



SENIOR SECTION NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024

As we approach the culmination of another successful school term, it is with great pride that we reflect on the plethora of student achievements that we have celebrated during the weeks past.



At the 22nd annual International Schools' Athletics Championship held at Sugathadasa Stadium, CIS excelled yet again as they secured five gold medals, five silver medals and seven bronze medals. All the athletes displayed immense grit and perseverance in arduous conditions. Notably, Amrit Smarasingha secured the title of U16 Boys' Champion for his remarkable athletic prowess. The competition was intense but our spirited CIS team was indefatigable. Congratulations to all participants.





Equally impressive was our MUN delegation that performed exceptionally well at the 30th session of the Colombo Model United Nations Conference (COMUN 2024) held at the Overseas School of Colombo and the Taj Samudra Hotel on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of March 2024. CIS fielded a well-balanced team of novice delegates, seasoned MUN participants and IPC members who worked relentlessly throughout the months of January and

February in order to hone their knowledge of foreign policy, current world issues and global solutions. The efforts of our representatives were richly rewarded with a range of impressive awards including Best Novice, Best Foreign Policy Statement, Best Press Statement, Best Admin and Best Non-Chair. Many delegates received Higher Commendation and Honorary Mention awards.



This year, the Secretariat and the EXCO ran a donation drive distributing over 2000 packets of sanitary napkins to girls in Puttalam and the Negamadu village.



At the International Schools' Netball Tournament held at the Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium on 16th and 17th March, the CIS mixed teams won the championship in both the Under 16 and Under 18 categories.



One of the most anticipated sporting events of the school calendar is the annual big match between CIS and Wycherly. On the 23rd of March, our boys reclaimed the Lalith Athulathmudali Challenge Trophy by beating their nemesis in a nail-biting finish.



The inaugural Felix De Zoysa Memorial Big Match Encounter between CIS and SIS was held last Thursday 21st of March at the CR&FC grounds. The Under 20 squads of both schools had been training intensely in the weeks leading up to the match.



After a fierce battle with numerous heart stopping moments, neither team succeeded in nudging past the other at fulltime.

In the decisive penalty shootout, the CIS team triumphed over Stafford International School.

The external exam season is on the horizon and our students have worked hard in their preparations.

The Year 11 mock exams and A level unit tests were well attended and many students performed impressively. These exams are important not only as a projection of predicted results in the Edexcel exams but also in the awarding of subject prizes on the Speech Day and Prize Giving at the end of the school year.

In recognition of the need for a more acute focus on academic studies at this time of the year, Parents' Afternoons for Year 10 - 13 were conducted. Parents had the opportunity to discuss the academic performance of their children based on the marks they received in the mock exams. It is our hope that the valuable feedback shared by subject teachers will boost our students' potential for higher achievement.

Although the 2024 - 25 academic year is a fair distance away, important decisions that impact the time to come must be made in the present. Year 11 students and parents were invited to attend the A Level Options Afternoon held at the CIS Auditorium on the 26th of March. The objective of this session was to inform and guide students in their onward education and the subject choices that are associated with their interests.

The traditional 'Avurudu Assembly' was the highlight of the final week of term. The audience was treated to a colourful blend of cultural dances, songs and traditional drums that signified the spirit and the essence of the Sinhala and Tamil New Year.

As always, we acknowledge the support of the parents whose encouragement is instrumental in the achievements of our students.

Wish you a very happy Sinhala and Tamil New Year!

