



Senior Section Newsletter February 2022

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2022: we hope you enjoy reading about our students' achievements and activities during the first part of this term.

2022 began on a positive note with the return of senior students to physical classes. Both staff and students were thrilled to be back together in the classroom and we are all now revelling in the buzz around the school site that reminds us that life is slowly returning to 'normal'.

The second term of the academic year is of course a particularly crucial one for our students from grade 11-13, who are in the final stages of preparation for their external exams. We were immensely encouraged by the positive results from the Year 11 assessments held in February, and wish all the students in this grade the very best of luck with their official mock examinations, which began on 21st February. Meanwhile, our Sixth Form students are diligently preparing for the next round of Unit Tests, due to begin in March.

Our current Year 13 students continue to receive offers from prestigious universities around the world and it is wonderful to witness them preparing for this exciting new stage. We would also like to wish the nineteen students from last year's Year 13 cohort the very best of luck as they begin their university studies in Australia this month.

Amidst the hard work, we still find time for celebration. On 3rd February, we commemorated



Sri Lanka's 74th Independence Day with an online assembly led by the Principal and Head Prefects. This included the hoisting of the National and School flags; a beautiful rendition of the National



Anthem and a drumming performance by students from the Drumming Club. We also played the National Anthem for students on site and stood to attention as a mark of respect to our country.

Our students continue to take an enthusiastic approach to extra-curricular opportunities. We were very excited to once again hold an Inter-House Drama Competition on Friday 18th February, which was live-streamed, with a very small number of students in the audience. Our students worked extremely hard to produce exceptionally well-crafted short plays that we all enjoyed watching very much. If you missed the show, you can watch it by clicking on this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cYGYyEH2oAc>. Congratulations to all the performers, particularly Yellow House who were awarded first place.



We are also very proud of the 17 student delegates who took part in the recent SLMUN Conference. This was the 14th session of Sri Lanka's biggest Model United Nations, which was held from January 22nd to 23rd. Our students won eight awards and all approached the event with conscientious maturity that was a pleasure to witness. Well done to everyone involved! We are now looking forward to COMUN next month.

Our students are also eagerly embracing the sporting opportunities on offer, both in and out of school. Special congratulations go to Neoma Kahandawa (8C) who took part in the Sri Lanka Age Group Open Time Trial 2022 Swimming Competition at Sugathadasa Stadium this month winning three Golds, one Silver and one Bronze medal, and to Reshan Algama (9M) who beat two-time Club Champion Yannik Kumara in the Burdette Trophy competition last month, held at The Royal Colombo Golf Club (RCGC). Our sports teams are also practising hard and achieving great things: we are particularly proud of our girls' basketball team (pictured) who triumphed in a recent tournament held on our basketball court.



We were thrilled to be able to have our parents return to site for the Year 7 and 8 Parents' Afternoons, which have been held recently. Both teachers and parents appreciated the opportunity to once again meet in person. We look forward to welcoming parents of students from the other grades in the weeks ahead.

Now that students are predominantly back on site, the Prefects' Guild is working harder than ever to assist in the smooth running of the school, carrying out numerous duties and supporting and mentoring younger members of our school community. They also arranged for roses to be sold and distributed on Valentine's Day on 14th February.

We wish all our students and parents all the very best for the remainder of this term.