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COTTONIAN POST
Flavour of Freedom









FOUNDER'S DAY

A hundred and sixty years after its inception, Cottons stands tall as a revered institution. The celebration began with a special assembly, featuring stirring performances and speeches that honoured the legacy of Reverend Samuel Thomas Pettigrew. The Chief Guest Mr. Jinesh Babu R, an Old Cottonian eloquently spoke about his days as a Cottonian. The day was marked by dynamic activities, including a thrilling football match where teachers triumphed over office bearers 6-1, and an exhilarating throwball game, showcasing the teachers' versatility. Junior II students displayed their artistic talents with Founder's Day-themed charts and collages. This was followed by a special service in the afternoon at the school chapel, where the celebrant, Rev. Vincent Vinod Kumar and the preacher, Rev. Christopher Samuel highlighted the vision of the founding fathers and exhorted the gathering to follow the principles of our founder.







INDEPENDENCE DAY: CELEBRATING 78 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

As the Principal unfurled the national flag; students, staff and parents, sang the national anthem with patriotic fervour and pride. The celebrations started with a march past by the uniformed services and later we had patriotic songs and dances adding to the energy of this glorious day.
The Principal focused on the values of integrity, equality, justice and courage in his speech leaving the young students inspired.
As the small, yet meaningful programme drew to an end,
the notes of our national anthem could be felt lingering in the air.

Freedom is the breath of life.
- Mahatma Gandhi

COTTONS MODEL UNITED NATIONS (CoMUN '24)



Bishop Cotton Boys' School presented the 10th Annual Cottons Model United Nations (CoMUN) on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of August 2024. The Conference was held over a span of 3 days in the school premises. CoMUN this year was bigger- and better with 6 simulated committees and nearly 430 delegates from over 10 schools. The Chief Guest for the event was Mr. Kathik Tallam, the Honaray Consul of The Kingdom of Combodia in Bengaluru. He spoke about the importance of foreign relations and his journey as a Cottonian. After three days of gruelling tact and diplomacy it was St. Joseph's Boys' High School who were declared The Best Delegation and Sri Kumaran Children's Home as The Outstanding Delegation . CoMUN was a resounding success under the leadership of Mrs. Mercy Stanley, the MUN coordinator.

SYNCHRONIZE



Bishop Cotton Boys' School hosted the 14th edition of Synchronize on August 9th and 10th, 2024, with nearly 750 participants. The event featured 21 diverse competitions, from aeronautics and biotechnology to e-sports. Chief Guest Prof. P Vijay Kumar, an esteemed alumnus, highlighted the vital role of science and technology and encouraged participants to pursue excellence. He spoke passionately about NAVIK- his pet project about the Indian Navigation Systems. This fest saw participation from a number of esteemed schools from the city. After a neck and neck two-day competition, St. Joseph's Boys' High School were adjudged as the best delegation and they celebrated their resounding victory in style, with the Auditorium still echoing with their chants. Synchronize 2024 was successful in cultivating a positive culture of teamwork and healthy competition in Cottons under the stewardship of Mrs. Indu Shinto, Mrs. Kavitha J M and Mrs. Mary Mandi.

RESURGENCE

The much-anticipated Resurgence 24', the Inter-School Commerce and Economics fest, hosted by Bishop Cotton Boys' School, wrapped up on a high note, marking yet another successful chapter in the school's history. Christ Junior College emerged as the winners, showcasing exceptional talent and knowledge throughout the competition. St Joseph's Boys' High School followed closely as the runners-up, demonstrating remarkable skill and teamwork. In a special recognition, Wynberg Allen High School from Mussoorie was honoured as the most disciplined team of the fest, earning a cash award of ₹25,000, generously sponsored by our Chief Guest, Mr. Pratik Bhansali. who had spoken eloquently to the young students about the importance of ethics at the workplace.The fest highlighted the focus on coordination and teamwork at our school with Mrs. Rajni Clara Sumathi at the helm of the fest.



CISCE NATIONAL SWIMMING COMPETITION

Our school swimming team performed remarkably at the CISCE National swimming competition held on the 26th, 27thand 28th of August 2024 at the prestigious Padukone – Dravid Sports Centre organised by the CISCE Council. The competition witnessed stellar performances from our swimmers, who secured multiple medals and individuals championship trophies.
Daksh Matta, Aarav J, Kushal K, Prithiviraj Menon, Vishagan Saravanan, Sai Ravindra VV, Amit R Aradhy, Sarvesh Raj K, and Krishna Rakshit Jagdale were the ace swimmers who made the school proud, winning many gold and silver medals. Special recognition is also due to our swimming coach, Mr. Louis Praveen, who also serves as the coach of the Karnataka National Team for his guidance and dedication.
We are indeed proud of our swimming team for their exceptional performance at the national level. May the team continue to bring more laurels for the school.







MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELL BEE



Bishop Cotton Boys' School conducted the inter-house Spelling Bee competition on the 27th of August, 2024. The competition saw our linguistically proficient students from each house actively participate in the competition. The team for each house comprised 3 students, one each from standard 6, 7 and 8. Our Principal, Mr. Alistair R. A. Freese was the pronouncer for the competition. The competition consisted of 4 rounds, testing the spellings of the students in various fields such as food items and double-letter words.

The rounds were creatively named too, namely Food for Thought, Silence of the Lambs, Double Trouble and History Mystery. The participants and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the competition. At the conclusion of the event, the results were declared with Pettigrew House being the overall winners, closely followed by Pakenham Walsh House in second place. Pope House claimed the third place while Thomas House and Elphick House both tied for fourth place.



COTTONIAN SHIELD

Bishop Cotton Boys' School hosted the prestigious Cottonian Shield for the academic year 2024-2025. The much-awaited event commenced in the month of July, with the finals being held on the 9th of August. This year marked an incredible comeback for the Cottonian team as they lifted this iconic trophy in both the categories after 5 years.

Bishop Cottons came very close to clinching the title on many occasions previously but were unable to make it to the winner's step of the podium in at least one of the divisions. This year changed that. The team managed to clinch the title with a narrow margin of 4 runs in the Under-14 against St. Josephs Boys' High School and 1 run in the Under-16 against Gopalan International School. We are indeed proud of our cricketers as the continue to exemplify perseverence, discipline and focus through these wins.



Twin joy for Cottonians

BENGALURU, DHNS

Bishop Cotton Boys' School pulled off thrilling wins in both the U-16 and U-14 finals of the Cottonian Shield here on Friday.

Abhinav Jha (63) and Sameer Godhi (38), along with a strong finish by Siddarth TNV (28 n.o.) helped Bishop Cotton post 152/4 in 20 overs in the U-16 decider, before Nihal K (3/31), Arav Prasad (2/26) and Rushil Ram (2/26) starred with the ball to restrict Gopalan to 151/9.

U-14 final

In the U-14 final, the host side edged out St. Joseph Boys' High School by four runs to seal the double.

Bishop Cotton were bowled out for 103 with Samrudh (2/16) and Naksh (2/24) being the pick of the bowlers.

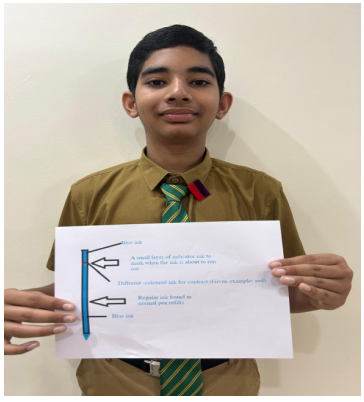
Cottonian Shield Cricket Tournament

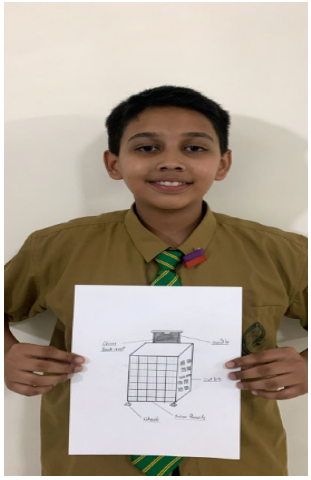
Bishop Cotton Boys' School, winners of the under-16 Cottonian Shield cricket tournament, pose with their spoils. BACK ROW (from left): Syed (coach), Niranjan G, Arav P (captain), Dhyan A, Rohan N, Shrish K, Nihal M, Meeth D, Ranveer S, Moin A (coach). FRONT: Nihal K, Rushil R, Sameer G, Vivek S, Padam N, Siddharth T, Abhinav J, Arjun S and Nirvaan M at Bishop Cotton Boys' school in Bengaluru on Friday.

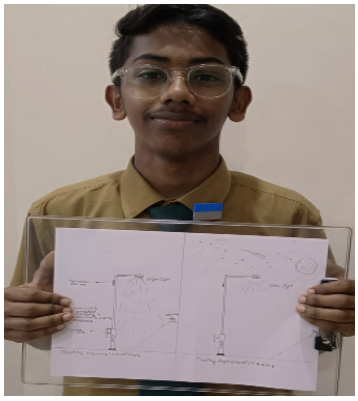


FLAVOUR OF FREEDOM

"Let us sacrifice our today so our children can have a better tomorrow."
~ Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam







INSPIRE MANAK

The INSPIRE MANAK Competition, a national initiative by the Government of India, was held at Bishop Cotton Boys' School, aiming to encourage students to solve real-world problems with creative solutions. Students from Std IX and X participated enthusiastically, presenting innovative ideas under their mentors' guidance. Mrs Asha Mohan, Chemistry teacher (ISC) was the judge for the event. Three projects stood out: The Jouler 1.0 by Samarth S Hegde (Std IX F), an eco-friendly, multipurpose luggage carrier with a portable charger; Smart Refill Pen by Tejash Pathak (Std IX E), a pen indicating when the ink runs out; and Astronomical Light Pollution Mitigation System by Akshad Simon (Std X D), a technology to reduce light pollution for better astronomical observations. The competition successfully ignited students' scientific potential, equipping them with skills to address real-world challenges.

ANNUAL AQUATIC MEET 2024





One of the highlights of Bishop Cotton Boys' School is the Annual Aquatic Meet, which took place over three exciting days on the 13th, 14th, and 16th of August 2024. We were honoured to have Mr. Hemanth Sharan J, ACP of the CEN Central Division Bangalore, as our Chief Guest, and Miss Dhinidhi Desinghu, Olympian from Paris 2024, as our Guest of Honour. They encouraged the students to push their limits, enjoy their time in the pool, and embrace both victories and setbacks. Pope House emerged as the overall swimming champions for the year 2024-25, standing tall in victory, closely followed by Pakenham Walsh in second place. Pettigrew House calimed the third place while Elphick House and Thomas House finished 4th and 5th respectively. With every splash and turn, our students demonstrated their strength and dedication. There are no shortcuts when it comes to putting your best stroke forward!

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Colours of the National Flag:
Orange - Symbolizes sacrifice
White - Represents peace
Green - Signifies prosperity
Blue Ashok Chakra - Stands for progress

Mrs. Deborah (Junior School)

KINDERGARTEN INDEPENDENCE DAY

On August 14th, 2024, the Kindergarten celebrated India's Independence Day with patriotic performances, tributes to soldiers, and songs. The KG choir's rendition of 'Jai Hind' was followed by a speech showcasing the school's legacy and highlighting the significance of the day to the young students. The event concluded with children dressed as freedom fighters, waving the Indian flag, and singing the national anthem. The entired block echoed with patriotic fervour.





Who was the first Indian Principal at Cottons?

Answer:
Dr. A. T. Belray





FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Freedom is the breath of life, said the great Mahatma. On the momentous occasion of our independence day, I make a wish for all the students. I wish that you have the freedom to make the choices and decisions that will guide you, the freedom to live the life you want to, yes, with responsibility, sensitivity and sensibility.
May you be free from all biases, jingoism and narrow-minded thinking, free from envy, jealousy and unhealthy competition. Most importantly, may you find freedom from all kinds of mediocrity and set high standards for yourselves. May you all be blessed with the freedom to pursue excellence - at your pace, in your own time and in your own unique way.
May my wish come true!

- Mrs. Madhuri Nair Sanjeev

ACHIEVEMENTS



OUR UNDER 14 CRICKET TEAM WINS THE CISCE REGIONAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT



DAKSH A SINGHVI OF 10-G WON THE KARNATAKA TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP, WINNING IT 3 TIMES IN A ROW



PARTH S. P. OF 1-D AND ABISH D. OF 4-B RECEIVED 2 MEDALS EACH AT THE KARATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP



OUR MUSIC TEAM EMERGED VICTORIOUS AT THE CULTURAL FEST IN BALDWIN BOYS HIGH SCHOOL



COTTONIAN TENNIS STARS CLAIM THE CUP AT THE CISCE TENNIS TOURNAMENT



THE COTTONIAN ATHLETIC TEAM WINS LAURELS AT THE CISCE TOURNAMENT.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUR TEACHERS

Hi Cottons!
I'm Prabha Jeban, and I'm honored to share my deep affection for Cottons, a place as dear to me as my country. Serving this esteemed institution, founded by the respected St. Peter's Brotherhood, is a true blessing. Cottons is not just a school; it's a beacon among educational institutions worldwide. Although I'm a teacher, Cottons has been a learning center for me, shaping every aspect of my life through rich and wonderful experiences. The school's unique quality has guided me through every phase of my development, making me a pillar in my department and a favorite among students. Working at Cottons feels like being part of a family. The supportive community, vibrant environment, and unwavering commitment to excellence make every day here inspiring.

- Mrs. Prabha Jeban

THANK YOU COTTONS!
I, Anto Prescilla embarked on my professional journey in May 2014 when I joined Bishop Cottons Boys' School, Bangalore, as a teacher. This was not only my first career opportunity but also a significant turning point in my life. Over the years, I have transformed from a shy, introverted individual into a confident and bold educator, thanks to the nurturing environment and opportunities provided by the school.
Today, I'm feeling proud to be a favorite teacher among my students, a testament to my hard work, dedication, and the incredible support I have received from Bishop Cottons Boys' School. My journey is a shining example of how a positive and nurturing environment can help individuals overcome their insecurities and realize their full potential.

- Mrs. Anto Prescilla

I joined Bishop Cotton Boys' School in 1990, driven by my passion for teaching. I began by introducing Electronics project making to the middle school students, leading to the creation of "Computeronics," an electronics and computer exhibition This gave me immense joy and satisfaction as I could help the children think creatively in the physics class. Through Synchronize and the International Space Settlement Design Competition at NASA,the students brought laurels to the institution giving me immense pleasure. My 34 years at Cottons were filled with challenges and reward ing experiences. The school has given me many opportunities to help my students become avid learners. Teaching has been my calling, and the classroom my temple. I'm grateful for the support of God, family, and friends that made it all possible.

- Mrs.Asha Balaji

My journey at Cotton Boys began twenty five years back in the year 1999.When I walk down memory lane and retrospect the bygone years, my heart swells with joy as I feel younger by 25 years. Guess how I feel thus! Yes, my beloved students who are my heart beat, are the reason for this vigour in me to discharge my duties with renewed strength day after day. I fully realise that it is not by chance but by the perfect choice of God that we are part of this esteemed Institution as students and staff. Let us carry forward this rich legacy which our founding fathers have left behind for us as an invaluable treasure and ascribe all glory a and honour to God almighty for the plans and purposes he has for each one of us in this Institution highly regarded not only for its excellence but also for the values that its students imbibe .
Nec dextrorsum, Nec Sinistrorsum.

- Mrs. Sunantha Prudence

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THE WISDOM FOR SCHOOL DAYS

Amidst classrooms bathed in soft daylight,
Where young minds grow and ideas take flight,
I walk unnoticed, unobtrusively,
Carrying silently within me,
Simple rules to guide your ways,
To help you learn and brighten your days.

Heed my words, listen carefully,
Knowledge is precious, in every case,
Be inquisitive, ask questions,
And explore with an open heart,
For that's where true understanding starts.

Respect goes both ways,
Respect your teachers, your peers too,
For they're here to help and learn with you,
To grow with you in leaps and bounds,
For kindness and teamwork goes a long way,
In making school a great place every day.

Don't let procrastination hold you back,
Release yourself from the shackles you place on yourself,
Plan your time, focus and keep on track,
Hard work and diligence,
Can bring your dreams back to life,
Step by step, you'll get it right.

Don't let negativity cloud your views,
Don't let anger and hatred dull your hues,
Stay hopeful, yet mindful,
Just keep pushing through,
With an open mind and positive outlook,
You'll find success- that's good in my book.

Remember these do's and don'ts,
For they're the keys,
To make your school journey an enjoyable one,
Build a foundation strong and true,
For a future bold and beautiful.

- Mrs. Elizabeth T Angiras





Mrs. Ranjana Andrews





Mrs. Bandana Singh

Her shattered dreams...

A dream so high, now left in plight,
Her hopes dashed in the cruelest night.
Unaware the end would turn to no,
A daughter's quest, her strength to show.

With excellence, she carved her way,
Fighting for her freedom, day by day.
Yet, an act so dark, devoid of grace,
Our nation's heart lost in that place.

Through silence cold and whispers faint,
Her strength persists, though all may taint.
For in this grief, there blooms a plea,
To restore humanity, set it free.

In deep shadows, let justice rise,
A promise made beneath the skies.
For every voice that's still and scarred,
We seek a dawn where love stands guard.

- Mr. Avinash

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