



The Mitre

Editorial

Nine years ago, I entered this institution and read "Give us boys and we will give back men," and yes it is true, Bishop Cotton School continues to strive to give back men of character, honour, and integrity and a strong will, since 155 years. Anyone brought up in these ancient tradition and especially those of the Tom Boy Old School Days, which Bishop Cotton School is known for, instills in him a hunger for perfection. He becomes a person who leaves no stone unturned for turning his ways towards success.

As I write this editorial, I realize that this may be the last one as a student at Bishop Cotton School, but at the same time I am proud of being a part of this establishment, this rich culture and tradition and I am thankful to it for carving out the personality, out of its rigorous and all round curriculum, that I dawn today.

As you go through this edition of MITRE, I hope you will realize the rigor of curriculum, that a Cottonian is raised in and how he goes out for perfection. I hope you enjoy reading! Ciao.....

Hardik Goyal
Student Editor '14



In And Around BCS

The students of Bishop Cotton School with tinctures of restful souls in their very hearts came back to school after June break to be a part of another vicissitude of a time in unity, in friendship, strengthening the very bonds of each and every Cottonian.

While the first term had been quite a successful one, we anticipated a lot of good things to happen in the second term. With a positive attitude we were able to conquer more. According to the Education World survey Bishop Cotton School Shimla was declared the Best School in India among all boys boarding schools in the country. It is, as ever before, a great pleasure and honour for all the Cottonians to be a part of this prestigious institution.

Moving on to the recent school activities, the soccer school team was victorious in lifting the fourth George Edward Lynch Cotton Memorial Soccer Tournament Trophy. We had high expectations from them for the Bhupinder Tournament but we could not carry the momentum and eventually lost out fighting but in high spirits.

On the Bayliss front a lot of, Inter-House and Inter-School activities took place in this term. The debating team toured many schools and debated in different scenarios. Although we did not lift any trophy, it served as a great place to expose the raw talent and strengthen the debating strong hold. The one act play competition was followed by Hindi Elocution and Inter-School Hindi Debate.

In the annual inter school B.L.Modi Elocution, the school contingent lead by Yashvardhan Singh, yet again, managed to claim the first position overall.

Coming back to sports scenario, the school once again

participated in the challenging sport of Boxing. Curzon House endured the most and stood first. In the sport of swimming the blue house Rivaz inspired by Harkirat Singh and Harkirat Chugh left virtually everyone behind as Rivaz House won the Swimming Cup.

The Shooting contingent that went to Lawrence School must also be lauded as they were runners up in the inter school event and also won a tally of 13 medals. The shooters will now proceed for All India Inter School qualification later on this month. Shubham Hissaria a student of the UVI must also be congratulated as he cleared the Advance Course and various other courses related to mountaineering.

Some of our students were sent to Convent of Jesus and Mary. In the English Declamation we stood first as Y.V.Singh stood first and A.Gongal stood fourth. We even stood first in the painting event. This resulted in our overall victory in Chelsea.

The T.M. Whitmarsh Knight lecture was held on 28th of July 2014. The topic for the lecture was "India Explodes A Hiroshima Every Day On The Roads-Reasons, Results, Remedies". As the topic was grasped by everyone, each student paid rapid attention as the key note speaker and the distinguished panelists explained the various problems that were in the Indian roadways system. This year we went one step further and invited a French journalist among the panelists of the lecture.

It seems to us the school is climbing places, in every sphere. The scorching summer heat was being replaced by a particular chill in the air. And we are all set, "to stand foursquare to every wind that blows" in the future as well.

Yash Vardhan Singh
School Captain-2014



THE HEADMASTER, SCHOOL CAPTAIN YASHVARDHAN SINGH AND SCHOOL VICE-CAPTAIN ANKIT GONGAL, RECEIVING THE AWARD FOR THE COUNTRY'S BEST BOYS BOARDING SCHOOL-2014



FACTA NON VERBA

The Second Term started on a disappointing note as the 'men in red' had been accustomed to winning everything in the First Term. After a second place in Football and Swimming, we got back to our winning ways by bagging the Boxing and Table Tennis Cups for the second consecutive year. Shubham Hissaria was rewarded for his coldblooded defeat of the Best Boxer with the PS. Sawhney Award for the Most Scientific Boxer for the year. A new year did not change the fortunes of the Gymnastics and PT Display Cup as Curzon House won the Cup for the second consecutive year. Rahul Mahendru was adjudged as the 2nd best gymnast in school, narrowly missing out on the first place by a mere point. Although things didn't turn out as we would have liked it in Shooting and Squash, the house capitalized on a brilliant run of performances to win the Athletics Cup for the fourth year in the running. Rahul Mahendru was aptly adjudged as the Best Athlete and the Ludorium.

On the Bayliss extracurricular front, the house continued its excellent run in the English and Hindi elocutions by also winning the English One Act play after performing a political thriller "The Swiss Job". Mohit Mahendru and Ankit Gongal were awarded the Best Supporting Actor and Best Actor respectively. After an embarrassing show in the Hindi Debates, Curzon House bounced back with a second place in the Western Music Competition and by winning the Hindi One Act Play having performed a satirical comedy "Raja ka Baaja". Akshaye Ahuja was awarded the Best Supporting Actor while Mohit Mahendru and Ankit Gongal shared the Glancy Dramatics Prize for the best actor for the year.

With the Grindlays Games Curriculum Cup having been comfortably won by Curzon House with more than a few games left, it provides great satisfaction to those who have been associated with both the high and lows of this rollercoaster ride. The Bayliss Shield isn't exactly far from our grasp and it remains to be seen as to whether Curzon House does a rare job of asserting their dominance on all three possible fronts; Academics, Bayliss and Games in addition to winning the Cock House.

Ankit Gongal
(School Vice-Captain)'14
Mohit Mahendru
(Curzon House Captain)'14



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It can be told to all with candor that never before had any house revived from failures and loss that the 'Tigers' did. Finally, their hard work and perseverance paid off landing them in commendable rungs.

To be quite brief, the house won acclaims and laurels in every sphere. In the trying sport of shooting, the precise shots by the house shooters rightly landed them in the first position. In Squash, the players played their parts bringing home the Squash Cup.

About, everything that happens is not totally anticipated. The strong boxers fought hard and got us the runners up position. The muscular gymnasts too fought hard to bag the 2nd position. The wonderful play of feathers in Shankar Hall got Ibbetson House the acceptable 2nd position.

Yet, we shall not sideline or underplay the one-act plays. While in the English One-Act Play we stood third, heart filling rejuvenation took place when our dedicated performance got us the 2nd position in the Hindi One-Act Play. The best actor in a female role heading also went to Divyanshu Sangwan.

The continuous and flinching support of Mr. Dinesh Thakur, House Master and Yuvraj Singh Seemar would continue to inspire and nurture the young kindred.

Yuvraj Singh Seemar
(House Captain)'14



MUTARE SPERNO

As we rejoined the school after a long break of 15 days, all the Lefroyans were geared up for the approaching sports. Due to the efforts put in by our House Captain G.S. Makkar and Tejan Gill (Soccer Vice-Captain) we were able to clinch the Soccer Cup. Later on Tejan Gill was awarded the best forward and Mehar Bhangoo the best goalkeeper and G.S. Makkar won the Man of the Match of the finals of the 4th Annual Bishop Cotton School Soccer Tournament 2014. K. Nayyar, T. Verma, Y.Sonthalia and G. Gulati were also selected for the school soccer team. The Main School contributed heavily towards this huge achievement.

As the swimming proficiency and finals were approaching us, we could not perform well despite the efforts put in by Ayush Banik who broke the 2 length free style record. We also won the Badminton Cup due to the efforts of N.S.Khaira and H.Yadav. We were ranked 2nd in Squash. S. Singla, M.Bhangoo and N.S.Khaira contributed a lot for the achieving of this rank. Due to the efforts put in by M.S. Sidhu (Shooting Vice Captain) H.Suneja, A.Bhaskar and A.S.Sidhu we were able to get the second place in Inter House Shooting.

Although we couldn't get a good position in P.T Display, Gymnastics and Boxing inspite of our hard work but, A.L.Fanai was awarded the Most Promising Boxer (Main School).

All of our achievements would not have been possible if it wasn't for the constant guidance and hard work of our House Master Mr. Rohit Vyas who was always there to cheer and help us whenever we needed him. Our House Captain G.S.Makkar along with the UVI and LVI also need to be commended and congratulated because they have also played a major role in winning these trophies for Lefroy House.

We performed well in Hockey, Athletics and Tennis.

We have ameliorated in every sphere of co – curricular activities and we hope to maintain it and improve on our skills.

Gursimar Makkar
House Captain'14



SERVAMUS

This term, we confronted many crests and troughs. While the UVI Batch was gearing up to part in a sweet sorrow, the Rivazites were seen applying their brawns as well as their brains.

Yet again, the exciting year has arrived to its closing stages, our heroes have done us proud. They rest on no pedestals, bow to no flattery and fall to no strength. They fought their battles against disadvantage and hostile frontiers.

Leaving no stone unturned, we made serious progress by clinching the swimming cup, courtesy Harkirit Singh and Harkirat Chugh. Carrying on the momentum and making strides now in the Bayliss Challenge, we won the Hindi Elocution, the Hindi Debates as well as the Inter House Western Music Competition. We also bagged the second position in the English One Act Play thanks to the sheer brilliance of Hardik Goyal.

Madhav Sehajpaul, Karan Gaba and Sunderam Khoranna represented the school team that won the Soccer Tournament. Shubham Sharma also represented the State Team in Basketball.

Shrugging off the disappointment in shooting, we made amends by clinching the tennis title and performing exceptionally well in Hockey. Even after the valiant efforts in boxing, we could only manage the 3rd position. Dheeraj Kumar was the sole shining spot in an otherwise dull outing. Surely the tiring year has come to a close and we hope that results are achieved for our valiant efforts. Ours is the sweat that quenches this land, is the thirst full of pain and gorges in us a bold new belief.

The winter dawns upon us and with tinctures of sorrow in our hearts, we close of this remarkable year. Till then... Adios

Karan Gaba
House Captain'14



HM's Mail Bag

From: Thai Embassy

Dear Sir,
The embassy wishes to thank you for the warm welcome that we received during our visit and also appreciate that the Thai students are happy and doing well under your guidance and good care.

The embassy looks forward to be in regular touch with you and please do let us know if there is anything that we can do for you and the Thai students.

Regards

Chitraporn Lerttaweewit

Officer-in-charge of the Consular Affairs

From: Mr. D. C. Anand

The Headmaster
Bishop Cotton School, Shimla.

Dear Headmaster,

Please accept my heartiest congratulations on BCS being judged as the best Boys Boarding School in the country. Kindly give my best wishes to your entire team.

Deep C. Anand

From: Gay Niblet.

Dear Roy,

I hear that BCS Shimla has been voted the top Boarding School in India.

Congratulations, Well done HM Well done all the dedicated Staff and very well done all you magnificent pupils.

Long may you stay at the top of the league. From OCA(UK) we are very proud of you.

Yours ever

Gay Niblett

Hon. Life President, OCA(UK)

Dear Headmaster,

Sir, I would like to congratulate you, the faculty and fellow Cottonians for taking this institution to the first position in Boys Boarding Schools in India, which requires a lot of hard-work, dedication and sacrifice.

Dhruv Sachdeva

UVI 2013.

Sir,

Our heartiest congratulations to you, Ma'am and all the staff of Bishop Cotton School, Shimla for making the School reach Number One. We feel very proud to be a part of this family and sincerely believe that the school will continue to be at the top under your leadership.

Warm regards,

Deepika and Naveen Bhaik.

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter with reference to the recent ranking of our school. I would like to congratulate you on this wonderful and long awaited achievement.

Yours Sincerely,

Surya Uday Minocha

Batch of 2012 - (Lefroy)

Dear Madam (Head Junior School),

Good morning and wish you a good health.

From core of my heart I would like to express my thankfulness for all the consideration and personal care your good-self and the school provided for my son Master Gourav (Roll no.660, Class V "C").

We really felt the change during the time we spent with him since last couple of days. His concentration power also improved after he went through the special classes (Special thanks to Shalini Mam) and took the medicine and hope he will have more improvement in coming days in the school. I also would like to thank all the teachers and staff (Special thanks to the class teacher, sports teacher and Deepika Mam) who extended their cooperation for the improvement process of Master Gourav.

All these improvements would not be possible unless your support would come in right time for which I really obliged.

Thanking you once again, with positive anticipations.

With regards,

Dr. Durga (Father of Master Gourav)

Dr. Durga Prasad Samontaray,
Ph.D, FDP (IIMA), MBA (Fin), PGDIB
Associate Professor, Department of Finance, CBA
King Saud University, Riyadh



Greetings, Sir:

I was a student of Bishop Cotton, Simla around 1947-1948 at the age of about 7.

For good reason I recollect the treacherous, winter journeys to school from our home in what was then, Chhota Simla.

Today is my mother's birthday. She is now with the valiant, watching us from above.

This provides occasion to reminisce early days in Simla with my sister in Canada. We shared these memories with our offspring as well.

Bishop Cotton was mentioned.

One of our young researchers forwarded me your link.

Based on website content, spontaneity urged me to complete a vast loop of time by writing to you with no specific issue in mind.

Yes, if circumstances permit I shall revisit Simla after almost sixty-four years

My best wishes to you and to your staff.

Basil R Bhan

Albany, NY, USA

Mr. Roy Christopher Robinson

The Headmaster
Bishop Cotton School

Dear Sir,

Today I got a copy of Education World and thrilled to see that BCS has achieved the topmost position among the Boarding Schools. Congratulations for the work over a decade to reach that distinguished position.

Competent faculty, Co-curricular activities, Value for money have big score difference but other areas BCS managed to lead and remain close. Exciting figures and performance!!

Being a former teacher, I feel proud. Being the current Headmaster who made this happen is the most creditable thing that has happened.

Let me wish the School and you for this great honour with every best wishes to remain where you are for a long time,

K. J. Jose

Principal
Adani DAV Public School
Mundra, Kutch, Gujarat

Dear Mr. Robinson,

Sir,

What wonderful news. Heartiest congratulations for receiving this coveted award. Kindly convey our best wishes on behalf of myself, my family, OCA Delhi chapter to all who have made this achievement possible. My best wishes to you, your wife, the teachers and the students of our wonderful school.

All the best for the coming years.

Warmest regards.

Jaspal Singh Sawhney.

Dear Mr. Robinson,

Belated Congratulations on this great news. These days if you don't respond immediately your emails you get lost in piles of junk mail and Facebook notifications.

When I left school in 1963 for a while I was not much in contact with the school. But then while I was at IIT New Delhi I did attend one OCA meeting and did get regular bits of information on how the school was going. The news those days was not good. The school appeared to be on a steep decline. But over the years with several changes of Headmasters the school did reverse that trend. Only a few years ago when we accidentally got hold of a magazine that rated public schools while in India, we were pleasantly surprised that the school was among the top 5.

So both of you need to be profusely commended that we have achieved this summit under your watch and specially to BM and he a batch mate.

Regards,

Rishi

Dear Headmaster,

Vision gets the dreams started. Dreaming employs your God-given imagination to reinforce the vision. Both are part of something I believe is absolutely necessary to building the life of a Champion, a winner, a person of high character who is consistently at the top of whatever exam/game.

Sir, you and your dedicated team makes you number one school of India. CONGRATULATION to you and to your School.

Best Regards,
For Devco Mercantile
Bhushan Sharma

Dear Sir,

Congratulations to you and your dedicated team for making BCS No.1 Boys School in India. We also feel very proud to be a part of BCS family.

Yours faithfully,
Rakesh Gopalka

Respected sir,

Heartily congratulations to you and your whole team for becoming number one school of India officially.

I know that how difficult it is to reach to the peak and the effort requires physical, mental and psychological dedications of top order. Your leadership and guidance is sufficient enough for your whole teaching and non-teaching staff to perform best.

As a parent, I am thankful to BCS family for giving my son Saksham Khatri, Roll No.448, class 6-B, the opportunity to make himself an asset for the society. I assure you to give my full support in each and every manner in keeping our BCS at the pivotal position.

Congratulations and best wishes to you and team.

Yours sincerely

Sunil A. Khatri

Dear Sir,

Please accept our heartiest congratulations on BISHOP COTTON SCHOOL SHIMLA being declared as NO 1 School in the country. This indeed is a result of your vision and leadership and the hard work put in by your team of staff and students. Proud to be associated with BCS.

Regards and best wishes

Col. R.K. Kochhar

Respected Headmaster Sir,

Good morning and
Congratulations for making
Bishop Cotton School named as
Best Boarding School of India.

With regards,

Divoy Benara





The 155th Founder's Day Celebrations

On 28th July, Bishop Cotton School celebrated its 155th Founders Day with Rt. Revd. Bishop P.K. Samantaroy (Diocese of Amritsar), the Chairman of the Board of Governors presiding over the event as The Chief Guest. The rain couldn't dampen the spirits of those involved as the young NCC cadets put on an impressive Guard of Honour on the First Flat. This was followed by the traditional wreath ceremony wherein the Headmaster, the Chief Guest and the School Captain proceeded to pay their respects to the school's eponymous founder by laying the wreath on the Founder's bust on the threshold of the First Flat.

A special chapel service at the Holy Trinity Chapel was held in the aftermath of the Guard of Honour with the Chief Guest addressing the congregation about the relevance Biblical ideas talking at length about the free will of human beings and the dichotomy of good and evil. Bishop P.K. Samantaroy stressed on the importance of being obedient to God and the need to 'love thy neighbour as oneself'. He went on to talk about the two vital qualities of Jesus that must be replicated by his followers.

The School Captain, Yashvardhan Singh read out the poignant passages of the School Lesson with the gathering hanging on to each word of the extract. A certain number of Old Cottonian were present for the ceremony and were nostalgic after witnessing the notable performance of the School Choir.

The Founder's Day was indeed a successful show and due credit must be given to those who were instrumental in orchestrating the entire event. Events like these seek to continue the historical tradition of revering the past and it is no wonder that such events are of vital significance to every Cottonian new, young and grey.

Ankit Gongal
UVI
School Vice Captain '14

Thailand's Ambassador Visit

The delegation from the Royal Thai Embassy led by the Thai Ambassador to India, Mr. Chalit Manityakul paid a visit to Bishop Cotton School on 15th September 2014. After interacting with the Thai students at Bishop Cotton. Mr. Manityakul took a tour of the school premises. Having witnessed the historic timeline of the establishment, he expressed his appreciation of the school's scenic beauty. The Thai Ambassador was particularly impressed by the prevalence of public school traditions and the commitment towards discipline. Mr. Manityakul also generously donated two coffee table books based on Thailand's notable past.

Ankit Gongal
UVI
School Vice Captain '14



The Whitmarsh-Knight Lecture Review

The 16th edition of the Annual T.M. Whitmarsh Knight Memorial Lecture was held on the evening of the Founder's Day celebrations. Presenting the lecture for the evening as the Keynote Speaker was Mr. Murad Ali Baig, Motoring Journalist and author of **80 Questions To Understand India's** fame. The evergreen Mr. Kishie Singh, who has now become one of the most recurring features of the Whitmarsh Knight Lectures, reprised the role of the Moderator once again. Joining the interjection and panel discussion were reputed personalities such as Mrs. Chander Suta Dogra. Mr. Arjan Singh. Mr. Roopinder Singh and Mrs. Manjeet Paintal. The topic slated for discussion read "India Explodes A Hiroshima Every Year On Its Roads— Reasons. Results and Remedies".



Mr. Murad Ali Baig, the Keynote Speaker commenced the proceedings by highlighting the inadequacies in the laws pertaining to roads in India and the pertinent issues that concern the travellers. By relating the sharp contrasts that occur in India to those in America and other developed countries, he stressed on the importance to counter the distractions that one faces and the need to implement stringer regulations. Mr. Kishie Singh did not fail to impress the young gathering with his quirky musings, talking about his road trip from London to Chandigarh via Tehran and wittily saying that 'the best way to see a country is through the windshield of a car'.

The panelists lamented the depressing condition of Indian roads and even went as far to say that "It is better to be a Mister Late than to be a Late Mister". The discussion went on for an hour and a half and the audience keenly participated in it often expressing its queries about the 'remedies'.

The historic Irwin Hall was bestowed with the presence of concerned Cottonians and visitors from the Auckland House School, Shimla. The panelists were intrigued by the level of scholarly comprehension of the audience and with different analysis and tangents of the topic flowing into the discussion it could be well argued that the future holds something good if events such as the T.M. Whitmarsh-Knight Lecture are held periodically in our education system.

Ankit Gongal
UVI, School Vice Captain '14

Advanced Mountaineering Course Report

"The history of climbing was once written on rocks with the symbolic pen of boldness; today it is written in bolts."

With the emergence of modern technology and better climbing equipments, the values associated with the art of mountaineering have slightly altered. The need for inherent perseverance and the skill of a team is to a large extent determined by its number of bivouacs. Even then, those adrenaline junkies who yearn for the experience of a solitary expedition are termed as "reckless". However, it is this brand of thrill-seeking unconventionality that encourages ordinary climbers to become great mountaineers.

This year, I was fortunate to commit myself and successfully complete the Advanced Mountaineering Course or the much feared AMC from the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering, Manali. During the course, I was forced to combat the intimidating and unpredictable weather conditions, the unforgiving and uneven terrain on the mountains. Striving hard to work through the hardships became a daily necessity as I had life-changing and near-death experiences on the expedition. Although, I was the only one representing Bishop Cotton School this year, I had the company of several mountaineering enthusiasts coming from as far as the serenity of Switzerland.

The team summated the Friendship Peak, the House of Dead Peak (19673ft), the Makar Beh and the House of Crevasses (17353ft). Though these peaks weren't at a very high altitude, it helped the team realize that the toughest peaks to climb aren't necessarily the highest. The institute provided a great opportunity to build on my experiences in the Basic Mountaineering Course with lectures ranging across the nature of all established terrains-rock, snow and ice. Casualty search, rescue and evacuation technique proved to be a decisive part of the course and I look forward to a great expedition ahead. Reinhold Messner, expressed the fervor that resides the heart of mountaineers aptly when he said,

"I climb not for the world to see me at the top, but to see the world from the top for myself"

Shubham Hissaria
UVI

HOBBY NOTES



The school is an endeavour to expand the domain of skills amongst the students, who take up hobbies as an integral part of the curriculum. This year too, the activities were taken up with same passion, enthusiasm and zeal. Some new hobbies were introduced like the wood craft, rashim painting, 3D painting, puppets, jalpari paintings, sequence, emboss painting ect.

It was again a great success as the children gave their full participation and willingness to do it.

Mrs. S. Chander



ATHLETICS NOTES

This year the athletics season began in June, which was a very fiery month. Right from June the season went up till the month of October. The athletics captain for the year 2014 was Mohit Mahendru, who was also the Victor Ludorium with his ravishing performance in the year 2013. In the year 2014 the victors for individual divisions were – F division - Akhil Mehra ,E- division- Vaibhav Parsad, D-division- Rhythm Sachdeva, C-division-Saurabh Sharma, B division Rahul Mahendru, A-division Shubham Hissaria, Open-Division -Mohit Mahendru. Our Inter House Athletics Meet was on 18th October 2014. The guest of honour for the meet was the batch of 1988. There were several records which were broken this year by vast perimeters. The P.S Nat Award for 1500 mts for the 2014 was awarded to Mohit Mahendru and the Victor Ludorium Award was given to Rahul Mahendru. Inter-School Relay (4400) was on the final day. Our team relay was opened by Mohit Mahendru running first and Yuvraj Seemar running last. After a laborious effort given by each member of our team, our school stood second and Chapslee School stood first. The overall inter house athletics positions for the year 2014 were:-



We hope for some more records to be broken next year and Cottonians will 'go on raising the bar.'

Mohit Mohendru
Athletics Captain '14

U-16 Cricket Tournament Bangalore

The boys of Bishop Cotton School Shimla were invited for the All India Cottonian Shield U-16 Tournament at Bishop Cotton School, Bangalore. After the conclusion of our half yearly examinations we were looking forward for the tournament. Due to some circumstances we were only able to practice for 5-6 days. We were warmly welcomed by the boys of BCS, Bangalore at the airport. The next day we had our match with La Marterniere, Kolkata. Unfortunately we lost the match but still our hopes were alive. According to the fixture set by the BCS, Bangalore, we had entered the quarterfinal with Frank Anthony Public School, Delhi. It was a breath-taking and spectacular match. But we lost the match by 4 runs. Failure teaches Success. We visited the famous Mansoor Lake and many other places. We also enjoyed in interacting with the boys of BCS, Bangalore. Finally, after spine-tingling matches BCS, Bangalore and Ebenizer School, Bangalore were in the finals. The chief guest for the occasion was Sir Roger Binny, a well known cricketer. The match was action-packed and finally Ebenizer School, Bangalore won the All India Cottonian Shield U-16 Cricket Tournament. It was a great memorable experience and at last we headed towards our home Bishop Cotton School Shimla, Shimla.

Dhruv Jain V Form
Navraj Guron V Form

Hindi One Act Play Notes



As everybody is very much familiar with the English One Act Play in Bishop Cotton School, many were delighted to have Hindi One Act Play. This year, the four houses were very endearing and they were all gushy to represent their plays. First, it was Ibbetson House to give a start to the occasion by their fabulous play based upon a struggling director, trying to convince his wife to substitute the role of his drama's main heroine for he thinks the heroine has left the drama and wanted to save his drama from crumbling. Abhlshek Behl and Devanshu Sangwan were the main characters who kept up the name of last year's Ibbetson House play. Up next was Lefroy House play which revolved around Shahjahan and his dream to build Taj Mahal in corrupt times. Aditya Raj Bhudiya and Yugam Sonthalia were the main characters. Upcoming stage performance was Rivaz House. Their play depicted the image of a corrupt Indian Police Station. Hardik Goyal and Sagar Verma were the main characters. Last but not the least was the performance of Curzon House. Their play rocked the evening and ironically backed the first place. Mohit Mahendru being the main character earned the Glancy Dramatics award 2014. It was based upon a King who was always fond of hearing his praises and blowing his own trumpet and how he gets a lesson at the end. This year Hindi One Act Play was an encouragement for many students to take part and give their best whole heartedly. The individual awards are as follows-

Best actor in Male role	– Mohit Mahendru
Best actor in Female role	– Devanshu Sangwan
Best supporting actor in Male role	– Akshaye Ahuja
Best supporting actor in Female role	– Shubham Sharma

House Positions were:-



Mohit Mohendru
(UVI)

Western Music Notes

Music adds joy to life. It is a very important part of one's life. With the extracurricular activities having a great importance in our school, every year we put up a music competition too.

This year, the Western Music Competition was scheduled for the month of September. To honour the occasion we had in our midst the batches of 1989 and 1954 as the chief guests for the occasion.

The competition saw some wonderful performances under singing (solo, duet and group) as well as instrumental (solo and group). After the performances by the boys of the various houses we also had an exhibition performance by the girls of Auckland House and the school band itself which consisted of Samuel Ralte, Jonathan Fanai, Joshua Thakur and Harkirat Chugh.

In the end, the results were as follows:



It was a great musical evening with some great performances. We look forward to more of such evenings in the years to come.

RAHUL MAHENDRU
Vth Form

Swimming Notes



Not only a very famous sport, but swimming is also a very important activity worldwide. It offers great test for one's stamina, speed and endurance

In Bishop Cotton School swimming is one of the major sports which has been made compulsory for each student comprising this institution. This year the season for this sport began in the searing and sultry month of May and the

students began their practices for the swimming Minck Challenge Cup with great earnest. Being a sport where practice session are fun, swimmers were regularly seen flaunting their speed and endurance abilities. The Inter House Swimming final was scheduled on the 30th of July. The swimmers who had paved their way into the final of the various events were raring to go and show their dexterity in the various events. They had one last shot at glory.

It was a very well competed final by the swimmers with some great performances by Harkirit Singh, Harkirat Chugh, Ayush Banik and Harshal Mehta, all of whom were trying for the coveted victor Ludorium. Ayush Banik set a new record freestyle 2 lengths in the U-16 division while Harshal Mehta also set a new record for 2 length backstroke in the U-14 division. Yashvardhan Singh bagged the gold medal in the strenuous event of Open Plunge, Harkirit Singh stormed to the first position in the 2 length freestyle while Harkirat Chugh fended off challenges to stand first in the breaststroke event. In the end Harkirit Singh of Rivaz reached stardom by winning the Victor Ludorium Award for the Best Swimmer for the year 2014. While the Proficiency Cup was secured by Rivaz House the Challenge Cup was won by Curzon House. The Relay Cup was shared between the two houses as well. However the overall positions stood as:-



Not to forget the great contribution and guidance of our swimming coaches Mr. Gurpreet Singh and Mr. R. S. Dhaliwal. Nevertheless, we look forward to breaking more records in the future and great swimming year ahead.

Harkirat Chug | **Harkirit Singh**
UVI, Swimming Captain | UVI

BL Modi Notes

The prestigious inter-school B.L. Modi Elocution Competition was held on the 26th of July. The event was graced by the presence of the chief guest Mr. John Principal of Boys Auckland School and Manager of Auckland House Girls School and Mrs. John Principal of Auckland House Girls School. The event commenced with the lighting of the traditional lamp by the chief guest. The year, the number of participating schools was increased as there would be a wider range of talent on displaying and it also made the event a bit more competitive. The participating schools were:

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| 1. Auckland House School | 8. St. Edwards School |
| 2. Convent of Jesus and Mary | 9. Shimla Public School |
| 3. Chinmaya Vidayala | 10. St. Thomas School |
| 4. Durga Public School | 11. Himalayan International School |
| 5. Loreto Convent | 12. Pinegrove School |
| 6. Saint Lukes School | 13. Bishop Cotton School |
| 7. St. Mary's School | |

As expected a wide array of student delegates from their respective schools showed their dexterity and skills of orating, poetry and prose and there was tough competition in each division, but at the end of this day there is only one man standing.

Seeing from our selfish point of view, Dilpreet Bhatia of class 6 managed to wrestle to a respectable 4th position. Kartik Walia after a fierce duel, managed to grab the first position in the sub-junior division elocution. Ateek Gupta grabbed the second position in the prose (Class 8) division, while Hardik Jain competing in the drama division stood third. Yasvardhan Singh of class 12th claimed top honors as he bagged the first position in the Turncoat Division for classes 11 and 12.

Bishop Cotton School Shimla once again achieved the first position overall, and with that another chapter closed in the rich history of our school.

Aditya Raj Budhiya, V Form

Boxing Notes



Bishop Cotton School remains one of the few institutions in India that gives its students an opportunity to participate in one of the most physically and psychologically challenging sports, boxing. The boxing season began in the month of July with all the boys reporting for the customary weighing-in. Mr. R. John and a former national level instructor took over the training programme.

After a keenly contested knockout stage that began from the preliminary round through to the Pre-Quarter, Quarter-finals and Semi-Final round, we were fortunate to witness close gripping bouts as well as heavy ones.

The Inter-House Boxing Finals lasted three days from the 7th to the 9th of August with Mr. Sanjay Kumar (IPS), the Director General of Police, Himachal Pradesh presiding as the chief guest. In one of the most anticipated bouts of the afternoon, the boxing captain of the year Prabhat Agrawal was pitted against Shubham Hissaria. Shubham Hissaria unanimously defeated Prabhat Agrawal to win the coveted R. S. Sawhney Most Scientific Boxer of the year 2014 award. In the other significant contests, Rahul Mahendru defeated the Best Loser, Dheraj Kumar while Augustine Fanai was rewarded the Most Promising Boxer of his performances. In the final and 343 bouts of the boxing season, the School Captain Yashvardhan Singh lost out to Ankit Gongal thus ending the memorable round of events. Curzon House managed to keep the overall Boxing Cup for the third consecutive year while Rivaz House overtook Ibbetson House for the second place. Lefroy House was forced to help itself with the remaining spot. The physical demands of boxing ring remain exceptionally great and boxing remains an integral part of the Cottonian games curriculum.

Shubham Hissaria.
UVI

Shooting Notes

The shooting season commenced on June, 2014 with Yuvraj Seemar declared as shooting captain of the year, With the start of the new year the boys of respective houses with full zeal and enthusiasm took part in the inter-house shooting competition of Peep sight Rifle and Pistol event. The house positions were as follows: Ibbetson house bagged the first position, while Lefroy stood at the second and Rivaz and Curzon at third and the fourth position respectively. A team of sixteen were sent to the Inter-School States Competition which was held in Sanawar from the 27th to the 30th of August. Bishop Cotton School was not entirely victorious but performed a commendable effort and was declared as the runners up with 15 medals being bagged up by the team in both rifle as well as pistol.

This was not enough for the shooting team who were always hungry for accolades. Out of the 16 students that participated in the Sanawar, 12 students participated in the All India Inter-School Competition held at Delhi from the 10th to the 17th of September. Subsequently the following boys qualified for the Nationals:

(a.) Yuvraj Seemar with a score of 595,4/600 (b.) Abhinav Bhaskar (c.) Mehtaab Sidhu

This brings us to an end of a memorable shooting season. However, for the ones still practicing hard in the range, the best is yet to come.

Yuvraj Singh Seemar
UVI (Shooting Captain)' 14

The Weekend

In these three days holidays I did not go home but we had a lot of fun in the dormitory. We played at rest time. We played football. We played cricket with the sponge ball. We went to the Irons dormitory and watched television and played with the sponge ball and came back and slept after our school prayers and own prayers.

Aryan Bhatia, Curzon 5 A

My Favourite Book

I have many books at home. But my favourite book is "Gulliver's Travels". It is very interesting. It is about a man who loves the sea. When he goes to the sea, a storm hits his boat and he reaches the land of Lilliput. In the land of Lilliput he finds very small people. In Lilliput he tries to adjust to their ways. Later he reaches a place far away from Lilliput named Brodingnag. There he sees people bigger than him. The people use toy boats. The boats were too big for him. After 3 months he returns home.

Aryan Jain, Curzon 5 A

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Time

Time is very important in our lives. It is important than money because if once it is gone it will never return. You can earn money every day so you should never waste time because it will go and never return.

Pratyush Jain, 5 A



The Picnic

We went for a picnic on 4.6.214. We stayed in Oakwood Resort. We had lots of fun there. We did valley crossing. We played with the things we had brought. After that we had a tasty lunch. Then we started to play again. After an hour or two we boarded the bus and we reached our school around 5:30 pm in the evening. We enjoyed the picnic very much.

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Boarding Life

Boarding life makes us independent. It makes us strong. It helps us to be active. It helps us to be a perfect man. It makes us responsible workers. It gives us great knowledge etc. Boarding life is

My Favourite Sports

My favourite sports are golf and soccer. Out here in B.C.S. we play soccer but not golf. But when I go home I play golf with my parents. They take me to the Chandigarh Golf Club. I go to the park with my friends to play soccer. Golf is a game in which you have to put a small ball into a small hole. For this you need special type of clubs, Soccer is a game in which you've got to kick a football into the goal.

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Inside the English One Act Play Competition

Dark humour characterized the events that unfolded in the Annual Inter-House English One Act Play competition held at Bishop Cotton on the evening of 2nd August. The Chief Guest for the occasion was the Headmaster, Mr. Roy Christopher Robinson while guests from Auckland House School, Shimla and the Shimla Public School had also come to witness the time-honoured contest.

Ibbetson House began the proceedings by presenting *The Dumb Wife of Cheapside*, a light hearted comedy starring Abhishek Behl as the protagonist who is desperate to cure his wife played by Shlok Goel of a mysterious ailment, but is unaware of the comical affair that is about to unfurl. Lefroy House came up with *The Exchange*, a social satire starring Aditya Raj Budhiya and Mohd. Affudin in the main roles that exposed the ridiculous extremities of the insatiable human greed for perfection. Rivaz House, last years winners put up *The Lamb to the Slaughter*, the dark comedy by Roald Dahl with Hardik Goyal as the seemingly innocent Mary Maloney who kills her husband in a psychotic fit and then makes for herself a perfect alibi. Finally, Curzon House presented *The Swiss Job*, a dark political thriller about an American Treasury Secretary played by Ankit Gongal who goes to the stubborn chairman of Credit Suisse played by Mohit Mahendru in order to get the names of the nationals who have black money in private Swiss bank accounts. The play made shrewd use of proper interrogation scenes, realistic violence and an unpredictable twist-in-the-tale to bring the play into life.

The judges were vocal in their appreciation of the dedication of the actors towards their characters and their willingness to 'do everything it took to get into the character'. One of the judges, Mr. Raja Bhasin, an Old Cottonian and a well known literary personality praised the attention of Curzon House to the most minute of details such as the wet umbrella and went on to talk about the radical improvements that have taken place in the school's theatre scene since his days.

The final House positions were as follows –

1 st Position	Curzon house
2 nd Position	Rivaz House
3 rd Position	Ibbetson House
4 th Position	Lefroy House

The individual awards were as follows –

Best Actor in a Male Role	—
Ankit Gongal	
Best Actor in a Female Role	—
Hardik Goyal	
Best Supporting Actor	—
Mohit Mahendru	

The Glancy Dramatics Prize for the Best Actor was awarded to Ankit Gongal for his impressive portrayal of the serious-minded and ruthless "American Minister of Finance",

Ankit Gongal

UVI

School Vice Captain '14