

FOURTH ESTATE

Hopetown Girls' School, Dehradun

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Hopetown!

We're delighted to share highlights from a vibrant September. Despite rescheduling due to rains, Sports Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm, and our live broadcast brought the excitement home to you. The month began with heartfelt Teacher's Day tributes, followed by impressive student performances in the GEP Science Quiz and the Inter-House Design Challenge, where creativity and teamwork truly shone.

Our girls continued to make us proud beyond campus, winning medals in state and national Yoga and Athletics championships. Our two Yoga champions are selected for the National Yoga Championships. Also, Jhanvi Kalia bagged a Silver medal at the National Kickboxing Championship and will represent India at the Asian Championship, and Bahaar Sharma has qualified for Nationals after securing a bronze in the North Zone Athletics meet. We also welcomed French exchange students, and it was heartwarming to witness the friendships and shared experiences that blossomed.

Moreover, we hosted a session by cybersecurity expert Mr. Rakshit Tandon to raise awareness about cyberbullying, the impact of social media, and the urgent need to establish digital boundaries. As the Diwali holidays approach, we encourage you to help our girls engage in more offline interactions and meaningful family time. I also recommend that if you get a chance, please read *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt, it offers valuable insights into how screen-centered childhoods and social media are affecting adolescent mental health. Let's join hands to protect our young minds, to preserve their innocence, and to nurture their true potential.

Lastly, we look forward to seeing you at Founder's Day and the upcoming PTM. If we don't get a chance to meet in person, I wish you and your families a joyful, mindful Diwali, filled with warmth, togetherness, and celebration with your daughters.

Warm regards,

Supriya Srivastava
Principal,
Hopetown Girls' School



IH- DESIGN CHALLENGE

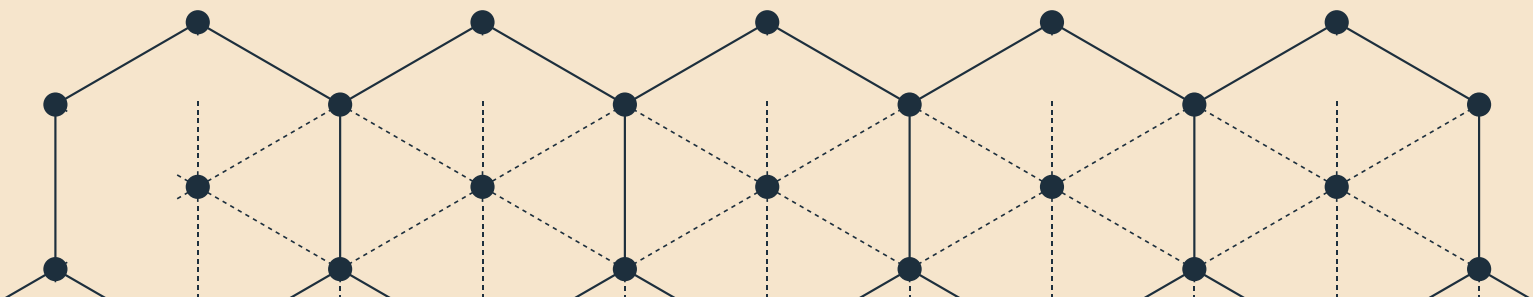
The Inter-House Design Challenge, held on September 27, 2025, during the GEP session, was a vibrant and intellectually stimulating event that brought together the four houses—Emerald, Diamond, Sapphire, and Ruby—for an exciting showcase of innovation, creativity, and scientific exploration. The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm as students combined imagination with technical understanding to present models inspired by the historic use of simple machines.

Each house displayed a unique and thoughtfully crafted working model:

- Emerald House presented a Cardboard Automaton, creatively demonstrating mechanical motion through interconnected gears and levers.
- Diamond House showcased a Hydraulic Lift, effectively illustrating the concept of Pascal's Law and the power of hydraulic pressure in lifting heavy loads.
- Sapphire House built a Medieval Trebuchet, a powerful example of how gravity and Newton's Laws of Motion can be used for controlled projection.
- Ruby House constructed a Roman Aqueduct, skillfully representing the principles of flow, gravity, and structural balance used in ancient engineering.

Students from Grades 9 and 11 collaborated closely to design, construct, and present their projects. Their explanations reflected a deep understanding of scientific concepts, as they linked theory to practical application through engaging live demonstrations. The audience was captivated by the ingenuity and precision on display, with each presentation sparking curiosity and admiration.

The challenge was more than just a competition—it was a celebration of teamwork, innovation, and problem-solving. It encouraged students to think critically, apply their knowledge creatively, and appreciate how simple machines form the foundation of modern technology. The dedication and enthusiasm of the participants made the event a resounding success, leaving both the audience and judges inspired by the remarkable blend of science, art, and imagination.



Teachers' Day Celebration

Teachers' Day Celebration at Hopetown Girls' School was a vibrant and joy-filled occasion that perfectly captured the spirit of gratitude and celebration. The event opened with heartfelt tributes to the teachers who guide and inspire every student, followed by an energetic line-up of performances that kept the audience engaged throughout.

From hilarious comedy stand-ups that brought endless laughter to graceful dances that showcased elegance and poise, the stage came alive with talent and creativity. Soulful songs and moving dramas added emotional depth, beautifully expressing the love and respect students hold for their mentors.

The foyer buzzed with applause and excitement as students poured their hearts into every performance. The cheerful décor and lively atmosphere reflected the affection shared between teachers and students.

The celebration concluded on a warm and emotional note, leaving everyone inspired and grateful. Here's to our wonderful teachers, whose guidance and kindness make every day brighter, and to a celebration that truly honoured their incredible contribution!



25th Uttarakhand State Junior

We're proud to share that Hopetown Girls' School participated in the 25th Uttarakhand State Junior Athletics Meet 2025 at Maharana Pratap Sports College, Dehradun. Our athletes showcased incredible enthusiasm and sportsmanship, bringing home seven medals! 🏅

Medal Winners:

- Aditi Joshi: Gold – Discus Throw
Silver – Javelin Throw
- Bahaar Sharma: Gold – Shot Put
- Kanak Agarwal: Bronze – Long Jump
- Sargun Kaur: Bronze – High Jump
- Aaliya Rana: Bronze – Hammer Throw
- Livreet Kaur: Bronze – Discus Throw



17th Uttarakhand State Yoga Championship 2025



At the 17th Uttarakhand State Yoga Championship 2025, held on September 21st at Mount Litera Zee School, girls of Hopetown showcased exceptional skill and determination. Stanzin Norzin earned the Silver Medal with outstanding performance while Yashika Bhargava proudly secured the Bronze Medal. Their hard work and passion have now paved the way for a new journey as both have been selected to compete at the National Level Championship. This is just the beginning—watch these stars soar higher and inspire us all! Congratulations to Stanzin and Yashika for turning dreams into reality!

RMPAC

The Ramamurthi Memorial Performing Arts Competition, held annually on September 27, is a cherished event dedicated to honouring the memory of Ms. V. Ramamurthi, our late Principal, whose vision, grace, and love for the arts continue to inspire the Hopetown community.

This year's competition was a heartfelt tribute to her enduring legacy, showcasing the immense talent and passion of young performers from seven schools. The stage came alive with captivating classical dance performances in Odissi, Kathak, and Bharatanatyam each reflecting the discipline, elegance, and cultural depth that Ms. Ramamurthi deeply valued.

After a series of spellbinding performances, Mansha Sharma from St. Joseph's Academy secured the first position, while Sadhika from Summer Valley School claimed the second. The event served not only as a celebration of artistic excellence but also as a poignant reminder of Ms. Ramamurthi's lasting influence—a life devoted to nurturing creativity, character, and a deep appreciation for culture among generations of students.



Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week was a powerful and reflective initiative that encouraged Hopetavians to look inward and embrace the values of empathy, kindness, and respect. The week aimed to strengthen the emotional fabric of our school community by creating safe spaces for open dialogue and mutual understanding. Throughout the week, Grade 12 students conducted a series of engaging and thoughtful sessions for different grades, where students were encouraged to share their personal experiences, perspectives, and feelings related to bullying and peer interactions.

These discussions not only highlighted the emotional impact of verbal, social, and passive bullying, but also helped students recognize how small actions — even unintentional ones — can deeply affect others. Various activities and interactive conversations focused on promoting mental health awareness, encouraging self-reflection, and building emotional resilience. Students explored practical ways to respond to and prevent bullying, such as standing up for peers, using kind language, and supporting those who feel isolated.

The week concluded with a renewed commitment to creating a culture of empathy and acceptance within the school. It served as a timely reminder that every Hopetavian has a role to play in fostering a safe, inclusive, and uplifting environment where everyone feels valued and respected. Anti-Bullying Week 2025 truly reinforced the belief that kindness is not just an action, but a responsibility we all share.



Inter-House Athletics Meet 2025

A day filled with energy, excitement, and true sportsmanship! The Inter-House Athletics meet at Hopetown Girls' School highlighted the strength, determination, and team spirit of our students. From thrilling sprints and relays to the precision of the March Past and the skill of Karate demonstrations, every participant showcased remarkable talent, dedication, and enthusiasm on the field.

The atmosphere buzzed with cheers as the Houses competed with passion, embodying the true spirit of healthy competition and camaraderie. Every event reflected months of dedication, rigorous training, and seamless teamwork.

Heartfelt congratulations to all the athletes for their outstanding performances and to the winning house for their well-earned triumph! Here's to celebrating strength, perseverance, and the indomitable Hopetown spirit that shines through every sporting achievement.



Cyber week

Our school observed Cyber Week 2025 from 1st to 7th September with the theme “Cyber Law.” The week was filled with creative performances, interactive sessions, and thought-provoking discussions that emphasized the importance of responsible digital behavior. It began with a short assembly that introduced the theme and sparked curiosity about the events ahead. Midweek, the middle school presented an imaginative drama where computer viruses were put “on trial,” offering a fun yet meaningful take on online safety. The highlight came on Saturday with a powerful nukkad natak showcasing real-life cybercrime cases and spreading awareness about cyber laws. We also attended an inspiring workshop by Mr. Rakshit Tandon, a renowned cyber safety expert, who addressed students and teachers separately. His sessions shed light on cyberbullying, online harassment, hate speech, and the importance of maintaining digital discipline. Overall, Cyber Week 2025 was an eye-opening and impactful experience that reminded us that while technology shapes our future, it must always be used wisely, safely, and within the boundaries of the law.



National Kickboxing Championship 2025

Jhanvi Kalia has made Hopetown Girls' School proud by clinching the Silver Medal at the 2025 National Kickboxing Championship! Facing some of the nation's toughest competitors, Jhanvi displayed extraordinary skill, fierce determination, and exemplary sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

Her outstanding performance has also earned her a coveted spot to represent India at the prestigious Asian Games — a truly remarkable milestone! This achievement stands as a testament to her relentless training, unwavering passion, and dedication to her sport.

Jhanvi's success fills her school and city with immense pride, inspiring countless young athletes to dream big and persevere. Here's to a true champion in the making!



French Exchange Programme



We were honoured to welcome our French delegates, Mr. Frédéric and Mr. Christophe, as part of our International Exchange Programme. The event began with a dignified flag-hoisting ceremony, symbolizing mutual respect and unity, followed by the ceremonial exchange of India–France badges — a meaningful gesture marking the official launch of this cross-cultural collaboration. We look forward to building new friendships, sharing experiences, and learning across borders!



Rama Krishna Mission

Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI) — established, administered, and run by the Ramakrishna Mission, a renowned organization founded by Swami Vivekananda in 1897 — is dedicated to the ideal of serving humanity selflessly. With nearly 200 branch centers across India and abroad, the Mission continues to uphold Swami Vivekananda's vision of "selfless service as the real worship of God in man," working tirelessly in the fields of education, healthcare, rural development, culture, and spiritual upliftment.

Every year, Hopetown Girls' School proudly participates in the Ramakrishna Mission's celebrations and service activities during Dussehra, embracing Swami Vivekananda's timeless message of compassion, unity, and service to humanity. This collaboration not only honors the spirit of the festival but also reinforces the school's commitment to holistic growth, empathy, and community welfare.





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“Intelligence plus character —
that is the goal of true
education.” —Martin Luther
King Jr.