

C.G.S. Newsletter

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Parents and Students,

Welcome to a new school year 2016 / 2017!

Our Chittagong campuses managed to start as scheduled, however, in Dhaka we have been taking it one step at a time. The school year started on a solemn tone after the horrific events in early July in Dhaka.

Security upgrades at ALL our campuses have been at the forefront of our endeavours and several measures have been undertaken to ensure we maintain a high level of security for our precious students and indeed all stakeholders. You have all, by now, received details of the measures taken at individual campuses. Yet in spite of all these measures, there is a need to remain vigilant and alert at all times.

On a more positive note our results are out and we are satisfied by the performances of our wonderful students. Although we could not match the all time high of the 2015 results, CGS and CGSD combined 'O' level grades attained an excellent 90% for all A*/B grades and 63% for A*/A grades. Our 'O' level batch made us proud with 19 students gaining 8 A's, or greater, amongst them **Farina** (8 A*, 2 A's) and **Neha** (6 A*, 4 A's) from CGS and **Ramisa** (5A* and 5 A's) of CGSD, who each attained 10 A grades. The average individual 'O' level result achieved was 5.5 A*/A's grades and 2.2 B's. As in June 2015, a quarter of our 'AS' / 'A' level students attained 3 A's or better, 34 out of 135. **Shubhranil** was our 'A' level topper, attaining 5 A's in 'A' levels, 4 A* and 1 A.

CGSD students, below, celebrating their excellent results!



Congratulations to all our wonderful students and to you, parents who together with our teachers, management and heads support them together to achieve great results and go on to some of the best universities in the world. While grades continue to be a key benchmark for university admission we are finding that top tertiary institutions are increasingly looking for non-academic skills and competences and evidence of unique qualities that are not quantifiable. There are widespread discussions in educational institutions about '21st Century Skills' or 'Non-Academic Skills' which are essential for success in university admission, careers and indeed for personal growth and happiness.

The Harvard College website in their section 'what they look for' state that, "We seek to identify students who will be the best educators of one another and their professors - individuals who will inspire those around them during their College years and beyond."

(<https://college.harvard.edu/admissions/application-process/what-we-look>).

The idea of a student led course has commenced this year with the launch of

'Global Perspectives' in classes 6 and 7, where students take the lead and teachers play the role of facilitators. Developing skills outside the classroom has always been the hallmark of a CGS education and you will see a greater focus on activities and opportunities for our students to enhance these, going forward. We have in addition, upgraded our technological resources in all campuses to support greater usage of multi media with projectors, laptops and PC's as we move towards building 21st century skills.

The academic year 2016 / 2017 is packed with activities and events, including an Art Exhibition, ACP's, Athletics, Career Seminars, a Carnival for Pohela Baisaikh and much, much more. All these are platforms for students to expand their repertoire of skills and competences and more importantly, to become better human beings, serving their communities.

The highlights of our RS and MUN calendar includes an in-house conference on our theme for the year, 'From ME to WE: Transforming Our Communities'. A ten-member team will be heading to Germany in early October to attend the Annual Round Square International Conference at Louisenlund School. Besides these, we have invitations to attend the Harvard MUN in Boston, USA and Yale NUS MUN, in Singapore. Our RS and MUN invitations extend to schools in several cities across India, as well as Sri Lanka, Pakistan, UAE, Turkey, Egypt, Nepal, South Korea, Singapore, Tanzania and The Netherlands. We are now in an enviable position to pick and choose which conferences we will attend and have trained staff prepared to escort teams to the ones we select. In 2015/16 we set a new record when we took part in 18 local and international conferences which are now central to the CGS experience. We urge parents to support their child to attend at least one conference in Middle School years, between classes 5 to 8 and one in Senior classes, 9 to 12. Let us maintain or indeed exceed last year's participation record!

The Round Square philosophy, embedded in the 6 pillars or **IDEALS** (Internationalism, Democracy, Environmental stewardship, Adventure, Leadership, Service) are firmly entrenched at CGS and this year we will be stressing on the pillar of 'Service' and challenging students to get involved in deeper and more meaningful ways in our Community School programmes as well as our many community partners, such as JAAGO, Nurture and IBE. Teams have already embarked on their Duke of Edinburgh Residential Project at Nurture Hospital and at Islamabad Balika Etim Khana (IBE). These residential programmes are life-changing experiences for the students who participate and they return as more empathetic and mature individuals. Many of them will be hosting our annual Eid lunch for the support staff and their families at CGS in September.

Our Annual Cultural Programme (ACP) is another hallmark of CGS, not as a great theatrical exercise, but rather a platform to build confidence and public speaking skills. We hope all students participate in these, no matter how big or small their role maybe. Participation is mandatory in order to be eligible for our most prestigious award, the Directors Award.

We thank you for choosing CGS and CGSD for the education of your child. It is an honour and a privilege, and one which we do not take lightly. We hope the year keeps you and your families safe and secure. We also thank the Heads and their teams for their guidance and leadership in steering the CGS ships to new shores and to safe harbour.

Wishing you all a safe, successful school year!

Kind regards,

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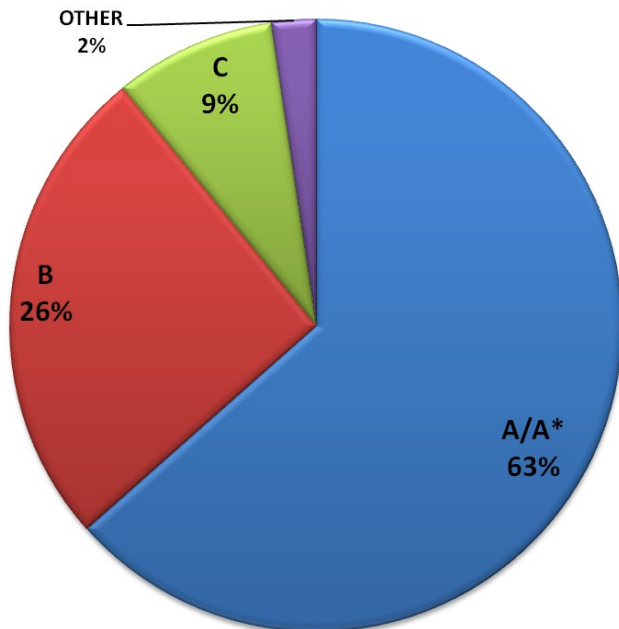
'O' LEVEL RESULTS 2016

Class 9: 119 Students in CGS and CGSD appeared for between 2 and 3 subjects and did very well in their first set of 'O' levels. They opened their accounts for collecting A* and A grades, achieving 91% for A*, A and B grades.

2 A*/A's: Aleeva, Ali, Alif (CGSD), Ariful, Ariyana, Awsaf, Fabiha, Faiza (CGSD), Ishmam, Karawee, Lamisa, Nabil, Mehbuba, Mehreen, Mofrad (CGSD), Multazim, Nafisa, Nafiz, Nayeem, Noodar, Pramika, Ramisa, Samir, Rumaisa, Samira, Sarirah (CGSD), Shreya, Sumaiya, Sujana, Tajkiya, Tasnima, Wasit, Zuhan.

3 A*/A's: Abhik, Fareen, Fatema, Isfar, Ishraq, Jabed, Maahi, Maria, Marisa, Mashrurah, Muhtadin, Radin, Rifaiya, Rubayet, Rabbul, Samiha, Sauban, Sharfenaz, Shirshajit, Somapty, Soumalya, Tahmid Hossain, Tahmeed Sharif, Tasnia, Yeasar, Zarin, Zarif.

CGS 'O' Level Results 2016



'A' LEVEL RESULTS 2016

82 students appeared for 'AS' exams (at the end of class 11) while 53 appeared for the 'A2' exams (end of class 12). The overall A*, A and B ratio was 65% lower than 70% in 2015.

Class 11, 'AS' Levels Results:

2 A's: Arka, Furkan, Mumtahina, Nafisa, Raisina, Ridanah, Samira, Shababa, Tanzim, Ubaida, Umair .

3 A's: Ahnaf, Durrah, Ishrak, Mustafa, Nazifa, Shaida, Tanisha, Uzma, Waqif.

4 A's: Fardeen, Hafsa, Idrak, Jobayer, Raad Sarwar, Radeef, Raghieb, Sadique, Sakhawat, Shaikat, Shawly, Towfiq, Zahir.

Class 12, 'A' Level Results:

2 A's: Afrida, Fabiha, Fahim, Juhaina, Khawja, Prato, Shenaz, Tasneem.

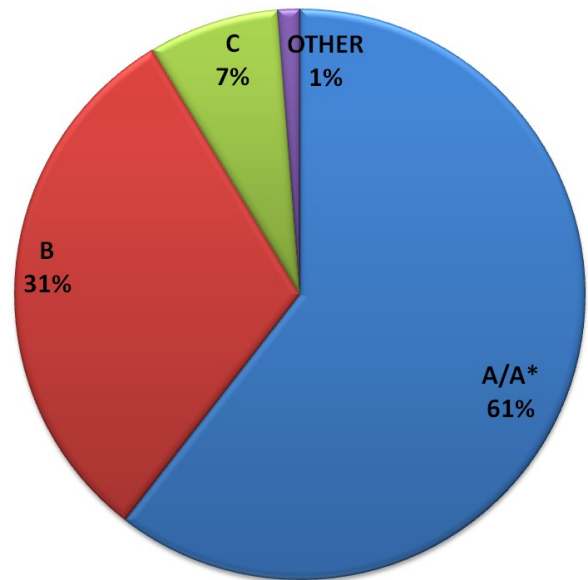
3 A's: Bashrat, Irteeza, Sadaf.

4 A's: Munem, Nabila, Nadadur, Nanziba, Nowshin, Shadreen, Tasfia, Tashfina.

5 A's: Shubhranil (4 A*, 1 A).

Congratulations to the entire CGS family!.

CGSD 'O' Level Results 2016



Class 10: The June 2016 'O' level combined CGS and CGSD results had an overall pass rate of 98% and an A*, A and B ratio of 90% down from last year's 93%. 64% or 54 out of 85 candidates attained 5 A's or more in 'O' levels at CGS and CGSD combined.

5 A* / A's: Abul, Jawad, Jehan, Muhtasimur (CGSD), Samannaz, Sohan, Sumaiya, Syed Ali, Zara (CGSD)

6 A* / A's: Alvin, Hasan, Ibtisam, Istibub, Samin, Minha-zul (CGSD), Motahar (CGSD), Mustafa, Nuzhat (CGSD), Ramisa, Zunayed.

7 A* / A's: Adiba (CGSD), Ahna (CGSD), Akrabina, Aliza, Ayat (CGSD), Fabia, Fabiha, Fayad, Nadia, Sajid, Shamrin, Tama, Wasif, Zaeem.

8 A* / A's: Arushi, Araba (CGSD), Ishfar, Manjot, Misbahul, Osama, Muhtasim, Rifath.

9 A* / A's: Intisar, Irina, Mahpara, Mehejabeen, Lana, Safia, Sartaj, Showmik, Tausiful (CGSD).

10 A* / A's: Neha, Farina, Ramisa (CGSD).

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