



ELIZABETH MOIR SCHOOL

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MOIR WIN COMBOS FOOTBALL & BASKETBALL



Moir initiated COMBOS in 2019 to provide competitive matches and tournaments for our sports teams in a more fun and informal setting than the TISSL events, against schools of fairly similar sizes. Although we have half the students of the other three schools that normally take part, this is a more level playing field than TISSL, where some schools have ten times more students. We are delighted that this year there will be competitions in all our main sports for the first time, with each school hosting at least one event.

As well as enjoying the games, our teams have performed brilliantly in every sport. Earlier in the term, our Cricket team finished second in their tournament to Stafford International School and 2nd in the Swimming, behind CIS.

Futsal was held in five different age groups for both boys and girls. We reached the final in eight out of ten competitions, winning three and losing on penalties in two, and finished 3rd in the other two. Both our Under-20 Boys' and Girls' teams won their tournaments. Our Under-16 Boys were unfortunate to lose in the final on penalties after a disputed decision. In the Under-16 Girls' tournament, both our A and B teams reached the semi-finals and ended up meeting each other in the consolation final. In the Under-14 Boys', our A and B teams also met in the consolation final. The Under-14 Girls' were unfortunate to lose in the final on penalties.

Our Junior School teams played equally well. The Under-12 Girls won their tournament, defeating Stafford 1-0 in the final, after victories over CIS and British in their group matches. The Under-12 Boys won four games without conceding a goal to reach the final, where they were unfortunate to lose by one goal to the same British School team they had beaten 2-0 in the group rounds. The Under-10 Boys were equally unlucky. Having defeated CIS A 2-0 in the group stage, as well as beating Stafford B 4-0 and CIS B 5-0, they lost on penalties to CIS in the final after the game ended 0-0. The U10-Girls also reached the final, having won one of their group matches, against Stafford, 5-0.

We are hosting the Basketball. The Middle and Senior School tournaments will take place next term, providing a final chance for our Upper 6th players to represent the school. The Junior School tournament was held in November, in our spectacular new indoor Basketball court. Our Girls' team, led by Captain Saneli Perera, played well but did not qualify for the final, after a narrow one-point loss to CIS. After a nervous first game, the boys reached the final after comfortable victories against CIS (31-4) and Stafford (19-5). They defeated the British School 25-15 in the final to retain the trophy they won last year. Captain Yuvan Embuldeniya and his team should be proud to have won the first tournament in our new court.

We look forward to next term's Athletics meet too. Having finished 2nd in the inaugural event last year, we hope to go one better this year.



MOIR STUDENTS WIN 39 EDEXCEL AWARDS



The brilliant results of last year’s Form 5 & Upper 6th students in their IGCSE and A Level students were celebrated at the Pearson Edexcel High Achievers’ Awards Ceremony at BMICH in November.

A school record 15 students received awards for achieving 8 or more 9s. This included nine students with 9 or more 9s, more than all the other schools in Sri Lanka combined in the May / June 2025 exams.

Fourteen students won awards for achieving 3 or more A*s at A Level, including four with 4 A*s. This was far more than from any other school, including those with multiple branches.

Minara Nanayakkara won the award for the Highest Mark in the World in A Level Economics after scoring 100%. Vinuri Gunaatne, Amaya Perera and Dhiya Vairavanathan won awards for Literature, Geography and Art respectively, reflecting Moir’s reputation for excellence in Arts subjects.

At IGCCE, Nirvaan Kanag-Isvaran and Aleeza Salie shared the award for the Highest Mark in the World in International GCSE History, with Aleeza also winning the award for the Highest Mark in Sri Lanka in Computer Science.

A LEVEL AWARDS

Keanu Herft	4 A*
Maarya Marjan	4 A*
Senumi Mohottige	4 A*
Thisal Pathirana	4 A*
Raveen Akuretiyagama	3 A*
Nishika Egodage	3 A*
Lisari Hettiarachchi	3 A*
Cinadi Kapuwatta	3 A*
Charvi Vaidyakularatne	3 A*
Ginuri Wellabadage	3 A*
Savith Wijesundara	3 A*
Tayeb Marikar	3 A*
Hayah Marjan	3 A*
Minara Nanayakkara	3 A*

A LEVEL SUBJECT AWARDS

Minara Nanayakkara	Highest Mark in the World	Economics
Vinuri Gunaratne	Highest Mark in Asia	English Literature
Amaya Perera	Highest Mark in Sri Lanka	Geography
Dhiya Vairavanathan	Highest Mark in Sri Lanka	Fine Art

INTERNATIONAL IGCSE SUBJECT AWARDS

Nirvaan Kanag-Isvaran	Highest Mark in the World	History
Aleeza Salie	Highest Mark in the World	History
Aleeza Salie	Highest Mark in Sri Lanka	Computer Science
Ayra Amir	Highest Mark in Sri Lanka	Economics

INTERNATIONAL IGCSE AWARDS

Maryam Mashoor	10 9s
Aleeza Salie	9 9s
Nirvaan Kanag-Isvaran	9 9s
Ayra Amir	9 9s
Sanhitha Edirisinghe	9 9s
Nadia Nagpal	9 9s
Nabeeha Nashath	9 9s
Akshaya Sathiyenthra	9 9s
Viresh Wijesinghe	9 9s
Maleesa Gunasinghe	8 9s
Mithuli Kahatapitiya	8 9s
Che Kariyawasam	8 9s
Yenuli Ratnayake	8 9s
Mekayla Fernando	8 9s
Pan Hu	8 9s
Okitha Gunasekera	7 9s
Sethumi Wickramamunige	7 9s

INTER-HOUSE ART & ART EXHIBITION



TEAM SRI LANKA FINISH 11TH IN PANAMA



After working throughout the holidays and almost every day this term, including weekends, to design, build and test their robot, Risini Fernando, Lithum Hettiarachchi, Lisara Jeewandara, Kavindu Pathirage and Captain Tharul Senanayake travelled to Panama in October to represent Sri Lanka in the FIRST Global Challenge, accompanied by Mr. Shivashankaran Satchithanathan and Mrs. Lakshani Goonewardena.

Team Sri Lanka qualified for the play-offs after finishing 11th out of the 181 countries taking part. They were partnered with Spain, Bahamas and China but this alliance only finished 5th, after an unfortunate technical mishap in one of the matches, so narrowly missed the finals.

The students should be proud of performing so well in such a competitive event and of all the hard work they put into preparing. Thanks to them, Sri Lanka continues to punch above its weight on the international stage.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR. LIGHTS UP THE STAGE!



Our recent production of High School Musical Jr. was a vibrant celebration of talent, teamwork and school spirit! Performed to packed audiences on both nights, the show buzzed with excitement from the very first "Wildcats!" cheer. The cast delivered electric energy, polished choreography and heartfelt performances that brought the beloved Disney musical to life. Special credit goes to Avlok Wignaraja, whose confident stage presence, strong vocals and impressive dance moves anchored the show, and Sethumi Wickramamunige, whose warmth and sincerity lit up every scene. Khaya Umagiliya dazzled as Sharpay Evans, bringing sharp comedic flair, bold character choices and show-stopping confidence to the stage. This was the final school production for Avi and Khaya, who have lit up the stage and entertained audiences since they were at the Junior School. They will be missed next year.

Other Upper 6th students also showed maturity and leadership both on and off stage in their final school production. Clement Deane commanded attention as Mrs. Darbus with impeccable timing and theatrical presence, while Rajindu Normanbhoy delivered a compelling performance as Coach Bolton. Our talented dance captains, Sanuki Suraweera and Upekha Gunawansa, led the choreography with energy and precision.

The ensemble was equally essential to the show's success - from energetic basketball sequences to lively cafeteria scenes, every performer added colour, movement and personality to the world of East High. What a truly unforgettable production!

QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2025

Congratulations to students on winning a record 85 awards in this year's Commonwealth Essay Competition, including a record 17 Gold Awards. Over 80% of the essays we entered won awards. There were 53,434 entries from 54 Commonwealth nations: students should be very proud to be recognised amidst such competition.

GOLD: Shanya Abeyewardene, Viola Barattini, Ezzah Bhaila, Alaina Calyaneratne, Aniela Candappa, Mikhail De Zilwa, Yuvan Embuldeniya, Leo Galapitage, Yufan He, Aarav Hirdaramani, Jesy Inbaruban, Mariah Rafeek, Krish Sivagananathan, Jett Tenduf-La, Thulani Walpita, Thivenee Wimalasena, Jiayin Zheng

SILVER: Tenuri Alawatta, Sasen Amarasekara, Kunchana Ariyasiri, Theyon Athukorala, Maaria Deedat, Onithi De Silva, Tristan De Soysa, Senula Dharmawansa, Sanuthi Edirisinghe, Nara Ethirveerasingam, Aarish Hirdaramani, Zaid Ibrahim, Tharul Jayasinghe, Kaelah John, Kayah John, Hesali Kariyawasam, Malithi Karunaratne, Thaadhi Kudagama, Arrabella Mitchell, Macayle Muthuhetti Gamage, Himandee Rajapaksa, Raiha Rouzan, Kikini Samarapperuma, Aadam Schaffter, Leenaa Sri Ravi Shankar, Logan Virasinghe, Osandi Weerasangilige, Dayami Wickramaarachchi, Arya Widanagamage, Reveika Wijeyasinghe, Hasanah Zainudeen, Zaynah Zeshan Mahir, Ziqiao Zhou

BRONZE: Tara Dias, Javier Galapitage, Luke Galapitage, Viyaan Gobikrishna, Dinuk Gunawardena, Sara Hapuarachchi, Vishmi Hettiarachchi, Sanitha Imbulegama, Yaminah Inayathullah, Dhaniyal Irshad, Minadi Jayasumana, Aryana Jayathunga, Taniska Kagananandha, Insith Liyanage, Diheli Perera, Tanishka Praveen, Raheema Ramzy, Prajesh Razaratnam, Thooba Rifai, Aneeqa Rifkan, Rayyan Rifkan, Sanuki Senevirathne, Haya Shabeer, Alana Silva, Vinuja Silva, Tashane Sivagananathan, Yeyoung Son, Hannah Song, Olivia Spence, Aneka Srikumar, Anjana Srikumar, Tara Tenduf-La, Sasith Wickramasinghe, Senara Wickramasinghe, Ayon Abhiman Withanachchi





BOYS 3RD IN UNDER-19 BASKETBALL

After finishing 3rd in both the Under-17 and Under-19 Inter-International Schools' tournaments last year, our senior Boys' Basketball team were among the favourites for this year's competition. The boys did not play their best Basketball at the start of the competition but showed great resilience by coming from behind to defeat strong teams from Lyceum, Wattala and Royal Institute in their final group match and quarter-final. They faced the defending champions, Gateway College, in the semi-final, who had a team of national players. The boys rose to the challenge and played their best game of the tournament. They were within a couple of baskets for most of the match, but Gateway pulled away at the end to win. CIS, who had defeated us in the semi-final of both last year's Inter-International Schools' tournaments, awaited in the consolation final. This time, however, our boys led throughout and won 52-45. It was a fitting end to the final TISSL tournament for Captain Jack Shearer and Avlok Wignaraja.



SWIMMERS WIN 17 MEDALS IN INTER-INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Inter-International Schools' Swimming Championship is one of the most competitive events of the year, and of the entire Swimming calendar, with the best swimmers out of more than 40,000 students who attend international schools competing. In Moir's best performance for years, we were in 6th place at the end of the first day, behind only Lyceum branches and Gateway, that have thousands of students, before finishing 8th overall.

Despite competing against older students, Okitha Gunasekera broke a record in the 200m Individual Medley by over three seconds, as well as winning Gold in 100m Freestyle and Bronze in 200m Freestyle. Swimming Captain Vidul Kumarawadu won Silver in 50m and 100m Butterfly, missing Gold by 0.3 seconds in the former, and finished 4th in 100m Backstroke. Danudi Wickramaratne won Gold in 50m Breaststroke, Silver in 100m Breaststroke and Bronze in 50m Backstroke. Yenuka Rupasingha won Bronze in both 50m and 200m Freestyle, Aheli Joseph won Silver in 100m Backstroke, Carter Joseph won Silver and Bronze in 50m and 100m Backstroke, and Aryan Christopher Bronze in 200m Individual Medley.

The Relays provide great excitement and some close finishes. Our Under 20 Boys' team of Vidul, Okitha, Seth Fernando and Viresh Wijesinghe won Bronze in both Medley and Freestyle Relays, while the Under 14 Boys' team of Carter, Aryan, Akindu Sellaheva and Siyath Hettiarachchi won Bronze in the Medley Relay. The Under 16 Girls' finished 4th in both relays, as did our Mixed Open team.



GIRLS WIN UNDER-18 & UNDER-16 FOOTBALL

Our senior Girls' team has not lost to another school since before Covid, which is incredible. In the Under-18 Inter-International Schools' tournament, with several key Upper 6th players too old to play, it was clear they would not have things all their own way when they conceded a goal in one of their group games, for the first time in years in a TISSL tournament. The 4-1 win against Lyceum, Nugegoda and a 1-0 win against Gateway anyway took the girls through to the final, where they beat the British School on penalties, after a 1-1 draw in normal time, with Reveika Wijeyasinghe scoring. Congratulations to Captain Eva De Silva on retaining the trophy they won last year and Seneli Jayawardane, who won the award for Best Defensive Player.

The Under-16 Girls won their opening game against Lyceum, Panadura 12-0 with Leah Jayasinghe scoring 7 goals. Victories over Stafford and Gateway took them through to the final against CIS. Sinadi Jayawardena scored the only goal to make the girls this year's Under 16 Champions. Congratulations to Leah, who won the award for Best Player, and to Captain Araylia Campbell.

The tournament took place the weekend after the Under-20 COMBOS Futsal, which both our Boys' and Girls' teams won, meaning Coach Ellis had led teams to victory in his first four tournaments within the space of three days!



FOOTBALL TEAM REACH UNDER-20 FINAL

Our Under-20 Football team reached the final of the senior Inter-International Schools' tournament for the second time in three years in November. They finished top of their group after comfortable victories against Horizon, CIS and Wycherley, scoring sixteen goals in three games and only conceding one. In the quarter-final, they came back from 2-0 down to beat the British School 4-3 in a gripping game. The semi-final against Gateway, Kandy was even closer. The boys again came from behind to draw 4-4, before winning 7-6 on penalties, with Senuk Dias both saving Gateway's final penalty and scoring the winning penalty. The boys struggled on a very wet pitch in the final but put up a good fight against a strong Gateway team, cheered on throughout by a big crowd of supporters. This was the 5th and last Inter-International Schools' final for Captain Isaac Okoro, Jack Shearer and Ammaar Rishad, despite missing tournaments for two years because of the pandemic, having won the Under 14 tournament all the way back when they were in Form 1.

AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY

The Junior School celebrated UN Day on Thursday 16 October. Students worked together on different activities and joined together at the end of the school day to play the musical instruments they had crafted from various recyclable materials. A highlight was the Assembly, which featured a class of 'students' learning about the work of the UN in a very relatable and humorous way. The Parade of Nations once again featured a vibrant array of costumes representing the many cultures and countries of our planet. Students also sampled a variety of food from across the globe.

