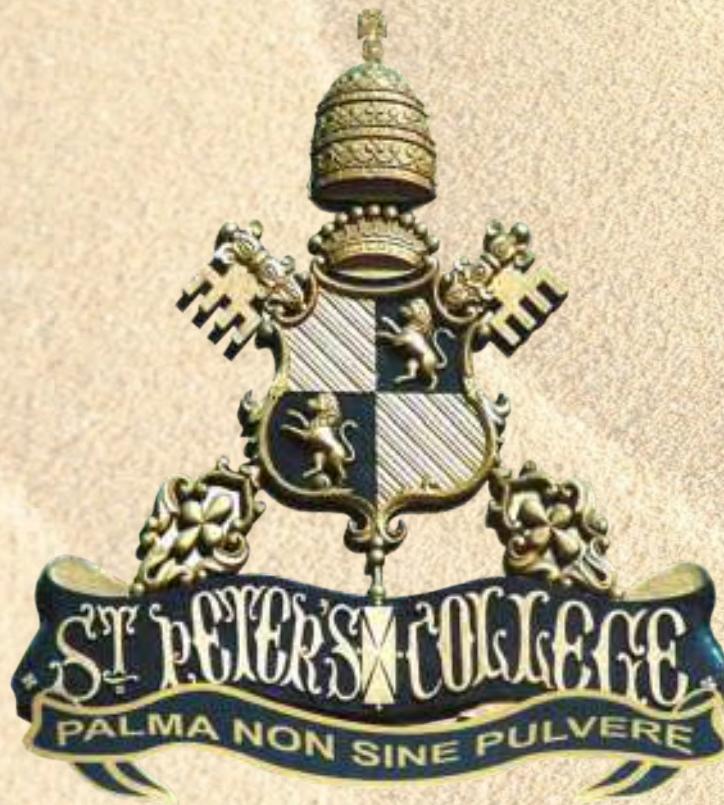


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CELEBRATING 175 GLORIOUS YEARS



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FOUNDER**

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# Foreword

This Souvenir is being issued on the historic occasion of the 175th anniversary of the founding of St Peter's College, which from 1846 onwards has been shaping the lives of thousands of students, who have entered its portals for education and the building of character.

The alumni of the College are spread throughout the length and breadth of the country and also in many parts of the world, distinguishing themselves by their work and bearing the stamp of their Alma

Mater. They have adorned and are adorning positions of trust and responsibility at the highest levels. They are the products of an institution that has instilled in them the values of hard, honest work, love of knowledge, ethical behaviour and confidence in themselves and determination to face the odds and overcome them. The motto of the College 'Palma Non Sine Pulvere' has inspired them, as it inspires all others who are connected with St Peter's- its Management, its teachers, its present students and employees of all kinds.

St. Peter's is today as strong and majestic as it has always been, as strong as its massive and iconic grey and white buildings that stand out amidst the vast concrete jungle of the city

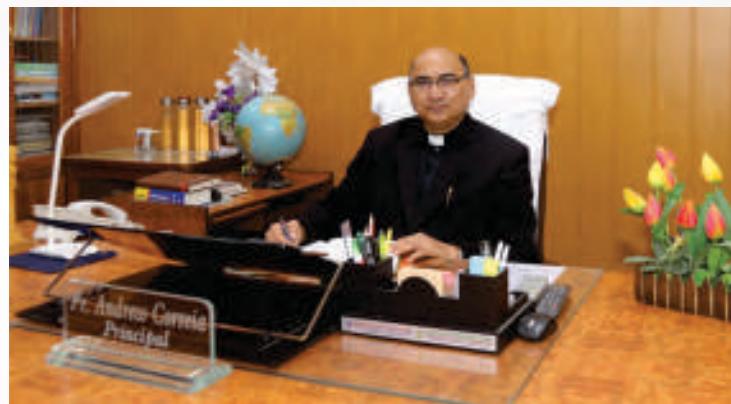
On this momentous occasion we bow our heads in reverence to the great founding fathers of this school specially to Dr Joseph Anthony Borghi, Archbishop of Agra and the man who set up this institution, as he set up many more during his short tenure; to John Baptist Filose, Sirdar and colonel of the Scindias, whose munificence made it possible to start the school in his palace of Jumna Bagh' on the river front and build the main block of the school with the money he gifted.

We should also remember the work of the Rectors, Headmasters and Principals of this institution for making it what it is today. The names of Rectors Fr. Symphorian, Fr. Norman, Fr. Hyacinth, Headmaster M Dunn, A E Finnimore, E S Merriman and Principal Fr. Columban and his successors are gratefully recorded.

This Souvenir attempts to present the work St Peter's has done over the years, the men who shaped its destiny, the young boys who shuffled through its corridors and varandahs and sat in its classrooms and who later became highly placed bureaucrats, defence personnel, doctors technologists, teachers, businessmen and other professionals.

It is the result of the concerted effort of an alumnus, Dr. Neville Smith and our senior teacher Dr A.P. Antony and other members of the Souvenir Committee. As Dr Smith is a professional writer and maker of Souvenirs, we are happy that he took the responsibility of heading the team. It is hoped the Souvenir will meet the expectations of those connected with St Peter's as parents, teachers, students and well-wishers.

**Fr Andrew Correia**  
Principal



# Editorial



For the second time in 25 years, basically the same team was entrusted with the task of preparing the souvenir to mark the 175 years of the College.



As the reader will see, much hard work has gone into preparing the many sections of the souvenir. Perhaps the most difficult section was the one that presents the tributes of former students and teachers. It was a herculean task to trace, contact and persuade those 'old boys' and their older teachers, many of them in their seventies and eighties, and some still busy with their professional and other duties, to take time off to write about their St. Peter's experience and how it helped them. If some were too busy, others were a bit slow in responding and only constant prodding got them going. In this work, the editors got a willing helper in Mr Om Seth, President of the Old Boys' Association, who acted as a kind of liaison or PRO between them and the contributors.

Other sections that demanded much effort were those dealing with updating the history of the Institution and the milestones from the Sesquicentenary onwards, and preparing the list of teachers, past and present, who have worked to make the College what it is today.

The aim of the editorial team has been to present a comprehensive and well-documented story of the College and its products.

It is our hope that the Souvenir will be preserved as a 'collector's item' and a kind of reference book, which will show the way to all future publications of the College, that might include a detailed history of this glorious institution that has made a mark for itself in the field of education.

We consider it necessary to place on record our thanks to Dr Abhilasha Smith Mackelvy, Assistant Professor in the Department of Paediatrics, Government Medical College, Saharanpur, for her unstinted and ready help in collecting and compiling the tributes received from the nearly one hundred old students, teachers and others from all over India and other parts of the world and also collating the photographs of the contributors that were received piecemeal over a period of over three months and all online. This she did in the midst of her duties in the medical college and hospital and also her family obligations.

We are also beholden to Dr. Antony A.P. for going through the final proofs of the printed matter.

Thanks are also due to the other members of the Souvenir Committee for their help and cooperation.

The present team of editors has had a long connection with the College: NR Smith, who studied there for eleven years and lived in the vicinity, has seen it grow all of 76 years, since 1946, while A P Antony has been associated with it for 45 years. The two will, of course, not be around when the Souvenir of the Bicentenary of the College is brought out in 2046; but surely a new and equally or even more competent team will emerge to do that work for posterity.

**Neville Smith - Editor  
A P Antony - Co - editor**



# Messages



The Holy Father Francis  
cordially imparts the requested  
Apostolic Blessing to

Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia - the Principal, Staff and Students  
of St. Peter's College, Agra, India

on the occasion of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Foundation of the College  
and through the intercession of the Virgin Mary  
invokes an abundance of divine graces

26 November 2022

To: *St. Peter's College, Agra, India*

*Carlo Maria Viganò*  
Administrator Apostolic



His Holiness **Pope Francis**  
cordially imparts the requested  
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The Principal, Staff and Students of  
**St. Peter's College, Agra, India,**  
on the occasion of the  
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*I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.*  
**(Psalm 9:1)**

It gives me great joy to learn that Saint Peter's College, Wazirpura Road, Agra has reached the milestone of its 175th year of its founding in October 2021 and are planning in this regard to bring out a Souvenir.

It is indeed a time of joy and pride even amidst this limitation of Pandemic in the life of St. Peter's College that began as a boarding school in 1841 and was transferred to its present building in 1846. The impact of this institute and appreciation for its work is seen highlighted soon after its founding in the report of the inspector in 1870 who said, 'It would bear no unfavourable comparison with the best institutions of a similar kind in England and Europe.'

I am sure that at St Peter's College since its founding 175 years ago believed that education is one of the factors that most influences the progress of people and societies. In addition to providing knowledge and learning, Education enriches culture, spirit, values and everything that characterizes us as human beings. In that sense, in the social sphere, education is necessary in all aspects to achieve better levels of social welfare and economic growth; to level economic and social inequalities; to promote the social mobility of people; to access better levels of employment; to raise the cultural conditions of the people; to expand the opportunities of young people. From these approaches, one can see that St. Peter's College is a historical powerhouse that contributes to the progress of the country.

In a world of stiff competition, strife and unrealistic aspirations, it calls for sensitivity on the part of educators to help students understand that predicament is common to everyone. Problems and challenges need to be faced courageously with conviction in your principles and confidence in your inner strength and dreams. The professors and educators at St. Peter's College surely believe that their students hold tremendous power within to serve as agents of change and thus are confident that they, enriched with a sense of high morality and social responsibility will be makers of a virtuous society.

On this happy occasion, I join Fr Andrew Correia, Principal and his committed and dedicated staff members and wishing you all God's choicest blessings through the intercession of St. Peter.

  
+ Oswald Cardinal Gracias  
Archbishop of Bombay &  
President, CBCI

**Yogi Adityanath**



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I am happy to know that St. Peter's College, Agra is publishing a special Souvenir in March, 2023 to commemorate its 175 years of service in the field of education.

It is a great honour for the College to complete 175 years of imparting quality education to its students. I am confident that this institution would continue its efforts in the future as well. I extend my greetings to the Alumni, Students, Staff and Members of the Management Committee and wish the institution all success.

My best wishes for the successful publication of the Souvenir.

  
**( Yogi Adityanath )**

## ब्रजेश पाठक

उप मुख्यमंत्री



चिकित्सा शिक्षा, चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य  
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I am delighted that St. Peter's College, Agra is bringing out a souvenir showing its 175 years of brilliant and highly creative outpourings of the students. It gives me immense pleasure to see the students' participation and their triumph in vast array of curricular, co-curricular and sports activities. I would like to convey my sincere gratitude to Principal, Fr. Andrew Correia, and his accomplished team of dedicated faculty and the students for all their endeavours.

(ब्रजेश पाठक)  
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The Principal  
St. Peter's College  
Agra



I would like to offer St. Peter's my heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of its 175th anniversary.

St. Peter's, one of the oldest schools of the city, has set a benchmark in the field of academics and holistic development of children. Over the years, the school has produced numerous successful individuals who have contributed immensely to the development and progress of the city, and the nation as a whole - which speaks volumes for the hard work and persistent effort put in by the faculty, and the opportunities provided by the institution.

Celebration of such a momentous occasion gives us an opportunity to reflect upon the institutional success, achievements and glory, and provides an opportunity to work with renewed vigour and zeal to achieve larger public good.

Best wishes for a memorable journey ahead.

Baby Rani Maurya  
Minister  
Women's Welfare, Child Development & Nutrition  
Government of Uttar Pradesh

**DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT**  
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Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia,  
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Respected Father,

I am more than happy to learn that St. Peter's College is celebrating its 175 year of existence. St. Peter's needs no introduction and no credentials to vouchsafe its hard earned reputation of more than one and a half century.

I convey my sincere gratitude for writing to me, and I wish the very best for the celebrations planned ahead. I would like to visit this renowned institution whenever I am in Agra.

I take this opportunity to convey my regards to his Grace, the Most Rev Dr. Raphy Manjaly, the Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Agra.

With warm regards,

(DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT)



09.04.2022

It is a matter of pride and privilege for me to write this message felicitating St. Peter's College, Wazirpura Road, Agra 282003, Uttar Pradesh, on its Dodransbicentennial Celebrations. I am happy to know that the College is bringing out a special Souvenir to commemorate the same.

St. Peter's College has come a long way maintaining its unwavering reputation as one of the best educational institutions in India and embodying itself as the gateway to the higher academic excellence sought by its students coming out every year.

I also congratulate the Most Rev Dr. Raphy Manjaly, the Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Agra and the office bearers of entire diocese for their camaraderie. Best wishes for all your future endeavours in times ahead to come.

(JUAL ORAM)

प्रो. एस.पी. सिंह बघेल  
PROF. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL



शुभकामना संदेश

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यह अत्यधिक हर्ष का विषय है कि सेंट पीटर्स कॉलेज शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में विंग्ट 175 वर्षों से अहर्निश अपनी सेवाएं प्रदान कर रहा है। इस दीर्घावधि में इस कॉलेज ने विद्यार्थियों को उच्च कोटि की शिक्षा प्रदान कर राष्ट्र के निर्माण में उल्लेखनीय योगदान किया है। सेंट पीटर्स कॉलेज देश में अपनी तरह का एक सबसे पुराना शैक्षणिक संस्थान है। यह कॉलेज सन् 1857 के प्रथम स्वतंत्रता संग्राम और उसके बाद देश के राजनीतिक-सामाजिक एवं सांस्कृतिक परिवृश्य में हुए बदलाव का साक्षी रहा है। इस कॉलेज की यह उपलब्धि हमारे देश के लिए एक गौरव की बात है।

छात्रों को शिक्षा प्रदान करने के साथ ही यह कॉलेज विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताओं को आयोजित करके विद्यार्थियों का सर्वांगीण विकास सुनिश्चित करने में भी सफल रहा है। समाज एवं राष्ट्र की सेवा के लिए योग्य एवं प्रतिभावान नागरिक तैयार करने के कार्य में निरंतर सन्नाद इस कॉलेज की अपने पूर्व छात्रों और आगरा के निवासियों के हृदय में एक अग्रिम छवि बनी हुई है।

मैं आशा करता हूं कि आने वाले समय में भी कॉलेज सदैव राष्ट्र निर्माण में सहयोग करते हुए नई उपलब्धियों को प्राप्त करेगा। एक बार पिछ से आप सभी शिक्षकों, विद्यार्थियों और कॉलेज को सर्वश्रेष्ठ बनाने में अपना योगदान देने वाले सभी लोगों को बहुत-बहुत शुभकामनाएं देता हूं और आपके आने वाले उज्ज्वल भविष्य की कामना करता हूं।

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### सन्देश

बहुत ही हर्ष का विषय है कि आजादी के अमृत महोत्सव के अवसर पर सेंट पीटर्स कॉलेज, आगरा अपने 175 वें वर्ष में प्रवेश कर रहा है जो कि शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में एक अग्रणी संस्थानों में से एक शिक्षक संस्थान है। उक्त विद्यालय बहुत ही पुराना एवं शिक्षाप्रदाता का शैक्षणिक संस्थान है। यह कॉलेज सन् 1857 के प्रथम स्वतंत्रता संग्राम और उसके बाद देश के राजनीतिक-सामाजिक एवं सांस्कृतिक परिदृश्य में हुए बदलाव का साक्षी भी रहा है। उक्त कॉलेज की यह उपलब्धि हमारे देश के लिए एक मिशाल है।

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31.01.2023

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उच्च शिक्षा, विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी,  
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I am happy to know that St. Peter's College, Agra, is bringing out a special Souvenir to commemorate its 175 glorious years of dedicated service to the nation.

A jubilee is an occasion to take stock of an institution's achievement and also to set new goals for the future. I know that the College has carved a niche for itself in the field of education in terms of academic excellence and cultural achievements for 175 years.

St. Peter's College has always provided quality education to students and ensure that students imbibe healthy, normal and social values so that they leave the portals of the College as responsible, philanthropic and well-groomed citizens ready to ascend greater heights in life and the careers they choose besides serving the nation.

I am sure that the Souvenir will be a mine of information regarding the history of the College and the eminent personalities who helmed it for 175 years.

I hope St. Peter's College will continue to flourish and prosper in the years to come and pray that the Institution maintains its excellence and character with great distinction. I congratulate all those associated with the Herculean task of bringing out the Souvenir.

  
**(Amit Gupta)**

**Navneet Singh Chahal**  
**I.A.S.**  
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It gives me immense pleasure to know that St. Peter's College, Agra, has completed 175 years (Dodransbicentennial) of its founding in October 2021 and has done yeoman service in the field of education and is also bringing out a Special Souvenir to mark the occasion.

The success of St. Peter's College is an excellent example of the collective resolve of its Principals, teachers, staff, and students past and present, whose efforts have made this College an esteemed institution imparting knowledge while also laying a strong foundation to serve the country by educating the students.

I hope that the College will continue to strive hard to achieve its aim of developing the overall personality of the students, apart from imparting purposeful education to them.

I extend my warm greetings and felicitations to all those associated with the College and best wishes for the success of the entire endeavour.

A blue ink signature of Navneet Singh Chahal's name.

**(Navneet Singh Chahal)**



**नवीन जैन**

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### शुभकामना संदेश

अत्यन्त हर्ष का विषय है कि समाज व राष्ट्र की सेवा में विगत 175 वर्षों से निरन्तर सेंट पीटर्स कॉलेज अपनी सेवाएं प्रदान करता आ रहा है। इस दीर्घावधि में इस कॉलेज ने विद्यार्थियों को उच्च कोटि की शिक्षा प्रदान कर राष्ट्र निर्माण में उल्लेखनीय योगदान दिया है। इस कॉलेज की यह उपलब्धि हमारे देश के लिए बहुत बड़े गौरव की बात है। यह कॉलेज विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताओं को आयोजित कर विद्यार्थियों को सर्वांगीण विकास सुनिश्चित कराने में भी सफल रहा है, साथ-साथ अपने पूर्व छात्र-छात्राओं व आगरा वासियों के हृदय में अपनी एक अमिट छवि बनाने में कामयाब रहा है।

मैं आशा करता हूँ कि आने वाले समय में भी सेंट पीटर्स कॉलेज हमेशा की तरह राष्ट्र निर्माण में निरन्तर सहयोग प्रदान करता रहेगा एवं नई-नई उचाईयों को प्राप्त करता रहेगा। इन्ही शुभकामनाओं के साथ मैं कॉलेज के समस्त शिक्षकों, विद्यार्थियों व स्टाफ को बहुत-बहुत शुभकामनायें देता हूँ और उनके उज्ज्वल भविष्य की कामना करता हूँ।

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It gives me great joy to write this message for the Souvenir which will be released on the joyous occasion of the Dodransbicentennial of St. Peters' College, Agra. One of the oldest institutions of North India, it has a long and colourful history. Although there are many institutions administered by the Archdiocese of Agra, St. Peter's is the jewel in the crown.

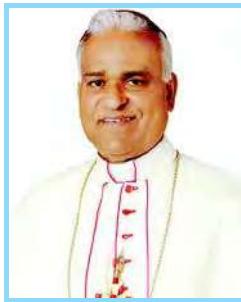
One cannot but feel a sense of awe when one thinks that the College has been imparting quality integral education for the past 175 years. Over the years thousands have walked into it as little boys and walked out through its portals as well-groomed young men prepared for earning, prepared for living and prepared for participating in the mission of building a better India and a better world. To have sent out into the world thousands of physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually developed creative young men is no mean achievement. Certainly, St. Peter's has much to be proud of.

I have been a witness to the phenomenal growth and all-round development of the College since 1973. I have been much impressed by the students of the College who have been excelling in the academics and various other disciplines. The alumni of the College have been taking a keen interest in social, charitable and humanitarian projects. They have been pace-setters in the country. The glorious past and enviable achievements of the College is the fruit of team work and participative leadership.

On this historic occasion, I pay tributes to His Grace, the Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Anthony Borghi, a visionary leader and founder of the College. I salute all the Archbishops who succeeded him and assisted the growth of the Institution. I gratefully acknowledge the contribution of Managers, Principals, Staff and Students of yesteryears.

As I offer my heartiest congratulations and prayerful best wishes to the entire St. Peter's College Family, I pray that God may use this institution to promote a culture of love, harmony and peace!

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It is an event of immense joy and delight to observe "**Dodransbicentennial**" year of the foundation of St. Peter's College, Agra. The noble personality of Most Rev. Joseph Anthony Borghi created a landmark in the history of Agra and Uttar Pradesh by his visionary action of providing this temple of learning to the citizens. St. Peter's as a premier Institution in Agra has been rendering yeomen service in the field of education with dedication through the years. The various Priests as Rectors and as Principals led this institution in a spirit of exemplary service. They carefully and lovingly groomed the teaching and non-teaching faculty to make St. Peter's what it is today.

The wisdom and vitality that sprang from the original vision of being a leaven in society, St. Peter's has been fulfilling its mission and has been marching forward towards the double century!

It is evident, this temple of learning by its well-integrated approach to education has endeared to all. Along with Harmonious blending of academic and co-curricular programmes the College has promoted socio-cultural, moral, ethical, secular and religious values towards the formation of noble personalities who are turned out to be the builders of a new society. St. Peter's has been focusing on providing worthy citizens to our nation. Patriotism and nation-building have been always a priority.

The motto, "**Palma Non Sine Pulvere**" spells out the far-fetching vision of the founder. The dignity of labour, personal discipline, honest hardwork, culture of integration of all human values into noble personalities result in growth oriented civilization. The alumni testify to this. Clean and green environment is the culture of St. Peter's.

The enthusiastic Principals of recent years whom Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia, the present Principal represents, deserve our applaud. The high quality committed staff do stand by this motto. With gratitude to God I felicitate the Principal, all alumni, the staff, students all well-wishers in this year of Jubilee.

May St. Peter's College keep raising its banner higher marching forward to the bicentennial years. God bless St. Peter's.

  
✠ Albert D'Souza  
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Dear Fr. Andrew Correia,

Hearty congratulations to you, to the members of the staff and the students, as you celebrate the 175th year of St. Peter's College. It was a pleasant and enriching experience for me to attend the celebrations on November 25, 2022.

A senior priest of M. P once told me that St.Peter's College was the college of many of the boys of our region. St. Peter's has served the people of India, especially of North India in the field of culture and education. Many of the old students serve the country in very prestigious and key positions. I remember many boys from other countries studying in St. Peter's College availing themselves of boarding facility in the past. We bow our head to the omnipresent God with gratitude and reverence. Many priests have worked hard along with religious Sisters, Brothers and teachers to raise St. Peter's to the present heights. St. Peter's often received the admiration and cooperation of the people, old boys, citizens and administration of Agra city.

Agra is famous for the wonder of the world, the Taj Mahal. I usually advise the pilgrims and tourists not to miss St. Peter's campus when they visit Agra. So magnificently welcomed by the Cathedral and its belfry Yoga gallery, grounds, courts, swimming pool of international standard and lush green lawns. The Vijayanta Tank and the Hunter Airframe always evoke patriotism in the minds of students and visitors. The admirable College buildings and halls make St. Peter's equipped to host any event at any time. Surrounded by the seven other Catholic schools make St Peter's look like a parental institution in this part of our country.

May you all receive God's blessings in abundance.  
With appreciation, love and prayers

•Joseph Thykkattil  
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An institution 175 years old should have become a monument for historians to reconstruct its past glory; but the fact that St. Peter's College, Agra, founded in 1841, is continuing to render its service in 2022 with the same passionate commitment and constantly adapting itself to new challenges testifies to the far-sighted vision of its founders and the foundation they laid for this venerable institution.

One of the most significant contributions of the Church to humanity is in the field of education, besides health care – and this education has always been one of quality in all areas – academics, co-curricular and above all moral, since the imparting of moral values has been the hall mark of the Christian educational service. As proved by the 175<sup>th</sup> years glorious history of St. Peter's College, Agra this venerable institution has educated hundreds of young students and groomed them for the service of the nation at different stages of our national history. During this period, it has crossed its own historical milestones from affiliation to Calcutta University, then to Cambridge University, and finally to ISCE and ICSE; and it has ceased being a 'boarding school' but retains the original name of 'College'.

St Peter's College has bagged and will bag many awards and laurels, similarly many eminent personalities will continue to visit this remarkable institution – but the one great inspiration this institution will never cease to offer lies in its motto "Palma Non Sine Pulvere" – "No reward without toil" and "No victory without struggle".

On this joyful occasion of the Dodrans-bicentennial of St. Peter's College, the Archdiocese of Delhi (which was part of the Archdiocese of Agra till 1937) earnestly prays God to bless in abundance St. Peter's College, its Principal, Staff and students so that it continues to be a beacon of hope and love in our society and stand for all that's best in the field of education, year by year and century by century.

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(+Anil Couto)  
Archbishop of Delhi

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# THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LUCKNOW

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Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia  
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Dear Fr. Andrew,

I am pleased to learn that St. Peter's College, Agra completed 175 years of its foundation in October 2021, and to mark this significant milestone, you are planning to bring out a special Souvenir.

St. Peter's College is perhaps the oldest Catholic College in the whole of U.P. Right from its inception it has maintained high standards and continues to enjoy the reputation and prestige of a premier Institution in the field of education. No wonder a galaxy of well-known personalities have visited the College and those who passed through the portals of this prestigious Institution have adorned enviable positions in different walks of life in the country and overseas contributing to building the Nation and the world.

Please accept my hearty congratulations to you, your staff, students, parents and well-wishers on this happy occasion. Let us also recall with pride and gratitude all those who have had a share in making St. Peter's College what it is by their hard work and dedication. May the Lord reward them.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

  
+ Gerald John Mathias  
Bishop of Lucknow





## Catholic Diocese of Ajmer

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President / Bishop of Ajmer



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Date .....

Dear Fr. Andrew,

I am in receipt of your kind letter dated 24th Feb. 2022. Thanks a lot for the same. I am very glad to hear from you that St Peter's College is going to complete 175 years of its yeoman's service to the human society in the field of education. 175 years of its existence is not a small achievement knowing the College though it started as a boarding school in the beginning, but now its fame is spread far and wide as a day scholar school. Everyone in the city and its neighbourhood looks for admission in this prestigious institution and wishes to be associated with this premier institution because it not only forms the future of their wards in this school but because every teacher takes trouble not only in teaching three Rs but also to prepare their students with values for their lives and thus, their future is built up. It offers ISC and ICSE syllabus for their students.

For the last 175 years, this institution of scholarly learning exists in the city of Agra. Its Chairmen, the Archbishops of Agra Archdiocese, the Managers, various Principals and the staff deserve our appreciation for their role, hard work and contribution to the good of this marvellous institution. We thank God for His innumerable blessings and graces on this institution. I congratulate the present Principal and the staff, for their wish and desire to bring out a souvenir which marks 175 years of this premier institution whose fame is wide spread and many prestigious personalities are associated with this institution and made it a point to visit this school sometimes. This souvenir is a reminder of this school's contribution for the formation of their students and building up of the society. I take this opportunity to wish St. Peter's College every success in its effort to excel in every field.

Best wishes to all those who are associated with this institution. May God bless you all.

With prayerful wishes,  
Yours sincerely in Christ,

  
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*"Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28*

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Immensely delighted to learn that St. Peter's College, Agra, has completed 175 years, imparting education to the children of our Motherland. St. Peter's College, Agra stands tall as one of the most illustrious educational institutions in India. With its glorious past the College has carved a niche for itself, and its sweet fragrance has spread at both international and national levels. It is no wonder that internationally famed personalities have flocked to St. Peter's College, as the bees flock around roses. The footprint of these reputed personalities will surely inspire the present students and will help them to imbibe the values for which they stood.

At this glorious moment of history, I join the Manager, Principal, Staff, Students and parents to express my deep sense of gratitude to God, who made all this possible. Along with the Psalmist, I sing,

"I will thank you O Lord among  
among the nations. I will praise you among the peoples.  
Your constant love reaches the heavens;  
your faithfulness touches the skies." (Ps 57)

I take this opportunity to extend cordial greetings, prayerful felicitations and Hearty Congratulations to the past and present Managers, Principals, Staff and students of St. Peter's College. They deserve our appreciation for their selfless commitment to the cause of education, for their total dedication to duty and service to the institution. The students, past and present, have added feathers in the cap of St. Peter's over these 175 years by bringing laurels to their Alma Mater. The great contribution of each one has made St. Peter's College, Agra, what it is today.

May the flag of St. Peter's College, Agra fly higher and higher.

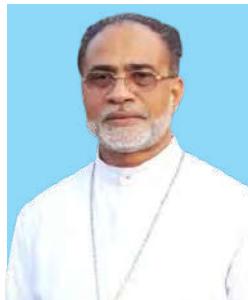


  
(+Oswald Lewis)



## Catholic Diocese of Gorakhpur

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Dear and Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia,

Greetings! It gives me immense joy to send these words of wishes and appreciation on the occasion of the celebration of the 175 Years of St Peter's College, Agra. At the very outset, please accept my hearty congratulations and sincere good wishes!

St Peter's College, Agra has a story and history of enormous achievements in forming generations of children to be useful and fruitful citizens for India, our Motherland in particular and for the world in general. St Peter's College is, thus, not only a national pride but also a truly crown jewel in the regional church in Uttar Pradesh, which means the success and fruitfulness of the self-less missionaries who served our region with the gospel values of and witness to Christ.

While wishing God's choicest blessings on all the programmes and activities scheduled to commemorate and celebrate this auspicious event in the history of this college, I wish that more activities will be initiated in order to inculcate compassion and culture of dialogue in the life of students through concrete intervention of social empowerment, cultural integration and quality education towards the total liberation of the society. It is indeed a challenging task which no serious educational institution can ignore, even at the zenith of its growth.

Wishing all the very best to you, dear Fr. Principal and the entire College family,

Yours in Christ,

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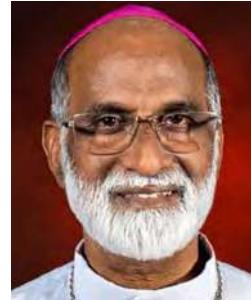


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Dear Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia,



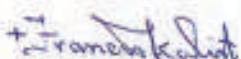
It gives me immense joy to learn from you that St. Peter's College, Agra is celebrating this year as Dodransbicentennial (175 years) of excellence in forming the young ones of Agra, in transforming them as good citizens by imparting wisdom and knowledge; and to mark this occasion, bringing out a special Souvenir. On this auspicious occasion, I do congratulate the students, staff, teachers, Principals and the Management of St. Peter's College for their contribution to take this institution to a new height. May Jesus, the Teacher, bless you all with His choicest blessings that you stand in need of.

It is true that every great accomplishment comes through tireless zeal, determination and undaunted labour. When we look back, we fondly remember all those who contributed selflessly in making this institution one of the best in the Country and elsewhere. I believe that during the past 175 years St. Peter's could not only ignite the spirit of young minds with wisdom and knowledge but also produce many brilliant prodigies who later brought laurels to the nation in almost every field.

May the Lord continue to bless all those who are in association with St. Peter's College and engage themselves in transforming the young minds.

Thanking you,

Yours in Our Lord



+Francis Kalist  
Bishop of Meerut



**Fr. Andrew Correia  
St. Peter's College  
Agra**

Rev Father,



I write to extend my warm regards and congratulate you on crossing the Milestone of completing 175 Glorious years of your College. The ability to succeed always begins with hard work and the outstanding growth of St. Peter's College has exemplarily displayed this time and again. Originally established to cater to the educational needs of the children in Agra, it has today become the most pivotal pillar of society and the nation in general.

I have every hope that the College will continue to play its able role and reach new heights of success. I wish that in the days to come the College in all its glory will continue to instil the values of integrity and dignity in their students, to ennable the pristine spirit of Indian culture as they grow to become the future citizens of our nation. I extend my felicitations and greetings to all the teaching and non-teaching staff of the College on this joyous occasion.

As you celebrate the 175th year I wish the year to be filled with gratitude and appreciation for the past achievements, elation and enthusiasm for the present, inspiration and motivation for the future.

God Bless!

**+ Peter Parapulli**  
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I am delighted to know that St. Peter's College, Agra has completed 175 years in 2021 and will publish a souvenir magazine to celebrate its Dodransbicentennial year.

It is indeed a moment of joy and jubilation and a time to recall the innumerable blessings of God and acknowledge the sacrifices and contributions of all those who helped in the growth and success of the College.

This esteemed institution, I am sure, will continue to excel in every sphere and attain greater heights in imparting education and all-round development to the students.

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I take this opportunity to congratulate the Principal, teachers, students and staff of this school and all those who have contributed in promoting excellence in the educational standards of this school and wish the publication of the souvenir magazine a grand success.

  
Gerry Arathoon  
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*Peace & Joy*



"Praise the LORD with the harp; make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings." (Psalm 33:2)

It is a matter of immense joy to know that St. Peter's College is in the process of bringing out a special Souvenir, with the annals of the bygone period of 175 years of your prestigious Institution since its inception in 1846. Undoubtedly the Institution reigns in all realms is a fact that, the fast growth and its achievements is incomparable. Happy to recall my fond association with St. Peter's College as the Headmistress of this temple of learning. Lot of activities are conducted here and the College is taking keen interest in Social, Charitable, Humanitarian and Nation Building projects in various ways both at National and State levels. 175 years of successful existence of the College is a fruit of your wide vision, hard work and devoted service to the people of this area, irrespective of caste, creed and social status.

Let us thank God Almighty for the marvellous heights this temple of learning scaled during this span of time and the excellent results brought about by the past years. Congratulations to the College Administration led by Rev. Fr. Ignatius Miranda, Manager; Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia, Principal and the former Managers, Principals, Headmistresses, Staff and Students.

May God bless them all as He blesses St. Peter's.

Sr. Ann Joseph.

Sr. Ann Joseph PCC

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*If you have GOOD thoughts they will shine out of your face like 'SUNBEAMS' and you will always look lovely.*

"My philosophy is to do the best you can for somebody. Help. It's not just what you do for yourself. It's how you treat people decently. This is the golden rule. There isn't anything better than the golden rule. It's in every major religion in one language or another."

It gives me immense pleasure and joy in sending this message for publication in the souvenir to mark the 175 years of St. Peter's College, Agra. The Souvenir is a tribute to the past and expression of grateful thanks to those who have helped to make St. Peter's College great and to honour all those who have contributed to its greatness. It is a great day for the Capuchin Friars of St. Fidelis Province, North India.



A seed planted by the Order of Friars Minor capuchins has now grown into a big tree under the guidance and hard work of the priests of the diocese. Hearty congratulations, as you complete 175 years in the field of education. Congratulations and my sincere thanks to all my brothers who have served as Principals, Vice-Principals, Parish Priests, Management and Staff Members.

175 years celebration of the College is an opportunity to remember with utmost gratitude what the Lord has done in our lives as individuals and as a community of Jesus Christ. It is also a time to move forward with confidence and renewed vision in the context of the new challenges that we are facing and is awaiting us in future

Jubilee celebrations are excellent times to reflect on the past and to honour all those who have rendered their services to the Institution.

I congratulate you all for the steps you all have undertaken in this direction. May your Jubilee celebrations reflect the joy of the dwelling Holy Spirit as you mark 175 years of faith and fellowship you witnessed to the love of God and to the love of neighbour.

May the grace, love, joy and hope of the Gospel dwell among you all.

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**Dear Fr Andrew,**

I am happy to know that St Peter's College, Agra, completed its Dodransbicentennial, 175th year, since its foundation, in 2021. It calls for special thanksgiving to the Almighty God for His bountiful blessings on this great institution of learning.

As St Peter the Apostle, was the leader of the group of Apostles of Jesus, St Peter's College has undoubtedly been a leader in its own way in imparting academic knowledge coupled with extracurricular accomplishments to thousands of students. The students from this great portal have made individual histories in their lives.

St Peter's College is one of the oldest and the best institutions of its kind in the country. It is heartening to know that along with its quality of education, academic excellence and other activities, it also has its social outreach to the people of the locality.

I feel happy and proud that from the year 1995, we, the Sisters of Our Lady of Fatima, have been a part of St Peter's College with our Sisters on its staff.

Heartiest congratulations to all the visionaries — Founder, Archbishops, Priests, Staff and Students of the past and present years who carried forward the inspiring and exciting maxim of the College. I am sure everyone who entered the campus of St Peter's was driven by the motto- *Palma Non Sine Pulvere* i.e. there is no victory without hard work — to do their best and give their best.

May you continue to climb the ladder of success and continue your services to humanity especially to the poor and needy. May God pour down abundant graces on the College and may St Peter, the patron of the College, pray for the family of St Peter's College.



**Sr Santan Nago, fs**  
*Regional Superior*

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## **Parish Priest**



It gives me immense joy to be a member of the Peterian family specially when the College is celebrating its 175 years of existence.

It is a time to sit a while and look back, and reflect on the great vision and mission of a visionary Prelate, the Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Anthony Borghi, who was appointed by the Holy See as Prelate of Agra Diocese in 1841 and who continued in office till 1849.

In 1846 Dr. Borghi built the magnificent building of St. Peter's College for boys' education, for which he took the help of Rev. Fr. Bonaventure, who was an architect. They toiled day and night and brought up the magnificent and beautiful structure of St. Peter's College.

Since then many students have benefited from the College; they have made known St. Peter's all over the world. Many are serving in the Indian Army, Air force and Navy. There are many students who have taken their occupation as Doctors, Engineers, Lawyers and many others. There are many students who have served and are serving in the Indian Administrative Service, Indian Foreign Service and various government offices.

On this auspicious occasion I pay my tribute to and honour the Founder Dr. Joseph Anthony Borghi, Architect Fr. Bonaventure; Headmasters, Principals, Managers, Headmistresses, Vice-Principals and staff who dedicated their lives for the human well-being and turning out good citizens of India. I take this opportunity to thank all the Principals who have served and are serving.

On this happy occasion I congratulate everyone associated with the College.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rev. Fr. Ignatius Miranda".

**Rev. Fr. Ignatius Miranda**  
The Manager

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Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia,  
Principal,  
St. Peter's College,  
Wazirpura Road,  
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Dear Fr. Andrew,



I am indeed glad to learn that St. Peter's College, Agra has completed its Dodransbicentennial year and is planning to bring out a special souvenir to mark this historic milestone. It gives me at great pleasure to accede to your request for a message on this momentous occasion.

At the very outset permit me to congratulate the Management, Staff and Students on achieving this historic feat.

I am sanguine that St. Peter's College, Agra can now look back with pride and honour for the golden years of steady progress in the field of education conglomerated with resounding success in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

The crowning of the College with success lies for a great part on the farsightedness and visionary zeal of its founder Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Anthony Borghi. Next, it's due to the Rectors/Principals who tirelessly contributed to the steady growth of this institution. The success is also due to the capable guidance of the zealous and devoted teaching and supporting staff. And finally, the College is what it is today is due to the Students, Parents and Well-Wishers who responded so well to the clarion call of the School Management.

It is my earnest wish and prayer that you will knit the competent and devoted members of the Staff into a vibrant team in developing the young boys to be responsible, dynamic, self-reliant, God-fearing and patriotic citizens of this great nation who are being nurtured to have a global outlook to play their distinct role as global citizens.

Hail St. Peter's!

With my best wishes, prayers and appreciation, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*Fr. Sunny Kottoor*

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To  
The Principal  
St. Peter's College  
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Dear Rev. Father,



Happy to learn that you intend to bring out a Special Souvenir on the occasion of the College completing 175 years of its establishment in the service of Society. Every Jubilee is a milestone in the history of the Institution.

It is not merely an occasion to sit back and bask in the glory and achievements of the past, but to humble ourselves in gratitude to God Almighty and to rededicate ourselves to march forward with added enthusiasm and renewed vigour and to ascend greater heights in the objectives for which it was founded.

With my good wishes,

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Sebastian'.

Fr. Sebastian Panthaladi  
Administrator of Properties  
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Former Principal 1983 to 1986

श्रद्धेय फा. एण्ड्रयू कोरिया,  
प्रधानाचार्य सेंट पीटर्स कॉलेज,  
वजीरपुरा रोड,  
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सेंट पीटर्स कॉलेज से मेरा जुड़ाव जुलाई 1961 से रहा है। जब मैं पुरोहिताई शिक्षा प्राप्त करने आगरा आया था, स्वर्गीय फा. लॉरेंस कोलासो रेक्टर, सेंट पीटर्स कॉलेज ने 1961 में मेरा स्वागत इस प्रांगण में किया था। उस समय से मैं बहुत करीब से इस कॉलेज से सम्बद्ध हूँ। मेरा इस भव्य कॉलेज से अटूट सम्बंध रहा है।

मैं अति आभारी हूँ सभी पूर्व एवं वर्तमान स्कूल की संचालिकाओं, छात्रों, अभिभावकों, अध्यापक-अध्यापिकाओं, अधिशिक्षकों, प्रधानाचार्यों एवं विद्यालयों के संरक्षकों का जो आगरा शहर में गर्व के प्रतीक रूप में विद्यमान हैं। शुरूआत में सेंट पीटर्स कालेज में आगरा धर्मप्रान्त के समीपवर्ती जिलों के छात्र भी शिक्षा प्राप्त करने के लिए एकत्रित किए गए। जैसे-जैसे समय बदला आगरा धर्मप्रान्त समृद्ध संस्थानों से सशक्त होता गया, जिसे आर्चबिशपजनों ने पोषित एवं संरक्षित किया था। इसमें सेंट पीटर्स कॉलेज के मुख्य संरक्षक थे स्वर्गीय फा. लॉरेंस कोलासो जिन्होंने सेंट मेरी इटावा की स्थापना 1967 एफ. एस. एम. ए. समाज की सिस्टरों की सहायता से की थी।

आर्चबिशप अथाइड ने सेंट पीटर्स के स्वरूप की स्थापना की पहल अलीगढ़, बुलन्दशहर, मथुरा जिलों में भी की। सेंट पीटर्स कॉलेज के प्रथम प्रधानाचार्य श्रद्धेय फा. कोलम्बन ने सेंट पीटर्स के स्वरूप को बनाए रखने की जीवन्त पहल भरतपुर, टूण्डला एवं हाथरस जिलों में भी की।

सेंट पीटर्स की वर्तमान पहचान हेतु मैं श्रद्धेय फा. एण्ड्रयू कोरिया एवं उनकी टीम के साथ इन सभी लोगों को नमन करता हूँ।



फा. जोस मलिएकल

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**Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia  
Principal,  
St. Peter's College  
Agra.**



"When we honour the past, we energize the future and the present becomes a celebration". The Dodransbicentennial Jubilee could well be called the year of Gratitude, because we have so much to be thankful for.

Jubilees are occasions to be celebrated, to recall the marvellous ways in which the College has fulfilled its mission in imparting education, moral and spiritual values, and discipline to help build leaders who will bring about a culture of peace and love which our society and country needs today. They also provide an opportunity to reflect on the past achievements of the College as well as introspect on the preparations to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

St. Peter's College is an institution that has produced many citizens for our country including Generals, Scientists, renowned Journalists, Doctors, Lawyers, Financial administrators and those who have excelled in the fields of culture and literature. Indian society has been enriched by the contributions these great men have made to the life of the nation.

As the Patron Saint of the College, St. Peter, who is the first disciple of Jesus, has aspired to make this institution become not only something that forms intellectuals and achievers in the socio-political fields, but also men of character, uprightness and spiritual excellence. What is important for an institution of this nature is not so much the success it would achieve in the academic and co-curricular fields, but the formation of men who are able to exercise leadership and achieve spiritual and moral excellence in society. St. Peter's College as a premier Catholic education institution should therefore become the seedbed for the nurturing of nothing less than saints of our society.

**Fr George Paul**  
Former Principal  
(1987-1995)

**Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia**  
**Principal,**  
**St. Peter's College**  
**Agra.**



Congratulations and *AD MULTOS ANNOS* (and many more years)!

I am certainly elated to learn of the Dodransbicentennial (175 years) of the College and it gives me double pleasure to wish you, being at the helms of affairs of the College presently. It was way back in 1996, Fr. Simon Lopes and I were there to celebrate the Sesquicentennial of the College. It was very grand with celebrations extending for 5 days with the staging of “Gyan Sadan” directed and choreographed by Late Fr. Dr. Charles Vas SVD of Mumbai. The swimming pool was the memorial of that year.

“Today well lived, makes every yesterday, a dream of happiness and assuredly tomorrow, a vision of hope, and crossing milestones after milestones...”  
We are rich through what we give and poor through what we refuse and keep. St. Peter's College, with ever fresh and relevant motto: “Palma Non Sine Pulvere”, has proved a pivotal of education and transforming agent for the society and very especially for Agra. Our students spread far and wide of this universe, radiating the fragrance of the College, ever green and path leading, are proving many a point thus becoming beacon of leaders in every walk of life.

I am very proud and feel honoured being part of this great College of learning and pray sincerely for its the growth in leaps and bounds, ever being apt and relevant to the present and future generations.

God bless you and all connected to this great institution!

Congratulations,

**Fr. Dr. Dennis Herald D'Souza**  
Former Principal  
(1995-2001)

**Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia  
Principal,  
St. Peter's College  
Agra.**



Respected Father,

At the very outset, let me congratulate you and the whole Peterian Family on this joyous occasion of the Post Centennial Platinum Jubilee of St. Peter's College. The whole ambience you have built up for this occasion is truly befitting to the majestic and enviable history of the College. With the new facelift, College looks a handsome bridegroom dressed and decked up for this glorious celebration. My prayers and good wishes accompany you all in this momentous time and my congratulations in advance for all the festivities planned for this memorable Jubilee.

I am proud to state that I have been in the bosom of Peter's for six years wherein I received much more than what I could give to it. Undoubtedly, Peter's is a learning ground, not only for its students but also for all who are associated with it in one way or the other. This is so, for the simple reason that the College embodies all that is noble, grandeur, majestic and vibrant. Normally, with the passage of time any institution can taste stagnancy but this is not so with Peter's. Even after One Hundred and Seventy Five (175) years Peter's is a happening place. It has not lost its vibrancy, glory and values. All this is because of the current family of the staff and students within the four walls of Peter's.

Once again, congratulations and prayerful wishes on this celebration time. May Peter's grow more and more in its name and fame. May every Peterian around the globe be a torch bearer of the legacy of St. Peter's College that was born in 1846. Many more milestones be there in the pipeline.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Mathew".

**Fr. Mathew Kumblumoottil  
C/o Archbishop's House, Agra  
Former Principal  
(2001-2007)**

**Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia**  
**Principal,**  
**St. Peter's College**  
**Agra.**



It gives me immense joy to know that St. Peter's College is celebrating its Dodransbicentennial. My association with the College is something that I reminisce with great fondness inasmuch as I had been at the helm of it for six years - from 2007 to 2013.

When I took charge I was very conscious of the long tradition of the illustrious Rectors and Principals who had done a lot for the growth and well-being of the College, and to step into the shoes of those luminaries was a daunting task.

Though much had been done for the College by my predecessors, the changed educational environment and the needs of modernity made me undertake some projects aimed at improving the infrastructure along with providing a fillip to academic, sports, games and Yoga.

During my tenure as Principal, three synthetic courts - two lawn tennis courts, and one basketball court, all semi-cushioned - of international standard and dimension were constructed.

It was a long-felt need of the stakeholders of the College to have a majestic and magnificent entrance gate for the College which was fulfilled during my tenure as Principal. The boundary wall between St. Patrick's Junior College and St. Peter's College was converted into a Yoga gallery with embossed relief of Yoga *asanas*. In the Middle Block constructed in 1963, a relief of the Sermon on the Mount was created with a cascading fountain beneath it. A similar relief of Washing of the Feet was painted on the walls of the lobby in front of the Headmistress' Office. The Primary Section stage was also given a face-lift.

The Cultural Hall was renovated and named after the late Archbishop Dominic Athaide. A twelve foot high statue of Christ the Redeemer was installed in the northern side of the 'A' field. The swimming pool was renovated with the emblem embedded on the floor. The pool was dedicated to the late Archbishop Cecil DeSa.

My vast and varied experience in Yoga helped me to bring about a paradigm shift in the routine of the College. The introduction Yoga benefited students in improving their general health and made them mentally and physically fit to take on the academic pressure, as a result of which they did well in studies. Parents also came for Yoga classes with a view to leading a healthy and happy life. The 8000 square feet Yoga Hall is a testimony to the importance the College attached to Yoga.

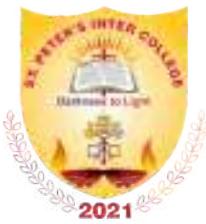
With a view to decongesting traffic and providing more space for parking, the Mini-Express Way was constructed which won numerous accolades from all.

All these were done without compromising on academic excellence. On the academic front, the introduction of remedial classes and Unit Tests helped the students a great deal. The well - designed chemistry and biology labs made science experiments fun and helped the students to perform well in examinations. The staff were very co-operative and supportive in everything - academic, sports, games, cultural activities etc., and we all worked in tandem.

I am beholden to the then Management Committee and the Governing Body of the College without whose support and encouragement, everything would have been impossible to achieve.

As the College celebrates the 175th Anniversary of its founding, I congratulate the Principal Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia, the staff and students and invoke God's blessings on St. Peter's and all associated with it.

**Rev. Fr. John Ferreira**  
Former Principal  
(2007 - 2013)



# St. Peter's Inter College

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I am extremely happy to know that St. Peter's College, Agra, is bringing out a special Souvenir to mark the Dodransbicentennial of its founding.

Education is the backbone of society which plays a predominant and vital role in the lives of human beings as it transforms and refines them. Education serves the purpose of acquiring knowledge and wisdom, developing human values, leading a disciplined life and developing human potentials.



Education should also be a powerful tool that will help build God's Kingdom predicated on Gospel values of love, justice and peace. These values are to be inculcated in the students so that they will learn how to help and serve humanity at large and their immediate neighbour in particular in an ever-darkening world devoid of values.

St. Peter's College has left no stone unturned in realizing these goals and aims of education. Thus it has blazed a trail for others to follow.

During my tenure as Principal from 2013-2019, I endeavoured to provide the students all means possible to enable them to transcend the limitations of human perception and transform themselves to better human beings endowed with values useful for society.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the Manager, Rev. Fr. Ignatius Miranda; Principal, Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia; staff and students on the auspicious occasion of the 175th Anniversary of the College.

**Fr. Dr. Paul Thannickal**  
Principal  
Former Principal  
(2013-2019)

Dear Friends,

It is an absolute delight and privilege to be able to write in the glory of one of the oldest and proudest institutions of India that has accomplished 175 years of pre-eminence.

Through the years, St. Peter's College, Agra, has honoured the commitment to provide the highest possible level of quality education and skills for the rapidly advancing Technology-Driven Society. This time-line commemorates the opportunities the College provides and celebrates the accomplishments that have been key to the shaping of many students for seventeen decades. The College has steadfastly embraced its commitment to educating the nation builders.

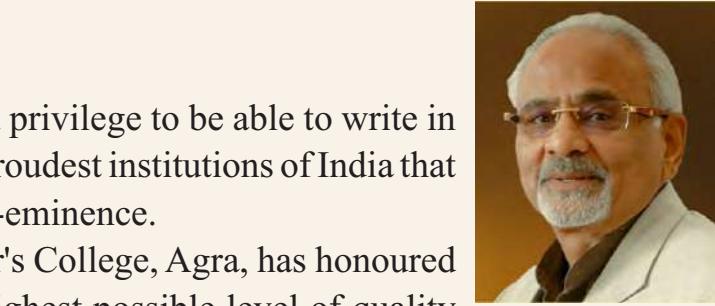
As I review, I also want to recognise the faculty and staff that over the past decades have taken the College to new heights and for producing many great scholars who have marked their heads at world's leading positions. The College has given so many IAS and IPS Officers to the nation. They serve as proof positive of the College's continuing success.

The College holds a very strong position and is always fervid to move with renewed energy to impart the high quality education and cements its role as a leading college of the nation.

So, let us celebrate its past with great respect and look forward to its future with great enthusiasm.

The place this College occupies within and among education institutions indicates that it has a far-reaching impact. And, as the College goes ahead with Dodransbicentennial celebration, I wish it many more years of glory.

Warm Regards,



**Dr. Sushil Gupta**

President

Association of Progressive Schools of Agra

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**"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."**

A big congratulation to St. Peter's College, Agra for completing 175 years (Dodransbicentennial) of success in the year 2021. It's a great achievement for any institution to touch the horizon of attainment and fame. It is overwhelming for me because being a student of St. Peter's College, Agra has always been a matter of pride. I recall those years when as a student the College taught me how to face challenges and fly high even when storms blow atrociously. I can say that overall development of a personality is possible only when the child explores his path in the darkness of ignorance and College illuminates the way by the flambeau of knowledge. The College has earned that prestige.

Academics or Games, and Sports or any cultural event, St. Peter's College, Agra stands with its head high.

The students of St. Peter's College, Agra have been bringing laurels in all the spheres and my wishes are with their zeal.

I congratulate the Principal, Staff, Students and Parents for their commitment and endeavours. Without their mutual support this success would not have been possible.

Best Wishes

**Sanjay Tomar**

President

National Progressive School Association

Chairman

Holy Public Group of Schools



Dt. 10/01/2023

To,  
Father Andrew Correia  
Principal, St. Peter's College  
Agra

Respected Sir,



It is a matter of great pleasure that St. Peter's College, Agra is bringing out a special Souvenir on the occasion of the 175th year Celebrations. It's absolutely thrilling when you hear of an Institution that too a school, where you and your family had basic education.

It's further a matter of pride that St Peter's, a premier educational institute, completed 175 years and is celebrating its Dodransbicentennial Anniversary. Not only Students, Parents, Agraites but everyone associated with the College feel proud to join the Celebrations. How many institutions survive for 175 years ? We have noticed that many institutions have just gone into extinction but St Peter's is not only surviving but also on the peak of its repute and in the list of best institutions.

On this occasion, all present and past students, have reasons to cheer. I, on behalf of the front runner citizens of Agra and many institutions I am heading or associated with, convey my best wishes to the Principal, entire teaching fraternity of St. Peter's and the management under the supervision of the Archbishop of Agra.

Long live St Peter's College, Agra

Thanking You

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Former, Delhi University Captain, Badminton  
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**Divrina Dhingra**  
National Level Swimmer

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As an alumnus of St Peter's College, Agra, I wish to congratulate the institution on its 200th Jubilee. St Peter's is truly an institution of excellence that has produced several eminent personalities who have gone and made a mark in their respective professions.

I have spent my formative years here from 1961-1966. It is the spirit of hard work and discipline that I inculcated in this institution that made me go on to eventually win the National Junior Badminton Championships in the year 1966. I am grateful to my Alma Mater for my development and the love for sports it inculcated in me. My family has started a sports trust (the CDD Sports Trust) and the students of St Peter's have been amongst the first few to receive sports scholarships from our Trust. I hope St Peter's students will continue to excel in all fields especially sports because it is the all-round development of individuals that makes men out of boys.



We at CDD Sports Trust celebrate not just the winners but those who work hard. Its more about trying despite the odds rather than the triumph of a title. As most of you would know, this is also the thinking behind the motto of Nike, the world's leading sports brand. It is what "Just do it" stands for.

I hope young boys are encouraged to further their interest in the field of sports. We will be happy to support them in all their endeavors in whatever way we can.

Ravi Dhingra, IAS ( R )

Former Secretary to Govt of India, Ministry of Home Affairs &  
Former Chief Secretary, Govt of Himachal Pradesh

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It gives me great pleasure in wishing the students, staff and Management of St Peter's College, Agra on its dodransbicentennial Jubilee. Bringing out a Souvenir magazine is an excellent way to mark the occasion. Magazines like this have great educative value as they are a compendium of achievements of an institution. They also give exposure to young minds to put forth their views and be heard. St Peter's has always encouraged these values of excellence in its students. Hence, it is no surprise that some of the best thinkers and achievers of our country are from this institution.

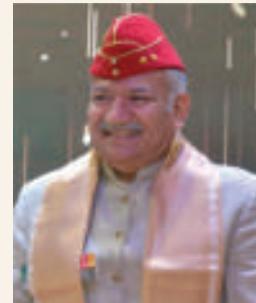


As an alumnus of this institution it gives me great pride to learn of its accomplishments over the last 175 years. I wish it all success in future and hope that it continues to encourage all round development in its students especially in the field of sports. As former Secretary of the Sports Authority of India, I have seen at very close quarters the problems young and upcoming sportspersons face. It is on account of this experience that my family Trust (the CDD Sports Trust) was set up to encourage sports at the grassroots level by giving scholarships to deserving students in schools. CDD Sports Trust will continue to support St Peter's College in its endeavours to further sporting talent in our country

Rajesh Dhingra, IRS(R)  
Former Member, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs,  
Government of India

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**Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia  
Principal,  
St. Peter's College  
Agra.**



St Peter's College in the last 175 years has attained a pre-eminent stature. In its Dodransbicentennial Jubilee it is still a history in the making. It is testimony and witness to the changing world, from bullock carts to space age. Not only has it been a witness but also a constant to the growth of the world. It has sculptured painstakingly the youth and chiselled the amorphous mass into successful, productive, egalitarian citizens of not only the nation but of the world.

Stupendous success of St Peter's College is attributed not only to the magnificent buildings, salubrious surroundings and state of the art teaching aids, but for its truly capable teachers, the GURUS and Mentors, without whom it couldn't have scaled the tizzy heights, it has monopolised for the last 175 years. Burning Flame can light another lamp, as also, only brilliant teachers can kindle the flame of knowledge in a student.

If I were to sum-up what St Peter's is, I would quote, Hitopadesha, a Sanskrit scripture, "A good education makes you humble. Humility makes you qualified. Qualification attracts wealth. True wealth establishes a stable social order, and stable social order gives rise to happiness all around", and that is what St Peter's a premier Catholic institution epitomises.

**Maj Gen Rajesh Kundra,  
AVSM, SM (Retd.)**

# Jubilee Anthem

THIS PLACE MEANS HOME, FAR AWAY FROM HOME  
IT IS FILLED WITH A THOUSAND HISTORIES  
WITH DISTINCT PERSONALITIES  
FOR ALL THESE YEARS, WE'VE ALWAYS KNOWN  
ST. PETER 'S IS A PLACE TO GROW

AS WE MARCH TODAY UNDER GOD'S INFINITE SKY  
WE MOVE HAND IN HAND AS TIME FLIES  
THESE WALLS SPEAK TO US OF STORIES AS OLD AS TIME  
SAINT PETER LOOKS AT US WITH A SMILE BENIGN

THIS PLACE MEANS HOME, FAR AWAY FROM HOME  
IT IS FILLED WITH A THOUSAND HISTORIES WITH DISTINCT  
PERSONALITIES  
FOR ALL THESE YEARS, WE'VE ALWAYS KNOWN  
ST. PETER 'S IS A PLACE TO GROW

ESTABLISHED AS A SPECIMEN OF GOD'S GREAT CREATION  
BRINGING TOGETHER YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A VISION  
WITH PALMA NON SINE PULVERE IN OUR SOULS ENSHRINED  
A MOTTO WE ALL CAN STAND BEHIND

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ST. PETER'S IS A PILLAR OF EMINENT ARCHITECTURE  
EXPANDING EVERY DAY IN ITS NATIONAL STATURE  
EMPIRES RISE AND FALL AS TIDES TURN TIME  
OUR ALMA MATER STANDS TALL AND SUBLIME

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# Rising Higher and Higher, Still

## A brief history of St Peter's College , Agra

St Peter's College, Agra, one of the premier educational Institutions of the country, was started as a school-cum-boarding house in 1846, in which year boys were transferred to the institution from the School at Sardhana, near Meerut, and a School at Jamuna Bagh in Agra. Both the schools had been Started in 1841, the one at Jamuna Bagh being housed in the property of John Baptiste Filose, Colonel and Sardar in the Services of Maharaja Scindia. Col. Filose made a donation of one lakh rupees, then a fabulous amount, for the construction of the new school, the foundation stone of which was laid in 1846 by Major O'Gorman of the East India Company. The first storey of the present building was completed in 1847, a year before the Cathedral was constructed. Both buildings were the result of the enterprise and interest of Dr. Joseph Anthony Borghi, the then Bishop of the Diocese of Agra. The second storey of the school building was completed in 1862. The School was entered in the list of aided schools in 1856 with Rs. 125.00 as yearly grant, which was increased to Rs. 250.00 in 1875.

The institution consisted of two distinct schools, namely, St. Paul's School, which was a military orphanage, and St. Peter's, which was a boarding school for those who could afford to pay. From the very beginning, the orphans occupied the northern and the paid boarders the southern part of the building. There were four categories of rooms for boarders, viz. first, second, third and fourth class rooms. On the orphans side, there were first, second and third class rooms. The teachers had separate quarters the building of which existed before the School building came up.

Both St. Peter's and St. Paul's catered to the educational needs of European and Anglo-Indian boys and received grants from the Government. But funds were also made available from the Agra Catholic Mission and from contributions from Europe and parts of India. The number of students in the initial years varied from 150 to 200; but the good teaching and efficient administration made the schools rank among the best in the country.

But before the school could get a firm footing, two events very nearly brought about its premature end. The first was the Great Sepoy Mutiny, also known as the First war of Independence in 1857. During the Mutiny, the school building was destroyed, except for the walls, contemporary records stating that "not a foot of wood and not an ounce of iron" was left in any of the buildings. But the reconstruction took place within a few years, the second storey being completed by Fr. Louis, Pro-Vicar to Bishop Persico.

As early as 1860 it was felt that if "some learned English and Irish priests were obtained for the school it would make greater progress." Accordingly, the Capuchin Bishop, Dr. Persico, attempted to supply this want by bringing in the Christian Brethren in the beginning of 1862. But Brother Bothian, who was appointed Rector then left for America that same year and Bro. Gregory, who succeeded him, died of cholera in 1863. The school was again put under the care of the Capuchin Fathers, Fr. Symphorian being made Rector.

The second event to rack St. Peter's was the breaking out of cholera in epidemic form. A total of four attacks took place, the first one in 1856 causing the death of 12 boys (and seven girls of St. Patrick's school), the second in 1860 taking away 15 boys (and eight girls of St. Patrick's). The last one in 1872 was so severe that 35 students died of it and the boys had either to be sent home or transferred to the Sikandra Mission compound, the school remaining closed for the period of the epidemic.

It was in Fr. Symphorian's period of service as Rector (1863-1882) that the two schools progressed. In seven years so much was achieved that the School Inspector's report for the year 1870 states that "the institution will bear no unfavourable comparison with the best institutions of a similar kind in England or the Continent."

The 1873 prospectus of the School states that the boarding and tuition fees was Rs. 20.00 a month, besides annual charges of Rs. 10.00 and a monthly shoe fee of 12 annas and a pocket money of Rs. 3 and 2 annas. In 1891 the fee complexion was changed to make it an annual payment of Rs. 34 for parlour, Rs. 180 for first class and Rs. 120 for second class boarders. There were no non-Christianboarders and out of 51 day scholars in 1893, only six were Hindus and five Muslims.

In 1875, St. George's School and St. Fidelis orphanage were opened in Mussoorie by the Agra Mission on the pattern of St. Peter's and St. Paul's. St. Peter's had by now got affiliated to Calcutta University, and started preparing boys for the Entrance Examination, earning in the process the right to be called a college. The first boy to pass the Entrance Examination was Joseph Kennedy, the year being 1875.

In the Year 1881, St. Peter's, now known as a college, was affiliated to Calcutta University for the award of the Fellow of Arts degree. The affiliation was transferred to Allahabad University when that university came into existence in 1889. The staff of the College then consisted of the Rector, the Vice-Rector, ten priests and a single lay teacher, Mr. B. Paul, who had been appointed as early as 1867.

At that time education in St. Peter's was regarded as a certain passport to the Roorkee College of Engineering, the opium, salt and other Government Departments, including the Secretariat.

The reputation of the school went up so much that it was visited by Viceroys, Lieutenant Governors and other dignitaries. Among the important visitors during the period were Edward, Prince of Wales (later Edward VII); Viceroys Lord Northbrooke, Lord Lytton, Lord Ripon; Governors Sir John Strachey and Lord Meston.

In the 1870's and 1880's new schools started coming up in the hills. Parents who could afford to pay the high charges there, sent their children to these schools because of the better climate in the hills. St. Peter's was adversely affected by this new development and a sharp drop in the numbers of the paying boarders occurred. However, the orphan school, St. Paul's, continued to maintain its strength vindicating the words of Christ: "The poor you have always with you." Incidentally, it was because of the falling numbers that St. Peter's had to disaffiliate itself from Allahabad University.

A development that took place in 1883 was the resignation of Fr. L. O'Dea as Principal on health grounds and the taking over by Fr. Lawrence. Ironically, Fr. O'Dea continued to live till 1917, while Fr. Lawrence died on July 26, 1883 after just two month in office. It was Fr. Genesius who had a substantial stint from 1883-89.

"Early in 1883 Sir Alfred Lyall, Lt. Governor of North West Provinces along with Sir Julian Goldsmid, with the Commissioner and Magistrates of the Division visited the school and inspected the Institution and were pleased with what they saw," says the School Log Book. That year also saw the induction of a lay man, Mr M. Dunn as Headmaster."

In 1891 Babu Brij Pal Das was appointed Professor of Mathematics. The summer uniform prescribed that year was black alpaca frockcoat, a waistcoat and white pantaloons. In winter black broadcloth had to be used for the uniform.

At the end of 1891 there were only 87 students each in St. Peter's and St. Paul's, largely because of the opening of the hill schools; but two years later the number had gone up to 223 (51Peter's 122 and St. Paul's 101).

In 1893 two new latrines were built, the plunge bath repaired and the entire length of the dormitory varandah roofed with iron rails. New furniture, too was added. A spacious cricket ground was laid out and the construction of a gynasium started.

Syed Aley Nabi, who later became Chairman of the Agra Municipality and has a road near

Panchkuia cemetery named after him, was the lone candidate to have passed the Intermediate Examination of Allahabad University in March 1893. Shyam Behari Lall, Shri Pal and Nathu Ram appeared in 1894.

At the beginning of 1896, says the report for the year, "we had the pleasure to receive His Honour the Lieut Governor of the NWP accompanied by Lady McDonnel. They were conducted over the College and expressed great satisfaction and even surprise at the grand old building and its beautiful surroundings. In November last His Highness the Aga Khan and suite visited the college during class hours."

The Volunteer Cadet Corps in the School was inspected by General Collins, Inspector-General of Volunteers, in 1894, while the College Band famous in the city performed before the Commissioner of the Division on the grounds of Agra College.

All these developments took place during the Rectorship of Fr. Raphael (1890-93) and (1897-1904), who later became Archbishop of Agra. But it was during the tenure of Fr. H. Norman (1906-1921) an Anglo-Indian that major physical changes took place. Fr Norman, who was Headmaster, Prefect, Professor and of course Rector all rolled into one, got the roofs of the main building replaced by iron girders, built a swimming pool, redid the flooring of the dormitory and laid out the playing fields. Fr. Hyacinth, an Italian scholar, succeeded Fr. Norman in 1921 and was Rector till 1940, with short breaks. During his long term of nearly 20 years, he got a larger kitchen for the College, a new hospital and residential quarters, and constructed a majestic porch for the main building.

The building of the new hospital, now used as a guest hall and the green room at cultural festivals, was commenced in 1933 and was completed at a cost of Rs. 14,372. In May 1932, a tile factory for the construction of moulded cement and mosaic tiles for floors was constructed south of the college building on expert advice from an Italian engineer, Signior Ferreli Rinaldo of Milan. A hall 83 feet by 30 feet and a verandah 83 feet by 10 feet and another 83 feet by 15 feet were put up. Machines and articles for the factory were obtained from Italy.

A new washroom for the boarders was constructed in 1931 as well as two science rooms measuring 41 by 12 feet and 21 by 19 feet. The box room for the orphan boys measuring 40 feet by 13 feet was converted into the science laboratory following the report of the inspector of schools on 16.4.29 about the need for such a laboratory. Mr. P. L. Sharma, a B.Sc. from Allahabad University, was appointed on 1.2.1930 on Rs. 100 per month to teach physics, chemistry, botany, general science and hygiene. On October 8, 1930 the first batch of students appeared at the Junior Cambridge and School Certificate Examinations of the University of Cambridge and School Certificate Examinations of the University of Cambridge with physics and chemistry as subjects.

A few months after the outbreak of the Second World War, Fr. Hyacinth, being an Italian, had to relinquish office and Fr Pius Lyons, an Irishman and an old student of the College, became Rector. It was in his period that the College celebrated its Centenary in 1946.

The administrative arrangement of the Institution in the first 120 years of its existence was that a Rector or Manager was the Chief Administrative officer. A Headmaster was appointed primarily to look after the teaching, the extra-curricular activities and the overall discipline, though for several years priests were prefects of studies and of discipline.

The available records say that the first Headmaster was Mr. M Dunn, who held that position from 1883-1892. For the next two years, Fr. Carrolli was both Vice-Rector and Headmaster. He was followed by Mr. B Paul, who served as Headmaster from 1894-1907, when the Rector, Fr Henry Norman, took upon himself the additional duties of Headmaster. On his retirement in 1921, Mr A.E. Finnimore officiated as Headmaster till Mr. E. S. Merriman took over as full-fledged Headmaster in 1928, from when till 1956 he ruled the School with firmness mixed with kindness.

The period of Headmaster Merriman's stewardship of the College is remembered most, many regarding it as the Golden Period of the Institution. It is so because of the exciting events that were taking place all around, as for the heights to which this great disciplinarian took the College to. The period 1928-1956 was dominated by the Headmaster's personality. There was an overall toning up of the administration, a strict enforcement of rules and excellent teaching by some of the finest teachers the College has had. These included A. E. Finnimore, C. Eastwood, E. S. Merriman and P. L. Sharma in the Senior Section, B. M. Cornelius, A Reghelini, William Geyer and H. D. Galloway in the Middle Section and Miss Griselda D'Souza and Miss M. Rozario in the Kindergarten Section.

It was in Mr. Merriman's time that momentous changes took place in the nation's history. The College, till now catering to the needs of a nation controlled by foreign rulers, geared itself to serving an independent nation. The approach and the courses of study were changed accordingly. There was also a perceptible rise in the number of students-it going up from 230 in 1946 to 464 in 1956. At the time of his retirement from service in 1956 both Mr. and Mrs. Merriman got the Pope's medal for meritorious service in the cause of education.

It needs mentioning here that all the time Mr. Merriman was Headmaster (1928-1956), he got a monthly salary of Rs. 600.00 flat with no increment over the entire period. But it must be remembered that Rs. 600.00 in 1928 would be equivalent to about Rs. 1.50 lakhs today, assuming that prices have gone up about 250 times since then. Interestingly, the Rector (Manager) and the other priests with him got an honorarium of only Rs. 60.00 per month during the same period.

Mr. Merriman was succeeded by Mr. E.J. Orpwood (1957-59) followed by Mr. A. Packiam (1960- 66), who was the last Headmaster of the Institution, because in 1966 the old arrangement of Rector and Headmaster was replaced by that of a single functionary, the Principal, Fr. Columban Gomes (1966-76) being the first incumbent on that post.

With the rapid growth of education in the 1950's and more and more people desirous of sending their children to good schools, the student population of St. Peter's began shooting up necessitating more accommodation. To meet this requirement, a new block came up in 1963 on land that was hitherto covered with babool trees and brambles lying west of the main building. It was Fr Lawrence Colaco, Rector, who supervised the construction of the massive building, which was later to house the lower classes on its ground floor and the science laboratories on the first floor.

It was in 1962 that the last batch of students appeared for the Senior Cambridge Examination (The School Certificate Examination of the University of Cambridge for Overseas Students). From the following year, the Indian School Certificate Examination was introduced.

During Fr. Columban's Principalship the number of students increased rapidly and the figure stood at 1400 students in January 1975, while hectic activity took place in all fields.

The College was given a neater look. A statue of St. Peter was installed in front of the main building, the rusted fountains on each side of the portico made to work again in a green setting complete with flower-beds. Asoka trees were planted along the road facing the main structure and the old dirt track running along side the boundary of St Patrick's were converted into a metalled road. Also a new entrance was provided to the College from the main Wazirpura Road.

Fr. Columban became Vice-President of the International Association of Catholic Schools and President of its All India Body; but his sudden death in May 1975 cut short his work and Fr. Alexander, his deputy, took over as Principal.

In 1971, the 125th Anniversary of the College was celebrated and the following year the Silver Jubilee of Indian Independence.

In 1977 the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination introduced the 10 plus 2

system and Class XI students were given the choice to any one of three streams, namely, the science-mathematics stream; the science-biology stream; and the commerce stream.

In 1978 Fr. Jerome D'Souza became Principal. In 1980 the College Science Club bagged the first three prizes at the U.P. Science Exhibition.

In 1979 Brother Oliver retired after 23 years of devoted service to the Institution being succeeded by Brother Osmond. That year, 30 out of 34 students passed the ISC and 64 out of 82 the ICSE Examinations. The College also bagged the first, second and third positions through Sandeep Gupta, Kapil Sood and Sandeep Sharma respectively at the State Science Exhibition held at Allahabad.

In 1981 the ISC results were one hundred per cent, while in ICSE 95 out of 100 candidates were successful. C. P. Vardhan with 89% marks topping the Agra Region.

In 1983 Fr. Sebastian Panthaladi succeeded Fr. D'Souza as Principal. The year marked an historic change: the last religious priest left the Institution, ending 137 years of association of such priests with the College. To cope with the increasing numbers, new sections were opened in 1984; but the year also saw the closure of the boarding house, the cradle and the nursery of the Institution since 1846.

In 1986 the ISC results were again 100% and the ICSE 99.27%. With the transfer of Fr. Sebastian to St. Clare's in 1986, Fr. Maliekal took over as Principal. He got plans sanctioned for the construction of one more floor of the new block of 1963 and another set of rooms in the old building. He also got a new staircase made for the old building and started the replacement of the old and worn out stone flooring of that building. It was left to Fr. George Paul, who succeeded him in July 1987, to complete the projects. The number of students had meanwhile crossed the 2000 mark and stood at 2100.

The same year a new chemistry laboratory was developed and work begun for a well-equipped computer laboratory, which was opened the following year by the Archbishop of Agra, the Most. Rev. Dr. Cecil desa. The year also saw a student of the College, Syed Subhan Azam, being awarded the Chief Minister's Gold Medal for the best NCC cadet of the year.

In 1988, apart from the academic curriculum stress was given to extra-curricular activities like sports and games, dramatics, debates, elocution, music, yoga, karate. For better supervision, the College was divided into the Senior, Middle and Junior sections with a headmistress and the Vice Principal assisting the Principal with independent supervisory charges. That year five students played in the Veenu Mankad Cricket Trophy Tournament."

In 1989 the main building was given a new look with mosaic flooring, painted walls and polished furniture. The old Junior Boys Dormitory and the old box room were converted into the new physics laboratory with the latest facilities and equipment. The corrugated iron sheets of the box room were removed and an RCC roof provided to it. That year the College won the prize for the best; institution garden as well as the first prize at the Inter- School Drama Festival. Also that year, Vikas Upadhyaya of the College won the prize for the best exhibit at the State Science Exhibition and two other boys, Ashok Kumar and Atal Bansal, won the National Talent Search Scholarships.

A new computer laboratory with 12 IBM compatible PCs, printer, overhead projection system, and latest furnishings was inaugurated by Archbishop Cecil deSa on July 19, 1988. With the setting up of the laboratory, students of Class V upwards were given the chance to learn computer science. Also in 1988, the physics and biology laboratories were modified and partly reconstructed.

In 1990, Pankaj Bajaj topped the ISC examination with 91.5% marks and Hitesh Seth secured 92% marks in the ICSE. On Feb 21, a new biology laboratory was blessed and opened by Archbishop deSa. The flooring of the Infirmary building and the verandah of the main building were converted to mosaic. The Principal, Fr. George Paul, was co-opted as a member of the Council for the ICSE.

In 1991, the roof of the new block was redone and the laboratories on the first floor of the

building converted into classrooms. The following year, the old printing press building was converted into a spacious library. For the second time, a student of the College was awarded the year's Governor's Gold Medal for the best NCC cadet of U.P., while two other students, Gautam and Amrit Goyal, won the National Talent Search scholarship of Rs. 15,000.00 each. On the dramatic front, the College entry won the Rev. Reid Thomas Trophy at the Inter-School and Colleges Drama Festival and the best team championship at the Air Force Golden Jubilee Celebration and the 150th Year Celebrations of the Convent of Jesus and Mary.

In 1993 more academic laurels came to the College. Mohammad Asad Iqbal scored an all time high of 95.75% in ISC and Mohit Kumar Bansal got 95.8% in the ICSE Examination. That year, the Cultural Hall, originally the Boarder's Study Hall, was renovated with mosaic flooring replacing the old stone paving. Once again, the Governor's trophy for the best NCC cadet came to the College, the winner being Tapesh Saha, who also got the Prime Minister's award for the best cadet of the year. Also! that year, the College team participated in the Subroto Cup Football Championship. The earthquake in parts of Maharashtra quickened the social service sense of the students and they collected Rs. 2,60,000.00 for the relief of the 'quake victims'.

In 1994-95 Shubhdeep Sarkar won the NTSE scholarship, which by now had become a regular achievement of the College. Extension of the Chemistry laboratory and addition of a filtration room with all facilities were completed and opened to the students.

After Fr George Paul left for St Clare's School, Fr Dennis D'Souza, who had served as Vice-Principal, took over on August 14, 1995 with the slogan 'Discipline with love'. In implementation of the policy, the rod was used, but lovingly, though no compromise was made with anyone indulging in indiscipline.

For better participation of teachers in the work of the College, committees were formed. In Standards 1 to 11 tests were replaced by daily assessment. The seven classrooms on the first floor of the 1963 Block were provided with more lights and fans, the College Office was computerised and a total of 16 computers were installed for the students.

Outside the Main Block, the statue of St Peter installed in front of the main portico was shifted to under the portico to provide more room for the morning Assembly, while the two roads leading to the school were paved with the help of a hotmix plant.

It was in Fr D'Souza's time that the 150 years of the founding of the College were celebrated. The event was called the sesquicentenary a Latin word meaning 150 years and suggested by Archbishop Cecil desa.

On the occasion the students were gifted with a swimming pool with the standard measurements of 25 metres by 10.2 metres with six lanes. The cost came to Rs. 20 lakhs.

Also on the occasion the hockey and cricket fields were relaid after being dug up by a tractor and quality grass planted on them to give them the look of a lush green lawn, when not in use.

Plans for the immediate future included the construction of the main gate of the College in a style of architecture in keeping with the architecture of the main College building, replacing the corrugated iron sheets roof of the printing press building being used as a library and to construct a multi-purpose hall on top of that building. The Hall would also have a gymnasium. The Library was also reorganised and books worth Rs one lakh were added to the library, while the Staff Room was provided with more facilities.

To mark the Sesquicentenary, a souvenir tracing the history of the College and underscoring its achievements was brought out. It was edited by Dr Neville Smith, journalist and an alumnus of the College.

The 150 year celebrations were another landmark in the 150 year long history of the College.

During the period the College had moved away from its insular boarding house condition to a modernistic institution keeping pace with the swift-changing times, comparable in excellence to the best institutions of the country.

Fr Dennis D'Souza's six-year term ended in 2001 and Fr Matthew K took over and he began by making changes in the infrastructure to suit him. He gave a face-lift to the office of the Principal located on the ground floor of the Main Block of the College building. Wooden panels were provided to the office, while the statue of St Peter was shifted to the back of the portico from its earlier position. All this was done in 2002.

The following year the cycle stand was shifted to the present location, which was once the garden for teaching nature study to the primary classes. The space vacated by the old cycle stand was used to build a new block for the Primary Section, the foundation stone of the building being laid by Archbishop Cecil de Sa on June 30, 2003.

In the year 2004, the courtyard in front of the main building, which had brick flooring, was paved with tiles and the approach road of the College, running alongside St Patrick's Junior College, was widened with a view to decongesting the traffic, in Fr Mathew's tenure.

In 2005 Peterian Chimes, the College newsletter started publication in November of that year. The same year the new building of the Primary Block was blessed and inaugurated by Dr. Pedro Lopez Quintana, Apostolic Nuncio to India and Nepal on 3-12-05. Also that year, the stage behind the main block was demolished and a new one with a concrete roof constructed.

A Vijayanta tank and a Hawker Airframe were installed in and around the Cycle Stand on 14-7-2006. They were donated and inaugurated by Mr Ranjeet Issar, IAS, Secretary of Defence, Government of India, and by Air Marahal AK Singh, AOC Western Air Command, both former students of the College.

Also in Fr Mathew's tenure, the 'A' Field was extended by eight feet to provide space for a 400-meter track around it. The Examination Hall, which had replaced the old Boarding Dormitory was enlarged by demolishing a classroom and could now seat 200 students.

The same year a skating rink was laid in front of the Cycle Stand and around the Hawker Airframe, and a portico was constructed for the 1963 Middle School Block, which was also plastered from behind. Also in the year the College website- [stpetersagra.com](http://stpetersagra.com) was launched on Nov 18 by Shiv Shankar Mukherjee, IAS, India's Ambassador to Nepal and an old student of the College.

In order to make the life of the students 'stress-free and disease free', a **yoga** session of 30 minutes daily was introduced in the curriculum by the new Principal Fr. John Ferreira in 2007.

In 2009 the Fr Columban Memorial Stadium for tennis was inaugurated on March 15 by Mr Aditya Sachdeva of the Mahesh Bhupathi Coaching Academy.

The same year the a Multi-purpose Block was inaugurated by Oswald Cardinal Gracias. The Block houses the Archbishop' Albert D'Souza Yoga and Mediation Centre' in the basement and on the upper floors the chemistry and biology laboratories and two badminton courts. The Block was constructed on space provided by demolishing the Orphan Press building that had been built of cement blocks in 1935 with a roof of corrugated iron sheets. The Press was shifted to a new building constructed near the entrance gate of St Paul's Hindi Medium School on Motilal Nehru Road. The Orphan Press was rechristened St Joseph's Printing School.

Also in 2009 an imposing main gate for the College planned for many years was constructed on its main entrance on Wazirpura Road and the name of the College and its crest were prominently displayed on it. The boundary wall between St Patrick's Junior College and St Peter's College was converted into a yoga gallery with embossed relief of yoga postures. The old Study Hall was renamed

the Archbishop Dominic Athaide Cultural Hall.

During the period 2007-2013, the promotion of Yoga was taken in a big way. Fr John Ferreira patronised the ancient Indian physical and meditative exercise, making **yoga** exercises compulsory before the start of classes in the morning. To facilitate the practice of the art, a big **yoga** hall was opened in the Multipurpose Block and evening classes for students and outsiders were organized. Calendars depicting **yoga** postures were brought out. Also, naturopathy and natural dietetics were promoted through displays. This emphasis on **yoga** brought applause from many and criticism from some, who related the practice to a particular religion.

Also as part of the promotion of **yoga**, a marble statue of Christ in a **yoga** pose was set up below the steps in front of the office of the Principal, with holes in pipes laid on the floor throwing water on the statue as a kind of offering and homage..

In 2010 a 12-feet high statue of Christ the Redeemer, modelled on the much larger one in Rio de Janeiro Brasil was installed in the northeastern corner of the 'A' field. A make-believe of clouds surrounding, the image of Christ with fountains shooting jets of water on the statue gave the impression of Christ rising in the cloud.

In 2011, a relief of the Sermon on the Mount with cascading water beneath it was created on the wall of the Middle School Building facing the Primary Block building, while a relief of the Washing of the Feet by Christ was done on the western wall of the lobby in front of the office of the headmistress inside the primary Block.

In 2012 the College Swimming Pool was renovated and the College emblem was painted on the floor of the Pool, which was dedicated to Archbishop Cecil deSa.

Principal Ferreira expressed his taste for painting and decoration by getting paintings of scenes from the life of Christ done and hung on the wall of the Cultural Hall.

Not limiting himself to the College, he got the Cathedral renovated and reliefs from the Bible painted on the outer walls, while renovating Akbar's Church also.

His successor Fr Paul Thannickal went ahead with some more ambitious projects: he got the classrooms at the back of the Main Block demolished and a new block with 22 rooms constructed in two stories, with the back Verandah converted into a large hall roofed over with fiber glass, that enabled it to get a great deal of natural light.

Fr Paul implemented a long-discussed but not carried out plan of utilising the portion of the school occupied by a building housing the Canara Bank and the old Carpenter's section for a huge auditorium. He got the auditorium made. It was named Archbishop Albert D'Souza Episcopal Silver Jubilee Auditorium, and equipped with the latest facilities.

The present Principal Fr. Andrew Correia has got the classrooms of the Middle Section floored with marble stone slabs, which have also been laid on the front verandah of the Main Block. This was done in the year 2020

The following year the walls of the Cultural Hall were panelled with fiber sheets and the stage was restructured. Thus a continuous process of renovation and reconstruction to suit the emerging requirements is being carried out.

**Visitors:** A large number of VIPs visited the College during the period 1996-2021. Many of them were former students who had risen high in public life and in their professions. The visitors included members of the top bureaucracy, defence personnel, technologists, political sports personalities, religious leaders, and film stars.

Soon after the 150th year celebrations, Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi came to the College to release a commemorative volume on Thomas Smith, Journalist and alumnus of the 1920's

at a high-profile function.

Among the top bureaucrats were Shiv Shankar Mukherji, former Indian ambassador to Nepal and other countries and High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Vijay Bakaya, Chief Secretary to the Jammu and Kashmir Government; Ranjeet Issar, Secretary Defence, Government of India; Ravi Dhingra, Secretary, Home Affairs, Government of India; Commissioners of Agra Division, Ashok Kumar, Pradeep Bhatnagar, and Anil Kumar; District Magistrates Zuhair bin Saghir, Manisha Trighatia and Gaurav Dayal; police officials Ashutosh Pandey, IG of Police, Agra Circle: Vijay Singh Meena, DIG Agra Range; Jogendra Kumar, IPS Commandant PAC; Surjeet Pandey, DIG Agra Range; Deepti Tiwari IPS; 5 5 Maheshwari Rtd IG of Police; Luv Kumar DIG, Agra Range Pawan Kumar, SSP, Agra; and Rajesh Modak, SP, Agra and Kiran Bedi IPS

The defence personnel who visited the College, nearly all of them, were former students. These included Avdesh Kumar Singh; Lt Gen Ajay Kumar Singh Chandele: Lt Gen Ajay Kumar Singh, former Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands; Lt Gen KM Sethi, former Governor of Tripura and Chhattisgarh; Maj Gen P K Singh, Major Gen NP Singh Bal; Brigadier Rajan Kochhar; Brigadier Dr. Amarjeet Singh and Group Captain Jaipal Singh

The College was visited by Income Tax and Sales Tax Commissioners and other senior Tax officials.

Among the educationists were Dr. D N Jauhar and Prof Mohammad Muzammil, both Vice-Chancellors of Dr. B R Ambedkar University, Agra; Prof Valson Thampu, Principal, St Stephen's College, Delhi, and Dr. Alexander Lal, Principal St John's College, Agra. Among judicial officers were R H L Malhotra, District Judge; Khaliq Zaman, CIM; among politicians were Ram Shankar Katheria, MP from Agra and Minister of State for HRD; Raj Babbar MP; SP Singh Baghel, MP; Dr. Dharma Pal Singh MLA and Mrs. Pakshalika Singh MLA

The religious leaders who paid a visit to the College included Apostolic Nuncios to India and Nepal Dr. Pedro Quintana and Salvatore Pennacchio; Oswald Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Mumbai; Archbishop Albert of Agra; Bishop Raphy Manjaly of Varanasi, Bishop Francis Kalist of Meerut; Bishop Plus D'Souza of Ajmer, Bishop Joseph Thyakkatil of Gwalior; Swami Sachidanand Bharti, the Air Force Baba; Shri M, an apostle of peace and harmony, Mahant Yogespuri of Mankameshwar temple Agra.

Among the many sports personalities that came mostly as Chief Guests at the Annual Sports Day of the College was the legendary cricketer Vijay Hazare, Captains Kapil Dev and Ajit Wadekar, batsmen Ajay Jadeja, Mohammad Kaif, Nayan Mongia, Murli Kartik, bowler Harbhajan Singh, and all rounder Madan Lal.

In tennis Gaurav Natekar, in hockey Ashok Dhyan Chand, Mervyn Fernandes, Jagbir Singh, in races the famous Milkha Singh and PT Usha; in table tennis Manjit Dua, in weight lifting Karnam Malleshwari, in shooting Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, in wrestling Dalip Singh Rana, the Great Khali, while in Taekwondo Chang visited the Institution.

Film stars who came to the College for various functions were Sunil Dutt, Rahul Roy, Raj Babbar, Jackie Shroff, Dimple Bhatnagar, and singer Kishore Kumar.

An important visitor who came several times was Padma Shri Awardee (2014) Dr. Daya Kishore Hazra, an alumnus of the 1956 SC Batch and an internationally known medical expert.

Local Editors of the Hindustan Times and Jagran also paid visits.

**Other major events:** Other major events that took place after the Sesquicentennial Celebrations was the adoption of the College Anthem composed by teacher Roopa Gosain in November 2007 and set to music by the College music teacher, Kapil Agarwal.

During the period of his principalship, Fr Dennis D'Souza was honored by the then Chairman of the UP Vidhan Parishad, Kesrinath Tripathi, at a function held in Lucknow.

The new Primary Block building was inaugurated by the Papal Nuncio Pedro Lopez Quintana, on December 3, 2005. Also to be inaugurated was the Senior Students Computer Laboratory. On the College Annual Day on May 2, 2004, the Chief Guest was Mr. Francis Fanthome, Executive Secretary of the Indian School Certificate Council.

On August 4, 2010, the song book *Harmony* authored by Fr John Ferreira, Principal, was released.

The same year the Fourth South Asian Literature and Folk Lore Festival were held in the College, with teams from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh participating in it. Other development works carried out in the College are described in the earlier part of this account.

**Examination results:** The ICSE and ISC Examination results over the 25-year period till 2021 were uniformly excellent, with the pass percentage nearly 100 every year, the competition being among the ninety-plus percenters. The number of students appearing at the two examinations was over 150 on the average.

After Independence, the complexion of the school changed completely. From basically a Christian boarding institution with the students predominantly Anglo Indians, it has become a truly national institution. The percentage of Christian students which was up to 90 prior to 1947 taken a somersault and the percentage of Hindu students is now over 90. The figures for 2021 show that out of around 3700 students, 246 were Muslims and only 92 Christians of all shades, which percentage-wise would be around 2.5 which reflects the national demographic situation.

St Peter's thus represents a cross-section of the Indian youth of today, spread over the various religious and social communities with varying financial status.

For the last 150 of its total life of 175 years, the College has held a very high position among schools in India and should rank among the best 20 or so schools in the country, though no such ranking has been undertaken, as is done in the case of business and management schools.

The Management of the College is determined to develop it further in accordance with the need for a changing Indian and the educational policy of the Government.

The College makes students imbibe in themselves a strong sense of discipline, love for the country, concern for the less fortunate sections of society, building of character, strong moral and ethical values, and a healthy and progressive outlook on life and development of qualities of leadership.

For this the Management needs the support and patronage of all sections of society for its continued march to greater heights.

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# OUR BENEFACTORS AND PATRONS



**Most. Rev. Joseph Anthony  
Borghi OFM. CAP.  
(1841-1849)**



**Most. Rev. Cajetan Carli  
OFM. CAP.  
(1849-1855)**



**Most Rev. Ignatius Persico  
OFM. CAP.  
(1856-1861)**



**Most Rev. Angelicus  
Bedenik OFM. CAP.  
(1861-1865)**



**Most Rev. Angelo  
Jacopi OFM. CAP.  
(1868-1891)**



**Most Rev. Emmanuel  
Van Den Bose OFM. CAP.  
(1892-1897)**



**Most Rev. Charles  
Gentili OFM. CAP.  
(1898-1916)**



**Most Rev. Raphael  
Bernachioni OFM. CAP.  
(1917-1937)**



**Most Rev. Evangelist  
Vanni OFM. CAP.  
(1937-1955)**



**Most Rev. Dominic  
Athaide OFM. CAP.  
(1956-1982)**



**Most Rev. Dr. Cecil  
De Sa  
(1984-1998)**



**Most Rev. Dr. Vincent  
M Concessao  
(1999-2000)**



**Most Rev. Dr. Oswald Gracias  
(2000-2006)**



**Most Rev. Dr. Albert D'Souza  
(2007-2020)**

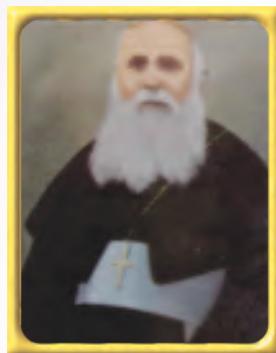


**Most Rev. Dr. Raphy Manjaly  
(2021- )**

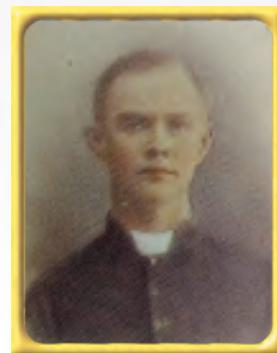
## OUR RECTORS



**Fr. Symphorian**  
1863-1882



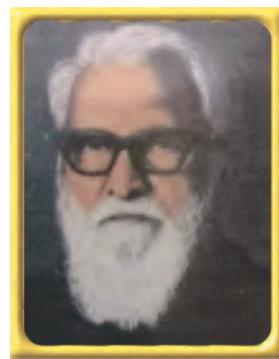
**Fr. Raphael**  
1897-1904



**Fr. Henry Norman**  
1906-1921



**Fr. Hyacinth**  
1921-1940  
1947-1952



**Fr. Lawrence Colaco**  
1962-1966

## OUR HEADMASTERS



**E. S. Merriman, M.A.**  
1928-1956



**Mr. A. Packiam**  
1962-1966

# OUR PRINCIPALS



**Rev. Fr Columban Gomes OFM. CAP.  
(1966-1976)**



**Rev. Fr. Alexander OFM. CAP.  
(1976-1978)**



**Rev. Fr. Jerome D'Souza OFM. CAP.  
(1978-1983)**



**Rev. Fr. Sebastian Panthaladi  
(1983-1986)**



**Rev. Fr Jose Maliekal  
(1986-1987)**



**Rev. Fr George Paul  
(1987-1995)**



**Rev. Fr Dennis D' Souza  
(1995-2001)**



**Rev. Fr Mathew Kumblumoottil  
(2001-2007)**



**Rev. Fr John Ferreira  
(2007-2013)**



**Rev. Fr. Dr. Paul Thannickal  
(2013-2019)**



**Rev. Fr Andrew Correia  
(2019-2023)**

# MANAGERS



**Rev. Fr. Stephen Kolandaiswamy**  
**(1999-2007)**



**Rev Fr. Thomas K.K.**  
**(2008-2012)**



**Rev. Fr. Bhaskar Jesuraj**  
**(2013-2019)**



**Rev. Fr Dr. Paul Thannickal**  
**(2019-2020)**



**Rev. Fr. George Paul**  
**(2020- 2021)**



**Rev. Fr. Ignatius Miranda**  
**(2021 - )**

# VICE-PRINCIPALS



**Rev. Fr. Thomas**  
**Paramundayil**



**Msgr. K. C. Thomas**  
**(1970 - 1971)**



**Rev. Fr. Jose Maliekal**  
**(1978-1982)**



**Rev. Fr. George Paul**  
**(1981-1983 Asst. V.P.)**



**Rev. Fr. Sebastian Panthaladi (1982-1983)**



**Most. Rev. Dr. Raphy Manjaly (1987 - 1988)**



**Most. Rev. Joseph Thykkattil (1988 - 1990)**



**Rev. Fr. Simon Lopez (1990 - 1997)**



**Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia (1997 - 2000)**



**Rev. Fr. Paul Mathew (2002 - 2005)**



**Fr. Dr. Robert Varghese (2005 - 2008)**



**Rev. Fr. Roy Dolphus (2008 - 2009)**



**Rev. Fr. Prakash D' Souza (2009 - 2012)**



**Rev. Fr. John Roshan Pereira (2012 - 2014)**



**Rev. Fr. Francis D' Souza (2014 - 2016)**



**Rev. Fr. Praveen D' Costa (2016 - 2018)**



**Rev. Fr. Lawrence V. Raja (2018 - 2020)**



**Rev. Fr. Santeesh N Antony (2020 - 2022)**



**Rev. Fr. Shajun S (2022 - )**

# HEADMISTRESSES



**Rev. Sr. Ann Joseph**  
(1984 - 1987)



**Rev. Sr. Hugo**  
(1987 -1989)



**Rev. Sr. Daisy Mathew**  
(1989 -1995)



**Rev. Sr. Albert Maria**  
(1995 - 1998)



**Rev. Sr. Flossy**  
(1998 - 2001)



**Rev. Sr. Peter**  
(2001 - 2007)



**Rev. Sr. Barsen**  
(2007 - 2010)



**Rev. Sr. Bridget Mary**  
(2010 - 2015)



**Rev. Sr. Daisy Maria**  
(2015 - 2021)



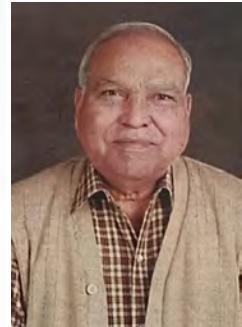
**Rev. Sr. Thereslit**  
(2021- )

# St Peter's College, Agra

## 175 Years in the Service of Education

Dr Neville Smith

St Peter's College, Agra completed 175 years of service to education in October 2021 and we are in the midst of the Post Centenary Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. But going by the old records of the school, the year of inception was 1845 and this was the year mentioned in the Prospectus of St Peter's College as late as 1904. The Prospectus for the year announces on the front page: Peter's College, Agra, 1845-1904 with the next line stating Affiliated to the Culcutta and Allahabad Universities. This again is followed by the names of the Rector, Fr. Christopher and Vice-Rector Fr. H Norman, who incidentally was also a product of St Peter's. Earlier records give 1845 as the date of the coming into being of St Peter's School and 1846 the date of the inception of St Paul's School for orphans.



How the date 1845 was done away with and when, and the later date of 1846 put in instead is not known. The date boldly written on top of the building is 1846. Who did it and when, is not mentioned in the records available to us.

Fr Hyacinth, the great historian, antiquarian, chronicler and scholar, who discovered the grave of Geronimo Veroneo the Italian lapidary once claimed to be the architect of the Taj Mahal, and also deciphered the gravestones in the Martyrs Cemetery in Agra, writing out the Armenian inscriptions in English has written a fairly detailed note on the early history of St Peter's College on which I shall draw heavily while talking about the initial years of St Peter's. Fr Hyacinth was in a good position to write about the College: he was the Parish Priest as far back as 1905 and his "Notes on the Cathedral" are a valuable document. Later he became the School Rector in the 1920's, when my father, Thomas Smith, was a student of St. Peter's and after a gap he was again Rector of St Peter's in the early 1940's when I joined the school in the kindergarten class. With his key position in the archdiocese, the parish and St Peter's College and his reputation as a trained historian with a sure sense of history, he was the man who could clear the confusion about the exact date of the founding of St Peter's School, which later went on to become a college. But he did not give the clarification and all of us should accept the date 1846, whenever and on what basis written on the top of the building.

That settled, let us go to the beginnings. Fr Hyacinth states in his note on St Peter's that a school was opened in Sardhana in 1841 by Fr John Mary diBioni; but the name of the school is not mentioned. Also in 1841 through the initiative of the newly appointed Vicar Apostolic of Agra Monsignor Joseph Anthony Borghi a school named St Peter's was started in Jumna Bagh, formerly the property of Prince Dara Shikoh, eldest son of Shah Jahan, but now owned by Colonel Jean Baptiste (John Baptist) Filose, Colonel and Sirdar in the service of the Maharaja of Scindia at Gwalior. The Bagh was on an elevation of 100 feet and faced the Jamuna river. But it was soon found that the place was not enough for a boarding house that was needed for the boys. A site was selected for the hostel behind Akbar's Church on an undulated tract of land. Money was needed for the new building and once again Col Filose came forward with a grant of Rs one lakh, which converted into today's value would come to over Rs 50 crore.

It took a little more than a year for the building to be completed, the foundation stone having been laid in 1846 by Major O'Corman of the East Indian Company's service. Boys from the schools at Sardhana and Agra were transferred to the new building and kept in separate sections, writes Fr

Hyacinth, the Sardhana boys in the northern part and the St Peter's boys in the southern. The Sardhana school was called St Paul's School and the Jamuna Bagh one St Peter's, the former being an orphanage and the latter a paid boarding school. The two schools kept their identities and accounts separate till 1910 or so when they merged into one with the common name of St Peter's College.

Both St Peter's and St. Paul's were meant to be residential schools for European and Anglo-Indian boys. There were very few day-scholars, as the figure I shall give later will show. There were hardly any Indians, for whom St Jerome's school was meant. This school was located where the old gate of St Francis School at Ghatia used to be, on the main Ghatia- Wazirpura road.

Before I go further with the story of St Peter's, I must mention here how because of circumstances and the needs of a changing society, the very character of the school underwent a complete overhaul, with this once basically boarding school becoming a day school in the 1980's during the Principalship of Fr. Sebastian Panthaldi, who discontinued the boarding house, it was regarded as a dead weight on the school and an obstruction to its movement forward.

To go back to the story of the school and its development, a disaster had to be faced when just a decade of its existence had been completed by the school. This came in the form of the attack on Christian institution by the mutineers of 1857, later called the revolutionaries of the First War of Independence. Apprehending the attack, the staff, students the clergy of the Cathedral and Akbar's Church and also the Christians of the locality were shifted to the Agra Fort, where they remained till conditions became normal in December 1857.

When they returned, they found ruin and destruction all around. Contemporary records state that "the whole of the Mission buildings were either a wreck or a howling waste. Not only was every article of furniture broken up, burnt or stolen, but everything about the buildings was utterly wrecked. Not a foot of wood, not an ounce of iron was left in any of the buildings". So records the Agra Weekly Register of May 3, 1862. During the stay in Agra Fort, the Rector of St Peter's Rev. Fr. Caesar Gastani had died.

The work of reconstruction was carried out with great energy and patience and the school was once again put in place and efforts were made to get better qualified teachers for better quality education. This was done during the Rectorship of Fr Symphorian lasting for a full 20 years (1863 to 1882). It was during this time that the School was raised to the status of a college, which was affiliated to Calcutta University and later to Allahabad University. The school had taken such great strides in the quality of its teaching that the Report for the year 1870 given by the Inspector of European Schools stated:

"I consider that this Institution will bear no unfavourable comparison with the best institutions of a similar kind in England and on the Continent."

This is high praise, earned by the school within 25 years of its coming into being. What is more, St Peter's has kept itself in the forefront of school education for exactly 150 years more after that praise for the quality of its education in 1870. This is no mean achievement and the credit for it goes to its managerial set up, the dedication of its teachers and the general ambience that is conducive to the rearing up and teaching of the younger generation. There is a hallmark about the products of this institution that sets them apart from products of other institutions. Exceptions apart, they distinguish themselves in the fields that they have chosen for themselves and a rare camaraderie exists among them. To speak for myself, I get VIP treatment from an exPeterite or do you call them Peterian occupying an important chair the moment he comes to know that I was in St Peter's a good half century before him. I do not have any statistics with me, but I suppose St Peter's will today rank among the best 20 or even one dozen schools in the country.

I should like to go back to the origins of the maintenance of this standard of education in St

Peter's. The prospectus for the year 1904 states that the College "prepares pupils for the engineering and upper subordinate departments of the Thomson Civil Engineering College, Roorkee, for the Accounts Branch, for the survey, the subordinate department and the high standard introduced by the Code. It teaches up to the First Arts" Examination of Calcutta and Allahabad Universities.

That the school was doing well in getting its aim is borne out by the report of the Inspector of schools when Fr. W Smith was Vice-Rector and the Report for the year 1906 says that despite the difficulty of getting good teachers our staff was well reported by Mr J Murray, Inspector of European Schools, who wrote: "The work of the school on the whole is good. The higher masters are excellent, two of them being members of a religious order with very special qualifications, and the lower masters are as good as the salaries which will be offered will secure".

At another point it is noted in the old reports that education in St Peter's was "almost a certain passport to the Roorkee College of Engineering, the opium, salt, the Secretariat and other Government departments." This was said about the school in the 1870's.

The school held a high position among the leading European schools and colleges in India. It was often visited by Viceroys, Lieutenant Governors and other illustrious persons like the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Duke of Edinburgh, Lord Napier of Magdala, Prince Torlania and of course the Prince of Wales, besides Apostolic delegates, bishops and others. Many more VIP's have visited it and paid tribute to its work since then. In my own time, the great scholar-politician K M Munshi, visited the School and Akbar's Church, when he was Governor of U.P. in 1954. During the last two decades or so a number of leading sports personalities have been chief guests at the Annual Sportsmeet of the College.

Many of the alumni of the College occupy and have occupied positions of honour. I do not know if the College website has succeeded in tracing them and making a list of them for the greater glory of the Institution. This responsibility of contacting the leading lights of the Institutions spread across the world and occupying high positions or have occupied them in the past devolves on the Old Boys' Association also, and also, I would say on the old students themselves in telling their alma mater about their achievements for which their old school has also played a major role. I know that the Internet and WhatsApp and things of that sort can help much.

The 'Old Boys' Association', too, has done precious little to trace, track and contact old students, specially those who have brought glory to themselves and to their Alma Mater. However, on the basis of personal contact and knowledge and scrutiny and searching of old records that I could lay hands on, some information on the alumni has been gathered and is being presented in the chapter entitled: 'Some products of St Peter's'.

At this juncture, I shall only state that over the long period of 175 years St Peter's has given to the country and to other parts of the world several hundred professionals and experts in various fields of endeavour, beginning with surveyors, civil engineers, military doctors, administrators and during the last seventy years or so, doctors, technocrats, top bureaucrats, military personnel of the highest rank, senior police officers, business executives in multi-national corporations, college professors, bank officers, chartered accountants, business entrepreneurs, artists, writers and journalists, priests of the Church, school teachers and many other categories of workers all of whom bear the trade mark of their caring mother institution that, besides the three R's instilled in them values that have stood by them and helped them to tackle problems and overcome difficulties with the never-say-die attitude and spirit.

While talking about St Peter's I would like to take up two or three other points. One is the confusion caused by the use of the word 'college' by some foreign travellers during the reigns of Jahangir downwards. Bernier, who stayed at the court of Aurangzeb as a physician from 1659 to 1665

and who has left detailed accounts of Agra as a city and life in the Mughal court, says in one of his writings: "In Agra, the Rev Fathers, the Jesuits, have a church and a college wherein privately they teach the children of some 25 to 30 families that have gathered and settled there by the charity of the Fathers, the Christain doctrine."

Fr. Hyacinth clarifies that by a college, the Jesuits meant their headquarters in a particular city or place, around which some houses of christians came up. The 'college' that Bernier refers to must have been a small school. This 'college' should not be connected with St Peter's or regarded in any way a kind of predecessor of it, he asserts.

### **Numbers of students in the College**

The numbers of students in the early years was quite high, as seen from the list of scholars given for the year 1883 details of which I possess. In the year the numbers of boarders was 72 and that of day-scholars was 51, making a total of 123. There were no Muslims or Hindus and also no Indian Christians among the boarders, while among the day- scholars there were six Hindus and five Muslims. In St Paul's school the number of students was 95 in 1906. In the year 1906 there were just 50 boarders and 25 day-scholars (one each Hindu and Muslim) in St Peter's, while in St Paul's school there were 95 students all categorised as orphans and boarders. The fall in students strength in St Peter's College between 1883 and 1906 was attributed to the opening of good residential schools in the hills, which took away many prospective boarders to those schools.

I should now place the student strength in 1946, when I joined the school in the kindergarten class against the 1883 figure. It was 229, just a marginal increase of 6 students over a total strength of 223 for St Peter's College and St Paul's school in the Year 1883 mentioned in his annual report by the Rector, Fr. Genesius.

However, while there were just six Hindus and five Muslims students in 1883, there were 45 Hindu and 18 Muslims students in 1946, the remaining 166 being Christians and of them apart from a dozen or so Indian Christians passing off as Anglo-Indians.

In 2021 out of a total student strength of 3659/90 are Christians ( Catholics and protestants combined), 263 Muslims and the rest Hindus. Among them the majority are from the well-to-do classes, businessmen and professionals. There are a few Sikhs and Jains also.

As in the Past, admission to St Peter's College is regarded as a lottery won that would open countless avenues for the young pupil if he completes his education in the School. Gone are the days when students used to fail in their final year examinations. In 1953 when my eldest brother L E Smith appeared for the Senior Cambridge Examination there were just four students, all Christians, two passed, both in the third division and the other two failed. In 1956, 12 appeared, out of which three got the first division, four the second, two the third and three failed. Of the 12 six were Christians, four of them Anglo-Indians (of whom just one passed), four Hindus (a Bengali, a Tamilian, a Punjabi and one a local Vaisya), the 12 representing a fair cross-section of the Indian population. Today I suppose over one hundred appear at the ISC and around 300 at the ICSE Exam. Hardly anyone fails, nearly everyone gets a first division a good percentage getting 90 plus marks. What does this show? No comments.

Finally, I would like to talk about the staff of St Peter's specially the teaching staff. I shall begin by reproducing a portion of the Prospectus for the year 1904 that I was able to secure . It reads thus:

St Peter's College, Agra  
1845-1904

Affiliated to the Calcutta and Allahabad Universities

**Rector:** Rev Fr Christopher OC, Vice-Rector Rev Fr. H Norman DDFAU

### Staff of professors

Rev Fr. H Norman: prefect of studies. Prof of English, Latin and Logic

Rev Fr. W Smith Prof of English and History

B Paul Esqr: Headmaster, Prof of mathematics and English classics

### Assistant Masters

Bro Anthony, Bro Stanislaus, Mr L O'Brien, Mr T O'Brien; Mr P Dolphen; Mr B K Macdonald. Munshi

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**Infirmary** Bro Michael. Disciplinarians: Bros Francis, Anthony & Stanislaus

**Band Master:** Mr P Dolphen; Matron Mrs. C Setton

**Medical Officer:** Capt. T Birdwood, Civil Surgeon

It appears to be a skeleton staff for as many as 223 students but they seem to have done their jobs well, many of them filling two posts at the same time. Incidentally, the civil surgeon continued to be the medical officer during my time 1946-1956 too and beyond.

It has to be noted that D Paul served the College for a full 40 years, longer than any other teacher has served the institution, since its inception. The only other employee who beat him was Pascal Pyare (I wonder if the second name Pyare' was added as a joke by the students), who came to the school as a poor orphan and became compounder at the Infirmary, speaking a strange kind of pidgin English and also an unusual Hindi. He must have worked for over 60 years, I presume. In his last years he became a kind of personal attendant to Mother Mary of Jesus, the 'singing mother', who made him do penance or say prayers with her all day long.

**Great teachers:** St Peter's has had some great teachers, some of whom I had the privilege of knowing and being taught by. One of these was A E Finnimore, who was a teacher from 1911 to 1946, acting as Headmaster for brief periods. He had taught my father and my uncles and after his retirement in 1946 came back to do honorary work as a teacher. He taught us English in Std IV in 1951. Quite plumpish physically, he would lower his reading glasses to have a look at how the boys were behaving. If he found a particular boy inattentive, he would pick up the wooden blackboard duster kept on his table and aim it at the front plank of that boy's desk. The duster would hit its target with a bang, startling all the boys, the boy targeted most of all. He developed a particular liking towards me, as I was the hard-working, obedient sort and also because I was his old student's son.

I cannot resist the temptation of telling my reader today his advice on how to read a book. He told us that a book should be read so thoroughly that a clear picture of what you were reading should emerge in your mind. In this connexion he told us the story of a man who was talking to another who had come from London. He asked the Londoner if the shop at the south-east corner of Grub Street was still selling these particular items and if the birds around Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square were still gathering there, and many similar references to places in the city. The Londoner replied to the questions, but asked the questioner when did he last visit London. He got a shock when the questioner told him that he had never been to London or any other part of England: he had only read about the country and its cities.

**E S Merriman:** Ernest Sydney Merriman was perhaps the greatest headmaster of the school after B Paul. He joined in 1928, the last year of my father in school and retired in 1956 along with our Senior Cambridge batch with a farewell given by us students, who were joined by a five boy batch from St George's and a four-girl batch af from St Patrick's, making a total of 21 students from entire Agra to appear for the Senior Cambridge Examination of 1956.

Mr Merriman was a strict disciplinarian, who used the cane liberally. He would take a round of the classrooms around 11 AM and if he found any student standing outside the classroom as a punishment, would direct the boy to go and stand in front of his office. The erring child would know

what to expect- caning for his misdemeanour. The familiar, shrill voice of the Headmaster telling the student to bend down, touch his toes. Then would follow the three or more 'cuts' as the hits of the cane were called.

He taught us mathematics in Std X, which was the final year in the school. His method was to call up boys to the blackboard and ask them to do the sum or mathematical problem that he would announce on the blackboard. If you failed to do the sum, he would say in a sarcastic tone: "Marvellous", followed by the familiar taunt to the boarders, who never paid attention to their studies. "Growing like vegetables; warming the seats".

**Charles Eastwood:** The strictest and most feared teacher was Charlie Eastwood, who taught us geography. There was absolute silence when he entered the classroom with his paraphernalia of maps, charts, pictures from magazines and a short 15-inches long cane tucked inside, the searching eyes of the boys seeing it nevertheless. For the first five minutes after his entry he would pin pictures of places he would talk about that day. He would then take us to a tour of the country he was taking up for study. A map of the country would be drawn freehand by him with his left hand first, for he was a southpaw. He would say: "We are now on a train from Kimberley to Johannesburg. We see heads of people popping out from the ground again and again. What could be happening there" He would look around for any takers for the question. If I raised my hand, he would say "Yes, Smith" I would say "Sir, they are miners working in the gold mines at Kimberley". A smile would appear on his face and he would say "Trice down", which was a contraction for "It is right. Sit down".

Mr Eastwood was in-charge of the annual sportsmeet and directed the formation of the pyramids, later copied by his successor teachers. He was also the football in-charge. Once a match was being played by the College team with a team from one of the Army regiments, many of the players of which were still Englishmen. St Peter's boys, too were strong and big, many of them in their twenties. Seeing the school players not playing well, Mr Eastwood standing on the sidelines, shouted at them: "Come on, you are not playing toy soldiers". The call from 'Easty' as Mr Eastwood was called for short, galvanised the team and it rallied to beat the Army team.

I could go on telling numerous stories and episodes of my time in St Peter's, as they are still so vivid after 70 years and so is the teaching, which was so good and effective that it has stuck to my mind so hard that it would never leave it- the English phonetics and pronunciation taught by Mr Galloway, the names and dates in history told by Mr Cornelius; the mathematical formulae taught by Mr Geyer or earlier the smartness in behaviour and tidiness in dress taught by Miss Griselda D'Souza

To take the story about the teachers to its logical end, Mr. Finnimore, after retirement, went away to Sukkur (Sind) in Pakistan to live with his sister and other relatives. Mr Merriman settled in New Delhi with his wife Gladys in his younger daughter Colleen's home (She was running a school named Tiny Tots in Friends Colony, Delhi). We three brothers Maxie, Ronald and me when we gathered in Delhi in 1962 paid a visit to the Merriman's and who met with great love and hospitality; the feared Headmaster was all cheerfulness and kindness, as he got up to make shandy for us and serve it himself.

We visited Mr Eastwood, too. He had left Deolali, got married and settled down in Delhi. He was happy to meet us and casting his reserved nature, served tea and biscuits, we wondering if we had outgrown our studenthood to be treated as on equal terms. Relationships do change!

Before I end, I repeat a suggestion I made at the time of the Sesquicentenary celebrations. I had said it was high time that St Peter's developed a second campus by buying land on the outskirts of Agra near the Avas Vikas Colony, where it was selling at Rs 800 a sq yd for schools. My suggestion was turned down by the President of the Managing Committee on the ground that Agra had enough schools and it was the rural areas that we should go to. But other school-owners were wiser: they bought huge chunks of land, coming to Agra from as far as Kanpur to set up units of their school here.

# Teachers of Yesteryears



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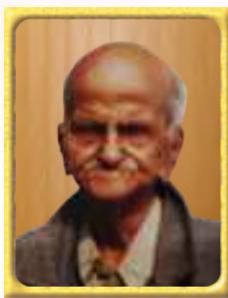
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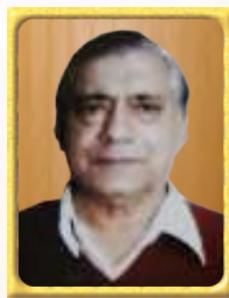
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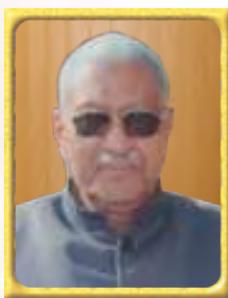
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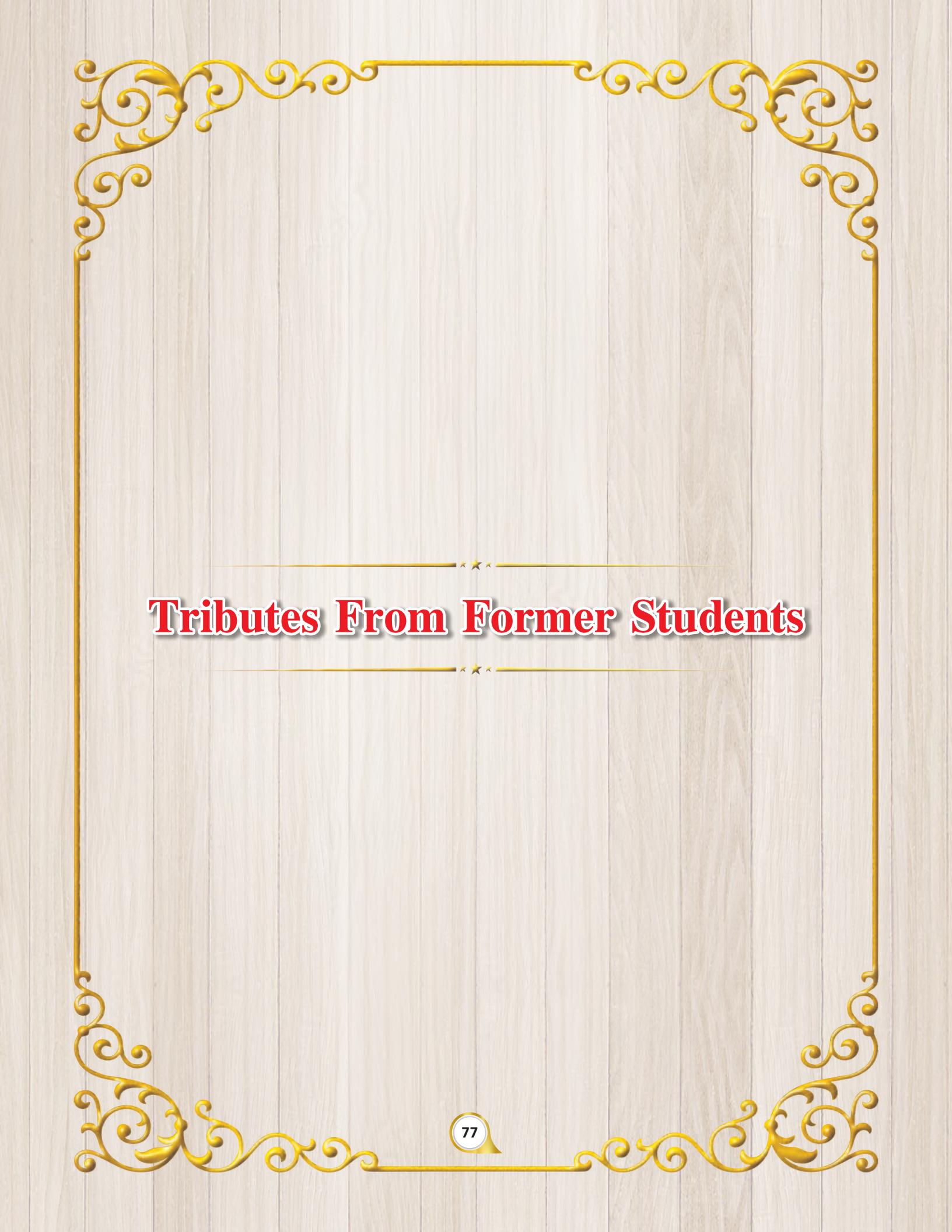
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## Tributes From Former Students

# Editors' Note



These tributes from former students, along with information on themselves has been listed according to their seniority as students of the School. Thus, one who studied earlier or passed out earlier would be regarded as senior to the one who joined or passed out later. Their achievements in later life, though bringing glory to themselves as well as to their Alma Mater, will not affect this listing, in the same way as the rise in position or affluence of a member of a family will not affect his ranking in the family hierarchy.



In order to help students to concentrate their minds on a few basic points, we issued the following questionnaire: Friend, Please Whatsapp info about yourself, along with a passport-sized photograph of yourself, in a printable format to me on M No 8220783558 under the following heads:

1. Full name and Mobile No.
2. Years in St Peter's and last class attended/passed.
3. What you gained from the School that influenced your later life
4. Your present or past works and the positions you occupied.
5. Your classmates or school friends and their whereabouts and Mobile numbers.
6. What you think of St Peter's as you look back?

Not many students responded to the questionnaire on the lines we needed. Most gave a detailed biodata of their progress in their professional or business careers. Some were too brief, with one-line responses to the questions. Quite a few waxed eloquent on their days in St Peter's, saying they enjoyed every moment of their stay there and even regretting that the clock of time moved only in one direction, forward. Were it to move backward, too, they would have loved to enjoy everything all over again.

We are presenting the responses, of course after a bit of editing, though there were some responses that were so well written that they did not require any changes.

Students of Standards IX to XII are advised to read these responses, which will tell them about the careers their predecessor students had chosen and in which they rose high. They will find that some of the brighter students were able to get into the civil services, the Armed Forces, engineering, and the medical profession, while some others chose the legal profession, the banking sector, teaching (university, college, or school), business entrepreneurship, the merchant navy, journalism or the electronic media and other openings in the commercial sector, like financial services like chartered accountancy. From what the former students did, they will be able to get some kind of guidance while thinking about their careers after school. We are grateful to all alumni for their cooperation, specially to those who have risen high in their professions and are still very busy.

In the task of contacting the old students and persuading some of them to respond to our queries, we were greatly helped by Mr. Om Seth, the affable President of the Old Boys' Association, SPC, Agra, all through the three months we were at the job with determination and perseverance.

**Dr. N R Smith**

Student 1946-1956 - Editor

**Dr. A P Antony**

Teacher 1989-2021 - Co-editor

## Rajendra Singh (1937-1938)

Kr Rajendra Singh of Dhirpura is the oldest living old student of St Peter's College known to the Editor. He is in his 100th year, having been born on June 6, 1923, though his grandson, Dhananjay Singh, claims that he is 103; but that is not correct, as the family of the Editor has known the family of Rajendra Singh or 'Raja' as he is popularly known, for about 100 years and he gave the date of June 6, 1923 to the Editor during an interview to him some years ago. In fact, 'Raja' lived in the same locality of Ghatia Azam Khan-Mandi Sayeed Khan as the Editor. He lived in the bungalow now occupied by the owners of Chawla Nursing Home. It was bought from an Anglo-Indian widow by the granduncle (Nana) of Dr. Pradeep Chawla, who incidentally was the architect and contractor of the 1963 block of St Peter's.



Rajendra Singh joined as a boarder in January 1937 and continued as such till the end of 1938. He was one of 12 Indian boys who had been admitted to the hostel. Also with him were two Parsi boys from Gwalior named Adivan, Akhtar, and Aqil Khan from Bharatpur, Mustapha Khan from Fatehgarh, and Rajendra Singh, scion of the Nimrana State of MP. The day-scholars with him were Farooqurrahman Khan, son of Nawab Md Faiyaz Khan, also an old student of St Peter's, and the two brothers of Kr Ashraf Ali Khan, Nawab of Sadabad, who had also been a student of St Peter's and was elected as MLA several times.

Raja, who is a little hard of hearing now, recalls how the School Band led the boarders to the Cathedral and back.

Though handicapped by a broken hip and bone, he walks with crutches, but once he gets to the steering wheels of a car he is the master of the vehicle of whatever make, having handled and driven all kinds of cars. A vintage 1928 Baby Austen car is still kept in his Agra house as a showpiece.

Like the English poet Pope who wrote about himself "I lisped in numbers and the numbers came", meaning thereby that even in his baby talk he spoke poetry. 'Raja' began driving a car before he was ten years of age when his father, Rao Bijendra Singh, was asleep in the afternoon, he would quietly slip away to where his jeep was parked and starting the car, would drive it back and forth in the backyard of the house, till he learned to use the gears and gained the confidence to come on the road.

Even now he drives his Maruti 800 to Dhirpur and back and some six years ago took out the car to drive to the spot on NH2 where his elder son Pradeep, also a student of St Peter's had met with an accident in which he was badly injured and his wife Rekha had died on the spot. Recounting the incident, to the present Editor, he was wild with anger at the way Pradeep had driven the vehicle at over 160 Kmph, inviting trouble on himself and his family.

'Raja' has had to shift to his village mansion because his grandson could not look after their vast agricultural lands from Agra. He had to go back to his village after more than 90 years.

'Raja's family is highly connected. Major-General Yadunath Singh of the 1948 Kashmir War fame was his brother-in-law and former CJI Justice Anand his nephew-in-law.

He recalls that when he was a student of St Peter's, only the children of Rajas, big landlords, Nawabs, Seths, and other rich Indians could think of sending their children to the school.

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*Sadly, Mr Singh passed away in April 2023 at the age of 100.*

## Pratap Swami Mehra (1945-1947)

I joined St Peter's in January 1945, after my primary schooling in St Anthony's Day School. I was in St Peter's till December 1947, when I left to appear at the High School Examination in March 1948. My elder brother, Bishan Swami Mehra, was a class ahead of me in School and did his Senior Cambridge in 1949.

I have some very pleasant memories of St Peter's, which was a very different school from what it is now. The number of students was small but the teaching was good. My teachers were the Headmaster, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Eastwood, Mr. Cornelius, Mr. Reghelini, Mr. P L Sharma, the science teacher, and Mr. Zaman Khan, the Urdu teacher.



I can recall the names of some fellow students. One of my classmates was Prakash Bhateley, the second of the three Bhateley brothers. Their father had bought Rose Villa on Wazirpura Road from Mr. Reheghelini when he left the School and went away to Canada. Another classmate was Lalit Saxena, who later became a teacher at Agra College, like his father before him.

Today, the School presents a different look altogether. The buildings are many more and are well maintained, as also the playing fields which is covered with lush green grass. In my time there was a danger of hurting yourself while playing on the hard surface of the fields.



*Mr. Mehra is an active 88 today and regularly attends the Civil Courts, where he is the oldest practising lawyer. He belongs to a family of lawyers who lived in the Sheetla Gali locality of the city, where many other lawyer families lived. He now resides in the Agra Cantonments. Ed.*

## A Grand Institution

### Lazarus Smith (1941-1953)

I was just five years of age when I was admitted into St Peter's College, Agra in January 1941. I began my educational journey in Kindergarten. One of my uncles or my aunt Natalia escorted me to School. It was quite a pleasant walk through the Church Compound, past the small Akbar's Church, the Cathedral, and the Grotto.

I still remember some of the pictures that adorned the walls of the 'Infants' Classroom. One that stood out illustrated the poem 'Hey Diddle-Diddle' and showed a cow jumping over the moon. Soon I was in Std I and the classroom was right next to the Headmaster, Mr. Merriman's Office. I remember our teacher conferring with the Headmaster quite often.



It did not seem too long before I found myself in Standard II. I really enjoyed the next couple of years. I fondly recall the teacher taking us across to the beautiful garden adjacent to the swimming pool. It was a delight walking among the plants and flowers and learning about them in our practical 'Nature Study' class. However, the happy days came to an end too soon, as I moved into higher grades and serious studies.

Our teachers were mostly Anglo-Indians and a few Indians. I still remember the names of

nearly all the teachers. In the lowest classes, I was taught by Miss Rozario, nicknamed 'Bumble-bee' by the Boarders because of her rotund body, Miss Babsy Merriman, the elder daughter of the Headmaster, Miss Griselda D'Souza, who was a teacher in my father's time, too. From Standard IV upwards men teachers took over. I was taught by Mr. Geyer, Mr. Cornelius, the history teacher, and Mr. Eastwood, the geography teacher Mr. Galloway, the PT and phonetics teacher; Mr. Sharma, the science teacher, and Mr. Reghelini, who went away to Canada soon after Independence, and the Headmaster himself, who taught us mathematics in the highest classes.

Urdu was the second language then and fat Mr. Zaman Khan was our Urdu teacher. He was replaced by Mr. Agarwal when the teaching of Hindi began in 1948 in place of Urdu.

The classes were very small and few Anglo-Indian students, who formed the bulk of the student strength, studied up to the Senior Cambridge Class. Many dropped out on the way and got employed in the Posts and Telegraphs Department or in the Railways. In my Senior Cambridge batch of 1953, there were just four of us. Of these only two passed-Joseph Shunker and me. On the request of Mr. Merriman, Shunker lived with our family after his S C as a sort of paying guest, as he had started working in the Power House. Later he did his teacher's training and became a teacher in St Joseph's School, Allahabad.

Among my friends and classmates were Gerald Caleb, Virmani (whose house I often visited), Godwin Aranha, Willian Holley, Satish Bhateley, Sidney Bellety, Joseph Tobias, son of the Managers of the Orphan Press, and my cousin, Julian Francis, all now no more.

I also remember, that only from Std I upwards the classes were held in the main building, and the three lowest classes, namely 'Babies', 'Infants', and KG were held in the building above the Cycle Room. In one of the rooms, Mr. Galloway had his residence. I was told that later this building was used for a seminary, which was later shifted and the building reverted for use for the nursery classes, which were now held in the newly opened St Felix School.

St Peter's is ideally located, a fair distance from the Cathedral. On two sides it is hemmed in by an extensive public park, hence free from all noise and commotion. In my time, the School building housed the classrooms on the ground floor and the boarder's dormitories on the first floor. Some of the teaching staff, including the Headmaster, lived on the premises.

I recall that when we were preparing for our Senior Cambridge Examinations, which were held after the rest of the School closed for the Christmas holidays, we day scholars would go to the School for study. Often, Mrs. and Mr. Merriman would come along for their after-dinner walk and bring us some snacks. This was another caring side of the Headmaster that we were privileged to experience.

It is, indeed, good to know that our old school is flourishing and is so very popular. May it continue to be so for generations to come.



*Keen to become an officer in the Defence Forces, which he couldn't, Mr. L E Smith became a teacher after doing his BEd from St Xavier's College Bombay. He served in St Xavier's School, Jaipur, then in St Joseph's, Barlowgunj, Mussoorie, where he met his future wife, Ann Ward, and then in St Xavier's School, Delhi, which had come up in the former Cecil Hotel on Ludlow Castle Road (now Raj Niwas Marg) Delhi. He migrated to Australia in 1970 and became a school teacher there, too. Now nearing 87 he lives with his wife, five children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Ed.*

# An Ode to St. Peter's

Biren Tandan (1947-1954)

*For 175 years you've stood.  
Moulding tender minds  
Through times bad and good*

*With silent majesty inspire  
To learn and love  
Do good, be kind, aim higher.*



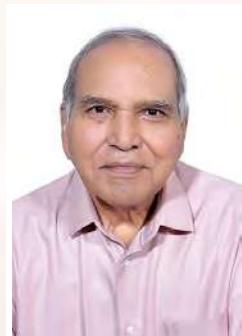
*Nurtured by you we've spread  
Throughout the globe  
With bold pride and raised head*

*We pray that forever you shine  
And heap upon us  
Your eternal blessings Petrine*

# St. Peter's: a Reverie

Neville Smith (1946-1956)

I was in St Peter's for 11 years (1946-1956) from kindergarten to Standard 10, when I appeared for the School Leaving Examination of Cambridge University, commonly called Senior Cambridge. Twelve of us appeared for the Examination, of whom three got a first grade, four a second, two a third and three failed. I became apprehensive about my performance after mixing up the practical part of the geography paper and had to be content with a high second, which was my performance in all the successive public examinations- Intermediate to MA, though I figured in the merit list in all. Those were not the days of 99 percenters and students could top the university in a subject like English with as low as 53%.



To come back to St Peter's, my home was just about a kilometre away from the School and we three brothers walked to the School, rushed home for a quick lunch during the Interval, and rushed back to resume classes.

I still remember the names of the boys who were with me in KG, which was over 76 years ago. I remember Gavin Bailey small, lean, and dark, with a sleepy face and eyes, giving the impression that they were never washed. There was Ralph Wadley, fair with an oval face, who was hungry all the time, as all Boarders then were. There was Sushil Agarwal, son of Dr. B P Agarwal, living in the premises of Agarwal Iron Works in Old Vijayanagar Colony, just across the road from Mufid-i-Am Intermediate

College. He invited us classmates to his birthday celebrations and often came to my house. He talked in the local lingo: "Abe Taine ye question kaise kiya hai ?" My mother was happy to see him whenever he came. Then there were the two Padmanabhan brothers from Madras, whose name was quite a mouthful for me then. There was also Montu Tobias, son of the Manager of the Orphan Press, who went away to his hometown of Calcutta and changed his name from Lawrence Tobias to Bimal Bindu Biswas, fearing attacks on Christians after the British left India.

Being a physically weak child, I could not take part in robust sports like swimming, boxing, and football and did not go even for sports, fearing bigger-made boys, who turned bullies.

In the rainy season, we played in the water that collected in the field opposite St Felix School, which was begun in the bungalow of the Headmaster, which was later demolished to provide space for the new building of the school. While going back home we went into the thickets outside the Cathedral and threw the thorny end of stems of grass (that grew to four feet or more in height) on each other. These cone-like outgrowths, when thrown at somebody would stick to the victim's clothes or even neck, causing much discomfort to him.

Homework in mathematics was quite heavy in Standards V and VI. In algebra, we were asked to do 48 questions on quadratic equations given on one page in the textbook by Hall and Knight and 64 questions on the next page, the following day. Unable to complete the questions in the night, I would get up early in the morning to complete the work and after a quick breakfast race to school, to be on time. Reaching the classroom, I would find Daya Kishore Hazra waiting for me to find out how I had tackled a certain question in algebra. Small and bespectacled (I think he started using glasses from the beginning of his studies), he would grab my maths exercise book and quickly turn the pages to stop at the particular question he wanted to see. Being a perfectionist, he wanted to know how another boy had solved a question, which he had missed out on.

I was quite okay in maths and often 'maxed' my papers in arithmetic and algebra getting 100% in them. I learnt the term maxed, meaning getting the maximum marks, from my eldest brother, who was good in maths and drawing but weak in other subjects.

I could go on since the mind is full of memories when one recalls one's childhood and schooldays. All my childhood friends are now in the 'other' world, except Hazra (the name he went by in school), who continues to stand by me to give me moral support and guides me in many personal matters, including health.

I have a story to tell with regard to my KG classmate Gavin Bailey. I think it was in 1970 that I was giving a lecture on the Scottish Chaucerians to my MA (English literature) class, which consisted of nearly 60 students from all over India, mostly from the southern parts of the country. When I came to the name of Gavin Douglas, a poet, I suddenly stopped, as my mind went back more than 24 years to visualize the face of Gavin Bailey. There was whispering among the students in the back rows and I sort of heard the remark: "Sir, bhool gaye hain". I guessed what the matter was and told the students why I had stopped. Recollecting myself, I continued with my lecture.

Then there was the story of 'phunsiwala', the boarder who was troubled by 'phunsies (sores) all the year round and was nicknamed as such by his fellow borders. One day Rajendra Trivedi, the eldest of the three Trivedi brothers, big made but chicken-hearted, came to his younger brother Surendra, my friend and classmate, complaining how 'phunsiwala' had teased and bullied him. Surendra, a little lame of the foot, immediately started towards the 'tuck' shop selling jaggery and stickjaws, etc, the usual haunt of 'phunsiwala', during the interval. Catching the boy by the collar,

Surendra shook him violently and warned him not to tease his brother in the future. For the record, both Rajendra and Surendra became lecturers in physics in Agra College, while the youngest, Ashok, got into the IAS and before retiring was commissioner of Agra Division.

Such stories every old boy has aplenty to narrate.

What St Peter's provided me and other was sound school education, which has stood the test of time. Everything was so grilled into us that it has stuck on, with the result that I still know my history and geography and maths and even my nursery rhymes and songs, which I suddenly burst into singing of a morning, much to the amusement of earlier my wife and two daughters and now my lone daughter and her five-plus daughter, Aanya Raeena Mackelvy, who has learnt to speak English with a strong American accent on her own from her 'Diana' mobile, not knowing that the housemaid and many others, including me, cannot follow what she is saying.

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*After his Seniors, Dr. Neville Smith, did his Intermediate, BA, and MA from St John's College, Agra, before joining BR (RBS) College, Agra as Assistant Professor of English, retiring as Head of the Department in 2000. Apart from other professional work, he has edited a number of University colleges and other publications. Apart from teaching, he did journalism, his family profession for over 50 years (1958-2014). His book: 'Pages from the diary of a journalist' came out in March this year and is awaiting official release. Now 83, he lives with his daughter, an assistant professor at the Government Medical College at Saharanpur.*

## Palma Non Sine Pulvere: Memories of St Peter's College, Agra

**Daya Kishore Hazra (1950-1956)**

My first school, St Anthony's Day School, extended only upto Std IV and most boys would thereafter proceed to other schools; but my parents agreed with me that in order to imbibe the atmosphere of St Peter's, it would be better to move there earlier. I thus joined St Peter's in January 1950, with a double promotion to Std III.

We had a galaxy of teachers, led by Mr. E S Merriman, the Headmaster who also taught us mathematics, equipped with a large blackboard-size protractor and compasses. He was a brilliant teacher and on retirement, he settled down in Delhi, where his younger daughter had set up a school for young children.

Other teachers I fondly remember include Mr. B M Cornelius, who taught us English and history (both Indian and British), the latter regaled with choice anecdotes, which we would listen to spellbound, as he told us about Morton's Fork, the British Chancellor's ingenuous taxation of the rich and the poor. His phrase: "The magic of property turns sand into gold" still rings in my memory.

Mr. Padam Chand Agarwal, our Hindi teacher, whom we greeted with "Jai Hind, Shrimanji", imbued us with a strong Indian nationalism, and on the School stage I remember participating in verse rendering of the poetess Subhdra Kumari Chauhan's *Jhansi Ki Rani*: "Khoob ladi mardani, vah to Jhansi wali rani thi"!

Mr. Eastwood taught us geography with pictures from around the globe, while Mr. Galloway



taught us English recitation and phonetics. His resonant rendering of Campbell's poem *Hohenlinden* still resounds in my memory and hopefully, my diction, too.

Mr. Geyer, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Simon are other teachers enshrined in memory.

Our science teacher, Mr. P L Sharma, was brilliant with his science practicals, demonstrating the making of chlorine, the 'green gas', nitrogen-dioxide, the 'brown gas', nitric oxide, hydrogen, and oxygen, and the heat-induced conversion of potassium dichromate into a 'voluminous brown powder', to a spell-bound class. The students themselves determined specific gravity with individual RD (relative density) bottles and unknown chemicals for analysis! He imparted a lifelong love for science, and in particular for chemistry, which continued in St John's and S N Medical College, and helped direct me to research and nuclear medicine. Post-retirement from St Peter's, he started Agra Public School (the first venture of its kind in the city), which later developed into a chain of schools in the city and recall his memory.

The classes were small, the student strength often less than a dozen, and friendships blossomed. In particular, I count Neville Smith, who went on to Head the Department of English in R B S College and is a distinguished journalist and Agra historian. He came from a family of journalists and I remember visiting his father, Mr. Thomas Smith, a veteran journalist, and his elder brother, Ronald, later News Editor of the Statesman. Believe it or not, as early as Standard III, Neville and I would talk about George Bernard Shaw (GBS), days after his death in 1950.

St Peter's was an historical place, said to have legendary underground tunnels extending to the Agra Fort, and who knew, even to Delhi! But the teachers took care that we never explored them.

The School was an enclave in the strictly out of bounds Vijaynagar Colony and Hewett Paliwal Park area; but daring students would nip across and even visit John's Public Library during lunch breaks. But otherwise the discipline was excellent.

Occasionally, our School would turn out to greet the likes of the Russian First Secretary Nikita Khrushchev and President Bulganin on their State visit to Agra to see the Taj Mahal and other monuments. The girls of St Patrick's also lined the road and were taught to greet the visitors in Russian. During the outing, irreverent seniors would *sub-rosa* plunder sugarcanes en route.

Classmate Vishwanath Mani, son of Prof M S Mani, Head of the Department of Zoology and Entomology in St John's College, Agra and I were once deputed to show dignitaries from the Vatican around Agra. We first showed them the tomb of Itimad-ud-daulah across the river Jamuna and then the Taj Mahal, to their surprised admiration.

I was a Parlour Boarder in St Peter's, which meant I could share lunches with the teachers and the Fathers in the School Refectory.

St. Patrick's School of the Convent of Jesus and Mary was our sister institution and many of the St Peter's boys took every opportunity to visit events and fairs to meet their 'sisters'!

I began these reminiscences with the School motto: *Palma Non-Sine Pulvere* emphasizing the need for hard work to achieve laurels, and that is what St Peter's taught us and guides us even today. Because of this strong impression of St Peter's on me, my son, Suratwant Hazra did his schooling there before moving on to Los Angeles. Likewise, my sisters, Dr. Padmamalika and Dr. Ratnamalika did their schooling in St Patrick's before entering into their professions, Dr. Padma as Assistant Professor in St John's College, Agra, and Dr. Ratna as a specialist at Max Superspeciality Hospital in Saket New Delhi.

May the spirit of St Peter's continue to guide Agra and its citizens even more.

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*Dr Daya Kisore Hazra, who retired as Director-Professor and Head of the Department of Medicine, S N Medical College, Agra, and later earned a doctorate in medicine from London, is one of the finest products of St Peter's College, topping every examination he appeared at. The Editor of this*

*Souvenir has been witness to his career over the last 72 years. This is not the place to list his academic and professional achievements, which are numerous, though he keeps a low and humble profile. Dr. Hazra was awarded the Padma Shri in 2014 for his contribution to medical science. When he is in Agra he sees patients at Boston Clinic set up by his father, Dr. J N Hazra, himself a renowned physician. Ed.*

## A Nurturing Institution

### Ashok Soota (1952-1953)

I was in St Peter's College for a little over one year during the years 1952 and 1953. I did Std V and was in Std VI when I had to leave owing to my father's transfer.

I feel I discovered my academic capability when I was in Agra. This helped me to continue as a top student for most of my later education. This laid the foundation of my career ahead.

I am unable to recall the names of my classmates except that of Anant Trivedi whom I met several times during my later career.

As I look back, I think St Peter's had a nurturing environment during my time, and hope it has been retained. After leaving school, I did electrical engineering from the University of Roorkee, now IIT Roorkee and an MBA from the Asian Institute of Management, Philippines.

I am at present Executive Chairman of a company named Happiest Minds which is recognized as one of the pioneering companies in the Indian IT Industry. Happiest Minds was set up in 2020, Mind Tree was set up in 2007.

Happiest Minds Technologies Limited is a 'Born Digital- Born Agile' Mindful IT Company that uses leading-edge technologies to deliver solutions. A Great Place to Work-Certified company, Happiest Minds is in GPTW's Top 15 Best Workplaces in Health and Wellness, Top 25 Best Workplaces in India, Top 100 in Asia, Top 50 for Women and Top 25 in IT and IT/BPM.

I have been the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), a member of the Prime Minister's Task Force for IT, and was on the Advisory Council for the World Intellectual Property Organization, Geneva. I am a Fellow of INAE and CSI and on the Board of Governors of the Asian Institute of Management (AIM), Philippines. I am a recipient of multiple awards for IT Person of the Year (Dataquest and Elcina) and Lifetime Achievement (Financial Express, Dataquest, and Chiratae Ventures, earlier IDG).

In April 2022, I created Happiest Health, a knowledge enterprise focusing on health & wellness. Earlier in April 2021, I launched SKAN, India's first private sector, a non-profit organization exclusively dedicated to carrying out medical research on ageing, neurological disorders and gut-microbiome axis. I also established in 2011 Ashirvadam, a Trust for environmental projects and assistance to the needy.

I am co-author of the national bestseller "Entrepreneurship Simplified: From Idea to IPO". My hobbies include trekking, the outdoors, **yoga**, Taichi, meditation, and swimming.



*Though Mr. Soota does not remember the names of his classmates except one he has been reminded that two of his classmates Daya Kishore Hazra and Neville Smith are still around. It is an honor for St Peter's to have had some role in laying the foundation of this internationally known technocrat. Ed.*



## Anant Trivedi (1952-53)

I graduated in Chemical engineering and information technology from the UK and continued working there after graduation. I am a Chartered Engineer and a Member of the British Computer Society.

I worked in the UK first in the chemical industry and later in IT, and also served in finance and FMCG retailing sectors, and in consulting.

I came back to India in the 1970s with the view to be an entrepreneur, with a focus on export. I set up a mining operation on the UP/ MP border and developed products for export. An electrical ancillary was set up in Faridabad, catering to the fan industry. A leather fashion goods unit was set up in Delhi producing ladies' fashion items and accessories. However, homesickness for the UK and the challenges faced by an entrepreneur in India persuaded me to pack up and return to the familiar and predictable life in the UK.



Post-retirement I returned to India, this time with the clear objective being to give back something to the motherland. I have since been engaged in various social initiatives to help the country.

I am a founder member of the National Network For India Trust (NNFI) which focussed on promotion of good governance connecting likeminded to share their successes and failures and collaborate for the benefit of the community at large. NNFI had an outreach of about 20 lakh activists and social workers across the nation working on electoral reforms, police and administrative reforms it worked through lobbying and judicial intervention. NNFI was wound up during the pandemic.

I am a founder member of URJA (united residents' joint action), which represents more than 500 RWA of Delhi and takes up issues of local governance in Delhi-electricity, water, sanitation, demolitions, and sealings, etc.

I am a trustee of Maulik Bharat which works to uplift the underprivileged primarily in UP and Haryana. It helps by promoting access to education in the rural sector and advising farming groups to help improve productivity.

I am a driving force behind Build India Group ([www.buildindiagroup.in](http://www.buildindiagroup.in)) which works with the young to foster good citizenry for a healthy nation.

## St. Peter's and My Later Career

### Raj Kumar Caprihan (1949-1958)

I had the privilege of attending St. Peter's College from January 1949 to December 1958, right from KG to Senior Cambridge. The experience gave me an impeccable knowledge of English and a great grounding in science, which proved an asset in later years.

Following St Peter's, I did two years in St John's College, Agra, followed by a five year engineering program from IIT Kharagpur and graduated with Honours in electrical engineering. On the basis of my subsequent work in the field of engineering, I was bestowed the Distinguished Alumnus Award by IIT, Kharagpur



in 2020. In the Following year I was admitted as a Fellow of the Indian Management Association.

Besides the above, I am a former Associate Member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers, London AIMA and an Adviser on new projects for TVS Credit Services Ltd.

I started my career with Crompton Greaves as a sales trainee and soon made my way up as Regional Product Manager. I then moved on to Kelvinator India Ltd, where I rose to be Head of Exports. Then became General Manager and Head of Exports for Mahindra and Mahindra.

Love for Delhi brought me back there and I became VP (Marketing) for Kelvinator, which was taken over by Whirlpool.

Then I joined Samsung as its Deputy General Manager, following which I had a two year stint with the Indian subsidiary of Piaggio as its Director (Marketing).

On retirement, I launched Jaldi.com and also developed products for the nascent Telecom industry in India. Partnering with Bharti Teletech about 40 % of the fixed wireless phones and modems for Airtel were sourced by me.

In 2017 TVS asked me to start their consumer finance vertical in addition two-wheeler financing. Because of the success achieved therein as applicable to mobile phones Samsung insisted that they would be the only mobile company that TVS would finance. I continue to advise TVS.

During the last ten years, I have conducted major strategy and training programs for brands like Toshiba and Panasonic to improve their sales and distribution strategies.

In addition to the above, I am an active member of the IIT ecosystem, helping startups in their journey towards growth.



*Mr. Caprihan has preferred to concentrate on his success as an engineer and has not spoken much in his 10 years in St Peter's. Nevertheless he has brought glory to himself and to his alma mater. Incidentally, Mr. Caprihan has dropped his middle name, 'Kumar', and prefers to be called 'Raj Caprihan'. We have, however, retained his original name, because it is his full name that is entered in School records. Ed.*

## Arun Mehrotra (1950-1958)

I attended the College from 1950-58, Lower KG to Senior Cambridge. Profession: Marine Engineering. Current Status: Retired Settled down in Pune. St Peter's being called a College, I never really went to school.

My years in St Peter's are the most memorable. The teachers were so dedicated and approachable. In fact, I learnt badminton owing to the help and encouragement from Mr. Cornelius, who lived in the staff quarters and permitted me to play in his badminton court.

Although I remember the names of some of my classmates, unfortunately, I have no contact with any of them. The values and discipline taught at St Peter's have always stood me in good stead.



## Amarjeet Singh (1950-1958)

I was born on May 8, 1945, joined St Peter's College, Agra in 1950 in the Kindergarten class and studied up to Std VIII in 1958, when I left the School to do High School in 1960 with distinction in science and English, obtaining the First Division. Later, I joined S N Medical College to pursue a career in medicine.

I give below some of my achievements 1. MBBS Agra University 2. DMRD - Pune University 3. MD Radiodiagnosis Pune University. 4. Fellowship of Indian College of Radiology (FICR). 5. Fellow, Indian Doctors for Peace and Development (FIDPD). 6. Fellow, International Medical Science Academy (FIMSA). Fellow, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.



I am also a member of the Royal Society of North America, the European Society of Radiology, and nominated member of the International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) and also nominated Chairperson, South Eastern Region of IAUP.

I joined the Armed Forces in 1968 and had the privilege of doing active services in the 1971 Indo-Pak War in the Sylhet Sector (Bangladesh). I have been in the field of radiology from 1975 onwards as a life member and held positions of associate professor, professor and HOD of radiology at the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune for nearly 11 years. After 35 years of service in the Armed Forces in various professional and administrative positions, I took voluntary retirement in 2003 as Brigadier. Subsequently, I moved to Dr. D Y Patil Vidyapeeth (DPU) Pune, where I held the positions of Dean Pro Vice-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor. I am currently Principal Director and CEO Dr. DY Patil Medical College and Research Centre.

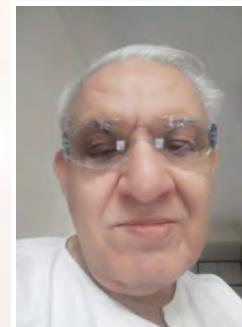
I have been teaching from 1977 onwards and have attended a number of international conferences. and have been honored with various awards, including the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Janaseva Foundation and awards for published articles.

## Suresh Nagrath (1955-1959)

The School gave me competence in English, discipline, communication skills, and liberal outlook to face life.

During our time it was regarded as the best school in the city. Headmasters like Mr. Merriman imparted discipline and depth of learning in the College, making my stay there a great learning experience.

After leaving school, I did my post graduation from St John's College, Agra. Worked in Agra and Delhi till 1980 before moving to Bombay. While in Agra served terms as President of the National Chamber of Industries and Commerce and Rotary Club of Agra, sponsored seminars for the Leslie Sawhney Programme for training in democracy.



Worked for a few years in the city of London. During the nineties I worked as a consultant in development and finance to the Government of Maharashtra. I continue to provide consultancy to the private sector.

As regards my private life, I got married to Meera Sharma in 1968 and have two sons, Gaurav and Gautam- while Gaurav is a DSc in Public Health and is working as the Managing Director of a public health providing company in the USA, Gautam has set up a company providing integrated marketing solutions, in Mumbai.

We are blessed with four grandchildren, while Meera continues to support me in the journey of life.

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*Mr. Suresh Nagrath and his younger brother Dr. Arun Nagrath are sons of Dr. S P Nagrath, at one time a Professor in the Department of Medicine, SN Medical College, Agra.*

## N P S Bal (1957- 1959)

Born in 1944, I had my early schooling in Sherwood College, Naini Tal, and St Peter's College, Agra, from where I did my Senior Cambridge in 1959. I then joined R E I Dyalbagh, before being selected to join the National Defence Academy in Khadakwasla in January 1961. I was commissioned in the Army into the Corps of Engineers in August 1964.

I am a Fellow of the Institute of Engineers, having my engineering graduation from the College of Military Engineering, Pune, MSc (Defence and Strategic Studies) from Madras University and Master of Management Studies from Osmania University.



As a paratrooper, I did more than 20 jumps from various aircraft and took active part in the 1965 War in the Khemkaran Sector and in the 1971 Operations in the Shakargarh Sector on the Western Border. I also took an active part in the Kargil Operations in 1999, having visited operational areas several times.

During my 38-year-old long service in the Army, I held various appointments in various ranks, from Major, Colonel, Brigadier, and Major- General, in Command, Staff, and as an Instructor, the important ones amongst them being Commanding Officer of an engineer regiment in an offence corps Colonel Administration in the Kashmir valley at Baramula, looking after 16,000 troops from April 1987 to July 1989, and Colonel in the prestigious Military Secretary Branch in Army HQ responsible for posting and promotion of officers.

As a brigadier, I was Chief Engineer of a border road project in Sikkim responsible for constructing roads and bridges along the Indo- Tibetan border at 12-14,000 feet and HOD/Faculty Commander responsible for teaching various management subjects in the College of Defence Management, Secunderabad.

As a major-general I was Chief Technical Examiner of all Works, the Ministry of Defence, managing all MES works of the Indian Army.

After retirement, I worked as a consultant with a consultancy firm in Delhi for about five years. I also did various consultancy projects both in India and abroad, including a stay of one and a half years in Ethiopia for a World Bank project. I have been a member of a number of technical organizations, such as I R C, IIBE, IME, AIMA and CES. I have travelled widely both in India and abroad and am at present a member of the Dispute Resolution Board of the National Authority of India. I have been an active sportsman and am now a keen golfer.

## Sant Saran Mehra (1948-1959)

I spent 12 years in St Peter's, right from KG to Standard X, which was the last class then, and did my Senior Cambridge in 1959.

I have some very pleasant memories of my Alma Mater and of the boys who studied with me. I was a day scholar and the School then had more boarders than day scholars. The boarders were nearly all Anglo- Indians, very playful and friendly.

I took part in sports and games and developed friendships easily. Some of my friends and classmates were Augustus Censor, the great sprinter, Ralph Wadley, Nelson Franklin, Rodericks, Maurice Robinson among the boarders and Suresh Nagrath, Prabhat Chaturvedi, Gyaneshwar Chaturvedi, Raj Kumar Caprihan, Ravi Sukhia, Naresh Chandra, Naveen Chandra, Suresh Chandra Khandelwal, and Naresh Chand Bansal- all of Belanganj and F O Daniel, son of the Headmaster of St John's School.



Hewett Park, now called Paliwal Park, was close to the School and we boys would quietly cross the boundary and go to the Park to eat guavas and tomatoes.

I still remember the nursery rhyme in Hindi: Ye gol gol, ye lal lal kya? Ye hi to tamatar hai.

My teachers were Mr. Eastwood, Mr. Cornelius, Mr. P L Sharma, Mr. Geyer, Mr. PC Agarwal, Mr. Galloway, while the Headmaster was Mr. Merriman, who taught us mathematics in the higher classes.

In the lower classes, I was taught by lady teachers. I still remember the names of Miss D'Souza, and Miss Rozario, who taught us singing.

Everything I experienced in the school is still fresh in my mind, even after more than 60 years, as I am now 82, and recall my days there. I congratulate everyone concerned on the occasion of the 175th anniversary of the founding of the school.

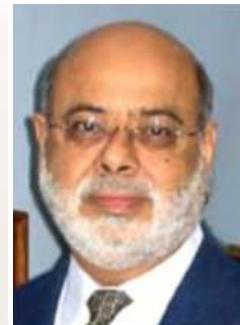
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*After school Mr. Mehra entered his family business of running the famous Mehra Cloth Store in Seo-ka-Bazar, the biggest in the city at one time. He continues to live in Dayalbagh, the place he belonged to. Just as we were going to Press, news reached us that Mr. Mehra had passed away after a long illness RIP. Ed.*

## St Peter's and After

### R. Shyam Khemani (1956-1959)

I, Shyam Khemani, studied at St Peter's College between 1956-1959 (Grades 6-8-9). The three and half years I spent there was an indelible experience of learning and fun, I had excellent teachers and excellent classmates, some of whom are lifelong friends.



My father was with the Indian Foreign service and I was admitted to St Peter's after earlier schooling in Washington DC, USA. I left the school because my father was posted to Ghana, where I completed my GCE 'O' levels. But my heart was always with St Peter's and over the years I have brought many colleagues, foreign delegations, and friends to visit the College campus.

In the years that followed I pursued further studies in India, Canada, and UK where I did Ph.D. in Industrial Economics from the London School of Economics. I had successful careers in the Canadian government, Academia, Consulting, and the World Bank, where I was the Principal Advisor on Competition Policy, Finance, and Private Sector Development Vice Presidency.

I worked on and advised governments across 35+ countries, including India where I served as Special Advisor, Raghavan Committee on Competition Law. While I am now retired and live in Washington DC, I also serve as an Advisor on competition and business strategy to Nextridg (India).

## Kiran Singh (1955 & 1958-1960)

I studied in St Peter's in two slots, the first for six months in 1955 and then from 1958-1960.

I have very happy memories of St. Peter's College. I remember the teachers Mr. Agarwal, Mr. Cornelius, Mr. Deane, Mr. Phillips, the Headmaster Mr. Packiam, Mr. Sharma, and others for their motivational teaching. I had many good friends in my class and among my juniors: Barun Sarkar, Shiv Pratap, Harvinder, John D'Silva, Ronald Fernandes in my class. I was particularly interested in English literature and history. I also read two or three story books of the school library each week, one issued to me and one or two borrowed from others.



One happy memory is of the kite-flying tournament organized by the Headmaster Mr. Packiam. I took part in the annual sports enthusiastically though did not win anything except a prize in the old boys race a couple of years after I had left school. Another memory is of winning the Medal for the Best Boy in 1960, the year I appeared for the Senior Cambridge Exam. That was when this medal was introduced. I am very happy that St. Peter's has grown in size and stature since our batch finished school in December 1960.

I joined Inter-Science Maths at RBS College and was selected for BTech Civil Engg. at IIT Kharagpur in 1962 and then proceeded to study at the University of Missouri in the USA. In 1970 I went to Roorkee and served there for 40 years. I retired as a Professor of Structural Engg from the Civil Engg Dept of IIT, Roorkee in 2007 and was retained in an Emeritus position till 2010.

At Roorkee I was involved in research and consultancy in the following areas: Structural Optimization, FEM Applications, Ferrocement, Repair and Retrofitting of Structures, and Structural Design of Water Tanks, Buildings, and Bridges.

I published over 150 research papers and research and consultancy reports and articles, supervised over a hundred BTech projects and MTech and Ph.D. Theses and was co-author of the book 'Fortran Programming and Numerical Programming for Engineers.'

Additional duties and positions included the following: Staff Adviser for Philately and Numismatics, Staff Adviser for Tennis, Convener of the Civil Engineering Consortium, Incharge of Placement for Civil Engg Students, Manager of the ABN School of the IIT, Secretary of the Indian Concrete Institute UP Center.

I was the Organizing Secretary for the All India Inter Varsity Tournament held in 2000. Was also Organising Secretary or Convener of some National Conferences. Many other Faculty Members of IIT were involved in even more additional duties. Since 2010, I have been back in Agra and spending my time in reading and writing. I have published two science fiction books for children:

1. The Five Friends Battle Against Aliens.
2. Americans And Indians Defend The Earth.

I am trying to get another book published and have written 6 short stories and will write a few more before submitting them for publication.

Raj Kumar Caprihan was one year senior to me at St. Peter's. He got his BTech Electrical Engg from IIT Kharagpur and became the CEO of a big company.

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**Editor's Note:** Dr. Kiran Singh is the son of Dr. Ram Karan Singh, the great educationist, who raised Balwant Rajput College (now Raja Balwant Singh College), from a small intermediate college to a

*mini-university with faculties of Arts science, commerce, agriculture and education. He displayed immense calibre by expanding the area of the College and adding three more campuses to it- namely the Bichpuri Campus, the Kandhari House/Bharatpur House Campus, and the Awagarh Campus.*

*Dr. Singh, who ruled over BR College for a period of 30 years caused a kind of revolution in educational circles by making research an essential part of the work of a teacher. He went to the length of including research leading to the Ph.D. degree as one of the conditions on which a new teacher was given an appointment in the College.*

*He showed the way himself by getting a DEd degree from Harvard University and made school teachers of BR Inter College professors and heads of postgraduate departments by sending them to the USA to earn their Ph.D. degree in their respective subjects.*

*He got copious grants for the College from the Rockefeller Foundation of the USA and PL 480 scheme of the US Government, because of which President Eisenhower went from Agra by a helicopter along with Jawaharlal Nehru to see for himself the work being done in agriculture by the College in December 1959, the Editor of this publication being present on the occasion.*

*After retirement, Dr. Singh became Vice-Chancellor of Meerut University and Himachal University and an important member of the Inter-University Board of India and Ceylon (Sri Lanka).*

## **Sailendra Nath Agarwal (1951-1961)**

I studied at St Peter's College, Agra from 1951 to 1961. Did High School in 1962 and then from 1964 to 1969 was in IIT Kanpur for my B Tech. Since 1969 I have been in Pune, where I set up Veena Industries Ltd and Automech India Private Ltd.



## **Vijay Bakaya (1953-1960)**

I joined St Peter's College, Agra in Std IV in 1953 and continued in the School till 1960 when I was in Std IX and had to leave for Jaipur for my further studies.



While at St Peter's I played a lot of cricket and football and spent recess time playing marbles and eating 'samosas' at the Canteen. Don't remember having eaten such tasty 'samosas' ever since. Made many friends, whom I met again after 40/50 years. Was so happy to see them having done so well, like AK Singh, Kapil Kaul, Umesh Rao, Ramesh Rao, Amal Tiwari, Rajiv Ittyerah and of course, the ever green happy-go-lucky team man and unifier, Om Seth.

After school and college, I wrote my IAS Examination in Jaipur in 1970 and was allotted to the J & K Cadre. I retired as Chief Secretary of J&K in 2006. In 2007 was Advisor to Ghulam Nabi Azad CM. The following year joined politics and became MLA for six years (2009-2015). In 2020 was Political Advisor to Farooq Abdullah; but left him when he started talking about soft separatism. Formed a new party named Apni Party, of which I am the General Secretary. Hope to form a government when elections come.

## Rajendrapal Singh (1954-1961)

Born on March 24, 1945, as the son of Major Bhan Singh, I joined St Peter's College in July 1954 in Standard I with Miss Dua as my class teacher and Mr. Merriman as Headmaster. Nicknamed 'gypsy' in School, I got two double promotions, one from Std II to Std IV and the second from Std IV to VI. Was a boarder most of the time.

Mr. Merriman retired and was replaced by Mr. Orpwood as Headmaster. I left St Peter's after completing Senior Cambridge in December 1961, when Mr. A Packiam was the Headmaster. He was a retired commander from the Indian Navy.



In January 1962 I joined National Defence Academy, Arnar Pune, as a naval cadet. I completed training at the NDA and joined the Indian Navy. Retired from the Navy on June 30, 1991, in the rank of Commodore. During my service in the Navy, I visited about 30 countries and 65 cities in these countries. Some of the deputations abroad were for durations of more than a year. I served on board ships that were at the forefront of the 1965 and 1971 Indo-Pak wars. In 1971 my ship was part of the group that attacked Karachi and sank Pak naval ships on December 4. Thereafter the date began to be celebrated as Navy Day. On August 15, 1979, I commanded the parade at the Red Fort, New Delhi.

I sailed through all the oceans of the world, all the international canals, the river Mississippi, and St Lawrence.

I married in 1969 and have two children, a son, and a daughter. My wife passed away in August 2020 because of age-related problems.

The credit for laying the foundation of my life and my success thereafter goes to my sincere and dedicated teachers in St Peter's College who taught me and the staff which looked after me. They were all very good. Such kind are not found these days. If I have a second life, I would like to go back to St Peter's and be taught by the same teachers. I have a wishful desire to visit my alma mater at least once. I hope God grants me my wish one day.

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*Commodore (retired) Rajendrapal Singh, called RP for short, now lives at his ancestral residence, Bhan Bhawan, Dhonga, Tikamgarh (MP) 472 001. Ed.*

## Barun Sarkar (1952-1962)

I joined St Peter's College, Agra as a student of the KG class.

I passed senior Cambridge in 1960 securing Grade 8 with credits in English literature, English language, Science, and Geography.

I received the Fred Ellis Silver Medal for Second best boy of the College. I was the Athletic Champion in the Annual Sports in 1960, received the Patni Cup for the best Cricketer of the year 1960; represented the College team in cricket and football.



I had the privilege of being taught by Mr. Merriman who was our Headmaster, a great disciplinarian, and subsequently by Mr. Orpwood and Mr. Packiam. Mr. Comelius, Mr. Deane, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Sharma, Mr. Agarwal, Mr. Simon were all wonderful teachers.

I am proud to have been a student of St. Peter's College, a heritage Institute of Agra which in the words of Alfred Lord Tennyson, flows like the brook endlessly, perhaps saying

**For men may come and men may go, but I go on forever.**

Subsequently, I joined St. John's College and did my ISc and BSc in First Division.

I was selected for MBBS, in 1963 and I passed out in 1968. As an undergraduate, I stood First in the MBBS class of 1968 and was awarded the Chancellor's Medal in 1968. I was awarded 23 Medals and Certificates of merit. I was also the College Tennis Captain and represented the College in Cricket, Football, and Tennis Teams. I then did my P. G (M.S) Obstetrics and Gynaecology also from SN Medical College, Agra.

I joined the Faculty in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at SN Medical College Agra as a lecturer and retired as Professor.

At present, I am practising in my own hospital called Sarkar Nursing Home in Agra.



- *Dr. Barun Sarkar passed away just before we were going to press. He was 78.*

## St. Peter's Down Memory Lane

**Sanjaya Tandan (1952-1962)**

I first stepped into the St. Peter's College campus on a cold, January morning in 1952. The school was already more than a century old at the time and had acquired the grace and majesty that comes with age. For a mere stripling, not yet five, the imposing building, church, and environs were awe-inspiring. As it happens for most of us though, I soon fell in love with St. Peter's it became a second home; my teachers and friends were a second family.

Mr. Merriman was the Head of this family- a short fair man with stern eyes peering out from behind spectacles that he would occasionally swap for a monocle. Mr. Merriman spoke more with his cane than his tongue and we boys did our best to avoid incurring his wrath. All except one. We had a classmate named Lenny Young who was to be caned the next day for some mischief. Lenny came prepared with a number of cotton pads stuffed into the back of his shorts so that they would absorb the impact of Mr. Merriman's angry cane. This genius stratagem worked for the first four strokes but before the Headmaster could deliver the fifth, out slithered the pads from under the shorts, falling on the floor with a thud that sounds thunderous in the silence. To his credit, once he overcame the shock, Mr. Merriman burst out laughing and rewarded Lenny's inventiveness with a handful of toffees.



St. Peter's was laid out in the most aesthetically pleasing manner. The boundary bordering Paliwal Park had "khuds" with abundant and beautiful Babool trees. Out front, there was a mehendi hedge and a fountain which, albeit non-functional, served to give the surroundings an air of gentle rusticity. In between the main school building and the infirmary was a Tamarind tree which was out of bounds; a ban which was frequently broken. We were only willing to risk a few cane strokes if only we could get our hands on the deliciously sour tamarinds. All these activities, along with games of marbles and sticks and stones used to happen in the two intervals we were granted-one 15 minutes long; the other an hour.

The intervals were also the time for settling 'duels', and disagreements between us friends which were settled in the area behind the antique press that lay on the extreme right of the campus. The other end was the Rector's House and the bookshop. The boarding hostel- the school had both-day scholars and boarders at the time was on the first floor and housed a mix of Anglo and ethnic Indians. In total, there were around 500 students enrolled in St. Peter's at the time and Mr. Merriman knew them all by name and face. The teachers, most of whom were excellent - stern but fair and

affectionate also from the same communities, although there were a many of Goan descent as well.

Apart from being good instructors, they helped organize and train us for the various extracurricular events too - the four main ones being the cultural function, debates, and elocution contests, sports day, and Independence and Republic Days. The other memorable people from the time were Mr. Shah, a Gujarati Christian, the office clerk, and Mr. Pascal the compounder who managed the 16-20 bed infirmary and dispensed medicines to ailing children for more than 60 years. Vacations- four weeks in the winter, and eight in the summer used to be bittersweet. We loved being at home but missed the fun which only school life could provide.

It almost goes without saying that those were simpler times. There were just two buses to ferry us to and from school; tuition fee was a mere ten rupees for a month (and two rupees extra for medical and electricity bills); a water tank masquerading as an swimming pool, with a small tuck shop couched right next to it. The cycle stand was in an khud and could barely house 30 to 40 cycles. Homework and private tuitions were unheard of even when once in Class VIII, I got a measly eight marks out of 100 in a test. The only help I got was from Mr. Philips' cane and that was enough to set me straight- I scored 98 in the final exams.

It's been 60 years since I left St. Peter's but its ambience, the Principal and teachers, the time we friends spent there are still very fresh in my memory. I wish for once life could go into reverse gear and take me back to the same school with those teachers, those surroundings, and those friends. But alas! time moves only in one direction.

I jointed St Peter's College Agra in January 1952 and was there till 1962 thereafter I joined St John's College, Agra to clear the Intermediate examination of the UP Board in 1964 the same year I was admitted to SN Medical College Agra from where I did my MBBS and MD in internal medicine in 1972

From 1973 to 1975 I worked as a junior consultant and was in charge of the non-tubercular chest clinic in TB Demonstration Center in Agra. I joined as a lecturer in medicine at LRM Medical College Meerut and worked there from 1975 to 1977. In 1978 I started consultation practice in internal medicine and am working to date. I was President of the Old Boys' Association of St Peter's College for over 15 years. Also I have been founder fellow of the Indian Association of Clinical Medicine and President of its Agra Chapter for over 15 years

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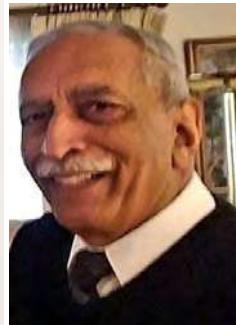
*Soft spoken and cultured, doctor Tandan is a popular physician of the city and is still very attached to his Alma Mater. Ed.*

## Indebtedness to St. Peter's

John Hakim (1957-1962)

I had the great privilege of being educated at St. Peter's College in Agra, where I studied from 1957 to 1962. I passed the Senior Cambridge Examination in 1962. In my final year in St. Peter's, I was awarded the Archbishop's Gold Medal for "Best Boy", an honor given by the school to recognize the best overall student of the school. I played cricket for St. Peter's College.

From St. Peter's, I proceeded on to St. John's College where I passed the Intermediate Science Examination. Subsequently, in 1967, I completed my Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature, Political Science, and Economics. In 1968 competed in the Indian Administrative Services Etc Examination. Based on the results of that examination, I was appointed, by the President of India, to the 22nd Batch of the Indian Police Service in 1969. Prior to formally joining the IPS, I completed MA in



St. John's College, where I was a member of its cricket and table tennis teams.

In the IPS, I served mostly in the State of West Bengal and was instrumental in stopping the Naxalite movement in different parts of the State.

In 1975, I resigned from the IPS and later, upon acceptance of my resignation, proceeded to the United States of America with my wife and son. In the USA, I did MBA and worked in the field of business administration in different capacities with responsibilities for merchandising and general operations.

Looking back, I feel deeply indebted to my teachers in St. Peter's and St. John's Colleges and to the support and encouragement of my family, classmates, and friends, all of which enabled me to succeed in my various endeavors. Above all, God's blessings made all of these things possible.

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*Mr. John Hakim is the son of the late Prof Maurice A Hakim, who retired as Head of the Department of Psychology, and Vice-Principal St John's College Agra.*

## A K Sharma (1952-1962 )

Joined St Peter's College, Agra, in 1952 and left in 1962 after passing the Senior Cambridge Examination. Because of problems of recognition of the SC Exam, had to do High School in 1963 and Intermediate from St John's College, Agra in 1965 and went on to do BSc Engineering (Mechanical) from Engineering College, Dayalbagh, Agra in 1969.

Got commissioned in the Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers of the Indian Army in November 14, 1971.

After rendering unblemished good service for 31 years, superannuated on May 31, 2002.

Got married to Shobha Sharma on Jan 11, 1973, have two daughters and a son, all well settled in life.

Post retirement, I served as a senior manager in BRPL Delhi 2006-2017.

Now enjoying a happy and healthy life with family and friends.

## Neranjan Singh (1952-1962)

I studied in St Peter's for 10 years and after doing Standard IX in 1962, I moved to Meerut, where I did my 10 +2. Later, I did my BA and MA (English) from St John's College, Agra, and after doing BEd became a teacher.

My days in St Peter's were happy and eventful. I remember Mr. Merriman, who retired when I was in the junior classes, Miss D'Souza, Miss Mona, and Miss Dua among the lady teachers, and Mr. P L Sharma, Mr. Cornelius, Mr. P C Agarwal, Mr. I V Phillips and Mr. E B Deane among the male teachers.

I was good in sports and in dramatics, bagging prizes in the 200 and 400 meter races, while in dramatics I took part in short plays.



Among my classmates and my immediate seniors and juniors were the three Mukherjee brothers-Himandri, Niladri, and Shiv. I learned later that Himandri went into the banking services, Niladri into the Army and Shiv entered the Civil Services. One of my classmates was Avdhesh Kumar Singh, who entered the Air Force and became a senior officer. Then there were the three John brothers, scions of the famous Johns' Mills family-Victor, Patrick and Peter. One of them

was my classmate. Om Seth, too, was with me, while Barun Sarkar was a year or two senior and Amal Tiwari, son of Dr. A R Tiwari of St John's College, Agra a year or two junior.

I started my teaching career at Bishop Cotton School, Simla, where I worked for nearly 10 years, becoming House Master from 1977-1984. Thereafter, I moved to Kotgarh in Himachal Pradesh, where I revived the Corton School, which was started as a Vernacular school by the British in 1843 in the wake of the Gorkha Revolt. I converted the School into an English medium one during my stay there from 1984-1987.

I then went to Chandigarh to teach in a well-known school and from 1997-2006 I was the Principal of Army Public School, Bhatinda, Haryana.

During my career as a teacher, I set up four schools in rural areas, two each in Haryana and Himachal.

I look back with nostalgia the years in St Peter's, where I was taught the finest lessons in my life. One of these was: "Have the courage to take up the challenges that come up on your way to success". I followed the precept and it helped me to earn the remark in my Conduct Report: "Neranjan sets up standards, which other people find difficult to achieve".

The motto of the School: 'No reward without labor' has helped me and other students accept the reward that we have earned. I now live in retirement in Solan (Himachal Pradesh) with my wife Versha. My son is an IT professional and works in Bangalore. Sadly my daughter, her husband, and their newly born child were killed when the car they were traveling in to Chandigarh met with an accident, some years ago.

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*Neranjan belongs to a family of police and army officers. One of his uncles, Col Rattan Singh, saw action during the Indo-Chinese War of 1962, while another uncle Bijay Singh was a police superintendent in charge of anti-dacoit operations in the Agra region in the 1960s.*

## Avdesh Kumar Singh (1953-1962)

I joined St Peter's College, Agra in 1953 and studied there for ten years, taking part in extracurricular and sports activities, because of which I was able to secure entry into the Indian Air Force. I was commissioned on June 4, 1967 and served the IAF in various capacities for nearly 40 years, retiring on January 31, 2007.

Because of my exemplary work, I was successively awarded the Vishisht Medal in 1989, the Vishisht Seva Medal in 1999, the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in the year 2000, and the Param Vishisht Seva Medal in 2005.

After retirement, I became the United Nations Resource Person for its Environment Programme. I also became Director of Environment at the Armed Forces Project for the Air Force Studies, New Delhi, and Consultant Member of, the Environment Protection Agency, USA.

I received the Mahatma Gandhi Service Award for humanitarian service of exceptional order for the year 2005-2006 and in 2010 was given the US EPA Montreal Protocol Award.

During my career, I conducted several emergency humanitarian operations during the 2005 Tsunami and the 2005 earthquake. I was invited to deliver the keynote address before the Danish Parliament, Copenhagen, on behalf of the Global Legislators Forum and I also addressed the European Parliament on Security Implications of Climate Change.

In addition, a number of my essays, a paper on Green Army, and a book titled "Ozone



Protection and National Security, a military perspective, have been published.

I have also contributed chapters on Technology transfer for the Ozone Layer, Lessons for climate change.

When I look back I recall the days with my friends and school mates, many of whom, specially, Om Seth, have become life-long friends.

### **Satish Jain (1953-1963)**

I started my schooling in St. Peter's College, Agra in 1953 with admission to LKG by my grandfather late Rev. Sh. Gian Chand Jain. He distributed ladoos to all the class children who got lined up by the teacher and were given a ladoo each.



I vividly recall that after about three months, my mother along with my Chachi (Aunty) visited the school to enquire as to how I was faring in my studies. The playing class was being conducted in the open field attached to the nursery section. I saw them both coming close to my teacher and then they enquired as to how I was faring in my studies. My teacher's surprising response to my mother was that I was quite playful. My mother angrily pointed towards me and said, "come home today" and I will see you, (Tainu mai noor doon gi) meaning thereby I will beat you. At St Peter's it was indeed a cherishable grooming. I attended the school from childhood till adulthood up until Class X, at which point I completed the UP Board High School Exam and was forced to leave the school since the Headmaster would not permit re-entry. So, in 1963, after finishing my High School Exams, I took the ICSE test at St. George's College. It was the first batch of ICSE conducted in India.

I owe my deep reverence to great teachers like Mr I. Philips, Mr. Silas, Mr. Cornelius, Mr. Deane, Mr. Simon, Mr. Parshadi Lal Sharma, Mr. Padam Chand Agrawal (Shri Manji), Ms. D'Souza, Ms. Dua and the music teacher Mother Mary for being able to set my successful career in life.

I am now in Valve manufacturing business under the name of A.V. Valves Ltd. (An ISO 9001:2015 certified unit) alongside my twin brothers Subhash and Kailash, my son Vikas, and my nephew Sumit Jain. We manufacture valves for use in petrochemical plants, oil and gas fields and other core sector industries. In 1989, I received the prestigious Udyog Patra Award from the then Vice President of India Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma (for a self made Industrialist). Our Valves enjoy a good reputation.

### **Niladri Shankar Mukherjee (1959-1964)**

I studied in St Peter's College, Agra from 1959 to 1964 and later did BA from St John's College in 1968. I joined the Indian Army and was commissioned on June 15, 1969. Served for 35 years and was approved for promotion as Major-General, but retired as a brigadier reaching superannuation in July 2003 before being promoted. Was awarded the Seva Medal and the Vishist Seva Medal for bravery in counter insurgency operations in Jammu and Kashmir. Was a promising boxer and athlete in School and am now a member of the Old Boys Association of St Peter's College.



## Om Seth (1952-1963)

I joined St Peter's College in 1952 and studied there right from KG till I passed out in 1963. But my heart continued to be with my school and after returning to Agra after several decades of work outside this city, again felt the attraction of St Peter's and am trying to bring together long-lost friends and comrades who had left school several years, maybe 30, 40 or even 50 years earlier.



I enjoyed every minute of my stay in St Peter's, specially the eatables obtained from the tuck man, 'Khushka', not only buying the delicious 'samosa' but also stealing some of them. Also stealing fruit from the tables of the 'Fathers' kept in the Refectory!

Every day till the Sports Day in November was a day of enjoyment. I was keener on getting eatables than attending to my studies. I was an average student and even failed twice, which was quite a normal occurrence those days, as few passed regularly. I was brought to book by the caning of the Headmaster, but I loved St Peter's from the bottom of my heart. That love continues to this day.

I left school in 1963 and eventually became one of the best-known and even respected cricketers of Agra. I take life as it comes to me. The amount of love and affection I have got from friends has been tremendous.



*The exuberance of Om Seth is infectious. He has given himself a deliberately old look, though he is much younger than the present Editor, Neville Smith.*

## Inder Kapoor (1959-1963)

I studied at St Peter's College from 1959 to 1963 after my early education from 1952 to 1958 at St. Anthony's Day School.



I passed the ISC Examination in 1963 and had the distinction of standing first in class throughout my school education, being awarded the Gold Medal for being the Best Boy of the School in 1963.

I then cleared the IIT Entrance Examination for admission to IIT Delhi in 1964. I got the Merit-cum-Means Scholarship during the first two years of my study and the Merit Scholarship for the last three years of my education in IIT Delhi. Finally, I received the Silver Medal for securing the first position among the Textile Technology students of my batch.

**Career highlights:** From 1971-1978 I was with the World Trade Corporation in New Delhi, first as a marketing trainee and then as an Associate Systems Engineer at IBM after the completion of my training period. I was transferred to Secunderabad and helped to establish an IBM sub-office there. This earned me a performance award, which enabled me to get a trip to the Hundred Person Club (HPC) in Manila.

I then joined ORG Systems as Regional Manager for the Andhra Pradesh region after IEM closed its operations in India. Thereafter, I made my transition from a systems engineer to a business management role. Was promoted to Regional Manager, Western Region, and was transferred to Bombay. From 1983-1984 I moved to Singapore to set up an office for ORG from 1985 to 1990 in collaboration with Sperry Univac. I left ORG System and joined Far East Computers (part of the HCL Group) in Singapore: as Product Manager, becoming Divisional Manager of the Office Systems Division. From 1991 to 1995 I was with Unisys Corporation in their Singapore Office as Country Manager for South Asian countries (Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka), developing those markets from scratch and setting up a joint venture in Pakistan. Then set up a UNISYS Office in India separate from Tata Unisys. From 1996 to 2003 I was with Digital Equipment Corporation as Country

Manager for South Asia. When DEC was acquired by Compaq Computers became Director, Customer Support for the Asia-Pacific Region.

In 2002 Compaq was bought over by Hewlett Packard Corp (HP). I was part of the team that helped in the transition and merger, becoming Director, Support Planning, in the merged companies for HP Asia Pacific.

In 2004 I decided to take my retirement and started working in a chemical distribution company in Singapore as Commercial Head, working in close collaboration with the Chairman of the Company, advising him on legal and commercial matters concerning the company.

### **Shiv Shankar Mukherjee (1959-1964)**

I was a student at St Peter's College, Agra, from 1959 to 1964. Was awarded the Archbishop's Gold Medal for being the Best Boy of the School in my final year there. Was privileged to return to the School after more than four decades as Chief Guest at the Annual Sports Day, as part of the School's 160th Anniversary Celebrations in 2006. Entered St Stephen's College, Delhi in 1965. Completed MSc in chemistry in 1970. Joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1971, and served till retirement in various Missions abroad as well as at Headquarters, finally retiring as High Commissioner to the UK in 2009. Was High Commissioner in Namibia, South Africa, UK and Ambassador to Egypt and Nepal.



### **AKS Chandele (1963-1964)**

Born on 06 Oct 1950, I joined St Peter's as a boarder in Class X in Jan 1963. Younger brother ANIL KUMAR SINGH CHANDELLE was also a boarder and younger sister MEENAKSHI CHANDELLE was a boarder in St Patrick's. Completed Indian School Certificate in Dec 1964. Was Junior Athletic Champion for 1964 and Member of the school cricket team.



Completed Intermediate (UP Board) from St John's College (Bishop French Hostel) in June 1966. Member of St John's cricket team and represented UP State juniors, cricket team. Joined NDA in July 1966.

Commissioned in the Corps of Electronics & Mechanical Engineers, Indian Army, in 1970. Specialist in Radars & Control systems, Air Defence, Missiles, and Biomedical engineering. Retired as the Director General of EME. Graduated from Defence Services Staff College and attended Higher Command Course and the National Defence College.

I was Commandant of 509 Army Base Workshop and Station Commander, Agra (2002-2003). Awarded the Param Vishist Seva and Ati Vishist Seva Medals by the President of India. Distinguished Alumni IIT Roorkee, Distinguished Fellow and Past President of Institution of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineers (IETE), Distinguished Engineer, Institution of Engineers. Post-retirement actively associated with the industry (L&T, Ashok Leyland). Currently President-Defence, of Geospatial World, Chairman of Geospatial World Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of DEFSYS Integrated Solutions, and Advisor Electronics Industry Association of India (ELCINA).

Active in social work, associated with NGOs (Public Police and Janmitr).

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*Lt Gen Ajay Kumar Singh Chandele retired as Director-General, Corps of Electrical and Engineers of the Indian Army. Ed*

## Arun Nagrath (1961-1964)

I joined St Peter's in Standard VIII in 1961 and went on to do my ISC in 1964.

I was a good student interested in pursuing medicine as a career and had the privilege of studying under Mr. Packiam, who was the Headmaster then.

I took an active part in debates, dramatics and helped organize the first-ever Science Exhibition under the guidance of our biology teacher, Mr P K Gupta.

My elder brother, Mr. Suresh Nagrath, and thereafter my two sons, Rahul and Mridul, studied in St Peter's throughout.

After school, I did my graduation and postgraduation in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 1971 and 1975 respectively. I got the Chancellor's Gold Medal for being the best student.

I served the Medical Education Department of the Government of UP from 1978 to 2009. During my tenure as Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, at S N Medical College, Agra, I was selected as Senior Training Consultant JHPIEGO, an associate of Johns Hopkins University Baltimore, USA.

After retiring in 2009, I served the UP University of Medical Sciences, Saifai, UP in various capacities from 2009 to 2018, holding the following posts: Head, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology; Dean; Principal, Paramedical College, Saifai, and Officiating Director.



## Rakesh Darbari (1953-1965)

I joined St Peter's College, Agra, in 1953 in the lower KG class, when Mr. Merriman was the Headmaster, followed by Mr. Orpwood and Mr. Packiam. The Rector was Fr Lawrence, who was succeeded by Fr Columban. The post of Principal had not been created till then.

As I look back, I regard St Peter's College as one of the best schools in the country that provides quality education to boys. In my time, games were compulsory for all boarders and day-scholars living within five miles of the school. The School had a boxing ring, hard and grass courts for tennis and badminton court, while for cricket and football, there was the 'A' Field, and for hockey the 'B' Field. Fields 'C' and 'D' were for boys of the junior classes. The School had the Orphan Press attached to the northern wall of the main building, an Infirmary, where Mr. Pascal looked after sick students. Mother Mary gave lessons in music and singing while playing on the grand piano. Really, the best years of my life were spent in St Peter's.



Discipline was the foremost quality cultivated in the students. This was followed by good manners and respect for the teachers. Of course, the boys learnt some naughty' things also on their own, since these, too, are necessary for total development of a personality.

Since I lived in a bungalow right opposite St Francis School, I often attended evening mass at the Cathedral.

After graduating from St John's College, Agra, I went into business, that of supplying quality scientific instruments all over the country. I am based in Jaipur and have been in the business for 53 years now. I still believe that St Peter's is the best boys' school in Agra. Among my fellow students in the school were Amal Tiwari, now no more, and Mukesh Chandra, who later became a gynecologist. I would love to be associated with St Peter's forever.

## **Brij Kishore Sharma (1960-1965)**

I was in St Peter's from 1960 to 1965, when I passed the ICSE Examination. In 1973, I joined the Prime Minister's Secret Service under the Cabinet Secretariate, Government of India, and remained posted abroad for a long time. I retired in 2009 as deputy commissioner. I am now residing in Agra, helping my son and my nephew in their business.

The years spent in St Peter's helped me in overall character development, majorly in following a disciplined life and confidence building, apart from gaining knowledge, specially of English.



St Peter's to me feels like a home and very close to my heart, because of which I decided to get my sons and grandsons admitted to this respected, prestigious and outstanding educational institution.

It goes without saying that the majority of Agra citizens aspire and dream of getting their children into St Peter's College..

Some of my classmates were Rajkumar Chadda, residing in Agra; Vijay Sethi, residing in Vijayanagar Colony Agra; Mohan Lal, Goyal Building, Agra, and Nirmal Jain living in Agra.

## **Ravi Dhingra (1961-1966)**

I spent a total of six years in St Peter's College Agra. During the period I was awarded two gold medals, one for being the best boy in 1961 and Archbishop's gold medal in 1965.

I played badminton for UP both at senior and junior levels and was National Junior Badminton Champion in 1966. I became Secretary to Govt. of India Ministry of Home Affairs and for a time I was Chief Secretary to Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.

At present, I am Chairman CDD Sports Trust that supports scholarships in sports in various Institutions including St. Peter's College, Agra.



## **Vinay Takru (1958-1968)**

I joined St Peter's College in 1958 in Std I when Fr Lawrence was the Rector and Mr. Packiam the Headmaster. Rev Fr Columban, who became Principal in 1966, was a loving, caring, active, strict, and devoted Head of the Institute. He took our English classes and made us write one essay every day. During the Summer Vacation, free extra classes were arranged for all the students so that we were prepared for the ISC Examination. His interaction with the students was such that he knew the names and faces of all the students.

We had some very good teachers, who apart from providing us with knowledge, developed our personalities. The illustrious teachers were Mr. B M Cornelius, I V Phillips, Mr. H E Simon, Mr. S P Sharma, Mr. P K Gupta, Mr. P B Sinha, Mr. L R Silas, Mr. B R Sharma, Mr. Y S Vashishta, Mr. T Nath and Mr. Allomal Agarwal.



Evening games were made compulsory and all the students had to report for them, Mr. K Singh

as our PT teacher, with the Principal himself taking interest in all the sporting activities, besides studies.

I took part in many debates and declamation contests and got prizes. I passed out in 1968. My batchmates included: Durga Sinha, Rajesh Dhingra, Rajendra Singh, Arvind Misra, Mukhesh Kapoor, Anil Mathur, Ravindra Saha, Arvind Singh, Jaspal, Jasdev, S M Bajaj and Rahul Agarwal.

## St. Peter's College-My Mentor

### Arvind Misra (1961-1968)

I joined Peter's in Std III in the year 1961 and passed the ISC Examination in 1968. I earned medals in athletics, 400-meter race, and cycle race, etc. I participated in gymnastics, dramatics, singing and Republic Day and Independence Day parades. Earned the first position in inter-school Hindi debates in successive years.

Sometime back I had an opportunity to visit one of the barracks in Agra Cantonment. Suddenly, my eyes were stalled by a message at the entrance of the barrack, which read, "We Make Gentlemen". It made me think, why a similar message is not displayed by any school or college. My thoughts riveted on St. Peter's College, Agra, my Alma Mater. Going down memory lane I travelled from the Rector's office to the Principal/ Headmaster's chamber, from the staff room to the auditorium and from one class to another and felt disappointed that nowhere could I see the message engraved. But, then I reviewed my thoughts and realized how the time spent in the school had groomed me, my thoughts, my personality, my attitude, and my values and transformed me into what I am today.



There are many myriad attributes that make a 'gentleman'. He is a person who is generous with his time, wisdom and resources and who possesses a positive outlook on life. His humour and constant encouragement attract others to him. He is a lifelong learner who learns from life and from others. He demonstrates respect, restraint, and compassion in his interactions. He embraces all people-those from other cultures, castes, creeds, and religions (despite St. Peter's being a Roman Catholic institution, the students never experienced discrimination on account of their different beliefs and background, as well as individuals from various socio-economic backgrounds) He strives to give his best in every work he does. His trustworthiness inspires confidence in others. He knows how to effectively connect with others and follows through with his commitments.

This is what makes a gentleman and St. Peter's College has made thousands like me who have crossed its threshold a 'gentleman.' The holistic impact of the school environment has been tremendous on its students. Everyday we read and imbibe the spirit of the moto 'Palma Non-Sine pulvere' without realizing how it influenced and impressed our lives. I am greatly indebted to my Alma Mater for inculcating in me the above values and making me what I am today.

I taught law at Agra College, Agra, for 36 years and was Head of the Department of Law for several years. I was Dean, of the Faculty of Law, Dr. B R Ambedkar University, and served on various academic as well as administrative committees and on committees for the selection of college teachers and PCS for judicial officers. I also had the privilege of serving His Excellency, the Governor of

Uttar Pradesh as Legal Adviser from 2009-2014.

I am now practising as an advocate in the Civil Courts at Agra. I am a successful and contented person today, for which the credit goes largely to my teachers in St Peter's College, Agra. On the occasion of the post-Centenary Platinum Jubilee of the College, I congratulate my Alma Mater for its long and distinguished service and wish it many more years of service to education and the nation.

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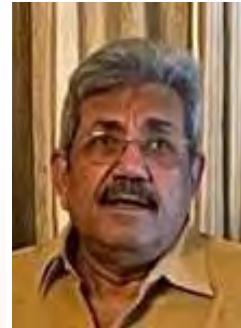
*Dr. Arvind Misra is the son of two prominent Congress leaders, Mr. Bhogilal Misra who was MLC from 1974-1980, and his wife Mrs Premwati Mishra, who also was very active in politics. Dr. Misra's son is a teacher in a medical college while his daughter is a professional stationed in Singapore. His sister Dr. Veena Misra was principal of S.N. Medical college while his wife Dr. Nirupama Mishra was Head, Dept. of English, Baikunthi Devi College, Agra.*

## Reminiscence of Alma Mater's Faculty

### Mukesh Kapoor (1963-1968)

My days in school unroll like a black and white movie of the bygone days. In spite of that being bicolor, our days were no less than polychromatic. It was the best of times and certainly not the worst of times. It was not the golden time of glittering days but more suitably sparkling rainbow coloured days.

'Palma non Sine Pulvere' boldly inscribed in the logo - The grandeur of the old building of St. Peter's College, Agra is the reflection of its pedagogues. The structure of the building suggests the posture of embrace. It takes in its fold everyone who seeks to attain knowledge, honour, and reputation. It symbolically represents the teachers-the soul of the school. "Teach us" and "Teachers" have identical sounds.



I belong to the ISC batch of 1968, more than half a century back, yet the memories are as fresh as ever. The teachers who taught us, their impressions, and their impact on us, are not a matter subject to any corrosion or erosion. They are as fresh as expected to be in the archive of our minds. A vivid impression of our masters with whom we enjoyed proximity, still traverses through our memory lane. This brief article is a humble tribute to our mentors and to all the teachers of our school, particularly those close to us and with whom our interaction was several times more than the others.

To begin, none of us can forget the towering personality of His Grace, the Most Rev. Dr. Dominic Athaide, the Archbishop of Agra. He was the crowning glory, with royalty dripping from his physical presence. He conducted our Moral Science class off and on. His anecdotes and short stories in his deep soft voice still reverberate in ears. The velvety softness of his narrations ran deep down our hearts. Seldom does one come across such a charismatic character whose magnetic qualities fail to fade from our consciousness.

Our Principal, Rev. Fr. Columban, OFM Cap taught us English. It was his passion to see every one of us attained honors in the language. Unlike some heads of the school, he was a Principal easy to approach. No qualms attached person, he knew every student by name. He was a workaholic with innovative ideas. One of the most innovative punishments, whenever I ponder over, meted out by him

was to ask the boys to write an essay on any topic which came to his mind at the moment-in two hundred words within an hour. His tenure witnessed improved quality in not only academics but also in extra curriculum. Be it annual sports, fete or cultural events, the school was in a perpetual mode of preparations for events without missing on the course syllabus. His leadership qualities enthused teachers and students equally.

The Shakespearean image of Mr. Cornelius cannot be easily erased from the minds of yester years students. He was our English literature teacher who enthralled the classes term after term for years together. The two periods in continuation after our brief break was like watching Shakespeare play in a theatre. Standing on the dais his narrations of the plays were theatrically engrossing.

"This is the last and final call for the competitors of the hundred meters race, please reach the starting point immediately". This announcement and many such others, of Mr. I Philips the star announcer of our school events in a deep throat voice, still echo in our ears. It resonates in our mini sports stadium, whenever we go around the field even today.

Associated with our sports events, dramatics, and annual functions were ever revered Simon brothers and ever jovial Mr. Nath, Mr. Silas, and Mr. Vinayak. All of them were from our English faculty, more energetic than the boys and successful organisers of school events. Operating from behind the scenes, the credit of meticulously planned events certainly went to them.

A splendid combination of Physics and Maths were personified by Mr. Vashitha, Mr. M C Sharma, Mr. A Agarwal and Mr. P B Sinha. They were no less than the Aryabhats of our school

The next combination on our periodic table classification, to my mind, were the bubbling masters of science, Mr. S P Sharma and Mr. P K Gupta, Chemistry and Biology was their exclusive domain. They joined the school in 1963-64 the same year I was admitted. Mr. Sharma's hilarious lectures on chemistry and Mr. Gupta's seriousness on his subject were unique in their individual way.

The credit for the discourses on Matra Bhasha goes to Mr. H D Tiwari, Mr. V D Sharma, Mr. Gangil and not to forget Mr. L R Sharma, who retired in 1964. The couplets of Kabir and others were taken as recitals in *Kavi Sammelan*. Every couplet was followed with the loud and appreciative expression of "Wah Wah" by the boys.

These and many others teachers who moulded our soft muddy lives, were apotheosis of modesty, devotion and dedication to the cause and upbringing of every student who crossed their way. In spite of their humble and meagre means they were generous in distributing their wealth of knowledge. Their dedication will forever remain a hallmark in the annals of SPC history.

I joined St Peter's College, Agra in 1963 and passed the ISC examination in 1968. The last three years in school were spent in boarding. My school days were exceptionally good and eventful. The close proximity with the Teachers and the Principal, Fr. Columban, gave me an added advantage in enhancing knowledge and in the growth of extra curriculum in the school. An opportunity to participate in school debates, dramatics, sports and athletics infused confidence and teamwork in every student of the school.

Thereafter I graduated from Delhi University with Commerce Honours. Later I qualified as a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, an apex regulatory body of Statutory Auditors. I ventured into practice in 1977 and am working as a senior partner of a firm. At present I am involved exclusively into consultancy in audit and taxation besides pursuing my passion for reading and writing.

## Mukesh Chandra: Student 1959-1969

Much to my consternation amidst the indelible childhood memories I vividly remember being escorted by my grandfather walking from my house to Father Lawrence's office in 1959. A memorable phase of my life had just begun.

Many years in the junior section of St Peter's built up a strong foundation of my personality. Inclusive of classroom learning, musical sessions with Mother Mary, gardening under the guidance of Mr. Simon and Shakespearean plays with Mr. Cornelius, moral science classes by Dr. Dominic Athaide, Archbishop of Agra helped me a lot. Swimming was easy to learn through the training of American Peace Corps teachers Mr. James and Mr. Caine. My senior section phase was mentored by Fr Columban the then principal of the Institution who explained to us the Moto of St. Peter's (Palma Non-Sine Pulvere) i.e no success without hard labor.



In the senior section, we participated in declamation, debates, dramatics, and College Parliament. Extracurricular activities which lured me were scouting with Mr. Gangil leading me to be a President scout after attending training in Hastinapur jungles, the highlight was my personal interaction with Lady Baden Powell, wife of the originator of the Movement Scout who visited St Peter's.

Science experiments with Mr. S P Sharma and Mr. P K, Gupta lead me to be a winner for five consecutive years while representing St. Peter's in the district, state and national competitions. Mr. T Smith (a renowned journalist) was instrumental in showcasing my Projects and multifarious laurels earned by our institution through national media Radio communication caught my fancy as President of the Science Club, and my hobby of radio communication was nurtured by Colonel Newton who was in charge of signals leading me to Ham radio communication.

I was lucky to be a part of field events during College sports that were unique to this institution - the club drill under the guidance of Fr Columban and Pyramids by Mr. H E Simon two integral personalities of St Peter's would be worth mentioning. Mr. Pascal - in charge of the College infirmary, had a green and red mixture as a cure for all ailments and "Khuska" the "Bun-Samosa" inventor

Reminiscences will lead me to writing volumes but one anecdote of my personal embarrassment is worth mentioning. Obsessed by swimming I and a few friends broke the rules by entering the pool during the tabooed hours, hiding our clothes on the rear wall of the pool we were enjoying the swim unaware of the watchful eyes of Fr Columban from the dormitory upstairs, he got our clothes collected through the Peon and all of us were paraded in the entire college fields where games were in progress.

I cherish the school days at St Peter's and owe all my lifetime achievements to this great institution.

## **Sydney Putman (1964-1969)**

I was a boarder at St Peter's College from 1964 to 1969 in which year I completed my ISC Examination.

I am very grateful to the team of teachers and administrators of the School because it made me a strong person able to face the challenges of life. Above all, it made me a good human being

I am at present a consultant for the hotel industry after working as purchase Manager, Food and Beverages Controller, Stores and Receiving, Manager and General Manager. I am in regular touch with my old classmates on WhatsApp.



## **Tozar Rusi Heerjee (1964-1969)**

I stayed six years (1964-1969) in St Peter's and did my 10th from there in 1969.

I was a boarder all through, because of which I learned to depend on myself and thus gained confidence, which helped me in later life.

I joined Air India in 1979 as Assistant Station Superintendent. From 1988 to 1992 I was Manager, at Bihar, and Orissa, while in 1995 I became Manager (Cargo) at New York Airport. From 1996-1998 I was Manager, of Belgium and Luxembourg, while from 2002 -2005 I was Manager, of Germany and Central Europe. Thereafter I became Deputy General Manager (Marketing) Worldwide and finally, General Manager (Sales), retiring in 2010.



My classmates in St Peter's were Sydney Putman, Khilji, Chandi Ramani, Madhusudan, Sudhir Agarwal, and all others.

When I look back, I think of St Peter's as a top class school for education and sports, with a set of great teachers.

## **Rajesh Dhingra (1964-1969)**

I was in St Peter's College Agra from 1964-1969 and took part in all activities including sports and games.

Later I joined Delhi University where I became the Badminton Captain and President of the Delhi Golf Club where many young golfers are groomed for competitions.

After doing my B.A.(Hons.), M.A., L.L.B. I joined the Indian Revenue Service. I retired in 2011 as Member, Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC, now after GST renamed as CBIC) and Special Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance. Apart from this long tenure in Govt., I was deputed to head the Sports Authority of India, (SAI) 1991-96.



In SAI I was associated with the identification of sporting talent and giving all year training/competitive exposure to children from the age group 9-14 years. SAI recruited footballers from Car Nicobar, cyclists from Port Blair, boxers from North East, gymnasts from Alleppy, wrestlers from Haryana, archers from Jharkhand, shooters from Delhi/Punjab, and of course athletes from all over. At present, I am Vice Chairman, of CDD Sports Trust that supports scholarships in various Institutions including St. Peter's College, Agra

## My Achievements Are Dedicated to My Alma Mater

**Kamaluddin Khilji (1966-1969)**

My yesteryears were so memorable that I should like to share them with sheer joy with all the SPC Staff and Students alike. I vividly remember that after leaving St. Xavier's School, Jaipur; on the first day of 1966 entering the magnificent gate of the Cathedral built during the old Raj days, along with my late father to seek admission in the standard VIII of St. Peter's College, Agra. This scene in itself mesmerized me and kept me guessing until I saw the great College building built in 1846 with colonial architecture, in which the statue of Saint Peter stood firmly to guide us to be of some aid to all human beings. During the period spent in this College, till passing out the ISC Exams, the new institute taught me to be sincere, diligent, honest to achieve the goal and to respect the elders. These motives helped me build my career as I dreamt resulting in my admission to Delhi University and soon after completing my PG I got selected for The Rajasthan Administrative Services, where I served for 36 years in different capacities and finally retired as the Add. Excise Commissioner Jodhpur.



Every evening spent on the lush-green fields as a hosteller where Rev. Fr. Columban OFM Cap. was to watch us play fairly and with team spirit and "sound the board" voice. The sportsman spirit inculcated during that period helped me to become a member of the DU TT Team and also became the Captain of the Rajasthan Badminton State Team representing the State at the All India Civil Services Tournaments. Along with the sports, the moral teaching and ethical values impressed upon my mind by the Archdiocese of Agra helped me to achieve the State Meritorious Award Twice in my service career as well.

Whatever I have achieved in life is dedicated to the Staff of St. Peter's College, my Alma Mater.

## Derek Smith (1960-1970)

I studied at St Peter's from 1960 to 1970, when I passed the Class X Examination. I then went for further studies to St John's Intermediate College and for my B A and M A in English to St John's College. After doing my BEd I became a lecturer in English in St John's Inter College, retiring as Officiating Principal in 2015. I was also a major in the NCC and in charge of the NCC unit in the College.

My years in St Peter's were eventful and full of fun. I took part in athletics, football and boxing and got prizes.



St Peter's taught me how to develop both the body and the mind and how to tackle the problems that came your way. It was during my time in school that a gymnasium was built by the then Principal Fr Columban and the Air Wing of the NCC was started, of whch I became a member.

My fellow students were the Dhingra brothers, Ravi, who joined the IAS and Rajesh who entered the Indian Revenue Service. Both were good badminton players at the State and even National levels. Also with me were Vijay Arora, Vijay Manchanda, Mukesh and Mukul Chandra.

As I look back on St Peter's I feel that the School can sponsor the education of some socially deprived and physically disabled students. It is because of the need for attention to socio-economic problems that I have become a member of the Adarsh Samaj Party and have contested the Vidhan Sabha elections under its banner.



*Note: Sadly, Derek Smith passed away suddenly on August 15 after a heart attack, while he was preparing to go to the private school he was running to hoist the tricolor. He had gone to the toilet and when he failed to come out, his wife went to see what had happened and he was found lying on the floor. Rushed to a hospital, he was declared dead on arrival.*

*While Principal, he did not compromise with his principles and refused to be pressurised into doing wrong acts, because of which he was not confirmed as Principal. Ed.*

## Ivan Smith (1961-1970)

Joined St.Peter's College, Agra in 1961 and passed out in 1970 after completing ISC. Played an active role in school operas, elocution contests, and sports. After intermediate at R.E.I., Agra joined St. John's College. Was a member of the Cricket First Eleven and Table Tennis team. Passed out after completing M.A.(English) in 1976. Did a short stint as Lecturer in English at P.C. Bagla College, Hathras before joining Sita World Travels, Delhi as a Management Trainee. Joined Hindustan Commercial Bank as a Probationary Officer for a year and then State Bank of India also as a Probationary Officer. Held many important positions as



Branch Manager, Administrative Officer, and Concurrent Auditor and retired in 2014 as Chief Manager.

While in State Bank, completed two treks to the Himalayas-to Milam Glacier at 13000 ft at the border with China and to Gangotri, the origin of the Ganga (called Bhagirathi in the region).

St. Peter's College was my alma mater in the true sense. It gave me opportunities galore to develop my talents-in studies, the sports field, and on the stage. It taught us the right values, developed my self confidence, sharpened my brain, and love for exercise, games, and sports. Above all, the strict, almost military discipline has stood me in good stead and continues to be so as I pass on the same values to my better half and children. Thank you, St. Peter's College.

My earliest recollection of old boys is about the John Brothers, Hector John and Peter John. Hefty guys with massive thighs who were so impressive on the sports field. They belonged to the famous John family of the John Mills at Agra who contributed to the school, and the church and made the John's Library at Hewitt Park, now called Paliwal Park, the Agra Club, the Queen Mary Empress Library and many other public buildings. There were the three Anglo Indian boys, Ronald Smart, Edmund Gaynor and Raymond Stevens. Good in games and sports. Ronald became a teacher at Welham for Girls at Dehradun, Edmund joined the Ashoka Hotel, Delhi but passed away early and Raymond joined St. Mary's Convent, Clement Town as a PT. teacher. J. Bhosle was good at Javelin Throw and other sports and joined the Indian Army. Samson Nalatumbay was great at gymnastics and never failed to earn applause from the spectators for his flawless performance.

Romen Chakravarty (Ramu) to his friends and Rajendra Chaturvedi (nicknamed Gitta Chaubey, for his short stature) were good at football.

Shakeel Ahmed and Durga Sinha were from Sherwood College, Nainital, and joined St. Peter's school together. They were good boxers as was Sidney Reilly from Delhi.

Arun Munshi was the best cross country runner. The race used to be from St Peter's to Sikandra and back. Arun invariably bagged the first prize time and again.

Bintoo Sarao was good in hockey and played the saxophone beautifully.

Muzammil Ullah Khan and Satish Sehgal were good in cricket. The former joined the School Eleven while in class VI.

Gregory Thomas and Derek Smith were good in the 100 meters dash. The latter was good in boxing too as was his cousin. Alas, Derek passed away suddenly recently while he was just 68 years old.

Another old timer was Om Seth, one of the most popular in school and good in cricket.

Anil Sharma was a good football goalkeeper, while the Saraswat brothers, Vivek and Atul were good in football and hockey.

Among my batchmates who did well academically were Ashok Vij, Pradeep Shrivastava, Yogesh Bhargava, Sanjay Dube, Brijmohan Gupta, and Ajay Bansal who all became doctors of

medicine. Sunil Jatana and Suresh Lalla joined the Army Medical Corps and retired as Colonels. Arvind Ralhan and Arvind Tandon became Chartered Accountants as did Mukesh Kapoor who was my senior.

The most illustrious of the students and my senior was Shiv Shankar Mukherjee who became the Indian ambassador to the UK, South Africa and Nepal. His brother Himadri Shankar Mukherjee was Asst. General Manager, State Bank of Hyderabad, and my boss in one of the branches. Another brother, Niladhri Shankar Mukherjee joined the army and retired as a senior officer.

The Chandra brothers, Mukesh and Mukul became eminent doctors of medicine while another brother, Madhu is a scientist in Germany.

Sunil Jain, my friend, and classmate became an engineer and is involved in the construction of houses and a mall in Agra.

Manzar Sayed Khan was Captain of the Cricket team for two years. He joined St. Stephen's College, Delhi, and later the Oxford Press and became a senior official there.

Memory grows dim as I am also advancing in age and may have left out some other prominent old students whose names escape me at the moment. Apologies to them.

## Excellent Upbringing in St. Peter's

### Ashok Vij (1965-1970)

Born in December 1953 in a middle-class family struggling to settle down after the partition of 1947, I had my initial schooling in St. Anthony's school up to Standard V and thereafter joined St. Peter's College and studied there till 1970, when I passed the ISC examination. After doing my Intermediate from REI Dayalbagh cleared CPMT and did my MBBS & MS (Orth) from SNMC, Agra.



Formed the Old Boys Association of St. Peter's in 1985 and was Founder Secretary till the Sesquicentennial celebrations of the College in 1996. I have been practicing as an orthopedic surgeon in Agra since 1984. I was awarded the Gold Medal for best paper presentation in 2003 at the UP State orthopaedic Conference.

Have been participating in conferences, seminars as national faculty. Have held several posts including President of Agra as well as UP Orthopaedic Society. Was honoured by the Indian Orthopaedic Association and Lions International for 250 free polio operations in 2007.

I have been actively involved in traffic and road safety awareness programs in the schools of Agra for the last 15 years.

In the Corona period, was supporting people with online as well as physical consultations and through videos on social media.

For the last 5 years have been writing Hindi poetry which has been published in some

newspapers and magazines. My first collection of poems was published in 2021 with title " Rooh ke Rang". Two more collections are in the pipeline. All my successful ventures in life have been possible owing to the excellent upbringing and groundwork during my school days in St Peter's and the hard work and blessings of my teachers.

## St. Peter's and After

### Narendra Malhotra (1963-1973)

I studied in St Peter's College for 11 years, from Std I to XII appearing at the Indian School Certificate Examination in 1973 and passing it.

The School taught me discipline, brotherhood, sportsman spirit, how to participate in events without getting disappointed with not winning, how to value, and how to be a good citizen.

After leaving school, I studied medicine, specializing in obstetrics and gynaecology, and raised my father's work of running a private hospital to greater heights. In this, I have succeeded to some extent and have held positions of responsibility and honour in my profession.



As a son cannot talk big about himself, so also a student cannot do so before his teachers and his school. But still, the School should know what a particular student has achieved. Some of the positions held by me will tell fellow Peterians what I have been able to do.

I am at present Managing Director, Global Rainbow Healthcare, Director ART Rainbow IVF; Director, POGSI Manyata CSE; Director, International Relations, SAFOG; Founder-Editor SAFOG Journal; Professor, Sarajevo School of Science and Technology, Croatia; and Chairman of an NGO Smriti, New Level of care.

I have published over 125 papers and chapters and given one thousand guest lectures and over 50 orations.

After doing my MBBS, I did my MD and have been honoured with a number of other Indian and foreign degrees.

I maintain regular contact with all my school friends. If asked to name a few who have risen high professionally I will name Dr. Arun Tiwari (urologist); Naresh Bansal (advocate); Raja Aridaman Singh, former UP MLA, and Minister; Dr Jitendra Arora (medical professional), Ambarish Patel (business); Rakesh Chhibber (Retired Army Brigadier), Dr. Rakesh Gupta (orthopedic surgeon); Dr. Sanjeev Chopra (Brigadier in the Armed Forces Medical Corps)

St Peter's is a foundation-building institute. My son also studied in the School and I am still in touch with my teachers.

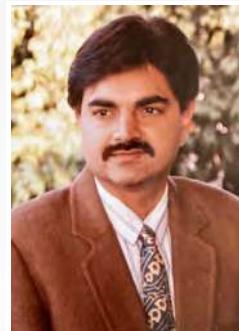


*Dr. Malhotra describes his years in St Peter's in great detail and with gusto and frankness in the accompanying article in Hindi. Ed.*

## Ambarish Patel (1965-1973)

It is a proud moment for me to see that my Alma Mater is completing 175 glorious years dedicated to nurturing innocent, little children into responsible citizens of our country.

Studying in St Peter's College is a nostalgic period of my life. The guidance, love and even scolding I got from its kind hearted and caring teachers and sincere and dedicated Principal, Rev Fr Columban, has always had a positive effect on me and been a source of inspiration and helped me in developing duty consciousness, being an extrovert, friendly and with humanitarian values. The Institution has been instrumental in carving my personality and making me what I am today.



I consider it my good fortune and thank my parents who decided to put me in this wonderful institute. The College has not only imparted sound quality education but also given me a cultural, spiritual, and extra-curricular outlook to me in life.

The College has weathered 175 years of its existence, having stood the test of time so gallantly.

I wish the Institution many more decades of glorious presence and pray to the Almighty that it might continue to act as a beacon of wisdom and knowledge for students for generations to come.

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*Mr. Patel is a dynamic and known figure in the business and social circles of Agra. Son of the late Kantibhai Patel who had achieved fame for his business acumen and sponsorship of sports, he has imbibed some of his father's gifts of affability, cultured behavior, and love of sports. He continues to handle his family business while taking time off for social work. Ed.*

## Sanjiv Verma (1969-1974 )

I stayed in the boarding house of St Peter's College, Agra from 1969 to 1974 (Standards VI to XI) when I appeared for the ISC Examination. Thereafter I went to Delhi and took admission in St. Stephen's College, where I studied science and mathematics and sat for the UPSC examination for nautical surveyors. I was selected and posted on the Great Eastern Shipping Company. I became a navigator in a merchant vessel, which work I did for 26 years, carrying merchandise all over the world.



During this long period of service, I visited a large number of countries and nearly all the important ports of the world. This enabled me to come in contact with all kinds of people- belonging to different nationalities, communities, and races. This experience gave me a new awareness of life.

St Peter's is a great school that gave me much confidence, which helped me in taking decisions and carrying out my duties better.

I still remember my teachers. Mr. Phillips, the two Mr. Simons, Mr. Silas, Mr. Vashishtha, and the others- and classmates: Chandra Mohan Rana, Vimal Gupta, Vipin Banka, and Anil Sikri.

When my father, Col. B.C Verma was posted at Bharatpur as Station Commander, he helped get land for a new school, named St Peter's School, which Fr Columban wanted to open in Bharatpur. My father interceded with the then Maharaja of Bharatpur, who owned the land and it was given.

I am now the Director of a merchant navy company based in Delhi. On the basis of the experience I gained from my work, I have brought out five books on the merchant navy.

On the occasion of the completion of 175 years of service to education, I greet my Alma Mater and wish it many more years of glorious work.

### **Chandra Mohan Rana (1966-1974)**

I joined St Peter's in 1966 and stayed for nine years in the School hostel. The high academic standard of the school helped me to start my own CBSE affiliated Sr. Sec school at Sadabad Distt Hathras. The cursive handwriting passed on to us by Late Rev Fr. Columban has been an asset which has enabled me to train hundreds of students to improve their handwriting too. I am proud to be an alumnus of SPC!

I was a member of the school hockey team. My inclination towards games and sports was because of the motivation provided by Peter Anthony sir and Edward sir which helped me to be selected in the Agra Region hockey team later.

I had also the honor to participate in the Dhyan Chand hockey tournament and was lucky enough to personally meet Major Dhyan Chand when he came to inaugurate the tournament.

Hostel life left an indelible effect on me and has helped me in my vocation as an educator. The sense of discipline inculcated in all students even from far off places was due to the strict discipline maintained by Fr. Columban, Brother Oliver, Brother Matthews, and the team of dedicated staff like Mr. I Phillips, Mr. Nath, the Simon brothers, Mr. Vashistha, Mr. Garg, Mother Flavia, Mrs. Macdonald to name a few!

I shall ever remain indebted to my Alma Mater for the wide exposure and for shaping me into a responsible citizen of my country! Even today I feel proud to introduce myself as one of the alumni of this prestigious institution. I was also awarded the Patni Silver medal for being the best student in Class VII.

### **Kaushik Das (1973-1975)**

I passed the ISC Examination in 1975 after studying in St Peter's from 1973-1975.

After school I did civil engineering from Jalpaiguri Government College, West Bengal and retired from ITD Cementation after working in a number of international companies with construction work in Orissa and West Bengal.

I remember my Principal Fr Columban, teachers I V Phillips, H E Simon, L R Silas, T Nath, P K Gupta, S P Sharma and Dr V K Gangil.

One of my classmates was Sunil Dutt Sharma, son of the famous surgeon Dr B D Sharma.

Of my two children, my son is a civil engineer like me, while my daughter is teaching in an international school in Anand, Gujarat.

I send my best wishes to my old school on the occasion of its 175th anniversary.



# Reminiscences of My Stay in St. Peter's

Anil Jessop Chauhan (1966-1976)

It gives me great pleasure to learn that St. Peter's College, Agra is celebrating its 175 years of existence. I am overwhelmed with mixed emotions about being a proud alumnus of St. Peter's College, Agra, an institution known for its glorious traditions whose alumni adorn all walks of Indian life- as civil servants, defense personnel, businessmen, teachers, professors, doctors, engineers, etc. I joined the College in January 1966 in Class I, probably in those days there were no nursery and pre-nursery schooling. My first class teacher was Sr.Cantius, (if my memory serves me right) whose persona charmed everyone who came into her contact. If I am allowed to assess my teachers of yore today, then I would say that two or three teachers were really outstanding during the first five years of my stay in the College, i.e., from Standard I-V, they were Sr, Cantius, Miss Macdonald, Mrs. D'souza and Sr. Flavia and those teachers who left an imprint upon my character and personality from Standard VI-X were Ms. Doreen Smith, Mr. B R Sharma, Mr.Allomal Agarwal and of course the most humane of them all, Mr. H C Saigal. Mr. I V Phillips impressed us with his British accent, as also Mr. T Nath. Then, there were teachers like Mr. L R Silas, Mr. S P Sharma, Mr. S Vashishtha, Mr.H E Simon, etc. who made learning easy by making it interesting for the students to grasp the intricacies without too much emphasis on pedagogy.



The 'Wonder Years' of my stay in St. Peter's College (1966-76) coincided with one of the best principals, Fr. Columban, whom I regard as an experimenting principal. He introduced colored clothes to be worn in the College by the pupils on Saturdays. However, it was given up within a year. Such was also the fate of 'banning' corporal punishment for students. He also introduced the scheme to promote students to the next class on the basis of Term Examinations, without their appearing in the Final Examinations, if the student had done well throughout the year, but again the scheme was given up. For a year he stopped College Assembly in the traditional method; instead, speakers were installed in the classrooms and Fr. Columban used to address the students and teachers from his office; but once again it was a short-lived experiment though very useful in the rainy season. Needless to add, these changes were usually introduced after his return from European or US tours and what he witnessed over there he tried to introduce in the College.

He also had a unique way of dealing with problematic students. I still remember the incident in which a junior student was beaten up by a senior and the complaint came to the Principal. The next day, Fr. Columban, first narrated the incident in the College Assembly and then called out the boy who had beaten his junior to the front row. He was then given boxing gloves and was asked to put them on. Then he called out the College Heavyweight Boxing Champion, all dressed up in fighting gear and when the errant student saw him, he started howling and crying and begged forgiveness; that in itself was a lesson for the whole College.

Remembering the College functions even up to this day I can say that what I always looked forward to was the student's and Teacher's morning assembly: the students were made to learn some hymns and the National Anthem. It also made us aware of any important activity was on the anvil. The College Annual Sports, where the drills under the supervision of Mr. Peter Anthony and Mr. Edwards

were conducted smoothly and the treat for the eyes was the 'Pyramid' formation under the guidance of Mr. H E Simon and some drills, where wooden swords, guns, dumbbells, etc. were used performed under the guidance of his brother Mr. Robert Simon. While Mother Mary would be playing on the piano to the applause of the audience and Mr. I V Phillips regaled the audience with his British accent while conducting the commentary. The College Annual Magazine was also much looked forward to by the students at the time of the distribution of Annual Report Cards. The Annual Day, Class Picnics, College Annual Fete, and the College Exhibition Day were other events that were celebrated with much gusto, which gave us students a break from the mundane humdrum class routine.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the College Management, the Principal, Staff, and the present students on the completion of 175 Glorious Years of this great institution and hope they would cherish and uphold the traditions laid down by their predecessors in the realm of teaching, studies and of course, the extra-curricular activities and to give their best in the years to come.

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### **Nikhil Chaturvedi (1966-1976)**

My journey with St Peter's started in 1966 when I entered the College in Standard I with Mrs. Mal as my class teacher.

It was a proud privilege to be a student of a college from the beginning, as the name of the School goes. I passed the ISC Examination in 1976 and my batch was the last one in the 10 +1 arrangement.

I have fond memories of Fr. Columban and his teachings and sayings like: "Work combined with joy" and the "Joy of Giving" and they are always with me at the back of my mind.

There was a holistic approach towards studies in students as developed by the teachers, so that all took part in all kinds of activities in the School, including sports and music. Value education was provided through moral science with the Archbishop himself taking these classes.

The School had magnificent buildings and vast open spaces and sport fields which I did not find in my future institutions.

The School taught me to be God fearing, good citizen, disciplined, and it developed in me all the qualities of leadership and taking initiative.

I am proud to have been a student of St Peter's and am happy to say that I owe everything in my development to my school and my teachers.



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*Dr. Chaturvedi is a popular paediatrician in Agra. He is a doctor with a difference: he has no fixed consultation fees and allows patients or their caretakers to pay whatever they wish to. Most pay a reasonable amount, but a few express their inability to pay anything at the moment promising to pay when their means allow them to do so. He accepts this, too. This is in sharp contrast to the practice of most doctors of getting their fees deposited at the counter before registration of the patient. Ed.*

# An Excellent Academic Institution

## Deepak Mital (1972-1976)

I attended St. Peter's from 1972-1976, and graduated at the top of my class with honours at the ISC exams.

The school instilled in me the values of diligence, honesty, and teamwork.

After leaving Agra, I completed Medical School at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi in 1983, and M.S. in Surgery with a Thesis on Nuclear Scans in Kidney Transplants. Then I went to England for three more years of Surgical, Vascular, and Urological training. I am a Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of Edinburgh and Glasgow. On my return to AIIMS, I was an ad hoc Assistant Professor of Surgery and on the Faculty for Kidney Transplantation. I am also a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. I received transplant fellowship training at Albert Einstein Medical Center/Temple University in Philadelphia, and at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. My experience includes islet cell transplant research and steroid-free post-transplant immunosuppression. My surgical innovations include renal transplants without sutures and micro invasive donor nephrectomy.



Since establishing the new Kidney Transplant Program at Advocate Christ Medical Center, my Team has done well with impressive results. These include complex Heart-Kidney Transplants, and Paired Kidney Donor Exchange Transplants. I served on the Patient Affairs Committee of the OPTN and as a member of their Kidney Transplant Committee for Region 7. I am also a Member of the Advisory Board of Gift of Hope: the Organ Procurement Organization for the Chicago region.

I am at present the Surgical Director of Advocate Christ Medical Center's Renal Transplant Program in Oak Lawn, IL. I moved there in late 2008 from Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, and have more than 26 years of Abdominal Transplant experience. At the Rush University of Chicago, I was the Director of Pancreas Transplantation. I am also a Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago.

As look back, St. Peter's is an excellent academic institution, with a strong emphasis on sports and the personal growth of students. I am blessed to have attended school there!

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*Dr. Deepak Mital MD, MBA, FACS, FRCS is one of the best products of the school that have risen high in the field of medicine. His biodata has been changed into the first person singular to fit in with the pattern we have adopted. Ed*

## Praveen Bhargava (1972-1977)

I studied in St Peter's College from Std VI to Std X during the years 1972 to 1977 and left the School after passing the ICSE Examination.

I remember all my teachers and my classmates, with whom I maintain constant contact. I have no words to describe what I gained from St Peter's.

My teenage years were the best of my life. In School, I was taught how to bond with people of all castes and creeds. The time spent in school built up my physical and mental strength and taught me to enjoy the beautiful things in life and much more. My life is indebted to St Peter's in all its aspects.



While in St Peter's, I took part in sports and games and was the swimming captain of the College. I have with me a photograph in which I am standing with some other boys, all in school winter uniforms with the word 'Captain' written after my name, and with

the Swimming coach Mr. Edward Thomas, sitting on a chair.

After school, I did the flourishing business of seed farming and supplying the seed so grown to the Government. This I did for 20 years. When some problems came in the way of this business, I switched over to providing TV cable network service in Mathura. This, too, I left after some time because of the new rules that came into force.

In the year 2012, I renounced everything and became an ascetic adopting the life of a 'sanyasi' with the name of Swami Sadanand. I now live in Vrindavan and look after a temple there.

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*Mr. Bhargava, though an ascetic who has given up worldly life, was ecstatic about his time with St Peter's and was very helpful in giving the names and telephone numbers of his classmates for me to contact for their inclusion in the Souvenir. Ed*

### **Kr. Jaipal Singh Chauhan (1971-1980)**

I studied in St Peter's College, Agra from Std 1 to Std X when I appeared for the ICSE Examination.

Thereafter I was commissioned into the Indian Air force on June 13, 1987, and retired on December 31, 2020. Before being commissioned I got the prize for being the best cadet at the NCC Republic Day Parade in 1983. I am the holder of eight world records and one national record in adventure sports.

I am at present National President of All India Ex-Servicemen, Paramilitary Forces personnel, and Families Welfare Association. I was also Chief C-ordinator, of the President's Standards Presentation in 2008 and 2011

I was appointed a member of the Executive Committee for the reception of the Queen's Baton for the XIX Commonwealth Games 2010 by the Governor of Meghalaya.

I have been credited with innovations of national and international importance. These include an electrically operated bird-proofing system of hangars; digital vehicle scanning systems-hydraulic pressure and discharge test lab for fire extinguishers.

I have also received the following awards. The President's Award 1984; UP Governor's Gold Medal 1983; Chief of the Air Staff Commendation 2007; Air Force Commanding in Chief Commendation 2011.

I am also a recipient of a honorary Doctorate. I am glad to know that my Alma Mater, St Peter's College, is celebrating 175 years of its existence. I take this opportunity to thank and pay my sincere and deep gratitude and salutations to the SPC Administration and staff for making me what I am today and doing yeoman service to mankind.

I place on record the unmatched quality of physical and academic education, instilling moral and humane values to the students to march ahead in life with confidence and promise to tangentially to contribute for a better and more prosperous nation.

### **Alok Agarwal (1975-1980)**

I worked with the Central Bank of India for 42 years from 1980 to 2022 based at Ghaziabad and retired as Assistant Manager.

I cannot forget till my last breath the golden period of my life education in the Boarding House of St Peter's.



# Nostalgia

## Robin Dasgupta (1972-1980)

In September 1972, my parents got my brother (Ronnie) and I admitted to St. Peter's. My brother and I were born in Ireland and my father had a job with a tannery in Agra. Neither of us knew Hindi at all.

Although our arrival was at the end of the year, Father Columban gave us admission in Class VI to me and Class 1 for Ronnie.

My class teacher was Sister Adolphus. I sat next to a Bengali boy (just can't recollect his name) and Pradeep Chawla.

Most of the boys in the school were bent upon teaching me Hindi with the choicest abuses in that colorful language.



I scored good marks in all subjects except Hindi and Sanskrit. Because of failing in Hindi, I was not promoted to Class VII A but shifted to Class VI C.

My class teacher was Miss. Doreen Smith, a wonderful teacher who always encouraged us to give our best.

In 1973, there was a Hindi Drama being played for the Annual Function. There was a requirement for a husband-wife. The teachers involved suggested many names and they got rejected because later they would be teased by the other boys.

Father Columban asked the teacher in charge (I think it was Mr. T. Nath) to call for my brother and me.

Two non-Hindi-speaking brothers play the role of a husband and wife in a wedding scene in a Hindi drama. I had no dialogue to utter. My brother had to just say Pitaji in one of the scenes. I had wonderful teachers throughout my years at St. Peter's which was from 1972 to 1980.

I regret not getting an opportunity to study Physics under Mr. A. M. Agarwal. My class VIIIC was the only class to ever have Principal Father Columban as our Class Teacher!!!

I loved sports, especially football.

In a way, my favorite teachers were always Mr. Anthony and Mr. Edwards.

I still have respect for the teachers that taught me and even for those that I interacted with. I admired the English spoken by Mr. Philips.

Another lady that was our class teacher in VII-C was Mrs. Simon, a warm soft-spoken person

I loved chemistry and Mr. S.P. Sharma would explain the subject in a very simple way.

I used his methods to teach my children in 1997.

I would like to pay tribute and thank all the teachers that taught me from 1972 to 1980. I owe the deepest gratitude to them for what I am today.

The teachers that taught me were Sister Adolphus, Mother Flavia, Mother Mary, and Miss. Doreen Smith, Mrs. Simon, Mr. B N Garg, Mr. Phillips, Mr. S P Sharma, Mr. V K Gangil, Dr. Ajaya Baboo, Mr. P K Gupta, Mr. H Seghal, Mr. Vashisth, Mr. P B Sinha, Mr. H E Simon, Mr. R Simon, Mr. B R Sharma, Mr. Chacko, Mr. Tewari, Mr. M P Jain, Mr. Mallik, Mr. Vinayak, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Peter Anthony.

They shaped my character and played an important role in whatever successes and failures I have faced in my life.

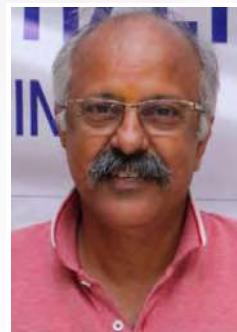
During my time at St. Peter's, I encountered three Principals - Father Columban, Father Alexander, and lastly Father J. D'souza. The all-time favorite would be Father Columban. I was taught to accept defeat with a smile and learn from my mistakes. I learnt not to give up and respect everyone around me.

Thank you, St. Peter's.

## Anil Sharma (1969-1981)

I still remember joining St Peter's College in Std I in the year 1969 in the month of January. I had done my early schooling at St Francis Nursery School. My first class teacher was Sr. Peter.

The School played an important role in building my personality and school activities trained me for my future work. The School Assembly helped me to imbibe discipline and remember God each day, before starting the day's work. It also gave me the opportunity of respecting different religions, thus making me open-minded. This helped me when I found myself in different parts of the country and the world and amidst people of different religions and social attitudes.



As regards sports, I was the School Cross Country and long-distance running Champion for two years. I played and represented the School in hockey, football, cricket and athletics. Because I lived close to the School, I was able to take part in sports every day. Sports made me understand the importance of team spirit, cooperation and working with different kinds of people. It also enhanced my organizational ability. This helped me in my Corporate work and in social activities.

After doing my ICSE and ISC, I did my graduation from St John's College in 1983, followed by MBA from IMT Ghaziabad in 1985. Since then I have been working in Corporate companies, like Arvind Mills Ltd., Raymonds Ltd., and Bhaskar Denim Ltd. I worked in Bangladesh for a long time.

I came back to Agra in 2011 and now do management consultancy. I also take up issues related to the development of Agra and run the organization Civil Society of Agra.

To come back to my work, I started as Management Trainee in ATV Projects Ltd, Mathura, and Mumbai, joining the Personnel Department. In 1986 I joined Arvind Mills Ltd in their Denim Fabric Division. The company had just started production of denim fabrics, the first time this was being done in India. The company wanted non-textile people to sell the product, which is an industrial one, sold to a garment factories. In Arvind, I began as Regional Manager (North) based in Delhi, Regional Manager, South, based in Bangalore, National Head, Brand Ruf and Tuf ready to stitch. I then became Sourcing Head for Ruf and Tuf, franchises of readymade garments. For this, I traveled all over the country to achieve the targets of highest sales.

I then joined Raymond's Denim Division in International Marketing and achieved the highest sales target in Bangladesh. I looked after the Indian subcontinent, the Gulf countries, Europe and South America.

I worked in Denim's Fabric and Garment Division, and traveled internationally, especially in Bangladesh, as it was a garments conversion center. I was in Thane and Bangalore for five years. I shifted to Bangladesh in 2006, heading big garments units manufacturing up to 26,000 pieces per day.

Worked in Bhaskar Denims, Bhopal, and established their international department and exported their first container.

I then joined International Trading Company in the field of textiles based in Bangladesh, followed by Grounded Masala Company, Sunrise Foods in 2009. I streamlined their production logistics and sales and started their office in Bangladesh. I was based at Agra and Dacca both. The streamlining of systems increased the turnover of the company from 90 crores to 200 crores in three years. The company and the brand has now been bought by ITC Ltd."

I left the company because of personal reasons and returned home to India.

Now based in Agra I take causes concerning the common man, while running the organization Civil Society of Agra.

## Rohit Nayyar (1970-1982)

It is a matter of immense pleasure that St.Peter's College Agra has completed 175 years of its establishment. To commemorate the occasion the College is bringing out its Dodransbicentennial Souvenir.

St. Peter's College has been playing an important role in imparting quality education. It has been making a significant contribution in educating students and inculcating high moral values. They are a matrix of the unaided Christian Minority Institution owned by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Agra that plays a stellar role in rejuvenating the society-intellectually, emotionally, socially and spiritually.



It has been imparting education by fusing ancient Indian values with modern, western and scientific outlook since its inception in 1846. While celebrating its 175th Anniversary the College is proud of its achievements that brought laurels for this educational institution.

Today there are more than 35000 ex-students of this college who are raising the flag of this institution all around the globe in the field of administration, politics, judiciary, education, scientific research, art, culture, sports and entrepreneurship.

I personally have been witness to 150th Anniversary, i.e. Sesquicentennial (1996), 160th Anniversary i.e. Post Centennial Diamond anniversary (2006), and now 175th Anniversary , Dodransbicentennial of St.Peter's College Agra (2021-22). On this historic occasion, I wish to share a personal event in my life during my education in this school. The year was 1978. Principal of the school was Rev. Fr. Alexander O.F.M. My father died in an accident and my name had figured in the list of students who had not paid school fees for six months.

I was summoned before the Principal to explain why my fee had not been paid. I was trembling with fear and it was my first experience entering the school Principal's office. I was contemplating that I will be asked to leave the school as I was a fee defaulter. But Rev. Fr. Alexander was very kind, he listened to me patiently and asked for my fee book, on that he wrote "Till he studies in this school he shall pay only Rs 10 as school fees." I was very happy and tears rolled down my eyes. This debt of St.Peter's I shall never be able to repay till my last breath.

I studied well, became a Chartered Accountant, did a degree in Law, did two post graduations one in Economics (Specializing in Finance) and the other in Business Administration. It was such a privilege that then to a needy and poor student, the School Management helped to prosper and reach the pinnacle of Success. Today I have well established Chartered Accountancy practice and I am co-founder of world leading two print and digital magazines along with my wife.

While celebrating its 175th Anniversary the College is proud of its achievements that brought laurels for this educational Institution. It has proved its worth in every sphere of life. I congratulate the Management, staff and students of the College on its Dodransbicentennial Anniversary of its founding and wish them a bright future. I also convey my best wishes to Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia, present Principal for the successful publication of this Souvenir that shall highlight the achievements of this great institution during the last 175 years.

## **Vinay Kumar Singh (1978-1986)**

I joined St Peter's College in 1978 and passed the ISC Examination from there in 1986, before venturing on my career of HR professional. During the past 30 years I have done leadership roles in various companies and organizations. I have worked with Batra Hospital as Head, Human Resources and Senior General Manager (Legal).

I have experience of many years in HR, industrial relations, business, and employment laws, and worked at the India Habitat Centre for 18 years.

I have also been on the faculty of labor laws at Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security Institute and have also conducted sessions on prevention of sexual harassment of women and also sessions on constitutional law at public sector organizations.

I have been teaching LLB and LLM classes as visiting faculty in various institutes of Meerut University. My expertise in labor laws, constitutional laws and dispute resolution, personnel management, and organizational behavior, helping me greatly.

After school, I did my master's in science in organic chemistry, besides LLB, LLM and PG diplomas on production management and human resource development.

St Peter's taught me honesty, punctuality, hard work, and discipline. These have influenced my life at every stage. I adhere to these qualities while taking work from people in my profession.

At School, I also learned presentation skills, because of which I have become a successful trainer for many PSUs, universities, and colleges.

When I look back, I think I was lucky enough to learn how to be meticulous and disciplined in life.

I am happy that my Alma Mater is celebrating 175 years of its existence and wish the celebrations all success



## **Munish Kumar Gupta (1983-1988)**

I joined St. Peter's in 1983 in Std VIII and studied there till 1988 when I passed the ISC Examination. While in school I was Captain of St Lawrence House. For four years 1983 to 1986, I stayed in the College Hostel.

After school, I did the course of the chartered account and became a manufacturer of and exporter of handicraft items.

I am associated with a number of social and business organizations. I am a founder member and treasurer of Christ the King School Alumni Association, Executive member of the National Chamber of Industries and Commerce, Agra; Treasurer of the Mathur Vaish Shiksha Sabha, Sikandra, Agra and former Vice President, Handicrafts Exporters Association, Agra.



## **Shardindu Vajpayee (1984-1993)**

I joined St. Peter's in 1984 in Std IV and passed Std XII in 1992-93. I was elected Dy. Prime Minister in 1992-93.

After completing my graduation (B Com) from Agra University and MBA from GSBA Ghaziabad, I started working with ICICI Bank as Branch Manager and was promoted as Area Manager for Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. In March 2005 became Regional Head- East India.

From 2006-2008, I was transferred to Qatar by ICICI bank to set up a branch in Qatar. In 2008 I left ICICI Bank and joined Standard Chartered Bank in



Qatar as General Manager for Wealth, NRI and Branch Banking.

In 2012 I got an opportunity to come back to India as Managing Director at Amicorp Advisory Services Ltd. In 2021 was promoted to Head of Asia, I am currently based in Bombay

My areas of interest are sports, gym, and reading.

St. Peter's College has given me the biggest asset under the guidance of Fr George Paul, and that is discipline... and I give 100% credit to St Peter's for my success. St. Peter's is not only an Alma Mater but an epitome of discipline, management, and administration and a workshop for developing the right character in every student.

I studied and spent my best days of life in St. Peter's (almost a decade) and also after leaving in 2003 (almost three decades), the memories are so fresh and mesmerizing. To be honest, it's a blessing to have studied in Peter's College.

### **Ankur Singh (1991-2002)**

I joined St Peter's in 1991 and studied there till 2002 when I passed the ISC Examination.

During my long stay there, moral values like honesty, kindness, empathy, adjusting with others, and the importance of punctuality and self-discipline was inculcated in me and other fellow students.

By profession, I am a civil engineer and Quality Manager at Anulab, near Etmadpur, Agra.

I regard my stay in St Peter's as the best 12 years of my life that gave me lifelong friends and discipline in life.

One of my classmates and friends were Vaibhav Kaul, Rishi Gupta and others.



### **Debashish Sarkar (1992-2004)**

During my stay in St Peter's, I was Prime Minister of College Parliament, an active sportsman and a member of the College cricket team. Did Std XII in 2004 with the highest marks in biology.

Graduated from Meerut Medical College in 2009 with eight gold medals.

Did a postgraduate in gynaecology getting a gold medal.

Over the last ten years, have helped over 5000 childless couples realize their dream of achieving parenthood.

Looking after Sarkar Nursing Home with the help of my father, Dr. Barun Sarkar.



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*Sarkar Nursing Home is the oldest and first nursing home set up in Agra in 1947 by Dr. A K Sarkar and Dr. S C Sarkar. Ed.*

## **Nakul Manchanda (1997-2008)**

It studied in St. Peter's for 12 years and passed out in 2008.

Some of my best learnings and memories are from this great institution, I learnt a lot of leadership skills since got to serve as the Head Boy in my time. Apart from this, self-discipline is one of the qualities that was best instilled in my forming years.

When I look in hindsight I have a bunch of memories with my friends, teachers, and neighbouring schools. The bond of friendship created with my school friends is still strong and we are there for each other in times of need and otherwise. The teachers we studied from are the ones to whom I can go up to even today and talk for hours. The kind of personal attention given by them was one of the key reasons why each student felt a belonging to the institution.



The students will be very happy if I say I would want St Peter's to be turned into a co-ed in future but that's not true since now in hindsight I know how much fun we had in an all-boys school which might not be possible in a co-ed. In future I would want to see St Peter's still stand tall in the middle of our city and make us proud whenever we hear the name of our Alma Mater.

I am today the Managing Head at Lemos Group of Companies, which deals in footwear manufacture for 47 leading brands in India. In 1998 we started our buying house of footwear, bags, and belts and have lately ventured into apparel, vessels, and cycle also. I also happen to be a founding member and stakeholder in One 8 Select Virat Kohli, the leading brand for premium formal footwear and socks.

## **Vidur Takru (1997-2009)**

I joined Std I of St Peter's College in 1997, after having spent three years in St Felix Nursery School. Fr. Dennis D'Souza was the Principal then. He was followed by Fr. Matthew K and then by Fr. John Ferreira.



After studying for 12 years, I passed the ISC Examination in 2009.

While I was in school, I took an active part in debates and declamation contests and won several prizes.

I learnt to swim in the new swimming pool of the School constructed with international measurements during the College Centenary. I became a good swimmer and won six gold medals at the National Swimming Championships held in 2007 and 2009.

At present I am based in Toronto, Canada.

## **Reminiscence**

### **Sanal A. Anjickal (1997-2009)**

I think have probably spent more time in the lush green playground of the College than in the classrooms, playing football, cricket, and many other sports and games in the free periods and in the evenings. I am grateful to Sir Edward Thomas, a gem of a person, who found a burgeoning sportsman in me and initiated me into the world of sports and games, and trained me thoroughly. This provided me ample opportunities to develop my skills and represent the College in many sports events. Being the Captain of St. Peter's House, I learnt many leadership qualities too.



During my practices I learnt many valuable life lessons: a) being disciplined

is necessary to achieve our goals in life: (b) the importance of 'WE' as a team better than I as an individual: (c) it doesn't matter how many times one falls, but how soon one gets up and continues one's work and (d) respect the persons on the opposite side no matter what the circumstances may be.

The extra-curricular activities, especially sports, provided me with a platform to exhibit my talents and develop my skills. Through these activities, I could enhance my physical, emotional, and mental well-being. To my own amazement, I discovered that I could dance too, the talent spotted by ma'am Roopa Gosain.

The camaraderie, fun, and frolics with my friends, especially during intervals, Class picnics, Annual Days, and Sports Days, leading sometimes to tiffs and finally patching them up over a bun-samosa and Pepsi will remain ever fresh in my memory.

The moulding and grooming I received in St. Peter's College have contributed exponentially to my becoming the person that I am today. The teachers of the College provided me with not only knowledge and education but also morals and values throughout my journey of twelve years from 1997 - 2009. Their consistent guidance, support, and dedication have helped me develop my skills and character.

I take great pride in having studied in my Alma Mater. On this momentous occasion of its Dodransbicentennial, I thank all the teachers and mentors for their immense contribution and for being the catalysts in my personal growth.

### **Kartikay Anant Sharma (2004-2009)**

I was in St Peter's College from 2004 to 2009, and my father Mr. Anil Sharma, who, too, had been a student of this institution getting me admitted, when we shifted from Bangalore to Agra.

When I look back, I feel the years spent there were very useful and interesting, especially the focus on extra-curriculars and sports, debates, and other subject-based competitions. They helped me become more inquisitive and built strength in me to handle difficult situations

I also believe that whoever studies in St. Peter's or a similar institution will be exemplary in the profession he chooses.

I learnt the importance of networking through thick and thin.

After school, I studied at Amity University and became a mechanical engineer. I worked for three years in Adani Wilmer and then did an MBA from Fore School of Management. Thereafter I joined Vikram Solar Ltd, where I worked for two years.

I am now with PWC as Senior Consultant.

During my periods of work with different companies I was able to achieve the targets set for me. I have also done a postgraduate course in project management. My wife works in an IT company and we are based in Gurgaon.



### **Sumant Vinayak Sharma (1999-2011)**

I was at St Peter's College from 1999 to 2011, when I did my ISC.

I then joined JIPMER Pondicherry for the MBBS course, completing it in 2018. I did MD in ophthalmology from AIIMS from 2018-2021.

Currently, I am doing a fellowship from L V Prasad, Institute, Hyderabad.

While in St Peter's, I represented the school in quiz events and won prizes at the district, State and National levels. This continued when I was doing my



MBBS.

When I look back, I remember St Peter's as a place that prepared me and other students to face the subsequent challenges in life.

My wife, too, is an ophthalmologist.

### Rajat Singhal (ISC 2011)

I was a student of St Peter's for seven years and passed the ISC examination in 2011.



I am at present a businessman and media adviser to the National Commission for scheduled castes, Government of India. My business concern is manufacturing and selling silver ornaments and managing a cold storage.

My years in St Peter's gave me a new vision to look at life, and gain confidence in dealing with hard and difficult situations, that gave me an edge over others.

When I look back, I think it was a privilege to be in St Peter's, and am proud to be an alumnus of the institution. I feel that even today St Peter's has facilities that no other school in my knowledge has.

## Peterian Musings.

### Achal Anand (2007-2011)

Lately, I had an opportunity to visit St. Peter's College after a long time. As I leafed through the pages of this chapter of my life, the threads of the past were sewn into the present, creating a canvas of happiness, gratitude, and nostalgia.



I spent some time strolling around, beholding the 'tall and strong' buildings, long alleys, verdant fields, and in the process, becoming oblivious of the present. This right away set off the irresistible memories - the mandatory yoga sessions, the fete, the morning assembly and prayer songs, the sports day, the science exhibition, the Christmas decorations... and the list goes on. Looking back, it felt nothing short of a lifetime spent.

It has been more than a decade since I bid adieu to St. Peter's College. But except for the architectural aesthetics, everything felt the same. For many of us, this has been a journey of evolution from a tiny tot to a curious kid to an experimenting teenager, before metamorphosing into a spirited gentleman ready to step out and make a mark in the world.

The structured classroom routines and the student-centric approach of our teachers helped us go the extra mile and reinforce our attributes.

Starting with the elemental ones like punctuality, proactivity, perseverance and integrity to the more nuanced ones like teamwork and cooperation, navigating through adversity, respect for the individual, informed decision over unfounded beliefs and the one that goes without saying 'Palma Non Sine Pulvere'. This broad spectrum of qualities that I developed way back at school still serves as a

bedrock for my professional career in the corporate sector.

The meticulous importance given to extra-curricular activities apart from our academic pursuits helped us tap into our unexplored wavelengths. From competing in the early morning cross-country race held every year to dashing for a spot at the table tennis table when the lunch bell sounded, from sweating it out during the evening football sessions to rehearsing till late at night for various cultural events, the opportunities were plentiful. This environment facilitates the moulding of both well-rounded and sharp-edged minds. As a result, we, the Peterians, have excelled in many State and National level events, bringing prestige and widespread acclaim to our Alma Mater.

Soon the sweet sojourn down memory lane got interrupted and found myself still staring at the 'grey magnificent' building. The time had come to lift my gaze from the rear-view mirror back onto the present and the road ahead while striving to become a torchbearer for all the great values this establishment has exemplified.

### **Razi Iqbal (2002-2014)**

I spent 12 years in St Peter's College, starting from Std I and doing my ISC from the commerce stream. I still look back fondly and cherish the time I spent in school and the values of hard work and discipline ingrained in us through the years have been extremely valuable in my academic and professional career. 'Palma Non Sine Pulvere' is something I remind myself, especially when the going gets tough.

The most valuable aspect of my time in St Peter's is the friendships that I formed with my mates, some of whom are still my closest friends. A lot of learning happens from those you surround yourself with and I am still grateful to the talented friends I was able to meet and learn from at St Peter's. I also cherish the bonds I developed with the teachers who taught me not just the technicalities of coursework, but also valuable lessons that I still hold dear to me. The devotion of the teachers to their work is one of the strengths of the school.



I would like to see the school continue investing in teachers, who abide by the higher purpose of genuinely helping the students grow as individuals. With how well Peterians do in their lives, the importance of having dedicated teachers around at the pivotal stage of students lives already speaks for itself.

I am currently a Ph.D. student at the Economic Department of the University of Michigan in the US, researching topics in trade and inter-national economics. I previously worked in the Economics Research Division of the World Trade Organisation in Geneva for two years. I hold a BA degree in economics from the University of Delhi. I also hold a Master's degree in International Economics from the Graduate Institute in Geneva, which was generously funded by the Hans W Wilsdorf Foundation.

# St. Peter's College: My Font of Inspiration

Sajith Anjickal (2004-2016)

"Time flies when you are having fun". This saying perfectly captures my time spent at St. Peter's College, Agra. As I put on my thinking cap to reflect and pen a few words about this great institution on the occasion of its 175th anniversary, I am flooded with many memories. Every day that I spent in the magnificent, imposing, grey and white buildings of St. Peter's was a different experience and continues to be etched in my memory. I am also filled with a sense of immense gratitude for everything that St. Peter's has done for me and helped me achieve.

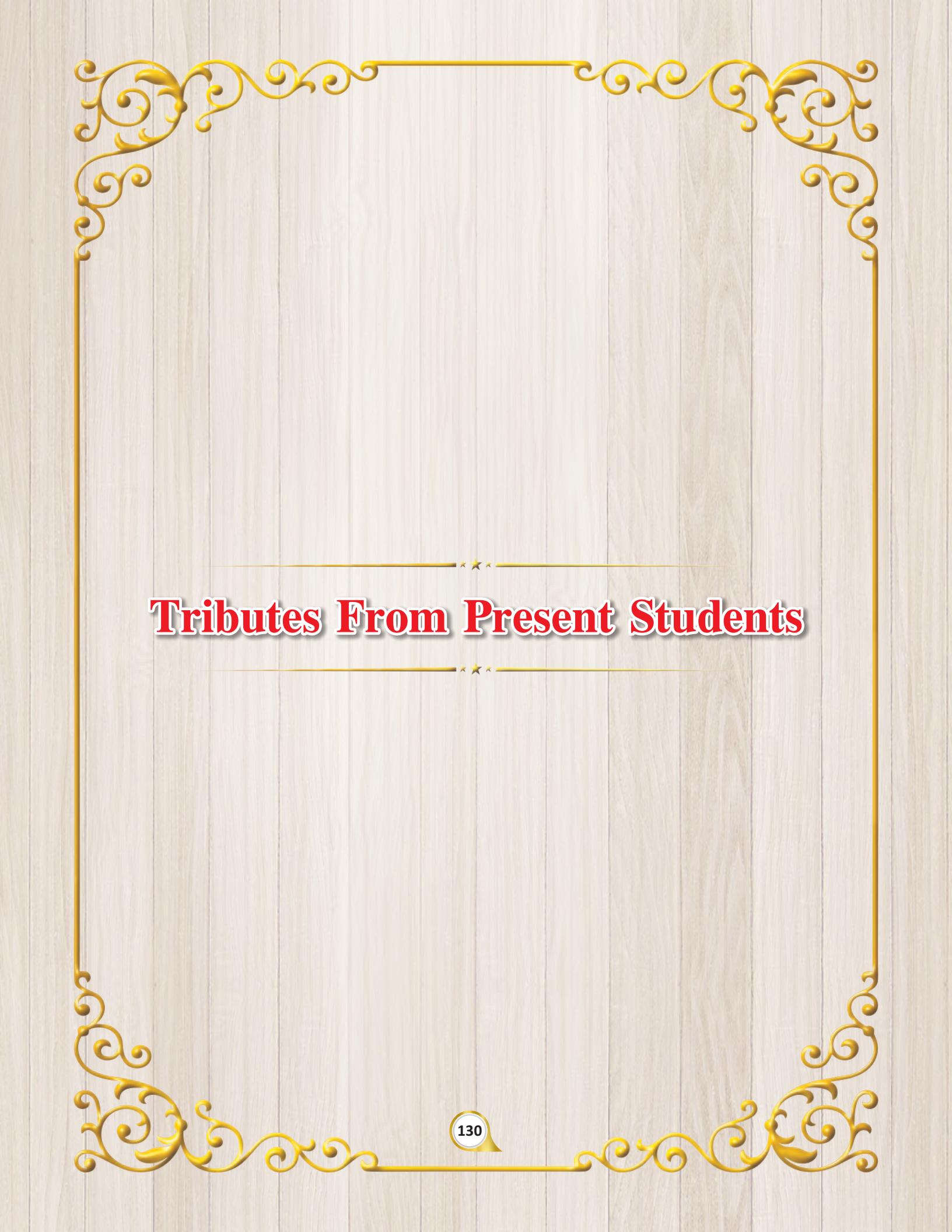


St. Peter's is unique and unlike any other school. It is more than just a school: it is a font of inspiration that has not only provided me the opportunity to develop academically but also given me the platform to grow into a young adult ready to step out and thrive in a complex and fast-paced world. It facilitated my holistic development. My being the Prime Minister of the Students' parliament helped me develop my leadership qualities, oratorical skills and boost my self-confidence.

The standards that St. Peter's sets for its students are far beyond those set by other schools. Among other things, St. Peter's pushed me to be curious and independent, which helped my transition to university seamless. The time that spent at St. Peter's paved the way for a really enriching time at the National Law School of India University, Bangalore. And, as I stand at the beginning of my professional life, I am certain that what I learnt from St. Peter's will help me stand in good stead and also pave the way for a fruitful and successful career.

This reflection would not be complete without expressing my utmost appreciation for the management, staff, and other members of the St. Peter's family. They have been crucial pillars of this great institution, and have contributed immensely to its continued success. Their cooperation and support made my 12 years in St. Peter's memorable and helped me call the institution another home.





## **Tributes From Present Students**

# The Fame of 175 Glorious Years

Isaac Moses XII A

Right from Rev. Fr. Mermet, all the way down to the incumbent Principal Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia, St. Peter's has come a long way. By the time it was celebrating its Silver Jubilee in 1870-71, it was already being hailed as bearing "no unfavourable comparison to the best institution of a similar kind in England and Europe." Fast forward 150 years ahead, and here we are celebrating the Dodransbicentennial Jubilee.

My journey in this white-flecked grey castle began in 2011. I still remember my first day vividly. My class teacher Mrs. Karishma had to hold my hand and walk me to the class, as I stood baffled in the corridor. Being an introvert, I confined myself to academics, except for a few occasional extracurricular merits like a first prize in calligraphy, fourth place in the Interschool WIZ National Spell Bee, etc. My most memorable achievement was the Dr. Sanjay Baswan Memorial Cash Award for the highest marks in Mathematics in the VII Standard. So did St. Peter's College cater to my academic aptitude.

In spite of the exhortation of my teachers to show participation in the co-curriculars, I diffidently kept myself away, and had even developed an unusual stammer. However, things changed in the Standard IX when my class teacher decided to bring me into the limelight by giving my name as one of the three Members of Parliament of the class. It was probably the first time that I had a badge pinned to my shirt and I felt rather nervous about it. Nevertheless, it quite deliberately sowed the seeds of increased self-esteem in me.

These seeds grew into a tree and finally began to bear fruit this year, as my teachers began to involve me in various cultural activities. In the process, I discovered something extraordinary-my talent of oration.

I was also chosen for the top Five Office Bearers of the College Cabinet. The tradition is that these five nominees have to contest in three rounds for the finalization of the posts. I am sent into raptures whenever I recall my speech on that day. It was the first time that I had elocuted, making it one of the finest memories of my life, I was inducted into the Cabinet as the Cabinet Secretary for the Session 2022-23. I express my heartfelt gratitude to my teachers as well as my parents for having faith in me. That is how St. Peter's College not only instilled leadership qualities in me but also awakened my dormant talents, about which I myself was unaware.

Trust me, my juniors, the most precious thing that you can afford at this age is to be a Peterian, because St. Peter's gives equal emphasis to all spheres of human development. The Fr. Columban Memorial Stadium, and Archbishop Cecil de Sa Sesquicentennial Swimming pool are testimonies to this fact as the principals and archbishops have kept the spirit of all-round development alive down the ages.

I know, some of you wish that you had been admitted to a co-educational institution. My brothers, I have shared the same fascination for the opposite gender in the recent past. I daydreamt about a relationship with some Athonians. My teachers were amused at first, but later solemnly counselled me and taught me that my fascination had to be replaced by an understanding of females. So, the point is that St Peter's is not a mere factory turning out top-notch academicians, businessmen, army personnel, etc., each year. Rather, it is a second home for everyone entrusted to it. Your teachers are not just your overseers in your daily activities on campus, but they are your second parents, whom you can confide in.

That is why we are celebrating 175 glorious years of our Alma Mater, as she has been



transforming young boys of today into the mature, responsible citizens of tomorrow, inscribing on their hearts the golden motto 'PALMA NON SINE PULVERE' that is 'No reward without labour', since 1846. May St Peter's College rise to greater heights, fully realize the vision and mission of its Founder, Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Anthony Borghi, and continue to be a boon for society for centuries to come.

## A Vintage Home

Yash Vardhan XII C

175 isn't a number,  
It's a feeling of thousands  
From the welcoming arms of the iron gates,  
Roaring sound of the honks  
There stands a grey magnificent structure.  
Which, for some is a building.  
For few a school,  
But for me, a home away from home.  
This home is nothing but two arms holding me tight at my worst.  
The superlative classrooms,  
Lush green fields,  
And the Golden hearted teachers,  
Are the witness of its societal withstanding for over one and a half century.



St Peter's is the epitome of simplicity iced with compassion.  
A place of trend setters,  
Record breakers, and dream achievers,  
Yet, its corridors echo milestones to be achieved.  
Palma Non Sine Pulvere, in itself idiosyncratic,  
Aspiring many to leave no stone unturned.  
The fragrance of this temple has disseminated itself not only within the nation but also on the foreign land.

I've shared memories;  
Running down slopes, with laughter in the playground and,  
holding hands while sloping down.  
But now, I am tumbling downhill,  
Scattering into a hundred bits, trying to put myself into place,  
Still bound to fail,  
Yet I try, because trying and achieving.  
Is what my Alma Mater has taught me.

I am lost in this maze,  
By the time I've mapped it down, it instigated me to find my own flock,  
So I've to leave behind, what almost felt like mine,  
Perhaps, I mistook the kindness for friendship.

This place will stick around for longer than me, probably longer than most of us,  
Leaving us with nothing but lost addresses and inside jokes.  
In ancient smelling scrap books and magazines,

This place strikes a chord so close to home, and leaves that memory forever imprinted as a souvenir,  
For when I am gone, like a puzzle in a frozen memory.

St. Peter's is where I am leaving behind my heart caged,  
Until stop sighing.



## **Students of St Peter's, St George's and St Patrick's totalling 21 in all (who appeared at the Senior Cambridge Examination in 1956)**



**L to R (Seated):** Miss R.Theophilus, Miss V.Rao, Mr.E.B.Deane, Mr. P.L.Chaturvedi, Mr. E.S. Merriman (Principal)  
Mr. B.M.Cornelius, Mr. C.H.Herbert, Miss H.Westcott, Miss J. Singh

**Standing First row :** Mr. M.Raj,R.Smith, P.Amar, P.Rosemeyer, D.K.Hazra, N.Smith,S.Femandez, V.Mani,C.Morrison,Mr.Pascal.  
**Second row :** A. B. Sibal S.K.Wasan, C.B.Gupta, H.P.Singh, J.L.Baluja, J.P.Singh, B.HamiltonNoor Mohd,M.Tariq.

## St Peter's in Pictures



Archbishop Albert D' Souza Episcopal Silver Jubilee Memorial Hall



The Interior of the Jubilee Memorial Hall



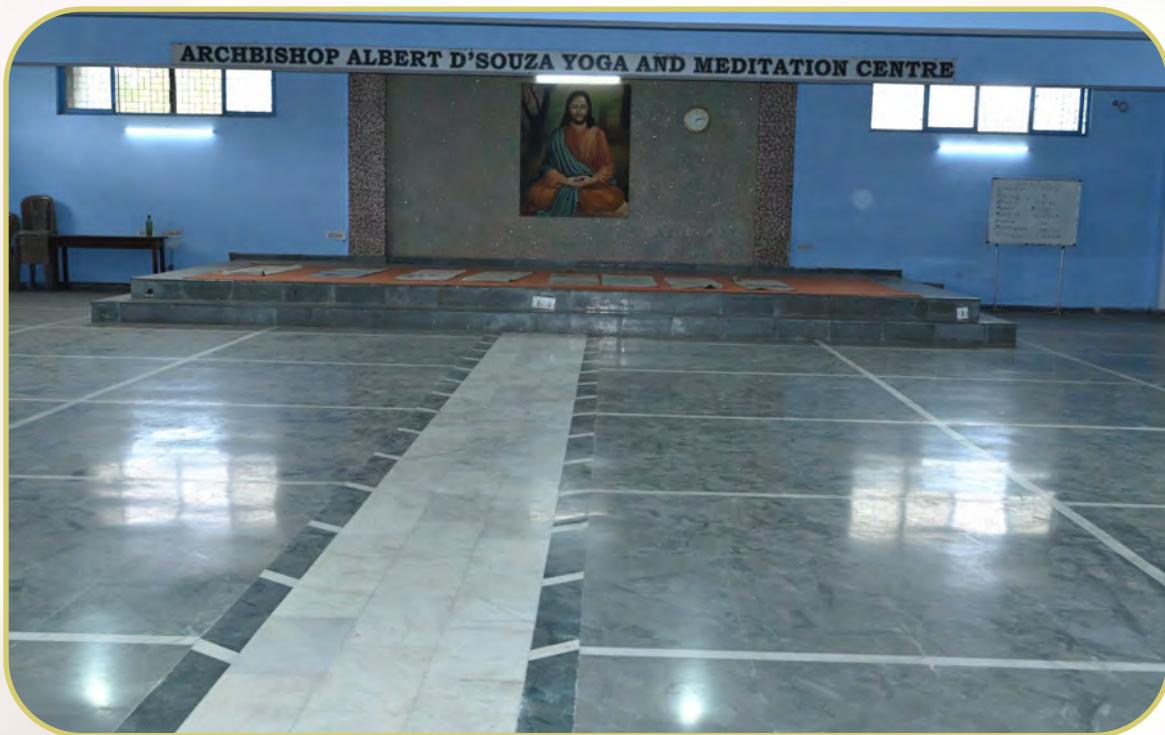
**The Hunter Airframe Gifted by Alumnus,  
Air Marshal A K Singh**



**Statue of Christ the Redeemer**



Main Gate of the College



Archbishop Albert D'Souza Yoga and Meditation Centre



**Assembly Ground**



**The Atrium**



## Vijayanta Tank Gifted by Alumni

Air Marshal A K Singh & Mr Ranjit Issar IAS



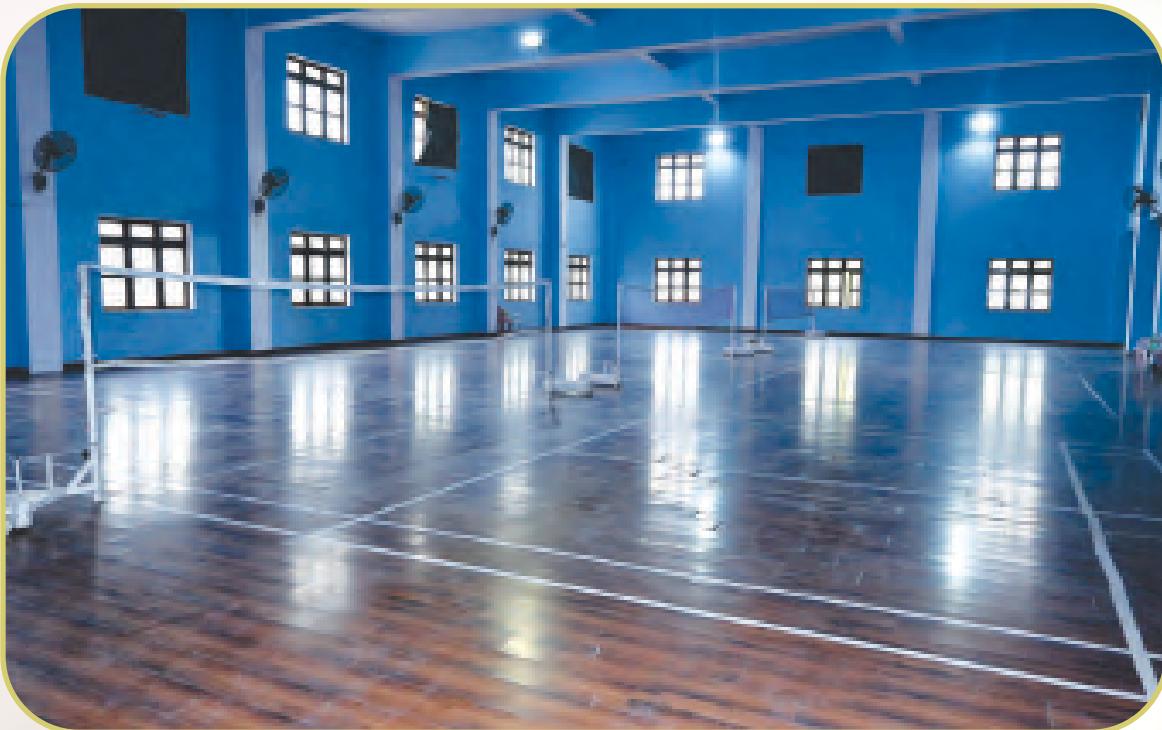
मृग धनु  
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पद्मा।

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## A Wall Relief of the Sermon on the Mount



**Archbishop Cecil De Sa Memorial Swimming Pool**



**Indoor Badminton Court**



**The College 'A' Field**



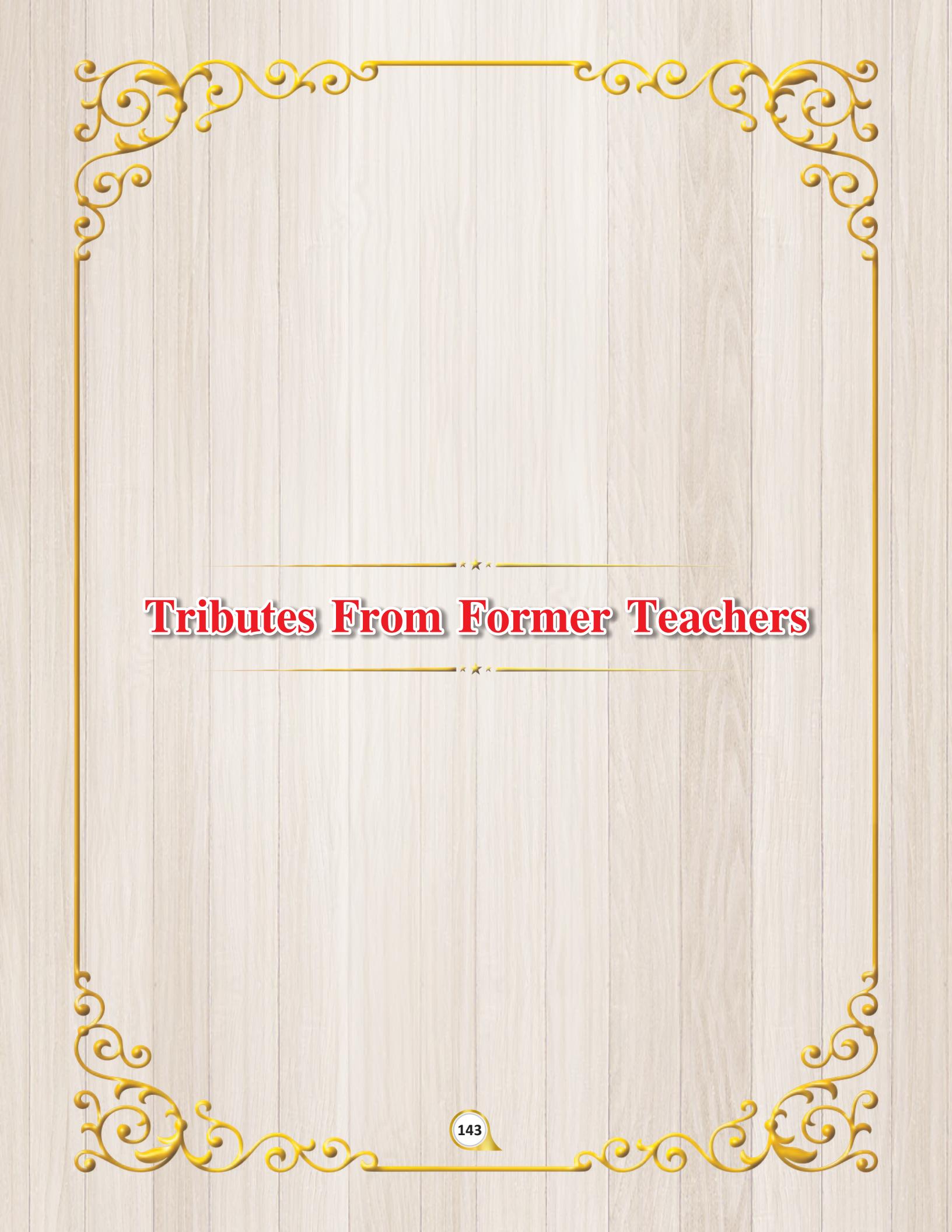
**A Bird's-eye View of the Campus**

# 175 th Anniversary Celebrations Opening Ceremony



# Release of the Special Calendar





## **Tributes From Former Teachers**

# In Reminiscence

## Noreen Newton née Smith (1962-1970)

St Peter's College holds a prominent position in the education realm of Agra. It has been instrumental in shaping the destinies of generations of young people who had the good fortune to enter its hallowed portals and emerge as accomplished and responsible citizens, not only of India but of the world.

My association with St Peter's has been very close and very long, over a hundred years, when my father Thomas Smith joined it in Std IV in 1922. Then my two uncles, James and Peter and after them my four brothers, Lazarus (1941-1953), Ronald (1943-1956); Neville (1946-1956); and Ivan (1961-1970) studied at this prestigious institution.



As a young school girl at St Patrick's School next door, I had the opportunity to visit the College often and admire its imposing building, its fountains and flowers, as also the sprawling grounds, where we witnessed the spectacular PTI displays, gymnastics, and exciting sports. Years later I had the honour of joining the teaching staff of the College. When I joined in January 1962, I was six months short of 20 years and had returned fresh from St Bede's College, Simla, after a two-year stay there for my Intermediate and teaching diploma from Punjab University, after passing the Senior Cambridge Examination in 1959.

It was the first time I was teaching and that too boys and was a bit unnerved in the beginning, I finding myself in a boys' school and predominantly male teaching staff. But I felt reassured by the presence of a number of lady teachers, two of them Miss Valentine and Miss Dua very mature and very experienced. Mrs. Lalji Mal, who was to serve for a long, long time had joined a year earlier in 1961. Two other teachers- Mrs. Macdonald and Mrs. Sheila Russell, who joined a few years after me, were good company; but I was closest to Kamlesh Sethi, who joined with me and also left the school with me in 1970.

My appointment was made by Rev Fr Lawrence, who was then the Rector. Mr. A Packiam was the Headmaster. Both of them were quite close to my family. On the retirement of Mr. Packiam, the post of Headmaster and that of Rector were abolished and the new post of Principal was created, with Rev Fr Columban becoming the first Principal.

When I joined St Peter's many of the older lot of male teachers were still working. These included the science teacher, Mr. P L Sharma, the history and English teacher, Mr. B M Cornelius, the geography teacher, Mr. I V Phillips, the PT teacher Mr. H E Simon and Mr. L R Silas. Mr. E B Deane did his last two years of service in my time.

I began my teaching with Std I and ended it with Std VI. Many batches of students were taught by me upto 60 years ago. Many of them scaled the heights of success. Many of them became doctors, engineers, and businessmen in later life. Though it is difficult to recall the names of these boys, all of whom must be grandfathers now, I can give the names of some of them. The closest to me was Anand Bajpai, son of Mr. P N Bajpai, Executive Officer in the Agra Municipality, and Ambarish Patel, son of Mr. Kantibhai Patel, both of whom used to come to my house for personal help. Also to be taught were Harish Mirchandani and his cousin Seeru; Madhu and Mukul Chandra, sons of Dr. Ramesh Chandra, Narendra Malhotra of Malhotra Nursing Home and Mukesh Jain, who later became a publisher.

. The experience gained at St Peter's was instrumental in grooming me into a proper teacher. As St Peter's celebrates 175 years of service to the nation, I pray that it may grow from strength to strength and may its motto *Palma non sine pulvere* continue to inspire young minds to persevere, struggle and achieve success.



*Mrs. Noreen Newton, now 80, lives with her son in Lucknow, her husband, Dr. Goodwin Newton the noted neurosurgeon of K.G. Medical College, Lucknow having passed away many years ago. Ed.*

# Nostalgia for St Peter's

## Doreen D'Souza née Smith (1965-1975)

I consider myself fortunate to have been asked to write about my time in St Peter's College as a teacher (1965-1975). It is nearly 50 years now that I left the School and many events have become blurred over time, but certain experiences with my fellow members of the staff and also students are still quite vivid and it is these that I shall fall back on.

I was appointed a teacher soon after I completed my teachers' training course at St Mary's Allahabad, where I stayed as a boarder for two years after doing my Senior Cambridge from St Patrick's High School (now renamed St Patrick's Junior College) in 1962. I later did my graduation and MA in English.



At St Peter's I taught Classes II to VI in the Middle School building that had recently come up. The work of teaching was both interesting and challenging. I was a little over 20 years of age when I started teaching and managing a class of 40 boys appeared daunting to me. But I got moral support from the fact that my elder sister, Noreen was already teaching there and there were other lady teachers, too with whom I developed close relations over the years. Some of these were Neena Kalra, Lynda Miranda, Hyacinth Macdonald, Joyce Alone later Joyce Beale, who were all of my age group, and two older teachers, Mrs. Lalji Mal and Mrs. Simon.

In the interaction with my students, I got to know that every student was unique in a way and had hidden talents, which needed to be developed. I decided to develop these latent talents and met with success, with the result that when the students went to higher classes, they were able to bring laurels to the school by taking part in inter-school debates, elocution contests, and quiz competitions.

We, teachers, had a tough time preparing for the Annual Sports Day, Elocution Day, Teachers Day and Children's Day, and of course, Independence Day and Republic Day. We also had a parent-teacher meeting from time to time to update the parents and guardians about their wards and the teaching provided to them and be prepared to reply to their questions, some of which were not very kind.

When I joined in 1965, Mr. Packiam was serving his last two years as Headmaster, a post that was to be abolished in 1967 along with that of Rector when Fr Columban assumed charge as Principal with all powers vested in him. He was kind to the teachers and was willing to listen to their problems and provide solutions to them.

Many new buildings, I find, have now come up and the area close to the boundary wall with St Patrick's, has got a completely new look. In my time, there was a single storey building housing the Kindergarten Section of the School. Then there was an Infirmary in the northwest corner attached to the boundary wall with St Patrick's. Behind the Infirmary, which was looked after by old Mr. Pascal, was the San Damiano Convent, some sisters of which taught in the Middle School. One of them, Sister Flavia became very friendly with me. Later she became the Principal of the newly-opened St Felix Nursery School.

The teachers with whom I developed close relations were Neena Kalra, elder sister of Dr. Ajay Kalra, Hyacinth Macdonald, Lynda Miranda, Joyce Alone, and later Joyce Beale-all of my age group. The older teachers were Mrs. Simon and Mrs. Mal, talking of lady teachers only.

Of the boys I taught, I remember Anil Jessop, and Devendra Gupta, Praveen Bhargawa etc. if I remember aright after 50 years or so. The 11 years I taught in St Peter's were happy days and will forever be etched in my memory.



*Mrs Doreen D'Souza now lives in Australia with her husband and her son. Ed.*

# Teaching Chemistry

Dr. Ajaya Baboo (1975-2008)

In November 1974 when I entered the office of the Principal, St Peter's College, Agra, for an interview for the post of a chemistry teacher, I expected to find a panel of experts waiting to question me. There was no panel, as I looked around but only one holy man dressed in a white cassock. He welcomed me with a quiet smile and gave me a magazine from the German Democratic Republic to read. I read out a few lines; but he stopped me with the question: "Do you smoke or drink?" I replied in the negative and the interview was over. No questions on chemistry, my subject, were asked. Actually, in the interview the social and emotional chemistry of the candidate was tested and the interviewer was Rev Fr Columban, the Principal of the College, who not only appointed me but gave me the *mantra* of happy living and hard work. Even after nearly fifty years, I salute such a *karmayogi* and educationist.



Through Fr Columban I came to know about the stability of teachers in the Department of Chemistry, in which the Founder-Chairman of the Agra Public School Mr. P L Sharma had joined St Peter's in 1930 and retired in 1965, followed by Mr. S P Sharma who joined in 1963 and retired in 1998, while I joined in January 1975 and with an extension of five years taught till May 2013. Thus for 83 years, only three chemistry teachers taught in St Peter's to senior classes.

I had the good fortune of serving under a large number of Principals. They were, apart from Fr Columban, Rev Frs Alexander, Jerome D'Souza, Sebastian Panthaladi, Jose Maliekal, George Paul, Dennis D'Souza, Mathew K, and John Ferreira. All of them taught me a lot. I should like to quote the following lines that have impressed me;

To forget is a crime

To be lazy is a greater crime

To neglect work and offer excuses is the greatest crime

Action without delay is the secret of efficiency

To the present teaching staff, I would like to say that today's teachers have to be doers. They also have to be dreamers, helpers, healers, mentors, role models, nurturers and inspirers. I believe that teaching is the most challenging profession in society and it is getting more and more difficult all the time because in classrooms at all levels, problems are proliferating and expectations are escalating. But I am sure the teachers of St Peter's are competent enough to meet all future and present challenges.

This premier educational institution of northern India has produced personalities in all fields. I can recall the names of some I have taught. They include Sandip Jain and Anshul Singh both IAS personnel, Alok Singh, IPS Police Commissioner, AIIMS toppers Shashwat Misra and Tarun Mittal, Praveg Goyal CBSE India topper, Amrit Goyal, who are all well-known doctors; Dr. Sanjeev Sharma, Standing Committee on Defence, Lok Sabha Secretariat; Rohit Nayyar, Chartered Accountant; Hridyesh Mohan, IAS West Bengal Cadre and Alok Bajpai, Chief Financial Officer, Adani Connect Pvt Ltd.

The students of St Peter's are confident, daring, and optimistic. My appeal to the students is: "Dear students, respect your teachers. Make honesty, sincerity, dedication, patience, and empathy your best friends and most importantly success will be yours."

Long Live St Peter's College.

# A Walk Down Memory Lane

**Pauline Francis (1986-2011)**

Grey magnificent tall and strong our St Peter's College stands today. A landmark of the city of Taj and pride of Agra. It is everyone's dream in the city to be part of the Peterian family in the capacity of a student or a teacher.



I too cherished that dream to be on the teaching staff of the Peter's College. It was in July 1986 I found myself walking up the portals of St Peter's. I met the Principal Rev. Fr. Jose Maliekal and the Headmistress Rev. Sr. Daisy Maria in the primary block. Since then on it was no looking back. During my tenure of 25 years I worked under five principals each of them was a great academician in his own way

"Our memories of yesterday will last a lifetime  
we will take the best and forget the rest  
and someday will find that  
those are the best of times."

Surely those days were the best of times. The love and respect shown by the students the co-operation and togetherness among the teachers was exemplary. We worked together as one family. I had the opportunity to work with amazing colleagues. I learnt so much from my seniors as well as the young staff members. St Peter's gave us a motto PALMA NON SINE PULVERE meaning no gain without pain. This has become a part of our life. St Peter's stands firm for such values.

Sometimes I sit back and think during my tenure, hundreds of students must have gone through my class, have I left an imprint on any one at least? Sometimes when you are attending some function or travelling in a train or bus you run into a fine and handsome fellow and he turns around and says " Pauline Ma'am! you taught me in class IV or ma'am you corrected my pronunciation of a certain word." The Very fact that they recognise you after so many years is so rewarding. St. Peter's has given me this joy.

Life in St Peter's was fun. The extracurricular activities, inter-house competitions, staff picnics, Annual Day, and Sports Day practice are some of the events which have left an indelible mark on my mind. The Peterian family was so closely knit that we shared our joys and sorrows equally. Everyone stood by for each other in good times and bad.

As I sit penning down my experiences in St. Peter's the twenty-five glorious years come flashing down my mind.

As I walked out of the majestic gates of this great institution on 30th June 2011 , I carried with me a part of this great organization and the beautiful memories will remain with me forever.

# A Memorable Journey

**Dr. Biran Singh (1988-2015)**

It was a bright sunny morning on the 10th of March 1988- when I stepped into the portal of St Peter's College and became a member of the Petrian family. Thereafter for 27 long years, I was there, which is not a short time but nearly half of my life. It has been a very memorable journey for me, a journey that made me independent and mature, a journey that brought confidence and valuable rich experience to my life. I regard myself lucky and thank God profoundly for leading me to the field of education-a field in which I could educate, shape and influence the impressionable minds of young students and in return learn a lot from them.

Under the able guidance of Fr. Dr. George Paul, Fr. Dennis D Souza, Fr. Mathew K, Fr John Ferreira, and Fr. Dr. Paul Thannikal, I made a small contribution to the development of the school. I pray and hope that St Peter's College grows and achieves greater heights.



Teaching the School/Board syllabus, participating in the extracurricular activities of the school and inter-school, students and staff picnics and excursions will always bring fond memories to my mind. The strong bonds of friendship with colleagues the interactions with students and their parents, the Sesquicentennial celebrations, the competitive spirit of Inter-House competition, and their keenly awaited results, still leave a nostalgic memory of those days. All that I write is just a drop in the ocean. Many more incidents still remain.

The majestic buildings of the school, the lush green A, B, C, fields, the swimming pool, the Aeroplane, the Tank and the grand Ashoka and other trees of heritage status, all add to the grandeur of the College.

I simply pray and hope that St Peter's College maintains and retains its supremacy in the Agra district in times to come.

## Teaching in St Peter's, a Passion Fulfilled

**Dr. Neelam Mehrotra (1986-2018)**

Sometimes life confers a blessing upon us, all wrapped up and swathed in ordinary looking paper, and we don't know it is a blessing till the paper begins to unfold layer by layer, and then we see the beautiful ways in which that blessing had manifested itself and changed our lives. I received one such gift when Fr. Maliekal appointed me Lecturer in English in St. Peter's in July 1986.



Almost overnight, a kaleidoscopic burst of colour suffused my sky, put a sparkle in my eyes and a spring in my feet. And slowly, but irrevocably, led me on the path of self-discovery and self-realization. Born in a conservative Marwari family, I had never even dreamt that I would someday become a teacher. And yet, there I was, standing, that sultry July morning, my heart filled with trepidation, looking at a class of sixty young men, 17-18 years old! They stared back at me, their eyes judging me, calculating the mischief they could do, wondering, perhaps, how long I would last!

Well, last I did! And what a journey it became- a veritable roller coaster ride that continued nonstop for 32 years. Of course academics, and the drudgery of corrections occupied a major chunk of time in school. But to compensate for such travails, were countless sports and cultural activities, multiple fests, competitions, and celebrations. St. Peter's was a happening place, abuzz with

excitement, laughter, and vivacity. And it was, of course, forever younger than 18! How could anyone grow old amidst all the energy that ricocheted from every wall and every stone and filled every nook and cranny? I absorbed that energy, and each day became a learning experience. I learnt from my students love and friendship, laughter, how to get up after a fall, to believe that spring is just around the corner, to forget grievances and shake hands, and so much more.

St. Peter's in the eighties and nineties still carried an old-world aura. A class was almost completely teacher-centric, the teacher planned, controlled, and dominated the lessons, and the student was, more or less, a passive recipient of the knowledge being imparted. Outside of their homes, it was the school that gave students a sense of belonging, and teachers, the sole hub of knowledge. It was a struggle, at times, to make them understand poetry or Shakespearean drama. But it was always a joy to hear their interpretations, sometimes childish and sometimes so innovative and novel that they would surprise me, and to see their eyes lighting up as a theme or idea suddenly became clear. It was thrilling to prepare them for debates and declamations, proudly watch them grow and bloom, witness their euphoric celebrations after winning a trophy, and at the same time comfort those who came in empty-handed. It was herculean labour to write and direct plays and conduct rehearsals before annual days but the quiet satisfaction after every successful completion-unimaginable! Endless work and endless joy! The school was a home away from home. The involvement with school life was intense and the bonds formed deep-rooted.

Schools are microcosms of the world outside. The world of the 1980s and 90s, even the first decade of the new millennium, was a simpler place, with the outside world not intruding too much into the school space. Looking back I can easily demarcate two time periods--the school world prior to the advent of the internet, wifi, and smartphones and the school world after that. The change was mind-boggling. I won't label it good or bad, but undoubtedly, it was an inexorable flow, sweeping the whole world along with it. Even a century and a half old institution like St. Peter's could not remain untouched. For students, the focus shifted metamorphically from school life to life online. The internet became a new source of information, entertainment, and more, much more. Day after day, week after week, perceived the innocence of students replaced by a new light of too much knowing; many gradually withdrew from school activities and there was a palpable loss of interest in academics. Perhaps the new world, that the internet laid bare before the enthralled eyes of the young, was too enticing, too varied, too colorful, and too big... Whatever the cause and whatever the effects, the new challenge before teachers, now, was how to connect with minds already preoccupied with too many things.

The children who now entered the premises of St. Peter's were children born in another time, another age. It was no longer possible to teach as we had taught yesterday. If we had to remain literate in this new age, we needed to learn, unlearn, and relearn. Learning, may be, became easier with the students now having access to all kinds of information, but teaching became more difficult. To inspire their learning spirit, to nudge them towards their goals and dreams, to help them prepare for tomorrow, in fact, if only to keep pace with their world, technology needed to be integrated into lessons.

In Peter's too, we watched helplessly our beloved students becoming more and more saturated in electronic, digital, and social media. Copy-pasted and forwarded messages replaced

flowers and cards and handwritten messages, and, somehow, a warmth disappeared. Undoubtedly, these were of a piece with the changing world, but where was that smile that pulled at the heartstrings and touched the heart like a soft breeze? Only emojis!

A faintly perceptible shift began to take place in the classrooms. No longer were they defined by the teacher's intellect and the student's obedience. No longer was the student a passive recipient but analyzing and questioning everything. Each one desired to assert his own individuality, fight for his perceived right, and even challenge the age-old established authority of the teacher. And this was true not only for Peter's but for schools across the country. One could label it insolence but, I think that, mostly, it was an attempt to create a semblance of order in minds, bewildered by the mass of information available online and to survive in this extraordinarily fast-changing world.

There will always be nostalgia for a lost world, but the truth is that we cannot afford to live in the past. We, as teachers, have to go that extra mile and take that extra step to rebuild a nourishing relationship with our students because in that relationship lie the roots of education. We only learn from people we love, and therefore the necessity to establish a rapport with our pupils. Teaching is a beautiful vocation which gives us the privilege of shaping lives and careers but it is scary too because it gives us so much power to mould the future of so many. Teaching commands respect, but demands care sacrifice, and selflessness.

I prayed to be a teacher that a student prays to have.

My days in St. Peter's were worth all the frustrations, difficulties, and hard work. I lived and loved every moment I spent there. I often wondered, and still wonder, if it is possible for a heart to love so many, so much, even while knowing that the year would come to an end and the boys would leave in search of wider horizons, knowing that they would not look back, perhaps never return, knowing that my love would soon be forgotten? May be it is possible because I loved them all! I don't know whether they knew it or not, but for me, my loving was enough....

## **From a Student to a Teacher: a Journey Through My Years at St. Peter's College**

**Harry Clarence (1984-2019)**

We live by so many words of inspiration to grapple various situations daily; but for me, it all boils down to the years spent at St Peter's College, playing many roles but learning one lesson- there's nothing greater than the joy of teaching; for it is in teaching that flows the fountain of learning. I consider myself privileged to have been associated with St Peter's College, Agra, for 41 years. My journey in this iconic institution began as a student of Class VI. Running through the corridors in my uniform and then, several years later, transforming into a teacher, I am a memento of its grandiosity and warmth.



At a young age, education was a field that permeated my every cell and set the stage for what I dub as the most formidable years of my career. A visionary, I learnt to channel every life lesson into my profession to create the perfect tapestry of my calling. A famous verse from the Bible became the core of my teaching, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5: 16.

St Peter's College wasn't just a place where I taught students some mathematical problems; it was a platform that embraced my skills in churning out generations of kids, solving their life problems. I started teaching in 1984, knowing little of the immense wealth of wisdom was to equip my students with. And during this time, I realised that a classroom was meant for building a relationship between a teacher and a student. It was this relationship that eventually blossomed, bringing forth confident kids, ready to face problems with an attitude of motivation.

As an integral part of the school, I was opened to a plethora of opportunities that have become milestones in my life. I still remember the first time I held the microphone during the morning assembly, that zest for making the announcements, the twinkle in the eyes of the students and their eagerness for what I was about to say. The rest is history. From there, I compered for all major events in the school, headlining activities and adding flavour to every competition, and even the Annual Sports Day. The events were a major attraction, as every year a famous figure visited the premises to witness the spirited atmosphere of the institution.

What a joy it was to meet some of the world's illuminating personalities in the school! From interviewing legendary sports persons like Kapil Dev and late Milkha Singh to shaking hands with actor Jackie Shroff, first woman IPS officer Kiran Bedi, former President of Afghanistan Hamid Karzai, field athlete PT Usha, late iconic singer Jagjit Singh and standing pea-sized next to The Great Khali, I spoke to various leaders of their field, realizing nothing is impossible when you're in St Peter's College.

Even after all these years, after my memorable exit in 2020, am still reminded of the wonders that the school is built upon; how it is not the bricks or the vintage architecture that makes it so special - although the infrastructure is one of its kind in the city- but it is the ideas of the pupils, the relationship they have with the teachers, the laughs shared between classes, the humdrum of the cafeteria, the prayers said aloud first thing in the morning and the innovative teaching styles that make St Peter's College what it is today.

I am proud I was a mentor for many students, who have successful careers today. In fact, I have been fortunate to work during the tenure of all the ten Principals of St Peter's College.

At 62, these everlasting memories are reminiscent of my achievements that seem to be etched on a gold tablet. As Henry Wadsworth Longfellow puts it in his poem, A Psalm of Life, these experiences are nothing but "footprints on the sands of time," leaving crumbs for those who will be responsible for teaching young minds in the days to come.

The school will always be among the greatest institutions of Agra: journeying through the years. Inside the halls and open spaces on the premises, is an experience of a lifetime one simply cannot forget. I sincerely hope that the intrinsic value of the School is intact for evermore and wish for students and teachers to always continue on a path of quality education.

To all the students of St Peter's College, the staff members, and parents, my greetings and best wishes for a fruitful and knowledge-filled future.

# Being a Peterian

Ananda Kuttan (1993-2020)

It was March 2020 and I was due for a typical, customary retirement. Then things took a turn, with the pandemic spelling an abrupt end to my journey in St Peter's College. Nevertheless, this never-ending break from work gave me an opportunity to reflect on this expedition.

It all started in 1993 when I was pursuing my Ph.D. in Agra University I heard about a famous yearly Science Exhibition held at St Peter's College. My wife and I planned to go and get a glimpse of it. Little did we know that it would be much more than a glimpse. On visiting, I was instantly awestruck by the grey magnificence and grandeur of St Peter's College. The long alleys, the imposing corridors, the immensely lush grounds, and the monumental buildings were all a sight to behold forever! The exhibition itself was spectacular with students portraying a considerable amount of scientific temper and the event arrangements looking like clockwork.



I really wished to be part of this establishment, but was skeptical for once, thinking if I was worthy of joining the best institution in the city. Determined to give it a shot anyway, I applied for the job and to my jubilation I was eventually appointed by Rev Father George Paul to the Biology Department. Life sometimes is a box of presents, but this present turned out to be the best one for me! The next 27 years were phenomenal. All the principals and staff members were very warm-hearted and hospitable and we were like one big family. We all had our own share of good and bad experiences, but we were always there for each other through thick and thin.

St. Peter's is also a great platform for extra curriculars, cultural and sporting ones alike. This system promotes all-round growth, mentoring students how to juggle studies and co-curriculars with ease. I had the privilege of being the House Master for three different Houses and it felt great rallying my team and bringing out their competitive spirits. The students went on to excel also in State and National level competitions, adding up accolades for St. Peter's.

The part that was particularly interesting was the management of the laboratory activities- Experimenting, iterating, failing, and trying again, meanwhile nurturing young minds with the seeds of curiosity and wisdom.

I was particularly perceived as being 'strict'. Be it in the classroom, examination hall, or sports fields, used to pay a bit more importance to discipline and hard work. I hope this helped my students become more resilient and honest individuals, prepared for the real world outside. "The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet".

The most striking thing I realised about teaching is that each year you come across so many new personalities, many of whom end up creating lifelong bonds. Everyday of educating is also a new day of learning; learning not just about textual matter, but also life skills like empathy, team work and time management.

To sum up, I would forever be indebted to this place and its people for shaping my personality. The precious knowledge and experience that I have gained here for more than a quarter of a century is invaluable and it keeps me wondering just how much illustriousness this institution might have accumulated in the past 175 years! It wouldn't be an understatement to say that the most fulfilling of my life is to identify myself as a Peterian!

# St. Peter's College: a Second Home for Me

Dr. Antony A. P. (1989-2021)

Although I began my teaching journey in St. Peter's College in 1989, I had known it since 1977 when I came to Agra for my priestly training. In 1977 Rev. Fr. Alexander OFM Cap was the Principal and Rector of the Seminary. A man of few words, he always wore a beaming smile on his face. It was he who introduced me to St. Peter's. Later, from 1983 to 1984, I did my regency in St. Peter's College under Fr. Sebastian Panthaladi as Principal and taught English to Junior Classes and was also the in-charge of junior boarders. Fr. Sebastian Panthaladi was bold, had the courage of his convictions, and never minced his words. He would go down in the history of the College as the one who closed down the boarding section.



When I joined St. Peter's for my second and rather long innings as a teacher of English in 1989, Rev. Fr. George Paul was the Principal. He was very bright and meticulous to a fault. A well-read and informed person, he was capable of taking St. Peter's to greater heights on all fronts. As a young and new teacher, I had the opportunity to work under some senior-most teachers - a few of them had taught me in the Seminary and who were also men of calibre and character. They were very loyal to the College and very helpful to me.

I worked under seven Principals namely, Rev. Fr. Sebastian Pantaladi, Rev. Fr. George Paul, Rev. Fr. Dennis D'Souza, Rev. Fr. Mathew Kumblumoottil, Rev. Fr. John Ferreira, Rev. Fr. Dr. Paul Thannickal and the present Principal Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia. Each had his own distinctive way of functioning and tried their best to raise the standard of the College. All of them were very friendly and supportive. Their encouragement and guidance was a source of motivation for me. Working under them was a time of learning and unlearning of many things.

I got real life lessons as well as practical tips of teaching techniques from my senior colleagues. My career as a teacher in St. Peter's has taught me a great deal of discipline and time management, which are indispensable in the teaching profession and provided me a somewhat fair grounding in teaching, especially the English language. I would also like to acknowledge here the contribution of the Seminary training and the guidance of Dr. Neville R. Smith, an alumnus and my supervisor for the Ph.D., from whom learned the nuances of grammar and finer points in the use of the English language. Every talk I had with him helped me learn the usage of an ordinary word or expression in a variety of ways, such a wordsmith he is, while the erudite company of my peer teachers and experienced educators made my teaching career a fruitful one.

Apart from being the House Master for upwards of 12 years, the responsibility I shouldered as the Editor of the College Magazine for 25 years and Coordinator for a decade were the recognition of my talents and potentials by my superiors and colleagues. They furnished me an opportunity to work in close collaboration with teachers and students and maintain a good rapport with them. I could know my strengths and weaknesses as a teacher, and a human being. They provided me hands-on

experience in personality development, writing and editing the write-ups of the students and teachers holding a tight rein on the structure, and intent of the language employed by them.

The College has given me ample opportunities to grow into what am today. Besides giving basic lessons in collaboration and team work, it has taught me how to keep my cool when things go haywire in the classrooms or in the day-to-day life. I learnt to look at things with a different perspective and began to solve the problems of students in more than one way.

The College was like a nursery for me where I was being prepared to face the adversities and the vicissitudes of life. It has inspired me and fed my inner creativity and taught me the lesson that it is always hard work that pays off. Like a haven, it has helped me to thrive and map out my career. It has been a benevolent mother not only to me but my wife, a teacher, and my two sons proud products of St. Peter's. Since we were staying in the teachers' quarters, the evenings were mostly spent in St. Peter's sprawling field with students who came for the evening games. Hence there's no gainsaying the fact that St. Peter's was our second home. Not only has it given us our daily bread but also social status.

It is said that the work of a teacher is to change the lives of students. I believe that getting to know each student and his personal struggles is the key to being a great and successful teacher. But how much I have succeeded and enriched their lives, I do not know. What I learnt from St. Peter's is that teaching English, especially language from students' perspective will go a long way in helping them to have a fairly comfortable command over it.

The way the students think in the class has boggled my mind. The questions asked by some students in the class have stumped me and made me think how students think differently. The skills they possess and the way some of them form their questions have made me an avid reader and perpetual learner for their sake and to be at ease in the class.

St. Peter's has taught me that being a teacher doesn't mean that I know everything and have answers to all questions. If a teacher has the grace to accept his shortcomings and limitations, but can think two steps ahead and update himself, he can be the best teacher, and this is what I have been doing. Thus St. Peter's has made me an optimistic and a positive person ready to go beyond the books.

As a young teacher there were times when I was disillusioned and disconcerted but my perseverance and tenacity got the better of me, making me a regimented teacher of some standing.

The College has grown up very fast during the last thirty odd years. It can boast of the best facilities in academics and extracurricular fronts. Many new teachers have joined the College. But times fly and life must move on. I too soon will just be a name and will be consigned to oblivion but St. Peter's will always occupy a place of regard, respect and reverence in the hearts of its well-wishers.

My heart is brimming over with happiness and satisfaction and I couldn't be more than thankful to St. Peter's for helping me to discover and rediscover myself. I am grateful to all my colleagues and students, past and present, for making me feel wanted in the Peterian family and I am humbled.

# The Summer of St. Peter's

## Geeti Maheshwari (1999-2022)

Hours rolled into days, days into weeks... Time incessantly moved on as I continued to coax, cajole impress upon the young minds what is right. So engrossing was the task at hand that now it seemed to be quicker than the blink of the eyes!

How can I ever forget the day when I was interviewed by the then principal Rev. Fr. Dennis D' Souza! I still remember the moment, when Father told me that I would be taking class I. I nearly collapsed! class I! Gosh! those teeny weeny devils all around me... But the decision had been made. I found myself in charge of the little ones. Time rolled on and I had been in love ever since... just a day among the little ones and I was sold for life. It had been smiles across all those miles... each day.



It was a great responsibility, as the parents leave their most prized possession in the world with us to be able to loosen just a little of those tightly held apron strings took some amount of tact and a whole lot of love!! Love reciprocated, one can't imagine the sheer magic of the moment!

It was truly a blessing to be a teacher in St Peter's for twenty-three years. It had been challenging, adventurous, and full of fun..

Over the years my teeny weeny devils have excelled in life and become doctors, lawyers, IITians, CAs, and successful businessmen and still carry the memories of class and St. Peter's !! Some are on the threshold of manhood, carrying the memories all through those years that stand between youth and childhood. The magnitude of my role as a teacher impresses upon me and I am grateful for having been able to make a difference in my students' lives by enriching their minds with the wealth of knowledge, love, and patience I had.

I thank all my principals, Rev Fr. Dennis, Rev. Fr Mathew K, Rev. Fr John Ferreira, Rev. Fr. Dr. Paul T., and Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia for having faith in me by giving me various opportunities to learn more and more.

Walking 23 years of my life in St Peter's has truly been a significant part of my journey. The stage, classes, and corridors of this magnificent grey and white building will be missed. Hopefully my teachings will remain here in the hearts of my students.

" If you touch a stone,  
you change nothing,  
If you touch a flower,  
you change something,  
If you touch a child,  
you change everything."

Thank You Peter's

# Founder's Day



## Techno-Fi: Science & Computer Fest

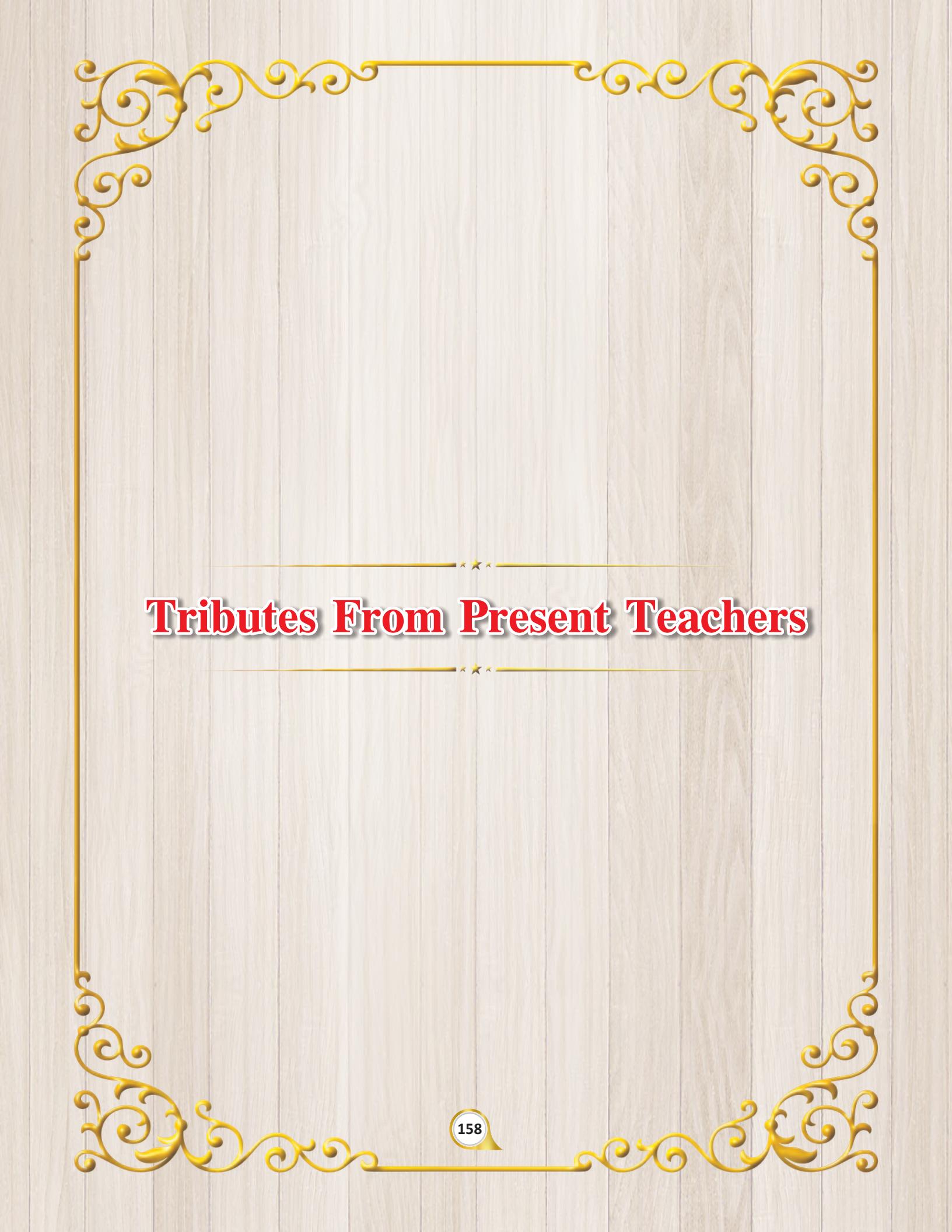


# Independence Day



# B-World : Commerce Fest





## **Tributes From Present Teachers**

# Faithfully Yours....

Soosy Antony (1990-)

My tryst with St. Peter's College began when I went to meet Rev. Fr. George Paul, the then principal, in 1990 at his residence as he had invited my husband and me, then newly married, for dinner. In between the informal dialogues, he along with Rev. Fr. Joe Thykkattil, then Vice Principal and now the Bishop of Gwalior, inquired about my family, education, hobbies, and so on. Later I was told that it was an interview and soon I joined the staff of St. Peter's College.

As a fresh transplant from the most literate state in the South to the most populous one in the North, just a week after marriage, I struggled hard to cope with the adversities of weather, water, food, language, and culture. I was adamant to go back and applying fervently for jobs in Kerala, but all in vain as the dates of neither the tests nor interviews fell in my favour, leaving me to accept life as it came to me. God's plan was different for me; I realised.



Now 32 long years have passed by and the waters in the Yamuna have kept swelling and drying as a consequence of the laws and pranks of nature. Sailing through the highs and lows of my life, my bond with St. Peter's grew stronger. Peter's was never my second home but my 'Home' and it's an indisputable claim since I, my husband and my two sons were nurtured by this great institution.

The golden period on my life in St. Peter's is the 20 years that I stayed in the Teacher's Quarters where now the new wing of St. Paul's Inter College stands. The staff quarters were an extended family of St. Peter's and all the Principals were our benefactors. It was a wonderful experience, the seven families of teachers, hailing from different parts of the country staying together, not merely as colleagues and neighbours, but as members of a big joint family, praying together, sharing their joys and sorrows, celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, holy communions or any other such occasion that consoled us from the pains of each event that we missed in our distant homes.

The Late Mr. Peter Anthony, the physical training instructor, often played the role of our guardian, who never allowed anyone into our premises without permission, while Mrs. Anthony was a grandmother to our children under whose loving care we left them whenever needed. The Late Mrs. B. Louis had an implicit authority over all of us, specially on children, instilling in them spiritual, moral and social values. I shared a very special sibling relation with Mrs. Doris D'Cruze while the company of Mrs. Nirmala Leonard and Dr Valsan, an expert in music and his wife Betsy, added rhythm, colours and vibrancy to our lives. I would also like to mention Mrs and Mr. Chacko, who resided in the Quarters for sometime were our mentors, guides and friends.

Undoubtedly, St. Peter's provided the best atmosphere for the all round development of our children. Besides the classrooms, the illustrious Cultural Hall, the Assembly Stage, the vast play grounds and even the long corridors were the pedestals that honed up their talents and skills. I remain grateful to all the teachers who unhesitatingly gave ample opportunities, guidance and support to both my sons that paved the way to their achieving their goals and chart their successful careers.

St. Peter's has helped me to evolve not only professionally but personally too. When Rev. Fr. John Ferreira introduced YOGA, a new world of health and fitness opened up before me and I attribute my physical and mental well-being to my daily dose of YOGA. I used to always shy away from public speaking. I owe the confidence and courage with which I face an audience, to the Principals who found me worthy of it. Though I am fond of reading and penning down my experiences, thoughts and views, I didn't have the nerve to get them published. When Fr. Ferreira surprised me by asking me to be the editor of The Peterian Chimes, the newsletter of the Junior Section, I decided to take up the challenge. It subsequently helped me overcome my inhibitions and contribute regularly to the College Annual. I was on cloud nine when Dr. Neville Smith, an authority on English, appreciated me for my writings. My husband Dr. A. P Antony, too, has been helping me with the fine tuning of my write-ups.

I consider myself to be very lucky to have worked with the seniormost teachers of that time, Mrs. Mal and Mrs. E. Paul, my first colleagues who guided me to cope with the stressful initial days. In

fact, irrespective of age or seniority I have learnt something or other from every teacher I have worked with. Youngsters are a highly energetic lot to work with, as their exuberance and vibrancy makes one feel younger and their proficiency in digital matters has helped me to probe new arenas.

How can I put my pen down without mentioning about the most precious wealth I amassed over these years..my STUDENTS!!! No College Annual had I ever missed without scribbling my thoughts, concerns, advice and good wishes for them. Not only their talents, smartness and creativity, but also the mischiefs, excuses and vanities went on upgrading with each passing year and I had nothing but take up the challenge of keeping pace with them. Amidst all these no one knew of a minute virus multiplying and maneuvering to spread its venomous tentacles across the globe bringing the whole world to a standstill, depriving even the basic societal needs of a human being.

Like any other field, teaching-learning process also adapted virtual alternatives which redefined the concepts of do's and don'ts for students. Finally when we were physically back in the classrooms, breaking free of the shackles, many of the taboos had become acceptable new norms!!!

I was baffled at the new lot of youngsters who answered back, looking straight into my eyes when checked, argued vociferously justifying the mistakes and depended dangerously on devices rather than one's own brain. I was also dismayed to learn that many of them had already taken their first steps into entrepreneurship and can talk authentically about NSE and BSE!!!

Looking ahead at this Post Covid Era, I am apprehensive to make a statement that what we urgently need is a behavioral as well as learning recovery from the spell cast by Covid-19 on our children.

As Coleen Wilcox says, 'Teaching is the greatest act of optimism.' In the face of disrespect, indiscipline and dishonesty we teachers are optimistic and relentlessly work to guide our children forward to the light at the end of the tunnel.

At this juncture, nearing the last milestone of my career, I often fall prey to melancholy, feeling depressed and listless. I look out through the staff room window to see at the far end of the A' field, the imposing statue of 'Christ the Redeemer' with a thick canopy of trees, the grey and white arch that holds the torchstand carrying the inscription 'SPC- 1846', proclaiming the unbeaten legacy, the vast, green, lustrous A field that reverberated through every hit of the bat, every kick of the ball, every panting breath of racers and the clamour of frenzied spectators, specially on our spectacular Sports Days....and I slip into a sinking feeling of 'soon to be lost. My Alma Mater is going to be a distant destination for me once I say 'Goodbye' to it.

But I am overwhelmed to have the honour of being part and parcel of both the 150th and 175th Anniversary Celebrations. In my wildest fantasy, I dream of witnessing the bicentennial celebrations to claim a hat-trick for myself!!!. No one might recognize me then but my Alma Mater will.

## The St. Peter's Experience

### Shabistan Hussain (2011- )

My journey with St Peter's started twelve years ago. When I entered the portals of this magnificent building little did I know I was stepping into a world of knowledge, academic excellence, high spirits, energy, and perfection I was completely mesmerized by the breathtaking beauty of this glorious institution. The long corridors, lush green fields, spacious auditoriums, and the aura of St Peter's were ineffable.

As I became a part of the Peterian family, I realized that this aura of perfection was not limited to the infrastructure but extended to every bit of this institution, be it the students, staff or its management.



Agra caters to the growth of society by imparting knowledge through a vast number of educational establishments but clearly, St Peter's is the most outstanding of them all. It has taken its place as the backbone of this framework. The exuberance and exhilaration that one can experience when one enters the gates of St Peter's are non-pareil to any other Institution in Agra. After joining this great Institution, I know why its reputation precedes itself.

It's a known fact that academically our students are doing extremely well and every year St Peter's produces many engineers, doctors, lawyers, civil servants, etc. The tank and fighter plane that stand in our premises with the support of Air Marshal AK Singh AOC Western Command and Ranjit Issar IAS Principal of the Secretary (Ministry of Defence) gifted as tokens of their gratitude to their Alma Mater bear testimony to this.

Along with academics, co-curricular activities go a long way in transforming a child into a confident, young man and no one knows this better than St. Peter's. A gamut of activities take place around the year to improve the student's cultural, technical, and oratory skills and install in them a better understanding of the contentious topics prevalent in the 21st century. Debates, Declamations, Recitations, Dance, Singing, Photography, Quiz Contest, Powerpoint Presentations, and a lot more help develop the latent talent of students. Model United Nations too take place here, with the goals of educating participants in world issues and promoting thinking, peace, cooperation and diplomacy. The school also has a plethora of clubs for students to join, diving deeper into their interests. These clubs are the minds behind the College festivals held at the national level, giving students a platform to prove their mettle and learn about management.

Along with cultural activities students are trained and given a chance to excel in various sports activities, many of our students have participated and done well at national levels bringing laurels to their school.

This all round development given to students become a reason why the inhabitants of Agra dream of sending their wards to St. Peter's. I had seen many parents trying hard to get their wards (studying in other schools) into St Peter's as no other school in Agra provides this all round development. All this is made possible under the able stewardship of the dedicated Staff and Management of the School. The Sincere service they offer and the love and dedication they have for this institution is unmatched and rare. I discovered talent in abundance here. It is the talent of teachers which is reflected in their students. Dedication and talent at St Peter's is incomparable to any other school.

Today, when I walk down the corridors of St. Peter's, my heart is filled with gratitude and pride. The love and respect we receive from our students and society is what we have earned being a part of this prestigious institution. Every time I go out in the streets of Agra, I come across people who are strangers to me but I am known to them- as Mrs. Hussain, Staff member of St. Peter's and there is immense respect in their hearts which is so evident in their behaviour towards me. St. Peter's is a brand.

St. Peter's has made me more mature, composed, considerate and humble. I shall always be indebted to this great institution.

## Glorifying 175 Years of Character Building

**Malini Chowdhry (2018- )**

St Peter's College, celebrating its 175th Anniversary in 2022, is a significant milestone that highlights the School's rich history, enduring traditions and achievements. It's not just academics, but the institution is involved in educating the minds, hearts and spirits of our students for 175 years. In that process, it is eventually building the character of the society and the Nation.

Education is a life-long journey which the teacher and the student together undertake. The parents have a very important partnership in this journey. Through this co-parenting role, we successfully navigate each student



through childhood and adolescence. St Peter's is proud to have undertaken this journey successfully involving thousands of students along with their parents. The goal of education is not only to make the student excel in academics but also to impart moral characters and values, so the student is ready to face the socio-economic challenges of the society and the world. We are proud that our College has produced many such personalities who are leaders in their respective fields and this process will continue forever.

G.K Chesterton has said, "Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another". This saying is so true for St. Peter's that this soul has not died even today. While we have modernized our education we are using the latest technology but we have not lost on the human values and morals in today's world where education has become a money spinner, our institution stands apart for seeing the needs of the society and accepts students without discrimination of social status, caste or creed. No institution can be strong without its teacher, who are the torch bearers of values and behaviour. I quote as under, "In the same way, encourage the young men to live wisely. And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good work of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching...." Titus 2: 6 & 7

This spirit is inbibed by every teacher in St Peter's and we are proud to have a family spearheaded by a Father steadfastly involved in spreading light through our own acts and behaviour that leave lasting impressions on our students which reflects in the society day after day, year after year.

That in the 175th year of celebration all of us bow our heads in deep gratitude to the Almighty and pray that He may bestow His blessings so that peace prevails in the society, brotherhood is practised by all and everyone recognizes the fatherhood of God.

## Lessons Learnt from My Pupils

Monica Arora (2009-)

It is generally assumed that teachers are the mentors, the path setters for their pupils; especially during the initial stages of their growth. In our Indian culture the Guru is seated next to God due to the impact he creates in a student's life. But my experience tells me that not only children but teachers also learn way better if they keep themselves learners first. I always like the company of children, no matter what age they are and directly or indirectly attract the qualities I admire in them. Some are very sharp, prompt and up-to-date. They always want to remain ahead of everyone whether it is in studies or sports or any class activity. All teachers want them, approve them and declare them apt for any occasion. But sometimes it is forgotten that we are here for all. In the process of picking the best, better and good ones are ignored. Best ones, however, will make their place anyhow; even without the teacher, but the ones who are somewhere in between, always carry you in their heart, if you have sincerely put effort for them. Teaching is a big adventure in fact. You do not know the person, you are teaching, is going to do what exceptional feat one day. And here we are! Not to be remembered actually but to create our impressions on the sands of time. Aptly said, Teachers are the nation builders. Each and every action of ours, moulds the young minds, the way they would cherish us one day in their memories. Carefully carve your impressions!



# Release of Special Postal Cover



## Inter-School Cultural fest

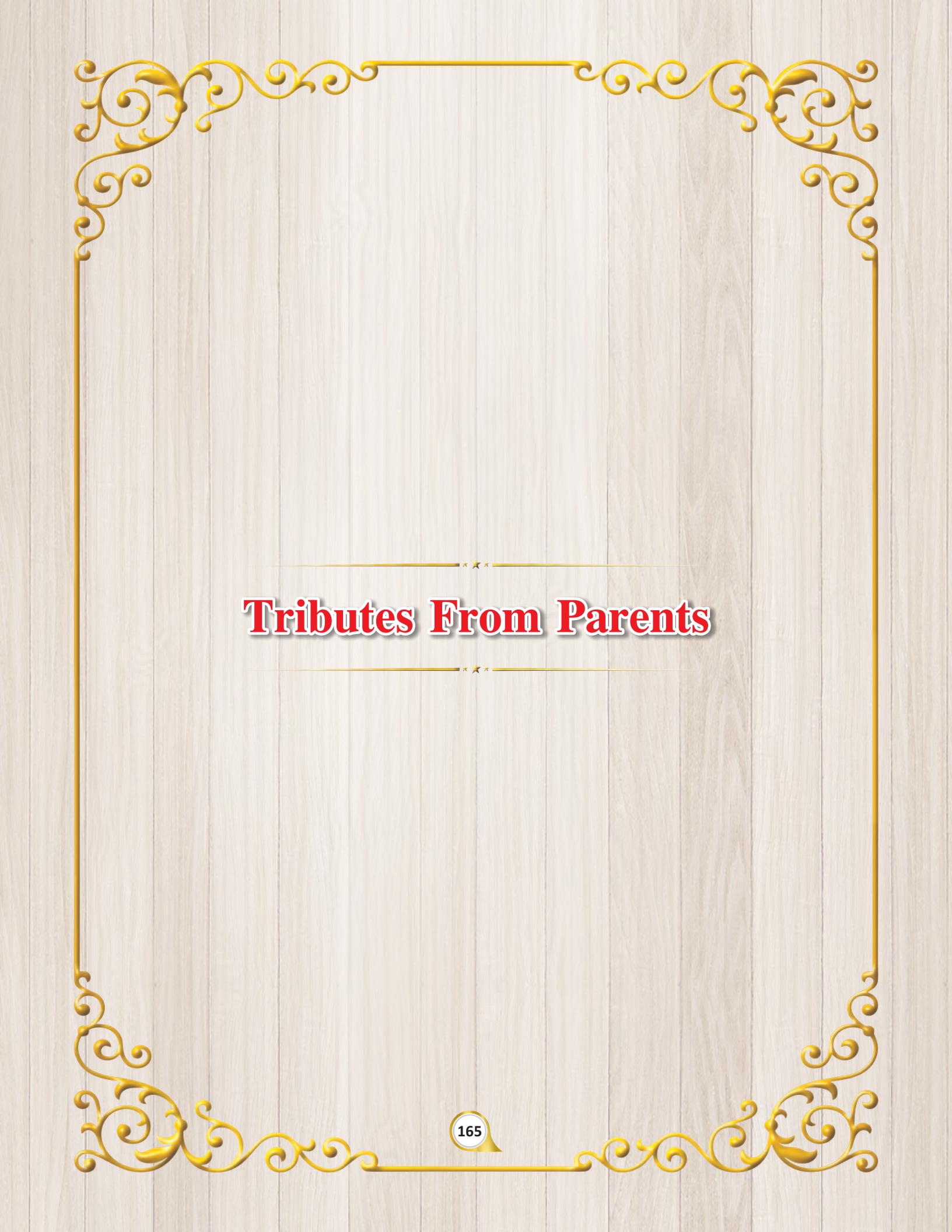


# Hindi Bhashotsav



## Release of Documentary





## Tributes From Parents

# St. Peter's: a Great Institution

Dr. Sakshi Walker

St Peter's College, Agra, is a great and magnificent institution, which has given to India (and to the world) some of its finest administrators, technocrats and medical and other professionals. It was a rare experience for me and my husband as we entered its precincts to seek admission for our son, who had been studying in St Columba's School, Delhi, and had to be shifted to Agra, following my appointment as assistant professor in St John's College, Agra.



As we approached the main gate of the School, we were struck by its imposing structure and could imagine what the school building would be like. We took the entry road leading to the School, passing by the grand Catholic Cathedral on our right and the back of the buildings of St Patrick's School on our left. We were still a good 300 yards away, when we saw the massive School building, dominating the sky from north to south with the name of the school boldly written on the top with the date of the School, 1846, written below the huge coat of arm/crest with the School motto *Palma Non Sine Pulvere* written over it. It was only later that we came to know the meaning of this Latin expression and also why the name St Peter's College and not School was written.

We were in awe at the sight before us and the vast open spaces and buildings all around. It seemed we had entered a new world, away from the hustle and bustle and the crowded streets and lanes of Agra.

We managed to get our son, Vardan, admitted to the Upper Kindergarten Class of St Felix Nursery School, through which alone we could get entry into St Peter's, with the help of my father's sister, a teacher in St Patrick's Junior College and her husband.

It was tough going for my son in the beginning, because of change of school and courses, which a young child finds difficult to adjust to. But with continued help from his class teachers and home support, he slowly climbed the School ladder. He is now in Std VIII and all through his classes he has had the support and encouragement of his teachers-Ms Elizabeth, Ms Renu Clearance, Ms Sophia, Ms Neha, Mr Selestine Massey, Mrs. Hussain, Ms Valerie from Std I onwards.

It was in St Peter's that the latent talents of my son were discovered. That he had a musical bent was noticed by his music teacher and given practical shape, so that my son was taken into the Junior School Choir. His love for swimming was encouraged by Mr Glen Scaife, sadly now no more, while his ability to act in plays was also discovered and he was encouraged to act in the play 'The Disciples of Christ', which he did.

Events like 'Eternia', with its debate, elocution and quiz competitions, its inter-house dramatic competitions, the Annual Sportsmeet and the Annual Day help to develop the personality and the physical and mental growth of a student, with the result that the parents are sometimes surprised that their wards had such gifts hidden inside them.

The sprawling campus with lush green fields, coupled with the grandeur of the building, the international swimming pool and tennis courts, its spiral scooter and cycle stand and the general ambience beckons the student to enter and partake of what the school offers.

From my experience with St Peter's during the past eight years, I have come to realize that St Peter's ranks among the best schools in the country and why celebrities- politicians, film personalities, sportspersons, top bureaucrats, - agree to be the Chief Guest at functions like the Annual School Sports, and Annual Day.

In my time, I have seen actor Jackie Shroff, cricketer Md Kaif, wrestler the Great Khali and others coming and paying tribute to the institution. I am told by persons who know about St Peter's, that the College has produced an impressive array of IAS and defence officers, technocrats, and medical men of international fame, businessmen, college professors, school teachers, lawyers, journalists and writers, who have brought glory to themselves and to the school.

St Peter's and its sister institution St Patrick's Junior College situated cheek-by-jowl, are the pride of Agra and are the most sought-after institutions for boys and girls. They have been so for nearly two hundred years, which is no mean achievement.

On the occasion of the 175th anniversary of the founding of the College, I offer my humble tribute to this great seat of learning and training of children, which like its brother Christian institution, St John's College, Agra, and sister institution, St Patrick's next door, have turned out countless young men and women, equipped with the virtues inculcated in them, to enter the wider arena of life outside the school and college walls.

I close with the fond hope that my son, too, will one day rise in the profession of his choice, as students before him have done. I congratulate the present and former principals for the good work they have done with the help of their team of teachers.



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## Hallmark of English-medium Education

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It is true that much water has flowed down the Yamuna since 1870 when the standard of education in St. Peter's College was famously reported to be on a par with the best institutions of a similar kind in Europe. Even now, the College proudly holds the reputation of being amongst the very best English-medium institutions imparting education from class 1 up to 12 in North India.



Needless to say that despite all the hue and cry against the use of English by a section of our society as well as a polity, which might be governed by linguistic and sectarian considerations, the role and importance of English in the making of modern India and the modern world has grown rather than lessened all these years. Having been stigmatized for long as being the language of the colonial British rulers, English has come a long way from just being a legacy of colonialism. Going by its pan-India reach and popularity cutting across all kinds of divisions and differences, one would like to affirm that it is more of an Indian language than a foreign one in post-colonial India. It is not our national language, but the status and efficacy enjoyed by English in our society owing to various reasons, like jobs, social mobility, corporate connections, judicial acceptability, educational applicability, inter-regional and international communication are much greater than those enjoyed by any other language in India including Hindi which is the official language of the government at the Centre along with English, although English is spoken by only

about ten percent of our population, its usefulness is seen everywhere. Initially, at the beginning of our Republic, it was stipulated for use in official work for only a period of fifteen years; but the aura and power of English have made it almost indispensable for us Indians when it comes to transacting professional businesses or dealing with personal matters. It should be nobody's case that English medium schools and colleges should be shut down; though a section of language extremists often thinks and acts on this line of thought when it talks of promoting local native languages, which are so many in this multi-religious, multi-cultural and multi-lingual country called India that is Bharat, that it might be difficult to handle them if put to official use.

In this context, the contribution of an institution like St. Peter's in making many Indians well-educated in English has been immense. Moreover, St. Peter's is not just another English-medium school: it has always ranked amongst the best because of its high level of excellence in learning and training of young minds. English has been a language of social advantage and in this sense, all those who have received an education here in St. Peter's have been a cut above the rest in many ways, especially in being users of the English language, which is in a way the *lingua franca* of the country and the entire world.

The first and foremost thing that impresses anyone who enters the premises of St. Peter's College, Agra is the majestic and panoramic view offered by its sprawling campus and imposing buildings. The entry gate of the road leading to St. Peter's College is beside the renowned Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception which is a magnificent building and a glorious institution in itself. The entire campus of the College is situated behind this Cathedral. The opening view of this Cathedral as one approaches the College infuses a sense of grace and grandeur in the mind of the person visiting the College. The Cathedral is a Roman Catholic institution. Designed by Italian architect Father Bonaventure, it was built in 1848, its construction having commenced in 1846 during the time of its Founder Archbishop Dr. Joseph Antony Borghi. Father Bonaventure also designed the spectacular structure of St. Peter's College. The eight-year tenure of Dr. Borghi from 1841 to 1849 was studded with great achievements for the Agra Vicariate.

My knowledge and understanding of St. Peter's College, Agra is based on my living in the city for the last twenty-three years, I have heard a lot about the eminence and achievements of St. Peter's from a variety of people I have had the chance to come close to all these years. I have had the opportunity to be with several persons of distinction, who are old students of this great institution. I have known them well over a considerable period of time and have interacted with them at length several times over. Some of them studied in St. Peter's in the 1940s, some in the 50s, and some others in the '60s, '70s, and '80s. They have been professors, doctors, journalists, scientists, sportspersons, and men of high calibre. It is said that school education builds the solid foundation on which we rise in our careers and life. Very often a good school education gives an edge to one who has got it over another who has not had it. The school or the college one attended leaves an indelible stamp on the way one does things, carries

oneself, speaks, and writes. I have found in almost all the alumni of St. Peter's a distinctive class and character that their personality shines. They talk well, speak English fluently, and, barring exceptions, write it well too. Their command of English is quite impressive. It may sound scandalous and erroneous, but I will not shy away from saying it from my personal experience that many alumni of St. Peter's speak and write better English than many professors of English teaching in various colleges and universities.

I also have had the privilege and honour of being a judge in several English debate competitions held in St. Peter's. Two things have impressed me most in these debates: one, the quality of English spoken by the students of St. Peter's, and, two, the manner, discipline and standard in which these debate competitions are organized by the College staff and the Administration. Everything right from the announcement of the debate competition, an invitation to the judges, seating arrangements, time management, activities on the dais, sound system, presentations, and overall organization of the event appears well throughout, well planned and well executed. Such high standards of good arrangement and management of events are scarcely seen in other institutions. I have seen that Principals of St. Peter's (I have had the chance of interacting with two of them) lead from the front and ensure that everything is up to the mark and impeccably done. The teachers here are also very competent and work hard to train their participating students well. The high quality of teaching, training, and learning is all there on display in the performance of the students of the College as they deliver speeches, declaim, frame questions, answer questions, argue, and counter-argue.

In the last three decades or so the focus has enormously shifted to training and education in computers, electronics, business management, financial management, and such things. The knowledge and learning of subjects in the Humanities has gone down. Very often the best talent is not entering the domains of teaching in schools, colleges, and universities; the attraction of earning big money has been taking the best minds to multinational corporate jobs. All this has caused a kind of crisis of the dearth of competent and efficient teachers in schools and colleges, which are the real nurseries of education in society. When we don't get good and able teachers in schools and colleges, it impacts everything in the long run. The learning and proficiency in the English language has also suffered. I have no compunction in saying that I often come across alumni, students, and teachers too, of many English-medium schools who cut a sorry figure when they speak or write English; they are supposed to be proficient in English, which they are not! While it is true that there has been a drastic decay and decline in the standards of education in many public schools and the schools run by Christian missionaries, St. Peter's College, Agra has successfully maintained its status of being among the best English-medium institutions in the northern region of the country. It has been a hallmark of English-medium education in Agra in particular and in the State at large.



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# मेरा बचपन: कोई लौटा दे मेरे स्कूल में बीते हुए दिन

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1960 में मुझे सेंट पीटर्स स्कूल के सेंट फेलेक्स में प्रवेश दिलाया गया। यह सेंट पीटर्स का जूनियर स्कूल है। स्कूल में मेरी पर्सनलिटी दबी हुई थी। मैं शर्मीला और मध्यम स्तर की बुद्धि मत्ता वाला बच्चा था। हाल यह था कि 'बी' को 'डी' लिखता था। हिन्दी की बात करें जो 'ज' को 'च' लिखता था 1962 से लेकर 1973 तक सेंट पीटर्स स्कूल में कक्षा एक से 11 वीं तक पढ़ाई की। उस समय 11 वीं तक की पढ़ाई सीनियर कैम्ब्रिज यानी इंडियन स्कूल सर्टिफिकेट (ISC) कहलाती थी। किसी भी कक्षा में प्रथम नहीं आ सका। हमेशा गुड सेंकेड डिविजन रहा। उस समय 65 परमेंट नम्बर आना बहुत बड़ी बात हुआ करती थी। हमारे स्कूल के प्रिसिपल फादर कॉलम्बन थे। मुझे आर्चबिशप एवं फादर लॉरेंस का बहुत प्यार मिला। उस समय स्कूल में पिटाई भी हुआ करती थी। कक्षा पांच की सिस्टर एलिजाबेथ थीं। मदर मैरी गाना सिखाना थीं। बायलोजी के पीके गुप्ता, केमिस्टी के एसपी सिंह, फिजिक्स के अल्लोमल अग्रवाल, संस्कृत के बीके शर्मा, गणित (मैथ) के बीवी वशिष्ठ और भौतिक विज्ञान (फिजिक्स) और मैथ के श्री चाको टीचर थे। अंग्रेजी के साइलस सर, फिलिप्स सर, साइमन सर, नाथ सर और हिन्दी के तिवारी सर ने मुझे बहुत प्रभावित किया। मैं भले ही प्रथम नहीं आ पाया लेकिन अध्ययन को लेकर सदैव गंभीर रहा, इस कारण सभी टीचर मुझे बहुत प्यार करते थे। नाथ सर, फिलिप्स सर और साइलस सर से पढ़ने में बहुत अच्छा लगता था। स्कूल के 1973 बैच के छात्रों ने वॉट्सऐप ग्रुप Peterites 73 बनाया है। इससे सभी निकट संपर्क में हैं। श्री बीके शर्मा एवं तिवारी सर ने हिन्दी सिखाई। हमारे बैच के कुछ दोस्त अब नहीं हैं। गिरधर गोपाल और सरवीन नरुला 2021 में संसार छोड़ गए।

मुझे खेल का शौक बचपन से ही था। क्रिकेट, फुटबॉल, टेबल टेनिस जैसे खेल स्कूल में खेलते थे। देसी खेल की बात करें तो गिट्टी फोड़, गेंद मार गिल्ली-डंडा, कंचा, आई स्पाई, चोर-सिपाही, छुआछुई, कबड्डी आदि खेलते थे। साइकिल की सवारी करने में जो आनंद आता था, वह तो अवर्णनीय है। ऐसा लगता था जैसे हम हवा से बातें कर रहे हैं। नए जमाने में मोबाइल में गेम का चलन है और इसी कारण ये खेल लुप्त हो गए हैं। मुझे तो आज भी लगता है कोई मेरा बचपन लौटा दे और मैं फिर से अपने देसी खेल का मजा लूं। लेकिन मैं यह भी जानता हूँ कि यह किसी के लिए संभव नहीं है। किसी ने कहा भी है—

हमने ये दुनिया का सरायफानी देखी  
हर चीज यहां आनी-जानी देखी  
आके न जाए वो बुढ़ापा देखा  
जाके न आय वो जवानी देखी

प्रमोद जेठी भी कमाल का दोस्त था। वह हमारी क्रिकेट टीम को जिताने का काम करता था। जब हमारी टीम बॉलिंग करती थी तो वह फोलिंग करता था। वह जानबूझकर क्रिकेट बॉल को खड़े में जाने देता था। खड़े कॉलेज के फील्ड के किनारे पर खाई जैसा था। वहां से बॉल निकालने के बहाने उस पर ग्रीस लगा देता था। इससे बॉल स्पिन होती थी। धड़ाधड़ विकेट गिरते थे। वह अपनी जेब में ग्रीस रखता था। एक बार हमारी यह कारस्तानी प्रिसिपल सर ने पकड़ी और इसके बाद तो सबकी बैंत से पिटाई हुई।

मदन जौहरी मेरा पक्का दोस्त था। उसे मेरी मां डॉ. प्रभा मल्होत्रा बहुत प्यार करती थीं। एनसीसी की ओर से उसका चयन दिल्ली में 26 जनवरी की परेड का नेतृत्व करने के लिए हुआ था। वह कालांतर में फाइटर प्लेन का पायलट बना। रिटायर होने के बाद उसने लखनऊ में रियल एस्टेट का बिजनेस किया। दुख है कि वह गत वर्ष हमें छोड़कर इस नश्वर संसार से चला गया।

बायलोजी मेरे कैंचुए, मेढ़क आदि का डिसेक्शन करते थे। साथियों को डराने के लिए एकदूसरे पर फेंकते थे। मलबल खेलते

रहते थे। यह बचपना था। आज डिसेक्शन बंद हो गया है और कम्प्यूटर एनीमेशन से सिखाया जाता है। स्कूल में विज्ञान प्रदर्शनी में भाग लेता था ओर कई पुरस्कार जीते।

स्कूल में हमारी पिटाई का आलम तो यह था कि जो मैथ के टीचर विशिष्ट सर बेंत से मारते थे। इस तार को हम AC DC कहते थे। हर टीचर के हाथ में बेत होता था। विशिष्ट सर आज भी हमें मिलते हैं तो उनसे पिटाई की चर्चा जरूर होती है। मदर मैरी हमारी संगीत अध्यापिका थीं। वे प्यानो बजाती थीं। वो भी साथ में डंडा रखती थीं। किसी का सुर गड़बड़ाया तो डंडे से पिटाई करती थी। गाल पर भी चाँटा मारती थीं। छठी क्लास में साइमन सर हमारे क्लास टीचर थे। कक्षा छह से हिन्दी के साथ संस्कृत की पढ़ाई शुरू हो गई थी। संस्कृत के शिक्षक बीके शर्मा रोचक ढंग से अध्यापन करते थे।

इंटरवल में स्कूल गेट के बाहर खुस्की के समोसे एवं टिकिया खाने जाते थे। 10 पैसे का एक समोसा मिलता था। स्कूल की कैंटीन के बन और समोसे भी खाते थे। उस समय कैंटीन को केवल चलाता था। केवल के बन और समोसों का स्वाद आज भी याद है। कैंटीन में उधार में भी सामान मिलता था। हर माह भुगतान करना होता था।

उस समय टेम्पो आदि नहीं थे। तांगा और रिक्शा चलते थे। एक बार तो अलहूवालिया स्वयं रिक्शा चालक बन गया और स्कूल में ले आया। सब बच्चे रिक्शों में बैठ गए और पूरे स्कूल में घूमे। स्कूल में हर कोई देखने लगा कि यह क्या हो रहा है। इस दौरान हुआ यह कि रिक्शा फादर कोलम्बन के कक्ष के समक्ष पलट गया। इस शरारत के लिए हम सबको दंड दिया गया।

दसवीं कक्षा में आए तो गोप लखानी (लखानी चप्पल) अपनी अम्पाला कार लेकर आता था। हम उसके साथ स्कूल से उड़ी मारकर घूमने जाते थे।

10वीं कक्षा में होलीपुरा गांव (बाह) में लीडरशिप कैम्प आयोजित किया गया। वहां दो रात्रि रुके। गांव का माहौल देखा। गांव में बिजली नहीं थी। कुएं से पानी खींचा तो साथ में मेढ़क आए। मेढ़क फेंककर पानी पीया। लड़कियां भी साथ में थीं लेकिन वे रात्रि में नहीं रुकती थीं। वहां हमने ग्रामीण जीवन के बारे में सीखा। विशेषज्ञों ने लीडरशिप के गुण बताए, जिन पर मैं आज भी अमल करता हूँ।

कक्षा 9 और 10 में बॉक्सिंग खेल चालू हुआ था। उस समय शारीरिक दृष्टि से मैं कमजोर था और वजन भी कम था। कोई नहीं मानता था कि मैं बॉक्सिंग कर पाऊँगा। इसके बाद भी मैंने बॉक्सिंग की प्रैक्टिस शुरू कर दी। फिर बॉक्सिंग मैच में भाग लिया। मेरा मुकाबला देवेन्द्र से हुआ। मैं मैच हार गया लेकिन क्लोजेस्ट डिफीट का पुरस्कार मिला। उस समय सबसे कम पॉइंट पर हारने वाले को अनलकी प्राइज मिलता था। देवेन्द्र कपूर इस समय आर्मी में हैं। उस दिन मैच होते-होते रात्रि के नौ बज गए। मैं घर नहीं पहुँचा तो पापा ढूँढते हुए स्कूल आ आए। तब उन्हें पता चला कि मैं बॉक्सिंग कर रहा हूँ। उन्होंने बाहर से तो नाराजगी प्रकट की लेकिन चेहरे पर गर्व दिखाई दिया।

स्कूल में प्रिंसिपल रोड सेफ्टी पेट्रोल एक्टिविटी कराते थे। 11वीं कक्षा के लड़कों का काम था गेट पर यातायात संभालना ताकि छुट्टी के समय सड़क जाम न हो जाए। लड़कों से लड़कियों की छुट्टी 15 मिनट पहले हो जाती थी। इसलिए हम स्कूल के गेट पर 20 मिनट पहले जाकर खड़े हो जाते थे। जो लड़की अच्छी लगती, उसका पीछा करते थे। लड़की रिक्शा में या साइकिल पर होती थी। किसी भी लड़की से बात करने का हिम्मत नहीं होती थी। हां, उसका अपनी ओर ध्यान आकृष्ट करने के लिए जोर-जोर से आपस में बात करते थे। फिर लड़कियों का पीछा करने वाले दोस्त मेरे घर पर आकर रुक जाते थे। कभी-कभी संजीव चोपड़ा के घर तक जाते थे। संजीव के पिताजी आगरा के एड़ी एम सिटी थे और डीएम कंपाउंड में रहते थे। एक बार सेटी पेट्रोल ड्यूटी नहीं करते हुए पकड़े गए। सबकी बेत से पिटाई हुई।

11वीं कक्षा के बच्चों का टूर श्रीलंका गया जिसमें घर वालों ने मुझे नहीं भेजा। इस बात का आज तक मलाल है।

स्कूल में डिस्पेंसरी थी। उसे पास्कल देखता था। डिस्पेंसरी में सिर्फ दो दवाइयां थीं पैरासीटामोल और नीली दवा। हर प्रकार के मर्ज का इलाज इन्हीं दो दवाइयों से होता था फिर चाहे वह चोट हो या दर्द हो।

सेंट पीटर्स स्कूल में स्वीमिंग पूल था। सप्ताह में एक पीरियड स्वीमिंग का था। टीचर एडवर्ड एवं एंथनी बच्चों को उठाकर स्वीमिंग पूल में फेंक देते थे और कहते थे कि अपने आप तैरकर आओ। तमाम बच्चों ने इसी तरफ से स्वीमिंग सीख ली लेकिन मैं सीख नहीं पाया, क्योंकि पानी से डर लगता था।

1972 में जब मैं 11वीं कक्षा का छात्र था हिन्दी आंदोलन चला था। अंग्रेजी स्कूलों के खिलाफ बहुत बड़ा अभियान छिड़ा था। आंदोलन इतना जबर्दस्त था कि ऐसा लगने लगा कि भारत से अंग्रेजी विदा हो जाएगी और हिन्दी माध्यम से हर काम किया जाएगा। इस आंदोलन का प्रभाव मेरे दादाजी पर भी पड़ा। उन्होंने मेरी सभी बहनों को सेंट पैट्रिक्स स्कूल से निकाल बीन विक्टोरिया गल्स इंटर कॉलेज में प्रवेश दिला दिया। मेरे पास हिन्दी बी थी। विज्ञान के विद्यार्थी हिन्दी बी लेते थे। अन्य विषयों के छात्र सामान्य हिन्दी सीखते थे। हिन्दी ए यानी साहित्यिक हिन्दी। खूब पढ़ाई की लेकिन सबसे कम नम्बर हिन्दी ए में ही आए। 1972 में आगरा में एशियन कुश्ती हुई थी। स्कूल से उड़ी मारकर देखने गए।

हमारी क्लास में शैतानों की पूरी टोली थी। हर क्लास को स्टेज पर जाकर कविता सुनानी होती थी। हमारी क्लास ने झांसी की रानी कविता सुनाने की बात कही। तय हुआ था कि हर बच्चा दो-दो लाइन बोलेगा। पहली दो लाइन तो बोल दी लेकिन बाकी सब भूल गए। स्टेज पर चुपचाप खड़े रहे। उस दिन प्रिंसिपल फादर कोलम्बन ने खूब पिटाई की। वैसे फादर को हम आपस में 'येटी' कहते थे। उस समय फिलिप्स सर हमारे कक्षाध्यापक (क्लास टीचर) थे और हमें अंग्रेजी सिखाते थे।

एक बार सेंट पीटर्स स्कूल में किशोर कुमार नाइट हुई थी। हम किशोर कुमार को सुनना चाहते थे। हॉस्टल में ही रात्रि में रुक गए क्योंकि हमें भय था कि अगले दिन पुलिस वाले घुसने नहीं देंगे।

स्कूल के बाहर सेंट पीटर्स चर्च के मुखिया आर्च विशाप थे। वे हमें मोरल साइंस (नैतिक शिक्षा) पढ़ाते थे। सप्ताह में एक पीरियड होता था। फादर लॉरेंस भी मोरल साइंस पढ़ाते थे। इनसे हमने जीवन मूल्यों के बारे में सीखा है। वे लड़कों और लड़कियों की क्लास साथ-साथ लेते थे। बाद में लड़कों से यह भी पूछते थे कि कौन सी लड़की पंसद आई अगर लैटर देना है तो दे दो, मैं पहुंचा दूँगा। फादर की यह मर्स्टी सभी बच्चों को भाती थी। इसी कारण उनकी क्लास में सब रुचि के साथ पढ़ते थे।

मेरे पापा (डॉ आरएम मल्होत्रा) सेंट पीटर्स चर्च के चिकित्सक थे। मेरे पापा, फादर लॉरेंस के फिजीशियन थे। किसी लड़के को चोट लग जाए या बीमार हो जाए तो मेरे पास आते थे। पापा हर किसी का इलाज करते थे। हर तरफ का इलाज करते थे। मेरे दादाजी एमएस और एमडी दोनों थे। उन्होंने आँखों का ऑपरेशन तक किया है।

क्रिकेट का इतना शैक था कि विवाह के बाद ओल्ड बॉयल वर्सेस सेंट पीटर्स फादर टीम के बीच मैच हुआ। जितेन्द्र बॉलिंग कर रहा था। मैंने बॉल तो रोक ली लेकिन अंगुली टूट गई। टेढ़ी हो गई। मैंने टूटी उंगली के बाद भी मल्होत्रा नर्सिंग होम में आकर ऑपरेशन किए। अंगुली अभी भी टेढ़ी जुड़ी हुई है।

हमें पढ़ाने वाले कई अध्यापक ईशा कृपा से जीवित हैं। वे हमें बहुत याद करते हैं। मैथ के टीचर चाको केरल में रहते हैं। वे सप्ताह में दो बार अवश्य बात करते हैं। वशिष्ठ सर चार फुट दो इंच के हैं। वे बुलट पर आते थे। दिखते ही नहीं थे कि मोटर साइकिल पर कौन है। अंग्रेजी के टीचर फिलिप्स सर थे। वे हमसे सिगरेट मंगवाते थे। नाथ साहब हिन्दी और अंग्रेजी दोनों पढ़ाते थे। साइलस सर अंग्रेजी पढ़ाते थे। उनका बेटा बलराज (Balraj) हमारा सहपाठी था। साइलस सर और उनके बेटे की मौत हो गई है, जिसका मुझे आज तक कष्ट है। फिजिक्स, मैथ, हिन्दी के लिए सेंट पीटर्स स्कूल में ही अतिरक्त कक्षाओं में जाते थे। चाको सर, तिवारी सर, शार्मा सर, वशिष्ठ सर से अतिरिक्त कक्षाएं लेते थे।

मेरा बेटा केशव भी सेंट पीटर्स में पढ़ा है। उसे मैं स्कूल छोड़ने जाता था। 11 साल तक यह काम किया।

सेंट पीटर्स स्कूल ने हमें तहजीब सिखाई। निर्भय और लीडर बनाया। निर्णय लेना सिखाया। अनुशासन सिखाया। स्कूल ने हमें ऑलराउंड बनाया। यही कारण है कि हमारे सभी साथियों ने जीवन में उच्च स्थान प्राप्त किया। 175 साल से अधिक पुराना यह स्कूल आज भी नम्बर वन है और लगता है आगे भी रहेगा। सेंट पीटर्स में क्वालिटी एजुकेशन की ओर ध्यान दिया जाता है।

सीनियर कैम्ब्रिज बोर्ड (इंडियन स्कूल सर्टिफिकेट ISC) की पढ़ाई सेंट पीटर्स कॉलेज, आगरा में 1973 में पूरी की। तब बोर्ड से 11 वीं तक की पढ़ाई होती थी। 1970-71 में अंग्रेजी के खिलाफ और हिन्दी के पक्ष में आंदोलन शुरू हो गया। इस कारण मेरे दादा जी ने हिन्दी माध्यम के स्कूल आरईआई इंटर कॉलेज, दयालबाग, आगरा में प्रवेश दिला दिया। वह बहुत कठिन दौर था। मेरी प्रारंभिक शिक्षा अंग्रेजी माध्यम के स्कूल में हुई थी और हिन्दी माध्यम में प्रवेश लेना पड़ा। बोर्ड बदला था इसलिए अधिक पढ़ाई करनी पड़ी। हिन्दी ठीकठाक नहीं थी। ऐसे में प्रोफेसर आरपी तिवारी ने मेरी हिन्दी को ठीक किया। इसके लिए मैं उनका आज भी कृतज्ञ हूँ। आरईआई इंटर कॉलेज में भी खेल में भाग लिया। हिन्दी और अंग्रेजी के बीच हुए संघर्ष में छात्रों का बहुत नुकसान हुआ। मुझे और मेरे कई साथियों को 11वीं की परीक्षा दो बार उत्तीर्ण करनी पड़ी। एक बार सेंट पीटर्स में और दूसरी बार आरईआई इंटर कॉलेज। इस तरह जीवन का एक वर्ष बरबाद हो गया, जिसका मलाल आज तक है।

आज पीछे मुड़कर देखता हूँ कि पाता हूँ कि मिथुन राशि को डबल पर्सनिलिटी होती है, स्कूल में शर्मिला और बाहर नेतृत्व का गुण। मेरे अंदर बचपन से ही यह खूबी है। किसी से लड़ाई नहीं करना। सभी से मिलकर रहना। हर किसी की मदद के लिए हर समय तैयार रहना। मैं आज मानता हूँ कि ईश्वर ने मदद के योग्य बनाया है तो मदद करनी चाहिए। जो सौभाग्यशाली हैं, ईश्वर उन्हें ही दूसरों की मदद के लिए चुनता है। वैसे भी हमारी भारतीय संस्कृति में माना जाता है कि आप जैसा करेंगे, वैसा ही भरेंगे। यही सोच हमें सदकर्म के लिए प्रेरित करती है।

मेरी सलाह है कि हमें अपना बचपन खुलकर जीना चाहिए। सभी माता-पिता से निवदेन है कि बच्चों को बच्चा ही रहने दें, बड़ा बनाने का प्रयास कर्तव्य न करें। उन्हें खुलकर जीने दें। घर में बंद करके न रखें। मिट्टी में भी खेलने दें। तालाब में कूदने दें। अकेले भी जाने दें। इन सबसे बच्चे के अंदर छिपे नैसर्गिक गुणों का विकास होता है। उसे बिना सहारे के चलने का अनुभव होता है। फिर वह सफलता की नई इबारत लिख सकता है। मैंने अपना बचपन खुलकर जिया है। दादा के रूप में अपने बच्चों के बच्चों को कभी-कभी 'बचपना' करने दें, फिर उन्हें बताएंगे तो उत्तम रहेगा।

## “ सेंट पीटर्स 175 साल बड़ा वट वृक्ष”

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आज से 175 साल पहले सन् 1876 में डॉक्टर एंटोनी जोसेफ बोर्गी ने आधुनिक शिक्षा को बढ़ावा देने और अल्पसंख्यकों के उत्थान का सपना देखा था। उन्हें शिक्षित कर समाज की मुख्यधारा से जोड़ने और अग्रिम पंक्ति में लाकर खड़ा करने के लिए उन्होंने सेंट पीटर्स की स्थापना की। मीलों लम्बा सफर तय करने वाला ये शैक्षणिक संस्थान उनकी शिक्षाओं और सपनों पर चलता हुआ अब किसी वट वृक्ष की तरफ ही ज्ञान का प्रकाश दर-दर तक फैला रहा है। और उसकी छत्रछाया में पनपने वाले होनहार छात्र निरन्तर विकास के पथ पर अग्रसर हैं।

आधुनिक इतिहास में अगर हम अपनी स्मृतियाँ टटोलते हैं तो वमुशिकल यादें 1857 के प्रथम स्वतंत्रता संग्राम तक जा पाती हैं। या ये भी कह सकते हैं कि यही हमें अपने आधुनिक इतिहास का छोर लगता है लेकिन आगरा जैसे इतिहास की धूरी रहे शहर में सेंट पीटर्स कॉलेज जैसी इमारत भी है, जो उस समय तक अपनी 11 साल की किशोरावास्था को प्राप्त कर चुकी थी। उसने स्वतंत्रता संग्राम की नींव पड़ते देखी तो इमारत बनते भी। आजाद भारत के 75 साल बाद भी सेंट पीटर्स अपने लक्ष्य के प्रति किसी दृढ़ प्रतिज्ञा सा अडिग है।



आस्ते भग आसीनस्य अर्धस्तिष्ठति तिष्ठतः।  
शोते निपद्यमानस्य चरति चरतो भगयच्चेऽवेति॥

यानी जो कुछ कमा किए बिना बैठता है, उसका भाग्य भी बैठता है, जो चलता है, उसका भाग्य भी चलने लगता है। यानी कर्म से ही भाग्य बदलता है।

सेंट पीटर्स की क्रियाशीलता इसका बेहतरीन उदाहरण है। नई चुनोतियों से जूझने के लिए इसने लगातार अपने को समय के साथ बदला और नए रंग-रूप में ढाला। चाहे रुड़की इंजीनियरिंग कॉलेज के प्रवेश द्वार के रूप में इसे याद करें या

फिर कोलकाता विश्वविद्यालय के प्रांगण के रूप में यह नित नए आयाम गढ़ता रहा। सन् 1870 में ही कॉलेज ने शानदार प्रतिष्ठा हासिल कर ली थी। कभी इस कॉलेज को कैम्ब्रिज यूनिवर्सिटी के प्रवेश द्वारा के रूप में भी जाना जाता था। इस कॉलेज ने सन् 1963 में समय के साथ खुद को बदला। सीआईएससीई लागू किया गया। यहाँ से निकले होनहारों ने इसकी विशालता के सीने पर बड़े-बड़े मेडल जड़े हैं। देश को एक नई दिशा दी है। एयर मार्शल ए के सिंह और रक्षा मंत्रालय में प्रमुख सचिव रंजीत इस्सर इनमें प्रमुख हैं। कॉलेज प्रांगण में घुसते ही दिखने वाला विजयता टैंक और वायुसेना के हटर विमान की प्रतिकृति गर्व से सीना चौड़ा कर देती है। बोर्डिंग स्कूल के रूप में शुरू हुए इस संस्थान ने सन् 1984 में डे स्कॉलरों के लिए रास्ता खोला। खेल हो या फिर साँस्कृतिक गतिविधियाँ, इस कॉलेज की बहुमुखी वृद्धि का अग है। तभी तो देश की महान प्रतिभूतियों और महान खिलिड्यों ने समय-समय पर कॉलेज आकर आगे बढ़ने का अदम्य साहस प्रदान किया है। संस्थान के सेवा और समर्पण के भाव को देखते हुए पवित्रता की प्रतिमूर्ति मदर टेरेसा ने भी कॉलेज को अपना आशीष प्रदान किया था।

175 साल पहले तो सपना देखा गया था, उसे आज फादर एंड्र्यू कोरिया अपने अथक परिश्रम से आगे बढ़ा रहे हैं। सेंट पीटर्स के 175 वर्ष पूरे होने के उपलक्ष्य में शुक्रवार 07 अक्टूबर 2022 को दिल्ली से आए डाक विभाग के सी जी एम श्री ए.के. रॉय द्वारा एक विशेष डाक आवरण, फादर एंड्र्यू कोरिया, पूर्व प्रिंसिपल स्कूल के मैनेजर सहित स्टाफ एवं वरिष्ठ छात्रों की उपस्थिति में जारी किया गया। बदलाव के हर दौरे से गुजरते हुए शिक्षा के इस मक्का के सामने अभी उसका महाआकाश बाकी है। भविष्य के कर्णधारों को लगन और मेहनत की जो सीख ये कॉलेज दे रहा है, उसमे लगातार जूझने का जज्बा निहित है। तभी तो लैटिन भाषा में, लिखे इसके सिद्धांत (Motto) में है, बिना प्रयास के पुरस्कार नहीं यानी—  
(Palma Non Sine Pulvere)

## हम इतनी जल्दी क्यों बड़े हो गए?

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ना जाने वह पल कहाँ खो गए?  
हम इतनी जल्दी क्यों बड़े हो गए!  
स्कूल के दिनों की जब-जब या याद आती है,  
आँखों में नमी सी छा जाती है।  
जिन दोस्तों के साथ पूरा दिन मस्ती में खोए रहते थे,  
आज, वो ही ना जाने कहाँ खो गए।  
हम इतनी जल्दी क्यों बड़े हो गए!

ना जाने वह पल कहाँ खो गए?  
जब टीचर के डांटने पर, छुप-छुप के हंसते थे,  
मस्ती में पूरा दिन दोस्तों के साथ लड़ते थे।  
इंटरवल से पहले, मिलकर एक-दूसरे का खाना चट कर जाते थे,  
दोस्तों का भी होमवर्क करके, स्वयं को बहुत खुश पाते थे।  
आज, वह दिन भी ना जाने कहाँ खो गए ?  
हम इतनी जल्दी क्यों बड़े हो गए!

ना जाने वह पल कहाँ खो गए?  
जब स्कूल जाने के लिए सुबह भागदौड़ होती थी,  
लेट हो जाने पर कक्षा में, “दंड की मूर्तिया” सजती थी।  
उन सब को भी, हंस कर सह जाते थे,  
दोस्तों की हजारों गलतियां माफ़ करके, एक साथ रह जाते थे।  
आज, वह लम्हे भी ना जाने कहाँ खो गए?  
हम इतनी जल्दी क्यों बड़े हो गए!

वह सारे हसीन पल फिर से जी जाता हूँ  
जब-जब स्कूल की वह जिंदगी, अपने मन में दोहरता हूँ।  
यादों की मायाजाल में खुद को पाता हूँ  
जब-जब स्कूल की वह जिंदगी, अपने मन में दोहराता हूँ।

## सेंट पीटर्स की यादें..

मुददस्सिर राशिद 12 C  
(हिन्दी क्लब अध्यक्ष)

सालों जीए पलों में से, कुछ यादें  
उठा ली हमने  
लफ़ज़ों में पिरोया, तो किस्सा  
बन गया।  
ना जाने कब तक चलें, ये सांसें  
ना जाने कब तक, धड़के ये  
दिल  
यह किस्सा उन्हीं धड़कनों का  
एक हिस्सा बनकर रह गया।



मुझे समझ नहीं आ रहा, शुरू से शुरू करूं  
या इस नई शुरुआत से शुरू करूं  
पर यहां जो खत्म हो रहा, वह हर एक पल, बड़ा प्यारा था  
ना तेरा था, ना मेरा था, वह हर एक पल हमारा था।

छोटे कदमों से ही तो, पूरा ग्राउंड नाप जाते थे  
कोई गिए जाए तो वही सहम जाते थे।  
पांव तले हरी धास तो होगी, पर वो चार दिवारी में सिमटा  
वो 'ए' फील्ड बड़ा प्यारा था।  
ना तेरा था, ना मेरा था, वह हर एक फील्ड हमारा था।

फिर ब्रेक से पहले ही तो लंच खा लिया करते थे  
कोई 'Complain' ना कर दे इसीलिए सबको मिला  
लिया करते थे  
अब खाने के लिए प्लेट पर रोटी तो होगी  
पर भेद मिटाने वाला वो टिफिन बड़ा प्यारा था  
ना तेरा था, ना मेरा था, वह हर एक निवाला हमारा था।

कोई भी हो अपने स्कूल का, उसे पहचान लिया करते थे  
और अपनी टीम में उसे मिला लिया करते थे  
पर पहचानने को अब बस अनजान चेहरे होंगे  
पर वो 'Stupid jokes' पर खिलखिलाना भी बड़ा  
प्यारा था  
ना तेरा था ना मेरा था वा हर एक खेल हमारा था।

वो बेतुकी 'Ghost Stories' सुनके यूं ही डर जाते थे  
पहले मैं, पहले मैं करके आपस में ही लड़ जाते थे  
इंसानी मुखौटे पहने, अब कई इंसानों से मुलाकातें होगी  
पर वह डरा देने वाला हर एक किस्सा बड़ा प्यारा था  
ना तेरा था ना मेरा था वह हर एक किस्सा हमारा था।

'Competition' से एक धंटे पहले ही शूज एक्सचेंज  
कर लिया करते थे  
और ब्लैक शूज के लिए पूरे स्कूल में धूम लिया करते थे  
अब कंपटीशन के नाम पर बस खिताबी जंग होगी  
पर वो 'Eternia' का हर एक पल बड़ा प्यारा था  
ना मेरा था ना मेरा था वह हर एक स्टेज हमारा था।

फिर रिजल्ट के दिन कितना सहम जाते थे  
दो मिनट से ज्यादा पिता जी से मुलाकात ना हो  
बस यही सोच घबराते थे  
डराने को डर के कारण भी डरावने मिलेंगे  
पर 'PTM' वाला वो खौफ बड़ा प्यारा था  
ना तेरा था ना मेरा था वह हर एक खौफ हमारा था।

पिकनिक से 5 दिन पहले पिकनिक के ख्वाबों में खोना।  
पिकनिक से 5 दिन बाद पिकनिक की यादों में रोना।  
धूमने को तो सारी दुनिया होगी सामने  
पर वो बस में धूम मचाना भी बड़ा प्यारा था  
ना तेरा था ना मेरा था वो हर एक सफर हमारा था।

और आज यह 12 साल का सफर यहीं खत्म हो रहा है।  
वो कहते हैं ना जो पाता है वो कुछ तो खोता है।  
स्कूल का प्यार पाकर आज स्कूल का साथ खोना है।  
और न जाने क्यों हमें हंसते-हंसते रोना है  
अब जाते-जाते बस यहीं कहेंगे  
की स्कूल की क्लास में नहीं एक दूसरे की यादों में रहेंगे।

# The Products of St Peter's

Dr. Neville Smith

Though no regular records exist with regard to the students of the College who rise high in public service and other fields of endeavor, we have in Fr Bonaventure (Gilligan) a personal record of the achievements of former students. Fr Bonaventure, an Irishman, joined St Peter's in 1873, when the School was just 27 years old and stayed on, with some breaks, till the Centenary of the School in 1946 and beyond. Writing for the Centenary Souvenir, he gives the names of many Peterians who earned name and fame in later life and also brought laurels to their Alma Mater.

He begins with Sir Michael Filose, son of Major Julian Filose of the Army of the Scindias and grandson of John Baptist Filose, the great benefactor of St Peter's, with whose monetary help the School was started. Michael was born in 1836 and was admitted to St Peter's as a child, which should mean soon after the inception of the School. After passing out, he joined University College, London, from where he got a degree in engineering and architecture. He came back to India to join service with the State of Gwalior and rose to become the Chief Secretary. He is credited with building the 'Jal Niwas' Palace and other buildings in Gwalior. He was honored by King-Emperor George V at the Coronation Durbar in Delhi in 1911 with the title of Knight Commander of the British Empire (KCIE).

Also to achieve fame was A C Verriers, who rose to become the Consulting Engineer to the Railway Board, while J C Clancey did valuable work in the Burma survey of the location of oil wells and pearl fisheries. Later, he surveyed parts of the Himalayas and was for some time Lecturer at the famous Greenwich Observatory in London. He also wrote books on astronomy. Both Verriers and Clancey were awarded the title of Companion of the Indian Empire (CIE).

Another student of St Peter's, Lears, who became a known surveyor and surveyed the Godavari Valley for a railway line to be laid in the area for the Nizam. Interestingly, the Government of India, could not spare him initially for Nizam's project and the Nizam agreed to wait till he was available, a tribute to the ability and reputation of Lears.

It would not be out of place here to point out that as early as the 1860's and 1870's St Peter's had become the feeding ground of the Thomason College of Engineering, set up in Roorkee in 1847 and named after Thomason, who was Lt Governor of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh and the man who picked upon Roorkee as the place that needed the setting up of a college for the training of engineers for the great canal works that were to be undertaken.

The Institution began as a school in January 1848 and soon developed as a college of engineering with additional facilities for an observatory, a printing press, a museum of economic geology, and a depot for mathematical and scientific instruments along with a workshop for their repair. It was only in 1854 that the Institute was christened 'Thomason College of Engineering at Roorkee'.

I have intentionally broken off from my account of distinguished students of St Peter's because the annual reports about the progress of St. Peter's presented by the Rector to the Archbishop of Agra state that the school prepares students for admission to the Roorkee College of Engineering. It was from Roorkee that many Peterians went on to do commendable work in the fields of surveying and engineering in various parts of India.

Another field that the students ventured into was the Military Medical Service. Among the brilliant ones were James Dunne, Alfred Raphael, and his brother Charles Raphael, who entered the Military Medical Service by securing high marks and who topped every examination they appeared at,

a feat accomplished about a century later by Daya Kishore Hazra, whose distinguished career was recognised with the Padma Shri being awarded to him.

A classmate of the present writer, who could only be a poor second to him for the seven years they studied together, Hazra not only topped the list of successful candidates at the School Leaving Certificate Examination of the University of Cambridge, commonly called Senior Cambridge, he also topped the list in UP!

To continue with the products of old, J David, who passed out in 1914 entered Government service and ended up as Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, while Felix Sheldon had the distinction of entering the prestigious Indian Civil Service (ICS) and rising high in the bureaucratic setup.

Another student who distinguished himself was Fred Ellis, a scion of the famous Ellis family of Agra, who might be called the first journalist of Agra, besides being an honorary magistrate, started an English weekly paper 'The People's Herald', with the subtitle 'A smart paper for smart people'. He rode to the Civil Courts in his horse-driven buggy and on his death in 1937 was buried in the Catholic Cemetery on the platform of the beige-colored impressive mausoleum constructed over the graves of his rich Armenian merchant ancestors, west of the mausoleum of Col John Hessing, called the red sandstone Taj Mahal.

Also to have studied in St Peter's and achieved fame in later life was Syed Alay Nabi, who became Chairman of the Agra Municipal Board. A road in the Panchkuin area of the city is named after him. Also, a student of the College was Shabbir Hussain Khan, better known by his pseudonym Josh Malihabadi, the famous Urdu poet. Born in 1894, he studied in the College and passed the Senior Cambridge Examination in 1914.

Nawab Mohammad Faiyaz Khan, whose sprawling mansions spread from in front of the present St Francis School, till the small crossing called 'the meat wala chauraha' was also a student of the College. He undertook a tour of Europe in the 1920s, studying for a while at Cambridge University and getting a diploma in journalism from Harvard University, before returning to India and developing his father Nawab Ismail Khan's private library, stocking it with some of the finest books on 'shikar' and big game hunting to be found anywhere in India. The Nawab became a member of the UP Legislative Council in 1923 and developed intimate relations with Sarojini Naidu who when Governor of UP, visited his widow, Qadri Begum, after the death of the Nawab. The present writer was witness to the visit, which as a boy of ten he saw from the balcony of his house at Ghatia Azam Khan, just across the narrow road from the Nawab's House leading to Wazirpura. It was the Nawab who initiated my father into journalism in 1930.

The three sons of the Nawab, Fazlurrahman, Fatehurrahman, and Farooqur Rahman, all dead now, also studied at St Peter's before moving on to St John's College. Also to have studied in St Peter's were the sons and grandsons of Seth Tarachand and his younger brother Seth Lakshman Prasad, who lived in Musharraf Manzil, the Mughal palace, where Mumtaz Mahal once lived and which was occupied by Aurangzeb when he entered Agra after his victory over Dara Shikoh, his eldest brother fighting on behalf of Shah Jahan, at the battle of Samugarh in 1858. It was while living in Musharraf Manzil that Aurangzeb planned the strategy of taking control of the Agra Fort and eventually imprisoning his father. As children my siblings and I often went to Musharraf Manzil for a day's outing to see the gold-covered ceiling of one of the palaces, my father being a friend of Seth Lakshman Das.

Other notable former students were Kunwar Ashraf Ali Khan, and Nawab of Sadabad, who held huge properties in Agra also, and who was a member of the UP Vidhan Sabha a number of times. Raja

Aridaman Singh of Bhadawar State and his son Tripurdaman, Kunwar Rajendra Singh of Dhirpura, who entered his 100 years in July this year also studied in St Peter's in the early 1930s. His son Pradeep Singh and grandson Dhananjay were also students here.

A member of the famous Kunzru family, K N Kunzru, brother of Pt Hriday Nath Kunzru, founder member of the Servants of India Society, and member of the Constituent Assembly of India, was also for a time a student here.

During the first one hundred years of the College, there were few avenues of employment. Many students could not go up to the final year and dropped off because of various reasons, chief of them being financial difficulties because of conditions at home. However, they too were absorbed, mainly in the Railways and the Posts and Telegraphs Department. The better students went to the engineering college that had opened at Roorkee to be trained as surveyors and construction engineers, and St Peter's became a feeding ground for the Roorkee College. Some others became army medicos.

With the development of the country and the expansion of trade and commerce, science and technology, the civil services, the military, and the creation of new jobs and professions the students of St Peter's, as with other good institutions, entered the civil and defense services, the banking and corporate sectors of engineering and technology, college and university teaching, business entrepreneurship, public administration, human resources, journalism, and the electronic media and what have you.

It is neither possible nor necessary to give the names of our students who have done well in various professions. But enough is being said, the following paragraphs would give the reader an indication of how well our students have done.

Some give the highest priority to the civil services, while others to technical and engineering jobs. Is it bureaucracy versus technocracy? No, the confrontation is irrelevant: they are two top avenues for achievers, if medical expertise is to be relegated to the third position. The students of St Peter's have excelled in all three, as a brief list that follows will show. Our boys have grabbed the top posts in civil services, engineering, and also in medical sciences.

Limiting oneself to the post Independence period or even the cut off year of 1950 or even 1960, we find that on the basis of information available to us, the following students entered the Indian Administrative Service: Vijay Bakaya, who joined in 1970 and retired as Chief Secretary, Jammu, and Kashmir Government; Shiv Shankar Mukherjee, who joined in 1971 and retired after serving as High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom; Ranjeet Issar, who became Secretary of Defence, Government of India; Ravi Dhingra, who retired as Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India and Ashok Kumar of the 1964 ISC batch who retired as Member, Board of Revenue, Govt of UP, after serving as Commissioner, Agra Division. Those who have joined the service recently are Sandeep Jain, Anshul Singh, Alok Singh, and Hridyesh Mohan.

Those who entered the Allied Services include John Hakim, Indian Police Service; Rajesh Dhingra, Indian Revenue Service, who retired as Special Secretary, Ministry of Finance; Sandeep Silas of the Indian Railway Service; Rajeev Jain of the Indian Police Service and Kamaluddin Khilji, who entered the Rajasthan Civil Service.

We have a fairly long list of technologists, who include IITians. They are Ashok Soota, who passed out from IIT Roorkee and is a big name in the setting up of companies; his friend and classmate Anant Trivedi, who spent a better part of his life in the United Kingdom and is a known technologist,

though both Soota and Trivedi spent only a couple of years in St Peter's; Kiran Singh, a best boy of St Peter's in 1960, who passed out from Kharagpur, studied in the USA for further degrees and returned to India to become Professor at Roorkee, retiring after 40 years of teaching, Pradeep Amar of the 1956 Senior Cambridge batch, who passed out from Roorkee IIT along with Soota and worked for a couple of decades in the USA before returning to India, Raj Kumar Caprihan, who did his engineering in Kharagpur and held high positions in Samsung and other famous international brands; Inder Kapoor, who capped a brilliant academic career, in which he topped all classes he studied in by passing out from IIT Delhi, holding important positions in companies while based in Singapore; civil engineers Ankur Singh and Kaushik Das and quite unassuming but very senior as a marine engineer Arun Mehrotra, the latest being Kartikay Sharma of the 2009 ISC batch who has become a mechanical engineer.

There were many students who went in for the defence services and rose high. These included many who took to the medical or engineering corps of the Indian Army. The list we have made out on the basis of information collected by us after much effort includes Lt Gen A K S Chandle, who has been kind enough to contribute a note on his years in the School as well as a brief biodata about himself, Lt Gen P K Bhaduria; Air Marshal A K Singh, who was AOC Western Air Command; Lt. General A.K. Singh, who became Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands; Major General N P S Bal; Naval Commodore Rajendrapal Singh; Brigadier Niladri Shankar Mukherjee; Brigadier (Dr) Amarjeet Singh Group Captain Kr J P S Chauhan and Lt Col A K Sharma.

The largest number of our boys went for the medical sciences. Leaving out the boys who opted for the doctor's profession in the first hundred years of College, whose names have come elsewhere in this Souvenir, we shall limit ourselves to the boys who became doctors after 1950. They include Maharaj Tandon, who is a physician in Australia, and Biren Tandon, who is a surgeon in the USA-both of the 1954 batch. Then comes Daya Kishore Hazra, perhaps the brightest student that the College has produced, who became Director-Professor and Head of the Department of Medicine at S N Medical College, Agra. Internationally known for his work, he was awarded the Padma Shri in 2014. Chronologically, he is followed by K N Dube, (son of Dr. B K Dube also Professor and Head Department of Medicine at S N Medical College, Agra) Then comes Barun Sarkar, a sportsman and known cricketer in his student days, who headed the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at S N Medical College for a long time. He is followed by Sanjay Tandon of the 1962 batch, who left teaching at Meerut Medical College to start his private clinic. Arun Nagrath of the 1964 batch was Professor and Head of the Department of Obs and Gynae at SN, where he was followed by Mukesh Chandra, who is now a Professor and Head of Obs and Gynae at a private medical college. Rajeshwar Dayal heads the Department of Paediatrics at S N, while Neeraj Awasthi of the 1969 batch runs a private ophthalmic clinic, as does Ashok Vij but an orthopaedic one. Like him Sanjay Chaturvedi runs an ortho clinic, while Devendra Gupta, too is a surgeon, seeing patients privately. Narendra Malhotra of the 1973 batch is the owner and Director of the Rainbow Hospital as well as the well-known Malhotra Nursing Home. His classmate Arun Tiwari, after studies in England, has become a noted urologist in Agra. Three years junior to him in school, Deepak Mital did a course in AIIMS, New Delhi, following it up with specialized studies in the USA and is now a famous nephrologist and heads the renal transplant section in a big hospital in that country. Tarun Mittal an AIIMS topper has become a nephrologist, while Shashwat Misra, son of the neurosurgeon Dr. R C Misra, topped the AIIMs and is now on the faculty of neurosurgery there. Also, doctors are Praveg and Amrit Goyal.

Also to have become doctors were Pradeep Srivastava, Yogesh Bhargava, Sanjay Dube, Brij Mohan Gupta, and Ajay Bansal-all of the 1970 batch. Two others of the batch Sunil Jatana and Suresh Lala entered the Armed Forces Medical College, retiring as colonels.

Those who went into the banking sector as officers include Himadri Mukherjee, eldest of the talented Mukherjee brothers, and Ivan Smith, both of whom rose high in the State Bank of India, The former becoming Assistant Gen Manager. Then Sanjay Silas, again one of three brothers who rose high, is a senior executive in Axis Bank, while Sudhanshu Garg and Sardindu Vajpayee were in high posts in the Standard Chartered Bank at Qatar, the latter becoming General Manager there. Ashok Agarwal worked for a lifetime at Canara Bank.

Mention must be made here of R Shyam Khemani, who was in St Peter's from 1956 to 1959 before going to other countries where his IFS father was posted. He finally settled down in the USA after getting a Ph.D from the London School of Economics and becoming an economist of repute and adviser to more than 35 countries including India.

Allied to the field of banking is the work of a chartered account. Many of our boys went in for it. These included Mukesh Kapoor of the 1968 batch, Arvind Ralhan and Arvind Tandon of the 1970 batch, and Rohit Nayyar of the 1982 batch. Those who entered the teaching profession at the various levels include Rajendra and Surendra Trivedi, who were lecturers in physics at Agra College; Neville Smith who taught English at RBS (formerly BR) College for 37 years before retiring in 2000, Amit Mukherjee of the 1969 batch who retired as Head of the Department of History in St John's College, Agra; Anil Jessop Chauhan of the 1976 batch who has succeeded him as Professor and Head, Department of History, St John's College and next in seniority in the Department.

Instead of becoming teachers, some students became owners-directors of schools opened by them or their fathers and bequeathed to them. They were Mahesh Sharma of Agra Public School, Sanjay Tomar of Holy Public School and Pardyuman Chaturvedi of Gayatri Public School started by his mother Mrs. Radha Sharma. A K Singh, who retired from the Air Force as squadron leader started a school in the name of his late father Dr. M P Singh, while Derek Smith started the Smith Nursery School managed by his wife, while he himself retiring as Acting Principal of St John's Intermediate College. Another student, Chandra Mohan Rana of the 1975 batch runs a senior secondary school in Hathras, getting inspiration from St Peter's, where he was a boarder for many years. Niranjan Singh of the 1962 batch also started a number of schools in rural Haryana, while being a Principal in some schools after teaching at Bishop Cotton School in Simla. Lazarus Smith of the 1953 batch taught at St Xavier's Jaipur and Delhi, St Joseph's College, Mussoorie before migrating to Australia in 1970 and continuing with school teaching there. Manoranjan Prasad retired as Associate Professor of English at Agra College Agra, while Vinod Tiwari of the 1971 batch retired as Divisional Head, ICAR Institute, Karnal.

Of those who made a name for themselves in the field of journalism and writing was Thomas Smith (1922-1928), who spent 64 years of his life writing for newspapers and news magazines, Indian and foreign (1943-1956) earning the sobriquet 'Papa of the Scribes'. His second son, Ronald Smith rose to become News Editor of The Statesman and also wrote over a dozen books on the life and culture of Delhi, getting the Twitter tribute from Arvind Kejriwal, Chief Minister of Delhi, on his death in the words 'the chronicler of our great city of Delhi'. His younger brother, Neville, Editor of this Souvenir, also worked as a journalist and writer for a period of 55 years, contributing several hundred articles and news stories to newspapers and news agencies and finally publishing a book on his work titled Pages from the Diary of a Journalist. Brij Khandelwal (1956-1966) showed his talent in journalism by bringing out a number of publications, beginning with 'Wink', while he was yet a student and

continuing with 'Samiksha Bharti' and Newspress. He left a promising career in journalism after getting a degree in mass communication to become a freelancer. After him, Hemendra Chaturvedi (1972-1981) left the legal profession to become the Agra Incharge of Hindustan Times. Another student Rahul Paliwal became a journalist and is the Director of Moon Cable, Agra.

Other fields ventured into by students of St Peter's are those of law and banking. In law, one B D Agarwal is said to have become a supreme court lawyer as early as 1950 or so. Even earlier, Pran Nath Takru, father of Vinay Takru and classmate of Thomas Smith in the 1920s, was a lawyer in the Civil Courts at Agra, while M P Sarabhoj, also an old student was a lawyer again at the local level, pleading a few cases in the Allahabad High Court in the mid-1950s till about a decade or so ago. The oldest advocate, actively engaged in work, is Pratap Swami Mehra, who was a student of St Peter's in the 1940s. Hriday Shankar Mathur, also a senior advocate, passed away two years ago. Another senior advocate of Agra, Arvind Misra, was a student till 1968 and rose to become Adviser to the Governor of UP in matters legal.

There were students who either went into their family business or started their own. We have the names of some of these students. They are Shailendra Nath Agarwal (1951-1961) who after doing B Tech from IIT, Kanpur went into business entrepreneurship setting up industries in Pune, namely, Venus Industries and Automech India, Ltd. Suresh Nagrath, though the son of a medical doctor, branched off into business and was President of the National Chamber of Industries and Commerce for several terms, before moving to Bombay (Mumbai) in 1980 and thence to London. Mukesh Jain took to his family business of publication of educational books and periodicals, while Rakesh Darbari became an All-India supplier of specialized scientific instruments. Vinay Takru helped his father in the work of running a newspaper distribution agency and also for a noted tyre company. His classmate Rahul Agarwal also did business after school. Sunil Jain of the 1970 batch though a civil engineer, went into construction work, while Ambarish Patel of the 1973 batch joined his father's business of manufacturing and selling bidis. Satish Jain of the 1960 batch became a manufacturer of valves, there is also the curious case of Parveen Bhargava, who after doing the work of producing and selling seeds and fertiliser to the Government, renounced all worldly works and became an ascetic with the name of Swami Sadanand and looking after his own ashram-cum-temple in Vrindavan.

Vinay Kumar Singh of the 1986 batch is the lone example of a student going into the human resources profession.

There must be many glaring omissions in the list of achievers and we would assign this to the paucity of information on them, despite efforts made to get it. This lack of information underscores the need for every institution, educational or any other, to put in place a mechanism that would keep a record of the progress of those who have passed out of their portals. Conversely, it devolves upon the products of an institution to keep in touch with their Alma Mater and keep it informed about their progress in their professional as well as their personal lives.

# A Flashback to the Years 1946-1956

Dr. Neville Smith

Whenever I think of St. Peter's College, my mind goes back more than 76 years to that January morning when I walked on and on, on that never-ending stretch of road from near Akbar's Church to the massive main building at the far end of the road. I was walking with my uncle, James Smith, who had been asked by my father to get me admitted in the Kindergarten class of the school.



For a six-year old who had never moved out of the lanes around his house on the main road of Ghatia Azam Khan, it was a kind of discovery as my horizon was widened and I could know how big the world could be and how vast a school campus could stretch.

As I stood waiting outside the office of the Headmaster, Mr. E S Merriman, for my turn to get in for the admission, I looked up to see how high the ceiling of the verandah was and how long the verandah stretched from north to south. This sense of massiveness still grips me when I view the verandah even today, when I am nearing my 84th birthday, and over the last seven decades or more have seen nearly all the massive buildings in India, including the huge one thousand-pillar temple in Kanyakumari.

The massiveness apart, a flood of memories flashes across my mind when my inward eye views the eleven years I spent in the precincts of the school, to come out as a young man of 17, ready to enter the wider arena of life by beginning my college education in St John's leading to a professional career.

In 1946 St Peter's was still primarily a boarding school for Eurasian (Anglo- Indian) boys, as it had been for the previous one hundred years. Out of the 229 students on its rolls, just 60 were day-scholars. Of the total 55 were Hindus, 18 Muslims and 10 Indian Christians. In the early 50's a stray Jew or Parsi joined the school for a few years. The Boarders were of two categories: a) Parlour Boarders, who paid extra for their food etc and got bread, butter, jam, eggs and other nutritious food; and b) ordinary Boarders, who survived on buns, rice and vegetables, but no lentils/dals.

A student had to spend an average of 13 years in the school-three in the nursery and kindergarten classes and ten in standards or classes 1 to 10, when he could appear for the Overseas School Leaving Certificate Examination of Cambridge University, commonly called Senior Cambridge, as distinct from the Junior Cambridge Examination, which some students took after Std VIII, the last batch for which, I think appeared in 1952 or 1953.

The strength of the students per class was so small that two classes were made to sit in one room. Thus Classes III and IV, VII and VIII and IX and X sat together and did the same syllabus, which made the going a bit tough for students who had got a double promotion from Std VIII to Std X as I did specially with regard to the science course, as much of it had been done in Std IX, the science teacher refusing to do the course again for those who had missed it because of double promotion. Two other students who had got a double promotion with me engaged private tuitions to bridge the gap in teaching. I could not afford one and had to give up science.

The teaching from KG to Std X was excellent and having gone through it and later having sat in undergraduate and postgraduate classes in the prestigious St John's College and then embarking on a teaching career that lasted 37 years, I can say that I did not come across better teaching at any other stage in my life. The proof of how effective the teaching was can be judged from the fact that even at the age of nearly 83 I can recount all the teaching given me, including many of the mathematical formulae and theorems I had to learn, the geography of the world, the history of India and sundry other places and the English language, spoken and written that I learnt in my school classes along with

the poems and plays in English literature I read from Std V to Std X in St Peter's. In fact, it was only when I took English literature as my subject for the M A degree that I felt I had moved one class above Std X.

The teachers were most impressive. Lady teachers taught students till Std III, with male teachers taking over from Std IV, probably because the boarders were quite big made and much older than the small-sized day scholars, needing male teachers to control them.

I remember my K G teacher as a Miss Rita, a smart Goan young lady who played tennis in the evening on the hard courts where the new courts have now come up. In Std I we had the big and buxom Miss Rozario, very fair and wearing glasses, who never stopped short of making the cheeks of the young boys going truant red with slapping. She was also our music and singing teacher. The singing classes were held in the room now occupied by the Principal's Office. Miss Rozario sat on the small revolving chair in front of the keyboard of the Grand Piano. Since there was no ceiling fan in the room, boys had to take turns in fanning the teacher. The boys were made to sing along with the teacher and then independently. An earring boy was asked to come to the teacher and received a hard slap on the face and a particular note was repeated several times over with a hard pounding of the key to make the young singers realise their error. I suppose it was some 20 years later that Mother Mary of Jesus, dubbed singing Mother joined the school as a music teacher.

Incidentally, the Grand Piano was removed to Cathedral or Archbishop's House when Dr Dominic Athaide became the first Indian Archbishop of Agra. A huge painting depicting the scene of Christ fondling little children was also removed from the room to be hung inside the Cathedral.

The lady teacher who impressed me most was Miss Griselda D'Souza, who had joined the school as a teacher at the age of 18 in 1926 when my father was in the middle school and who went on to teach till 1961, when I was doing my MA (Final).

Miss D'Souza was neatness, smartness, elegance, appropriate dressing personified. Usually wearing a tight skirt and top to match, her hairdo neat like her, she walked briskly from her residence in the lady teachers' quarters near where St. Paul's Hindi Medium now is. As she got onto the verandah of the main building of the School, the tap-tap of her heels could be heard to a distance and the class sat in silent expectation of her entry, which she made impressively, a whiff of perfume accompanying her for a while.

Putting her parasol away, she took her seat at the table, sitting erect and asking the students to do likewise. Every word she uttered was crystal-clear and the ear recorded its pronunciation for all time.

Standard IV brought us in contact with the male teachers. B M Cornelius for English and history, Pershadilal Sharma for science, William Geyer for mathematics, Charles Eastwood for geography and HD Galloway for phonetics and physical instruction. As I have talked about the other teachers in another article, I shall talk about Mr Galloway here. He was a fair, big made man with a slight protruding belly. After introducing us to the phonetic symbols, he would ask us to write words in those symbols and later dictate whole paragraphs to be written in the phonetic script. One of the stories that were dictated was about a silly young cricket. Most boys learnt to write the script and decipher it. I was, therefore, quite surprised when in a summer school class for teachers of English in degree and post graduate colleges held at Lucknow University in May-June 1970, one of the teachers took up the teaching of phonetics. When I told him that I had done it in Standard IV in school, he did not believe me till I wrote a few words in the script.

Mr Galloway, nicknamed 'Gallop away' by the Boarders, would stride up and down the classroom and in a loud, booming voice would demonstrate to us the peculiarities of English pronunciation. He would say p o o r is poo er; but d o or is not doo er but daw, as also c o l o u r is keler but c o l l a r is caller, p u t is put but b u t is bat.

It was this kind of teaching that got registered in the mind, never to leave it.

When we were about to appear for the seniors in November 1956, the Headmaster Mr Merriman gave us some parting advice on the use of language. He told us not to use hackneyed phrases, because they were like bones, which every dog stopped to gnarl at 'You must discard the overused expressions and use new ones,' an advice I took to heart.

We students got together to hold a farewell party for ourselves and for Mr Merriman, who was retiring that year after 28 years as Headmaster, perhaps the most famous of the headmasters and one who raised the level of the teaching discipline and general administration of the school to the highest level.

A word about the buildings and the infrastructural facilities. Apart from the massive main block, the ground floor of which housed classrooms, a billiards room, a science room and a room for the Vice-Rector, who happened to be the old half-dreamy Fr Lewis in my time, there was a small residential block to the south, where the Rector lived. There was an open verandah in front of the living room of the Rector, now converted into a sitting room. To the west of the Rector's room was a gallery resting on pillars above the washerman's establishment (the dhobi ghat), at the end of which was the clerk's room, who happened to be a Gujarati Christian named P H Shah, A Manickaraj taking over from him after his retirement in July 1956. To the west of the Dr Albert D'Souza Auditorium was the carpentry and type writing and stenography rooms, Carpentry was taught to students when my father was in school in the 1920's. The shorthand and typewriting room fell into disuse, when the teaching of the two technical subjects was discontinued.

The building which St Felix School occupied for some time was used as a residence for teachers, Mr. Galloway living in one portion. One of the other rooms was used for a section of the Kindergarten Class in the early 1940's. Before St Felix School came up, the entire building was converted into the Minor Seminary of St Lawrence of Brindisi, which was later shifted to St Mary's Church Compound on Ajmer Road. The room below the living quarters was used for cycle parking, there being not more than couple of dozen bicycles used by the day scholars to commute to the school. Further west was the Headmaster's spacious bungalow, which was used initially for St Felix School and later pulled down to make room for the new building for St Felix.

The small field in front of St Felix School, now used for marriages and other functions, got filled with rain water during the rainy season, because of improper drainage. Day students, going back home after school reveled in playing in the water, wetting themselves through and through and catching tadpoles. If caught merry making, they were told to report to the Headmaster's office the following morning to be caned for their misdemeanor. The drainage system was later improved and the rain water now flows to the Bhairon Nalliah in Belanganj.

A new block was built in 1935 for single male teachers, Mr. Eastwood occupying a set of rooms. With the School Accountant, A Manickaraj who had got one room to stay in, shifting elsewhere, the entire block was used for the Primary Section of the School till the building was pulled down to make room for the large Primary Section building that came up in 2005.

The old spacious Infirmary had old Pascal as Compounder-in-charge, with a large hall with beds for inpatient students (all boarders), who were visited by the Civil Surgeon of Agra every Saturday. Archbishop Athaide got a portion of the Infirmary converted into rooms for dramatic and other performances along with a stage.

To the north of the Infirmary were the living quarters of Lawrence Tobias, the Manager of the Orphan Press, whose building came up in 1935, after the Press was shifted from a bungalow called St Jerome's Cottage located in front of the present Gayatri School. The press, which was roofed over with corrugated iron sheets was built of blocks manufactured in the factory that was supplanted by St Paul's Hindi Medium School, before it got its present new building.

At the southern end of the open space in front of the new block of St Paul's was a building that

gave the appearance of a loco shed that housed the living quarters of married male teachers and unmarried lady teachers.

As for the facilities for the students, they were at best not only rudimentary but primitive. The first floor of the main building block had senior and junior boys' dormitories, with facilities for bathing. However the lavatories were located in the 'khuds' across the 'B' or hockey field. The location of the toilets was so far away that often a student of the lower classes soiled his pants while trying to race through the field to ease himself.

Drinking water was available at a single water tap installed in front of where the entrance gate of the school now is i.e. near the south-east corner of the swimming pool. There was a 'tuck' shop selling things like biscuits, parched grams, peanuts and jaggery and peanut 'toffee', which the boarders raced to buy during the recess. The 'tuck' shop was a poorly ventilated hovel of a room with a small barred window where the boys had to queue up.

It was only in July 1956 that a row of six taps was put up with a basin made of marble chips alongside the old staircase to the senior boys dormitory.

To drink water from the single tap near the swimming pool, a student had to seek permission of the teacher. For sharpening pencils, a small machine turned by hand was set up in a portion of the singing room and the boys raced to sharpen their pencils on it after getting permission to do so.

Use of ink pens was allowed only from Std IV upwards. They were dip-and- write pens. Fountain pens were not common and therefore expensive. Besides, they were not allowed. The 'g' nib which had a finer point and a better flow of ink was much in demand. While going to school, one had to carry an ink bottle with one. In fact, the class desk had a groove to keep the ink bottle or even the ink in. As late as 1958, when I appeared for my Intermediate examination, I carried my ink bottle with me, lest the ink of my fountain pen got exhausted.

The topography of the school campus has changed quite a bit. Instead of an area packed with buildings with hardly a green patch around, it was all greenery in the past. There were trees all along the 'kutcha' road leading to the school from the main gate. Neem, peepal, jangal jalebi and babool trees were in abundance. These trees provided much-needed shade during the summer months. The entire stretch along the southern boundary of the football 'A' field, where the 1963 Middle Section Block now stands was all babool and bushes. A huge tamarind tree stood a little to the south-east of the Infirmary. It was around this tree that we kindergarten students went around to sing the nursery rhyme; "Here we go round the mulberry bush, on a cold and frosty morning." That tree has gone and most of the others too, to give place to buildings.

The well-kept school garden with flowers of all kinds and hues does not exist now and its place has been taken up by an aircraft gifted by an ex student of the school, as also the tank at the junction of the roads to the main block and the primary block of the school. It was in this garden that the primary section boys were given their first lessons in nature study. This introduction to plants and flowers was followed up by weekly visits to Hewett (now Paliwal) Park, where the young students were shown more and bigger trees and flowers.

There was only one tarred road to the School, the one leading from the Cathedral, the one running alongside the boundary of St Patrick's was a dirt and pebble track. It was on this road, some 50 feet from the side gate of St Patrick's that the gate of St Peter's once stood. In my time only the massive ten feet high and 20 feet in circumference pillars built to hold the gate stood. Only St Patrick's has such pillars now, all other pillars, specially the four pillars, two on each side of the main gate of the Cathedral having been pulled down to give a wider expanse of view of the Cathedral building.

Obviously Italian in design, the pillars must have been put up by that great builder, Archbishop Borghi, the founder of both St Patrick's and St. Peter's Schools and builder of the Cathedral and St Patrick's Church in the Cantonments, besides buildings outside Agra.

There was no traffic or parking problem then. Most day-scholars just walked to school, as the horse-driven carriage called the 'tonga', was the only means of conveyance, apart from the car, which very few people in the city, may be a dozen or so then had. As for the bicycle, only the older boys rode to school on it and parked it in the cycle room adjacent to the carpenter's room below the now inner exit gate of the school.

There was no school uniform or bag or compulsion to buy particular brands of exercise books. One could buy the exercise books from anywhere. Most of them cost an anna or two per book. You did not have to cover them up with brown paper and paste name slips or your picture on it as now. As for the text books, they were few in number and could be had from the school.

Since the text books for English, history, geography, mathematics, physics and chemistry never changed, they could be had second hand, too. But these were not really second hand: they had been used by at least 20 batches of students. In some of these text books a page or two was missing and in most of them, the earlier users had filled them up with their own writings. My brothers and I went for these 'second hand' books, while most other day scholars went for new editions, which the less fortunate boys could only smell and admire and turn the pages of, if allowed to handle them by their new owners.

There was no school uniform or bag or specifications about winter or summer dress. You could put on any set of 'Western clothes' shorts and half-sleeved shirts for the younger boys and trousers and half or full-sleeved shirts for the bigger ones. One could wear any kind of shoes and socks, provided the shoes were black in colour and polished and gave a neat look. Canvas shoes were also allowed; but in summer the melted tar of the road stuck on their soles and the consequent heat on the feet was unbearable. Since all the clothes were made of cotton, they needed constant ironing. A problem of keeping them dry arose in the rainy season, if one got wet on the way to school or during the interval. Sometimes at recess time the older boys would push younger ones into the rain or even under the gargoyle that poured down bucketfuls of rainwater. If a boy got wet in this way, he had to bear the discomfort of wearing wet clothes all the time he was in school. As for the socks, being made of cotton they got torn easily at the heel and it was a problem covering up the torn portion. Some used the device of wearing the socks the other way, keeping the torn portion towards the ankle.

Apart from some five percent rich boys who got admissions Peter's was mainly a poor man's school. But these outward things apart, I do not think anyone could get better education in much of northern India than in St Peter's.

Though times have changed and opulence and luxury is seen in and around the school and among students, the demand for education in St Peter's continues to grow.

But before I end this longish survey, let me talk a little about the corporal punishment given to the students. Caning of students for various reasons- indiscipline, rudeness to teachers, not coming to school on time, not paying attention in class, fighting with other boys or using abusive language etc.

Much can be said for and against corporal punishment; but the fact about St Peter's is that caning was in use till recently. In my time in school, the headmaster, Mr. Merriman had a cane in his hand, when he went on a round of the classes. Any boy standing outside the classroom or found loitering around was told to go and wait outside the Principal's office. The erring boy knew his fate and got prepared for it. At least three 'cuts' or hits, with the cane were the initial punishment. The Headmaster barked at you: 'Bend down and touch your toes' and whack came the cane on your buttocks.

I was caned once for coming late to school. We three brothers were spotted by the Headmaster while we were walking briskly towards the school building well past the starting time. We were accosted, asked to stand in front of the office and briskly caned.

I remember I started crying before the caning; but was caned, nevertheless I might add that the reason for being late was that our mother could not make breakfast on time, because the firewood would not burn, as it was the rainy season.

I shall round off this note with a story about caning that went the rounds for a number of years. It was about a big, hefty boy caught waving to his girlfriend in St Patrick's from the steeple of the Cathedral. He was called to the Headmaster's office for caning. It is said that as the Headmaster asked him to bend, he took a boxing guard against the Headmaster and threatened to beat him up. The Headmaster withdrew and Mr. A E Fennimore, the Headmaster from 1921 to 1927 and still a teacher in the school, was called to deal with the situation. He is said to have persuaded the student to apologise and leave the school after being given a transfer certificate. The story seems credible, as the reaction of the boy is understandable.

In the early 1950's there was a mass exodus of good teachers. In 1950 Mr. Galloway went away to England and Mr. Reghelini to Canada and in 1953 Mr. Eastwood joined a school in Deolali near Bombay and the same year Mr Geyer joined Sherwood College, Naini Tal. The vacuum was filled in by H E Simon, I V Phillips, E B Deane and L. R Silas, in that order. These were a different kind of teachers altogether from the earlier lot, except perhaps for I V Phillips, an old student of the School in the matter of speaking English. This was the beginning of the steady change in the style of teaching, the efficacy of which might not be judged by the number of first divisioners or over ninety percenters that abound now. One reason for the high marks, which is a phenomenon all over, is the effort students are making to perform well. Many of them attend coaching classes in key subjects to do well at the Board Examinations, as also in competitions for professional courses. There is also a sense of competition among students from the lowest classes, many parents arranging for private tuitions and goading their wards to do better.

I might be wrong in my evaluation of things; but this is what I feel, having been associated with teaching for nearly sixty years now.

Over one hundred years of association with the British-India Government and Anglo-Indian culture made it a little difficult for St Peter's to adjust to the change in government and the new outlook on life and education that was brought in. The British National Anthem 'God Save the King' that was sung on ceremonial occasions and the British flag, the 'Union Jack' had to be replaced by the Indian National Anthem, Jana Gana Mana and the Tricolour, but it goes to the credit of the Management of the School that it effected the change over swiftly, even as the Christian churches assured the Indian Government of their complete loyalty and Indianness.

I think it would not be out of place to mention here that I was one of the first students asked to lead in the singing of the Indian National Anthem by our Hindi teacher, Padam Chandra Agarwal. My classmate Vijay Prakash Agarwal joined me in singing the anthem, all the five verses of which I had learnt by heart, though only the first verse was made the national anthem.

I feel lucky to have been witness to the changes that came in St Peter's during this momentous period of Indian history.

I could go on recounting all that happened in the school during my eleven years in its precincts; but enough is enough.

I shall end my story by saying that lucky have been those who spent the formative years of their lives in this great institution that is now celebrating 175 years of its existence. The years in school are the years of the awakening of the self, of one's mental, physical and spiritual powers. They are the years when dreams are dreamt and the stage set for their realization. They are the years when kids turn into boys and they in turn into young men (or women), ready to enter the wide wide world. The school makes students realize their potential. It is here that their skills are found and developed, honed into shape and formed. It is for this reason that a school/college/university is called the Alma Mater, the kind and fostering mother. St Peter's has been a fostering mother to many, to tens of thousands, and it will continue to be so for many more thousands in the years ahead. I am one of these many thousands and bow my head in tribute to an institution with which my family has had a connection ever since its inception, a connection going back to 1846 when Captain Salvadore Smith of the army of the Scindias started living in Agra after retirement and who after death lies buried on the platform of the Cathedral. He was a fellow officer of Col John Baptist Filose, the man who gave his palace, Jamuna Bagh, for the founding of St Peter's School and then donated Rs one lakh in cash, (which if converted could be Rs 100 crores of today) for the main block of the school building that impresses one even today.

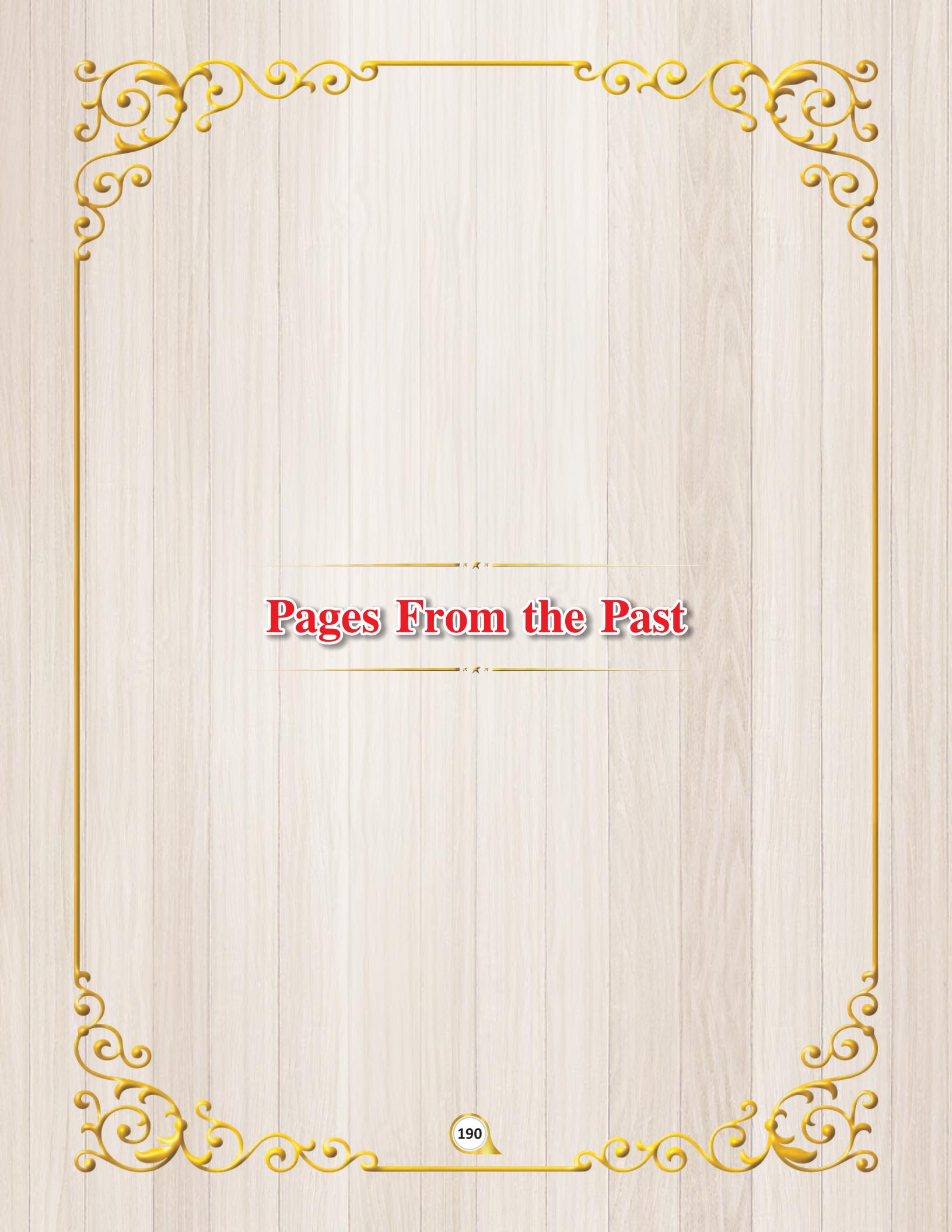
Incidentally, the crest and coat of arms with the College motto *Palma non sine pulvere* and the name St Peter's College along with the date 1846 were inscribed when the School became affiliated to Calcutta University in 1970. The College classes were discontinued after some time; but the name 'College' stuck on.



### Some old students at the Centenary Celebrations in 1946



*First Row.—T. Smith, E. Mc. Leod, Fr. Bonaventure, J. A. David, Fr. Pius Lyons (Rector), G. Davies, O. E. Grey, Fr. W. Smith, Carl Smith,  
Second Row.—N. Hussain, P. Gaitley, Fr. James, R. Mendoza, E. Silva, F. Z. Khan, J. Bugeja,  
Third Row.—L. H. Rizvi, H. Moscrop, A. E. Finnimore, C. Gordon, A. H. Rizvi,*



## Pages From the Past

**ANNUAL REPORT  
ON  
St. Peter's College and St. Paul's School,  
For the year 1883**

***My Lord, Very Revd Fathers, Ladies & Gentlemen,***

I have much pleasure in proceeding to review the changes which we have been obliged to adopt in our course of studies and the progress made by these Institutions during the scholastic year just drawing to a close.

In St. Peter's College and St. Paul's school, the total number of boys on the rolls for the year is 223; that is to say, 122 in the former, and 101 in the latter. There have been several admissions as well as withdrawals during the year under review, with the result that there is an increase of 32 in number as compared with the total number on the rolls last year. My predecessor in office, the Revd. Fr. L. O'Dea, after a brief tenure of the Rectorship, was, I deeply regret to say, obliged to resign it through ill-health.

I proceed now to record an event of some importance that took place in the early part of the year. His Honor, Sir Alfred Lyell, the Lieutenant-Governor of the N.-W. P., Sir Julian Goldsmid, with the Commissioner and the Magistrate of the Division, and a few other gentlemen visited and inspected the Institutions. The distinguished visitors expressed themselves quite satisfied and pleased with all they had seen.

The several classes of the schools were examined at the end of each quarter during the year, and reports on the health and progress of the pupils were submitted to the parents or guardians on each occasion. Of the four pupils who appeared at the last Entrance Examination of the Calcutta University, three were successful, one failing by a few marks in Mathematics only. We intend sending up four students for the ensuing Entrance Examination of the University, and we have good grounds for anticipating a reasonable measure of success.

The Government Inspector of schools inspected the Institutions for ten days in October and November last. The various classes were examined under the provisions and requirements laid down by Government in the different *standards* in the *Code* now in force in European schools. The several classes in our schools were reorganized in accordance with the requirements of the *Code*, in April last, when the *Code* was issued to us by the Educational Department. The inspection was very minute and searching, and was conducted with the greatest vigilance and scrutiny; yet, I am happy to say, the Inspector expressed himself to me as satisfied with the results. There was, no doubt, as there always will be, room for improvement; but we shall take care to profit by the experience we have gained in the present instance, and turn it to good account in the future.

Owing to the classification of the subjects of study in the different *standards of the Code* into *Elementary, Class and Special*, it appears to me not only very desirable but also necessary, with the view of encouraging a healthy and honorable emulation among the boys, and thereby obtaining better results at the annual inspection, to introduce certain modifications in the method which has hitherto obtained in awarding the prizes. Since, under the rulings of the *Code*, it is a *sine qua non* that a boy must pass in the elementary subjects to be considered to have passed at all, I have determined to give a prize to every boy who shall pass in those subjects. Failing to pass in them, a boy will be disqualified to gain a prize in the class or special subjects, let him do never so well. Under these limitations, a boy who passes in the *class and special* subjects will be entitled to claim an additional prize.

With the object of strengthening my teaching staff, I have carried on a correspondence with

some gentlemen, and I am happy to state that, for the present, my efforts in this direction have resulted in the engagement of Mr. Dunn, B. A. When I have concluded these negotiations, I am hopeful that we shall be able to work up to the requirements of the *Code* with facility, and thus secure the *maximum* of grant-in-aid which it is possible to claim under its provisions.

I am thankful to God that we have had no serious cases of illness among the boys. There have been a few cases of trivial ailments only. My thanks are due to Dr. Hilson, the physician in medical charge of the schools, for his great kindness and attention to the children who come under his care and treatment. Indeed I cannot speak too highly of his zeal and kindness.

So far as I feel myself warranted in expressing an opinion on the subject, owing to my short tenure of office, and to my imperfect knowledge of the character of the boys, I believe I may venture to say that their conduct, application, and attendance have been quite satisfactory, and I am glad to be able to state that I am much pleased with them. Of course, there have been a few exceptional cases in which rules have been violated and orders disobeyed.

I beg to offer my sincere thanks to the Masters and Brothers connected with the Institutions for the zealous and able discharge of their duties, and for the valuable assistance which they have at all times rendered me in discharge of mine.

The schools will re-open on the 15th of January 1884, and I trust that parents and guardians will be careful to see that the children return punctually on that date. The new *Code* requires that there shall be at least two hundred school days. When the Sundays and Thursdays of the year are taken into account (for these are holidays), with the Xmas and Easter vacations and the casual holidays which occur from time to time, we are just able to satisfy the demand of Government as embodied in the *Code*. Hence it is of primary importance that the children should return early; as otherwise, they will be backward in their studies and be a source of constant anxiety to their teachers and all concerned. Nor is this the whole extent of the mischief to be apprehended in a dilatory return to College. If the pupil should, unfortunately, fail in passing the examination of the Inspector of schools, he will lose a whole year; or even if he does not put in the required number of attendances, he will thereby be disqualified for presentation at Inspector's examination, and cannot be promoted into a higher standard. I would therefore earnestly entreat of parents and guardians to be very careful on this point, as any neglect of it will in all probability result to the detriment and disadvantage of the children in whom they naturally take so great an interest.

I beg to return your Lordship, Very Revd. Fathers, Ladies, and Gentlemen, my thanks and those of the Masters and Brothers of the College, for your kind presence at our annual Distribution of Prizes.

I remain,  
My Lord, Very Revd. Frs., Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Yours Very Sincerely,  
Fr. GENESIUS, o. c.,  
Rector.

ST. PETER'S COLLEGE,  
Agra, 15th December, 1883.

# A Hundred Years

1846-1946

"A thousand years in thy sight are as yesterday that is passed, and as a watch of the night," the Psalmist has sung in that magnificent poem on the vanity and fleeting nature of human life. (Psalm 89). But judged from our human valuation of time, a hundred years, (let, alone a thousand years) is considered to be so long and important a period as to be deserving of a special commemoration. Silver, Gold, and Diamond Jubilees are kept with some solemnity by laymen, clergymen and members of Religious Orders as anniversaries of outstanding events in their careers, such as marriage in the case of laymen; ordination to the priesthood, consecration as bishop, religious profession in the clerical order. But with man's life, ordinarily limited as the Psalmist says, to three score and ten or three score and twenty, longer periods of these events in our lives are not usually commemorated.

It is different however with societies and institutions, educational and otherwise, which are intended to last indefinitely and in fact never to fail. With these, periods of twenty-five, fifty or even sixty years are considered to be too short to deserve commemoration. But a hundred years or centenary is certainly a becoming age in an institution to merit a solemn celebration. This is the fine old age of St. Peter's College that we are honoring with solemn commemoration this year.

I am sufficiently ancient to be able to look back for more than seventy years to my first connection with St. Peter's. The College had just passed its Silver Jubilee, without any notice I suppose, when I first set foot in it as a boarder. It was only 27 years old then, and I was then twenty years younger than it was old. My whole family (my parents had come from Ireland) was about to sever its connection with this wonderful country in those good old days in order to join relations in Tasmania when Providence ruled otherwise. By the sudden death of my father we remained on in this land that in its history has come through so many revolutionary changes and is now about to make its last revolutionary change by settling down to complete self-government throughout the whole length and breadth of the country, for the first time in its chequered history.

My stay in St. Peter's extended over only three years and a few months, - as a boarder for most of the time and as a day scholar. This is not the place to mention any of my reminiscences, that may be worthwhile recording, of this short period. But as I have always remained in the country and that mostly in the Archdiocese of Agra, except for a few absences in Europe of about a year each time, I may be said to have never lost complete touch with the College, and my survey therefore of it might be said to extend over practically three-fourths of its existence up to the present time. Many might therefore think that it was in the fitness of things that through circumstances and the appointment of His Grace the Archbishop, I should now be at the head of this old Institution when it is solemnly commemorating its centenary.

# Editorial

"FOND Memory brings the light of other days around me" are words that might reminiscently be spoken of a School that celebrates its silver or golden jubilee of existence, but when a School has reached its centenary then it is partly from the diaries and biographies of those who have passed on and partly from memory that one may sketch its achievements and struggles.

An educational establishment labours to mould the character of a child and thereby writes the history of the future. This magazine, therefore, tries to unfold, in a very brief manner, the glories of St. Peter's College, stalwart veteran among schools in India. Through its portals have passed thousands of children, many of them waifs and orphans; and, musing on that procession of endless children of all ages and all sizes, of all creeds and colour, so eager and young and untried, one feels like saying

**"How beautiful is Youth! How bright it gleams.**

**With its illusions, aspirations, and dreams!**

**Book of beginnings! Story without end!**

"Book of beginnings"-and to unfold the pages of that book of each child's life so that it reads like a beautiful story of chivalry and goodness, lies in the hands of those on whom rests the responsibility for that child's education. Truly, every educational Institution is a noble edifice and teaching is a noble ministry because, in the words of Daniel Webster, "If we work upon marble, it will perish; upon brass Time will efface it; but if we work upon immortal souls, if we imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellowmen, we engrave on those tablets something which will brighten to all eternity."

St. Peter's College with its harvest of distinguished Old Boys may proudly claim to have educated its pupils not only to be clever men of the world but men of religion and of character; and when all is said and done, we know that true religion is the foundation of society and that before God each one of us is just a 'character.'

Our sincere thanks are sent to every contributor who has helped to give in these pages a living record of the grand regime of a School which through a hundred fleeting years has kept youthful because it was bound by the magic chains of sacrifice and toil to the youth it loved. In passing on the living flame' of religion and knowledge through a century St. Peter's has attained immortal remembrance because the good she has done lives in the hearts of all who think of this old School as their beloved Alma Mater.

E. S. M.

# Through the Century

**M**EMORY has been exquisitely described as the moonlight of the mind that touches the scenes of the past with its pale and softened rays; and just as the soft rays of the moon cast an ethereal beauty on any scene, so Memory looking down the vista of years always seems to capture the purest joys of the Past, and that is why we associate the old with the good, and we talk of the "good old days."

Agra, in the good old days of five centuries ago, had reason to be proud of itself for it was the centre of all the pomp and glory of the Moghul Court. It was the nucleus of the culture of the East and even the West; for in the days of the great Akbar scholars and travellers from all parts of the world were made welcome in his Court. And so it was that on Akbar's invitation, Blessed Rudolph Aquaviva of the Society of Jesus, accompanied by two other Jesuit Fathers, arrived in Agra and through their endeavours the seed of Christianity was sown in Hindustan; and through the succeeding centuries, the Christian Fathers of some Religious Order or other kept the Faith aglow in Agra. In 1656 the Mission of Agra or Hindustan was handed over to the Italian Capuchins. By 1841 Christianity had established itself in Hindustan sufficiently for there to be felt a need of schools for Catholic boys and girls. Colonel John Baptiste Filose of Gwalior gave Dr. Borghi, the Bishop of Agra, his house known as the "Jamna Baug" to be used as a school. It stood on an elevation of 100 feet west of the Agra Fort and it was the inception of St. Peter's College. Colonel Filose also later generously donated a lac of rupees towards the building of the future College. The foundation stone of this new building was laid by Major O'Gorman in 1846 and when the building was completed the following year the boys moved in from "Jumna Baug". The School grew and flourished; but in 1857 when the Mutiny broke out, though the children were saved by finding harbourage in the Fort, the School was looted and left with "not a foot of wood nor an ounce of iron": it stood with only its stark, bare walls. At this crisis, the Bishop of Agra had to go to Europe, so the Pro- Vicar, Father Lewis, was left to see to the reconstruction of the School. A silent and efficient worker was Father Lewis and so by 1862 we find St. Peter's rebuilt, and, as a local paper wrote of it, "during this time, thanks to Fr. Lewis' thought and care, the children of the orphanage scarcely knew a privation or want."

St. Peter's progressed steadily but for lack of a permanent teaching staff the Bishop of Agra asked the Christian Brothers to take over its management in 1862. This they did for a short period and it was during their time that the second storey of the College was built. The Brothers, however, did not stay long in the Diocese; and when they left again with Father Symphorian as Rector.

In 1872 St. Peter's suffered a terrible calamity when an epidemic of cholera broke out on the 5th of July and took a toll of thirty-five young lives in a few days. The School was closed and when it re-opened many boys did not return. In the meantime, schools were springing up in the Hills, and parents who could afford it preferred sending their children to these Schools on account of the climate. But St. Peter's still carried on and was raised to the standard of a College with affiliation to the Calcutta University in 1881 and to Allahabad in 1889, and it was recognized as one of the leading Institutions in Northern India in those days and had the honour of a visit by Edward, Prince of Wales (afterwards King-Emperor Edward VII) when he toured India in 1875. Among the Viceroys who visited the Institution are Lord Northbrooke, Lord Lytton, and Lord Ripon; and among the Lieutenant-Governors and Governors of the United Provinces are Sir John Strachey, Lord Meston, and Lord Hailey. These visits are sufficient testimony of the appreciation by the Government of the good work that was being done by the

Capuchin Fathers for the cause of education.

And so through the years, it mattered not who was at the helm, St. Peter's maintained a name for itself, and it catered to a real need in the Diocese, which was the care and education of the poor. From the length and breadth of the country came orphans to be nurtured with love and care in a School which they soon learned to love as a real home; and some of those boys today hold high positions in life and remember with gratitude the School that taught them how to grow into men of worth and character.

Many instances could be cited to show how Providence has protected this Institution in a special way, but it will suffice to mention the incident that took place on the night of September 9th, 1917 when the College had the terrible experience of being struck by lightning. At midnight in the mist of a fearful and rather unusual storm, a vivid flash of lightning struck and knocked off the arms of the cross that surmounted the building. It travelled through the roof, struck a doorway in the dormitory through the dormitory floor down to the lower verandah and so to earth. By a real miracle it seemed that a boy whose bed was in the path of the thunderbolt was untouched. The hand of Providence that saved that child's life seems to have placed its protecting clasp over St. Peter's through the hundred years of its existence for storms, flood and famine have left it unscathed. May we not infer from this that God remembers the words of His Divine Son who has said "Whatsoever thou dost for the least of these, thou dost for Me"; for, more than its academic successes, which still continue to be brilliant, St. Peter's prides in having received with open doors the orphan and the needy with a generosity and a spirit of sacrifice worthy of the sons of St. Francis the Poverello.

G.E.M.

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### The College Band with the Principal, Fr. Norman in 1905



# Peeps into an Old Log Book

**1887, December 8.**

Mr. E. Verriers heads the list of successful candidates in the Roorkee Examination held in November. This is the second year in succession that a candidate from St. Peter's has stood first in this Examination.

**1890, October 7.**

From the Inspector's Report: "I should say the Masters have done much towards strengthening the memories of their pupils and forming in them habits of accuracy and diligence, but have not been quite so successful in developing their intelligence!"

**1891, February, 25.**

H. E. Mgr. Ajuti, Apostolic Delegate in India, paid St. Peter's a visit. He was received by the Principal, Masters and boys and presented with an address.

**1892, February, 28.**

Mr. E White, Director of Public Instruction, visited the Institution with a view to arrange, for the opening of a Technical School.

**June, 20.**

The services of a Band Master have been engaged.

**1893, September 5.**

Three St. Peter's boys left for Kandy (Ceylon) to join the Ecclesiastical Seminary lately opened there.

**1896, January 26.**

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of the U.P. accompanied by Lady Mc Donnell paid a visit to St. Peter's this afternoon. The visit was of a private character, and at his Honour's request no address or extraordinary preparations were made.

**1897, June 19.**

Tomorrow, Sunday the 20th, Thanksgiving Service in the Cathedral for the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen. Monday and Tuesday are holidays.

**1900, June 9.**

Holiday for the whole School to commemorate the entry of the British into Pretoria.

**1901, December 15.**

The College is undergoing extensive repairs. The verandahs are being refloored and roofs are being repaired, etc., etc. Mr. G. John is laying out an extensive cricket field at the back of the College.

**1904, March 3.**

The Cathedral was struck by lightning at 1-30 a.m. last night.

**1904, March 15.**

Through the generosity of Messrs. John & Co., a two-inch-pipe is to be laid connecting the waterworks system with the College

**April 12**

His Grace Dr. Gentill has appointed Rev. Fr. Norman as the Diocesan Inspector of Schools for all the Educational Institutions under his direction. His Grace created this post so that religious Instruction the most important of all-the subjects in a School curriculum may not be neglected, but rather that it may be attended to with the thoroughness that is so much needed particularly in these days.

**October 5.**

His Excellency the Lt. Governor of the UP, has nominated Fr. H. Norman a Fellow of the Allahabad University

**October 15.**

Rev. Fr. Norman received from Rome his diploma of Doctor of Divinity.

**1905, May 22**

The College will not close this year for mid-summer vacation as many boys invariably protract their holidays, and this, of course, is to the detriment of their studies

**March 19.**

St. Peter's wins the Silver Shield offered by His Grace Dr. Charles Gentili, Archbishop of Agra, for the interschool competition in Religious Doctrine. St. Peter's headed the list of the Schools that entered for the Examination.

**1907, April 7**

St. Peter's again wins the Shield for Religious Doctrine.

**1911, September 25**

Opened our School Bakery. It will be a great boon.

**1913, December 12.**

The old swimming-bath known to generations of boys has been demolished.

**August 9.**

We entertained the Lt. Governor, Sir James Meston, here this evening. He was very pleased with all he saw and was anxious that we teach up to the B.A.

**1915, October 27.**

Godric Davies (an Old Boy) has made a replica of Lourdes for our Chapel, and it has been duly blessed and put into position.

**1917, September 8.**

Terrible experience! On midnight of this day as the clock was striking twelve the College was struck by lightning!.... The Dormitory was full of boys when the flash struck and passed through the dormitory. Some assert that they saw balls of fire but not a child was touched. All are deeply grateful to God for the miraculous escape. There was general Communion and a Mass of Thanksgiving on the 11th.

**December 10.**

Cambridge Examinations will not be held! Papers not arrived! Again the War!! Boys sent home.

**December 26.**

The School hospital is accommodating 12 priests who have come to Agra for the Consecration of Father Raphael as Archbishop of Agra, He is the second Rector of St. Peter's to be made Bishop *Ad multos annos!*

# The Voice of the Centenary

"I'm a hundred years to-day!"

Now, who would have thought this grand old pile  
Would have raised us all so long a while,  
Teacher and taught, the rank and file,  
As we basked in its bright inspiring smile  
Till its hundredth year? Hooray! Hooray!

"I'm a hundred years to-day!"

From the first school-house, so young, so small,  
Came forth the hundreds, citizens all,  
To answer the nation's varying call  
And embellish the old School, wall by wall,  
Till its hundredth year Hooray! Hooray!

"I'm a hundred years to-day!"

Proud of its name, has the School long stood,  
Surrounded once by ravine and wood,  
Now lofty and long, with a multitude  
Of glories and graces that have accrued  
Through its hundred years. Hooray! Hooray!

"I'm a hundred years to-day!"

That ringing call has gathered us here  
Gladly to join in the generous cheer  
Round our Alma Mater, beloved and dear,  
And its story eventful we bow to hear  
Of its hundred years. Hooray! Hooray!

"I'm a hundred years to-day!"

We remember the Saviour's wonderful tale-  
Still echoing from the Galilee vale-  
Of the seed of seemingly no avail  
That has growing embraced us all in its pale  
Of a hundred years. Hooray! Hooray!

"I'm a hundred years to-day!"

But the hundred-and-first will be starting soon,  
And we who have had its blessing and boon  
Hopefully pray that every moon  
Should deepen the print of St. Peter's shoon  
As was done in the hundred years. Hooray!

A.R.F.

# The School Cricket Team

(With apologies to Rudyard Kipling)

If you can keep your head while all the fieldsmen  
Are losing theirs and hurling things at you;  
If you can hit the stumps and help the bowler,  
Or shut your eyes and smite out blindly too;

If you can field, and take no chance at catching,  
If you can bowl and at the stumps not aim;  
If you can gaze at fast and leg-break bowling,  
And treat these two and off-breaks just the same;.

If you can ask 'How's that'? when nothing's happened,  
Or pat the ball and scorn to make a run,  
You're just the kind of player we're used to,  
And what is more, you'll play for us, my son!

M. J. THOMPSON

## One of Our Earliest Pupils

M-Colonel Sardar Sir Michael Filose, K.S.S. K.C.I.E., was born at Gwalior on the 18th of April 1836 and died on the 5th of February 1925. He was the seventh and youngest son of Major Julian Filose. He was one of the earliest pupils at St. Peter's College as he was put there when he was about ten years old. Subsequently he went to England and entered the University College in London where he was granted Certificates of Honour in the Science of Engineering and in Architecture.



All his life he served the Gwalior State in various capacities and was Chief Secretary to the Maharaja. He built the "Jai Vilas" Palace and other public buildings in Gwalior.

He was knighted by the Pope and received the K.C.I.E. from the King-Emperor at the Delhi Durbar in 1911.

Entertainment  
at  
**St Peter's College**  
on  
**27th October, 1904**  
**Programme**  
**Part I**

Opening Chorus.....	<i>Let the hills resound.....</i>	COLLEGE CHOIR
Song.....	<i>Let me kiss him for his mother.....</i>	A. NOLAN.
Comic Song .....	<i>The handsome Nicola.....</i>	C. JAMES
Banjo Duet.....		MESSRS. DESMIER AND WEBBER
Song.....		MR. J. BYRNE
Song.....		W. GELLARD
Song.....	<i>Ora pro nobis.....</i>	W. ROLLO.
FARCE - <i>MAKE YOUR WILLS</i>		

Dramatis Personae:-

Mr. Ireton.....	C. ALEXANDER	
Charles.....	<i>(His son).....</i>	D. NYSS.
Septimus Plotter.....	<i>(His nephew).....</i>	T. ALEXANDER
Process.....	<i>(An Attorney).....</i>	L. FARNON.
Lawyer's clerk.....		P. RODERICK
Joseph Brag.....	<i>(Servant to Plotter).....</i>	J. MARTIN
Mrs. Foretright.....	<i>(Ireton's Housekeeper).....</i>	W. DONOGHUE.

**INTERVAL OF 10 MINUTES**

# St Peter's College

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

With  
ENTERTAINMENT  
on  
18th May, 1905  
UNDER THE KIND PATRONAGE  
of  
The Hon'ble H.W. Reynolds, I.C.S.  
Commissioner of Agra

## Programme

### PART I

1. Opening Chorus.....*Come over the moonlit sea...*  
COLLEGE CHOIR
2. DRAMA- FRANCESCO CARRARA.

### INTERVAL OF 10 MINUTES

### PART II

1. DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES
2. Pianoforte Duet *Pearl of the Sea*  
Miss Williams  
Miss N. Williams
3. Song (comic) .....C James
4. Song (duet).....*Light in the East is glowing*  
O Hart  
J. Dunn.
5. PANTOMIME - Camera Obscura.

**PROSPECTUS  
OF  
St. Peter's College, Agra**

**AFFILIATED TO THE ALLAHABAD AND CALCUTTA UNIVERSITIES.**

St. Peter's College which is conducted by the Capuchin Fathers is under the patronage of the Archbishop of Agra. Its the staff consists of the following:-

Revd. Fr. Raphael O.S.F.C.	Rector.
Revd. Fr. Joseph O.S.F.C.	Vice-Rector.
M. Dunn, Esq., M. A.	Head Master and Professor of English and Latin Literature.
L Verrieres, Esq.	Professor of French.
Babu Braj Pal Das, B. A.	Professor of Mathematics.
Brother Michael	In-charge of the Infirmary.
Dr. O'Brien, Civil Surgeon, Agra-	Medical attendant.

The above are assisted by six Assistant Masters and a Munshi.

2. Its object is to provide Catholic youths with a sound, liberal education, and to train their hearts to the practice of Christian virtue.

3. St. Peter's College teaches up to the First Arts. It also prepares pupils for the Engineering and Upper Subordinate Departments of the Thomason Civil Engineering College, Roorkee, for the Accounts' Branch, and for the Survey, Secretariat, Opium and Subordinate Medical Departments, and the High Standard introduced by the Revised Code.

**PROSPECTUS**  
**OF**  
**St. Peter's College, Agra,**  
**AFFILIATED TO THE CALCUTTA AND ALLAHABAD UNIVERSITIES.**  
**Established 1845.**

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1. Its object is to provide catholic youths with a sound, liberal education, and to train their hearts to the practice of Christian virtues. The pupils are constantly under the watchful care of the Fathers. Quarterly Reports will be furnished on the health, conduct, and progress of pupils.
2. St. Peter's College teaches up to the First Arts. It also prepares pupils for the Engineering and Upper Subordinate Departments of the Thomson Civil Engineering College, Roorkee, for the Accounts Branch, for the Survey, the Subordinate Medical Department, and the High Standard introduced by the Code.
3. The College admits both boarders and day scholars. Natives are admitted only as day scholars. Parents in sending their children for the first time would oblige by sending at the same time information regarding the following:-The Name in full, Residence, Place and Date of Birth and Religion.
4. Every candidate for admission as a boarder or day scholar must produce testimonials of good moral character, and must certify that all previous school bills have been paid.
5. The ordinary time for admission is at the opening of the session in January.

# DAY SCHOLARS

## 1883

1	B. Ellis	E. Salt
	C. Ellis	J. Salt
	F. Ellis	Luchmi Narain
	B. Verriers	30 S. Swarris
	E. Verriers	G. O'Brien
	F. Conroy	R. O'Brien
	Fred. Conroy	W. O'Brien
	Donald Hampton	A. O'Brien
	Duncan Hampton	35 A. Lacy
	W. T. Shuldhams	J. Alexander
	A. Sculthorpe	P. Dubignon
	J. Conroy	J. Dubignon
	F. Farnon	Mohamed F. Hossain
	R. Farnon	40 E. Lucy
15	F. Tarleton	J. Cumming
	P. Tarleton	Sham Lall
	E. Seistan	E. Claybourne
	F. Chunder	D. Seistan
	E. Chopin	45 Tahsein Ali
20	Chundu Lall	W. Martin
	Tarak Mirza	A. Martin
	Aga Shakut Hussain	Amir Indra Bose
	Ali Ahmed	E. Tarleton
	F. Sieston	50 G. McDonald
25	S. Anthony	51 Amir Chand
	J. Garstin	

# PUPILS ATTACHED TO ST PETER'S COLLEGE DURING THE SESSION 1883

## BOARDERS

1	A. David	C. Peters
	J. David	E. Johnstone
	F. David	W. Johnston
	V. David	40 C. Johnston
5	H. David	F. Hoare
	P. Lynch	J. McCarthy
	B. Walsh	R. Alexander
	W. Walsh	45 J. Alexander
	J. Connell	W. Alexander
10	C. Connel	F. Alexander
	W. Rogers	J. Plough
	E. Hardinge	J. Powers
	A. Hardinge	50 C. Rose
	A. Barnes	W. H. Fanthome
15	C. Hewson	G. Gardner
	F. Hewson	J. Gardner
	L Hampton	G. Tyrone
	S. Hampton	55 T. Greson
	J. Kerr	P. Cummuskey
20	A. Jones	L. Barber
	B. Jones	A. Barber
	R. Jones	Ang. Barber
	A. Owen	60 F. W. Reid
	J Culleu	E. Shanahan
25	J. Bruce	H. Pierce
	W. Molesworth	G. Bayley
	W. Durham	C. Bayley
	D. Durham	65 W. E. Wade
	W. Kelly	E. A. Wade
30	F. Watts	H. Bird
	J. Watts	W. P. Kelly
	M. Brennan	F. Lyons
	G. Brennan	70 H. Hill
	M. Brennan	T. Walsh
35	J. Brennan	72 E. Reid
	E. Greson	

# Roll of Scholars in St. Paul's in 1906.

1.	J. Cuzen.	34.	H. Sharples.	67.	R Kelly.
2.	O. Grey.	35.	S. Sharples.	68.	T. Skinner.
3.	W. George.	36.	H. Sharples.	69.	H. Doyle.
4.	A. Martin.	37.	P. Anthony.	70.	E. Doyle.
5.	W. Martin.	38.	C. Anthony	71.	E. Saldanah.
6.	P. Martin.	39.	A. Anthony.	72.	V. McCurley.
7.	P. Montrose.	40.	E. Sullivan.	73.	R. McCurley.
8.	D. Montrose,	41.	F. D'Almeida.	74.	A. McCurley.
9.	C. Montrose,	42.	G. Morrow.	75.	F. Romare.
10.	O. Hart.	43.	D. Reed.	76.	I. Andrews.
11.	J. Turner.	44.	J. Gomez.	77.	D. Andrews.
12.	H. Lobo.	45.	P. Gomez.	78.	F. Andrews.
13.	F. Pinto.	46.	G. Sarstedt	79.	R. Bingham.
14.	D. Pinto.	47.	E. Davies.	80.	G. Bingham.
15.	R. Farnon.	48.	J. Nexar.	81.	C. Bryant.
16.	S. Farnon.	49.	D. Nexar.	82.	Van Ingen.
17.	F. Farnon.	50.	M. Nexar.	83.	A. Gough.
18.	F. Farnon.	51.	E. Walmesley.	84.	W. Francis.
19.	J. Farnon.	52.	K Barridge.	85.	A. O'Lin.
20.	S. Nazareth.	53.	O. Barridge.	86.	W. Astridge.
21.	C. James.	54.	F. Renton.	87.	E. Astridge.
22.	S. Jones,	55.	J. Renton.	88.	C. Astridge.
23.	C. Jones.	56.	J. Rosemond.	89.	B. Smyth.
24.	A. Joseph.	57.	A. D'Souza.	90.	A. Smyth.
25.	R. Stacey.	58.	L. D'Souza.	91.	J. Lyons.
26.	L. Vidal.	59.	E. D'Silva.	92.	W. Hamar.
27.	B. Vidal.	60.	W. Peters.	93.	G. Smith.
28.	A. Vidal.	61.	H. Ray.	94.	E. Joachim.
29.	S. Raphael.	62.	A. Young.	95.	L. Joachim.
30.	V. Ross.	63.	J. Evans.		
31.	D. Ross.	64.	C. Rozario.		
32.	E. McLeod.	65.	S. Kelly.		
33.	I. Sharples.	66.	G. Kelly.		

# ROLL OF SCHOLARS IN ST. PETER'S COLLEGE IN 1906

1. P. Kitchen.	26. E. Gardener,
2. R B. D. Silva.	27. W. Gardner.
3. D. Greson.	28. A. Gardner.
4. L. Gellard	29. C. D'Rozario,
5. S Doran.	30. F. D'Cruze.
6. J. Ryan.	31. E. Rodricks.
7. J. Davey.	32. N. Rodricks.
8. B. Crawford.	33. T. Rodricks.
9. C. Lobo.	34. H. Clark.
10. A. Celand.	35. W. Clark.
11. O. Armstrong.	36. L. Franco.
12. W. Peychers.	37. A. Marks.
13. J Peychers.	38. T. Slay.
14. S. Peychers.	39. R. Blodwell,
15. J. Dunn.	40. C. Smith.
16. A. Dunn.	41. L. Smith.
17. P. Goddin.	42. K. Marcar.
18. B. Goddin.	43. H. Marcar.
19. A. Joseph.	44. E. Smith.
20. N. Joseph.	45. M. Arathoon.
21. G. Joseph.	46. F. Rego.
22. H. Mahony.	47. D. Blake.
23. J. Rodrigues.	48. B. Farnon.
24. E. Rodrigues.	49. R. Abercrombie.
25. D. Bell.	50. C. Kirkham.

## DAY SCHOLARS

1. A. Ceistan.	9. B. John.	17. H. Gibbs.
2. A. Nolan.	10. F. Shaw.	18. B. D'Lacy.
3. P. Nicholas.	11. P. Shaw.	19. P. D'Lacy.
4. B. Nicholas.	12. F. Shaw.	20. W. D'Almeida.
5. X. Farnon.	13. W. Shaw.	21. R. Carroll.
6. V. Bantleman.	14. E. Derridon.	22. E. Carroll,
7. W. Tarleton.	15. J. David.	23. B. Carroll.
8. A. John.	16. B. Penton.	24. A. Dolphin.
25. M.C. Chatterjee.	26. Fida Husein.	

# PUPILS IN THE COLLEGE, 1946

<b>Kindergarten</b>	D. Beveridge	Thomas John	D. McConochie
S. Agarwala	K. Brown	P. Jones	M. McDonald
G. Bailey	A. D'Costa	R. Jones	A. Phillips
N. Chand	R. Dikshit	B. Kaura	C. Poole
L. DeSa	F. Fowler	I. Khan	A. Rizvi
A. Gardner	R. Graham	N. Khan	A. Robinson
N. Consalves	H. Gupta	O. L'Estrange	M. Shitole
F. Henriques	J. Hashmi	P. Lonergan	A. Smith
M. Henderson	K. Henderson	N. McConochie	L. Smith
P. Hyrapiet	A. Khan	A. McDonald	R. Virmani
M. Kaura	F. Khan	C. Morris	M. Worsley
H. King	P. Lobo	P. Rodriques	<b>Standard IV</b>
A. Masood	R. McConochie	C. Rose	H. Ansari
F. Molloy	P. Molloy	J. Sinha	B. Barrett
T.-Molloy	B. Prasangi	L. Swing	S. Belletty
A. Padmanabban	D. Shaw	G. Tobias	M. Beresford
G. Padmanabban	J. Shaw	R. Usman	S. Bhateley
D. Rose	V. Shitole	O. Williamson	C. Boyd
A. Ross	Reg. Smith	P. Worsley.	R. Delacroix
L. Rose	Ron. Smith	<b>Standard III</b>	C. Demorias
N. Smith	<b>Standard II</b>	B. Barber	J. Ellis
K: Taraqui	R. Beveridge	T. Brown	J. Francis
R. Taylor	B. Bhagat	G. Caleb	P. Francis
A. Tobias	N. Brady	G. Dick	B. Gaitley
J. Tobias	H. Chandra	T. Foster	F. Graham
R. Wadley	P. Chandra	B. Gopal.	G. Guy
<b>Standard I</b>	J. D'Sa	J. Hashmi	R. Jones
P. Agarwal	G. John.	P. Khanduri	T. Joseph
M. Almeida	Terence John.		A. Kumar

I. Lobo	P. Lobo	J. Umriger	G. Jones
E. Mendoza	H. Paes	A. Vinay	S. Macarius
M. McLeod	P. Perks	D. Vinay	A. Mirza
R. Morrison	R. Poole	D. White	L. Nicholas
M. Nicholas	N. Prasangi	<b>Standard VII</b>	K. Rizvi
P. Rocha	C. Roodrigues	L. Andrews	L. Rose
J. Rodricks	T. Rose	L. Barber	W. Sellers
J. Shanker	I. Ross	I. Bonnet	L. Williams
F. Sinclair	I. Sampson	C. Buchanan	<b>Standard IX</b>
M. Vinay	C. Sullan	D. Fowler	S. Agarwala
U. Williamson	J. Tobias	R. Franklin	M. Billimoria
D. Wilson	A. Trow	G. King	W. D'Souza
<b>Standard V</b>	K. Usman	J. Lobo	D. Eastwood
A. Ahmad	<b>Standard VI</b>	F. Maruff	F. Geyer
D. Alexander	M. Barkley	C. Mathews	D. Houston
B. Barrie	H. Brachio	S. Mehra	J. Mathews
M. Braganza	P. Bhateley	S. Michael	A. Miranda
V. Brown	C. Consalves	I. Philips	C. Pierce
V. Buchanan	M. Hasan	G. Rath	D. Rose
R. Delacroix	J. Henriques	C. Rowland	Y. Varma
N. Demorias	P. Mehra	P. Sequeira	C. White
P. Deugo	E. Mistry	R. Seth	<b>Standard X</b>
J. Doe	A. Mohan	A. Siddiqui	E. Arathoon
J. D'Silva	F. Molloy	I. Swing	G. Agarwal
R. Gordon	A. Morrison	J. Whig	A. Bugeja
S. Faruqui	L. Phillips	<b>Standard VIII</b>	M. Francis
D. Franklin	C. Player	B. Agarwala	D. Frost
R. Gordon	G. Player	L. Allen	D. Hine
A. Houghton	G. Rath	B. Bhan	E. Mendoza
G. Houghton	I. Rodericks	I. Bhateley	H. Paintal
A. Hussain	L. Saxena	G. Fidele	V. Varma
A. Kumar			

# THEY GAVE OF THEIR BEST

## OUR TEACHERS OF YORE (1867-1950)

There have been many who have toiled and laboured to make St. Peter's what it is today. As such, we felt duty bound to record the names of all those who have given their services to the cause of education through St. Peter's College. We found the task formidable, because despite the careful maintenance of records, the names of many of the founding fathers and the earliest workers were painfully missing. We have, however, tried to reconstruct the record as much as was possible, and the fruits of our efforts are being presented in the following pages. Since some teachers worked only for a year or two, only the year of their joining has been given. The list closes with the names of the present staff along with the year of joining of each member.

B. Paul	1867-1907	Fr. Henry Norman	1898
M. Dunn M. A.	1883-1893	Fr. Dolphin	1902-1910
E. Ceiston	1887	Fr. William Smith	1902-1916
R. Murrulline	1887	AD Steel	1902
E. Armstrong	1887-1889	Bro. Aloysius	1902
Bro. Charles	1887-1889	Bro. Anthony	1902
Bro. Ignatius	1887-1889	J. Gilligan	1903
Bro. William	1887-1890	Fr. Christopher	1904-
J. Dunn	1889-1891	Donogluie	1904
A. Cotter	1889-1890	L. O'Brien	1905
A. Harris	1890-1891	T. O'Brien	1904
Bro. Michael	1891-1898	Matron C. Sefton	1904
Brajpal Das B. A.	1891	Fr. Evangelist	1906
Bro. Ractrose	1891	Bro. Anthony	1906
Bro. Flood	1891	D. Hart	1906
V. Suramanyam		J. Cuzen	1906
(Prof. of. Maths.)	1892-1896	F. Peychers	1906
W. A. Lawrence	1892	P. Dolphin	1906
A. Hardinge	1892	M. Fitzgerald	1906-1909
Bro. Phillip	1892	P. Montrose	1906
Bro. Smith	1892	O. Grey	1906
Bro. Norman	1892	E. P. Presgrave	1907
Fr. Correya		J. Rogers (Latin)	1908
(Prefect of Studies)	1895-1898	Eknath Banerjee (Maths.)	1908
Fr. Bernadine		S. Bose (Hist. and Logic)	1908
(Prefect of Discipline)	1895	Abdul Hamid Khan	
C. Christie	1895	(Persian)	1908
O' Reilly	1895	P. Ganeshi Lal (Sanskrit)	1908
O' Brien	1895	Prof. Bhattacharya (Maths)	1909-1911
Gordon	1895	Fr. Rogers	1908-1913
Mcdonald	1895	A. R. Finnimore	1909-1912
Alexander	1895	F. J. Davies	1909-1916
Fr. Paulinus	1897	Ribeiro	1909-1923
Fr. Angelo	1897	A. Vernon	1909-1923
Jones	1897	A. Hardinge	1909-1923
Stone	1897	Fr. C Cortwell	1910
Radcliffe	1897	A. E. Finnimore	1911-1946
Fr. Tyrose	1898	A. Shallard	1912
Bro. James	1898	W. E. Greenwood	1912
Bro. Francis	1898	G. Davies	1912-1916
Bro. John	1898	E Brownson	1912
Fr. Phillip	1898	H Athaide	1912-1918

I. Downing	1914	Miss Kamal Sethi	1962-1970	
F. D'Souza	1914	YS Vashishta	1963-1995	
Sgt. White (Disciplinarian)	1914	PK Gupta	1963-1994	
Matron Greenwood	1915	MC Sharma	1964-1966	
D. Ross (Bakery)	1915-1920	PB Sinha	1965-1994	
W Francis	1918	HD Tiwari	1965	
J. Evans	1918-1920	AM Agarwal	1965-1984	
S. Jacob	1918-1920	Miss H Macdonald	1965	
JW Jones	1923-1940	Mrs FJ Simon	1965-1988	
B Ireland	1924-1942	Miss Doreen Smith	1965-1975	
Miss Griselda D'Souza	1926-1961	Miss Neena Kalra	1965-1973	
ES Merriman	1928-1956	R Simon	1966-1982	
Miss M Rozario	1929-1959	BN Garg	1968-1977	
C Bloomfield	1929	Mrs SJ Russel	1968-1972	
PL Sharma	1930-1965	M Christopher	1968-1972	
J Hughes	1931-1942	HC Sehgal	1977-1982	
Miss J O'Neill	1931-1942	PC Gupta	1977	
H Naqvi	1936-1940	Miss Susan Kuruvilla	1978	
C Eastwood	1936-1953	Mrs Asha Seshadiri	1977	
GA Yusuf	1939-1940	Mrs Barbara Woodward	1977	
Miss E. Hayes	1936-1940	Miss Rita D Souza	1977	
SH Wasli	1937-42	Miss Violet D'Souza	1977	
A. Zaman Khan	1942-1947	Miss Nirmala Peters	1977	
Mrs. E Rozario	1942	Kusum Mathur	1977-97	
BM Comelius	1942-1968	Sister Roland	1977	
Miss I Webb	1942	Mrs. Padma Gupta	1977	
Miss A Biscet	1942	Miss Veena Mathur	1977	
Marie Mouna	1944-1961	Miss Margaret Clarence	1978	
A. Reghelinl	1945-1950	R Templeton	1978	
Miss Babsy Merriman	1945-1950	Mrs A Singh	1978	
HD Galloway,	1947-52	Miss Soosinathan	1978	
W Geyer	After 1950	1947-1953	Mrs Virendra Kaur	1978
F Fernandez,		1947	Mrs Asha Upadyaya	1978
PC Agarwal	1948-1961	Rev. Sr. Hugo	1979	
Miss E Ghosh	1950	Miss Manju Da	1979-1982	
I Phillips	1952-1980	Miss Vanita Sharma	1979-1982	
Sheila Dua	1953-1968	Miss Neena Kumari	1979-1982	
Miss Obadullah	1953	Miss Suman Khanna	1980	
H E Simon	1953-1984	R.K. Usman	1980	
Mrs Prasad	1953	E.M. Daniel	1979	
R P Benjamin	1953-1955	Mr. K.P. Moitra	1981	
Mrs N Oakes	1954	Mr. E. Mathias	1980	
EB Deane	1954-1964	Miss N. Ghosh	1982-1983	
LR Silas	1956-1984	Miss Madhavi Mohandas	1982-1988	
EJ Orpwood	1957-1959	Miss Rita Michael	1981-1982	
A Packiam	1960-1967	Miss Sarita Sharma	1982-1983	
YD Sharma	1961-1968	Miss Mary Balla	1982	
DFD'Souza	1961-1968	Miss Baljeet Kaur	1982	
Miss R K Ganju	1961-1967	Miss Ratna Dayal	1982	
Mrs L Mal	1961-1990	Mrs. Christina Singh	1982	
Miss E D Souza	1962-1964	Miss D'cruze	1982	
Miss M Madhtha	1962-1966	Miss Nandita Saxena	1982	
Miss L Valentine	1962-1968	Miss Shobha Sharma	1982	
Mr Vidyarthi	1962-1964	Mrs. Rashmi Patankar	1982	
Mrs M Lobo	1962-1964	Miss Meera Mankad	1982	
Miss Noreen Smith	1962-1970	Miss Vandana Sen	1982	
		Mrs. Sarita Thapper	1983	

Miss A. Alexander	1983	Mrs. Purnima Rathore	1988
Sr. Peter	1983	Mrs. Brijendra Kaur Lamba	1988
Mrs. Neelam Limaye	1983	Miss Alpana Tiwari	1989
Miss. Linda Presley	1983	Mrs. Neelam Dhir	1989
Mrs. P. Jethro	1984	Miss Rupali Gupta	1989
Alok Kumar	1984	Miss Meenakshi Joshi	1989
Mrs. Savithri Singh	1984	Miss Snehmala Sarin	1989
Josaiah Simon	1984	Miss Rosalia Bonjour	1989
Miss Man Mohini Kaur	1984	Miss Shaheen Singh	1989
Mrs. Preeti Mehra	1984	Mr. Baby Thomas	1989
Mrs. Sangitha Chandramani	1984	Mrs. Sukhlender Duggal	1989
Mrs. Poornima Singh	1984	Miss Gita Sehgal	1989
Mrs. S. Grewal	1984	Mrs. Chandra Lata Yadav	1989
Mrs. Pauline Soforman	1984	Miss Anubhava Saxena	1989
Mrs. Shobha Neelakantappa	1984	Rev. Sr. Daisy Mathew	1989
Miss Tinku Saha	1984	Mrs. Rita Lal	1989
Mrs. Divya Singhal	1984	Sr. Valsa	1990
Miss Supreeti Paliwal	1984	Sr. Sheeba	1990
Mrs. Geeta Malhotra	1984	Mrs. Supreeti Gaur	1990
Miss Shipra Ghosh	1984-1996	Miss Amita Sawhney	1990
Mr. P. Mehra	1985	Miss Rani Kumar	1990
Sr. Rani Joseph	1985	Mrs. C. Kameshwari	1990
Mrs. Divya Singhal	1985	Noel C. JosephMiss	1990
Mrs. Geeta Malhotra	1985	Olive Jacob	1990
Mrs. Jayshree Agarwal	1985	Mrs. Meenakshi N	1991
Miss Shobhna Menon	1985-1986	Mrs. Latika Tiloo	1991
Mrs. R. Powar	1985	Rev. Sr. Thereselit	1991
Mrs. Pamela Sood	1985	Miss Ritu Tripathi	1991
Mrs. V.J. Lail	1985	Mrs. Snehasudha Sinha	1991
Mrs. Nisha Jaitly	1986	Miss Geeta Kumar	1991
Mrs. Rashmi Khanna	1986	Miss Monica Mishra	1991
Mr. Charles Clarance	1986	Mrs. L. Munjal	1991
Mrs. Parvesh Sood	1986	Miss Devyani Bhargava	1991
Sr. Merry	1986	Miss Juhi Srivastava	1991
Mrs. Meena Bhasin	1986	Miss Rekha Narang	1992
Sr. Bridget Mary	1986	Mrs. P. Minhas	1992
Miss Sapna Sharma	1986	Mrs. Shobha Mehta	1992
Mrs. Kusum Kapoor	1986	Miss Sonali Baijal	1992
Miss Jyoti Agarwal	1986	Miss Namrata Singh	1992
Lawrence Gomez	1986	Sr. Tessy Maria	1992
J. Simon	1987	Mrs. Margaret Philipowsky	1992
Miss Caroline Sampayo	1987	Mrs. Meera Hukku.	1992
Miss Veena Mathur	1987	Mrs. Manisha Sahai	1993
Mrs. Margret Nadar	1987	Mrs. Renu Suri	1993
Mrs. Alka Srivastava	1987	Mrs. Rita Srivastava	1993
Mrs. Sandhya Narain	1987	Sr. Blossom John	1993
T.O. Joseph	1987	Mrs. Kamaljeet Singh	1993
Miss Madhu Takru	1988	Miss Neeru Jain	1993
Mrs. Vandana Ghosh	1988	Sr. Pauline	1993
Mrs. Manisha Dubey	1988	Mrs. Bina Khindri	1993
Miss Seema Singh	1988	Miss Preeti Bhatia	1994
Miss Ratna Rathore	1988	Sr. Leema Varghese	1994
Miss Nishu Seth	1988	Sr. Josephine	1995
Sr. Jeslit	1988	Mrs. Anita George	1994
Mrs. Indu Rathore	1988	Mrs. Kona Roy	1994
Mrs. Vijaya Kainikkara	1988	Sr. Lissy	1994
		Sr. Jean Thomas	1994

Miss Amita Singh	1995
Miss Neena Rathore	1995
Mrs. Arpita Chatterjee	1995
Mrs. Preeti Poddar	1995
Miss Shipra Mehra	1995
Mrs. Mala Sampson	1996
Miss Poonam Mittal	1996
Miss Parbeen Kitty	1996
Sr. Jeney Francis	1996

#### **Sample Staff Lists of Yesteryears 1889**

Rev Fr Raphael, O.C. Rector  
 Rev Fr Mc Carthy, O.C. Vic-Rector  
 Mr M Dunn, Headmaster  
 Bro. William (Sr)  
 Bro. Ignatius  
 Bro. Charles  
 Bro. William (Jr)  
 Mr J Dunn  
 Mr A Cotter  
 Munshi Chaturbhuj

#### **Golden Jubile Year-1896**

Rev Fr Englebert, Rector  
 Rev Fr Correya, Vice-Rector and  
 Prefect of Studies  
 Rev Fr Bernadine, Prefect of Discipline  
 Mr B Paul, Headmaster  
 Mr C. Christie  
 Mr O, Brien  
 Mr O, Reilly  
 Bro. Ignatius  
 Mr Wade  
 Mr Gordon  
 Mr McDonald  
 Mr Cotter  
 Mr Goddard  
 Mr Alexander

#### **1908 College Section**

Rev Fr Henry Norman, Rector  
 Rev Fr William Smith, Vice-Rector  
 Mr M Fitzgerald, Prof. of English  
 Mr Eknath Banerjee, Prof of  
 Mathematics and Science  
 Mr S Bose, Prof of Logic and History  
 Mr Abdul Hamid Khan, Prof of Persian  
 Mr P Ganeshi Lal, Prof of Sanskrit

#### **School Section**

Mr Rogers  
 Mr AD Bhattacharya  
 Fr William Smith  
 Mr A Dolphin  
 Mr M Fitzgerald  
 Mr H Pearce  
 Mr P Montrose  
 Mr J Dunn

Bro Francis  
 Bro Anthony  
 Mr P Kitchen  
 Munshi Dela Croix  
 Mr J Pereira, Clerk  
**1919**  
 Fr H Norman, Rector  
 Fr Athanasius, Vice-Rector  
 Mr A Vernon  
 Mr Upendra Mohan Saha, MSc.  
 Mr A E Finnimore  
 Mr D'Souza  
 Mr J Saldana  
 Mr A Hardinge  
 Mr A Mosoup  
 Mr M Coplay  
 Mr N Lyons (Urdu teacher)  
 Mr Solomon Jacob (Assistant Urduteacher)  
 Mr M Wythe (Disciplinarian)  
 Mr C Ross  
 Mr J Deloney (Disciplinarian)  
 Mr J Evans  
 Mr SP Dikshit (Clerk)

#### **1922**

Mr. J. Suban (New Teacher)

#### **1923**

Fr Hyacinth, Rector  
 Fr Bonaventure, Vice-Rector  
 Mr A E Finnimore: Headmaster  
 Fr A B Cotter: Prof of Mathematics  
 Mr T MO'Sullivan, Prof of English  
 Mr Leo Mark  
 Mr J. W. Jones

#### **1928**

Mr G. W. Nester (new teacher)  
 Mr C. Donowan  
 Mr E. Joseph  
 Mr M. L. Gupta

#### **1930**

Miss. M. Vaz  
 Miss W. Castello  
 Miss M. Rayfield

#### **Centenary Year-1946**

Rev Fr Pius Lyons, Rector  
 Rev Fr Lewis, Vice-Rector  
 Mr E S Merriman, Headmaster  
 Mr A E Finnimore  
 Mr C Eastwood  
 Mr P L Sharma (Science Teacher)  
 Mr B M Cornelius  
 Mr A Reghelini  
 Mr Akhtar Zaman Khan (Urdu)  
 Miss Griselda D'Souza  
 Miss M Rosario  
 Miss Marie Mouna  
 Mrs Babsy Merriman

# Our Teachers of Yore

## Teachers Who Served the School Beyond the Sesquicentenary

1. Mr. Peter Anthony	Feb 1, 1968	to	July 14, 1998
2. Mr. S.P. Sharma	18.07.1963	to	2.10.1998
3. Mrs Elma Paul	Oct 28 1067	to	Sep 22, 1999
4. Mr. B.R. Sharma	5.1.1962	to	6.7.2000
5. Mr. Ernest Vinayak	August 9, 1963	to	2000
6. Mr. T. Nath	Jan 12, 1965	to	Jan 2, 2000
7. Mrs. B Louis	Oct 10, 1980	to	Jan 12, 2000
8. Ms. Pauline Michael	1979	to	2000
9. Dr. V. K. Gangil	July 13.1965	to	Jan 12, 2001
10. Mrs. Vinayak	Jan 19.1966	to	22.3.2002
11. Mr. Joe L. Dias	1994	to	2002
12. Mr. Edward Thomas	July 12, 1971	to	December 5, 2002
13. Mrs Joyce Beale	July 8 1968	to	Oct 12, 2005
14. Mr. Chacko Varkey	July 16, 1968	to	Jan 22, 2007
15. Mrs. A. Chacko	Jan 14, 1976	to	April 18, 2007
16. Mr. Abdul Malik	Jan 12, 1972	to	Oct 17, 2008
17. Dr Ajaya Baboo	Jan 8, 1975	to	July 15, 2008
18. Mrs. Asha Sharma	July 9, 1978	to	2011
19. Mrs. Pauline Francis	July 1, 1986	to	Oct 11, 2011
20. Mrs. Rita Takru	1994	to	2014
21. Mrs. Asha Tandon	July 1, 1985	to	2014
22. Dr. Biran Singh	July 8, 1988	to	March 22, 2015
23. Mr. Clement Bonjour	July 8, 1988	to	March 22, 2015
24. Miss Pancy Thomas	July 5, 1979	to	Jan 22, 2016
25. Mrs. Meera Khandelwal	July 8, 1980	to	Dec 12, 2016
26. Mrs. Shashi Dandona	July 9, 1984	to	Dec 22, 2016
27. Dr. Neelam Mehrotra	July 5, 1986	to	Oct 11, 2017
28. Mrs. Doris D'Cruze	July 13, 1983	to	Dec, 2018
29. Mrs. Sukriti Kulshreshtha	July 1, 2002	to	August 8, 2018
30. Mr. Glen Scaife	July 1, 2007	to	March 25, 2019
31. Mrs. Elizabeth	July 6, 2000	to	April 9, 2019
32. Mr. Harry Clearance	July 9, 1984	to	Sep 15, 2019
33. Mr. Ananda Kuttan	July 5, 1993	to	Feb 28, 2020
34. Mrs. Meenu Kalra	July 1, 2003	to	August 2020
35. Mrs. Shashi Kiran	July 1, 2003	to	Aug 19, 2020
36. Dr. Antony A P	May 1, 1989	to	Sep 25, 2020
37. Mrs. Rashmi Bansal	July 17, 2004	to	Dec 2021
38. Mrs Supriti Gaur	July 1, 2023	to	June 21, 2020
39. Mrs Geeti Maheshwari	July 9, 1999	to	March 22, 2022
40. Mrs. Maureen Miranda	July 6, 1989	to	August 13, 2022

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of Teacher</b>	<b>Date of Joining</b>	<b>Date of Leaving</b>
41.	Ms. Nirmala Leonard	09-07-1984	01-04-2006
42.	Rev. Sr. Lissy	06-07-1995	10-05-1996
43.	Ms. Neena Rathore	06-07-1995	10-05-1996
44.	Mrs. Renu Suri	05-07-1993	10-05-1996
45.	Sr. Jean Thomas	06-07-1995	10-05-1996
46.	Mrs. Bina Kindri	03-08-1993	30-06-1996
47.	Mrs. Arpita Chatterji	06-07-1995	30-04-1997
48.	Mrs. Kona Roy	07-07-1994	31-07-1997
49.	Ms. Kusum Mathur	01-08-1977	31-07-1997
50.	Mrs. Meena Yadav	08-02-1991	10-05-1998
51.	Mrs. Betsy Valsan	07-07-1990	01-08-1998
52.	Dr. T. C. Valsan	07-07-1986	01-08-1998
53.	Mr. Wilber Julian	01-07-1996	10-05-1999
54.	Rev. Sr. Daisy Maria	01-07-1997	01-05-2000
	Rev. Sr. Daisy Maria	01-07-2015	01-04-2021
55.	Ms. Jyotsna Bhaduria	10-07-1996	11-05-2002
56.	Miss. Yojana Mathur	10-07-1996	10-11-2003
57.	Mrs. Innez Annie Gill	09-07-1998	01-07-2004
58.	Ms. Namita Mishra	01-12-1993	07-05-2005
59.	Sr. Sonia		
60.	Sr. Gracy		
61.	Ms. Manisha Srivastava	10-07-1996	20-11-2007
62.	Mrs. Sujata Gomes	01-06-1996	31-05-1997
63.	Mrs. Vandana Paliwal	01-07-1996	05-06-1998
64.	Ms. Asha Mavis	01-07-1996	01-02-1998
65.	Mrs. Prabha Singh	01-07-1996	10-05-1999
66.	Ms. Poonam Mittal	01-08-1996	10-05-1997
67.	Mrs. Pramila Kulshrestha	16-02-1996	10-05-1998
68.	Ms. Parveen Kitty	15-10-1996	10-05-1997
69.	Mrs. Mala Samson	01-07-1996	10-05-1997
70.	Dr. (Mrs.) Rina Seraphim Dean	09-07-1997	01-05-2001
71.	Mrs. Indu Dhar	03-11-1997	01-03-2000
72.	Ms. Monica Kulkarni	03-11-1997	31-12-1997
73.	Mrs. Reena Robert	09-07-1997	22-07-1998
74.	Mrs. Monica Khera	09-07-1997	10-05-1999
75.	Mrs. Gracy D'Souza	10-07-1997	04-10-1997
76.	Mrs. Annie Karri	09-07-1997	06-10-1997
77.	Mrs. Archana Srivastava	09-07-1998	30-06-2000
78.	Mrs. Greta Silas	09-07-1997	30-06-2000

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79.	Sr. Sony Akkara	09-07-1998	31-05-2000
80.	Dr. Shashi Singh	09-07-1998	29-08-2001
81.	Ms. Dharmesh Thakur	09-07-1998	10-05-1999
82.	Mrs. Shuchita D. Singh	01-08-1998	30-11-1999
83.	Mrs. PremTaneja	07-08-1998	28-02-2000
84.	Mrs. Kulwinder Kaur Bedi	09-07-1998	06-05-2000
85.	Dr. Yogesh Kumar Sharma	09-07-1999	13-07-2017
86.	Mrs. Poonam Bhatnagar	09-07-1999	10-05-2000
87.	Mrs. Ritu Sawhney	15-09-1999	01-10-2002
88.	Mrs. Anju Dua	09-07-1999	31-03-2000
89.	Mrs. Roopa Bora	06-07-2000	01-07-2007
90.	Mrs. Aruna Goyal	14-07-2000	15-09-2000
91.	Sr. Zelia Tuscano	06-07-2000	10-05-2002
92.	Ms. Smriti Khurana	06-07-2000	01-10-2006
93.	Mrs. Anubha Mantri	06-07-2000	01-07-2005
94.	Mrs. Amita Mishra	06-07-2000	05-05-2001
95.	Mrs. Madhu Srivastava	06-07-2000	10-05-2001
96.	Mrs. Ekta Barolia	06-07-2000	10-05-2001
97.	Mrs. Poonam Singh	06-07-2001	15-05-2003
98.	Rev Sr. Peter	06-07-2001	01-04-2007
99.	Mrs. Usha David	06-07-2001	01-07-2009
100.	Mrs. Roopa Gosain	06-07-2001	01-08-2003
101.	Mrs. Roopa Gosain	01-07-2006	31-03-2009
102.	Mrs. Shikha Singhal	06-07-2001	15-05-2003
103.	Sr. Darshana	06-07-2001	20-01-2003
104.	Sr. Tresa Flower	06-07-2001	01-07-2004
105.	Ms. Sonia Bhatnagar	06-07-2001	10-05-2002
106.	Sr. Mary Claudia	01-07-2002	10-05-2004
107.	Mrs. Ranjana Mishra	01-08-2002	15-05-2003
108.	Dr. Namrata Channa	01-07-2002	10-02-2003
109.	Mrs. Narinder Kaur	01-10-2002	04-04-2003
110.	Mrs. Sunganthi Nirmal Doss	06-07-2000	01-04-2002
111.	Dr. (Mrs.) Rajkumari Verma	01-07-2002	09-05-2003
112.	Mrs. Vandita Joshi	01-08-2003	01-07-2006
113.	Sr. Ancy Chirayath	01-07-2003	01-07-2005
114.	Ms. Taruna Dang	01-07-2003	01-07-2005
115.	Ms. Bhavna Jennifer Lal	01-07-2003	01-10-2004
116.	Rev. Sr. Concepta	01-07-2004	30-06-2009
117.	Sr. Dhanyajees	01-07-2004	01-05-2007
118.	Mrs. D. Renuka	01-07-2004	01-04-2007
119.	Mrs. Neha Kakkar	01-07-2004	16-05-2016
120.	Mrs. Rashmi Bacon	01-07-2004	20-08-2004
121.	Mrs. Sonal Srivastava	01-07-2004	30-06-2005
122.	Mrs. Swati Kulshrestha	01-10-2001	31-01-2005

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123.	Mrs. Geetika Agarwal	01-07-2005	04-08-2006
124.	Mrs. Paschal Mary Varghese	01-07-2005	
125.	Mrs. Anu B. Mathew	01-07-2005	01-04-2006
126.	Ms. Anshu Khandelwal	01-07-2005	
127.	Mrs. Neetika Arora	01-07-2005	01-04-2006
128.	Mrs. Shobhana Vikas	01-07-2005	01-07-2007
129.	Ms. Kavita Aswani	01-07-2005	01-04-2007
130.	Ms. MuktaNayal Rawat	01-07-2005	03-02-2007
131.	Mr. Vishal Mittal	01-07-2005	15-06-2018
132.	Mrs. Sunita Nair	01-07-2006	01-04-2009
133.	Miss. Sheetal Gill	01-07-2006	01-11-2006
134.	Mrs. Roopa Gosain	01-07-2006	31-03-2009
135.	Mrs. Geeta Nambiar	01-07-2006	31-03-2008
136.	Mr. Gary Rosemayer	01-07-2007	01-07-2009
137.	Mrs. Nidhi Hamlin	01-07-2007	22-03-2017
138.	Ms. Meeta A. Khanna	01-07-2007	
139.	Mrs. Chinki Singh Boparai	01-07-2007	30-06-2008
140.	Dr. Poonam Singh	02-07-2009	30-06-2016
141.	Ms. Dimpy Mahendru	01-07-2009	15-09-2014
142.	Ms. Patricia Francis	05-07-2010	30-06-2017
143.	Ms Priyanka Bhasin	14-07-2010	30-06-2016
144.	Mrs. Paschal Mary Varghese	13-07-2011	31-03-2017
145.	Sr. Priscilla	02-07-2012	15-05-2016
146.	Sr. Vimala Rani	01-01-2013	
147.	Ms. Smriti Massey	01-07-2014	05-11-2016
148.	Ms. Pahul Chhachhi	01-07-2014	01-11-2017
149.	Mr. Rajarshi Mallick	27-10-2014	15-05-2018
150.	Mrs. Manika Sawhney	15-11-2014	14-02-2017
151.	Ms. Fairy Makan	01-07-2014	15-05-2015
152.	Mr. Shahid M. James	10-11-2014	
153.	Ms. Monika Sehgal	15-07-2014	31-08-2015
154.	Mr. Rohit Crispin	04-07-2014	01-04-2017
156.	Ms. Anjaly Mary Dass	02-07-2014	16-05-2018
157.	Ms. Pavneet Hora	08-09-2014	31-03-2018
158.	Mr. Manoj Kulshrestha	01-07-2014	16-05-2018
159.	Ms. Jyoti Saxena	02-07-2014	28-10-2016
160.	Ms. Sheetal Joseph	02-07-2014	02-12-2017
161.	Mr. Keith Silas	01-07-2015	08-02-2018
162.	Ms. Noopur Rajput	06-04-2015	17-12-2016
163.	Ms. Surbhi Bansal	06-04-2015	23-12-2016
164.	Dr. Deepika Upadhyay	03-09-2015	15-05-2019
165.	Ms. Ekta Arora	03-09-2015	23-12-2016
166.	Ms. Amandeep Kaur Suri	01-07-2015	19-11-2016
167.	Ms. Merina Sunny	19-02-2015	

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168.	Ms. Twinkle Sharma	06-04-2015	23-12-2016
169.	Mrs. Nishima Mohan	15-10-2015	01-04-2017
170.	Mrs. Khushboo Kapur	02-07-2015	14-07-2018
171.	Mrs. Anu Sehgal	03-07-2015	31-05-2018
172.	Ms. Anjali Paliwal	01-07-2016	31-03-2020
173.	Ms. Bhawna Vidhani	04-01-2016	31-03-2018
174.	Mr. Abhishek Singh	04-07-2016	01-04-2017
175.	Ms. Sonia Thakwani	06-01-2016	01-08-2016
176.	Ms. Aditi Ghai	04-07-2016	16-05-2018
177.	Mrs. Neha Singh	06-09-2016	15-05-2017
178.	Ms. Shobhana Chaudhary	02-01-2017	16-05-2019
179.	Ms. Chandni Kulshrestha	06-09-2017	31-03-2018
180.	Ms. Nishu Makhija	13-11-2017	15-05-2020
181.	Ms. Nishtha Jain	03-07-2017	31-03-2018
182.	Ms. Kanika Dembla	02-01-2017	05-09-2018
183.	Ms. Disha Chaudhary	02-01-2017	05-09-2018
184.	Mr. Samson James	03-04-2017	15-05-2018
185.	Ms. Ankita Nayer	03-07-2017	15-05-2018
186.	Mr. Vishal Mohan	03-07-2017	15-05-2018
187.	Ms. Ankita Kathpal	03-04-2017	17-05-2017
188.	Mrs. Priyanka Rajput	02-04-2018	16-05-2018
189.	Mrs. Divyani Mehrotra	02-04-2018	15-05-2019
190.	Ms. Vanessa Judith Miranda	02-07-2018	03-08-2019
191.	Ms. Sarabmeet Kaur	02-07-2018	15-05-2020
192.	Mr. Neeraj Bhardwaj	02-07-2018	16-10-2018
193.	Mr. Anurag Lall	02-07-2018	15-05-2019
194.	Ms. Divya Sherly	09-07-2018	30-03-2019
195.	Ms. Sudeepa Srivastava	02-07-2018	15-05-2019
196.	Ms. Soumya Khandelwal	12-01-2018	15-05-2018
197.	Ms. Radhika Bansal	02-04-2018	16-05-2018
198.	Ms. Himashimi Sharma	02-04-2018	16-05-2018
199.	Mr. Shubham Dass	02-07-2018	31-03-2019
200.	Ms. Priyanka Singh	02-07-2018	15-05-2019
201.	Mrs. Shilpy Verma	02-04-2018	14-05-2022
202.	Ms. Anshul Kapur	01-07-2019	15-05-2020
203.	Ms. Shweta Khetrapal	02-04-2019	15-05-2020
204.	Ms. Faiza Akhtar	13-08-2019	15-05-2020
205.	Mr. Shailendra Kumar	16-08-2019	15-05-2020
206.	Mr. Brijesh Pratap Singh	01-07-2019	04-08-2020
207.	Dr. Anil Agarwal	02-04-2019	15-05-2020
208.	Mrs. Richita Yadav	09-07-2020	15-05-2022
209.	Ms. Sakshi Devnani	03-08-2020	14-03-2022
210.	Mrs. Ayushi Anand	02-08-2021	15-05-2022

# Milestones

1841 Inception of St. Peter's School at Jumna Bagh, Agra.

1846 The School shifted to its present location. Rs. One lakh received as donation from Col. Filose for a new building.

1856 School put on the Government Grant-in-aid list

1857 School ransacked by mutineers

1856-72 Cholera epidemics wreak havoc in School.

1875 Edward Prince of Wales visits the School.  
(Later Lord Northbrook, Lord Lytton, Lord Ripon all Viceroys and Governors Sir John Strachey, Lord Meston, Lord Hailey were to pay visits.)

1881 School affiliated to Calcutta University for the Fellow of Arts degree. Name changed to College.

1883 Sir Alfred Lyall, Lt Governor of North West Provinces, pays visit. M. Dunn appointed first Headmaster.

1889 Affiliation changed to Allahabad University, with creation of that University.

1894 Volunteer Cadet Corps of School inspected by General Collins.

1896 Lt Governor Mcdonnel visits College.

1901 Verandahs refloored, roofs repaired. Cricket field laid out behind main building by Ms John and Co.

1904 With help from Ms John and Co. a two-inch pipe laid to connect the Waterworks system to the College.

1905-21 Roof of main building replaced by iron girders; swimming pool built: dormitory flooring redone; playing fields laid out all during Fr. Norman Rectorship.

1911 School Bakery opened.

1913 Old swimming bath demolished.

1913 Lt. Governor Sir John Meston, visits the College, wants teaching to be done upto the BA level.

1917 College struck by lightning  
Cambridge Examinations cancelled for non arrival of Examination Papers because of World War.

1921 Masters Refectroy repaired, doors replaced and circular windows installed

1922 New doors and windows to the hospital and dormitory.  
Water pipes renewed and repaired.  
Two separate institutions of St. Peter's College and St Paul's orphanage united under the name of St. Peter's College and orphanage.  
change sanctioned vide GO dated June 30, 1922.  
Regulations for teachers service drawn.

1923 Sir W Hailey, Governor of the NW Provinces visits the College.  
New doors and windows for the boarders dormitory, Rector's Office and Std 1; new latrines for School. Dormitory railings and staircases replaced.

1924 First Aid, Hygiene and Sanitation introduced.  
Boy Scouts Troop with 30 boys formed.  
Brass Band instituted with 25 instruments.  
The so-called Seminary used as Masters Quarters rebuilt entirely with first class masonry - To make room for 13 skylights the roof raised. All doors and windows renewed. Total cost Rs 13,317.00  
New latrines built east of playground (khuds) cost Rs. 2324.00.  
Study Hall refloored with flagstones in place of old cement floor.

1924 Classrooms provided with apparatus for Geography.  
All cane chairs in classrooms replaced by teakwood ones.  
Headmasters quarters extensively repaired.  
Garden benches placed along the playing field east.

1925 Electricity installed in the College. Lights and fans put up. Total cost Rs. 11,700.00

1927 Block of Rector's Quarters (Present Principal's Residence) first and second storey completed. Total cost Rs. 14,012.  
Road leading to the College and square in front reconstructed.  
Typewriting classes started.

1929 New Orphan Box Rooms and garage for College bus constructed.  
New residential quarters for single and married lady teachers constructed.  
Cost Rs. 12,000.00

1930 Chevrolet School Bus purchased for Rs. 3048.00

1931 Science laboratories, theatre, lecture rooms, balance room, store room constructed in the northern wing of the main building. Science apparatus purchased.

1933 Block-making machines purchased.  
Hydraulic press and other equipment costing Rs. 13,986.00 obtained.  
A shed 43 feet x 30 x 14 built for the tile factory (block making) estimated.  
(where the Orhan Press is now located).

1934 Unmarried teachers quarters built from the foundation, Cost Rs 1377.

1935 Old hospital entirely rebuilt and enlarged with four corner rooms.  
Roof of main hospital building raised.  
The square in front of the main building and the road leading to the Cathedral asphalted.  
To protect the College main building from the monsoons 4616 square feet on the area at the base of the building paved with first class brick and cement-pointed.

1937 School Hostel for First class Boarders opened.

1938 Portico built in front of the main building. Cost Rs 2665.00

1939 Small kothi, two-rooms, kitchen and verandah built north of the hospital, asquarters for the Manager of the Printing Press. Cost Rs 1800.00 (Now the place is part of San Damiano Convent). Total expenditure on School maintenance and expansion from April 15, 1921 to June 10, 1940  
(Fr Hyacinth's Rectorship) Rs. 1,43,524.00.

1939 Prince of Wales, Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Duke of Edinburgh visit the College.

1941 Teaching of Hindi started.

1946 College celeberates its Centenary.

1947 College celebrates the Indpendence of the Country.

1956 Fr. Raphael becomes first Indian Rector, Mr Merriman retires.

1962 Last batch for the Cambridge School Certificate Examination sent up.

1963 New building west of the main building begun by Fr. Lawrence.

1966 Statue of St Peter installed in front of the portico.

1967 Post of Headmaster abolished. Fr Columban becomes First Principal.

1977 The 10 plus 2 system introduced by the ISCE Board.

1983 Capuchin priests leave the Diocese. Diocesan priests take over.

1984 The boarding house closed.

1986 One more floor added to the new building.

1987 New chemistry and computer laboratories built.

1989 Mosaic flooring given to main building. Old Junior Boys Dormitory and Old Box Room converted to physics laboratory. Corrugated iron roofing of Box Room converted to RCC.

1990 New biology laboratory built. Flooring of Infirmary and verandah of main building changed to mosaic.

1991 Roof of new building redone and laboratories on first floor of main building converted into classrooms.

1992 Old printing press building converted to college Library.

1996 College celebrates 150 years of its founding.  
Statue of St. Peter shifted to within the portico to provide space for morning assembly.  
Hockey and cricket fields dug up and relaid.

1997 Old swimming pool replaced by a new and bigger one with international dimensions at a cost of Rs. 20 lakhs.

2002 Principal's Office given a facelift. Wooden panels and other changes carried out.  
The statue of St Peter shifted to the back of the stage in front of the main building and encased in a glass case.

2003 The cycle stand shifted to the present location, in order to make room for the construction of a new building for the Primary Section.  
Construction of the building started with the laying of the Foundation Stone by the then Archbishop, the Most Rev Dr. Cecil deSa on June 29, 2003.

2004 The courtyard in front of the main building is paved with tiles.  
The approach road to the College widened with a view to decongesting the traffic.  
'The Peterian Chimes', the College newsletter, launched in November 2005.  
The newly constructed Primary Section building was blessed and inaugurated by His Excellency, the Most Rev Dr. Pedro Lopez Quintana, Apostolic Nuncio to India and Nepal on Dec 3, 2005.  
The stage behind the main building was demolished and a new one with a concrete roof was constructed.

2006 A Vijayanta tank and a Hawker Airframe were installed in July around the Cycle Stand on 14 July 2006. They were donated and inaugurated respectively by Mr. Ranjeet Issar IAS, Secretary Ministry of Defence, Government of India, and by Air Marshal A K Singh PVSM, AVSM, VSM, Air Officer Commanding, Western Air Commanding, both former students of the College.  
The 'A' field was extended by eight feet to make room for a 400m track.  
The Examination Hall (the old Boarding Dormitory), was extended with the demolition of a classroom adjacent to it, the extra space so obtained adding to its dimension. The Hall can now accommodate 200 students.  
A skating rink was constructed on the field in front of the Cycle Stand around the Hawker Airframe.  
A portico was constructed for the 1963 Block, which houses Classes VI to VIII. The back portion of the building was plastered and some other changes were made.  
The College website 'stpetersagra.com' launched on Nov 18, 2006 by His Excellency, Shiv Shankar Mukherji, India's Ambassador to Nepal and an old student of the College.

2007 In order to make the life of the students stress-free and disease free, a Yoga session of 30 minutes introduced.

2009 The Father Columban Memorial Stadium was inaugurated on March 15, 2009, by Mr. Aditya Sachdeva, Director Coaching, at Mahesh Bhupathi Tennis Academy. The Stadium consists of two lawn tennis courts of international measurement and standards.  
The Multi-purpose Hall was inaugurated on September 5, 2009 by His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias. The Block houses the Archbishop Albert D'Souza Yoga and Meditation Centre in the basement and on the upper floors the chemistry and biology laboratories and two Badminton courts. The Block was constructed on space obtained by demolishing the Orphan Press building which was built of cement blocks in 1935 with a roof of corrugated iron sheets: The Press was provided with a new building constructed near the entrance gate of St Paul's Hindi Medium School and renamed St Joseph's Printing School. A main gate for

the College constructed and the name and crest of the College prominently displayed on it. The boundary wall between St Patrick's Junior College and St Peter's College was converted into a yoga gallery with embossed relief of yoga asanas.

The old College Study Hall,(renamed Cultural Hall) named after the late Archbishop Dominic Athaide.

2010 A 12-feet high statue of Christ the Redeemer, modelled on the much larger one in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) installed in north-eastern corner of the 'A' field. A make believe of clouds surrounding the image of Christ, with fountains shooting jets of water on the statue gives the impression of Christ rising in the clouds.

A white marble statue of Christ in a Yoga pose was set up below the steps in front of the office of the Principal, with holes in pipes laid on the floor throwing water on the statue, as a kind of offering and homage.

2011 A relief of the Sermon on the Mount with cascading water beneath it was created on the wall of the Middle School building facing the Primary Block building.

A relief of the Washing of the Feet by Christ done on the wall of the lobby in front of the office of the Headmistress inside the Primary Block building.

2012 The College Swimming Pool was renovated and the College emblem was painted on the floor of the pool, which was dedicated to Archbishop Cecil deSa.

2018 The classrooms in the back portion of the main College building were demolished and a new block with 22 rooms constructed with the back verandah of the old building converted into a large hall roofed over with fibre glass that enabled it to get a great deal of natural light.

2019 The Archbishop Albert D'Souza Episcopal Silver Jubilee Memorial Auditorium constructed on land obtained by the demolition of the block housing the Canara Bank, which was shifted to near the main gate of the Cathedral on Wazirpura Road. The Auditorium is equipped with the latest facilities.

2020 The floors of the classrooms in the Middle Section of building, the corridors and the front verandah of the Main building are laid with granite stone slabs.

2021 The Assembly Ground and the ground in front of the Middle Section building paved with tiles.

The walls of the Cultural Hall paneled with fibre sheets and the stage was restructured.

# Pioneers and Captains

## Rectors

1. Rev. Fr. Mermet (Secular priest) 1841-1851
2. Rev. Fr. Bonaventure O.C. 1852
3. Rev. Fr. Barry (Secular priest) for few months.
4. Rev. Fr. Lewis O.C. 1853-54 & 1858-1862
5. Rev. Fr. Keegan (Secular priest) 1855
6. Rev. Fr. Gaetani (Secular priest) 1856-57
7. Rev. Fr. Macken (Secular priest) 1857-58
8. Rev. Bro. Bothian (Christian brother) 1862
9. Rev. Bro. Gregory (Christian brother) 1863
10. Rev. Fr. Symphorian O.C. 1863-1882
11. Rev. Fr. O'dea O.C. 1883 (January to June)
12. Rev. Fr. Genesius O.C. 1883-1889
13. Rev. Fr. Raphael, O.C. 1890-1893 & 1897-1904
14. Rev. Fr. Joseph Carrol, O.C. 1893-94
15. Rev. Fr. Englebert O.C. 1895-1897
16. Rev. Fr. Christopher O.C. 1904-1906
17. Rev. Fr. Norman, D.D. 1906-1921
18. Rev. Fr. Hyacinth, O.C. 1921-25, 1926-1934 & 1947-1951
19. Rev. Fr. John O.C. April 1925-April 1926
20. Rev. Fr. Leo O.C. May to Oct. 1934
21. Rev. Fr. Pius Lyons O.C. 1941-1947
22. Rev. Fr. Antony O.F.M. 1952-56
23. Rev. Fr. Raphael O.F.M. 1957-1962
24. Rev. Fr. Lawrence O.F.M. 1962-1966

## Principals

25. Rev. Fr. Columban O.F.M. 1966-1976
26. Rev. Fr. Alexander O.F.M. 1976-1978
27. Rev. Fr. Jerome D'Souza O.F.M. 1978-1983
28. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Panthaladi 1983-1986
29. Rev. Fr. Jose Maliekal 1986-1987
30. Rev. Fr. George Paul 1987-1995
31. Rev. Fr. Dennis D'Souza 1995-2001
32. Rev. Fr. Mathew Kumblumoottil 2001-2007
33. Rev. Fr. John Ferreira 2007-2013
34. Rev. Fr. Dr. Paul Thannickal 2013-2019
35. Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia 2019-2023

## Headmasters

32. M Dunn M.A. 1883-1892
33. Fr. Joseph Carrol 1892-1894
34. Fr. Correya (Prefect of Studies) 1895-1898
35. B. Paul 1899-1905
36. Fr. H. Norman 1906-1921
37. A. E. Finnimore 1921-1927
38. E. S. Merriman 1928-1956
39. E. J. Orpwood 1957-1959
40. A. Packiam 1960-1966

# Heads of the College During Jubilee Years

1. REV. FR. SYMPHORIAN O.C. (SILVER JUBILEE)	1870-1871
2. REV. FR. ENGLEBERT O.C. (GOLDEN JUBILEE)	1895-1896
3. REV. FR. NORMAN D.D. (PLATINUM JUBILEE)	1920-1921
4. REV. FR. PIUS LYONS O.C. (CENTENARY)	1945-1946
5. REV. FR. COLUMBAN O.F.M. CAP. (QUASQUICENTENNIAL)	1970-1971
6. REV. FR. DENNIS D'SOUZA (SEQUICENTENNIAL)	1995-1996
7. REV. FR. ANDREW CORREIA (DODRANSBICENTENNIAL)	2020-2021

## Roll of Honour

### ICSE

YEAR	NAME	PERCENTAGE	YEAR	NAME	PERCENTAGE
1997	AMRIT GOYAL	96.00	2011	AVIRAL PRAKASH	96.80
1998	TARUN JINDAL	94.60	2012	AKSHAY PRAKASH	97.60
1999	TARUN MITTAL	96.60	2013	ATHARVA MITTAL	94.80
2000	PRANJAL PANDEY	94.60		TUSHAR GARG	94.80
2001	PRAVEG GOYAL	94.40		PRAKHAR MISHRA	94.80
2002	RAHUL TEWARI	94.40		RISHAB AGARWAL	94.80
2003	ANUJ BANSAL	93.60		HARSHIT UPADHYAY	94.80
	NIMIT GOYAL	93.60	2014	HARDIK AGARWAL	96.80
	PUNEET KUMAR	93.60	2015	HARSHIT GOYAL	97.60
2004	SATYAM SAXENA	95.60	2016	AKARSH AGARWAL	97.40
2005	SHIVAM MAHESHWARI	96.20	2017	HARSH DHAR AGARWAL	97.40
2006	MUDIT SHARMA	95.60	2018	ANUSH MANGAL	97.60
2007	MADHUR BANSAL	97.40	2019	PRITHVI CHAUHAN	98.00
	PRATEEK KHURANA	97.40	2020	PARTH MISHRA	98.00
2008	NIKHIL JAIN	97.20		FAIZ PARVEZ	98.00
2009	ACHAL ANAND	97.40	2021	MOHAK SAWHNEY	97.60
2010	MEGHAL GOYAL	95.80	2022	KAAMIL NAYYAR	99.00

# Roll of Honour

## ISC

### SCIENCE STREAM

YEAR	NAME	PERCENTAGE	YEAR	NAME	PERCENTAGE
1997	RAJAT KANT ARORA	93.50	2011	VIDET JAISWAL	96.50
1988	RAHUL GUPTA	95.00	2012	PURU GOYAL	97.25
1999	SHASHWAT MISHRA	94.25	2013	ROCHAK GUPTA	98.50
2000	HIMANSHU YADAV	93.75	2014	SHIVAM SHARMA	96.75
2001	NIKHIL BHATTAR	94.50	2015	BENJAMIN HARRY CLARANCE	96.50
2002	MANSHU BANSAL	94.25	2016	ANMOL GUPTA	95.75
2003	ARPIT GOYAL	93.50		ATISHAY JAIN	95.75
2004	RAHUL TEWARI	95.75	2017	RUPAK JAIN	97.25
2005	ANUJ BANSAL	95.50	2018	AMAN JAIN	95.50
2006	SATYAM SAXENA	98.25	2019	LAKSHYA BHARDWAJ	98.75
2007	ABHINAV GAUR	97.00		SHIVAM TIWARI	98.75
2008	HIMANSHU VERMA	93.00	2020	ANUSH MANGAL	98.25
2009	ADITYA BHARDWAJ	98.25	2021	AMOL TANDON	99.00
2010	DHRUV KUMAR	94.75	2022	BHARAT SHARMA	98.75

# Roll of Honour

## ISC

### COMMERCE STREAM

YEAR	NAME	PERCENTAGE	YEAR	NAME	PERCENTAGE
1997	ADITYA RALLAN	88.00	2010	NIKHIL JAIN	95.00
1988	VIKAS MAHAJAN	93.25	2011	SAURAV KHANDELWAL	94.00
1999	GAURAV BANSAL	86.50	2012	VAIBHAV AGARWAL	96.00
2000	SUMIT GUPTA	94.00	2013	RAZI IQBAL	98.25
2001	KETAN MAKHIJA	94.25	2014	SAKSHAM DHINGRA	96.50
	RAHUL BUDDHADEV	94.25	2015	ATHARVA MITTAL	99.00
2002	ANUJ JAIN	94.00	2016	RUCHIT AGARWAL	95.00
2003	VIVEK GOYAL	90.50	2017	TARUN GARG	98.75
2004	ISHAAN SACHDEVA	94.00	2018	GARVIT KUMAR	98.00
2005	ARPIT KHANDELWAL	95.25	2019	KALPTARU AGARWAL	98.05
2006	SUFAL KUMAR GUPTA	96.50	2020	HARSHIT CHADHA	98.75
2007	ANIRUDDHA WATTAL	94.00	2021	MOHAMMED AMISH	98.25
	ANKIT MALHOTRA	94.00		DHRUV AGARWAL	98.25
2008	MRIDUL JAIN	92.00	2022	PRABHPREET SINGH	98.75
2009	MADHUR BANSAL	98.00		PARTH RATHI	98.75

# Report on the Celebrations

Dr. Antony A.P.

## Release of Documentary

As a presage to the year-long celebrations, a documentary, titled The Legend and the Legacy, based on the history of the College was released by the Most Rev. Dr. Albert D' Souza, Archbishop of Agra on December 5th 2020. The portrait of the Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Anthony Borghi OC, Founder of the College, was unveiled by Dr. Albert D' Souza. Owing to the pandemic Covid-19 the celebrations were adjusted. In fact all the activities of the College were attuned to the celebrations.



## Talk on Naturopathy

Dr. Ashish Kumar Dixit, BNYS, Consultant naturopath, Yoga therapist and dietitian gave a talk on 'Healthy life styles: importance of food, water, exercise and leisure' on April 18, 2022. Highlighting the benefit of Naturopathy, he reminded the students that the natural resources available around them were to be employed to achieve sustainable health goals.

## Earth Day

Earth Day was celebrated under the auspices of the Eco Club on April 22, 2022 with a view to inspiring the students and highlighting what they could do to protect the environment, restore the damaged eco-system and to live a more sustainable life. It also made the students aware of the concept of 3 R's, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

## World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated on April 23, 2022. The date marked the birth and death anniversaries of the Bard of Avon, William Shakespeare. The students showed a Shakespearean flair in the celebration of the Day. They dressed up as characters from Shakespeare's plays and acted out their roles. The student who played the role of Shakespeare answered questions regarding his life and works. The students enjoyed the day and broadened their horizon discovering key characters from Shakespeare's famous works.

The importance of reading books for pleasure was also highlighted. Senior English teacher Mrs. Maureen Miranda was the in-charge of the day's activities.

## Special Calendar

A special calendar marking 175 years of St Peter's was released by Mr. Ashfaq Saifi, Chairman, Minority Commission, Government of Uttar Pradesh. The Calendar reviewed and shared the selfless saga of service and sacrifice made by the Founder and his successors who made St. Peter's what it is today. It also shed light on the activities that were to be held during the academic year 2022-23.

Mr. Saifi praised the role played by the College in imparting quality education for 175 years to ensure the overall development of the child. The calendar was conceptualized by our Principal Fr. Andrew, edited by Dr. Antony A.P. and designed by Mr. Sharad Upadhyay.

## Seminar for Teachers

A seminar for the teachers was conducted on July 2nd by Mrs. Anuradha Singh from the Oxford University Press who was the resource person. The Seminar was designed to acquaint teachers with the latest teaching methodologies and develop teaching skills so that they could deliver effective

teaching sessions to students. The Seminar was also meant for teachers to upgrade themselves as professionals.

### **Founder's Day**

The celebration of Founder's Day was started on July 7, 2022 for the first time in the history of the College. Fr. Sebastian Pantaladi, former Principal, the Chief Guest, unveiled the bust of the Founder, Dr. Joseph Anthony Borghi OC. Speaking on the occasion he said, "It is our bounden duty to remember the pioneers, especially the Founder, for the sacrifices they made to start and nurture the institution." He congratulated the Principal, for taking the initiative to start celebration of Founder's Day. In his speech Fr. Andrew said, "Archbishop Borghi gave his sweat and blood for the institution and we are grateful to him for his vision." He paid rich tributes to Col. John Baptist Filose for his timely monetary help in the founding of the College.

### **Installation Ceremony**

The Installation Ceremony of the Students' Council of the College was conducted on July 29th and was attended by the Manager, Principal, Vice-Principal, Headmistress, teachers, parents and students. The event commenced with a welcome address, followed by a prayer service invoking God's presence and blessings. The oath of office was administered by the Principal. The student leaders pledged to uphold the standards of the College and promised to faithfully execute the office they had been elected to and work in cooperation with the Management of the College.

Group Captain Pushp Saurabh Biswal, Chief Guest, exhorted the leaders to be impartial and honest in discharging their duties.

The student leaders were conferred with badges and sashes jointly by the Chief Guest and the Principal, who congratulated the leaders and advised them to be role models and lead by example with godly wisdom.

### **Tree Plantation Drive**

Under the aegis of the Eco Club of the College, the Old Boys' Association (OBA) organised a tree plantation programme in the College premises on July 30th to mark the 175th anniversary. The drive saw the participation of the Eco Club members, teachers and the office-bearers of the Old Boys' Association. The participants planted a large number of saplings to spread awareness about the importance of trees in the health of our planet.

### **Installation Ceremony of the Primary Section**

With a view to having dutiful leaders in the future, an Installation Ceremony was conducted for the Primary Section on August 3. Mr. Vijay Shivhare, MLC, the Chief Guest, congratulated the elected members and highlighted the importance of service above self. The young leaders were administered the oath of office by the Principal, who emphasised the role and importance of being good and efficient leaders.

### **Seminar for Class XI**

A seminar on building of self-confidence was held for Class XI on August 5, 2022. The Seminar explored the positive impact of self-confidence in students' careers and personal lives. The Seminar helped the students to discover the sources of low self-confidence and develop new skills to increase their self-confidence in order to increase effectiveness and comfort in various areas of life. The Seminar was organised by Dr. R.S. Sodhi Charitable Trust on the occasion of its Founder's Day.

### **Science Exhibition**

Inspired, encouraged and motivated by the Principal and teachers, the budding scientists of the Junior Section displayed different models and experiments with great enthusiasm and showed scientific temper in the science exhibition organised to inculcate a scientific attitude and research-mindedness.

Brigadier Dr. Girraj Singh, Radiologist, Military Hospital, Agra was the Chief Guest. He addressed the children and told them that they should never stop questioning and should follow four steps, namely, experiment, fail, learn and repeat.

Speaking on the occasion the Principal said, "Exhibitions help to develop in students a better scientific attitude towards the problems and challenges they face in life." He appreciated the efforts made by the teachers and students for organising the event.

### **Techno-Fi**

The Science and Computer Clubs of the College jointly organised Techno-Fi, a science and computer fest with a view to providing a forum to students to showcase their talents in science and computer. Ms. Srushti Singh, SDM, Kirawali, the Chief Guest, wished the participants best of luck in doing whatever they wanted and loved to do, and exhorted them to make the country proud with their researches and innovations in the future. Dr. Vaibhav Sharma, ARVEE Academy Founder, was the Guest of Honour. Twenty schools participated in the Fest.

### **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**

*Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of India's independence and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievement, was held during the morning assembly on August 10, 2022. The Function helped bring alive stories of unsung heroes whose sacrifices had made freedom a reality for us and also revisited the milestones, freedom moments etc in the historical journey to August 15, 1947. The Principal addressed the students and reminded them of the sacrifices made by the people who fought for the freedom of the country.

### **Independence Day**

The College celebrated the 75th anniversary of India's Independence on August 15, 2022 with great patriotic spirit and zeal and organised a number of events to inculcate patriotic fervour among students. Mr. Inderjeet Arya, Ex-Mayor of Agra, Chief Guest, enlightened the students on the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters and urged them to emulate them.

### **CISCE Regional Football Tournament**

The CISCE (Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations) Regional Football Tournament was hosted by the College from August 23 to 25, 2022. The inaugural function was held on August 23. Mr. Jagbir Singh, a former captain of the Indian hockey team, Olympian, and Arjuna awardee was the Chief Guest. Over 700 participants in three categories from 13 zones participated in the tournament. Mr. Singh inspired and motivated the participants to give their best to football and bring laurels to the country and themselves.

### **CISCE Lawn Tennis Tournament**

The CISCE Regional Lawn Tennis Tournament was inaugurated by Prof. S.P. Singh, Principal, St John's College, Agra. He, motivated and encouraged the participants with his inspirational words, urging that such tournaments opened multiple doors and provided the budding players a platform to showcase their talents.

## **Teachers' Day**

Teachers' Day was celebrated with traditional fervour and gaiety. The students expressed their gratitude to the teachers for the painstaking and selfless efforts they put in every day. The Old Boys' Association honoured retired teachers and hosted a lunch for all.

## **Special Interaction Session**

A special interaction session on Challenges of Urban Policing and Role of Students and Parents under the aegis of the Civil Society of Agra, was held. Shri Rajeev Krishna IPS, ADG Police, Agra Zone interacted with the students and addressed their queries.

## **Release of Special Postal Cover**

To mark the 175th anniversary celebrations of the College, the Postal Department released a special cover on October 7, 2022 featuring a picture of the College and its Founder in the presence of Mr. Ajay Kumar Roy, Chief General Manager, Parcel Directorate Delhi, Mr. Rajiv Umrao, Postmaster-General, Agra, and Mr. Anand Kumar Singh, Senior Postal Superintendent. Also present on the occasion were Fr. Sebastian Panthaladi, Fr. George Paul, Fr. Dr. Paul Thannickal, all former Principals; Fr. Ignatius Miranda, Manager; Fr. Bhaskar Jesuraj, former Manager; Fr. Dominic George, Fr. Jacob Palamattam, teachers and former students of the College.

## **Commerce Fest**

The Commerce Club of the College organised B-World, an inter-school commerce fest on October 7, 2022. It saw the participation of 26 schools. Major-General Rajesh Kundra, VSM, AVSM, an alumnus, was the Chief Guest.

## **Inter School Cultural Fest**

An Inter school Cultural Fest was held on October 14 and 15 2022 to mark the 175th anniversary of the College. Nine schools from the city and outside participated in it. Mr. Puran Dawar, a veteran of the shoe industry, inaugurated the Fest. Dr. Vikas Bansal, alumnus and neurologist was the Chief Guest for the Prize Distribution Ceremony. St. Conrad's Inter college won the overall championship Trophy.

## **Hindi Fest**

The Hindi Club organised 'Bhashotsav' an inter school literary fest on October 17, 2022 in which 23 schools from Agra and outside participated. Mr. Pawan Aagri, poet and writer in Hindi was the Chief Guest. The fest was organised to facilitate students' understanding and love for Hindi, besides providing an enriching and fruitful opportunity for them to learn and appreciate their language and culture.

## **Release of Documentary and Presentation of Postal Cover and Papal Blessing**

The release of a documentary on the history of the College, the presentation of the special Postal Cover, and the parchment of Papal Blessing were held during a simple but solemn ceremony. Dr. Raphy Manjaly, Archbishop of Agra and President of the Governing Body of the College released the documentary and presented the special Postal Cover and the parchment of Papal Blessing to the Principal. Present on the occasion were Dr. Albert D' Souza, Archbishop Emeritus of Agra; Fr. Ignatius Miranda, Manager; Fr. Dennis D' Souza, former Principal; Fr. Shajun, Vice-Principal; Sr. Thereslit, Headmistress; members of Old Boys' Association and teachers, past and present.

## **Children's Day**

The College celebrated Children's Day on November 14, 2022 with great enthusiasm and zeal to commemorate the birth anniversary of the country's first Prime Minister Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru. The celebrations aimed at motivating and grooming children, who are the future of the nation. The teachers and students exhibited their talents by giving lively and rollicking performances.

### **Concluding Ceremony**

The Concluding Ceremony of the 175th Anniversary of the College was spread over three days- November 24, 25 and 26, 2022. The three-day programme began with a Thanks-giving Mass on November 24. His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias concelebrated the Mass with Dr. Raphy Manjaly, Archbishop of Agra and President of the Governing Body of the College; Dr. Albert D' Souza, Archbishop Emeritus and a number of priests including the former Managers, Principals and Vice Principals. The Mass was attended among others by former Headmistresses, teachers, past and present, members of the Management Committee, members of the Old Boys' Association and well-wishers of the College. Cardinal Gracias, in his homily, applauded the College and all associated with it for providing value based education and exhorted them to move forward with renewed fervour and enthusiasm. The Principal of the College, gave an introduction laced with the history of the College, in a nutshell, highlighting the great and commendable work done by those who were at the helm of the College from its inception.

On November 25th and 26th, 2022, a play *Vijay Shree Ki Ore*, based on the history of the College and written by Dr. Neville Smith, alumnus, was staged. A light and sound spectacle, it depicted the history of the College beginning with the arrival of Christian priests at the court of Mughal Emperor Akbar. From there the story moved to the founding of the College and its rapid development to its present stature. The play was directed by Mr. Raghw and his team from Indore. Mr. Amit Bansal provided logistic support.

Cardinal Gracias was the Chief Guest on November 25. Dr. Raphy Manjaly, Archbishop of Agra presided over the function while Dr. Albert D' Souza, Archbishop Emeritus; Mr. Amit Gupta IAS, Divisional Commissioner Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Thykkattil, Bishop of Gwalior; Dr. Mar Thomas Padiyath, Auxiliary Bishop of Shamshabad Diocese were the Guests of Honour.

Major-General Sharad Kapur YSM, SM was the Chief Guest on November 26. The Archbishop Dr. Raphy Manjaly presided over the function while Dr. Albert D' Souza, Archbishop Emeritus and Mr. Navneet Singh Chahal IAS, District Magistrate Agra were the Guests of Honour.

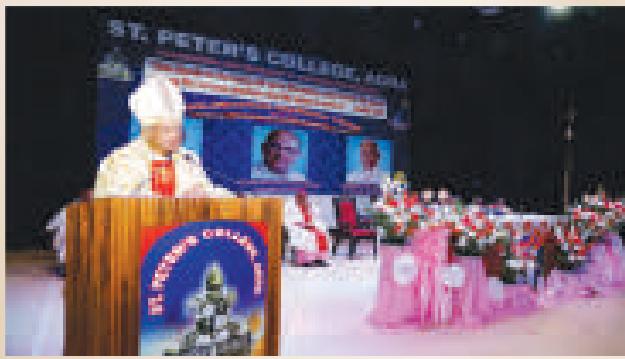
On November 25, former Managers, Principals, Vice-Principals, Headmistresses, and Management Committee members were honoured by the Cardinal. Dr. Neville Smith was specially honoured for his contribution to the College. On November 26, former teachers and serving teachers who had completed 25 years or more in service were honoured by the Archbishop.

The Principal presented a short profile of the College and expressed gratitude to the Founder, Archbishop Borghi, his successors, Rectors, Headmasters, Managers, Principals, Vice-Principals, Headmistresses, and teachers for the sacrifices they made over the years in making the College what it is today.

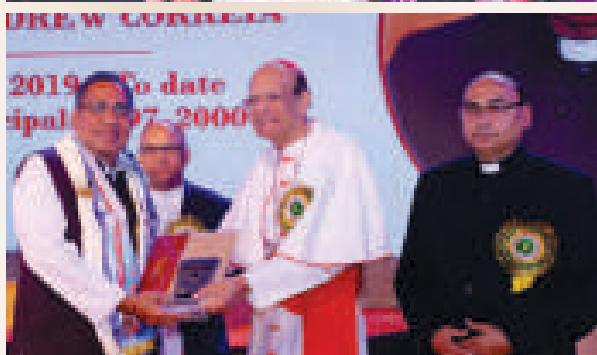
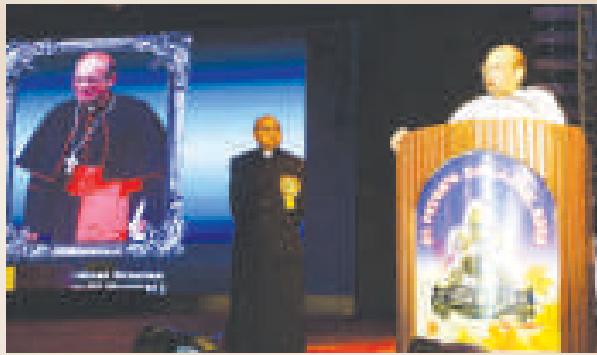
Fr. Shajun S, Vice-Principal, proposed a vote of thanks after which the guests were treated to a grand display of fireworks as a fitting and dazzling finale to the Celebrations, to the thunderous applause of the spectators, who called the show a rare and memorable experience.

# 175th Anniversary Celebrations at a Glance



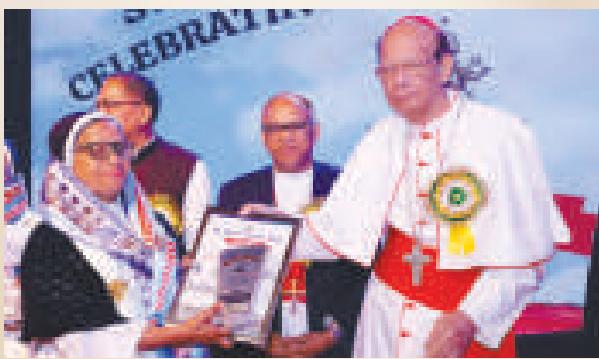






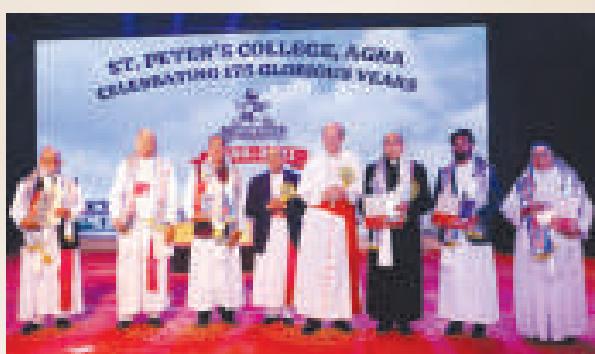
















## *Scenes from the play "Vijayshri Ki Ore"*



# The Present Teaching Staff

S.No.	Name of Teacher	Date of Joining
1.	Mrs. Maria Sarfaraz	26.07.1986
2.	Mrs. Soosy Antony	09.07.1990
3.	Mrs. Geetika Paliwal	09.07.1996
4.	Mrs. Valeri Rashi Lal	29.07.1997
5.	Mr. Sukant Sharma	29.07.1997
6.	Mr. Sunil Mathrani	09.07.1998
7.	Mr. Gyan Prakash Chaurasia	09.07.1998
8.	Dr. Leena Lazer	09.07.1999
9.	Mr. Sandeep Verma	09.07.1999
10.	Mr. Andre Ceiston	06.07.2000
11.	Mrs. Jaya Singh	06.07.2000
12.	Mrs. Akansha Chadda	06.07.2000
13.	Mrs. Sharly P. Singh	14.08.2000
14.	Dr. Manish Magan	06.07.2001
15.	Ms. Priyanka Lal	06.07.2001
16.	Mrs. Lilly Tyagi	01.07.2002
17.	Dr. Leena Vashistha	01.07.2002
18.	Mrs. Ritu Srivastava	01.07.2002
19.	Mrs. Rohina Verma	01.07.2003
20.	Mrs. Renu Clearance	01.07.2003
21.	Mr. Rakshit John	03.07.2003
22.	Mrs. Shobha Rana	01.07.2004
23.	Mr. Anurag Bindal	01.07.2005
24.	Mr. Koshlander Singh Chauhan	01.07.2005
25.	Mr. Megh Singh Yadav	01.07.2007
26.	Mrs. Guljeet Raj Talwar	01.07.2007
27.	Dr. Anubhav Khandelwal	01.07.2007
28.	Mrs. Niyati Agarwal	01.04.2008
29.	Mrs. Jennifer N Singh	01.07.2008
30.	Mrs. Poonam Mathur	01.07.2008
31.	Mrs. Seema Mathur	01.07.2008
32.	Mrs. Monica Arora	01.07.2009
33.	Mrs. Shipra Chaurasia	01.07.2009
34.	Dr. Bulbul K. Singh	01.07.2009
35.	Ms. Khushboo Chauhan	01.07.2009
36.	Mr. Nawal Elahi	02.07.2009

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of Teacher</b>	<b>Date of Joining</b>
37.	Mrs. Meenu Bhandari	10.08.2009
38.	Mrs. Pooja Malhotra	01.07.2010
39.	Mrs. Gunjan Sharma	01.07.2010
40.	Mrs. Jomy Oommen Alex	01.07.2010
41.	Mrs. Shanu Mahajan	11.07.2011
42.	Mrs. Shabistan Hussain	04.04.2011
43.	Mrs. Divya Singh	06.09.2011
44.	Dr. Arti Verma	02.04.2012
45.	Mrs. Anshu Kathuria	02.04.2013
46.	Mrs. Neha Sharma	06.11.2013
47.	Mrs. Almas Dhanani	02.07.2014
48.	Mrs. Anju Madan	02.07.2014
49.	Mrs. Deepa Vishwesh	02.07.2014
50.	Mr. Pramod Kumar Bhandari	01.09.2014
51.	Mr. Selestin Massey	01.07.2015
52.	Ms. Megha Vij	03.09.2015
53.	Mrs. Ritu Jenny Miranda	04.01.2016
54.	Mr. Rahul Sharma	04.07.2016
55.	Mrs. Sophia Vanderwart	04.07.2016
56.	Ms. Sonam Arora	14.10.2016
57.	Ms. Disha Dhupar	02.01.2017
58.	Ms. Anshul Sehgal	02.01.2017
59.	Ms. Sanchita Rawat	03.04.2017
60.	Mrs. Sumita Rai	17.05.2017
61.	Mr. Ashish Sharma	03.07.2017
62.	Ms. Kavya Singh	03.07.2017
63.	Mrs. Malini Chaudhary	02.04.2018
64.	Mrs. Nitika Tewari	02.04.2018
65.	Mr. Shalabh Bhargava	02.04.2018
66.	Mr. Sharad Upadhyay	02.07.2018
67.	Dr. Shilpa Saxena	07.04.2018
68.	Ms. Hardeep Kaur	02.04.2018
69.	Ms. Juhi Bansal	02.04.2018
70.	Ms. Saganpreet Kaur	06.09.2018
71.	Mrs. Jasneet Kaur	01.12.2018
72.	Mrs. Richa Thukral	10.01.2019
73.	Dr. Archana Singh	02.04.2019
74.	Ms. Claudine Alfred	02.04.2019

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of Teacher</b>	<b>Date of Joining</b>
75.	Ms. Neha Agarwal	04.04.2019
76.	Sr. Vandana	01.07.2019
77.	Dr. Amita Tripathi	01.07.2019
78.	Ms. Vaishali Arora	01.07.2019
79.	Mrs. Archana Gautam	02.07.2019
80.	Mrs. Kamiya Robinson Lal	08.07.2019
81.	Mr. Praval Sharma	18.07.2019
82.	Mrs. Sonali Singhal	02.08.2011
83.	Ms. Parul Jain	01.07.2022
84.	Mrs. Elvina Samuel	01.07.2022
85.	Ms. Palak Agarwal	01.07.2022
86.	Mrs. Priyal Chander	05.07.2021
87.	Mrs. Riya Singh	01.07.2022
89.	Ms. Neha Agarwal	05.04.2019
90.	Mrs. Devika Gupta	01.07.2022
91.	Mrs. Yojana Sharma	01.07.2022
92.	Mrs. Nishima Mohan	01.07.2022
93.	Ms. Pooja Sharma	15.07.2020
94.	Ms. Shally Khandelwal	09.07.2020
95.	Ms. Nirat Rajput	01.07.2022
96.	Ms. Vertika Singh	09.07.2020
97.	Mrs. Shalini Agarwal	10.07.2020
98.	Mrs. Garima Gupta	05.07.2021
99.	Mr. Sachin Agarwal	09.07.2020
100.	Sr. Berthila Tuscano	13.07.2019
101.	Mr. Neha Singhal	07.07.2022

## Office Staff

1.	Mr. Y Peter	1972-1996
2.	Mr. A. D. Anthony	1984-1997
3.	Mr. Basukutty Thomas	1997-2014
4.	Mr. R. K. Jain	1975-2014
5.	Mr. Praji Varghese	2016-
6.	Mr. Robin Messey	2016-
7.	Mr. Satendra Kumar	2019-
8.	Mr. Saurabh Singh	2019-

# Accountants

1.	Mr. Chaturbhuj	1889-1890, 92-93
2.	Mr. J D Cruze	1891-1892
3.	Mr. Ali Jan	1904-1906
4.	Mr. M Detta Croix	1910-1913
5.	Mr. W. Lyons	1913-1914
6.	Mr. S P Dixit	1914-1946
7.	Mr. P H Shah	1946-1956
8.	Mr. A Manickraj	1956-1972
9.	Mr. Yakub Peter	1972-1996
10.	Mr. George David	1996-2014
11.	Mr. Vineet Solomon	2014-2016
12.	Mr. John Thomas	2016-

# College Ministerial Staff

1.	Bansi	15.01.1966	22.	Mr. Manoj Anthony	01.07.2002
2.	Mahindra	01.01.1967	23.	Mr. Vincent Louis	01.07.2005
3.	Kanhaiya	01.07.1968	24.	Mrs. Elvira Stanley	01.07.2005
4.	John	01.07.1974	25.	Mr. Santosh	01.07.2006
5.	Sohan Lal	08.07.1975	26.	Mr. Sonu Peter	01.07.2006
6.	Deviram	01.05-1991	27.	Mr. Robin Samuel	01.07.2006
7.	Rajesh	01-07-1992	28.	Mrs. Rosalia William	01.07.2006
8.	Bishambhar	01-07-1992	29.	Mr. Edwin Greenwood	01.07.2006
9.	Henry	01-07-1993	30.	Mr. Naveen Narwar	01.07.2007
10	Sudhir Toppo	01-07-1994	31.	Mr. Alexander Robert	01.07.2007
11.	Mr. Jamal Khan	10.06.1982			
12.	Mr. Peter Gajender	10.09.1986			
13.	Mr. John Pattan	01.07.1992			
14.	Mr. Lawrence Lakra	01.06.1994			
15.	Mr. Narain	01.06.1996			
16.	Mr. Baldev Massey	01.08.1998			
17.	Mr. Omi	01.08.1998			
18.	Mr. Lochan Singh	01.08.1998			
19.	Mr. Manoj Kumar	17.07.2000			
20.	Mrs. Jayanti Kujur	01.07.2002			
21.	Mr. Sumiran Minj	01.07.2002			

# COLLEGE STAFF (SENIOR SECTION)



*Left to Right*

**Sitting:** Mrs. Geetika Paliwal, Mrs. Soosy Antony, Mrs. Maureen Miranda, Sr. Thereslit (Headmistress), Fr. Andrew Correia (Principal), Fr. Shajun S. (Vice-Principal), Dr. Antony A.P., Mr. Sandeep Verma, Mr. Andre Ceiston

**Standing first row:** Mrs. Lilly Tyagi, Mrs. Malini Chaudhry, Dr. Shilpa Saxena, Mrs. Shantu Mahajan, Ms. Sonam Arora, Mrs. Jennifer N. Singh, Mrs. Niyati Agarwal, Mrs. Ritu Srivastava, Mrs. Pooja Malhotra, Mrs. Sharly P. Singh, Mrs. Anshu Kathuria, Dr. Arti Verma.

**Standing second row:** Mr. Koshlender Singh Chauhan, Mr. Rakshit John, Mrs. Shobha Rana, Mrs. Shabistan Hussain, Dr. Leena Lazer, Dr. Bulbul K Singh, Mrs. Monica Arora, Mr. Shalabh Bhargava, Mr. Anurag Bindal.

**Standing third row:** Mr. Ashish Sharma, Mr. Pramod Bhandari, Mr. Rahul Sharma, Dr. Manish Magan, Dr. Anubhav Khandelwal, Mr. Sukant Sharma, Mr. Praval Sharma.

# COLLEGE STAFF (JUNIOR SECTION)



## *Left to Right*

**Sitting:** Mrs. Priyanka Lal, Mrs. Velerie R. Lal, Sr. Thereslit (Headmistress), Fr. Andrew Correia (Principal), Fr. Shajun S. (Vice-Principal), Sr. Berthila Tuscano, Mr. Sunil Mathrani.

**Standing first row:** Mrs. Garima Gupta, Ms. Vertika Singh, Mrs. Sanchita Rawat, Dr. Archana Singh, Mrs. Monica Arora, Mrs. Rohina Verma, Mrs. Sophia Prajji Varghese, Dr. Amita Tripathi, Mrs. Jomy Alex, Mrs. Nitika Tewari.

**Standing second row:** Mr. Nawal Elahi, Mr. Sachin Agarwal, Mr. Selestin Massey, Mr. Ashish Sharma, Mrs. Kamiya R. Lal, Ms. Kavya Singh, Mrs. Shalini Agarwal, Mrs. Khushboo Chauhan and Mrs. Claudine Alfred.

# COLLEGE STAFF (PRIMARY SECTION)



## *Left to Right*

**Sitting:** Mrs. Guljeet Raj, Dr. Ms. Leena Vashishtha, Mrs. Maria Sarfaraz, Sr. Vandana, Rev. Sr. Theresit (Headmistress), Rev. Fr. Andrew Correia (Principal), Rev. Fr. Shajun (Vice Principal), Mrs. Akansha Chadha, Mrs. Jaya Singh, Mrs. Renu Clarence.

**Standing first row:** Mrs. Sumita Rai, Ms. Neha Singh, Mrs. Shipra Chaurasia, Mrs. Disha Dhupar, Mrs. Nirat Rajput, Mrs. Yojna Sharma, Mrs. Deepa Vishwesh, Mrs. Poonam Mathur, Mrs. Archana Gautam, Mrs. Elvina Samuel, Ms. Shally Khandelwal, Ms. Neha Agarwal, Mrs. Richa Thukral.

**Standing second row:** Mrs. Gunjuni Sharma, Mrs. Sonali Singhal, Mrs. Priyal Chander, Mrs. Rachel Varghese, Mrs. Anshul Sehgal, Ms. Jyoti Motwani, Mrs. Megha Vij, Mrs. Anju Madan, Ms. Juhi Bansal, Mrs. Shakshi C. Panjratn, Mrs. Hardeep Kaur, Mrs. Neha Sharma.

**Standing third row:** Mr. Updesh Bhadauria, Mrs. Seema Mathur, Mrs. Devika Gupta, Ms. Sagan Preet Kaur, Mrs. Riya Singh, Mrs. Palak Agarwal, Mrs. Nishima Mohan, Ms. Vaishali Arora, Mrs. Divya Singh, Mrs. Ritu J. Miranda, Mr. Sharad Upadhyay.

## OFFICE STAFF



*Left to Right*  
**Sitting:**

Sr. Thereslit (Headmistress), Fr. Andrew Correia (Principal), Fr. Shaijun S. (Vice-Principal)

**Standing:**

Mr. Satendra Kumar, Mr. Robin Clement Massey, Mr. Saurabh Singh, Mr. John Thomas, Mr. Praji Varghese.

# MINISTERIAL STAFF



**Left to Right**  
**Sitting:**

Sr. Theresit (Headmistress), Fr. Andrew Correia (Principal), Fr. Shajun S. (Vice-Principal)

**Standing First row:**

Mrs. Saroj Toppo, Mr. Sushil, Mr. Vincent Louis, Mr. Santosh, Mr. John Puttan, Mr. Rakesh William, Mr. Gajendra Singh, Mrs. Sumerin Minj

**Standing Second row:**

Mrs. Rosalia William, Mrs. Elvira Stanley, Mr. Baldev Massey, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Lochan Singh, Mr. Leo Dan, Mr. Omi, Mr. Robin Samuel, Mrs. Maria Gabriel.

**Standing Third row:**

Mr. Manoj Kumar, Mr. Manoj Anthony, Mr. Mohd Ashu, Mr. Edwin Greenwood, Mr. Sonu Peter, Mr. Alexander Robert, Mr. Lawrence Lakra, Mr. Irfan.

## Class I A



*(Left to Right)*

**On Floor :** Arhat Vajra, Abdullah Wasim, Atharv Singh, Vishwesh Pathak, Mohammad Uzair, Dhairy Sacdeva, Shaariq Alam, Rubal Mudgal, Granth Jain, Arham Ahmed, Reyansh Srivastava, Guruvansh Singh Bedi

**Sitting :** Neev Bansal, Samyak Jain, Krishnav Agarwal, Aarush Singhal, Anay Gautam, Avyansh Yadav, Adhyyan Shivhare, **Ms. Sonali Singhal (Class Teacher)**, Charvik Minocha, Yashasavi Singh, Jay Vardhan Sharma, Lavyansh Jain, Nikunj Swarup, Viraaj Singh, Arnav Saraswat

**Standing First Row:** Arhaan Hussain, Aarav Varshney, Vidush Mohan Agarwal, Mohammad Taha, Raghav Khandelwal, Arthavit Bhatnagar, Yakshit Shivhare, Abhyudaya Singh, Samarth Yadav, Nitigya Sharma, Kushagra Verma, Darsh Gupta, Yakshit Shivhare, Amit Kumar Yadav, Sushant Gupta, Devansh Dwivedi

**Standing Second Row:** Riyansh Agarwal, Amay Singh, Amogh Jaiswal, Aadi Dev Singh Rathore, Akshat Garg, Darsh Agarwal, Shubh Agarwal, Avik Agarwal, Suryansh Singh Bhagor, Musaab Hussain, Tabish Hussain

## Class I B



*(Left to Right)*

**On Floor :** Prayank Arora, Reyaansh Mithas, Aarav Tiwari, Ojas Agarwal, Aarav Chaturvedi, Joy Batra, Arnav Singh, Ayan Singhal, Aradhay Lawania, Praney Panjratian, Nityam Sharma, Yugdeep Kataria

**Sitting :** Maanas Maheshwari, Aaryansh Chaudhary, Siddhik Gautam, Nihal Singh, Navyansh Gupta, Rudhransh Bansal, Reyansh Saluja, **Mrs. Disha Kohli ( Class Teacher )**, Devansh Dixit, Achintya, Anant Srivastava, Ahaar Srivastava, Aron Benjamin, Kuwar Meghansh, Jashn Sachdeva

**Standing First Row:** Divyansh Gupta, Udbhav Agarwal, Adithya Pratap Singh, Aarav Sharma, Jazz Rathore, Sanvrit Kulshrestha, Shivansh Maheshwari, Almas Ahmed, Suyash Yadav, Divyam Agrawal, Harshil Kumar Teckchandani, Deep Singh, Anand Yadav, Adhish Gupta, Riyansh Chaubey, Avik Kapoor

**Standing Second Row:** Vedant Singh, Arnav Singh Dhakad, Vihaan Dhawan, Uday Malhotra, Atiksh Pratap Singh, Naksh Budhiraja, Madhav Krishan Kaushik, Arush Mittal, Yuvraj Sharma, Sanav Verma, Lakshit Raj, Vivaan Sharma

## Class I C



(Left to Right)

**On Floor :** Madhav Agarwal, Annat Bansal, Reyansh Agarwal, Madahav Goyal, Virat Chauhan, Arpit Pratap Khandiya, Nilaksh, Ayansh Dhakrey, Aabaan Khan, Dhruv Kapil

**Sitting :** Tejas Chhabra, Akshit Pratap Khandiya, Varchasv Gupta, Arnav Diwan, Geetansh Anand, Aditya Jain, Maksharth Sharma,

**Mrs. Hardeep Kaur ( Class Teacher ),** Aadhan Sharma, Kushagra Pratap Singh, Adhyatm Sharma, Achaitya K. Gautam, Parth Mittal, Yusuf Ahmed, Daniyal Shamsi

**Standing First Row:** Arslan Washim, Nipun Vadhwani, Anav Agarwal, Vedant Kothe, Atiksh Agarwal, Avinash Kumar, Lavansh Verma, Jihansh Kalra, Aarav Pachauri, Granth Gupta, Ayansh Agarwal, Romit Jain, Kartik Khetan, Nandish Dubey, Aquib Hasan Khan, Adhvik Raj Rawat

**Standing Second Row:** Shaurya Singh Thakur, Shresth Bansal, Dhairya Manwani, Parth Solanki, Agniv Agarwal, Stavya Saxena, Reyansh Agarwal, Shreyansh Singh, Darsh Agarwal, Shivay Tiwari, Aayushman Pathak, Lakshya, Arnav Tiwari

## Class I D



(Left to Right)

**On Floor :** Mohd. Mauz, Arimerdhan Singh, Shrestha Anand, Shivansh Agarwal, Pragyan Upadhyay, Shivay Yadav, Rudranch Asthana, Arush Nittal, Eddy Pippal, Advait Singh Yadav, Prabhav Goyal, Adya Garg

**Sitting :** Ridansh Gupta, Suyash Agarwal, Arv Gupta, Divyak, Kartikey Mahajan, Agrim Kaur, Vihaan Rajawat, **Mrs. Sakshi Chopra Panjratian ( Class Teacher ),** Harshill Jain, Atharv Saxena, Luvyansh Tyagi, Advik Chahar, Aarav Rawat, Rudra Vashishtha, Anirudh Agarwal

**Standing First Row:** Ayansh Agarwal, Ayansh Agarwal, Vardhan Ramchandani, Mohammed Nabeel, Shaurya Vardhan, Henish Premchandani, Yuvraj Singh, Virat Asthana, Adhrith Yug Athwaria, Abeer Gupta, Manan Aneja, Vasu Pachauri, Dev Sharma, Manan Gyamlani, Mohd. Faiz, Aarav Mittal

**Standing Second Row:** Abu Baker, Vansh Goswami, Pragyan Agarwal, Akul Srivastava, Vinayak Verma, Fazil Farhan, Ayush Singh, Yuvraj Dev Parihar, Aradhya, Ayushman Yadav, Jiansh Maheshwari, Kalp Jain

## Class I E



(Left to Right)

**On Floor :** Rudraksh Singh, Vivan Agarwal, Fawad Farhan, Siraj Maheshwari, Taksh Solanki, Aanjanya Gupta, Shivansh Kaul, Rohin Gupta, Riyansh Misra, Mohd. Umar, Mohd. Amir, Reeth Agarwal

**Sitting :** Shiv Dubey, Shaurya Singh, Madhav Gautam, Aanav Gautam, Aarav Singh, Adhiraj Sharma, Advay Pratap Singh, **Mrs. Elvina G. Samuel (Class Teacher)**, Mohd. Khizar, Sahaj Agarwal, Arinjay Sharma, Ayaansh Paliwal, Ayush Sikarwar, Alakh Gupta, Daksh Singh

**Standing First Row :** Aarav Gupta, Aarav Bhardwaj, Anvay Fauzdar, Ammar Mustafa, Abhay Singh, Advik Yadav, Akarsh Gupta, Atharv Bhardwaj, Ayan Atri, Bhavishya Singh, Devesh Lakhwani, Erick Pippal, Kahaan Jain, Jai Kumar Bhojwani, Daniyal Shariq

**Standing Second Row :** Vivaan Jaggia, Vedant Agarwal, Sijjans Jain, Saksham Jindal, Keerat Abrol, Kapish Gupta, Mohd. Aris Shamsi, Garvit Gupta, Ashutosh Agarwal, Vyom Agarwal, Vinamra Pandey, Samyak, Vedansh Jain

## Class I F



(Left to Right)

**On Floor :** Kautilya Singh, Rishabh Kumar, Abdul Ahad Shamshi, Vishisht Kaushik, Arsh Garg, Mohit Pratap Singh, Neev Upadhyay, Syed Hamza Ali Hashmi, Raghav Gupta, Ryan Kharbanda, Addhiyansh Chaudhary, Garv Agarwal

**Sitting :** Ansh Bhanti, Devansya Chansolia, Kridhya Solanki, Vivansh Verma, Emad Ahmed Khan, Ali Ahmed Khan, Agrim Singh, **Mrs. Palak Agarwal ( Class Teacher )**, Vyom Maheshwari, Samarth Goswami, Adit Sanga, Mohd. Huzayl, Aayansh Goyal, Lakshya Khandelwal, Chaitanya Sharma

**Standing First Row :** Adhiraj Singh, Utkarsh Goyal, Aditya Khandelwal, Ahmed Hassaan Shamsi, Kush Agarwal, Chaitanya Singh, Giyaansh Krishn Gupta, Nakshatra Kukreja, Shivansh Gautam, Samarth Gaur, Dakshat Bhirgu, Mohd. Umar Shamsi, Jainam Jain, Veer Vardaan Varshney, Raunit David

**Standing Second Row :** Yuvraj Pandey, Archit Gupta, Atharv Agarwal, Hammad Danish, Atharv Gupta, Ayan Hussain, Viraaj Gupta, Aayansh Mittal, Aarav Singh, Tanishq Daksh, Aarav Jain, Rudra Dulani, Shubh Tyagi

## Class II A



(Left to Right)

**On Floor :** Bhumit Singh, Avidan Joshua Masih, Kanishk Jain, Parv Singhal, Reyansh Agarwal, Akshit, Kiyaan Garg

**Sitting :** Samaksh Taneja, Aarav Kunal Shakya, Chaitanya Agarwal, Anubhav Mathur, Umar Usman, Yash Yadav, Shaurya Chauhan, Pranav Agarwal, **Mrs. Anshul Dhingra ( Class Teacher ),** Pranav Bansal, Darsh Garg, Chirag Sharma, Mohd. Zayan Quraishi, Anmol Singh, Syed Abu Bakr Hashmi, Shivansh Sharma

**Standing First Row:** Prakul Gupta, Samyak Jain, Kaustubh Kateja, Dasham Singh Setia, Shivansh Diwakar, Arnav Subhash Chandra, Yuvraj Singh, Jai Chaudhary, Muhammad Saad, Yatharth Parajpati, Vivaan Shah, Siddharth Jarari, Yashdeep, Aarnav Xavi, Shreyansh Pratap Singh

**Standing Second Row:** Atharva Gupta, Pranav Singh, Shivay Sharma, Isa Aakil, Trijal Sisodia, Sarthak Singh, Aaditya Agarwal, Adhiraj Agarwal, Advik Jain, Dishav Goswami, Ansh Agarwal, Rudra Sisodia, Lavish Yadav, Varnit Sharma

## Class II B



(Left to Right)

**On Floor :** Gauransh Jain, Mayank Anand, Adhyayan Singh, Ashish Agarwal, Mohd. Ali Shamsi, Adhiraj Singh Tomar, Jacob James, Prarabdhan Lavania

**Sitting :** Mohd. Asad, Aahil Furqan, Aahil Sameer, Abhi Agarwal, Vansh Saxena, Kartik Jain, Veer Chhabra, **Ms. Priyal Chander ( Class Teacher ),** Kumar Aaryav, Harsh Pratap Singh, Muddat Srivastava, Garvit Goyal, Aditya Singh, Akshat Gupta, Anuj Kumar Sharma

**Standing First Row:** Shivam Kohli, Jashwik Prakash, Drish Yadav, Kartikey Verma, Utkarsh Nagar, Mohd. Arhab, Prayag Pratap, Pranshu Upadhyay, Shaurya Jain, Shaurya Agarwal, Hridyansh Agarwal, Daksh Kumar Verma, Pranav Singh, Ayaan Jain

**Standing Second Row:** Avyukt Agarwal, Parth Sharma, Varun Jordan Silas, Siddhant Lashkari, Arnav Gupta, Anugrah Kashyap, Lakshya Jain, Darsh Goyal, Arnav Kushwah, Yuvaan Singh, Parth Shukla, Ujjwal Yadav, Rivan Kundra, Krishna Yadav

## Class II C



(Left to Right)

**On Floor :** Devam Vaswani, Shritosh Dubey, Jitansh Khanagwal, Manas Harjani, Kushagra Bansal, Vansh Rochwani, Aaban Ahmed, Arnav Chauhan

**Sitting :** Yuvraj Tiwari, Dhairy Sharma, Hemant Soni, Aarat Kohli, Hardik Bhatia, Aditya Agarwal, Vihaan Agarwal, **Mrs. Sumita Rai ( Class Teacher )**, Siddham Jain, Shashwat Shanker, Atharv Dubey, Amav Gupta, Krishnam Goyal, Rodrick Rapheal, Mohd. Shahruh

**Standing First Row:** Arpit Gupta, Vedit Mittal, Shaurya Parmer, Adiv Goyal, Razaan Malik, Lakshya Sharma, Ayansh Gupta, Aarav Gupta, Arham Jibran, Pratham Vaswani, Vaibhav Misra, Mohd. Arham, Dev Jain, Kavish Gargh, Nakshat Jain, Hamdan, Daksh Chaudhary

**Standing Second Row:** Raghav Goyal, Ayaan Rawat, Adhiraj Rajput, Viraj Rana, Hitarth Thukral, Pratyush Singh, Mohd. Yunus, Sparsh Goyal, Akshat Patel, Tanishq Singh, Devansh Asija, Ameer Hamza, Prayan Agarwal, Dev Chaudhary, Garvit Dixit

## Class II D



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Vivan Gupta, Ibrahim Khan, Hitansh Bhawnani, Aryansh Tomar, Lakshya Kashyap, Navaidhya Sen, Steven Nelson Singh, **Mrs. Riya Singh ( Class Teacher )**, Maulik Verma, Rayan Ali Shivansh Tripathi, Moksh Sharma, Mohd. Arish Khan, Pranab Pachauri, Daksh Kain

**Standing First Row:** Arnav Gupta, Dibang Shekhar, Ripun Singh, Aryan Chauhan, Arnav Singh, Atharv Gupta-I, Neelanjan Parihar, Samarth Pathak, Rajvardhan Rajput, Nihil Khandelwal, Reyansh Pathak, Adrian Vishwas, Aarnav Chaudhary

**Standing Second Row:** Vlvaan Saxena, Akhneet Verma, Siddharth Dev Maurya, Atharv Agarwal, Sanchit Agarwal, Ayushmaan Mittal, Darsh Agarwal, Parth Verma, Hems Kushwah, Dipanshu Mittal, Aadvik Agarwal, Kanav Bhardwaj, Kushagra Goyal, Khushal Pathak, Viyan Changlani

**Standing Third Row:** Swastik Kapoor, Vatsal Gupta, Ojas Gupta, Arshit Sharma, Kartik Agarwal, Dhruv Raj, Atharv Gupta, Eshaan Agarwal, Vivan Singh, Darsh Sikarwar, Aarav Sharma

## Class II E



(Left to Right)

**On Floor :** Yatharth Sharma, Yuwang Singh, Ekansh Garg, Viyom Garg, Vivan Tyagi, Rishit Dewan, Abhiraj Sisodia, Vaidik Kaushik

**Sitting :** Vihaan Gidwani, Vedansh Garg, Toyash Singh, Suryansh Yadav, Syed Azaan Hashmi, Rudransh Gupta, Parth Vatyani, **Ms. Neha Singh ( Class Teacher )**, Mihaan Kaushal, Agrim Saxena, Moksh Katiyar, Nityant Sharma, Parth Singh, Advit Chaudhary, Ishna Gautam

**Standing First Row:** Shivesh Mittal, Divyom Bharadwaj, Aadish Gupta, Alvin John, Arnav Agarwal, Abhyuday Bansal, Ashvmani Rai Kapoor, Hardik, Atharva Gupta, Kartik Khandelwal, Lakshay Dhangar, Hriday Kalra, Gauransh Sikarwar, Ranveer Jain, Chaitanya Jain, Daksh Sharma

**Standing Second Row:** Ashad Saifi, Arpan Jain, Akshat Gupta, Ayaan Bansal, Lovish Agarwal, Devansh Karamchandani, Manavaditya Singh Yadav, Mayur Anandani, Parth Agarwal, Reyansh Konar, Shreyansh Singh, Rajdeep Suman, Avyukut Narain Gupta, Syed Musa Javvad, Satvik Gupta

## Class II F



(Left to Right)

**On Floor :** Arnav Gupta, Rohan Prakash, Modvick, Raunak Baghel, Samanyu Singh, Aarav Saraswat, Yuvraj S. Sikarwar, Abhishek K. Gautam, Hardit Narayan, Aditya Dhakad

**Sitting :** Manit Singh, Yugandhar Sethiya, Taksh Arora, Darsh Garg, Nivaan Mittal, Aksh Lamba, Akshat Rawat, **Ms. Devika Gupta ( Class Teacher )**, Shaurya Yadav, Shreyas Chaudhary, Kiana Kushwah, Jared Johnson, Keshav A. Maini, Shaurya Dubey, Voraansh Sharma

**Standing First Row:** Aarav Gupta, Dhruv Sharma, Mohd. Izaan Shamsi, Anant Singhal, Prakrit Jain, Shivyansh Agarwal, Adhwik Jain, Himaksh Kherwar, Moses Lobo, Yajas Paraswani, Mohd. Umar Shaikh, Manas Alani, Aaditya Gupta, Uddansh, Vivaan Sethi,

**Standing Second Row:** Taksh Goyal, Subhan Hussain, Devesh Lalwani, Kevin Cornelious, Eavan Singh, Parv Garg, Prakhar Dhangar, Samaksh Nauhwar, Darsh Chaudhary, Ayaansh Goyal, Atiksh Gupta, Atharv Bansal

## Class III A



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Viraj Dixit, Utkarsh Tomar, Divyansh Sharma, Amol Azad, Chinmay Jain, Vedaarya Singh Yadav, Vaibhav Pandita, **Mrs. Megha Vij (Class Teacher)**, Zidaan Ahmed, Utkarsh Dhangar, Raunak Gajwani, Shorya Jethani, Abdullah, Arav Khan, Adivik Bansal.

**Standing First Row :** Saarthak Yadav, Abhisar Singh, Tejas Jain, Aarav Gupta, Sarthak Verma, Astitwa Nagaich, Kavin Sharma, Harsh Goyal, Hardik Upadhyay, Samarth Gupta, Adwit Gupta, Raghav Bansal, Darsh Khandelwal, Arnav Singh

**Standing Second Row:** Vansh Bhatia, Reyansh Jain, Abeer Arora, Advik Sharma, Aradhya Gupta, Sarthak Gupta, Mohammad Izhan, Lakshaya Singhal, Harshit Rathore, Parth Parmar, Pranjal Gautam, Aryaman Khandelwal, Arnav Singh Indolia, Arnav Sharma, Divyansh Yadav, Vivek Pratap Singh

**Standing Third Row:** Satwik Chaudhary, Devansh Mahajan, Syed Abdullah Ahmad Hashmi, Akshat Tiwari, Atharv Goyal, Bhavya Ghai, Aariketh Sharma, Utkarsh Chaturvedi, Aditya Chaudhary, Ayushman Sikarwar, Shubh Jain

## Class III B



(Left to Right)

**On Floor :** Dev Sharma, Satvik Gupta, Vedansh Gupta, Terence Singh, Divyraj Patni, Devansh Priyadarshi, Hridyansh Gupta, Aarav Singh Brar

**Sitting :** Samarth Singhal, Stavya Bansal, Ibrahim Uddin, Vyom Sikanvar, Arvik Gupta, Dhanush Maheshwari, Aarush Agarwal, **Sr. Vandana ( Class Teacher )**, Adhinav Verma, Arnav Agarwal, Sarthak Sharma, Anany Singh, Salaj Tripathi, Shivansh Gupta, Amogh Bhardwaj

**Standing First Row:** Yaksh Jain, Mohammed Rushan, Neil Viljay, Himansh Basrani, Divish Magan, Neved Garg, Sanskar Singh, Mohammed Farris, Rudra Dev Gupta, Avidaan Upadhyay, Mohammed Azan Huzzain, Shivam Kukreja, Hridaan Sharma, Dhanvin Singh, Viraaj Singh, Priyank Pawar

**Standing Second Row:** Affan Mohammed, Samarth Dhakar, Harsh vardhan Singh, Abhiraj Kemka, Siddharth Gautam, Virat Singh, Daksh Gupta, Adhiraj Singh, Garvit Bindal, Shaurya Agarwal, Shriyansh Agarwal, Kartik Goyal, Vihan Garg, Akshit Gupa

## Class III C



(Left to Right)

**On Floor :** Mohd. Ali, Vivaan Agarwal, Bhavya Rohira, Aarav Bansal, Anirudh Jindal, Aadarsh Kumar, Atharva Pratap Mishra, Sukhpreet Singh Khanuja

**Sitting :** Anay Garg, Aryan Gupa, Yashasvi, Viraj Das, Joy Frank, Rudra Pratap Singh, Navsheesh Singh Kapoor, **Mrs. Jaya Singh ( Class Teacher ),** Darsh Maheshwari, Avichal Ghunawat, Kiyaan Agarwal, Aarav Garg, Arsh Khan, Adhrit Singh, Aarav Gupta

**Standing First Row:** Garv Bhandari, Manak Mittal, Parth Sharma, Milan Mittal, Shreyansh Bindal, Atharva Khanenna, Akshat Agarwal, Ayushman Gupta, Jagrat Sharma, Darsh Naraain Singh, Eshan Parashar, Pratham Yadav, Mridul Kumar, Mohd. Abish Qureshi, Vivan Goyal, Vivaan Dixit

**Standing Second Row:** Saransh Mahajan, Hriday Ahuja, Ansh Gera, Hammad Hussain, Ibrahim Shah, Priyanshu Rajvansh, Mahir Batra, Ayush Kumar, Mannan Pathak, Maanvesh Neeraj, Manas Singh Dhakar, Dev Agarwal, Devesh Marwah, Abhyudaya Parikh, Vihaan Valija

## Class III D



(Left to Right)

**On Floor :** Anay Goyal, Samar Bansal, Jay Mittal, Shlok Gupta, Aditya Mittal, Mohd. Abaan, Darsh Avasthi, Nabh Agarwal

**Sitting :** Joseph Wellington, Aryan Verma, Sarthak Srithik, Samridh Goyal, Veraaj Kalra, Madhav Yadav, Yuvansh Dikshit, **Miss. Jyoti Motwani ( Class Teacher ),** Arush Gupta, Navyansh Agarwal, Raghav Baslas, Ramdavit Sharma, Sankalp Jain, Mustafa Saeed, Anmol Gupta

**Standing First Row:** Samrath Sharma, Stotra Jain, Shlok Srivastava, Riddhiman Rajora, Divyang, Daksh Jadaun, Ayansh Agarwal, Abhinav Raj, Aren Joseph, Abhinav Gangmei, Samanyu Agarwal, Mayank Kushwah, Kartik Agarwal, Hunain Rashid, Hrithvik Hansrajani

**Standing Second Row:** Rudra, Aaban Ali, Ridhimaan Verma, Akshit Agarwal, Manas Ghai, Ahmad Wasim, Sarthak Pahilajani, Aarav Shah, Samrat Singh Yadav, Agrim, Ishan Verma, Samrat Chauhan, Sanidhya Singh, Vikalp Mahajan

## Class III E



(Left to Right)

**On Floor :** Satvik Sharma, Ibrahim Syeed, Aduvik Sharma, Mohd. Shayaan Khan, Muhammad Izaan, Gauresh Gandhi, Anmol Bharti, Rudra B. Rajoria

**Sitting :** Zuhai Ahmed, Pravag Goyal, Reyansh Goyal, Yashank Rajput, Abhinav Yadav, Mohd. Yahya, Divya Bansal, **Mrs. Juhi Bansal ( Class Teacher )**, Akshat Verma, Arnav Mittal, Abhimanyu Singh, Tanush Dayalani, Naman Yadav, Ayaan Tiwari, Namish Gaur

**Standing First Row:** Atharva Upadhyay, Samarth Nagar, Aaron Singh, Tejas Singh, Aditya Chaudhary, Maadhav Agarwal, Daksh Yadav, Anmol Gupta, Ojas Srivastav, Akarsh Gupta, Darsh Bansal, Rudransh Rajput, Vihaan Shakya, Kunal Singh, Ayushman Singh, Swastik Dwivedi

**Standing Second Row:** Parth Sarthi Sarin, Vishal H. Singh, Anay Shivhare, Mohd. Arkan Imran, Medhansh Rathor, Vihaan Chaudhary, Anant Gupta, Medhansh Mangnani, Aarav Gupta, Aayan R. Parashar, Khush Sabhani, Jatin Sukhwani, Jas Arora, Mehar P Singh, Aradhay Garg

## Class III F



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Vedansh Singh, Abhinav Sharma, Mohd. Abdullah, Agrim Agarwal, Kush Gautam, Viaan Saxena, Aditya Agarwal, **Ms. Jasneet Kaur Pasricha ( Class Teacher )**, Akshar Kapoor, Harsh Bhatia, Mohd. Alyan, Atharv Gupta, Vansh Kirat Singh Nanda, Sachkirat Singh Khurana, Kush Garg

**Standing First Row :** Ayansh Vikram Singh, Lohitaksh Kapoor, Mohd. Sahil, Anuraj Vishwakarma, Tejash Pathak, Parth Lalwani, Ojas Dubey, Rudransh Mathur, Arnav Jain, Shreyas Khandelwal, Harshul Narayan, Arinjay Tiwari, Mohd. Anas, Vihan Bansal

**Standing Second Row:** Amogh Prasad, Mohd. Afzal Khan, Jayant Baghel, Harshit Rakheja, Prakhar Sharma, Aarav Vindal, Kartikeya Singh, Adhyayan Gupta, Anant Mishra, Mohd. Azan, Aarav Agarwal, Vedant Singh, Sumanya Sunil Yadav, Shaarav Sharma, Rihan Baghel

**Standing Third Row:** Ayushmaan Singh, Mohd. Faish, Babandeep Singh, Atharv Jain, Avyan Agarwal, Reyansh Jain, Shaurish Singh Jain, Agrim Singhal, Rishabh Khrirwar

## Class IV A



*(Left to Right)*

**Sitting :** Priyansh Jain, Samrath Jain, Aarav, Shivaay Kathuria, Namish Agarwal, Hardik Mediratta, Kunal Chawla, **Mrs. Divya Singh (Class Teacher)**, Viraj Sengar, Ojas Agarwal, Kushagra Jain, Parth Garg, Dvit Makhija, Mohd. Kabeer, Arush Agarwal

**Standing First Row :** Karan Verma, Shaurya Mohwar, Darsh Bansal, Aarav Rajput, Prabhas Gupta, Arham Jain, Akshat Saxena, Aanidhya Mishra, Arnav Pathak, Madhav Sharma, Shorya M. Soni, Vudit Garg, Yuvaan Pathak, Ekansh Gupta, Shivansh Sethi, Raghav Agarwal

**Standing Second Row:** Atharv Agarwal, Shivansh Singh, Prateek Gautam, Izaan Ali Khan, Vansh Shrivastava, Siddharth Priyadarshi, Vedant Jain, Ishan Kumar, Krishiv Agarwal, Shubh Agarwal, Ashutosh Makhija, Anugrah Bhatnagar, Arnav Gupta, Shreyansh Jain, Shubh Yaduvanshi

**Standing Third Row:** Koutilya Gupta, Aryan Bhambri, Aarav Jain, Parth Pandey, Shorya Singh, Manjyot Singh, Abhiraj Sharma, Aarav Singhal, Aarav Khandelwal, Vudit Kumar, Chitraksh Jain, Shreyash Soni, Adhiraj Vinod Gupta, Aditya Goyal

## Class IV B



*(Left to Right)*

**Sitting :** Vihaan Surana, Yah-Yah Hussain, Aarav Doneria, Aarav Sharma, Vanshaj Agarwal, Itesh Singhal, Vansh Gupta, **Ms. Nishima Mohan (Class Teacher)**, Anirudh Sharma, Shaurya Paliwal, Adhiraj Kathpal, Aditya Sharma, Samyak Jain, Kavish Lalwani, Abdul Arham Shamsi

**Standing First Row :** Vashu Jain, Anant Bansal, Niken Samuel, Kartavya Khanna, Bhavishya Arela, Keshav Garg, Tanay Goyal, Yatharth Raj Kaushik, Om Anuragi, Rohnish Middha, Harshvardhan Parashar, Mohib Ali, Sankulp Jain, Aradhya Rawat

**Standing Second Row:** Rishabh Gangwar, Shashwat Agarwal, Aradhy Arora, Luv Sharma, Raghav Goyal, Laxsh Singh, Ronit Manwani, Amogh Agarwal, Amosh Massy, Aarav Agarwal, Anmol Pandey, Anant Jain, Devansh Kumar Yadav, Laksh Verma, Pallav Bansal

**Standing Third Row:** Kaushal Kumar Bhagia, Atharva Agarwal, Advay Singh, Aarav Jain, Aarush Kumar Raghav, Rudra Sharma, Arnav Singh, Trinabh Bharadwaj, Alokik Agarwal, Lakshya Sharma, Manan Sonker, Parth Gautam

## Class IV C



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Yug Sharma, Raghav Goyal, Dhairy Chauhan, Akshaj Agarwal, Arnav Singh, Arnav K. Singh, Tejas Bhargava, **Mrs. Poonam Mathur (Class Teacher),** Bhavishya Ramtri, Krish Hindwani, Divyansh Jain, Aarav Dixit, Shrehan Sahani, Om, Sahaj Singh Rathore

**Standing First Row :** Daksh Gaur, Vinayak Pathak, Prince Verma, Shoib Shakir, Aarush Khaitan, Parth Sharma, Aaditya Singh, Aarav Bansal, Atharv Paliwal, Mohd. Rayyan, Ansh Yadav, Luvyansh Gupta, Kuwar Vivaan Singh, Atharv Goyal

**Standing Second Row:** Akshat Raj Shrivastava, Mohd. Asif, Aarav Jain, Parv Thapar, Yogit Malhotra, Anshaj Goyal, Vansh P. Jasawat, Jaison Clement, Akshaj Goyal, Yogya Agarwal, Abdul Rehman, Abaan Shamsi, Jaynandan Parashar, Kratik Mittal

**Standing Third Row:** Manansh Jain, Shaurya Mittal, Priyansh Bansal, Divydehi Dixit, Nikhil Pratap Singh, Priyansh Gupta, Prabal Chaudhary, Yaksh Mittal, Vansh Sharma, Arjun Tiwari, Aadya Tomar, Ansh Goyal, Arjun Pratap Singh

## Class IV D



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Vivek Shree, Parv Porwal, Abhyuday Gupta, Mohd. Shayan Shamsi, Atharv Upadhyay, Azaan Siddiqui, Samagra Jain, **Mrs. Ritu Jenny Miranda, (Class Teacher),** Arham Jain, Aaiyu Aneja, Aradhya Jadaun, Darsh Sharma, Sabhya Sharma, Franko David Paul, Aryan Agarwal

**Standing First Row :** Aarav Singh, Abhiveer Soni, Vyaan Dubey, Vihaan Garg, Parv Garg, Sanidhya Verma, Rudram Agarwal, Atharv Gupta, Joel Rohit Patrick, Tanmay Mishra, Yuvraj Behl, Tejas, Devesh Agarwal, Vansh Jain

**Standing Second Row:** Daksh Jain, Janmejay Sharma, Aaradhya Aashish, Aarav Chhabra, Vyom Singh Chauhan, Yash Bansal, Vedaant Kumar, Aarav Jain, Shivansh Agarwal, Harman Arora, Justin Bartol, Lakshya Khubchandani, Kushagra Yadav, Agam Gupta

**Standing Third Row:** Ikshit Atheya, Mohd. Aakil, Samiksh Singh, Yash Vardhan Singh Chauhan, Akshay Pratap Singh, Atharv Singh, Divya Mathur, Sankalp Arya, Satvik Yadav, Avyukt Seth, Bhavin Chandani, Shreyansh Pathak, Jash Nathwani.

## Class IV E



*(Left to Right)*

**Sitting :** Amratanshu Rathore, Daksh Agarwal, Lakshya Chopra, Mohd. Zuhair, Mudit Agarwal, Aavyuh Bansal, Avik Gautam, **Mrs. Neha Sharma ( Class Teacher ),** Lakshya Bansal, Arush Verma, Mayank Sharma, Agrim Singh, Lavanya Neeraj Kumar, Hardik Jain, Raghav Goyal

**Standing First Row :** Nabhya Saxena, Krishiv Jain, Ayansh Bansal, Atharva Srivastava, Manav Nayyar, Arjun Parashar, Tanmay Kumar, Tejas Singh, Aarav Agarwal, Pranjal Upadhyay, Suryansh Agarwal, Vansh Agarwal, Anagh Sharma, Jayesh Agarwal

**Standing Second Row:** Shaurya Vardhan Singh Chauhan, Riyansh Mittal, Naksh Grover, Mohd. Azaan, Adavya Chahar, Abhimaan Diwakar, Samridh Bansal, Aaradhy Sharma, Vedansh Mittal, Vihan Gupta, Parth Chaudhary, Atharva Gupta, Jap Sachdeva

**Standing Third Row:** Viraj Lalwani, Mohd. Yahiya, Darsh Sharma, Rishi Ron Miranda, Dhairya Agarwal, Adhya Gill, Shubh Agarwal, Abhinav Agarwal, Darsh Shivhare, Jayant Mulani, Mohd. Hamdan

## Class IV F



*(Left to Right)*

**Sitting :** Mohd. Saif Uddin, Arnav Jha, Shashwat Parolia, Aayansh Kalra, Vardaan Mathur, Yashasvi Srivastava, Ahan Tomar, **Ms. Vaishali Arora (Class Teacher),** Siddharth Sharma, Arnav Singh, Lavit Gupta, Divyansh Verma, Keshav Bansal, Vedansh Katharia, Atharv Gupta

**Standing First Row :** Garv Mittal, Bhavya Jain, Kunal Lakhwani, Yogya Dixit, Aaryan Gupta, Shaurya P. Singh, Sanidhya Agarwal, Harshit Sahai, Rohan Singh, Akshat Gupta, Saksham Garg, Anirudh Tiwari, Prakhar Gahlot, Yatharth Yadav

**Standing Second Row:** Ojas Dubey, Vidhan Agarwal, Manvik Singh, Vihaan Kaurani, Aarjav Jain, Chitraang Singh, Daksh Yadav, Arth Basal, Sayyed Asad, Hridyansh Baghel, Shaurya Agarwal, Syed Umed Ali, Tanish Jain, Rishab Gupta

**Standing Third Row:** Vivan Puri, Suryansh Singh, Mradul Gupta, Rishit Jindal, Pratyaksh Gupta, Alakh Sharma, Virat Srivastava, Darsh Goyal, Ativ Sharma, Purahan Singh, Inesh Singh, Anishq Goyal, Shubh Agarwal, Kanash Shivhare

## Class V A



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Chetanya Swaroop Upadhyay, Varun Singh, Aryan Sharma, Ridam Agarwal, Ananya Raj Singh, Hardik Jain, Vivan Garg,

**Ms. Neha Anand (Class Teacher),** Mohd. Zaid, Pranat Gupta, Hamza Rehman, Prithu Dixit, Rajvardhan, Mohd. Arush Saksham Singh

**Standing First Row :** Aarush Yadav, Anant, Aaradhya Sharma, Akshay Singh, Arsh Khandelwal, Aniruddha Pratap Singh, Arush Khemka, Arth Agarwal, Arnav Pratap Singh, Samarth Singh, Adamya Yadav, Riyansh Yadav, Pragyan Gautam, Rudraaansh Vikram Singh, Raghav Kashyap, Harsh Vadhwani

**Standing Second Row:** Siddhant Kumar, Viransh Kamra, Subrat Jain, Krishav Mittal, Shezan Hussain, Shrey Agarwal, Aaradhya Krishna Singhal, Arjun Chaudhary, Arnav Jain, Ansh Sikarwar, Madhav Saraswat, Akshat Garg, Akshay Sharma, Rishit Mohan, Vardhan Dixit

**Standing Third Row:** Aahan Raj Kapoor, Avik Raj Kapoor, Kaartik Kumar Singh, Mohd. Azain, Navansh Bansal, Raunak Verma, Aarav Shrivastava, Divyam Jaiswal, Sachin Singhani, Shashank Saraswat, Samarth Goyal, Shreyas Gupta

## Class V B



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Aalekh Agarwal, Parv Mittal, Pavitra Verma, Yogya Gogia, Darsh Jain, Mohd. Arsh, Daksh Sharma, **Mrs. Anju Madan ( Class Teacher ),** Eric Masih, Shresth Saxena, Enosh Paul, Lakshey Chopra, Arnav Arora, Atharva Singh Deekhit, Saransh Jain

**Standing First Row :** Aarush Bansal, Aarav Agarwal, Abhinav Gupta, Abhigya Sharma, Abhimanyu Pratap Singh, Saad Furqan, Aditya Gupta, Parth Upadhyay, Arnav Ojha, Aryav Kumar, Arav Singh, Aditya Parmar, Shrenik Agarwal, Suryansh Sharma, Arnav Jain, Dravya Dang, Anant Mishra

**Standing Second Row:** Yuvan Gupta, Shriyans Verma, Ayan Binu Thomas, Siddhant Vipra, Khwaja Mehran Hussain, Joy Massey, Shikhar Garg, Suryansh Parmar, Arnav Bansal, Reyansh Katyal, Vyom Sharma, Arnav Devgan, Abhinav Sikarwar, Abhyuday Singh Parmar

**Standing Third Row:** Ehan Ansari, Vedant Sharma, Akshat Bansal, Aviral Maurya, Priyansh Gupta, Mukul Gupta, Varun Khayani, Ronit Tyagi, Shaurya Singh Maurya, Ritvik Gupta, Arya Yaduvanshi, Vansh Shekhar

## Class V C



*(Left to Right)*

**Sitting :** Ananjay Singh, Advay Agarwal, Vivaan Bansal, Adarsh Bhadaria, Kushagra Kasana, Shantnu Kumar, Anugrah Masih, **Ms. Shally Khandelwal ( Class Teacher ),** Kushagra Dev, Nickson Singh, Tejas Mittal, Lakshay Jadaun, Pradyumn Raj Singh, Atharv Agarwal, Aayush Simon Minj

**Standing First Row :** Devansh Khanna, Bhavyansh Verma, Mohd. Burhan Ovaisi, Avyant Agarwal, Grranth Goyal, Parth Gupta, Shaurya Mittal, Lakshya Lavania, Ambuj Dwivedi, Hrdyansh Taneja, Gopesh Mittal, Arnav Bhadaria, Atharva Maheshwari, Ayaan Gupta, Rohan Rajput

**Standing Second Row:** Yuvraj Sharma, Omansh Chhabria, Prithviraj Singh, Suyog Sharma, Varadha Singhal, Harshit Garg, Aarav Agarwal, Arnav Agarwal, Pratham Parmar, Ayaan Ahmed, Kshitish Sharma, Anant Jain, Ayushman, Akshansh Tomar, Shubh Mahere

**Standing Third Row:** Muhammad Aahil, Aariit Singh, Shaurya Vardhan Singh Rathore, Aarav Gupta, Aarav Upadhyay, Krishiv Bajwa, Pranjal Akaral, Agrim Garg, Arjun Singh, Virat Singh, Sudhanshu Vikram, Samarth Goyal, Devansh Mittal

## Class V D



*(Left to Right)*

**Sitting :** Arhaan Akhtar, Vihaan Goyal, Zaid Khan, Virat Verma, Jessil Samarth Dayal, Soham Gupta, Tejas Pal, **Ms. Saganpreet Kaur ( Class Teacher ),** Saransh Jindal, Vaibhav Kumar, Rudra Gangauria, Shivansh Singh, Amritansh Shrivastava, Pratyush Jain, Sarvagya Rai

**Standing First Row :** Aaron Alex, Arnav Vashistha, Ashmit Singh, Lakshya Sharma, Kushan Pratap Shukla, Nehaansh K. Singh, Mohd. Talha Bin Zaid, Syed Amharshalan Zaidi, Aditya Singh, Alok Sagar, Siddharth Yadav, Atharv Singh, Vivaan Goyal, Kushagra Chauhan, Pranshubh Gupta

**Standing Second Row:** Usman Saleem, Rudhra Agarwal, Vardan Mahajan, Pulkit Chadda, Pranjal Sharma, Sarthak Rajput, Aaban Saxena, Dhairyamani Garg, Aman Tomar, Archit Agarwal, Mohd. Huzaifa, Vibhor Mahajan, Mohd. Nazaf, Aarav Jagarwal, Aayush Singh

**Standing Third Row:** Shashank Singh, Nikunj Bansal, Ishaan Garg, Anshuman Gupta, Devansh Matta, Prakhar Dixit, Arnav Jain, Shuvrodrup Halder, Priyam Singh, Mohd. Azfar, Mohd. Umair, Arnav Bansal, Pratham Jain

## Class V E



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Arham Mustafa, Arsh Pachauri, Darshit Goyal, Pranav Sharma, Asmit Varshney, Aarav Jain, Devansh Chhabra, **Mrs. Deepa Vishwesh ( Class Teacher )**, Sarthak Bhati, Ansh Agarwal, Sumir Srivastava, Jagrat Agarwal, Nimesh Bansal, Mohd. Shobaan, Mohd. Umaid

**Standing First Row :** Kunal Kumar, Saadhwik Nangia, Aarav Lalwani, Virat Goyal, Prekher Gupta, Garvit Saini, Maaz Hussain, Vansh Kumar Chawla, Diyan Saxena, Krishna Sachwani, Rhythm Goyal, Aarav Bansal, Raza Rehman, Dravin Arora, Kartik Yadav

**Standing Second Row:** Mohd. Khidash, Amogh Sharma, Maahir Samar Agarwal, Hardik Jain, Saksham Varshney, Aditya Yadav, Sparsh Garg, Saksham Dixit, Anurag Jacob, Atharv Agarwal, Aashrya Sharma, Aarav Bajpai, Samveer Makhija, Aditya Raj

**Standing Third Row:** Dakshpreet Singh, Kartik Agarwal, Ansh Bhagwani, Prajjwal Kain, Aarav Kapoor, Garvit Pratap Singh, Aradhya Bhatnagar, Tejas Yadav, Samraddha Agarwal, Ojas Tripathi, Soham Katiyar, Abhinav Krishna

## Class V F



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Ayush Verma, Bhautik Matlani, Rajat Mahamana, Zeon Celestine Xavier, Charchit Jain, Aradhya Mehrotra, Fawaz Ali, **Dr. Nirat Rajput ( Class Teacher )**, Madhav Bansal, Virat Goyal, Abhyuday Yadav, Jay Vardhan Chauhan, Divyanshu Gautam, Pratyush Singh, Shaurya Jain

**Standing First Row :** Rivansh Agarwal, Faheem Ahmad, Triyam Mittal, Saksham Goyal, Ishaan Mittal, Vshank Srivastava, Aviral Dagadiya, Daksh Tandon, Saksham Garg, Mahir Bajwa, Raghav Mudgal, Mankabir Pal Singh, Nishkarsh Agarwal, Ahad Khan, Arya Garg, Arya Jain

**Standing Second Row:** Akshat Sharma, Swarit Jain, Kunal Rajput, Adhyam Goyal, Aarav Benjamin, Aarav Hasija, Arnav Hasija, Zainul Abedien, Anant Singh, Yuvraaj Sikarwar, Shashank Verma, Vedant Mittal, Arnav Agarwal, Swastik Bansal

**Standing Third Row:** Ranveer Singh, Varun Agarwal, Samay Agarwal, Sparsh Goyal, Dhairya Agarwal, Shivansh Bansal, Daksh Singh, Aastik Tiwari, Yuvraaj Singh, Rudransh Gupta, Baneet Taneja, Atishay Jain, Gursahej Wacchher

## Class VI A



*(Left to Right)*

**Sitting :** Anuj Toppo, Suyash Agarwal, Aarush Saxena, Simeon Joachim, Shashwat Gupta, Ms. Vertika Singh (Class Teacher), Divyansh Jasawat, Raghav Agarwal, Reyansh Agarwal, Sanskar Rathore, Atharv Chauhan

**Standing First Row :** Prasoon Kumar Thakur, Hriday Kushwaha, Ishaan Varshney, Chandra Shekhar, Naman Pachuri, Vansh Kakkar, Sankalp Sharma, Siddharth Katara, Arnav Agarwal, Arnav Bansal, Aarav Chauhan, Ojas Anand, Rishit Goyal, Raghav Goyal, Mudit Jain, Geerath Sharma

**Standing Second Row:** Ekansh Gupta, Jayaditya Mishra, Anubhav Chaudhary, Parth Chaturvedi, Aniruddh Gautam, Vihaan Kharbanda, Rudhraksh Gupta, Divyan Upadhyay, Mayank Jaura, Saksham Agarwal, Fahim Musa, Asim Khan, Ishit Agarwal, Mohd. Shaizeb, Arnav Singhal

**Standing Third Row:** Rudhransh Pandey, Soham Krishna, Krishnav Bansal, Parth Gupta, Daksheesh Singh Sachdeva, Aksh Agarwal, Chatanya Goyal, Mohd. Zayan, Tejas Singh, Sameer Sodhi, Udaijyot Singh Sethia, Pranav Agarwal, Darsh Rajpal, Smayan Grover

## Class VI B



*(Left to Right)*

**Sitting :** Jacob Xavier, Satvik Sharma, Arav Mittal, Lakshya Kshatriya, Harshit Udasin, Mr. Nawal Elahi ( Class Teacher ), Rohak Seth, Sparsh Agarwal, Sarthak Chauhan, Shaurya Mittal, Anay Gupta

**Standing First Row :** Dhairya Mangnani, Adish Jain, Tanmay Jain, Nayan Jaiswani, Priyansh Meherchandani, Pranit Mittal, Arnav Sisodia, Kartike Agarwal, Shivansh Sharma, Devansh Gupta, Utkarsh Goyal, Priyanshu Devkamal Neelmani, Amitosh Dubey, Anant Agarwal, Adhyayan Manoj Singh, Ruchit Singal, Sanidhya Goyal, Laabhansh Sachdeva

**Standing Second Row:** Adnan Abbas, Pranav Gupta, Avik Mittal, Devagya Pandey, Mohd. Aasim Quraishi, Karanpreet Singh Grover, Rishant Chahar, Jayesh Sewani, Ram Matang Sharma, Ram Shardul Sharma, Aakarsh Agarwal, Nikunj Agarwal, Viaan Agarwal, Pratham Makhija, Mohd. Esaa Ali

**Standing Third Row:** Tejasv Unharia, Rudra Pratap Singh, Devyansh Agarwal, Naivaidhya Gautam, Arpit Singh, Naitik Bansal, Shiva Yadav, Abhiraj Yadav, Nishchhal Jaiswal, Aarav Mishra, Gaurisht Banwari, Prakhar Tandon, Arnav Sharma

## Class VI C



*(Left to Right)*

**Sitting :** Kushagra Kapoor, Krishna Kaushik, Mohd. Ibrahim, Anshuman Yadav, Ayan Ilahi, **Mrs. Claudine Alfred (Class Teacher),** Arush Pachauri, Madhav Gupta, Shaurya Maheshwari, Mohd. Asif Khan, Arnav Sud

**Standing First Row :** Aarav Sharma, Smyann Jain, Vardhan Bansal, Devansh Kushlani, Satvik Jain, Vedansh Solanki, Shubh Gulati, Riyansh Agarwal, Nipun Maheshwari, Ishant Goyal, Raghav Agarwal, Labham Goyal, Shresth Gupta, Arsh Kamthania, Akchat Jain, Aarush Rajawat, Vedant Man Singh

**Standing Second Row:** Prakhar Sharma, Mayank Srivastava, Himaksh Goyal, Daksh Garg, Harman Chhabra, Shreyansh Prashar, Arnav Yadav, Suryansh Agarwal, Atharv Arora, Arnav Gupta, Anmol Rathore, Naman Enos Sharma, Madhav Agarwal, Sparsh Gupta, Vedant Chaubey, Naitik Bhagtani

**Standing Third Row:** Ayushman Singh, Manit Katyal, Sanchit Lashkari, Vaibhav Katar, Devang Singh, Amey Dixit, Lakshya, Yug Bhardwaj, Adhiraj Patni, Advik Chaudhary, Siryash Jain, Sparsh Agarwal, Mohd. Shayan, Shourya Agarwal

## Class VI D



*(Left to Right)*

**Sitting :** Uday Raghav Manwani, Aditya Kumar Gola, Kairav D. Singh, Mohd. Numan Khan, Aarit Agarwal, **Mrs. Sanchita Rawat Sharma (Class Teacher),** Atharva Upadhyay, Darsh Jain, Aharva Gupta, Dhananjay Doorma, Aarush Gupta

**Standing First Row :** Vihaan Chaudhary, Vedansh Singhal, Kartik Kulshreshta, Krish Singh, Sanshraj Kapoor, Parth Gupta, Akshansh Pundhir, Vaibhav Khushlani, Vansh Gupta, Sheikh Ashar Nazeer, Shiv Chaudhary, Chetanya Batra, Sarthak Gupta, Prakhar Khushwah, Pranjal Pratap Singh, Satyam Singh, Bhawuk Ratna

**Standing Second Row:** Anuvansh Gupta, Parv Agarwal, Divyansh Arora, Aditya Kumar, Aryaman Saahay, Poorvash Bhargava, Mitansh Maheshwari, Hardik Agarwal, Atharva Bansal, Rian Valeecha, Ariaan Tomar, Kavya Agarwal, Aryan Yadav, Suryansh Bhidautiya, Talish Bajaj, Abrar Khan

**Standing Third Row:** Abdul Rehman, Aarav Singh, Raghav Goyal, Jaskeerat Singh Setia, Kavy Keshwani, Parth Singh, Aakarsh Sharma, Aashmit Kumar, Mohd. Siddique Saeed, Salman Naseer, Zain Goyal, Madhav Gupta, Manan Kushwah, Samar Pratap Singh

## Class VI E



*(Left to Right)*

**Sitting :** Arman Khan, Shridhar Jindal, Mohd. Habib, Yash Kumar Keswani, Dhwaj Gupta, **Ms. Kavya Singh ( Class Teacher ),** Kartikey Yadav, Jai Makhija, Vardhan Kushwaha, Shaurya Pratap Singh, Arnav Garg

**Standing First Row :** Shourya Kushwaha, Jatin Asnani, Ashank Mohan Ghai, Divyansh Gupta, Prakhar Jain, Pradhyumn Mittal, Hardik Murpani, Hardik Vashishtha, Aradhya Baweja, Gaurang Agarwal, Ebaad Ullah Khan, Alex John, Aditya Verma, Kazim Gauhar, Shreyansh Gupta, Shivansh Kumar

**Standing Second Row:** Darsh Goyal, Mohd. Abdul Ahad, Kartik Bansal, Mitul Chaudhary, Shashank Shekhar Singh, Raghav Bharadwaj, Arnav Singh, Arnav Sharma, Agnelo Rai, Faiz Tanveer, Aarav Aswani, Aakarsh Bansal, Vaibhav Pathak, Shubh Agarwal, Parv Garg, Krishna Singh

**Standing Third Row:** Jash Arora, Harsh Malhotra, Mohd. Adeeb, Utkarsh Gautam, Mohit Gautam, Aarnav Bansal, Garv Krishn, Aarav Amarnani, Ark Sutail, Pradhyumna Singh, Shaurya Kumar Singh, Aman Kumar Agarwal, Pranay Agarwal, Arpit Upadhyay

## Class VI F



*(Left to Right)*

**Sitting :** Ishan Jain, Shivtva Sharma, Hardik Bansal, Aditya Jain, Arsh Gupta, **Mrs. Shalini Agarwal (Class Teacher),** Arth Gupta, Shrey Agarwal, Prakhar Gulati, Ved Virat Jain, Amaan Khan

**Standing First Row :** Mohd. Saad, Nirmal Tyagi, Ayan Upadhyay, Granth Jain, Hriday Gogia, Kairav Sharma, Aarav Gupta, Pranjal Yadav, Rudraksh Goyal, Aaron Patrick, Arush Agarwal, Sushant Sunil Yadav, Ishant Kumar, Anand Suman, Adhyayan Garg, Himansh Mittal, Kavyansh Shukla, Aarnav Saxena

**Standing Second Row:** Aniket Sharma, Shubh Bhushan Rajoria, Yatharth Dixit, Saksham Bhatnagar, Soaryash Raghavan, Saksham Agarwal, Shiva Sharma, Krishna Sharma, Nishit Singh Chaudhary, Vidhit Agarwal, Abeer Juneja, Utkarsh Yadav, Vedit Gautam, Ritvik Parihar, Jalaj Vij

**Standing Third Row:** Advay Mohan Agarwal, Nirmish Gupta, Arnav Singh, Manas Kundlani, Mohd. Aizan, Anay Bansal, Shorya Pratap Singh, Trishank Singh, Parth Chaturvedi, Aarav Agarwal, Priyansh Singh Bais, Arsh Jain

## Class VII A



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Aditya Kapoor, Naitik Dev, Krishnav Goyal, Atharv Agarwal, Anshul Gupta, **Mr. Sachin Agarwal ( Class Teacher ),** Vansh Saxena, Inayat Khan Ghouri, Madhav Gupta, Anirudh Varshney, Dhruv Soni

**Standing First Row :** Shashank Prabhakar, Pranav Sachdeva, Moulie Singh, Satya Mittal, Yashanshu Tiwari, Rishabh Jain, Palash Agarwal, Shaurya Maniktala, Aahan Malhotra, Maahir Bulchandani, Ishan Singh, Jatin Kalwani, Harsh Anthony, Anurag Agarwal, Hardik Bansal, Nimish Tiwari, Ayushman Sharma

**Standing Second Row:** Amrit Verma, Divansh Chimanani, Mohit Kumar, Kartikay Bhargava, Priyesh Jethwani, Sparsh Garg, Om Maheshwari, Amogh Agarwal, Bhavya Jain, Gurkeerat Singh Chhatwal, Adbhud Agarwal, Shubh Verma, Divyansh Jain, Divyanshu Jain, Mohd. Ehaan Adil

**Standing Third Row:** Kenrick Samuel, Luv Agarwal, Vinayak Parihar, Om Sikarwar, Aniket Krishna, Mohd. Musa, Aarya Sharma, Rudranch Bansal, Virat Kumar Yadav, Ishaan Mathur, Vansh Nagrani, Garv Raghav

## Class VII B



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Keshav Gupta, Vansh Tyagi, Prakhayat Srivastava, Prince Goyal, Arjav Jain, **Mr. Ashish Sharma ( Class Teacher ),** Aarav Gupta, Abhiuday Singh, Arnav Varshney, Hashit Singh, Sparsh Bansal

**Standing First Row :** Anant Agarwal, Vivan Vijay, Atharv Manglik, Arjun Singh, Aviral Gupta, Shivansh Agarwal, Agam Gupta, Saksham Agarwal, Shubh Srivastava, Shubh Mittal, Divyansh Gupta, Vansh Singh Rathore, Amogh Mahajan, Ansh Pandey, Arsh Agarwal, Arnav Khandelwal, Avish Ansh Aarya

**Standing Second Row:** Arjun Gupta, Aarav Agarwal, Kushagra Singh, Shaurya Agarwal, Adit Jain, Divyanshu Devkamal Neelmani, Dhruv Kumar, Kartik Singh, Vansh Khandelwal, Siddhartha Bhaduria, Aarush Goyal, Samik Arora, Nishkarsh Sharma, Shivam Chaturvedi, Dhairyash Raina

**Standing Third Row:** Aditya Dubey, Somaditya Jha, Harshvardhan, Ronak Jain, Rudraksh Pandit Tiwari, Samarth Agarwal, Kanwarpreet Singh, Shreyansh Garg, Armaan Chaudhary, Ansh, Punnya Agarwal, Ved Agarwal, Samarth Sharma, Darsh Panjwani

## Class VII C



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Eleven Cube, Samriddh Goyal, Laksh Malhotra, Arnav Nandan, Anjnay Singh, **Mrs. Rohina Verma ( Class Teacher ),** Yuvraj Singh, Sharansh Sharma, Abhay Dhakrey, Ruhan Khan, Kushagra Mehrotra

**Standing First Row :** Aarav Yadav, Adamya Dutt Sharma, Utkarsh Verma, Nitin Kumar, Addhyayan Bansal, Atharv Gupta, Ojas Sharma, Avi Singh, Anant Agarwal, Samarth Bhatia, Kushagra Yadav, Kartikey Pandey, Akshat Garg, Shourya Gupta

**Standing Second Row:** Ali Hussain, Shreyansh Sharma, Paarth Khandelwal, Ekavya Kain, Aarjav Jain, Adwit Singh, Aaradhay Sharma, Udbhav Sharma, Viraj More, Arush Tiwari, Dhruv Agarwal, Gurmukh Chawla, Arnav Vipra

**Standing Third Row:** Ansh Agarwal, Animesh Saxena, Rudraksh Khubnani, Nilay Sharma, Sparsh Agarwal, Virat Shivhare, Dhruv Vijay, Prakhar Singh, Gurmanjeet Singh, Shabd Suri, Vaibhav Garg, Prashans Kumar Chaudhary

## Class VII D



(Left to Right)

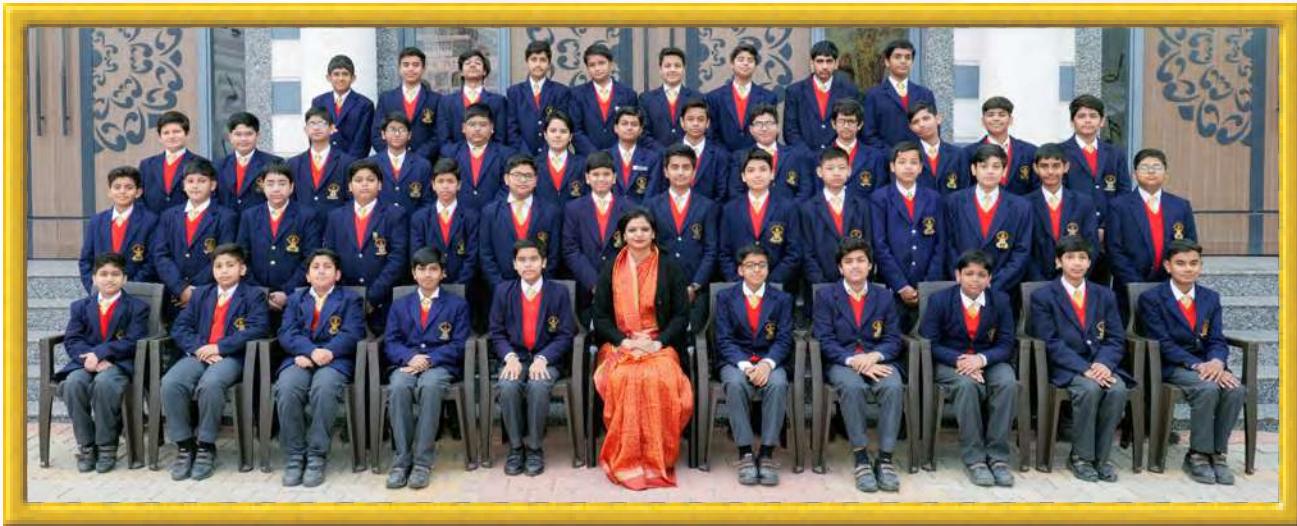
**Sitting :** Bhavya Munjal, Adhyayan Bhardwaj, Akshat Gupta, Shubh Bhadauria, Bhavya Gupta, **Mrs. Nitika Tewari (Class Teacher ),** Manas Jain, Melvin Joseph, Lavish Balani, Vatsal Verma, Mohammad Amaan

**Standing First Row :** Shorya Gupta, Siddhant Agarwal, Suryansh Bakshi, Steve John, Sarthak Sharma, Prashuk Jain, Raghav Singh, Charan Preet Dood, Arihant Singh, Kanishk Raheja, Devansh Garg, Aaditya Agarwal, Shivansh Dhall

**Standing Second Row:** Rishabh Pawar, Atharv Sharma, Aniket Sharma, Prathvi Goyal, Vyom Saxena, Shorya Sharma, Shrey Agarwal, Sparsh Maheshwari, Rudraksh Sharma, Abhishek Kapur, Abhinav Subhash Chandra, Almaaz Latif, Archit Mohnia

**Standing Third Row:** Rouhan Sahgal, Anmol Sharma, Divyansh Yadav, Atulya Gautam, Divya Wadhwani, Vibhor Goswami, Srijan Sahgal, Siddharth Chaudhary

## Class VII E



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Himank Agarwal, Dvij Gupta, Arhan Jain, Shaurya Verma, Anant Jha, **Mrs. Kamiya Robinson Lall**, ( Class Teacher ),  
Abhinandan Jain, Kavish Pabreja, Atharv Agarwal, Ekansh Kushwah, Ayush Kushwah

**Standing First Row :** Neved Jain, Areeb Akhtar, Ansh Sachdeva, Om Gupta, Lov Chahar, Siddhesh Singhal, Mohd. Sumama, Manshay Arora,  
Divyam Kankariya, Rajvansh Choudhary, Syed Muzammil Abaas, Syed Zaid Hussain, Labib Khan, Aarav Gulati

**Standing Second Row:** Adavya Rawat, Amol Agarwal, Keshav Maru, Garvit Jain, Granth Goyal, Prathvi Singh, Aryavart Singh, Shourya Gupta, Davik Bajwa,  
Kaustubh Gupta, Afzal Akhtar, Samarth Agarwal, Raghav Dhumash

**Standing Third Row:** Aryaman Chaudhary, Rudra Pratap Singh, Anik Khandelwal, Mohd. Nubaid, Sayyed Aakif Hamdan, Kalam Khan, Daksh Verma,  
Rushil Sharma, Abir Agarwal

## Class VII F



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Tanmay Garg, Shivkant Singhal, Ashwin Peter, Aryan Sikanvar, Aarav Sanghvi, **Mr. Selestin Massey** ( Class Teacher ),  
Arpit Upadhyay, Mithun Bhatnagar, Vyom Agarwal, Arnav Bharadwaj, Shradul Bansal

**Standing First Row :** Mohd. Umar, Yug Malhotra, Akshat Katiyar, Anirudh Singhal, Maagh Srivastava, Hitansh Notnani, Arnav Garg,  
Mohd. Naveel Qureshi, Daksh Gupta, Mohd. Kasim, Shourya Bansal, Shreyansh Saraswat, Shaurya Agarwal

**Standing Second Row:** Dhairya Maheshwari, Satwik Pathak, Abhyuday Bhardwaj, Kapish Gaur, Lakshya Gyamlani, Manan Mulani, Swarit Garg,  
Shiv Agarwal

## Class VIII A



(Left to Right)

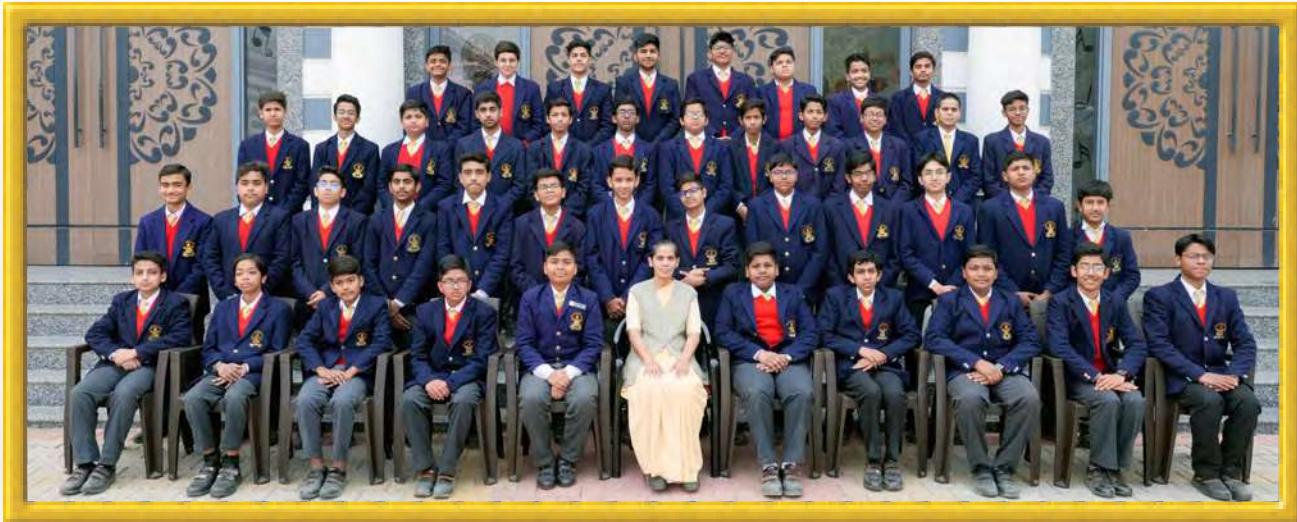
**Sitting :** Aayansh Agarwal, Vardhaan Soni, Aditya Sehgal, Aakash Narain, Hammad Faridi, **Mrs. Monica Arora ( Class Teacher ),** Manthan Goyal, Aditya Khandelwal, Yash Vardhan, Kewalya Agarwal, Ojas Pandey

**Standing First Row :** Mohd. Monis Shivansh Singh, Mohd. Ameer Hamza, Saksham Gupta, Vansh Singh, Sparsh Maheshwari, Vedaant Jain, Raghav Bansal, Justin Varghese, Aradhya Sharma, Aarav Kumar Sardana, Saksham Rajput, Madhav Jindal, Abhinav Jain

**Standing Second Row:** Prakhar Bhardwaj, Charitra Benara, Darsh Yadav, Atharva Garg, Manan Anand, Ayush Chaudhary, Vardaan Vashishtha, Monis Hussain, Sparsh Kumar, Daksh Tilokani, Arpit Lawaniya, Manan Agarwal

**Standing Third Row:** Pramod Lakra, Rudraksh Sharma, Pratham Sharma, Yashwant Singh Bhagaur, Shubh Dutt Sharma, Vansh Khandelwal, Shubh Garg, Pradhuman Singh

## Class VIII B



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Dipesh Sadhwani, Rohan Singhal, Rahul Chandani, Vansh Agarwal, Pranjal Singh, **Sr. Berthila Tuscano ( Class Teacher ),** Divit Singhal, Achitnya Gangauria, Ishan Gupta, Aanand Sarbhoy, Jatin Agarwal

**Standing First Row :** Shaurya Dixit, Madhav Chhabra, Aryan Arora, Abhijeet Sharma, Abhinav Sharma, Aditya Agarwal, Parth Gautam, Nilaksh Agarwal, Aviral Maheshwari, Arnav Agarwal, Mohd. Saad Shoaib, Atiksh Agarwal, Uday Agarwal

**Standing Second Row:** Vedansh Arela, Shivansh Kumar Sahu, Pranjal Yadav, Mohd. Saif, Nayan Khandelwal, Dishank Dayal, Uday Gupta, Ashutosh Kumar Mahour, Abhishek Masih, Pratyush Agarwal, Shaurya Tiwari, Pranjay Saxena

**Standing Third Row:** Shamit Sharma, Raghav Khanna, Tayyab Shamshi, Ronav S. Verma, Guhaan Malhotra, Gatik Chaturvedi, Sumant Dhumas, Arjun Singh

## Class VIII C



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Priyanshu Chahar, Divyansh Ahuja, Abhinandan Parashar, Aniruddh Goyal, Shubhkarman Singh, **Mrs. Valerie R. Lal ( Class Teacher ),** Abhinav Gupta, Aarambh Gulati, Akshat Jain, Saksham Maheshwari, Rishabh Singh

**Standing First Row :** Junaid Ahmad, Mohd. Faiz Khan, Vaibhav Matta, Mohd Sufiyan, Mohd. Ahmed, Shaurya Pratap Singh, Terence Paul, Sarvagya Jain, Daksh Gupta, Shreyansh Sagar, Durgansh Agarwal, Shorya Dhakad, Atiksh Chauhan, Mohd. Armaan

**Standing Second Row:** Dhruv Tyagi, Prabhav Shalya, Kabir Taneja, Shiva Gupta, Raghav Maheshwari, Pranav Gargh, Jorden Joseph, Vinay Gunani, Faaiz Akhtar, Sparsh Rajput, Shaurya Allen Anthony, Raghav Mittal

**Standing Third Row:** Pigansh Rathore, Aditya Maheshwari, Vardanmark Walker, Aarav Sharma, Mohd. Sofiyan Qureshi, Vansh Agarwal, Rishant Shekhar

## Class VIII D



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Swastik Jain, Mannan Malhotra, Hardik Rajput, Parth Agarwal, Krish Jain, **Mrs. Priyanka Lal ( Class Teacher ),** Kanav Agarwal, Dhruv Agarwal, Saksham Sahu, Divyansh Shukla, Tejasav Vashishtha

**Standing First Row :** Harshil Singh, Shah Fahaid Khan, Divyang Gupta, Sparsh Singh, Dev Gupta, Shlok Azad, Krishnansh Agarwal, Gopal Gautam, Shourya Yadav, Parayush Yadav, Prativ Agarwal, Harshit Gupta, Shubh Garg

**Standing Second Row:** Prakarsh Sharma, Jay Varyani, Dhruv Maheshwari, Shaurya Mohania, Adhiraj Sharma, Shivek Jain, Parth, Hartej Singh, Aditya Narayan Rathore, Adit, Adeeb Salwan

**Standing Third Row:** Divyansh Singh, Hitarth Sharma, Saksham Goyal, Roshan Ramani, Mohd. Mudassir, Ansh Singhal, Akshat Dwivedi, Satwik Tiwari, Bhavya Tharwani, Arsh Ansari

## Class VIII E



*(Left to Right)*

**Sitting :** Agrim Shalya, Tanuj Frank, Abhinav S. Gaur, Akshit Arora, Pransh Gupta, **Mrs. Jomy O Alex ( Class Teacher ),** Anant S. Patel, Savar Katyal, Dhairya Gautam, Vitthal Maheshwari, Parth Gupta

**Standing First Row :** Sreshth Mittal, Vedic Kalra, Arsh Gupta, Rishikesh Deo Gupta, Abhinav Yadav, Shubh Saxena, Rishit Agarwal, Aaron Moses, Ayaan Jacob, Shiv Gogia, Paras Bhukesh, Lakshya Sachdeva

**Standing Second Row:** Gurutva Guglani, Laksh Phulwanni, Anant Sharma, Daksh Saxena, Kanishk Solanki, Aryaman Agarwal, Aarush Goyal, Ayansh Singh, Divyansh Singhal, Sarthak Mohan Khatri, Yash P. Singh, Dev Yadav

**Standing Third Row:** Krishna Singh, Krishiv Garg, Krishan D. Sharma, Parth Chopra, Sahil Wadhwani, Naman Kumar, Rayyan Shamsi, Vardan Sharma, Devanshu Tripathi, Siddhant Tyagi

## Class VIII F



*(Left to Right)*

**Sitting :** Vardan Agarwal, Granth Potwal, Sparsh Garg, Aban Mansoor, Vivit Kalra, **Mrs. Sophia Praji Varghese (Class Teacher),** Kushagra Dua, Prabal Kumar Gupta, Mohammad Hamza, Kartik Panjwani, Arpit Singh

**Standing First Row :** Parv Agarwal, Ishaan Pippal, Prakhar Gupta, Ishaan Pathak, Rhythem Mittal, Keevansh Thukral, Toshan Gupta, Vedant Kalra, Vedansh Mittal, Shaurya Bansal, Agrim Goyal, Naitik Verma, Priyansh Singh

**Standing Second Row:** Vikhyat Dubey, Abijah Solomon, Sarthak Srivastava, Kanishk Pratap Shukla, AfrozArif Khan, Ujjawal Agnihotri, Abeel Shamsi, Shubh Bansal, Lehar Agarwal, Kushagra Singh Chauhan, Aarush Gupta

**Standing Third Row:** Kartik Verma, Kartikey Sharma, Shashank Agarwal, Naman Agnihotri, Dhairya Yadav, Somya Agarwal, Aviral Saxena

## Class IX A



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Samridh Rana, Saksham Singh Rana, Saksham Bansal, Akarsh Dixit, Sarthak Mangal, **Mrs. Pooja Malhotra ( Class Teacher ),** Divyansh Rathore, Kushagra Nirmal Gupta, Mradul Parolia, Pranshu Sharma, Yogya Gupta

**Standing First Row :** Samarth Bansal, Yash Jain, Aditya Singh, Achintya Parashar, Harshit Garg, Lakshya Agarwal, Vansh Lohia, Mohd. Tayyab, Akhil Goyal, Knishchay Agarwal, Adanya Verma, Neel Panjwani

**Standing Second Row:** Steve White, Aviral Garg, Devraj Singh, Harshit Sharma, Eashan Shukla, Vaibhav Kaushik, Soham Magan, Soham Bansal, Anmol Yadav, Samyak Jain, Sparsh Grover, Aarav Saraswat, Siddhant Goyal, Udayan Goel

## Class IX B



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Vedant Gupta, Syed Zahan, Shantanu Singh, Pransh Gupta, Shivam Anuragi, **Dr. Shilpa Saxena (Class Teacher),** Shreyansh Agarwal, Pratyush Paliwal, Akshat Mittal, Abhishek Kumar, Shivam Gupta

**Standing First Row :** Abdulla Akhlaq, Utkarsh Singh, Samarth Savasil, Aditya Agarwal, Granth Agarwal, Shaurya Verma, Samyak Gupta, Aver Anthony, Ayaan Khan, Atif Jamal, Harsh Bhandhari, Dron Yadav

**Standing Second Row:** Amandeep, Vibhum Yadav, Akshat Agarwal, Utkarsh Agarwal, Shaurya Rawat, Kanishk Varshney, Amish Agarwal, Amil Hasan, Ujjwal Chawla Syed Hassan, Prateek Yadav, Taha Rehman, Vaibhav Anand, Dhairya Atri, Adhyans Bansal

## Class IX C



*(Left to Right)*

**Sitting :** Shiv Garg, Shreyansh Jain, Jashith Kumar, Dinmaan Dixit, Shauryamani Garg, **Mr. Shalabh Bhargava (Class Teacher)**, Akshat Agarwal, Parv Bhardwaj, Piyush Khanna, Granth Goyal, Akhat Jain

**Standing First Row :** Naitak Yadav, Parv Mahajan, Shantanu Yadav, Agrim Goyal, Chaitanya Goyal, Shlok Sharma, Shaurya Sisodia, Aryan Udainiya, Dhruv Yadav, Vaibhav Mittal, Yogansh Pawar, Shaurya Agarwal

**Standing Second Row:** Kartik Gupta, Kunal Moolchandani, Shaurya Pathak, Abhijay Dixit, Veer Chopra, Shivansh Sharma, Shaurya Gupta, Jyesht Kohli, Saksham Agarwal

**Standing Third Row:** Manan Paliwal, Digvijay Singh, Parth Arora, Parth Bansal, Ujjwal Agarwal

## Class IX D



*(Left to Right)*

**Sitting :** Abdul Rehman, Shubh Gupta, Dhruv Gupta, Krishna Yadav, **Mrs. Meenu Bhandari (Class Teacher)**, Madhav Garg, Saksham Arora, Pranav Agarwal, Achintya Bhardwaj

**Standing First Row :** Favrin Noel, Pranav Dixit, Parth Agarwal, Neel Madhav Gupta, Swaransh Sharma, Arman Yadav, Saksham Yadav, Ujjwal Agarwal, Om Parihar

**Standing Second Row:** Aryan Mathur, Shaurya Gupta, Kalp Jain, Arun Kumar Singh, Divya Shukla, Raghav Goyal, Kushagra Dev Shukla

## Class IX E



*(Left to Right)*

**Sitting :** Utkarsh Gupta, Raghav Chaudhary, Farhaan Akhtar, Prakhar Gupta, Harshit Mittal, **Dr. Arti Verma (Class Teacher)**, Param Arora, Gouransh Agarwal, Nischal Bhandari, Aditya Sharma, Lucky Rathore

**Standing First Row :** Rajat Gupta, Priyansh Sharma, Krishna Baghla, Syed Faiz Ali, Tanmay Surana, Yash Sharma, Paarth Garg, Saalim Hussain, Atharv Vindal, Kush Bansal, Abeer Katyan, Zaid Ahmed

**Standing Second Row:** Divyam Jain, Rudransh Katara, Vedant Maheshwari, Prakhar Chauhan, Adwatiya Kulshrestha, Nishkarsh Oberoi, Parva Jain, Vinayak Nagwani, Dev Agarwal, Atharv Singh

**Standing Third Row:** Jaishreyas Gupta, Akshat Gupta, Nihit Agarwal, Devansh Chaudhary, Alex J. Anthony, Abdul Ahad Khan, Vedant Chugh

## Class IX F



*(Left to Right)*

**Sitting :** Ayush Sharma, Aryan Gupta, Devansh Chhabria, Bharat Kr. Yadav, Rishi Dhawan, **Mrs. Shabistan Hussain (Class Teacher)**, Granth Jain, Kushagra Pathak, Gautam Mahajan, Vansh Gupta, Arosh Agarwal

**Standing First Row :** Vedansh Verma, Devesh Wadhwani, Pranjal Jain, Parth Sharma, Rishabh Jain, Raghav Goyal, Ryan Pippal, Tejas Sharma, Divyansh Bansal, Shivam Bhatia, Viraj Singh Chauhan, Yaseen Anwar Latif

**Standing Second Row:** Sarthak Vipra, Armaan Khan, Akshat Khandelwal, Harshit Garg, Aalekh Gupta, Kushagra Gupta, Astitva Chaturvedi, Neel Wardhan Sharma, Kapish Bajaj, Levish Ramani, Nimit Puri, Atharva Agarwal

**Standing Third Row:** Shaurya Pratap Singh, Shaurya Verma, Tanuj Pathak, Sarthak Katara, Krishna Goyal, Sarthak Sharma, Kritanjay Tyagi, Aarush Agarwal, Himanshu Singh, Shivansh Garg, Puran Jay Agarwal

## Class X A



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Piyush Prakash, Ansh Sharma, Vansh Mittal, Parth Goyal, Shrey Pathak, Krrish Verma, **Mrs. Soosy Antony (Class Teacher)**, Adeesh Garg, Krishna Bansal, Gaurang Agarwal, Aryan Garg, Arsh Gupta, Keshav Agarwal

**Standing First Row :** Shriyansh Rathore, Agrim Agarwal, Adhyans Singh, Ojas Mittal, Nitansh Singh, Arjav Jain, Ayush Agarwal, Mohd. Arham, Lucky Singh, Yatharth Batra, Naitik Agarwal, Ekagra Bansal, Naitik Agarwal, Priyansh Gupta, Eshan Agarwal, Deepesh Bidhautiya, Sanchit Bansal

**Standing Second Row:** Lakshya Mittal, Madhav Bansal, Ujjwal Bansal, Taran Vatani, Mradul Agarwal, Divyansh Jethnani, Bhavik Batra, Rishank Kumar, Prince Garg, Parth Sharma, Vinamra Arora, Ishan Garg, Harshpreet Singh

**Standing Third Row:** Rishi Mittal, Rishabh Singh Chaudhary, Tanmay Singh, Vishesh Goswami, Dev Avasthi, Ujjwal Shukla, Aman Verma, Mahim Tilwani, Abhishek Pratap, Amaan Ahmad, Zain Ali, Mukund Goyal

## Class X B



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Madhav Singhal, Prithviraj Chauhan, Shaurya Agarwal, Mannat Singh Sarana, Lakshay Mittal, Parth Bhatnagar,

**Mrs. Lilly Tyagi (Class Teacher)**, Bhavya Khanna, Garvit Gupta, Aryan Agarwal, Aryan Gupta, Lakshay Bansal, Chirag Sharma

**Standing First Row :** Nityam Agarwal, Pradyumn Pandit, Trijal Bansal, Arush Khanna, Achyut Sharma, Parth Agarwal, Raghav Agarwal, Shravan Agarwal, Dhairya Agarwal, Rachit Sadana, Parth Mishra, Prakhar Agarwal, Vaibhav Verma, Aarian Charles Messy, Mohammad Junaid, Avanindra Singh Rathore

**Standing Second Row:** Kabir Yadav, Harshit Sharma, Gaurang Agarwal, Ujjwal Singh, Pranay Maheshwari, Namish Singh, Madhav Sharma, Suryansh Agarwal, Mukund Bansal, Dev Agarwal, Ashar Ahmad, Rhythm Benara, Mohd. Faisal, Moneet Lachhwani,

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## Class X C



*(Left to Right)*

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**Standing First Row :** Raj Jain, Rishabh Jain, Arnav Kundra, Krishnam Gupta, Krishna Goyal, Harshit Agarwal, Ranvijay Goyal, Agastya Jain, Tejas Bansal, Aryan Gupta, Dhruv Mittal, Kushagra Mittal, Maulik Yadav, Shaurya Agarwal, Prashant Moolani

**Standing Second Row:** Arush Bansal, Manan Kukreja, Agrim Agarwal, Vinamra Agarwal, Shardul Vikram Chaturvedi, Harjas Singh, Neel Jain, Jayaditya Kumar, Kushagra Goyal, Abhijay Kumar, Syed Areeb Hussain, Abdul Karim Ahmed, Dherya Jain, Saksham Verma

**Standing Third Row:** Yash Pippal, Parth Agarwal, Shashvat Agarwal, Shilok Khandelwal, Mutayyab Faisal Shamsi, Mohd. Shumail, Sanchit Singh, Randhir Sisodia, Abhinav Gupta

## Class X D



*(Left to Right)*

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**Standing First Row :** Sambhav Nayyar, Keshav Bansal, Max Bharadwaj, Shreyas Tiwari, Utkarsh Jain, Aditya Mangleek, Vardaan Upadhyay, Keshav Dhumas, Shreyansh Agarwal, Ishant Jain, Naman Valechha, Soham Gupta, Aarjav Jain, Ekansh Bansal

**Standing Second Row:** Nilay Mukhriya, Ujjwal Upadhyay, Samman Dutt Sharma, Shubh Dubey, Shaurya Sharma, Paras Agarwal, Samrat Bhagor, Avinash Gangmei, Alfaiz Khan, Parth Saini, Parth Chahar, Ayan Jain

**Standing Third Row:** Aarjav Singh, Om Saxena, Dhruv Gupta, Kaif Parvez, Samik Jain, Kartik Sharma, Prince Gupta, Yatharth Sharma, Sidak Singh, Sachdeva, Prachetas

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**Standing Second Row:** Sankalp Gupa, Yash Singh, Shreyansh Jain, Daksh Suri, Sarvagya Gupta, Vaibhav Sharma, Manan Bansal, Utkarsh Verma, Abhinav Jain, Trish Pippal, Lakshya Agarwal, Devansh Dixit, Shreeshay Sharma

**Standing Third Row:** Chaitanya Agarwal, Manan Babani, Nikhil Nagwani, Arjav Jain, Divyansh Mittal, Parth Grover, Kush Agarwal, Hemang Dhakad, Ahmed Arsalaan Shamsi

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**Standing First Row :** Jay Dhakad, Kanav Khurana, Preston Olvin, Rudra Bansal, Aditya Jain, Ram Ishan Sharma, Sachkeerat Singh Bakshi, Aviral Goyal, Manthan Sahu, Anchit Goyal, Sanchit Chaudhary, Krishna Mehra, Aryan Pachauri, Swastik Tiwari, Parth Kapoor

**Standing Second Row:** Nirvana Dubey, Arnav Jain, Hardeek Garg, Arjun Agarwal, Adhyant Agarwal, Kushagra Singh Bhagaur, Kritagya Singh, Aryan Gupta, Ryansh Bhasker, Bhavesh Sharma, Chaitanya Singhal, Arush Sharma, Shubhankar Bhattacharya, Shreyas Gupta

**Standing Third Row:** Shikhar Khanna, Aradhya Goyal, Anish Khan, Bhavya Chawla, Sagar Sharma, Ayush Lawania, Kush Agarwal, Parth Gupta, Kshitij Singh, Ujuwal Sharma

## Class XI A



*(Left to Right)*

**Sitting :** Devansh Rawat, Shivang Shekhar, Keyur Sharma, Mohd. Yasir Ali, Jugtar Singh, **Dr. Anubhav Khandelwal (Class Teacher)**, Kartik D. Verma, Kartikeyan Veeru, Shivom Bhardwaj, Kartikay Bansal, Ashutosh Verma

**Standing First Row :** Sarthak Gupta, Sahaj Sharma, Lakshya Chauhan, Yash V. Bansal, Shlok Sharma, Rudraksh Tomar, Saumang S. Sharma, Aryavardhan Jain, Krishna Rikhari, Jagrat Golas, Areeb Khalid, Kartik Sharma, Dhruv Pengoria

**Standing Second Row:** Rishit Khandelwal, Krrish Raheja, Farish Latif, Aditya Srivastava, Madhav Goyal, Aryan Singh, Mohd. Junaid Khan, Pratham Jadon, Abhimanyu Agnivanshi, Abhiraj Sharma

## Class XI B



*(Left to Right)*

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**Standing First Row :** Arnav Goyal, Nikhil Hotchandani, Prakhar Jain, Kartik Garg, Shreet Agarwal, Hasan Shamsi, Sparsh Agarwal, Shreyansh Jain, Arpit Narayan Gupta, Nimesh Agarwal, Aksh Maheshwari

**Standing Second Row:** Nishit Valecha, Ojas Pachauri, Divyam Jain, Adarsh Kashyap, Mohit Lalwani, Rishit Garg, Kartik Mittal, Nikhil Noel Jackson, Randeep Suman, Vaibhav Agarwal, Skund Agarwal, Yash Pursnani

**Standing Third Row:** Dev Khanna, Kushagra Agarwal, Mohd. Ayaan, Kartavya Agarwal, Subrat Verma, Madhav Kapoor, Kartik Matta, Vansh Gulati, Aditya Kackar

## Class XI C



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Samarth Agarwal, Aditya Raj, Arhaan Ahmad, Mohammed Ali, Samradh Singhal, **Mrs. Shalu Mahajan (Class Teacher)**, Alakh Khatri, Atharv Gupta, Keshav Agarwal, Aman Sabbarwal, Shikhar Sharma

**Standing First Row :** Anant Agarwal, Jatin Bajaj, Mukund Agarwal, Atulya Gupta, Noel Andrews, Keshav Pahuja, Mussaib Ahmad, Yug Agarwal, Arish Elahi, Aditya Garg, Himanshu Chimnani, Harsh Srivastava

**Standing Second Row:** Uday Agarwal, Naman Vatani, Aaditya Kumar Yadav, Ammar Khan, Harshit Mediratta, Sanidhya Bansal, Shubh Agarwal, Harsh Shivhare, Luv Mittal, Vedansh Bansal, Anik Verma

**Standing Third Row:** Kaamil Nayyar, Shlok Agarwal, Yug Jain, Devashish Sharma, Adwik Nangia, Bhavya Dhupar, Vedant Agnihotri, Utkarsh Jadon, Naman Maheshwari, Saksham Sharma, Ritik Malhotra

## Class XII A



(Left to Right)

**Sitting :** Aryaman Agarwal, Arijant Singh Bhadauria, Aditya Agarwal, Sharon Abhishek Lal, Animesh Kumar Sharma, **Mrs. Sharly P Singh (Class Teacher)**, Dhruv Dev, Isaac Moses, Bhavya Tandon, Ali Abbas, Akarsh Agarwal

**Standing First Row :** Umang Gupta, Nimish Jain, Arjun Mukhrayi, Devansh Jain, Sarthak Katara, Devansh Saraswat, Vaibhav Gautam, Sanidhya Sharma, Tanzeer Ahmed, Syed Adeeb Hussain, Daksh Raj Pratap Singh, Saksham Mittal, Mohd. Faizan Ali

**Standing Second Row:** Deepansh Tandon, Yuvansh Pathak, Gaurav Singh, Shivam Verma, Saumya Khubchandani, Harsh Mishra, Shaurya Jain, Divyansh Dutt Sharma, Ayush Gupta, Sarthak Agarwal, Krishna Yadav, Divyansh Sharma

**Standing Third Row:** Arsh Alam, Anany Doneria, Areeb Salwan, Shaun Lazer, Avi Srivastava, Vishal Vazirani, Aryan Bharadwaj, Vatsal Yadav

## Class XII B



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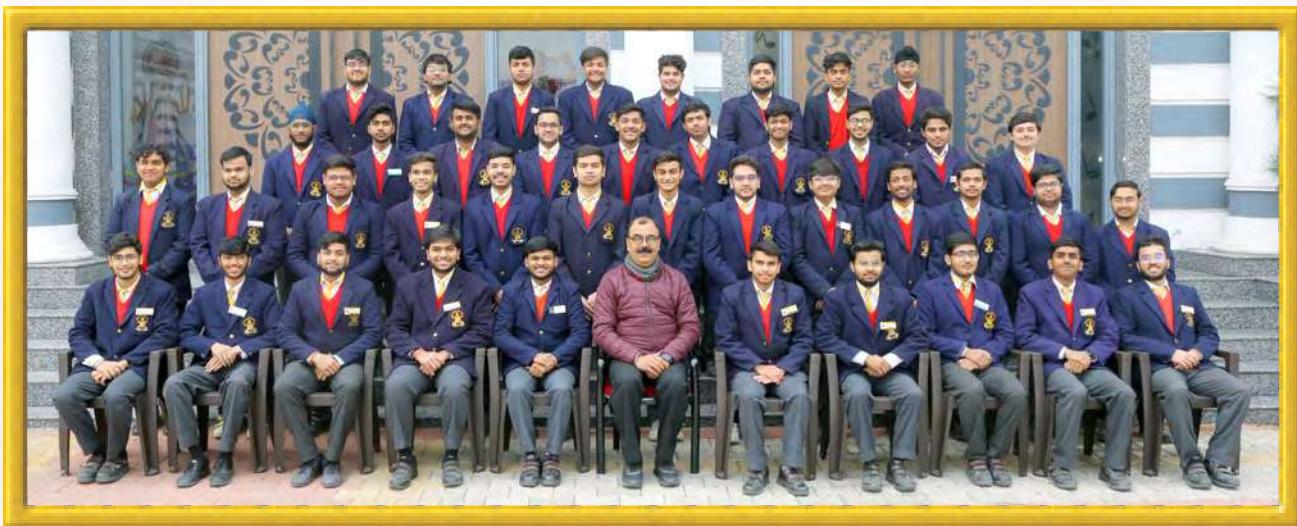
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**Standing First Row :** Vrishank Khandelwal, Sambhav Agarwal, Jai Prasad Jain, Lakshya Agarwal, Tanishq Garg, Aditya Agarwal, Jomon Varghese, Deepesh Agarwal, Vansh Maheshwari, Yash Kanyal, Krishna Agarwal, Pratham Jain, Dhruv Singhal

**Standing Second Row:** Ritik Shekhar, Raghav Kakkar, Ujjwal Agarwal, Lakshya Sharma, Tanmay Bansal, Tarun Tiwari, Uday Gupta, Manav Murpani, Dhruv Agarwal, Krish Goyal, Ansh Nagar, Akshat Chandani

**Standing Third Row:** Kshitij Gautam, Saurabh Karira, Vishal Parashar, Aditya Sharma, Arham Ahmed Khan, Shaurya Mudgal, Samrit Sial, Dev Bansal, Sambhav Agarwal, Sarthak Goyal, Shubham Jain

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*(Left to Right)*

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**Standing First Row :** Royce Andrew Arthur, Dhruv Goyal, Udit Goyal, Saksham Jasoria, Anant Gupta, Shayan Saleem, Rakshit Malhotra, Ronak Mangal, Pushkar Agarwal, Aryan Goyal, Tarun Chaudhary, Harshit Seth, Krish Bansal

**Standing Second Row:** Harsahib Singh, Ronit Shekhar, Adarsh George, Krishna Guglani, Kartik Goyal, Arnav Prakash, Parth Agarwal, Saarthak Singh, Mohd. Shadmaan, Hritik Chaturvedi

**Standing Third Row:** Vansh Chawla, Ronit Maheshwari, Ayush Agarwal, Yash Goyal, Naman Makhija, Pratham Jain, Aman Verma, Harshmeet Wachher





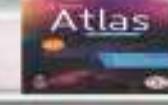
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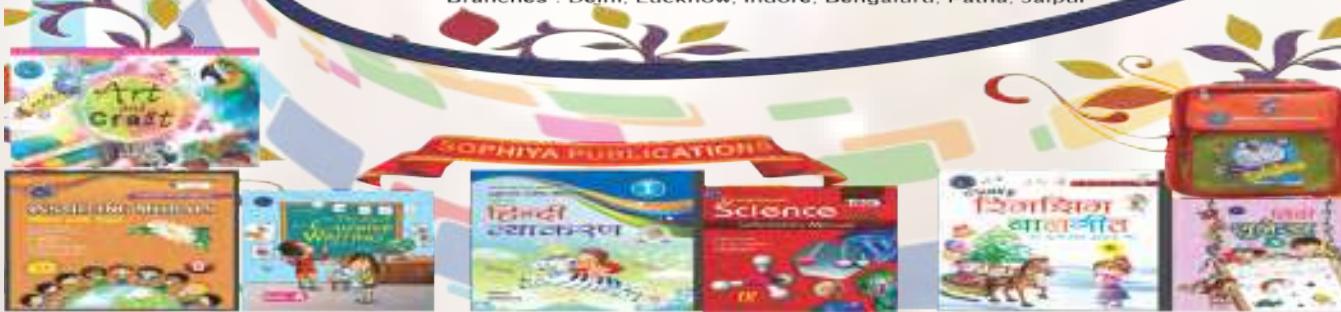
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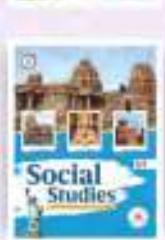


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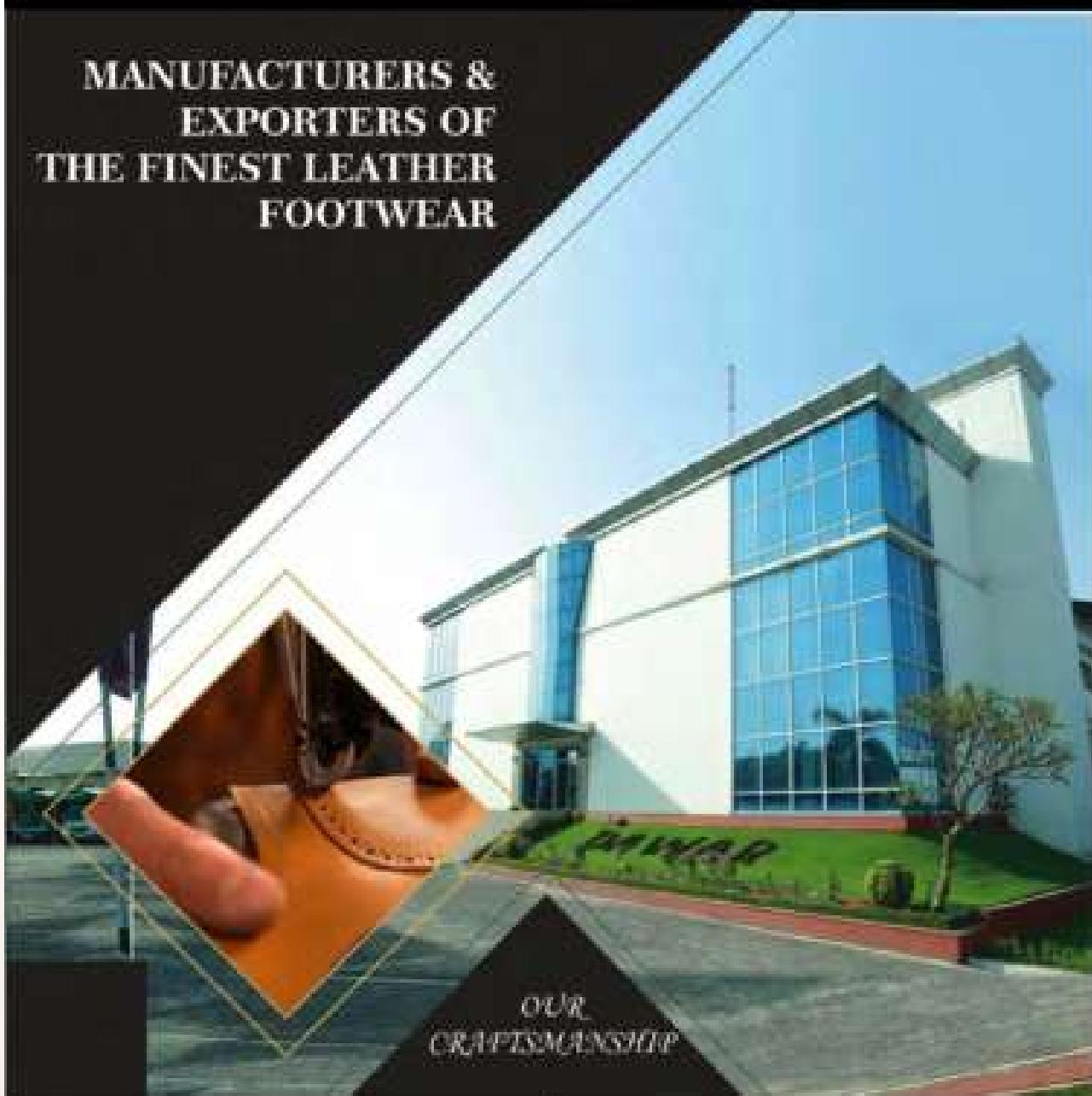
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