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# ENIGMA

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HOPETOWN GIRLS'  
SCHOOL

*He painted, I hurt, or should I say love  
are artful, and you will find masterpieces  
made in you.  
I really smiled, "Loving you  
making stars, painted in your eyes"*

*Alim*

# FINALLY FREE TO LOVE

Deeksha Mehta advocates in favor of the LGBTQI+ Community

**P**eople are identified by labels, but should it be used for a context to insult others? The power of acceptance has taken over us thus when feeling unaccepted, we tend to partially change ourselves just to fit in the society. We have known our society to be 'Judgmental' but we learn. People learn.

We sacrifice our uniqueness and abilities, hide our flaws, change who we are – all in the hopes of feeling normal and accepted. We soon forget ourselves and the real us is gone from our lives and our world. It is well said, "ACCEPTANCE HAS NO EXCEPTIONS."

LGBT – meaning lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender – are the initials of a wide community. However, we forget and ignore the fifth letter, i.e. Q. 'Q' stands for either 'queer' or 'questioning.'

Queer – refers to anything existing outside the dominant narrative.

Questioning – refers to someone who is still figuring out their gender by trying to identify their sexual orientation.

These terms have been used to display content or disapproval toward the LGBT community for decades but are now being reclaimed.

Various other initials are also considered for which LGBTQ refers to the whole community.

L – Lesbian

G – Gay

B – Bisexual

T – Transgender

T – Transsexual

T – Two Spirit

Q – Queer

Q – Questioning

I – Intersex

A – Asexual

Moreover, phrases such as parasexual, agender, gender queer, bigender, gender variant and paragender are also used sometimes to express the people in this community and also the supporters of the community.

History owes an apology to the LGBT community and their families for the public shame and disgrace that they have suffered for centuries. The members of this society have been excluded from the social setup for a large span of time and have lived a life full of fear of retaliation and of being treated badly.

After a battle of two decades, on September 6, 2018, the supreme court of India passed 'Section 377' of the Indian Penal Code which criminalized homosexuality or same sex marriage.

Considering the present statistics provided by our government regarding this modification, the following measures have rightfully been legalized:

Homosexual activity in India

Donating blood

Conversion therapies

In addition to that, age of consent is equal to all.

However, adoption by homosexuals and serving in the military are still illegal in the country. Employment discrimination and housing discrimination require sexual orientation and gender identity as well. Thus, the government still does not give complete protection to the community under any circumstances of discrimination. We moved one step ahead but also took one back.

This deprives us of our happiness but at the same time makes us feel proud for being the citizens of India – where people fight for their right, their happiness and their well-being; where people are ready to support every soul as its their very own; where people are not scared to speak the truth – regardless of all the political, social as well as the religious barriers.

The day is considered a blessing for those citizens who were not accepted in our society.

It was hard to accept the drastic change that our country saw but we now stand as one community – without fear, without discrimination and without repression – to face any obstacle thrown our way. We are united as one nation. We are in it together for good or for bad. We are free to love.

INDIA IS FINALLY FREE TO LOVE!

"The greatest gift you can give to others is the gift of unconditional love and acceptance"

# HONOUR THE FALLEN

Shreya Khetan reports on the recently concluded Military History Seminar in WBS

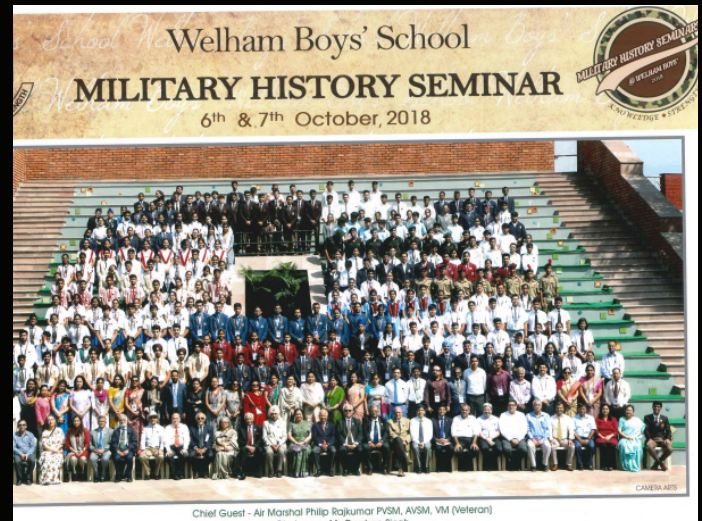
The Welham Boys' school here inaugurated what has been billed as the country's first seminar on military history on Friday. Students from 28 schools from across the country participated in the event. Opening the seminar, former Army chief Gen (retired) V K Singh, said that "it is important to understand military history of India so as not to repeat the mistakes of the past and to strategise better. Indian military history is replete with examples of bravery, honour and courage." In the two-day long 'Military History Seminar 2017', students will be made aware of India's relationship with neighbouring countries such as Pakistan and China, as well as about the Kargil war in 1999, among other topics. Authorities of Welham Boys' said the purpose behind organising the conference was to "get young minds thinking about various facets of the Indian military". They also said that events such as these might lead to schools even adopting military history as part of their curricula. Eight girls from Hopetown participated in this seminar. They engaged themselves in several discussions and asked questions such as a prospect of friendship between India and Pakistan, combat roles for women in the military, dearth of enough officers in the Army, among many others issues. The seminar ended in comprehensive research papers, written under the guidance of staff mentors at Welham Boys' school.

The Principal of the school Gunmeet Bindra said, "Perhaps today, people between the age of 10 and



50, know almost nothing of the action in Kashmir in 1947-48 or the wars in 1962, 1965, 1971 and Kargil war of 1999. This is apart from the tension that persists on our borders. In all countries of the World such ignorance is avoided and our children

should also be taught their own Military History. We need to bridge this gap and this seminar is a modest effort in this direction."



## inthenews

### PAUL GOSAR

Six siblings of American congressman feature in attack advertisements against his re-election



1 Gosar is seeking re-election from Arizona in November's midterms. In the video adverts, his brothers and sisters publicly endorsed his Democratic opponent, all but ensuring an awkward Thanksgiving family dinner this year

2 The Republican, who first entered Congress in 2011 with the backing of the populist Tea Party movement, is known for the hardline views on immigration

3 He is the odds-on favourite to retain his seat in the rural, conservative state when he faces Democrat David Brill this fall. But that didn't stop six of his nine brothers and sisters from opposing him.



# IAYP

INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

## IAYP BRONZE TREK

On the 29th of September, grade IX went to Maldevta Farms for the IAYP Bronze trek. It was a spine thrilling experience for each one of us who attended the trek. After working like cogs in machine this trek was much awaited to rejuvenate, refresh and reenergize us. This trek taught us to adapt with the most severe condition without showing any tantrums. It all started like we finding our own way to reach the base camp with the help of compass, which was just too interesting. Then we were provided with extremely relishing chocolates. After that we did activities like Burma bridge, river crossing and commandos net. Although no outside food can compete Hopetown's food, the food we got there was too scrumptious. Then we took rest for an hour. Later our teacher had a tough time waking us up for the long and tiring trek. Although the trek was exhausting, the destination was worth everything. There was a cave made out of calcium and sulphur particles. It was so fascinating that we could not believe our eyes. Then we returned and we served with extremely relishing snacks. After that we went for a night trek which was not at all tiring but worth it. The eerie atmosphere added to the excitement. We gazed at stars with our friends which was so mesmerizing. We had our supper and went to bed as we were tired. Next morning it was very cold so we wore our zippers. And enjoyed in the lap of nature. We had our breakfast and then headed towards our trek (Dwara). The trek was not tiring but adventurous we went through the thinnest routes on our way back. We picked up garbage, had our lunch and came back to school. Each one of us had an enriching experience worth remembering.

## IAYP SILVER TREK



A group of 26 Hopetavians went for the IAYP Silver trek from the 29th September to 1st October. There was a training session before the trek where they learnt basic survival skills. The trip started with a lot of enthusiasm. The group reached the Koti village from where they trekked for six continuous hours to reach Dudhli Gaon, the experience was quite new for the tenth graders. After some refreshments in the evening, the group went for a small meditative hike which was very refreshing and the beautiful scenery from the top of the hill was mesmerizing.

After an adventurous night in the tents, the group trekked to Hathi Paon where on the way, the group saw the 'Bandarpoonch Hill' and 'George Everest'. After reaching the destination the group then set their camps for the night in Binog sanctuary (Uttarakhand).. The next day was the return journey to school. It was a remarkable experience and the group looked forward to another such expedition.





# FRAMED!

Photographer of the Month

Sejal Jain, Photography Vice Captain

## IAYP GOLD TREK

*On 1st October 2018, a group of 30 senior school students and 4 staff members set out for the IAYP Gold Trek to the calm and serene valley of Maldevta. Every year the gold trek examines various qualities of a person such as social concerns, camaraderie, mental & physical limits and so on by it's arduous and tiresome expeditions. We chalked a theme for our expedition which was 'One For All, All For One.'*

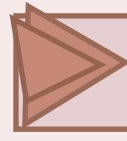


Wildlife photography is a genre of photography in which the photographer has to be concerned about capturing different types of wildlife in their natural habitat.

Along with having photography skills the photographer also requires field craft skills like the tactical skill to operate stealthily and the methods used to do so, which can differ during day or night and due to weather or terrain.) providing pictures of animals are essential for education ,and countless other industries , it needs patience and the ability to work in different conditions.

This time the photographer of the month is **Yashaswi Jain of grade 11** , she has shown immense interest in wildlife photography, not only that she carries the same passion about each genre of photography, also every time she tries to experiment with different aspects with her creative ideas and share them with others, Yashaswi has been a great help to the club and has captured many breathtaking pictures.

# THE PATH OF LIFE



## SHORT STORIES

Nehalpreet Kaur Kathuria

A girl so lonely and afraid  
walking down the path of life,  
though she knows she doesn't have anyone  
she isn't afraid to try.

Down the way she keeps going  
knowing every step could be the end  
she knows she could be tortured  
or may even be burned to death.

All try to pull her down  
from the steps she had taken  
nobody cared  
even if they do what's forsaken.

She got stuck a thousand times  
and tried to ask for mercy  
but nobody cared and thought  
that she'd be better off to hell.

She knows she can survive  
all the burdens on the way  
but there is something really important  
that she needs to say.

"I am not done with this life  
I still have a lot to pay  
maybe for all the wrong things  
done by me everyday.

I know I can do it  
even if people pull me down  
my only aim is to survive,  
defeat the life and take the crown"

With that she stands tall  
like the highest building ever built,  
she knows now no one can stop her  
with that she continues without guilt!

### **Connectivity, Defence Top Agenda In Modi's**

**Japan Visit:** Defence and connectivity, with an eye to China, will top the agenda when Prime Minister Narendra Modi makes his two-day state visit to Japan from October 28. The two governments will make announcements regarding two agreements allowing closer naval cooperation.

### **Khashoggi body parts in Saudi envoy's garden?:**

Even as an investment conference opened in Riyadh in the shadows of the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, which prompted a boycott of the conference by Western politicians, top world bankers and company executives, Dogu Perincek, leader of Turkey's main opposition Rodina party, claimed that Khashoggi's body parts were discovered in a well in the garden at the Saudi consul general's home in Istanbul, Haberler reported.

Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said in a speech in Ankara's Parliament that there were strong signs Jamal Khashoggi's "savage" (as pointed out by Turkey) killing was planned, and attempts by Riyadh to suggest it was a rogue operation by intelligence operatives "will not satisfy us".

### **India summons Pak envoy over death of 3 soldiers:**

India summoned a senior official of the Pakistan high commission in New Delhi on Tuesday and lodged strong protest over the loss of lives of three of its soldiers during an infiltration bid by Pakistani terrorists in the Sunderbani sector of Jammu and Kashmir on October 21. The Pakistan high commission official was summoned to the ministry of external affairs (MEA) and a demarche was made, MEA said in a statement.

**NATO soldier killed in attack in Afghanistan:** A NATO soldier was killed and two others wounded in a Taliban-claimed attack in Afghanistan on Monday, days after a US general was wounded in a shooting. "Initial reports indicate the attack was committed by a member of the Afghan security forces," NATO's Resolute Support said in a statement.



## NO STRESS, RELAX.

Puneya Sachdeva talks about the stress-busting "Happy Hopetown Day"

This year the council of 2018 initiated the 'Happy Hopetown Day', this day was celebrated to take out a day from the regular schedule in order to enjoy and have a stress-free day, which would ease the ongoing tension in every mind.

Dr. Jahnson a great poet of the 18th century wrote: "Allow children to be happy in their own way, for what better way will they find?" that is the exact phrase that explains the day. 9th of October was a lazy day for all Hopetavians, with no early morning wake up call and a tasty brunch and of course each Hopetavian is a proud supporter of messy hair and pj's all day.

Everyone enjoyed it in their own way. The dinner at the end was like frosting on the cake. sometimes the most productive thing we can do is relax and Happy Hopetown Day just reminded each hopetavian "Relax! life is beautiful."

## TOTALLY FED UP

**Indians are literally a fed up lot, more than any other nationality in the world.**

And what's made us so fed up? More than the falling rupee against the dollar and the resultant record high petrol and diesel prices, more than the pre elections wrangling and charge and counter charge between the NDA government and the Opposition about demonetisation (which for a matter of fact has not done any good to the country but has only added a new word to most of indian's vocabulary) and the Rafale deal, what really has us fed up, as it has long been doing, is Stereotypes or rather being stereotypes. So why do Stereotypes persist?

**1. Stereotypes are functional:** As audience members we are bombarded with much more information than we can process. Our tendency is to reduce complexity to simplicity. We trade-off for

## ANNUAL ATHLETICS MEET

Shreya Khetan

The much awaited 14th Annual Athletics Meet involving the March Past, Athletics and other track events was a great success. Many athletes who participated in the various events organised are medalists who have represented the Uttarakhand State and also played at the National level. The Prize Distribution Ceremony was held in the evening. Our School Captain's mother Mrs Nelly Gbenah was the Chief Guest on the occasion. She lauded the efforts made by the School in promoting sport and encouraged the concerned staff as well as the students with her motivating speech.



simplification, which can lead to inaccuracy and we are often unaware of this deduction.

**2. Stereotypes are results of selectivity in social perception:** We tend to see what we expect to see, and we have a tendency to twist and distort the characteristics of others until it fits our stereotype of that particular group.

**3. Prejudice:** This is the most influential factor in stereotyping. Our perceptions are highly subjective, and many people subscribe to derogatory descriptions of ethnic groups. Unfortunately the selectivity of a person's perception result in people seeing what they expect to see when they come in contact with members of an ethnic group they view with prejudice.

## THIRD EYE

## IN THE ULTIMATE ANALYSIS, WE ARE THE PRODUCTS OF OUR CONSCIOUS CHOICES!

Shreya Khetan

### KEJRIWAL ATTACKED WITH CHILLI POWDER IN SECRETARIAT

**NEW DELHI:** Delhi police have detained one person for throwing chili powder at Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal. The man, who identified himself as Anil Kumar, allegedly attacked the chief minister near his office inside the Secretariat building. Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) condemned the incident, calling it a "serious security lapse." They also described the act as "politically motivated" while asserting that the BJP is hatching a conspiracy in collusion with Delhi police to attack the minister.

Police said 40-year-old Sharma, a resident of Naraina has been detained for questioning. While the AAP blamed the BJP for the alleged attack, the Delhi chief of the saffron party Manoj Tiwari said such incidents "cannot be tolerated or justified by anybody" and called for a high-level probe.

*Life is a game of choices and probabilities can be calculated for choosing the better choice. There is no escape from decisions, you have no other options. From the words you speak, to the tiniest action of the day, not a moment passes when you can live without taking a decision. And always remember, "with great power comes great responsibility."*

*From hitting the snooze button for the first time, to how many times do you hit it before you get out of the bed it is a choice. Thereafter, from the smallest acts such as whether to go for a walk, jog or stay at home to watch Korean dramas is yet another decision. What to have for breakfast, what time, with whom and where, is yet another choice.*

*"Choices may seem endless and effect maybe for life, when someone is subjected to decision making and is not very wise."*

*But most of these decisions are not made consciously. This is an animal's life, wherein the animal is primarily acting out of his instinct, eating when hungry, reacting when attacked upon, sleeping when tired, moving around as if under the influence of some drug or chemical. The ant looks engrossed in its job of collecting food for itself, unaffected by any distractions on the outside. All species of life tend to react in a repetitive manner.*

*But as humans, living the day as per your choice is a choice.*

## MY WONDERWORLD

My Wonderworld  
People say  
Life is made of love and lust  
They don't know  
To be happy all u need is pixie dust

People say  
to achieve your aim u need a clue  
but cinderella just needed  
her luck and the shiny shoe

people say

you are good for nothing

never did Ariel knew  
she could rule over everything

people say  
love can do u no good  
neither did ariel knew  
that she could be saved by a man in the woods

people say  
don't fall in love u will cry at last  
but did anyone notice

beauty and the beast had a blast



# "FASTER, HIGHER, STRONGER"

*Mahii Madan reports on the Districts 2018*

*It is a choice you shall make in order to be happy and stay so. You may miss the bus if you fail to make the right decision at the right time. The act of switching over to the conscious level brings in the transformation, from being a bunch of conditioning based on yesteryear experiences of a person capable of acting in the now from a fresh perspective and outlook. Thus, change is necessary. In the end, we become a product of our choices.*



The Rastriya Indian Military College hosted the 72nd Annual Athletics Meet on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Our athletes performed exceptionally well and returned with 36 medals ; out of which 11 were GOLD, 18 SILVER and 7 BRONZE. Nonetheless, Hopetown won the overall Athletics Championship alongside RIMC in the Boys Category. We also won the U-14, U-18 and the Fair- Play Trophy. Three of our athletes won the 'Best Athlete' in the U-14, U-18 and U-20 category.



people say  
never take stuff from people u don't  
know  
but would snow white get her first  
kiss  
if she hadn't eaten the apple and fell  
with a blow

people say  
don't pick things from the way  
but would aladin have found the lamp  
and got three wishes to say

people say  
don't imagine too much  
but would have j.k rowling written harry potter  
if it wasn't for the imagining as such

people say a lot of things  
some are useful, some are useless  
only thing you need to think is  
be yourself, leave everybody else.

**-Nehalpreet Kaur Kathuria**

# THE ENIGMA

## GONE BY

*Fare Ye Well*

Many know the value of working hard, but few actually live up to it, and even fewer inspire others to follow their example. From Correspondent to Editor-in-Chief Anamika De who has always been a stellar example of the latter. From me spending my time in awe of the camaraderie of this group I just entered, trying to emulate that, my constant friend, mentor and role model was our very own, beautiful, Aiko Verma, the photographer as many in School fondly call her.

Behind the firmness was always a soft person who was frank, trustworthy and someone who could be counted upon. Whether it was staying awake for 48 hours in one go or consoulling me on my hard days, she was always there. She did not only teach us good photography but good vocabulary too. It is for that naked love, and so much more, that Aiko Verma's name will be inseparable from the Enigma's for many years to come.

With a dexterity that is hard to match, Aiko has always been an active participant in Enigma matters. A voice of reason with strong opinions, she has always spoken his mind and written what she firmly believes in. A mentor for all on the board, she has had an indelible impression on us. In her tenure as the Photography Head, she has made sure to leave behind a legacy that reflects a passion for the Enigma. Both as a photographer and senior, she taught me all that I know. Verma has always been a dear friend of mine and everyone on the board. In the end, I am certain that her inspiration and indomitable spirit will guide us.

Among the many seniors that I have worked under, Aiko has perhaps been the most intriguing. While she may not have been physically present, her valuable contribution to the Enigma was always appreciated. She was admitted to the board primarily for her writing prowess and of course heavenly photography talent, and managed to live up to everyone's expectations. Her knowledge of music, too, was unquestionable- her word on anything that was even remotely connected to music used to be the fi-

nal one! While Aiko may have had a different view on the role of a Photography Captain, she leaves us with some great ideas and even greater memories!



## AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 WORDS

Lankan President seeks talks to end power struggle in country. Philips TVs to make a comeback in India. Lakshya Sen loses in semis, gets bronze. England win Test series in Sri Lanka after 17 years. I.T. Minister of India K J Alphons to visit Sabarimala. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath renamed Faizabad as 'Ayodhya'. Two militants killed in South Kashmir gunfight. WW2-era fighter plane crash kills 2 in Texas. DeSantis wins Florida governor's race. Stingray stabs swimmer off Australian beach.

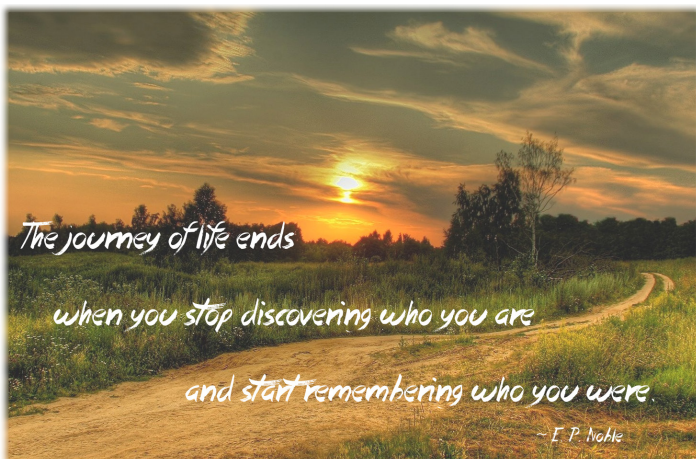


# JOURNEY OF LIFE

Vrinda Lall

*What do we understand by journey? It's us moving from a place to get to a better one. A journey includes temporary stops, bumps on the roads that force us to slow down, rain that makes our path lazy and risky. But, do we stop permanently? NO. Because we are determined to get to the other destination without even caring about what comes in our way.*

*That's what life is, it gives us certain or plenty of reasons to stop and quit. It makes us give up hope on moving ahead. All we need is a little push to tell us that we are doing great and that it's worth moving forward. These are the people who have already experienced this path and know that we also deserve to experience it. They know better of what life is, as they've learnt their lessons early and don't hesitate to help. We need to take their helping hand and get up and start moving to know that this phase in our life is not final and this cannot be our permanent stop and that something beautiful awaits even after risks, bumps and rains....*



## Think About It.....

WHEN DICTATORSHIP IS A FACT,  
REVOLUTION BECOMES A RIGHT

-Victor Hugo

# BRUSHED!

Artist of the Month

Sidhiksha Lahkar, Art Vice Captain



Vidisha Keyal

Class-10

*She is a very passionate artist and portrays great enthusiasm regarding this subject. Her areas of interest mainly lies in pencil shading. She uses different types of strokes to create the look of texture and gives a very distinctive look to her paintings.*



# BEHIND THE SCENES

## SPOILERS

WHAT'S IN	WHAT'S OUT
<i>Districts Athletics</i>	<i>Sports Day</i>
<i>Sunflower</i>	<i>Girls like you</i>
<i>Dženera</i>	<i>Ismet</i>
<i>Candles</i>	<i>Mugs</i>
<i>Farewell</i>	<i>Investiture</i>
<i>Chilling Adventures of Sabrina</i>	<i>Riverdale</i>
<i>Huji</i>	<i>Retrica</i>



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