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Dear Parents,

As we end the Winter Term, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the strong partnership we have shared in supporting our children's academic and behavioural development. Meaningful progress was achieved as a result of the collective efforts of parents, teachers, and students.

For a small number of students who are experiencing ongoing academic challenges despite additional support at school and at home, an 'At-Risk Retention Letter' has been issued. Please be assured that this letter is not a confirmation of retention. Instead, it is intended as an early and supportive step to encourage closer collaboration between parents and teachers so that we can work together to address areas of need.

However, it is important to remember that children develop and progress at different paces. With patience, encouragement, and continued guidance, many students are able to build confidence and strengthen their skills over time. Our teachers will continue to monitor progress closely and provide targeted support where needed, and we appreciate the trust and cooperation of parents as we work together to help each child reach their potential.

On a celebratory note, we were delighted to host our Annual Cultural Programme, which was a memorable and inspiring event. This year's theme, 'Together We Rise,' brought out the enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication of our students, teachers, and staff.

We sincerely thank all parents/guardians for joining us and making the occasion so special. Your presence, encouragement, and applause meant a great deal to our students and contributed to the success of the programme.

Eid Mubarak!

Rasha Tariq

RS CONFERENCE, SOUTH KOREA



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LOWER SCHOOL ANNUAL CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Lower School celebrated its Annual Cultural Programme on 5th and 6th February 2026. This year's theme, 'Together We Rise,' beautifully reflected unity, creativity, and teamwork among our young learners. A group performance pictured above and below.



The annual event is a cornerstone of the CGS experience and early on students build confidence by performing in front of large audiences each year.

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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



World Environment Day was on 26th January 2026 and our students demonstrated that fashion doesn't have to rely only on new clothes or materials; it can also be creatively expressed through reusing and recycling.



Dressed in outfits made from recycled items, they shared a powerful message on sustainability with everyone. A group pictured above in creative outfits made of recycled materials.

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Winter Term PTM	5.3.2026
SAT Examinations	14.3.2026
Lailatul Qadr*	18.3.2026
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We often notice a familiar pattern: extracurricular activities are the first to be set aside when schedules feel full or when routines feel inconvenient.

A child's growth does not happen only inside classrooms. Learning also happens on the field, on stage, in clubs, rehearsals, competitions and team practices. These experiences build confidence, resilience, discipline, leadership and social skills in ways textbooks never can. Extracurricular activities teach students how to manage time, work through challenges, handle pressure and cooperate with others. These are not 'extra' skills. They are life skills. They are as essential to development as oxygen is to life. They nourish the mind, body and character together.

Each day gives us 24 hours. Ideally, these should be divided into three clear segments: 8 hours of rest, 8 hours of school and the remaining 8 hours thoughtfully shared among meals, self-study, outdoor play, hobbies, family time and extracurricular engagement. When time is structured with intention, balance becomes possible. Being disciplined with time is not restrictive; it is empowering.

What we often see instead is hesitation to step out of comfort zones. Age-appropriate pressure is avoided and unfamiliar commitments feel overwhelming. Yet growth has never happened in comfort. Children need opportunities to stretch, to fail safely, to persist and to discover strengths they did not know they had.

Let us work together to raise confident, capable and well-rounded individuals by encouraging our children to fully engage - not just academically, but wholeheartedly - in all aspects of life.

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Hector Fernandez

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RECENT MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS

World Environmental Education Day: Students marked World Environmental Education Day with a focus on water. Classes 3 to 5 took part in engaging, hands-on activities, while Class 8 students presented to Classes 6 to 8, proving that when seniors teach juniors, environmental learning flows from one generation to the next.

IUB-Drishy Inter-School Debate: Class 8 students participated in the IUB-Drishy Inter-School English Debate Workshop and Competition at the Theatre Institute. The students (pictured right) had the opportunity to learn debating skills from experts and gained valuable experience by interacting with participants from other schools. They also made it to the quarter-finals. Congratulations!

Anti-Sound Pollution Awareness: Classes 6 to 8 participated in an engaging Anti-Sound Pollution Awareness Workshop in collaboration with 3CEH, Asian University for Women (AUW).

CLASS 3/4 RS CONFERENCE

Early in Middle School students (above) get to attend a Round Square Conference to enjoy an educational experience that will help them develop life skills. The recent event was an enriching experience filled with inspiring talks, engaging discussions, and exciting theme-based activities. The day concluded with a memorable Day in Pictures, leaving our students inspired, confident, and connected.



LOWER SCHOOL ACP

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Koran Surah Classes	1-12.3.2026
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As we enter the blessed month of Ramadan, I extend my warmest thoughts and best wishes to our entire Chittagong Grammar School community. Ramadan teaches patience, compassion, humility, and gratitude, and I hope these gentle lessons bring peace to our homes and kindness to our daily interactions. I also wish everyone a joyful and rewarding Eid-ul-Fitr, filled with togetherness and renewed hope.

This season of reflection coincides with an important chapter for many of our students as they prepare for their O' Level and A' Level examinations. To those facing these challenges, please remember that you are not walking this path alone. These examinations are significant, but they are only one part of a much larger journey of growth and learning. What matters just as much as results is the resilience you build, the discipline you practice, and the confidence you gain along the way. Approach your studies with steady commitment rather than pressure, and remember to care for your wellbeing—rest, balance, and belief in yourself are just as vital as revision. Trust the effort you have invested and take each day, and each paper, one step at a time.

I would like to thank our teachers and parents for the constant encouragement and care they provide, especially during demanding periods such as this. Together, as a community rooted in understanding and support, we move forward with strength and optimism.

May this season bring clarity, calm, and success to you all. Eid Mubarak to CGS family!

Faiza Chowdhury

INTER HOUSE DEBATE COMPETITION



The CGS Inter House Debate Competition 2026, was held recently, it showcased outstanding public speaking, critical thinking, and teamwork. Team **Service** (standing left) were winners with **Courage** (standing right) were the runners up. Shashwata (11G), was best debater.



RS CONFERENCE, SOUTH KOREA

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The conference itinerary was a blend of intellectual rigor, cultural immersion, and classic adolescent adventure. Delegates visited iconic South Korean landmarks, including Gyeongbokgung Palace and traditional folk villages, to experience the country's rich history firsthand. The schedule included a visit to the vibrant Hongdae district for theatre performances, attending the world-famous Nanta non-verbal percussion show, and a special screening of the movie Wonder to spark discussions on empathy.

A major highlight was a trip to Lotte World, where delegates bonded over theme park rides, and a lively 'Cultural Night' featuring international dance performances and celebrations.

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INTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

The CGS Programming Club successfully hosted an Inter-School programming contest. The event brought together students from schools across the nation, creating a focused and energetic space for problem-solving, innovation, and collaboration.

The contest featured both a programming and a research section, allowing participants to demonstrate technical skill as well as analytical depth.

Winners pictured below for more details visit: www.facebook.com/share/p/15bP7T6nbqd/



CGS ONLINE SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

CGS hosted the first Inter-School Online Science Olympiad in Physics, Biology, and Chemistry, with participants from Dhaka, Chattogram, and Sylhet. Organized by an 8-member CGS Science Olympiad Preparation team, the four-hour Zoom-based event ran smoothly, winners details can be viewed here:

www.facebook.com/share/p/17uLeQ1UxT/

BILQUIS MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT



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