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NECESSARY;
THEN DO WHAT'S
POSSIBLE;
AND SUDDENLY YOU ARE DOING
THE IMPOSSIBLE!"



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Le Concours de la Francophonie: A Decade of Delight

Kedaar Bansal, XII



Mayo College's French Department proudly hosted its 11th Francophonie extravaganza, uniting students from India and abroad. Distinguished guests Chef Thierry Le Baut (Le Cordon Bleu) and Prof Kiran Chaudhry (Jawaharlal Nehru University) added flair.

Esteemed judges, writers and professors contributed their expertise and time in making this celebration unforgettable.

A Decade of Community and Culture

The festival reinforced the importance of collaboration, cultural exchange and community. As I conclude my tenure, I express sincere gratitude to all contributors.

1. Cuisine Francophone:

Culinary arts of Francophone countries

2. Francophone Food Festival:

Savouring diverse cuisines

3. Olympiades de la Langue Française:

Competitive linguistic spark

4. Fundraising: ₹1.5 lakhs for Apna Ghar, a school for hearing and speech-impaired students

5. Educational Sessions: "Study in France" workshops

Heartfelt Regards

As chairman, I thank Mr Kunal Kumar for his unwavering support and vision. His Francophonie passion inspired us to push beyond our limits. To my incredible team, 'The Doorknobs': Your dedication, resilience, and joy made this occasion truly memorable.

"Le Concours de la Francophonie du Mayo unites over 33 countries in a vibrant celebration of culture and cuisine, showcasing the richness of our shared heritage through the lens of the French language.

Come and celebrate the diversity."

Mr Kunal Kumar, Convenor



29TH JTM GIBSON

THE GIBSON DEBATES: WHERE CHAOS MEETS CATHARSIS

DARSH LAKHANI, XI



Organizing the Gibson Debates was like trying to herd cats – stressful, chaotic and utterly bewildering. Beneath the madness lay a deeper significance. This event held a special place in my heart, mainly because we had won it the previous year and didn't want to be known just as a one-hit wonder. Our team, from the organizing committee to the teachers, rallied around me, primarily because they feared witnessing a meltdown.

The day of the event arrived, and miraculously, everything came together. Pride swelled within me – not just because we had managed to pull it off but also because debating had transformed me into a critical thinker, listener and impassioned speaker. Well, mostly impassioned; occasionally, words got stuck in my throat!



As I stood on stage, now as an organizer, self-doubt crept in. Would I fail? Would our efforts be for naught? But then, something profound struck me: it wasn't about winning or losing; it was about creating a space for growth, courage and connection – and those hilarious prep camp memories. In the end, we didn't win, but we fought valiantly. As I sat on stage, timing the debates, a realization dawned: life extends far beyond our campus. Who knew?



Lessons Learnt

1. Organizing events can drive you crazy, but it's worth it.
2. Debating teaches resilience, critical thinking and public speaking.
3. Losing isn't the end; it's a stepping stone!
4. Surround yourself with supportive people! (preferably those who can handle your meltdown).

The Gibson Debates were a rollercoaster, but with my Mayo family's love and support, we are ready for the next adventure – armed with wit, humour and a newfound appreciation for chaos management.



From Logo Designer to President: My DeutschUtsav Odyssey

Yuuraj Singh Rathore, XII



In the ninth grade, fate thrust me into designing DeutschUtsav's logo. Little did I know, this spark would ignite a passion-fueled journey. As IT Head, I dived into design and creativity, transforming logos into festival essence. Posters, merchandise and campaigns became my canvas. DeutschUtsav evolved from a school event to a passion haven. As Secretary and now President, I balanced creativity with responsibility.

A showcase of German Culture and Language

Highlights

1. Competitions: Spelling bees, poetry recitations and solo singing
2. Cultural Performances: Traditional music and dance
3. Enriching Workshops: Language and cultural immersion
4. Carnival: Fun-filled activities and games
1. "Street Art" theme: Celebrating creativity and Berlin Wall significance
2. Dr Philipp Ackermann, German Ambassador to India, as chief guest
3. Oktober Night: Immersive German experience
4. Carnival launch: A Huge Success
5. Renewed PASCH Partnership: 15+ delegations from across the continent

The 4th Edition of DeutschUtsav, a unique German Festival, concluded successfully. The closing ceremony was honoured by German Ambassador to India, H E Dr Philipp Ackermann, emphasising the significance of learning German and hosting cultural events.

The 2024 Chapter: Rebranding DeutschUtsav into "szns" reflected its growth. Amidst chaos – juggling rehearsals, college applications and coordination – I chose DeutschUtsav!

Results:

- 1st - Mayoor School, Noida
- 2nd - Birla High School, Kolkata
- 3rd - Mayo College, Ajmer & Shiv Nadar School, Gurugram

"The event brought together participants from India and South Asian countries, fostering connections among German language learners."
Ms Pooja Ahlawat, German Coordinator

MEMORIAL DEBATE & QUIZ

QUIZ RESULTS:

FIRST POSITION:

SUNBEAM SCHOOL, LAHARTARA

SECOND POSITION:

MODERN SCHOOL, BARAKHAMBA

THIRD POSITION:

MAYO COLLEGE, AJMER

OVERALL WINNER:

PATHWAYS WORLD SCHOOL, GURGAON

DEBATE RESULTS:

OVERALL BEST SPEAKER: ARNAV AGARWAL, PATHWAYS WORLD SCHOOL

THE MOST PROMISING SPEAKER: AMOGH MATHUR, MAYO COLLEGE, AJMER

BEST SPEAKER (FINAL ROUND): ARNAV AGARWAL, PATHWAYS WORLD SCHOOL



"The JTM Gibson Quiz was a testament to the power of curiosity, intense trivia face-offs, and the thrill of knowledge among young minds. With schools from across the region battling it out, this quiz was far more than an intellectual marathon; it was a showcase of teamwork, quick thinking, and sheer nerve!

Our participants displayed remarkable grit and brilliance—along with some impressive buzzer reflexes—that made the event both exhilarating and unforgettable.

Kudos to all participants, champions, and the organizing team for making it a spectacular success and an absolute blast!"

Mr Mohit Kumar, Convenor (Gibson Quiz)

"As a debater in Mayo College, from spitting baseless arguments at the adjudicators to structuring constructives, I finally managed a well deserved spot on the 'Jack - A Team' representing school in the prestigious Gibson Debates! That was huge!" – Amogh Mathur, X

"It was, as always, a great privilege to host the Gibson Debate and Quiz this year, a highly anticipated debating event. Working alongside my amazing team of colleagues and students was fun.

What is incredibly rewarding is all the great things that participating teams had to say about the event's smooth execution, excellent hospitality and memorable experience."

3 Dr Achal Deep Dubey, DOCA & HOD (English)

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

1ST-3RD **THE DRAMATICS SOCIETY WORKSHOP BY DAVID GLASS**
(ACTOR, DIRECTOR & FOUNDER OF DAVID GLASS ENSEMBLE, UK)



2ND **GANDHI JAYANTI CELEBRATIONS**

4TH-6TH **29TH JTM GIBSON MEMORIAL DEBATE & QUIZ**
OVERALL WINNER:
PATHWAYS WORLD SCHOOL, GURGAON



5TH **TEDXMAYOOR, MAYOOR SCHOOL, AJMER**

6TH OCT -2ND DEC **STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME WITH HALE SCHOOL PERTH, AUSTRALIA**



7TH **THE GREAT INDIAN SCHOOL TOUR BY SCOONEWS**

FETE AT MCGS

8TH-10TH **LE CONCOURS DE LA FRANCOPHONIE - FRENCH FESTIVAL**



11TH **CPD PROGRAMME ON SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING BY MR ANEZ KATRE**

14TH-16TH **DEUTSCHUTSAV - GERMAN FESTIVAL**

1ST - MAYOOR SCHOOL, NOIDA
2ND - BIRLA HIGH SCHOOL, KOLKATA
3RD - MAYO COLLEGE, AJMER & SHIV NADAR SCHOOL, GURUGRAM

INTER SECTION ENGLISH DEBATE VII-VIII



CYBER SECURITY WORKSHOP BY RAKSHIT TANDON

17TH-23RD **CERAMIC CRYSTAL GAZE WORKSHOP**



18TH **ENGLISH CREATIVE WRITING VII-X**

19TH **PRACHEEN KALA KENDRA (INDIAN MUSIC EXAM)**

19TH-21ST **CAMP FOR EXCLUSIVE FUTURE READY AND ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS BY WHITE CANVAS INDIA**





UK EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (INBOUND)
VISIT OF ORWELL PARK SCHOOL, UK

STREET ART INITIATIVE: CELEBRATING
HERITAGE AND CREATIVITY

TERI GREEN OLYMPIAD VII-VIII

PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEBATING
WORKSHOP BY DAIS IV-VIII

AUTUMN MID TERM BREAK

19TH-28TH
21ST-26TH
22ND
25TH-26TH
27TH OCT-
4TH NOV



JUNIOR SCHOOL MID-TERM TRIP 2024



DUSSEHRA CELEBRATIONS

you can do
ANYTHING
you just have to be
DETERMINED

"PUSH YOURSELF, BECAUSE NO ONE ELSE IS GOING TO DO IT FOR YOU!"



EVERY
JOURNEY
NEEDS A
FIRST
STEP



HOUSE WISE POSITIONS

MIDDLES	SENIORS
JODHPUR - 1ST	AJMER - 1ST
BT - 2ND	BT - 2ND
JAIPUR - 3RD	BHARATPUR - 3RD
KASHMIR - 4TH	RAJASTHAN - 4TH
BHARATPUR - 5TH	JODHPUR - 5TH
COLVIN - 6TH	KASHMIR - 6TH
AJMER - 7TH	COLVIN - 7TH
RAJASTHAN - 8TH	JAIPUR - 8TH

A Brazilian professional footballer who plays as a left winger, attacking midfielder or forward for Saudi Pro League club Al Hilal and the Brazil national team. Who is he?

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



3RD-4TH DREAM ALLIANCE (EQUESTRIAN EVENT) 2024

6TH WITNESSED POLO MATCH AT RAJASTHAN POLO CLUB, JAIPUR WITH HIS HIGHNESS MAHARAJA PADMANABH SINGH OF JAIPUR

10TH-18TH 12TH GETWELL HOSPITAL OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2024

13TH 1H CROSS-COUNTRY 2024 (SENIORS & MIDDLES)

MIDDLES: KRISHNAV AGARWAL (I), ATHARVA KUMAR (II), ZORAVAR SINGH GODARA (III)

SENIORS: VYOM RASTOGI (I), YAJUR SEHGAL (II), UDAI SHIVRAJ SINGH (III)

IPSC ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

17TH-19TH

MARS 2024

20TH CRICKET MATCH: ADMIN XI VS MAYO MAESTROS

22ND-25TH 1H ATHLETICS MEET 2024





Do Pineapples belong on Pizza?

CURATED BY: PRANAV SINGH OBEROI, XI

WE LOVE THE IDEA OF HAVING PINEAPPLES ON PIZZA!



PINEAPPLE ON PIZZA YUCK!, I WOULD RATHER GO FOR ANCHOVIES!

"Its fresh, juicy texture also contrasts well with heavier ingredients, making each bite feel refreshing, especially in warm climates where lighter, tropical flavours are favoured."

"Pizza is known for being customizable, offering an opportunity for different preferences and cultures to be represented. Pineapple reflects this openness and supports culinary creativity."

"The concept of pairing sweet and salty elements is popular in many cuisines (e.g., prosciutto with melon), proving that blending flavours enhances culinary experiences."

CHECK IT OUT

The topic for 'This or That' for the next edition is "Uniforms are monotonous and boring". To have your opinions featured, write to mayoor@mayocollege.com

"The fruit's high water content can result in a soggy crust, affecting the texture and quality of the pizza."

"Many purists argue that pineapple on pizza disrespects the original Italian tradition, which emphasizes simple, well-balanced ingredients like tomatoes, mozzarella, and basil."



"Unlike common toppings such as pepperoni or mushrooms, pineapple is a 'love-it-or-hate-it' option, leading to arguments and reducing the chance of unanimous enjoyment."

Fallacy of the Month

The Bandwagon Fallacy: A logical fallacy that occurs when someone assumes something is true or correct because many people believe it or do it.



READING IS TO THE MIND WHAT EXERCISE IS TO THE BODY."

— JOSEPH ADDISON

BOOK SUGGESTIONS



"The Cricket on the Hearth" is a holiday novel, not nearly as well known as "A Christmas Carol". Guess this British author?



An unforgettable journey through a world where gods fall, mortals rise, and the lines between right and wrong blur. This gripping tale of fate and defiance will hook you with its depth, adventure, and heart-wrenching choices.

'Godkiller' by Hannah Kaner

CURATED BY: SIDDHANT SINGH PARMAR, X & ARJUN BAHETI, VIII

A captivating tale that chronicles the adventures of Al Chaudhury, a precocious twelve-year-old who stumbles upon a time machine. This whimsical narrative explores Al's heartfelt quest to reconcile with his father, delving into themes of loss, friendship, and the intricate tapestry of time, all while accompanied by his clever pet hamster, Alan.

'Time Traveling with a Hamster' by Ross Welford





O' Tree

Manan Agarwal, VII

O tree, O tree,
O lovely, lovely tree!
As you dance in the breeze,
With perfect ease.
I think if only I could be,
So wonderfully free.
But its such a pain to see,
I could never be a tree!

Acrostic Poetry Selection
(September Issue)

MIGHT

My sight is what I see,
I will be what I want to be,
Greatness in certain heights,
Higher than anyone can fight,
Time to see who has might!

The Druk Spirit

Rudraksh Solanki & Aksh Sharma, VIII

A body bigger than anything we had laid our eyes upon
before,
Emerging victorious in all the wars and battles making the
enemy soar;
Anger ran through his veins, as he demolished every being,
Demons in the town around, feeling petrified and embarked
on their act of fleeing;
With his igniting mighty wings, he tore down the sky,
As the word of the kings spoke that the terror must die;
To gaze at the aura of happiness and charm, would
enlighten the soul of the holy spirits,
Causing them to adore the saviour, and blessing him with
the glory of merits;
A kaleidoscope of shades of pink showcasing his love and
affection,
But no one knows it meant none other than anger and
frustration;
Thoughts running through the minds of mobs about the past,
What do they know of who was the Messiah at the last;
Flames that dance and the smokes that play,
Made the "druk spirit" never fade away.

My Day in May!

Adityaveer Singh Rathore, VIII

The loud music was on,
I woke up with a big yawn.
After having a chilly shower,
I lost all my power.
Then I had some mushy peas and a bowl of
porridge,
Which felt like rabbits jumping of a
garage.
In the middle of nowhere,
I was trying to reach somewhere.
To my surprise,
I had an enterprise waiting on my way.
With some bills and paper in hand, I
walked away,
To my dismay, I was dreaming in the middle
of the month May!

Mayo Lingo!
Curated by Vansh Mittal,
IX

Shorti – Shortcut
Permi – Permission
Ordi – Order
Futta – Football
Baski – Basketball
Baddi – Badminton
Begzy – Reserved
PD – Punishment Drill
Junnii – Junior Boys
Batchee – Batchmate
Can – Canteen
Dabba – Box Party



Best known for its famous oratory
reenactment of Walt Whitman
poem "Oh Captain! My Captain!",
what film starring Robin Williams
was filmed at St. Andrews School in
Middletown, Delaware?

A Rabbit

There once lived a rabbit,
Who had a weird habit!
"What could it be?" People wondered!
While some of them surrendered,
"I don't like eating the carrot!"
the rabbit uttered!

Aarav Dugar, VII

AGENT 007

Manan A Jastarsaria, VI

Agent 007 has a very secret identity and name,
But he also takes care of his fame.
Agent 007 is an expert in spying.
He is also an expert in buying
Agent 007 has solved plenty of missions,
He also has a want of ambition.
Agent 007 works for the Indian Investigation team.
When he solves a mission, he celebrates it with a beam.
Agent 007 is an inspiration to all,
Cause in every mission he stands tall.
Agent 007 loves to drive a go-kart.
He always works for his country with his heart.

The Spirit of Mayo

In Mayo's hallowed halls, I roam,
Seeking shortcuts, Shorti, to my home.
But first, I need Permi, a nod of might,
To venture out, beyond the campus light.

Within the grounds, Ordi reigns supreme,
Maintaining discipline, a rigorous theme.
On the fields, Futta fever grips the air,
Football enthusiasts clash, with skill and flair.

Adjacent courts resound with Baski's thrall,
Basketball players leap, their spirits enthrall.
While Baddi aficionados engage, racquet in hand,
Their shuttlecocks soar, a swift, aerial band.

Some Junnie hearts beat reserved, Begzy and shy,
Observing from afar, with watchful, curious eye.
But Batchees unite, camaraderie their guide,
Together they face challenges, side by side.

In the Can, conversations flow free,
Dabba treats and laughter shared with glee.
Yet, missteps lead to PD's stern call,
Punishment Drill teaches valuable lessons, after all.

Party nights, a Box of joy unfolds,
Memories crafted, stories to be told.
Mayo's spirit, strong and free,
Echoes through its halls, wild and carefree.

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29TH NOV-1ST DEC

149TH PRIZE GIVING CELEBRATIONS

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