



## IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

Edition: November 2024

### MANCHESTERS CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- Nov 28 - Dec 4 - DP2 Mid-Term II / DPI Term Assessment
- Dec 7 - Human Rights Day
- Dec 21 - Sports Day
- Dec 22 - Jan 1 - Winter Break

### In the Spotlight

- *Breaking Barriers Together*
- *Creativity, Activity, Service*
- *University Fairs*
- *Milestones*
- *Learning Beyond the Classroom*
- *Academics*
- *Annual Day*

## BREAKING BARRIERS TOGETHER!



We are delighted to share that Manchester International School has been recognized as the **First Continuum School** in Coimbatore and ranked among India's Top International Schools by Education World.

This prestigious recognition places us at **No. 1 in Coimbatore and No. 4 in Tamil Nadu**, reflecting our commitment to excellence in international education. Our innovative Continuum approach continues to nurture and empower our students to thrive in a dynamic world. This achievement would not have been possible without the collective efforts of our dedicated teachers, supportive parents, and inspiring students. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each member of our school community for their trust, encouragement, and enthusiasm. Together, we are breaking barriers and setting new benchmarks in education!



## INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The new student council for the academic year 2024-2025 was invested on September 18 in the school's auditorium. This event holds great significance for the student body as the mantle of student leadership and responsibility is being passed from the previous student council to the next. They were honored by the Correspondent, Ms. Priya Moorthy, and Head of School, Mr Rajesh Vasudevan. As each student council member received their certificate, their parents were called on-stage to mark this milestone. Members of the student council are entrusted with the duty of guiding the student body and ensure the up-keeping and development of the school.



### Elected Council Members from DP:

**President:** Shradaa M.

**Vice-President Events and Activities:** Thanusri Vasanthkumar

**DP Representative:** Dhanya Rajiv

**House Captain (Pankti):** Mithunn Chakravarthy

**Vice-President:** Harshitha Asaithambi

**Vice-President Sports:** Graham Finny

**House Captain (Chetak):** Deepak Rajesh

**House Captain (Sarangi):** Bawishka

# CREATIVITY ACTIVITY SERVICE



During the vacation, the DP2 students embarked on an arduous but rewarding journey to help an underprivileged school in their locality. The school, formally known as VCV Government Higher Secondary School, was filled with students of various cultural backgrounds. However, the vibrance of the students contrasted the dullness of the school's architecture, as mono color and dull walls seemed to potentially stymie the kids' exuberance.

As a result, the students of DP2 were tasked with repainting an old wall located in the school and creating a mural. This mural, alongside enhancing the learning environment for the students, popped out through its beautiful pigments and soulful colors that effectively drew parallels with the nature of the children. Moreover, the DP2 students extended their service by erecting a mini library area and donating several books to keep the shelves full. These novels, short stories, and picture books were substantial in enriching the depth of knowledge in the children and further improving their already delightful and rich personalities.



## CAS EXPERIENCE



### WORLD DIABETES DAY

On November 19th, the students of DP 2 organized a meaningful and engaging World Diabetes Day awareness program to educate and empower the school community about diabetes and its impact. With this year's theme, Access to Diabetes Care: If Not Now, When?, the event highlighted the importance of timely diagnosis, management, and support for those living with diabetes.

The program began with an informative presentation explaining the types of diabetes, its symptoms, and preventive measures. Students emphasized the role of healthy lifestyles, balanced diets, and regular exercise in preventing Type 2 diabetes. A panel discussion featuring students explored the challenges faced by individuals with diabetes and how modern technologies, such as insulin pumps and continuous glucose monitors, are transforming lives.



## CELEBRATION & EVENTS



### CHILDREN'S DAY



Children's Day has always been a notable event in Manchester International School! Teachers take control of the stage and display their talents, from dancing to singing. This year was no different, as we saw some spectacular performances rock the stage! They truly made us feel cherished and important on our special day. Some highlights of the event include the dance performance from IB teachers, Radhakrishnan sir's melodious singing, and of course, Rajesh sir's classical dance performance! The event concluded with a rendition of "A Million Dreams" by Abigail and Abileah of MYP3, which was quite a noteworthy performance!

This day is truly important for a school community and student body, as it allows us to recognize the naivety and the virtues of childhood. The MIS faculty strongly believes that childhood innocence and happiness must last forever.

## ONAM CELEBRATION



The Onam celebration at the school was a vibrant showcase of tradition, teamwork, and artistic creativity. The festivities commenced with a spirited inter-house competition that unified students in their respective teams, each demonstrating enthusiastic participation. Students collaborated meticulously to craft Pookalams—intricate floral arrangements symbolic of the festival.

At the culmination of the event, a judging panel, comprised of the Head of School and visual arts faculty, evaluated each pookalam based on thematic relevance (hope), precision of alignment, and overall creativity.

This joyful competition not only underscored the students' artistic talents but also set a remarkable tone for a memorable Onam celebration. The school also organized an Onam Sadhya, providing both teachers and students with a unique opportunity to experience and deepen their understanding of the cultural and traditional significance of the Onam festival.



## DIWALI CELEBRATIONS



This year, Diwali celebrations took on a more educational value. With a hilarious but informative skit on the dangers of firecrackers, and a rousing debate on Eco-friendly celebrations and their impact on the economy, students at Manchester were reminded of the various socioeconomic implications of cultural celebrations. This event was organized by the newly appointed members of the (IB) Council, marking their first official responsibility in their roles. As a group of fresh leaders, they undertook the planning and coordination of this event with great enthusiasm and dedication. Nevertheless, fun and festivities still continued with several performances!

## ACHIVEMENTS

Manchester International School proudly celebrates DP-2 student Naman Agarwal for his remarkable achievement at the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) held in Ooty from November 15th to 17th. Naman's exceptional leadership, insightful contributions, and active participation earned him the prestigious RYLA Award.

The event featured engaging sessions by expert speakers on topics such as the "Impact of AI" and "Leadership in the World of AI." Naman's recognition highlights his dedication to excellence and his ability to inspire those around him.

We are immensely proud of Naman for representing our school with distinction and for making a positive impact beyond academics. Kudos, Naman!



## DESIGN AURA 2024: EXPLORING CREATIVITY AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



In August, Manchester International School proudly hosted Design Aura 2024, a dynamic event organized by Goal Oriented Studies (GOS). The event brought together school and college students from across Tamil Nadu, featuring various activities along with a career fair, where many design schools and colleges were represented. Recognized as Tamil Nadu's leading design institution by the National Education Board of Arts (NEBA), GOS continues to inspire innovation and growth in design.

The event was inaugurated by Siddharthan Nagarajan and presided over by Mrs. Priya Moorthi, Correspondent of Manchester International School. Special guest Ms. Harija, a popular actor and social media influencer, added glamour to the program by launching the fashion show and performing in the grand finale. Other notable attendees included Mr. Rajesh Vasudevan, Principal of Manchester International School, and GOS founders, Mr. Dharmendra Srinivasan and Mr. Siddarth Nagarajan.

Design Aura 2024 was a vibrant celebration of creativity, leaving a lasting impact on all participants and attendees.



# UNIVERSITY FAIRS



CAREER MAPPING BY IDP

Along with sessions from specific universities, our school has also organized large-scale university fairs featuring over 70 universities. One such event hosted by our school featured IDP to help out our students (specifically, students of 10th, 11th and 12th of both IB and CBSE) figure out their future career progressions and paths.

IDP is a famous player in the educational services market, aiding students in placements in institutions of higher learning overseas.

This university fair has provided immense assistance to the IB DP students, helping them gain clarity on their dream universities and how they must turn those dreams into reality! Through these university fairs, students discuss with university representatives on the admission requirements, campus life, and the journey after a degree.

These are some of the prestigious universities which have guided us:

- FLAME University (India)
- Krea University (India)
- University of Auckland (New Zealand)
- University of Technology Sydney (Australia)
- University of Newcastle (Australia)
- UNSW College (Australia)
- James Cook University (Australia)
- Arden University (Germany)
- International Medical University (Malaysia)
- Leeds Trinity University (UK)
- Nottingham University (UK)
- Steven's Institute of Technology (USA)



## OP JINDAL UNIVERSITY



Apart from activities that enhance our creativity and artistic capabilities, our school has also helped us invest time in our future by inviting representatives from various universities such as the OP JINDAL university. These opportunities have paved a way for the DP students to understand which path they want to go through in the future. OP JINDAL University in particular talked about the various courses and universities they offered such as law, psychology, business etc. and explained these in detail. To conclude, this was an amazing and informative session for the DP students.

# DP IN ACTION - LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



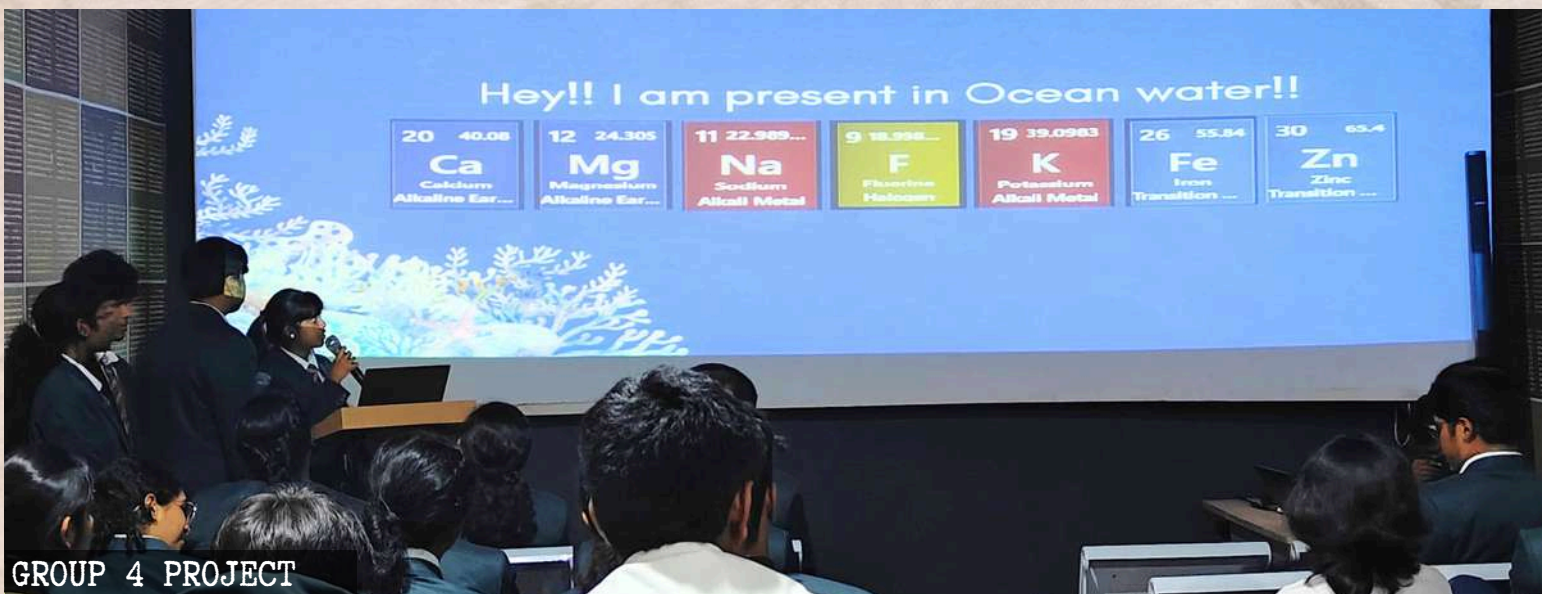
CAD & WOOD WORKING WORKSHOP AT SASI CREATIVE COLLEGE OF ARTS



Sasi Institute of Design, an education institute near Pollachi, specializes in various aspects of design. From fashion to architecture, to 3D modelling and character design, this institute truly understands design within every aspect of life.

On Oct 19 and 26, students from MYP5 and DP1, along with DP2 Design Technology students, ventured to the institution to gain insights about how they can design products. On the first day, students learned about AutoCAD and through a step-by-step demonstration, learned to model a lantern.

On the second day, these models were made using paper, popsicle sticks, and basswood by groups of 5. Students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of working with their peers on such a unique project. This experience provided valuable knowledge to the students.



GROUP 4 PROJECT

The Collaborative Sciences Project, also known as the group 4 project, features a project based on the synthesis of the 4 sciences (Biology, Design, Chemistry and Physics).

In this event, the class of DP-2 presented their projects through to the science faculty and the students of DP-I. 4 groups of around 3-4 students showcased their work, justified how each of their projects represented the aforementioned synthesis of the sciences and how their research findings could be used to solve global problems.





# UN DAYS AND OBSERVATIONS

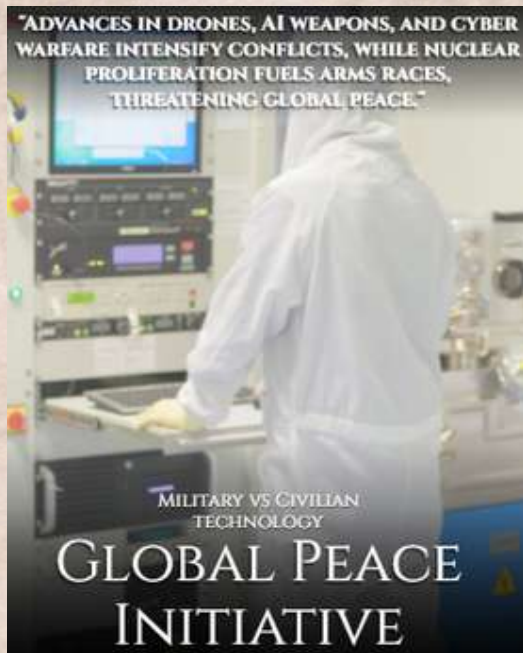


On World Peace Day, DPI students penned heartfelt letters to future generations, promoting unity and understanding. Bawishka, Siddharth, and Finny Graham shared compelling viewpoints on fostering peace and highlighted actionable solutions to address the effects of war. The activity acted as a reflection to picture a peaceful world.



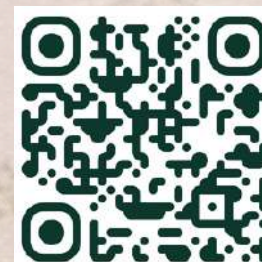
## WORLD SCIENCE DAY FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

To mark World Science Day for Peace and Development, DPI students engaged in a thought-provoking activity by creating posters that showcased scientific inventions contributing both to conflicts and to global peace. The posters provided a balanced perspective, highlighting the dual role of science and technology in shaping our world. This activity encouraged discussions about the ethical implications of scientific progress, emphasizing the responsibility of global citizens to use science as a tool for the betterment of humanity.



## WORLD SIGN LANGUAGE DAY

Sara and Sanjay, DP2 students, made an amazing awareness video in honour of World Sign Language Day. The video emphasised the significance of sign language in bridging communication gaps and promoting inclusivity. They emphasised how sign language promotes linguistic and social accessibility, advocating for a more inclusive society.



Please scan the QR code to see the video on Significance of Sign Language

# UN DAYS AND OBSERVATIONS



## International Yoga Day

On International Yoga Day, students embraced the essence of yoga and meditation as tools for overall well-being. Through guided sessions, they explored the physical and mental benefits of yoga, fostering mindfulness and inner peace. The event highlighted the importance of integrating these practices into daily life for a balanced and harmonious lifestyle.

## INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY



DP I students delivered impactful speeches on the topic “Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Literacy,” sharing their individual perspectives. Some highlighted AI’s benefits like improving access to information, and promoting literacy through e-books and online tools while others expressed concerns over distractions and reduced critical thinking.

## WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

On June 15, DP2 students created an awareness video highlighting forms of elder abuse, ways to recognize it, and strategies to foster respect and safety for elders. The video featured real-life cases to connect emotionally with viewers, promoting empathy and understanding.



Please scan the QR code to see video on Companioning Kindness - Stand Against Elder Abuse



## World Music Day

On World Music Day, Manchester International School proudly inaugurated its new art block, “Rhythmic Radiance.” This state-of-the-art facility features dance studios for Bharatanatyam and Western dance, dedicated classrooms for musical instruments, and a cutting-edge recording studio. The inauguration was led by our esteemed chairman, Dr. PS Moorthi, and Correspondent Mrs. Priya Moorthi, alongside the head of school, administration leaders, and students. The event included vibrant performances by facilitators, filling the new space with artistic energy.



# ANNUAL DAY 2024 - BEATS FOR A BETTER WORLD



Manchester International School took a unique perspective for Annual Day 2024! With an internationally-minded student body, it is important to embody such values within everyday life, including celebrations! Hence, this year's Annual Day was themed after the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. Titled "Beats for A Better World", this event truly showcased how the world could be changed for the better.

DP brought some unique performances to the stage. DPI performed under the theme "Let's Work Together!", showcasing unity through dance. This colorful performance signified the importance of working together for achieving the SDGs. Dhanya and Bhadra of DPI also wrote and directed a drama "Does the Earth Need Therapy?", displaying personifications of global issues and providing a unique perspective on what the root cause is. DP2 performed for "War and Peace", along with MYP5 students. This performance was split into two segments - one showing the chaos of war and one showing the calming nature of peace.



**MANCHESTER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**  
Annual Day 2024

**Beats for a Better World**  
Celebrating Global Goals with Music

Beloved Parents & Dignified Guests,

We are thrilled to invite you to an inspiring evening dedicated to celebrating the talents of our students as they bring the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to life through captivating music, dance, and theatrical performances. Witness our young performers creatively express their commitment to a better world through art. Let's unite to celebrate this meaningful journey together.

**Chief Guest**  
Shri. V. Muthukumar., M.C.A., Former MLA  
State Vice President, Tamil Nadu State Parent Teacher Association  
Dept. of School Education, Govt. of Tamil Nadu

**Guest of Honour**  
Dr. Kannan Gireesh  
AMBS, M.D. (Psychiatry)  
Psychiatrist, Addiction Psychiatrist

09.10.2024  
Wednesday  
06.15 PM  
Grade 6 to 12