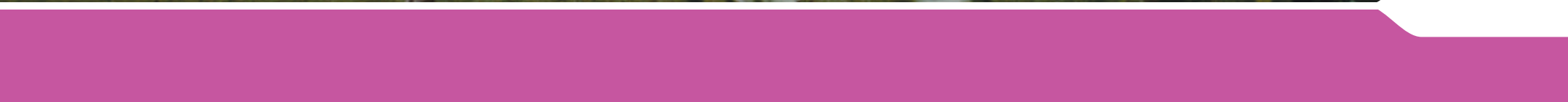
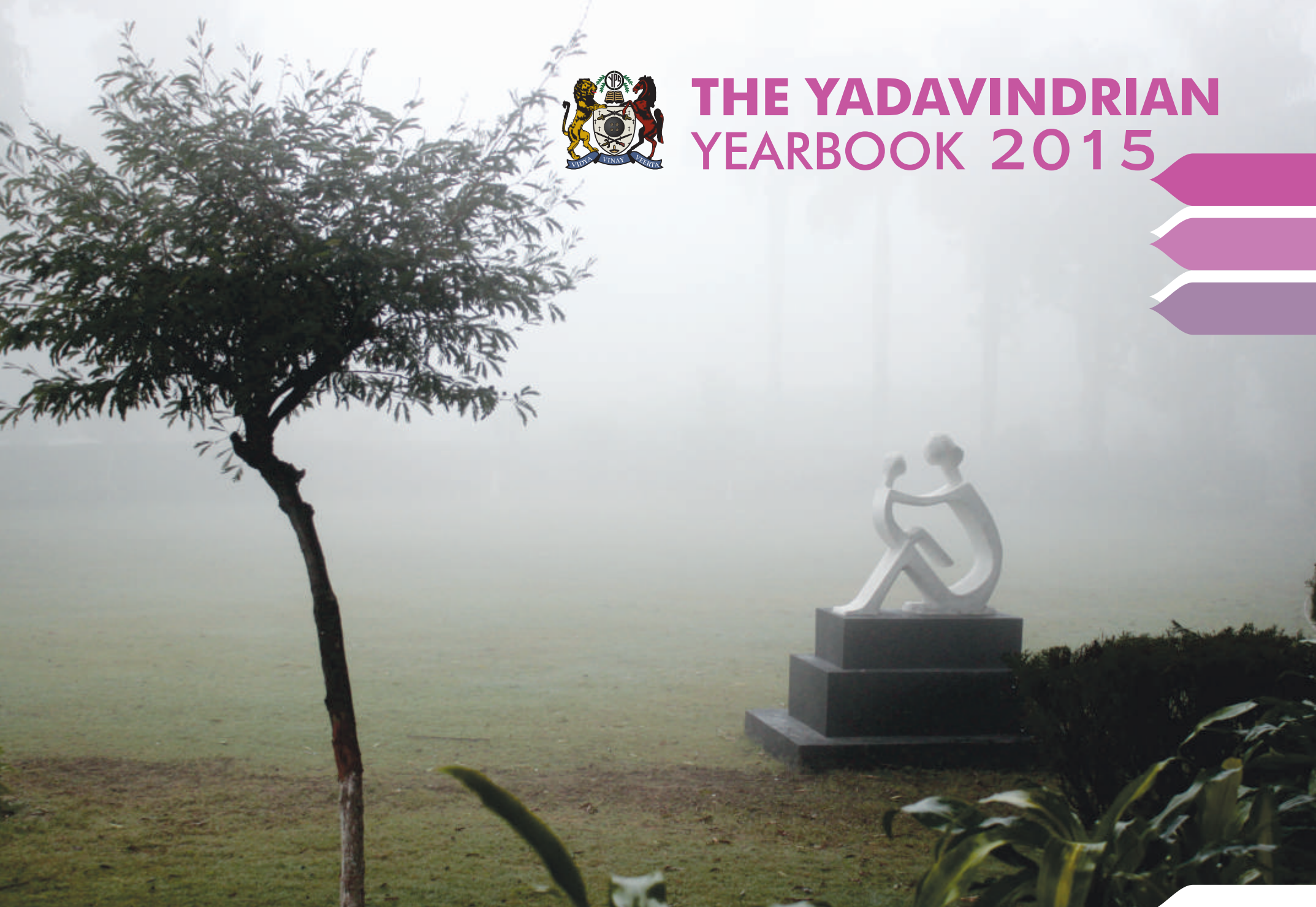




# THE YADAVINDRIAN YEARBOOK 2015





*Maharaja Yadavindra Singh of Patiala*  
*1913 - 1974*



## School Motto

### **Vidya : Education**

What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to the human soul

- Addison

### **Vinay : Humility**

The wiser you are, the more you realize how little you actually know

- Socrates

### **Veerta : Courage**

Courage is not simply one of the virtues but the form of every virtue at the testing point

- C.S. Lewis



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## **HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE**

*At the end of another year I reflect not merely on yesterday's victories, but on tomorrow's triumphs.*

And I introspect on why our efforts at YPS, Mohali, matter. At the heart of our endeavour is the happy realization that under our tutelage many hundreds of children will realize their potential. It would be in no small measure due to the fact that we continue to focus on building an atmosphere completely conducive to learning and growing. Learning in the age of constant and accelerating change can simply never stop. While we strive, we are aware that in this pursuit we may rarely reach any 'final answers'. But the good news is that if we make the journey joyful, we may find even more satisfaction in continuing the search.

We are confident that we will succeed because in each student we go well beyond mere accumulation of knowledge—we help in creating thinking and self-driven individuals and team-players with marked abilities to make decisions, think critically and creatively, and synthesize knowledge, transcending the limited boundaries prescribed by the disciplines.

We are not mere proponents for change. Students, teachers, and the parent community are joint partners of an education revolution—a revolution where we can unleash the power of bold innovation to transform the lives of our children and give them hope for a much brighter future.

At YPS, Mohali, my fervent

message to students is this: find the spark or 'fire in the belly.' The important thing is not meeting the expectations of others; it is about meeting the expectation of the person that matters most—you. Meeting your own aspirations is what living a fulfilling life is all about. In this journey, never be afraid of setbacks, for these are as inevitable as the eventual success.

The ability to succeed emerges from constant struggle. This is a personal quest that seeks to examine one's innermost core and discover the hidden strengths, even weaknesses. It is about peeling away the layers of protection, lifting each one to see what is below. In doing so the lessons are self-taught, the experiences profound, and one discovers an inner strength that is our real core; our 'it'.

We—The Head and teachers at YPS—stand with you, empowering you, and providing you with all the tools that you need to forge ahead in life.

**RP Devgan**

## EDITORIAL



The old clear the way for the newer and the fitter; it's the basic law of nature.

I knew it was inevitable, yet my knowledge that school would end couldn't prepare me for the feeling that comes with the realization that my time is over. I'm aware that this is 'just' a new beginning for me and the school, but I can't help but think of how much more I had wanted to do before I left. And so in my editorial I repeat, with reinforced enthusiasm, the advice that many have uttered before me, *Carpe diem*, seize the day! YPS gives you ample opportunity to do so.

It's funny how it took an Einstein to figure out that time is relative—at YPS, it seems to fly by. The Athletic meet, School Fete, Founder's Day, mid-term exams, treks, cross-country, IPSC tournaments and numerous inter-house and inter-school events that are hallmarks of a Yadavindrian's year and a cause for anticipation as each year begins, passed by in

a blur, becoming distant dream-like memories.

To each, a year in YPS means something different. Yet, it's given us all our best memories: memories that are at the core of our identities. Early morning basketball practices and bus rides have made me feel like a part of a team and realize its responsibilities. Playing inter-house hockey and cricket, without even knowing how to initially hold either a hockey stick or a bat have taught me the prevalence of spirit over skill. Moreover, it's the little things that I'll miss most; march-past practices before athletic meets while shouting down the other houses; rehearsing and putting up inter-house plays.

With such fond memories, there is a risk that Yadavindrians may always live in the past. So I reiterate the importance of living in the moment, of trying new things and stepping outside of your comfort zone. My parting

advice is to make the most of your time here. Take part in the inter-house quizzes, it doesn't matter if your friends say you aren't smart enough; get into trouble at least once, read a good book; study—it won't make you a nerd; run the cross country and come first, or last, it doesn't matter what.

Despite the discrepancies in our interests and experiences, to each Yadavindrian, YPS is a second home—a close knit and welcoming community—where there is something for everybody to do and explore. And each year YPS surpasses itself—developing and traversing unmarked territory. This year we initiated student-made inter-house plays and hosted our own first inter-school science fair. And what a success both were! YPS gains from each batch of students and continues to evolve. So I wish the future batches and editorial team the best in contributing to this legacy and exceeding expectations.

**Beeban Rai**



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# INVESTITURE CEREMONY

*"He who would learn to fly one day must first learn to stand and walk and run and climb and dance; one cannot fly into flying." — Friedrich Nietzsche*

At YPS we want our students to fly, so we give them wings in the form of additional responsibility, greater challenges, and the authority to shape the future of the school, thereby helping them to overcome their uncertainties and emerge as great leaders. Nurturing students to be future leaders, YPS held its Investiture Ceremony on January 19, 2014. The most solemn occasion of the year, this ceremony vests the Prefects' Council for the coming year with the symbols of authority and charges them with upholding the honour of the school. They take the oath on behalf of the school, to lead the students on the right path, to carry forward the traditions and

practices of a true Yadavindrian and be a pillar of strength for the student body. It is also the occasion when we wish the outgoing Prefects' Council goodbye as they hand over their charge to the newly elected Council.

As 2014 draws to a close we look back at these leaders who proved that the price of greatness is responsibility; that extra-ordinary leadership is a balance between tenderness and toughness, compassion and courage, humility and firmness.

## SCHOOL PREFECTS' COUNCIL 2014

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
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| Head Girl                     | <b>Beeban Rai</b>                                 |
| Deputy Head Boy               | <b>Himmat Singh Tiwana</b>                        |
| Deputy Head Girl              | <b>Huijin Jang</b>                                |
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| Co-Curricular Captain (Girls) | <b>Kajal Sharma</b>                               |
| Sports Captain (Boys)         | <b>Sehraj Baidwan</b>                             |
| Sports Captain (Girls)        | <b>Sandeep Kaur</b>                               |
| Environment Captain           | <b>Kritendeep Kaur</b>                            |
| Music Captain                 | <b>Jaisveen Kaur</b>                              |
| Boarding House Captain:       | <b>Aseem Vij</b>                                  |
| Boarding House Prefects:      | <b>Simarjeet Singh, Jaideep Dhillon</b>           |
| Aitchison House               |   |
| Captain (Boys)                | <b>Gangesh Dhar</b>                               |
| Captain (Girls)               | <b>Amanpreet kaur</b>                             |
| Prefects:                     | <b>Nishthha Sharma, Mahima Verma</b>              |
| Nalagarh House                |   |
| Captain (Boys)                | <b>Jasamrit Singh</b>                             |
| Captain (Girls)               | <b>Kudrat Kaur Waraich</b>                        |
| Prefects:                     | <b>Roohanjot Singh, Puneet Singh Tiwari</b>       |
| Patiala House                 |   |
| Captain (Boys)                | <b>Noordeep Singh</b>                             |
| Captain (Girls)               | <b>Deepshikha Anand</b>                           |
| Prefects:                     | <b>Ashutosh Prasad Kaushal, Satyam Bhardwaj</b>   |
| Ranjit House                  |   |
| Captain (Boys)                | <b>Arpan Singh Brar</b>                           |
| Captain (Girls)               | <b>Gursaya Grewal</b>                             |
| Prefects:                     | <b>Gurraj Singh Baidwan, Jasleen Kaur Kahlon</b>  |
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| Captain (Girls)               | <b>Sukhan Rangji</b>                              |
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*Navraj Saini, Siddhartha Yaddanapudi, Harman Gill and Beeban Rai receiving the Champions Trophy on behalf of Tagore House*

## XXXV FOUNDER'S DAY

Founder's day is an important day in the school calendar when the entire school community gathers to commemorate those who founded the school, and contributed to its development. It is an event that celebrates our legacy and looks forward to our continued development as a voice in the region that speaks for children.

The 35th Founder's Day celebrations were held on April 9, 2014. We were honoured to have Lt. Gen. Rajan Bakshi, the Army Commander of the Indian Army's Central Command, as our Chief Guest.

The academic procession led the Chief Guest to the venue. The celebrations commenced with a beautiful 'shabad' sung by the

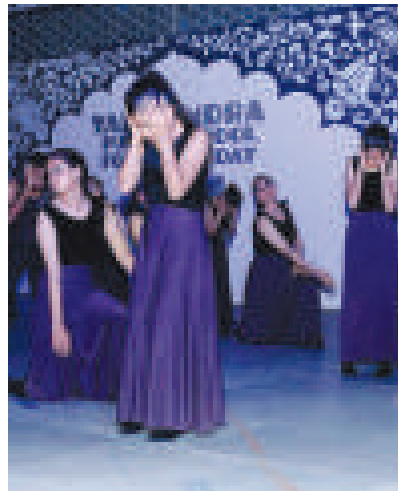
Indian Music choir of the senior school.

YPS has a tradition of the students presenting the report for the previous year's activities. Keeping up with this tradition the Head Girl, Beeban Rai, and the Head Boy, Abhimanyu Mann, highlighted the achievements of 2013. The Junior School report was presented by its Head Boy, Aarav Bhardwaj and Head Girl, Kritika Dudpuri. The co-curricular report was presented by Kajal Sharma and Shaurya Dhawan. This was followed by the Environment Report by Huijin Jang, the Deputy Head Girl. The Sports Report and Boarding House reports were presented by Himmat Tiwana, the Deputy Head Boy.

The principal, Mr Devgan in his speech requested the parents to be a bit firm with their children and not give in too easily to the whims and fancies of their wards. 'Brand' culture should be

frowned upon and the students should grow up to be good citizens, compassionate and generous.

After the principal's speech, the chief guest gave away the awards for the year 2013. General Bakshi then addressed the audience. He talked about the importance of holistic development and added that he believed that Yadavindrians are outstanding models of the society and can serve the nation as great human beings. He motivated us to think positively,



*In sync with the dance world*

think big but with our feet on the ground so as to become ideal humans. "With the will to win you can simply not lose, but if you do so you win in losing", said General Bakshi. He talked about the army being "a gentleman's work" and quoted various examples from his own experiences where army men laid down their lives for their motherland.

There followed a wonderful mix of song and dance, colour and life as the Senior and Junior school together presented a variety of songs and dances. The highlight of the evening was the contemporary dance, beautifully choreographed by Mr Akshay Sharma and the medley of folk dances choreographed by Mrs Mamta.

The function was a huge success and highly appreciated by all.



*General Bakshi addressing the students*



*Jai Hind!*





## YPS XTRAVAGANZA

Where on earth can a Grade VII boy win a Royal Enfield motorcycle and a Grade X student win a multi-gear bike? The YPS fete of course!

The most awaited event on the student's calendar, the fete was held on February 8-9, 2014. Two days of fun, frolic and the most extraordinary amount of eating marked the festivities. The big

hit, like every year, was the Columbus ride, though the camels did give it a run for its money.

Students and parents from all over the city came to enjoy themselves at the various food and games stalls, each set up and managed by the teachers.

The notable stalls this year

included Ring -a-Bottle, Feed the Clown, Bowling and Souvenir Stall. There was also a miniature golfing green, and the ever popular food court. The toy train and merry-go-round were a great hit with the little ones. Children of all ages had something to amuse them, from bouncing castles for the very young, to games of skill for the older ones.

The teenage crowd, of course, gravitated towards the Jam Session, where the foot-tapping numbers set the pace for a fun-filled day.

The Request Stall was in much demand as songs were dedicated to friends, teachers, parents and even grandparents. Our own alumni Harman Gill's song 'Love Story' was a big hit with the students. So it's *Hasta Manana* 'til we meet again!

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*Clockwise from top left:  
An eye on the target; Kalmu ki Sawari;  
Fishing for a prize; Enjoyment 'through & through';  
Children from 'Theatre Age' showcasing their talent*





*Vande Mataram!*

## CELEBRATIONS

### THE REPUBLIC DAY

On January 26 the YPS family gathered with freedom in our minds, pride in our hearts and memories in our souls to pay tribute to our great nation on its 65th Republic Day.

The celebration started with the flag hoisting ceremony. The Principal hoisted the national

flag followed by the national anthem on everyone's lips. It was a glorious sight to see the tricolored flag swaying gently in the breeze. This was followed by an inspiring speech by the Principal where he talked about the future of our country lying in the hands of our generation and how it is our duty to try and eradicate all the social evils that

exist in our country. He recited 'where the mind is without fear' by Rabindranath Tagore.

The Junior School choir sang a melodious song 'Lakshya'. Our young ones were full of energy and enthusiasm and made the atmosphere come alive with patriotic fervour. 'Vande Matram' by the Senior Wing of the school followed. The Republic Day celebration came to an end with the song 'Hamara Vatan'.

I am sure that this Republic Day celebration inspired everyone to form a new India, free of all evils and for this we will have to follow the words of the father of our nation - "be the change you want to see".

### **EARTH DAY**

*How each one of us can make a difference!*

April 22, 2014—a pigeon flew into X-N and injured its wing on the fan. The terrified bird would flap its wings and try to fly every time anyone tried to get close, aggravating its injury. A group of students—Avaninder, Uday, Arpan and Tanveer, with the help of a teacher managed to catch the bird and take it to the school medical room where timely help and medical intervention saved its life. The hero of the day was Uday Veer Singh, who not only held the bird through all its struggles while its wing was splinted and bound, but also carried it to the local SPCA, in Sector 38 West. Sadly, the wing had to be amputated, but the bird found help and a home where it would be safe from predators.



*Uday Veer Singh and the rescued pigeon*



*It's all about the balance*

## MAY DAY

The first of May marks Labour Day, and as the world celebrates the contribution of the working masses, YPS does not lag behind.

At YPS, it is a day for us to take out time from our busy schedules and appreciate the



efforts of our Class IV employees, who not only ensure the smooth sailing of our school, but also stand as the backbone behind it all.

This year the Prefects' Council, along with teachers of the Junior and Senior School, got together to arrange a day of fun and activities for the employees that would prove to be both special and memorable.

A variety of games such as Musical Chairs, Tug-of-War, and a twist to the classic Lemon & Spoon Race (with potatoes instead of lemons) were organised. Time flew by fast as

everyone had fun, and prizes were given to the winners. The Principal delivered a speech in appreciation of the entire work force present. They also received special gifts - tokens of our gratitude.

Following this, everyone was taken to the library where there was a special screening of the movie 'Bhootnath Returns'. Meanwhile, the Prefects' Council and teachers rolled up their sleeves and got to work in the kitchen, preparing their meal. The festivities concluded after the meal, and everyone left with a feeling of having bonded well.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY

15th August, 2014, a day to commemorate the gaining of Independence by India 67 years ago, was celebrated at YPS with a renewed commitment towards keeping up the ideals of the nation. The National flag was unfurled amidst a joyous rendering of the National anthem as each individual stood tall and reiterated the pledge to honour the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters and keep the forces of divisiveness at bay.

*Anti-clockwise from top left:  
The matar; ... and the paneer;  
Words of wisdom from the Headmaster*



*Mickey's Pals*

## KINDERGARTEN REPORT

The year 2014 commenced with a promise to go beyond achievable limits. Teachers with all their experience, enthusiasm and vitality kicked off the session with fervour. Children glowing with zest and innocence marched their way with joy to learn and explore.

## ACADEMIC REPORT

The strength of any structure lies in its foundation. Keeping this in mind, a dedicated effort was made throughout the year to provide children with a strong base. To do this, contemporary teaching techniques were used to shape the overall personality of children. Well thought out curriculum was designed and shaped, keeping in mind balanced and effective growth. Learning is a continuous process both for the teachers and children, hence, enhancing and enriching each other's learning curve.



The Kindergarten has been touching a new height with each passing session. A plethora of fun-filled activities kept the tiny tots involved throughout the session. Each day had a well-designed activity to teach students the basics. Methodology involving music, pictures, animation, games, art and craft, helped children in developing their skills.

Drop everything and Read (Dear) programme was introduced wherein every student read a story every day before lunch.



## TALENT SHOWCASE

September 27, 2014, witnessed Toons invading the Kindergarten. A carnival based on various Disney characters left all and sundry mesmerised and awestruck. The Classrooms and play area of Kindergarten was converted into a mini Disney world.

The students of UKG dressed as cartoon characters and participated in the Toon Parade and spoke about themselves during the Fancy Dress show.



The Great Puppet Show held on 13 November 2014 left the parents amazed. A beautifully woven fairy tale of Pinocchio's travels and his encounter with Disney Characters was a treat for the eyes. The participation of 290 students was well appreciated.

The annual art and craft display called "Creative Hands" was an extension of this world. The display showed craft work based on Toons, using recyclable materials.

*From left to right:  
Drawing by Adeep UKG-O; A splash in the summer;  
Roses at the Rose Garden*



## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

A balanced and disciplined growth of children is paramount for Kindergarten. Swimming activities, craft exhibition, exhilarating field trips, treasure hunts, and a musical show were all camouflaged into different activities ensuring joy, fun, happiness, and learning all at the same time.

The introduction of the Kinder dance, an American based learning programme to enhance motor development was fruitful for the students.



Clockwise from top left:  
Chip n Dale - Chips off the old block;  
Monkeying around;  
On Strings of Enjoyment;  
Holi aayi re, aayi re, Holi aayi!

# YADAVINDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Kindergarten Class Photographs



NURSERY



LOWER KINDERGARTEN



UPPER KINDERGARTEN



## JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

*"The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows."*

**Sydney J. Harris**

### ACADEMIC REPORT

At Junior School, we create a happy, lively and stimulating place of learning where children are able to achieve their full potential in a safe and secure

environment. In order to do this we use interactive methods like the Interactive Board, E-Blocks and Discovery Room that sow seeds of learning and enquiry.

The school subscribed to the National Geographic magazine which was also used in the teaching of English, Science, Social Studies and Computer projects.

Literary activities are an integral part of the curriculum. Spelling Bee in English and Poetry Recitation in English, Hindi, and Punjabi were conducted for all classes. English and Punjabi Calligraphy were also organized for all classes. Drop Everything and Read (DEAR), a fifteen minute time slot devoted to reading entered its third year. It has become a pleasurable habit with the children and now they don't need to be asked to open their books to read.

To further hone the reading skills and vocabulary of students, Buddy Reading was introduced in which the students of Class IV mentored children of Class II under the supervision of teachers. It was very well received by the students.

This year the **Social Studies and Science Annual Project Display** was based on the topic 'Types of Pollution' in which students created models to show Land,

Air, Water and Noise Pollution. They also drove home the message about preventing pollution through a foot tapping Punjabi Song 'Uthove lokon, jagove lokon' and a skit on 'Solutions to Pollution'.

### ENGLISH

In 2014, the focus was on helping children gain confidence in speaking fluent English and on making learning effective and interesting. To achieve this, engaging activities such as Scrabble, Spin-a-Yarn, Just-a-Minute and Spelling Bee were conducted. Children learnt how to communicate their ideas and thoughts using language correctly through creative writing exercises.

### MATHEMATICS

Mathematics is more interesting when it is application based. To achieve this, various teaching aids like Jodo Gyan and Interactive Board were used.

Tangrams, Patterns and Data Handling activities provided an additional perspective to the number system, while systematic exercises in Mental Math enhanced speed, accuracy and logical thinking skills.

### SCIENCE

The Discovery Room encouraged the development of an inquisitive mind and a scientific temper. The students performed different experiments and also witnessed many experiment set-ups to understand the Science behind daily life. Their excitement towards science was visible when they brought live specimens of things they saw around, like a caterpillar, larvae, a stick insect or butterfly eggs. They enthusiastically shared their findings with all in the Science Room.

### SOCIAL STUDIES

To help the children comprehend concepts, individual and group



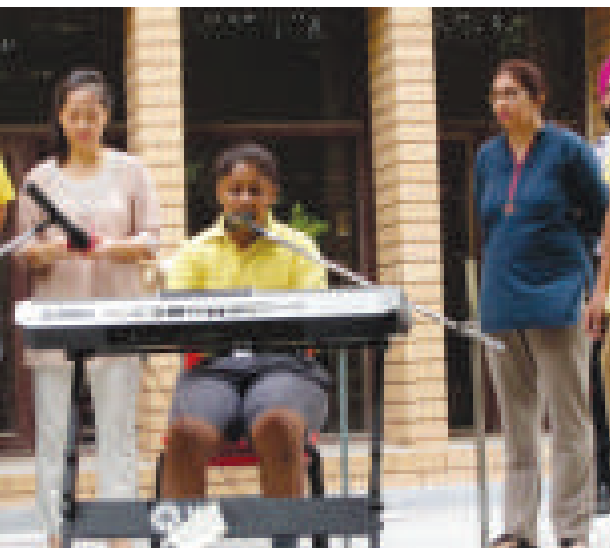
*Elastic and rubber — no bones about it!*



*That awesome feeling!*



*Dada ji on the Ramp*



*'Notes to self'*

research work was encouraged to facilitate learning beyond textbook content. Regular visits to 'Discovery Room' and the use of the Interactive Board made the learning process more collaborative and meaningful.

### HINDI

Innovative use of visual aids, storytelling, poetry and the Interactive Board made learning Hindi fun. This helped the children connect better with the language.

### PUNJABI

Our endeavor is to enhance language skills in Punjabi and make students aware of the rich literary heritage of Punjab. To achieve this, Punjabi periodicals and books on Punjabi literature were added to the library. Audio Visual Aids, Creative Writing, Calligraphy and Poetry Recitation Competition formed an intrinsic part of Punjabi Curriculum to keep the children interested and

enthusiastic towards the language.

### COMPUTER

To help our children keep pace with technology, computer basics and software were taught using an application based approach. Audio Visual aids were extensively used. Classes I and II learnt the fundamentals of computer and using the keyboard and mouse in MS Paint and Word Pad. Class III worked on MS Word and LOGO. Class IV and V learnt MS PowerPoint. All children made presentations related to their academic subjects using the software learnt. Using the skills learnt, our children made us proud by securing noteworthy positions at the Class, School and State level in the International Informatics Olympiad in ICO 2013-14.

### WESTERN MUSIC

Considering the huge amount of talent on the rolls, it comes as

no surprise that music plays a vital part of the daily routine for the students at Junior School. The Assembly is incomplete without the melodious songs sung by the Choir. Through the year, children develop their skill through proper training and vocal exercises. As a part of this year's Annual Plan, the Thematic assemblies for Classes I, II and III saw the students sing to promote awareness about 'Saving Planet Earth', 'Birds' and 'Sea Creatures.' The Western Music Choir presented the song 'World's Greatest' on the occasion of Founder's Day. The song 'All in All' was presented to celebrate Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The year ended with wonderful Christmas carols and yuletides being sung to mark the celebration of Christmas.

### INDIAN MUSIC

We believe that music is the strongest form of magic. Music teaches the children a sense and

power of rhythm. The children learnt 'Sargam' and 'Raagas' along with numerous melodies. During morning assemblies, thematic assemblies and other festive occasions, the children presented melodious songs. On Republic Day and Independence Day, the Indian Music Choir sang patriotic songs like 'Laksh Na Ojhal Hone Paye' and 'Gulonke Rang Se' to acclaim from the whole school. Class I and II sang a Punjabi song in their Thematic Assembly, whereas Class IV and V enthused the audience by singing 'Ashayein' on the eve of the Founder's Day.

### THEATRE

At YPS, theatre is not just improvisation or performing skits; it is about encouraging children to express themselves without any inhibitions. To achieve this, sessions included value-based storytelling and performances. The session based on 'Ego', where they learnt to identify "ego" and manage it, was well received by the students. Performing in the theatre class gave the children immense joy and improved their self esteem. Our Annual Play 'Holka Polka' received rave reviews.

### DANCE

Dance was introduced with the teaching of Kathak to develop flexibility and a sense of rhythm. The children exhibited their skills on occasions like Holi, Independence Day, Shivaratri and Janamasthmi. The Thematic Assemblies of Classes I, II and III, Dance Hobby for Class IV and V, and The Annual Play for Class V also showcased the students putting their best foot forward.

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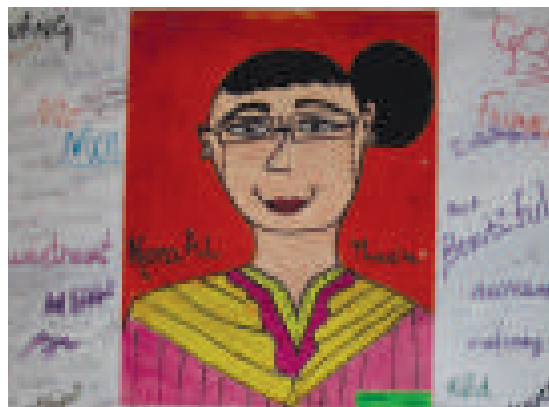
*From left to right:  
Prince Charming and the Fairy Godmother;  
'Jai Jai Shiv Shankar';  
DEAR — Drop Everything And Read*

### THE LIBRARY

The Library at Junior School is an exciting venue for reading, listening to stories and literary activities that support and follow up reading. These activities ranged from 'Buddy- Reading' sessions (where Grade IV became reading mentors for Grade II), to writing 'Acrostic Poems' and book reviews. A video demonstrating Book Binding helped Grade IV and V learn the art of binding, and care for books. Grade I and II children made illustrations based on storytelling sessions, while Grade III children enthusiastically







took part in the Homophone Tree that made them recognize and practise homophones. This year we added encyclopedias, books on fiction as well as Teacher's reference books to our collection, which now stands at 8455 books.

### ART AND CRAFT

The year 2014 was exciting and involved many new activities such as making kites, airplanes, parachutes, figurines of Plaster of Paris, baskets, that improved the children's artistic as well as motor skills. Making masks, head gears,

banners for projects such as Special Assemblies and festivals, gave the children an opportunity to develop teamwork skills and boost their confidence. Our young artists also loved learning new techniques of painting such as marble painting, spray-painting, thumb-painting and also papier-mâché, flower-making, embroidery, puppets and mobiles.

### SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

To give the tiny tots of Classes I, II and III an opportunity to explore and showcase their talents, thematic assemblies

were staged for parents throughout the year. Class I of 2014 put up a thematic assembly based on the theme 'Save Planet Earth.' Class II presented 'Bird's Eye View' and Class III brought the sea life alive on the Junior School stage through their performance on the theme 'The Aquatic World.' The performance of the children delighted the parents and grandparents.

### DAANUTSAV @ YPS

YPS embraced the 'Joy of Giving' by being a part of 'DaanUtsav', an initiative to promote the

spirit of sharing and giving. Students and staff participated in 'Joyathon', a marathon organized on September 28, 2014, from Sukhna Lake, to spread awareness about the 'Joy of Giving'. As a part of the drive, a skit 'Gift' was enacted by our students at Sukhna Lake. A special song 'Love will Guide Us' was performed at school. The students and members of YPS donated generously for the people affected by the recent floods in the Kashmir Valley.

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*From left to right:  
Fun and learning go hand in hand!  
"We love you Komal Ma'am";  
Water world*



## HOBBIES

A hobby is a diversion from the routine meant to relax us and encourage our hidden talents and this is the reason that here at YPS we had an array of hobbies for the children to choose from. In 2014 the following hobbies were offered-

- Theatre
- Clay Modeling and Pottery
- Painting and Handicraft
- Kidz Snacks
- French Language
- Music: Indian and Western
- Dance: Classical and Folk

## ANNUAL VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS EXHIBITION

Junior School had its Annual Visual and Performing Arts Exhibition on December 6, 2014. It showcased the work of the children through the course of the year in the field of art, craft and hobbies. The children put up a brilliant show. The program began with an enthralling solo performance

on the piano by Kabir Singh Bal of IV-T, followed by a wonderful song 'We are the World' by the Choir. An orchestra performance of the classic 'Home Sweet Home' with children accompanying on the Guitar, Synthesizer, Xylophone and Hand bells created magic with its music. It was followed by a stellar performance by members of the Indian Music Orchestra that drew applause from all the audience. The orchestra had the children playing instruments like Harmonium, Banjo, Xylophone and Tabla. The Theatre hobby children performed a short play titled 'Single Situation'. Here, four different families handled the same situation as per their perspective. It conveyed how the same situation evoked varied reactions owing to one's thought process.

The young acrobats of Class I and II too left the audience wonderstruck with their Gymnastics performance and

drew a full-house. The girls of the Folk Dance hobby gave a brilliant dance performance based on Tarana showing different entry styles and formations made in Kathak. The much awaited Bhangra Performance by the boys on the song, 'Asin Gabru Desh Punjab de' had the audience asking for an encore. The Girls of Classes IV and V learnt the signature steps of traditional Giddha folk dance during their Gidda hobby classes and presented their dance performance with enthusiasm to the beats of a dholki. The rendition of 'Boliyan' added to the charm of the performance. The children of 'Learning of French' hobby enacted a skit to show the knowledge and language skills they had acquired during their class.

The children of the Handicraft hobby put up a beautiful display of their handiwork. The Junior School Corridor was sparkling with decorative items such as



*The western music choir*



*The Indian music choir*



*What will it take to wake him up?*



*The puppets with the golden hearts... and voices*

flowers, pencil stands, Plaster of Paris figurines, bulrushes, puppets, masks as well as embroidered pouches painstakingly made by the children demonstrating the concept of 'Best out of Waste.' Napkins and jute bags, using tie and dye techniques were also displayed.

In the 'Kidz Snacks' corner, the young chefs laid out lip-smacking snacks for the guests to relish and showed that they were ready to take the first step towards becoming master chefs. In the Clay Modeling and Pottery hobby display, the young potters created beautiful diyas, photo frames, mugs and figurines in addition to a variety of attractive clay objects. They also interacted with the audience confidently and it was clear that the children had gained not just theoretical knowledge but practical experience of working with clay under the able guidance of Mr. Mehta.

### TALENT SHOWCASE: JUNIOR SCHOOL ANNUAL PLAY—HOLKA POLKA

Our budding actors put up a spectacular show by staging the play 'Holka Polka' on October 16, 2014, at the auditorium of the Government College for Girls, Sector 42.

'Holka Polka', is written by D M Larson. It is about the nicest witch in Fairytale Land. The story appealed to the students at many levels since it talked about unraveling mysteries and breaking myths, and helping us discover strengths that make us special.

The play was directed and adapted by our theatre teacher, Mr Vijay Kumar along with Ms Harsimrat Chahal and Ms Raman Grewal. The lifelike sets, created under the guidance of Ms. Neelu Sandhu, and music by Ms. Kwi Suk Kang, Mr. Seyiekhrienyu Usou, Ms. Jyoti Bhatia and Mr.

Manvinder Singh, mesmerised the audience. The dances, which supported the flow of the play beautifully, were choreographed by Ms. Renu Pant. This play was about the journey of Brenda (played beautifully by Esha Uppal) , a good witch, who goes to find the magic potion to break the Prince's (Harshit Kumar) sleeping spell and save the reputation of the witches. The cast included Tanush Vohra as the Wizard, Divroop as Splenda, Seerat Kaur as Hilda, Akanksha Malge as the Evil Fairy Godmother, Aarav Bhardwaj as the Wolf. The story went on to reveal that all witches are not evil and all fairies are not angelic. Gurmehar as the 'Thirsty Crow' turned out to be the show stealer and had the audience in splits with his dance moves and dialogue delivery. During the course of the play, we met delightful characters from various fairy tales such as Cindy played by Sehaj Kaur Tiwana, her

sisters Dizi and Ezi played by Shreya Sharma and Tanushri Jhita; King Vikramaditya played by Ajmeet Singh Dhaliwal along with Sehaj Singh Tiwana as Betaal.

The play was a huge success and received a standing ovation from the audience.

### CO-CURRICULAR REPORT

“All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy”. We intersperse academics with Co- curricular activities so that the students have fun while they learn.

| DATE        | EVENT   | PRIZE WINNERS   |
|-------------|---|---|
| February 4  | Kite Flying Activity                                      |   |
| March 6     | English Debate  | Ebrahim Hassan Sofi V-N, Divroop Kaur V-E, Eliza V-S.   |
| March 13    | Inter House English Poetry Recitation for Class IV & V    | Ebrahim Hassan Sofi V-N (Tagore), Piyush Dhyani V-O (Nalagarh), Manya IV-N (Aitchison) & Kritika V-O (Tagore) |
| April 22    | SPELLING Bee for Class II to V                            |   |
| April 22    | English Poetry Recitation for Class III                   | Adipreet Singh III –N, Raunak III –S, Sartaj Tulli III-S  |
| April 23    | Punjabi Calligraphy for Classes II to V                   |   |
| April 24    | Inter House Punjabi Poetry Recitation for Class IV & V    | Anshpreet Singh V-S (Ranjit) , Divroop Kaur V-E (Aitchison), Gurnoor Kaur V- S (Ranjit)                       |
| May 15      | Hindi Poetry Recitation for Classes III to IV             | Class III-S; III-O & N , III-E.<br>Class IV-S; IV-T; IV-N.  |
| November 11 | Inter Class Punjabi Poetry Recitation for Classes II& III | II-O; II-S; II-E.<br>III-S; III-O; III-N.   |



*A proud moment for all of us*



*'Budding' Talent*

## SPECIAL ACHIEVERS

- Jasnoor Kaur of III-E won the second prize in the District Level 100 mts back stroke Swimming event.
- Avtaansh Gargya of III-N secured second position at the 14th Chandigarh State Sub Junior Cadet Taekwondo Championship (32-35 kg weight category).
- Joyleen Kaur of III-E won achieved distinction and 1st division in Vocal Classical at Pracheen Kala Kendra.
- Kunwar Balkaran Singh Sidhu of IV-O won a gold medal in the Karate competition at the District level, Mohali.
- Ebrahim Hassan Sofi of Class V-N bagged the first position in an English Declamation at Shemrock Public School, Mohali.
- Junior School students went as a part of 30 member team from YPS to Genesis Global School, Noida to participate in Landmark Extravaganza and brought laurels to our school by winning the first prize in Spin-a-Yarn event.
- Jasleen and Abhayraj of Class V-E went to Russia to participate in Salsa dance competition.
- Children from Junior School participated in 9th Mohali District Sub-Junior Athletics Meet, held on November 9,2014, at Mohali.

The following are the positions:

| Category     | Name                   | Class | Event      | Position |
|--------------|------------------------|-------|------------|----------|
| U-10 (Boys)  | Jasnoor Singh Dhaliwal | III-S | 200 m      | 2nd      |
| U-10 (Boys)  | Mehtab Singh Virk      | III-E | 60 m       | 3rd      |
| U-10 (Girls) | Gurnoor Kaur           | IV-N  | 60 m       | 3rd      |
| U-12 (Girls) | Jasleen Kaur           | IV-N  | Broad Jump | 2nd      |
| U-12 (Girls) | Asees                  | IV-O  | 100 m      | 1st      |
| U-12 (Girls) | Kanan                  | V-T   | Broad Jump | 1st      |
| U-12 (Boys)  | Gurteshwar             | V-N   | Broad Jump | 3rd      |

|              |                   |     |            |     |
|--------------|-------------------|-----|------------|-----|
| U-12 (Boys)  | Nitiya            | V-N | 400 m      | 1st |
| U-12 (Boys)  | Ebrahim           | V-N | Broad Jump | 2nd |
| U-12 (Girls) | Sehaj Kaur Tiwana | V-N | 400 m      | 1st |

- Armaan Singh, of V-T, participated in 17th Sub-Junior Inter-Public School Hockey Tournament held at Pinegrove School, Dharampur (H.P.) from 01 – 04 October 2014.
- Children from the Junior School participated in Junior Olympics 2014 held on February 9, 2014 at JLPL School, Mohali. Following are the positions:

| Name                            | Class | Event              | Position |
|---------------------------------|-------|--------------------|----------|
| <b>Class II Boys and Girls</b>  |       |                    |          |
| Arnav Mahajan                   | II-O  | 50 mts             | 1st      |
| Arshiya Surya                   | II-O  | Agility Race       | 1st      |
| Aditya Raj                      | II-E  | Agility Race       | 3rd      |
| <b>Class III Boys and Girls</b> |       |                    |          |
| Mehtab Singh Virk               | III-E | 40 mts             | 1st      |
| Harshveer Singh                 | III-E | 40 mts             | 1Ind     |
| <b>Class IV Boys and Girls</b>  |       |                    |          |
| Jasleen Kaur                    | IV-N  | 50 mts             | 3rd      |
| Asees Kaur                      | IV-O  | 50 mts             | 2nd      |
| Ustat                           | IV-S  | 50 mts Hurdle      | 2nd      |
| Gurnoor Kaur                    | IV-N  | 50 mts Hurdle      | 3rd      |
| <b>Class V Boys and Girls</b>   |       |                    |          |
| Udayveer Singh                  | V-T   | 50 mts Hurdle      | 1st      |
|                                 |       | 100 mts            | 3rd      |
| Aayush                          | V-T   | Football Dribbling | 1st      |
| Nitya                           | V-N   | 100 mts            | 2nd      |
| Ebrahim                         | V-N   | 100 mts            | 1st      |
| Sehaj Kaur Tiwana               | V-N   | 100 mts            | 1st      |

The Overall Championship was won by YPS, Mohali.



*I am the next Cristiano Ronaldo!*

## SPORTS REPORT

*“Do you know what my favorite part of the game is? The opportunity to play.”*

Mike Singletary

At YPS, sports are an integral and compulsory part of education. Different sports like football, basketball, cricket, and athletics are offered to the students that contribute towards the overall physical development of the children.

The Inter-Class Athletic Meet was held from February 17-28, 2014. The best athletes were:

|                  |                   |       |
|------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Class I (Boys)   | Ritiesh Sharma    | I-E   |
| Class I (Girls)  | Sidhak Kaur       | I-E   |
| Class II (Boys)  | Aarnav Mahajan    | II-O  |
| Class II (Girls) | Arshiya Surya     | II-O  |
| Class III (Boys) | Mehtab Singh Virk | III-E |

|                   |                   |                     |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Class III (Girls) | Anahat Kaur       | III-N               |
| Class IV (Boys)   | Manraj Singh      | IV-O Nalagarh House |
| Class IV (Girls)  | Asees Kaur        | IV-O Nalagarh House |
| Class V (Boys)    | Ebrahim Sofi      | V-N Tagore House    |
| Class V (Girls)   | Sehaj Kaur Tiwana | V-N Nalagarh House  |

The Inter-House Cricket League was conducted from April 16-29, 2014:

### Best Batsman

|                 |                |                     |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Grade V (Boys)  | Neel Dhaliwal  | V-N Nalagarh House  |
| Grade IV (Boys) | Kaka Kunwar    | IV-O Ranjit House   |
| Grade V (Girls) | Akshita Sharda | V-T Aitchison House |

### Best Bowler

|                 |                         |                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Grade V (Boys)  | Rhietwicq Aditya Sharma | V-T Patiala House   |
| Grade V (Boys)  | Saksham                 | V-S Ranjit House    |
| Grade IV (Boys) | Sehaj Khanna            | IV-O Nalagarh House |
| Grade V (Girls) | Seerat Kaur             | V-T Ranjit House    |





The Inter-Class Cross-country for Grades IV and V:

**Class IV**

**Boys**

- 1st Jaiveer Singh, IV-N
- 2nd Amaan Singh, IV-T
- 3rd Sahib Partap, IV-N
- 4th Kabir Singh Bal, IV-T
- 5th Zorawar Singh, IV-O
- 6th Hashmit Singh, IV-O

**Girls**

- Kudrat, IV-N
- Jasleen Singh, IV-N
- Nichelle, IV-T
- Asees Cheema, IV-O
- Gurmehar Kamboj, IV-T
- Ashna Goyal, IV-N

**Class V**

**Boys**

- 1st Garv Shingari, V-N
- 2nd Agambir Singh, V-O
- 3rd Aditya Vashisht, V-T
- 4th Udayveer Singh, V-T
- 5th Ripudaman Singh, V-T
- 6th Gurnoor Singh, V-T

**Girls**

- Sehaj Kaur Tiwana, V-N
- Senona Singh, V-O
- Jasleen Singh, V-E
- Kanan Thakur, V-T
- Akanksha Malgae, V-N
- Divroop Kaur, V-E

From left to right:  
*Girl Power!*;  
*Muscle Men!*;  
*Taking it in their stride*

The Inter-House Basketball League was conducted from September 2-16, 2014:

| Category           | Best Scorer       | Class | House    |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------|----------|
| Grade V (Boys)     | Jivitesh Singh    | V-O   | Ranjit   |
| Grade IV-V (Girls) | Sehaj Kaur Tiwana | V-N   | Nalagarh |
| Grade IV (Boys)    | Amaan Singh       | IV-T  | Patiala  |

The Inter House Football League Tournament for Class IV and V (Boys and Girls) was held in the month of November 2014.



# YADAVINDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Junior School Class Photographs



CLASS I







CLASS II



CLASS III



# YADAVINDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Junior School House Photographs



House Master  
Ms. Manpreet Kaur Dua

House Captain (Boys):  
Harshit Kumar

House Captain (Girls)  
Divroop

**AITCHISON HOUSE**





House Master  
Ms. Duneep Sandhu

House Captain (Boys):  
Agambir Singh Bhatia

House Captain (Girls)  
Sehaj Kaur Tiwana

**NALAGARH HOUSE**



House Master  
Ms. Ramandeep Kaur Grewal

House Captain (Boys):  
Eshman Singh

House Captain (Girls)  
Tanisha Narang



**PATIALA HOUSE**





House Master  
Ms. Harsimrat Chahal

House Captain (Boys):  
Anshpreet Singh

House Captain (Girls)  
Gurnoor Kaur



**RANJIT HOUSE**



House Master  
Ms. Nanak Kaur Bhullar

House Captain (Boys):  
Manav Singla

House Captain (Girls)  
Esha Uppal

**TAGORE HOUSE**





*There's always happiness in milk*



## SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

### ACADEMIC REPORT

*Literacy in itself is no education. Literacy is not the end of education or even the beginning. By education is meant an all-round drawing out of the best in the child — body, mind and spirit.*

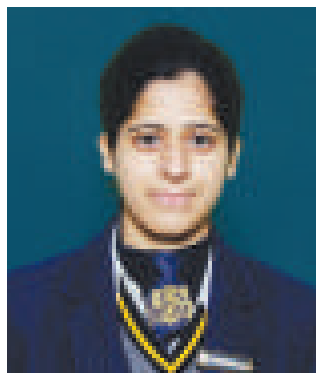
Mahatma Gandhi

So said the father of the nation, and this is the philosophy we follow at YPS. YPS is committed to the development of all-round excellence within its student body, a fact clearly demonstrated throughout 2014 with the school enjoying significant success academically, in the co-curricular area of life and in sports.



Siddhartha Yaddanapudi

2014 saw the School enjoying a fine set of ISC results with our students coming out on top in every stream. This result means that YPS, despite being a non-selective school, has outperformed all other schools in Chandigarh, Mohali and Panchkula. Siddhartha Yaddanapudi topped the Science stream with 95.75%. He was the highest ranking student in the tricity. Simrata Kaur Grewal topped the Commerce stream with 93.75% and Priya Kaur Ahluwalia topped the Humanities stream with 91.25%. A total of 48 students appeared



Simrata Kaur Grewal

for the ISC examination in the year 2014, of which 93.75% scored 60% and above, with 7 students scoring above 90%.

The ICSE result was no less impressive with Avantika Gargya of Class X achieving the top rank with 96.2%. She was closely followed by Komal Singh with a score of 95.4% and Avinash Singh with 94.8%. A total of 120 students appeared for the ICSE examination with a huge 95.8% scoring 60% and above. Of these 20 students scored above 90% while 40 students scored between 80% and 90%.



Priya Kaur Ahluwalia

Our practice of rewarding excellence in academics continued with 12 students being awarded the Scholar's Tie. This tie is awarded to students scoring 85% and above in three consecutive academic years—VII, VIII and IX.

We have initiated several good practices in academic teaching, embedding them into the culture of our school. Practices such as the positive way students and teachers treat each other; developing relationships based on respect, trust and fairness. Practices such as taking



Avantika Gargya

the business of learning seriously, of seizing the opportunity, being resilient, having a go, striving for excellence and never giving up are now a part of the system. This is what the students said that they wanted to achieve here in their time with us and they are now doing so in ever increasing numbers. The huge numbers of students who have come up to participate in several Model United Nations Conferences; Science and Mathematics Olympiads; Essay Writing Competitions is indicative of this. It has led to

gaining excellence in their education, far more than last year! We are building the healthy learning culture that we all want. The way our students support each other and acknowledge each other's achievements right across all the diversity that we have in our school is extremely gratifying!

### CO-CURRICULAR REPORT

The year 2014 has been a year of achievements and accolades for the YPS students. Out of the 18 events participated in, YPS has returned victorious in 13. At YPS, we believe that Co – Curricular events help in providing exposure to the students, which in turn helps them to learn and grow as individuals. Through these interactions the students

share and develop bonds for life. Not only does their preparation take them outside their curriculum and into the realms of the world, but also provides them a real picture of their relative positions while competing against students from the best Public Schools; not to mention the camaraderie and school pride that they develop along the way.

Whether it is winning positions in quizzing, debating, participating at MUN's or in the other cultural events, Yadavindrians are mentored to enjoy the experience of learning, competing and becoming better human beings in the process of achieving success and countering failure. After all these are the most valuable lessons of life.

| Date      | Event  | Venue                                       | Participant and Position  |
|-----------|--|---|---|
| Mar 28-30 | All Pakistan Inter-School English and Urdu Declamation, Quiz and Art Competition | Aitchison College Preparatory School Lahore | Quiz - Tanveer Mangat, Reet Maggo (4th)<br>Declamation - Tanay Gopal (2nd - Humorous), Angad Mangat (1st - Serious)<br>Art - Mankeert Narang (1st- Landscape), Azamveer S Brar (2nd-Still Life)           |
| Apr 13-15 | Daly College Inter School Quiz and English Declamation.                          | Daly College, Indore                        | English Debate- Sajneet Mangat, Pranav Raj IX-S (Made it to the Finals)<br>Quiz - Upamanyu Yaddanapuddi, Aditya Jain (2nd, and awarded overall trophy)  |
| May 05    | Bourvita Quiz Contest  | Park Hotel, Chandigarh                      | Gurraj Singh, Tanay Gopal (City Finalists), Gurnehmat Dhindsa, Jaskaran Singh (City Finalists), Avneesh Singh Saini, Rehaan Chaudhary, Tanveer Singh Mangat, Jaspreet Singh, Parwaan Virk, Sauhaard Batra |



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| Jul 11     | Frank Anthony Debate                  | British Co-Ed, Patiala       | Himmat Singh Tiwana (Best Speaker) and Sanya Arora  |
| Aug 10-12  | J.K. Kate Memorial Knowledge Conclave | Punjab Public School, Nabha  | Upamanyu Yaddanapuddi, Aditya Jain (1st as a team)  |
| Jul31-Aug1 | Landmark 2014                         | Genesis Global School- Noida | <b>Rangoli-</b> Sanya Arora, Shaurya Dhawan, Jaisveen Kaur, Sweetaj Brar (1st)<br><b>Western Choir-</b> Jaisveen Kaur, Sweetaj Brar, Komal Singh, Serine Enstad, Sophia Dietrich, Puneet Singh, Sanjana Sidhu, Bhaskar Datta, Jasleen Kaur, Shaurya Dhawan, Sanya Arora (1st)<br>Indian Folk Dance: Palakjot, Harshdeep Kaur, Nimisha Singh, Ashmeen Kaur, Ekjot Kaur, Jaskaran Kamboj, Amoldeep, Joshnoor Singh Brar, Gurucharan Singh, Sidhant Veer (2nd) |
| Aug 7-8    | IPSC-Art; Jindal Art Foundation       | Vidya Devi Jindal School     | Pen & Ink - Huijin Jang<br>Clay Modelling - Ravneet Sandhu,<br>Outdoor Water Colour-Simrata Singh,<br>Portrait-Puneet Bhullar<br>Pot Designing- Kritendeep Kaur<br>Fabric Painting- Simrata Singh, Kritendeep,<br>Best out of Waste- Huijin Jang, Puneet Bhullar  |
| Aug 13-16  | Harvard MUN                           | Hyderabad                    | Beeban Rai (Best Delegate), Himmat Tiwana (Best Delegate), Atharv Sharma, Sajneet Mangat, Sagar Bains, Pranav Raj, Sukhman, Gursaya Grewal  |

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|-----------|---|----------------------------------|---|
| Aug21-23  | IPSC Literary Fest                            | Welhams Boys, Dehradun           | Oratory- Himmat Tiwana (2nd)<br>Ode-Upamanyu Yaddanapuddi<br>Quiz- Aditya Jain, Sajneet Mangat, Gursaya Grewal (2nd as a team)  |
| Aug 26-28 | All India Public Schools Visual Arts Festival | Mayo College Girls School, Ajmer | Imaginative Composition-Sophia Dietrich,<br>Poster Making - Hyunju Oh<br>Cartooning - Simran Singh<br>Rangoli - Simran Singh, Kritendeep Kaur<br>Outdoor sketching - Mannik Singh<br>Pottery - Ravneet Sandhu<br>Still Life - Kritendeep Kaur<br>Face Painting - Hyunju, Huijin |
| Aug 20    | Nanhi Soch Bade Vichar                        | YPS, Mohali (Preliminary Round)  | Sanya Arora (Selected in Top 30 pan India)  |
| Aug 30    | 14th Inter School Declamation                 | Pinegrove School, Dharampur      | English- Avneet Kaur<br>Hindi- Anirudh Gargya (Consolation)   |
| Sep 6     | Kirloskar Inter-School Business Quiz          | The Lawrence School, Sanawar     | Jasamrit Singh, Pavit Singh, Aditya Jain,<br>Upamanyu Yaddanapuddi (Consolation)  |
| Sep 11-14 | ACMUN-Aitchison College Lahore MUN            | Aitchison College, Lahore        | Shaurya Dhawan, Lovneet Bhatt, Bhaskar Datta, Jansher Rehncy, Sanya Arora, Serine Enstad, Sanjana Sidhu, Sajneet Mangat, Pranav Raj, Aditya Jain, Khushi Satviki, Prabhmech Sandhu  |
| Oct 10-11 | 25th Col.Frank Von Goldstein Memorial Debate  | YPS, Patiala                     | Inayat Sodhi, Aditya Jain, Jasleen Kaur   |
| 17-Oct    | Business Quiz                                 | S.D. College, Chandigarh         | Ashutosh Kaushal, Lovneet Bhatt,<br>Gurpartap Singh   |

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|------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 29-Oct     | 8th Annual Amar Kamboj Debate | British Co-Ed, Patiala       | For - Anirudh Gargiya<br>Against - Sajneet Mangat (2nd)   |
| Oct30-Nov1 | BVPMUN                        | Bhavans Vidyalaya, Panchkula | Tanveer Kochar (Best Position Paper)<br>Esh Gupta, Simran Singh, Harbir Singh,<br>Gureet Bhullar, , Karan Sagar, Ashwin Goel  |
| Nov 6-8    | All India IPSC IT Fest        | YPS, Patiala                 | Computer Assembly - Bhaskar Datta (2nd)<br>Powerpoint Presentation - Pavit Singh,<br>Nikhil Verma, Jaskirat Singh Lamba (2nd)<br>Poster making - Ashutosh P Kaushal (4th)<br>Wizkid - Kajal Sharma (5th)<br>Website Design - Pavit Singh, Nikhil Verma,<br>Jaskirat Singh Lamba (7th) |

## ENVIRONMENT REPORT

Mother Earth is on the warpath. We regularly face her wrath as we continue to abuse her resources. The need of the hour is environmental conservation and this awareness is inculcated into the minds of the Yadavindrians through activities like water and electricity conservation, paper-recycling, planting trees, usage of eco-friendly products, and taking care of wildlife in and around

the areas we live in.

Students at YPS are motivated to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rethink. The consumption of water and electricity in school and at home is monitored through reduction in bills. Children are encouraged to use eco-friendly items like cloth bags, cloth napkins, make notebooks from unused pages, to use products of recycled paper, buy gifts without packaging and from companies

which take back used products and recycle them. Students across all grades participated in drawing and slogan-writing competitions, and cycle rallies promoting the theme- "Save the Planet Earth". Videos related to various environmental issues were shown and brain storming sessions held.

Class VI students marched towards environmental conservation by going for morning and evening walks



where they observed local environmental problems like parking menace, garbage disposal, polluted water bodies, and noise pollution. They tried to come up with sustainable solutions for the same. The issue of water crisis was taken up by the students of Class VII. They were shown videos on the water supply in the Tricity, its sources and causes of water shortage. They collected water bills and made an effort to reduce the amount through water auditing and rain water harvesting.

Conservation of electricity, petrol, diesel and LPG was taken up by Class VIII. They discussed

ways to reduce the use of non-renewable sources of energy at home and at school. Electricity auditing was done and ideas on how carpool, cycling, walking and optimum use of LPG can be inducted into day-to-day life were discussed. Yadavindrians declared themselves green warriors by celebrating Green Diwali and Waterless Holi. They are active members of project SEARCH and STEP programmes launched by TERI where individual efforts at grass root level work towards sustainability.

### HOBBIES REPORT

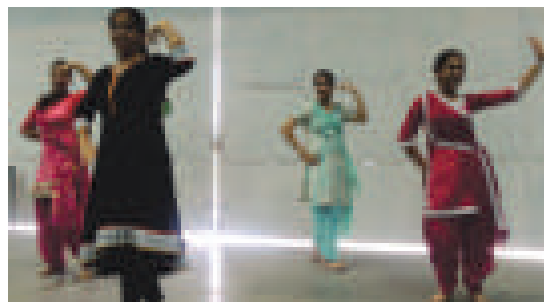
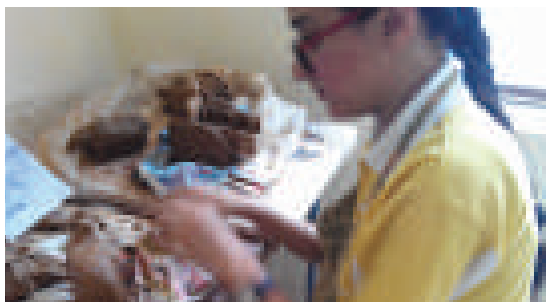
Hobbies form an integral part of the education system and

contribute to the overall development of students by facilitating growth and ensuring a better environment for enhancing talent. The students are allotted different hobbies of their choice through which they develop various skills.

Hobby lessons are conducted twice a week for each class. This year our school has introduced some new hobbies which include music, dance and mathematics colloquium. The children enhance their talent and skill in music by learning a variety of Indian as well as western instruments like sitar, flute, harmonium, tabla, guitar, drums and keyboard. Different

forms of dances, including western and Indian classical dance, are taught to the students. Mathematics colloquium aims at improving the mathematical skills and teaching various methods of making calculations easier.

Hobbies like Business Club and Nature Club have been provided to the senior students. Electronics, Photography, Clay Modeling, Art and Craft, Dramatics, Home Management, Computer Science, Paper Recycling are other hobbies which suit the interests of the students. The children made good use of these classes and created various articles like wax



candles, earthen candles, artificial flowers, files, envelopes, napkins and cushion covers. This year students from different hobbies also displayed the outcome of their talent by being a part of the Founders' Day, Teachers' Day celebrations, School Fete and many other events. The school is also offering two more hobbies for the coming year out of which one includes foreign languages like French, Chinese and Spanish and the other being Calligraphy for developing new skills among the students.

A hobby is something through which children not only learn new things but also at the same time have fun, which makes learning interesting. It is really nice to see children explore their talent beyond the academics and sports field and discover new potentials.

## INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENT

YPS began the year by greeting students with a spruced up campus. A fresh coat of distemper on all the buildings gave the campus a new and colourful look. Several changes were effected inside too. A new conference hall with facilities for audio visual presentation was set up. The school upgraded its computer labs and audio-visual classrooms with N-Computing technology. Around 35 new systems were added. This year the Kindergarten too was equipped with audio-visual classrooms and a Teachers' Computer lab.

A new staffroom, with ten workstations on the second floor of the Senior School added to the delight and comfort of the teachers.

Adding a further bounce to our young players' game, synthetic turf has been laid on one tennis

court – the second one will also get it this year. Following an energy audit YPS has gone green with a vengeance. Several high wattage lights have been replaced with CFL's and LED lights.

The beautiful look has been supplemented with a 'stay healthy' motto. As a result of this all the water coolers have been fitted with filters. The drinking water plant has undergone a complete overhaul and has a 7 stage water purification system with chlorination and UV technology.

Our lovely cricket grounds got its crowning glory with the inauguration of the Amar Singh Memorial Cricket Pavilion. The happy note continued after the summer vacations when students returned to a newly renovated Dining Hall with enhanced seating capacity (about 100) and an airy, well-lit interior with new furniture. The

addition of two separate areas for washing hands abutting it encourages hygiene. The Dining area also now boasts of a larger, child-friendly milk distribution point.

A school is only as good as its students and staff, but to do well they need to be supported by wise and sound investment in creating infrastructure that nurtures yet stimulates. YPS is constantly in a growth phase as new ideas are explored and changes made to the buildings, grounds.

The next year will see the completion of an exciting Russian Obstacle Course which will run parallel to the boundary wall. To nurture minds a new Mathematic Laboratory will become operational next year. This lab which has some exciting hardware will make teaching / learning mathematics great fun.

## LEARNING CENTRE

The teaching profession has its own set of challenges. At YPS we constantly make an attempt to search deep into the problems of the students who struggle with learning. The Learning Centre at YPS caters to the needs of students with knowledge gaps, skillgaps, learning difficulties and behavioral disorders. In order to address such needs of children, YPS has the unique facility to address the special needs of the children. The Centre has students both from the junior and the senior wing.

At YPS the needs of slow learners and children with attention gaps is identified. A need-based assessment is done at the time of enrolling the students. Special Educators, using appropriate techniques and tools work with each student according to the specific need. Issues related to Reading, comprehension, written

expression, sequencing, low attention span, retention and numerical concepts are addressed.

Students show marked improvement through collaborative effort of class teachers, special educators and parents. Such a collective effort shows not just an improvement in the student's academic results, but also in their involvement as adults.

During the academic year 2014- a 2 day workshop was conducted in the junior school for the teachers to identify the children with special needs so that remedial measures are taken as early as possible.

## NIOS - NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OPEN SCHOOLING

The school prepares students to take the exams of the NIOS. The students who opt for the Open School Board for the Secondary and Senior Secondary

Levels can have the option of being taught selective subjects according to their choice.

They can make a choice from the subjects available. Guidance is provided to the children for their specific choices for NIOS course work as well as their assignments.

A total of ten students will appear through the NIOS -both for the secondary and senior secondary levels in the year 2014 -2015. The performance of the students last year was creditable with all students clearing their exams. Two of the students who cleared class 10th through the NIOS have successfully sought admission in various diploma courses.

The emphasis is on overall development of the children so that they can participate and excel in all other activities, which include sports, art, and photography. The students from the Open school have won

laurels in various sports events as swimming, football, athletics and horse riding.

Overall the Open school offers the children an opportunity of completing their formal education of secondary and senior secondary levels along with the option of participating in all school and inter school activities and events. This is exclusively an option for the students at YPS those who do not wish to do the ICSE.

## COUNSELLING CELL REPORT

The School counselling cell focused on the relations and



*Career Counselling for Class X*



Senior School Choir

interactions between students and their school environment. The aim is to reduce the effects of environmental and institutional barriers that impede academic and socio-emotional success. To achieve this, the Counselling Cell collaborated with all teaching departments for the identification of students struggling with academic and non-academic activities. This was followed by detailed interaction with the child, parent and teacher concerned. Extensive psycho-educational assessments were made using the screening tools like Perceived Stress Scale by Sheldon Cohen, CRAFFT Screening Questionnaire. Paediatric Symptom Checklist (PPSC) and Problem Oriented Screening Instruments for Teenagers (POSIT) developed by the National Institute of Drug Abuse were used to diagnose the underlying problems like social adjustment, sibling rivalry, parental discord, hysterical and

anxiety disorders.

Both Individual and group sessions were offered to students during the course of counselling to enhance their adaptive and social skills to deal with the day to day difficulties of life. Special emphasis was given to life-skills education that allowed them to effectively deal with different situations like conflict resolution, relationship management, sexual health, stress and managing peer pressure. Various techniques like role play, debate, discussions, psychodramas, and situation analysis were used to help them understand and manage adolescence anxiety and balancing inner-outer world conflicts. The School counsellor worked proactively and responsively within the principles of a Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention framework.

Prior to the examinations, workshops on effective study

skills, note making skills, exams writing skills and memory enhancement strategies were also undertaken for the benefit of students. To give comprehensive knowledge on different streams and upcoming careers was conducted for the students of class 10. To assist them in taking Right Career decisions, we developed a Career Decision Scanning Programme (CDSP) on the basis of psychometric tests like Myers Brigg type Inventory (MBTI), Differential Aptitude Test (DAT), Vocational Interest Record and Cattell Culture Fair Intelligence test. This scientific profile was then matched with the required skills needed for an occupation and an appropriate career path was suggested.

### MUSIC REPORT

The one day when students do not have to be coaxed to move to the school auditorium and need no reminders to “stop

*Melodious Moments*



talking' is the day of the 'Inter-House Music Competition'. Rabindra Nath Tagore said “music fills the infinite between two souls”, and at YPS, we can see this come alive. The whole senior school troops in at the appointed hour and is held spellbound by the magic in the students' voices and enthralled by the music played by different House bands.

YPS enjoyed this magical afternoon on October 17, 2014, when the Inter-House Music Competition was organized.



There were 3 rounds – House Band; solo singing; folk song. In the first round 16 students played a composition on different instruments like sitar (2) harmonium (2), synthesizer (4), Plate-tarang (1), Tabla (2), Guitar (2), Drums (1), Markas (1) and khanjari (1).

The second round was solo singing where one student from each House sang a song. The third round was a group folk song where a group of twelve students from each house performed a folk song. For the first time since its inception, there was a tie for the first place between Nalagarh House and Ranjit House. The third place went to Tagore House. Aitchison House and Patiala House made up the 4th and 5th place.

The individual positions were as follows:  
1st: Jaisveen Kaur (Ranjit House)  
2nd: Kashish Khandpura (Nalagarh House)

3rd: Sukhan Ranghi (Tagore House)  
Puneet Kaur (Patiala House) was awarded a special mention.

However, it is not the only day that we have students holding us captive with their singing abilities. The musical journey this year began with the Republic Day. 68 students took part and sang 'Yeh hamara watan' and 'dil diya hai jaan bhi denge'. 'Vande Matram' sung by Jaisveen Kaur was appreciated by all.

On Holi, a classical song, 'Aaj khelo shyam sang holi' was beautifully sung in 'Teentaal'. Basant Panchami was celebrated with 'Lo phir basant aayi'.

A song, 'Eid Mumbarak' sung during morning assembly brought the festival alive for the school.

April 22, Earth Day, saw a special assembly where 'Yeh hai dharti hamaari' accompanied by instrumental music by the

students showed our appreciation for our beautiful earth.

The Founder's Day is a day of pride for the school and the choir added to the solemnity of the occasion by rendering a Shabad to begin the day's proceedings. They also sang a lively patriotic song "Ekta Swatantrata Samanta Rahe".

Independence Day celebrations can never be complete without the beautiful voices of the choir. 'Pyara desh hamaara hai' added to the patriotic fervour. The costumes of white kurtas with tricolor sashes and flags made the occasion even more memorable.

To celebrate the birth of Shri Krishna the choir sang two beautiful bhajans - "badi der bhai nand lala" and 'gobind bolo hari gopal bolo'. The lead singers were Jaisveen Kaur, Sukhan Ranghi, Prabhnoor and Kashish.

This year Western music was offered as a hobby, as were a variety of instruments like sitar, flute, drums and synthesiser. Part time teachers were appointed to teach these students.

### IAYP REPORT - SOCIAL SERVICE

The International Award for Young People is an exciting, self-development programme available to all young people worldwide, equipping them with life skills to make a difference to themselves, their communities and the world. The IAYP is not a competitive award. It aims to develop people of substance. The students need to simply practice all the modules of the programme in a consistent way to complete the award.

A workshop was held by Mr. Atul Bhalla (National Director) who apprised the students of the need and utility of the IAYP programme. Also, two workshops were organized in



the school by Mr. Ajay Singh, Mrs. Seema Dhawan and Mr. Karamjit, which emphasized the process and the benefits of the award. Each child was given a 'Record Book' and a 'Diary' in which to record all their work.

To date over 65 young people from our school have been motivated to undertake a variety of voluntary and challenging activities like:

**Adventure Section:** A trek in Manali, Himachal Pradesh which covered all the aspects of trekking; survival techniques and helped foster love and care for

Nature.

**Service Section :** Service to the old age people in old age home and blind children in the blind school, service to the community by maintaining the school herbal gardens, landscaping, creating awareness among the students and community to save paper, waste paper management, paper recycling and bird care. The service module ensures that the participants develop empathy for the other communities of the society and emerge as leaders with a resourceful and rational thinking.

#### **Physical Recreation Section:**

Participation in various physical recreational activities in the school as a compulsory module for fitness making them fit to serve society.

**Skill Section:** The awardees worked on their chosen skills and were able to nurture their passion.

Last year 37 students of YPS, Mohali were awarded with the international award and this year more than 65 students are enrolled for the award and will receive it in the form of a badge and a certificate.

*From left to right:  
The Headmaster lighting the ceremonial lamp;  
Understanding the science behind it;  
Allow me to explain...*

#### **SCIENCE FAIR**

Science Fairs are traditionally an opportunity for students to apply scientific methods to conduct independent research. In order to provide a forum to the young scientists to pursue their natural curiosity and to quench their thirst for creativity, Yadavindra Public School, Mohali, organized its first ever Science Fair on Nov 7, 2014. Six school teams from in and around Chandigarh

'Theatre Age' at the Fete



presented their innovations at the fair. The Fair was inaugurated by the Headmaster, Mr RP Devgan. The students presented their innovations with a lot of enthusiasm. The day ended with the presentation ceremony in which the students were awarded certificates.

### **SOCIALLY USEFUL PRODUCTIVE WORK**

It remains an ancillary, but mandatory part of course curriculum in schools affiliated to the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations

ISCE & ICSE. In addition to developing individual skills, SUPW aims to help develop among the students the habit to work as a community, encourage community thinking, increase awareness of scientific advancements and develop a scientific outlook. The training acquired in the classroom is expected to help students to solve day-to-day problems of the community.

This Year the Yadavindrians did exemplary work in all the projects:

1. Grade XII visited an NGO (Theatre Age) which deals with educating slum children who are willing to change the course of their life with education. A group of 24 such children were invited to the School Fete. Free rides and one minute games were a great hit with them. These children, who are taught dancing as a means of creative expression,

showcased their talent in the ground. They were joined in this by our students and a few teachers and won appreciation and applause from all. A special lunch was also organized for them.

2. Motivational Videos were shown followed by enthusiastic classroom interaction when topics such as – Drug abuse in Punjab, child abuse and Life skills were discussed.
3. Class XII was assigned the task of sorting the Library books, tagging them with correct numbers and also making lists of the books available for various subjects.
4. The entire Senior School was successful in collection of discarded newspapers, books, journals, plastic bottles to fund education for the children of the NGO – Theatre Age.
5. Students of the middle school were given a talk on

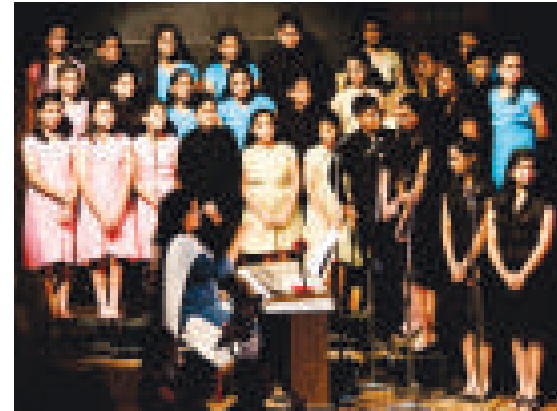
First Aid by the Medical In-charge of the School following which they made FIRST AID boxes and deposited the same in the Medical room for use.

6. Apart from watching Motivational Videos the students of the middle school prepared PPT's on personality development traits and also conducted sessions with their peers.

It was indeed a year of building inter-personal skills, learning to cope, motivate and work as a team.

### **INTER HOUSE PLAY COMPETITION**

At YPS, we believe in enhancing the capabilities of children both in Academics as well as in non-scholastic activities. With this same motto an Inter House Play Competition was held on August 8, 2014, with a slight twist this year. All houses were given different themes and got



just 4 days to write the script and conceptualise the whole play.

The show began with a patriotic performance by Tagore house conveying the message that India is not made up of Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs or Christians, but of only true Indians. Next we had an enthralling performance by Patiala house on the theme 'Betrayal' wherein the best betrayer would be the next ruler of hell. This was followed by a tragi-comedy by Nalagarh House depicting how people are trapped in the web of

'superstitions' which has inactivated their capacity to think practically. Ranjit House put up a play on the theme of 'Parenting' showing the consequences of both 'good' as well as 'bad' parenting, and how negligence towards children can ruin them. Last but not the least we had Aitchison house presenting their play on the theme 'Attitude is everything' depicting the different forms of attitude and how it can make or break our lives.

Indeed these inspired minds deserve kudos for their hard

work and creativity. The results are as follows:

**House Positions**

1. Aitchison House and Nalagarh House
2. Ranjit House
3. Patiala House
4. Tagore House

**Best Actors:**

1. Atharv Sharma (AH)
2. Arpan Brar (RH)
3. Himmat Singh Tiwana (NH)

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*From left to right:  
Mr Bumble hands over Oliver;  
"All right Gentlemen! I'll sing";  
The golden voices off the stage*

**ANNUAL PLAY: SENIOR WING  
OLIVER – A MUSICAL**

"Please Sir, can I have some more"....this Production "Oliver—a Musical" by the Senior School, literally had the audience yearning for some more!

Performed to a full house on September 18, 2014, at Tagore Theatre, the play was enacted by 75 students from Grade VI to XII. The play was complemented by talented musicians and the choir.

The story revolved around Oliver (Sitanshu Kaloti) whose life takes



him from starvation at an Orphanage run by Mr Bumble (Jansher Rehncy) to one of humiliation at the Undertaker Mr Sowerberry (Dhruv). At the Sowerberry's he is constantly provoked and incited by Noah (Ashwin Goyal). Sanjana Sidhu, as Mrs Sowerberry, and Garima as Charlotte, add to his torture. Desperate, Oliver runs away to London, where he meets the Artful Dodger (Kartikeya Puri), who introduces him to Fagin (Siddharth Kabir Singh), Bill Sykes (Bhaskar Datta), and his gang of thieves. Oliver's tale of

innocence is portrayed through songs — 'Be back soon', 'Pick a pocket or two', 'I'd do anything for you', and 'It's a fine life'. Oliver enjoys the attention from the pick pockets Charlie (Tanay Gopal), Nancy (Aaliya Sachar ) and Rose (Sajneet Mangat). Oliver's life takes a turn for the better when he finds himself at the home of Mr. Brownlow and Mrs Bedwin (Shaurya Dhawan and Sanya Arora) where he experiences love and care for the first time. As the play unfolds, the audience is captivated by the twists and turns young Oliver's

life takes.

The music, arranged by Mrs. Sumali Devgan, brought the show alive. The 'Oom-pa-pah' song received huge applause, as did the other songs. The dances were choreographed by Mr Akshay Sharma. Sophia Deitrich on the violin, and Abhimanyu Mann and Satyam Bhardwaj on the guitar provided the right musical setting to the songs.

Sitanshu Kaloti as Oliver, and Siddharth Kabir Singh as Fagin, stole the show with their

sparkling dialogue delivery. The play was an in-house production, directed by Ms. Anjali Arora.

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*From left to right:  
'Surf Safe' with Mr Rakshit Tandon;  
Appreciating Art with Ms Neepa Sharma  
Getting to know the Forces*



## WORKSHOP REPORT

| DATE    | TOPIC  | RESOURCE PERSON                                   | CLASSES   |
|---------|--|---|---|
| 21 Jan  | Career Prospects In Merchant Navy                          | Captain Deepak Mehra                              | X and XII (Non Medical)   |
| 31 Jan  | IAYP (International Award For Youth Programme)             | Ms. Seema Dhawan (Chem)<br>Mr. Ajay Singh (Maths) | Class IX  |
| 04 Feb  | Cyber Crime And Security                                   | Mr. Rakshit Tandon                                | Classes VI-XII  |
| 11 Feb  | Interactive Session with Members of Hockey Premiere League | Players of Punjab Hockey League                   | Classes VI-XII  |
| 13 Feb  | Musical Programme For Motivating Youth                     | Mr. Sandeep Waraich                               | Classes IX- XII   |
| 04 Mar  | Science Hands On Experience                                | Ms. Mandisha                                      | Class XII (Science)   |
| 06 Mar  | Science Hands On Experience                                | Ms. Mandisha                                      | Class VII & X   |
| 20 Mar  | Cyber Safety   | Mr. Arun Soni                                     | Classes X, XI, XII  |
| 21 Mar  | Manifest Your Dreams                                       | Mr. Dilbagh Singh                                 | Class XII   |
| Feb-Mar | Soft Skills And Art Appreciation                           | Ms. Neepa Sharma                                  | Classes VI-XII  |
| 18 Jul  | Animation  | Maya Academy of Advanced Cinematics               | Class XI & XII  |
| 04 Aug  | IAYP (International Award For Youth Programme)             | Mr. Kapil Bhalla                                  | Classes IX-XII  |
| 26 Aug  | Career Counselling   | Ms. Preeti Taneja, Canam                          | Classes X, XI, XII  |
| 29 Aug  | Youth For Understanding Program                            | Ms. Manmeet Grewal                                | Classes XI, XII   |
| 04 Sep  | Dissemination of Information about Different Careers       | Members of OYA                                    | Classes X, XI, XII  |
| 30 Sep  | Youth Outreach Program: Know Your Armed Forces             | Western Command                                   | 100 students from classes VI, VII, VIII   |
| 17 Oct  | Courses Offered By Baldwin Wallace University              | Mr. Richard W. Durst                              | Classes XI, XII   |
| 30 Oct  | Memory Improvement   |   | Classes XI, XII   |
| 31 Oct  | Motivational Lecture                                       | Cadets From Maharaja Ranjit Singh AFPI            | Classes X, XI, XII  |
| 10 Nov  | Exchange Program by AFS                                    | Ms. Manpreet Kaur                                 | Classes IX, XI  |
| 12 Nov  | Global Dignity Program                                     | Dr. Sameer Parekh                                 | Beeban Rai XII-N, Deepshikha Anand XII-N<br>Gursaya Grewal XII-N, Huijin Jang XII-N<br>Ravneet Kaur XII-N, Sukhanpreet Kaur XII-N |
| 24 Nov  | Art of Study   | Brig. KD Singh                                    | Anirudh Gargya X-E, Pavit Singh X-N<br>Kartik Dixit X-E, Sartaj Singh X-E<br>Nikhil Verma X-E                                     |



## SPORTS REPORT

“Sport does not build character. It reveals it.” Hayward Broun, the renowned sports journalist wrote this on his blog; but it might as well have been written on every Yadavindrian heart. YPS has always had a strong focus on sports as an avenue of building desirable character traits and continues to turn out stalwarts for whom honour,

leadership, teamwork, fortitude, perseverance and hard work are bywords.

The year's sports calendar began with the Athletics Meet.

### ANNUAL ATHLETICS MEET

Annual Athletics Meet—“where friends come to compete”.

This statement rings true from



# Y.P.S. MOHALI INTER HOUSE SCORE BOARD

**AITCHISON** 659

**NALAGARH** 762

**PATIALA** 798

**RANJIT** 734

**TAGORE** 923



event to event whether you are an athlete competing in one of events or sitting in the House enclosures cheering yourself hoarse hoping to add that extra spring, the little burst of energy in the competitors that would bring your House the shining symbol of victory, the gold medal.

The year's Athletics meet, beginning on February 22, 2014 saw a week of the most spectacular display of coordination, strength and agility that even received the blessings from the Gods—the most torrential rain the region had witnessed in the year. The unseasonal shower, however, washed out the grand closing ceremony planned with the famous Olympian hockey player Mr Balbir Singh Senior. We hope to receive him in the future.

The five Houses vied with each other for the top honours and Patiala House, for the second time in a row captured the Athletics trophy. Nalagarh House was a close second, with Ranjit House, Tagore House and Aitchison House making up the third, fourth and fifth place respectively.

### New School Records

Records are a measure of an athlete's strength and this year saw eight new records being set as standards for others to look up to.

| Category     | Event         | Name                | Class | House     | Mts./sec. | Date   |
|--------------|---------------|---------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| U-17(Boys)   | Discus Throw  | Diltaj Singh Mann   | X-N   | Patiala   | 27.27     | 19 Feb |
| U-17 (Girls) | Discuss Throw | Nagina Sidhu        | X-N   | Nalagarh  | 24.9      | 20 Feb |
| U-12 (Girls) | 400 m         | Sehar Kiran         | VI-E  | Tagore    | 01:18:92  | 21 Feb |
| U-19 (Boys)  | 4x100 m Relay |                     |       | Tagore    | 00:49:94  | 25 Feb |
| U-14 (Girls) | 4x100 m Relay |                     |       | Patiala   | 01:04:68  | 25 Feb |
| U-19 (Girls) | 4x100 m Relay |                     |       | Patiala   | 01:05:10  | 26 Feb |
| U-17 (Girls) | 4x400 m Relay | Nalagarh House      |       |           | 05:11:96  | 26 Feb |
| U-12 (Girls) | 200 MTS       | 1. Sehar Kiran      | VI-E  | Tagore    | 00:32:54  | 7 Mar  |
|              |               | 2. Saanvi Chaudhary | VI-E  | Ranjit    | 00:33:60  |        |
|              |               | 3. Ishroop Sandhu   | VI-S  | Aitchison | 00:34:71  |        |
| U-17 (Girls) | 4x100 m Relay |                     |       | Nalagarh  | 01:03:39  | 7 Mar  |



*I'll fly higher than an eagle...*



*Rishu Taneja surging ahead of Sanjam Sandhu*



*Puneet Kaur throws the Javelin*



*Leap of faith*



*Nothing stands in my way*

### Inter House Sports Tally

| Date        | Sport                  | Age Group     | AH  | NH  | PH  | RH  | TH  |
|-------------|------------------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Feb 17-28   | Athletic Meet          | Classes 6-12  | 5th | 2nd | 1st | 3rd | 4th |
| Mar 22-23   | Inter-House Cricket    | U-14 (Boys)   | 3rd | 2nd | 1st | 5th | 4th |
|             |                        | Ab-14 (Boys)  | 4th | 5th | 3rd | 2nd | 1st |
| April 24-26 | Inter-House Basketball | U-14 (Boys)   | 3rd | 1st | 4th | 5th | 2nd |
|             |                        | Ab-14 (Boys)  | 1st | 5th | 4th | 3rd | 2nd |
|             |                        | Girls         | 4th | 1st | 3rd | 5th | 2nd |
| Aug 9-10    | Inter-House Football   | U-14 (Boys)   | 1st | 1st | 4th | 5th | 3rd |
|             |                        | Ab-14 (Boys)  | 2nd | 4th | 1st | 5th | 3rd |
|             |                        | U-14 (Girls)  | 4th | 2nd | 5th | 3rd | 1st |
|             |                        | Ab-14 (Girls) | 1st | 2nd | 4th | 5th | 3rd |
| Aug 25-28   | Inter-House Swimming   | Classes 6-12  | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 1st | 3rd |
| Nov 11-18   | Inter-House Hockey     | U-14 (Boys)   | 4th | 2nd | 1st | 3rd | 4th |
|             |                        | Ab-14 (Boys)  | 1st | 5th | 4th | 2nd | 3rd |
|             |                        | Girls         | 2nd | 4th | 2nd | 4th | 1st |

|        |                           |              |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------|---------------------------|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nov 14 | Inter-House Cross Country | Classes 6-12 | 5th | 4th | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
|--------|---------------------------|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|

### Best Athletes

The best athletes under various age categories were as follows:

| Category     | Name             | Class  | House    |
|--------------|------------------|--------|----------|
| U-19 (Boys)  | Gurinder Singh   | XII-N  | Tagore   |
| U-17 (Boys)  | Rajanpreet Singh | IX-O   | Ranjit   |
| U-14 (Boys)  | Adesh Pratap     | VIII-E | Nalagarh |
| U-12 (Boys)  | Gurmehar Doad    | VI-T   | Ranjit   |
| U-19 (Girls) | Huijin Jang      | XII-N  | Patiala  |
| U-17 (Girls) | Rishu Taneja     | IX-N   | Nalagarh |
| U-14 (Girls) | Jasnoor Kaur     | VII-E  | Nalagarh |
| U-12 (Girls) | Saanvi Chaudhary | VI-E   | Ranjit   |

## 9th Mohali District Athletics Championship

Our young athletes participated in the 9th Mohali District Athletics Championship held at SUS Group of Institutions, Tangori, Mohali, from September 19-20, 2014. Students who brought laurels to the school are:

| Name             | Position | Event        | Category   |
|------------------|----------|--------------|------------|
| Gurinder Singh   | First    | High Jump    | U-20 Boys  |
| Sanehdeep Singh  | First    | High Jump    | U-18 Boys  |
| Vishvajeet Singh | First    | Discus Throw | U-18 Boys  |
| Rajanpreet Singh | First    | High Jump    | U-16 Boys  |
| Nagina Sidhu     | First    | Shot Put     | U-18 Girls |
| Gureet Bhullar   | First    | 100 m        | U-16 Girls |
| Avneet Kaur      | First    | High Jump    | U-16 Girls |
| Seharkiran Kaur  | First    | 200 m        | U-14 Girls |
| Seharkiran Kaur  | First    | 600 m        | U-14 Girls |
| Mankeerat Kaur   | First    | Long Jump    | U-14 Girls |
| Sanehdeep Singh  | Second   | 100 m        | U-18 Boys  |
| Jaskaran Singh   | Second   | Long Jump    | U-16 Boys  |
| Nagina Sidhu     | Second   | Discus Throw | U-18 Girls |
| Gureet Bhullar   | Second   | High Jump    | U-16 Girls |
| Rishu Taneja     | Second   | Long Jump    | U-16 Girls |
| Inayat           | Second   | Long Jump    | U-14 Girls |
| Mankeerat Kaur   | Second   | 60 m         | U-14 Girls |
| Shivpartap Singh | Third    | Discus Throw | U-16 Boys  |
| Vishvajeet Singh | Third    | Shot Put     | U-18 Boys  |
| Rajanpreet Singh | Third    | Long Jump    | U-16 Boys  |
| Karnav           | Third    | High Jump    | U-16 Boys  |
| Rishu Taneja     | Third    | 100 m        | U-16 Girls |



Take Off!

YPS athletes represented Mohali District in the **Punjab Open State Athletics Meet** held at Sangrur from September 26-28, 2014. Jaskaran Singh, IX-O won the Gold in Broad Jump (U-16 Boys), Rajan Preet Singh, IX-O, won the silver in High Jump (U-16 Boys) and Avneet Kaur, IX-O, won the bronze in High Jump (U-16 Girls)

YPS athletes participated in the **51st All-India IPSC Athletics Meet U-19** (Boys and Girls) and trials for **National School Games U-14 and U-17** (Boys and Girls) 2014, held at Punjab Public School, Nabha, from October 28-30, 2014. Gurinder Singh, XII-N won two Gold medals, Nagina Sidhu, X-N won a Gold and a Bronze and Sanehdeep Khera, XI-N, and Avneet Kaur, IX-O won a Bronze each.

The following students represented the school at the **IPSC 60thSGFI National School Games** held at Ranchi (Jharkhand) from December 19-23, 2014.

| Name              | Class / Section | Event         | Category     |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Diltaj Singh      | X-N             | Discus Throw  | U-17 (Boys)  |
| Nagina Sidhu      | X-N             | Discus Throw  | U-17 (Girls) |
| Rajan Preet Singh | IX-O            | High Jump     | U-17 (Boys)  |
| Gurinder Singh    | XII-N           | 100 & 200 Mts | U-19 (Boys)  |
| Sanehdeep Khehra  | XI-N            | High Jump     | U-19 (Boys)  |
| Inayat            | VII-E           | 100 Mts       | U-14 (Girls) |
| SeharkiranKaur    | VI-E            | 400 & 600 Mts | U-14 (Girls) |
| JasnoorKaur       | VII-E           | 200 Mts       | U-14 (Girls) |

### Special Achievement

Gurinder Singh, XII-N, created a new IPSC Athletics Meet record in 200 m by clocking 22.4 seconds. He beat the previous record of 22.6 seconds set in the year 1967.

### CRICKET

The YPS Eleven played a number of tournaments in the year 2014.

- The YPS U-14 Cricket Team participated in the 2nd Inter-School T-20 Cricket Tournament held at Doon School, Dehradun, from March 4-8, 2014. They achieved the Runners-Up Trophy. Vipanjot, VIII-T, was declared the Player of the



*Vipanjot Maniani receiving the Player of the Tournament award from Dr Peter McLaughlin, Headmaster, The Doon School, Dehradun*



*The School Cricket Team with the visiting team from Australia*

Tournament.

- Our U-19 Cricket team took part in the XII Maharaja Madhav Rao Scindia Memorial Cricket Tournament, held from March 27-31, 2014. They reached the semi-finals.
- YPS hosted the 1st Amanjit Memorial Six-a-Side Cricket Tournament .11-12th april 2014. Twelve teams, including Aitchison College, Lahore, participated in the tournament, which was won by YPS, Mohali. Arunam Parsad was declared the 'Best Bowler of the Tournament', and Jaskaran Singh, was adjudged the 'Player of the Tournament'.
- The School Cricket team U-19, took part in the 13th Dhruv Pandov Cricket Tournament, held at YPS, Patiala, April 14-17, 2014. They reached the semi-

finals.

- The U-19 Cricket team played the Pinegrove T-20 Day and Night Cricket Tournament, held at Pinegrove School, Dharampur, from April 22-24, 2014. The team reached the semi-finals.
- The U-19 team also played in the IPSC U-19 Cricket Tournament held at YPS Patiala. They reached the semi-finals.
- The 5th Wg Cdr SS Gyani Memorial Cricket Tournament, held at St Soldier School, Panchkula, in September 2014. YPS won the tournament. Sehaj Singh was declared the 'Man of the Match', Shivam was named the 'Best Batsman of the Tournament' and Pranshu Gupta was declared 'Emerging Player'.
- YPS hosted the IPSC U-14 Cricket

Tournament .11 teams participated in the tournament. YPS was the second runner's-up in the tournament. Vipanjot, VIII-T, was declared the 'Best Player of the Tournament'.

- The YPS U-14 cricket team participated in the 1st ISA cricket tournament held at cricket stadium Sector 16 Chandigarh. 22 teams participated from the tricity, YPS won the tournament.

## BASKETBALL

### Overall Basketball Trophy

|     |           |
|-----|-----------|
| 1st | Tagore    |
| 2nd | Nalagarh  |
| 3rd | Aitchison |
| 4th | Patiala   |
| 5th | Ranjit    |



The School Cricket Team with Dr Peter McLaughlin, Headmaster, The Doon School, Dehradun



Block and Tackle

### Inter-House Basketball

| Position | U-14 (Boys) | Over-14 (Boys) | Girls     |
|----------|-------------|----------------|-----------|
| 1st      | Nalagarh    | Aitchison      | Nalagarh  |
| 2nd      | Tagore      | Tagore         | Tagore    |
| 3rd      | Aitchison   | Ranjit         | Patiala   |
| 4th      | Patiala     | Patiala        | Aitchison |
| 5th      | Ranjit      | Nalagarh       | Ranjit    |

### Highest Scorers

|                 |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| U-14 (Boys)     | Adesh Partap — 24 Points |
| Girls           | Nagina — 29 Points       |
| Over -14 (Boys) | Jaskaran — 73points      |

YPS cagers took part in a number of tournaments this year.

- Major Jagpal Memorial Tournament for U-17 (Boys and Girls), held at Pinegrove School, Sabathu, from April 25-27, 2014.
- IPSC Basketball Tournament for U-14 (Girls), held at Welhams Girls School, Dehradun in May 2014. YPS reached the semi-finals.
- Afzal Khan Memorial Basketball Tournament held at Doon School, Dehradun, from April 13-16, 2014.
- The Asian Challenge Cup, held at the Asian School, Dehradun, from April 19-22, 2014. YPS reached the quarter-finals.
- The 2nd Brother Kyle Basketball Tournament for U-17 (Boys), held at St. John High School, Chandigarh, from May 25-27, 2014. YPS

reached the semi-finals.

- U-19 Girls Basketball Tournament, held at Welham Girls' School, Dehradun, in May 2014.
- The Bhagwant Singh Memorial Tournament for U-16 Girls, held at Vivek High School, Chandigarh in September 2014. YPS won the tournament.
- The Bhagwant Singh Memorial Tournament for U-14 Girls, held at Vivek High School, Chandigarh in September 2014. YPS won the tournament.
- The Bhagwant Singh Memorial Tournament for U-16 Boys, held at Vivek High School, Chandigarh in September 2014. YPS won the tournament.
- The Bhagwant Singh Memorial Tournament for U-14 Boys, held at Vivek High School, Chandigarh in September 2014. YPS was the Runner's-up in the tournament.

### FOOTBALL

YPS achieved the 3rd place in the Independent Schools U-14 (Boys) Football Tournament held at Saint Kabir School, Chandigarh from October 28-31, 2014

We also played six friendly matches with Sacred Souls School, Kharar; BaichungBhutia Football Academy and Yadavindra Public School, Patiala, winning two of them.



*Up, up and away!*



Results of the **Inter-House Football Tournament** held from August 9-10, 2014

| Position | U-14 (Boys) | Above-14 (Boys) | U-14 (Girls) | Above-14 (Girls) | Overall   |
|----------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1st      | Nalagarh    | Patiala         | Tagore       | Aitchison        | Aitchison |
| 2nd      | Aitchison   | Aitchison       | Nalagarh     | Nalagarh         | Nalagarh  |
| 3rd      | Tagore      | Tagore          | Ranjit       | Tagore           | Tagore    |
| 4th      | Patiala     | Nalagarh        | Aitchison    | Patiala          | Patiala   |
| 5th      | Ranjit      | Ranjit          | Patiala      | Ranjit           | Ranjit    |

#### Boys Over 14

Best Goalkeeper : Sargun Singh, Patiala House  
 Top Scorer : IkrabdeepGhai, Patiala House

#### Boys Under 14

Best Goalkeeper : Arnav, Nalagarh House  
 Top Scorer : Jappanjot, Patiala House

#### Girls Over 14

Best Goalkeeper : Kritendeep, Aitchison House  
 Top Scorer : Tanya, Aitchison House

#### Girls Under 14

Best Goalkeeper : Harnaman, Tagore House  
 Top Scorer : Jasnoor, Nalagarh House

#### HOCKEY

YPS took part in the 10thKandhari Hockey Tournament for U-19 (Boys),held at Welham's Boys School, Dehradun,from April 30 -May 4, 2014,and reached the quarter finals.

YPS secured the 3rd position in the IPSC U-15 (Boys) Hockey Tournament held at MNSS,Rai, from June 2-6, 2014.

Our U-12 team took part in the 17th Inter-Public School U-12 Hockey Tournament (Boys), held at Pinegrove School, Dharampur from October 1-4, 2014. They reached the quarter finals.

Kamandeep Singh, VII-E, Pavit Singh, VIII-E, Ajaypal Singh, VIII-S and Jasnoor Singh, IX-Swere selected to represent Punjab in the School Nationals held at Ranchi from November 6-11, 2014.

The school also played six friendly matches against YPS, Patiala; SCL Company; and Scholar's Field, Rajpura, winning two of them.



Go Football!

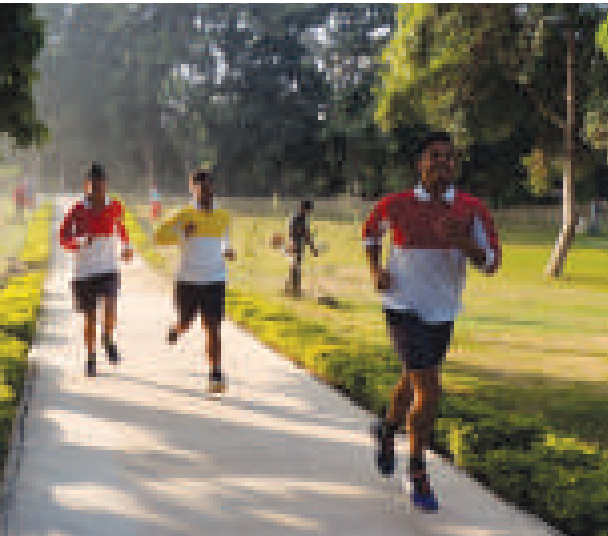


Sticks away!

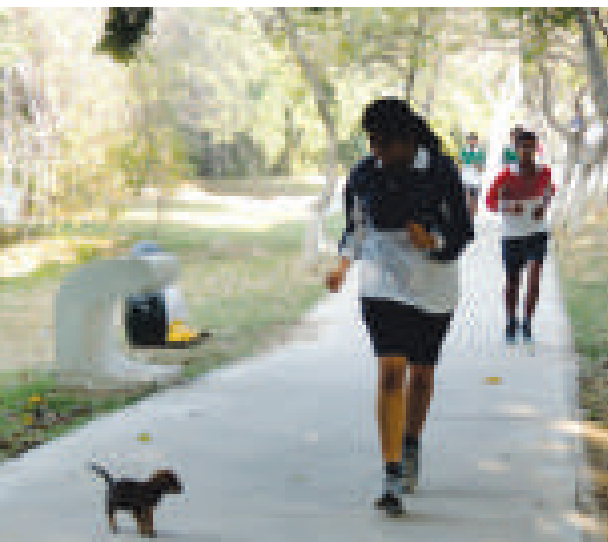


Visitors from the Hockey Indian League





*Walking on air!*



*The charming roadblock!*

## SWIMMING

### Inter House Swimming Competition

#### Overall Positions

- 1st Ranjit House
- 2nd Aitchison House
- 3rd Nalagarh House, Tagore House
- 4th Patiala House

#### Best Swimmers

| Category   | Name            | Class  | House |
|------------|-----------------|--------|-------|
| U-19 Boys  | Mantaj Singh    | IX-0   | PH    |
| U-14 Boys  | Avneesh Singh   | VIII-E | RH    |
| U-19 Girls | MahimaChaudhary | XII-E  | AH    |
| U-14 Girls | VidhiKhanuja    | VII-E  | AH    |

YPS participated in the 29th All-India IPSC Swimming Competition (Boys) in the U-14, U-17 and U-19 categories, held at Birla Public School, Pilani (Rajasthan) from October 8-10, 2014. Our teams did very well with Gurinder Singh, XII-N, winning a Gold and two Bronze medals, Arjun Cheema getting a Bronze and Avneesh Singh, VIII-E, winning a Silver and a Bronze.

YPS also participated in the 29th All-India IPSC Swimming Competition (Girls), held at Vidya Devi Jindal School, Hisar (Haryana), from October 8-10, 2014, in the U-14, U-17 and U-19 categories

Our girls took part in the Women's Sports Competition 2014-2015, held at Mohali (Punjab). They performed well with Arshiya Kaur, VII-S, winning three Gold medals, and Guneev Gill, VIII-O winning a Silver and two Bronze medals.

## CROSS COUNTRY

The most difficult sport of all. There are no timeouts, substitutions, halftimes, or other breaks. Because of this, the sport requires exceptional stamina and talent to participate, and to be successful, it requires even more effort. Children's Day, November 14, 2014, was the day when Yadavindrians (Classes IV to XII) descended on the Leisure Valley opposite the school to test their mettle and run distances ranging from 1.5 km to 5 km, according to their age group.

The House positions were as follows:

- 1st Patiala House
- 2nd Ranjit House
- 3rd Tagore House
- 4th Nalagarh House
- 5th Aitchison House

The Milkha Singh Trophy went to Jaskaran Singh, IX-O, of Aitchison House, and the PT Usha Trophy was awarded to Gurleen Kaur, X-O, of Nalagarh House.

### **U-19 (Girls)**

Gurleen Kaur X-O (NH)  
Gurinder Kaur X-N (TH)  
Gursaya Grewal XII— (RH)  
Sophia Dietrich XI-N (RH)  
Jaisveen Kaur XII-E (RH)  
Beeban Rai XII-N (TH)  
Sarah XI-N (PH)  
Kermann Kaur XI-N (TH)  
Komal Singh XI-O (RH)  
Amanpreet Kaur XII-N (AH)

### **U-19 (Boys)**

Jaskaran Singh IX-O (AH)  
Hardaman Singh XI-O (AH)  
Armann Singh Gurna XI-O (TH)  
Kanwar Heer Singh XII-N (NH)  
Youngpreet Sandhu XI-O (RH)  
Iqrab Deep Singh Ghai XI-E (PH)  
Hritik Parmar XII-O (PH)  
Himmat Singh Tiwana XII-O (NH)  
Darshbeer Singh XI-N (TH)  
Anurag Singh Mann XII-N (TH)

### **U-17 (Boys)**

Rahil Verma X-E (AH)  
Aditya Jain IX-S (NH)  
Karanveer Kumar IX-O (AH)  
Amiteshwar Pannu IX-O (TH)

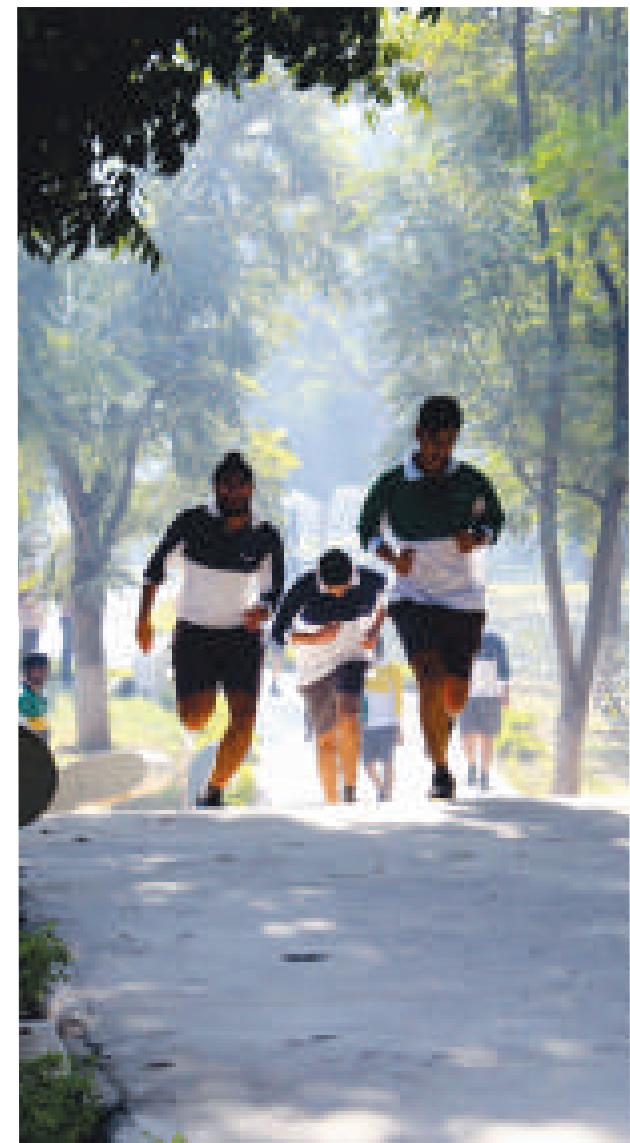
Pranav Raj IX-S (PH)  
Prabhjeet Singh IX-E (RH)  
Japtej Singh IX-N (TH)  
Sargun Sohal IX-N (PH)  
Ashwin Goyal IX-N (TH)  
Awalroop Singh IX-T (TH)

### **U-17 (Girls)**

Khushnaaz Brar X-S (TH)  
RishuT aneja IX-N (NH)  
Alexia Verma IX-T (AH)  
SajneetKaur IX-E (TH)  
Simran Singh IX-N (TH)  
Aishpreet IX-N (NH)  
Gureet Bhullar IX-T (NH)  
Avneet Kaur IX-O (PH)  
Harshita IX-E (AH)  
Hartript Kaur IX-T (PH)

### **U-14 (Girls)**

Mankeert Kaur VII-O (PH)  
Pavit Kaur VII-E (PH)  
Inayat Patwalia VII-E (TH)  
Harnaman Kaur VII-S (TH)  
Jasnoor Kau VII-E (NH)  
Puniya J. Singh VI-N (NH)  
Srikala VII-E (AH)  
Kudrat Bains VII-O (RH)  
Nimrit Kaur VII-E (AH)  
Sukhmani Kaur VIII-S (RH)



*Patiala all the way!*



### **U-14 (Boys)**

Aalam Dhanoa VIII-T (RH)  
Parth Bishnoi VII-T (NH)  
Gunjit Singh VII-E (NH)  
Sarthak Sudan VIII-O (PH)  
Navinder Singh VII-O (AH)  
Maganpreet Singh VIII-N (NH)  
Tanvir Singh Mangat VII-N (TH)  
Rehaan Chaudhary VIII-S (RH)  
Uday Gill VII-E (RH)  
Avneesh Singh VIII-E (RH)

### **U-12 (Girls)**

Sehar Kiran VI-E (TH)  
Ekjot Kaur Khosa VI-S (AH)  
Ranmeek Kaur VI-E (AH)  
Saanvi Chaudhary VI-E (RH)  
Noorbir Kaur VI-S (TH)  
Gulnaaz Nanda VI-S (RH)



Harmanjeet VI-E (PH)  
Sahib Kaur VI-S (RH)  
Gurmanjit Kaur VI-T (AH)  
Brahmleen Kaur VI-S (PH)

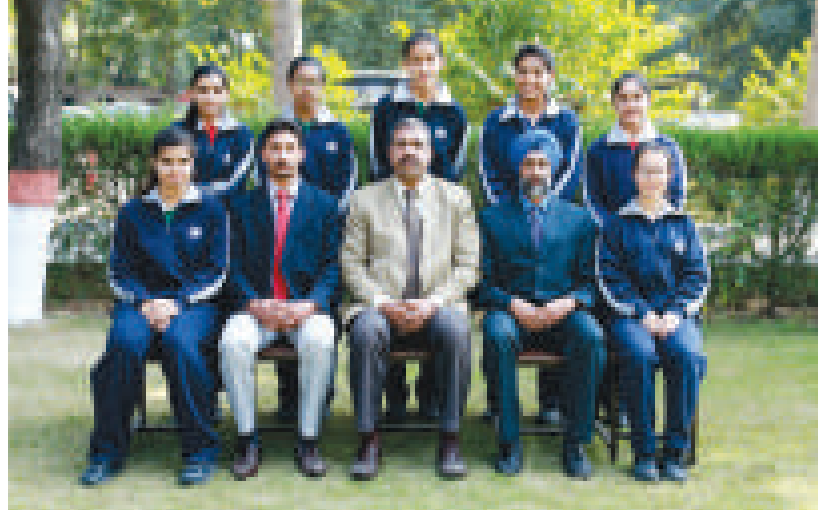
### **U-12 (Boys)**

Charanjot Singh VI-S (RH)  
Sehajpreet Singh VI-S (AH)  
Sidharth Singla VI-S (TH)  
Harmehar VI-O (NH)  
Imroz VI-T (AH)  
Sachmeet Singh VI-S (AH)  
Royalcee VI-E (RH)  
Atulya Grover VI-O (TH)  
Joshvir Narula VI-O (AH)  
Arpan VI-T (TH)

*Running for glory!*



School Athletics Team (Boys)



School Athletics Team (Girls)



School Badminton Team



School Golf Team



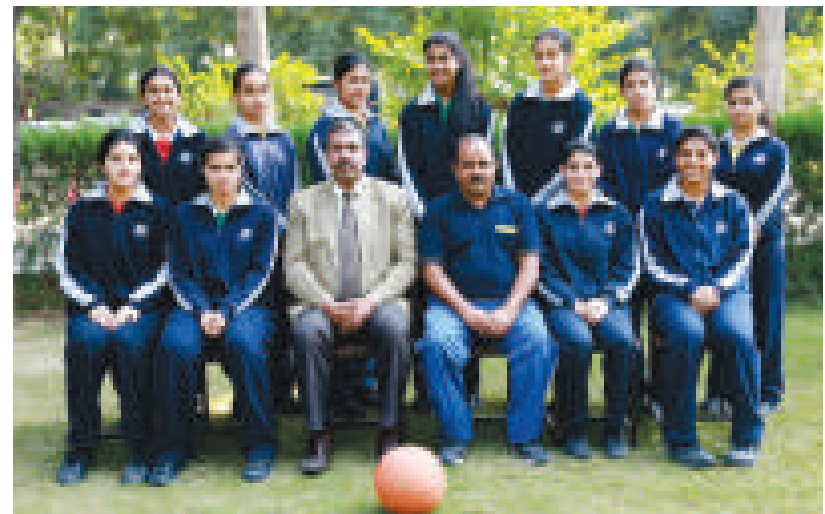
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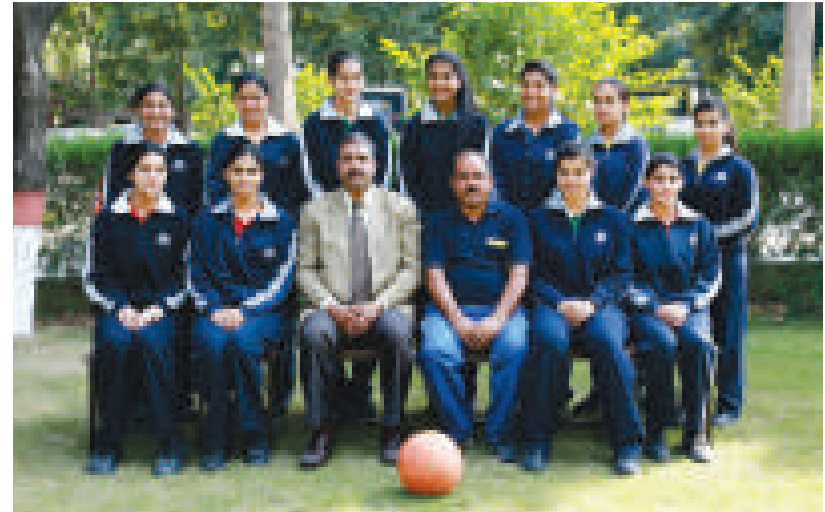
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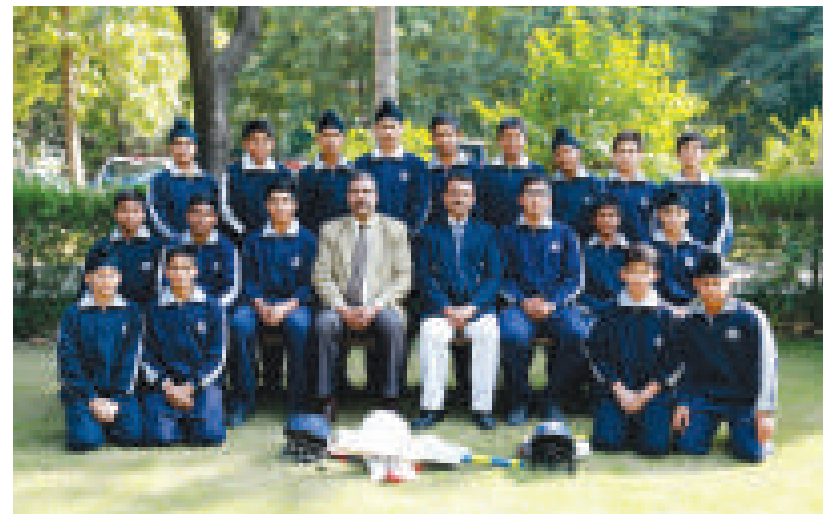
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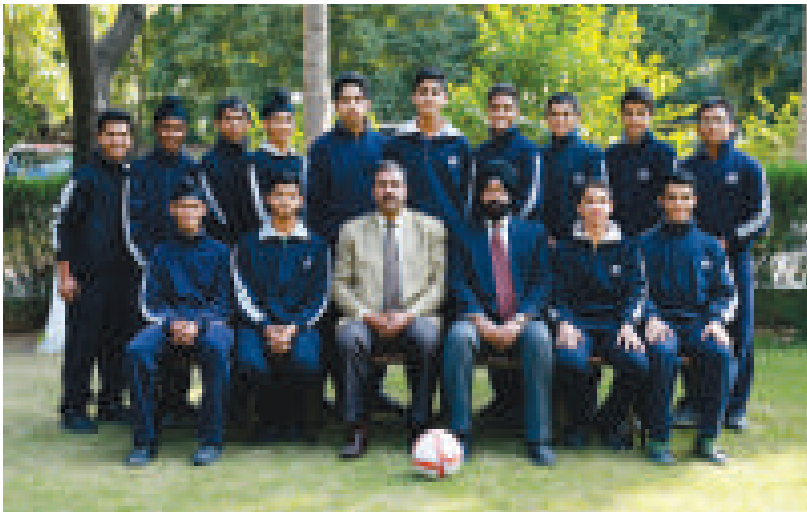
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School Soccer U-19 Girls' Team



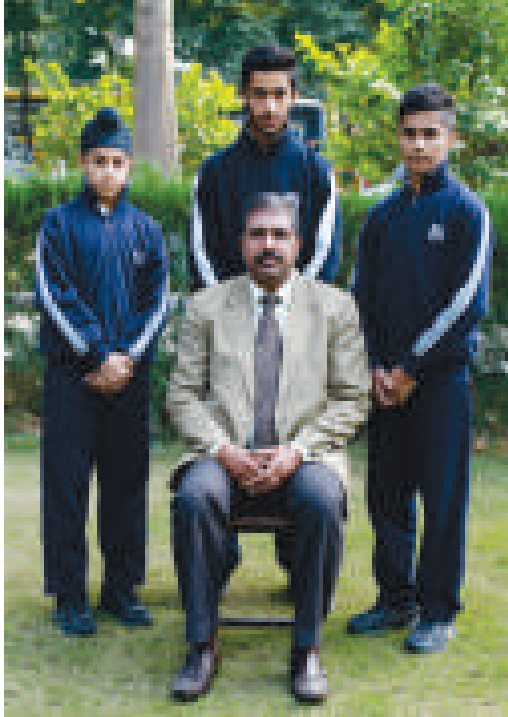
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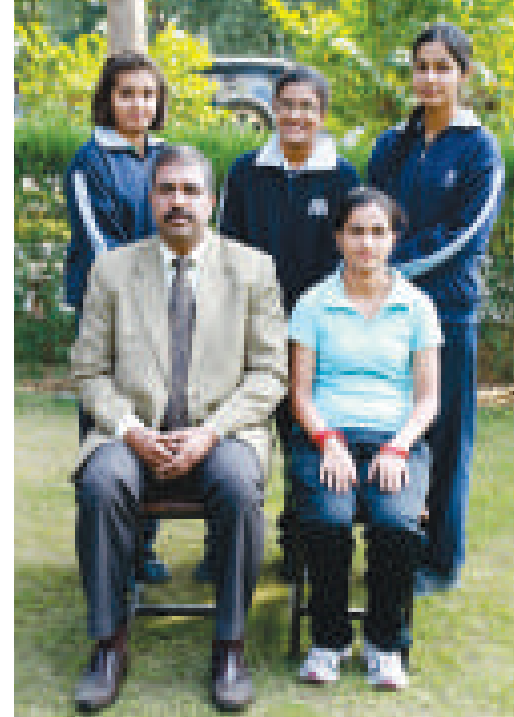
School Tennis Team (Boys)



School Tennis Team (Girls)



School Horse Riding Team



School Swimming Team

# SPORTS STARS

## BASKETBALL



Mankeert Narang, VII-O

Participated in the Nationals as part of the IPSC team



Abhimanyu Mann, XII-O

Participated in the Nationals as part of the IPSC team and in the Senior State Basketball Tournament organised by the Chandigarh Basketball Association in December, 2014 where his team got the first position.



Nagina Sidhu, X-N

Participated in the Nationals as part of the IPSC team.



Khushnaaz Brar, X-S

Participated in the Nationals as part of the IPSC team.

## SOFTBALL



Abhimanyu Mann, XII-O

Participated in the Senior Nationals in Softball and also won a State Gold medal.

## CRICKET



Salil Binota, X-O

Member of the IPSC contingent for the SGFI National Games.



Vipanjot Singh, VIII-T

Member of the IPSC contingent for the SGFI National Games.



Prabhnoor Bhalla, VIII-N

Member of the IPSC contingent for the SGFI National Games.



Pranshu Gupta, VII-T

Member of the IPSC contingent for the SGFI National Games.



Ayush Goyal, VII-N

Member of the IPSC contingent for the SGFI National Games.

## ATHLETICS



Diltaj Singh, X-N

Participated in the IPSC 60th SGFI National School Games, in Discus Throw for U-17 (Boys)



Nagina Sidhu, X-N

Participated in the IPSC 60th SGFI National School Games, in Discus Throw for U-17 (Girls)



Rajan Preet Singh, IX-O

Participated in the IPSC 60th SGFI National School Games, in High Jump for U-17 (Boys)



Gurinder Singh, XII-N

Participated in the IPSC 60th SGFI National School Games in the 100 m and 200 m event for U-19 (Boys)



Sanehdeep Khehra, XI-N

Participated in the IPSC 60th SGFI National School Games in the High Jump event for U-19 (Boys)



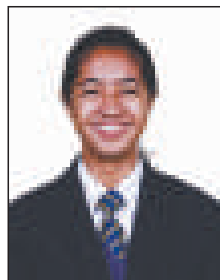
Inayat, VII-E

Participated in the IPSC 60th SGFI National School Games in the 100 m event for U-14 (Girls)



Seharkiran Kaur, VI-E

Participated in the IPSC 60th SGFI National School Games in the 400 m and 600 m events for U-14 (Girls)



Jasnoor Kaur, VII-E

Participated in the IPSC 60th SGFI National School Games in the 200 m for U-14 (Girls)

## TENNIS



Sagar Bains, X-S

Was the Doubles Runners-Up at the International Tennis Federation, Grade 4 Tournament. Member of the IPSC contingent for the SGFI National Games.



Nandini Dey, IX-O

Member of the IPSC contingent for the SGFI National Games.

## ROWING



Sandeep Kaur, XII-E

Participated in Senior Nationals Rowing Championship.



Nandin Dey, IX-O

Participated in Senior Nationals Rowing Championship



Savinay Dey, VII-E

Participated in Junior Nationals Rowing Championship

## HORSE RIDING



Gurbaaz Singh Sandhu, VII-T

Gold medal in the Delhi Junior National Equestrian Competition (Jumping)



Gursobha Singh, XI-O

Four medals (1 gold, 2 silvers and 1 bronze) in two different show-jumping events in the Junior National Equestrian Championship. He is also a part of the 4-member Indian team.

## HOCKEY



Kamandeep Singh, VII-E

Participated in School Nationals



Pavit Singh, VIII-E

Participated in School Nationals



Ajaypal Singh, VIII-S

Participated in School Nationals



Jasnoor Singh, IX-S

Participated in School Nationals

## SQUASH



Rajanpreet Singh, IX-E

He achieved the ranking of 8 in the Jaipur Open, of 3 in the Gujrat Open, and of 2 in the Chandigarh Open and In the Tricity.

## TAEKWONDO



Anushka Gargya, VII-S

Participated in the Chandigarh State Taekwondo Championship in Poomsae and won a silver medal.

## SWIMMING



Guneev Gill, VIII-0

Participated in the Mohali District Level Swimming Championship and won a Silver medal in the 100 m freestyle event and a bronze in the 200 m and 400 m freestyle events, and got selected for the State Level.



Arshiya Kaur, VII-S

Participated In Mohali District Level Swimming Championship and won a Gold medal in the 100 m, 200 m and 400 m freestyle events and also got selected for the State Level.

## SHOOTING



Anirudh Kaushal, IX-E

Won a Bronze medal in the Punjab State Shooting Championship.

## FOOTBALL



Huijin Jang, XII-N

Member of the IPSC contingent for the SGFI National Games.



Simran Singh, IX-N

Member of the IPSC contingent for the SGFI National Games.

## SCHOOL BLAZER (SILVER LINING, WITH COLOR)



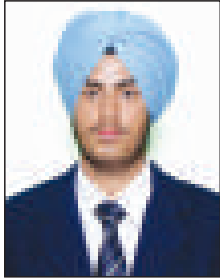
Gurshobha Singh, XI-O  
Horse Riding

School Blazer with Silver Lining is awarded to students from Class XI who have excelled in their sport for three consecutive years (VIIIth to Xth)



Huijin Jang, XII-N  
Football

## SCHOOL COLOURS



Diltaj Singh, X-N  
Athletics



Nagina Sidhu, X-N  
Athletics



Salil Binota, X-O  
Cricket



Sagar Bains, X-S  
Tennis



Anirudh Kaushal, X-E  
Shooting



Nagina Sidhu, X-N  
Basketball

School Colours are awarded to students (VIth-Xth) who excel in their sport consistently over the years

## SCHOOL BLAZER (GOLD LINING, WITH COLOR)



Khushnaaz Brar, X-S  
Basketball



Abhimanyu Mann, XII-O  
Basketball / Softball



Sandeep Kaur, XII-E  
Rowing



Gurinder Singh, XI-N  
Athletics

School Blazer with Gold Lining is awarded to students from Class XII who have excelled in their sport for four consecutive years (VIIIth to XIth)



*At the base of Hamta Pass*

## OUTBOUND

### TREK TO HATU PEAK

The birds, trees, sun, water, air, mountains, animals, and the land are all beautiful things. All of that packed into one word is Nature and our school gives us a wonderful opportunity to interact with it. I mean trekking, the most talked about activity in the school.

The day for departure finally arrived. It was the 25th of May, and there was an air of excitement around the 7th Class boys. All of us got into the bus hastily, and were ready for the fantastic journey to Hatu.

We reached Hatu late in the evening. It was very cold and rain was lashing the ground. Luckily there was a bonfire inside





a cemented, tent-like structure. But there would have been mayhem if the teachers were not there because everyone was trying to get the most of the scanty heat from the fire. We had dinner in the same place and then went to our cottages or tents to literally 'chill out'.

The boys were divided into the groups Alpha and Beta. Alpha went to collect some firewood, while Beta took a stroll on the Burma Bridge (not as easy as it sounds here). After that we had lunch. During lunch a student was caught eating a packet of chips in his cottage and thanks to him all our packets of survival were confiscated.

The next day we had a hailstorm that converted our 'chilling out' to 'freezing out'. Alpha and Beta both did 'sequence climbing'. In that activity 10 to 15 children were tied together by a rope and had to hike up the mountains. It was very tiring and squeezed out

our energy like a boa strangles its prey. But the beautiful scenery was worth the effort.

The next day was full of events. Alpha walked on the Burma Bridge, did shooting and zip-lining. Beta also did some zip-lining. It also went to a nearby reservoir to collect water and the water from that reservoir was believed to be the freshest water on earth. Then, by some miracle the teachers took pity on us and our stash of goodies was returned. Happiness all around! The next day was the day of reckoning. Everyone had to go home, meet their parents and explain away the hoarse voices, unopened tubes of toothpaste and the wet clothes. Ah, good things always have to end, nothing is ever built to last. So make the most out of your life and live every moment with happiness.

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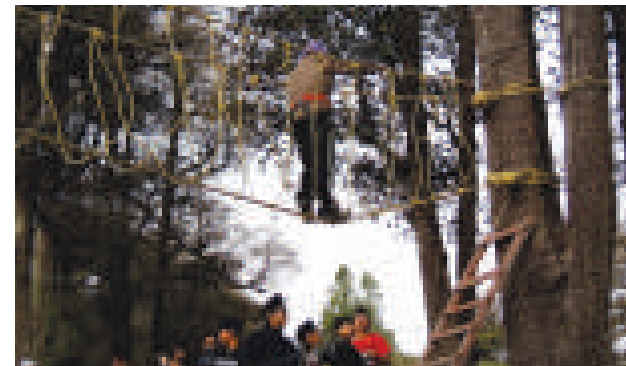
*From top to bottom:  
Hatu Temple  
How many knots on the Burma Bridge?  
In line for some fun!*

## TREK TO BRIGHU LAKE

On an ordinary May night, the bus carrying about 33 students left YPS for what was destined to be the best trek ever. It was an overnight journey and everyone on the bus slept through the night till we almost reached the destination.

The first thing I noticed when I opened my eyes was the freshness of the mountain air. Everyone seemed to be in a jolly mood. The driver parked the bus right next to the Mall Road and our journey began from there. We found a hotel named "Sugandha" — paradise compared to living in the wild. The hotel even had a TV!

At night, as I was about to go to sleep, I saw someone's face at the window. When I looked again, it wasn't there. I must've been hallucinating, I thought. So I tucked myself into bed and slept like a baby. Even now, long after we have returned, I still





wonder who/what that was?

The next morning, I woke up dreading the 11 km long trek coming up. But it turned out to be quite smooth. We set up our tents at Dhundi. It was a beautiful place covered with snow. The remaining part of the day was spent playing cards and depleting our supplies of tuck. Everyone was waiting for the premiere trek to Beas Kund, scheduled for the next day.

The next day I experienced a trek that was a 'must-have' experience. Singha Sir announced that it was to be an optional trek. It was even longer than the Manali-Dhundi trek, so I was doubtful if I would make it till the end. But I wanted to do it, so I set off. The climb was tough. But the scenery up there was awesome. We didn't actually go to the Beas Kund, though. We ended up about a kilometer short of it. The



trek down the icy slopes was not a trek at all. It was more of a kindergarten slide down the treacherous slopes.

To be honest, the next two days were pretty close to normal. We went for walks, gathered wood for a bonfire and ate loads of food but were still ravenously hungry before each meal. Somehow everything tastes much better in the mountains.

Our last day in Manali was awesome, as it was spent in the lovely Hotel Sugandha. We watched the IPL match between KKR and KXIP. Even though KXIP lost, it did not upset us —tells you how really good we were feeling. The Manali to Chandigarh trip was identical to its Chandigarh – Manali counterpart. When the bus reached YPS, a loud roar by the students was enough to tell the waiting parents that it had been one awesome trip!



## TREKKING TRIPS

**Friday, May 2, 2014**

Classes IV & V Girls : Wagnaghat Camp

Classes IV & V Boys : Kufri

Classes IV & V Boys: Himri Camp

Class VI Boys : Dak Bangla

Class VI Girls : Carrignano

Class VII Boys & Girls : Hatu

Class VIII Boys : Solang

Class VIII Girls : Manali

Classes IX, XI & XII Girls : Chanderkhani Pass

Classes IX & XI Boys : Bhriagu Lake

Classes IX & XI Boys : Daushar Lake

Classes IX & XII Boys : Beas Kund Glacier

Class XI Boys : Base of Hamta Pass

Class IX Girls : Dhundi

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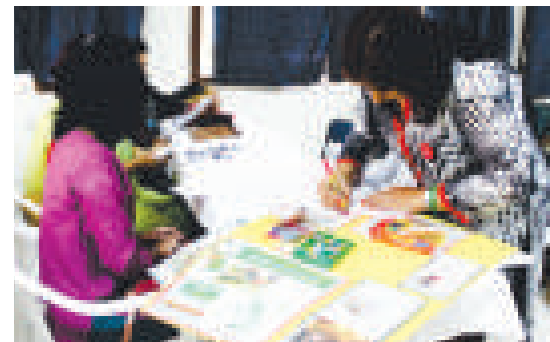
*From left to right:  
The view from Chanderkhani Pass  
Rest and contemplation  
Fueling up!*



## TEACHERS' WORKSHOPS

At YPS, we believe in learning as a continuous process. Keeping this in mind, the teachers too, every now and then, become students as they attend various workshops and programmes to upgrade their teaching skills and knowledge throughout the year.

| Date      | Name of workshop                       | Venue   | Resource person(s)                 |
|-----------|--|---|------------------------------------|
| 23-24 Jan | YES Training workshop 2014 (IAYP)      | Award Training Centre NAA<br>Office New Delhi | Mr. Bivujit Mukhoty<br>Mr. Bhalla  |
| 2 Feb     | Collaborative Learning                 | Junior School                                 | Ms. Saylee Sanjay                  |
| 6 Feb     | English Language                       | British Library                               |                                    |
| 14 Feb    |  | The Doon School                               |                                    |
| 20 Feb    | English Language                       | British Library                               |                                    |
| 6 Mar     | Cancer awareness                       | Sr. School Library                            | Dr. Ritambara Bhalla               |
| 15 Mar    | Spoken English                         | Sr. School Library                            | Ms. Harpreet Gill                  |
| 17 Apr    | Leadership qualities                   | The Doon School                               |                                    |
| Apr       | Subject cell Physics Dept              | The Doon School                               |                                    |
| 3 May     | Subject cell CTS Dept<br>School Cinema | The Doon School<br>Sr. School Library         |                                    |
| 26 Jul    | Google Educators Group                 | Sr. School Computer Lab                       |                                    |
| 17 Sep    | Subject Cell History Dept              | The Doon School                               |                                    |
| 1 Nov     | Pearl Academy                          | Sr. School Library                            | Sunita Gupta Kanwar<br>Rachna Imam |
| 11 Nov    | AFS Intercultural program              | Sr. School Library                            | Ms. Manpreet Kaur                  |

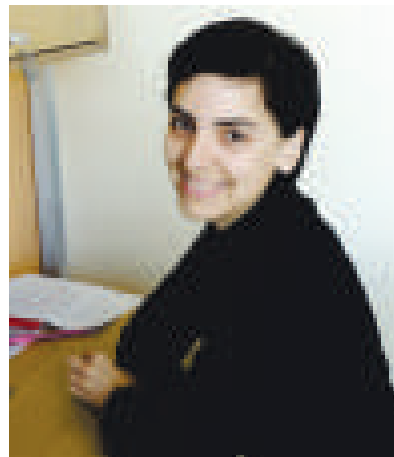




## BUILDING BRIDGES

*Top (left to right):  
Sarah Mikesell, Inayat Brar, Prabhmech Sandhu,  
Serine Enstad, Gursaya Grewal, Sophia Dietrich*

*Right:  
Ms Consuelo Arancibia*



*Education is all a matter of  
building bridges.*

-Ralph Ellison

To effectively communicate, we must realize that we are all different in the way we perceive the world and use this understanding as a guide to our communication with others. YPS has reached out to the world through a collaboration with

YFU (Youth for Understanding), an exchange programme for teachers and students, and through participation in various national and international events. What follows is a first person account from some of our participants.

### **HOLA INDIA!**

Coming to India as a Spanish

teacher has been one of the greatest challenges I have encountered so far, and it has turned out to be one of the most rewarding experiences as well. It's been, actually, a double task: not only to immerse myself into the crowded Indian waters –as if their colours, clothes, flavours, traditions and nature weren't challenging enough– but also find my way across the YPS world, which is another culture itself.

Learning the school's timetables, rules and daily routines and truly understanding the rhythms, personalities and moods of not only my students, but also of the other teachers and staff members, has been an important part of my daily duties. However, I have received lots of help on the way—from the very first day on, I have felt the interest and care of all of the students, and there's always been someone there to guide me whenever I was lost, both

figuratively and literally (I have been walking around without finding my classrooms more times than I would like to admit).

Undoubtedly, the most gratifying part of my experience in YPS has been the opportunity of sharing my own language and culture with the students and the staff members. To receive countless “buenos días”, “buenas tardes” and “¿cómo estás?” a day (even from students who I don't directly teach), and to notice that –well, almost– no one thinks that I am from Spain anymore, are only tiny details among dozens of others that make me feel valued, appreciated and at home every day.

I would like to express my gratitude towards everyone in this school who made possible my stay here in the first place, and all those who have eased my experience with their advices,

patience, help and their daily smiles. I am confident that in the months to come I will continue to understand and enjoy the Indian culture and language (or should I say languages?) and that my year in YPS will definitely be an unforgettable time in my life.

*By Consuelo Arancibia (Exchange teacher from Chile)*

### THE INDIA EXPERIENCE

When I was asked to write an article about my experiences as an American exchange student in India, I had no idea where to begin. After days of procrastination, I finally sat down to write; when nothing came to me, I complained to my host sister. "I have no idea what to say! India's not that different from the United States." After a bit more thought, I added, "Except that you're more likely to die while attempting to cross the road."

She told me I should write that, and I think she was right: it does sum up my experiences here well. Sure, there are some minor differences between India and the United States—in India, I eat spicier food, I definitely sweat a lot more, and I send up a prayer every time I need to walk across the street—but life, fundamentally, is the same.

It's hard to write about "my experiences" in India because they're the same experiences everyone has everywhere. I still have to wake up for school every morning at an ungodly hour; I still discuss how the day went with my family over dinner; I'm still surrounded by warm, friendly people who are quick to offer help when it's needed.

The most important thing I've learned from my exchange year

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*From top to bottom (opp. page):  
HMUN  
Flying high at Aitchison College, Lahore  
The team with Mr Shamin Khan, Headmaster,  
Aitchison College Lahore*





is that no matter where I go, life is the same--and more importantly, people are the same. The rest doesn't matter. I'm immensely grateful to have had the chance to come to YPS and meet all of you. Even if it means death by auto rickshaw.

*By Sarah Mikesell (Exchange student from the USA)*



### A NEW COUNTRY, A NEW TOWN; MY NEW HOUSE AND MY NEW FAMILY...

What started almost 10 months ago as a little curiosity and a small joke, has today changed my everyday life completely. This trip had felt so far away for such a long time, that it only felt real when I sat down on the train to Chandigarh. The trip felt too long, and I could not decide if I was nervous or excited. But when I saw my new sister waiting for me at the train station, all I could feel was happy.

The traffic itself here could have



sent me into a culture shock at first, but now I think I am getting used to it, though the first day here was frightening. Many things here are so different—the food is so spicy, the weather is really hot, just the fact that houses have air conditioning is different. We do not need that, we need heaters in our houses. I don't know how I would have handled everything if it was not for the help of my new family. They have made me realise that many things are still similar, at least in the people. We all laugh at jokes, love chocolate and care about each other. Starting school here was so frightening at first, everything was different—the kids, the language, the teachers, the uniforms and the subjects. I think I spent the whole first day just looking down, afraid that I would do something wrong. The second day was better, and now I feel like I am getting friends. All in all it is a great experience and I am looking forward to learning

more things.

*Serine Enstad (Exchange student from Norway)*

### “AN EXCHANGE YEAR IN INDIA! WHAT AN ADVENTURE!”

That's how most of my teachers, friends and family members responded after I told them I was going to India. And yes, it has been an adventure, maybe the greatest adventure I've ever had in my life!

India—crowded, busy, and loud, all these different new smells—it's so different compared to Germany! But maybe that's why I like it so much...

After the three months that I have already spent here, I consider this as my new home, my new life. Three months that means that I still have seven more months left, but time flies...Seven months more to spend means lots of time with great friends, a wonderful family



in an incredible country! Even though I sometimes miss Germany, my friends, and my family a lot, I already know that I'll miss my Indian life as much as the German one, when I go back. YPS is so much different to my German school. The school uniform, assembly, the way of teaching, hobbies in school, those are all the things I've never experienced in Germany. At the beginning I didn't know whether school here was better or worse than Germany, but now I know I can't compare those two schools, those two countries.

YFU (Youth for Understanding—the Exchange programme through which I came) told us this, “It's not good, and it's not bad. It is just different.”, and now I know what they meant by saying that. I'll miss YPS, I'll miss all of you and I hope, we'll have a great time in the following months while I'm here.

*By Sophia Dietrich (Exchange student from Germany)*

### THE GERMAN EXPERIENCE

Last summer I came to know about the YFU Exchange program, and our school was a part of it. I gave my name without even knowing what it actually meant. I came across Harold Oja, an exchange student of YFU from Estonia. After interacting with him, envying his confidence and the experience which he had here at YPS, it made me think that I'd done the right thing by giving my name for the program. I opted for Germany as my host country and I was all set to go. I got information about the family which was to host me before leaving. I stayed with them for six weeks in a small town called Holtrop, which was 8 km away from the main city Aurich. They welcomed me and made me feel totally at ease with their friendly manner. While there I was involved in many activities like school, visiting old places. I also took part in a Western Festival where I stayed in a camp for 10

days. This made my stay even more exciting. I learned to be independent and about dignity of labour as I noticed that people there did every chore on their own without feeling embarrassed or ashamed. I got to know a lot from the country and the lifestyle of the people. It made my mind set for a new life with new goals and meaning. This was the opportunity which our school has provided me. I'd like to thank the school, and my parents too, for supporting me throughout.

*By Satyam Bhardwaj, XII*

### HMUN INDIA, HYDERABAD

Difficult and daunting tasks change your perspective- they teach you things about yourself. You learn about strengths you never knew you had! Preparing for my first MUN—Harvard Model United Nations India—was a nerve-racking affair—and after doing our homework, our delegation of eight set out for Hyderabad.

There was an air of mixed excitement and also the inevitable anxiety.

On the opening day of the Conference we warily lobbied around, talking to the other delegates at the Hyderabad International Conference Centre. This certainly lifted our spirits for we realised that behind those high heels and big words were delegates who had chosen not to open the Study Guide. So much the better for us! Our performance was all that mattered now. The day got better and better. I actually started to have fun at something which had scared the living daylight out of me.

The next three days were days filled with fierce formal debating, making new contacts, mood swings, and going to bed in the wee hours of the morning. It all eventually paid off with our Head Girl Beeban Rai and Deputy Head Boy Himmat Tiwana winning “BEST

DELEGATE” at the Historic Security Council. Victory is euphoric if you work your heart into it and I'm glad that I got to learn that. There's a big wide world out there and I have an itch to go solve the puzzle!

*By Sajneet Mangat IX-E*

### ALL PAKISTAN INTER-SCHOOL ENGLISH AND URDU DECLAMATION, QUIZ AND ART COMPETITION

Trips are the best learning experiences of life which teach us to handle situations in life. A team six students of Classes VII and VIII went to Aitchison College, Lahore, for a GK quiz, art competition and English declamation.

Spread over 200 acres, Aitchison College is one of Pakistan's largest educational institutes. On first setting eyes on the beautiful architecture and lovely green grounds, we were left speechless. We were also given a feel of true Punjabi hospitality.

The boundaries did not seem to exist as the friendship between the two schools was displayed through the way we were treated—like royalty.

Besides the competitions, we learnt much about Lahore and the experience of this beautiful city, also known as 'The Walled City' was unforgettable. Lahore has many beautiful monuments to see and places to visit and we managed to see some of them too. The Lahore Zoo, Minar -E- Pakistan, Lahore Fort, Lahore Minar and the Ranjit Singh Samadhi were some of them.

We shall never forget this wonderful experience as the innumerable activities and competitions built a team spirit. Winning makes people glow in the realisation that their hard work has got them so far, while losing makes them learn ways to better themselves to the point of excelling. We learned that we must try to participate in more

competitions without thinking about winning or losing, the experience alone makes it worthwhile.

YPS won the first and second prizes in art and the first prize in the English declamation. We also won the team trophy for art. We came fourth in the GK quiz.

*By Reet Maggo and Tanveer Mangat, VII-N*

### YPS AT ACMUN, LAHORE

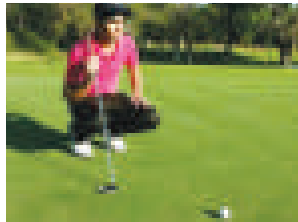
September 11, 2014, saw YPS take part in the ACMUN VI, the biggest High School Model United Nations conference in Pakistan, at the prestigious Aitchison College, Lahore. The conference showcased young minds at their debating best, on various topics of international interest, as representatives of the United Nations.

A 12 member team accompanied by two teachers went to Lahore. The delegation was treated with the warm

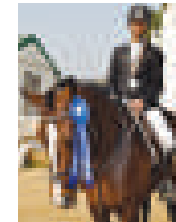
hospitality that Pakistan is famous for and was also taken around Lahore to places like Lahore Fort and Liberty Market. Each day was marked with a very high level of discussion on topics like the Middle East Crisis, Crimean Crisis, Designer Babies etc. On various occasions the delegates got to hear words of wisdom from high profile diplomats of Pakistan. The competition was tough with premier schools of Pakistan and India including Yadavindra Public School (Patiala), Punjab Public School (Nabha), British Co-Ed (Patiala) and The Cathedral and John Connon School (Mumbai). Our students gained experience of how this world functions and got a chance to bridge the gap between the two neighbouring countries.

*By Lovneet Bhatt, XI-O*

## ACHIEVERS BEYOND SCHOOL



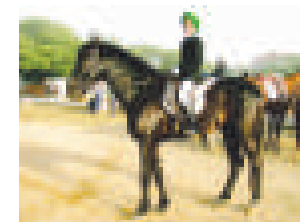
**Ikrah Ghai**, of Class XI, won the 3rd Chandigarh Golf Club Junior Golf Championship, held in January 2015. He was also the 2nd runners-up in the 3rd Aloha Junior Golf Tournament held in August 2014, and in the IJGA Pre Qualifier held in October 2014. He was the runners-up in the 2nd CGA Juniors Golf Tournament held in September 2014 and in the 3rd CGA Juniors Golf Tournament held in November 2014.



**Gursobha Singh**, of Class X, bagged four medals in two different show-jumping events in the Junior National Equestrian Championship (JNEC), New Delhi. He won an individual gold and a bronze medal in the accumulator category and bagged two silver medals in the team and individual categories of normal jumping consisting of two rounds. He also achieved the 1st rank in the Delhi Horse Show, in the Nationals for Horse Riding at Jaipur, and in the International Riding Show at Holland. He is currently ranked as No 1 in Asia in his age categories.



**Sagar Bains**, of Class IX came first in the All India IPSC Tennis Championship-2014, held at Delhi. He was also the Runners-Up at the 60th National School Games, held at Karnataka in December 2014, at the Pakistan ITF Junior Tennis Championship and at the National AITA U-18 Championship held at Sonapat this year. He was part of the 6 member tennis squad to be selected for the Jenesys Youth Exchange Programme, held in Japan in November 2014.



**Gurbaaz Singh**, of VII-T, won a gold and a silver medal in the show jumping category at the Chandigarh horse show, held in June 2014. He also won a gold in the Delhi junior National Equestrian Competition (Jumping), held in December 2014.

# BEYOND BARRIERS, BEYOND BOUNDARIES...

YPS is different. It is not just a normal school, it is a place that helps groom you, gain experience and makes you a man ready to face the challenges of the outside world. Spending 12 years of my life in a school like YPS has been an amazing experience. From class one to now, this institution has moulded me, improved me and made me a better human being.

I remember myself in Class one—a fat, chubby and reclusive child, with few friends. Making new friends was difficult for me as I refused to talk to anyone I didn't know. But this school brought about a change in me, till now almost everyone is my friend.

The Junior School was amazing—a good place to grow and mature. The teachers there gave me much encouragement and love. Leaving all that and coming to the Senior School in Class Six was very difficult. I thought of the Senior School school as a place of intense competition and hard work and I

grew to love it.

Senior school changed me—with daily games lessons where we were made to run and play every sport—till I lost all my fat. The opportunities were endless, from trekking after the midterm exams, the yearly excursions and the optional trip during the winter vacations to all the co-curricular activities, the school just had so much to offer.

Looking back, I can't believe that 12 years of my school life have finally come to an end. This school has made me what I am today, I think a better person. There are many things that I learnt from YPS. The daily schedule, from the morning PT to the assembly made me punctual; the fierce competition during the inter-house events made me work hard to better myself; the co-curricular events gave me the confidence to speak in front of people; and the weekly tests made me academically sound.

Playing for my school was another opportunity I was thankful for, but to get this opportunity I had to train hard and practice daily. Going for various tournaments to represent YPS was a privilege. It showed the fierce competition among schools to stay on top. And this made me work even harder to make my school proud.

And here I am, passing out as the Head Boy of the school, a position I have worked hard for and am proud to hold. To my juniors, I would like to say, do not assume that anything is impossible, just because the world says so. Work hard and the impossible will be in your grasp. Do not lose faith in your ability to fly, beyond barriers, beyond boundaries and beyond anyone's comprehension.

*Abhimanyu Mann  
Class XII*

# AT HOME IN INDIA

I was just nine years, going to an ordinary elementary school in South Korea when my family decided to visit my uncle and aunt who were settled in India. I was excited because it was the first time that I was going out of my homeland. When we reached Chandigarh my cousins were waiting for us at the door. The next few days we toured across India. Everything was so new, or seemed new because all my life I had been in Korea. The people, weather, food, culture, surroundings and every small thing was different from what was in Korea. I couldn't and I still can't express my feelings coherently! After a week of going around India it was time for my family to go back to where we belonged. By the time we reached the airport I did not want to leave India. But I had to, taking memories I made in India along with me.

We returned home. Soon my school reopened and again the routine started. Home - School – Tuitions. This was my daily routine since I graduated kindergarten. It never

changed until one day during dinner; my dad suddenly asked “Do you want to go back to India? I couldn't think, I just shouted out “Yes!”

That's how it began. That's when everything changed.

After a month of preparation I was back in India. Initially I did not go to school but went to a teacher who taught me English. I, of course, did not know a word. Indeed, I didn't even know the alphabet properly. Everything was tough, even breathing seemed to be difficult at that time. Learning a new language and settling in a country that I didn't belong to was harder than it seemed. I was sent to a new school that had just opened. Going to a school with people I couldn't communicate was a horrible experience. I could not understand what the teachers were teaching. I was not able to answer questions people asked because I just couldn't understand what they were saying.

I don't remember exactly when, but it was around January 2009, that I finally became a proud Yadavindrian. I met better people to stay with, and teachers who understood my difficulties. After joining YPS, school life was much better and I started wanting to go to school. As time passed I was a student of Grade eight, taking the May exams when I was told that we were going back to Korea. My heart broke because I was finally settled after going through hard times and I had my friends here that I didn't want to lose. But I had no choice.

Life in Korea couldn't be more miserable. It was harder than settling in India. It was different. We had exams four times a year. We had multiple questions for all the subjects. Kids didn't study in school. They went to an academy after school where they had to stay late into the night, studying. Eventually I became a part of them. I noticed that people went to school just for the sake of graduating. The situation I had been put into was so

bad that I didn't know what to do and what not to do. I suffered trying to find a better way to survive. I did not know how to study because the syllabus was not only from the books provided by school but also from various other books which we kids did not know about. I had been thrown into a world of stress. Thankfully, my dad realized that the education system in Korea did not suit me and decided to send me back to India.

So that's how I got back to India. I'm back in YPS with my friends. Sometimes I see Korea as a foreign country rather than home. I'm comfortable with the surroundings here in India. When everthings are hard for me I always have my friends and my family besides me. I'm happier than ever. I can speak English and Hindi, which makes my life here in India way easier. There might be few more to come, but YPS has now prepared me!

*Hyonju Oh  
Class IX*

# THIS IS NOT A GOODBYE ...

I started my life at YPS in January of 2003. Back then I was a timid little boy, with a petrifying stage fear, who could talk about cartoons for hours. It has been twelve years now!

...and I can still talk about cartoons for hours! but I feel the rest has changed significantly. The class teacher's remarks in my first report card from class one describe me as "a quiet worker" and the last one from this year calls me "an all-rounder".

I remember the first time I spoke in front of the school was in class two and I just read out 8 lines about milk. All the while I was up there I wasn't able to look up even once – and now, in the last four years every time I have gone up to speak, I have not even carried a piece of paper along ( except of course when I have had to read out the prizes in the assembly. )

I shall miss everything, everything from messing up in the "just a minute" to winning the Harvard

MUN (can't believe I made it this far without bragging about that!) and from playing with balls made out of handkerchiefs to playing cricket in the basketball court , playing football and even golf with a tennis ball. I know we weren't the first to play these games and something assures me we will not be the last ones either.

I will never forget all the fruitless attempts to get a second ice cream and running like mad all the way from my class on the top floor to the mess window for the mouth watering samosa on Wednesdays. Things have changed and though we do not have the samosa or the ice cream; we do have a swimming pool and even a golf green now.

This wonderful institution has shaped and moulded me. To my juniors also it offers a tremendous number of opportunities in the form of sports and co-curricular activities To them I say- please! do make the most out of those ! There will be times when you think you cannot

pull it off or manage multiple things at once. But trust me you can! Also you will learn a lot about life and yourself in the process and it will be wonderful. Now there might be times when parents feel that academics are being affected and do not allow children to take part. To them I say – Trust the school and your child and just watch the growth. It will bedazzle you !I might no longer be in school, but when I hear about your achievements I shall surely feel proud .

This is not goodbye , for I feel YPS extends far beyond the walls of these exceptionally beautiful 21 acres; it extends even beyond international borders or any sort of physical barriers for that matter. We might not always stay here, but YPS will always be with us. Although the back of the school the diary says that YPS lies in sector 51, but we all know that where it really lies is inside our hearts!

*Himmat Tiwana  
Class XII*





# AITCHISON HOUSE

*"It's hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed."*

- Theodore Roosevelt.

## HOUSE MASTER

Ms. Manmohan Kaur Litt

## HOUSE APPOINTMENTS

### Captain(Boys)

Gangesh Dhar

### Captain(Girls)

Amanpreet Kaur

### Prefects

Mahima Verma

Nishttha Sharma



**Sitting** (Left To Right):

Amanpreet Kaur, Ms Vaishaly Sharma (Senior House Faculty) Gangesh Dhar

**Standing** (Left To Right):

Kritendeep Kaur, Nishttha Sharma, Shaurya Dhawan, Abhimanyu Mann





# NALAGARH HOUSE

*"Imagine with all your mind, believe with all your heart, and achieve with all your might."*

## HOUSE MASTER

Ms Harinder Kaur

## HOUSE APPOINTMENTS

### Captain(Boys)

Jasamrit Singh

### Captain(Girls)

Kudrat Kaur Waraich

### Prefects

Roohanjyot Singh

Puneet Singh



**Sitting** (Left To Right):  
Kudrat Kaur Waraich, Ms Harinder Kaur (House Master), Jasamrit Singh  
**Standing** (Left To Right):  
Roohanjyot Singh, Sandeep Kaur, Himmat Singh Tiwana, Puneet Singh



# PATIALA HOUSE

*"Domus quod vincit umbra : The House that defeats the shadow."*

## HOUSE MASTER

Mr. Sukirat Singh

## HOUSE APPOINTMENTS

### Captain(Boys)

Noordeep Singh

### Captain(Girls)

Deepshikha Kaur Anand

### Prefects

Ashutosh Prashad Kaushal

Satyam Bhardwaj



### **Sitting** (Left To Right):

Satyam Bhardwaj, Deepshikha Kaur Anand, Mr Sukirat Singh (House Master), Noordeep Singh, Ashutosh Prasad Kaushal

### **Standing** (Left To Right):

Kajal Sharma, Simarjeet Singh, Aseem Vij, Sehraj Singh Randhawa, Huijin Jang



# RANJIT HOUSE

*"Find out what you already know and you will see the way to fly."*

## HOUSE MASTER

Ms. Manjit Kaur

## HOUSE APPOINTMENTS

### Captain(Boys)

Arpan Singh Brar

### Captain(Girls)

Gursaya Grewal

### Prefects

Gurraj Singh Baidwan

Jasleen Kaur Kahlon



**Sitting** (Left To Right):  
Gursaya Grewal, Ms Manjit Kaur (House Master), Arpan Brar  
**Standing** (Left To Right):  
Jaisveen Kaur, Gurraj Singh Baidwan, Jasleen Kaur Kahlon



# TAGORE HOUSE

*"Give me the strength to raise my mind high above little things and to learn to live with nobility, with courage and with truth."*

## HOUSE MASTER

Ms. Puneeta Sandhu

## HOUSE APPOINTMENTS

### Captain(Boys)

Navdeesh Kohli

### Captain(Girls)

Sukhanpreet Kaur

### Prefects

Damanjeet Singh

Anurag Singh Mann



**Sitting** (Left To Right):  
Sukhanpreet Kau, Ms Puneeta Sandhu (House Master), Navdeesh Kohli  
**Standing** (Left To Right):  
Damanjeet Singh, Anurag Singh Mann, Beeban Rai, Jaideep Dhillon





# INTER-HOUSE CO-CURRICULAR REPORT

| DATE     | EVENT                                     | CLASSES    | AH  | NH  | PH  | RH  | TH  |
|----------|---|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Feb 5    | Inter-House Spelling Bee                  | 6-7        | 4th | 2nd | 1st | 3rd | 5th |
| Mar 5    | Inter-House Literary Competition          | 8-9        | 3rd | 2nd | 5th | 4th | 1st |
| Mar 12   | Inter-House Poetry Recitation             | 6-7        | 4th | 1st | 2nd | 5th | 3rd |
| Mar 19   | Inter-House GK Quiz                       | 8-9        | 2nd | 3rd | 5th | 4th | 1st |
| April 12 | Inter-House Declamation (Hindi/Punjabi)   | 8-9        | 1st | 4th | 2nd | 5th | 3rd |
| April 16 | Inter-House Maths Olympiad                | 6-7        | 3rd | 5th | 4th | 1st | 2nd |
| April 30 | Inter-House Debate (English)              | 8-9        | 3rd | 5th | 1st | 2nd | 4th |
| May 7    | Inter-House Computer Quiz                 | 6-7        | 1st | 5th | 4th | 2nd | 3rd |
| July 23  | Inter-House Literary Competition          | 10, 11, 12 | 4th | 5th | 3rd | 2nd | 1st |
| Aug 6    | Inter-House GK Quiz                       | 6-7        | 5th | 3rd | 4th | 2nd | 1st |
| Aug 8    | Inter-House Plays                         | 6-12       | 1st | 1st | 4th | 3rd | 5th |
| Aug 13   | Inter-House Poetry Writing and Recitation | 10, 11, 12 | 4th | 3rd | 5th | 1st | 2nd |
| Aug 20   | Inter-House Science Quiz                  | 6-7        | 3rd | 2nd | 5th | 1st | 4th |
| Aug 27   | Inter-House Oxford Style Debate           | 10, 11, 12 | 5th | 1st | 4th | 2nd | 3rd |
| Sep 3    | Inter-House Computer Quiz                 | 8-9        | 5th | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 4th |
| Sept 10  | Inter-House Multi-Media Competition       | 10, 11, 12 | 1st | 4th | 5th | 3rd | 2nd |
| Sept 10  | Inter-House English Declamation           | 6-7        | 1st | 4th | 5th | 3rd | 2nd |
| Sept 17  | Inter-House Maths Olympiad                | 8-9        | 5th | 3rd | 4th | 2nd | 1st |
| Sept 24  | Inter-House GK Quiz                       | 10, 11, 12 | 1st | 3rd | 5th | 4th | 2nd |
| Oct 17   | Inter-House Music Competition             | 6-12       | 4th | 1st | 5th | 1st | 3rd |



# BOARDING HOUSE REPORT

## CHANDRAGUPTA HOUSE

House Master: Dr. Bhupindra Mann  
Assistant House Master: Mr. Ajay Singh

## AJIT HOUSE

House Master: Mr. Parveen Singha  
Assistant House Master: Mrs. Ekta

## BOARDING HOUSE APPOINTMENTS

Captain: Aseem Vij  
Prefects: Simarjeet Singh  
Jaideep Dhillon

The Boarding House of Yadavindra Public School is an excellent facility that makes young people feel safe, and at the same time supports them to do their best not only in the field of education but also in their life. Pupils benefit from a range of excellent facilities, resources, and pastoral care. Children form lifelong bonds with their peers and the faculty members who look after them.

The Boarding House teaches the boarders time management because everything is organised in time slots with fixed timings for meals, prep and sports. Great value is placed upon personal responsibility and consideration of others.

The Boarding House staff treats the boarders as members of one large family. They take an active interest in their lives and encourage them to participate in studies, activities and community service. Housemasters share with their assistants, tutors and House matrons the duties and

responsibilities of caring for children who may well be away from home for the first time. The promotion of equality and diversity is outstanding. The school recognises and values equality and diversity such that boarders benefit from an atmosphere of inclusion and respect, and from the positive experience of being part of a vibrant and active multi-cultural community. The Boarding House Prefects' Council helps in maintaining discipline of the House by helping the housemaster. The seniors are always on hand to motivate their juniors to do well in academics as well as other activities.

YPS has a very good catering facility. Breakfast, lunch (weekends) and dinner are exclusively made for the boarders. Fruit break and lunch on school days are taken along with day boarders. The meals are balanced nutritionally, with both vegetarian and non-vegetarian options available. The menu ranges from Chinese, South Indian and even continental food. In addition, there are several "special dinners" exclusively for the boarders on special occasions.

Boarders have been given access to a number of facilities which include wide variety of activities such as sports, art, dance and music. Our boarding house has some of the most promising players of the school.

Entertainment is a very important part of every boarding house and the YPS Boarding House is no exception. The boarders enjoy a movie every Saturday night and other amenities like TV and music system that are installed on each floor. They are taken every month to the cinemas. In addition to these regular events, the Boarding House also organises special visits. The Chandragupta House visited the Chandigarh Lawn Tennis Association Stadium, Sector-10, to watch the match between CLTA and Madrid Tennis Association, and to Sukhna Lake to be a part of the carnival that was held there. Ajit house went to Panchkula Park and Dagshai Hills for a picnic.

Thus, on the whole the YPS Boarding House has everything that a boarder wants and is a wonderful mix of academics, sports and co-curricular activities.





## FAREWELL CLASS XII

*Don't be dismayed at goodbyes,  
a farewell is necessary before  
you can meet again and meeting  
again, after moments or  
lifetimes, is certain for those  
who are friends.*

– Richard Bach

As the sun gave way to a clear night sky on November 22, 2014, the YPS campus was beautifully lit up with hundreds

of lights twinkling over the hedges and trees, leading Class XII, the distinguished guests of the evening, from the main entrance to the gym hall.

The evening, presided over by the Principal, Mr RP Devgan, and the Vice-Principal, Mrs Anita Kashyap, and organised by Mrs Ekta and Mrs Manmohan Litt, was a touching tribute from

Class XI to their outgoing friends and seniors. Lovneet Bhatt, Sidharth Kabir and Jansher Singh anchored the event, keeping the fun and the pathos equally balanced.

The evening kicked off with various games like 'Guess Who' and 'Musical Chairs'. It was then followed by the 'Ramp Walk' for the coveted title of "Best Dressed" which was won by Gursaya Grewal and Kritendeep Kaur, for girls, and Gurraj Singh and Damanjeet Chharrhan for boys. Huijin Jang won at the game of musical chairs, beating Gursaya Grewal. Arpan Brar, Satyam Bharadwaj and Mehertaj Bedi received prizes for being the most punctual students.

After the games it was time for music and dance. Everybody danced the night away to popular Punjabi beats.

As the guests were asked to gather around the area outside

the dining hall, the eyes of one and all present there became teary with the nostalgic set-up done around the bonfire by the Class XI students. The cake-cutting ceremony followed, with the Head Boy and the Head Girl cutting the cake to loud cheers from all present. Everyone then gathered in groups around the bonfire for a sumptuous dinner.

The evening continued with Jaisveen's melodious voice as she sang one last time for an audience at school. She was followed by Sophia Dietrich who gave a performance on the violin, which was applauded by everyone, and then Divyak Jain recited a poem he had written about his memories in YPS. Class XI also performed a song for the outgoing Class XII.

All this led up to the 'Final Step' where the Class XII students were handed special mementos by the Principal accompanied by a few comments on each

student. A kaleidoscopic flash of images of a childhood spent on the school premises, of the years growing together, seemed to go past the eyes of all students of Class XII as they took their final step — a long journey of almost 12 years for most of them. As they walked out of the gates of YPS, officially having been bid adieu, they appeared to be grappling with strong emotions, of anticipation and the excitement for what lay ahead, and of nostalgia as they left their carefree days behind.



# BIDDING ADIEU

## Class XII-E



**Arpan Singh Brar**

The Ranjit House Captain is an amazing basketball player, who balances both sports and academics with ease.



**Aseem Vij**

The Boarding House Captain is a carefree soul with a generous heart. Aseem is well-liked by everyone.



**Beant Chind**

A sweet and well-mannered individual, with a select group of well-chosen friends, Beant is, however, well-liked by everyone.



**Divyak Jain**

Popularly known as DJ, Divyak is an amazing beat boxer. He is a very helpful and fun-loving person.



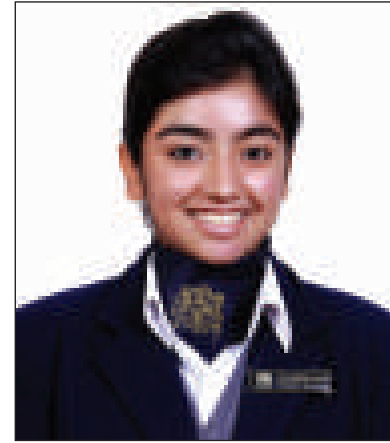
**Gagan Watts**

A friendly person with a charming personality, Gagan is loved by his juniors and peers alike



**Jaideep Dhillon**

A responsible Boarding House Prefect, Jaideep is the quintessential gentleman. He is a quiet person who loves spending time with his close friends.



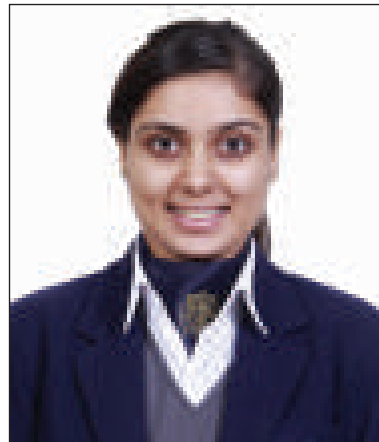
**Jaisveen Kaur**

The School Music Captain is the 'Nightingale of YPS'. She is well known for her sweet and helpful nature and is loved by her juniors, who will surely miss her charming voice and personality.



**Jasamrit Singh**

'The Gentle Giant' the Nalagarh House Captain is the tallest person on the campus. His passion for tennis rivals his love for studies. He is also a good orator.



**Jasleen Kaur Kahlon**

The Ranjit House Prefect is a sweet girl whom everyone loves to talk to. She is always seen with a smile on her face.



**Kudrat Waraich**

The Nalagarh House Captain is very helpful and enjoys having fun. She is, however, famous for her position for 'never-bunking classes'.





**Mahima Verma**

A very hardworking girl, our AitchisonHouse Prefect has lived up to all her responsibilities. She is very friendly and is determined to do well in life.



**Maninder Singh**

Maninder is a very quiet and soft-spoken boy. He is a role model for his juniors.



**Navi Bhadoo**

Navi is a happy-go-lucky person who is so busy enjoying his present that he hasn't given a thought to his future. He is an ace footballer and an excellent swimmer.



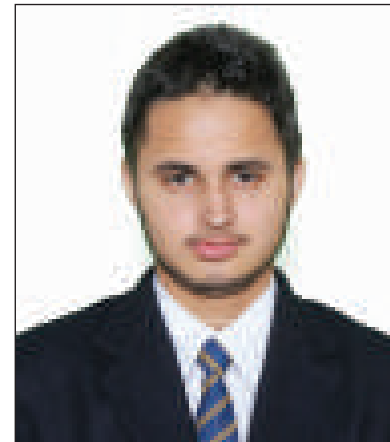
**Sanchit Grover**

Ambitious and motivated, Sanchit is always smiling. He is a person who is highly respected by his juniors who all look up to him.



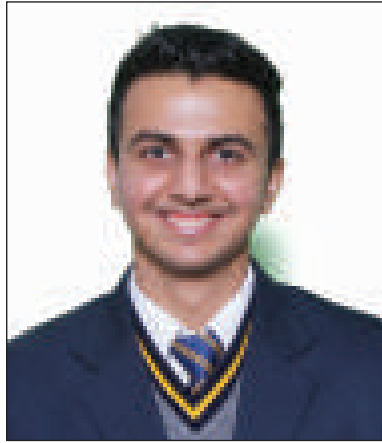
**Simarjeet Singh**

Popularly known as 'Baraielly', don't ask why? He is quiet and keeps to himself. He is, however, an important part of almost all school teams..



**Ramandeep**

He is very quiet, with a charming personality and is known as 'Desi' amongst his batchmates.



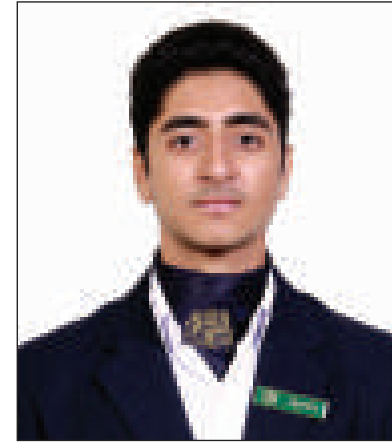
**Prabhkaran Nagra**

Popularly known as Nagra, he is a very responsible student and is still remembered for reciting Dr Faustus to good effect.



**Sandeep Kaur**

Informally known as Sandy, Sandeep held the responsibility of being the School Sports Captain. Her remarkable achievements in rowing has inspired one and all.



**Puneet Singh**

The Nalagarh House Prefect is an amazing drummer. An enthusiastic individual, his contribution towards music is well-appreciated.



**Preet Kamal**

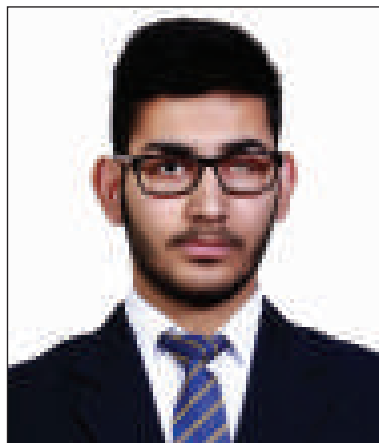
This Nalagarian is a bubbly girl, with a bright smile always on her face. She is popular amongst her juniors and teachers.



**Yogesh Bansal**

Known as 'the stud' amongst his batchmates, Yogesh is popular with all..

## Class XII-N



**Akashdeep Singh**

Even tempered, sensitive and sweet. He will be missed.



**Aman Preet Kaur**

The Aitchison House Captain is a very quiet person. Known as 'The little power pack', she's devoted to the welfare of her house and very particular about discipline in school.



**Ameen Guron**

She is a wonderful soccer player and a very warm-hearted girl who always has a bright smile on her face. This girl will face any obstacle and get through with the same smile. We wish her all the best for the future.



**Anurag Singh Mann**

The Tagore House Prefect is popularly known as 'BABA'. This energetic personality is always found guiding his juniors who will surely miss his advice.



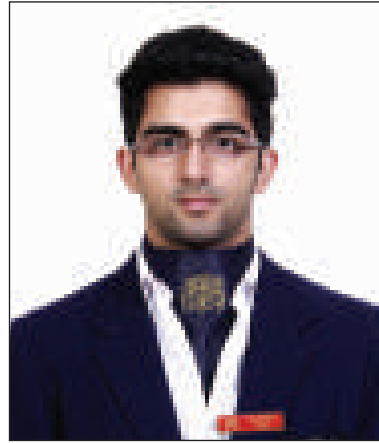
**Arunam Prasad**

The school cricket team captain is popularly known as A.P. and has led the school team to many victories. We wish him continued success in the future.



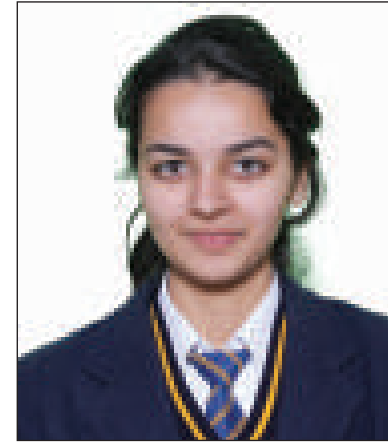
**Beeban Rai**

The School Head Girl is a vivacious person who is always busy doing something or the other for her House or school. Our 'Miss Genius' is a good cager and an excellent orator. She's also a social worker with a conscience and has motivated many to follow in her footsteps.



**Damanjeet Singh Chharrhan**

This society bird is seen more outside the class than inside it. He's a very good sport, generous and fun-loving. You'll usually find him with his juniors who all look up to him for advice and help, both freely given.



**Deepshikha Kaur Anand**

The Patiala House Captain is popularly known as 'Sahiba'. She's a chirpy person with a great sense of style. She is also known to be the 'Gossip Queen' of YPS.



**Gurinder Singh**

Popularly known as 'Garry', this young man leaves everybody awestruck by his exploits on the sports field. He has made YPS very proud with his amazing athletic skills and we look forward to seeing him win an Olympics medal one day.



**Gurraj Singh Baidwan**

The Ranjit House Prefect is a gentleman. He's an ace hockey player and very fond of Punjabi music.



**Gursaya Grewal**

The Ranjit House Captain has a cute face and a sweet voice. This girl can make anybody smile on a bad day. She's fun-loving and is always cracking bad jokes, which are sometimes even funny. She's a good footballer and the vice-captain of the school soccer team, and also has a passion for writing poetry.



**Harmeet Brar**

Popularly known by his surname, this gent is friendly with his juniors and has a charming personality. When he suddenly goes missing he's usually found to be asleep in the Boarding House.



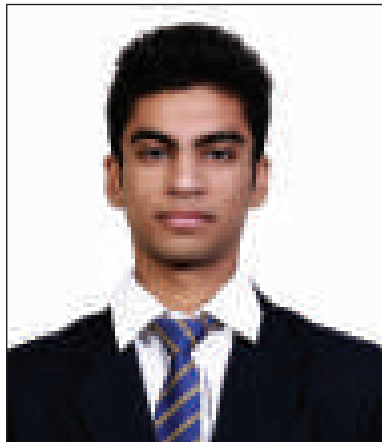
**Huijin Jang**

Our Deputy Head Girl has won the hearts of everybody with her charming personality. You'll always find her inside or around the art room. She loves making funny faces and has amazing photography skills. She's loaded with talent and is also the captain of the school football team.



**Jaskawal Singh Bedi**

He's a happy-go-lucky person, always with a naughty smile on his face. We wish him the best for life.



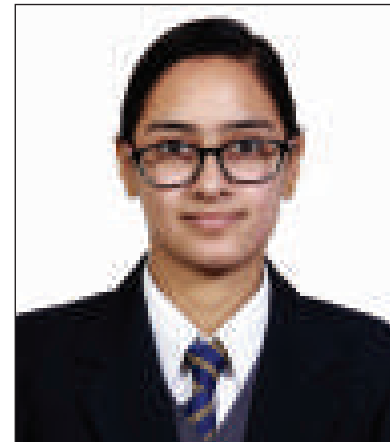
**Kanwar Heer Singh**

A good footballer, he is a fun-loving person. You'll mostly find him in the corridors laughing around with his friends.



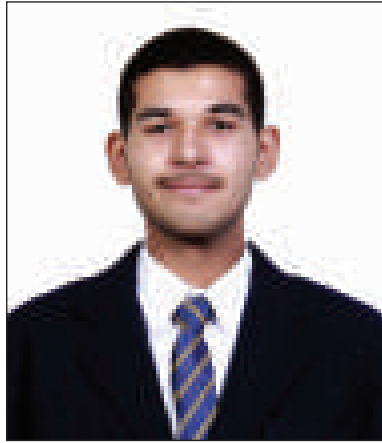
**Prabhkaran Singh**

A very serious person when it comes to academics. He is well-liked by all his peers.



**Ravneet Kaur Sandhu**

A very quiet person who loves art, reading books and pottery. She aspires to become a writer. We wish her all the luck for the future.



**Shivpratap Singh**

The horse-rider of the class is popularly known as 'Sabu'. He's a very popular person who is bound to do well in life because of his positive attitude.



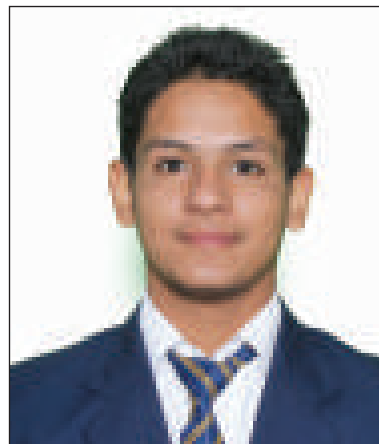
**Sukhanpreet Kaur**

The Tagore house captain is blessed with a beautiful voice. She does a wonderful job when it comes to co-curricular activities. She's always found with a smile on her face.



**Tajinder Singh**

This young man is passionate about fashion and is always being chased by teachers to get back to class, or simply to get a haircut. You'll ALWAYS find him outside the class.



**Abhimanyu Saharan**

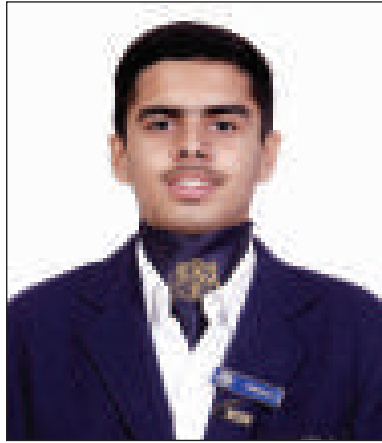
A kind-hearted soul, he is liked by all.



**Abhimanyu Mann**

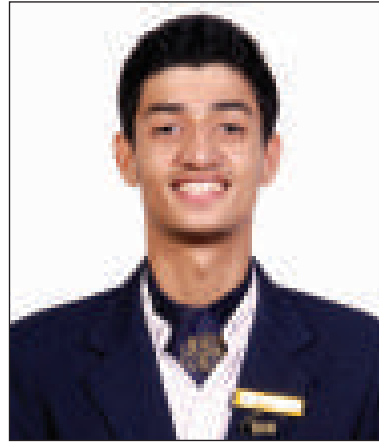
The School Head Boy is a hardworking student who took his role as a role model for others very seriously. A soft-heart with a tough exterior, he is known most for his exploits on the basketball court.

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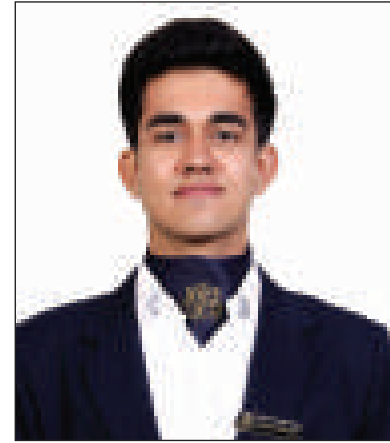
**Ashutosh Prasad Kaushal**

An aspiring Indian Armed Forces Officer, this Patiala House Prefect is fun-loving and well known for his sharp wit and philosophical speeches.



**Gangesh Dhar**

Popularly known as "MACHHI" amongst his batch mates, he is a very studious person and also a very dedicated and sincere House Captain. With his hardworking abilities and determination he is sure to do well in life.



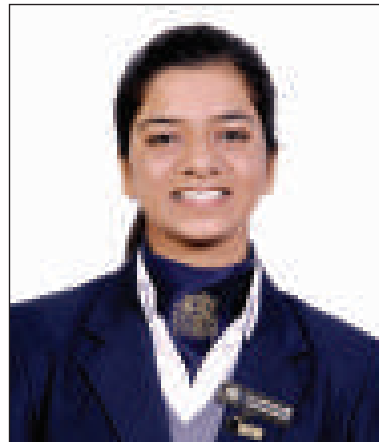
**Himmat Singh Tiwana**

The Deputy Head Boy of the school is an easy going person with a great sense of humor. A dramatist and orator par excellence he vies with the best of the stars of Hollywood. He's also known for his love of alternate rock music. He will be missed in School.



**Hrithik Parmar**

He is a studious boy who will make a name for himself in the field of science. He is also a member of the school hockey team.



**Kajal Sharma**

The School Co-curricular Captain is a remarkable person, always seen with a smile on her face. She is known for her helpful nature and is liked by one and all.



**Kritendeep Kaur**

The School Environment Captain is a diehard 'One Direction' fan. Always in a cheerful mood, she is also a kind-hearted person who is liked by all her juniors.



**Mehartaj Singh Bedi**

-'Mr Bedi', as he is known to all, is a cheerful individual who is loved by his peers, juniors and teachers alike for his entertaining nature and positive attitude. He is particularly awesome when he dons his 'bhangra avatar'.



**Maheep Sehgal**

An excellent football player Maheep is carefree and easy going. He believes in enjoying the present and is a great asset to Nalagarh House.



**Nisthha Sharma**

The Aitchison House Prefect is a sweet and a cheerful person, one can always see her helping others.



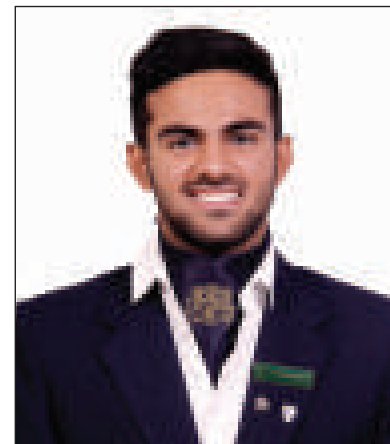
**Navdeesh Kohli**

The Tagore House Captain lives life to the fullest. He always spends quality time with his batch mates and loves to play cricket, even if it is often only in the basketball court.



**Noordeep Singh**

The Patiala House Captain is a dynamic livewire. The 'moustache king' is an amazing football player, and is always seen spreading joy and laughter.



**Roohanjyot Singh Sidhu**

The Nalagarh House Prefect is an amazing dancer and an excellent hockey player. With his unique dress sense and sweet smile, he's been a fixture at school and will be sorely missed. What most people don't know is that he's a softie at heart.





**Satyam Bhardwaj**

The Patiala House Prefect is a crazy, fun-loving boy, always with a prank up his sleeve. He'll surely be missed by all his juniors.



**Shaurya Dhawan**

The School Co-Curricular Captain, popularly known as "ANDY" is in a class of his own and lives up to his motto of enjoying every moment of his life.



**Sehraj Singh Randhawa**

The Sports Captain of the school is an excellent athlete, who is also the Captain of the school football team. A gregarious person, he is always seen laughing and joking with his group of friends.



**Udaibir Singh Sidhu**

A very quiet and a shy person one can always find him with his head buried deep in books. We wish him the best of luck for his future.