



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE, AUGUST 2022

We are now one month into the academic year. In many ways, it is the first typical academic year with the physical presence of facilitators and learners. And it makes a world of difference. This year, we have also welcomed many new learners and their parents.

In July, we focused on settling in, getting to know each other, and building class communities. It is an essential prerequisite for learning for students to feel welcome and valued as a community member.

Through diagnostic testing, we have a good picture of each learner's academic profile, which is crucial for the personalization of learning.

From August, we will continue to focus on academics without losing focus on the mental health of the learners. By the end of this academic year, we will ensure to fill the educational gap that has been created by two years of online and hybrid learning.

PE AND SPORTS

Physical education is an essential part of our 'We Lead' curriculum. The purpose of PE is to improve the physical health of the learners consistently, to create healthy habits for the rest of their lives, and to inspire the learners to engage in sports. Our goal is for physical activity to become an essential part of their daily life.

Therefore, PE in the timetable is for students of all grades. We are working towards introducing different sports, exercises and other physical activities. Every academic year, we plan on repeating the same activities and including new ones. Our goal is to ensure that there is something for everyone.

In addition to general PE, we have initiated passion projects, including different types of sports, arts, dance, music and theatre that learners can opt to focus on over the academic year. We are currently in discussion with our learners regarding the diverse options that they could choose from. In these passion projects, they will have the opportunity to dive into the sports or art that they are passionate about and achieve a high level of success in their respective fields. We will further discuss on developing the concept of passion projects with parents. Passion projects in sports will start at the beginning of term 2 (in October).

We have three arenas for PE and sports in the school: The multipurpose hall for indoor activities, the swimming pool and the outdoor sports field in front of the school building (the construction will start shortly, and the area will be ready for activities at the beginning of October). In addition to our own sports areas, we have an agreement with XLR8, which we can activate if and when necessary.

IB/ICSE BIFURCATION

After grade 8, our policy is to bifurcate between the IB and ICSE boards. On September 10, we will conduct the first of two orientation meetings about the two options. The first orientation will be general in nature and the second orientation will be held in October or November, where we will be inviting experts from education and the boards to answer questions from the parents as well as the learners. The orientation meeting will be organised for parents and learners of grades 6, 7 and 8 while the middle school parents will receive a separate invitation.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Chaman Bhartiya School focuses on developing leadership qualities in all our learners. In order to achieve that, we continually back them in becoming active and responsible school community members. We want them to have an active voice in the decision-making processes in the school: in the class and the whole school.

We are therefore creating a Students' Council with representatives in all our classes.

An election process shall be followed across all classes for the President and Vice President positions. We have planned to conduct an Investiture Ceremony on September 10, to which our parents will be invited.

Though the Students' Council will have a formal structure with representatives, we want democracy to start from the bottom with active discussions and decision-making processes in the classes to ensure that all voices are heard in order to develop democratic values.

Warm Regards,

**Allan Kjaer Andersen
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Chaman Bhartiya School**

SCHOOL REOPENED FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-23

Last month, we welcomed our young learners back to school for the beginning of a new academic year. This will be the first official year where the students will be participating in an 100% offline learning mode. The aim is for the learners to be fully integrated into an offline setup and make maximum use of the different avenues available at school such as the newly launched Innovation Lab. Our holistic approach coupled with academic rigour will ensure a focused approach for our learners during this academic year.

The Early Years students also returned to the school campus for the new academic year. To get them comfortable and acclimated to the environment, we have conducted various fun activities like Music & Movement, Craft, Games, and a selfie session at the Photo Booth which they engaged in, along with their parents.



BASTILLE DAY CELEBRATION

Last month, we celebrated our annual French Festival - Bastille Day. It was hosted by our French facilitator Maxime B. The event was initiated by a speech by Director Allan Andersen who highlighted the fact that the history of each country in this world is interconnected. He emphasised on the significance of the French Revolution, which had a significant impact on the whole of Europe, America, Africa and Asia, especially in India. Our talented learners showcased their skills by presenting the various facets of the French language and culture through different art forms.

Grade 2 learners performed the 'Bonjour mes amis' rhyme while Grade 3 learners performed a group dance on 'Alors on danse' by Stromae. Rhea of Grade 8 conducted a fun and exciting quiz for the audience. To top it off, the learners from grades 6-8 came together to perform a skit on the storming of the Bastille Prison and the beginning of the French Republic, and freedom from monarchy. The festival enabled our learners to understand the various aspects of the French culture.

Learners are exposed to various cultures over the academic year to develop a sense of multiculturalism and mutual respect for people from varying backgrounds.



SWIMMING CLASSES COMMENCES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS

Learners took part in their first ever swimming session at Chaman Bhartiya School last month. Our Physical Education instructors Mr. Edwin and Ms. Manju are professional swimming instructors who guided the learners to improve their swimming skills, step-by-step. A consent form was shared with each parent to ensure that they feel confident about allowing their children to participate in the swimming sessions.



MEET THE STAFF

Laxmi Ravikoti is an Early Years facilitator at Chaman Bhartiya School. She is passionate about teaching and learning. She has more than five years of experience in teaching at an early childhood setup in New Jersey, USA. She recently moved to India to continue her career in education. She is a Montessori certified teacher from North American Montessori certification centre (NAMC) based in the USA.

She believes that every person has a kid inside them who is curious and always wants to learn. She loves being around children and enjoys their innocence and pure heart which motivates her to be a better facilitator. She is a fine arts and advertising graduate and loves to express and teach through art. She loves singing, travelling and dancing. She is also a home baker and loves making theme cakes.

