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A Message from our Principal

Dear Students, Staff, and Families,

Greetings to our Marian Family.



As we begin this new academic year, it is with immense pride and gratitude that I reflect on the last quarter of the previous year and look ahead to the successes of the new year. . Despite the challenges and triumphs, one thing has remained constant — our strength as a united community.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated teachers, staff, and parents, whose unwavering commitment has been the backbone of this school . To our students, your resilience, hard work, and compassion for one another have been truly inspiring.

As we look ahead to new horizons, let us carry this spirit of togetherness with us. The bonds we've built will continue to shape the future of our school, empowering each of us to achieve more than we could ever imagine alone. Let's celebrate the memories we've created, the lessons we've learned, and the relationships we've strengthened. Together, we are stronger, and together, we will continue to thrive.

This newsletter covers events of the last quarter before the summer break and celebrates the wonderful work of the children .

Wishing you all a wonderful academic year ahead.

Warm wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Asir Joseph'.

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)

Ethnic Day

By: Filza Ali and Faseeha Abubakar, 10E



On April 30th, our school community came together to celebrate the annual Ethnic Day, a spirited celebration that showcased the rich cultures within our walls. This remarkable day was a tribute to the power of diversity, as students from various backgrounds shared their unique traditions, customs, and values. On this very day, the students were reminded of the diverse community they live in, exceeding their very imaginations!

The traditional clothing is unique to everyone's cultural history and traditions. Yet in dressing up in the timeless and intricate designs, showed the true connections they shared. That coming from different backgrounds has never been an obstacle but instead is an inspiration for each other, and a path of innovation, creativity and connection.



The day started by cherishing every class' various ethnicities. Each of the students displayed different aspects of their culture in forms of singing, dancing, art and recitation of poems. The day was further enlivened by lively and electrifying music and delicious food items which were sold by the primary kids at the Food Sale. The delectable food brought by the kids left the taste buds of the buyers wanting for more.

This time of the year has always sparked a sense of community and cohesion in students, teachers and staff. It is a time to celebrate the joy of diversity, to respect and appreciate the cultural differences that make our school community so distinctive. It is a time when we genuinely understand that our unity truly lies in our diversity!!!



Book DAY



by Oshadhi Weeramanthri, Yr 12

When you think of books, you think of the boring ones your teacher asks you to read over spring or summer or winter break or in a hushed library, consisting of books on historical accounts and biographies, or really, really, vague blurbs. But remember what books can also be. They can be the first Roald Dahl copy your parents got you as a kid, books spilling with fantastical creations and mythical wonders. Characters brimming off the fresh-smelling pages. Riveting mysteries, or thrilling romances, being read from a cracking spine.



At St. Mary's, we had a lovely book day, inviting all students and staff to dress up as their favourite book characters (a little bit of leeway was added for comic books, video games, and movie adaptations.) On 23rd April, you must've seen your fair share of Batmans, Cinderellas, and Harry Potters, even an inflatable dinosaur came to school that day! Teachers from our English and Library departments went around quizzing students on fun facts and trivia on famous authors and genres and gave spot prizes.

With even our teachers participating, such as our very own Mrs. Kankanika who dressed as the Queen of Hearts, Mrs. Charlotte as the naive Alice and Mrs Renthii as the Mad Hatter, it was certainly an extravagant day to witness.

Expressing themselves through their favourite characters, and also motivating them to get crafty with their costumes, students were encouraged to reconnect with their creative and bookish sides. Now that we find ourselves reading less frequently, book day serves as an important reminder to fall in love with it again. Enchanting and charming, but educational and thought-provoking, Book Days help rally up some spirit behind the large literary culture that we sometimes lose touch with. On an immersive day such as this one, students are surrounded by characters they are familiar with, ones they may have never heard of, or cult classics that they've been meaning to read. It's the ideal day to brew curiosity and celebrate the collective skills and joy that is supported by regular reading.



Book DAY



Providing opportunities for students to engage in riveting discussions in order to consider other perspectives and ways of thinking are values that are admired and actively motivated at Saints. These initiatives are far from the first that have been promoted by the school. There are many competitions being circulated, like the Oxford University Press Story Writing competition during our first term, or the Poetic Hearts event, our soon approaching LitCon 2024, and of course, the Chevron Readers Cup hosted by the Emirates Literature Foundation, this is nowhere near the last literary-themed event the school will host, so if you've unfortunately missed it this time, be sure to catch the next one!



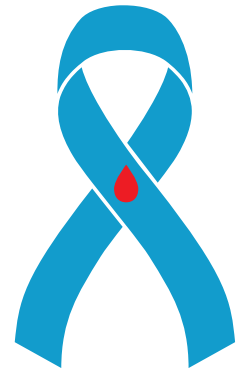


BEAT DIABETES WALK 2024

By: Brianna Dsouza, 10A

On February 19, numerous people participated in the Beat Diabetes Walk at Zabeel Park, from various organisations, including schools & universities. From our school, students of Years 9, 10, 12, and 13 participated in this campaign to raise awareness about the global health issue, diabetes, with Mrs. Bindhu Harikumar leading the group.

The Diabetes Walk emblem was inscribed in dark blue on bands and flags, and we were given bright blue t-shirts and caps as a symbol of peace and unity. From the outside, it was clear that everyone has a place in this world. Starting at around 8:30 AM, we covered the Zabeel Park area under clear skies making the walk pleasant & inviting. The walk ended at around ten in the morning, taking around an hour and a half.



After the walk, we were treated to entertaining and educational activities. Several stalls were set up with games and interactive activities, in which numerous students from our school participated.

Loud and enthusiastic music played from the main stage set up in the middle of the park kept everyone's spirits up and provided a lively backdrop for the day's events. The games, music, and surroundings delivered a fun and unforgettable event. Snack boxes filled with nutritious food (literally!) were distributed to all participants, ensuring everyone stayed energised and refreshed.





BEAT DIABETES WALK 2024

By: Brianna Dsouza, 10A

At Zabeel Park, the Diabetes Walk was more than simply a walk; it was a celebration of community, awareness, and everyone working together to address a serious health issue. Everyone who went had a well-rounded and memorable experience because of the event's skilful fusion of entertainment, education, and physical activity. The day felt timeless, leaving everyone with the best memories, and the hope that change is possible.



Spreading Love One Share at a Time



Hag Al Laila

By: Filza Ali, 10E

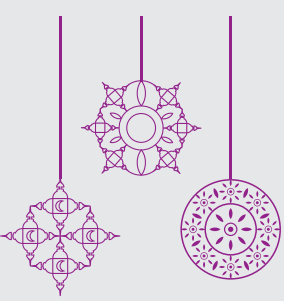
On the 1st of March, our beloved teachers and primary students celebrated the Hag Al Laila to honour the Emirati culture.

Hag Al Laila, which means "for the night", is celebrated in the middle of Shaban, the month that precedes Ramadan in the Islamic calendar. As part of the tradition, children dress up and venture out in their neighbourhoods, knocking on the doors and asking for sweets. These sweets are later shared with others. The celebration helps children learn about the significance of being in a community, encouraging the spirit of generosity, patience in children and being better prepared to inculcate precious values during the holy month of Ramadan.

Our teachers crafted a special day for our students, starting with an assembly led by Mrs. Rose to introduce the significance of Hag Al Laila and its roots in Emirati culture. As the students of years 1 through 4 gathered in the primary quadrangle, they learned about the history and customs surrounding this tradition.

They discovered how Hag Al Laila is a time for families and friends to come together, share sweets and treats, and strengthen bonds within their community. The assembly set the tone for a fun-filled day, filled with excitement and anticipation. While they learned about Hag Al Laila outside in nature, students of years 5 and 6 were given a valuable insight about the significance of the event by playing a video bringing out the essence of the celebration.





Hag Al Laila

Later, in the true spirit of sharing, the children presented the school's ancillary staff with bags of provision and treats, inculcating in them the values of generosity and giving at a young age.

But the day was far from over! The Arab teachers in our school held a small stall for the kids. The stall was positioned just beside the school gates, adorned with a delightful variety of colourful sweets and snacks. The tantalising aromas filled the air, which was difficult to resist.



The kids couldn't wait to indulge in these sweet surprises, and the teachers were happy to share their cultural heritage with their students.

As the day drew to a close, the students, all drained out from the sweetness of the day, went back home from a sugar rush filled with smiles on their faces and their hearts warmed.



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Champions in Motion

by David Gomes, 10B

Our Saintz champions have returned this time...with not one, but two triumphant conquests! It's reasonable to assume that the significant number of accolades our athletes earn through dedicated effort and commitment are endless.

Kicking things off, the school's girls' football team that competed in the Philadelphia Private School's tournament and bagged the runners' up title. Winning such a title wasn't effortless. A significant number of grueling hours were invested in practice, practice and practice! A non-negotiable aspect that helped kickstart the majority of the matches that our girls' football team surpassed!

Nathanya, a vital member of the team states "The football match was quite intense, facing our biggest competitors from GMA was no cakewalk. Even though we weren't victorious, all of us poured out our blood, sweat and tears to conquer so many formidable foes. Each and every member of the team was immersed in the team spirit, an aspect that mattered the most, even more than winning."





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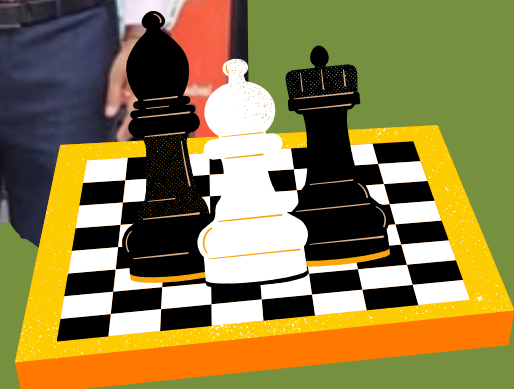
Champions in Motion

Hold on a second...aren't we overlooking something? Checkmate!

With swift thinking and rapid moves, Rudyard Benemerito, one of our school's chess megaminds, managed to capture third place in UAE's school chess championship! With acute perception of the opponent seated before him, Rudyard was able to expertly outmaneuver countless opponents, securing 3rd place against opponents from various other schools.

Through his journey as a chess prodigy, Rudyard shares an important learning aspect with us "Be disciplined, don't simply let motivation do all the work" An important lesson all of us must kindle within ourselves. Motivation may fluctuate but having a disciplined mindset to the challenges that tower over us in life keeps us going and enables us to reach our long term goals.

Every medal, every trophy, that our conquerors clinch, serves as a contribution to the legacy that our school leaves behind for the many, many more victors yet to arrive and proudly elevate our school's name. After all, the sky isn't and never will be the limit for our school! Lets go Saintz!



SAINTZ GO INTERNATIONAL!



by Maria Theres Kizhakkuden, 10D

In late April 2024 delegates of the Saintz MUN group participated in one of the biggest events of the year for the MUN scene in Dubai: The 'Future We Want Model United Nations, Dubai.' FWW is an organization based in Italy which conducts international MUN conferences in different parts of the world. They are endorsed and backed by the United Nations themselves.



And so, it was no wonder that the event had about 700 participants from all over the world, a range of students both from our schools and universities in Dubai as well as students enrolled in educational institutions across the globe who flew into the UAE specifically to take part in this prestigious conference.



This edition of the conference took place at the Millenium Plaza Hotel, with majestic views of "The Museum of the Future" right across the road. Delegates attended the three day event armed with information they had gathered about their allocated countries and the agendas that they will need to speak, persuade and argue about!

The event kicked off with delegates streaming into the ballroom for the opening ceremony, graced by the presence of eminent speakers who addressed the crowd about the many aspects that are fundamental to the basis of the UN: co-operation, understanding, leadership and determination. Finally, after an enlightening session, the FWW MUN was declared open!



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What followed were two full days of rigorous committee sessions, presided over by the appointed chairs and co chairs. This was no easy feat for the staff of FWWMUN, as most of the committees were huge in number. There were 3 committees that had more than 150 delegates each. On a proud note for us, the secretary general of SaintzMUN, Emily Lotfy was one of the staff members at the conference.

“Working as a staff member at FWWMUN Dubai 2024 was definitely memorable. I got the chance to work with people from all around the world and I was extremely lucky to be a part of it. I learned a lot about the organisational aspects of MUN and I'm looking forward to attending more events by this organisation in the future.”

- Emily Lotfy, Secretary General, SaintzMUN



In sessions delegates discussed the given topic, centered around the importance of sustainability, the stance of their allocated country on the matter and the action plans of their country for the future. Students created speeches on the spot and debated with one another to build awareness and explored ideas for possible solutions.

After sessions with fiery speeches and strong arguments and rebuttals on the second day, the delegates donned their complimentary FWWMUN t-shirts and set out for the Leaders Run! With the FWWMUN staff leading the way, a path was set from the hotel to the park, and everyone had a blast walking under the sky, talking and laughing with each other, and then participating in an intense race around the nearby Satwa Park. Everyone ran the best they could, and Shanon Dsouza of our school placed 3rd, inciting a roar of **“Let's go Saintz”** from our students.



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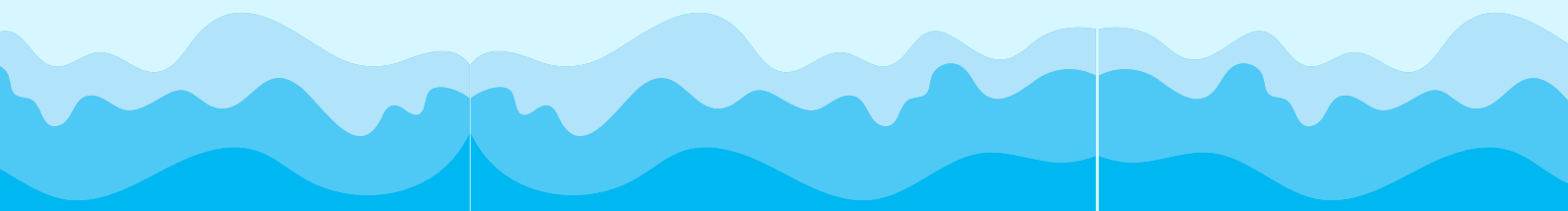


Everyone was tired, but the day was far from over! All the delegates later changed into their party clothes and dancing shoes for the delegate dance. The tiring race of the evening all but forgotten, the delegates danced and partied until midnight. The infectious feelings of fun and happiness lasted through the night, leading to a final day where everyone became more relaxed and friendlier with each other.

The last day saw delegates with renewed energy, as the committees tried to reach acceptable solutions for the very serious issues they discussed, with some committees successfully passing resolutions. It was exhilarating to see the delegates forming blocs and alliances, introducing themselves to others and collaborating to write up and present everyone's ideas on how to solve the given problem, and how to work together for a better future.



What followed was the closing ceremony, again graced by eminent personalities who addressed the delegates, instilling in them a sense of urgency as far as sustainability is concerned. When it was time for the awards there was an expectant hush among the audience. It was a very joyful moment indeed for Saintz when two of our delegates won Best Diplomacy Awards. Yafet Admassu (UNEA) and Qazi Umer Farooq (SOCHUM). It is of immense pride that both of them are members of the SaintzMUN secretariat as well.



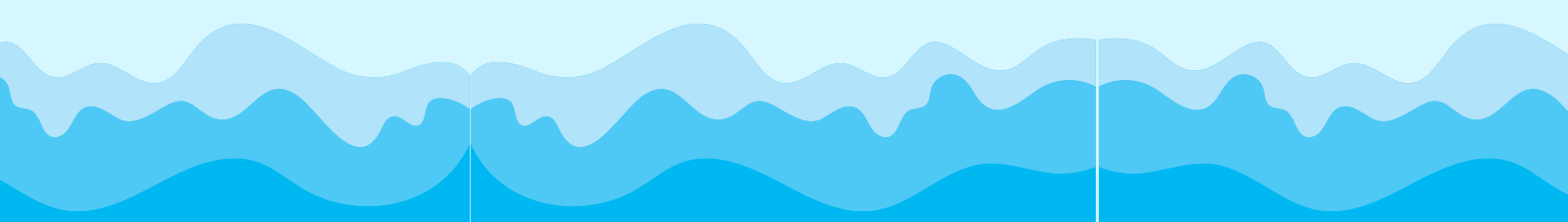
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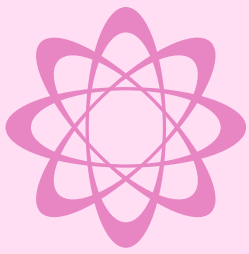


"The Saintz MUN delegation was an absolute force at this conference. With almost 40 delegates, ours was THE largest delegation there. Our students came away richer for the experience of an international MUN, where they got to mingle and work with people from different parts of the world. And the icing on the cake came in the form of not one, but two awards! Couldn't be prouder of all our delegates.", said Ms. Renthi who had accompanied the Saintz delegation as their faculty advisor.



The entire event sparked in our delegates a wider world view, including all of its problems and progress, and the importance of collaboration and fighting for what is right. Forging friendships for a better future, ending the conference with feelings of hope, strength and unity among all.





CREATIVITY AND CURIOSITY AT THE SCIENCE FAIR!

By: Joyce Yousef, 10E & Brianna Dsouza, 10A

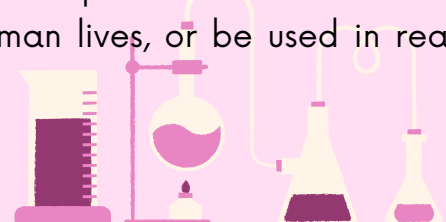
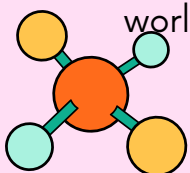
Our school's main hall was a flurry of intellectual activity on Wednesday, June 26th, as students displayed their scientific knowledge and inventiveness at the Science Fair. The best projects from each class were gathered for this year's highlight event and displayed as students presented their creative ideas in groups and pairs.

The main hall was converted into a lively area of exhibits showcasing many scientific fields, such as biology, chemistry, and physics. Our students' hard work was evident in the projects, showcasing their commitment and perseverance. Every group presented their most interesting viewpoints on science's opportunities.

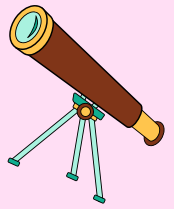
The primary school (Years 1-4) exhibition included various inventive individual projects created with hard work and dedication, such as creative displays of magnetism and simple machines, and investigations on plant growth and the water cycle. With projects on renewable energy and resources, environmental conservation, and basic technology, students in Years 5 and 6 went deeper into scientific concepts. Students from Years 7-10 and Year 12 spent their time in groups, focusing more on complex projects displayed in the main hall which were made possible by their eagerness and curiosity



Teachers visited each exhibit, carefully assessing each one as they went. Students from Years 7 and above seized the chance to discuss their work in great depth. They explained how their proposals were relevant to current problems and how their concepts could benefit the environment, enhance human lives, or be used in real-world scenarios.



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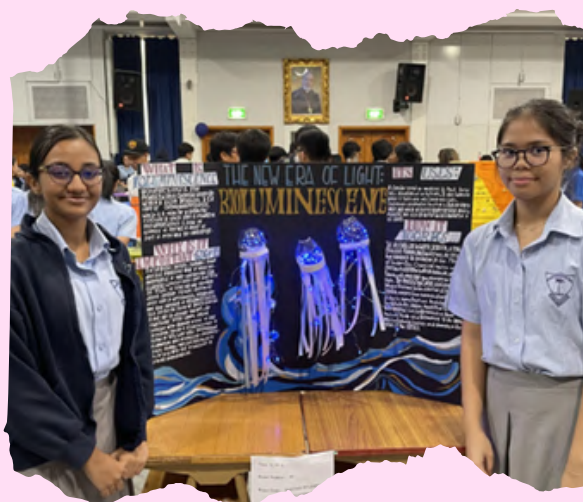
The variety of projects reflected the diverse interests of our students. A group of Year 10 students focused on “Electrolysis to Produce Hydrogen,” offering innovative ideas for carbon-free hydrogen production from renewable and nuclear resources. Another group from Year 9 explored the Dialysis Machine, explaining how a series of membranes act as filters for waste products in your blood.

Even among the impressive lineup, a few projects stood out. A group of Year 10 students presented a project on “The New Era of Light: Bioluminescence,” showcasing their research on how light produced by a chemical reaction within a living organism can be used in medicine to track how cells grow and spread in patients. Although they didn't win, their project was highly praised for its depth and relevance.

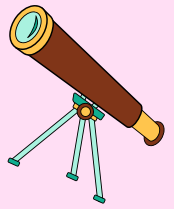
The fair served as a venue for healthy competition and was an educational opportunity for the whole school. All the students from our school were invited to attend the fair, allowing them to see the outstanding work done by their peers and learn more about how science is used in everyday life. From health and environmental sustainability to energy solutions and technological breakthroughs, the exhibition addressed all areas of science



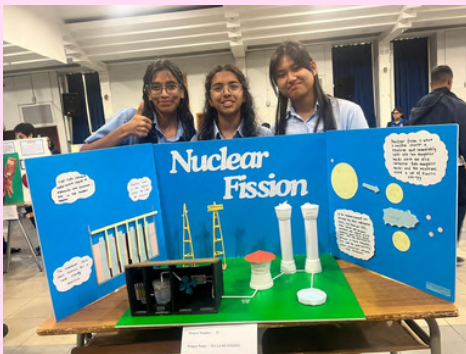
The event would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of our school's science departments. Ms Susanna Verghese, Head of our Secondary Science Department, redefined the concept of science, saying: “Science is a way of thinking much more than it is a body of knowledge”. Ms Lovey Ramos, Head of our Primary Science Department, emphasised the importance of fostering a love for science early on. In her words, “Science is the canvas to showcase your innovative minds.”



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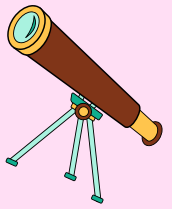
Similarly, our Science teachers highlighted the significance of starting young. "The main purpose of Science is to ask away your curiosity and see the answers it gives you. Even at such an early age, we want our children to know they can explore the most exciting areas of science. This fair is the result of their hard work, guided by the passion and dedication of our teachers."



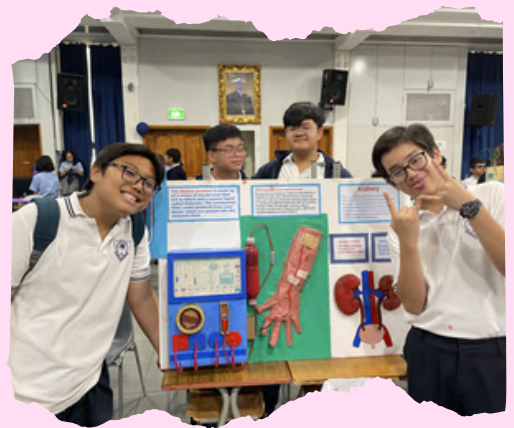
As the day ended, anticipation built as the winners were announced, recognising the most outstanding projects that exemplified innovation and creativity:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
First Place	Ali Mehdi from 7F	Jayden, Francis, Dominic, Rouen, Justin and Zach from 8C	Liam Jeffery, Julius, Kyle, Joel and Liam Marcus from 9B	Filza, Sayana, Emily, Peksha, Trisha and Aliha from 10E
Second Place	Andrea Sevilla Giuliana Abdon Mikyle Dampil from 7A	Antonio Colin, Rehan and Hayden from 8B	Donovan, Shen, Delwyn, Jayden and David from 9B	Meredith, Maria and Jilliane from 10D

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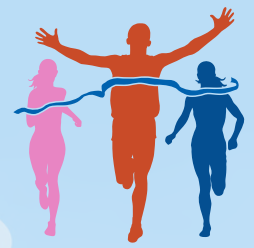


The Science Fair was about more than just winning; it was also about sharing and learning new things. Students of all grades learned more about scientific concepts and experienced directly how science can be used to address issues in the real world as they explored the displays. As Filza from 10E said, "The various topics applied in real life by students from varied years, showed their true spirit and passion for science. All representatives presented their innovation perfectly because they asked themselves the right questions."



It was a day full of inspiration and education that embraced and promoted scientific curiosity. A passion for science and the development of young minds were both exemplified by the school's Science Fair. The program underlined the significance of science in addressing practical issues and generating positive social change by promoting critical and creative thinking among students. The event brought science out of the books, the classroom and theoretical claims. It forged a buoyant attitude of exploration in the student's hearts and minds, to forever remain.

SPORTS DAY



By : Caleb Dwayne Kamalanathan, Yr 12

With competitive spirits high, the secondary students of St Mary's gathered at GEMS American Academy this academic year to participate in our annual sports day. Streaks of face crayon smearing the cheeks of excited athletes and supporters and a table full of glinting medals and trophies waiting to be won, our sports days are among the most highly anticipated and merited events of every school year, the sweltering hot sun notwithstanding.

The electric environment allowed for students to push themselves and their houses to the limits of victory, while also maintaining respect and support for their fellow sportsmen. At St. Mary's, sports day isn't just about competition; it's about camaraderie and sportsmanship. Students embody fair play, and cheering for teammates and rivals alike. Whether winning or losing, they exhibit grace, just like the oath they take beforehand promises, breeding an atmosphere where every participant feels valued and celebrated, and each endeavor recognised.

Without a march past this year around, our impressive athletes gave it their all in the various races, shot put, long jump, and four-person team relays. Everyone, from the fresh entries of Year 5's, to the well-whetted Year 10's and above had put their best foot forward, giving way to exciting showdowns. The individual awards displayed this hardwork and dedication across the boys and girls, such as our youngest champion, Zelen Nathaniel Fernandes from Gryffon (5B), and some of our more seasoned seniors, George of Pegasus (Y13), and Chrystianne Ysabel Donaire of Gryffon (Y12), the Gryffon's Vice Captain. Head Girl Daniela Adhikari, who was present that day, recounts great and contagious enthusiasm from others, like Von Aguilara, a Captain for Phoenix house. Along with grass field cheering and collaborative efforts, there was also a high strung tension, natural to the environment. An impressive battle for the title was bound to be met by cutthroat suspense.



SPORTS DAY



And what's good journalism without giving you the final scores! The championship results declared Gryffon the overall winners, scoring 83 house points for the boys, and 86 house points for the girls. Inching in close for the boys was 74 held by Phoenix, 73 for Unicorn, and 67 for Pegasus. Second place for the girls was a close-cut for Pegasus, with 84 points, 76 for Unicorn, and 32 for Phoenix.

A day full of energy and enthusiasm, embodying the true Saintz spirit. That was our Sports Day this year, like every year. After that intense display of high octane sportsmanship, our athletes were tired but full of good cheer. With a day of friendly competitions coming to a close, students left the grounds with a sense of accomplishment, camaraderie and eager anticipation for the next sports day!



MACS COMPETITION: MY JOURNEY

By: Nabiha Fatima, Yr 12

On the 20th of April, Heriot-Watt University Dubai's School of Mathematics and Computer Sciences organized a dynamic and intellectually stimulating math competition. This event, designed to challenge participants' superior numerical skills, attracted keen mathematical minds from various schools, offering not only scholarships and cash prizes but also a memorable experience for all involved.

Twenty-two enthusiastic students from our school eagerly participated in this competition, under the efficient guidance of Ms. Asha Binny. The competition was in the form of a rigorous 1-hour math test paper. The thoughtfully curated questions tested logical thinking and numerical skills rather than relying on complex mathematical concepts, ensuring an engaging challenge for all competitors.



The anticipation peaked while the judges completed their evaluations and announced the winners. Our school was proud to celebrate the remarkable achievements of two of our students: Michael Rafik Nashaat Naguib Ayad clinched the prestigious 1st place, winning 750 AED and a certificate, and Anthony Joseph secured an impressive 3rd place, winning 500 AED and a certificate.

Reflecting on his achievement, Michael shared, "The Heriot-Watt math competition was both challenging and educational. I'm grateful for the opportunity and the win. It offered valuable learning opportunities, and winning was a gratifying outcome, but so also was the fun that came along with it with my peers."

Anthony also expressed his gratitude, saying, "I'm extremely grateful for this wonderful opportunity the school has provided in not only relaying this competition to us but also going as far as to take us to the venue. It was a wonderful experience and I would definitely go for it again."

This event was not just a competition but a celebration of mathematical talent, logical reasoning, and the spirit of academic excellence. It provided a platform for students to showcase their abilities, learn from esteemed educators, and gain valuable insights into potential academic futures at Heriot-Watt University Dubai.



Congratulations to all participants, especially to Michael Rafik Nashaat Naguib Ayad and Anthony Joseph, for their outstanding performances.

This competition has undoubtedly inspired many to continue pursuing excellence in mathematics and beyond.

ST. MARY'S EXCELS IN ADPIQ & QUIZZARDS 2024: A Testament to Knowledge and Dedication

By: Joyce Youssef, 10E

Enlightenment does not constrain itself to scientists like Neil deGrasse Tyson. It is not merely the fame acquired through theories and philosophical claims. It is a known fact that education and experience are two sides of the same coin which sums up the true definition of knowledge. Therefore, with great pleasure, I am honoured to draw your attention to the performance by the students of St. Mary's Catholic High School during their participation in an inter- school quiz competition.

The event hosted by Al Diyafah High School: ADPIQ 2024 (Primary) and QUIZZARDS 2024 (Secondary) took place on the 28th and the 29th of February respectively. Questions were asked from various fields of knowledge from Geography, World History, World Civilizations, English, Mathematics, Space to World Leaders and current affairs. While it tested the general knowledge of participants, it required alertness and quick-thinking, which our students did not fall short of.

We had 2 teams for ADPIQ 2024, Marcus and Pearlee, Justaf and Sandil. Justaf and Sandil cleared the preliminary and went forward as one among the final four teams. The final round had questions from a variety of topics and our champions aced them all. In the audio-visual rounds that our students were a force! And in an immensely proud moment, our Justaf and Sandil emerged as runner's up in the quiz. Bravo!



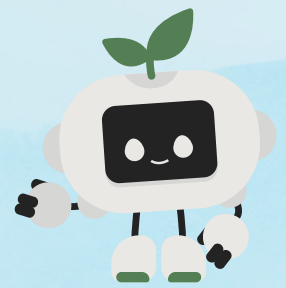
Likewise we had 2 teams for QUIZZARDS 2024 also. Aric and Jewindu, Yafet and Umer. After the qualifiers, four teams advanced to the final round, Yafet and Umer among them. In this round many questions were asked based on the scientific advances of the proliferation of our digital era and students' knowledge was put to test. The crucial question that took the students closer to victory was the question "how long is the entire revolution of the moon?"



After three rounds of intense quizzing, the winners were announced. And Yafet and Umer secured second place for our school. The hall filled with applause as the winners went on stage to receive their certificates and prizes.

These students are and always will remain a source of inspiration to the other students who are aspiring to showcase their knowledge and alacrity in such school events. Well done Team Saintz!

ST. MARY'S STUDENTS GEAR UP FOR THE AI ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE



By: Mubashshera Khan, Yr 12

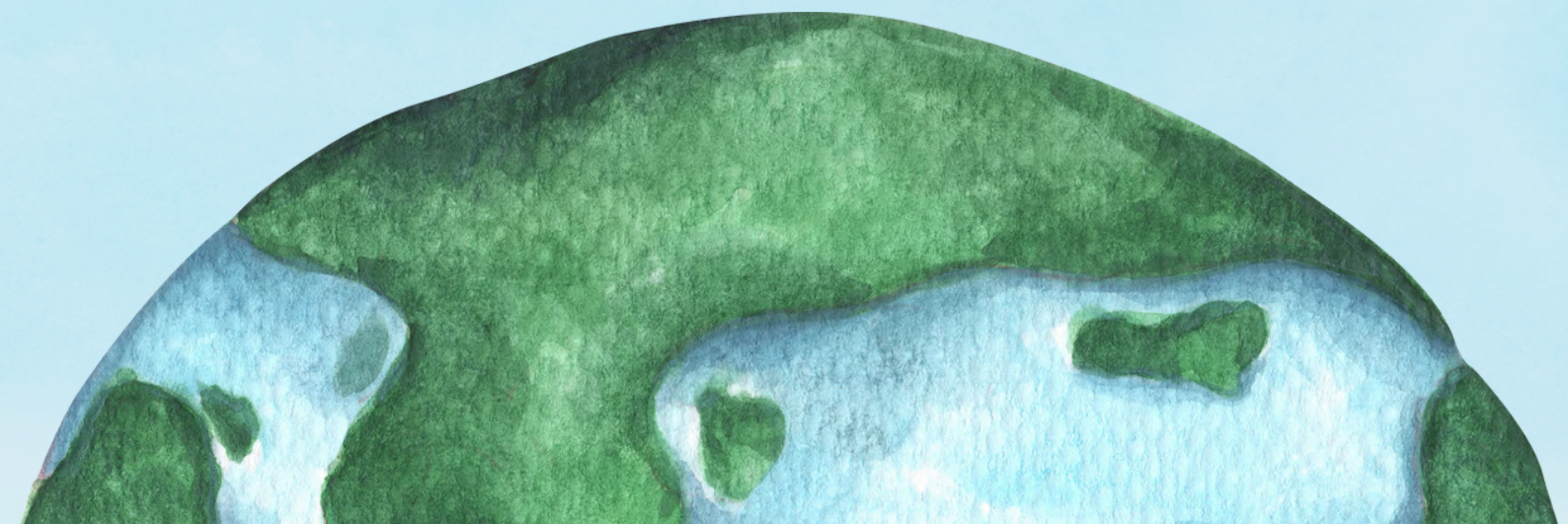
In the ever-evolving scene of AI innovation, a team of our own from St. Mary's Catholic High School is taking on the challenge in the Sharjah Sustainability Awards 12th cycle. Year 12 students, including Tanisha Maahira, Joshua D'silva, Zuriel Jude Perol, and others, are diving into the world of artificial intelligence to address pressing environmental issues, with unrelenting support and guidance from Ms. Jeraldin Glenis to help them along the way.

Tanisha Maahira, from Year 12 Science Girls, shares insights into their project. "This competition aims to create a working model for sustainability using AI. Our plan revolves around a garbage sorting bin with sections for food waste, plastic, and cans. A camera will identify the waste thrown and direct it to the appropriate bin, making waste processing more efficient."

Joshua D'silva from Year 12 Science Boys sheds light on the challenges faced by the team. "The task is simple: use AI to build a device addressing a specific environmental issue. Originally in two teams, we merged to streamline our ideas. It's tougher than expected, but our current design is a waste sorter using a camera to analyze and sort materials into different bins—simple yet impactful."



As the team delves into the mechanics of AI and waste sorting, Zuriel Jude Perol reflects on the experience. "Being able to think about the mechanics of systems and optimize existing ones is pretty cool. Investigating mundane inventions like trash cans has been intriguing. I appreciate every step as an opportunity for learning."



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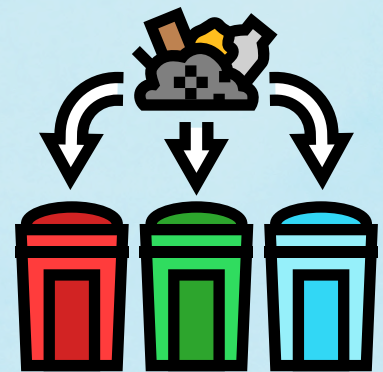
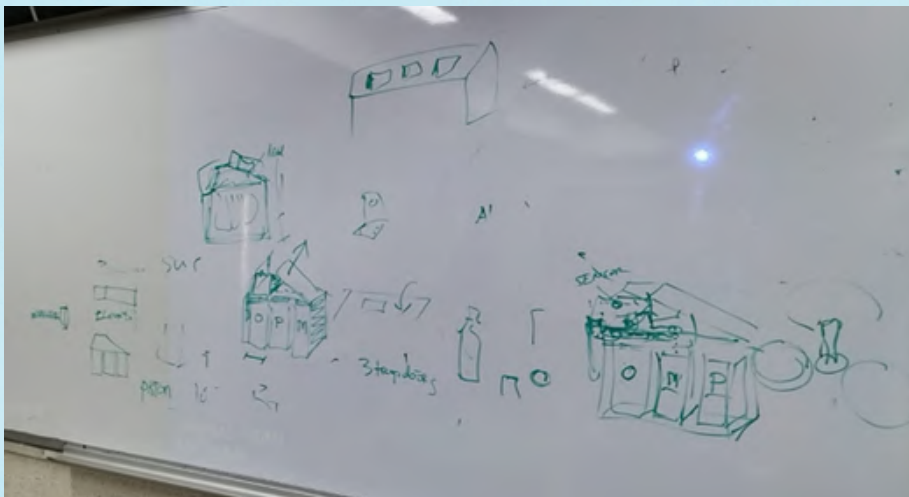
AI ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE



Zuriel also provides insights into the team dynamics. "Allen and Joshua form a duo, while Shantel, Tanisha, and Tasnim are a group. Watching their interactions and how they build off each other's thought processes has been fascinating."

The students are participating in the 3rd Domain of the Sharjah Sustainability Awards, focusing on the Best Sustainable Environmental Project in Artificial Intelligence. The award honors projects demonstrating sustainability, innovation, and a commitment to addressing significant environmental impacts.

In this AI-driven endeavor, the team envisions implementing their waste sorting project on the ground. While uncertainties about their chances linger, optimism prevails among the team members. Their dedication and creative ideas signal a promising journey toward a more sustainable future.



As St. Mary's students embark on this AI adventure, the intersection of innovation and environmental consciousness takes center stage. Currently navigating the initial phase of their AI-driven waste sorting project, the Year 12 team is actively developing and refining their innovative solution. The competition not only serves as a platform for the convergence of ideas, teamwork, and a commitment to sustainability but also represents a journey of continuous improvement.

Anticipated progress later on in the competition is linked to the exposure to AI projects from other schools, injecting fresh perspectives into their evolving initiative. This endeavor resonates with the school's ethos of nurturing holistic education, showcasing the students' dedication to addressing pressing environmental challenges through the lens of artificial intelligence.

COMEDIC CARNIVAL AT ST. MARY'S

By: Faseeha Abubaker, 10E

Becoming an actor or an actress may sound like a familiar dream to many, a skill that remains untested, and one certain to be exhilarating and delightful.

At St. Mary's, the students of Year 8 were provided with the incredible opportunity to showcase their acting talents, bringing a wave of laughter and gaiety to the school. Despite acting being a break from the regular routine of academia, students wholeheartedly devoted their time to shine in this theatrical endeavour.

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Drama was introduced as part of the Activity lessons for year 8 students Mr. Trevor, Ms. Renthi and Ms. Kiara provided students with insights and guided them in their theatrical journey. The preparation for this amusing feat was over a course of several months, with lead directors assigning roles, acquiring the suitable props, and most importantly, creating the play script itself!



After months of consistent planning, the final presentation day drew in, and a surge of apprehension wafted in the air, however, with the overwhelming urge to succeed in the dramatic presentation and to complete the onerous performance, various sections exhibited the well-planned acts.

"We saw scripts being brought to life with creativity and improvisation. On stage our students were truly marvelous," said Mr. Trevor when we asked him about his experience of facilitating this drama course for his classes.

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One of the greatest highlights of this performance was collaboration and coordination, between students and teachers as well, such as coming together on important decisions and forming a common understanding, especially on such a meticulous venture.



Despite the preparation being a lengthy process, students expressed their glee upon the performance, 'It was a fun experience that taught us how to collaborate together and the mistakes that we made along the way are what informed us on how to improve next time,' says Karen Amgad from 8E.



As the roars of cheers and applause filled across the auditorium, it truly reminded us of the numerous talents the students' hold, and here's to many more exhilarating events at Saint Mary's!

Empowering Tomorrow's Entrepreneurs: The Global Business School Event

By: Minuka Pathirage, Yr 12

NURTURING ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

St. Mary's Catholic High School recently visited the Global Business School (GBS), a venue where business students showcased their creative company presentations. The children received actual business understanding from this program in addition to being encouraged to be creative. Students created business concepts while taking viability, costs, and income estimates into account. Their proposals, which showcased their diverse interests and dedication to taking on real-world concerns, ranged from tech-driven mental health solutions to sustainable fashion companies

Guided by mentors, students navigated market research, financial planning, and sharpened their presentation skills, which prepared them for the very exciting "Presentation Day". Weeks of hard work was put to the test before a panel of industry experts and educators



BUILDING BONDS, FOSTERING COMMUNITY: COLLABORATION AT THE CORE

The event promoted collaboration as students helped one another and connected with experts, the event fostered and demonstrated community spirit and teamwork. These qualities were essential in fostering an atmosphere that encouraged aspiring business owners.



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CONCLUSION: CULTIVATING INNOVATION AND EMPOWERING CHANGE

Throughout the event, our fellow students learned the basics about the world of business and what it truly means to become an entrepreneur. One of our fellow students Daniela Adhikari quoted the experience as “essential to learn about humanitarian, academic and environmental business ideas” and stated the entire competition brought about a lot of “variety, and different perspectives into the world of business ownership.” This legacy of innovation will propel these young entrepreneurs towards creating positive change in their communities and beyond



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A REMARKABLE SHOWCASE OF STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND DEBATE

By: Nabiha Fatima, Yr 12

On the 24th and 25th of June, our school hosted the Saintz MUN 2024, a dynamic and intellectually engaging Model United Nations conference that demonstrated the leadership and organizational skills of our student body. This event, meticulously planned and executed by the SaintzMUN secretariat, offered not only a platform for rigorous debate and discussion but also a memorable experience for everyone involved.

Saintz MUN was months in the making, with extensive planning and coordination to ensure a smooth and successful conference. From the outset, this was a student-organized event, a clear demonstration of the exceptional dedication, resilience, commitment and organizational skills of the leaders of our MUN group. The vision for the event was clear from the start, and every detail was meticulously considered in bringing that vision to life, with our three faculty advisors helping and guiding our young leaders all through their journey



Day 1 of the conference saw our smartly dressed delegates assemble in the main hall for a poignant opening ceremony. The occasion was graced by the presence of our Senior leaders Sr. Jacintha, Mr. Paul, Ms. Lise Ann and other senior teachers. The ceremony started with a prayer in the angelic voices of our Saintz Choir led by Ms. Delushie and was followed by inspiring speeches and electrifying performances. Mr. Paul addressed the gathering wishing the delegates the very best and imparting a few words of wisdom. There were a few cultural performances as well,, notably the Srilankan traditriional dance done by the very graceful Year 6 girls. Amidst the barely restrained enthusiasm of the crowd, our Secretary General, Emily Lotfy and her Deputy, Yafet Admassu declared the conference open.

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The following two days were full of heated debates, negotiations, arguments, rebuttals and resolutions. The conference was split into six committees. Every conference room was a hotbed of discussions and debates. "It is amazing to see our young girls and boys diligently research world problems and make clear speeches and arguments for their countries," said one of the teachers who had stopped by for a quick peek.

It is safe to say that there was never a dull moment with our young delegates speaking eloquently on real world politics, researching their topics with absolute integrity and stating their cases with strong unwavering voices. Undoubtedly, they all got a taste of how the real world works, when they formed alliances where possible and drafted resolutions in an effort to raise viable solutions for actual issues, under the efficient guidance of their chairs.



"It was a super fun experience, and it was great to both learn what managing an event was like and to see how dedicated these delegates were to researching and debating!" remarked one staff member of Year 12.



While the delegates of UNSC, UNODC, UNHRC, UNICEF and UNESCO were busy debating matters related to their committees, SaintzMUN also witnessed some serious intergalactic political discussions in the Specialized Star Wars committee.

"Saintz MUN was perfect, all the way from the chairs, the co chairs, the faculty members to the admin staff who took care of every detail. I personally loved Saintz MUN as the vibes alone were good and it was fun to have an MUN with familiar faces," says Jeron of Year 10.

There was no shortage of drama at the conference either. From El Chapo making an appearance while UNICEF was in session, to the outbreak of a deadly alien virus that made people mindless zombies, the crises that the delegates faced were outlandish but at the same time extremely creative!

"I never imagined an INTRA-school MUN conference could be this fun!!" exclaimed a student of Year 8. "It was as good as the interschool ones I have attended. We even got merchandise!"

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Reflecting on the event, Filza Ali, Head of Media for Saintz MUN shared, "Saintz MUN definitely is one of my core memories, and I can confidently say the same for the entire Secretariat. It was filled with organized chaos and efficient debate, and it was amazing to see how much we've grown over the years."

One of the highlights of Saintz MUN 2024 was the Socials Night, an event that brought together students in a more relaxed and festive atmosphere. With flashing lights, thumping music and even live bands performing, the evening was a perfect blend of fun and camaraderie, allowing delegates and organizers to unwind and celebrate their hard work.



In the words of Sarah from year 10, "I would say SaintzMun'24 was one of the best experiences of my school life, all the committee sessions, the motions to challenge, the food, the social, all the fun we had with old friends and new is something I'll never forget in my life! Can't wait for SaintzMun'25!"



On Day 2, after the committee sessions were done, the delegates assembled in the main hall again for the closing ceremony. Calling it a cultural extravaganza would not be excessive in the least! Live band performances and superfast dance numbers rocked the stage. It would be remiss not to mention the very graceful Srilankan classical dance performed by 10E's Samadhi, because truly, it was a feast to the eyes!

Our Vice Principal, Ms. Lise Ann graced the occasion and addressed the gathering. Her words were both immensely encouraging and inspiring. And she meant it when she said the school is proud of what the MUN team has achieved, because the following day was declared a 'formal' colored clothes day in honor of the successful conference!

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Ms. Lise Ann also presented the awards for which the entire crowd was eagerly waiting. The winners came up on stage to receive their Trophies and certificates amid loud cheers, their competitors/friends genuinely happy for the well deserved wins. It was truly diplomacy at its finest!

After the conference we caught up with Emily and Yafet, brimming with pride in having successfully led this conference to completion. Emily feels "...it's an event that has shaped our delegates' vision on what an MUN really is: Fiery debates, tense crises and fantastic shows." Yafet agrees, adding that, "The two days were unforgettable, and it truly could not have been possible without everyone who made it come together -- from the faculty to the secretariat and especially the delegates!"



The event was a resounding success, attracting a record number of 140 delegates. From the opening ceremony to the closing remarks, the conference was filled with engaging debates, thrilling crises, and meaningful resolutions. The dedication of the delegates and the efficiency of the organizing team ensured that the event ran smoothly and professionally.

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"No effort was spared in ensuring our students got an MUN experience on par with or even better than any other inter school MUN in the region. And this success is thanks to the collaborative efforts of the MUN Core team, logistics team, photographers, performers, the delegates and of course, the school leadership. Because while Mr. Trevor, Ms. Kiara and I were definitely there with the team, it was our school's unconditional support that was instrumental in making this a reality. We are extremely grateful for that and especially to Ms. Lise Ann, who helped us in numerous different ways whenever we needed it," said Ms. Renthi, Saintz MUN Faculty Advisor.



Congratulations to all participants, especially the organizing team, for their outstanding efforts in making Saintz MUN 2024 a success. This event has undoubtedly inspired many to continue pursuing excellence in leadership and debate.

MUN ADVENTURES

CONTINUE!

By: Mubashshera Khan, Yr 12

The SaintzMUN team continues to stand strong with their heads held high. At the beginning of this year, our students had already attended a few notable conferences. As the academic year progressed, the delegates continued to excel and went on to further conquer MUN in other schools, showcasing their diplomatic prowess and debating skills.

24th-25th February 2024, our SAINTZ MUN team had the honor of attending ASIES MUN. Organizers had thoughtfully prepared the venue, with a basketball campus serving as a waiting area. Delegates gathered under a familiar canopy, reminiscent of their own school, creating a sense of comfort in the new environment. The distribution of tote bags and merchandise added to the excitement, as students eagerly sought out familiar faces and committee members.

Among the standout participants was Veronica Malubay, who clinched the Best Delegate award at ASIEMUN24. Her experience was nothing short of transformative. From the moment she received her country assignment, Poland, Veronica immersed herself in research, developing a passionate patriotism for her assigned nation.

"I felt so confident with such a perfect country for the committee and agenda that even without proper points bolstering my speeches, I wasn't afraid of questions or points of orders," Veronica recalled. Her preparation paid off, as she navigated the debates with ease, focusing on the sheer enjoyment of the diplomatic exchange.

The culmination of her efforts came during the closing ceremony. Despite moments of self-doubt, Veronica's hard work was recognized with the Best Delegate award. "It was like a milestone in my journey of debate," she reflected. "All my mentors, from Miss Renthli to the leadership team, all felt worth it when I was up on that stage and promoting our school."

MUN ADVENTURES **CONTINUE!**

Our delegates left the ASIES venue with an impressive array of eight awards!

Veronica Malubay – Best Delegate, UNSDC

Shannon Dsouza – Best Delegate, WHO

Rhianna Nicole Rosario – Best Speaker, WHO

Justin Taping – Best Researcher, UNSDC

Shelin Reyes – Best Researcher, WHO

Akalman Navaneethan – Best Researcher, UNICEF

Taher Tambawala – Best Researcher, FIFA

Tahera Tambawala – Best Position Paper, CSW

Following the success at ASIES MUN, the Saintz delegates ventured into the digital realm with SODMUN on 13th - 14th April, an online conference that stood out for its unique format and widespread endorsement from prominent figures in the MUN world for instance the secretary general of the GMA's MUN club. Unlike traditional school-hosted events, SODMUN was organized by a private entity, offering a fresh perspective on the MUN experience.

For many Saintz delegates, SODMUN marked their first journey into online MUN conferences. It demonstrated the Saintz MUN group's ability to excel in both traditional and innovative conference formats, their adaptability of the delegates and their commitment to engaging with global issues across various platforms.

The virtual setting challenged delegates to adapt their skills to a new medium while grappling with controversial global perspectives.

Despite the physical distance, SODMUN managed to capture the intensity and excitement of in-person debates. The conference reached a crescendo with heated exchanges between delegates representing the USA and North Korea, bringing geopolitical tensions to life in the virtual space.

Mena Admassu from 8E, who won the Runner up Best Delegate Award, reflected on the impact of the conference, stating, "It really allowed me to develop my skills representing different nations and their controversial perspectives on issues. It improved my tolerance and patience not only in MUNs but also in real life."

MUN ADVENTURES **CONTINUE!**

Late June a few students attended GFSMUN organised by Gems Founders School. And our seasoned delegate, Natalie D'Silva of 10D bagged the Best Speaker award for her committee.

"It was such an unexpected surprise to be awarded with Best Speaker from among so many good delegates; I really enjoyed GFSMUN and spending time with the people i met there', said Natalie about her experience.

The Saintz MUN team's journey through the academic year culminated in their participation at GMAJR24, held from April 27th to 28th, 2024. This event, tailored for beginners, provided a platform for junior delegates to showcase their rapid diplomatic skills and gain valuable experience in the world of MUN.

Our junior delegates brought home six coveted awards from GMAJR24

Unlike the previous events where we heard directly from the delegates, for GMAJR24, we turn to the perspective of Filza, a member of SaintzMUN secretariat as she shared her thoughts on the conference: "It was a beginner MUN, and all juniors were there. But despite the age, there were quite a few aspiring delegates that had a lot of potential, including the ones from our school. Our delegates never fail to make SaintzMUN proud."

Shalom Pereira – Best Delegate, UEFA

Mohammed Noor – Runner Up Best Delegate, UEFA

Francis Aggiao – Runner Up Best Delegate, ECOSOC

Justin Taping – Best Researcher, ECOSOC

Hannah Leigh – Best Researcher, UNICEF

Mena Admassu – Best Researcher, UNHRC



The success across ASIES MUN, SODMUN, GFSMUN and GMAJR24 serves as a testament to the quality of the Saintz MUN program and the dedication of its participants. As these young diplomats continue to grow and tackle new challenges, they are well-positioned to become the informed, articulate, and compassionate leaders of tomorrow, ready to address the complex global issues that await them.



Saintz litCon 2024

An Arts, Comedy & Trivia Extravaganza!

By : Oshadi Weeramanthiri, Suhaani Mehra & Zoya Kaku, Yr 12

To be, or not to be: that is the question.

And for most students here at Saintz, they took the courageous leap to Be!

With summer break inching closer and closer, our very own English department planned a fully packed, never-before-seen rollout of competitions to keep all of the students here at St Mary's on the edge of their seats, or on a big bright stage, or both.

It was no surprise that this newly introduced all-ages event garnered a lot of buzz from peer to peer. Skulls and quills in hand, they may have been a hopeful poet or a theatrical dramatist, or a crafty cardboard prop maker, perhaps a witty kid who's good with a microphone and (politically sensitive) commentary to share, or just a know-it-all who spent far too much time reading the Guinness World Record books; either way, there was a place for everyone among the countless events to take part in.



"Litcon was a labor of love for me and Mrs. Renthii, our librarian. The idea for it came up as we were discussing ways in which to encourage our students to read. However we wanted to give them a platform to showcase their many talents as well. Hence, Litcon. It is still an embodiment of our love for the written word, but in its many different connotations. And we were blessed to have an amazing team of colleagues who helped us pull it off" said Mrs. Kankanika, our Head of English, when we asked her how Litcon came about.

An Arts, Comedy & Trivia Extravaganza!

As a school, St. Mary's not only focuses on the academic excellence of our students, but also the liberal arts of poetry, performance, and presentation. The values of creativity and curiosity are not only cherished, but fostered, encouraged and championed. June 20th and 21st saw a host of challenges happening across the school in different categories, including poetry recitation, drawing competitions, short story writing, Haiku, monologues, and by far the most popular contests, one-minute acts, In-Act, stand-up comedy, and team trivia.



Ms. Seena and Ms. Anitha Aseem, who were in charge of the Year 5-6 trivia quiz, spoke about their experience. "At SMCHS LitCon, I experienced the true magic of stories bringing children and adults together. The creativity and excitement from both readers and writers were inspiring. It was an unforgettable celebration of Literature, Science and imagination," said Ms. Anitha.

While Ms. Seena relayed that, "As a teacher, I was both nervous and excited to navigate uncharted waters when asked to be a 'Quiz Master'. It was a great learning experience, and I can't wait for LITCON 2025! 😊"

LitCon also included a dress up competition for the juniors, story writing for all year groups and the favorite of primary children, a vibrant drawing competition. With the theme "Your Favorite Book," our students from different year groups had the opportunity to bring their favorite literary figures to life through their artwork.

Miss Loida, who was in charge of the drawing competition, was thrilled with the high caliber of work presented by our young artists. She noted that the Years 3 and 4 students showed talent in their ability to capture the essence of their chosen book characters. While in the Years 5 and 6 category, the teachers observed an even deeper level of engagement with their literary inspirations.

From stick figure Greg Heffley to Harry Potter and his wand, the creativity and dedication displayed by all our artists were truly commendable, making it a challenging task for the judges to select the standout pieces. Overall, the drawing competition was a fantastic addition to the LitCon event, and it was inspiring to see how our students used their artistic talents to celebrate their favorite book characters.

An Arts, Comedy & Trivia Extravaganza!

The second day of Litcon became especially popular as students filled the main hall awaiting exciting performances. One that earned a packed hall was the stand-up comedy event. "It was a really great experience! It allowed us to share our witty repartees with the school, although it was slightly daunting," shared Suhaani from Year12 who performed with Zoya.



For In-Act, groups of students stormed the stage with their interpretation of a chosen literary classic and the audience witnessed the magic of theater.

"I felt all the adrenaline I've ever felt in my life during Litcon. And I was more focused on having fun because it was all really exciting but then I ended up winning too, so thank you, LitCon," says Victor of 10C, who was one of our star performers, and won several competitions.

"Litcon 2024 helped unleash the innermost hidden talents in both our young and younger students. There was a feeling of excitement in the air," said one of the teachers who helped coordinate the events.



An Arts, Comedy & Trivia Extravaganza!

For the Senior's Quiz finals, the main hall was abuzz with an audience eagerly listening to questions and keeping track of the teams and their scores. Yafet Admassu, one of the finalists shares that "Doing Trivia at LitCon was one of the best experiences I've had participating in quizzes. The questions didn't feel like they were taken from a 5-minute Google Search, rather they seemed as if the quizmasters put in a lot of effort to bring out the best in us!" Needless to say, the credit goes to Mrs. Avita, Mrs. Bindhu and Mrs. Sreeparna who skillfully wove together an extremely interesting range of questions and administered the quiz.



Our beloved neuro-gear search engine, Google, defines poetry as the "literary work in which the expression of feelings and ideas is given intensity by the use of distinctive style and rhythm." As glamorous as it seems, Poetry's dirty secret is that it's scorned by most people, worshipped by others, and purchased by very few. However it is more than safe to say that a whole lot of students here at St. Mary's harbors a rigorous and roaring flame for the solitude of Poetry - whether it is contemporary, Shakespeare, or the unconventional Emily Dickinson.

"Litcon 2024 required the selfless efforts of so many of our teachers, from every department. What could have been a logistical nightmare became instead a beautiful celebration where children dressed up, recited poetry, painted pictures, wrote stories, did theater and stand up and had a total blast, only because our teachers truly pitched in. Shoutout to all of our amazing teachers for helping stage this outpouring of sheer talent", said Mrs. Renthi when we asked her about the event.

Congratulations to all participants for their exceptional work and this event wouldn't even have been possible without the cooperation and support of our SLT, especially Mr. Paul and Mrs. Lise Ann. And a big thank you to Mrs. Renthi and Mrs. Kankanika for working tirelessly and dedicatedly to make this event a grand success.

SMOOTH TALKERS:

THE ARAB UNITY SPEECH COMPETITION



By: Isabella Lauren E. Mayogba, 10A

The Arab Unity Speech Competition is a yearly event that is held at the Arab Unity School. This year, our Saintz teams had the opportunity to participate in this prestigious competition. In fact, AUS had later declared that this year was one of the biggest turn ups they had ever had – this competition was sure to be a fantastic and thrilling one!

Our school had a junior team and a senior team. And of course, it wouldn't be a speech competition without thought provoking topics. This year, the juniors were given the topic 'AI: A Threat to Humanity' whilst the seniors had the topic 'Hazards of Teen Vaping'. Everyone had 6 minutes to speak in front of an audience of around 100 people and two judges.



You might be wondering if our school clinched any prizes... Of course we did! Two of them!

Despite having to say her speech at the very last to a (nearly) empty hall, Joyce Youssef of 10E shone through, persevered and bagged the first prize in senior category! Her peer said: "Her speech was the very last one, however it was truly the best one. It was unique and heartfelt, very personal and it felt like she spoke from the heart. She is really talented, and it stuck with me; her gestures and voice modulations were really so well done."

In the Junior category, Veronica Malubay of 8D secured second place after moving the audience with her impassioned piece about the Threat AI is posing to humanity.

For those reading this that might want to be a part of a competition like this soon, here is some advice from our participants:

"Be confident no matter what and stand your ground. Never be shaken up, and above all, be loud and vocal about your opinion."

"Speech competitions are healthy. You are not only training your vocal strength, but also your words. You are essentially trying to develop the ability to use your words efficiently."





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ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

Dear Readers,

As we turn the final pages of this academic year's chapter, it's time to pause, reflect, and celebrate the things we have achieved, the things we could have done and yes the memories that we have made inside and outside the classroom.. The end of the school year always brings a blend of emotions—nostalgia for the moments we're leaving behind, excitement for the adventures that awaits us, and pride in all that we've accomplished together.

This year has been nothing short of extraordinary. We've navigated through challenges, embraced new opportunities, and grown in ways we never imagined possible. Our students have tackled complex problems, demonstrated incredible resilience, and made significant strides in their academic and personal journeys

Our teachers and staff have been the guiding lights throughout this journey. Their unwavering commitment, creativity, and passion have shaped a nurturing and stimulating environment. They've adapted to new teaching methods, supported students through ups and downs, and celebrated every milestone with enthusiasm. It's their dedication that turns our school into more than just a place of learning—it becomes a community of support and inspiration.

Parents and guardians, your involvement has been indispensable. Whether through volunteering, attending meetings, or simply providing encouragement from home; your role in our students' success cannot be overstated. Your partnership with the school creates a powerful support system that enhances every student's experience and fosters a collaborative spirit.

To our graduating seniors, this is a particularly special time. You are on the brink of new beginnings, armed with the knowledge, skills, and experiences that will guide you into the next phase of your lives. While we are sad to see you go, we are immensely proud of the incredible individuals you have become. Your future is bright, and we look forward to hearing about all the amazing things you will accomplish.

To our Marian Family, let's recharge and start fresh with new goals in the next academic year. Most importantly, let's carry forward the lessons learned and the friendships made. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this year memorable and successful. Here's to celebrating our achievements, cherishing our experiences, and looking forward to the future with anticipation and excitement.

With genuine thanks for this year and hope for the future

Sincerely
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Thank you