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160 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE - EMPOWERED TO LEAD, INSPIRED TO SERVE



The Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2026 (Std. X - Std. XII) was held at Bishop Cotton Boys' School on 1 February 2026, marking an emotional farewell to 555 outgoing Cottonians, many of whom had called the institution their second home for over a decade. With the theme of '160 Years of Excellence – Empowered to Lead, Inspired to Serve', the programme commenced with the School Choir's stirring rendition of On Straight On, followed by the opening prayer led by Rev. Christy Gnanadasan.

The ceremonial lamp was lit by the Presiding Dignitary, Rt. Rev. Dr. Vincent Vinod Kumar; the Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Sharada Srinivasan, Padma Shri awardee; Rev. Satish Timothy Paul; Rev. J. Christopher Samuel; Mr. S. Devadas Sadhu; Rev. Christy Gnanadasan; Dr. Abraham Ebenezer; Mr. P. Johnson; Principal Mr. Alistair R. A. Freese; and Vice Principal Mr. Dhivyanathan J.

The Principal then addressed the gathering, reflecting on their academic journey and growth over the years. This was followed by the presentation of special awards to students who had distinguished themselves in various spheres of school life:

1. School Captain Cup – Nitin Joseph
2. Head of Day Scholars Cup – Daksh Jain
3. Head of Boarders Cup – David Luis Sumer
4. Maiden Cup – Nitin Joseph
5. Best All-Rounder (Senior) – Nitin Joseph
6. Best All-Rounder (Junior) – Colin Kavithran Nicholas
7. Best Senior Prefect – Abhay K
8. Best Junior Prefect – Rian Ahuja
9. Best Boarding Prefect (Senior) – Sakshat Rawal
10. Matthan Memorial Award for Character and Leadership – Dikshit B

The formal segment was interspersed with melodious performances by the School Choir and the ISC Band, featuring classics such as Stand By Me, Lean on Me, and Oasis's Don't Look Back in Anger, which added warmth and nostalgia to the occasion. The Chief Guest delivered the Valedictory Address, inspiring the students to carry forward the Cottonian spirit and emerge as responsible leaders of the future. The Presiding Dignitary followed with the Presidential Address, reminding the graduates of their duty toward society and the nation.



In a deeply moving address, the outgoing School Captain, Nitin Joseph, reflected on the graduates' shared journey and memories. The mantle of leadership was then formally passed on to the School Captain-Designate, Daksh A. Singhvi, who took the pledge to discharge his duties with honour and dignity. The graduating students subsequently took the Graduates' Pledge, administered by the Principal, affirming their commitment to uphold the Cottonian spirit and contribute positively to society.







The ceremony also honoured members of the retiring staff for their dedicated service to the institution: Mrs. Christine Browne, Mrs. Y. Jeevalatha, Mrs. Sunita Sharma, Mrs. Sulochana Nagaraj, Mr. Obaiah D., Mr. Arul Dass I., Mrs. L. Jamuna, and Mr. Mutharaju V. Representing the parents of the outgoing ISC and ICSE batches, Mr. Darlington Jose Hector and Mrs. Sharmeelee Ahuja expressed heartfelt gratitude to the school for shaping the students into responsible young individuals.



The spiritual tone of the ceremony was reinforced through the singing of the Founder's Hymn, a special prayer by Rev. J. Christopher Samuel, and the Benediction by Rt. Rev. Dr. Vincent Vinod Kumar. The programme concluded with a moving candle-lighting ceremony symbolising the passing of the light of knowledge, faith, and hope. As a final tribute to tradition, the students assembled on the steps of the Bishop George Edward Lynch Cotton Auditorium and passionately chanted the Cottonian March one last time, bringing the memorable ceremony to a close.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT ST. PETER'S CHAPEL

Amidst the walls of St. Peter's Chapel, the Class of 2026 assembled for their final Thanksgiving Service, an occasion marked by quiet dignity, gratitude, and reflection. The service began with a graceful procession as the graduating cohort was ceremoniously seated in the sacred space, adorned with beautiful floral arrangements. Rooted in the liturgical heritage of the institution, the service blended Anglican choral traditions with reflective readings, creating an atmosphere of reverence and spiritual calm.



The spiritual heart of the service was shaped by a moving choral offering from the school choir, prayers for God's grace, and the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by faculty members and parents alongside the Principal, Mr. Alistair R. A. Freese, the Vice Principal, Mr. Dhiviyanathan J., and the celebrants of the day. This symbolic act represented the light of knowledge, the continuity of tradition, and God's guiding presence in the lives of the graduating students. A newly instituted invocation, seeking God's continued protection and blessing upon the Class of 2026, added a special solemnity and strengthened the bonds of faith and fraternity.





In recognition of their leadership and service, the Principal presented mementos to the School Captain, Head of Day Scholars, and other Office Bearers, honouring their dedication to the school. The institution also places on record its sincere gratitude to the celebrants of the service, Rev. J. Christopher Samuel, Rev. D. Theodore William, and Rev. Immanuel Nehemiah, for lending spiritual depth and dignity to the occasion and invoking God's blessings upon the graduating students.



The sermon, delivered by the Rev. J. Christopher Samuel, Diocesan Secretary, CSI–KCD, offered an inspiring message that united intellectual discipline with moral courage and spiritual strength. Drawing from the divine assurance to Joshua—"You shall not walk alone"—and the wisdom of Shakespeare, he reminded the young Cottonians that they leave the school, as inheritors and custodians of a noble legacy, one that calls for excellence in thought, integrity in conduct, and service in action. **Cottonians for Life!**

CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM: 77TH REPUBLIC DAY AT BISHOP COTTON BOYS' SCHOOL

The 77th Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour by the students and staff of Bishop Cotton Boys' School. Prior to the celebrations, the school community paid solemn homage to the late Dr Francis Samuel, former Principal of the school. A minute's silence was observed in his memory. The programme commenced with the unfurling of the National Flag by the Principal, followed by the National Pledge and an impressive march past by the NCC Army, Air and Navy platoons, along with other uniformed services including Scouts, SAFE, Cubs and NSS. The National Salute was received by the Principal.



The celebration was further enriched by the ISC band's soulful rendition of "Vande Mataram," performed by Dhruv Kulkarni and Prajwal L, followed by a spirited drum recital and a spectacular marching display by the school brass band. The school places on record its deep appreciation for the parents who turned up in large numbers to support their wards, their presence reflecting a shared sense of pride, patriotism, and partnership with the institution. The school extends its appreciation to the Vice Principal, Coordinators, teachers-in-charge of the uniformed services, and the technical and support staff for their dedicated efforts in making the celebration a grand success. A sumptuous breakfast was served to all staff members and participants, adding warmth and fellowship to the occasion.



The cultural programme showcased vibrant patriotic dances and moving tributes, with spirited participation from all sections of the school, from Kindergarten to ISC. The ideals of freedom, unity and peace were reflected throughout the performances. A highlight of the programme was the powerful rendition of the classical piece "Peacock" by Ameya Karaba, accompanied on the drums by Zuriel S Kenani, seamlessly blending tradition with modern expression. Ayush Prem delivered an inspiring speech on patriotic fervour, emphasising the importance of responsible citizenship and active participation in democracy. In his address, the Principal underscored the need to safeguard democratic values at all times.





WILLIAM LEEFE ROBINSON (VC) MEMORIAL INTER-PLATOON MARCHING COMPETITION

In keeping with its proud tradition of honouring courage, leadership, and service, Bishop Cotton Boys' School conducted the inaugural William Leefe Robinson (VC) Memorial Inter-Platoon Marching Competition on 23rd January 2026 at the First Eleven Field—a landmark event in the school's NCC calendar. William Leefe Robinson, VC (14 July 1895 – 31 December 1918), an illustrious Old Cottonian, was the first pilot to shoot down a German Zeppelin over Britain during the First World War. For this extraordinary act of gallantry, he was awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest military decoration for valour in the face of the enemy. Significantly, he remains the first individual to receive the VC for action carried out on British soil. Born in Coorg, India, Robinson was educated at Bishop Cotton Boys' School, Bengaluru, where he studied between 1904 and 1908. It was during these formative years that the foundations of discipline, courage, and character—hallmarks of a Cottonian education—were laid. This memorial competition stands as a fitting tribute to his enduring legacy and supreme sacrifice.







The competition was reviewed by the Principal, Mr Alistair R. A. Freese, who served as the Reviewing Officer, lending dignity and ceremonial gravitas befitting the occasion.The programme commenced with a welcome address and the introduction of the judges by the compère, Mrs Evelyn Sumana, whose poised and confident compering set the tone for the proceedings. The distinguished panel of judges comprised:

- Brigadier P. C. Joseph
- Colonel Hubert Soans (OC)
- Sub Major Simon John

Invoking God's blessings, Mrs Priscilla Shanti Dias read from the Holy Scriptures, followed by a prayer offered by Mrs Latha Martin, seeking divine guidance for the school and the smooth conduct of the competition.The Army Wing cadets, under the command of Sgt Vishal and Sgt Vedhanth, marched with exemplary precision and discipline, executing the Drill Square Test and a special drill that reflected rigorous training and unity of command. The Naval Wing cadets, led by Sgt Rithwik, followed with a disciplined and synchronised Drill Square Test performance. The Air Wing cadets, under the command of Sgt Ben Dhayal, marched smartly to the centre of the field and presented an impressive drill marked by coordination, confidence, and esprit de corps.

The results of the competition were announced by the Vice-Principal, Mr Dhiviyanathan J, as follows:

- First Place – Army Wing
- First Runners-up – Air Wing
- Second Runners-up – Naval Wing

Individual excellence and leadership were recognised with the following honours:

- Best Cadet – Army Wing: Sgt Vishal
- Best Cadet – Air Wing: Sgt Ben Dhayal
- Best Cadet – Naval Wing: Sgt Rithwik

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by the Vice-Principal, following which the ceremony concluded with the National Anthem, solemnly rendered by the School Brass Band under the leadership of Mr Louis Alexander and Mr Thirukumaran. A special word of appreciation is extended to our dedicated Associate NCC Officers—Mr Jacob Robertson Tilak (Air Wing) and Mr Vijay Sampson (Naval Wing)—for their unwavering commitment to training, mentoring, and nurturing the cadets. Most importantly, sincere gratitude is accorded to ANO Mr Wilson Sampathkumar (Army Wing), whose tireless efforts, meticulous planning, and quiet leadership ensured that the competition was organised and conducted with precision, discipline, and excellence. As cadets marched in disciplined formation on the grounds of Bishop Cotton Boys' School, they walked in the symbolic footsteps of William Leefe Robinson, VC. This solemn and inspiring competition not only commemorated an extraordinary Old Cottonian but also reaffirmed the timeless values of courage, discipline, and duty that continue to define the Cottonian spirit.







AMAZING FACT

Did You Know? India's Constitution Is the Longest in the World

India's Constitution is the longest written Constitution of any sovereign nation in the world. It was originally handwritten in both English and Hindi and adorned with detailed illustrations by Indian artists, reflecting the care, vision, and depth with which the foundations of the Republic were laid.

Source: National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)

MARTYRS' DAY OBSERVANCE

Martyrs' Day was solemnly observed on 30 January 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Wardens' Park. Our Principal, Mr Alistair R. A. Freese, was accorded a warm welcome with the VIP call and general salute by the School Brass Band and Pilots. With solemn hearts, the Principal laid a wreath at Memorial One, while Sub Maj Simon and Hn Naik Sub Vinod laid a wreath at Memorial Two. Students of the ISC Department reflected on the significance of the day. Japheth read from the Holy Scripture, Neil Manuel offered a prayer for the departed souls, and Syed Adeeb spoke on the sacrifices of Mahatma Gandhi and our freedom fighters and soldiers.

The Principal addressed the gathering, urging students to respect the nation and its elders and to prepare themselves to build a better future. The observance concluded with a rendition of Amazing Grace by the band, followed by the National Anthem.





A SPLASH OF JOY: FUN WITH COLOURS CELEBRATION

The Kindergarten Department celebrated "Fun with Colours" on 22nd January 2026 with great enthusiasm and joy. The event began with an engaging concept presentation where Mrs. Fancy Agnus Sofiya, dressed as Aladdin, and Mrs. Gina Hazel Manjers, as the Genie, introduced children to the magical world of colours, instantly capturing their interest.

The campus was filled with vibrancy as children arrived dressed in colourful attire. Through a range of age-appropriate and creative activities, students were introduced to primary and secondary colours in an enjoyable and meaningful manner.





A special highlight of the celebration was the paint dabbing activity by LKG children and palm printing by UKG children on large windmill cut-outs. These hands-on experiences encouraged sensory exploration while nurturing creativity and imagination.

The Colour Day celebration beautifully blended learning with enjoyment, fostering colour recognition, confidence, creativity, and social interaction among the children. Overall, the programme was a wonderful success and a memorable learning experience, reminding us that when children learn through colours, their world becomes brighter, happier, and full of endless possibilities.

INDIAN NATIONAL ROBOCUP JUNIOR COMPETITION

A team of four students from Bishop Cotton Boys' School -Soumyl Pal, Parinay A, Manit Gupta, and Ritvik R. Gowda of Class VII F - won a Special Award titled the "Judges' Award" at the Indian National RoboCup Junior Competition, held at Bishop Cotton Boys' School on 10th and 11th January 2026.





The team was recognised for its commendable performance in the CoSpace Event, where they demonstrated innovation, teamwork, and strong problem-solving skills that impressed the panel of judges. The school places on record its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Mrs. Sheba Rajasigamoni, Teacher-in-Charge, for her dedicated mentorship and guidance.

A DAY OF UNFORGETTABLE FUN AT WONDERLA

On 16th January 2026, the Grade IX students of Bishop Cotton Boys' School, accompanied by their teachers, enjoyed a refreshing educational outing to Wonderla Amusement Park, Bengaluru. The day was filled with excitement and laughter as students experienced popular rides such as Recoil, Equinox, Flash Tower, and the Sky Wheel. The Cinemagic show and the newly introduced Mission Interstellar virtual reality experience added an element of innovation and wonder to the visit.





The water attractions, including Wonder Splash and the Lazy River, offered a welcome break, while the rain dance and wave pool sessions created moments of pure joy and camaraderie. A well-organized lunch and refreshments ensured that students remained energetic throughout the day. The school places on record its sincere appreciation of the coordinators and accompanying staff for their meticulous planning, constant supervision, and commitment to the safety and well-being of all students.

JUNIOR AND MIDDLE SCHOOL INTER-HOUSE SPELLING BEE COMPETITIONS 2025–2026

The Junior and Middle School Inter-House Spelling Bee Competitions for the academic year 2025–2026 were conducted successfully , promoting linguistic excellence and healthy competition among students. The events were designed to strengthen vocabulary, spelling accuracy, confidence, and enthusiasm for language learning across different age groups.



The Middle School Inter-House Spelling Bee Competition, conducted on 16 January 2026 for students of Standards VI to VIII, featured thoughtfully structured rounds including Campus Conquest, The Living Lab, Roots of Language, and Spelling in Silence. The competition was ably led by Mrs. Jennita Anandan, who served as the Pronouncer, and encouraged active participation, critical thinking, and linguistic precision among students.





The Junior School Spelling Bee Competition, held on 14 January 2026 for students of Standards 1 to 3, witnessed enthusiastic participation from all five houses. Students competed in a series of innovative and engaging rounds such as oral spelling, picture-based clues, word jumbles, and interactive challenges. Their performances reflected commendable spelling ability, presence of mind, and sportsmanship, making the competition both enjoyable and educational.



At the Junior School level, Pope House emerged as the Overall Winner, followed by Elphick House and Pakenham Walsh House in second and third places respectively, while Thomas House and Pettigrew House secured the fourth and fifth positions. In the Middle School competition, Pettigrew House claimed first place, with Pope House and Thomas House securing second place, followed by Pakenham Walsh House and Elphick House. The school places on record its sincere appreciation to the English Department, the coordinators, and the teachers for their meticulous planning and dedicated efforts in ensuring the success of both competitions.

TRACK AND FIELD TRIUMPH FOR COTTONS AT SCHOOL OLYMPICS COMPETITION

Our school athletics team delivered an outstanding performance at the Bangalore School Olympics Athletics Championship, organized by Youngsters Sports Promoters, held on 11 and 12 January 2026 at Jayanagar Stadium, Bangalore. Competing across Senior, ISC, Middle, and Junior School categories, our athletes brought laurels to the institution by securing multiple gold and bronze medals, particularly excelling in relay events and individual track and field disciplines.





Middle School:

- Gold Medal – 4×100 m Relay: Jaden Jeremiah (6G), Neevan Gladwin F (6E), Hiyan M Jain (6A)

Junior School:

- Gold Medal – 4×60 m Relay: Navneeth A Y (5H)
- Bronze Medal – 200 m: Navneeth A Y (5H)
- Gold Medal – 60 m Hurdles: Mohammed Zain K (3B)
- Gold Medal – 4×60 m Relay: Mohammed Zain K (3B)
- Gold Medal – 4×50 m Relay: Keith D'Souza (2F)
- Gold Medal – 50 m: Keith D'Souza (2F)
- Gold Medal – 4×50 m Relay: Ivan Joshua (2C)
- Gold Medal – 50 m: Ivan Joshua (2C)

The school congratulates all the athletes for their dedication and exemplary performance, and places on record its sincere appreciation for the efforts of the coaches, Mr. Devaraj D and Mr. Shivakumar K, whose guidance and commitment were instrumental in this remarkable success.

ISC:

- Bronze Medal – Long Jump: Prajwal L (11B)
- Bronze Medal – 4×100 m Relay: Prajwal L (11B), Maneeth R D (11B), Rohankrishna Mamadapalli (11A), Darek Shawn (11C)

Senior School:

- Gold Medal – 4×100 m Relay: Dheeraj Lionel D (9A), Akarsh Samuel Prashanth (9C), Daniel A Joel (9A), Sanjay S (9D)
- Bronze Medal – Shot Put : Dheeraj Lionel D (9A)
- Bronze Medal – 100 m : Dheeraj Lionel D (9A)





STATES TO BORDERS: JUNIOR II ANNUAL EXHIBITION

The Junior II Annual Exhibition, held on 28 January 2026, was a vibrant celebration of learning and creativity. Based on the theme "States to Borders – A Cultural Showcase," the exhibition gave students a meaningful opportunity to explore India's rich cultural heritage along with the diversity of the world. The programme began with a prayer and Bible reading, followed by the formal inauguration by the Principal, Mr. Alistair R. A. Freese, through a ceremonial ribbon-cutting in the presence of the Vice Principal, Mr. Divyanathan J., coordinators, teachers, students, and parents.





Spread across three floors and eighteen classrooms, the exhibition transformed the school into a series of cultural learning spaces. Grade IV students presented eight countries, while Grade V students showcased eight Indian states. Through models, displays, traditional attire, dances, skits, monuments, languages, and food, the students brought their themes to life. Visitors experienced cultures from regions such as Sri Lanka, China, Nepal, Bhutan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, West Bengal, and many more.

The exhibition featured several memorable highlights, including Punjabi Bhangra, Assamese Bihu, Rajasthani traditions, Tamil Nadu temple models, the textiles of Andhra Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir, Bengali delicacies, Afghan tea, and a Chengdu panda exhibit from China. A special highlight was the Ramayana enactment from Sri Lanka, along with vibrant Nepali and Burmese cultural displays that drew wide appreciation.





The exhibition offered students a rich and hands on learning experience, turning classrooms into true windows to the world. Notably, it marked the first exhibition of its kind at the Junior II level, setting a new standard for experiential and cross-cultural learning at the school. The school places on record its sincere appreciation to the Junior II Coordinators, Mrs Sumana Suchetha and Mrs Smrithi Fay Aiman, the faculty, and the parents for their invaluable support in making the exhibition a great success.

"Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our civilisation."

-MOHANDAS KARAMCHAND GANDHI

BROADENING ACADEMIC FRONTIERS: INSIGHTS INTO GLOBAL HIGHER EDUCATION

Bishop Cotton Boys' School hosted a panel of fifteen universities from the United States on Thursday, 22nd January 2026, to familiarise Grade 11 students with international admission processes and global academic opportunities.



The session featured presentations by university representatives highlighting academic programmes, campus life, and student support services, followed by interactive discussions at information desks in the Sesquicentennial Block.

The initiative provided students with valuable insights into overseas education and empowered them to make informed academic choices. The school places on record its sincere appreciation to Mrs Jerome Rachel Jaypaul and the Vice Principal, Mr Dhivyanathan J, for conducting the programme seamlessly.

LITTLE COTTONIANS IN A FRUIT FRENZY

"Fruits are nature's finest gift—vibrant in colour, rich in nourishment, and essential for growing minds."



Fruit Frenzy Day was joyfully celebrated at the Kindergarten, transforming the campus into a lively and colourful space as children arrived in bright casuals with fruit-themed headbands, each class proudly representing a different fruit.



The Kindergarten was tastefully decorated with eye-catching fruity displays, enhancing the festive spirit. The presence of our respected Principal and Vice Principal, who warmly interacted with the children, added encouragement and cheer to the occasion.



Through simple and engaging activities, children learned about the importance of fruits in daily life and their role in promoting energy, memory, eyesight, and overall well-being. The highlight of the celebration was a cheerful ramp walk by the little Cottonians, dressed as their class fruits, followed by a light-hearted teachers' play and the magical appearance of the Fruit Fairy, inspiring healthy food choices. The event concluded with a lively fruit song, spreading smiles and happiness. It was truly a "Yummy, Juicy Fruit Frenzy" that left behind joyful memories and reinforced the joy of healthy eating.

LITTLE MOMENTS, BIG SMILES
JUNIOR SCHOOL PICNIC AT ROYAL ORCHID

The students of Classes I, II, and III had their picnics on 28th, 23rd, and 16th January 2026, respectively, at Royal Orchid, Yelahanka. The outings offered joyful and refreshing days filled with excitement, learning, and togetherness. Each picnic began with a warm address by the Principal, who conveyed good wishes and shared essential safety guidelines. Students travelled safely and comfortably in school-arranged transport under the careful supervision of their teachers and support staff, ensuring smooth organisation and safety throughout the journeys.



All the picnics were smoothly conducted, well supervised, and concluded with the students returning safely to school. The outings proved to be memorable experiences that strengthened friendships, encouraged social interaction, and fostered joyful learning beyond the classroom. The school expresses its sincere gratitude to the Principal and the Board of Management for granting these opportunities and places on record its heartfelt appreciation to the coordinators, Mrs. Lorraine Chan and Mrs. Joyce Hebick, the faculty members, and support staff for their dedicated efforts, careful planning, and commitment in making the picnics a grand success.



At the venue, the children enjoyed nutritious breakfasts followed by a wide range of engaging indoor and outdoor activities. Fun-filled games, singing, dancing, recreational activities, and lively interactions filled the day with laughter and enthusiasm. The magic show emerged as a special highlight, delighting the students and creating moments of wonder and joy. Delicious meals, lunch, and refreshments added to the cheerful atmosphere, making each picnic a complete and enjoyable experience for all.



QUIZ GLORY FOR COTTONS: FRIENDS SCHOOL QUIZ 2026

Bishop Cotton Boys' School emerged as South India Champions at the Friends School Quiz 2026 after a display of resilience and composure. Following a narrow opening-round loss featuring Rishi Ahuja and Vaibhav Bhandari, the team regrouped with Aneek Aby partnering Rishi for the decisive rounds. Facing Chirec International School, Hyderabad, the Cottonians fought to a tie in Round 1 before delivering a perfect, maximum-score performance in the final round to clinch the title. The school places on record its sincere appreciation to Mrs Sujin John for her dedicated mentoring and guidance of the team. This victory continues Cottons' winning legacy, following last year's All India Zone Championship won by Rishi Ahuja and Chayank Kausik, reaffirming the school's dominance on the South India quizzing circuit.



STUDENT ARTICLES

THE LASTING ONE - THROUGH TIME, THROUGH CHANGE

- An article by Daksh Jain

“Life is what happens when you’re busy making other plans.” — John Lennon

When I look back at my journey at Bishop Cotton Boys’ School, I see a young boy who walked into the kindergarten block with one simple dream: to make his parents proud. I was more mischievous than mindful, valuing moments over marks. Everything began to change when I entered ISC. Watching my seniors lead with confidence and responsibility pushed me to ask myself a difficult question: could I be better? That question slowly became ambition, not to chase positions, but to become someone people could rely on. My interest in geopolitics led me to choose humanities, and Grade 11 gave me my first taste of responsibility as Head of Operations for Waymaker. Grade 12 pushed me far beyond my comfort zone. I had the privilege of hosting two fabulous fests as its Head of Organising Committee, CoMUN 2025 and Waymaker 2025. Cotton’s Model United Nations welcomed 926 delegates, while Waymaker saw over 750 participants, making both the largest editions in the school’s history, and somehow bringing back school socials after over 15 years.

As Head of Day Scholars, leading the Prefectorial Body and representing over 6,000 students taught me that leadership lives in everyday decisions. All of this will always be close to my heart, and I’ll miss it forever.



NIKE MIND 002 - A NEW ERA OF SPORTSWEAR AND RECOVERY

- An article by Prajwal L

Nike Mind 002 is a unique shoe that aims to connect the mind and body using new, groundbreaking technology. Unlike other generic shoes, it features 22 individual moving foam nodes in the sole. These nodes stimulate sensory receptors in the feet, helping users feel more grounded, aware, and focused.

Developed by Nike’s Mind and Science department over the course of a decade, this shoe is designed to improve awareness, recovery, and relaxation. With its modern, sleek, and comfortable design, the Mind 002 showcases Nike’s bold move into footwear driven by neuroscience and represents the future of athletic performance.



ACTIVITY CORNER

Find The Words: Vacation edition

Y	N	C	G	D	X	R	K	O	S	M	J	E	P
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As the summer vacation approaches, here is a vacation themed word search for you to solve. Solve the puzzle and submit your solution at the reception for a special prize:

1. **AIRPORT**
2. **AIRPLANE**
3. **HOTEL**
4. **PASSPORT**
5. **RELAX**
6. **SUNSHINE**
7. **TICKET**
8. **TRAVEL**
9. **VACATION**
10. **WINDOW**

Thought For the Month

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

THE TEAM

AYUSH PREM – 11 B
DHRUV KULKARNI – 11 C
GLENN HAREL – 11 B
SAAYUSH PAL – 11 A
SUKRIT SIVAPRASAD – 11 D

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We the Cottonians,
We are all here,
We want to do yes,
Always our best.

Our motto is,
Nec Dextrorsum,
Nec Sinistrorsum,
Hip Hip Hurrah!!

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