

Dear Parents,

This week we commenced our new session 2017-2018 for classes VI to IX, with great enthusiasm and energy. New classrooms, new teachers, new books, an exciting list of hobbies (creative arts, performing arts, including Yoga and Taekwondo) to choose from, thrilling options in club activities and most interestingly a choice to continue or change a game or sport. Class VII boys move to Junior School and class VIII girls will have a new home in the Girls' School.

Our senior students are in their last lap of preparation for their forthcoming assessments. The new class XII commenced with the entire batch experiencing real adventure – trekking, mountaineering and river rafting in the Himalayas. We were overwhelmed with the news that 56 students and four members of our staff scaled the Chandrasheela Peak with grit and determination. Do watch the movie of this marvelous and thrilling adventure trip in the 'video of the week' posted on our website www.thelawrenceschool.org. The class of 2018 have started off on a rigorous academic programme with a learn well, lead well and live well school culture. The new Students' Council announced this morning will carry the baton with a refreshing combination of team work, strong values and a '**never give in**' passion. The Investiture Ceremony for the class of 2017-2018 will be held on 25th March, 2017 at 6.30 pm in the Large Hall. Mr Vinod Nambiar, Old Lawrencian, Class of 1983 has consented to be the Chief Guest. Mr Nambiar is presently the President of Asia Pacific for Colgate and is based in Hong Kong.

The class of 2017 and the class of 2019 commence their Board Examinations next week. The schedule is posted on our website. The CBSE Board results of our School have been excellent in the last few years. We are sure that both Class XII and Class X students will perform very well, exceeding their predicted scores. We wish them the very best in their endeavours. After a solemn Farewell Assembly to be held on the 6th of March, the class of 2017 will be future - ready to step over the threshold into a new life in college. Many of our students have already received confirmation of admission into good colleges in India and abroad. Our Head boy, Ayaan Ali Shah has received a 100% scholarship admission to the New York University, Abu Dhabi.

On the 20th of February, 2017, Vaidehi Vashisht of class IX broke the IPSC (Indian Public Schools Conference) record to win a gold medal in high jump at the 62nd National School Games Athletic Championship (Under 17 category) at Vadodara, Gujarat. Vaidehi cleared a height of 1.62 m. She is the first athlete among all IPSC Schools to win a gold medal in Athletics. Also, Shimon Hura, Class XII was placed 7th in the All India Squash Open Championship held in Chattisgarh. She ranks 20th in the Squash Racquets Federation of India (Under 17 category). We are very proud of Vaidehi and Shimon and their coaches Dr Beena Varghese and Mr Hasrat Mohammad Shah for their incredible hardwork and dedication.

Thus, as we step into a new academic year, we would like to extend our gratitude to all the parents for their untiring support and encouragement, which works as an impetus for us to do even better; and hope that The Lawrence School fraternity grows from strength to strength in the years to come.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

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