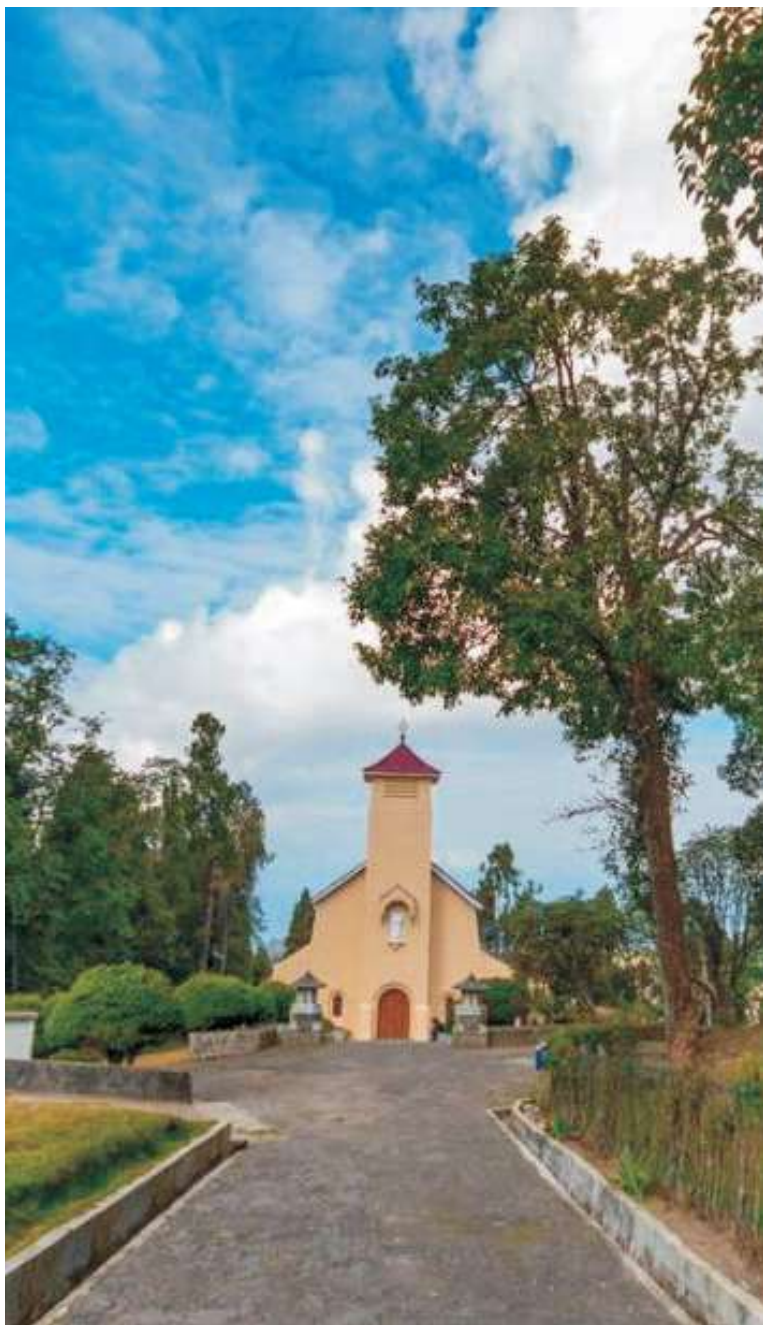


**ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL CHRONICLE  
2017**



The School Chapel



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The Senior Wing Staff, 2017, with Rev. J. Halder (Administrator/ Chaplain).



The Junior Wing Staff, 2017, with Rev. J. Halder (Administrator/ Chaplain).



The Primary Wing Staff, 2017, with Rev. J. Halder (Administrator/ Chaplain).





The Administrative Staff, 2017, with Rev. J. Halder (Administrator/ Chaplain).



The School Captain and Prefects, 2017, with Rev. J. Halder (Administrator/Chaplain).



Boys Spending 12 Years In St Paul's School, 2017, with Rev. J. Halder (Administrator/Chaplain).

# St. Paul's School Darjeeling



## 195th Speech Day

Sunday, 10th December 2017, 9:30 am

*Chief Guest:*

Ms. Joyoshi Dasgupta, IAS  
District Magistrate, Darjeeling

### List of Prize Winners

#### ***Programme***

Arrival of the Chief Guest  
Invocation: "In His Time"  
The School Song  
School Annual Report  
Choral Rendition: "Heal the World"  
Felicitation of Staff (Silver Jubilee)  
Felicitation of Parents  
Prize Distribution  
Chief Guest's Address  
Vote of Thanks  
The National Anthem



### Prize List- 2017

<i>Class</i>	<i>First Proficiency</i>	<i>Second Proficiency</i>	<i>Progress &amp; Application</i>
1	Debdumnya Banerjee	Mohit Kumar Soni	Sushobhit Mukhia
2	Ayush Raj	Shojauddin Sk	Tejaswa Singh
3	Umang Agarwal	Anirudh Singh	Ayushman Mallick
4	Sabbir Ahmed	Ayush Roy	Shreyash A.Singh
5	Othniel R. Daniel	Gaurav Chaudhary	Srijit Halder
6A	Arman Mandal	Taha Najam Khan	Porosh Ahnaf Patwari
6B	Sankalp Kumar	Sudipto Roy	Aayan Mali
7A	Ayushman Newar	Himanshu Shekhar	Jerome Ayemi
7B	Nikhil Kumar	Sheeladitya Rai/ Ayush Raj	Not awarded
8A	Ishant Bhattarai	Janlap Kongpop	Aditya Raj
8B	Chaitanya Singh	Nilakash Kashyap	Phakkaphop Treevichar
8C	Jiraput Promdireg	Avikshith Kausar	Not awarded
9A	Sanskar Chandra	Yash N. Tamang	Adarsh Tiwari
9B	Himanshu Dutta	Nikhilesh Raj	Rahul Kumar Gupta
9C	Aman Vats	Leighton David	Aaron S. Agarwal
10A	Raiyan A. Chaudhary	Harsh Vardhan	Sparsh Anand
10B	Rishav Agarwal	Rachit Jain	Not awarded
10C	Hridaii Raj Chettri	Fardeen Y. Mazhari	Pervez Iqbal
11Hum.	Devrath Madhur	Md. Imtesal	Harsh Sarraf
11Com.	Debojyoti Dey	Raghav Gutgutia	Arjun Kumar
11Sc.	Sunny Sinha	Ankit Gupta	Ratan Vatsya
12Hum.	Imli Wabang Jamir	Laxmi Niwas Modi	Not awarded
12Com.	Tatiya Poomarintr	Ashutosh Poddar	Norzang N. Bhutia
12Sc.	Aditya Bihani	Norbu Lepcha	Not awarded

### Special Prizes in Primary Wing

<i>Class</i>	<i>Good Conduct</i>	<i>Art</i>
1	Diptansu Vishal	Debdumnya Banerjee
2	Kaustub	Shaurya Prasad
3	Mihir Singh	Anuchit Kiatsiri
4	Parth Kashyap	Yotwarit Chiosamang
5	Ansh Pradhan	
	Essay Prize	Gaurav Chaudhary
	Moore Divinity	Srijit Halder
	PW Prize for Best Actor	Atulya Koirala/ Othniel R. Daniel
	Saxena Prize for quizzing	Othniel R. Daniel
	Jyoti Kundu Memorial Medal	Ansh Pradhan
	Evelyn Howard Prize for Elocution	Othniel R. Daniel
	PW Best Artist Media	Fida Molla

## Special Prizes in Junior Wing

Amiya Bhattacharya Memorial Prize for the Best Musician	Ishan Pathak
Junior Wing Moore Divinity Prize	Tsognyid R. Nakarmi
The Junior Wing Art Prize	Emmi Laloo
B. J. Sharma Medal for Best Sportsman in Junior Wing	Not awarded
Jack Warren Medal for the Best Cricketer in Junior Wing	Utkarsh
Jyoti Kundu Medal for Elocution	Ishant Bhattarai
Naresh Shanmungam Memorial Medal for Good Conduct in Class VII	Tanjir Mali
K. N. Sahgal Prize for Bible Reading	Ujjal E. Naskar
Dawa Norbu Medal for the Best Debater in Junior Wing	Arman Mandal/ Aditya Kumar
The Sakrani Medal for Computer	Tsognyid R. Nakarmi
The Gayatri Kanti Prize for Consistent Academic Achievement	Ishant Bhattarai
B. P. Dutta Science Prize	Ishant Bhattarai
The Karanjal Prize for quizzing	Aaryan R. Pradhan
Disawala Prize for Best Actor	Ishant Bhattarai

## Special Prizes in Senior Wing

Sahgal Accountancy Prize	Tatiya Poomarintr
Leslie Goddard Medal (ICSE)	Sunny Sinha
Saraf Short Story Medal	Imliwabang L. Jamir
Renuka Dang Proficiency Medal- ICSE	Sunny Sinha
Kamlesh Kanti Medal- ICSE Hindi	Manas
R. S. Prasad Computer Science Medal	Norbu Lepcha/ Pranaab Dangol
Das Studio Prize for Consistent Good Work	Ashutosh Poddar
Kamlesh Kanti Medal- Photography	Ashutosh Poddar
Gen. Virendra N.C.C Medal	Not Awarded
Kabra Proficiency Medal- ISC Commerce	Ritesh Agarwal
A.B.Miller Proficiency Medal- ISC Science	Bijit Regmi
Majumdar Science Medal	Aditya Bihani
Anil Choudhary Art Prize	Ever Bright Chakma/ Sumit Jha
Madhukar Rana Nepali Medal	Reshav Man Shakya/ Neirav Giri
Sahgal Business Studies Prize	Ever Bright Chakma
G.V. Swaika Medal for Drama	Not awarded
Best Craftman's Medal- woodwork	Not awarded
Gyaltsen Medal- Best Footballer- Under 10	Yeshi D. Thongdok
Tower History Medal	Imliwabang L. Jamir
Karun Majumdar G.K. Medal	Sunny Sinha
Rahoul Music Medal	Anuto Zhimomi

Best Actor Medal- Nepali	Not awarded
Darjeeling Rotary Medal for Social Service (Under X)	Sumit Kr. Chourasia
Raj Bhandari Nepali Medal - ICSE	Samyam Timilsina
N. K. Mitra Medal for Club Activities	Not awarded
Kothari Physical Science Medal	Satwik Shekhar/ Paul K. Lhungdim
Rudra Hindi Medal	Laxmi Niwas Modi
K. L. Pradhan Medal - ICSE Economics	Samyam Timilsina
Darjeeling Photo Store Medal (Excellence in Photography)	Ashutosh Poddar
Robin Banerjee Life Science Prize	Aditya Bihani
Adam's Music Medal	Tenzin Topden
Nilima Bose Medal (Excellence in Theatre)	Not awarded
Usha Rani Bengali Medal	Debojyoti Dey
Clarke Geography Prize	Aditya Bihani
Moore Divinity Medal	Imliwabang L. Jamir
Rai Bahadur D.N. Singh Medal - ISC Humanities	Francis X. Hackmann
Best Craftsman's Medal for Batik	Debrup Chaudhuri
Ajit Singh Lamba award for Good Conduct	Vorameth Kajonrungslip
O. P. A. Medal - Best All Round Sportsman	Not awarded
Maj. Bhatnagar Medal for Brain of St. Paul's	Debrup Chaudhuri
Best Artist Medal	Ever Bright Chakma
Best Actor Medal - Hindi	Not awarded
Class of 89's Economics Medal	Aditya Bihani
Gal Gregory Mathematics Medal	Aditya Bihani
Nanibala Dey English Literature Medal	Aditya Bihani
Sakraney Medal for Elocution	Aditya Bihani
School Captain's Medal	Aditya Bihani
G. J. Shaw Medal for Best All Rounder - Class 10	Raiyan A Chowdhury
K. K. Mukherjee Medal for Best All Rounder - Class 12	Aditya Bihani
Gibbs Medal for Outward Bound Activities (Pioneers)	Ever Bright Chakma
Bible Reading Medal	Lyngwa R Ksanbah
Jack Warren - Best Cricketer Under 10	Akashdeep Pradhan
Atanu Bhattacharjee Memorial Cricket Medal	Gaurav Singh
Tenzing Norgay Leadership Award	Imliwabang L. Jamir
Air Force Medal - for Best Public Speaker	Aditya Bihani
Luv Kumar Ecological Studies Medal	Aditya Bihani
Carter English Medal	Aditya Bihani
Rector's Medal	Aditya Bihani
Bishop's Medal	Ever Bright Chakma
Nawraj Pradhan Environmental Ambassador Medal	Ever Bright Chakma

## SCHOOL SONG

From the low and steamy plains  
'Upward !' the old School calls;  
Come share our joys and pains,  
Come, mould your limbs and brains;  
'Upward !' the old School calls;  
St. Paul's, St. Paul's, St. Paul's !

When pales and dies the light  
'Courage !' the old School calls;  
Fear not the darkest night;  
Clouds only veil the light;  
'Courage !' the old School calls;  
St. Paul's, St. Paul's, St. Paul's !

When press unhallowed foes;  
'Fight on !' the old School calls;  
See the eternal snows;  
Pure be thy soul as those;  
'Fight on !' the old School calls;  
St. Paul's, St. Paul's, St. Paul's !

And when life's course is run,  
'Homeward !' the old School calls  
Face towards the rising sun,  
Wait for the glad 'Well Done !'  
'Homeward !' the old School calls;  
St. Paul's, St. Paul's, St. Paul's.

**Ms. Joyoshi Das Gupta, I.A.S.**

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**For St. Paul's School : Transcript of Speech, 10.12.2017.**

To all my angels, fresh as dew- you remind me of the time when I was you. A very good morning to all teachers, parents and children. You are fortunate in many ways. You are protected, you have caring families, teachers and friends. You do not have to worry about how you will buy a pen or an exercise book, unlike many other children of your age. You are being given exposure to different opportunities, different streams, different possibilities. In this school, you are given a solid foundation, which should help you choose wisely in future. With all the knowledge you have access to, no one should be able to make a fool of you when you go out into the world.

I admire the way the teachers, guardians and students rose to the occasion during the long strike and ensured education did not suffer, by holding special classes in Siliguri. I think you need to know this- one of the people who called the strike has a daughter studying law in London and another son going to school in Australia. Children of those who imposed the strike go to school in Pune and Bengaluru while they deprive children in the Hills of education. When you are in positions of leadership as you surely will be one day, I hope you will never do to children of others what you would not do to your own children.

You are all little living dreams of your families, your parents, your teachers coming from the educated strata of society, it will be your responsibility to lead the rest of society. What you do with your lives will shape how well or how badly the generations after you will live. We will be gone, you must shape the world for those who come after you. I hope you will carry forward the value systems of your families and your teachers in whatever you do in life.

Not all days are good. Some days are hopeless and dark; but tomorrow brings new hopes, new opportunities. When days are bad, wait for tomorrow. My best wishes are with you. God bless you all.

  
JOYOSHI  
JOSOSHI DAS GUPTA



The ISC '17-'18 Candidates with (L-R) Mr. D. P. Pradhan, Rev. J. Halder (Administrator/Chaplain), Mr. P. Lepcha (Sr. Master) and Mr. N. Mondal.



The ICSE '17-'18 Candidates with (L-R) Mr. R. Chettri, Mr. P. Lepcha (Sr. Master), Rev. J. Halder (Administrator/Chaplain), Mr. P.S.Chaturvedi and Mr. D. Cecil.



## CHAPEL REPORT, 2017.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Michael Dutta Head Chapel Warden: Aditya Bihani

The Chapel has often been described as *'the heart of St. Paul's'*, and I am sure, this description stands true, even today; both spiritually as well as geographically.

As an integral part of our routine, services were held on all the weekdays. Matins and Holy Communion services were held and conducted by the Chaplain on Sundays. Apart from these, the Chapel hosted a number of special services.

The year began, as usual, with the Opening of Term Service on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. Then, the Leavers' Service was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. We even had three Batches of Old Paulites visiting us and attending the Special Service for Old Paulites was the Batch of 1967 on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, OPA Kolkata on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April and the Batch of 1991 on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October. Then, we had the All Souls' Day Service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. After this we had the Children's Day Special Service in the Prep Hall. Finally, the Primary Wing had their lovely Carol Service on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November followed by the Junior Wing and Senior Wing Carol Services on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December, respectively. It was also the last service for the year.

A number of Special Prizes related to the Chapel were awarded on the Speech Day to the following boys:

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| Primary Wing Moore Divinity Prize          | - Srijit Halder         |
| Junior Wing Moore Divinity Prize           | - Tsognyid Raj Nakarmi  |
| Junior Wing Bible Reading Prize            | - Ujjal Emmanuel Naskar |
| Senior Wing Moore Divinity Prize           | - Imliwabang L. Jamir   |
| Senior Wing Bible Reading Prize            | - Ksanbah R. Lyngwha    |
| Darjeeling Rotary Medal for Social Service | - Sumit Kumar Chourasia |

However, the continuity of the regular Chapel Services were gravely interrupted by the outbreak of the political unrest that culminated in the shut-down of the School for a period of, about, a little over three months.

As we now witness the culmination of the year, it is the right time to extend our sincere thanks to the Estate Department and the effective team of the School Gardeners, who helped in keeping the Chapel in the best of state. The Team of Chapel Wardens, namely – Devrath Madhur, Harit Kumawat, Vorameth Kajonrunslip, Sagnik Gupta, Sumit Kumar Chourasia, Rishu Raj and Akshat Anunay, from the Senior Wing and the Junior Wing Wardens for their hard work and effort. A special thanks to the Chaplain, our Administrator, for having the Chapel painted and the

floor varnished. The Chapel really got a face-lift. We would also like to place on record the sincere help of our Choir Master, Mr. Sudeep George Pande, for looking into the finer details of the 'Special Services'.

Finally, we would like to extend our thanks to the Master-in-Charge, Mr. Michael Dutta, for his words of wisdom, inspiration, guidance and, from time to time, the affectionate scolding and, above all, his ability to motivate us with his good sense of humour.

Akshat Anunay

Class IX Chapel Warden, 2017



The Chapel Wardens, 2017, with Mr. M. Dutta.



Clive House, 2017, with (L-R) Mr. S. Khaling, Mr. D. Cecil, Mr. G. Bhattacharya (Hm) and Mr. A. Sen.

## CLIVE HOUSE REPORT – 2017.

**House Master: Mr. G. Bhattacharya    House Captain: Aditya Bihani**

**Prefect: Paul Lungdim**

“Impossible is Nothing”. This we prove, year after year, in our beloved house, CLIVE. With an enthusiastic and energetic bunch of boys we started the year 2017 with absolute belief in our motto “Keep up the House Spirit.” The bubbling talent among the Clivians was waiting to be translated into practice and the opportunities were waiting to be explored.

The following Sixth Formers of Clive House were assigned with the House responsibilities: Paul Lungdim: Clive House Prefect and Aditya Bihani: House Captain and the School Captain for the year 2017. Their contribution and everlasting support has been truly rewarding to the House.

This year started with soaring spirits and numerous ambitions. The year commenced with the Cricket season. Clive has always been a dominating figure on the cricket field and our boys have shown some great talent on the Cricket field. Aditya, Paul, Owaish, Shehzad, Tabish and Ankur Singha contributed a lot during this season. This year we bagged both the Basketball and Volleyball Cups. This victory was possible because of tremendous hard work put in by Paul Lungdim, Owaish, Shehzad, Tubseang, Anuto, Zenden and Aftab Sherjil. Congratulations to all these boys for a great success in Volleyball and Basketball.

Clive has always been a dominant force in the field of Elocution. This year we made a clean sweep of things when we walked away with the Bengali, Nepali, Hindi and English Elocution Cups. And, particularly in the English Elocution, all our participants came first in all the sections. Congratulations to Aditya, Devrath, Raiyan and Neirav Giri for that record victory.

This year we also bagged the S.W. PT Cup and the Football Shield.

We had our Annual House Concert on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, jointly with Lawrence House, where we staged the Annual House Play titled “**The Rising of the Moon**” written by Lady Gregory. It was a short and splendid play, which was transcreated and directed by our House Master, Mr. Gautam Bhattacharya. The acting, stage, and background was well appreciated by one and all present. The lead roles were played by the two House Captains Aditya Bihani (Clive) and Debrup Chaudhuri (Lawrence). Raiyan and Sparsh Anand, as supporting actors, were also superb and they kept everybody spell bound. The dance put up by class IX’s, X’s and the Sixth

Formers, and quite a few solo songs by Anuto, Sparsh and others were enjoyed thoroughly by the entire audience.

This year, we had to cancel a lot of Inter-House activities, due to the local political unrest for four long months. But, after the Puja holidays we made up a few and Clive was again victorious.

At the Annual GHD lunch, and the 195<sup>th</sup> Speech Day on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017, our Clivians achieved many prestigious awards. First Proficiency prizes were awarded to Raiyan A. Chaudhury (XA), Rishav Agarwal (XB), Devrath Madhur (XI Hum.) and Aditya Bihani (XII SC.). Our House Prefect, Paul Lungdim, was awarded the Kothari Physical Science Medal and Neirav Giri, once again, won the Madhukar Rana Nepali Prize. The G.J. Shaw Medal for the Best All Rounder - Under 10 was awarded to Raiyan A. Choudhury. Anuto Zhimomi achieved the Rahoul Music Medal.

Aditya Bihani, by the way, made an all-time record this year, again, by winning 14 special prizes. The list of prestigious medals bagged by him are as follows:

1. Majumdar Science Medal,
2. Robin Banerjee Life Science Prize,
3. Clarke Geography Prize,
4. Class of '89 Economics Medal,
5. Gal Gregory Mathematics Medal,
6. Nanibala Dey English Literature Prize,
7. Sakraney Medal for English Elocution,
8. School Captain's Medal,
9. K.K. Mukherjee Medal –Best All Rounder (Class 12)
10. Air Force Medal-for Best Public Speaker,
11. Luv Kumar Ecological Studies Medal,
12. Carter English Medal and
13. Rector's Medal.

In addition to all these, a Prestigious, special 'Rector's Coat', a New Award introduced this year, was awarded to Aditya Bihani for his extraordinary achievement in Academics and other activities, taking his tally to 15 prizes being awarded to a single student. A Standing Ovation was given to Aditya and his Mother by the entire audience. Well done Aditya, and Well-done Clive!!

And, finally, on GHD Day Clive remained Victorious once again by winning the Most Prestigious 'Sikkim Shield', making it a Hat trick, this year.

Our heart-felt congratulations goes to all the prize winners.

On an ending note, I would like to extend my gratitude to the House Prefect, Paul Lungdim and the Sixth Formers Shehzad, Owaish, Tubseang and Norzang Bhutia, without whose constant help and support this year would not have been a successful year at all. Finally, my heart-felt thanks and gratitude goes out to our House Master, Mr. Gautam Bhattacharya, who has always been guiding, encouraging and supporting all Clivians in every sphere of our House activities and day-to-day life. His presence is inspirational for all of us. The two years in Clive have been wonderful and the House has been like a family to me, and all of us. Lastly, I wish all my fellow Paulites a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, in advance.

*Aditya Bihani*  
*House Captain & School Captain 2017*







Hastings House, 2017, with (L-R) Mr. R. Pradhan (Warden), Mr. R. Chettri, Mr. M. Dutta (Hm) and Mr. S. Rai.



## HASTINGS HOUSE REPORT – 2017

Housemaster: Mr. M. Dutta      House Captain: Ever Bright Chakma

House Tutors: Mr. D. P. Pradhan

Mr. Sanjive Rai

Mr. R. Chettri

Mr. Rajeev Pradhan

***“Hastings! Hastings! The best house in the school.....”***

That’s what we believe in our hearts, in St Paul’s, no matter what! And, on that note began 2017 for Hastings. The boys came in early in March with a lot of enthusiasm, high spirits and goals. Especially the Sixth Formers of Hastings, keeping in mind that we were aiming to be a difference that would count, for generations to come, keeping our identities and our uniqueness in mind. The Sixth Formers this year, I must comment, had unity, understanding and an undying sense of brotherhood which rippled throughout the entire House.

The following responsibilities were granted to the Sixth Formers of Hastings for the year 2017.

Ever Bright Chakma:      House Captain

School Vice-Captain

Art Secretary

SPROUTS Secretary

Imliwabang L. Jamir:      House Prefect

Music Appreciation Secretary

Cooking Hobby Secretary

Calligraphy Secretary

Ksanbah Lyngwha:      Origami Hobby Secretary

Tenzin Chopel:      Prep Hall Management Secretary

Norbu Z. Lepcha:      Basketball Captain

Tenzing Topden, of class 9, was made the Head Chorister.

**The Grand Evening** (the 2017 Hastings House Concert)

This year, we tried to be as creative as possible with our concert, to make a difference in how we look at our concerts, and to somewhat, break away from traditions. We were slotted to be the first House to put up their concert for this year. Due to various turns of events, which we were all

hoping for, we took the opportunity to raise the bar, to a new level, with every aspect and element of our House Concert. We used innovative lighting works to illuminate our concert on the evening of 29<sup>th</sup> April. We had used old junk, and recycled them into innovative lamps, to throw more light on the evening. We had brilliant musicians like Chinnucha, of class 9, and Mr. Rajeev Pradhan who, along with Mr Sanjive Rai, kept the mood in check for the evening. The hosts of the 'The Grand Evening' were Conservative, Saudi-Arabian, Roy and Eccentric, Thai-Tourist, Tatiya who deeply moved the audience. The House Play, for this year, was the classic "**The Dumb Wife of Cheapside**" and some brilliant on-stage chemistry was seen between the Captain and the Prefect as they portrayed an unconventional husband and wife. The crowd thoroughly enjoyed the comedy, brilliantly portrayed by all the enigmatic characters. This year we had struck off the usual class IX's and X's dance and replaced it with a semi-musical/action/comedy/drama skit titled "**Stupid Love**" in which the entire under-X was involved, directed by the House Captain and voiced over by Sixth form Ksanbah. Well, the crowd really fell for its plot! Sixth Forms Chopel and Ksanbah performed an emotive country ballad and the Captain and Prefect of the House performed an elusive vocal showcase of "**Tears in Heaven**", but the performance of the night went out to Norbu Z. Lepcha with his erratic dance moves which twisted and turned our dear OP's to handsomely reward him with a 'Cash Prize'. The fun didn't end there as there was a special Surprise for our dear Masters. The invitation cards, for 'The Grand Evening', doubled as a lottery and, with sheer luck, Ms P. P. Bose took home a gift voucher for a full family dinner at Glenary's. The age old fashion, of singing the House song to the accompaniment of the piano, evolved into a new Vogue with the addition of drums, guitar and dance moves which was not only a total craze for the House but a visual delight for the entire audience. In addition to all this, we also had the pleasure of hosting distinguished Old Paulites, our chief guest being Dr. Amritanand, whose grandfather happened to be 'Chairman' of the Board of Governors of St. Paul's School way back in the '60's. And, above all, the involvement of our forever supportive Mr. Michael Dutta, Mr. Sanjive Rai and Mr. Rajeev Pradhan, our House tutors, made Hastings' night so special. The boys later enjoyed a great party thereafter.

### **The Field.**

A combination of the elements of Chopel's Captaincy, Norbu's superb bowling, the team's eccentric enthusiasm and, of course, the superb partnership of Karim and Anshal gave us an unexpected sweeping victory in Cricket, for 2017, that brought the shield home to us! One should have been there at these matches to see how Hastings did the impossible! The Volleyball team performed really well, throughout, with their superb

teamwork. Football and Basketball were fought hard for, but slipped away by different margins, but one must truly remember Norbu's supportive, inspiring and endeavouring Captaincy, in these fields, which gave even defeat the taste of learning and experience. The PT competition was characterised with new innovative moves as the House added martial arts to the normal routine. We won the Badminton trophy with the expertise of our Thai boy, Atiwit Chomchalao who, literally, single-handedly brought the trophy home. We also stood second in Table-Tennis and I must take this opportunity to thank Tatiya, Hamza Khan and Aryan Jaiswal for giving their best shot in Table-Tennis.

### **The Stage.**

We were disheartened at the results in the two Elocution Competitions we had - Hindi and English Elocution where we stood second, in overall positions, in both. We had brilliant performances this year from Aryan Roy, Harsh Vardhan and Vaibhav at the Hindi Elocution. And, this time, we had managed to put up really different Drama works and Prose, regarding various psychological aspects from Hridaii Raj, Chakma and Jamir. But, we acknowledged our faults and have learnt even bigger lessons in losses than we would have ever learnt in victories.

Speech Day Awards.

*The following prizes were received by the boys in academics;*

#### **FIRST PROFICIENCY MEDAL:**

Himanshu Dutta of class 9B

Hridaii Raj Chettri of class XC

Imliwabang L. Jamir of class XII Humanities and

Tatiya Poomarintr of class XII Commerce

#### **SECOND PROFICIENCY MEDAL:**

Leighton David Aaron of class IXC

Harsh Vardhan of class XA

Raghav Gutgutia of class XI Commerce

Norbu Z. Lepcha of class XII Science

#### **PROGRESS AND APPLICATION.**

Rahul Kumar Gupta of class IXB

Pervez Iqbal of class XC

#### **SPECIAL PRIZES**

Francis Xavier Hackmann - Rai Bahadur D.N. Singh Medal (ISC Hum)

Samyam Timilsina -	Raj Bhandari Nepali ICSE medal
Tatiya Poomarintr -	Sahgal Accountancy Prize
Norbu Z. Lepcha -	R.S.Prasad Computer Science Medal
Tenzin Topden -	Adam's Music Medal
Ksanbah R Lyngwha -	Bible Reading Medal
Imliwabang L. Jamir -	Tenzing Norgay Leadership Award
	Saraf Short Story Medal
	Tower History Medal
	Moore Divinity Prize
Ever Bright Chakma-	Best Artist's Medal
	Anil Chaudhuri Art Medal
	Sahgal Business Studies Medal
	Gibbs Medal for outbound activities
	Bishop's Medal and

The first recipient of the Nawraj Pradhan Environmental Ambassador Medal

At the end of the day, we walked away with the most number of medals achieved, by a single House, in the entire academic year.

It was one of the most challenging years, where every aspect of our School was put to the test, and it is only in times like these that we deepen our bonds to our Houses and, above all, St Paul's. The long 104 days' strike had taken away precious three months of the most exciting term where our House could have performed many more wonders, but, none the less, we had a very different and a colourful year.....our words to the coming generations would be this, paraphrased from our House Song:

***"We bravely sail undaunted, through wind and storm and gale".***

Long live Hastings!

*Ever Bright Chakma and Imliwabang L. Jamir  
Hastings House Captain and Prefect, 2017*

## HAVELOCK HOUSE REPORT-2017

House Master: Mr. Vincent N. Varkey      House Captain: Yash Agarwal

Prefects: Pranab Dangol, Ankit Pati

Havelock House welcomed 2017 with a soul searching and awakening, contrary to the casual programming and conditioning. As our system of schooling is aimed at creating citizens capable of sustaining a free nation, able to think independently, to articulate ideas carefully, and to bridge different view points on complex issues we, the Havelockians, collaboratively started off by investing the following boys as:

House Captain - Yash Agarwal

House Prefect - Pranab Dangol

House Prefect - Ankit Pati

The excitement pertaining to the talents, and potential, of each boy in the House was displayed in various events, and activities, of the year.

In Cricket, good team spirit and sportsmanship were seen, and all the XI's played their matches with the determination and will to win, and did their best, though they could not succeed in bringing the shield back to the House.

The Football season was really stirred up, with lots of hope and expectations for Havelock to win the shield, and they started off playing the matches with a winning streak and gave a good fight. Finally, they had to be happy with the second position.

As for Table-Tennis and Lawn Tennis we had our share of success by winning both the Cups for the year 2017. Special mention must be made in this regard of Sunny Sinha and Yash Agarwal. Congratulations boys!

This year, the Brain of St. Paul's Quiz Competition was contested with a lot of excitement and speculations and, finally, Havelock came out victorious. Rajbir Singh Bharara had made the greatest contribution to this win. Congratulations Rajbir!

Now, I would like to mention the names of those boys who excelled, in their field of interests, and were rightfully honoured, at the 195<sup>th</sup> Annual Speech Day on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, in front of the whole School, parents and guests.

Sanskar Chandra (9A)	- First Proficiency Prize
Yash Narendra Tamang (9A)	- Second Proficiency Prize
Nikhilesh Raj (9B)	- Second Proficiency Prize
Subham Agarwal (9C)	- Progress and Application



Havelock House, 2017, with (L-R) Mr. P.S. Chaturvedi, Mr. N. V. Vincent (Hm), Ms. P.P. Bose and Mrs.P. Srivastava.

- Fardeen Yameen Mazhari (10C) - Second Proficiency Prize
- Sunny Sinha (11 Sc.) - First Proficiency Prize  
 - Leslie Goddard Medal (ICSE)  
 - Renuka Dang Proficiency Medal (ICSE)  
 - Karun Majumdar G.K. Medal
- Ankit Gupta (11 Sc.) - Second Proficiency Prize
- Ashutosh Poddar (12 Com,) - Second Proficiency Prize  
 - Das Studio Prize for Consistent Good Work  
 - Kamlesh Kanti Medal (Photography)  
 - Darjeeling Photo Store Medal (Excellence in Photography)
- Pranab Dangol - R. S. Prasad Computer Science Medal
- Vorameth Kajonrungslip - Ajit Singh Lamba Award for Good Conduct (New Award introduced this year)
- Gaurav Singh - Atanu Bhattacharjee Memorial Cricket Medal

My heartfelt congratulations to all the prize, and award winners. Well done boys!

On the academic front, we lost the prestigious Sikkim Shield, by one point, and Havelock House was ranked second, in position, which is quite encouraging!

Our Annual House Concert was staged on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May. The play, "The Marriage Proposal", by Anton Chekhov, was performed and it was enjoyed by one and all in the audience, which kept them in splits most of the time. I would like to make special mention of Humza Mustapha, Yash Agarwal and Dipen Thapa who were the main actors of the play. Everyone in the House had his share of performance by singing or dancing and exhibited a genuine House spirit.

We had our moments of fun, and enjoyment, when we got together for our House party, in November, which displayed a spirit of attachment and affection.

In conclusion, I would like to thank each one of the House, especially the Captain, Prefects and the House Tutors for their share of contributions that made 2017 a grand, successful year for Havelock House.

*Mr. Vincent N. Varkey  
 Havelock House Master, 2017*





Lawrence House, 2017, with (L-R) Mrs. S. Thapa, Mr. B. Rai, Mr. M.C. Kharga (Hm), Mr. N. Mondal and Mr. E.E. Moktan.

## LAWRENCE HOUSE REPORT, 2017.

House Master: Mr. Mahesh C. Kharga    House Captain: Debrup Chaudhuri

House Prefect: Reshav Man Shakya

***'It's not about being the best, it's about being better than you were yesterday.'***

Keeping the above saying in mind, we Lawrencians started the year with new hopes, and aspirations, with a new set of boys taking on various responsibilities. The following Sixth Formers of Lawrence House were entrusted responsibilities:

1. Debrup Chaudhuri - House Captain, Cricket Captain, Batik Secretary, Quiz Secretary and the Audio-Visual Club Secretary
2. Reshav Man Shakya - House Prefect and the Nepali Society Secretary
3. Laxmi Niwas Modi – Hindi Parishad Secretary
4. Sumit Kumar Jha – Fashion Designing Secretary

We started this year with great enthusiasm in the hope of achieving higher things in academics, sports and stage activities. The Cricket season started in earnest and our House came second in the running for the Cricket Shield, losing narrowly, by a mere 10 runs, in the crucial match. Notable contributions came from Akash Deep Pradhan, Laxmi Niwas Modi and Debrup Chaudhuri.

A special mention has to be made of Akash Deep Pradhan, who got a Minor Colour in Cricket, for his exemplary performance for the School team. He was also named the Jack Warren 'Best Cricketer' of the year (Under 10). Lawrence House is proud of your achievement!

In co-curricular activities, in the First Term, the boys who did well in the Inter-House Basketball matches were Reshav Man Shakya and Theerapatr. In Volleyball, commendable performances came from Ashish Kumar and Reshav Man Shakya, again.

In the Bengali Elocution, we stood second with Dipanjan Biswas and Sunny Paul coming second in their respective divisions. In the Hindi Elocution too, Laxmi Niwas Modi and Aman Vats put up a good performance.

However, the most awaited event of the year for the boys of Lawrence House was their Annual House Concert which was scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, 2017. Unfortunately, because of the extended strike in Darjeeling, the show could not be put up on that day. However, our Concert did take

place after the strike was over and it was a joint venture between Lawrence and Clive House, probably for the first time in the history of St. Paul's. The name of the play was 'The Rising of the Moon' with lead roles being taken by the House Captains of both Houses. It was a glorious evening of songs, dances and the play, followed by a sumptuous House Supper. My gratitude to Clive House for all their cooperation and support.

Coming to individual achievements, the following boys did exceptionally well in various fields and, thus, were awarded prizes and medals at this year's Speech Day function on 10<sup>th</sup> December:

1. Adarsh Tiwari, Sparsh Anand and Harsh Sarraf - Progress and Application Prize.
2. Rachit Jain, Md. Imtesal and Laxmi Niwas Modi - Second Proficiency Prize.
3. Aman Vats and Debojyoti Dey - First Proficiency Prize.
4. Sumit K Jha - Anil Choudhary Art Prize
5. Reshav Man Shakya - Madhukar Rana Nepali Medal
6. Yeshi Dorjee - Gyaltzen Medal for the Best Footballer of the year (Under 10)
7. Laxmi Niwas Modi - Rudra Hindi Medal
8. Debojyoti Dey - Usha Rani Bengali Medal
9. Akash Deep Pradhan - Jack Warren Best Cricketer (Under 10) and Minor Colour in Cricket
10. Debrup Chaudhuri - Best Craftsman Medal(Batik) and also the Major Bhatnagar Medal for the Brain of St. Paul's.

I take this opportunity to thank each student of the House, and the House Tutors, too, for their valuable contribution towards the successful completion of the year. Not to forget, a big thank you for the House Prefect, Reshav Man Shakya for supporting me throughout the year.

In the end, a special word of thanks to our House Master, Mr. Mahesh C. Kharga, for guiding and supporting us throughout the year, without which all these achievements would not have been possible.

Thank you, once again, Sir!

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*Debrup Chaudhuri*  
*House Captain, 2017*

## JUNIOR WING NOTES – 2017

The school reopened on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, 2017 and around 105 boys had reported by the supper time. It was a little disappointing to see such a small number return to us on the first day of school. However, the number kept increasing as the days passed by, and also with a sizeable number of new boys joining on 4<sup>th</sup> March, the total number, by the end of the second week of March, had gone up to 165. The number kept increasing with the total number being now at 185.

The Administrator addressed the parents in the Prep Hall, at 11:00 am, on their arrival on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, as well as to the new parents on 4<sup>th</sup> March, with regards to various issues pertaining to the rules and regulations of the School.

During the winter holidays we carried out three big projects in the Junior Wing with the generous contribution from two of our old boys, O P Gupta (School Captain) and Ekram Akhtar (batch of 2011) and parents of Markhanday Singh and Ashreya Koirala. We redesigned the Howard Block First Floor by partitioning the sleeping area and the locker room. The lockers, too, had to be redesigned to fit into the room and the entire dormitory got a fresh coat of paint and, therefore, a new and refreshing life too. The second project was to tile up the entire JW corridor that stretched from the old barber's room to the steps leading down to the Howard Block. The entire corridor has therefore got a new life. The third, and the final project, was to renovate the JW MCR. It desperately needed some modification and we were able to do so by making the MCR a happy and conducive place for the staff to prepare their lessons and do corrections. Each teacher has been allocated an individual locker with ample area underneath to work with modern LED light fittings. The MCR now looks brighter and presentable. At this point, I sincerely thank the people mentioned above for their willingness to help us do such projects in Junior Wing. We hope to carry out the similar renovation work in the other dormitories, too.

Text Books were given out to the boys on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, which was followed by the customary Staff vs. Students Cricket match. As one would guess, the match was won convincingly by the boys.

The new boys joined the School on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March.

The investiture of Prefects was held on 6<sup>th</sup> March. This time the Junior Wing monitors were inducted separately, during a combined assembly, in the Prep Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> March.



The Junior Wing Monitors, 2017, with Mr. P. Lama (HJW).

The following boys were appointed as monitors for the year 2017:-

Anderson – Aditya Kumar & Aditya Raj  
Betten - Mijarul Islam & Ashwal Raj Sumargi  
Cable – Bujai Dkhar & Paras Prasad Sharma  
Westcott – Fwjwngswar Brahma & Ullash Kumar

All these monitors were reshuffled and replaced with the following from November, 2018, by the following boys

Anderson – Ishant Bhattarai & Sonu Kumar,  
Betten - Janlap Kongpop & Chaitainya Singh,  
Cable – Thanapoom and  
Westcott – Kris Sanwalka & Tejas Shrestha.

On our staff body, we had Mr Rajiv Das who joined us to teach English in the Junior School. Mr Das is an energetic, fine, young gentleman who is always ready to lend a helping hand to the boys at any time of the day. He has fitted in very well and I sincerely hope that he would continue to be a source of such strength for all of us.

Mr Das came in place of Mr Angelo C.N. Alva, who was appointed Head Primary Wing this year. Mr Alva was the Asst. Head Junior Wing for a number of years and was a tremendous help to yours truly. He also taught English in the Junior School. His absence from the Junior Wing was felt all through the year. However, I congratulate Mr Alva on his new appointment and wish him luck.

**Academics:**

Text books were given out on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and the normal lessons began from 7<sup>th</sup> March. The text books for the new boys were given out on 6<sup>th</sup> March.

The first Period Order Tests began from 28<sup>th</sup> March. This year we brought about some changes in conducting these tests. Instead of having continuous days blocked for these tests, this year, we conducted weekly tests, thereby giving ample preparation time for the boys. The last of the tests was conducted on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

First Term Examinations: - 12<sup>th</sup> June to 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

This year we used the services of Mr Dinyaar Dastoor, an old friend of the School and a freelancer columnist from Ahmedabad, who arrived in School in the first week of April and stayed on till the end of May. Mr Dastoor, during his stay in the School, conducted special remedial classes in Science and Mathematics in the Junior Wing and inspired all the boys to speak and write “correct” English.

The First Terminal Examinations were conducted from 12<sup>th</sup> June till 22<sup>nd</sup> June, amidst the indefinite bandh called by the local party from 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2016. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, the entire School was escorted to Siliguri, from where they left for their June holidays.

Due to the ongoing strike, the summer holidays had to be extended and the boys were told to report at Siliguri on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, and we conducted our classes at Siliguri for over a month. After a month of teaching, there at Siliguri, the second Period Order Tests were conducted and early Puja holidays were given from the 9<sup>th</sup> of September.

The boys reported back to School on 7<sup>th</sup> October, after the long and extended Puja break. Darjeeling had returned to normalcy by then but the school was forced to extend the session till 10<sup>th</sup> December.

The Final Term Examinations were conducted from the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, 2017.

#### JUNIOR WING CLASS PRIZES – 2017:

CLASS:	First Proficiency	Second Proficiency	Progress & Application
6A	Arman Mondal	Taha Najam Khan	Porosh A. Patwari
6B	Sankalp Kumar	Sudipto Roy	Aayan Mali
7A	Ayushman Newar	Himanshu Shekhar	Jerome Ayemi
7B	Nikhil Kumar	Sheeladitya Rai	Ayush Raj
8A	Ishant Bhattarai	Janlap Kongpop	Aditya Raj
8B	Chaitanya Singh	Nilaksh Kashyap	P. Treevichar
8C	Jiraput Promdireg	Avikshith Kausar	NA.

#### SPECIAL PRIZES FOR SPEECH DAY:

The Gayatri Kanti Prize for

Consistent Academic Achievement: Ishant Bhattarai.

B P Dutta Science Prize: Ishant Bhattarai.

The Sakraney Medal for Computer: Tsognyd Raj Nakarmi.

Once again, Betten House won the cup for academic achievement for the year 2017, too.

#### Games & Sports:

From the second week of March, we started the Cricket leagues. The Junior Wing Cricket Team was trained by Mr Bishal Gurung and Mr Bhupendra Tamang. The cricket fixture with North Point, which was held on 18<sup>th</sup> March, was unfortunately washed out and we could not have the



second fixture due to other activities. The team was disappointed, and understandably so. However, this year the school organized the Under-14 Cricket Tournament from 24<sup>th</sup> March to 26<sup>th</sup> March. Some of our Junior Wing boys were part of the School Team. Our School went on to win the tournament, quite convincingly, against North Point in the finals.

On 11<sup>th</sup> April, our under-7 Basketball Team went to Kalimpong for their carnival. The team was escorted by Mr Diwakar Thapa. Our team failed to qualify for the quarter finals.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2017, the Under-8 Basketball Team went to North Point to play their carnival. Our team could not achieve much success at the meet. The team was escorted by Mr A D Rai.

The Cricket House Matches, along with Volleyball and Basketball, were completed by the end of May.

The first round of the Inter-House P T Competition was held on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.

Due to the indefinite strike called by the local party, the boys returned to School, in Darjeeling, only in the month of October. Although the boys had over a month's lessons in Siliguri, we were unable to organize any sporting event there. Therefore, when the boys returned in October, we began our Football and Indoor Games. The Football House matches were conducted in the month of November, along with the Table-Tennis and Badminton House matches. The final round of the P T Competition was held on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2017.

#### SPECIAL PRIZES FOR SPEECH DAY:

B J Sharma Prize for Best Sportsman in the Junior Wing: Not awarded.

Jack Warren Medal for the Best Cricketer in Junior Wing: Utkarsh.

Trophies won, for the year 2017, in Games and Sports:

BASKETBALL: BETTEN.

VOLLEYBALL: BETTEN.

CRICKET: CABLE.

TABLE-TENNIS: ANDERSON & BETTEN.

BADMINTON: ANDERSON & CABLE.

FOOTBALL: CABLE.

P T COMPETITION: CABLE & WESTCOTT.

#### Co-Curricular Activities:

The House activities were conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017.

All three rounds of the Karanjai Quiz were completed by the end of May, along with the Inter-House Debating. The Karanjai Quiz was, once again, conducted by Mr Angelo C.N. Alva (HPW) and the debating was handled by Ms Neelima Pandit.

The Inter-House English Elocution was held on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 and the Inter-House Hindi Elocution was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2017.

The entire choir went to Siliguri on 27<sup>th</sup> November, for the music exam.

#### SPECIAL PRIZES FOR SPEECH DAY:

Junior Wing Moore Divinity Prize: Tsognyd Raj Nakarmi.

Jyoti Kundu Medal for Elocution: Ishant Bhattarai.

Dawa Norbu Prize for the best Debater  
in Junior Wing: Arman Mandal &  
Aditya Kumar.

The Karanjai Prize for Quizzing: Aryan Raj Pradhan.

Trophies won for the year in co-curricular activities:

ENGLISH ELOCUTION: ANDERSON & CABLE.

HINDI ELOCUTION: CABLE.

DEBATING: ANDERSON.

QUIZ: CABLE.

Concerts:-

The New Boys' concert was held on 1<sup>st</sup> April, which was attended by the whole school and the parents. The new boys had put in a lot of effort for this concert. The overnight exeats were issued after the concert.

Anderson and Westcott staged the first house concert for the year on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Betten and Cable staged the second house concert, for the year 2017, on 13<sup>th</sup> May. Both the concerts were well organized and were thoroughly enjoyed by all. I congratulate all the boys and the House Masters for their effort

The Children's Day programme was held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. Almost the entire staff body was up on the stage for the variety entertainment programme that they had staged for the boys.

#### SPECIAL PRIZE FOR SPEECH DAY:

Disawala Prize for Best Actor: Ishant Bhattarai.

Treks and Tours:

The Treks & Tours were organized from 13<sup>th</sup> April to 17<sup>th</sup> April. This year the class 8's went to Rainbow Valley, and they were escorted by Mr

Rajesh Pradhan, Mr Dorjee Thinley and Mr Rajiv Das. The classes 6's & 7's went to Gangtok, escorted by Mr A Dennis, Mr P Tamang, Mr M Mukhia and Mr S Pande. All the boys returned safely to school on 17<sup>th</sup> April, well refreshed.

Report on Siliguri Classes:

On account of the indefinite bandh called by the local party in Darjeeling, the school could not reopen, as scheduled, after the June break. The uncertainty loomed large over the possibility of the bandh being called off in a hurry. In the mean time, the restlessness amongst the parents gained momentum every day with regard to the future of their children and the school at large.

As such, the school was forced to think of a possible alternative for conducting the classes outside Darjeeling. After a lot of deliberations, and discussions, the school decided to call the Board classes to Siliguri by the third week of July.

It was then that the Administrator, Senior Master, Head Junior Wing, Head Primary Wing and the Estate Manager went down to explore the possibilities of conducting classes in Siliguri. They visited a few places in Siliguri and finally found the Uttar Banga Marwari Sewa Trust, located at Sevoke Road, suitable for conducting and accommodating the boys of classes 10 and 12. This place had all the basic amenities such as 24 hr water, air conditioners and large halls with AC and quite a lavish dining and kitchen space in terms of accommodating our boys. The only problem at the Bhawan was that it was a strictly vegetarian premise. This meant that the school had to take the boys out, to other locations, for the non-veg meals.

Hence, the school called the board classes on 24<sup>th</sup> July and made the necessary arrangements and also hired cooks to provide meals for them. On the 24<sup>th</sup>, 90% of the boys had reported to this venue and we began classes from the very next day. The school had requested a few teachers to help out with these classes. Some were accommodated at the Bhawan itself and some agreed to commute from their houses in Siliguri. The school was not in a position to call the entire staff due to accommodation constraints. The Administrator along with his family camped at the Bhawan in order to see the smooth running of the programme. Along with the Administrator, the Head Primary Wing also stayed at the Bhawan and, later, the Senior Master joined them.

Now that these classes were underway, there was a lot of pressure on the school with regards to the other students' future. There was no end to queries from the anxious parents and that the uncertainty about the bandh kept growing.

The transfer certificate requests from the parents made the Administrator think seriously about the remaining boys in the school. As such, he along with a Paulite parent from Siliguri searched for suitable places for the other children. Finally, they found three places, in close proximity of each other, to accommodate the whole school.

The Senior Wing was accommodated in Maheshwari Sadan, the Junior Wing at Maheshwari Bhawan and the Primary Wing at Surtaram Nakipuria Bhawan – all located at Burdwan Road and within walking distance of each other.

At the Maheshwari Bhawan we booked three floors to accommodate the entire Junior Wing boys with four staff members. All boys were asked to report on the 8<sup>th</sup> August and, leaving out three or four boys, all the boys had reported to Siliguri by the 10<sup>th</sup> of August. The Bhawan was very well suited with all the facilities to conduct classes as it had AC halls and spacious rooms with AC and TV facilities for the boys. The normal lessons began from the 9<sup>th</sup> August in full swing. It is true that every day we faced new challenges to run the programme smoothly, but the staff that was called to help out left no stone unturned to make the programme a success. The parents were appreciative of what the school had done in the given situation.

Unfortunately, the school could not call its entire staff body due to the space problems and, as such, the Second Language classes had to be sacrificed, much against our will.

Since the premises were owned by the Marwari trust it was a complete vegetarian one, and so the school had to arrange to take the boys out once a week for non-veg meals. The Junior Wing boys went to Savin Kingdom Water Park and the Bengal Safari for these outings.

After a month of teaching, the second Period Order Tests were conducted, in Siliguri, and an early Puja break was given from the 9<sup>th</sup> of September.

Miscellaneous Activities:

The inaugural Under-14 Cricket Tournament was played from 25<sup>th</sup> March to 26<sup>th</sup> March. The participating teams were as follows:

St Pauls School, Darjeeling,

St Joseph's School, North Point, Darjeeling,

St Augustine's School, Kalimpong, and

Dr. Graham's Homes, Kalimpong.

We won the tournament by defeating North Point School in the final.

On 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 a memorial service was held in the Prep Hall for Chayan

Goswami and Mihir Madhur. Chayan Goswami had had a fall from the Computer laboratory earlier in the month of November, 2016, and was receiving treatment at Neotia Getwell Centre, Siliguri. Mihir Madhur was pursuing his engineering career at Delhi when he died.

The ASDC (Aero Space and Science Discovery Camp) workshop was conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, which was headed by Sam Gibbs, a renowned scientist from Australia.

The Speech Day programme was held on 10<sup>th</sup> December where, as usual, the Administrator presented his Annual Report and the prizes were given out to the prize winners for the year. The School Captain, Aditya Behani, was awarded "The Grey Coat" for his outstanding achievements in the field of academics for the year 2017. The programme was held on the Quadrangle, outside the Prep hall, and the whole school, along with the parents and visitors attended the same. The Chief Guest for the programme was the District Magistrate, Ms Joyoshi Dasgupta.

#### SPECIAL PRIZES FOR SPEECH DAY

The Junior Wing Art Prize:	Emmi Laloo.
Naresh Shanmugham Prize for Good Conduct in Class VII:	Tanjir Mali.
K N Sahgal Prize for Bible Reading:	Ujjal Emmanuel Naskar.
Amiya Bhattacharya Memorial Prize for the Best Musician:	Ishan Pathak.

The Carol Service for the Junior Wing was held on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, at 5:00 pm which was followed by special supper in the dining hall. This year, the trophies were also given out at the dinner. The most prestigious cup, the Solomon Cup, was won, this year, by Cable House.

Before concluding, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr A D Rai, the Senior Wing PTI, and Mr. Diwakar Thapa, the Primary Wing PTI, for conducting the house matches in the Junior Wing and for their valuable suggestions, from time to time. I would also take this opportunity to thank all the MIC's for various activities for their help in conducting these events so smoothly.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff of the Junior Wing, House Masters, Hall Masters, Matrons, Dorm bearers and all the boys of the Junior Wing for their help and cooperation throughout the year. My special thanks to Mr Premendra Tamang, for coordinating all the examinations in the Junior Wing, and to Mr A C N Alva, for conducting the three rounds of Karanjai Quiz and for all the help and cooperation.

I also take this opportunity to thank all the staff that were with us in

Siliguri to conduct classes for over a month. I remain thankful to Mr & Mrs Premendra Tamang, Mr & Mrs Rakesh Rai, Mr & Mrs Bishal Gurung and Mr & Mrs Bhupendra Tamang for taking complete charge of the Junior Wing boys during our stay at Siliguri and for carrying out their duties so diligently. In particular, I thank the ladies, Mrs P Tamang, Mrs B Tamang and Mrs B Gurung who were not even part of the school, for taking up such huge responsibilities and ensuring their help at all times.

Last, but not the least, my sincere thanks go to the Senior Master and the Administrator for their valuable advice and guidance all through the year.

*Mr. Punam Lama  
(Head Junior Wing, 2017)*



Junior Wing Carol Service 2017



The Junior Wing English Elocutionists, 2017  
with Mr. A. Dennis.



The Junior Wing Cricket Team, 2017, with  
(L-R) Mr. B. Gurung and Mr. B. Tamang.





The Junior Wing Karanjai Quizzards, 2017,  
with Mr. Angelo C.N. Alva (HPW).



The Junior Wing Debaters, 2017, with Ms. N. Pandit.

## ANDERSON HOUSE REPORT – 2017

House Master: Mr. Rakesh Rai

House Tutors: Dr. (Mrs.) A. Rai

Mr. G. G. Dutta

Mr. B. Tamang

The long, cold, winter vacation finally came to an end and the boys returned on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March followed by the new boys on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. House activities were held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March to bring a sense of belonging and togetherness in the House.

Soon the boys were very busy with the various activities of the school. They showed a lot of zeal and energy on the games field and in all the other activities.

Cricket was well contested by the boys. They gave their very best in all the departments, whether it was taking catches, hitting boundaries or even saving the cheeky singles, but we very narrowly lost the cup. They fought hard on the Basketball and Volleyball courts but we just could not get our hands on either of the trophies.

That, however, did not make the boys lose heart and, therefore, they started preparing for the Inter-House Debate. The topics were given out and the boys showed their brilliant debating skills, which no one could match, and we were, thus, placed in the forefront and walked away with the winner's trophy. Aditya Kumar was adjudged the 'Best Debater' in the Junior Wing. However, along with him, the others who contributed immensely in the debates were Ishant Bhattarai, Yash Vardhan and Bipul Chakraborty. Congratulations to all of you!

We, along with Westcott House, were to stage the Annual House Concert, and soon we all were busy preparing for it. We put up a short play entitled 'The Lazy Man's Family'. Ishant Bhattarai, Bipul Chakraborty and Tanjir Mali displayed some beautiful acting skills on the stage. The boys also performed a few songs and dances. After the concert, they were treated to their much deserved House Supper.

We did not fare well in the Karanjai Quiz. However, I must make a mention of Keshav Jalan, who had made a great effort in memorizing the entire history of St. Paul's School since 1823.

Well, a new chapter was added to that history also, as St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, was shifted to Siliguri, for a brief, interim, period due to the strike called in the entire Darjeeling District. Some of the activities which could not be held during this period were held after the Puja break.



Anderson House, 2017, with (L-R) Mr. M. Joshi, Mr. R. Rai (HM), Dr. (Mrs.) A.S. Rai and Mr. B. Tamang.

Football was played with much vigour by the boys but, unfortunately, they could not strike the much needed goals and, therefore, we had to be content without the Cup. Then came the Badminton House matches and, this time, again, the boys were determined to get their hands on the trophy. They played very well and we eventually shared the Cup with Cable House. Ranjan Logno Burman, represented the house in the singles while Ahnaf Porosh Patwary and Piyush Khastagir made up our doubles' team. Well done boys! The boys continued with their fighting spirit in Table-Tennis, as well, and we were again joint winners, along with Betten House. Ahnaf Porosh Patwary, Piyush Khastagir and Ashreya Koirala made the House proud by winning the cup.

The boys performed very well in the English Elocution, as well. We finished a close second. Ishant Bhattarai rendered his piece superbly and was adjudged the 'Best Elocutionist' in the Junior Wing.

The following boys were awarded prizes on Speech Day, at the end of the academic year:

(i)	Ahnaf Porosh Patwary VI A	Progress and Application
(ii)	Ishant Bhattarai VIII A	First Proficiency
(iii)	Aditya Raj VIII A	Progress and Application
(iv)	Aviksith Kausar VIII C	Second Proficiency
(v)	Tanjir Mali VII A	Good Conduct
(vi)	Aditya Kumar VIII C	Dawa Norbu Medal for the best Cricketer in the Junior Wing
(vii)	Ishant Bhattarai VIII A	Gayatri Kanti Prize for Consistent Academic Achievement, Disawala Prize for Best Actor, Jyoti Kundu Medal for Elocution and B. P. Dutta Science Prize.

As the year draws towards an end, I would like to acknowledge the effort put in by all the boys of the house. They worked hard and always tried to give their best. My best wishes to the boys of class 8 who will be moving up to the Senior Wing. I would like to call upon the boys of classes 6 and 7 to come back refreshed, and with a positive approach, to strive hard in the coming year. I would like to thank the House tutors, Dr. (Mrs.) Anusheela Rai, Mr.Genesis G. Dutta and Mr. Bhupendra Tamang, for all their help and support. I would also like to thank Mr. P. Lama, HJW, for his help and guidance.

*Mr. Rakesh Rai*  
*House Master, 2017*



Betten House, 2017, with (L-R) Mr. B. Gurung, Mr. M. Mukhia, Mr. P. Tamang (HM), Mrs. P. Bhattacharya and Mr. T.Dorji.



## **BETTEN HOUSE REPORT, 2017.**

HouseMaster: Mr. P. Tamang                      Monitors: Chaitanya Singh  
House Tutors: Mrs. P. Bhattacharya                      Janlop Kongpop  
Mr. M. Mukhia  
Mr. B. Gurung  
Mr. Thinley Dorji

As the winter approached its end, St. Paul's stirred into action with new enthusiasm and plenty of activities, both curricular as well as extracurricular. The school reopened on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2017, the day when all the old boys returned. The new boys joined the school after three days, i.e. 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. Soon after, the House Activities were held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. It actually provided an opportunity for the new boys to mix with the old boys and get to know them better. They had time to socialize with one another by playing various games. Then, the Cricket season started and all the boys from Betten House took part in the Inter-House Cricket matches with great enthusiasm and interest. Despite such enthusiasm, they won the third place. Along with the Cricket there were also Volleyball and Basketball matches going on, simultaneously. Our boys, with their talents, were able to win the cups in these matches. On 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, a concert was held especially for the new boys who were allowed to perform. All the new Betten House boys took part in the concert and this helped them to assimilate into the St. Paul's' environment.

With the weather being fine, on account of the advent of Spring, it seemed quite inevitable to ignore the splendour of nature. So, it was time for touring and trekking. The students of classes VI and VII went to Sikkim and class VIII went to Rainbow Valley, Darjeeling. All the boys had a wonderful time being with nature. They, evidently, felt rejuvenated after the trip. This was followed by the Inter-House Debate Competitions. Although the boys had put in so much effort for victory, they could not fare well. However, they managed to secure the fourth position in the competition. They suffered the same fate in the Karanjai Quiz but they did not lose heart.

On 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, Betten House and Cable House jointly performed their House Concert with a variety of entertainment. The main feature of this programme was the play entitled "The Monkey's Paw". This play was directed by Mr. A. Dennis. Three students, namely A. Sumargi, A. Swarnakar and A. Deo had participated in the play. Everyone enjoyed watching the programme.

On 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, the first round of PT Competition was held, and Betten House secured the fourth position. After that, the First Terminal Examina-

tion began on 12<sup>th</sup> June and the summer vacations were supposed to start on 24<sup>th</sup> June, but things did not go according to plan on account of the outbreak of the Gorkhaland agitation in the hills. The students had to be evacuated from the School, on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, and handed over to their parents/guardians in Siliguri, while onward arrangements had to be made for a few others whose parents were unable to come and collect them from there.

As a result of this, the students could not rejoin the school, due to the ongoing strike which stretched on for 104 days. This kind of situation led the school to think about providing classes in Siliguri by booking 'Community Halls' in order to provide continuity in learning to the children. The boys were informed to come to Maheshwari Bhawan, in Siliguri, on 8<sup>th</sup> August to continue their academic journey. The studies went on in full swing. Even Sundays were engaged for the usual classes. However, every Thursday the boys had outings and they were taken to various places such as Savin Kingdom, City Centre etc. to give them a break from their toiling. This went on for a month until the Second Terminal Examinations. They wrote their exams in Siliguri and the School broke up for the Pujas on 8<sup>th</sup> September, for a month.

The boys returned to the School on 8<sup>th</sup> October, looking happy, and contented, as they had not lagged behind in their studies, unlike other students in the hills. Again, the School activities continued as before and it began with the Football season. Unfortunately, the School could not organize the Marathon and the Athletics this year, due to time constraints. Nevertheless, the football matches were good compensation. Our First XI Football team was the best team that won all the matches. However, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> XI teams did not perform as expected, but we still managed to win the second position in the Football House matches.

Our boys tried their best in the Badminton tournament and secured fourth position, just like in the Karanjai Quiz. As the saying goes "**Every dog has its day**", our boys too had moments of rejoicing. A. Deo, M. Islam and Rigzen P. Bhutia represented the House in the Table-Tennis tournament and we won the Table-Tennis Cup, albeit, jointly with Anderson House. We also won the most prestigious 'Study Cup', but did not succeed in bagging the 'Solomon Cup'.

On 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2017, the House party was organized for the students. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the festivity, with plenty of delicacies, in the company of their House Master and House Tutors.

The Third and Final Terminal Examination began on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2017. The boys finally left the school on 10<sup>th</sup> December, for a long winter vacation, after the Speech Day programme.



Speech Day was held out on the Senior Wing quadrangle for the very first time. It was a bright and sunny day that further enhanced the cheerful mood of the staff and the students. The following boys made Betten House proud by winning several prizes:

- Kongpop Janlop (Class 8 A) : 2<sup>nd</sup> Proficiency Prize
- Chaitanya Singh (Class 8 B) : 1<sup>st</sup> Proficiency Prize
- Jirapat Promdireg (Class 8 C) : 1<sup>st</sup> Proficiency Prize
- Sheeladitya Rai (Class 7 B) : 2<sup>nd</sup> Proficiency Prize

Despite all the ups and downs that we faced, over the course of this year, the School was able to make this academic year a success. I would like to sincerely thank both of my monitors, Kongpop Janlop and Chaitanya Singh, for their constant support and full cooperation. Special thanks are also due to my House Tutors, Mr. M. Mukhia, Mr. B. Gurung, Mr. Thinley Dorji and Mrs. P. Bhattacharya, for their kind cooperation and for providing special guidance to the boys. Last, but not the least, I wish to thank Mr. P. Lama, HJW, with all my heart, for his constant support, guidance and cooperation. Let me now end this task of reporting by wishing one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I sincerely hope that the New Year will bring lots of success, and joy, for all the Bettanites. We bid farewell to 2017 in anticipation of a joyful, successful and peaceful 2018.

*Premendra Tamang  
House Master, 2017*



Betten House & Cable House concert 2017



Cable House, 2017, with (L-R) Mr. Y. Sunam, Mr. A. Dennis (HM), Mrs. S. Dwivedi and Mr. S. Roy.

## **CABLE HOUSE REPORT, 2017.**

House Master: Mr. Agnelo Dennis

House Tutors: Mrs. S. Dwivedi

Mr. Y. Sunam

Mr. S. Roy

Having formerly inducted the new boys, who joined Cable House this year, at the House Activities, we set out our goals for the year ahead with renewed vigour. Within a fortnight of the new academic year the boys of Cable House blended into the system like fish to water. They were one with the elements that govern St. Paul's School and quickly adapted to every change and challenge thrown at them.

At the first task, on the Cricket field, the boys exhibited their skills, trying to emulate Virat Kohli or Hardik Pandya. Their skills were put to good use in overpowering the opponents and establishing their supremacy. The Cricket Trophy was won, and our dominance had begun.

We, then, took on the next two disciplines of Basketball and Volleyball with gusto; absolutely certain to outplay our opponents after our dominance in Cricket. So often it has been proved that complacency leads to one's downfall: we had dropped our guard and allowed our opponents to seize upon the opportunity provided. Before we could recover our wits the two trophies had been snatched from our grasp. We were rattled; shaken to our core. Looking back, I realize that our House Concert and its excitement got the better of us, as we indulged in its grandeur, having neglected our concentration and this momentary lapse caused us the loss of those two trophies.

Nevertheless, we staged 'The Monkey's Paw' which kept the audience on the edge of their seats. We followed it up with skits, songs and dances. As always, the House Supper was the biggest part of our show. With a three course meal which included soups, veggies, meats, bread, rice and puddings and a variety of soft drinks, to wash them down with, Cable House had outdone itself. For the entirety of the following week we were lost in the flavours of the House Supper.

As House Master, my objective was to help the boys overcome their excitement, and the losses, and regain focus. "From every failure comes greater wisdom, if you can discover it." Reiterating my objective of overcoming oneself against all odds; I got hold of the boys and, using the very energy utilized in the House Concert, channeled it towards the G. K Competition. Focus was not lost; the G.K. trophy was won with ease and Aaryan Raj Pradhan declared the best quizzier. In the Inter-House De-

bate, too, we were outstanding and Arman Mondal, of class 6, was adjudged joint 'Best Speaker'.

Yes, we had regained our composure and were getting stronger, to beat, when at this juncture of our compactness, while we were re-planning our new strategies to overcome our opponents, we were unaware of the sinister modus-operandi going on in the real world: Darjeeling was struck with its nemesis – 'Bandh' which translated means 'Shut Down' of human rights. "Who cares? Common man, run for cover. You are a persona –non –grata. The real people rule."

We scrambled for significance, trying to find answers where none existed. Our academic year was jeopardized. A greater glory held more significance than mere provisions of education. Uncertainty ruled supreme for one hundred and four days. Strategies upon strategies were being played out until sensibility overcame chaos.

In earnest, we gathered our wits together and set about to make the best use of the remaining time we had in the year. Strategies began to work, yet again, though this time within the innocence of childhood and a fair spirit of competition.

We maintained our composure on the Football field and were able to win the trophy. Back we were to our winning ways. We followed this up by displaying our superior skills in speech by bagging the English Elocution and the Hindi Elocution Trophies. We were, now, unstoppable; oozing with confidence and with the required discipline we outshone our rivals in Physical Training and proudly lifted this trophy, too. Trophy hunting didn't end here. Within a week we emulated Sridhar Srikanth and won the Badminton Trophy, as well. By now we were all set to lift the 'Best House' Trophy: 'The Solomon Cup'. And the day had finally dawned: 'Carol Service' - 'GHD Supper'- 'Distribution of Trophies'; amidst all the excitement of the day, each trophy won added more icing to our joy and louder grew the cheering: '**CABLE, CABLE, CABLE, CABLE**'!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Until it reverberated and reached a crescendo with the announcement of the 'Best House Trophy'- "and the Solomon Cup goes to..." the dining hall was filled with only one word: 'CABLE'! Our goals had been realized.

At the Speech Day function, which had to be conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> December, the evidence of the House's true skills in academics was also on display as it was for the special prizes as well:

Arman Mondal (6-A) and Ayushman Newar (7-A) won the First Proficiency Prize; Sudipto Roy (6-B) and Ayush Raj (7-B) won the Second Proficiency Prize.

Utkarsh (8-C) won the Jack Warren Medal for 'Best Cricketer' in the Jun-

ior Wing; Ishan Pathak (8-A) won the 'Best Musician' in the Junior Wing and Tsognid Raj Nakarmi (8-B) won the Computer Prize and the Moore Divinity Prize.

I place on record my sincere gratitude to my House Tutors, for their help at all times, and to my monitors, Bujai Dkhar, Paras Prasad Sarma and Thanapoom Methakulwara for taking good care of the boys and instilling in them a sense of pride and discipline. I wish the outgoing batch every success and implore them to always strive for the best; keeping the spirit of Cable House alive.

*Mr. Agnelo Dennis  
House Master, 2017*



Betten House & Cable House concert 2017





Westcott House, 2017, with (L-R) Mr. A. R. Mukhia, Dr. K. R. K. Singh (HM) Ms. N. Pandit and Mr. R. Das.

## WESTCOTT HOUSE REPORT, 2017.

House Master: Dr. K. R. K. Singh

House Tutors: Mr. A. R. Mukhia

Miss N. Pandit

Mr. Rajiv Das

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, the boys returned from their long, three months', holiday, completely refreshed and ready for the New Year to begin. Then the New Boys came on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. Then, the House Activities were held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March where the new boys of Westcott House were introduced to the old boys, House Tutors and the House Master.

Soon after this the practices for our House Concert started, in earnest, from the end of March. This time round we were tied up with Anderson House to put up an entertaining programme. The name of the play put up by the Anderson and Westcott House boys was, "***The Lazy Man's Family***". The Play, and other entertaining items put up were highly appreciated by the audience.

The Cricket season began in the month of March, as usual, and the boys of Westcott did their best. Unfortunately, this year, luck was not on our side. Running simultaneously were the Basketball and Volleyball seasons, too. While we managed to come second in Basketball, we were unable to replicate that in Volleyball and, as a result, did not do very well here. A number of Westcott House boys did us proud when they were selected to represent the School in the Under 8 Basketball Tournament. Those who did so are Fwjwngsar Brahma, Tentai Petchyen, Aryan Lapung, Premjit Basumatary and Likha Bond.

The Inter-House Debate Competition saw Tejas Shrestha, Mananjay Luke Mukhia, Sankalp Kumar, Sebastian Vincent, Praneet Nischal Tigga and Siddharth Sonthalia put up some spirited arguments but they ended up a very close second to the eventual winners.

At the Inter-House Karanjai Quiz Competition Taha Najam Khan, Sebastian Vincent and Ananda Anwar represented our House and, after three hard fought, tough rounds of Quizzing, could somewhat keep our heads up with the second position coming our way.

After an extended summer break, which culminated with the end of the Puja holidays, on account of the 104 days' strike, that upset the 'Normal' functioning of life in Darjeeling, the boys came back ready to take on the last few challenges of the year. It was not going to be easy, as there was much to be completed, in the class as well as out of it, and 'Time' was of



utmost importance. The English Elocution, which should have taken place in the Second Term, was now breathing down our necks and our team, comprising of Mananjay Mukhia, Sebastian Vincent and Siddharth Sonthalia tried their level best but, unfortunately, could not do very well. Next came the Hindi Elocution where Taha Najam Khan and Nikhil Kumar stood third while Neelaksh Singh Kashyap came second, in each of their respective divisions.

Finally, just before we got down to giving our Final Examinations, the last Competition left for the year was the PT Competition. In the First Round, held just before the trouble started, we were comfortably placed at the top of the stack but this time round, try hard as we could, we ended up being placed second, and so had to be content with sharing the PT Cup, for the year, with Cable House.

It doesn't matter that we had missed many Cups, by a small margin, as this is the way of life, where winning and losing are all a part of it. Yet, if you are good at something, don't think you are the best. There are many highs and lows that life throws at us, along our journey, and we have to strive to reach the summit. Thus, Westcottians, let us not us not dwell too much on what we could not, or failed to achieve but, rather, let us prove ourselves next year and show the rest what we are really capable of doing. After all, "Where there's a will, there's a way".

I now take this opportunity to thank my monitors for all their hard work and unconditional support. Also, I would like to thank my House Tutors for all their generous and unending help.

THANK YOU!

*Dr. K. R. K. Singh  
House Master, 2017*



Anderson House & Westcott House concert 2017

## PRIMARY WING REPORT – 2017.

Respected Mrs Norbu, Rev. J. Halder (Administrator/Chaplain), Mrs Halder (School Counsellor), Mr P. Lepcha (Senior Master), Mr P. Lama (Head Junior Wing), parents and all the teachers and students who are present with us this morning. A very warm welcome to each of you at our Annual Speech/Prize Day function. I would also like to thank you all, from the bottom of my heart, for taking time out from your busy schedules to enliven and brighten up this function of the Primary Wing.

It is always a pleasure to have in our midst such an illustrious Educationist, and wife of an Old Paulite, Mrs N. Norbu, Founder Principal of one of Darjeeling's top Kindergarten Schools, as our Chief Guest to both our functions today.

We began the year with a new Head of the Primary Wing, yours truly, and, for this, I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to our Administrator/Chaplain – Rev. J. Halder, and the Board of Governors of our School for reposing their faith in me to take over as the Head Primary Wing.

When we reopened, in the month of March, the number of boys was almost half of what the strength was last year, and this was not a good sign at all. Going by the statistics, and trend, I gauged that I would not be able to complete my full tenure here before the Primary Wing was dead and buried and reduced to another chapter in the History Book. I was not going to get into the “Why?”, “When?”, “What?” and “How?” as that was not my brief. However, I did decide that I was going to do something to increase the numbers and thereby justify receiving my salary at the end of each month.

I, thus, adopted a new strategy which was to convince the prospective parents that St Paul's was the best place for their child and that we would be able to do what no other School could. It worked, to a large extent, as by the end of March, we finally crossed the 50 mark and were now moving steadily towards the 100 figure. By the month of May, we finally reached our peak with 58 boys on our rolls.

As Shakespeare said, “***The old order changeth, yielding place to new ...***” it was quite evident that a number of changes were on my list, for the Primary Wing. To begin with we did away with the old Log Book in which the Teacher on Duty records the events/ happenings of each day by using the similar pattern that is used in the Junior Wing and Senior Wing. It took a few errors before everyone understood the Maths involved and now we're smooth sailing.

The next change came as a bit of a surprise to the four House Mistresses



The Primary Wing Monitors, 2017, with Mr. Angelo C. N. Alva (HPW).

when I decided to re-introduce the Inter-House Drama Competition. Though reluctant, they took up the challenge and everyone did a fantastic job as most of the children got a chance to get on stage and take part.

Then, I had decided that the teachers of the Primary Wing also follow the same pattern as is followed in the Junior Wing and Senior Wing, as far as the Reports are concerned. As such, from this year, all Reports have gone Digital and the old, outdated manually filled-in Reports are now a thing of the past. The only problem that some of the teachers are facing is remembering their Password to log in. I presume the fault could be attributed to them being unable to keep secrets.

In the month of April, the entire School went out on their Annual Treks and Tours. The Primaries and the Junior Wing boys all went off to Gangtok, Sikkim. There they visited a couple of monasteries, went swimming, walked around the town and had a ball of a time. While going there and returning, the organisers arranged for KFC lunch to be served along the route and, I dare say, everyone enjoyed this thoroughly.

After weeks of sincere practices, the Primary Wing Cricket Team were transported down to St Joseph's School, North Point, where they faced them in the first of two fixtures. Our boys put up a strong show, quickly putting the frights into the North Pointers and silencing their supporters with their astounding batting. Abrar Molla, in particular, took their bowlers to the cleaners by smashing the ball to every corner of the park and scoring a quick-fire half-century. It didn't matter much that, at the other end, our batsmen were in a hurry to get back to the pavilion to get out of the firing line of Abrar's fine stroke making. The North Pointers were extremely relieved when Mr Rain finally paid them a visit and saved them from further embarrassment by ensuring that conditions were made unplayable. The match was thus washed out with 'No Result' saving them from a loss of face but robbing us of a well-deserved victory on their backyard. Needless to say, the return fixture did not materialise, for various reasons.

Since there was not going to be a re match, I decided to get on with the Primary Wing Play, as this year it was the turn of the Primaries to put up a show before the summer break. After much searching, on the net, I finally narrowed down to a play that would offer scope for maximum characters to be on stage and, thus, decided to put up "**Beauty Is A Beast**" by D.M. Larson. All 58 children of the Primary Wing were given a role of some sort and not a single child was kept off stage for any reason. Most of you witnessed the outstanding performance of our children who put up their Final Performance just a few hours before this. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Beauty (Atulya Koirala), Nick (Othniel R. Daniel)

and the Fairy Godmother (Jesse Zhimomi), in particular, for the splendid job they did in taking the play through, from start to finish. I would also like to thank all the Staff of the Primary Wing who contributed in making this a success in various ways.

It was originally planned that we would be putting up three shows but, as fate would play a cruel trick on our children, we soon discovered that putting up even one show was almost not going to be a reality. Thus, after hurried meetings with the Senior Master, it was decided to bring forward our performance for the Junior Wing and Senior Wing boys, and Staff body, as we would have to rush out of Darjeeling on account of the deteriorating conditions. As such, we put up the play for the whole School on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June and, within the next few days got things organised for evacuating the students, from here to Siliguri, and handing them over to their guardians there.

It was the largest evacuation exercise undertaken in the history of St Paul's School. Every single child was escorted out of Darjeeling and handed over to their parents in Siliguri and Sikkim. Four buses, about forty jeeps and seven small, private cars formed what must have been the longest 'Convoy' leaving St Paul's School. Keeping the safety of every child as our 'Top Priority' every vehicle had a teacher and, wherever possible, a Prefect and Sixth Form present. Bringing up the rear was an official Police Escort vehicle, provided through the kind offices of the District Magistrate and the SP of Darjeeling. Most vehicles started pouring in from about 3.00 am and, by about 5.30 am we finally started winding our way out of here.

Through a prior arrangement, we assembled at Savin Kingdom, Siliguri and handed over as many children as we could to their parents/ guardians. For those who had to catch flights at a later date, we arranged Hotel accommodation for them, and stayed with them there until they were safely on their way home. For this, it is noteworthy to thank the Senior Master, the teachers of St Paul's and Mr Ashish Lama and Mr Aaron Gurung who handled this huge operation with the ease of professionals. At the end of the exercise, we could all rightfully say, "All's well that ends well".

The call for an 'Indefinite Strike' took a drastic turn when it was discovered that it was not going to be like other years, when we faced similar situations. It soon became evident that we were in for a very long haul and, after some time, it soon became worrisome. It was then decided by the Administrator/Chaplain, Rev. J. Halder, that we look for alternative venues in Siliguri, where we could conduct classes for the boys of Classes X and XII. As such, early in the month of July, the Administrator, Senior Master,

Head Junior Wing, Head Primary Wing, Estate Manager and a few other teachers left for Siliguri, in a military convoy, via Mirik, and after an arduous four hour journey, finally reached the plains. After freshening up, we set off for Father Leblond School, on the outskirts of Bagdogra, where the owner, and Old Paulite, Mr Nipu Paulchowdhury and his family warmly welcomed us and showed us the facilities that he was willing to offer us, after treating us to a sumptuous lunch. The next day we visited the former Vice-Principal of Goethal's Memorial School, Mr. Brett Stephen, at his private set-up, Stephen's Academy, at Shastri Nagar, Siliguri, to see what he had to offer.

After much searching the length and breadth of Siliguri, it was finally decided that we would hire out two floors of the Uttar Banga Marwari Bhawan, on Sevoke Road, and conduct classes for the "Board" candidates. Thus, all boys in class X and XII were instructed to report here on the 25<sup>th</sup> July, and more than 90% complied. When it became apparent that the strike was going to drag on for much longer than was anticipated, we came to a decision that it was necessary to bring the rest of the school in and conduct extensive classes for them in Siliguri.

We were already having classes for the Board Examination classes of 10 and 12 at the UTTAR BANGA MARWARI BHAWAN on Sevoke Road, Siliguri, and so we had to hunt around for a similar Bhawan to accommodate the boys and teachers of the Primary Wing. After much searching, we narrowed it down to a Bhawan on the exact opposite side of the town, called SURTARAM NAKIPURIA BHAWAN.

Of the three Bhawans that we had rented, to accommodate the entire school, the Surtaram Nakipuria Bhawan was by far the best, in all respects, as it was spanking new and had not been used up till this period of time. We hired the First and Second floors, each consisting of 11 fully air-conditioned rooms with attached toilets, fitted with modern facilities such as geysers and showers. In addition, each floor had a huge air-conditioned hall. The First floor hall was used as the Dining Hall and, later, when we decided to conduct proper examinations at the culmination of the programme this hall doubled up as an Examination Hall. The Second floor hall was used for entertaining the children and here we set up a 52 inch brand new TV with a cable connection. Every afternoon, and evening, the boys spent their time here, watching various programmes that interested them.

The children were instructed to report on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August and, at the end of the appointed day, it was extremely pleasing to see 33 out of a total of 58 boys. Unfortunately, on account of the floods that hit Bihar and parts of West Bengal, it took us three weeks to get almost 'Full House'. By 28<sup>th</sup>

August we had a total of 53 boys (Boarders + Day scholars) and this number was maintained till the end of the programme on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

Unlike in the other two Bhawans, we decided against hiring a 'Maharaj' to cook food for the children and, instead, opted for a private caterer, who had his own restaurant just around the corner from the Bhawan, to provide all meals for all the occupants of the Bhawan. Thus, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and supper all came from Ram's Paradise Hotel and I must say that the boys, and teachers, relished every meal. The children especially looked forward to the afternoon tea as there was a lot of variety served to them, and they ate well, even though they were being served pure vegetarian food only.

It was also evident that most of the children were Pure Non-vegetarians and that they would have to have non-veg food once in a while. As such, we decided that once a week we would organise an outing for them where we would give them a non-vegetarian meal. Thus, on 17<sup>th</sup> August, the Primary Wing, along with the Junior Wing, were taken to Savin Kingdom where they first watched a film, "**TOILET – EK PREM KI KAHANI**". After the movie, they were all given their non-vegetarian lunch and, after that they proceeded to the 'Water Kingdom' where they enjoyed themselves thoroughly in the water. The food was cooked by an outside caterer and everyone enjoyed it very much. Then, on the 24<sup>th</sup>, the two wings went for their second outing to the Bengal Safari. Here the boys were taken on two 'Safari' rides – 'Herbivore' and 'Carnivore'. At the end of these rides the children were very happy to have seen two tigers, a wide variety of deer, peacocks, some wild boar, monkeys and the back of a rhinoceros and, what thrilled them most was the fact that none of them were in cages, like one would find in a zoo. This time we got their meal ordered from a nearby restaurant, Santa Banta. Each child, and teacher was given a packet of hot fried rice with chilli chicken and a glass of refreshing juice. Then, finally, on 31<sup>st</sup> August, only the Primary Wing children, and staff, went to the Vega Mall where they first watched the film "**SNIFF**", which they all enjoyed thoroughly, and then they were treated to a KFC lunch there in the food court.

In order for this programme to be a success it was necessary to call in all the Class Teachers of the PW, one of the matrons – Mrs K.G. Lama, three didis and a nurse – Sr. Prashanti Rai. Each and every one worked very hard to see that the children were taken care of, in all aspects, and that they were made to feel as comfortable as they would have in school. In addition, for a short while, we had to request Mrs Pramila Rai to fill in for Mrs S. Sharma, class teacher of class 3, when she was diagnosed



with Dengue and, as a result, had to return to Darjeeling till she was fit to re-join us.

Classes were conducted in the rooms and this was a new experience for the children. Every child was also equipped with the requisite exercise books, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, pens and other stationery items that they needed from the school. Every day classes began at 9.00 am and went on till 1.30 pm when they broke off for lunch. They did have a short break of 15 minutes at 11.15 am. Since we had decided from beforehand that the boys would be taken out on week days, and not weekends, Sundays became 'Normal Working Days', as a result. From the 3<sup>rd</sup> September, we conducted the 'Half-Yearly Examinations' and these came to a conclusion on the 7<sup>th</sup> September. Thus, on 8<sup>th</sup> September, exactly a month after we called the children in, we brought our programme to a close when every child was taken home by their respective parents.

However, none of this would have been possible had it not been for the positive support given by the Administrator/Chaplain, Rev. Joy Halder; the Senior Master, Mr Peter Lepcha; the Bursar, Mr K. Trivedi; the Estate Manager, Mr O.P. Agarwal; Mr Sanjay Agarwal, parent of Rishav Agarwal of class 10; Shyam Brothers, for supplying books and stationery; all the teachers; the school nurse, Sister Prashanti Rai and the three didis, Seema, Manju and Deepa who worked tirelessly, throughout our stay at Surtaram Nakipuria Bhawan.

The holidays finally came to a close when the boys started to trickle in on the 7<sup>th</sup> October. Before the boys arrived, at a General Staff Meeting we were all briefed on the plan of action that was to be adopted till the end of the year. As a result of this, it was decided that the Primaries would go home six days later than what was scheduled, as the weather would not permit us to keep them till the 10<sup>th</sup> December, like those of the Junior Wing and the Senior Wing boys.

In the course of time, since then, we were able to get through with most of our scheduled activities. It was, however, disappointing that we could not have our Marathon, Athletics and Hockey seasons this year. However, one activity that was not going to be missed, come what may, was the Primary Wing putting up their Play, "**Beauty is a Beast**" for the visiting schools of Darjeeling, as well as for the Parents of our children. Thank God we were able to accomplish this, earlier this morning.

As we come to the end of another successful year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for their invaluable contributions:

1. Almighty God, for bringing us through, keeping us safe and ensuring

that we achieved all our goals.

2. Rev J. Halder, Administrator/ Chaplain.
3. Mr Peter Lepcha, Senior Master.
4. Mr Punam Lama, Head Junior Wing.
5. Mr K. Trivedi, Bursar, and the Bursary Staff, for ensuring that money was always available, whether in Darjeeling or Siliguri.
6. Mr O.P. Agarwal, Estate Manager.
7. Dr D.K. Sharma, and the medical staff, for ensuring that no child will be sent home 'sick'.
8. Mr F. Mazhari, Caterer, for making it possible for the hungry bellies to always be filled and kept satisfied with the delicious meals that he kept conjuring and producing out of thin air. The cooks and bearers who also work under the supervision of the caterer also did a wonderful job and need to be thanked.
9. All the Teachers from the Primary Wing, Junior Wing and Senior Wing.
10. The two matrons, Mrs A. Sen and Mrs K. G. Lama, and all the didis who work tirelessly behind the scenes ensuring that every child is neatly turned out, has a proper bath and gets a clean change of clothes, apart from seeing that each gets his Birthday Cake delivered to the School, on time for his Birthday.
11. Last, but not the least, all the domestic hands who have given off their best under trying times.

Finally, as each child and parent eagerly await a grand reunion over the winter vacation, I wish each of you a very Happy and Merry Christmas and pray for God's choicest blessings on each of you over the New Year. For the boys graduating to the Junior Wing, my best wishes go with you, but to the rest, we look forward to seeing you back here on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018.

*Mr. Angelo C. N. Alva*  
*Head, Primary Wing, 2017*



The Primary Wing Cricket Team, 2017, with Mr. D. Thapa.



Everest House, 2017, with (L-R) Mrs M. Sharma and Mrs. S. Sharma (HM) .

## EVEREST HOUSE REPORT, 2017.

House Mistress: Mrs. S. Sharma

House Tutor: Mrs. M. Sharma

The responsibility to look after Everest House came to me on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017. I was a little apprehensive in the beginning but, with the help of our able Monitors, all the activities were carried out smoothly.

The boys tried their best to perform well in all the activities but were unable to excel in field events or sports. However, we were the runners-up in the Moore Divinity and PT Competition which was held on 15<sup>th</sup> November.

The practices for the Elocution Competition started after the boys returned to Darjeeling at the end of the Puja holidays. Debdummy Banerjee (Class I), Tejaswa Singh (class II) Mihir Singh (class III), Atulya Koirala (class IV) and Aditya Kharga (class V) took part in it. The competition was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October. The boys of Everest House performed brilliantly and secured first position. Well done boys!!

The PW Speech Day was held on 24<sup>th</sup> November, the day the boys left for their long winter vacation.

The following boys received various awards and made the House proud on Speech Day:

1. Debdummy Banerjee (class I) First Proficiency Prize and Art Prize.
2. Tejaswa Singh (class II) Progress and Application.
3. Mihir Singh (class III) Good Conduct.
4. Atulya Koirala (class IV) 'Best Actor' Prize in the PW.

Congratulations to all these boys!

Atulya Koirala, who bagged the main role of 'Beauty' in the play '**Beauty is a Beast**', did a wonderful job. The audiences were amazed to see such talent. Well done, Atulya 'Beauty' Koirala!

I, along with the boys of Everest House, would like to wish the class 5's the very best, as they move up the ladder to the Junior Wing next year. We would also like to wish Mrs. M. Sharma a happy retired life.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Angelo C. N. Alva (HPW) for his valuable guidance and co-operation throughout the year.

*Mrs. S. Sharma*  
*House Mistress, 2017*



Hillary House, 2017, with (L-R) Mrs S. Dennis (HM) and Mr. D. Thapa.



## HILLARY HOUSE REPORT, 2017.

House Mistress: Mrs. Shamrock Dennis

Let us first thank the Almighty God for taking us through the year with all its obstacles.

Hillary House boys, along with the House Mistress, welcomed the new Primary Wing head, Mr. A. C. N. Alva to the Primary Wing. We also welcomed Mr. D. Thapa, as he crossed over to our side, and would like to wish Mrs. S Sharma the very best as she takes up the challenge as Everest House Mistress.

We began the year by welcoming the new boys into our House, which they enjoyed thoroughly. Cricket season was the first to arrive and we performed very well but lost by a close margin and came second. Mr. A Alva revived the Drama Cup, which was dormant for three years. We had all our boys on stage and were able to bag the first trophy for the year. Othniel R. Daniel, of class five, was outstanding and won the 'Best Actor' prize.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, as is every year, we had the Art Competition and were once again triumphant. Fida Molla, of class five, won the 'Best Artist' prize. Well Done!

We were in full swing, into all the activities, when Darjeeling was affected by a long indefinite 'bandh' which lasted for a little over three months. We broke for the June holidays and were summoned to Siliguri to teach the children from 8<sup>th</sup> August to 8<sup>th</sup> September. During this time, since we were away from the school, we had to discontinue with all the normal activities. Never the less, when we returned to school on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, we had to cram in all the activities that we were unable to conduct. The boys had to work even harder as they had to handle both academic as well as the House activities at the same time.

In the Moore Divinity Prize Exam, we stood fourth but in G.K we stood first and won the cup. In the English Essay Competition we came second and in all the other games we stood third. In English Elocution we did exceedingly well but, by a close margin, we came second. Othniel R. Daniel won the Evelyn Howard Medal for the 'Best Elocutionist' in the Primary Wing. 'Othniel, Well Done!'

As the House Mistress, I would like to congratulate all my boys for giving their best, in whatever they were given to do, in this short time. 'Well done boys! A big pat on your back.'

The Final Examinations commenced on 16<sup>th</sup> November and, on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November, our much awaited Speech Day arrived. Many of our boys were



awarded with medals and certificates.

Class 1	Progress and Application –	Sushobhit Mukhia.
Class 2	Art Prize –	Shaurya Prasad.
Class 3	First Proficiency –	Umang Agarwal.
Class 3	Art Prize –	Anuchit Kiatsiri.
Class 4	Second Proficiency –	Ayush Roy.
Class 5	Art Prize – Fida Molla.	
Class 5	Jyoti Kundu and Art Prize –	Ansh Pradhan.
Class 5	First Proficiency, Best Quizzer, Elocution Medal and Best Actor–	Othniel R. Daniel.

Last, but not the least, I would like to wish all my class fives for their future endeavor. As is the motto of our house: **“Give your best at all times”**, my boys carried that out to the best of their ability.

***‘Let us not give up but hope for a better tomorrow.’***

*Mrs. Shamrock Dennis  
House Mistress, 2017*



Hillary House in action 2017

## HUNT HOUSE REPORT, 2017.

House Mistress: Mrs. N. Sinha

House Tutor: Mrs. S. Allay

“The strongest factor for success is self-esteem: Believing you can do it, believing you deserve it and believing you will get it”.

The year 2017 was indeed a very good year for Hunt House. After the long winter holidays, the boys were filled with vigour and were full of enthusiasm to do their best. The year began with the Cricket Season where the Hunt House boys performed marvelously and bagged the Cricket Cup. This was a great beginning for us.

In the field of religion we did not have many saints. We achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> position (shared with Everest) in the Moore Divinity Prize Exam.

We made a desperate attempt for the Drama, G.K, Quiz, Essay, Art, Elocution and P.T Cups, but failed to bag them.

Basketball, Table-Tennis and Football were played at the end of the year. In Basketball our boys performed very well and won the cup.

In the other two games, Table-Tennis and Football, our boys played outstandingly and clinched both the cups, one by one.

Due to the long strike (Darjeeling Bandh) the events of Marathon and Athletics could not take place this year, unfortunately.

On Speech Day, the following students brought glory and honour to the House by winning prizes for their academic achievements: -

Diptanshu Vishal	Class – 1	Good Conduct
Ayush Raj	Class – 2	First Proficiency
Shojauddin Sk.	Class – 2	Second Proficiency
Anirudh Singh	Class - 3	Second Proficiency
Ayushman Mallick	Class - 3	Progress & Application
Shreyash Ashish Singh	Class – 4	Progress & Application
Yotwarit Chiosamang	Class – 4	Art Prize

At the end of the G.H.D Supper, held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, the Trophies were awarded to the Houses for championship in various disciplines. But, the announcement which electrified the boys into a frenzy, came after a long pause, from Mr. A. Alva's lips, which declared Hunt House the winner of the 'Studies Cup' for the year 2017.



Hunt House, 2017, with (L-R) Mrs. S. Allay and Mrs. N. Sinha (HM).

Finally, I extend my sincere thanks to the House Tutor and monitors, whose untiring efforts and consistent inspiration gave real meaning to our House, in all fields. Thank you, once again.

THERE IS NO ELEVATOR TO SUCCESS. YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE STAIRS.

*Mrs. N. Sinha  
House Mistress, 2017*



Hunt House in action 2017



Tenzing House, 2017, with (L-R) Mrs. M. Mondal and Mrs. M. Keeni (HM).

## TENZING HOUSE REPORT, 2017.

House Mistress: Mrs. M. Keeni House Tutor: Mrs. M. Mondal

When we welcomed the boys back on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, we anticipated a fruitful year. However, things took an unusual turn as we approached the June holidays. The sudden political unrest made us evacuate the School, in the wee hours of 23<sup>rd</sup> June, a day before the holidays were scheduled to begin. The boys, and staff, moved down to Savin Kingdom, Siliguri, where the boys were handed over to their parents/guardians.

During the three months of the strike, the PW class teachers were called to Siliguri where we conducted classes, from the 8<sup>th</sup> August to the 8<sup>th</sup> September, at the Surtaram Nakipuria Bhawan in Khalpara.

After the Pujas, thankfully, we were back at School and rushed with all the activities that we had missed during the strike.

The House positions in the various activities/events, conducted over the year, are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> – PT Competition, English Essay and Moore Divinity.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Football, Basketball and Art.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Cricket and Drama.

Some of our boys, namely Theera, Kittitat, Sabbir and Nannaphat were awarded trophies by Mr. D. Thapa, our games teacher, from his personal collection, for being the best or promising players of various games. Thank you Mr. Thapa, for your generosity and encouragement.

Tenzing House was very fortunate to once again bag the 'Best House Cup' at the end of the GHD Supper which, for the first time, was held out on the PW quadrangle where even the parents of all the children were invited. As such, for the children to receive this prestigious trophy in the presence of all the parents, staff and students was most exhilarating. All I can say is, "**Congratulations boys!!!**"

At the Annual Speech Day programme, held on 24<sup>th</sup> November, many of the boys from Tenzing House were awarded prizes and certificates.

I would like to thank all the boys of my House for their hard work and dedication. A heartfelt "**Thank You**" to all my Monitors, too. I would also like to wish the class V's the very best as they move up the ladder and enter the portals of the Junior Wing, next year.

Last, but not the least, I would also like to thank my House Tutor, Mrs. M. Mondal and the HPW, Mr. Angelo C. N. Alva, along with all those who provided their support, and guidance, to us throughout the year ... not forgetting the Almighty for His endless guidance and blessings.

*Mrs. M. Keeni*  
*House Mistress, 2017*

St. Paul's School  
Darjeeling

Presents  
D.M. Larson's

“Beauty is a Beast”



Venue: Prep Hall

Date/Time: 24th November 2017 at 9:30 am



## Synopsis

“Beauty is a Beast” is the story of Princess Beauty who is Beautiful on the outside but ugly on the inside. Her fairy Godmother decides to teach her a lesson by turning Beauty inside out.

### ***Cast - In order of appearance***

Fairy Godmother	Jesse Zhimomi
Sarah	Rhitik Raj
Mary	Amritansh Kashyap
Princess Beauty	Atulya Koirala
Tutor	Krish Kumar
Scribe	Saksham Kumar
Princess Honor	Ansh Pradhan
Sam	Aditya Kharga
Janie	Arnav Jaiswal
Meg	Sardo Waii
Tim	Sabbir Ahmed
Joe	Yotwarit Chiosamang
Prince Andres	Srijit Halder
King	Buno Sonam
Queen	Yossawin Assawinnimit
Page Boy 1	Prottoy Mukherjee
Page Boy 2	Sai Shreyas
Molly (servant)	Shreyas Aashis Singh
Servant 2	Ayushman Mallick
Servant 3	Ayush Raj
Mayor	Gaurav Chaudhary
Nick	Othniel R. Daniel
Jill	Ayush Roy
John	Kittitat Promdireg
Old Lady	Theera Sritangratanakul
Peter	Nannaphat Khongchanda
Patty	Nischal Mani

Cindy  
Jimmy  
Mandy  
May  
Head Guard  
Castle Guards

King's Body Guards

Party goers

Children in the crowd

Credits:

Producer/ Director

Assistant Director

Costumes

Lakshya Chaurasia  
Shwebik Thapa  
Umang Agarwal  
Nikam Waii  
Aman Kumar  
Devyanshu Deep  
Debojyoti Das Rik  
Abrar Md. Molla  
Fida Molla  
Amarnath Srivastava  
Mihir Singh  
Rawnak Mahir  
Shaurya Prasad  
Anuchit Kiatsiri  
Aditya Raj  
Anirudh Singh  
Shojauddin Sk  
Kaustub  
Shivansh Bhattarai  
Ankit Goswami  
Parth Kashyap  
Rudradeep Majumdar  
Rashid Perwez  
Debdumnya Banerjee  
Tejaswa Singh  
Sushobhit Mukhia  
Diptanshu Vishal  
Mohit Kr. Soni

Mr. Angelo C. N. Alva (HPW)

Mrs. S. Sharma

Mrs. S. Dennis

Mrs. N. Sinha

Make-up	PW Teachers
Music	Mr. S. G. Pande
Lights/ Sets	Mr. D. Thapa
	Ram Kumar Shaw
	Sagnik Gupta
	Mr. O. P. Agarwal (EM)
	Mr. A.K. Sinha (ES)
	Inder (Carpenter)
	Tilak (Carpenter)
Art	Mr. A. Sen
	Ever Bright Chakma
	Sumit Kr. Jha
	Shehzad Ahmed
	Boys of the Art Department
Tailoring	Dipak
	Roshan
	Ratan
	Kushboo Tailors
Props	Mr. Michael Dutta
	Dipak Shankar
	Mrs. M. Sharma
	Mrs. M. Mondol
	Mrs. S. Allay
Catering	Mr. F. Y. Mazhari
	PW Cooks/ Bearers
Programme	Mr. Marcian Joshi
	Mr. Rajesh Pradhan

All the Primary Wing children extend their grateful thanks to Rev. Joy Halder (Administrator/ Chaplain), Mr. Peter Lepcha (Senior Master) and Mr. K. Trivedi (Bursar) for all their help and cooperation in making their play a grand success.

## “BEAUTY IS A BEAST”

A Review – By MR. AGNELO DENNIS (HEAD OF ENGLISH DEPARTMENT, SPS)

*‘Beauty is a Beast’* is the representation of the beast which exists in us all. What we feel the most is what represents us in society. William Golding quite aptly brings out the existence of the beast within human beings in his all time classic, ‘Lord of the Flies’.

Princess Beauty is a manifestation of the negativity which could exist in humans, and, which could entirely ruin our relationships with each other.

As we see in the play: the exhibition of jealousy, hatred, rudeness, pompousness and complete neglect of the humane touch. Such shortcomings in human beings create a vacuum of warmth and acceptance. It alienates one from society, as was the case of Princess Beauty.

Yet, there is hope because of which human existence sees regularization of its existence and overpowering of good over evil. The Fairy God Mother is the embodiment of the regularities, without whom, Princess Beauty might not be accepted in society.

A great job done by the Director, Mr. A. C. N. Alva, and the Assistant Director, Mrs. S. Sharma, for staging this play which was very appropriate not just for the Primaries but also for us, grown-ups. It had a simple, yet strong, message. The message was well exhibited by the characters and it was equally well received by the audience.

A remarkable observance was the size of the cast: the entire Primary Wing – numbering fifty five. Managing a few cast members is a task; as for this cast size: it would have been ‘Herculean’ in its coordination.

Every member of the cast was well represented, and each played his part exceptionally, almost to perfection. Special mention needs to be made about Jesse Zhimomi (Fairy Godmother), Atulya Koirala (Princess Beauty), Amaan Siddique and Buno Sonam (King), Ansh Pradhan (Princess Honor) and Othniel R. Daniel (Nick) who held the play together with their stage presence and acting prowess. This could have been possible by the Director and Assistant Director’s constant supervision, inputs and perseverance in helping to shape the actors into professionals.

Taking nothing away from the actors, or the acting, the costumes lent the finesse which added grandeur and character to the play. Attention to detail of each character’s attire was visible and appropriate. Splendid work was done in utilization of the costumes to project boys as girls; not for

once could the audience disbelieve in the authenticity of the characters, save the fact that St. Paul's is a boys' School. 'Take a bow! Staff'; no amount of praise could suffice in its appreciation. 'Well Done!' So was the detail in the makeup, the properties and the stage sets.

It is understood that the staff involved in its production are not professionals and it is this reality which makes such a production stand out.

My heartiest congratulations to the Head Primary Wing and the entire team of **'Beauty is a Beast'** for keeping alive theatrical performances which makes an institution like St. Paul's, a cut above the rest.





The "Paulite" Editorial Team, 2017, with Mr. B. Gurung.

## DEBATING SOCIETY REPORT, 2017.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Sanjive Rai

Secretary: Aditya Bihani

The School Debating Team started the year off on a good note by participating in the 27th Annual Inter-School Debate held at Yadavindra Public School, Patiala. The participants from the school were Aditya Bihani, Imliwabang L. Jamir and Raiyan A. Chaudhury. They managed to reach the quarter-finals, after three rounds of extensive, yet exhilarating, debating. The tournament lasted three days and proved to be a valuable exposure for the students. The topics for the debate were diverse and thought provoking.

Unfortunately, the Inter-House Debate for 2017 was not possible due to massive impediments of the school curriculum caused by the strike. The 104 days' long strike, called in Darjeeling, ate up the entire Second Term of the School Calendar.

Aditya Bihani was awarded the Air Force Trophy and Medal for the "Best Public Speaker".

The Debating Society would like to sincerely thank Mr. Sanjive Rai, the Master-in-charge of the Debating Society for his help and guidance. And, hopefully, the upcoming years will be more fruitful for the Debating Society in St. Paul's School.

*Aditya Bihani*  
*Secretary, 2017*



The Debating Society, 2017, with Mr. S. Rai.





The Senior Wing English Elocutionists, 2017, with Mr. A. Dennis.

## **ENGLISH ELOCUTION REPORT, 2017.**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Agnelo Dennis

After much deliberation, having lost the time assigned to this discipline due to the indefinite shut down in Darjeeling, from June until the last week of September, it was reasoned upon to carve out time from the last two months of the academic year amidst the need to complete subject syllabuses in order to conduct the English Elocution Competition.

It was felt that English Elocution was an integral part of the disciplines included in the school curriculum, and, which could not be shelved. This discipline, for one, inculcated into students the skills needed to uphold one's linguistic command on the language and the exhibition of the skills acquired in it.

Contrary to belief that students should not be overburdened, they were made to tackle pressure of dealing with extra academic work set by the subject teachers in order to make up for the time lost and also to work within limited time in order to prepare for the Inter-House English Elocution Competition.

The House Masters were in charge to make sure that their candidates were well prepared within a time span of a fortnight. It was observed that those who managed to take the pressure, and not burden themselves, were able to perform exceptionally. Against all odds, we were able to conduct the competition and award certificates and medals.

In the Junior School, Cable House was the outright winner of the competition, even though Ishaant Bhattarai of Anderson was adjudged the "Best Speaker". As for the Senior School, Clive sang their way home with the trophy. It was a stiff competition for the Sakraney Medal for the "Best Speaker" and Aditya Bihani, the School Captain and Captain of Clive House, pipped the others to it.

We brought the curtains down on this event by awarding the participants with certificates of recognition and "Best Speaker" medals, as well.

The N. M. Masters Inter-School Competition could not be organized by Loreto Convent, owing to paucity of time.

If all goes well in Darjeeling, in the coming years, we hope to see our students vying for the coveted N. M. Masters shield and further sharpening their skills in the art of public speaking.

*Mr. Agnelo Dennis  
Master-in-Charge, 2017*



The Choir, 2017, with Mr. S. G. Pande.

## **MUSIC REPORT, 2017.**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Sudeep G. Pande

Head Chorister and Music Secretary: Tenzin Topden

The year, 2017, had about 18 boys in the music department who took regular classes in vocal music. They were prepared for the practical examination in music, conducted by Trinity College London. Except one, all were successful. This year, the examination was conducted in Siliguri, due to the unforeseen circumstances in the hills.

91 boys, from all the three wings, were regular members of the School Choir. They practiced twice a week, throughout the year, and regularly performed in the Chapel for Special and Festival Services. It was predominantly a four-voice choir.

Tenzin Topden was the Head Chorister for the year. A very gifted Tenor, Tenzin has been in the choir for the last seven years and has been a soloist in his own right. He has performed solos at various public concerts in Darjeeling and in Kolkata.

The other notable choristers were Anuto Zhimomi, Kupuka Zhimomi and Imliwabang Jamir.

On Speech Day, Ishan Pathak was awarded with the 'Bhattacharya Prize' for the 'Best Musician' in the Junior Wing, Anuto Zhimomi was awarded with the 'Rahoul Music Prize' and Tenzin Topden was awarded with the 'Adams Music Prize'.

*Mr. Sudeep G. Pande  
Master-in-Charge, 2017*





The Hindi Parishad Boys, 2017, with Mr. P.S. Chaturvedi (HOD) and Mrs. S. Dwivedi.

## HINDI PARISHAD REPORT, 2017.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. P. S. Chaturvedi

Secretary: Laxmi Niwas Modi

This year has been very successful for the Society, through the constant endeavors of the boys.

The Secretary for this year was Laxmi Niwas Modi.

The Senior Wing Hindi Elocution was the first activity in which students of the Society got a chance to showcase their individual talents, in the month of May. Because the standard was high, the competition was tough. At the end of the day, Sanskar Chandra (Hv) and Harsh Vardhan (Hs), Harshit Chandra (Cl), and Aditya Bihani (Cl) all stood first in their respective divisions, and the Cup was snatched away by Clive House.

On account of the long 104 days' strike, from the middle of June, the Inter-House Hindi Elocution, in the Junior Wing could not be held at the usual time. However, when we returned, after the Puja holidays, it was conducted in the month of November. The three categories in which they competed were: Junior Poetry, Intermediate Prose and Senior Poetry. Aditya Prakash (An), Rudra Pratap (Ca) and Chaitanya Singh (Be) stood first in their respective divisions. The Elocution Cup was bagged by Cable House.

The Annual Inter-School Hindi Elocution was not held, due to the strike, and this was pretty disappointing.

The Rudra Prize Exam was conducted and the prize, for this year, was awarded to Laxmi Niwas Modi. The Kamlesh Kanti Prize, for the student securing the highest marks in Hindi, in the I.C.S.E examination was awarded to Manas. Well done to both of you!

I would like to thank all my colleagues for their ever-enduring support. I would also like to thank all the teachers of the Hindi department for their continual help, support and guidance, throughout the year.

Lastly, I would like to thank Mr. P.S. Chaturvedi, our Master-in-Charge, for his continuous, and tireless efforts, throughout the year.

*Laxmi Niwas Modi  
Hindi Secretary, 2017*



The Bengali Society, 2017, with (L-R) Mr. G. Bhattacharya (HOD) and Mrs. P. Bhattacharya.



## BENGALI SOCIETY REPORT, 2017.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. G. Bhattacharya    Secretary: Shehzad Ahmed  
Associate Teachers:    Mrs. P. Bhattacharya,  
   Mrs. M. Mondal

Like the past years, this year has also been a successful year for the Bengali Society. The Society was fortunate to receive the services of Shehzad Ahmed and Debrup Chaudhuri, Secretary and Paulite editor for 2017, respectively.

The Inter-House Bengali Elocution took place on 8<sup>th</sup> May, and the winners were as follows:

Poetry - (class IX) Ankur Singha (CI)

Prose - (class X) Raiyan A. Chaudhuri (CI)

Drama- (Open Division) Shehzad Ahmed (CI)

0The Elocution Cup was bagged by Clive House, once again.

Unfortunately, this year, we could not have many Bengali Society activities, due to the local political unrest from June to September. However, after the Puja holidays, we were able to conduct the Usharani Bengali Prize Examination. Raiyan, Jibon, Moloy and Ankur got 'Highly Commended', for their originality, and the Prize was awarded to Debojyoti Dey of class 11.

This year, once again, the boys of the Junior Wing performed a Bengali dance on the Betten-Cable Concert Day. This was a fusion dance composed on Cliff Richard's and Manna Dey's song, '**Summer Holidays**'. Mrs. Mitali Mondal performed a Bengali dance, '**Faguner Mohonay**', with Bihu beats, on the occasion of Children's Day.

I would like to sincerely thank all the boys of the Bengali Society for their constant help and cooperation. My sincere gratitude goes to Mr. and Mrs. G. Bhattacharya and Mrs. M. Mondal. I wish all the Paulites a great year ahead and a very happy New Year.

*Shehzad Ahmed*  
*Bengali Society Secretary, 2017*



The Nepali Society, 2017, with (L-R) Mr. M. Mukhia (HOD) and Mr. Y. Sunam.

## **NEPALI SOCIETY REPORT, 2017.**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Mahendra Mukhia

Secretary: Reshav Man Shakya

Despite the numerous setbacks faced this year, the Nepali Society managed to overcome the obstacles in our path and still do well. The Society is flourishing, and we hope it will continue doing so in the coming years.

The year started well enough with a few new faces added to the Society. They immediately decided to display their talent, singing at the 'New Boys' Concert' and flamboyantly displayed their individual skills.

The participants of the Nepali Elocution were handed their pieces but, sadly, due to the unforeseen bandh, the Elocution had to be called off, much to the dismay of the various participants who had already begun practicing in earnest. The Elocution, which generally coincides with the auspicious celebration of 'Bhanu Jayanti' came a cropper, because of the 104 days' strike, and so did the Annual Second Language Concert, for the same reason. However, this had little or no effect on the boys, as they soldiered on.

The Madhukar Rana Nepali Prize Exam, was won jointly by Neirav Giri and Reshav Man Shakya, this year.

Samyam Timilsina and Bijit Regmi did us proud by securing the highest marks, in Nepali, in the ICSE and ISC Examinations, respectively.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. M. Mukhia and Mr. Y. Sunam for being the pillars, and the rock, on which the Nepali Society stands. Their constant support has always been a source of inspiration to each of us, and we do appreciate it. In addition, I would also like to express my gratitude to my fellow Sixth Formers for being caring and supportive throughout the year.

Finally, in conclusion, I would like to wish the future batches good luck to raise the standards of the Nepali Society to greater heights.

*Reshav Man Shakya*  
*Secretary, Nepali Society, 2017*



The Dzonkha Society, 2017, with Mr. Thinley Dorji.

## DZONGKHA SOCIETY REPORT, 2017.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Thinley Dorji

Secretary: Tenzing Chopel

As an old Dzongkha proverb says, “***We are born in different places, but are united as one family***”.

On this note, under the constant guidance and leadership of Mr. Thinley Dorji, we once again, come to the end of another fruitful and successful year for the Dzongkha Society.

The Dzongkha Society was initially instituted, for the first time, in the year 2013, but has been carrying on, enthusiastically, thereafter.

Mr. Thinley is not only a very capable and talented teacher; in making his subject Dzongkha conducive to learn, read, and write in the class; but also, more often, entertains the boys. He has, on a number of occasions, taken to the stage, singing and dancing unique Bhutanese modern and traditional songs, in his Bhutanese costume, and has proved to be quite an entertainer.

This year, Tenzin Chopel was appointed Dzongkha Secretary and Zenden Dorji Kaleon was Deputy Secretary to look after the welfare and progress of the entire Dzongkha Society.

I would like to thank all the Society boys for their constant help and cooperation throughout the year and I wish all the Paulites, ‘Old’ and ‘Young’, a great year ahead and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Tashi Delek.

*Zenden Dorji Kaleon  
Dzonkha Deputy Secretary, 2017*



The French Society, 2017, with Mr. S. Roy.



## **FRENCH SOCIETY REPORT, 2017.**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. S Roy

Secretary: Anawin Promdireg

The year, 2017, has passed well for our French department. Many boys have started opting for French as their 2<sup>nd</sup> Language, and this has raised the number of boys, and increased the strength of our Society.

Jiraput Promdireg, of class 8C, wrote "*Une journee typique*", for the Paulite magazine.

I would like to thank our French teacher, Mr. S. Roy, for all the advice and support given to make our French Society transform into one that is far more interesting than what it was in earlier years. At the same time, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my Society boys good luck for the years to come.

*Anawin Promdireg  
French Secretary, 2017*



## ART REPORT 2017.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. A. Sen

Secretaries: Art - Ever Bright Chakma

Batik - Debrup Chaudhuri

### ***'Art should disturb the comfortable and comfort the disturbed'***

A vibrant palette of creativity, and concepts, was what this year had right from the beginning. We had planned to experiment and take the Art Society beyond the art room this year. We had adapted ideas and were inspired by art festivals around the world and had planned to deliver and execute a different kind of exhibition, during the second term, by setting up modern art installations around the school quadrangle and a fair, involving the entire Senior Wing, on the quadrangle this time.

But, sadly, the deteriorating political situation, in Darjeeling, and the long 104 days' strike, dismissed all our plans! Anyways, we returned with a hunger to produce a proper art exhibition in the final term, no matter what. Our artists worked hard through sleepless nights and, amidst the laughter, music, fatigue, frustration, food and artistic discoveries, we put up our Annual Art Exhibition on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November for students, teachers, parents and a few visitors. This year we had a lot of enthusiasm and creativity in perspective with our presentations.

The new woodwork room had been conceptualized into a surrealistic exhibit where visitors were sent in alone to contemplate on the abstract art exhibits and the ghostly, or should I say 'Ghostly', presence of Ifraj Mali. The teachers and students enjoyed it a lot and, I hope, the Art Society looks further towards experimentations in the fields of originality and creativity.

I must take this opportunity to thank all my fellow talented artists whose undying perseverance and love kept this year's Art works a different taste of passion and pure creativity. My brother in arms JHA and all the artists, Om, Chinnucha, Sid, Copter, Pom, Ifraj, Satwik, Mustahik, Ray, and those I have not mentioned, whose creativity, passion and talent kept us all amazed and going. Special mention must be made of our Origami Secretary Ksanbah Lyngwha who produced, displayed and gave us a look into his unique universe and his extremely rare work of Origami along with us. The Batik secretary, and his boys, produced some brilliant Batik works within such a short span of time. Wasin, of class IX, whom I must credit as a brilliant engineer showcased his intricate Mars Rover models

and his models on modern architecture which amazed everybody.

The Anil Chaudhuri Art Prize Medal was jointly won by Sumit Kr. Jha and Ever Bright Chakma. The 'Best Artist' Medal was, however, awarded to Ever Bright Chakma. The 'Best Craftsman' Medal (Batik) was awarded to Debrup Chaudhuri.

We tried our best to be different and creative in our approach. Finally, all I wish for is that our artists go on to express the joy of creation and carry on boldly experimenting, learning and never stopping for once because art itself is a gift to life. I also hope the future generations of artists, in this school, go on expressing art in different mediums of their lives and continue finding solace in Art. Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish... This is all that I can wish for you.

*Ever Bright Chakma  
Art Secretary, 2017*



The Art and Craft Boys, 2017, with Mr. A. Sen.



The Audio-Visual Club Boys, 2017, with Mr. Rajeev Pradhan.

## AUDIO VISUAL CLUB REPORT 2017.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Rajeev Pradhan

Secretary: Debrup Chaudhuri

When I look back at the year, 2017, which has flown past so quickly, owing to a 104 days' strike, a sense of satisfaction fills me with regard to the AV Club. The year, as usual, began with fresh new recruits from the 9's, along with the older recruits in class 10 and, the all-important man, Pratap.

We started the year with the Investiture of Prefects' Ceremony and this was soon followed by the New Boys' Concert. We then had the Hastings House concert and the two Junior Wing concerts. The last of the concerts for the first term was the Havelock House Concert. We also had the Tenzing Norgay Memorial Lectures at which the lead speaker was Mr. Nawraj Pradhan, an Old Paulite.

The Sixth Formers of 2017 donated a new Sony Blue-ray DVD player to the Club and the School bought a new Hitachi projector for the boys to enjoy their weekly movies.

This year the major production was the PW play "**Beauty is a Beast**". We had two performances, one at the end of the first term, which was viewed by the whole School, and the other at the end of the year, for the visiting Schools and parents of the Primary Wing.

We also had the quizzes and elocutions for all three wings, and also the JW Debate.

This year was a great and successful year and I would like to thank everyone for it. Especially I would like to thank Pratap Daju, for his constant help, and the Boys: Sagnik Gupta, Ram Kr Shaw, Priyanshu Raj and Suzu Raj Brahma.

A special thanks also to Mr. Rajeev Pradhan who took over the responsibility from Mr. Bishal Gurung. I would also like to thank the Administrator, Senior Master, Heads of Wings and the Estate Manager for their support through the course of the year.

At the end of this report I would like to wish luck to the department for the years to come and the journey ahead

*Debrup Chaudhuri*  
*Audio Visual Secretary, 2017*



(L-R) Mr. S. Raj, Mr. N. Mondal, Dr. Biswajit Mondal, Rev. J. Haider (Administrator/Chaplain), Prof. Saswati Choudhury, Mr. P. Lepcha (Senior Master), Mr. N. V. Vincent, Mr. M. Dutta, Mr. A. R. Mukhia and Ms. P. P. Bose.

## ECONOMICS WORKSHOP, 2017.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. N. Mondal

Secretary: Aditya Bihani

It was a privilege, and honour, for the School to house Dr. Biswajit Mondal and Prof. Saswati Choudhury. They took the boys on an educational expedition in the form of “**THINKONOMICS**” - a workshop on the basics, and fundamentals, of economics and how its dynamism affects our day-to-day lives.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 2017, Sir and Ma’am, who are both accomplished scholars and professors at Visva Bharati and St. Xavier’s College, respectively, took the initiative for this workshop.

Dr. Biswajit gave the prologue for the afternoon and then, without wasting much time, delved into the fundamentals of this pure science. He talked extensively about the dynamics of demand and supply and also elaborated on how we respond to them. He managed to keep us on the edge of our seats with other intriguing topics like money & banking, utility, the factors of production, etc.

Following the captivating lecture of Dr. Mondal, Prof. Choudhury stepped up to further enrich our experience. She lectured on the economic history of India, the economic status of the agricultural sector, the recently imposed demonetization, NITI Aayog, etc. She put forth interesting interpretations of various aspects of the subject, and also briefed us on a handful of Government economic policies. She also laid stress on the significance of economics in our everyday lives.

“**THINKONOMICS**”, truly, has been a wonderfully enriching experience for all the attending students. It laid the foundation of curiosity for economics and dissipated all notions of extreme complexity regarding the subject. They opened up new windows to this subject and made us realize that economics is truly “**THINKONOMICS**”.

Our sincere thanks to Mr. N. Mondal, our Senior Economics Teacher, who, despite his busy schedule, managed to organize such an informative event and, thereby, giving the importance of “**Economics**” in our daily lives.

*Aditya Bihani*  
*School Captain, Winner of Class of '89*  
*Economics Prize Exam, 2017*





The Social Service Hobby Boys, 2017, with (L-R) Mr.S.Khaling and Mr.S.Raj (MIC).



**SOCIAL WORK HOBBY, 2017.**  
**SPROUTSS (ST. PAUL'S REACHES OUT**  
**UNIVERSALLY TOWARDS SOCIAL SERVICE)**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Sanjive Rai

Secretary: Ever Bright Chakma

***“THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY”***

On that note, we started off our year trying to make as much difference as we could with our little acts dedicated to social awareness. Since this was the first year for this hobby, after discussions had taken place in 2016 and we had planned to bring all the social work activities under an official hobby, we had planned to work on things, as simple as campus cleaning, to preserve the aesthetic beauty of our school campus, which many of us take for granted, and we have successfully conducted many campus cleaning sessions this year.

We moved on to create charts, on certain days, to create awareness on topics such as water conservation on 'World Water Day', our boys also made beautiful scrolls for our lady teachers, to make them feel special on 'Women's Day', and we also created many charts regarding empowerment of women. We had come together, at many meetings, during the first term, and discussed what was possible, within our limits, and then planned a structure of action. Sadly, many activities such as holding a day for orphanages, at our school, and visiting old age homes could not be executed due to the long strike and the absence of the Second Term. But, we did do a 'cleanup' job at the Marwari Bhawan, in Siliguri, on quite a number of occasions!

We had also managed to paint the school railings in maroon and blue, around the Senior School.

I must make special mention of our Hastings House Prefect, Imliwabang L Jamir who had been present at every SPROUTSS meeting. He was a founding member of this hobby who supported and helped it all along.

I take this opportunity to thank Sherjil Aftab of class X, and his entire team, whose support and passion for Social Work has led this hobby forward. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to Mr. Sanjive Rai, our Master-in-Charge, for graciously accepting the responsibility, inspiring us and supporting us in every aspect.

I hope future SPROUTSS members, and leaders, will go on expanding its operations because there is nothing greater than the joy of giving and serving.

*Ever Bright Chakma, Social Work Hobby Secretary, 2017*



The Photography Hobby Boys, 2017, with Mr. S. Khaling.

## PHOTOGRAPHY HOBBY 2017.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. S. Khaling

Secretary: Ashutosh Poddar

Despite having a tough year, it was a wonderful one with 18 boys in the Photography Hobby. All the School programmes, and functions, were captured from different angles, by the boys. In the process, we learnt new techniques, and hacks, of capturing better and more attractive pictures themselves.

This year, the Photography Exhibition was remodeled and all three rooms, including the Developing Room, were used. It was used, this year, to show the 'Vintage Collection', which consisted of a 1953 Photography Yearbook, a 1960's Portrait, a collection of Negatives, dating back to 1973, a 1989 School Chronicle and the machines used to generate pictures in the early 1990's.

The Modelling Room was used as a 'Mini Studio', where anyone who came to see the exhibition got a 'Modelling Picture' of themselves clicked.

As a tribute to the legendary photographer, and MIC of the Photography Hobby, Mr. Kamlesh Kanti, the exhibition also consisted of two medium-sized portraits of him.

At this juncture, we would like to thank all the parents, teachers and Paulites for their positive comments.

This year, the Kamlesh Kanti Medal for Photography, the Das Studio Medal for Consistent hard work and the Darjeeling Studio Medal for the Best Photographer were all scooped up by the Secretary, Ashutosh Poddar.

The Photography Department would like to thank all the people who helped us, directly or indirectly, with their support and suggestions.

At the end of this photography year, the club extends its sincere gratitude to our Master-in-Charge, Mr. S. Khaling, without whom the year would not have been a successful one. At the same time, we wish all the future members the very best.

*Ashutosh Poddar*  
*Photography Club Secretary, 2017*



The Senior Wing Quizzards, 2017, with Mr. S. Rai.

## QUIZ REPORT, 2017.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Sanjive Rai

Secretary: Debrup Chaudhuri

Quiz is an integral part of our school activities. It is an activity where not only the participants but also the audience is involved.

The Brain of St. Paul's, 2017, for the Senior Wing, was held over two rounds. The first round was held on 28<sup>th</sup> May and the standings were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Havelock and Lawrence

3<sup>rd</sup> Hastings

4<sup>th</sup> Clive

The second round was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November and the standings, at the end of both the rounds, were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Havelock

2<sup>nd</sup> Hasting

3<sup>rd</sup> Lawrence

4<sup>th</sup> Clive

Both the rounds were conducted in the usual four round pattern - being the General Round, Current Affairs, Sports and Entertainment and Audio-Visual round. The Quiz Master, for both rounds, was Mr. Sanjive Rai.

The Major Bhatnagar Brain of St. Paul's Medal for 'Best Quizzer' was awarded to Debrup Chaudhuri while the Karun Majumdar General Knowledge Medal was awarded to Sunny Sinha.

In the month of May, Harsh Vardhan (class 10) and Himanshu Dutta (class 9) went to Himali Boarding School, Kurseong, for the Raj Goyal Memorial Quiz Competition.

In the Junior Wing Karanjai Quiz, conducted by Mr. A.C.N. Alva, Cable House stood first, with Aaryan Raj Pradhan bagging the Karanjai Medal for the 'Best Quizzer' in the Junior Wing. The Primary Wing Quiz was won by Hillary House which was conducted by Mrs. S. Allay. Othniel R. Daniel won the 'Best Quizzer' Medal there.

At the end, I would like to congratulate all the winners and wish luck to the upcoming generations of quiz enthusiasts. I would also like to put in a special word of thanks to Mr. Sanjive Rai, Master-in-Charge, for all his help through the year.

*Debrup Chaudhuri*  
*Quiz Secretary, 2017*

## **BADMINTON REPORT, 2017.**

Master-in-Charge: Mr. B. Rai

Captain : Norzang N. Bhutia

Despite many difficulties, we were able to have the Inter-House Badminton matches because of the determination of our MIC, Mr. Birendra Rai.

The Inter-House Tournaments were conducted from the 21<sup>st</sup> of October and went on for a week. Each House put up their best players which made the tournament both interesting and highly competitive. With matches being so closely contested, and positions changing at the end of each game, it was really difficult to predict which House would actually lift the Cup or whether a record of sorts would be created with all four Houses sharing the trophy. It was anyone's game, and we all knew that the House which could hold its nerve would be able to break away from the pack and end up victorious. Hastings finally proved that they had the strongest nerves when they romped home with the Cup.

Our sincere thanks are extended to Mr. B. Rai, our MIC, for his sincere cooperation and valuable guidance. My best wishes also go out to the upcoming shuttlers who, I hope, will bring more laurels for the School, in the coming years.

*Norzang N. Bhutia  
Badminton Captain, 2017*



The Senior Wing Badminton Enthusiasts, 2017, with Mr.B. Rai.

## BASKETBALL REPORT 2017.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. D. Thapa

Captain : Norbuz Z. Lepcha

***“I don’t want to be another Jordan, Magic or Isiah. When my career is over, I want to be able to look in the mirror and say, ‘I did it my way’”.***

ALLEN Z. IVERSON, Philadelphia 76ers.

By March, Ms. Winter loosened her grip on the gaining, mirthful, heritage of St. Paul’s, all perplexed and huddled in their cozy stay. As we settled in, for a new academic year, we realized that there was much to be done and, so, got down to some serious practices without wasting much time.

This year, our Basketball players, of various levels, saw their prowess of the sport honed by Mr. Gyalpo, our coach. The teams, beaming with pride and hope, travelled down to the lower hills of Kalimpong and nestled in the warmer climate of Dr. Graham’s Homes School (DGH). However, as the heat scorched our energy up, that gave us an excuse to offer our ardent fans, back at School, who were always inquisitive of the outcome. Unfortunately, we were ridiculed and thrashed in the Senior, +2, Division, but came up as strong contenders in the Junior, Under-X, Division.

Our practices came to a standstill with the exciting days of the Annual Treks and Tours approaching over the Easter weekend.

Later, the School Team, all blessed and spirited, travelled a whole day and, finally, totally fatigued, reached our destination, in Dehradun, where we were invited to participate in the Golden Jubilee All India Basketball Tournament that was held at Welham Boys’ School.

Our hosts welcomed us with benevolence and a familiarity that made us feel very much at home. But such familiarity blew no luck, or chance, to expand our skills as we fell short of winning our match against the Rashtriya Military School. Totally demoralized, by this defeat, we, nevertheless, fought hard against the towering figures of the Punjab Public School and managed to edge past them.

However, this victory was very short-lived as we were nailed to the coffin of defeat when we faced our very generous and familiar hosts, Welham Boys’ School, who transformed into mercenaries on the court and gave us no leeway.





The School Basketball Team, 2017, with (L-R) Mr. D. Thapa and Mr. S. Rai.

The only way for us to overcome this deep loss was by getting away. And away we went on a jaunt around Mussoorie which helped revitalize our spirits before we headed back home.

As I come to the end of this report I am filled with a deep sense of regret at not being able to achieve what I set out to do on the Basketball Court. I, thus, encourage my fellow juniors to strive hard to achieve whatever might interest them.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Gyalpo, our dedicated and hardworking coach, and Mr. D. Thapa, our MIC, for his untiring efforts to keep us motivated and match fit.

*Norbu Z. Lepcha  
Basketball Captain, 2017*



The Under 8 Basketball Team, 2017, with (L-R) Mr. D. Thapa and Mr. S. Rai.



The Edinburgh Cricket Team, 2017, with Mr. B. Rai and Mr. N. Mondal (MIC).

## CRICKET REPORT 2017.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. N. Mondal

Captain : Debrup Chaudhuri

The year, 2017, kicked off in a very traditional fashion with the Students taking on the Staff in an exhibition match. This match served its purpose of making the boys a) realize their potential, b) feel at home and c) mark the beginning of the Cricket season very well. Needless to say, the depleted Staff Team took us to the cleaners and taught us a fine lesson by winning the match, convincingly, proving that "**Old is Gold**".

We had an interesting start to the season as Mr. N. Mondal was handed over the reigns as MIC for Cricket. No sooner had the nets been put up when we began early morning practices and went through the usual drills of batting, bowling and fielding in preparation for our friendly fixtures.

Our first set of fixtures was against St. Joseph's School, North Point, where the JW and the Under X teams won while the +2 team suffered a defeat. The PW team were cruising to a convincing win, aided by a swash-buckling cameo of 50\* by their Captain, Abrar Molla, when 'Rain' decided to play spoilsport and saved the 'Spaggies' the humiliation of being thrashed in their own backyard. The next fixture, against Mount Hermon School was inconsequential as it was 'washed out'.

This year we introduced a new 'Under-14 Cricket T20 League' called, "**The Paulite Under-14 T20 League**" which was organized by our School. We had invited two Schools from Kalimpong; Dr. Graham's Homes and St. Augustine's School; and one from Darjeeling; St. Joseph's, North Point; making up a total of four participating Schools in this Inaugural Tournament.

Our Under-14 Team, led by Tabish Md. Perwaiz, won the tournament by winning all their matches by astounding margins. Well done lads and good luck in your future endeavours!

Once again, this year, we received a coach from the Cricket Association of Bengal, Mr. Debopam Sarkar, the Under-15 Bengal Coach. He, in turn, appointed Mr. Mainak Halder as our resident coach, because of his busy schedule. Thus, Mr. Halder remained with us right through the season while Mr. Sarkar made visits as and when time permitted.

Mr. Halder had a very unique way of training which helped the players a lot. He taught us many different, and unnoticed, aspects of the game along with many new strategies. He was a motivational coach and, some-





The +2 Cricket Team, 2017, with Mr. B. Rai and Mr. N. Mondal (MIC).

how, managed to make each individual concentrate on his weaknesses and work on them to become a better and fitter player.

The task at hand, now, was to retain the all prestigious 'Edinburgh Shield'. Our first match was against Mount Hermon School where we bowled them out for a paltry 89, largely assisted by a 5 wicket haul by Gaurav Singh. Then, spurred on, by an unbeaten 27, by Mr. Birendra Rai, who top-scored, we won the match with six wickets in hand.

The very next day we played the Annual OPA (Kolkata) vs School match. We were put in to bat and put up a target of 160 runs, to be got by them in the stipulated 30 overs. Once we were able to make the phenomenal, and dangerous, Mr. Utpal Banerjee quietly walk back to the pavilion there was a constant stream of batsmen moving between the crease and the pavilion and, in the end, we succeeded in bowling them out, just 24 runs short of the target. This was the first time, in eight years, that the School Team ended up on the winning side of this annual fixture.

Buoyed up by this emphatic win, we set our goal on the final match of the Edinburgh Shield, where we were to face our arch-rivals, St. Joseph's, North Point. The match was called off on the first day, on account of rain, and we had to start afresh the following day. We were put in to bat and set them a target of 221 runs, to be got in 40 overs. Gaurav Singh, this time, showed that he was as good with the bat, as he was with the ball, by top-scoring with 45 invaluable runs. Aakashdeep Pradhan, not wanting to be left out, notched up a quick-fire 28\* in the death overs.

We were pretty confident of being able to defend this total, keeping in mind the strengths of our bowlers. Little did we know that there is NOTHING that can be taken for granted, in a game of Cricket, and so, no matter how hard we fought, we finally succumbed, to their superior batting prowess, and lost the match, and the Shield, in the 37<sup>th</sup> over, by 3 wickets.

Kshitij Verma and Anshal Anand, however, did give us some hope by scalping 3 and 2 wickets each, respectively. It was a very good game, in which we put up a strong fight but, alas, we sadly ended up being second best. Aakashdeep Pradhan was awarded with the 'Most Promising Player of the Match' Trophy

After the Edinburgh Shield fixtures were over, our Inter-House matches began. In the Senior Wing, there were a few closely contested matches where Hastings, eventually, edged past the rest, with Lawrence coming a close second. In the Junior Wing, however, Cable dominated the proceedings and walked away with the trophy.

Then, in the month of May, we had a Cricket team from Kolkata visiting us. The Aditya Barun Barman Cricket Academy were hosted by us during



The Under-X Cricket Team, 2017, with Mr. B. Rai and Mr. N. Mondal (MIC).



their stay in Darjeeling. We played a match against them and returned with a resounding victory.

The Jack Warren Medal for the 'Best Cricketer' (Under-X) went to Aakashdeep Pradhan, who also received 'Minor Colours' in Cricket. In the Junior Wing, however, the Jack Warren Medal was awarded to Utkarsh.

As I approach the end of this report I would like to thank Mr. N. Mondal and Mr. B. Rai for their constant guidance, help and support towards the team right through the year. I would also like to thank Mr. Mainak Halder, the Cricket coach, for helping the budding cricketers improve their game and for teaching us new things through the course of the season.

I would now like to bring this report to a close by wishing luck to the future generations of Paulites in the years to come. May they experience the best of the game and give off their best when they represent the School.

*Debrup Chaudhuri  
Cricket Captain, 2017*



St. Paul's School team, winners of the inaugural  
"The Paulite Under-14 T20 League", 2017



The Under-14 Cricket Team, 2017, with Mr. B. Gurung, Mr. B. Rai and Mr. B. Tamang.

## FOOTBALL REPORT 2017.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. A. D. Rai

Captain : Humza Mustapha

This year we had a very short tenure, which began from the 10<sup>th</sup> of October and went on till the 16<sup>th</sup> of November. Even though this was not the season, or the time to be playing Football, large numbers of enthusiastic boys could be seen on the field kicking the ball around and enjoying themselves.

As the boys showed a great deal of dedication to the game, they started practicing, under the watchful eyes of Mr. A.D. Rai and Mr. D. Thapa, for the scheduled fixture and upcoming tournament.

The tournament was held at Goethal's Memorial School, Kurseong. Having been put through some rigorous practices and training the hard work, and dedication put in, gave rise to a strong feeling of optimism and determination to win. Our first match was against the hosts, Goethal's. The School team played a clean, fair and sensible game, at the end of which the score read 1-1.

Our next match was against St. Joseph's School, North Point. No sooner had the referee blown his whistle for the game to start when we realized that it was not going to be our day. While the first half seemed to be over in a jiffy the second half appeared to be dragging on, endlessly, and we were praying for the final whistle to be blown as the Spaggies were raining goals on us. When it finally blew, we were left licking our wounds, having suffered a humiliating 5-0 defeat at their hands. Unfortunately, we were knocked right out of the tournament. However, all was not lost as we did display some good teamwork, sportsmanship and, above all, love for the game.

On our return to School, the +2 Team played a friendly match against the Teachers and we were thrilled to beat them 1-0. What a fitting way to end the season, and the year, with.

Finally, the results of the House matches, in the three wings were as follows:

Senior Wing – Clive House

Junior Wing – Cable House

Primary Wing – Hunt House.

At the end of this report, I would like to say that the future of Football, in St. Paul's, looks very bright with lots of young talent making its way up from the Primary Wing and the Junior Wing, too.

Finally, in conclusion, I would like to thank our coaches, Mr. A. D. Rai and Mr. D. Thapa, for their endless support and wish the very best for the upcoming generations of Paulite Footballers.

*Humza Mustapha  
Football Captain, 2017*





The Tennis Enthusiasts, 2017, with Mr. E.E. Moktan.

## LAWN TENNIS REPORT, 2017.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Emanuel E. Moktan

Captain : Yash Agrawal

Tennis has always been a world famous sport for the purpose of health, recreation and fun. Tennis was, and is always cherished to play and watch. The game of Lawn Tennis is played throughout the year and is greatly enjoyed by the Paulites. The boys redefine team work and sportsmanship all along to make up the days with pleasant combinations of hard work and determination.

This year, the Darjeeling Gymkhana Open Invitational Tennis Championship was held from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of May. Four boys, Anirban, Sagnik, Nuchin and Yash represented the School in this tournament. This tournament was of a great standard as players from Bhutan, Nepal and all the affiliated clubs under the Bengal Tennis Association, including the Darjeeling Gymkhana Club, had come to participate. Our boys played very well and showed a high standard and excellence in the game of Tennis.

The best season for Tennis was after the Puja holidays, when the weather was just perfect. The Lawn Tennis House matches were played under the supervision of Mr. E. E. Moktan and some boys. The House matches were very competitive, fair and a lot of fun, with many exciting matches. The matches resulted in the following manner:-

SINGLES-	1 <sup>ST</sup> -	YASH AGRAWAL (Hv)
	2 <sup>ND</sup> -	SAGNIK GUPTA (Hs)
DOUBLES-	1 <sup>ST</sup> -	YASH AGRAWAL/ANURAG GUPTA (Hv)
	2 <sup>ND</sup> –	ANIRVAN PANDEY/ PAROONPATHORN TUBSAENG (CL)

The Lawn Tennis Cup was won by Havelock.

The domestic staff also helped the boys refine their skills.

This would not have been possible without the constant support of our M.I.C, Mr. E. E. Moktan and our Lawn Tennis coach, Mr. Jit Pradhan (OP), and his team, who've made us what we are today and were always there to guide us on the right track. I would also like to thank some of my counterparts for helping me and my team take this game to new levels of glory. May the sport of Tennis go from strength to strength here at St. Paul's.

Yash Agrawal

Lawn Tennis Captain, 2017



## TABLE-TENNIS REPORT 2017.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. P. Tamang

Captain : Aditya Bihani

The year, 2017, began with a lot of expectations. Students who returned on 1<sup>st</sup> March, started practicing then for the Table-Tennis Carnival, which was supposed to be held in July.

Table-Tennis has always been a sport which every student loves to play, during his leisure time.

During the month of June, the agitation broke out in Darjeeling, which eventually resulted in a 104 days' indefinite strike. Unfortunately, alas, our Inter-School Table-Tennis Carnival was cancelled, as a result of this.

The House matches were conducted in November with Havelock House emerging victorious in the Senior Wing. Betten House and Anderson House ended up as 'joint winners' in the Junior Wing.

I would like to thank my M.I.C., Mr. P. Tamang, for his consistent support and guidance. My best and warmest regards for the upcoming generations.

*Aditya Bihani*  
*Table Tennis Captian, 2017*



The Table-Tennis Team, 2017, with Mr. P. Tamang.



The School Volleyball Team, 2017, with Mr. D. Thapa.

## VOLLEYBALL REPORT 2017.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. A. D. Rai

Captain : Paul Lungdim

As soon as the boys returned from their long winter vacation, in March, a vast multitude of boys, starting from class 6 to class 12, enrolled their names for the difficult, early morning, practices with enthusiasm. Each boy, during this period, learnt the dynamics and the ethics of the game, and developed an attitude of respect for sports. In addition, it also inculcated qualities of comradeship and honesty among the lot.

Mr. K. Khan, the Volleyball Coach, who tirelessly climbed up, all the way to the School from the town, every morning, and afternoon, spent a lot of time teaching and mentoring the boys on various aspects of the game. In course of time, he even brought his own team of Volleyball players to give us some much needed match practice, as well as invaluable exposure. We are truly indebted to them for showing us the finer points of the game and helping us to become better players.

On 12<sup>th</sup> May, we hosted the Inter-School Volleyball Carnival on the Top Field. As usual, we put up two teams at the under X level and one team at the +2 level. The boys fought hard for every single point and gave off their very best. Although the results were not in our favour, the boys showed great sportsmanship and accepted, with great humility, their ouster from the tournament.

Being knocked out of the tournament was no impediment, whatsoever, as the boys were still hungry for more. However, on account of the political unrest, that caused a total shut-down of the hills for 104 days, and the lack of proper facilities, the boys were unable to do anything in Siliguri, much to their dislike.

Never the less, as soon as the School gates re-opened, after the Puja vacation, practices resumed, with full gusto, from the very first week itself. A huge turnout from the Junior Wing indicated a promising and bright future for the game, in St. Paul's.

A tough and challenging year it was for the boys who responded with a tougher attitude, keeping in mind the adage, "when the going gets tough, the 'TOUGH' get going".

Overall, the Volleyball season was a success, even though we didn't win anything, and, thus, on behalf of the Volleyball Team, I now take this opportunity to thank Mr. A. D. Rai and Mr. K. Khan for all their efforts, early in the morning as well as after our lessons were over, in honing our

skills and transforming us into better players.

In conclusion, I wish all the future Volleyball players the very best and sincerely pray that they will soon strike winning ways in the Tournaments.

*Paul Lungdim*  
*Volleyball Captain, 2017*



The Inter School Volleyball Carnival, 2017

## TREKS AND TOURS REPORT 2017.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Sudin Khaling

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> April to 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.

Agents: Aashish Lama, Sharon Gurung and Simon Rai.

As was done in the previous years, the entire school was sent for excursions during the Easter weekend. The following are the details of the tours and escorts accompanying the different groups:

CLASS	DESTINATION	ESCORTS
PW (I – V)	Gangtok	Mr. & Mrs. Alva, Mrs. S. Allay, Mrs. M. Sharma, Mrs. S. Sharma, Mrs. N. Sinha and Mr. D. Thapa.
JW (VI – VII)	Gangtok	Mr. & Mrs. A. Dennis, Mr. & Mrs. P. Tamang, Mr. & Mrs. M. Mukhia and Mr. S.G. Pande.
VIII	Rainbow Valley	Mr. R. Pradhan, Mr. D. Thinley and Mr. R. Das.
IX	Sandakphu	Mr. B. Rai and Mr. S. Rai.
X	Sundarbans	Mr. N. Mondal, Mr. B. Tamang, Mr. R. Chettri and Mr. M. Joshi.
XII	Bhutan	Mrs. S. Halder, Mr. & Mrs. N. Vincent, Ms. P. Bose and Ms. N. Pandit.

I would like to thank all the boys for behaving well during the various trips and upholding the good name of St. Paul's School. I would also like to thank each and every teacher who took the time and the trouble of escorting the boys and taking care that all the trips went smoothly. Thank you all for your kind cooperation.

*Mr. Sudin Khaling*  
*MIC - Treks & Tours, 2017*



## V<sup>TH</sup> TENZING NORGAY LECTURES ON HIMALAYAN ISSUES 2017.

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Birendra Rai

The Vth Tenzing Norgay Lectures, on Himalayan Issues, was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, coinciding with the 103<sup>rd</sup> birth anniversary of the legend himself. The key note speaker for the annual programme was Mr. Navraj Pradhan, (O.P.)

The programme started with the welcome speech, and presentation of School khadas to all the dignitaries. This was followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and offering of khadas on the photo frame of Tenzing Norgay.

The chief speaker, during the course of his lecture, aided by a power-point presentation, enthralled the audience by his lucid, yet effective, presentation. As he has been working for the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development – ICIMOD, a ‘think tank’ and Inter-governmental knowledge Institution since the past 9 years, his topics for discussion ranged from Climatic change, and its impact on the Hindukush Himalayas, to Himalayan springshed management, climate change adaptation, ecosystem services, environmental impact assessments, and corporate-social responsibility. He also stressed on understanding springs, and the reasons for their drying up, within the Himalayan context.

Mr. Pradhan also enriched the audience with the overall programme planning, partnership development, implementation and management of a transboundary collaborative programme - Kailash Sacred Landscape — signed under regional cooperation between China, India and Nepal, in close coordination with supporting partner agencies from Europe and the region.

He focused on his fellow, present, Paulites and highlighted the career prospects in the field of Environmental Studies and reminded all that it has huge career prospects since it encompasses multidisciplinary subjects.

The lecture, by and large, was very simple, informative, appealing and well-compiled with video clips, ample data and a ‘take home message’, “***Mother Nature’s message to humans***” a voice narrative by Julia Roberts.

The lecture was followed by a Panel Discussion comprising of the following distinguished members:

Moderator: Professor Jeta Sankrityayana,  
Instructional Economics, N.B.U.



Panellists: Dr. Sherab Bhutia,  
HOD, Geog. Dept. Darjeeling Govt. College.  
Mr. Hitesh Roy,  
HOD, Geog. Victoria Boys' School, Kurseong.  
Mr. Michael Dutta,  
HOD, Geog, St. Paul's School, Darjeeling.

A well-moderated discussion, with valuable insights, and ideas, took the centre stage and it was well received by the audience, who invariably became an integral part of the discussion. The enthusiastic students, and the teachers alike, were busy asking relevant questions and they received the answers much to their satisfaction.

The concluding part of the programme saw the presentation of mementos, a token of gratitude and appreciation, to all the experts who contributed to the programme.

Remembering his alma mater, and a true Paulite to the core, Mr. Pradhan presented the school with the banner of the School Monogram, which he had carried so passionately with him during his recent climb to Mera Peak, standing above 6000m in Nepal.

This edition, of the Annual Programme, concluded with a vote of thanks, by the Administrator/Chaplain, followed by high tea for all the guests and members of the visiting schools.

*Mr. Birendra Rai*  
*Master-in-Charge, Tenzing Norgay Lectures, 2017*



## **NEW AWARDS INTRODUCED AT 195<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPEECH DAY.**

### **1. AJIT SINGH LAMBA AWARD FOR GOOD CONDUCT:**

This award has been introduced by our former student, who is also a Paulite parent with both his sons studying with us, Mr. Ajit Singh Lamba (Batch of 1997).

The award aims to encourage discipline, and 'Good Conduct', among the students, especially the Senior Wing students, leaving aside the graduating classes, of X and XII, as they are already entitled to many other related prizes.

The first winner of this award is Vorameth Kajonrungslip of class XI.



Vorameth Kajonrungslip, the inaugural recipient of the AJIT SINGH LAMBA AWARD FOR GOOD CONDUCT along with Mr. Ajit Singh Lamba and his wife.

### **2. NAWRAJ PRADHAN ENVIRONMENTAL AMBASSADOR AWARD:**

This award has also been introduced by our former student, Mr. Nawraj Pradhan, who is presently the Director of ICIMOD, an Organization for the Preservation of Environment, Kathmandu, Nepal.

The annual 'Environmental Ambassador Award' is part of other larger global 'GREEN AMBASSADORS' Awards and Schemes.

The aim is to engage both children, and staff, to bring about innovative, yet simple, ideas on sustainable development within the School and, also, as a part of the community to connect, collaborate, lead and engage with others to create healthy and sustainable Schools.

The first winner of this award is Ever Bright Chakma, School Vice-Captain.



Ever Bright Chakma, the inaugural recipient of the NAWRAJ PRADHAN ENVIRONMENTAL AMBASSADOR AWARD with his trophy.

### 3. RECTOR'S COAT:

This is a very special award given for the Academic Excellence and Character and Conduct which is bestowed on an 'Outstanding Student'. This award has been instituted, this year, with due approval from all members of the Staff representatives concerned.

The Rector's Coat is a special addition to the 'Bishop's Coat', introduced last year, which is awarded to a student who is 'Outstanding' in the field of games and sports and has achieved Three Major Colours in a single academic year.

The colour of the Rector's Coat is light grey and the logo carries the phrase, "**PRIMUS SCHOLASTICUS**", with the name of the School and crest representing the outstanding character of the student upon whom it is bestowed.

For the first time, the recipient of this award is Master Aditya Bihani, School Captain, who has won several accolades, in the field of academics, and has proven to be an 'Outstanding Student' in all aspects of student life.



Aditya Bihani, School Captain, being awarded the 'Rector's Coat' by Rev. J. Halder, Administrator/Chaplain.



Aditya Bihani, the inaugural recipient of the RECTOR'S COAT, along with his proud mother.

## **THAI STUDENTS' TRIBUTE TO LATE KING BHUMIPOL, 2017.**

It was a very thoughtful initiative, of the School, to organize a 'Memorial Service' for the Late, beloved, King Bhumipol, where the Thai community gathered together to pay their last respects, and tributes to their most loved monarch.

King Bhumipol, the longest serving monarch in the world, ascended the throne at the tender age of 19 and, from that moment, he devoted himself fully to the citizens of Thailand always standing by them in all times.

The Thai people proudly proclaim that King Bhumipol was the most hardworking King as he executed a total of 4447 projects, for the Development of the Thai Nation and the Welfare of the people, throughout his reign.

Many of his projects have been universally accepted and implemented. The most celebrated project of King Bhumipol was the creation of artificial rain, through cloud seeding, with the use of highly engineered aircraft. This was of immense benefit to the poor farmers of Thailand who, prior to this, often lost their entire crop due to lack of rain.

Thus, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October, 2017, at 8:00 pm (coinciding with the actual time in Thailand when the Late King's mortal remains would finally be put to rest, after 'Lying in State' for a period of 12 months) St. Paul's School observed a 'Memorial Service', for the Late King Bhumipol, in the Junior Wing Tuck Hall. The service began with a tribute to the Late King, followed by a prayer. The Royal Thai Anthem was sung and a moment of silence, 89 seconds – corresponding to his age, was observed. The service ended by paying respect to the Late King in the Benchakapadit





position, as is traditionally done in Thailand.

We, the St. Paul's Thai family, will always cherish and respect the memory of our Late, beloved King Bhumipol.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Administrator/Chaplain, Rev. J. Halder; the Senior Master, Mr. P. Lepcha; the HJW, Mr. P. Lama; the HPW, Mr. A. C. N. Alva and all the Thai parents who assisted in making this event possible.

*Paroonpathorn Thubsaeeng  
Class XII, 2017*







## Salvete - 2017

### Class 1

Sk Shojauddin

### Class 3

Bhattarai Shivansh

Goswami Ankit

Mukherjee Nil Shuvro

### Class 4

Das Debojyoti Rik

Mahir Rawnak

Waii Nikam

### Class 5

Kumar Aman

Sonam Buno

Waii Sardo

### Class 6

Goswami Abhishek Kumar

Joram Malo

Naloju Kaka

Saha Swastik

Teli Camder Karma

Taba Atur

### Class 7

Bharti Priyanshu

Kharel Nikesh

Sabab Mahmood Suayeb

Teli Tobden Camdir

Thirawuth Thitiwuth

### Class 8

Anant Abhyuday

Ha Kenge

Lakra Mohit

Mohajan Shantanu

Poddar Gautam

Sikam Lokam

### Class 9

John Romell

Lalert Saran

Muennoi Anakorn

### Class 11

Anand Rishav

Agarwal Kushal

B.K. Suraj

Butt Hamaad Hanif

Gupta Ankit

Imtesal Md.

Kumar Roshan

Nandy Prantar

Pachau Lalsingliana

Vihienouo Kevizhapu