

# ART EXHIBITION



## UNDER 19 AND UNDER 17 BOYS WIN FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS



The Senior School hosted a 4-a-side Football Tournament for four schools in May for Under 17 Boys, Under 19 Boys and Under 17 Girls. The event created a lot of excitement with large crowds staying on to cheer on our sides. This support helped all three of our sides reach the final for their age group. Our girls were unlucky to lose by one goal to a British School team they had beaten earlier in the tournament.

The Under 17 Boys won a close match against Colombo International School through a goal by Naveen Kulasingha, his third of the tournament. In the final match, Jang Pyo Hong scored an astonishing five goals to help the senior boys to an easy victory.

<b>Under 19 Boys:</b>	Alethea	Won	3-1	(Sandesh 2, Aron 1)
	British	Won	2-0	(Aron, Hong)
	CIS	Won	6-2	(Aron 2, Hong 2, Sandesh 2)
<b>Final:</b>	British	Won	6-2	(Hong 5, Sandesh)
<b>Under 17 Boys:</b>	Alethea	Drew	2-2	(Romes, Naveen)
	British	Won	3-0	(Romes, Naveen, Hyunwoo)
	CIS	Won	1-0	(Romes)
<b>Final:</b>	CIS	Won	1-0	(Naveen)
<b>Under 17 Girls:</b>	British	Won	2-1	(Nicole, Sabeehah)
	CIS	Won	2-1	(Nicole, Anneka)
	Final:	CIS	Lost	0-1



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ELIZABETH MOIR SCHOOL

## MRS. MOIR AWARDED MBE BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs. Elizabeth Moir, our Head of School, has been appointed a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) by Her Majesty The Queen, in recognition of her 'services to British education and the teaching of English in Sri Lanka'. She will receive this award in a ceremony at Buckingham Palace presided over by Her Majesty The Queen, Prince Charles or Prince William.

Mrs. Moir and her husband, Kesang Tenduf-La, established Colombo International School in 1982, soon after coming to Sri Lanka. At a time when the only international school in Colombo was restricted to expatriates, this was the first school that enabled Sri Lankan students to learn in English and take British examinations. Influenced by the example of the top British public schools, they aimed to provide a world-class education that not only enabled students to attain the highest academic standards but also helped them to develop as individuals and gave them the opportunity to excel in sports and the creative and performing arts. This vision has inspired the growth of an entire education sector in Sri Lanka. The 25 member schools of TISSL alone now educate 40,000 students.

In 1990, Mrs. Moir was asked by the government to set up a programme to teach English to the masses. The result was Follow Me: a BBC English language course that was televised on Rupavahini and watched by up to six million Sri Lankans. Affordable textbooks were printed and eighty language centres set up across the whole island, from Jaffna to Matara, to help people of all backgrounds sit examinations in spoken and written language that were administered by the University of Warwick in the UK. Thousands of Sri Lankans were able to gain formal English language qualifications.

After setting up both Colombo International School and the British School in Colombo, Mrs. Moir and her family founded Elizabeth Moir School in 1996. It soon established itself as not only one of the leading schools in Sri Lanka but one of the leading international schools in the world. Its success was recognised in an article on top international schools in The Daily Telegraph last year, which showed that Elizabeth Moir School's IGCSE results were the 3rd best of any international school in the world.



Mrs. Moir has seen her students go on to all the top universities in the world, such as Oxford and Cambridge in the UK and Harvard, Yale, Princeton and MIT in the US. They have then enjoyed huge success in every field imaginable from law, medicine and politics to IT and investment banking. All of them would attribute their success to the values of hard work and fair play instilled in them by Mrs. Moir.

Sri Lanka has, of course, provided not only an ideal home for Mrs. Moir but a wonderful environment in which to set up schools. The success of the schools she has founded is due to the diligence and determination of Sri Lankan students and the care and commitment of Sri Lankan teachers. Today, they can all share our pride in Mrs. Moir's accolade.

We are extremely proud that Mrs. Moir has received this honour for her role as the pioneer of international education in Sri Lanka and her thirty years as head of the leading international schools in Colombo. It is wonderful as well for the school to receive this recognition. In this way, Mrs. Moir's award is also an award for all the students and teachers of Elizabeth Moir School as it reflects all of their incredible ability and achievements.

# MOIR STUDENTS WIN PLACES AT TOP UNIVERSITIES

Congratulations to all our students who have been offered places at their chosen universities for next academic year.

Gwang Hoon Lee has accepted a conditional offer from Oxford University to read Materials Science at Queen's College, one of the most prestigious colleges at the university. Five other students have also accepted places or conditional offers from top UK universities, including our Captain of School, Zainab Adamaly, who is planning to read Economics at Bristol University and Khyla Muzni who will study Biomedicine at Queen Mary, University of London.

Australia proved a popular destination for last year's graduating class with six students having started courses there in January. This includes Manoj Thogesan, who is studying Medicine at the University of New South Wales and Pravan Mathew and Maduni Wickramasinghe, who are both at the University of Melbourne, reading Biomechanics and Biomedicine respectively. Melbourne is rated the top university in Australia by The Times Higher Education Rankings and 34th in the world, the 5th highest outside the UK and USA.

We continue to enjoy an excellent record of successful applications to New York University in Abu Dhabi, one of the most competitive universities in the world to gain admission to. Next year, two of our students – Sahar Thampoe and Amber Nomani – will be starting courses there, both on full scholarships. Lishan Manawadu has also been offered a place with an entrance scholarship at the University of Hong Kong, the 2nd highest ranked university in Asia and 26th in the world according to the QS World University Rankings.



# SIMPLY THE BEST

Simply The Best is always one of the highlights of the Junior School year, from seeing the smallest students in school in Early Learners and Pre KG take their first brave steps on a big stage to the spectacular annual performance by the Dance Club. It is incredible to see how confident and assured every student in the Junior School is on stage, with even some of our youngest students able to learn a lot of lines in challenging dramas and speak clearly and audibly into a microphone.

This year's production was especially memorable. Particularly impressive was a remarkably accomplished performance by our Infant Choir; further demonstrating how much children can achieve at a young age. Among the other crowd favourites were a highly entertaining fusion of poetry and rap by Junior 4 and Junior 5's hilarious rendition of the famous Greek myth, Theseus and the Minotaur; or, as Theseus kept saying, the dinosaur. The script included the famous monster having the 'head and horns of a bull and the body of a chartered accountant' and Minos's son being killed by a bizarre Scottish tourist. Both these skits also highlight how educational many of the Assembly items are, showing that students learn best through activities that are both informative and enjoyable.



# RECORD SAT SCORES

This year we have organised classes in school for students taking SAT exams for the first time. The SAT comprises three sections: Critical Reading, Maths and Writing. Students receive a mark out of 800 for each section, making a total maximum score of 2400. SAT is the first step in the admissions process for students applying to American universities and is also required by NYU, Abu Dhabi and the National University of Singapore. Top universities like Harvard and MIT expect a total score of about 2100 or above.

Although our students have always scored well on the test, which is similar to IGCSE in standard, we decided that having classes in school would help students maximise their scores. This has proven to be the case with all the students scoring outstanding marks, including:

Jananan Mithrakumar	2320	(including 800 in Writing)
Ifadha Sifar	2210	(including 800 in Critical Reading)
Steffan Paul	2160	
Ryan De Silva	2150	(including 800 in Maths)

This places them all among the top 2% of all students taking the tests. Jananan's score puts him in the top 0.2%.

Students may also be required to take the more challenging SAT Subject Tests. As these tests are more similar to what students learn at A Level, our students have always done very well on these, such as Gwang Hoon Lee who scored 800 in both Mathematics I and II last year. Ryan De Silva is the only student to have sat the SAT Subject Tests so far this year, scoring an outstanding 800 in Maths and 780 in Physics.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE

Every year at the Senior School, each class organises a Community Service project. This involves the students choosing what project to assist, raising funds, planning and participating in the trip and making a presentation in Assembly afterwards. The students always speak very movingly about their experiences and how the projects make them more aware of how fortunate they are, not just financially but also in terms of the love and support they receive from their families. In total, almost Rs. 500,000 has been given to good causes this year including the Maharagama Cancer Hospital, the Foundation for Goodness, the Camilla School and Preethipura Home for the differently abled, St. Luke's elders' home and the Sri Jinananda Children's Home.

