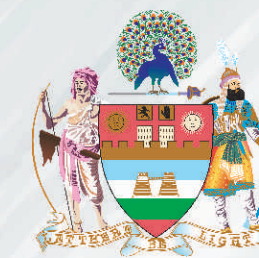


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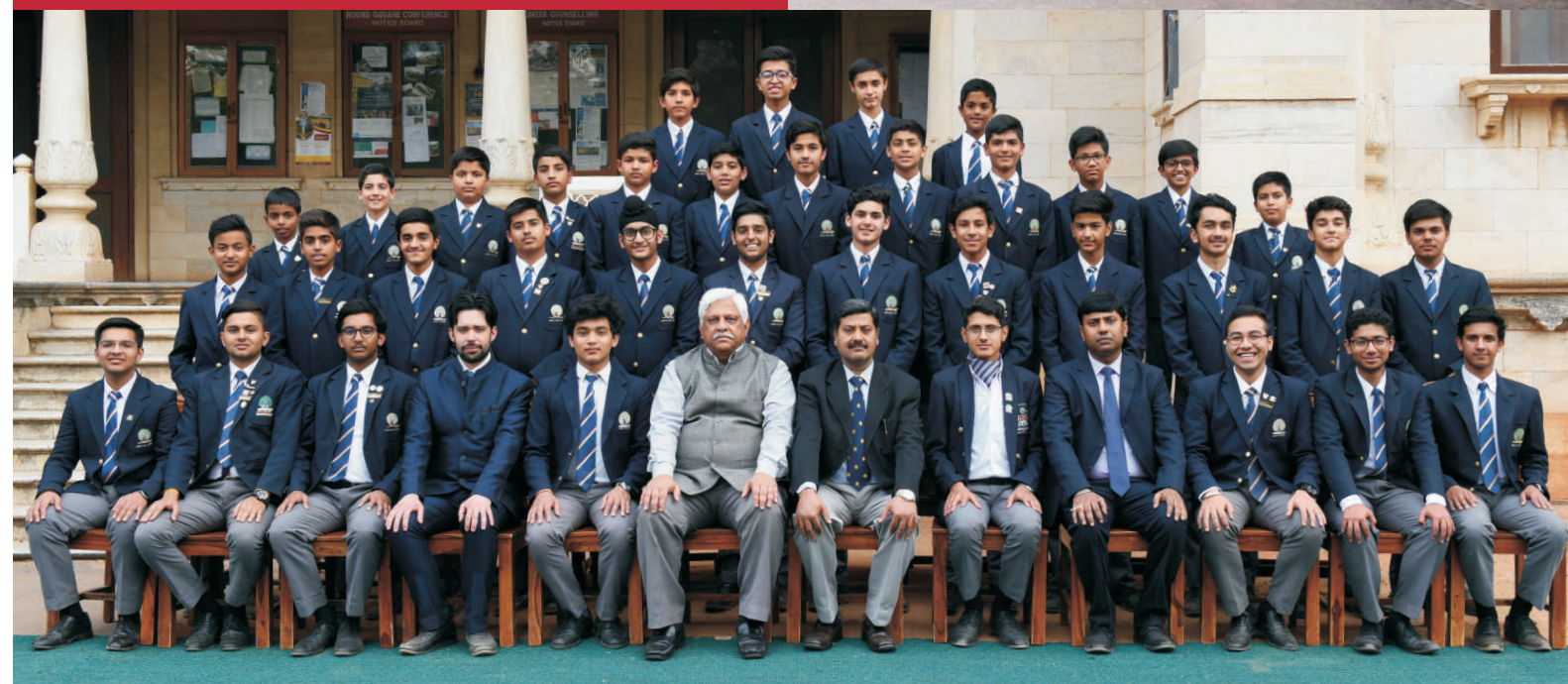


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Lt Gen S H Kulkarni PVSM AVSM VSM** (Retd)

MESSAGE DU DIRECTEUR

Le Mayo College aspire à préparer nos étudiants à devenir des leaders mondiaux. Nos étudiants devraient développer une vision du monde inclusive, sensible et empathique.

Les échanges culturels sont un puissant forum pour faciliter une compréhension plus profonde entre les peuples. Le partage d'une langue commune est un moyen puissant pour y parvenir. Notre société française a pour double objectif d'enseigner une nouvelle langue à un étudiant et de favoriser sa prise de conscience culturelle. Je suis heureux que la Société Française du Mayo College ait activement contribué à concrétiser cette vision. Ils ont dirigé avec succès six éditions du Concours de la Francophonie.

Je leur souhaite le meilleur pour l'événement de cette année.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Mayo College aspires to prepare our students to become global leaders. Our students should develop a worldview that is inclusive, sensitive and empathetic. Cultural exchanges are a powerful forum for facilitating a deeper understanding among people. Sharing a common language is a potent medium to achieve this. Our French Society serves a dual purpose of teaching a student a new language as well as cultivating cultural awareness. I am happy that the Mayo French Society has been active in driving this vision. They have enthusiastically conducted six successful editions of the Le Concours de la Francophonie.

I wish them the very best for the event this year.

Head of Department

*Petit à petit, l'oiseau fait son nid.
(Little by little, the bird builds its nest.)*



Le langage offre aux générations futures l'outil le plus important qui soit pour leur succès. Le monde devenant un village planétaire et se rapprochant chaque jour, il devient nécessaire pour les futurs dirigeants de faire face à cette situation et de se préparer à tous les défis qui se présenteront à eux. La langue est la feuille de route de toute culture. Je me sens privilégié de tenir la main de mes étudiants pendant qu'ils empruntent ce chemin.

L'apprentissage d'une langue étrangère non seulement sensibilise à une nouvelle culture, mais ouvre également les portes à une pléthore d'opportunités, élargissant les horizons. Une langue est une célébration de la vie. C'est un monde totalement nouveau dans lequel on entre et plonge dans une culture qui implique non seulement la communication, mais aussi un mode de vie qui comprend la mode, la routine quotidienne, l'architecture, etc.

Je suis ravi qu'à Mayo, je peux guider les étudiants, les aider à développer des compétences dans la langue et les initier à un nouveau mode de vie ! Les événements Echanges et Le Concours de la Francophonie sont des moyens de réaliser certains des objectifs du XXI siècle tels que la collaboration, la sensibilisation sociale et culturelle et le leadership. Benjamin Lee Whorf a dit à juste titre: «Le langage façonne notre façon de penser et détermine ce à quoi nous pouvons penser.»

Language equips future generations with the most important tool that is the secret to their success. With the world becoming a global village and coming closer each day, it becomes necessary for the future leaders to cope up with this and make themselves ready for whatever challenges come their way. Language is the road map of any culture. I feel privileged that I hold hands of my students as they tread this path.

Learning a foreign language not only sensitises one to a new culture but also opens doors to a plethora of opportunities, expanding horizons. A language is a celebration of life. It's a totally new world one steps into and immerses in the culture which involves not just communication but a way of life which includes fashion, daily routine, architecture and more.

I am glad that at Mayo, I have been able to guide students and help them develop skills in the language and introduce them to a new way of life! Events like Le Concours de la Francophonie and the exchanges are means to achieve some of the goals of the 21st century such as Collaboration, Social and Cultural Awareness and Leadership. Benjamin Lee Whorf rightly says 'Language shapes the way we think, and determines what we can think about.'

Mr Kunal Kumar
Head of Department

Teachers Desk



Un enseignement du français, un concours de la francophonie et un magazine, le Mayo College met tout en œuvre pour promouvoir la langue française en Inde.

Grâce au travail de son directeur, le Lt Gen Surendra Kulkarni, de son chef du département de français, M. Kunal Kumar et de ses étudiants, des élèves du monde entier viennent au Rajasthan présenter leur grand intérêt pour la langue française.

Le français n'est ni une langue morte, ni en déclin. Au contraire, dans cinquante ans, il y aura entre 480 à 750 millions de personnes francophones dans le monde. Visionnaire, le Mayo College a parfaitement compris ceci. Avec une économie de plus en plus globalisée, parler anglais est indispensable, mais n'est plus suffisant. Il faut désormais parler deux et même trois langues. Avec l'hindi, l'anglais et le français, les élèves du Mayo College seront parfaitement capables de relever les défis du futur.

Je suis fier, honoré et reconnaissant devant tous ces efforts pour donner à la langue française la place qu'elle mérite. Je suis ravi de pouvoir apporter ma modeste contribution, dans une institution si prestigieuse.

A French Language Course, a French Language Contest, a French Magazine, Mayo College strives to promote the French language in India with all its endeavours.

Thanks to the work of its Director, Lt Gen Surendra Kulkarni and Head of the French Department, Mr. Kunal Kumar that the students from around the world come to Rajasthan to be a part of the extravaganza called “Le Concours de la Francophonie”.

In fifty years they will be anywhere between 480 and 750 million French-speaking people in the world. Mayo College has fully understood this. With an increasingly globalized economy, speaking English is essential, but is no longer sufficient. We must now speak two or even three languages. With Hindi, English and French, students at Mayo College equip themselves to meet the challenges of the future.

I am proud, honored and grateful for all the efforts to give the French language the place it deserves. I am delighted to be able to make my modest contribution to such a prestigious institution.

Dr. Benjamin Audoye
French Invited Teacher

“LE CONCOURS DE LA FRANCOPHONIE”

Started in 2014, the Le Concours de La Francophonie is now a Grand Annual Festival, which is more commonly known as the French festival.

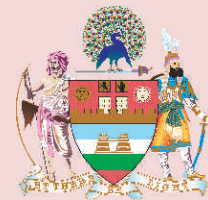
When started, the competition initially comprised of 5 events-Quiz, Declamation, Solo song, Poetry, Reading; later Film Making was added in the year 2016 adding to the interests of our young film makers and Francophone Quiz.

The Mayo College French Society actively drives the vision of bringing the students closer to a language which has a potential of a total of million speakers by 2050, making it a major global language.

The special things about the French festival are that all the trophies are made in-house by our students. The idea of bringing the French festival was to make students more familiar with French but in an easy and enjoyable format of understanding and learning and giving them a global perspective.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS OF “LE CONCOURS DE LA FRANCOPHONIE 2019”

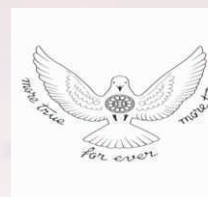
Mayo College, Ajmer



Mayo College is a boys-only independent boarding school in Ajmer, Rajasthan, India. It was founded in 1875 by Richard Bourke, 6th Earl of Mayo, who was the Viceroy of India from 1869 to 1872. This makes it one of the oldest public boarding schools in India.



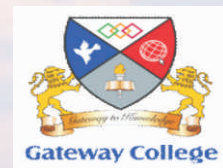
The Mother's International School, New Delhi



The Mother's International School is situated in the midst of the sylvan surroundings of Sri Aurobindo Ashram (Delhi Branch) Campus on Sri Aurobindo Marg. The calm, serene and spiritual ambience of the shrine of Sri Aurobindo, amidst beautiful lawns, lush green trees and flower beds, induces a feeling of peace and quiet.



Gateway College, Colombo



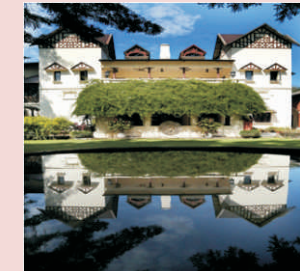
State of the art Campuses, high quality personalized teaching, a programme of learning that follows the English Curriculum in its entirety from Foundation to Advanced Level, all benchmarked against a range of world class internationally recognized UK qualifications are just some of the ingredients that have made Gateway

College earn a reputation to be one of Sri Lanka's premium educational institutions.



Welham Girl's School, Dehradun

Founded in 1957, Welham Girls' School has carved a niche for itself as an institution that encompasses not only academic excellence but fosters ethical, social and spiritual development in young women. Ranked as the Top Residential School for Girls in India for last several years by several organizations, Welham Girls' School is conscious of a heightened sense of responsibility as an educational institution to raise the bar for quality and standard.



Unison World School, Dehradun

An All Girls' Residential School, it offers quality education with finest accommodation and living facilities to students from Grades 5 to 12. They wish to create opportunities for girls to achieve high standards not just academically but also in her life as a whole. While preserving the best in traditional Indian and International education and culture, they have opted for a student-centric, value based learning and education system with ample opportunities for individual growth and development.



Suncity School, Gurugram

Suncity school is built on a beautiful campus spread over five and a half acres of land, nestled against the backdrop of the picturesque Aravali. The school offers a choice of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) and IB Diploma Programme (IBDP).

Holistic development of the child forms the core of all practices at Suncity School. Each year, the school focuses on a theme to allow the students to envision their ideas through research and activities.





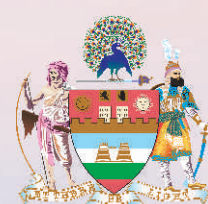
Birla High School For Boys, Kolkata

“Times Change; Values Don’t”. Birla High School, raised on the lofty ideals of the Founder President, Shri Lakshmi Niwas Birla, is widely acknowledged as one of the leading institutions among the CBSE schools in India located in the heart of the city. The boys are offered an outward-looking, forward-thinking education that prepares them for life.



Gems Modern School, Dubai

The Gems Modern Academy campus is based in Nad Al Sheba, Dubai, which they shifted to in 2008; their previous campus was located on Sheikh Zayed Road. The school has two libraries, one for grades 1-3, and the senior library for grades 4-12. The school has over 200+ computers for children to use. The school has a tennis court which consists of three individual tennis courts, cricket nets, a caged football field, a track and field, consisting of a 400m running track beside a cycling track with another football field inside it. The school has a basketball court comprising three individual basketball courts plus one which is in an open space in the center of the campus. The school also has a venue for table tennis.



Mayo College Girls' School, Ajmer

Mayo College Girls' School is a boarding school located in Ajmer, Rajasthan, India. It provides education for girls from Class IV to XII. Students refer to themselves as Mayoites. The school was founded in 1987. The school is ranked the best boarding school for girls in India. In 2011 the former president of India Mrs Pratibha Patil, attended the annual prize giving ceremony.



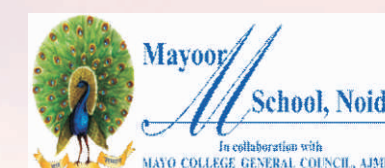
Townley Grammar School, London

Townley Grammar School is one of the selective schools in the Bexley London Borough. The school which was founded in 1937 has over the years established a tradition of academic excellence and is a lively, caring community of which we are justly proud. At Townley education is a creative process. They have a learning community which encourages academic, emotional and physical confidence. The students are inspirational learners who have the courage to take risks and the wisdom to learn from their mistakes. The school's reputation is built on the dignity, responsibility and self-esteem of all members of our community. Townley students develop the qualities of Confidence, Resilience, Courage, Compassion, Integrity, Spirit, Social conscience and the ability to inspire.



Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls' School, Jaipur

Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls' school, affectionately called MGD, was founded on 4th July, 1943, by Her Highness Maharani Gayatri Devi Ji, with, His Highness Sir Sawai Man Singhji of Jaipur as its Patron. The distinguished Patron, Founder, the eminent Members of the Board of Governors, along with the dedication and experience of the founder Principal, Miss Lillian G. Lutter. Combined to establish this School from very small beginning, to the stature and prestige it commands today as a premier centre of value based education and learning. The School began on the lines of the British Public School Pattern, keeping our own cultural and traditional values intact and important.



Mayoor School, Noida

Mayoor School, Noida was established under the aegis of Mayo College General Council Ajmer. In these sixteen years, the school has grown in strength and blossomed from a fledgling to a bird, ready to soar new heights. The splendid school campus is spread over more than 10 acres. The school with the strength of 3200 students has been constantly treading the path of success under the dynamic leadership of the principal, MRS ALKA AVASTHI. She is a visionary and a change maker.



KINGDOM OF MOROCCO



Location

Morocco is a Northern African country, located in the extreme north west of Africa on the edge of continental Europe.

Capital

Rabat

Currency

Moroccan dirham

Cities

Casablanca, Fez, Tangier

Places of Interest

Jemaa el-Fnaa, Jardin Majorelle, Bahia Palace

Climate

Subtropical, cooled by breezes off the Atlantic and Mediterranean.

National Song

The Cherifian Anthem

Government Type

Parliamentary constitutional monarchy

National Day

Monday, 18 November

Monarch

Mohammed VI of Morocco

FLAG

Flag: The flag of Morocco is made of a red field with a black-bordered green pentagram. Red has considerable historic significance in Morocco, proclaiming the descent from royal Alaouite dynasty. This ruling house was associated with the Islamic prophet Muhammad via Fatimah, the wife of Ali, the fourth Muslim Caliph.



FAMOUS MONUMENTS

Bab BouJeloud

The Bab Abi al-Jounoud or Bab BouJeloud is an ornate city gate and the main western entrance to Fes el Bali, the old city of Fez, Morocco.



Meknes Royal Stables

The Royal Stables in Meknes are an amazing monument, as this massive stable yard was constructed to comfortably house twelve thousands of the royal horses. Ismail, the constructor had a great respect and admiration for these animals, even more than he did for his human counterparts.



FAMOUS DELICACIES

Pastilla

Pastilla is a traditional Moroccan. Pastilla is said to be "uniquely Moroccan".



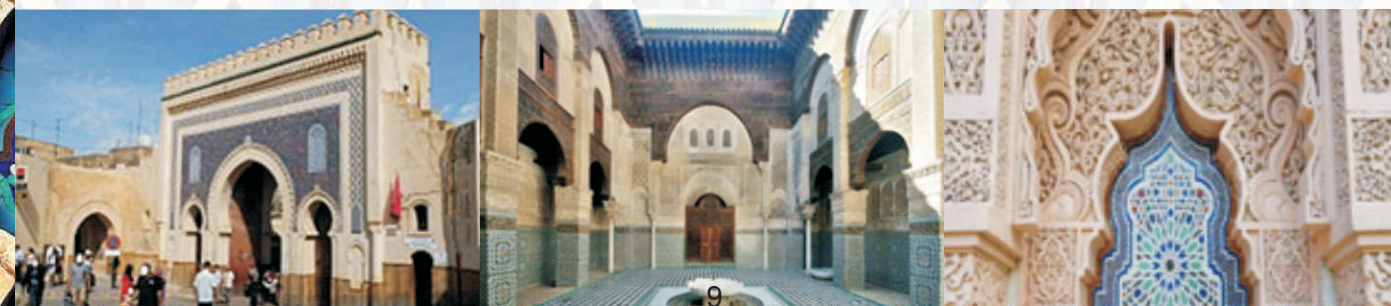
Tajine

A tajine is a Maghrebi dish which is named after the earthenware pot in which it is cooked



Zaalouk

Zaalouk is a Moroccan salad of cooked brinjal and tomatoes. It is one of the most basic salads of Moroccan cuisine and there are a million ways of preparing it all across Morocco. From place to place the recipe often differs.



World Famous Brands

Président



Cette marque de fromage, lait, crème, beurre existe depuis 50 ans et pèse 2,6 milliards d'euros de chiffre d'affaires ! C'est une marque du groupe français Lactalis (18,4 milliards d'euros), numéro deux mondial des produits laitiers (après un autre groupe français, Danone). This brand of cheese, milk, cream and butter exists for 50 years and weighs 2.6 billion euros in turnover! It is a brand of the French group Lactalis (18.4 billion euros), which is number two worldwide in dairy products (after another French group, Danone).

Nestlé



Nestlé est une entreprise suisse francophone, la plus grande compagnie de nourriture et de boisson. Ils ont plus de 2000 marques et ils sont présents dans 190, notamment en Inde. Nestlé is a French speaking company from Switzerland and is the world's largest food and beverage company. They have more than 2000 brands, and they are present in 190 countries worldwide, especially in India.

Avril



Avril est un groupe agro-industriel international d'origine française spécialisé dans l'alimentation humaine, l'alimentation animale, les énergies renouvelables et la chimie renouvelable. Avril is an international French agro-industrial group, specializing in human nutrition, animal nutrition, renewable chemistry, and renewable energy.

Nuxe



Nuxe est une marque de produits cosmétiques rachetée en 1989 par Aliza Jabès. Présente en 2018 dans 69 pays, notamment en Inde, la marque dispose de 40 spas. Nuxe is a brand of cosmetics bought in 1989 by Aliza Jabès. Present in 69 countries by 2018, including India, the brand has 40 spas.

Filorga



Grand Laboratoire français de médecine esthétique et cosmétique, fondé en 1978, Filorga conçoit, développe et fabrique à l'origine des injectables utilisés par les plus grands spécialistes de la médecine dans le monde entier. Aujourd'hui, FILORGA est présent dans plus de 70 pays à travers le monde notamment en Inde.

A major French laboratory for aesthetic and cosmetic medicine, founded in 1978, Filorga designs, develops and manufactures injectables used by the world's leading specialists in medicine. Today, FILORGA is present in more than 70 countries throughout the world, particularly in India.

Chanel



Chanel est une entreprise française productrice de haute couture, ainsi que de prêt-à-porter, accessoires, parfums et divers produits de luxe. Chanel is a French company producing haute couture, as well as ready-to-wear, accessories, perfumes and various luxury products.

L'Oréal



L'Oréal est un groupe industriel français de produits cosmétiques. La société, créée par Eugène Schueller le 30 juillet 1909, est de nos jours devenue un groupe international, numéro un mondial de l'industrie cosmétique.

L'Oréal is a French industrial group of cosmetic products. The company, created by Eugène Schueller on July 30, 1909, is now-a-days an

international group, the world leader in the cosmetics industry.

Cartier



Cartier is a French based company of luxury goods that designs, produces and sells jewelry and watches. It was founded by Louis-François Cartier in Paris in 1847. Cartier is said to be one of the most prominent jewelry manufacturers in the world as its revenue is 6.1 billion dollars.

Givenchy



Givenchy is a French luxury fashion and perfume house. It is one of the most expensive brands in the world and produces top fashion clothes and accessories. The house of Givenchy was founded in 1952 by designer Hubert de Givenchy. It is also famous for

designing the famous dress in the movie, Breakfast at Tiffany's.

GLIMPSES OF EXCHANGES



GLIMPSES OF LCF



Jacques Chirac (1932-2019)



Jacques Rene Chirac was a former politician who served as the 7th President of France from 1995-2007. In addition; he also served as the Prime Minister of France from 1974-1976 and 1986-1988. Chirac completed his degree from Science Po and also attended a term at Harvard University and at the Ecolenationale' administration. During his tenure as President, his policies were based on dirigisme, contrary to the laissez-faire policies implemented by the Margaret Thatcher led- United Kingdom government. He was also known famously for opposing the U.S led assault on Iraq. In his early days of his political career, he was nicknamed as the 'bulldozer' for his skill at getting things done. In 1972, he was appointed as the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and became popular for listening to farmers' interests. Chirac was nominated as the Prime Minister in 1974 under the leadership of the then President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing. He proceeded to build up his political party, the Rally for the Republic (RPR). Later in 1977, he was appointed as the Mayor of Paris. Chirac was once again appointed as the Prime Minister under President Mitterand's leadership. Ultimately in 1995 in the Presidential election, Chirac was elected with a majority of 52%. At the age of 69, Chirac faced his fourth presidential campaign in 2002 and won the re-election by a landslide, with 82 percent vote. Shortly after leaving office, he launched the Foundation Chirac in June 2008. Chirac suffered from frail health and memory loss in later life. Chirac died at his home in Paris on 26 September 2019.



FACTS ABOUT FRANCE

- 1) France is the largest country in Western Europe.
- 2) Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité' meaning 'Liberty, Equality and Fraternity is the national motto of France.
- 3) The French army was the first to use the word 'Camouflage' in 1915 during the WWI.
- 5) France once controlled 8% of the world's land.
- 6) Paris was originally a Roman city called 'Lutetia'.
- 7) France came up with several inventions like the stethoscope, hair dryer, hot air balloon etc.
- 8) The French government awards medals to citizens who have successfully raised several children with dignity.
- 9) There is only one 'STOP' sign in the entire city of Paris.
- 10) The first public screening of a movie was done by French brothers Auguste and Louis Lumière on 28th December 1895.
- 12) Louis XIX was the king of France for just 20 minutes.
- 15) France was the first country to invent license plates.
- 17) The oldest bridge in France is 'Pond Neuf' which means 'New Bridge'.
- 18) King John I of France was appointed as king 5 months before he was born. He only lived for 5 days.
- 19) The color of the France flag was white from 1814 to 1830.
- 20) There are more people speaking French in Africa than in France.
- 21) The taxi drivers of Paris have to pay nearly 200,000 Euros to get their license. That is the reason there are a few drivers in Paris.
- 22) The Gallic Rooster is the National Animal of France.
- 23) The Louvre was built in 1190 as a defense against Viking raids.
- 24) Louis XIV of France had a coat with 123 Diamond buttons on it.
- 25) The French King Louis Phillipe survived 7 assassination attempts.

FAMOUS POETS OF FRANCE

VICTOR HUGO (1802-1885)

was a very famous French poet. He was also a novelist. His most famous novel is Les Misérables which was written in 1862. His most famous poetry collections are Les Contemplations and La Légende des siècles

CHARLES PIERRE BAUDELAIRE (1821 - 1867)

was a French poet and a translator of Edgar Allan Poe. He is known for his book Les Fleurs du mal. It's about the changing nature of beauty during industrialization in Paris

JEAN DE LA FONTAINE (1621 - 1695)

was one of the most famous French poets of the 17th century. He has written many famous poems, but he is best known for his fables. In 1692 he had published a revised edition of the contes.

ANNE-MARIE ALBIACH (1937 - 2012)

was a contemporary French poet. She was also a translator. She co-edited the magazine Siècle à mains, where she first published her translation of Louis Zukofsky.

PIERRE REVERDY (1889 - 1960)

Reverdy arrived in Paris in October 1910, devoting his initial years to writing. He helped create the magazine Nord-Sud in 1917. All his famous works including Cravates de chanvre are published there

JACQUES PRÉVERT (1900 - 1977)

was a French poet and screenwriter. His notable works are pour faire le portrait d'un oiseau and cet amour. Prevert's poems are translated into many languages around the world.

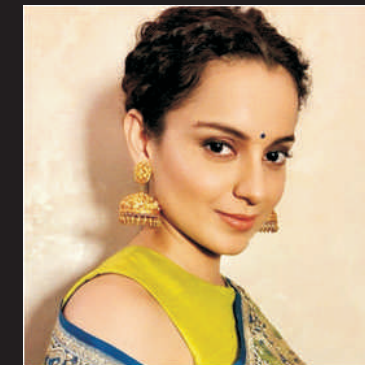
HARVEER SINGH

Stars qui parlent français

French speaking stars

Toutes ces personnes parlent français. Le saviez-vous ?

All these people speak French. Did you know that?



Kangana Ranaut



Kalki Koechlin



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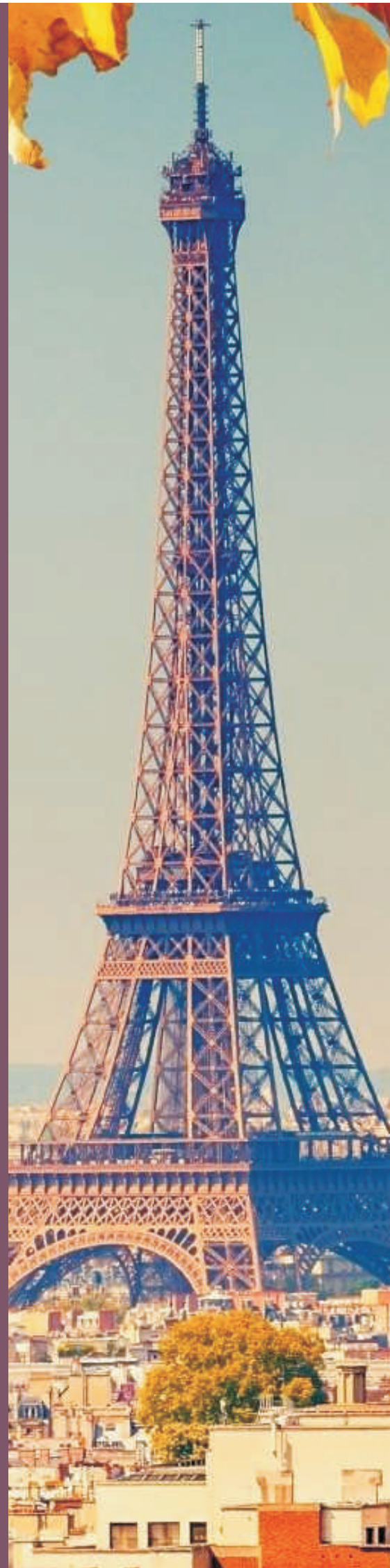


Vani Kapoor

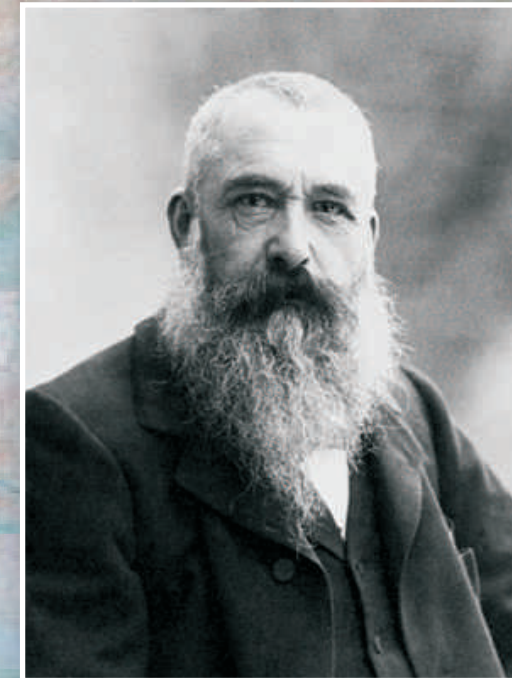
Facts about the Eiffel Tower

- 1) The Eiffel Tower is located on the Champ de Mars in Paris, France.
- 2) The Eiffel Tower was constructed from 1887 to 1889. It took 2 years 2 months and 5 days to build the Eiffel Tower.
- 3) The Eiffel Tower was originally built as the entrance arch for the World Fair in 1889.
- 4) The Eiffel Tower was built by Gustave Eiffel's engineering company 'Compagnie des Établissements Eiffel'. The architects of the Eiffel tower were Stephen Sauvestre, Maurice Koechlin, Émile Nouguier.
- 5) The height of the Eiffel Tower is 324 m. It is the tallest building in France.
- 6) The Tower remained the tallest man-made structure for 41 years, until superseded by the Chrysler Building in New York.
- 7) The construction started on 28th January 1887 and ended on 31st March 1889.
- 8) Construction of the Eiffel Tower cost about 1.5 million (7,799,401.31 French Gold Francs).
- 9) The Eiffel Tower weighs 10,000 tons.
- 10) The French kept the nickname of the Tower 'La Dame de Fer' which means 'Iron Lady'.
- 11) The Tower has 108 stories, with 1,710 steps. The visitors can only climb stairs to the first platform.
- 12) One elevator travels a total distance of 64,001 miles (103,000 kilometers) a year.
- 13) Around 50 tons of paint is added to the Eiffel Tower every 7 years to protect it from rust.
- 14) The Eiffel Tower was designed to be wind resistant. As the sun-facing side of the Tower heats up, it causes the top to move as much as 7 inches away from the sun.
- 15) The temperature also increases the height of the Tower by 6 inches.
- 16) Eiffel Tower was used as a radio antenna.
- 17) The Eiffel Tower was supposed to be built in Barcelona but the Tower's design was rejected by the Spain.
- 18) Erika La Tour had married the Eiffel Tower.
- 19) It took around 300 workers to assemble the 18,038 pieces of wrought iron and 2.5 million rivets of the Eiffel Tower.
- 20) The Eiffel Tower shares its birthday with Nintendo and Adolf Hitler.
- 21) During WW1 the Eiffel Tower was used to help the Allied forces to jam German communications.
- 22) Around the world there are around 30 replicas of the Eiffel Tower.
- 23) Building the Eiffel Tower was safe. Only one person died in the construction of the Eiffel Tower.
- 24) A Laboratory for science experiments is located at the Eiffel Tower.

By Shayaz Attari

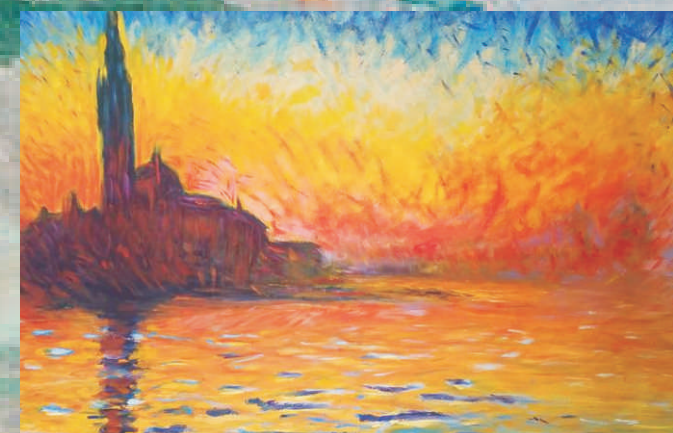


Painter : Claude Monet



Claude Monet was a French Impressionist who dominated the world of art. His great work included - "The Beach at Sainte-Adresse" and 'Impression: Sunrise'. He was born on 11th November 1840 in Paris and died on 5th December 1926 in Giverny. He coined the art form 'Impressionism'.

Recently 'Haystacks' series was bought for a record of \$110.7 million that is approx. 800 crores INR, making it the most expensive Impressionist painting ever.



WORLD FAMOUS PERSONALITIES FROM FRANCE



MARIE CURIE.

Marie Curie was one of greatest scientists of the world. She was the first woman who was awarded the Nobel Prize for conducting pioneering research on radioactivity, and the only woman to win it two times. Born on 7 November 1867 in Poland, she attended her education at University of Paris and discovered Radium and Polonium. She once said that, "Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less." The world will not forget her work which helped in the growth of the world. She died on 4 July 1934.



NAPOLÉON BONAPARTE

Napoleon Bonaparte was a famous French military strategist and an Emperor. He safeguarded aspects of the French Revolution by assuming control of France. He launched military campaigns across Europe making France a dominant power in Europe and helped to spread the ideas behind the French revolution. He won many wars and built large empire that ruled over much of continental Europe before its final collapse in 1815

French Speaking Nations

L' Haiti

Haiti is an island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic to its east. Though it's still recovering from a 2010 earthquake, many of Haiti's landmarks dating to the early 19th century remain intact. These include Citadelle la Ferrière, a mountaintop fortress, and the nearby ruins of Sans-Souci Palace, the baroque former royal home of King Henry I.



L'Algérie

C'est le plus grand pays d'Afrique, le plus grand pays du bassin méditerranéen. C'est également le plus grand pays du monde arabe. L'Algérie, troisième pays francophone après la France a 12 millions de locuteurs, mais ne fait pas partie de la Francophonie.

It is the largest country in Africa, in the Mediterranean basin and in the Arab world. Although Algeria has 12 million French speakers, unfortunately, this country is not a member of La Francophonie.



Le Liban

Le Liban est un pays du Proche-Orient. La langue officielle du Liban est l'arabe. Cependant, la moitié des Libanais sont francophones et la langue anglaise est, elle aussi, largement utilisée.

Lebanon is a country in the Middle East. The official language of Lebanon is Arabic. However, half of the Lebanese speak French. English language is also a widely spoken language



THE 5TH CONCOURS DE LA FRANCOPHONIE 21ST & 22ND OCTOBER 2018

Le Concours de la Francophonie (Competition of the Francophonie), was held from 21st to 22nd October, 2018 at Mayo College, Ajmer. The occasion was graced by His Excellency Alexandre Ziegler, the Ambassador of France to India. The grand success of the event was an outcome of the exuberant participation from the talented students of different schools.

Le Concours de la Francophonie 2018 commenced on 21st with a Declamation and Reading Competition where the participants excelled with their fluent French diction and pronunciation. This tone and hue pervaded the French festivities in the evening program at the amazingly decked up Kangra Amphitheatre, where His Excellency Alexandre Ziegler lavishly commended the superb entertainment fillers presented by the students of Mayo College Girls School and Mayo College and expressed his desire to intensify the exchanges between the Indian and the French Schools. The audiences were enthralled and spellbound by the competitive events of Poetry recitation and Solo Songs. The Mayo College Director, Lieutenant General Surendra Kulkarni thanked The Ambassador as well as the participants.



The concluding day of Le Concours de la Francophonie included the Spell Bee and the Quiz competitions where the judges were amply impressed by the expertise and knowledge of the participants and many tie breakers had to be played. The closing ceremony took place in the evening and was presided over by the Chief Guest M. Olivier Michel, a journalist from Le Figaro Magazine.

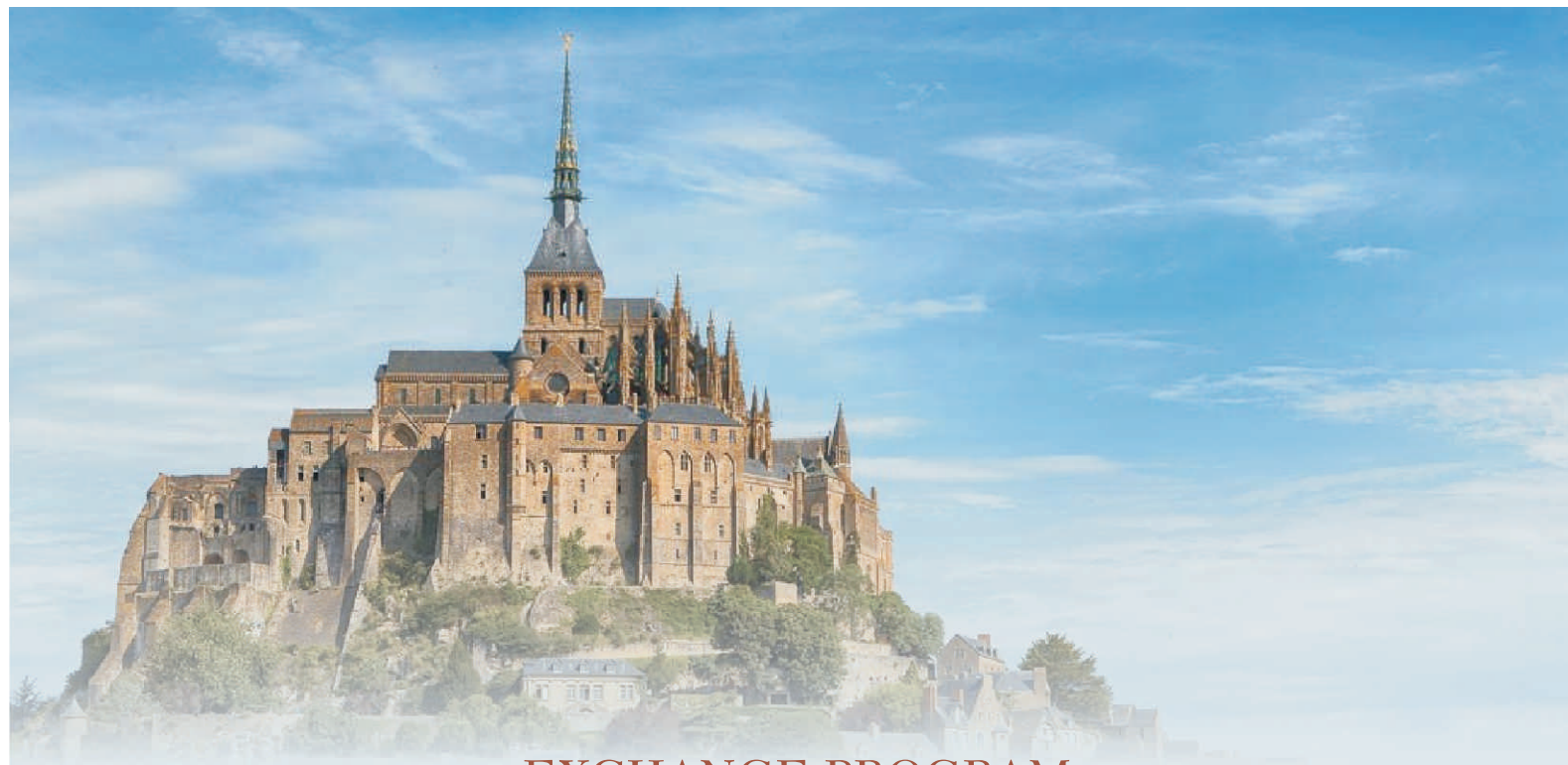
The evening was replete with the different schools presenting their superbly directed short films, effectively capturing stories, characters and emotions on celluloid. The screening of these films added an emotional aura to the atmosphere. Huge applause rent the air as the winners from various schools proudly marched up on the stage to receive their prizes. The overall winner of the competition was The Mother's International School, New Delhi. Being the host School, Mayo College as runners up, passed on the trophy to Birla High School, Calcutta which had ranked third in the two day competitive event.



QUIZ

- Quel pays n'est pas voisin de la France ?
a) Le Portugal
b) L'Allemagne
c) L'Italie
d) L'Espagne
- Qu'est-ce que le brie de Meaux ?
a) Un vin
b) Un gâteau
c) Un fromage
d) Un vêtement
- Les Français ne mangent pas
a) D'escargot
b) De cheval
c) De grenouille
d) De chien
- Quel vin n'est pas français ?
a) Le bordeaux
b) Le bourgogne
c) Le beaujolais
d) Le priorat
- Quelle est la date de la Révolution française ?
a) 1789
b) 1849
c) 1889
d) 1949
- Quel homme n'est pas français ?
a) Charles De Gaulle
b) Louis Pasteur
c) Stromae
d) Zinedine Zidane
- Quel fleuve n'est pas en France ?
a) La Garonne
b) Le Rhin
c) La Seine
d) Le Danube
- Combien de fois la France a gagné la Coupe du Monde de football ?
a) zéro
b) une
c) deux
d) trois
- Dans quel pays du Maghreb on ne parle pas français ?
a) Maroc
b) Tunisie
c) Algérie
d) Libye
- Jacques Brel était ?
a) Un chanteur
b) Un joueur de tennis
c) Un acteur
d) Un réalisateur de cinéma





EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH TOWNLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

A delegation of 5 boys, Kartikey Jandial, Aryaman Gupta, Sahaj Raj Nanda, Yasser Ul Haq and Roham Jain went to Townley Grammar Girls School, United Kingdom for an Exchange Program. They attended the classes and visited the school. The boys had a nice exposure as they got to know several new things. The boys participated and discussed about the international relations and enthusiastically participated in all the activities.



They visited London Eye, Tower Bridge, Hyde Park, London Tower and Oxford street. The boys were invited by an Old Boy from our Directors batch, Dr. Pankaj at Dover for dinner at his residence. The students paid a visit to the famous Canterbury Cathedral. They also took a ghost tour of the streets and visited Europe's biggest gurudwara in Gravesend. They had dinner at Mr. Paul Babra's house who is a famous Indian Chef in England. They

also visited Brighton Pier and British Airways i360. They also went to Old Trafford Stadium and the Etihad Stadium in Manchester. The students also saw Solomon's temple and Poole's Cavern Caves in Buxton a small city near Manchester. It was an enriching experience for our boys.



LYCÉE NOTRE DAME DES OISEAUX PARIS

The exchange started off from the IGI Airport Delhi on June 3 with a group of 10 students- Kush Goyal, Vedant Jain, Samridh Bahety, Atharva Kedia, Rohan Jindal, Swayam Sahani, Abhishek Gupta, Shubhav Suri, Akshat Jain and Agrim Mithale escorted by Mr. Kunal Kumar. They reached the Charles De Gaulle Airport, Paris after a 10 hour long flight. The host school bus drove them straight to the school, through the city of Paris. On reaching the school, the students were welcomed by their host families which was followed by some snacks, drinks, candies and chocolates. The evening was spent at the homes of the families which gave the boys time to acquaint with the family members. They also got to know about the French cuisine and delicacies and had a sumptuous 'French' dinner prepared by their host families. The boys met their exchange coordinator Madame Picard who took them for a brief campus visit and introduced them to the school officials. The boys also attended French, English and Mathematics classes and had a discussion on how the teaching-learning transactions differ from their school. The rest of the day was spent at Sacre-Coeur which is a Roman Catholic Church, famous for its bustling streets, budding caricaturists and some scenic views of the city.

The boys also visited Le Louvre, which is the World's Largest Art Museum replete with masterpieces such as Mona Lisa. Then it was the time to witness the heart of Parisians-The Eiffel Tower. The boys got to the top of the Eiffel Tower to experience some breathtaking views of Paris and beyond. They spent a whole day at the Disneyland. Later they visited the awe-inspiring Palace Of Versailles and adjoining it, the beautiful Gardens Of Versailles. Here the boys walked around and rode bicycles. During the evening, they enjoyed playing football. The weekend was well planned by the hosts. Some of the boys got a chance to attend family gatherings which enhanced their knowledge about the French culture, while the others saw the major attractions of Paris. After spending a week in Paris, they left for Corsica. They went for shopping and relaxed at a beautiful beach, tried out beach volleyball, and further explored the capital city. The boys were accompanied by the family members of a former Mayo faculty, who hosted lunch at their home and made them explore a gorgeous beach side town. They left Corsica for the last day in Paris which was dedicated to shopping on the world famous streets of Champs Elysees and the Galleries Lafayette. The students also enjoyed at Arc De Triomphe and Bateau- Mouche which is an hour long boat ride, in the Seine River before leaving. It was truly a lifetime experience for the students where they enjoyed and learned about the French culture.

By- Kush Goyal





Frank Ribéry

Coming from a poverty-struck household to becoming one of the most popular football players of France, Frank Ribéry is, undoubtedly, one of the best examples of rags to riches.

Frank was born in the city of Boulogne-Sur-Mer, famous for its major fishing ports, to parents who did odd jobs for their living.

When he was only two, a tragedy struck his family. Their car collided with a lorry which sent young Frank crashing through the windshield. After the accident he got a hundred stitches on his face which left two deep scars on his face.

Frank's childhood was a misery. Throughout his childhood people would stare and point at Ribéry in the street, saying how 'ugly' the scars were. Due to his disfigurement he got into a lot of violent fights. As an adolescent, Frank was also fired from a training academy for his repeated violent behavior. Wherever he went, people used to stare at him because of his disfigured face.

But he did not let this deter him. His scars only made him more committed to succeed as one of the best wingers in the modern football. His story tells that even though childhood wounds are sometimes impossible to forget, they can become a powerful force in our adult life and turn us into a true champion.

French Proverbs

Après la pluie, le beau temps: Every cloud has a silver lining

Avec des si on mettrait Paris dans une bouteille - If wishes were horses, the beggars would ride

Parler de la pluie et du beau temps : To beat about the bush

Faire la pluie et le beau temps : To be all powerful

Il faut battre le fer quand il est chaud – Strike the iron while it's hot

Loin des yeux loin du cœur – Out of sight , out of mind

Pierre qui roule n'amasse pas mousse – A rolling stone gathers no moss

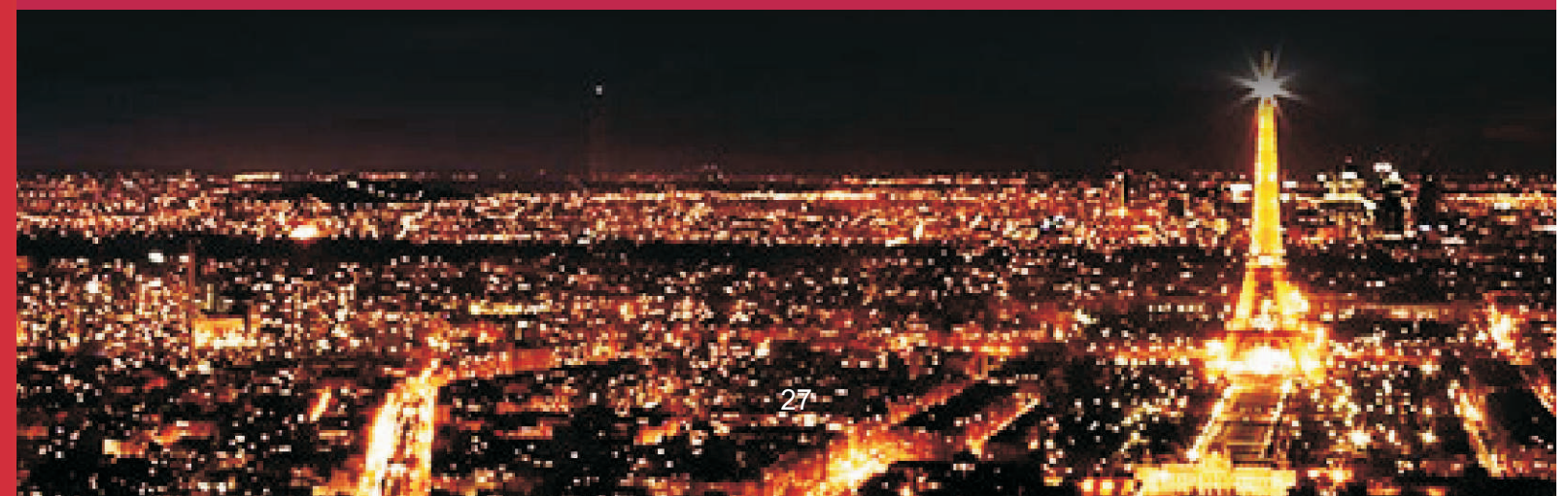
Les bons comptes font les bons amis – A debt paid is a friend kept

Plus on est de fous plus on rit – The more the merrier

Tout est bien qui finit bien – All is well that ends well

Les petits ruisseaux font les grandes rivières – Many a mickle makes a muckle

Si la jeunesse savait si vieillesse pouvait – If youth knew, if age could



Message from the Old Boys

To all associated with LCF as organizers, participants, judges or audience, wishing you all the very best for what's to come! I have had the greatest privilege to be associated with LCF since its inception. And as I write today, 6 years later, I feel the same association I had when I was physically present at Mayo struggling hard, along with a few other friends and of course, with the constant support of Mr KKR to bring this to reality. It is truly gratifying to see it grow each and every passing year. And I have absolutely no doubt that as Mayoites continue to scale up this initiative, we will see some very different and unique ideas come to life each and every year to ensure that all participants enjoy their time participating in the festival and also getting to know what Mayo is all about. While I might not exactly remember the French I learned at School, what was my takeaway from being associated with cultural festivals like LCF and in a French language course was simply that it provides a very different perspective of “life” and helps us realize that boundaries are only physical. So to all of you who are here at Mayo to celebrate French culture, congratulations! While I am not present at Mayo as a student, my association with the School is everlasting and love for it is ever-growing and thus, I take this opportunity to welcome each and everyone of you to Mayo College. Wishing you a wonderful time here, although I have absolute certainty that you will have “the time of your life” witnessing/participating in LCF.

Bonne chance à vous!
Sincere Regards;
Vishrut

College Captain & President Doorknobs (2016)

For the past 5 years I have seen “le concours de la Francophonie” grow and get more alive with every passing year. As the sixth edition approaches, I get nostalgic about all those times when the student body, with the help of the French department worked day and night to ensure that the two days go flawless and no person who has come to visit Mayo will have a bad experience on campus. Every child, right from junior school knows what they are responsible for and that they need to make sure that the show ends on a successful note . As an ex-Mayoite, I miss working with everyone, but they have all my wishes in making the festival a successful one. All my good wishes are with the doorknobs and I am sure they will make this one better than all the ones before.

Vedant Chhetri
President Doorknobs (2018)

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