

UNDER 9 BOYS AND UNDER 14 GIRLS VICTORIOUS IN FUTSAL TOURNAMENTS

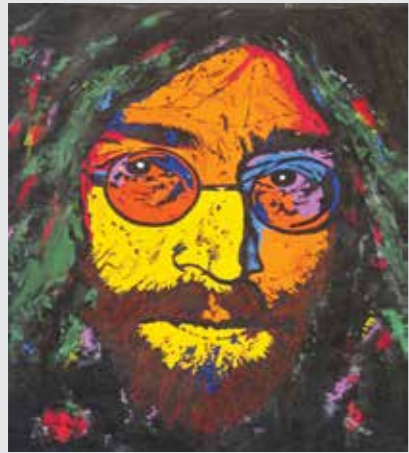
Congratulations to our youngest team, the Under 9 Boys, who won all their matches in the 3rd annual Futsal Tournament, organised by St. Joseph's College, including a 5-0 defeat of the hosts' A team. In a great team effort, Ayaan Weerasooria scored three goals and Ruben Habeeb nine, impressing all our older players with his speed and skill. Other notable performances in the tournament came from the Under 13 Boys who finished top in their group, with Aamir Ashraff scoring three goals and Tarin Wijeyasinghe one, before going out in the quarter-final of the Cup. The Under 15 Boys, captained by Zaahid Seedat, were unlucky to lose in the final of the Bowl competition on penalties. Over 1500 players from 132 schools across the country took part in the tournament, with our teams playing against schools as far afield as Manipay Hindu College, St. Joseph's Trincomalee and Anuradhapura Central College.



In a girls' tournament in November, our Under 14 Girls defeated Colombo International School and Gateway College en route to emerging as champions, with Yumna Hussain scoring 4 goals and Tao Yazaki two. In a further tournament organised by Learnium International School, our senior boys came to the fore. Our Under 19 team finished top in their group before losing unluckily in the Quarter-Final, while our Under 17 team also reached the knock-out stages.

Earlier in the term, our Under 19 team recovered well from an early defeat to reach the quarter-finals of the Inter International Schools tournament, after Naveen Kulasingha scored both goals in a 2-0 victory over Colombo International School. They then again suffered the misery of going out on penalties, denying them a chance to defend the trophy they won last year. Captain Lajy Shah nevertheless deserves to be proud of his team's performance as the team rebuilds after the loss of several key players last year.

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ELIZABETH MOIR SCHOOL

FOOTLOOSE

The Senior School broke new ground in November with the first ever production of the Tony-award winning musical *Footloose* in Sri Lanka. Two packed houses at the Lionel Wendt theatre were treated to a stunning show, with our young cast and crew delivering a supremely professional performance.



Senal Wijetunge led the cast with characteristic exuberance and confidence as Ren, the teenager whose move from Chicago to Bomont sets the action in motion. On arrival, he finds the small town in the thrall of the Reverend Moore, the authoritarian minister of the local church, under whose influence the town has banned dancing. Felix Deemer successfully brought his character to life by portraying his inner turmoil as well as his outer conviction. Kharesma Ravichandran added real star quality to the cast as his rebellious daughter, Ariel.



Already enjoying commercial success in India, her show-stopping rendition of *Holding Out for a Hero* was a real highlight of the production. Ren's rival for Ariel's affections is local bad boy, Chuck Cranston, played with great attitude by Nicholas Manuepillai. Ren receives much needed support from Willard, played by Akash Gnanam, who was worryingly convincing as the dim but good-natured hick, and injected much of the humour into the show. Lu u Lua Mohamed brought wonderful life and energy to the role of Rusty, Ariel's best friend, and took the lead in much of the dancing.

The message that sometimes young people know better than adults is an important one, which will have resonated with many of the young audience. Yet Ren's efforts to overturn the ban on dancing only succeed when he abandons confrontation and recognises that the Reverend Moore's close-mindedness is a consequence of his grief at the loss of his son. This holds an important lesson to all our teenage students: always to see things from another person's point of view and appreciate that there is reason for even the most inflexible approach.



After months of rehearsals, everyone involved can be very proud of the production's success. They will have inspired a whole new generation to believe that 'this is our time to dance'.

RECORD-BREAKING A LEVEL RESULTS RECOGNISED BY EDEXCEL



Congratulations to all our students who won prizes at the 2015 Edexcel High Achievers' Awards Ceremony, held at BMICH in November.

Our students won 9 awards for gaining 3 or more A* grades at A Level, more than any school in Sri Lanka has ever received before. This included Jananan Mithrakumar and Sanush Nukshan, who both gained 5 A*, results only ever surpassed by one Sri Lankan student.

Two students also won World Prizes for obtaining the highest mark in Sri Lanka and one of the top ten in the world: Sanush in Chemistry with 100%, the highest in the

world; and Ishrath Irshadeen in Physics with 99%, the 6th highest in the world.

Five students won awards at IGCSE for achieving 7 or more A* grades. Young Eun Shin also won the World Prize for Art after scoring 100%, the highest mark in the world.

Our Senior Choir was again invited to perform at the ceremony. Their stunning medley from *Footloose* injected much-needed energy and entertainment into proceedings and had more than one of the special guests singing along from the head table!

A LEVEL

Grade Awards

Jananan Mithrakumar	5 A*
Sanush Nukshan	5 A*
Ryan De Silva	4 A*
Ishrath Irshadeen	4 A*
Afdhal Saheed	4 A*
Rakulan Sothinathan	4 A*
Nathasha Bogoda	3 A*
Steffan Paul	3 A*
Dulanga Jayawardena	3 A*



World Prizes

Sanush Nukshan	Chemistry	100%	(1st in world)
Ishrath Irshadeen	Physics	99%	(6th in world)

World Prizes

Young Eun Shin	Art	100%	(1st in world)
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IGCSE

Grade Awards

Ahmed Azmeer	8A*
Sikhandi Thiagarajah	8A*
Alma Abdulla	7A*
Jithvan Ariyaratne	7A*
Shenali Lokubalasuriya	7A*

RECORD SUCCESS AT INTER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS SWIMMING

An outstanding team effort by our Junior and Senior School swimmers led to what may have been our best ever performance in the Inter International Schools Swimming Championship, with our highest score in many years despite the increased competition. A record twenty students won points for the school with a further twelve contributing in relays, showing that it was a true team effort.

The Junior School swimmers had their best ever year at the meet, which bodes very well for the future. Saira Dilshard led the way, winning the 50m Butterfly and finishing 3rd and 4th in her other events. Anna Shearer won points for the school in all her races and Junior School Swimming Captain Pippa Fox finished 7th in the 200m Individual Medley. Saira's brilliant butterfly leg also helped the Under 10 Girls finish 5th in the Medley Relay.

Maya Weerasinghe and Tiffany Johnpulle led the way for the Senior School, both winning medals in all three of their events. Maya won gold in 50m Butterfly while Tiffany missed out on 1st place by an agonising 0.03 seconds in the 50m Freestyle. In her final year in the team, Anya Law came 4th in 50m Breaststroke and 5th in her other events. She and Tiffany led our Over 16 Girls Relay team to Bronze in the Freestyle Relay and Silver in the Freestyle Relay, our best ever relay result.

Some of the best performances came in the Over 16 Boys category. Seniya Ariyananda won Bronze medals in both 100m and 200m Freestyle, despite being injured. Amaan Buhary finished 4th in the 200m Individual Medley and the final individual event, the 50m Freestyle, while Virul Abeygunawardane also scored points in all his races. They combined with Swimming Captain, Takaharu Higuchi, to win Bronze in the prestigious final freestyle relay, narrowly missing out on a remarkable victory in a very tight finish.



Saira Dilshard	Under 10 Girls	1st	50m Butterfly
		3rd	50m Backstroke
Maya Weerasinghe	Under 16 Girls	1st	50m Butterfly
		2nd	50m Freestyle
		2nd	100m Freestyle
Tiffany Johnpulle	Over 16 Girls	2nd	50m Freestyle
		2nd	100m Freestyle
		3rd	50m Backstroke
Seniya Ariyananda	Over 16 Boys	3rd	100m Free
		3rd	200m Free
Over 16 Girls	(Tiffany, Anya, Saira, Vinati)	2nd	Medley Relay
		3rd	Freestyle Relay
Over 16 Boys	(Virul, Seniya, Amaan, Takaharu)	3rd	Freestyle Relay