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LOOKING BACK &  
LOOKING AHEAD



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# The Letter From The Editor

Isal and I are delighted to have taken the reigns from **Aastha** and **Gariyasi**, hoping to raise the bar higher this year as well. This publication is unique in its own aspects because a person that flips through the pages of Monochrome, gets the essence of just how creative, profound and opinionated the Pathways student body is. We have taken it upon ourselves to showcase talent hidden in all corners of Pathways, bustling ideas of the students and their views on the issues that affect humanity, with interesting features on the multiple events in school and how they help us students grow.

This month's theme is based on the New Year, with the current grade 12 preparing to start a new chapter in their lives, the newly elected Student Council ready to tackle challenges and the various new exciting opportunities that present themselves to the Pathways community, it helps us realise that change indeed is the only constant. Whether you believe in fixing resolutions or not, the new year has always been a time for self-reflection, gratitude and of being hopeful that the coming year brings new exciting prospects for the future! Hence our issue is aptly named "**Looking Back and Looking Ahead**"

As always, we hope you find some interesting insights into this issue of Monochrome, where **the Student Council shares their future plans for the school community, a few far-sighted individuals of grade 12 share their views on their journey ahead, and those of us experiencing interesting experiences share their takeaways.**

We invite you to "Look Back and Look Ahead"! And as always, Happy reading!

***Neha Gupta and Isal Shukla***

## The New Year Brings New Opportunities. Here Are Some Insights From The Newly Appointed Student Council



The Student Council is the voice of the student body, being a part of the Student Council, this year, will allow us to contribute to the school spirit by organizing various events that would give students an opportunity to grow and develop not only the fundamental skills necessary for everyday life activities, such as communication or decision making but also distinctive ones such as self-motivation and adaptability.

***Sarah Khungar and Adyant Jaiswal, President and Vice President***

As a part of the Student Council, our job is to lead, help and represent our school in every way, whether it is in sports, behavior or academics. As the two sports captains, we aim to have every student participate in sports events and hope to encourage our student body to be active and live a healthy lifestyle inside and outside the school. We hope to make everyone the best they can be, and aim to promote a balanced lifestyle.

***Rommel Bajar and Vanshikaa Jain, Sports Captains***

We wanted to be a part of the team which compiled every memory from the following year and beautifully created a book out of them for everyone to keep, cherish and reminisce on the amazing times that they had in school.

We will ensure that we do our best to contribute to the team and help create a beautiful and memorable magazine for the following year!

Looking at all of the past school magazines, they have always so beautifully compiled every aspect of every opportunity that our school provides us with. Sports, art, music, academics, camps or competitions, every memory is a part of the magazine and we alongside the entire publications team, aim to do exactly that and make Aaina 2017-18 just as beautiful and memorable!

***Gaurja Siddharth and Imran Batra, Magazine Editors***

I always wanted to be a part of the Student Council and serve the school with the ideas I had bustling in my head. I feel proud and grateful to have become an integral part of the school tradition now and am most excited to interact with my housemates to learn what unites us, and what doesn't. So that together we can work to become better.

***Lakshita Kharbanda, Earth House Captain***

It is a proud feeling I have today because my house has been like my family in this school throughout. Though it may not appear that way but I have gained a lot of support from them during my ventures in sports and as the vice house captain in 9th, they have helped me make friends and settle in when I had newly joined the school. The immensely talented people in my house have become my friends and I plan to continue to foster that talent. Justice will be done to the house and everyone in it through my action plans that will hopefully bring us the house cup, though not my most important goal for the house. Mainly I want to focus on the participation and enthusiasm from everyone in water and want to encourage them to explore themselves through participation so they can learn new things throughout my tenure and have a great year!

***Abhishek Anand, Water House Captain***

I strive to instill values and commitment in the student body for embedding the practice of sustainability in the school. As our school population grows, it is crucial that sustainable development is a key consideration of all school plans and curriculums. Ensuring that advocated to the student body and teachers efficiently.

***Ishaan Singh, Environment Secretary***

## New experiences: a retelling of new experiences

### The World Scholars Cup

World Scholars Cup, according to everyone is simply an academic competition in which the



students from our school got loads of medals, but WSC is more than that, much more. For me WSC has changed many things, it provided me with a new perspective of looking at myself, I could have never spoken the way I did in front of an audience, I could never imagine that I would have possessed the depth of knowledge that I have now to questions things which not everyone does or provide theories which show how the world works. WSC is something which changes humans, it is not just providing anomalistic knowledge on a global scale but it is also giving everyone a large platform for expression and a safe space where everyone's ideas are acknowledged, valued and most importantly, heard! One of my biggest challenges was putting pen to paper as I am someone who can explain their viewpoint verbally, though WSC challenged that habit of mine by allowing

me to at least delve into the world of creative (or persuasive) writing, and by regular practice I eventually did end up winning accolades in the field I was most incapable in. The increased awareness I have gained in terms of global issues, phenomenas that explain the secrets of the universe and even of “unlikely” artists and authors, can only amount to World Scholars Cup.

I encourage students to try and participate in this competition... which changed my life.

**Samarth Modi**

**Grade 9**

## Art Workshop

The students of grades 9 and 10 took part in the Art Workshop that was held at Pathways School Noida on 29th November (till 4th December) and was attended by professional artists such as Mrs. Nobina Gupta and Mr. Kunal Batra. The students earned the privilege to learn from the experiences of these artists and participated in a wide range workshops based on different forms of art such as Pottery, Textiles, Watercolor, Printmaking and Assemblage/Metal Casting led by professional artists in their respective fields of art. This enabled the students to garner professional knowledge about these art forms as well as gain the opportunity to see the realm of art through the eyes of artists such as Ms. Nobina, who presented a session sharing with the students her personal experiences and struggles as an artists.

Fascinatingly, the students experimented with a lot of different and new art forms and generated a wide range of creative artwork. It was truly a worthwhile experience for the students to have.

**Isal Shukla**  
**Grade 11**



## Looking ahead: an assortment of agendas for the future

Looking ahead, after a lot of work, I have decided, I want to study economics and finance at the undergraduate level. I'm really excited to be given the opportunity to study abroad and I hope that it'll be an enthralling couple of years, filled with curiosity, purpose and zeal. I hope that the next few years will inspire me and build me up to be the strong, determined and intelligent person and business woman I aspire to be.

I'm looking forward to college and all the freedom and independence that comes with it. I am optimistic and hopeful for what the future has in store and am excited to step into this new phase of my life which awaits me! Full speed ahead!

**Zahra Khan**

**Grade 12**

As each year comes to a close, we all look forward to the next, hoping to become a better version of ourselves. We like to romanticise about a new sunrise holding a new promise, bringing new energy into your life, providing a newfound strength.

But like the Janus illustrates, looking forward to a new beginning you must always look at what has passed.

I feel like Janus. I am looking at the closing of a my school life and looking forward to college. Looking back, I feel nostalgia and a longing to be in the environment I have grown so comfortable with. Fondly looking at the connections I have made and the process of self discovery that has led me to become the person I am today. At the same time I look forward to independence and freedom that college will provide me. This doesn't mean I am not scared of the unknown. Very soon, I may be in a country without a single familiar face. Enrolled in one of the most rigorous courses and would be in a place where most people would be smarter and more hardworking than me. It would be a challenge unlike any I have faced before. I would not kid myself that this would be easy, I can only hope it will be worth it.

**Aastha Agarwal**

**Grade 12**



## Looking back: a trip down memory lane

### What It Means To Be An IB Student

Studying in IB schools my whole life, I have become accustomed to the way they function and the way they require you to think. The International Baccalaureate program gives us students various opportunities and platforms to express ourselves in academic as well as non-academic ways. Especially at Pathways, we as IB students are encouraged to think independently and drive our own learning.

What I really like about the IB learning system is that it's not only about academics and grades; it is so much more than that. It is the perfect balance of sports, academics, extracurricular activities and through all of this: personal development. We are equipped with skills that will help us succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. These skills such as social, communication, research, thinking, and self-management are known as the ATL (Approaches to Learning) Skills. Out of the various learner profiles that are part of the IB system here at Pathways, we are motivated to identify our strong learner profiles as well as our weak ones. I would describe myself mainly as balanced, principled and knowledgeable, while I seek to become more of a risk-taker.

Personally, I think studying in IB schools has really allowed me to grow in a way that no other curriculum would be able to do. The various Arts, the academic subjects, and sports are all taught in ways that encourage independence, liberal-thinking with resources that are relevant to the real world and provoke us to think outside the box. I think that is what separates the IB from other boards.

**Varsha Pandanda**

**Grade 8**

## **The Day Of Sharing**

Every year Pathways celebrates the day of sharing, in which all of us come together to thank the people who take care of us in school all year around. And this year was even more special because it was my last day of sharing with Pathways.

It has always been a very delightful experience for me to be able to give back to the community and particularly on the day of sharing it gives me so much joy to serve the ones who are always there for us. Seeing the smiles on their faces when they perform and the amount of dedication they've put in for that one day is simply amazing.

The day of sharing does have a very big impact on the students as it teaches us to work together, appreciate all the little efforts and most of all gives us the opportunity to serve so many people, which in itself is something we do not get to do everyday.

For me it is the smallest things that count to bring a bigger change and day of sharing is one such initiative which proves that it's not always necessary to do something out of your way to bring a change, it's the smallest gestures that count.

**Varshikha Srivastava**

**Grade 12**

## **Thoughts Of Our Outgoing President**

I gazed at the small green badge clutched tightly in my hand and felt a mix of emotions: sadness, nostalgia, and most of all – pride.

Handing our positions over to a new council felt like the end of an era: the era of high school. A time that marked the biggest periods of growth in our lives; a place that stayed home and heart to us for all these years. A final chance to shape this place for younger students is what a place on the student council means— a year-long swan song.

Being on the council constitutes toying with one's interpretation of *shape* or *change*. There are endless ways to approach this, so – what matters to you? Being able to participate in activities like MUN, Founders and the interact club was what shaped me early on. With the school's population growing larger,

I realized that what was most important was that everyone have something to participate in: platforms for everyone to have voice and agency.

The council can only change so much— but if every student is given the platform for change, then the progress we as a community could achieve would be unparalleled.

That is what every council must strive to do. Not only be the voice of the students, but also give a voice to every student.

**Anya Lauria**

**Grade 12**



## The Informed Pathwaysian- A Column

Countries which have adopted communism aren't necessarily isolationist, nor are they the enemy, one must be open to new forms of governance in my opinion. However communism isn't just a form of governance, it's a lifestyle for some, as communism is much more systematic as compared to democracy or any other system with its central focus being the leader. As revisionism has existed for a long time, leaders tend to make changes to the system based on their own idea of communism, as one can clearly observe when looking back to the governance of the USSR, which was very different to post-war Vietnam. The world has systems such as the anti-revisionist Marxism-Leninism which was used by Enver Hoxha to form Hoxhism. The Ho Chi Minh though incorporated Vietnamese culture, French revolutionary ideas, liberal ideas, Marxist-Leninist communist ideas, and Ho Chi Minh's personal traits, and if we compare this to Hoxhism we can clearly see a difference, as the Ho Chi Minh though is liberal compared to Hoxhism, and Hoxhism being anti-revisionist. Communism has been a melting pot of unexplored ideas of how the world should work. It is changed every time it is adopted, while some may view the changes for the better, others may think they are leading to impending doom. While we understand that one cannot pass a judgment on which method of governance is "best", I believe it is our duty to continue to change and improve the current systems in place, even if it means we have to tread through "communist waters".

I can only hope the world stops using communism as a scapegoat for the mistakes their flawed democracy made.

**Aditya Das**  
**Grade 9**

# “The World Through My Eyes”

By Nehal Agrawal, Grade 10



“Observing Greek Architecture”



“Under The Hijab Are Ambitions”



“We All Wear A Mask”



“An Alluring Autumn Season”



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