

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

Many of our senior students have again taken advantage of the long holiday to do work experience, as part of our internship programme, in areas relevant to the university courses they intend to apply for.

Zainab Adamaly and Vinu Samarasekera worked for one month at Stax Inc., a global strategy consulting firm based in Boston that has an office in Colombo. They did research on a project aiming to launch 1000 start-ups in Sri Lanka by 2022.

As in previous years, several of our students who want to be doctors arranged to shadow surgeons. Sarah Haputantri and Khyla Muzni shadowed Dr. Nalaka Gunawansa for two weeks. As well as observing his clinics, they were given the opportunity to scrub in for several operations, including a kidney transplant and an amputation. Naomali Gunaratne, Kusala Molligoda and Amra Naeem also shadowed a vascular surgeon, Dr. S.D. Rajamanthri at the National Hospital, for one week and were able to observe every

aspect of his weekly routine, from clinics and ward rounds to surgeries.

Moving from humans to animals, Chiharu Higuchi, Parami Peiris and Loushanie Ranatunga worked at Dehiwala Zoo. They were responsible for feeding the animals, cleaning their enclosures and studying their behaviour. They also assisted at the animal hospital, including watching post-mortem examinations of a sloth bear and nilgai.

Gwang Hoon Lee and Lishan Manawadu worked in the Physics Department of Colombo University under Professor Jayanetti. They helped some PhD research on the sensitivity of copper oxide semi-conductors to different gases.

In the Maldives, Amr Shamun had the opportunity to work in the office of the Attorney-General. He observed hearings in the Supreme Court and was responsible for translating parliamentary bills from Dhivehi into English.



FOUNDERS' DAY

Elizabeth Moir School's 17th Founders' Day Prize Giving was held at the new Peter De Abnew auditorium at Musaeus College. Entertainment was provided by a highly entertaining performance from the Junior School's Infant Choir and a beautiful medley by the Senior School Chamber Choir. In her speech, Mrs. Moir focused on the role of parents in the school community. She encouraged the students to recognise the huge sacrifices that their parents make for them and their education, and to show their gratitude for this support more often.

Congratulations to the new Head Prefects appointed for 2013-2014:

Captain of School –
Zainab Adamaly
Senior School Head Prefects –
Sarah Haputantri & Francesca Mudannayake
Junior School Head Prefect –
Malak Naseem
Junior School Deputy Head Prefect –
Anokhi Molligoda



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ELIZABETH MOIR SCHOOL

ANOTHER YEAR OF OUTSTANDING IGCSE & A LEVEL RESULTS

Congratulations to all our exam students on their superb results in last summer's public examinations.

At A Level, almost half of all papers were graded A* or A. Ten students gained 3 or more A grades, including eight with 4 A grades. Shamira Ghouse achieved 4 A* grades with an average of 98%, including over 99% in Physics.

Shamira Ghouse	4 A*
Maduni Wickramasinghe	2 A* 2 A
Dilroshini Karunaratne	1 A* 3 A
Shevangi Sadesh Kumar	1 A* 3 A
Yohann Sequeira	4 A
Manoj Thogesan	4 A
Thulitha Wanigasinghe	4 A
Nayasheen Waseem	4 A
Rahul Jordashe	3 A
Ravini Sirilal	3 A 1 B

At IGCSE, a record 47% of papers were graded A*, and well over 90% A* – B. Fourteen students gained 7 or more A grades, with seven obtaining at least 7 A* grades to earn them Edexcel awards. After the previous class had achieved the third best results of any international school in the world, for this year's class to have done even better is a superb achievement.

Jananan Mithrakumar	10 A* 1 A
Sanush Nukshan	10 A*
Nathasha Bogoda	9 A* 1 A
Kusala Molligoda	8 A* 2 A
Kathleen Renker	8 A* 2 A
Sachin Shashidharan	8 A*
Shahid Fazlee	7 A* 1 A
Keshawa Wijeyawardena	6 A* 3 A
Kanishka Jayawickrama	6 A* 1 A
Dinushi Mudalige	6 A* 1 A
Asma Reza	5 A* 3 A
Senitha Wanigasinghe	5 A* 4 A
Aron Rahim	4 A* 5 A
Sashini Jinasena	1 A* 7 A

Jananan achieved an overall average of 90% and Sanush 87%. Jananan scored 98% in Maths and 97% in Chemistry and Keshawa 96% in English Language.



MOIR STUDENTS GAIN FIRSTS AT OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE

We are extremely proud of our students' superb results in IGCSE and A Level examinations, but these results are only a small part of what we want our students to achieve. What matters more to us as a school is sending out students who will continue to thrive both at university and in their later careers, and who will make a positive contribution to the societies in which they live. This means encouraging students to think for themselves and work independently. We aim to inspire a passion for learning that will stay with our students throughout their lives, and to teach the skills that will enable them to succeed in whatever they choose to do in the future.

We are delighted, therefore, that two of our former students, Tom Collins and Shezzy Kerner, were awarded First Class degrees this summer, at Oxford and Cambridge respectively. They join another former student, Shazana Shahjahan, who also recently gained a First from Cambridge and has since returned to the school to teach History.

Shezzy Kerner won a place at Cambridge to study Education with English and Drama, having had her whole education at the school. She graduated with a First and won a Shuard Prize for her outstanding results in her Finals. Shezzy is now about to start a law conversion course before doing her professional training to become a barrister. Having been involved in the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign against illegal Israeli settlement while at university, she plans to specialise in Human Rights Law. Looking back on her time in school, Shezzy says: 'I was expecting to find the gap from school to University level

work very large and very daunting but I have to say, being at Moir equipped me well - the rigorous way we were taught at school bridged that gap significantly and as a result I found the transition a little easier than expected. I'm really grateful to the school for that.'

Tom Collins joined Elizabeth Moir School in Junior 5 and spent six years here, before his family returned to the UK, where he completed his A Levels. He gained 9 A grades in his O Level examinations and these provided the platform for him to gain a place at Oxford to read Economics and Management. He earned a university scholarship after gaining the highest mark in his year in Financial Management in his Prelims and went on to gain a First in his Finals. Having done internships at the Bank of England and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office while at university, he has now accepted a job at McKinsey & Company, the world's leading management consultancy firm. After receiving his First, Tom wrote to the school saying: 'I genuinely believe the education I received in Sri Lanka played a huge part in the successful time that I had at university, even more than the two years I subsequently spent in the UK.' He added: 'There are two main things I can remember about Elizabeth Moir School: the wide range of extra-curricular activities and the excellent support provided by the teachers. There always seemed to be something going on after the official school day ended, whilst I still have clear recollections of the one-on-one meeting with Mrs Moir that first led me to consider applying to Oxford.'



COMMONWEALTH ESSAY WINNERS



The Royal Commonwealth Society's prestigious annual Essay Competition received over 11,000 entries from over 830 schools in 55 Commonwealth countries and territories this year. Despite this tough competition, a record nine of our students were awarded prizes, winning 2 Bronzes, 5 Silvers and 2 Golds:

Junior (Under 14 years)

Bronze Awards Ricardo Seneviratne, Anna Shearer
Silver Awards Bhavik Baruah, Zahraaf Abdussamad, Jithvan Ariyaratne, Methin Lokumannage
Gold Awards Paloma McDeigan-Lee, Zaura Salim

Senior (14-18 years)

Silver Award Kathleen Renker



SRI LANKA MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE 2013

During the holidays, 30 students attended the 6th annual Sri Lanka Model United Nations Conference, held at Water's Edge. SLMUN is the largest school Model United Nations in South Asia and the 3rd largest in the world, with over 1200 delegates. Our students have played a big part in the success of SLMUN since it started. This year ten of our students were members of the Executive Committee that organises the conference, which was again more than any other school. This included Insaf Baker Markar, Hishma Hafeez, Ornella Hisham, Ashhari Jayawardena and Vinu Samarasekera, who were all Chairs of different committees.

The students debated topics including Cyber Terrorism, the Millennium Development Goals, Religious Fundamentalism and Stem Cell Research. Six of our twelve delegates won awards for their outstanding performance in the conference, which is a superb achievement.

Sonali Silva	Best Delegate
Ajay Gnanam	Honorary Mention
Nidula Athulathmudali	Best Position Paper
Ifaz Fahim	Best Position Paper
Kushan Jayawickrama	Best Position Paper
Asma Reza	Best Position Paper

Congratulations as well to Hishma Hafeez, Aron Rahim and Aneka Alok-Mathur, who have been selected for the Executive Committee for next year's Colombo Model United Nations.