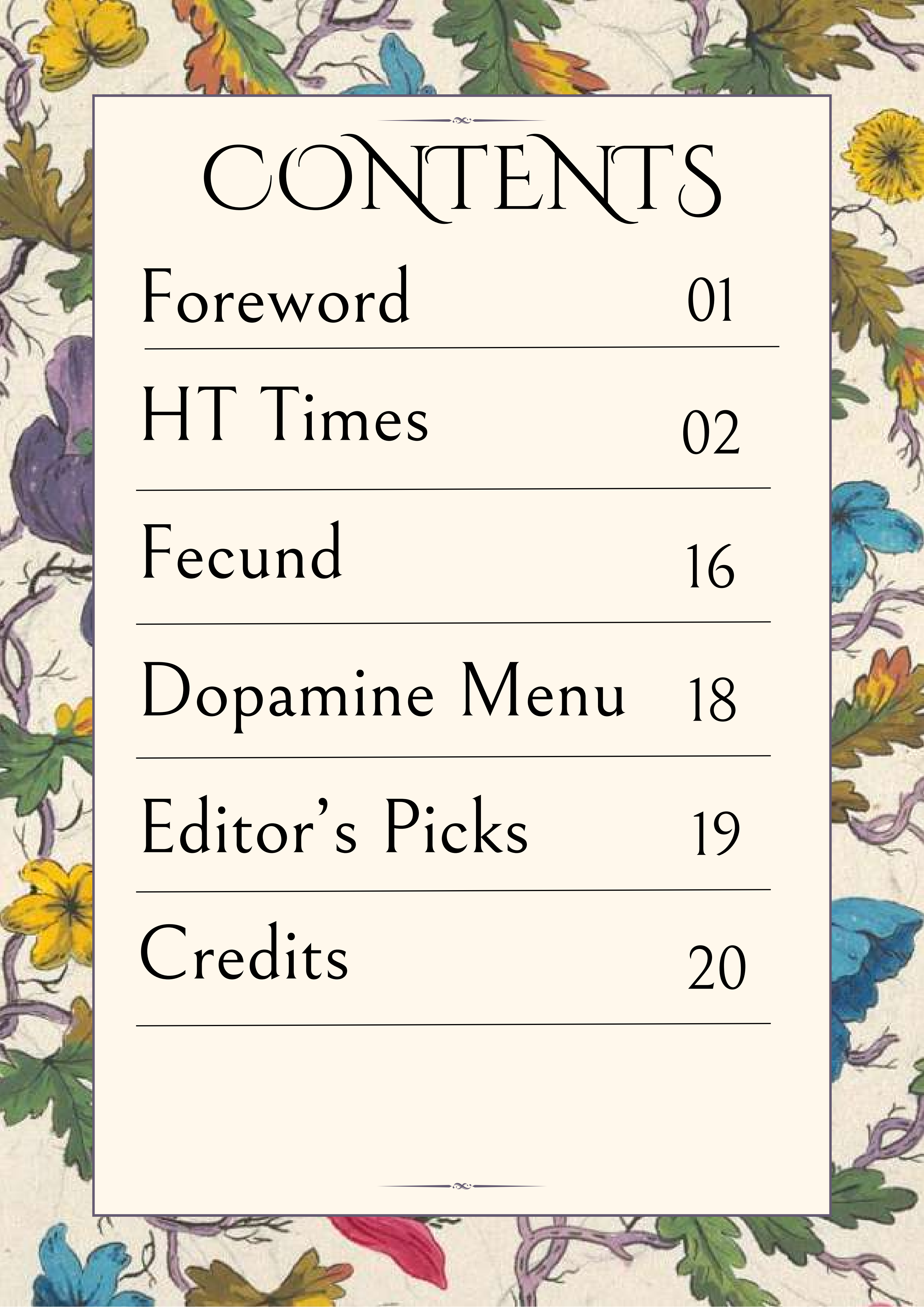


BENEATH THE PURPLE ROOF

December 2024- April 2025



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FOREWORD

Dear Readers,

It is with pure pleasure that I present to you the December 2024 to April 2025 Edition of Beneath the Purple Roof! This Edition is a glimpse of the excitement Hopetown is buzzing with. I hope you enjoy this Edition and have a good time reading it. I thank Sonia Ma'am for her guidance and support, as well as the Editorial Board for their dedication.

Happy reading!

Shreya

Dear Readers,

The temperatures may be rising, but the motto followed at Hopetown is:

‘Success is not measured by what you accomplish, but by the odds you have encountered, and the courage with which you have maintained the struggle against them.’

This semester has been all about examinations, results, curricular/ co-curricular/ sports activities and travel! Our girls have stood up to all the testing as well as the rejuvenating times and made us proud. This edition of BTPR surely will testify the truth as you read along.

Enjoy your time reading it!

Sonia Singh

HOD Department of English,

Teacher-in-charge Editorial.

Hopetown Girls' School

HT TIMES

FRENCH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Ten of our students arrived in France on 11th December to commence with the exciting journey of the French Exchange Program. This program offers a comprehensive and immersive experience for participants, blending academic, cultural, and social activities. Upon arrival in Lille, the group was introduced to a local high school, where they engaged in various classes and school-based activities, and were provided a unique insight into the French education system. During their stay they visited Eurodisney, the Louvre Museum, and the Grand Place Christmas Market in Lille, which offered the students a chance to explore French history, art, and festive traditions. The programme also emphasized cultural exchange through weekends spent with host families, allowing the students to experience everyday life in France. Additionally, activities like sports sessions, bowling, and guided tours of local landmarks, such as the Palais des Beaux-Arts, ensured a balanced mix of relaxation and learning. The itinerary was carefully designed to foster both academic development and personal connections, providing a memorable and enriching experience for all participants by the end of their visit on the 23rd of December.



MAYA MA'AM'S FAREWELL

On December 12, 2024, Hopetown Girls' School bid an emotional farewell to Ms. Maya Norula, who stayed as Principal HTGS for more than a decade. Her presence left a lasting impact on students and staff alike. As she begins a new chapter, she carries with her the heartfelt wishes of the entire school community.



WE WELCOME...

Our new principal, Ms Supriya Srivastava who is a visionary, warm, energetic, focused and open-minded individual. Having her on campus has given a new direction to the institution. The campus comes alive with her warm smile and endearing greetings. We look forward to reaching greater heights with her in the lead.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Christmas celebration on December 13th was a joyful and memorable event. Middle School students performed a touching play on the life of Jesus followed by a lively dance, thereafter, the choir uplifted everybody's spirit with carols.



Teachers impressed everyone with a captivating song medley. Students were honoured with badges for their efforts, and the event ended on a high note with Santa Claus spreading cheer and distributing candies.

FROM PAGE TO STAGE

The much-awaited Middle School Fest, "From Page To Stage" held on February 15th, 2025, was a huge success, bringing together middle school students from various schools to showcase their talents and creativity. With an exciting lineup of 10 diverse events, the fest had something for everyone! 'Sine Poster', 'Clay Screen', and 'Webpage Design', students displayed their artistic skills, while events like 'Behind the Lens', 'War of Words', and 'Word Wizardry' kept everyone on their toes. The 'Unbound Verses' and 'Drama' had the audience in fits of laughter, and the 'Band Unplugged, Choreography' was a spectacular musical treat. The Middle School Council kicked off the event with an unforgettable performance by their very own band, setting an energetic tone for the day. After intense competition, Vantage Hall emerged victorious, claiming the title of the Overall Fest Champion. It was an action-packed, unforgettable day that celebrated the incredible talent of middle schoolers and left everyone buzzing with excitement!



IZEL



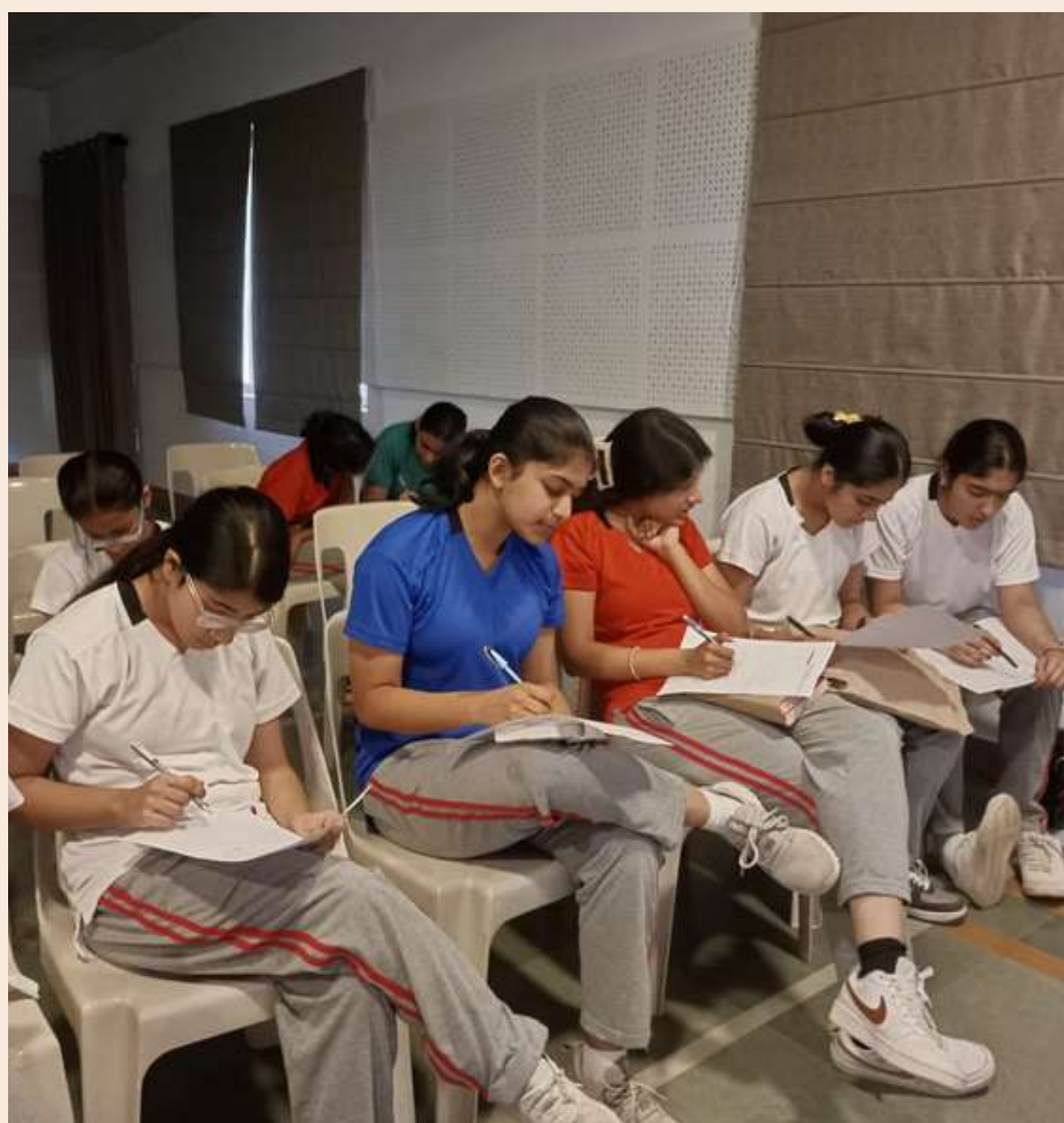
On March 1st, 2025, Grade 8 students flaunted their talent in Art when they participated in an Art Exhibition called "Izel" in the Performing Arts Block. Maya Ma'am, our former principal, was the chief guest for the exhibition. The theme centered around exploring different cultures; with each student selecting a culture she felt connected with or attracted to and creating extensive artwork, including Mood Boards, Trial Drawings, and the outcome of their artistic experience was fantastic.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

On the 8th and 9th of March, the new Student Council attended the Leadership Workshop conducted by Ms. Indrani Lahari. Throughout the Workshop, they learnt several crucial aspects of leadership and, also performed various activities as a practical approach towards delving into the important characteristics of leaders. After a series of interactive sessions and hands-on activities, the Council gained considerable knowledge which they are sure to implement further in their tenure.



CSE WORKSHOP



The Comprehensive Sexuality Education has been initiated at Hopetown Girls' School to educate young people with age-appropriate information about sexuality and their sexual and reproductive health. This year's CSE Workshop was conducted by Ms. Lavaniya Singh, Ms. Seema and Ms. Ayushi Walter from 5th to 11th March for Grades 10th and 12th. This session was informative and interactive for the students.

HOLI

Holi is a significant festival in India and has its roots in ancient Hindu Mythology. It is celebrated at the end of winter, on the last full moon day of the Hindu Lunisolar calendar month. This year, the festival fell on the 14th of March. All the students at HTGS, with unprecedented enthusiasm, played Holi with their friends using organic colours under the supervision of their teachers. They created memories that will last a lifetime.



INTER HOUSE BADMINTON



The Senior School Inter House Badminton Tournament, held from March 10th to 17th, was a thrilling week of intense matches and spirited competition. Emerald House secured 1st place in the doubles category with outstanding teamwork, while Ruby House secured 1st place in the singles category. Diamond and Sapphire Houses also put forth commendable efforts across both categories. The overall Inter House Badminton Trophy was won by Diamond House.

MIDTERMS

Grade 6 students embarked on an adventurous Mid-Term trip to Chakrata, Uttarakhand, where they explored village life, nature, and local culture. Highlights included obstacle courses, a visit to Lallau village to learn about Jaunsari traditions and governance, and a trek to Jhulkiya Danda to discover the region's biodiversity. Students also enjoyed team-building activities, a cultural dance program, and a bonfire night. A visit to the historic Ashoka Stone Edict added a historical touch to the journey.



Grade 7 students embarked on a reflective and enriching mid-term trip to Mussoorie, blending nature, culture, and self-discovery. Highlights included a visit to scenic Gun Hill Point and Mall Road. The immersive experiences in Sainji village and the peaceful Shedup Choephelling Temple were thoroughly enjoyed. A trip to Lakhamandal brought ancient myths to life, fostering curiosity and storytelling. Evenings were filled with music, reflection, and bonding among peers.



From March 26 to 29, 2025, 34 students of **Grade 8** visited Chail (Koti), Shimla, for an unforgettable Mid-Term camp. The days were packed with adventure—valley crossing, jumaring, rope courses—and evenings of stargazing, walks, and group sessions. The trip ended with students returning not just with memories, but with greater confidence and life skills.



This year, **Grade 9** students and 5 teachers went to Agra for the Mid-Term trip from 25th to 29th March 2025. Throughout the trip, the students visited various architectural marvels such as The Taj Mahal, The Agra Fort and The Sikandar Fort. They also visited Itmad-ud-Daula, followed by a tour to Fatehpur Sikri, where they visited the Panch Mahal Palace. They had an opportunity to experience the Mughal Heritage Walk, the Leather Factory, and the Kalakirti Culture & Convention Centre too. It was a very fruitful and educational experience for the students.



On 25th March, **Grade 11** set off on their Mid-Term trip—an unforgettable adventure. Their journey began in the serene valley of Bhimtal, where they visited the Bhimeshwar Mahadev Temple. In picturesque Nainital, they explored Naini Lake, Snow View Point, and the peaceful Naina Devi and Hanuman Garhi Temples. The excitement continued at Jim Corbett, with visits to the museum and national park, where they spotted deer, elephants, peacocks, and even a tiger! The trip concluded with a visit to the spiritual Hanuman Dham, leaving everyone with cherished memories.



WORLD WATER DAY

On the 29th of March, the Safe Club organised a special assembly to mark World Water Day, emphasising the importance of water conservation and sustainability. The event included a presentation that highlighted key facts about the global water crisis. This was followed by a skit performed by the Club members which illustrated the urgent need for water preservation.



MIDDLE SCHOOL INVESTITURE

At Hopetown Girls' School, leadership begins with responsibility, compassion, and the courage to inspire. On 11th April, the Middle School Investiture Ceremony took place. It was a momentous occasion where our young leaders stepped into their roles with pride and purpose. The outgoing Prefects passed on the responsibilities to a new Council filled with promise, integrity, and vision.

Ruby House Prefect- Samanvya Deswal
Diamond House Prefect- Amishi Khosla
Emerald House Prefect- Tanushree Mall
Sapphire House Prefect- Twisha Garg
Sports Prefect- Tiara Kapoor
Mess Prefect- Daisy Agarwal
G2 Prefect- Amishi Khosla
IT Prefect- Twisha Garg
Cultural Prefect- Shivashmi
Edboard Prefect- Heenal Wadhwa
Art Prefect- Chakrika Jaiswal



BOOK FAIR

On April 13, our school hosted the Scholastic Book Fair in AV Room 1. The space buzzed with excitement as students explored a wide range of books—from fiction and adventure to educational reads. The fair encouraged reading and gave students a chance to discover new genres and authors. It was a fun and enriching experience for all book lovers!



G2 TREKS

The G2 Treks on the 6th and 13th of April offered our Middle School students an interesting outdoor experience that blended adventure with personal growth. As they hiked through scenic trails, they stepped out of their routines, embraced teamwork, and built resilience. Surrounded by nature, they also discovered the value of mindfulness and curiosity in a refreshing, engaging setting.



CAREER COUNSELLING PROGRAMMES



HTGS has initiated various activities to facilitate the students with all the resources they may require for a successful future. Hometown has also collaborated with Career Launcher to guide students toward informed career choices. As part of this initiative, students are being offered demo classes for various competitive exams such as CUET, CLAT, IPMAT, and more. In addition, career counselling sessions are being conducted by Ms Neena Virmani to help students explore different fields, understand their strengths, and plan their academic paths accordingly. Various university fairs are being conducted to help students find the right university. This programme is a valuable opportunity for students to gain clarity and confidence about their future careers.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOP



As part of the General Studies lesson and the Career Counselling Programme, students of Grades 11 and 12 attended an inspiring session with alumna Perna Gupta, Batch of 2016. Perna shared her entrepreneurial journey and the founding story of her startup, Meherbaa.

Her talk offered valuable insights into taking initiative, identifying market gaps, and turning ideas into impactful ventures.

INITIATION CEREMONY

To mark their first step into Senior School, our new Grade 9 students were warmly welcomed by Grade 10 students with chocolates and thoughtful bookmarks. This sweet gesture celebrated growth, new beginnings, and the bond that ties one batch to the next. Here's to a fresh chapter full of learning, laughter, and lasting memories!



SPICMACAY

Dr. Jayateerth Mevundi, a distinguished vocalist of the Kirana Gharana from Hubli-Dharwad, is celebrated for his soulful renditions in Hindustani Classical, Santavani, and Dasavani. As part of SPICMACAY, he recently performed at Hopetown Girls' School on 16th April, accompanied by tabla maestro Hitendra Dixit and harmonium artist Aditi Garade.



TALENT HUNT

Talent Hunt is an Annual event that provides an open stage for the new members of the Hopetown family to showcase their distinct skills. This year, Talent Hunt took place on 19th April, and the new admissions at HTGS, who had been preparing for this event for quite some time, amazed the crowd with their art, dance, drama and melody.



ICE-BREAKING

To help the new girls settle in and get to know each other, an ice-breaking session was held at the Principal's residence on the 17th of April. It was a fun, relaxed evening filled with games, laughter, and lots of bonding. The cozy setting and friendly aura made everyone feel welcome. By the end of it, what started as a group of strangers felt more like the start of new friendships.



WSC (REGIONAL)

The WSC Regional Round was held at Unison World School on the 20th and 21st of April. 66 Hopetown students participated and won over 200 medals. Overall, it was an enriching and rewarding experience for the students.



Izhaar-e-Hunar

15th Edition



Winners

Stand-up Comedy–
Wynberg Allen School
Choreography–
Welham Boys' School
Orchestra–
The Doon School
Modelling–
Wynberg Allen School
Overall winner–
Wynberg Allen School



EARTH ART

Winners

Photomontage–

St. Joseph's Academy

Kirigami–

The Doon School

Canvas Painting–

The Doon School

Sculpture–

Shri Ram Centennial
School

Face Painting–

Shri Ram Centennial
School

Overall Winner–

Welham Boys' School

Junk Art–

Welham Girls' School

Mosaic Art–

Ecole Globale School



PTM

The school campus came alive on the 26th of April as the parents visited the school for the PTM.

STATE YOGA CHAMPIONSHIP



The Yoga Team of Hopetown Girls' School participated in the State Yoga Championship on the 27th of April. The girls showcased their remarkable skills and bagged 2 gold and 8 silver medals in multiple categories.

The details are as follows:

Aasana: 2 Gold won: Tanishka Agrawal & Mayra Nagpal

Aasana: 1 Silver medal: Stanzin Norzin

Pair Yoga: 3 Silver medals: Demira Mahajan, Yashika Bhargava & Aaradhya

Free flow: 4 Silver medals: Yashika, Manvi, Demira, & Prisha



DOON CUP

Ecole Globale International Girls School organised the Doon Cup football on the 24th and 25th of April. 9 schools participated in the Championship. The Under-14 Football Team of Hopetown won the Spirit Trophy, and the Under-19 Football Team won the Runner Up Spirit Trophy in their respective categories.



FECUND

Beyond the Mirror

An hourglass figure or thick curled-up lips,
Straight hair or wide round hips.
A waist less than 19 inches—
Seeing those so-called ‘perfect’ women...
That surely pinches.
Her thighs of thunder
Shouldn’t be a blunder.
Her chubby skin shows that she eats,
Yes, her belly rolls when she sits on a seat.
She’s told to lose or gain weight,
But never once told she doesn’t lack a trait.
Is it her fault for being a woman?
Does she really have to fit in?
Too much, too little—she should fit this Mould.
Voices surround her, restless and bold.
They measure her worth with an invisible line,
But her heart is wonderfully divine.
So, let them speak—let them draw all their lines.
But she’ll chart her own course—the universe shines.

Naisha Manaktala
IX

The Unheard Tragedy

Today, I hunted through the Classics section of a book fair. It had every famous writer- Jane Austen, George Elliot and others. However, my eyes were in desperate search for that one name. The name I did not find on any shelf, let alone the classics. The name was 'Sylvia Plath'. The actual forgotten writer. Her soul must be witnessing this tragedy, wondering that all her miseries went in vain because ultimately, nobody could hear her screams for help, neither back then, nor now. It doesn't matter whether she was a good author in anyone's opinion or not; her penning down the horrible incidents was enough. Enough to make her an author. Anyways, not seeing her name on the shelves brought tears to my eyes, because even after being the revolutionary woman she was, her name was erased from history, stomped upon by various misogynists, the people who were at a loss from her words. Doesn't she deserve to be remembered for the remarkable words she birthed from her melancholy, her agony? This is not just the story of one Sylvia Plath, there must be thousands of Sylvia Plaths we might not even know about because their words were treated like old newspapers, hidden under the new, more preferable ones.

Shreya Agarwal
XII

The Murdered Soul

I am seated on the peak of a mountain, so high above the lands and so much closer to heaven. I can look down upon things spread vast and far, and yet the only thing I look down upon seems to be myself. The wind chimes spread their serendipitous hue, yet the only noises I hear are the ones in my head. So, I am seated on the peak of a mountain, but I lie cold and dead in the deep, dark depths of an ocean, closer to the fires of hell in which I anticipate I'll burn. I am seated on the peak of a mountain with a beautiful sight for sore eyes yet the only thing I can think about is the magnitude of the fall from here, the trees are spread across the land and their fragrance seeps into my soul yet the only thing I can think of is the pain of crying under one of them. For the people walking by are all criminals; they are all murderers of my soul. So, when you are seated on the peak of a mountain, don't let the void silence you. Scream to volumes so the heaven above can hear you and the fires of hell can ignite. Be the justice to my soul, for my soul is murdered.

Mannat Dhall
XII



Dopamine Menu



STARTERS

Journal for a while

Hug a loved one

Have a cool beverage

Listen to your favourite music

MAIN COURSE

Walk barefoot on grass

Bake your favourite treat

Paint (even if you're bad)

Take a relaxing shower



DESSERTS

Call a friend

Get yourself flowers

Take a deep breath

Editor's Picks

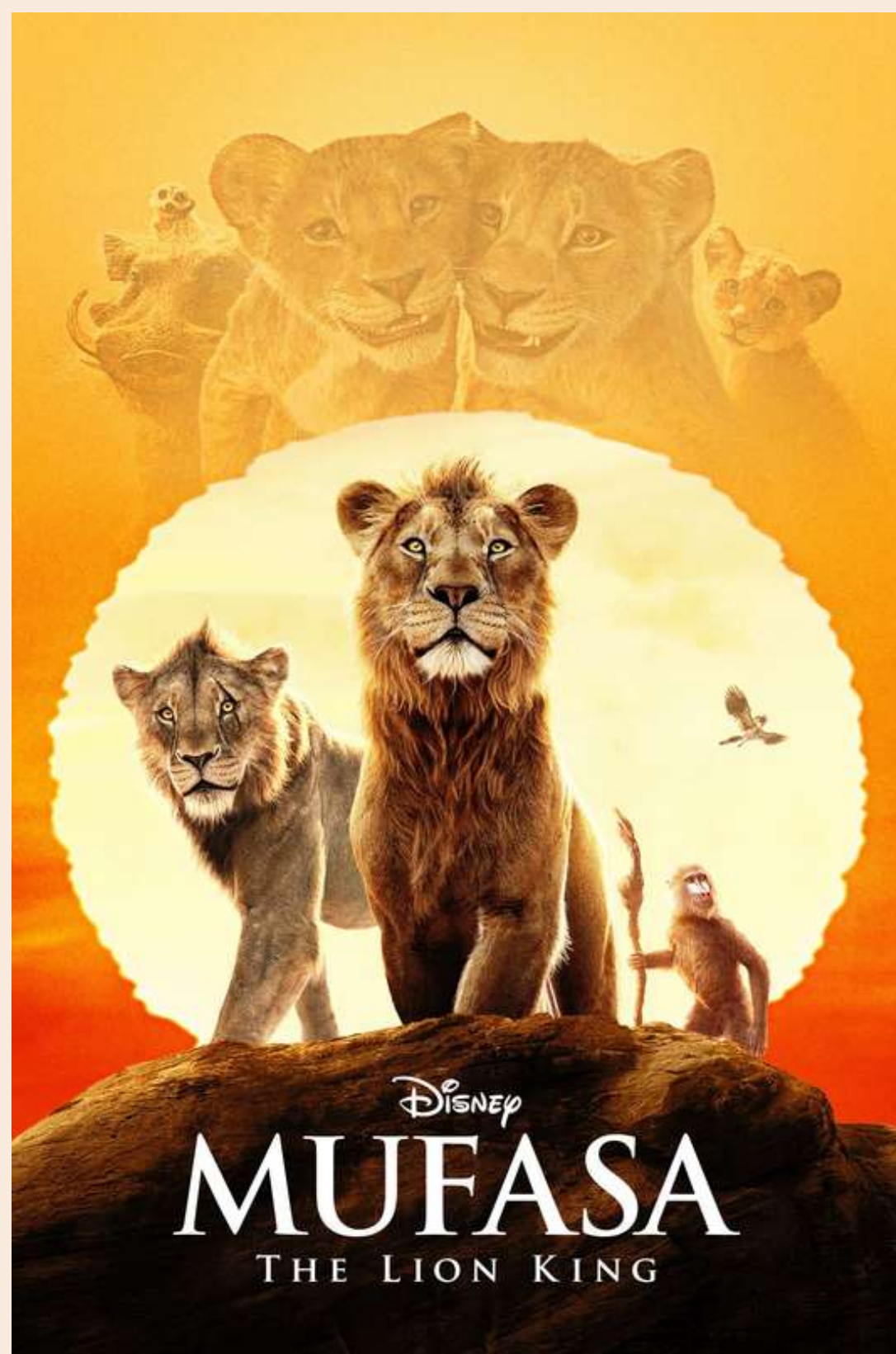
Ocean's 8



Ocean's 8 tells the story of Debbie Ocean, who, after her release from prison, assembles a team of skilled women to steal a \$150 million necklace at the Met Gala. With careful planning, teamwork, and clever tricks, they successfully carry out the heist and outsmart everyone involved. The film highlights intelligence, strategy, and the power of collaboration.

Mufasa

Mufasa: The Lion King explores the origin story of Mufasa, revealing how he rose from humble beginnings to become the wise and noble king of the Pride Lands. Through lessons of courage, friendship, and destiny, the film shows how Mufasa's character was shaped and how he earned his place as a legendary leader.



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