engineering, Law, Economics, History, Business Management, Maths, Chemistry and Natural Sciences from top universities such as Cambridge, University College London, Imperial College, King's College London, Durham, Queen's University Belfast, Birmingham, Warwick and Leeds among others.

Applications to Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia commenced in February and students have begun to receive their conditional offers to study courses such as Law at University of New South Wales, Arts at the University of Melbourne and Medicine at IMU, Malaysia to name a few. Students will continue to apply throughout the months of March and April to begin their studies in February 2023.

We also had 33 applicants to USA and 43 applicants to Canada. Their offers have also begun to arrive and we expect to have further news very soon.

We are so excited for all our students as they embark on this new academic adventure.

As our Year 13s prepare for new pastures, our grade 11 students are beginning to think about their transition into Sixth Form. To support them, we held a well-attended Options Afternoon on 30<sup>th</sup> April, where students had the opportunity to speak to the Heads of Department and teachers of their prospective A 'level choices; we will continue to offer them our full support in the weeks ahead as they finalise these important decisions. This term we have also been very happy to welcome parents from all years back on site for parents' afternoons. These have been also been well-attended and positive events, allowing our teachers and parents to reconnect and share their goals for our students' education.

Extra-curricular activities also continue to flourish. The Colombo Model United Nations held its 28th conference from 4th to 6th of March 2022 online. We are extremely pleased to report that the CIS delegation walked away with five awards, including three coveted awards for best delegate at COMUN. A delegation of sixteen students from CIS, the majority of whom were novices, took part and worked extremely hard to prepare for this prestigious event. Well done to all involved!



Our students are also relishing the opportunity to get active again after the lockdown period and are taking part in a wide range of sports, both competitively and for fun. Our annual Sports Meet took place on 6<sup>th</sup> April at Sugathadsa Stadium. It was a competitive and exciting event, with excellent participation from our students. Congratulations to Yellow House who topped the overall leader board.

Recent other successes include: U19 Girls becoming the International School Basketball Tournament Champions; U19 Girls achieving the All Island Tag Rugby tournament Plate Champions; U20 Girls COMBOS Football Tournament Runners Up; U18 Girls Gateway Relay Carnival 4 x 400m 2nd place and International Schools



Swimming Meet, in which CIS achieved two silvers and three bronze medals. Congratulations to everyone involved in these events, and to all our students who are getting up from the sofa and getting active – keep up the good work!



While our sportsmen and women are busy in pools and on pitches, our students with a flair for the arts excelled in our Musical Evening on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April. The event included powerful renditions of songs from the 1970s, 80s and 90s. If you missed the show you can watch it here <https://youtu.be/vGKDDxf6GIE>. Congratulations to everyone who took part in such professional performances!



During the last week of term, our students enjoyed a selection of Avurudu games during Sports lessons – we are so happy to be able to see them enjoying these again in person after a two year hiatus! We wish all our students, parents and families a happy and prosperous Sinhala and Tamil New Year and look forward to another busy and productive term ahead when we resume school on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April.