



# CGS-Dhaka Newsletter

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Dear Students, Parents, Teachers and Staff,  
We wish you all a very Happy New Year, 2017. As we enter a time of uncertain political and economic climate across the globe it is imperative that we make our students resilient and prepare them for a future we cannot predict. In a world increasingly torn apart by religious, cultural, gender and ethnic disparities we need to develop an ethos of inclusion, not exclusion.

Our theme for the year, '**Less ME more WE: Transforming our Communities**' has already had an unprecedented impact on students who have undertaken several service and fund raising activities for the less privileged in our communities. Some of their endeavours include:

- ◆ Art Exhibition activities with community school
- ◆ Mufti day
- ◆ Bake sales
- ◆ Fund raising for a cancer patient
- ◆ RS charity auction
- ◆ Youth Voice charity collection for blankets

A club to support their endeavours 'Hobe' has been founded by students and its mission is to enable the less privileged pupils in our many community partners, including our very own CGS Community School, Jaago Foundation, Nurture and Islamabad Etim Khana. Their efforts have not only been in fund raising but also volunteering their time to have educational and entertaining programmes for our community partners. As we go into print plans are underway for a winter party for all CS students using funds they raised auctioning volunteer positions for our annual Eid support staff lunch.

We are so proud of our students who in addition to being confident, academically competent and diverse in their extracurricular interests are now developing a strong ethos of **teamwork, service** to the community, **good citizenship** and **environmental stewardship**.

Our upcoming annual RS conference will include activities where these four values are explored and fostered. For all his academic work as a physicist, **Albert Einstein** believed service to the most fulfilling and noble value, "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."

The CGS 2017 conference will also be breaking new grounds as the first ever virtual RS conference open to all RS schools across the globe. It will have keynote speeches live streamed and group discussions virtually connecting students from all corners of the globe - and who better than CGS to take RS to a new era of international conferences!

May 2017 bring you health, joy and success.  
Bilquis Dada, Farhat Khan, Shereen Isphani.

ROUND  
SQUARE

## RS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

CGS will be hosting our Annual Regional Conference on the theme '**Less ME more WE: Transforming our Communities**' (logo on the right, designed by **Multazim, 10G, CGS**) in January through early February.



Salman (12, CGS), pictured left will be attending a service project in Nepal this winter. In addition, CGS and CGSD are targeting to attend 5 further RS and MUN conferences in January. These include, Harvard MUN in Boston and the RS Regional AGM in Indore, India.



## CIE OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

In 2016 CGS won 5 CIE Outstanding Learners Awards including 2 '**High Achievement**' awards and 3 **Top-of-Bangladesh** awards:

**High Achievement: Efaz** for 'A' Level Computing, **Manjot** for 'O' Level Environmental Management.

**Top-of-Bangladesh: Irina** for 'O' Level Commerce, **Mehreen** for 'O' Level Bangladesh Studies, **Hafza** for 'AS' Level Economics.

The prize giving ceremony, hosted by CIE was held in Dhaka in late November, pictured above **L to R, Suzy Chowdhury** (Country Director Bangladesh & Nepal, CIE), **Irina, Hafsa, Mehreen, Ruchira Ghosh** (Regional Director, South Asia, CIE) and **Khadija Afzal** (Head of CGSD Secondary).



**CAMBRIDGE SCHOOLS CONFERENCE**  
**Asia Chowdhury** pictured at the recent Cambridge Schools Conference in Kuala Lumpur with keynote speaker, **Guy Claxton**, of Kings College, London.

## ACP 2016/2017 AT CGSD

The Annual Cultural Programme is always the most enjoyable time of year for students. It is also key to the CGS philosophy of building student confidence. Year after year, commencing as 3 year olds in Playgroup, students get on stage and perform in front of large audiences. The cumulative build up over the years helps to develop inner self confidence.



A skit performance by secondary students pictured above and our primary students below.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS	DATE
School Re-opens	3.1.2017
RS Regional AGM, Indore, India	5-8.1.2017
Exam period	8-17.1.2017
RS Mayo Conference, India	8.14.1.2017
RS Conference at CGS	18.1-5-2.2017
RS Conference SIS, Mumbai	26-29.1.2017
Harvard MUN, USA	26-29.1.2017