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ANNUAL PRIZE DAY: MIDDLE, SENIOR & ISC



The Annual Prize Day was celebrated on the 6th of July, showcasing student talents with award and prize distributions. The event began with an inspiring speech by Rt. Rev. Martin C Borgai and a motivational address by notable alumnus Mr. Robert Khin. Dance, music, and skit performances highlighted the students' artistic flair. Students were recognised for academic and co-curricular achievements. The event truly celebrated excellence and all-round development.

ST EDMUNDS' COLLEGE VISIT

On the 8th of July 2024, Bishop Cotton Boys' School had the distinct honour of welcoming representatives from St. Edmund's College, the oldest Catholic independent school in England. The visit underscored the strong association between St. Edmund's College and Bishop Cotton Boys' School, a relationship that has been nurtured since 2007. This visit provided an excellent opportunity for both schools to celebrate their longstanding partnership. The delegation from St. Edmund's College was warmly received, and the visit even included a tour of our campus. The event was a testament to the shared commitment of both institutions in fostering academic excellence and holistic development.





SCHOOL EVENTS

SHAKESPEARE ENGLISH WORKSHOP

On the 9th of July, The Department of English organised a William Shakespeare workshop for the students of classes 9 & 11. The workshop aimed at making the bard's plays more relatable and appealing to the students.The resource person, Mr. Divyesh Bhandari, Director, Imbroglio Productions encouraged visualisation of the plays for better understanding.





FRENCH SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

The assembly began with the comperes announcing the topic: 'The Storming of the Bastille'. The session commenced with a Bible reading, followed by a prayer in French. The comperes then introduced the topic, providing the Cottonians with background information on the historic event. Following this, the French boys sang a beautiful song in French. The highlight of the assembly was a skit about the Storming of the Bastille.

THE COTTONIAN OPEN SOURCE

Cottons' new Technology Club commenced with an opening ceremony on July 15th, 2024. Ahead of all the buzz around campus about the new, avant-garde and state of the art facility, the Open Source's innauguration started with electrifying and motivational commencement addresses by the presidents of the club- Anjan Bhat, Pratham R and Aryan Ajmera, wherein a roadmap for the future was presented. Soon after, the members engaged in an exchange of thoughts and suggestions for the club's events.



INTER-HOUSE EVENTS



DEBATE COMPETITION

The ISC Inter-House Debate Competition was held on the 11th of July, 2024. The topic for this year's competition was one that was steeped in current controversy, making for a rather lively debate- "The NEET exam should be scrapped and held again despite the unfairness of making the innocent take it again". The audience was drawn to every argument made and found validity in every rebuttal. Arjun Gujjari of Pettigrew House and Aryan Ajmera of Pakenham Walsh House were adjudged the best speakers of the 11th & 12th grades respectively.



HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The Inter-House Hockey competition took place on the 16th and 18th of July, showcasing intense matches and impressive skill. In the opening game, Elphick House dominated with a remarkable 5-0 victory over Thomas House, ending their tournament run in last place. Pettigrew House finished in fourth place after a heartbreaking late defeat to Elphick in the semi-finals. Meanwhile, the other semi-final featured a thrilling penalty shootout between Pope and Pakenham Walsh House, with Pope winning. In the final, Elphick House secured the win over Pope House and lifted the champions cup.



BOARDING EVENTS

INAUGURAL CHAPEL SERVICE



After nearly four years, the first morning communion was held on Thursday, July 4. Reverend Dr. Vincent Vinod Kumar presided over the communion service, which was attended by boarders, residential staff, and our principal, Mr. Alistair R. A. Freese. The boarders initiated this Thursday's morning communion, which will continue for years to come. The Pastor related a story about Jesus helping the apostle Peter while fishing. Peter could not catch any fish until he received guidance and instructions from Jesus and caught many fish after that. He related this story to academics. The Chapel Prefect said, "It was a very blessed and joyous moment to see all the boarders attending the morning communion after years"

BOARDING FRESHER'S DAY



Our School recently celebrated its annual Freshers' Day to welcome a notable increase in residential scholars. The event aimed to integrate new students into the school community, fostering a sense of belonging and camaraderie. The celebration kicked off with a warm welcome address by the Deputy Head of Boarders, who emphasised the school's commitment to holistic development and the importance of the residential programme. The students showcased their talents through various cultural performances, including music, dance, and drama, reflecting the school's vibrant spirit and rich heritage. Our Principal delivered an inspiring speech, sharing personal experiences and encouraging new students to make the most of their time at Cottons. The event concluded with a grand dinner, where students, residential faculty, and guests mingled, fostering connections and friendships in an informal setting. The Freshers' Day celebration was a resounding success, marking the beginning of an exciting journey for the new residential scholars. The evening concluded with a vote of thanks by the Head of Boarders.



ACHIEVEMENTS



Cotton Boys' emerged victorious in the CISCE Regional U17 Cricket Tournament, defeating St Joseph's in the final by 8 wickets.



In the CISCE Regional Table Tennis Championship, Cottons excelled, Hurray GP and David KS have been selected to compete in the national tournament.



Cottons showcased outstanding performances at the CISCE Regional Boxing Championship. Both Mohith Kumaran and Anthus Bernard won medals at the event.



Joshua Kevin Peter has secured a bronze medal in the 10-meter rifle shooting category for the under-17 age group at the CISCE regional games.





Bishop Cotton Boys' School's swimming team emerged victorious at the 2024 CISCE Regional Swimming Competition, held at Amrita International Vidyalayam. They clinched the U-19 Championship and secured the Overall Championship title with an impressive 261 points. The team dominated across the U14, U17, and U19 divisions, showcasing their exceptional talent and dedication.

INTER-SCHOOL EVENTS



ALBERT BARROW ESSAY COMPETITION

The CISCE Albert Barrow Inter-School Creative Writing Competition (category 1) for ISC students was conducted on the 12th of July in the SQ hall.15 schools participated in the event from Bangalore, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. Topics for the essay writing are sent by council. The topic 'A world completely run by machines' appears to have elicited maximum response.

FRANK ANTHONY MEMORIAL DEBATE



The Frank Anthony Memorial All India Inter-School Debate was held at Ryan International School for Category I (ISC) and at Mallya Aditi International for Category II (IX & X). The Debate saw outstanding performances from our students. Aditya Pednekar was adjudged the best speaker, with Nirav Reddy securing the second-best speaker award. Our School won the Best Team Award in Category I and finished runners up in Category II represented by Ayush Prem & Dhruv Kulkarni, qualifying them to the regional round.



LA MARTINIERE GIRLS COLLEGE MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Bishop Cotton Boys' School won the Best Delegation award at La Martiniere Girls College, Lucknow, during the LMGMUN'24 conference. The team, consisting of 9 delegates from grades 9 to 12 and led by MUN coordinator Mrs. Mercy Stanley, excelled over three challenging days. They won 7 individual awards: 2 Best Delegate, 2 Outstanding Delegate, 2 Commendable Delegate, and a Special Mention. The delegation celebrated their victory by singing the Cottonian March. Their triumph was featured in the 'Lucknow Times' and announced on their return fight to Bangalore.



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I K Jacob XII B



Ephraim Samuel Christopher XII D



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CREATIVE SECTION

Creative Writing

My fellow brethren, first and foremost I must make something very clear: this is not a competition among ourselves. This is the golden opportunity, the once-in-a-lifetime chance that we've been all been waiting for to obliterate the dirty Capulet name and prove our mettle to the whole of Italy!

There has been much discussion about who will represent our House on the esteemed council of our city, the Council of Verona. Our Great Lord Montague recently addressed us through a letter, stating that the representative of the House must be of noble blood.

With all due respect my Lord, the blood that flows within me circulates an unwavering loyalty to my dear brother-in-arms Romeo and his House, the House of the Montagues. I am always ready to put my life on the line to preserve the dignity and status of our House.

Put me through any trial, any challenge, and I will emerge victorious bearing the Montague Crest proudly on my chest. I beseech you, my Lord, give me one chance, one opportunity to prove myself, and the Montague Blue will forever reign over the Capulet Red!

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