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## From the Principal's desk

The latest issue presents to you precious moments shared by the students from their domestic and international trips. The beautiful colours of Autumn are imprinted all over our campus, the colourful mood was reflected in the mega events we hosted – Kalasagar – our Annual Art Fest, The Sagar School Annual Sports Meet and CBSE West Zone Badminton Championship. The visitors to these events left impressed with the Sagarian campus, its atmosphere and our hospitality. To know about this and more, please read on...

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# CHEERS AND CELEBRATIONS

## Teachers' Day Celebrations



*With love to Sir and Mam*



*Singing Praises!*



*Serving the Gurus!*

“Teaching is leaving a vestige of one self in the development of another. And surely the student is a bank where you can deposit your most precious treasures.”

- Eugene P. Bertin.

**September 5** - The day dawned with much anticipation and eagerness on the part of teachers as well as students, who had been avidly waiting for this day. The teachers were showered with oodles of love, affection and gratitude much to their delight. The students made the day a memorable one as they lovingly served breakfast to their gurus and presented each one with beautifully hand crafted cards. The Student Council assisted by their classmates effectively took charge of the academics while the teachers relaxed and watched a Movie show. A glitzy and glittery cultural evening was organised by the students expressing their love and regard for their mentors and guides. The teachers had some more fun filled moments while shaking their legs along with their students to popular DJ numbers.

## Accolades for the School



*Par Excellence*

The Sagar School continues to carry forth its march towards excellence in being the best Co – Educational Boarding school in Rajasthan. Nominated by Education World, the School was felicitated on the 23rd of September in a prestigious ceremony for the fourth year in succession.

## Honour for our Teachers



*Proud Felicitations*

Ms. Rani Sinha and Mr. J. Jeyakumar were the proud recipients of the Award of Excellence for their exemplary performance in the field of education organised by Alwar Sahodaya on 3rd of September at Neemrana.

## Young Achievers' Awards @RNB Global University - October, 12



*Kudos!*

### Sara Dua, class XII writes...

Every academic year the RNB Global University felicitates young scholars from across different schools in Rajasthan for their academic excellence and outstanding performances in the extracurricular sphere. This year Tushita Chanda, Archana Yengchom, Sushma Kshetrimayum, Raghav Chhaparia and me from class XII won this prestigious award. We felt great receiving this award as it marked appreciation for our hard work and dedication.

Dr. Sudha Shekhar Mishra, Mr. Ashif Iqbal and Mr. Mukesh Kumawat were also felicitated at Bhiwadi by Bharat Vikas Parishad on the occasion of Teachers' Day for their excellence in teaching and commitment to education.



*Laurels for teachers – (From left) Dr. Sudha Mishra, Mr. Ashif Iqbal and Mr. Mukesh Kumawat*

## Beyond the skies @NASA

The twelve day trip to the United States turned into a fabulous learning experience for the ten students who had first hand Astronaut training at the ATX of the Kennedy Space Centre at Florida, which is one of the many centres of the National Aeronautics Space Administration, US. The trip also included sightseeing tours in New York City, Orlando and Buffalo. The students wax eloquent apropos this unforgettable trip.

**Yash Poptani**, class XI: We started on 15th and returned on 26th October - a twelve days trip - but we couldn't understand how the days passed by. Our Chairperson, Ms. Rosemary Sagar guided us through the Metropolitan Museum and the Lycee Francais de New York School. We learnt many things at the Kennedy Space Centre. We learnt about how astronauts actually live in space and about space shuttles like the Atlantis.

**Manas Goel**, class IX: It was an awesome moment, when we launched a rocket at the astronaut training centre. Having dinner at Buffalo was a great experience too.

**Vishal Katheria**, class IX: The very day, we reached New York, we visited the Brooklyn Bridge. That was amazing! The best part of the trip was when we were making rockets at the Space Centre; I loved it!

**Kartik Shokeen**, class XI: Really a nice experience to explore new places.

**Divya Yadav**, class IX: The unforgettable part of the tour was experiencing zero gravity at Astronaut Training Experience (ATX). I also had fun at the Universal Studios and the Sea World.

**Ugyen Wangchuk Lachenpa**, class XI: The most unforgettable part of the trip was socialising with the Americans and Indian students from other schools. It was an experience that I'm sure will be helpful in the future.

**Shrey Khetan**, class VIII: The most amazing part was experiencing zero gravity and flying a rocket.

**Yangchen Dolkar**, class XI: Excitement began when our visas got approved. We were very nervous and had prepared a lot for the visa interview, that's why it felt great once it was done.

**Narmada Koijam**, class X: The best part of the trip for me was visiting beautiful breathtaking sights such as the Statue of Liberty and also the shopping; in fact we got adequate time to shop!!!

**Zoya Khan**, class XI: My best trip till date! Everything was up to what we had expected and more. The best for me was the Niagara Falls where the cascading waterfalls thrilled us. Moving in a ferry through the 'Maid of Mist' was delightful as we got sprayed and wet.



*Liberty at NY!*

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*Sky is not the limit!*



*Attending a class at Lycee Francais*



*With Ms. Rosemary Sagar at Lycee Francais de New York School*

## Switzerland Sojourn



*Swiss Meadows*

**Mayank Agarwal**, class XII says...

From movies to reality, Switzerland gave us the time of our lives. The broad crossroads, the subtle countryside, the sweet pleasant air & water, the lakes and the snow-capped Alps was an experience we will live and cherish forever.



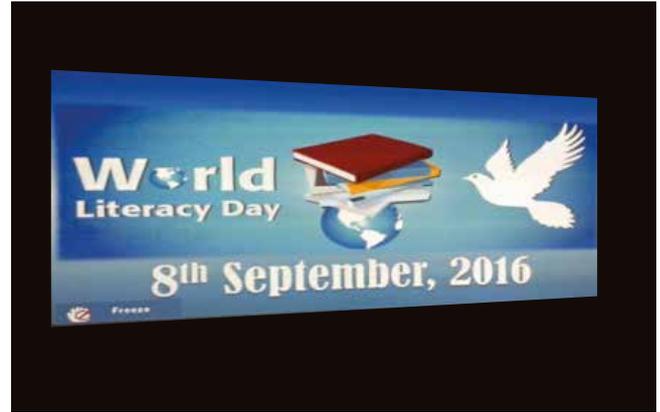
*Pristine Lakes*

The city of Zurich with its modern yet classical outlook was mesmerising. Situated in between two lakes lay Interlaken. Outings to Jungfrauoch, the highest point of Europe was followed by Bern, the Swiss capital and finally Geneva rounded off our trip.

## International Literacy Day- September, 8

“Literacy is the road to human progress and the means through which every man, woman, or child realises his full potential.”- Kofi Annan

The fact that every single individual has the right to education and the same must be enforced by law is what the International Literacy Day marked. A special assembly was held emphasizing upon the necessity of education for all.



*Towards Literacy for ALL*

## OUTDOOR JAUNTS

The Annual outdoor trips were organised in September-October. These educational and adventure-filled trips are relived in the words of our children:

### Peek a boo Punjab (classes IV-VI)

Iris Sarda, class V and Vrishab Raj Sharma, class VI write...

Punjab began for us with the night in the train and that was the first train experience for many of us. Amidst many

selfies and lots of fun we explored the famous Rock Garden of Chandigarh. The visit to Pinjore Garden and Chattbir zoo were amusing and fun. The jungle safari amidst the wild was an experience we will cherish forever. We had a gala time at the amusement park and the Science city. We will never get over the wonderful Punjabi Tadka we tasted. The visit to the Jalianwala Bagh and the Golden temple rounded off our fun filled memorable trip.



*Punjabi Tadka!*



*Wet & Wild!*



*What fun!*

## Rocks to Raft- Kanatal Diaries (class VII)

**Muskan Sarda** of class VII shares...

The trip was one of the most exciting with the weather adding charm to the entire trip. It was an amazing one as we shivered and swam in the cold water of the Kempty falls. We also enjoyed boating at the Mussourie lake. The camp at Kanatal was a treat to our eyes as the tall and beautiful trees surrounded us with ethereal beauty. We set off for Rishikesh, driving all the way there. We trekked until the Patna waterfall for a refreshing dip in it. The much awaited activity of the trip was the rafting expedition of 12 kms in the Ganges. It couldn't have been more memorable as we crossed the rapids, bumping in the raft and did cliff jumping and even dived into the Ganges. All that we had once seen and read in the books turned out to be what we experienced in reality.



*Taming the wild waters*



*Nature at its best!*

## Bhopal Diaries

**Nandika Bahl & Yepekak Chishi**, class VIII write...

Looking forward to a much-needed break after SA 1, we embarked on our trip on 24th September, which was replete with mythology, heritage and cultural diversity. We reached Bhopal the next morning and the same day we left for Bhimbhetka, where we saw the ancient cave paintings of the Gond tribes. Then we headed to Panchmarhi. We visited the temples of Gupt Mahadev and the ravines of Handi Kho - resembling a pot, Pandav Caves and the mesmerizing Bee Falls. Jata Shankar, where

we saw the ancient carvings of Lord Shiva was our next stop. We went to the Regional Science Center and enjoyed science. Later we went to a tribal museum where we saw many house structures constructed by different tribes. On the last day of the trip we went to the famous Sanchi Stupa. The stories of the various carvings of the stupas excited us. We also went to the Peoples' Mall which has amazing replicas of the wonders of the world and adventure activities.



*Neolithic Bhimbetka*



*En route to the Bee Falls*

## Kinnaur and The Army Base

**Purvi Wadhwa**, class IX shares...

Our School trip had the best in store for us. From the enchanting apple orchards to meeting the Indian Army, it gave us the best moments of our lives. We trekked all through the hilly terrain to reach our destination. The time spent with the Indian army taught us discipline and their



*Hills & Thrills*

stories motivated us. We also got to stay an extra day at the Army Base and brought back amazing memories. The most beautiful place that we visited was Sangla. The shopping at Shimla Mall road and Chandigarh summed up our trip.



*Army & Adventure*

## To the Himalayan Foothills

**Ayush Rungta & Arnab Rai**, class X share...

An enthusiastic class X set off to touch the Himalayas and explore some of its vastness. We visited the Manikaran Sahib where we took a hot water bath followed by our much awaited trekking expedition. This became a jubilant experience - we trekked somewhere between 26 to 30 kms. The hot water bath at Kheer Ganga refreshed us. We then headed for Pulga where we camped and slept under

the stars. We proceeded to the Hadimba temple followed by a photo shoot at the Rohtang pass at 13058 ft. The main objective to travel there was to trek on ice but unfortunately there wasn't any. We then advanced towards Solang Valley where we got the opportunity to experience paragliding. Rafting on the river Beas was exhilarating. While returning all we did was sit back and relish the wonderful moments that we had.



*Dressed for water sports*



*Chalte Raho!*



*Touching the peaks*

## Magical Mumbai

**Vishvjeet Yadav**, class XI shares...

It was my first ever flight and the very glimpse of the airport got butterflies in my stomach. We touched down at Goa and went off to the Varca beach. One can never resist seafood when at Goa. At Colava beach, the sound of the waves was mesmerising, we collected shells and captured these moments on camera. The cruise and the band were very enjoyable. The visit to the St. Francis Church and the famous Siddhivinayak temple of Mumbai followed. On our list next was the Gateway of India, the Essel world with its wonderful rides and the Elephanta caves which had the inscriptions from a bygone era. We shopped at the Bandstand and Colaba Causeway. It was one of the most enjoyable trips.



*What fun together!*



*Sea n Sand*



*Mumbai – here we are!*



*Masti!*

## From the hills of Ooty to the broad Bangaluru highways

**Maria Jalil**, class XII pens...

Our trip to Bangaluru, Mysuru and Ooty served as a much needed break. We boarded our flight and set off to The Silicon Valley of India- Bangaluru. The shopping spree which followed took away the stress of the flight and the tiredness. The Mysore Palace with its rich ambience followed by the visit to the silk factory outlet taught us both on history and science. Next on the list was Ooty

where we visited the Botanical garden which bloomed with beautiful flowers all over and the famous Chocolate Factory. The chill of Ooty with hot chocolate formed the perfect relish for us. There we bought some goodies to take home as gifts. This trip being the last one for our batch, we certainly will miss being together and having fun like we did.



*Chilling out!*



*Memories to cherish!*

# SOCIAL OUTREACH AND ENDEAVOURS

## Poetry Recitation Competition-September, 8

To mark the World Literacy Day, a Poetry Recitation Competition was organised at the Primary School of neighbouring Malliyer Village. Dr. Bisht praised the efforts of the students and encouraged them to strive for better opportunities. He awarded the delighted young winners.



*Encouraging the young underprivileged*

## IAYP Ventures

The students of The Sagar School visited the Malliyer Village for community service as part of their IAYP community service skill set. They not only assisted the students of the Primary School in academics but also supervised and served them a mid day meal.



*Serving a mid day meal*

# ACADEMICS AND SCHOLASTIC EXTENSIONS

## Kalasagar-October, 19 to 21

Kalasagar, our Annual Art Fest was a grand success as illustrious artists, experts and our teachers guided our students in different artistic endeavours. The chief guests were Mrs. Uma Jain and Mr. Uday Jain, of the oldest gallery in the subcontinent - Dhoomimal; noted theatre personality - Mr. Sukesh Arora, Kuchipudi exponent - Ms. Ayana Mukherjee, Madhubani artist - Mr. Sujeet Karan, renowned potter - Mr. Shiv, film making amateur & President of the Alumni Association – Mr. Aditya Bhasin

along with his team imparted innovative techniques and skills to students across classes. Government Schools of Hasanpur, Jyotiba Phoole Government School, Tijara and Sunhill Academy, Kishangarh Bas joined in to learn Arts. Dance, glass and fabric painting, candle making was taught under the adept guidance of the in-house resource persons - classical dancer Mr. Wasim Raja and Art teachers Mr. Ajay Singh Negi, Mr. Ravi Sharma and Ms. Amarjyot Kaur.

## The ocean of art - Kalasagar



*Pot the clay*



*Wonderstruck - the dignitaries*



*Dancing to glory*



*Kalasagar – inaugurated by Aditya Bhasin*

## Expressions from students:

**Aditya Khandelwal**, class XI says:

“Madhubani needs a lot of focus and develops the skills of concentration.”

**Arvan Bir Singh**, class XI says:

“Pottery was a mind opening venture with lots of tasks and new techniques.”

**Akshan Suri**, class VII expresses:

“Never had I thought theatre could be such fun!!! We learnt voice modulation, expression, body language from our resource persons. At the end of the session we all felt rejuvenated and had a sense of achievement.”

**Nandika Bahl**, class VIII writes:

“Kuchipudi dance form was introduced by Ms. Ayana Mukherjee; it was strenuous and enticing both at the same time. We really had a great time... looking forward to next year’s fest!”



*Theatre turf with Mr. Sukhesh Arora*

## A Bubble of Oxygen

**Mr. Ajay Talwar** our visiting astronomer writes:

In October, students of Astronomy Club photographed the Dumbbell Nebula in the constellation of Vulpecula. Dumbbell Nebula is also known as M27 in the Messier Catalogue of Deep Sky Objects.

In this picture the Nebula looks like a bubble, and it is



infact a bubble of Oxygen and other gasses. The predominant green colour indicates the presence of Oxygen. In the ending stages of a star, if its mass is about 1 to 8 times that of the Sun then it erupts in small explosions. At the time of the explosion the brightness of the star suddenly increases. The explosion is called a NOVA. Several such explosions occur in the dying stages of a star. Each time an explosion occurs the materials like Oxygen, Carbon are ejected and form a kind of bubble in space. The bubble varies in shape with each star. These star bubbles are visible through the telescope as Planetary Nebulae.

Some other examples of Planetary Nebulae are the Ring Nebula, Owl Nebula, Little Dumbbell, Eskimo Nebula, Ghost of Jupiter and many more. The Helix Nebula is among the nearest and the largest of such Nebulae. The Dumbbell nebula pictured above is the brightest visible planetary Nebula, and was the first ever to be discovered in the sky.

## SPORTING TIMES

### Sagarians @ District Competitions- September, 1 to 9

Medals and accolades sparkled on the Sagarian swimming teams as the talented lot performed at exceptional levels. The medal tally glittered with myriad achievements:

Vedant Mathur, class XI bagged a Gold in 50 meters freestyle, and Silver in 100 meters freestyle in U-19. Raghav Dhiman, class X won Gold in 200 meters freestyle, Silver in 50 meters freestyle U-17.

Sidhant Mathur, class IX claimed Gold in 100 meters freestyle, Silver in 50 meters Butterfly and Bronze in 50 meters freestyle in U-17.

Tadar Kelyie of class VI secured Gold in 50 meters backstroke, Silver in 50 meters breast stroke and Bronze in 50 meters freestyle.

Pragya Agarwal of class VIII bagged Silver in 50 meters back stroke and Bronze in 100 meters freestyle.

The Sagar School Cricket Team reached up to the 2nd round in U-19 in District Cricket Competition. The Sagarians stood second in U-17 Girls Doubles District Table Tennis Competition.

### State Swimming Competition- September, 14 to 19

Raghav Dhiman, class X and Sidhant Mathur, class IX represented the School. Raghav Dhiman won second position in Medley Relay of U-17.



*Swift swimmers*

## Friendly Football Match with Presidency School, Bhiwadi - September, 25

The Sagarians U-19 team displayed extremely outstanding performance throughout the match and won the match by 6-1 score.



*The teams*



*Friendship and football*

## Inter House Triathlon Championship - October, 9

The triathlon, one of the most challenging events testing our students' strength, perseverance and stamina transformed the participants into live wires of speed and determination.

Winners in different categories:- Karanpreet Singh, class VIII in U-14 boys, Karan Mavaskar, class IX in U-16 boys, Raghav Dhiman, class X in U-19 boys and Yangchen Dolkar Lachungpa, class XI in U-19 girls.



*Finishing line- Triathlon*

## Inter-House Swimming & Water-Polo Championship - October, 4 to 9

Water sports have always been a source of excitement and challenge for the Sagarians. The trophy of the Championship was lifted by Ruby House.

Best Swimmers for the event were : Karanpreet Singh, class VIII in U-14 boys, Pragya Agarwal, class VIII in U-14 girls, Karan Mavaskar, class IX in U-16 boys, Aastha Singh, class X in U-16 girls, Raghav Dhiman, class X in U-19 boys and Yangchen Dolkar Lachungpa, class XI in U-19 girls category.



*Like fish in the water*



*Ruby's the winner*

## Annual Sports Meet 2016 - 17 October, 13 & 14

The Sagar School Annual Sports Meet was inaugurated by Dr. Prabhat Kaushik, President CBSE Alwar Sahodaya School Complex and Founder Principal, UCSKM School, Bhiwadi. Nine teams which included - Alwar Public School (Alwar), Shiv Nadar School (Gurgaon), Blue Bells Model School (Gurgaon), Blue Bells Public School (Gurgaon), Modern Public School (Bhiwadi), UCSKM School (Bhiwadi), L.K. Singhanian Education Centre (Gotan), CCA (Gurgaon) and our School participated in the Football, Badminton and Triathlon championships.

## Glimpses



**Raman Sharma**, class XII, the Sports Captain expresses...  
The Annual Sports Meet at our School was a promising and successful event. The thrill of the exciting victories and the near misses engulfed all the teams as they cheered

and competed for the trophies. It was a display of true sportsman spirit and unparalleled enthusiasm. The entire Campus was abuzz with boundless energy and high spirits!!!

## Other Tournaments



*CBSE Cluster Table Tennis Tournament;  
October @ KVV, Chittorgarh*



*CBSE Cluster Football Tournament;  
October 19-22@ JD International, Jaipur*



## CBSE WEST ZONE BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP@TSS

The Sagar School, organised CBSE West Zone Badminton Championship on its campus from 24th to 27th October 2016. 540 shuttlers from 82 schools across 3 states namely Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan took part in this championship. The opening ceremony was graced by one of the most famous Archers of Indian Sports, Mr. Limba Ram, recipient of Padmashree, Arjuna Award and a Beijing Asian Championship gold medalist. Dr. Deepak Raj Singh Bisht, extended a formal welcome to all the guests.

## Glimpses



## CO - CURRICULAR ZONES

### Inter school Business Quiz @The Lawrence School, Sanawar-September, 1

Raghav Chaparia, Aakash Bhunia and Shreeansh Singh, class XII participated in the Quiz. A total of 24 teams participated. It was a tough competition.



*Business giants to be*

# CO - CURRICULAR ZONES

**Aakash Bhunia**, class XII shares...

We had been preparing for over a month for the quiz competition. Our teachers had helped us a lot with the same. We succeeded until the second round of the finale and gained a lot of knowledge and experience which was worth all the efforts made.

## Spic Macay, Kathak Dance Recital - September, 7

The School witnessed a divine blend of classical dance and music presented by Nritya Bhushan Awardee, Ms. Mahua Shankar who was accompanied by Mr. Vijay Mishra , Ms. Nupur Shankar and Mr. Suheb Hasan. It was a pristine morning with God's leela being portrayed through Kathak dance form capturing the essence of love and devotion. The dance recital enthralled and acquainted the students with the rich Indian cultural heritage.



*The ace of Kathak*



*Jessica*



*Edward*

**Jessica Samways & Edward Southgate**, guest teachers from England share...

We were honoured to be invited to watch a classical Indian cultural show.

Heading to the performance we were expecting to be delighted with a burst of different culture and we were not disappointed. It was unlike anything we have ever seen before, in our home country of England there is rarely an opportunity to witness the Classical culture of this country. The style of dancing and the ceremonial opening was, for us, something completely new and an experience that we will remember for a very long time.

## East India Debate 2016 @ The Assam Valley School - September 11 to 15

Shreyaman Bhargava class XII, Vedant Mathur, Yash Poptani and Pearly Das, class XI represented the School in one of the most prestigious Inter-School Debate Competition of India.

Shreyman Bhargava was adjudged the Best Speaker and Vedant Mathur, the Most Promising Speaker in Round-I.

Shreyaman Bhargava, class XII writes...

This year the East India Debate competition was tougher. I realised that it is not necessary to be aggressive; rather being patient can also help you to win debates. Also I learned that it's all in the mind and if we believe, we can achieve. It was wonderful to bag the Best Speaker award in one of the debates, but what was even greater was the feeling of scoring 100 plus in all the debates.



*Debaters*



Mr. Anupam Srivastav of Admizzionz Campuz conducted a workshop on September, 7 for students of classes IX to XII. It was an interactive session where queries related to the streams of engineering and career options were addressed.

### *Career options*



## **Proud to be Sagarians!**

**Lorenz Nachreiner & Yannick Thomaier** from Germany write...

On 1st of September we arrived at Delhi Airport. We are Yannick and Lorenz, two assistant teachers from the beautiful city of Cologne in the western part of Germany. After three exciting days of sightseeing in Delhi, which included Old Delhi, Red fort, India Gate, Qutab Miner etc. and with high expectations, we finally arrived at the stunning campus of The Sagar School. After a short rest at our room in the guest house, which by the way is very comfortable, we went to the dining hall for our first lunch at The Sagar School. The welcome by students and teachers was very warm. We were very pleased by all the



*Lorenz*



*Yannick*

helpful members of the Sagar family and the very polite and well behaved students of The Sagar School. Our work at The Sagar School started right away with the Teachers' Day celebrations on our first day which was different but great. It was fantastic how the students showed their appreciation for their teachers' work.

Now, nearly two months later, we have settled down and had a lot of great experiences at The Sagar School. The very motivated German students who were very interested in learning more about our country, the big sportsmanship during the training and the sports events and the wonderful hospitality of the Indian people.

One of our highlights was our excursion with class X to Rohtang Pass. We had a lot of fun with paragliding and wild water rafting, a nice stay in trekking tents and a challenging 26km trek. Nevertheless, the amazing landscape view was really worth it.

After getting used to the Indian food, which we like very much, we went to Tijara market to try some Indian snacks.

We were pleased to join the visit to the nearby village, where The Sagar family showed its social engagement for the Indian society. Really amazing for us is the big observatory of The Sagar School. We got to see a planet with our own eyes for the very first time.

We are really looking forward to many more great experiences in this beautiful Country and at this great School. Also we are very thankful to be a part of the Sagar family and now we know what it means to be a proud Sagarian.

**Edward Southgate** from Canford School, England says...

I have had an amazing experience in The Sagar School, I came to teach and coach, but have done so much more. I have gone to Goa, played water polo, refereed football matches, just to name a few things. Spending 4 months in a culture as different as India is to England seemed a daunting prospect before arriving. However everyone from the Officiating Principal to the Sodexo staff to the youngest pupils of the Sagar family have welcomed me warmly and I now feel very much at home. Jessica, Lorenz, Yannick and myself have been looked after unconditionally and I hope we have helped the School become a better place in return, and I know we are all looking forward to our future as members of The Sagar School Family.

## Strokes



*Manisha Udayan  
class XII*



*Sakshi  
class VIII*