

**ST. PAUL'S MISSION SCHOOL**  
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*'But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.'*

... (Isaiah 40:31)

Your Grace, The Rt. Rev. Paritosh Canning, and esteemed members of the Board of Governors. I am happy to present before you a detailed Annual Report of St. Paul's Mission School for the academic year 2024-2025.

The academic year 2024 – 2025 began on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2024.

On this first day the members of the Staff began the academic session with a short devotion followed by a staff meeting.

### **COUNCIL RESULTS**

**ICSE 2024:** It is my proud privilege to state that by the blessings of the Lord Almighty, the encouragement of our respected Bishop the Rt. Rev. Dr. Paritosh Canning, the dedication of all our teachers and the hard work of our students, all 78 candidates appearing for ICSE 2024 have passed with commendable results. 6 students scored above 90% on the aggregate and 27 students clocked a GP of 80% and above. Several students attained 100% marks in, Chemistry, Biology, Economics and Computer Studies. Aritra Guchhait of Class XA was the school topper with 98%.

**ISC 2024:** 91 students appeared for the ISC 2024 from St. Paul's Mission School. 13 of them scored an aggregate of 90% and above while another 30 scored above 80% in the aggregate. The pass percentage is 100%. Debmalya Mukherjee and Hirak Saha were the joint school toppers with 95.25%.

### **ACADEMIC MATTERS**

**The Unit tests** began on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July for all classes from Nursery to Class XII. Classes X and XII appeared for 40 marks Pre-selection papers while all other classes had 20 marks examinations. Report Cards were issued, and the Parent Teacher Meeting was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2024.

**The First Terminal Examinations** for all classes from Nursery to Class XII were held in September 2024. Report Cards were issued, and the Parent Teacher Meeting was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2024.

**Interactive Smart Boards from Tata Class Edge:** On the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2024, St. Paul's Mission School celebrated a significant milestone with the inauguration of our newly upgraded Smart Classrooms for the Junior Section. The ceremony, graced by the esteemed presence of our school's Chairman, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Paritosh Canning (Bishop of Calcutta), was a moment of pride and excitement for all members of our school community. Bishop, along with the School's Advisory

Committee, officially unveiled the enhanced classrooms, symbolizing our commitment to embracing technology in education. The initiative, aimed at revolutionizing education for students from Nursery to Grade 5, introduced state-of-the-art LED screens designed to enrich their learning experiences.

These modern tools did not only facilitate visual learning but also engaged students in a way that enhanced their understanding and retention of academic concepts.

As we embarked on this new chapter, St. Paul's Mission School is confident that these advancements will empower our young learners to explore, innovate, and excel in their academic journey.

We are grateful to our Chairman, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Paritosh Canning and the Board of Governors for their constant support and encouragement to the school in providing happy learning spaces to our children.

**2nd Unit Test:** The Second Term Unit Tests were held from the 2nd to the 7th of December 2024 for all classes from Nursery to class XI.

**Rehearsal Examinations:** The Rehearsal Examinations for Classes X and XII began on 5th December 2024 and continued into January 2025.

### **Board Examinations for Classes X & XII:**

The ISC Class XII examinations began on the 14th of February 2025, and we have sent up 97 candidates. The ICSE which began on the 18th of February 2025 has another 86 candidates appearing from St. Paul's Mission School.

### **Annual Examinations.**

The Annual Examinations were held from 21st February to 7th March 2025 for all classes from Nursery to class IX & XI. The final results were issued on the 28th of March 2025.

## **SCHOOL FUNCTIONS**

**Prefects' Investiture:** George Bernard Shaw once said, "We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibilities of our future".

The St. Paul's Mission School family considers it a sacred responsibility to groom its students so that they may grow up to become the future leaders of our country. With this thought in mind, we give students the opportunity to take up responsibility as school Leaders and Prefects.

**Junior Prefects Investiture:** The Junior Prefects Investiture ceremony was organised by the Paularian family on the 25th of April 2024. The school family was happy to entrust on these young ones the responsibility of caring for their peers and juniors. Diyashree Majumdar of Class V and Rajveer Gaur of Class V were invested as Junior captain and vice-captain respectively. We look forward to their leadership in all school activities.

**The Senior Prefects Investiture** ceremony held on 26th April 2024 was a solemn event wherein the newly elected Captains and Class Representatives took the oath to serve the school as well as their peers and juniors with love and loyalty. School Captain Krishnendu Bhowmick, School Vice-Captain Nadim Molla and Sports Captain Sufiulla Chowdhury took the oath of loyalty and service

in the presence of the students, teachers and parents. Ryan Jiaswal (Keats), Anish Sonkar (Masefield), Neek Sett (Tennyson) and Jainul Abedin Niyazi (Wordsworth) were invested as House Captains.

The school feels honoured to bestow them with the responsibilities they have acquired and to leave a legacy of successful leadership for the next generation to emulate.

**Labour Day Celebrations:** On the morning of 2nd May, St. Paul's Mission School came alive with the spirit of appreciation and community as students, teachers, and staff gathered to celebrate Labour Day. This year, the celebration took on a special meaning as the students took the initiative to honour the unsung heroes of the school—the dedicated service staff.

The highlight of the celebration was the presentation of gifts to the service staff. Each gift was thoughtfully chosen and handed over by the students, symbolizing gratitude and respect. As the students stepped forward to present the gifts, the atmosphere was filled with joy and appreciation. The service staff, visibly moved, expressed their gratitude and shared a few words of thanks. The event concluded with a group photograph capturing the smiles and camaraderie of the day."

The May Day celebration at St. Paul's Mission School was not just an event but a testament to the school's values of respect, gratitude, and community spirit. It was a memorable day for all, especially for the service staff, who felt cherished and honoured for their unwavering dedication

**Rabindra Jayanti:** On 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024, the junior students from classes II to V of St. Paul's Mission School celebrated the 163rd birth anniversary of our very own noble laureate, Kobi Guru Rabindranath Tagore, through a beautifully knit presentation of his poems, drama, song and dance around the theme of 'the transition of seasons in our environment and its reflection in our lives.' Students and teachers of the senior department also paid tribute to the Kobi Guru through a special cultural program at the school Hall. Children put up special performances of Tagore's works through dance, song, recitation, and skit.

The tiny tots at the Amherst Street Campus were also not to be left behind. They dressed up as in traditional Rabindrik attire to sing and dance from the works of Tagore, in their endeavour to pay homage to the great noble laureate.

**Diocesan Staff Meeting:** The Calcutta Diocese members of St. Paul's Mission School attended a special meeting of the Diocesan Staff Meet 2024, hosted by His Grace, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta, CNI, at St. James' School, Kolkata on Saturday, 11th May 2024. It was a great day of fellowship among members of the different churches under the Diocese, wherein we were addressed by our Bishop who reminded each one of us about our responsibilities of working at a Diocesan institution.

**Junior Section Prize Distribution Ceremony:** St. Paul's Mission School was abuzz with excitement as it hosted the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony of the Junior Section, a joyous occasion dedicated to commemorating the outstanding accomplishments and dedication of the students. This year, we were honoured to welcome Ms. Arpita Roy, former Head of the Junior Department at La Martiniere for Boys School, Kolkata. Her presence brought an added layer of

significance and prestige to the event. Ms. Roy's inspiring speech deeply moved both the students and the faculty. She praised the school's dedication to excellence and commended the students for their perseverance and integrity. Her words, set a positive tone for the day's celebrations.

**Middle Section Prize Distribution Ceremony:** On the afternoon of 17th May 2024, St. Paul's Mission School proudly hosted its Annual Prize Day Ceremony for students of the Middle School from classes VI to VIII. The ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of our chief guest, Ms. Rudrani Dasgupta, whose inspiring words and presence added a touch of distinction to the occasion.

**Senior Section Prize Distribution Ceremony:** On the evening of 17th May 2024, St. Paul's Mission School proudly hosted its Annual Prize Day Ceremony for the students of the Senior Section from classes IX to XII. This was a significant event dedicated to celebrating the remarkable achievements and hard work of our students who were presented with numerous awards and accolades for having excelled in academics, sports, arts, and various extracurricular activities in the last academic year.

The ceremony was presided over by the school Chairman, His Grace the Rt. Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, whose inspiring presence and motivating address was, as always, a source of great encouragement to the students and staff alike.

The occasion was also graced by the Board of Governors of St. Paul's Mission School, Heads of Institutions and members of the clergy who blessed the students as they received their certificates and prizes.

It was also a pleasure to have Prof. Aweek Majumder, Assistant Professor in the Department of Comparative Literature at Jadavpur University, join us as the Chief Guest. His solemn words were a source of inspiration for our students.

A total of 147 students received prizes at the occasion. Among the special Prize winners, Ankita Singha of class XII received the Bishop's Prize for all round performance. Rithobratha Saha, outgoing school captain received the Principal's Prize for all round performance. Asmit Roy of Class XII was awarded the David Raja Memorial Prize for good conduct. The Lady Carmichael Trophy for the year 2023-2024 went to Masefield House

**International Yoga Day:** In celebration of World Yoga Day, St. Paul's Mission School organized a rejuvenating yoga session that brought together students in a collective pursuit of wellness and mindfulness. The event aimed to promote the physical and mental benefits of yoga, fostering a sense of unity and harmony within our students. Participants engaged in a variety of poses and breathing exercises, guided by experienced instructors like Mr. Deepak Singh and Mr. Kuldeep Jaiswal, who emphasized the importance of balance, flexibility, and inner peace. And when it came to keeping mind and body fit, even the little ones of the Amherst Street Campus were not to be left behind.

**World Anglo Indian Day:** On 2nd August 2024, St. Paul's Mission School children, in all the three campuses, organized a vibrant and enriching celebration of Anglo-Indian Day. The students dressed up to acknowledge the rich history and diverse cultural blend that Anglo-Indians have brought to various aspects of society, including art, literature, education, industry, railways, healthcare, sports, politics, culture, music and public service. Students and staff came together to honor the unique cultural heritage and historical impact of the Anglo-Indian population.

**Independence Day Celebrations:** On 15th August 2024, the staff and students of St. Paul's Mission School celebrated the 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of the nation. On this occasion, a colourful cultural programme was organized at the junior School premises. The NCC wing of SPMS turned out smartly in their full uniform for the opening march past and rifle salute on the grounds. The four house Vice Captains were invested with their badges.

**Teachers' Day:** On 5th September, the students at St. Paul's Mission School celebrated Teachers' Day with great enthusiasm. The event featured a variety of performances, including dance, music, and a captivating magic show. The students expressed their gratitude and appreciation for their teachers through these joyful activities, making the day memorable for everyone involved. The Prefects also organized lunch and a token of appreciation for the teachers.

**Hindi Divas Celebration:** On 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 students of the senior section observed Hindi Divas. On this occasion, the students celebrated the Hindi language through speeches, poems, drama, and dance performances.

**Junior Concert:** The Pre-primary department and classes 1 & 2 at St Paul's Mission School, presented their annual concert on the 4th and 5th of October. This year's presentation was inspired by Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book. The sight of the children dressed in animal costumes, energetically hopping and dancing, was a joyful image that delighted all who attended. It was indeed a pleasure to observe the little ones perform in a most authentic and lively manner. The live choir and the remarkable acting prowess of our little stars brought smiles on everyone's faces. The Paularian family is indeed blessed to have each of these vibrant flowers in our extensive garden.

**SUPW:** As per the revised National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, schools have been directed by the Council to organise "Bagless Days" for students. The purpose of these days is to make learning more enjoyable and stress-free for students, and to help them develop skills and real-world connections. Keeping this in mind, St. Paul's Mission School organised "Bagless Days" on the 1st, 3rd & 4th of October 2024 where grades III to XII were involved. Students were engaged in various activities ranging from making bookmarks, file covers, paper bags, lanterns from discarded pet bottles, T-shirt painting etc. The event was a huge success.

**Children's Day:** On 14th November 2024, our school celebrated Children's Day with great excitement. Teachers of Serpentine Lane and Amherst Street put up cultural programs in both campuses to entertain the students on Children's Day. The students were very enthused to see their teachers dress up in colourful costumes to sing and dance for them. Children were also treated to a packet of refreshments.

The senior school marked the occasion in a different way this year, with a special movie screening for each grade. Class 6 and 7 students watched the animated movie Madagascar, laughing along with the antics of the lovable zoo animals. Class 8 to 10 enjoyed the adventurous comedy Jumanji, filled with thrilling moments and exciting twists. For Class 11 and 12, the mood shifted to something spookier with the horror movie Dead Silence, leaving them on the edge of their seats.

**Interactive session with DEIA Club Members:** Realization of differential issues is the first step towards initiating a positive change. With this motive in mind, the DEIA Club Members of St. Paul's Mission School participated in an Interactive Session on the 21st of November 2024. The interesting session was conducted by Ms. Monijinjir Byapari (Director of La Martiniere SEOMP Society).

Around 30 participants from Classes 9 to 12 actively participated in the activities conducted, shared practical individual experiences, and voiced their opinions against prevalent social discriminations. The session addressed the main concerns of the DEIA Club - acquainting students with the 'Diversity' present in the society around them, fostering the realization that everyone needs to be 'Included' into the framework, given 'Equal Opportunities' and 'Access' to the same. The session helped to broaden the perspective of the participants who not only vouched to accept and respect the differences around them, but also to lend their support where necessary.

**Class XII's Last Assembly:** The students of the outgoing batch of Classes XII A & XII B conducted the final assembly of their school life on the 21st and the 22nd of November 2024 paying tribute to all the teachers and sharing some sweet memories from their school life. The entire Paularian family wishes them well for their upcoming board exams.

**The Junior Section Annual Inter-House Athletic Meet 2024:**The Annual Inter-House Sports of the junior students (Nursery to Class V) was held on Saturday, 23rd November, at the St. Paul's Cathedral grounds. The theme of this year's Sports was 'The Paularian Safari'. The event was graced by Chief Guest Mr. Amarendra Nayak, a National Basketball Player, along with Rev. Sorojit Biswas and Rev. Martin Pakhare. The day began with a colourful parade by the pre-primary children in safari costumes, followed by the March-past by classes III to V. The dance drill, led by Mr. Rahul Roy, featured the song 'I Like to Move It' from Madagascar. The novelty races were designed to be inclusive, ensuring all children could participate. The day ended with Keats House being declared the Champion House.

#### **The Senior Section Annual Inter-House Athletic Meet 2024.**

The Senior School Annual Athletic Meet, held on 23rd November at St. Paul's Cathedral Church Grounds, focused on promoting diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) in sports. Graced by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta, and Chief Guest Smt. Shanti Mullick, former Indian Footballer, the event celebrated physical and mental fitness. The March Past, with students from classes VI-XII marching in unity, highlighted inclusion. The Middle Section's iconic Zumba-style drill, choreographed by Mr. Rahul Roy, was a crowd favorite. The day also featured exciting races and a final tug-of-war, with Masefield House winning the champion's trophy. Special thanks go to our sports coordinators Major Dipak Kumar Singh and Mr. Kuldeep Jaiswal for all their hard work and dedication.

**DEM Fete:** On 30th November, students and teachers of St. Paul's Mission School participated in the DEM Fete at the St. Paul's Cathedral grounds, to support the Diocese of Calcutta's mission to spread education and establish institutions for marginalized communities.

Our stall featured fun attractions like the Wildfire Lucky Draw, along with an old clothes stall and a crafts stall showcasing the students' SUPW creations, including jute bags and painted T-shirts. His Grace the Rt. Rev. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta, and other Diocesan officials visited our stall, encouraging everyone with their presence. It was a joyful day, and we were proud to contribute to this meaningful fundraising initiative.

**The Nativity Programme:** On the 12th and 13th of December 2024, the Nativity functions were held at the Serpentine Lane and the Amherst Street Campus. The nativity scene enacted by the

students was accompanied by the merry carols that filled the air and heralded the Christmas season as we ended for the holidays.

One out of every 10 children in a class were the lucky recipient of a Christmas gift hamper. Members of the staff were treated to a fellowship Christmas lunch. We were happy to have with us the students and teachers of the CSS school, each of whom received goody bags as well as hampers of provisions to take whom.

**School Fete:** The St. Paul's Mission School Fete was a pre-Christmas celebration organized on the 14th of December 2024. The Fete was inaugurated in the morning by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta, and Chairman of the School. Bishop was accompanied by the Rev. P. K. Nanda and Mr. Raghav Naik, members of the Board of Governors. Their visit was a reason for much encouragement and enthusiasm for all present. Bishop inaugurated the Crib by placing the baby Jesus in the manger. He also released the special Souvenir that is a part of our fundraising initiative for the concession children of the school.

It was a day of music, games, food, and lots of fun. There was also a special lucky draw with attractive gifts to grab. The SPMS Junior and Senior Prince and Princess were selected and crowned amidst much fanfare.

**Annual Patronal Day Exhibition- 21st January 2025:** This year's Patronal Day Exhibition was held on January 21, 2025, on the theme Walking Together... Towards a More Diverse, Equal, Inclusive, and Accessible World. This was undertaken as a DEIA Activity, in collaboration with the American Consulate and The La Martiniere SEOMP Society. The event was inaugurated by the School Chairman, Rt. Rev. Dr. Paritosh Canning, alongside Members of the Board of Governors, including Mrs. Angela Ghosh, Mr. Ragav Naik, and Rev. Sorojit Biswas.

Special guests from The American Consulate and La Martiniere SEOMP Society also attended. Students showcased their work through charts, models, and presentations, which left a lasting impression and enhanced their understanding of DEIA principles. With support from the teachers and encouragement from the parents, the Exhibition won acclaim among one and all.

**142nd Patronal Day Thanksgiving Service: 25th January 2025:** St. Paul's Mission School celebrated its 142nd Patronal Day on January 25, 2025, with a Thanksgiving Service at the St. Paul's Cathedral Church, led by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta, and Chairman of the School. The service was attended by the staff and students of the school alongside Diocesan priests, institution heads, parents, former members of the staff, guests and well-wishers. The congregation enjoyed the choral performance of the students' and the Teachers' Choir.

Three staff members, Mr. Prosenjit Duffader, Mrs. Piyali Chattopadhyay Dey, and Mr. Ibrar Alam, were honored for 25 years of dedicated service. The event was live streamed on the school's Facebook page. The school continues to celebrate its rich legacy and looks forward to future success.

**Republic Day: 26th January 2025:** On 26th January 2025, the tricolor was unfurled at 73 Serpentine Lane by the Vice Principal Mr. Sudeb Bose, to commemorate the 76th Republic Day of

the nation. The students of the NCC did the rifle salute as all the other students and residential staff present raised their voices in unison to sing the National Anthem.

May we continue to uphold the principles of a sovereign, socialist, secular, and democratic republic, as is enshrined in this sacred Constitution that assures justice, liberty, equality to all citizens. God bless the Nation!

**Farewell to the outgoing batch of Class XII: 1st February 2025:** The Passing Out ceremony for the outgoing batch of ISC 2025 was held on the 1st of February 2025. The programme was coordinated by the class teachers of the outgoing batch, Mr. Sree Prakash Gupta, and Mr. Arnab Seal. The teachers from the junior section presented a melodious farewell song for the students.

The Principal, Vice Principal, Class Teachers addressed the students on behalf of the Chairman & the Board. It was a solemn occasion, and every student was presented with a special yearbook and a school logo embossed fridge magnet.

**International Mother Tongue Day: 19th February 2025:** On 19th February, both the Junior and the Senior Sections resonated with the vibrant sounds of diverse tongues as we commemorated International Mother Language Day. It was a day of heartfelt celebration, honoring the rich tapestry of languages that weave together our community and paying homage to the brave souls who sacrificed their lives for the preservation of their mother tongue.

**Send off Assembly for class V: 10th March 2025:** On March 10th, the Class V students were accorded a Send-Off through a special assembly by their teachers who wished them well as they embark on an exciting new chapter, carrying with them the memories and lessons learned in the Junior Block.

### **COUNCIL GAMES**

1. The girls' football team participated in the under – 17 CISCE football tournament, hosted by La Marinere for Girls School, on 29th June 2024.
2. The boys' basketball team participated in the under – 19 CISCE basketball tournament, hosted by Future Foundation School, on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024. 23 teams from West Bengal and the Northeast Region participated in the tournament. Our boys reached the Quarter Finals. Aditya Jaiswal of XI B has been selected for the National Team.
3. At the under-14 CISCE Karate Competition hosted by P.B. Academy School on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024 for West Bengal and the Northeast Region, Shubham Das of class VIII secured the 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the 50 to 55 kg weight category competing with 45 other participants.
4. The boys' swimming team participated in the CISCE swimming competition, for West Bengal and the Northeast Region, hosted by Adamas International School, on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Rajveer Agarwal of class IX secured 3<sup>rd</sup> position in 400 mt Individual Medley, 3<sup>rd</sup> position in 800 mt Freestyle and 2<sup>nd</sup> position in 400 mt Freestyle. Saumanshu Hazra of Class X secured

2nd position in 50 mt Backstroke. Rajveer Agarwal & Saumanshu Hazra have been selected for the National Level.

5. The boys' football team participated, along with 49 other schools, in the under – 19 CISCE football tournament, hosted by St. Thomas Boy's School, Kidderpore, on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
6. Soham Pandit of Class VII secured 2nd position in under 14 boys of Taekwondo at the CISCE games and sports on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024.
7. At the CISCE Regional Diving Competition on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024, Eric Ghosh of class X secured the 1st position in High Board Diving, 2nd position in 1-meter Springboard Diving and 3rd position in 3-meter Springboard Diving. He was selected for the Nationals.
8. He represented the West Bengal and Northeast Zone at the CISCE Nationals held in -Bangalore from 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Eric Ghosh Secured 2nd position in High Board Diving and 2nd in 1m Springboard in the under 17 boys' category. **He will be representing the school and the CISCE at the SGFI in November 2024.**
9. Students participated in the CISCE inter school football for girls on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and CISCE interschool football for boys on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

#### **INTER-SCHOOL EVENTS:**

1. On the 5th of July, St. Joseph's College marked the occasion of **Van Mahotsav** by organizing a walk to raise awareness about the importance of tree plantation. This event aimed to foster a deeper appreciation for nature and emphasize the crucial role trees play in our environment. The walk witnessed enthusiastic participation from three esteemed schools: Welland Goldsmith School, Loreto Day School Bowbazar, and St. Paul's Mission School. Students and faculty members from these institutions came together to support this noble cause, demonstrating their commitment to environmental conservation. Students carried posters and banners and were given saplings to plant in pots at the end of the walk.
2. On 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Aayele Mohanty and Richik Maity of class XII and Anushka Nayak of class IX and Sahil Sen of class X, participated in the **Frank Anthony Memorial All India Inter-School Debate Competition 2024, in Category 1 and Category 2** respectively.
3. Arya Lal and Rupriya Dutta of class IX and Dhruvanka Chakraborty and Abhinaba Nandi of Class XI, participated in the Annual **Shakuntala Rohatgi Memorial Debate 2024** organized by National Council of Education, Bengal on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
4. Students of the junior and senior sections took part in the **Inter-School Quiz Competition organized by Haryana Public School** on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024.
5. Senior students participated in the '**Musical of Musicals**', an **Inter-School musical Competition** organized by the Calcutta branch of the All-India Anglo-Indian Association at the Frank Anthony Public School, on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

6. Students participated in the **Central Kolkata District Swimming Competition** on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2024 and achieved the following commendable results:
  - Abhiraj Chand of class VI was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 400m Freestyle; 5<sup>th</sup> in 100m Backstroke; 4<sup>th</sup> in 200m Freestyle.
  - Souradeep Mondal of class VIII was placed 4<sup>th</sup> in 200m Freestyle; 3<sup>rd</sup> in 200m Breaststroke; 2<sup>nd</sup> in 100m Backstroke.
  - Aviraj Ghosh of class VIII was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in 200m Freestyle; 2<sup>nd</sup> in 50m Butterfly; 1<sup>st</sup> in 100m Breaststroke.
  - Rajveer Agarwal of class IX was placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 800m Freestyle; 1<sup>st</sup> in 400m Freestyle; 1<sup>st</sup> in 200m Freestyle.
  - Saumanshu Hazra of class X was placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 50m Backstroke; 1<sup>st</sup> in 50m Freestyle; 1<sup>st</sup> in 100m Backstroke.
  - Ishan Shee of Class XI was placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 100m Freestyle; 1<sup>st</sup> in 50m Butterfly; 1<sup>st</sup> in 50m Breaststroke.
  - Ishan Shee, Saumanshu Hazra, Rajveer Agarwal and Aviraj Ghosh represented the school at the State level on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024.
7. Subham Das and Rubbani Sabir of class VIII secured 1st place in the under 14 boys and the under 17 girl's category respectively, at the **Central Kolkata District Karate Competition** on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Thereafter, they represented the school and Central Kolkata District at the West Bengal State School Games Karate Competition from 29<sup>th</sup> August to 2nd September 2024.
8. SPMS students participated in the '**Tata Building India School Essay Competition** 2024-25' on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024. Around 56 students participated in two categories from classes VI to XII. In the junior category Sourojit Kundu of class VIII was placed 1st, Souradeep Mondal of class VIII was placed 1<sup>st</sup> runners up and Subhashree Bhaduri of class VII was adjudged 2<sup>nd</sup> runners up. In the senior category, Ifrah Bano of class XII was adjudged the winner with Pratima Behra of class XI and Naitik Gupta of class X as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> runners up respectively.
9. Our students participated in '**Prelude-to-Space Day**', to celebrate the National Space Day of India, at the Gyan Manch Auditorium, organized by Abhinav Bharati High School on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024.
10. SPMS students took part in the **Inter-School Quiz Competition** from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024 organized by Rajasthan Vidya Mandir.
11. SPMS students took part in the **13<sup>th</sup> SAVIO Inter-School Football Tournament** 2024 on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 organized by Don Bosco, Park Circus School.
12. Students and teachers of SPMS participated in the **Young Chef Competition** and the Teachers' Chef Competition 2024 on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 organized by IIHM Kolkata.

13. Priyanshu Karmakar of class XI participated in the **District School Games and Sports for Football** on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
14. SPMS students participated in the **Regional Basketball Competition** organized by the CISCE, from 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.
15. Kashish Ray of class XI took part in the **West Bengal State School Games for Badminton** from 29<sup>th</sup> September to 1st October 2024, held in Jalpaiguri.
16. SPMS students participated in the **Central Kolkata District Council Games and Sports (Athletics)** on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024.
17. Aryan Mishra of class X, Om Gupta & Rohan Shaw of Class and Md. Aliyan of class XII represented the school at the **state level Basketball tournament** in October 2024, organized by the West Bengal State Council for School Games and Sports.
18. **Josephtsyna 2024**: On August 24th and 25th, the students of St. Paul's Mission School participated in the highly anticipated inter-school fest, Josephtsyna 2024, hosted by St. Joseph's College. The event was a grand celebration of talent and creativity, drawing participation from numerous schools across the city. Our students secured numerous awards across various categories, showcasing their versatility and commitment to excellence. This collective effort led St. Paul's Mission School to accumulate the highest overall score among all participating schools and clinch the prestigious **Josephtsyna 2024 Champion's Trophy**. Given below is the list of individual and group prizes won by the students of St. Paul's Mission School:
- Eastern music 1st
  - Creative Writing Hindi 1st
  - Quiz 1st
  - T-shirt Designing 1st
  - Just a minute 2nd
  - Antakshari 2nd
  - Western Music 1st
  - Pecha Kucha 1st
  - Fashion show 2nd
  - Debate 2nd
19. **Viva 2024**: On the 26th and 27th of September 2024, our students eagerly participated in the highly anticipated Annual Fest at Pratt Memorial School, fully prepared to compete. The two-day event featured a variety of activities that fostered a competitive spirit among participants. We are pleased to announce the achievements of our remarkable students:
- Science on Canvas 1st
  - Spell on Spot 1st
  - Inquizitive 3rd
  - Bio Duel 3rd place

Additionally, we take pride in announcing that St. Paul's Mission School was awarded the **First Runner-Up Trophy** for its outstanding overall performance and participation in various events

20. **Festhoma**: Students of St. Paul's Mission School participated in the Festhoma 2024 at the St. Thomas Schools Khidderpore. The students competed valiantly in several events and secured the Second Position in the Quiz.

21. **Bishop Amritanand Inter- school swimming competition** - The Bishop Amritanand Inter-School Swimming Competition for Boys 2024, organized by St. James' School, was held on Monday, 28th October 2024. The students of St. Paul's Mission School participated and won several prizes, showcasing their exceptional swimming skills and determination.

- **Under - 14**

1. Abhiraj Chand - 6B Secured 2nd position in 50 Mt Backstroke.

- **Under - 17**

1. Saumanshu Hazra - 10 A Secured the 1st position in 50 Mt Backstroke.

2. Aviraj Ghosh - 8 B Secured the 3rd position in 50 Mt Butterfly.

3. Ishan Shee - XI B Secured the 3rd position in Aquathlon.

**Overall, our School secured the position of Second Runner up.**

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**Science Workshop**: On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2024, our school, in collaboration with Vidyamandir Classes hosted an engaging and insightful Science Seminar with the students of classes X, XI & XII. The session aimed at empowering students with the knowledge and skills they require to prepare themselves for competitive exams like JEE Main, JEE Advance, NEET, and CUET. The faculties included eminent scholars like alumnus of IIT, Kharagpur, Presidency College, and Jadavpur University. The students took an active part in the sessions, making it an interactive, memorable and enriching experience.

**Seminar Conducted by Global Scholastics**: The students of class XI and XII attended an informative seminar on prospects and opportunities of studying abroad. They also attended a career fair on 9th of November as a follow-up activity conducted by Global Scholastics. The event was held on November 9, 2024, at The Park Hotel. Attendees included Md Zainulabedin Niyazi, Sufiullah Chowdhury, Neek Sett, and Nadim Mollah. The festival showcased officials from a variety of universities around the world, with representatives from the USA, the UK, Canada, and Thailand occupying their own tables. Attendees were encouraged to explore the room and collect information about the universities, focusing on aspects such as living expenses, course offerings, and tuition rates. Furthermore, students from different schools in Kolkata were also in attendance.

**Remembrance Day Service**: On November 10th, the School Captain Krishnendu Bhowmick and Vice-Captain Nadim Mollah attended the Remembrance Day Service at St. John's Church, to commemorate the Forces who laid down their lives in the service of the Nation. They paid their tribute to the unsung heroes of the wars by laying a wreath on behalf of the school.

**Career Counselling by GITAM (Deemed to be University):** In the month of November, GITAM (Deemed to be University) organized a career counseling seminar aimed at senior students. This event provided the students with an excellent opportunity to gain valuable insights related to their career paths.

**Science exhibition:** On November 13, 2024, students of Class IX were taken to visit a science exhibition organized by the Mahavir Institute of Education and Research. It was an informative exposure for the children.

**Choral performance for the Serbian delegation:** On 30th November the students and teachers of St. Paul's Mission School showcased a chiming choir performance for a 52 member Serbian delegation that was visiting the Diocese. Their rendition included a medley of classic Christmas carols, which received considerable appreciation. It was encouraging for the children to see the guests sing along with them.

**Grammar -self-assessment Session by 'Alsoise':** A self-analysis session on English Grammar was conducted by 'Alsoise' with the students of class VIII. The assessment required the students to take a cloud-based test organized in the computer laboratory, to analyze their language skills.

**Macmillan Budding Scientist** competition organized in association Indian Institute of Technology (IIT): Macmillan Budding Scientist is one-of-a-kind competition organized in association with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) to encourage young learners to apply scientific acumen to real life challenges and find solutions to them. The award recognizes meritorious students of classes 6-8. The evaluation for the award involved two rounds. Round 1 was a preliminary online screening round, where participating teams submitted a 3-minute video explaining the novelty and application of their working model/experiment/idea. Our school participated in the following categories:

- Biological sciences under the guidance of Ms. Deborni Bor with Sourodeep Mondal (VIII), Sourojit Kundu (VIII) and Debankan Dutta (VII)
- Physical sciences under the guidance of Mr. Arnab Seal with Shinjan Dhar (VIII), Souhardya Barman (VII) and Md. Ayan Ejaz (VIII)
- Chemical sciences under the guidance of Mr. Tanumoy Bera with Rudra Verma (VII), Subhashree Bhaduri (VII) and Aniket Roy (VIII).

The Chemical Science experiment received approval from IIT Guwahati for review and subsequent analysis.

**Junior School student visit the Alipore Jail Museum. 31st January 2025:** On 31st January, the students of classes IV & V were taken on an educational excursion by their teachers, to the Alipore Jail Museum, an activity organized to sensitize the children about the contribution of our freedom fighters and the struggles they had to endure for our freedom. The activity gave the students an experience to learn from beyond the textbook.

**Story telling session at the US consulate. 1st February 2025:** Some students of SPMS Junior School accompanied by their teachers Mrs. Sushmita Kothari Nandy attended an enriching

innovative storytelling session at the Kolkata Book Fair, "Tales and Treasures: Story Time for Children" organized by the U.S. Consulate General Kolkata.

The children enjoyed beautiful stories that were read to them. This ignited in them the desire to pick a book, read and delve into the magical world of imagination.

**STEM Robotics and AI workshop. 7th February 2025:** AI is transforming our world, impacting everything from healthcare to transportation. Its future potential is even greater, promising solutions to global challenges and driving economic growth.

St. Paul's Mission School recently organized several workshops for students of classes IV to VIII, to showcase the exciting world of AI and Robotics.

Experts from the field of STEM, Robotics and AI highlighted the importance of this area of learning, aligning with the upcoming CISCE curriculum. Students witnessed the power of AI, from robots performing tasks to controlling drones.

Through these workshops on AI and Robotics, St. Paul's Mission School is preparing students for a tech-driven future, fostering the next generation of innovators. The demonstrations sparked students' interest in this new field of learning.

**Poetry workshop by US Consulate. 8th February 2025:** On 8th February 2025, The US Consulate General Kolkata hosted a workshop on poetry, entitled 'Young Voices Rising', at the 48th International Kolkata Book Fair, which was led by Kashvi Ramani (Inaugural Youth Poet Laureate of Virginia) and Stephanie Pacheco (2024-25 National Youth Poet Laureate of the United States).

The purpose of the poetry workshop was to provide a unique opportunity to students of the middle school to explore the art of poetry through words and rhythms. Four students from St. Paul's Mission School – Rudra Verma (Class 7), Souhardya Barman (Class 7), Souradeep Mondal (Class 8) and Shinjan Dhar (Class 8) along with our senior English teacher, Ms. Madhumanti Roy – participated in this fantastic workshop, where they composed poems on given motifs and themes and shared their individual compositions with the two Youth Poet Laureates. Besides being critically applauded by the guests, our students were awarded certificates of participation and appreciation.

### **INTER HOUSE/CLASS ACTIVITIES: (CO-CURRICULAR)**

1. Inter House Hindi Elocution Competition for classes III to XII was held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024.
2. Inter House Bengali Elocution Competition for classes III to XII was held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024.
3. Inter House English Elocution Competition for classes III to X was held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
4. Inter house Quiz for the Junior and Middle section- 12th November 2024.
5. Inter house Quiz for the Senior section- 13th November 2024.

6. **Annual inter- class debate 2024:** The first step to ushering in any change is to debate over the existing norms. Keeping this in mind, the students of Classes 11 and 12 participated in the Inter-Class Debate held on 5th of November 2024. The motion for this year was in alignment with the objectives of DEIA (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility) - "In the opinion of the house, the Root Cause of Gender Discrimination is the Patriarchal Mindset Prevalent in the Society. " Mr. Xavier Rozario (former teacher and senior academic coordinator) and Ms. Monijinjr Byapari (Director of La Martiniere SEOMP Society) judged RitwikaSaha of XIA as the Best Speaker (Proposition) and Debmalya Kundu of XIA as Best Speaker (Opposition).

### **INTER HOUSE ACTIVITIES: (GAMES AND SPORTS)**

1. Inter House Volleyball for Boys and Girls (Senior Section) was held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024
2. Inter House Basketball for Boys and Girls (Junior Section) was held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024.
3. Inter House Basketball for Boys (Senior Section) was held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024.
4. Inter House Volleyball for Boys and Girls (Junior Section) was held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024.
5. Inter House Basketball for Girls (Senior Section) was held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
6. Inter House Throwball for Girls (Junior Section) was held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
7. Inter House Throwball for Girls (Senior Section) was held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
8. Inter-house badminton for girls (Senior Section) – 22nd October 2024.
9. Inter-house badminton for girls (Junior Section) – 30th October 2024.
10. Inter- house football (Junior School) – 7th November 2024.
11. Inter- house football (Senior School) – 29th November 2024
12. Inter House Cricket for Boys (Junior Section) was held on 16th December 2024.
13. Inter House Cricket for Boys (Senior Section) was held on 16th December 2024.

### **SOCIAL OUTREACH**

**Friday Afternoon Interaction classes with the students of the second school:** This project is undertaken by the students of classes VI to X. Every Friday, after school, a section of students interacts with the CSS school children who come from the local footpaths and slums to study at the premises of St. Paul's Mission School. They play and sing with these children, distributing sweets, pencils, erasers and other small things which they buy with their own pocket money. Our students from class VI to X teach the alphabet, the numbers, identification of shapes & sizes etc. to the second school children. Sometimes, the students enact short skits to entertain them. These interactive classes are generally after school from 2:00 p.m. Some of our teachers also take part in these sessions.

**Class Canteen:** Students, along with their Class Teachers, organise class canteens to raise funds for community service. A part of this fund is used to sponsor the mid-day meal for the CSS school students

### **Visit to Old Age Homes and Orphanages:**

The school has a very active social service wing that takes care of the needs of several old age homes and orphanages around the city of Kolkata, by way of meeting their needs with dry rations and other day to day requirements. Every year, students collect funds by organising class canteens,

to provide hundreds of kgs of rice, pulses, wheat, puffed rice, cooking oil etc for the residents of several orphanages like Oxford Mission, Sneha Kunj, St. Elizabeth's Hostel, The Refuge and Old age Homes like Shanti Nivas.

On 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024, students of class XII, visited Refuge, the Orphanage on BB Ganguly Street. They carried dry rations and provisions for the Children. They also donated money to the orphanage to sponsor new clothes for the children to wear during the Pujo.

On 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024, Students of Class XI, were taken for their social service visit. The students split up into several groups and visited Shanti Nibas, Arunima Hospice, St. Elizabeth Homes and Oxford Mission Hostel. They donated dry rations like rice, lentils, oil, puffed rice, biscuits etc. to all these organizations. Students also gave away Christmas goody hampers to every resident. Apart from this, we were also fortunate to donate a 242 liters LG Refrigerator for the use of the children at Oxford Mission.

The students of St. Paul's Mission School also sat along with the boys of Oxford Mission to share a simple meal together. All these activities are undertaken by the teachers and students of our school in keeping with the spirit of caring and sharing with those who are less fortunate than us, so as to make this a better world.

## **AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Felicitation of School Toppers by the AHAISI:** On the 28<sup>th</sup> of June, the Association of Heads of Anglo-Indian Schools in India, West Bengal Chapter, organized its 3<sup>rd</sup> Felicitation Ceremony for school toppers of the board examinations, at St. Thomas Church School, Howrah. The event celebrated academic excellence and recognized the hard work and dedication of students across the region.

The Chief Guest, his Grace, the Rt. Rev. Dr Paritosh Canning, emphasised the importance of hard work, in his address to the students. Guest of Honour, Mr. Raghav Naik, congratulated the children and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

A proud moment for St. Paul's Mission School was the participation of its ICSE and ISC toppers, who were also felicitated at the ceremony. These exceptional students were honored for their outstanding achievements, reflecting their diligence and the supportive educational environment provided by their school. The toppers from St. Paul's Mission School were individually called upon to receive their awards, amidst applause and cheers from the audience.

The following are the well-deserved toppers of St. Paul's Mission School.

ICSE 2024 Topper: Aritra Guchhait (98%)

ISC 2024 Toppers: HIRAK SAHA 95.25% & DEBMALYA MUKHERJEE 95.25%

The event also saw the felicitation of Christian and Anglo-Indian students who had scored 80% and above at the board examinations.

ICSE: Subham Biswas 87% & Ayush William Rana 84.60%

ISC: Ankita Sinha 89.75%, Rosa Salomi Toppo 85.25%, Trisha Kanjilal 83%

This event highlighted the importance of academic excellence and the role of educational institutions in nurturing young minds. It was a day of celebration, encouragement, and motivation, showcasing the collective efforts of students, teachers, and parents in achieving academic success.

**IHM Teachers' Day Award 2024:** Congratulations **Mrs Sony Minz**, senior member of the St. Paul's Mission School faculty, for receiving the IHM Teachers' Day award at a special function organised to recognise the invaluable contribution of sincere and dedicated Teachers to the life of an institution. May you continue to inspire our children, for years to come. We are proud of you!

**The Gargi Manju Samman Ceremony-2024** was held at Tender Heart School Auditorium, Tupudana, Ranchi. The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Advocate General of Jharkhand, Rajeev Ranjan, and IG Akhilesh Kumar Jha. A total of 225 teachers from 110 schools across states like Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, and 5 Teachers from West Bengal were honored with ₹11,000 cash, a memento, and a certificate of appreciation. Among those honored was **Mrs. Sangita Pandey**, Hindi Teacher at St. Paul's Mission School, Kolkata.

**The Telegraph School Awards:** On 10th August 2024, at The Telegraph School Awards, held at South City International School, St. Paul's Mission School was honored for its achievements across various categories. This annual event recognizes excellence in education and the remarkable contributions of schools and students in diverse fields.

**School Category:**

St. Paul's Mission School was awarded the Certificate of Honour for Social Service, recognizing the school's commitment to community outreach and social responsibility. Additionally, the school received a Certificate of Appreciation for being a "School That Cares," a testament to the nurturing environment and supportive ethos fostered within the institution.

**Individual Category:**

Rithobratho Saha was honoured with the Certificate of Honour for All-Round Excellence, a recognition of his exceptional performance in academics, extracurricular activities, and leadership. Priyanshu Karmakar (Football), Rajveer Agarwal (Swimming), and Saumanshu Hazra (Swimming) each received Merit Certificates for Outstanding Talent in Sports, celebrating their dedication and achievements in their respective sports.

**Special/Individual Honour:**

A special moment of pride for the school was when Ghanshyam Das, support staff of the school, was bestowed with The Shining Star Honour, highlighting his exemplary dedication and 3 decades of sincere service to the institution.

**68<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL SCHOOL GAMES** – At the SGFI 2024 –2025 (School Games Federation of India) held from 24th November to 30th November 2024 at - Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Stadium, Rajkot, Gujarat, Eric Ghosh of Class XB represented the CISCE in High Board and Springboard Diving.

**National Life Saving Sports Championship:** At the National Life Saving Sports Championship held at Puri beach, Orissa from the 10th to the 12th of December 2024, Rajveer Agarwal of class 9B won a bronze in the 3x1km Beach Relay and Run Swim Run and gold in the 2km Sea Swimming. He also set a new National Record at 12.55sec.

These awards reflect the dedication, hard work, and talent of both the students and the faculty at St. Paul's Mission School. We are immensely proud of our achievements and remain committed to fostering excellence in all our endeavors.

Techno Olympica Knights - 4th Edition 2024: This tournament was held at the SAI (Sports Authority of India) Complex on 13th December 2024. Our school won the Finals against P. B. Academy School, Tollygunge.

**25th SHOTO Cup. 5th January 2025**: Organized by Academy of JSK Shotokan Karate - Do India Held on 5th January 2025 at The Friends United Club, Girish Park. Shubham Das of Class VIII-B secured 3rd in Kata & 1st in Kumite.

**Sit and draw competition. 19th January 2025**: Congratulations to Rithika Bag of class XII - B who secured 2nd place & Saanvi Ray of class VIII - A who secured 3rd place at the Sit & Draw Competition held on 19th January 2025 organized by the late Anil Chandra Roy Memorial Committee. These two talented artists did the school proud among 200 other participants.

**Rock climbing course. 23rd January 2025**: Congratulations to Ananya Saha of class VIII - B who secured the 3rd position as Best Rock Climber at the Rock-Climbing Course held at Susunia Hills, Bankura from 20th January to 23rd January 2025.

**District level essay competition by the Election Commission of India. 25th January 2025**: Soumyaneel Das of 10A secured the first position at the District Level Essay Competition organized on the 25th of January 2025 by the Election Commission of India.

**Battle of Endurance (swimming competition). 30th January 2025**: The Battle of Endurance swimming competition, conducted at Santosh Mitra Square from January 26 to January 30, 2025, saw Soham Ojha from class VIII - B finishing in third place in the 1 km swim, Rajveer Agarwal from class IX - B secured first place in the 1 Mile swim event, and Ashmi Mondal of class V-B secured third place in the 1 mile (short course).

## **STAFF MATTERS**

**Superannuation**: The following members of the staff retired after a long and dedicated tenure:

1. Mrs. Chandrani Som, Senior Section Chemistry Teacher (29 years)
2. Mr. Dalo Rabidas, sweeper (26 years of service)

**New Appointment**: Mr. Tanumoy Bera (M. Sc. B. Ed) has been appointed on a 1-year contract w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024, to teach Chemistry in the senior section.

**Farewell**: A special Farewell Assembly was organised on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 for Mrs. Chandrani Som, wherein she was felicitated by the students and teachers who spoke fondly about their experience with Ma'am and her classes.

On 1<sup>st</sup> July, the staff gathered at the school hall, after student dispersal, to accord a heartfelt adieu to both Dalo Rabidas and Mrs. Chandrani Som. There were choral presentations by the teachers

accompanied by fond reminiscences. Tokens of appreciation were handed over to both by representatives from the Junior Section, the Senior Section, the Support Staff and the Admin staff.

**Training on Smart Boards:** On July 27th, the teachers of St. Paul's Mission School participated in a comprehensive training session on the Tata Edge Smart Classroom system. This session was organized to enhance the teaching methodologies by integrating advanced digital tools into the classroom, aiming to create a more interactive and engaging learning environment for students. The training was conducted by a team of experts from Tata Edge, who provided an in-depth overview of the various features and functionalities of the Smart Classroom system.

The session included demonstrations on how to use the interactive whiteboards, access multimedia content, and incorporate digital resources into lesson plans. Teachers had the opportunity to engage in hands-on practice, allowing them to become familiar with the system's interface and capabilities.

### **WORKSHOP ON FACULTY SKILL DEVELOPMENT:**

**Guidance and counselling: 26th July 2024 at Loreto Day School, Elliott Road:** The workshop was facilitated by Mandira Mukherjee [MA M. ED PH. D]. The focus of the workshop was discussing the following key points:

1. Definition & concepts of Guidance & Counselling
2. Nature & scope of Guidance
3. Nature & scope of Counselling
4. Difference & similarities between Guidance & Counselling
5. Types of Counselling
6. Quality of a good counsellor

**Attendees: Mrs. Arpita Gupta & Mrs. Miranda Benjamin.**

### **English Literature (ICSE) at Frank Anthony Public School, Kolkata: 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024:**

Organised by The Association of Heads of Anglo-Indian Schools in India, West Bengal Chapter. The objective of the workshop was to refine teaching skills and support educational excellence by thoroughly exploring the importance of effectively framing questions, with a primary emphasis on the development of multiple-choice questions.

**Attendees: Mr. Shuvam Chatterjee.**

**Mathematics: 30th August 2024, at La Martiniere for Girls, Kolkata:** On 30th August 2024, two of our faculty members, Mrs. R. Seal and Mr. A. Seal participated in the Professional Development Workshop in the subject Mathematics held at La Martiniere for Girls, Kolkata conducted by The Association of Heads of Anglo-Indian Schools in India.

This workshop was designed to enhance teachings skills and foster educational excellence.

**Attendees: Mrs. R. Seal and Mr. A. Seal.**

**English Literature: 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024, at Kenilworth Hotel:** Senior English teachers at St. Paul's Mission School attended a workshop organized by Burlington Publishers, on September 24, 2024, at Kenilworth Hotel. The session, presided over by Master Trainer Mrs. Swarna Joshua, focussed on the 'Changing Trends in the Teaching and Testing of Literature in English.' Consequently, the teachers acquired a clarity on the norms of teaching and testing ICSE and ISC candidates, with adherence to the National Education Policy, 2020.

**Attendees: Dr. Samuel Robinson Massey, Mr. Cassius Gomes, Mrs Madhumanti Roy and Mr. Shuvam Chatterjee.**

**Pre- primary Mathematics: 9th August 2024 at South City International School:** Pre-primary Mathematics workshop was held on 9th August 2024 at South City International School. The workshop was for the primary teachers who will explore and discover practical yet meaningful strategies that can be used in the classroom and was attended by Mrs. Sushmita Kothari, Mrs. Agnes Gomes, Mr. Prasenjit Duffadar.

**Staff Picnic. 13th January 2025:** On the 13th of January, the teachers at St. Paul's Mission School and Union Chapel School embarked on a refreshing journey to a picnic spot by the Ganges, near Raipur, Pushpalaya with a battalion of smiling faces. The day was filled with fun, games, and delicious food. This was a day when the staff were able to get together, share some thoughts, make up teams, and compete in all the games and events that were arranged for them.

A big Thank you to our Chairman the Rt. Rev. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta for his support and encouragement to the staff, always.

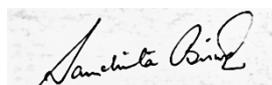
**Peace rally. 20th January 2025:** Our teachers and staff members, marched alongside the different schools and churches on the 20th of January 2025, as part of a Peace Walk from the St. Paul's Cathedral grounds to the Mahatma Gandhi statue at Esplanade, organized by the Bengal Christian Council and led by his Grace, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Paritosh Canning Bishop of Calcutta. This annual event is a powerful reminder of the importance of peace and harmony in our city and in the world.

## **CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, I place my heartfelt gratitude to our Bishop His Grace, the rt. Rev. Dr. Paritosh Canning, for always being there to guard and guide us in our mission to take the school forward; I acknowledge my indebtedness to the Board of Governors for their unstilted encouragement at all times; I thank the Vice Principal Mr. Sudeb Bose, Senior School Coordinator Mr. Avijit Mitra, Head of Junior Department Ms. Miranda Benjamin, and the Amherst Street Branch Coordinator, Mrs. Arpita Gupta, for all the steadfast support I have received from them in the year gone by. I place on record by gratitude to the House Masters and House Mistresses who have worked incessantly throughout the year to ensure that the co-curricular activities are balanced well with the curricular. I thank the Editorial Team comprising Dr. S. R. Massey, Mrs. Piyali Chattopadhyay De and Ms. Ritu Dubey for their labour of love in putting the magazine together. I acknowledge my indebtedness to all members of my staff- teaching and non-teaching for their dedicated commitment to this institution; and last but not least, I thank the Lord Almighty for his abundant grace, mercy and omnipresence at all times and in all our endeavours

***“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”***

***Philippians 4:6***



**Mrs. Sanchita Biswas**  
**Principal**