



# CGS-Dhaka Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Students,

The final examinations bring us to the end of the academic year, 2017/18. This has been a difficult year for CGS with the loss of our beloved Finance Director, Bilquis Dada. She lives on in our hearts and minds and leaves behind a rich legacy of **Courage** in her final health battle, **Generosity** in her many philanthropic endeavours and an institution that delivers educational **Services** to so many generations of both privileged and underprivileged children in Dhaka and Chittagong.

It has also been a year of great pride at completing our Silver Jubilee and we are grateful to all the staff, students and parents that have been on this incredible journey with us, through good times and bad, thank you for choosing CGSD!

Best of luck to the graduating students, the Class of 2018, we know you will make us proud as have your predecessors.

Farhat Khan and Shereen Isphani.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CGSD CLASS OF 2018

The 7th batch of graduates from CGSD celebrated their graduation in mid-June at a ceremony at Gulshan Club. Congratulations to the graduates and their families.

Graduates standing Left to Right: Savil, Jeon, Joydeep, Azwaad, Shafian, Alvi, Sajir, Wafi, Ayaan, Mahir, Awab, Asif, Raqib, Hamdun, Ahnaf. Seated Left to Right: Sarwa, Salsabil, Morium, Sunehra, Ankita, Sumaiya, Sadia, Seheran, Reeyana, Yamila, Dyotona.

## CGSD RETROSPECTIVE 2017/2018

### Main Events and Programmes held:

- ◆ Graduation and Promotion ceremonies held.
- ◆ Award ceremonies held for Primary and Secondary.
- ◆ Family Day Event held.
- ◆ ACP's on the theme of 'Courage, Generosity, Service.'
- ◆ Barbeque Night held in November.
- ◆ National Days honoured, including Ekushey, Victory Day, Independence Day, Pohela Baishaik, Bangabundhu Birthday.
- ◆ Pitha, UN Day and Halloween festivals celebrated.
- ◆ Alumni reunion and charity concert held in December in Chittagong.
- ◆ CGS/CGSD students met the Honourable Prime Minister of Bangladesh.
- CGSD Professional Development, Training, Seminars, Tours.**
- ◆ British Council Generic Teacher's Training.
- ◆ Faculty Training and Orientation Programmes.
- ◆ British Council's Book Reading Competition on World Book Day.
- ◆ Zonta International Conference.
- ◆ ICS Careers Counselling Seminar at CGSD.
- ◆ Dhaka Literature Festival Study Tour.
- ◆ Poriborthon Chai Campaign on Sustainable Consumption.
- ◆ CIE's training for teachers of O 'Levels' in Chemistry and Art.
- ◆ Dhaka Art Summit Study Tour.
- ◆ CIE Professional Development Courses in Dhaka.
- ◆ CGS Silver Jubilee and Teachers Convention held in January.
- ◆ Ongoing teacher workshops on 'Innovation in teaching'.
- ◆ 'Mindfulness' seminar held for all senior management.

### Community Service.

- ◆ 'Outfit for Eid' for Jaago, CGS CS and CGSD CS students.
- ◆ Shoes for all CS and Jaago kids selected by CGS/ CGSD students.
- ◆ CGSD extends support to Rohingya Camps.
- ◆ Community School 6 year Foundation Day celebrated at all campuses.

- ◆ Health checks for CS students.

- ◆ Students and staff host iftar for CS pupils.

### Exchanges and Conferences.

- ◆ CGS students and faculty attended 20 Conferences in 2017/2018, Round Square (11), MUN (8) and DEA (1) :
- 1. July 2017: 23 students attended The Asian Youth Model United Nations (AYMUN) at The Westin Hotel, Dhaka.
- 2. July 2017: 7 students attended Chittagong Cantonment Public College Model United Nations 2017, (CPCCMUN) in Chittagong.
- 3. August 2017: 9 students attended the Harvard MUN India, in Hyderabad, India.
- 4. August 2017: 33 students from CGS Upper and Middle attended Youth Thinkers' Society International Model United Nations (YTSIMUN), 2017, in Chittagong, at the Chittagong Boat Club.
- 5. August 2017: 34 students from CGSD participated in the Indian International Model United Nations (IIMUN) conference at Sir John Wilson School, Satarkul, Dhaka.
- 6. September 2017: 6 students from CGS Upper and 32 students from CGSD participated in the House of Youth Dialogue Model UN Conference 2017 (HYDMUN) in Dhaka.
- 7. September 2017: 76 students from CGS Upper, Middle and NC participated in the Drishty Chittagong Junior Model United Nations DCJMUN 2017.
- 8. September 2017: 6 students from CGS Upper participated in the Round Square International Conference 2017 at St. George's Grammar School, in Cape Town, South Africa.
- 9. October 2017: Seaum Alam (12C) represented Bangladesh at the Annual Duke of Edinburg Awards event in Prague, Czech Republic.
- 10. November 2017: 11 students from CGS Upper participated in the AM-MUN 2017 hosted by the Amman Baccalaureate School, Amman, Jordan.
- 11. December 2017: 6 Students from CGSD participated in The Punjab Public Round Square Conference, in Nabha, India.

12. January 2018: 10 Students from CGS Middle and CGSD participated in the Global Round Square Conference hosted by the Welham Boys' School, Dehradun, India.
13. January 2018: 11 Students from CGS Upper and CGSD participated in the sixty-fifth session of Harvard Model United Nations conference in Boston, USA.
14. January 2018: 10 students from CGS Upper participated in the 4th session of CUMUN 2018 in Chittagong.
15. January 2018: 805 students from classes 5 to 9 participated in the CGS in-house Round Square conference.
16. February 2018: 73 Delegates from 39 RS member schools from South Asia and Gulf region including the CEO and Chairman of Round Square participated in the Round Square Regional AGM hosted by CGS.
17. February 2018: 180 students from Classes 10-12 along with 13 students from 4 Round Square member schools participated in the Senior Regional Round Square Conference at CGS.
18. February 2018: 8 Students from CGS Upper School participated in the NTUMUN 2018, Singapore.
19. April 2018: 8 students from CGSD /CGS participated in the Global Round Square Conference hosted by the Regent's International School, Bangkok, Thailand.
20. April 2018: 6 students from CGS Middle and CGSD participated in a Round Square Conference hosted by The Armidale School, New South Wales, Australia.

#### **Extracurricular Activities (ECA's) and Sports:**

- ◆ Annual Athletics competitions were held for Primary, Secondary and CS.
- ◆ Shakespeare's Birthday celebration held.
- ◆ CGSD participated in the DISA Cultural Program at ISD.
- ◆ Round Square Day celebrated at all campuses in September 2017.
- ◆ CGS Online Art Competition held.
- ◆ Students participated in the Abinta Kabir Art Competition.
- ◆ Children's Day Art Competition sponsored by Gulshan Society.
- ◆ CGSD Secondary students had a Virtual Collaboration with a school in New York, USA.
- ◆ CGS participated in the ITHS Inter-School Junior Super Cup 2017.

◆ CGS Upper School students went on DEA Gold and Silver Award Trips.

#### **Academic and other Achievements:**

- ◆ Duke of Edinburgh Certificates of Recognition for CGS.
- ◆ 'ICS' Art Competition Award won by CGS student, Abida Hasan (10S).
- ◆ CGS became Champions in Scholastica and AISD Basketball Tournaments.
- ◆ CGS became Champion in Inter School Basketball, Football and Cricket Tournaments.
- ◆ CGS students won 5 CIE Bangladesh Brilliance Awards:
  - ◇ Ariyana A Khan received CIE High Achievement Award for 'O' Level Business Studies.
  - ◇ Hamja B. Yusuf received CIE High Achievement Award for 'O' Level Bangladesh Studies and Computer Science.
  - ◇ Shirshajit Sengupta received CIE High Achievement Award for 'O' Level Environmental Management.
  - ◇ Samah Hoque received CIE High Achievement Award for International 'AS' Level Law.
- ◆ 8 CGSD and 22 CGS won Royal Commonwealth Society Essay Awards.
- ◆ CGSD Class 8 Checkpoint results 2017, 71% overall.
- ◆ 8 CGSD and 54 CGS won Daily Star 'National Builder' Awards.
- ◆ CGSD and CGS results had an overall pass rate of 99%, 60% A Grades and 85% A/B Grade Ratio.
- ◆ CGS 'A' Levels had A Grade Ratio 37% and 65% A/B Grade Ratio.
- ◆ Students were admitted in top universities including: York University, Warwick University, University College London, King's College London, SoAS, Queen Mary University, Coventry University, City University of London, University of Newcastle, Waterloo, University of British Columbia, McGill University, University of Alberta, University of Toronto, University of Massachusetts (UMass, Boston), Northeastern University, Johns Hopkins University, Macquarie University, University of New South Wales (UNSW), University of Technology Sydney, Western Sydney University, Asia Pacific University, Malaysia, Sunway University, Taylor's University, Malaysia, Hong Kong University.

**Congratulations to the promotees below!**

