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This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.

Winston Churchill

As the sun sets on yet another successful academic term, we stay a while to reminisce the memories of the road travelled.



The Senior Drama Production, *Noises Off* riveted the audience with the chaotic pitfalls and pratfalls of its characters who hilariously juggled their personal relationships with the challenges of a drama performance. In what can only be described as some sort of wizardry, the backstage crew mobilized the set in balletic precision to transition the action of the play between the front of stage and backstage. It was a truly spellbinding experience that kept the audience in absolute awe and explosive laughter.



Traditionally, one of the main events of the first term of school is the Inter House Swimming Meet where the physical endurance and grace of our swimmers are splendidly showcased. The event commenced with a beautiful display of synchronized swimming after which competitors in various age groups locked horns in an intense battle to champion their respective houses.

The rich culture of sport that CIS strives to instill, manifests itself in the breadth of Inter-house competitions hosted by the PE Department this term. Students have had the opportunity to compete for their houses in Rugby, Football, Basketball and Netball showing remarkable reserves of grit and sportsmanship.



At the Edexcel High Achievers' Awards held at the BMICH on the 29th of November 2023, our young scholars impressed by securing a raft of *Best Results*, *Best in Sri Lanka* and *Best in the World* awards for the June 2023 Edexcel IGCSE and IAL examinations.



Soomin Lee won awards for obtaining the highest mark in the world for IGCSE ICT as well as highest marks in Sri Lanka for IGCSE Further Pure Mathematics, IGCSE History and IGCSE Human Biology. Saarvesh Ravindran secured awards for receiving the highest marks in Sri Lanka for IGCSE Economics, IGCSE French and IGCSE Biology. Hirun Hetipathirana clinched the award for the highest marks in IGCSE Chemistry. Fatema Idris won awards for securing the highest marks in the world for A Level Business Studies, Geography and Psychology whilst Ashwin Laksumanage won the A Level award for highest marks in the world for Economics.



Our former Head of School, Thisen Perera, obtained 5 A* grades which was the best A Level combined results for 2023 and 2022. Furthermore, Shreya Ramanan, Soomin Lee and Saarvesh Ravindran received awards for their impressive achievement of obtaining a grade 9 in all 11 of their IGCSE subjects.

Congratulations to all our prize winners!

The Senior Talent Show, organized by the Social Services Club of CIS, was yet another remarkable display of the incredibly diverse talents of our students. The rich panoply of scintillating performances by our singers, dancers, instrumentalists and bands, enthralled a packed audience as they tapped their toes and swayed in rhythm to the heart thumping fusion dances and the soulful solos that filled the CIS Auditorium.



On a completely different 'tone', the angelic voice of our talented choir filled the Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour on the 6th of December ushering in 'the most wonderful time of the year'. The CIS Carol Service is a much anticipated event that brings our school community together as we sing songs of praise as one, irrespective of creed or culture.

It has been a busy first term and as always, we acknowledge the continued support of the parents, the efforts of our teachers and most of all the glorious achievements of our students in making this a memorable term.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!