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Senior Section Newsletter – March 2023

The second term of the academic year has continued to be busy and fulfilling for our students and staff.



We are particularly proud to share the success of our MUN delegation at COMUN 2023, which was held at the Overseas School of Colombo, and the Monarch Imperial on the 4th, 5th and 6th March. This year's CIS delegation included students from Year 7 to Year 13, who all showed an outstanding degree of maturity and professionalism. We would like to congratulate all students involved, and particularly Ramithu Sellahewa, Varun Iriyagolle, Leenah Wahab, Thomas Easton, Soomin Lee, Prabhashi

Jayamanna, Varshan Dayapathy, Saavesh Ravindran and Sourish Ravindran who received prizes.

Another great success at COMUN was our victory in the Community Service Award. This year, we were asked to collect book donations to be gifted to well-deserving students and schools across the island and CIS is proud to have collected over 2000 fiction and non-fiction books in all three major languages. We are truly grateful to each and every student, parent and member of staff who donated - we hope that these books bring a smile to every child who receives one of them!



We have also had great success on the field and track, coming fifth out of twenty-four schools in the recent ISAC competition, which was held on 25th and 26th February. CIS students secured an incredible 16 medals, with more than 10 athletes placed in the top 6 in their individual events, achieving merit standard. We are incredibly proud of all the one hundred students who took part. Despite the long days and hot weather, every athlete gave their absolute best in all events they participated in.



Back in the classroom, our older students have been working hard to prove their academic prowess with IGCSE mock exams, Year 12 and 13 Unit Tests and Year 10 assessments all taking place this term. We have been very proud of the mature approach each year group has taken and the largely excellent results are testament to the hard work and thorough preparation that went into these challenges. The next task is to replicate the same success in the final exams, which are now fast approaching!

In addition to working hard to succeed in their IGCSEs, our year 11 students are now starting to look ahead to the next academic year: to aid them in their next steps, we invited them, along with their parents, to join us for a Year 12 AS/ A2 Level Choice afternoon and we were thrilled to see so many eager attendees. This afternoon provided students and parents with the opportunity to listen to advice from the Principal, after which they met with Heads of Department to ask subject-specific questions about the courses they are interested in taking. We very much hope this was a helpful and informative afternoon for everyone.

Meanwhile, our Year 13 students continue to receive support from our University Guidance Counsellors with both applications and interviews. We have also been pleased to welcome a number of representatives from different universities who have visited us over the past two months, running events that have included talks by the University of Nottingham, Malaysia and a Canadian University Fair.

Our end of term has been packed with engaging events, including our Avurudu celebrations and our hotly anticipated Year 10 vs. Year 11 football match on the last day. Perhaps most exciting of all, however, was our Senior Production of Arthur Miller's 'The Crucible', which took place on 31st March and 1st April. This wonderful performance captivated audiences on both nights – huge congratulations to the dedicated cast and crew!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students, parents and wider families a blessed Avurudu season and we look forward to seeing you all again in term three.

