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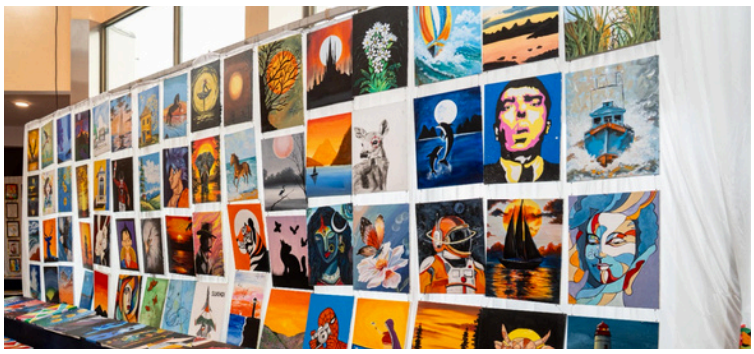
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# BRUSHSTROKES OF BRILLIANCE: COTTONIANS ENGAGE IN ART EXHIBITION

The Annual Art & Craft Exhibition 2026 was held on 19th and 20th February at the campus of Bishop Cotton Boys' School, celebrating creativity under the theme "Where Imagination Speaks." The exhibition showcased the remarkable artistic talents of students across all sections of the school.The event was inaugurated on 19th February at 10:00 a.m. by Bishop Amma Caroline Anita and Rev. Christy Gnanadasan with the ceremonial ribbon cutting and lighting of the lamp. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Principal Alistair R. A. Freese, Vice Principal Dhiviyanathan J., block coordinators, administrative staff, faculty members, and student volunteers.





The programme began with a welcome address by Mrs. Evelyn Sumana, followed by a prayer by Mrs. Maxine Lever and a Bible reading by Mrs. Nanda Elizabeth. In her address, Bishop Amma Caroline Anita commended the students and emphasized the importance of art in education. The exhibition featured an impressive display of paintings, sculptures, pottery, and handcrafted artefacts that reflected both traditional and contemporary artistic styles.

Highlights from the Sections:

Little Wonders – Kindergarten:
Under the guidance of Mrs. Hema P, the youngest students showcased delightful creations including paper cup octopus, paper bowl turtles, paper plate animals, pot painting, mushrooms, paper lollipops, and handmade bags.




Wealth from Waste – Junior School:
Guided by Mrs. Bhagyalakshmi, Mrs. Helen Mary, Mrs. Sujatha B, and Mr. Suraj G, students creatively transformed materials such as ice-cream sticks, paper cups, clay, buttons, and shells into impressive works of art, promoting sustainability.



Expanding Skills – Middle School:
Under the mentorship of Mr. Ramprasad S. Y., students presented cube paintings, pencil shading, sketch pen art, broken CD craft, cardboard masks, and scenery drawings, demonstrating growing artistic confidence and experimentation.

Masterpieces of Maturity – Senior & ISC:
Led by Dr. Shridhara S, senior students displayed refined canvas paintings and intricate wood prints that reflected depth, creativity, and artistic maturity.





Over the two days, the exhibition welcomed a large number of parents, students, and visitors who appreciated the exceptional work on display. Among those present were Mrs Agnes Caroline, Rev. Paul Dhinakaran and Mrs Vinisha Nero, who commended the dedication of both students and teachers.

In the vote of thanks, the Principal congratulated the Art and Craft faculty for their commitment throughout the year and for successfully organising the exhibition. He also acknowledged the Music Department for their support during the inauguration and their contributions to major school events.

The exhibition proved to be a resounding success and reaffirmed the school's commitment to nurturing creativity and holistic education.

## AMAZING FACT

**Did You Know? Blue and Purple Were Once the Rarest Colours.**

In ancient times, bright colours like blue and purple were extremely rare and expensive. A deep purple dye called Tyrian purple was made from thousands of tiny sea snails and was so costly that it was worn mainly by royalty and emperors. Similarly, the brilliant blue pigment ultramarine was created from the semi-precious stone lapis lazuli, which was mined mainly in present-day Afghanistan and transported across long trade routes to Europe. Because it was so precious, artists often reserved this blue for the most important parts of a painting, such as the robes of sacred figures.

**Source: The British Museum, London.**

# CRICKET CHAMPIONS: COTTONIANS PARTICPATE IN INTER-CLASS CRICKET TOURNAMENT

The Junior School Physical Education Department organised an Inter-Class Cricket Tournament for Standard III students from 27th February to 3rd March 2026.

The event proved to be an exciting and memorable experience for both students and teachers alike. The tournament commenced with an inaugural ceremony attended by the Principal, Vice Principal, and the Head of the Sports Department. Class teachers enthusiastically presented their teams with creative and distinctive names:

1) 3A – **Super Strikers**
2) 3B – **Cricket Crackers**
3) 3C – **Royal Challengers**
4) 3D – **Super Heroes**
5) 3E – **Cricket Crusaders**
6) 3F – **Star Strikers**
7) 3G – **Little Masters**
8) 3H – **Tiny Titans**
9) 3I – **Batting Buddies**









Following a series of engaging and competitive matches, four sections progressed to the semi-finals. Ultimately, Super Heroes and Cricket Crackers emerged as the finalists, setting the stage for a thrilling finale. The spirited cheerleaders from Standard II added to the excitement, creating an atmosphere reminiscent of an IPL match. The final match, held on 13th March 2026, was played with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. The cheerleaders further enhanced the vibrant atmosphere with their energetic support. After a closely contested encounter, Super Heroes from Class 3D clinched a nail-biting victory, showcasing exceptional teamwork and determination.

The tournament was efficiently coordinated by Mrs Lorraine Chan and Mrs Joyce Hebick. The Physical Education teachers, Mr Unni Krishnan and Mr Praveen, played a pivotal role in organising and conducting the matches smoothly. The Principal presented trophies and medals to the winners and runners-up during the End-of-Term Assembly, recognising their commendable achievements. Class teachers were also felicitated with medals, further encouraging their active participation and enthusiasm.

"People throw stones at you and you convert them into milestones."
-SACHIN TENDULKAR

# TINY PERFORMERS, BIG SMILES: KINDERGARTEN ANNUAL DAY AT COTTONS

The 36th Kindergarten Annual Day of Bishop Cotton Boys' School, held on 14th March 2026, was a vibrant and memorable celebration, marking yet another milestone in the school's rich tradition of excellence. The day truly stood out as a red-letter occasion, with the campus coming alive as early as 7:00 a.m., filled with excitement, colour, and anticipation. The programme commenced on a reverent note with a prayer led by Rev. Rachel Sudharshan, setting a serene tone for the morning. This was followed by a soulful invocation, "Footsteps Walking with Me," rendered beautifully by the Kindergarten choir.

The Principal, Mr. Alistair R. A. Freese, delivered the Welcome Address, extending a warm greeting to the gathering and introducing the Chief Guest, Mrs. Sharmeelee, a renowned actress. The occasion was further graced by the presence of the Treasurer, Mr. P. Johnson, alongside an audience comprising proud parents, grandparents, and well-wishers. The opening performance by the Kindergarten choir was a delightful medley set to the theme Rock 'n' Roll and Disco. A highlight of the morning was the energetic dance presentation titled "Global Rhythms," which showcased a rich tapestry of dance forms from around the world. From Japanese and African styles to Cowboy and Hawaiian sequences, the performance also celebrated India's cultural diversity with dances spanning from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. The finale, set to the iconic "Heal the World," brought together the spirit of unity and harmony.

Demonstrating remarkable versatility, the young students also presented a play titled "The Gypsies' Reward." The performance stood out for its confident dialogue delivery, expressive character portrayals, and impressive stage presence. The play was further enhanced by lively dance sequences featuring the Men in Black, Soldiers, and Gypsies, conveying a meaningful message about the importance of family, love, and togetherness.








An emotional and heartwarming slideshow depicting the children with their families beautifully reinforced the theme of bonding and shared moments. In a delightful surprise, the teachers presented a graceful and scintillating dance performance as a token of appreciation to the Chief Guest, earning resounding applause from the audience. The programme was meticulously choreographed by Mr. Daryl Kumar, while the choir was ably directed by Mr. Faustin D'Rozario.

A total of 335 students participated, showcasing their talents with unwavering enthusiasm throughout the two-and-a-half-hour programme. The joyous energy of the children, combined with the appreciative applause of the audience, ensured the event's grand success. In her address, the Chief Guest delivered an inspiring message, urging parents to invest quality time in nurturing the well-being of their children.

The seamless execution of the event was made possible under the able guidance and leadership of the Kindergarten Coordinators, Mrs. Beulah Thavamani and Mrs. Mary Longkumer, whose dedication resulted in yet another outstanding Annual Day celebration. The programme concluded on a solemn note with the closing prayer, followed by the National Anthem, bringing the curtains down on a truly unforgettable day.

# HEALTHY BITES: YOUNG COTTONIANS CELEBRATE FRUIT WEEK

The Junior–1 classes celebrated a vibrant and health-focused Fruit Week, encouraging students to explore the goodness of fruits. Each day highlighted a different fruit—apples (fiber and antioxidants), oranges (Vitamin C and immunity), grapes (Vitamins C & K), and bananas (potassium and Vitamins B6 & C).



Students learned nutritional facts, sampled fruits, and discovered their health benefits. The week concluded with a fun, hands-on fruit salad activity, where students created and enjoyed a nutritious treat together. The initiative aimed to promote healthy eating habits, encourage trying out new fruits, and make nutrition learning engaging and memorable.



The initiative created a joyful learning environment and encouraged students to participate with great enthusiasm. It provided a meaningful opportunity for students to learn through observation and shared experiences. Such initiatives play an important role in promoting awareness about healthy lifestyles among children.

# INSTALLATION OF THE HOUSE SCOREBOARD: A STEP TOWARDS HEALTHY COMPETITION

The House Scoreboard has been installed to promote healthy competition and strengthen school spirit by displaying real-time house points. It keeps students and staff informed about ongoing performances, encouraging active participation, teamwork, and accountability. Visible to all, it serves as a daily source of motivation—celebrating achievements and inspiring every House to strive for excellence.




## AMAZING FACT

### The Fascinating Origin of the House System in Schools!

The school House System originated in British boarding schools in the 19th century, where students were grouped into houses for living and learning. Over time, the system evolved to encourage teamwork, leadership, and healthy competition. Today, many schools around the world continue this tradition, using house points and scoreboards to build unity, celebrate achievements, and strengthen school spirit among students.

**Source: Encyclopaedia Britannica**

# NAVIGATING ACADEMIC HORIZONS: SUBJECT SELECTION ORIENTATION

On Saturday, 21st February 2026, Bishop Cotton Boys' School reaffirmed its commitment to academic excellence and holistic education by hosting a carefully curated Orientation Programme on Career Guidance for the parents of students of Stds VIII and X. The programme witnessed an impressive turnout, reflecting the keen interest of parents in shaping the academic pathways and future careers of their children. The session commenced with a warm welcome by Mrs. Glory Magdalene, setting a gracious tone for the morning. This was followed by a soulful praise and worship session led by the Music Department, the reading of selected scriptures by Miss Mary Avis, and an invocation by Mrs. Mercy Stanley.






In his keynote address, Principal Mr. Alistair R. A. Freese emphasised the vital role parents play in guiding their children while choosing elective subjects. His address offered clarity on informed decision-making, the academic philosophy of the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, and the diverse career pathways available to students. Faculty presentations on the elective subjects were insightful and comprehensive, enabling parents to gain a clear understanding of subject choices, assessment patterns and practical applications.

The Principal also outlined the academic framework for the 2026–27 academic session, including the terminal structure, examination pattern and the integration of practical components in Science and selected electives—ensuring that students develop both academic competence and practical skills. The institution also places on record its sincere appreciation to Vice Principal Mr. Dhiviyanathan J for meticulously organising and coordinating the programme. Parents were further encouraged to consider enrolling their children in one of the school's uniformed services. The programme concluded with the National Anthem. The session helped parents gain valuable clarity, enabling them to guide their children toward informed and confident academic decisions. sivaprasad





"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

– NELSON MANDELA

# COTTONIANS DEBATE WITH DISTINCTION AT KLE LAW COLLEGE EVENT

A team from Bishop Cotton Boys' School participated in the Asian Parliamentary Debate Competition hosted by KLE Law College at its Bengaluru campus on 27th March 2026. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 20 schools.

The school was represented by Ayush Prem (XII B), Dhruv Kulkarni (XII C), and Sukrit Sivaprasad (XII D). The competition required participants to assume the roles of parliamentarians and engage in structured debates on topics of national importance, public policy, and socio-economic issues.

The team delivered an impressive performance across multiple rounds, progressing to the quarter-finals. In this round, they debated as the Government (Proposition) on the motion to prohibit religious and ethnic symbolism in political offices and public institutions.




Sukrit Sivaprasad was adjudged Best Speaker (Male) for his outstanding articulation and persuasive arguments in the role of Government Whip. He was awarded a cash prize of ₹2,000. The event concluded on a high note, fostering critical thinking, eloquence, and the spirit of informed debate among students.

# RISING STAR: DARSHIK EXCELS IN CREST OLYMPIAD

Darshik Roy has brought pride to the school with his exceptional performance in the Olympiads 2025–2026. He secured four Silver Medals from the International Olympiad Federation (IOF) in English, Mathematics, Science, and Spelling.

In the Crest Olympiads, he qualified for Level 2 and achieved a Silver Medal in Science (South Zone Rank 23) and a Bronze Medal in English (Zonal Rank 26).




## AMAZING FACT

**The important role of coffeehouses**

Coffeehouses became popular meeting places where people gathered to drink coffee, have conversations, play board games such as chess and backgammon, listen to stories and music, and discuss news and politics. They became known as "schools of wisdom" for the type of clientele they attracted, and their free and frank discourse.In the 17th century, coffee appeared for the first time in Europe outside the Ottoman Empire, and coffeehouses were established, soon becoming increasingly popular.

**Source: Encyclopaedia Britannica**

# STUDENT ARTICLES

## A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME: MY COIN COLLECTION BY RENIT

I am Renit from 6C, and I have a fascinating hobby: numismatics. That is the official word for collecting and studying coins!



My journey as a coin collector started with a very special piece of family history. It all began when my father gave me an old Sri Lankan coin that he had actually collected when he was a child.

Holding that coin, I realized it wasn't just a piece of metal; it was a tiny time machine. I was amazed that a coin my father had kept safe for so many years was now in my hands.



That single Sri Lankan coin sparked my curiosity. My father explained how numismatics works, and once I understood it, I was completely hooked. I started looking out for different coins everywhere, comparing their shapes, the metals they are made of, and the unique symbols stamped on them.

Every new coin I find teaches me something exciting about history, geography, and different cultures.

Today, I love organizing my collection and researching the story behind each new addition. It makes learning about the world so much fun. I am excited to keep hunting for rare and unique coins to make my collection even bigger!

"A hobby a day keeps the doldrums away."

-PHYLLIS MCGINLEY

# STUDENT LITERATURE

## The True Friend

In an orphanage, there lived 2 children, and their names were Thomas Williams and Trevor Scott.

They both were best friends. They had other friends, James and Alan. As time flew by, Trevor wanted to be a hardworking agent and Thomas and the other friends wanted to have an easier life.

Thomas chose business and the other two friends chose work without any danger or risk. Trevor finally became an agent; he was a successful agent with many missions completed. One day, Trevor got a dangerous mission- he had to stop a mafia group from selling drugs to children and in the mission, he got killed by the mafia boss, Charles.

The news of Trevor's death reached Thomas; he was very sad and regretted not meeting his old friend. He wanted to take revenge for his best friend; he bribed the other agents with money and found out what was Trevor's last mission.

He traced down the mafia boss and his gang members, considering that as a tycoon, tracking people down was not a big deal for Thomas. He found them, took them to court, and brought justice to his friend.

-David Yohoshua,
VII-A

# My Journey from a Reader to a Writer

I have always been a voracious reader. Reading has been my favourite hobby, and I started reading long before I knew much English. Books improved my vocabulary and helped me learn new things. I read books of all genres, both fiction and non-fiction, and some of my favourites are those from the Percy Jackson series, the Harry Potter series, and the Hardy Boys series. I always loved reading books, but I only wrote stories and essays in composition classes and letters that were required for examinations. However, things took a turn when I was selected in the 5th standard for elocution at Cottons. I was confused because I could not decide which poem to recite. Even though there were a few options, I was not completely convinced by any of them.

Then a wonderful idea came to my mind: writing a speech of my own for the elocution. At first, my idea was not very popular with my friends and family, as they were unsure of whether I could pull it off. After all, I had never done anything like it before. There was also the problem of choosing a topic. In the end, I decided to write about the life of Lionel Messi. The teachers and my fellow students liked it very much. After the elocution, I realised that I had truly enjoyed writing an original speech. At that moment, the idea of writing a book first entered my mind. The final turning point came when I asked my mother to buy me a new book. She, already tired of buying so many books for me, jokingly told me that instead of only reading books, I should start writing one too.

# How I Wrote My Story

I took my mother's words seriously and started writing my own book. At first, I had no idea where to begin. I almost gave up even before writing the first line! The first few days of my summer holidays were spent deciding what my story should be about. Eventually, I decided to write a book about a group of boys in Germany who call themselves The Adventurers. They stumble upon a military establishment and try to stop criminals from stealing the secrets of a new weapon. At first, I planned to write a small book, but as I continued, I got into the flow and kept adding new ideas.

Finally, the book turned out to be around 75 pages long. This book is part of a series called 'The Adventurers', and the first book is titled The Mystery of the Military Establishment'. Soon, my book was printed, and now I am writing my second one. I really enjoyed the experience of writing a book, and I encourage everyone to follow their dreams by taking the next big step and not being afraid. If I had stopped myself because of fear, I would never have started this journey of becoming an author. Most importantly, I would like to sincerely thank my teachers at Cottons, who taught me the grammar and vocabulary that helped me write my first book. I dedicate my book to my teachers and to my fellow Cottonians.

-Vivaan Chopra,
VIII D

# STUDENT LITERATURE

## Journey and Adventure of Hometime

I passed through the field,
The scorching Sun,
Gives the fast moving yield,
So that I can have fun.

Oh dear! The cold air feels warm
My hair burns,
I have to stay firm,
That's how everybody learns.

This shortcut gives me pain,
Yeah! I reach my home on time,
I have to go in a lane,
To pick a boy with a brain made up of lime.

After an hour comes a traffic signal,
Which is very insane,
There is a smart kid who is dull
He always bites his nail.

- Abhigno Bhattacharjee (VII-D)

## Dreams

Hold fast to dreams
For it dreams due
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly

Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow

-Vansh M Porwar (VII-F)

## A Silent Visit

Every Midnight, She comes out ,
No one knew that she was present
Only her pet could feel her presences
Her tender thought believed that she was alive.

Her parents were filled with deep sorrow,
For, She was only a little girl,
Who had died in a sad accident
But she did not know the truth.

She moved softly throught the hall ,
Watching them with her tender eyes.
Her dog knew she was close ,
And wagged its tails filled with affection.

-Jeswin David .S (VIII-B)

## Poem on River

Flowing through the densest regions of forest,
Carving through, the hardest rocks on the way,
Finding ways through the hardest maze,
Making its own waysAstute is its senses to house the deadliest and calmest creature,
Soothing the ear of the listener,
Satisfying the throat of the drinker,
Lucky are those who can utilise your presence
Your nature's best remedy,
Hard to find your origin followed by your end,
Nature's one of mesmerizing beauty.

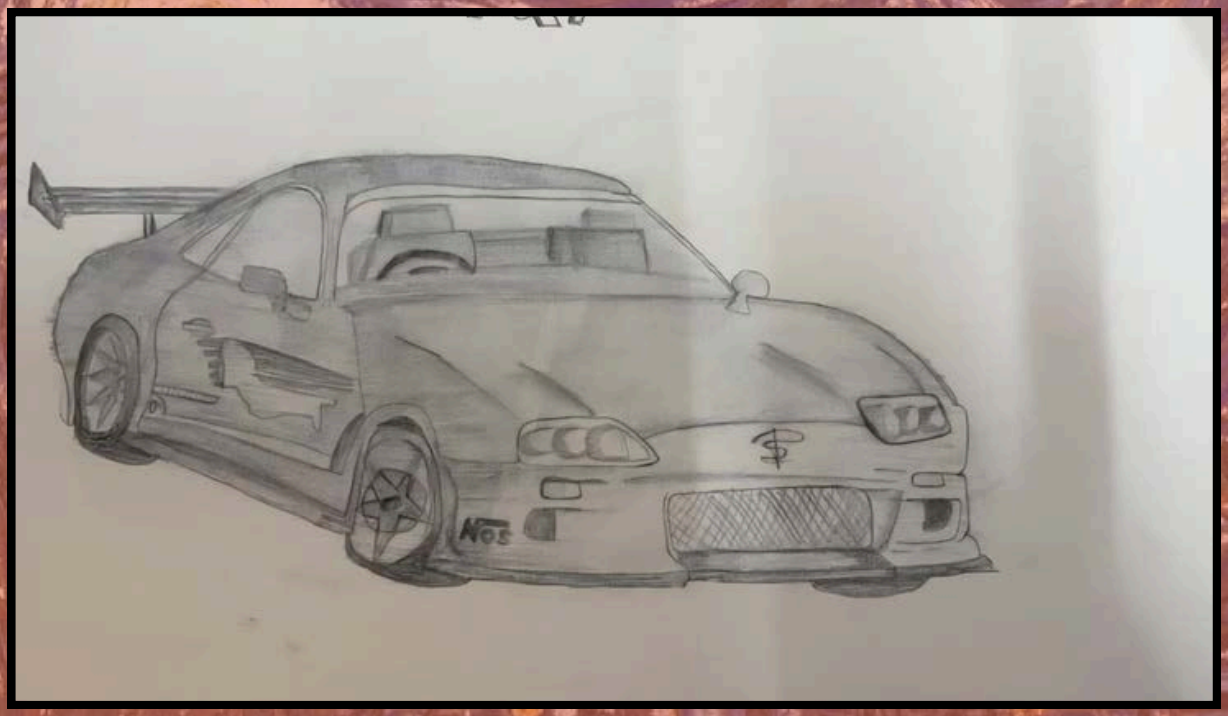
Tejas Bhagat MS (VIII-B)

"Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words."

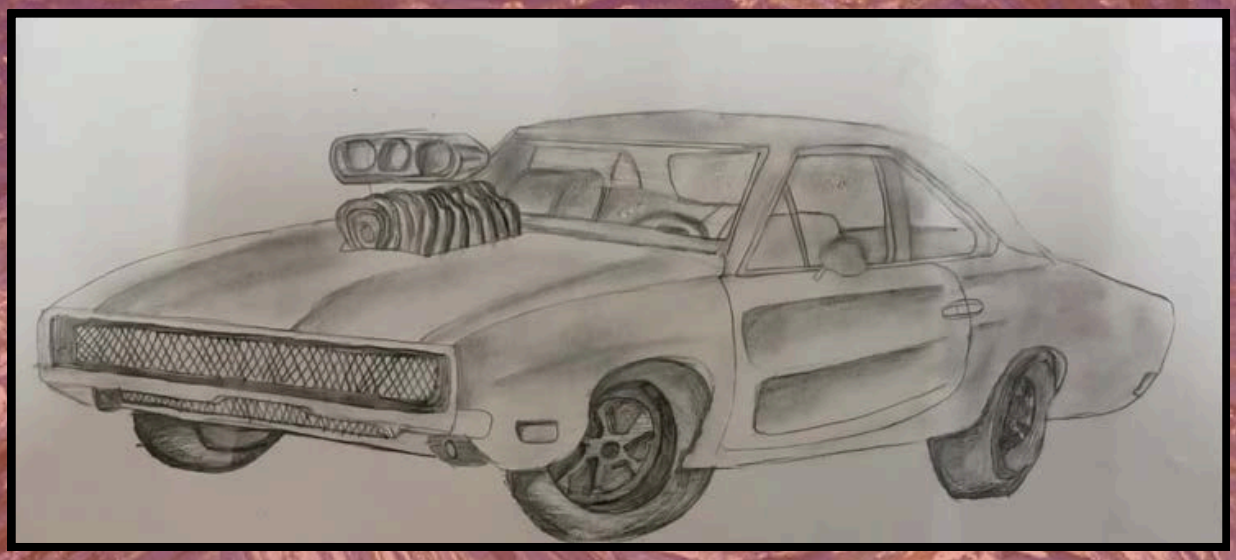
-ROBERT FROST

# Works of Art



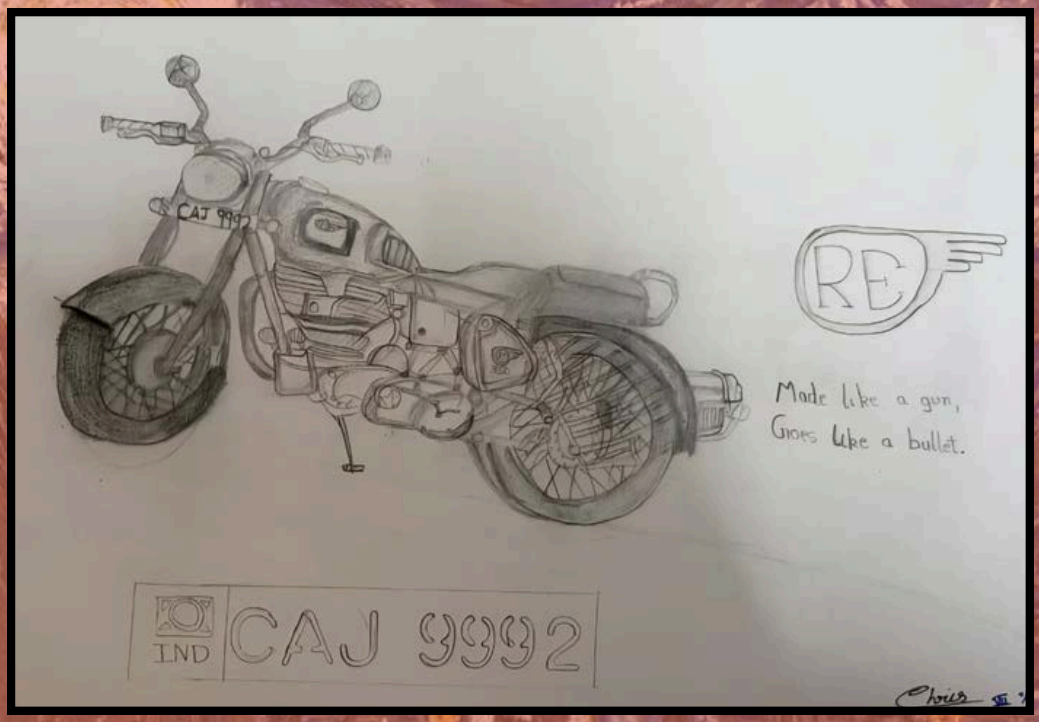
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# Works of Art


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# ACTIVITY CORNER

## Find The Words: Vacation edition

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As the academic year concludes, here is a school-themed word search for you to solve. Solve the puzzle and submit your solution at the reception for a special prize:

1. **BOOK**
2. **CHALKBOARD**
3. **CLASSROOM**
4. **HISTORY**
5. **LIBRARY**
6. **TEACHER**
7. **WRITING**
8. **SCHOOL**
9. **NOTEBOOK**
10. **READING**
11. **SCIENCE**

## Thought For the Month

"TO SUCCEED, JUMP AS QUICKLY AT OPPORTUNITIES AS YOU DO AT CONCLUSIONS."

-BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

## THE TEAM

**AYUSH PREM – 11 B**
**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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