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## Dr. Chenraj Roychand

Founder Chairman, JAIN Group and  
Co-Founder, Knowledgeum Academy

### Dear Student,

As we come together to celebrate a significant milestone in your educational voyage at Knowledgeum Academy, my heart fills with pride and appreciation. The inception of Knowledgeum Academy was not merely about establishing another educational institution; it was about addressing a vital necessity within our community - 'offering IB education in the heart of the city'. It feels like just yesterday when the seed of Knowledgeum Academy was planted, nestled in the vibrant Jayanagar neighbourhood of Bengaluru.

From our modest origins, Knowledgeum Academy has bloomed into a vibrant community of eager learners. Our core mission extends beyond academic excellence to fostering character, inquisitiveness, and empathy among our students. We are committed to empowering young minds to think critically, uphold integrity, and embrace their roles as global citizens.

As you stand at the threshold of graduation, I wish to convey my appreciation for your unwavering dedication, resilience, and achievements. Your journey at Knowledgeum Academy has been marked by countless moments of growth, discovery, and transformation. As you venture into the next phase of your lives, I extend my sincerest hopes for your sustained success, contentment, and joy.

May the knowledge, skills, and values you have imbibed during your tenure at Knowledgeum Academy illuminate your path forward. You carry not only the memories of your time here but also the essence of our collective vision and principles.

You're destined for greatness!



## Ms. Aparna Prasad

Co-Founder, Knowledgeum Academy  
Director, Communications and Human Resources, JAIN Group

**Dear Knowledgeumite,**

Reflecting on your journey at Knowledgeum Academy fills me with profound joy. As the inaugural cohort of our academy, revisiting our shared experiences evokes a sense of nostalgia and gratitude for the path that has brought us to this moment.

Even before our introduction to the IB curriculum, the principles of 'Learner Centricity' that define Knowledgeum Academy resonated deeply with my vision. Witnessing the seamless integration of this programme into our educational ethos has been immensely rewarding. It's been a privilege to observe how it has shaped you into well-rounded individuals, equipped to thrive in an ever-changing world.

As you browse through the pages of this yearbook, may it serve as a repository of cherished memories, lasting friendships, and transformative experiences that have defined your time here. Let it also be a gentle nudge, reminding you of the boundless potential inherent within each of you.

Remember, this isn't the culmination of your journey-it's merely the prologue to a new chapter brimming with possibilities. Embrace the challenges ahead, hold dear the memories you've created, and relentlessly pursue excellence in all your endeavours.

May success follow you!





**Mr. Kalai Rajan**

Head of School, Knowledgeum Academy

**Dear IBDP 2022-24 Batch,**

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you as you stand on the beginning of a new chapter. Through a rigorous academic programme here at Knowledgeum, the IB curriculum has played a pivotal role in shaping your academic journey and personal growth.

At Knowledgeum Academy, we have witnessed first-hand how the IB curriculum has empowered you all to embrace challenges, think critically, and become compassionate leaders in your communities. Through engaging with diverse perspectives, participating in service-learning initiatives, and pursuing their passions through the Extended Essay and CAS projects, you have emerged as confident, empathetic, and socially responsible individuals.

May the values instilled in you through the IB curriculum continue to guide you in your future endeavours, and may you find success and fulfilment in all your pursuits.

As you step into a world of opportunities, challenges and hope, I anticipate the kind of people you will become. This is just the beginning of a beautiful life ahead.

Here's to your success!



# Framed

IBDP Batch 2022-24







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IBDP Batch 2023-25





# Outgoing Batch 2022-24



**Akshat Sachin  
Parmaar**

I invest in my dreams,  
and watch them  
compound into success



**Ananya Manvi**

Building my future,  
one paw at a time



**Arundhati G  
Vasishth**

Life is too short to be taken  
seriously but long enough  
to make a difference



**Devyath  
Prakash Dupati**

Straight roads were  
never meant for real  
drivers



**Lakshya Agrawal**

Always live in present



**Manav RajPurohit**

Crafting my own destiny



**Niharika  
Venugopal**

Life is what you bake  
out of it



**Pratik Reddi**

Dying to win & risking  
death to win are  
completely different



**S.N Gokul**

I'm the eye that freezes  
time, capturing life's  
most precious frames



**Samyuktha N**

Respect, care, and a hopeful heart with a spark of curiosity



**Srinivas Sajja Harish**

Earth is the cradle of humanity but we can't stay in the cradle forever



**Suhani Gandhi**

Smothered in grace, she is



**Tanisha Atanur**

Be open to all the new memories that are awaiting



**Tushad Shazad Mogrelia**

I seek Creativity to be my future and the pursuit of happiness is my present



**Vaibhavi Bhardwaj**

Just because my path is different, doesn't mean I am lost



**Varsha Dungarwal**

I have an eagerness to learn

## Outgoing Batch

The inaugural class of Knowledgeum Academy's IBDP learners is a shining example of quality, tenacity, and innovative spirit. Along with reaching academic goals, they have also shown remarkable leadership, inventiveness, and a dedication to excellence in all that they do. They have cleared the path for future generations by being Knowledgeum's IB Diploma programme pioneers and leaving a legacy of creativity, teamwork, and a love for lifelong learning. We are happy to recognise their accomplishments and anticipate seeing the beneficial influence they will surely have on society.

# Student Council

The inaugural student council of Knowledgeum Academy is a beacon of leadership and unity within our esteemed institution. Selected through a rigorous electoral process, these individuals embody the spirit of excellence, integrity, and service that defines our academy. Led by a diverse group of passionate and dedicated students, the student council represents the collective voice of our student body, advocating for positive change and fostering a sense of community across campus. Together, they stand poised to lead by example, inspire their peers, and uphold the values that define Knowledgeum Academy.

## Meet Our Student Council Members: 2023-2024



**Suhani Gandhi**  
Head Girl



**Manav RajPurohit**  
Head Boy



**Samagna Kiran**  
Deputy Head Girl



**Sai Amogh**  
Deputy Head Boy



**Akshat Sachin Parmaar**  
Aquila House Captain



**Akshith Nayak**  
Aquila House Vice Captain



**Tushad Shazad Mogrelia**  
Auriga House Captain



**Kavya Subbannavar**  
Auriga House Vice Captain



**Devyath Prakash Dupati**  
Apus House Captain



**Shlok Rath**  
Apus House Vice Captain



**Vedant Patnaik**  
Secretary of the Design & Innovation Club



**Disha K**  
Secretary of the Literary & Leadership Club



**Siddhant Narendran**  
Secretary of the Arts Club



# Student Profiles

## IBDP Batch of 2022-24

Gain insights into the diverse perspectives and experiences of humanities students as they share their thoughts in these interview snippets.

### Arundhati G Vasishth

Reflecting on her reason for choosing IB, Arundhati stated, "Yes, I wanted personality development, but I also wanted holistic development, including extracurricular activities and academics." Recognising IB's unique approach, which seamlessly integrated extracurricular activities into the curriculum", Arundhati emphasised, "IB allowed me to have extracurricular activities as a part of the curriculum, hence IB." Despite the initial challenges posed by the unfamiliarity of the IB Curriculum, she states, "The paper patterns were new; it took about 6 to 7 months, but now I'm accustomed to them." Now, she navigates the academic landscape with confidence and ease, embracing the opportunities IB affords her. Looking to the future, Arundhati harbours ambitions of pursuing a career in engineering or entrepreneurship within the tech field, driven by a simple yet profound desire to relish life's journey. Her story exemplifies the transformative power of the IB curriculum, shaping not only her academic path but also her outlook on life.

*To delve deeper into Arundhati's journey, scan the QR code for the full interview video.*



### Devyath Prakash Dupati

"The main thing that led me to choose IB was how the subject combinations worked. I was always interested in technology, business, and computers. In normal curriculums, I could not find this combination," he shares, emphasising the IB's unparalleled flexibility and breadth of study. Transitioning from the ICSE curriculum to IB presented its own set of challenges, but Devyath approached them with unwavering determination. "The curriculum I had been in previously was ICSE. ICSE and IB are completely different. IB pushes you to be a better version of yourself and to learn things in depth," he reflects. "Life is a ride, and it is going to be bumpy, but that does not mean you should stop at one bump. You keep going, you keep persisting, and you make it to the top of your life," he affirms, encapsulating the essence of his unwavering determination and leaving a note of hope for his juniors.

*To view the whole interview with Devyath, scan the QR code.*



### Akshat Sachin Parmaar

During his time at Knowledgeum Academy, Akshat has demonstrated impressive academic success and personal development. After overcoming his stage fright, Akshat says, "I've developed a lot as a person, starting with public speaking. Despite having stage fright, I now have no trouble speaking in front of an audience." His communication skills have improved as a result of his blossoming language capabilities. Additionally, Akshat's engagement in teaching children at orphanages demonstrates his devotion to giving back to society. Even though he started later, Akshat recognises that teachers have always been there for him, which has helped him succeed academically. His tenacity and commitment are an example to everybody.

*Scan the QR code to view Akshat's entire interview video.*



## S N Gokul

Gokul's time at Knowledgeum Academy was characterised by obstacles, progress and perseverance. When he looks back on his experience, he recognises the early challenge and emphasises the priceless help he got from classmates and teachers. Later on, when peer learning and one-on-one interactions with the teachers improved, it became less difficult. Gokul chose the IB programme because he wanted to study in-depth and take advantage of opportunities abroad. Exam anxiety is a frequent problem, but he overcame it by asking teachers and the principal for advice. As a result, he gained confidence and performed well in his examinations.

*Scan the QR code to view the entire interview with **Gokul**.*



## Manav RajPurohit

Manav's journey with the IB curriculum was driven by the expansive opportunities it offered. He recalls, "IB gave me various options in different subjects that I had an interest in that other courses did not offer. I could choose between different dimensions of the same domains of knowledge." Among his enriching extracurricular experiences, Speechcraft of the International Toastmasters stood out. "The reason why I learned how to communicate and speak publicly is because of this," he fondly remembers. Through IB, Manav honed crucial skills; while reflecting, he says, "The best skill that I learnt is public speaking and also communicating." Additionally, his research prowess flourished, evolving significantly over these two transformative years.

*To see the full **Manav** interview, scan the QR code.*



## Niharika Venugopal

Niharika's journey at Knowledgeum Academy reflects a seamless transition from a CBSE school to an IB platform. She reflects, "Initially, when transitioning from a CBSE school to an IB platform, it was very hard to grasp the concepts, but Knowledgeum Academy made this transition extremely smooth." Appreciating the support system, she adds, "Through the facilitators provided to us here, it has made our lives much easier." Niharika acknowledges the transformative impact of extracurricular opportunities like Toastmasters, stating, "Knowledgeum Academy has provided us with many platforms, such as Toastmasters. Speaking skills were something I lacked, but the foundation given by Toastmasters has helped me overcome this fear of public speaking."

*To discover more about **Niharika's** journey, scan the QR code.*



## Samyuktha N

Samyuktha's academic journey at Knowledgeum Academy has been nothing short of inspiring. Reflecting on her experiences, she shares, "I have been inspired by many activities and projects that I have taken up, and it has been very motivating." Choosing Knowledgeum was an easy decision for Samyuktha, as she explains, "When I first started looking for IB schools, I found that Knowledgeum Academy was located in one of the prime locations in Bangalore and was very easy to access." Among her most cherished memories is participating in the sports day, where she dedicatedly practised and engaged in speechcraft, which enhanced her communication skills and boosted her confidence.

*To watch the whole interview footage of **Samyuktha's** journey, scan the QR code.*



## Tushad Shazad Mogrelia

Tushad reflects on his transformative journey at Knowledgeum Academy, expressing profound gratitude for the holistic growth he experienced. He shares, "My journey at Knowledgeum Academy has been a fully holistic growth. I have grown within these two years, not just physically, but mentally." Among his accomplishments, Tushad cherishes the role of house captain, highlighting the responsibility of caring for juniors. He fondly recalls memorable moments, citing the exhilarating Sports School visit and sports days as highlights. Additionally, he reminisces about the successful organisation of the Odyssey event, underscoring the collective achievement and camaraderie within the school community.

To watch **Tushad's** whole interview footage, **scan the QR code.**



## Tanisha Atanur

Tanisha, a self-proclaimed introvert, found her voice through extracurricular activities. "As I'm an introvert, speechcraft helped me improve my communication skills, and now I am better at talking and interacting with people," she reflects. Memorable moments were plentiful, with CAS projects and sports activities fostering camaraderie. "Those were very memorable days, as I enjoyed spending time with my teachers and my friends," Tanisha reminisces fondly. Throughout her journey, Tanisha found inspiration in her teachers' guidance. "Over the years, the teachers were very helpful, and they inspired me to focus on my career," she expresses with gratitude.

To view the whole interview, **scan the QR code.**



## Suhani Gandhi

Suhani's reason for choosing IB was clear: "I want to pursue architecture as my goal, and the subject combinations in IB... helped me grow in my interest area. That's why I chose IB." Reflecting on her academic journey, Suhani humbly states, "I have been growing consistently and learning every day." For Suhani, the most cherished moments of school life were found in "All the CAS events and the projects, including the fests and every small event we have organised and participated in." Becoming the first head girl of Knowledgeum Academy was a defining moment for Suhani: "Being elected... has been one of my biggest achievements... I have been able to showcase my leadership skills here, and I have been able to manage a lot of people."

To experience **Suhani's** journey firsthand, **scan the QR code for the full video.**



## Ananya Manvi

Ananya reflects on her transformative journey at Knowledgeum Academy with gratitude. Transitioning from an ICSE background, uncertainty loomed, yet her resilience prevailed. "Being in Knowledgeum, the academic journey has been really good," she shares. Embracing the IB curriculum, Ananya found guidance in her educators, overcoming challenges and uncovering her strengths. Beyond academics, she blossomed personally, crediting her teachers and peers for fostering confidence. Cherished memories include spirited outings to the sports school, fostering camaraderie and well-being. Through it all, Ananya's time management flourished, a testament to her growth and adaptability. Her journey embodies the spirit of resilience and camaraderie, defining her legacy at Knowledgeum Academy.

To listen to what more **Ananya** has to say about her journey, **scan the QR code.**





## Pratik Reddi

Pratik reflects on his journey with heartfelt gratitude, stating, "My journey has been really enriching for me. I really feel that the IBDP has allowed me to grow into a global citizen. I have realised what my career is and what I can further do to enrich it." He credits the Speechcraft programme for enhancing his public speaking skills and highlights the significance of the annual sports meet, stating, "The annual sports meet enriched the school life and brought back the feel that the school gives from sports." Pratik's advice to juniors: "Study early. Procrastinating towards the end is not a good idea."

To view the full interview, **scan the QR code below.**



## Vaibhavi Bhardwaj

Vaibhavi embarked on her journey at Knowledgeum Academy with a yearning for novelty, drawn to uncharted waters of the IB curriculum. "I really wanted to try a new curriculum, and IB was something that I had never tried before," she reflects. "I faced a lot of difficulties in time management because of so many assignments together. I overcame them by completing my assignments on the deadline," she shares. Amidst the chaos, the sanctuary of Medhayoga provided solace, nurturing her mental well-being and fostering inner peace. "We had a class called Medhayoga that helped me calm down and improve my mental health," she reveals.

To view the full interview, **scan the QR code.**



## Varsha Dungarwal

Varsha's journey with the IB curriculum at Knowledgeum Academy has been defined by her unwavering determination and remarkable achievements. "I chose IB because, mainly, I wanted to study abroad, but it is a way of life rather than just studying abroad." Overcoming challenges, Varsha adapted to the IB paper structure through diligent practice and resilience. "Getting used to the IB paper structure was one of the challenges. I went through the past papers and marking schemes, and that is what helped me overcome the challenge." Beyond academics, she reflects on her personal growth, citing significant improvements in communication skills and the cultivation of empathy through social services.

To hear about **Varsha's journey**, **scan the QR code.**



## Srinivas Sajja Harish

Srinivas reflects on his journey at Knowledgeum Academy, acknowledging the shift in academic rigour presented by the IB curriculum. He shares, "The biggest challenge was adapting to the internal assessments and their pattern. Throughout my life, until the 10th grade, I have never done research. Here, you have to do independent research." Despite the challenges, Srinivas actively engaged in extracurricular activities, immersing himself in CAS and school-based initiatives. He recognises the value of IB's internal assessments and extended essays, noting, "IB with their IAs and EEs provides a glimpse of what University life will be like." Srinivas's journey exemplifies resilience, adaptability, and a thirst for knowledge.

To listen to more on **Srinivas** and his life at Knowledgeum, **scan the QR code.**



## Lakshya Agrawal

Lakshya, a student at Knowledgeum Academy, embarked on his educational journey with a dual pursuit—cricket and studies. Reflecting on his experience, he shares, "I joined Knowledgeum Academy so that I could pursue cricket as well as my studies." Despite facing academic challenges along the way, Lakshya found unwavering support from the school management and teachers. He recalls, "I had some difficulty in my studies, but the school management and teachers helped me a lot. Whenever I missed a portion of my syllabus, they used to sit with me and help me through it." Through perseverance and guidance, Lakshya continues to thrive in both realms.

**Scan the QR code** for the full interview.



# Event Highlights

## Hulimavu Lake Cleaning Drive (04/11/2023)

In an earnest endeavour to mitigate the adverse effects of pollution and urban development on the once-pristine Hulimavu Lake, our dedicated learners embarked on a transformative journey. Recognising the critical importance of environmental conservation, they wholeheartedly engaged in a rejuvenating clean-up drive. Armed with determination and eco-friendly tools, they worked tirelessly to rid the lake of accumulated waste and restore its natural beauty. Through their unwavering commitment and collective efforts, they not only cleaned the lake but also raised awareness about the urgent need for sustainable environmental practices. This noble initiative stands as a testament to our learners' profound sense of responsibility towards safeguarding our precious ecosystems for future generations.







# Odyssey 2023

(22/11/2023 - 23/11/2023)

Odyssey '23, an annual extravaganza hosted by Knowledgeum Academy, unfolded as a vibrant tapestry of talent, culture, and intellect. This multidimensional inter-school fest attracted enthusiastic participants from far and wide, converging to showcase their prowess in various domains. From captivating cultural performances to stimulating intellectual competitions, the event brimmed with energy and excitement. Students adorned the stage with their creativity, showcasing their talents in music, dance, drama, and beyond. As the air buzzed with anticipation, friendships were forged, and memories were etched, making Odyssey '23 a truly unforgettable experience for all those involved.





# The Inauguration of Knowledgeum Academy (05/12/2023)

The grand inauguration of Knowledgeum Academy's Jayanagar campus marked a pivotal moment in the institution's journey, blending innovation with tradition. With modern infrastructure and dynamic facilities, the campus promises an immersive learning experience. From cutting-edge classrooms to vibrant recreational spaces, every corner fosters collaboration and growth. As students explore this vibrant space, they embark on a journey of discovery and transformation. The Jayanagar campus stands as a beacon of academic excellence, shaping the future leaders of tomorrow with its commitment to knowledge and innovation.







## CAS Trip to Rajasthan (08/01/2024)

The Knowledgeum Learners embarked on an unforgettable CAS trip to Rajasthan, immersing themselves in the region's vibrant culture and rich history. Their journey began with a captivating visit to Jaipur Rugs, where they gained insights into the art of carpet weaving and its impact on local communities.

Next, they explored the majestic Amer Palace, marvelling at its intricate architecture and delving into its storied past. They also visited the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Jantar Mantar, to witness fascinating astronomical instruments in action.

Their adventure continued with a deep dive into the world of Blue Pottery, renowned for its vibrant colours and intricate designs. At the Jaipur Foot BMVSS, they were inspired by innovative prosthetic limbs, empowering those with mobility challenges.

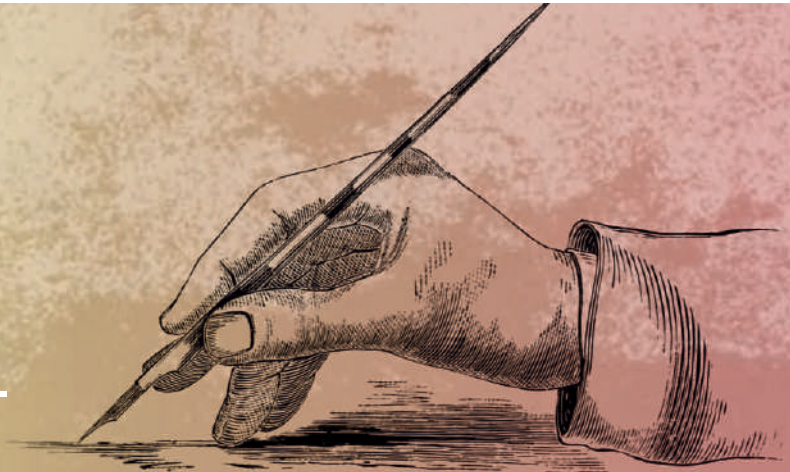
Culminating at the breathtaking Mehrangarh Fort in Jodhpur, they were captivated by its imposing walls and panoramic views, rounding off an enriching journey of exploration and discovery.





# Creative Corner

## Poetry



### Family of Friends

**Suhani Gandhi**  
DP2 Student

You'll find a family of friends living here  
A small group of minds and of hearts  
With some of us clear and some of us not  
At times you can't tell us apart

There's one who's cranky and one who's shy  
And one who's really uncouth  
And just when you feel you know who's who  
You'll slowly begin to doubt

The truth is that we're all a little of each  
A little cranky, a little shy, a little uncouth  
A group of imperfects are we  
But have each other through clarity and through doubt

Cause the one thing that ties us together for life  
No matter how far we are apart  
Is the bond we shared, a family of friends  
A small group of minds and of hearts

### Sonder

**Prateeksha Kamath**  
DP1 Student

I look out at the busy street below,  
Cars rushing by in a constant flow.  
People walking with places to be,  
But I wonder, what are their stories?  
Behind each face is an entire life,  
With loves and losses, joys and strife.  
Complex webs of relationships,  
Dreams and hopes and inner depths.  
They have families and friends of their own,  
With memories made, and sorrows they've known.  
Whole worlds that I'll never know,  
Exist inside each person I pass by in the flow.  
It's easy to see just surfaces each day,  
But inside there are inner landscapes at play.  
If I could glimpse what moves in their hearts,  
Would their lives seem less apart?  
This moment reminds me we're all just the same,  
Each with our own plot, dramas and frames.  
So when I feel small in this vast spinning sphere,  
I'll think of Sonder and all who live here.

### Bitter-sweet Thoughts

**Samagna Kiran**  
DP1 Student

All our memories fade with time,  
I seem to be forgetting whether you were ever mine,  
Staring into the empty ceiling,  
The guilt intertwines with the thought of healing.

Feelings disappear into the darkness of your soul,  
Making a desperate attempt to take control,  
You carry along my secrets,  
Repeatedly turning nights sleepless.

I still see your shadows,  
Everywhere I go,  
When I try to reach for you,  
You turn to snow.

To see you standing there, lost in thought,  
Remembering the friend you once sought.  
The laughter shared, the words told,  
Now memories of a friendship grown so cold.

### Stars and Scalars: Verse in the Physics Lab

**Bhumika Sreeram**  
DP1 Student

In class, we talk about physics, right?  
It's like a maze full of light,  
We chat about black holes, so strange and grand,  
Discussing the gravitational pull isn't ever bland

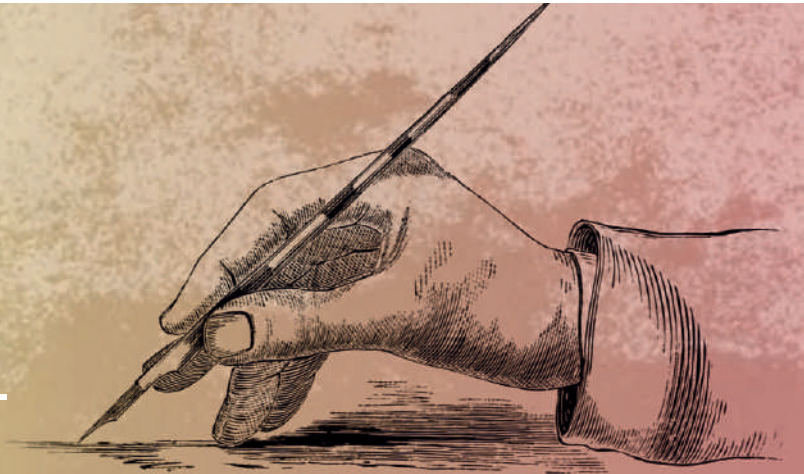
From Newton to Einstein, we learn a lot,  
About motion, electricity, and all that's taught.  
In our discussions, the time tiptoes silently,  
Exploring those thoughts when no one listens  
patiently

We're all HL's, the seven of us,  
So the struggle and chaos is a must,  
From tiny atoms to stars far away,  
I just hope this passion serves greatly every day



# Creative Corner

## Poetry



### Here Lies Death's Love

Siddhant Narendran

DP1 Student

In the quiet of the night, Death roamed free  
A misunderstood figure, feared by all undoubtedly  
But amidst the shadows and eerie gloom  
He longed for a love, a human to consume

He had witnessed countless lives come to an end  
But never had he felt this longing, this bend  
Till he laid his eyes on a mortal so fair  
Wrapped in beauty, with golden locks of hair

Enchanted by her, he followed her every step  
Her laughter, her smile, he couldn't forget  
To resist the urge to be close to her  
Even though he knew it could only stir

Trouble and chaos, for Death, was not meant  
To fall in love, his duty to take life, to prevent  
But as days went by, his love only grew  
For she was the one, so pure and true

He watched her from afar, in the shadows he stayed  
For he feared revealing himself, his truest shade  
But fate had a plan, for their paths to cross  
And at that moment, Death felt like he was at a loss

For as he gazed into her eyes so bright  
He saw a reflection of his own, a glimmer of light  
In her, he found solace, a sense of peace  
A feeling so foreign, for Death it could cease

But their love was forbidden, danger and beauty  
For, in the end, Death had to fulfil his duty  
He kissed her goodbye with a heavy heart  
Knowing they could never be from the start

And as he took her soul, he shed a single tear  
For he knew his love for her would never disappear  
In the depths of his realm, he kept her memory alive  
For, in the end, their love could forever thrive.

### In the Wake of Consistency

Arpit Jha

DP1 Student

Consistency, a melody that echoes through time,  
In its light, when stagnation seems a crime,  
When every step forward feels like a test,  
That's when you push on, give your best.  
Disregard the hurdles, face them with might,

Each move, a dance in the valorous night.  
Consistency and discipline, your guiding light,  
Against exhaustion's grip, they stand to fight.  
Not the finest path, but the sole trail to reach,  
In its unfaltering rhythm, your aspirations spread.  
So, in the realm of perseverance, you stay,  
Bound to consistency, come what may.

### My Girls

Disha K

DP1 Student

The place where I feel most at home  
I can be my idiot self  
I can make mistakes  
And get a really bad lecture after  
But they'll always come and fix it  
I can talk about a boy more than a 1000 times  
I can get away with even crime  
I can say I hate something and go right back  
Just because they'd understand  
I can vent my heart out and they'd be right there  
Listening to every part  
I can feel welcome  
After not being welcomed anywhere for so long  
I can try and finally have some fun  
While being told I'm always loved  
My girls have become my home  
It's like finding a place of my own  
I belong here in your hearts  
Please don't ever throw me out

### हसरत

साई अमोघ

DP1 Student

उसकी हसरत है जिसे दिल से मिटा न सकूँ,  
ढूँढ़ने उसको चला हूँ जिसे पा न सकूँ,

वक्त कम्बख्त ने गला घोंटा है,  
हाल सुनाऊँ तो सुना न सकूँ,

बेवफा लिखते हैं अपनी कलम से मुझको,  
यही किस्मत का लिखा हुआ है जिसे मिटा न सकूँ,

उसकी यादें सताती हैं हर रोज़ मुझको,  
यही वो सिलसिला है जिसे भुला न सकूँ।

## My Favourite Protein - Enzymes

**Kavya Subbannavar**  
DP1 Student

I don't think anyone has ever said something like this before. I mean, a favourite protein, seriously? But hear me out! Enzymes are so fascinating. An enzyme is a protein that speeds up the rate of any chemical reaction. They are known as biocatalysts, but I call them molecular matchmakers. They possess a supernatural ability to play cupid for molecules. Each enzyme seeks out its perfect substrate match, accelerating growth, and leading to a very successful career of speeding up chemical reactions. It's almost like a tale of biochemical love at first sight-definitely a book I'd read. Another really good analogy I came up with is that enzymes are the head chefs at a restaurant that work with only certain specific ingredients. Each dish, which I'd like to think of as a chemical reaction, requires specific ingredients (substrates) and cooking techniques (catalysis). Just like how the chef combines these ingredients to create a finger-licking gourmet meal with expertise, enzymes bring together molecules to speed up reactions. The chef is always ready to cook more of these gourmet meals; similarly, these enzymes can be reused to fulfil their function in the human body. Now, that was just a sneaky way to get you to understand how enzymes work as catalysts to speed up reactions in the body. The real reason why enzymes are my favourite protein is simply that they remind me of Pac-Man, a game I loved to play back in primary school.

## A Journey Through Existence

**Anusha Gunupudi**  
Physics Facilitator

On the vast expanse of a towering rock, encircled by others, we find ourselves caught in a perpetual merry-go-round of existence. Drifting through the air, we engage in ceaseless battles, striving for fairness amidst the turmoil of life. Yearning to touch the distant reaches of the sky, we plunge deep into the depths with equal fervour. In our quest, we often long for miracles, oblivious to the miraculous nature of our own being.

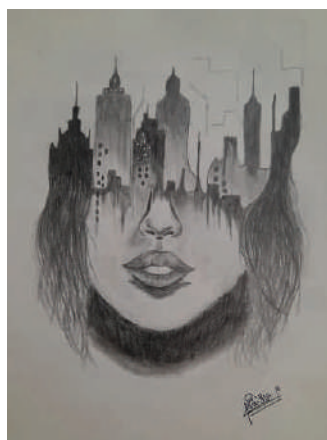
Yet, within us lies a profound cause and purpose, giving rise to life and the changing seasons. Despite being surrounded by protection, our senses falter, leaving us in a state of desperate ignorance. At times, I ponder the why of it all, hoping for introspection from others. For in our shared journey, it is through questioning and seeking understanding that we may uncover the deeper truths of our existence.

# Photography and Art

**Nihitha Hegde**  
DP1 Student

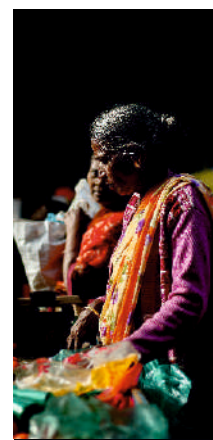


Ethereal Grace



Aching Metropolis

**Svayamindra Kulkarni**  
DP1 Student



# Educator's Reflections

Dear Protostars of our Cosmos,

Congratulations on reaching this milestone. As you prepare to leave and embark on your journey beyond our "School Galaxy" confines...

Remember, Fundamental principles that govern the universe also govern your journey ahead. That every action you take will have an equal and opposite reaction. Just as in physics, every effort you put forth will yield results, whether immediately apparent or not. Just as in electromagnetism, where opposites attract and currents flow, may you attract positivity and opportunities while navigating the currents of life.

Embrace the principles of momentum and inertia, knowing that your determination and perseverance will carry you through any obstacles you may face.

As you navigate the waves of life, just like being a wave, may you adapt to changes with grace and resilience, understanding of the laws of motion guides you in making wise decisions and propelling yourselves towards success.

My warmest farewell to all of you

**"The Future Shining Stars"**

May the forces of the universe be with you

**Anusha Gunupudi**

Physics Educator

It's been a privilege to be a part of the first batch of the Knowledgeum Academy.

The Business Management class has been a roller coaster ride for both of us.

As you learnt the subject concepts and how to function as an IB student, you taught me too. You taught me how to laugh at myself, how to enjoy the moment and how to be blase.

Dream big and aim to have the world at your feet. 'Kaizen' is the key'. At the same time, be responsible, empathetic and close to your roots.

As Zig Ziglar said, **"You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great"**.

Do write in with your success stories, big or small in the coming years.

**Latha Balaji**

Business Management  
Educator

As I reflect on this momentous school year, I'm filled with an overwhelming sense of pride and excitement. Witnessing the growth and achievements of my first batch of IB Biology students has been nothing short of inspiring.

Throughout the year, we embarked on a journey of discovery, delving into the intricacies of life and unravelling the mysteries of the natural world. From exploring the wonders of cellular biology to grappling with the complexities of genetics, each lesson was a voyage of intellectual exploration and scientific inquiry.

Of course, no journey is without its challenges. We faced daunting exams, intricate concepts, and the occasional experiment gone awry. Yet, through perseverance, collaboration, and a healthy dose of determination, we overcame every obstacle that stood in our way.

Teaching in this esteemed institution, Knowledgeum Academy has been an honour and a privilege. The support, encouragement, and resources provided by the school have played a pivotal role in our students' success. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to be part of such a vibrant and nurturing community, where passion for learning thrives and excellence is celebrated.

Together, we celebrated breakthroughs, conquered uncertainties, and embraced the joy of learning. As I look back on our shared experiences, I am reminded of our students' incredible resilience and spirit.

To my remarkable students: as you embark on your next chapter, remember the lessons learned, the challenges overcome, and the endless possibilities that lie ahead. Your passion, curiosity, and tenacity have left an indelible mark on our school community and I am confident that you will continue to soar to new heights in the years to come.

Here's to the end of one journey and the beginning of countless others. Cheers to the Class of 2024, and may your future be as bright as the stars themselves.

**Dr. Parul Verma Jain**

Biology and ESS Educator



Dear Learners,

Firstly, I extend my heartfelt wishes for your future endeavours. Our journey together has been truly memorable, and I want to express my gratitude for your respect, participation in sports activities, and adherence to our guidelines. Each of you possesses unique talents and strengths in various subjects; continue to nurture them diligently.

However, amidst our academic pursuits, let us not overlook the fundamental aspect of our well-being. It is imperative to prioritize our overall health. Therefore, I encourage you all to allocate at least an hour each day for physical exercise to maintain a healthy body, dedicate 20-30 minutes to meditation for a serene mind, engage in group sports once a week for social well-being, and ensure a balanced, nutritious diet.

Wishing you all the best in your endeavours. May you stay fit, healthy, and prosperous.

**Basavaraj N Hiremath**

Sports Educator

Dear Class of 2024,

As you prepare to walk across the stage and receive your hard-earned high school diplomas, I want to take a moment to congratulate you all on this milestone.

Although I joined school this year, I feel extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to work with all of you during this important transition.

From our very first interactions, I was blown away by your drive, resilience and purposefulness. Watching you juggle academics, extracurriculars, submissions, IAs, and EEs with poise was inspiring. In our one-on-one meetings, I was continuously impressed by your authentic self-reflection and thoughtfulness about aligning your strengths and values with potential paths forward.

While our time was brief, I felt profoundly impacted by your collective passion, determination and joy for learning and growing. As you transition to your next great adventure, remember to stay true to your authentic selves. Don't be afraid to take risks, stay uncomfortable and challenge your perceived limits along the way. Stay curious, work smart and never stop dreaming big dreams.

Wishing you all the success and fulfillment you deserve.

**Jyoti Surana**

Hindi Educator and  
Career Counsellor

Dear Students,

It has been a pleasure facilitating the Psychology and Theory of Knowledge courses for your batch. Over the past year, I have seen each of you grow and overcome the challenges you have faced. As you move on to new venues for education, I would like to remind you that you are unique and special as an individual. Life will offer you many opportunities and obstacles, so let your values and goals guide you in choosing how you deal with them. As you travel the world and journey of life, make and maintain healthy relationships to enhance your experiences. When in need, remember that you will always find a well-wisher in me. Good luck!

**Sruthi Suresh**

Psychology Educator and  
TOK Coordinator

Dear Students,

Congratulations on reaching this milestone, dear graduates! As you embark on your journey beyond school, recall the valuable lessons you've learned that will serve as your compass through life's challenges. Embrace change, for it is the only constant in life. Cultivate kindness, for it nourishes the soul and fosters connections. Don't let the child inside you fade away, for it holds the key to creativity and wonder. Reflecting on the journey of teaching Computer Science to all of you fills me with gratitude. It's been a rewarding adventure witnessing your growth and enthusiasm. Stay curious, embrace innovation, and continue to learn and grow. Farewell, and may your future endeavours be filled with success and fulfillment!

**Dr. D Janet Ramya**

Computer Science Educator

Congratulations to you all! As you step into the next phase of your life, remember that challenges are catalysts for growth, shaping you into a resilient individual. Embrace your independence, be bold in your thinking, and cultivate a positive outlook that will light your path through life's twists and turns. Believe in your abilities, follow your passions, and let your dreams soar high. As you embark on this exciting journey, may courage, wisdom, and unwavering determination be your companions, guiding you towards a future filled with success, happiness, and fulfilment. Congratulations once again, and may your future be as bright as your dreams!

**Prity Pramanik**

Chemistry Educator

# Educator's Reflections

To my mischievous, obedient, and fun-loving IBDP bunch,

Thank you for the wild ride! We've thrived together, overcoming homework hurdles and sharing endless laughter. Wishing you all the best for life's adventures ahead. Stay awesome!  
Regards,

**Keerti**

English Educator

Queridos Estudiantes,

It brings me great pride as your class teacher to extend my warm wishes. As you embark on this new journey, reflect on the memories we've shared, the knowledge acquired, and the bonds formed. Each one of you holds limitless potential to leave a lasting impact on the world. Embrace challenges, celebrate achievements, and stay true to yourselves. As you grow, remember that success isn't solely about amassing wealth but also about the impact we have on others. Farewell and best of luck in your endeavours!

Stay blessed!

**R A Jaykumar**

Spanish Educator

Dear Students,

As we come to the close of this chapter in our journey together, I find myself reflecting on the whirlwind of experiences, growth, and memories we've shared over the past two years. Through the highs and lows, challenges and triumphs, each of you has brought a unique energy and passion that has enriched our school community beyond measure. It's been a roller coaster ride, filled with moments of laughter, learning, and personal growth that I'll always hold.

May you tackle your exams with confidence, knowing that you've worked hard and grown in ways you may not even realize. Remember, the friendships you've formed, the lessons you've learned, and the experiences you've gained have all prepared you for the journey ahead. Embrace the challenges, chase your dreams, and never forget the incredible potential that lies within each of you. It's been an honour and privilege to be a part of your lives, and I do not doubt that each of you will go on to achieve amazing things. Wishing you all the best in your future endeavours, and may your paths be filled with joy, success, and fulfillment.

**Madhuri Mishra**

Economics Educator

Dear DP Visual Art Students,

As we stand at the threshold of yet another chapter in our lives, it's with a bittersweet feeling that we bid adieu to our graduating visual art students. Your time with us has been nothing short of inspiring, filled with strokes of creativity, bursts of imagination, and an unwavering commitment to the craft.

In every brushstroke, every sketch, and every piece you've created, you've not only showcased your talent but also revealed the depth of your passion for art. Your dedication to refining your skills and exploring new techniques has been commendable, and it's evident in the masterpieces you've left behind.

Moreover, I have been consistently impressed by your willingness to collaborate, share ideas, and support your fellow artists.

Though you may be leaving our physical space, your legacy will forever be imprinted on our hearts and within the walls of our studio. Your art will continue to inspire generations to come, serving as a testament to your talent, your passion, and your indomitable spirit.

While it saddens me to say goodbye, I am excited to see where your artistic journey takes you next. Always remember that you carry with you the skills, passion, and resilience that you have cultivated during your time here. Know that you will always have a home in our art community and that your legacy will continue to inspire future generations of artists.

Congratulations, outgoing visual art students. Shine on, and paint the world with your brilliance.

With warm regards,

**Sureshachar**

Visual Arts Educator

Dear Students,

It is rightly said that life is a challenge. So never shy away from them, and always chase your dreams. Believe in yourself, and success will follow. May your eagerness to learn and do better never end, as you have a bright future ahead. Let nothing deter you from putting your best foot forward.

The best thing about schools is that they teach you to think outside the box. No problem in life is big enough as long as you have this ability. I wish you luck and success in all your future endeavours.

**Shirley Miranda**

Library Educator









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