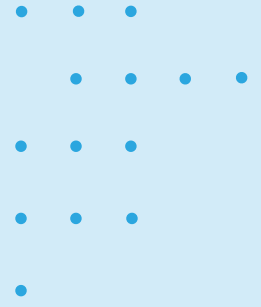


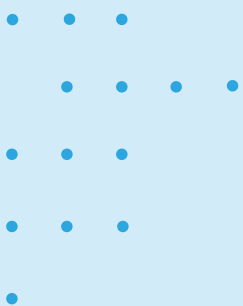
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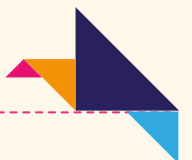
**Our vision at GICLM is to inspire young people in a nurturing and dynamic learning environment**





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# EDITORIAL

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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Welcome to the second edition of the *Garodia Gazette*, where we bring you some of the most exceptional articles and reports from our magazine club, capturing the highlights of student life at GICLM. One of the key features in this issue is our coverage of the recent inter-school competition, where our talented students truly stood out, reinforcing GICLM's reputation for excellence and innovation. Their success stories remind us that with hard work and determination, great things can be achieved.

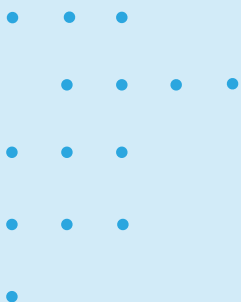
Beyond celebrating these wins, this edition also shines a light on ongoing projects shaping our school's future, as we strive to create a more inclusive and progressive learning environment. With this month's theme, 'Lingua Franca: English,' we encourage you to explore the second volume of the *Garodia Gazette*, where we celebrate our community, achievements, and shared vision for the future.



As the editors of the magazine, we thoroughly enjoyed the great responsibility in leading and organizing the content. The experience and skills we cultivated during the production of our first magazine not only enriched our understanding but also inspired us to aspire for greater excellence. We have learned that improvement extends beyond our individual roles as editors; it is about collaboration and fostering a collective vision that embraces creativity while acknowledging so much we are yet to know and learn.

In many ways, this edition aims to illuminate the future for the children at GICLM, embodying our motto – “Giving Wings To The Future.”

**Mithil Chandan, Grade 11A**  
**Shreya Singh, Grade 10**



# THEME IN FOCUS:

## ENGLISH AS A LINGUA FRANCA

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In this edition of our school newsletter, we highlight a language that has woven itself into the fabric of our global society- English. Today, English is not just a subject we study or a language we use; it shapes how we view the world. It connects people from all walks of life, acting as a shared medium for expressing ideas, emotions, and stories.

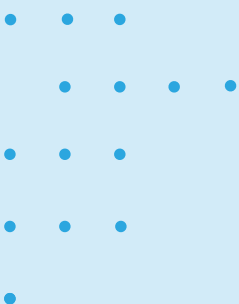
What makes English unique is its incredible adaptability. Over the centuries, it has absorbed words and phrases from countless languages, evolving into a living testament to history, culture, and change. But English is more than just vocabulary; it's about the emotions and ideas we convey. It's the words we choose to comfort a friend, the tone we adopt during debates, and the language we use to express our dreams and ambitions.

In this issue, we explore how English plays a role in our daily lives—not as a rigid set of rules but as a fluid tool for expression and connection. It's the language of our thoughts, the words we text, and the voice of our creativity. Whether we're shaping an idea, asking a thought-provoking question, or simply listening to one another, English offers us more than just communication; it helps us understand the world and ourselves.

Ultimately, English is more than just a language; it's a journey. It grows, adapts, and evolves just like us, opening up endless possibilities for shaping our identities as individuals and as a community. As we delve into this theme, let's remember that mastering a language isn't about strictly following rules but about engaging deeply with its potential. We hope this edition encourages you to view English in new ways—beyond the classroom and textbooks—and see it as a living force in our lives. Because at the end of the day, language is not just about the words we speak; it's about the worlds we create with them.

**Shreya Singh, Grade 10**

**Mithil Chandan, Grade 11A**



# TEACHER'S CORNER

## LINGUA FRANCA – ENGLISH

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**Dr. Gauri Marathe**

Language aids talking to people, understanding them. Without language we cannot share hopes and aspirations, grasp world history, appreciate poetry or savour songs or movies. And till date the one language crowned as the universal language... 'Lingua Franca' is English!

Despite other languages statistically having more speakers, English is considered as the universal language, because of our global colonial past. The British Empire had great influence over the world, thus, their language spread throughout many continents. Rather it is the language of the colonial rulers which connected many continents beyond barriers of language and simplified communication.

English became a global language due to several historical, political, and cultural factors. Firstly, *colonial expansion*, then English became essential for international business, trade, and finance, as many global corporations use it for communication, and finally English is the language of popular culture as well as the primary language of scientific research, technological advancements, and academic publications. Today, English is the most commonly taught second language globally, bridging communication between diverse populations. The internet, which originated in the U.S., further amplified the global role of English as a default language for online content. As a result, much of the world's accumulated knowledge, especially in economic, academic and scientific fields, is accessible in English, reinforcing its status as a global lingua franca.

However English is the undefeated Lingua Franca as it is the most widely used language of social etiquette and connection regardless of history, geography or demography. The world would cease to exist as it is without all the '*thank you's*'... '*Sorry's*'... '*Love you's*' and '*Eat Sleep Repeat*' and '*Live Love laugh!*'

“A language is not just words. It's a culture, a tradition, a unification of a community, a whole history that creates what a community is. It's all embodied in a language.”

- Noam Chomsky

Cheers to English... the undoubted Lingua Franca!

Dr. Gauri Marathe.  
Forever English Fan!  
GICLM, English HOF. IBDP CAIE Examiner.

# NURSERY & KINDERGARTEN

## Adventure on a Deserted Island: 21<sup>st</sup> August 2024

Adventure on a Deserted Island is about a girl, a boy, and a dog who accidentally rowed to the middle of the sea and sparked a discussion about emotions, problem-solving, and creativity among the children. They empathized with the characters, brainstormed solutions, and created their own islands and stories. The tutor facilitated the activities and helped the children develop the storytelling skills.

**Niharika Shah**  
**Grade 10**



## A Day of Fun and Fitness in the Musician's House: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024

The children spent a magical day immersed in the life of a musician, where every corner of the house buzzed with creativity and animals. They explored rooms filled with musical instruments, taking turns pretending to be the musician and putting on imaginary concerts for their furry audience.

Throughout the day, they engaged in fun activities that mixed play with learning. They played games testing their musical knowledge, solved rhythm puzzles, and even created simple tunes with toy instruments. The excitement continued outdoors, where they played tag and relay races, enjoying fresh air and laughter.

As the day wound down, the group gathered for a calming yoga session. Surrounded by soft music and nature sounds, they practiced gentle stretches and deep breathing, helping them relax after a lively day. This blend of music, imagination, and physical activity created unforgettable memories for the children.

**Niharika Shah**  
**Grade 10**



# NURSERY & KINDERGARTEN

## Janmashtami Celebration: 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Janmashtami was celebrated with great enthusiasm at GICLM, where the Early years tutors organized traditional festivities. The children arrived dressed as 'Lord Krishna' and 'Radha', immersing themselves in the spirit of the occasion. They eagerly listened to captivating stories of 'Lord Krishna', sparking their imagination and interest.

One of the highlights was the 'Krishna Art activity', where students created beautiful pastel-shaded artworks and added a silhouette of Lord Krishna, showcasing their creativity.

The festivities also included a lively Dahi Handi performance, guided by the tutors, which the students thoroughly enjoyed, making the celebration a memorable experience for everyone involved.

Niharika Shah

Grade 10





# PRIMARY

## Social Science Week: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

The Social Science Week across the entire Primary section was a huge success. The primary students embarked on an exciting journey during the week. The theme, 'All About India' came alive through engaging dress up activities, presentations and quiz.

It was an incredible opportunity for our students to explore, learn, and grow with relevant and valuable knowledge about our nation. GICLM is really proud of the enthusiasm and participation of all the learners.

**Keya Juthani, Grade 11A**  
**Niharika Shah, Grade 10**



## A Joyous Visit to the Ganpati Pandal: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Students at GICLM had a delightful and enriching experience when they visited a local Ganpati pandal as part of Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations. The children were excited to see the mesmerizing and divine idol of Lord Ganesh and learn about the significance of the festival, which highlights community, devotion, and joy. During the visit, the students also shared their personal stories about celebrating this festival at home. Overall, it was a meaningful experience to connect with the festive spirit, allowing the children to appreciate the beauty of cultural celebrations while making lasting memories.

**Keya Juthani, Grade 11A**  
**Niharika Shah, Grade 10**



# SECONDARY AND IBDP

## Inter-House Dance Competition: 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024

This August, our school hosted the much-anticipated annual inter-house dance competition, an event filled with excitement, creativity, and remarkable talent. Primary school students were divided into two groups: Grades 1-3 and Grades 4-5, each delivering outstanding performances that captivated the entire school. The younger students, Grades 1-3, embraced the energetic spirit of disco, lighting up the stage with their vibrant routines. Jal House took first place in this category, wowing the judges with their dynamic blend of lively music, colorful costumes, and choreography that perfectly embodied the disco era. In the Grades 4-5 category, students showcased their versatility through complex routines that fused multiple dance styles. Vayu House claimed victory here with a seamless fusion of genres, impressing the judges with their creativity and precision. While Jal House and Vayu House emerged as winners, all the performances were extraordinary. The competition wasn't just about winning; it was a celebration of teamwork, creativity, and passion. Every student brought something unique to the stage, interpreting their themes with originality and flair. Thanks to the guidance of their teachers, students made thoughtful song choices and executed their choreographies with precision. From creative formations to the clever use of props, each group delivered performances that were visually stunning and engaging. The inter-house dance competition was a resounding success, and the incredible talent on display left students and teachers alike eagerly anticipating next year's event.

**Keya Juthani & Prathyusha Kayarat, Grade 11A**

**Niharika Shah, Grade 10**

**Harsh Bavishi, Grade 11B**



# SECONDARY AND IBDP

## Teacher's Day Celebration: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

September 5<sup>th</sup> at GICLM began with a memorable assembly by grade 10 students, blending humor, gratitude, and appreciation for the school teachers. The presentation began with witty remarks that had the audience laughing, as students playfully acknowledged the challenges teachers face and of course, their own classroom antics. This was followed by a more serious exploration of the origins of Teachers' Day in India, paying tribute to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. A fun-filled quiz called "Who am I?" had students and teachers tapping into their competitive spirit as hilarious clues about teachers filled the room with endless laughter. The highlight of the assembly was a heartfelt video featuring messages of gratitude, candid moments of teachers at hard work, and playful jokes that brought both laughter and emotion. Teachers were genuinely moved by the students' thoughtful effort and the assembly ended in an atmosphere of gratitude, love and happiness, making it the perfect tribute to the staff's dedication and hard work.

Prathyusha Kayarat , Grade 11A

Harsh Bavishi, Grade 11B

Shreya Singh, Grade 10



# SECONDARY AND IBDP

## Celebrating Hindi Divas: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

On 16<sup>th</sup> September, the students organized a special assembly to commemorate Hindi Divas, showcasing the richness and significance of the official language of India. The program commenced with an insightful introduction, where students highlighted the cultural importance and linguistic heritage of Hindi. They seamlessly blended traditional and modern elements, weaving a tapestry of Hindi's evolution through dance. The energetic moves captivated the audience, creating an electrifying atmosphere in the auditorium. The fun-filled atmosphere was followed by a lively musical performance. The program continued with an informative speech that educated the students about the heritage and history of the language. The celebration reached its crescendo with an engaging quiz contest which not only tested the students' intellect but also ignited a deeper appreciation for Hindi. As the curtains fell on this memorable celebration, we left with a renewed sense of pride and a deeper understanding of the language that unites us all.

Prathyusha Kayarat, Grade 11A  
Harsh Bavishi, Grade 11B



## Social Science Week: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

From the 18th to the 20th of September, the school came alive with excitement during the annual Social Science Week, designed to foster creativity, knowledge, and real-world skills beyond the classroom. With three main activities — **the Radio Television Advertisement, Speeches of legendary leaders and Inter-House Quiz Competition.**

The week began with the Radio Television Ad challenge, where students created short, impactful ads to promote a product of their choice. Teams worked on innovative ideas, focusing on brand image, target markets, and persuasive language, with ads ranging from humorous to heartwarming.

The next day featured the Inspiring Speech Competition, where students delivered motivational speeches inspired by famous leaders like Elon Musk, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mukesh Ambani and Tim Cook. This activity fostered oratorical skills in students and emphasized the power of words, leadership, and empathy to everyone.

# SECONDARY AND IBDP

The week concluded with the Inter-House Quiz Competition, a thrilling test of knowledge across social science topics like history, geography, politics, and economics. Vaayu House emerged victorious, though all houses displayed great sportsmanship. Social Science Week was a fun, enriching experience that proved learning extends far beyond textbooks.

**Harsh Agarwal, Grade 11A**



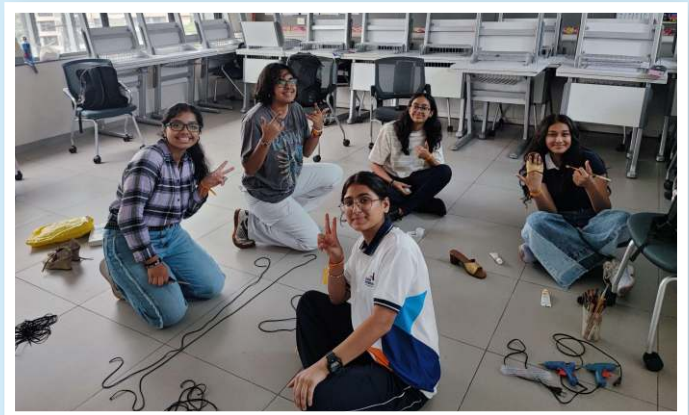
## Euphoria: GICLM Inter-School Fest – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2024

On September 28th, GICLM transformed into a lively hub of talent and creativity with its much-anticipated interschool fest, organized by students Jayditya Lodaya, Aarya Parte, and Vruti Shah. The event showcased competitions in Fashion, Music, FIFA, and Dance, drawing eager participants from various schools. The festival's success was a testament to the dedication of the students involved. They formed committees responsible for logistics, security, tech support, marketing, and food management, ensuring every aspect of the fest ran smoothly. Student-run tuck shops offered delicious refreshments, enhancing the festive atmosphere. Each event featured esteemed judges who brought valuable expertise, enriching the competitive spirit. The Dance Dazzle competition was judged by Mr. Nitesh Bohat, a skilled dance instructor with over 11 years of experience, and Mr. Rohit Nerulkar, a veteran dancer with 25 years in the industry, having worked on numerous Bollywood projects. For the Music event, Ms. Laeticia, a talented musician with collaborations in the industry, evaluated performances. The Style Showdown, showcasing fashion designs, was judged by Ms. Preeti Khona, a fashion designer with over 22 years of experience specializing in customized bridal wear. A heartfelt thank you goes to Ms. Shivani and Ms. Priya, whose guidance was vital to the event's organization. Their support, alongside that of the students, exemplified the power of teamwork and community spirit.

# SECONDARY AND IBDP

In summary, the interschool fest was a resounding success, celebrating not just talent but also the collective effort and enthusiasm of everyone involved. It was a proud moment for GICLM, highlighting what can be achieved when we come together as a school community.

**Shreya Singh, Shraddha Anand**  
**Grade 10**



# GARODIA SNIPPETS

As the school year unfolds, we are thrilled to share some exciting updates that promise to enrich our educational experience. These developments reflect our school's commitment to fostering a dynamic and supportive environment for all students. Let's take a closer look at what's new!

## The Cafe:

Many of you have already enjoyed our café, created in partnership with Sassy Spoon, which has quickly become a beloved gathering spot. Since its opening a few months ago, this cozy space offers a refreshing alternative to the bustling cafeteria, providing a perfect backdrop for relaxation and socializing. Keep an eye out for special promotions and events during festival seasons—there's always something delightful in store!



## The IB Lounge



Another exciting addition is the IB Lounge, which has swiftly become a favorite destination for students to unwind and engage in conversation during free periods. A heartfelt thank you to those who envisioned this space; it truly serves as a sanctuary for relaxation amidst our busy schedules.

## Career Counseling Services

We are fortunate to have a dedicated career counselor who provides invaluable support as we navigate our future pathways. To further enhance our career guidance, we have partnered with RedPen, bringing additional resources to help us explore diverse career options effectively.

The logo for THE RED PEN, featuring the words 'THE RED PEN' in a bold, sans-serif font. The word 'RED' is highlighted in red, while 'THE' and 'PEN' are in black.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## The Gym:

We are excited to announce the opening of a state-of-the-art gym in the Multi-Function Hall (MFH). With equipment now in place, students will soon have the opportunity to access this facility, encouraging us all to prioritize fitness and well-being right here on campus.

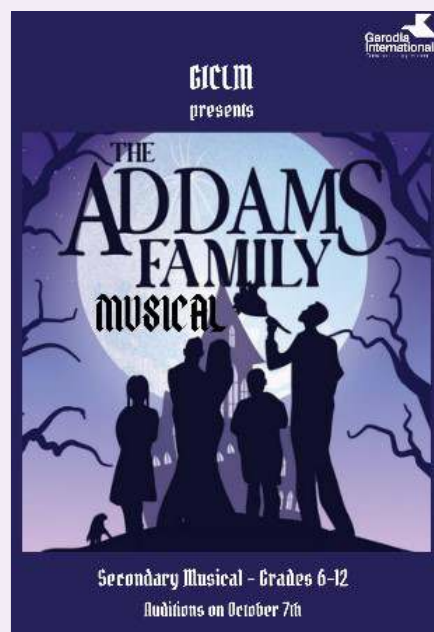
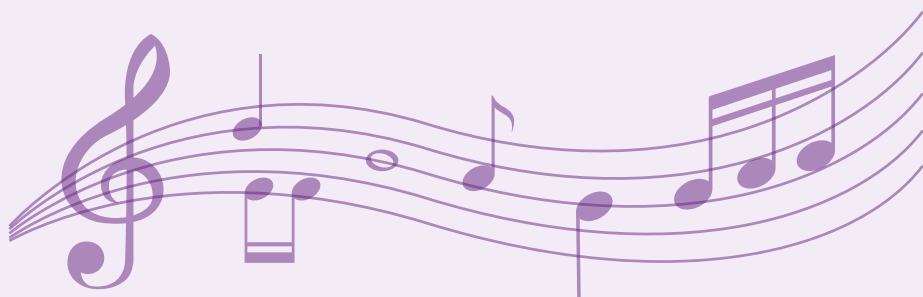
## Cricket Turf

Finally, we are eager to share the potential plan for a cricket turf in the near future. We look forward to this development and hope for exciting learning as well as tournaments to enjoy this exciting addition.

## Secondary School Musical!

We are thrilled to announce this year's highly anticipated Secondary School Musical – The Addams Family! Get ready for a spooky, fun-filled production that promises to be an exciting twist on a classic story. Mark your calendars for the show dates: **17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024**.

For those eager to showcase their talent, auditions will be held on **October 7<sup>th</sup>**. Whether you sing, act, or dance, this is your chance to join a performance that's bound to be a hit!





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## The POCSO Committee at GICLM as per the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act



**Ms. Priya Mehta**

At GICLM, the safety and well-being of every student is a top priority. To reinforce this, our school has a POCSO Committee. The committee is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, ensuring a safe environment for all students.

The staff is approachable and available for any student who may feel the need to discuss concerns about their safety or well-being. Whether it's a matter of guidance or reporting an issue, students can turn to her for support, making sure GICLM remains a secure place to learn and grow.

**Shreya Singh, Grade 10**  
**Mithil Chandan, Grade 11A**

## Co-Chair for the DP Mumbai Network – Mr. Huzefa Kagalwala

**Congratulations to Mr. Huzefa's for his new role in the IB community.**

We are proud to announce that Mr. Huzefa Kagalwala, our Head of Secondary, has been appointed as the Co-Chair for the DP Mumbai Network. This is a significant achievement that reflects his dedication and expertise in the field of education as well as in the IB global network.

As Co-Chair, Mr. Kagalwala will play a vital role in strengthening the connection between the IB and programme coordinators and pedagogical leaders across the network. His responsibilities include informing, supporting, and inspiring colleagues, while also extending their understanding of the IB framework. We are confident that Mr. Kagalwala will excel in this role and continue to inspire excellence in the IB community



**Mr. Huzefa Kagalwala**

**Shreya Singh & Niharika Shah**  
**Grade 10**



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



We are excited to celebrate Sarah, a talented young gymnast who recently earned a silver medal at the '2023-2024 Artistic Gymnastics District Championships' in Worli. Competing in the National 4, under 8 category, she performed on the Balancing Beam, Uneven Bars, Floor Exercises, and Vault. Sarah also excelled at the 'All Maharashtra Gymnastics Championship', winning a gold medal on Uneven Bars and a bronze medal for Floor Gymnastics. Additionally, she claimed four gold medals at the Mumbai Gymnastics Club Competition. Her achievements highlight her dedication and promise in gymnastics!

Shreya Singh, Grade 10

**SARAH KANAYALKAR**



**VYOM AGASHE**

Vyom Agashe, a student from grade 6 was recently awarded 1st place in a chess tournament held at Kanakia International School on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September. Around 40 students participated from different schools including P.G Garodia, Somaiya and Fazlani International school and many more. Vyom performed outstandingly and won 5 1/2 out of 6 games. A huge Congratulations to Vyom for this chess tournament and we hope he continues this and wins many more medals and trophies.

Jeehaan Tataria, Grade 6B



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



GICLM proudly celebrates Dev Mehta, a Grade 10 student who achieved remarkable success at the Mental Math World Cup 2024. Dev secured second place nationally and ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the world, showcasing his impressive mental calculation skills. Dev's journey to this achievement reflects his dedication and passion for mathematics. His ability to perform complex calculations with speed and accuracy has distinguished him among his peers. The Mental Math World Cup challenges students worldwide, and Dev's performance highlights his hard work and determination. His friendly demeanor and willingness to help others make him a beloved member of the GICLM community.



**DEV MEHTA**

Shreya Singh, Grade 10



Yash Thakker, a Grade 12 student, has brought immense pride to our school and the country by securing 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the prestigious International Olympiad for Informatics (IOI), one of the most competitive coding competitions in the world. After excelling in the regional and national rounds held in Chennai, Yash was one of only four students selected to represent India at the global level. Competing against the top young programmers from around the world, he travelled to Egypt for the final stage, where his outstanding coding and problem-solving abilities earned him an incredible 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish overall. Yash's hard work, problem-solving skills, and passion for coding have made him stand out at this grand international platform, and we're very proud of what he has achieved. His success not only shines a light on our school but also serves as an inspiration for all students to aim high and pursue their dreams on the world stage.



**YASH THAKKER**



Shreya Singh, Grade 10

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



**Ishaan Sheth, Yash Thakkar, Yash Solanki, Drish Dedhia & Ishan Vaykole**

Ishaan Sheth, along with peers Yash Thakkar, Yash Solanki, Drish Dedhia and Ishan Vaykole, founded an investment club at GICLM. Within just a month, they've introduced students to the stock market, guiding them through account setups on trading platforms and teaching key indicators like moving averages and the relative strength index. They covered both qualitative and quantitative investing, analyzing financial statements and market trends, and even conducted real-time company performance analyses. Their goal is to provide hands-on experience, fostering financial management skills and strategic thinking among their peers.

Mithil Chandan, Grade 11A

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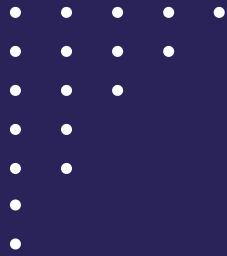
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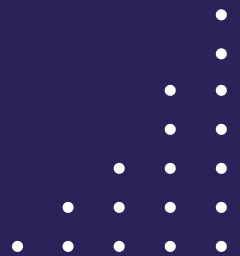
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