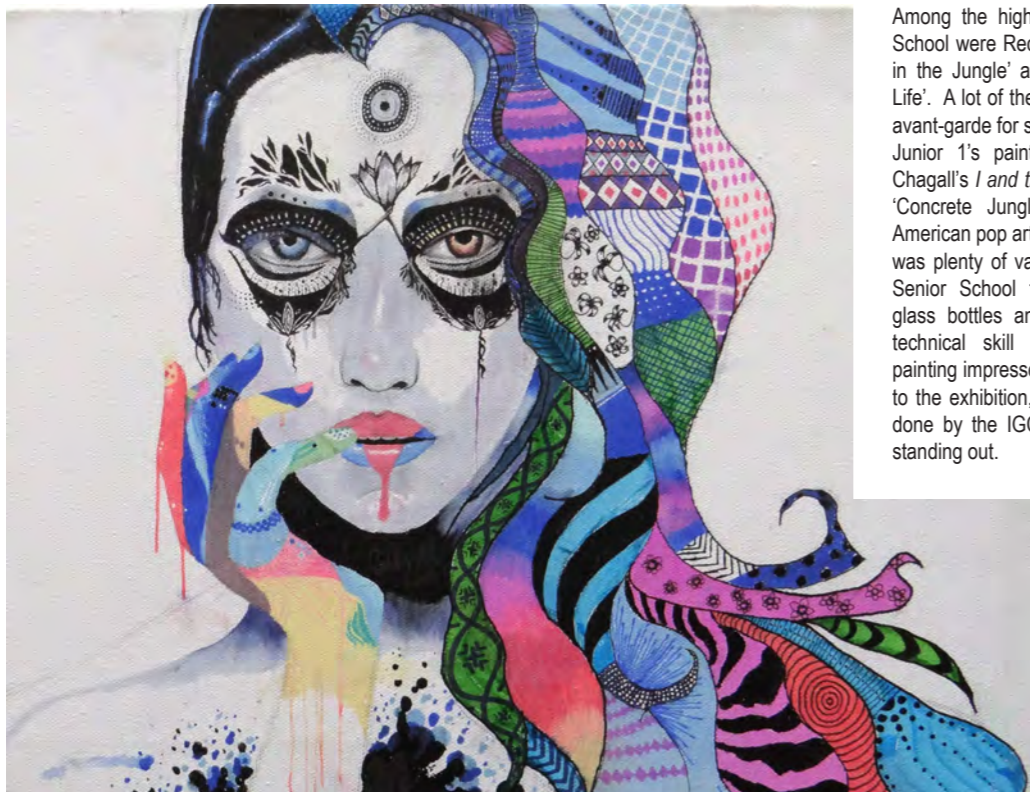


ART EXHIBITION

The opening of *My World Through the Looking Glass*, the annual Art Exhibition, took place on Tuesday 14th May at the Lionel Wendt Gallery, with Subha Tidball as the Chief Guest. Students interpreted the theme in many different ways, from observations of the world around them, to work focusing on the nature of perception and how it can distort reality, to fantasy scenes inspired by *Alice in Wonderland*. This inspired a wide range of exciting and innovative ideas and projects from both Junior and Senior Schools.



Among the highlights from the Junior School were Reception's 'Who's Hiding in the Jungle' and Junior 3's 'Tree of Life'. A lot of the work was surprisingly avant-garde for such young artists, from Junior 1's paintings based on Marc Chagall's *I and the Village* to Junior 2's 'Concrete Jungle' influenced by the American pop artist James Rizzi. There was plenty of variety on offer from the Senior School too, including painted glass bottles and clay models. The technical skill of the drawing and painting impressed everyone who came to the exhibition, with the brilliant work done by the IGCSE Art classes again standing out.

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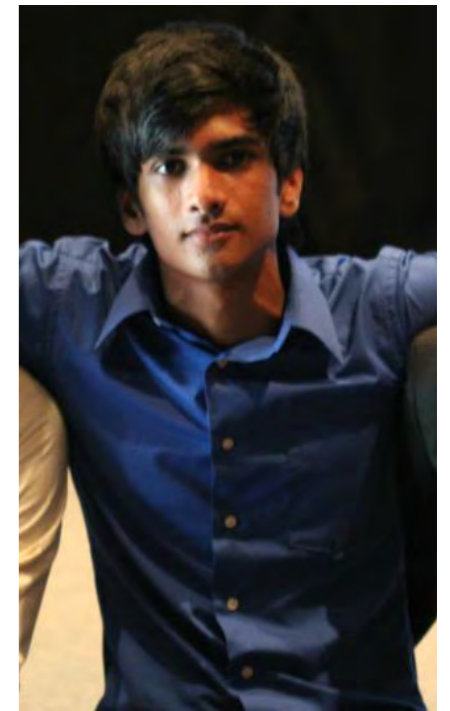
Congratulations to Yohann Sequeira, our Captain of School, who has received a full scholarship from Harvard, the world's top rated university, to study Economics. Harvard normally accepts only one Sri Lankan student each year, but Yohann will become our fourth student in just six years to go there, which is an incredible achievement.

Six Upper 6th students have received offers to study Medicine or associated courses in the UK, which is a tremendous feat given that Medicine is by far the hardest course to gain admission to. Shamira Ghouse, one of our Head Prefects, has an offer to study Medicine at Cardiff, and Manoj Thogesan at Birmingham, while three students have offers to study Biomedical Science. It is notable that all five of these students, as well as Yohann, are among the longest standing members of the class, having all been in school for eleven years or more. Thulitha Wanigasinghe has also received an offer to study Veterinary Science at the prestigious Royal Veterinary College in London.

A further eight students applied to universities in the UK for other courses and all of them also received offers. These include Ajay Gnanam, who has been offered a place at Durham University to study Social Sciences, and several students to study Engineering at universities including Bristol and Loughborough.

Afeef Sahabdeen has won a full scholarship to study Mechanical Engineering at the new NYU (New York University) campus in Abu Dhabi. He will join three of our students there, who all also earned full scholarships. This is especially impressive as, in 2012, NYU Abu Dhabi received over 15,000 applications for its 150 places, making it one of the hardest universities to gain admission to in the world. The excellent impression our students have made there means that NYU is continuing to ask us to nominate students for scholarships each year.

Other students have been accepted by universities in Malaysia and elsewhere. The rest of the Upper 6th are applying to universities in Australia, where applications are made later as courses start in February, or taking a Gap Year to prepare their university applications.



YOHANN IS THE 4TH MOIR STUDENT IN 6 YEARS TO WIN A FULL SCHOLARSHIP TO HARVARD

DEBATERS REACH FINAL OF ALL ISLAND TOURNAMENT

Nuha Bazeer and Ashhari Jayawardena continue to take the world of Inter-School Debating by storm. Earlier in the year, Ashhari came 1st and Nuha 2nd in a media and public speaking competition held in October, Ashhari was 1st runner up and Nuha 2nd in the English Speaking Union event, and Nuha was selected as Best Speaker in the prestigious Sri

Lanka Schools Debating Competition. They have now reached the final of the All Island Debating Tournament held by D S Senanayake College, the most important debating competition of the year. Along the way they beat schools including Ladies College, Holy Family Convent and Visakha Vidyalaya. We wish them well for the final.

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RAJINDA TAKES TO THE SKIES

Congratulations to Rajinda Jayawardena who has become our first ever student to receive a Private Pilot Licence while still at school.

This involved over 60 hours of flight time, including over 13 hours of solo flying, and passing several written examinations. Rajinda is now licensed to fly private aeroplanes both in Sri Lanka and overseas. The ultimate goal for Rajinda is to gain his commercial

licence and become a Sri Lankan Airlines pilot. Listen carefully on future flights as one day you may be flown by a Captain Jayawardena!

Sri Lankan Airlines pilot Captain Niranjan Johnpulle also visited the school to speak in Assembly as part of our Life Studies programme and returned to the school to give a talk to twenty students interested in pursuing a career in aviation-related industries as engineers or pilots.



HISTORY TRIP

The Form 1 and 2 History classes went on their annual visit to the Cultural Triangle in May. This year, the students went to Anuradhapura and saw all the main sites there. En route, they also stopped at the Dambulla Cave Temple.

The trip is an integral part of the students' study of Sri Lankan History. Students study the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa kingdoms in Form 1, the colonial period in Form 2, and the period since Independence in Form 3. The visit was also memorable for the students as it was their first ever overnight trip.

INTER HOUSE DRAMA

Inter House Drama is always one of the highlights of the year at the Senior School. The students take full responsibility for every aspect of the production and the experience of working together during rehearsals fosters a wonderful sense of teamwork in the houses. With Form 5 and Upper 6th taking their exams, almost half the remaining students in school have a speaking part, giving opportunities both to younger students and those that have never acted on stage before.

This year the houses performed different episodes from the classic comedy *Mind Your Language*. The

raucous comedy and the chance to play different nationalities brought out the best in the students, while the actors' clear enjoyment of their roles brought all the productions to life. There were several hilarious portrayals of Ali Nadim and Tarō Nagazumi, in particular, with some of the students in the latter role reliving their own travails in our EFL class. Judges Marsh Dodanwela and Rajinda Jayasinghe praised the high standard of the acting, in particular the ease with which students impersonated the different accents and the way all the actors stayed in character throughout the performance.

LEADERSHIP CAMP



"I learnt how to speak out, how to work as part of a team, and how to respect and listen to others."

18 boys and 15 girls from Form 5 to the Upper 6th attended a Leadership Camp in Kitulgala from 15th-17th March.

The students took part in a range of extreme sports and outdoor activities such as whitewater rafting, abseiling and canyoning, organised by the qualified staff of Borderlands.

The focus was on building teamwork and leadership skills through these activities. The Borderlands staff commended our students on their independence and responsibility and said that they were the best school group they had ever worked with. 42 students from Form 3 and 4 also went on a similar trip to Kitulgala from June 21st to 23rd.



The annual Junior School production *Simply The Best* took place at the Lionel Wendt Theatre on Wednesday 29th May. Every student in the Junior School takes part every year, giving even the youngest students the opportunity to perform on a big public stage. This is one reason why all our students are so comfortable and confident performing in public. As ever, Reception and Playgroup received the biggest ovation of the night, for their superb performance 'Three Little Pigs'.

SIMPLY THE BEST JUNIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Many of the older classes performed items based on what they have been studying in class, including Junior 5's play based on the Greek myth 'Pandora's Box' and Junior 4's 'The Fun Ship' about the Age of Discovery. The school can certainly look forward to more brilliant productions from these students as they progress up the school over the years.