

*Never Forget
Your Roots*





Message from Principal's desk

On behalf of the Board of Management, the teaching staff, the students and the parents, I extend my sincere wishes to all our Alumni.

We are happy to share that during these un-precedent times, our school has reached out to our students by providing them with both academic and co-curricular activities without any interruption. I take this opportunity to thank all our Alumni for their constant support in our endeavour to better the best. A big thanks to all the Alumni who took the lead in addressing our current students on various topics during the month of July and August 2020, as part of our school's initiative- The Alumni Webinar Series.

May God bless you all and may you continue to live by our school motto "Service Before Self".

Asna Nafees



Message from Vice Principal Senior Secondary School

I extend my warm wishes to all the Alumni of DPS - Modern Indian School. Our 7th Alumni Meet awaits with open arms to welcome all of you on zoom platform on 13th August. I am grateful to the prevailing spirit of excellence from our Alumni, School leaders, and our teachers who continuously motivate each other to rise. Like branches of a tree your branches may grow in different directions yet our roots remains as one.

God bless.

Soma Bhattacharjee





Message from Vice Principal Secondary School

My loving students,
I am really overwhelmed at the very thought that few years back you were all in the school surrounded by your class mates, teachers, and busy with your activities, tests, assignments.... Life in school is the most beautiful days in your life!

Every time I meet some of you the first statement that you tell me "Ma'am I miss my school." I can very well understand that you miss your happy, carefree days at school because you were always taken care by your teachers at school and by your parents at home all that you've been responsible was to study your lessons well.

Each one of you must be remembering unforgettable memories of your school days!!! The time spent on the playground, experiment done in the laboratory, browsing through your favorite books in the library, and the list goes on..... I am sure you will treasure these memories and will stay connected to your roots and make your alma mater proud.

God bless you.
With lots of love
Mary Cruz

Message from Alumni Coordinator

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." – Winston Churchill

Strongly believing in this we have successfully been able to reform social distancing to socializing, with not just the local alumni community but also with our global alumni community. The current pandemic has indeed made it quite strenuous for us to engage ourselves in productive chores and this made us realize that this is the need of hour for the students to explore and undertake new opportunities through our new lifestyle – virtually. This year's alumni meet has broken all geographical boundaries, connecting us online. The gradual increase in the responses by our alumni and the support and appreciation by the entire community was blissful. I wish you all the very best for your future and always remember that every dark cloud has a silver lining.

Jaya Majumder



DPS Modern Indian School Alumni Association organised an Alumni Interaction Programme on 15th July 2020 when alumnus **Vatsal Patel (Batch 2014)** had a live interaction session. The event was attended by the Vice President Mr. Yasir Nainar, Principal Ms. Asna Nafees, Vice Principals Ms. Soma Bhattacharjee and Ms. Mary Cruz along with all coordinators and team of teachers. The participants of the programme were students from IX-XII.

After completing Graduation and Master's from the University of California, Berkeley, currently, Vatsal is pursuing his PhD at Yale University in Mechanical Engineering mainly focused on robotics.

The event began with welcoming the guest along with the motivating speech of the Principal. Vatsal had given an insight with his talk titled 'Robotics in real life' to the various fields within robotics and how in the coming years robots would be a huge part of workforce. He had also shown how robots would help a great deal in surgeries. Towards the end of the interaction, there was question and answer session where Vatsal had answered the questions of the curious minds- students.

The event ended with the speech of the Vice President Mr .Yasir Nainar followed by the vote of thanks. Altogether, it was knowledge enriching where students as well as teachers had learned even more about the field of robotics.

➤ Interactive session 1



➤ Interactive session 2



Preethi Allampalli (Batch 2017) a management student in IIM, Indore returned to her Alma Mater on 19th July 2020 at 5.00 pm (Qatar Time) via zoom to address the aspiring students from X-XII on the topic “Breaking the Myth.”

Preethi gave an insight on how the students can avoid confusion and decide the preferable stream by having a vision and comparing the pros and cons of each stream. She also shared some common statements which may come across about the commerce stream. She elaborated on the role of extra and co-curricular activities and about the integrated programme in Management at IIM- Indore.

Principal Ms. Asna Nafees talked about how the enriching event can bridge the gap between alumni and the current students via sharing knowledge and experiences.



Yashaswee Raman from batch 2015-16 interacted with the students of VII and VIII in the session named Cricket with Yashaswee on 26th July, 5.00 pm (Qatar Time) via Zoom. The session commenced with a hearty welcome by the Principal Ms Asna Nafees, Vice Principals Ms Soma Bhattacharjee and Ms Mary Cruz.

Yashaswee enlightened the audience by endorsing his views on cricket and commentary. He further shared his experiences in meeting and interviewing various esteemed personalities of different fields namely Mahendra Singh Dhoni, PT Usha, Mukhesh Chabra and so on. Currently pursuing his MBA at Manipal, Yashaswee exceptionally explained the significance of the right balance of academics and sports in one's life thus illuminating young minds.

The session came to an end with a question and answer session where in the enthusiastic students got an opportunity to enquire further about his journey from DPS – MIS to meeting such distinguished personalities. The evening was magnificent, indeed a day to remember.

➤ Interactive session 3

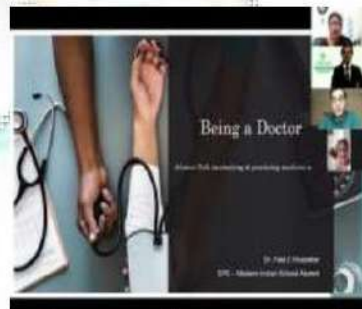


DPS Modern Indian School organized an online Alumni Talk with Dr. **Faid Khopekar**, who is the former student of DPS-MIS from the **batch 2013-14**, on 1st August 2020. The event commenced by the hearty welcome by Principal Ms. Asna Nafees who explained in her speech the importance of giving back to the society which is also of our school motto "Service before Self".

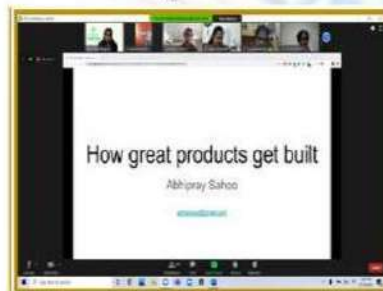
Dr. Faid talked about his journey from when he was in school till the present. He talked about the medical school entrance qualifications along with the standardized examinations that are required. He mentioned the difference between the traditional and modernized methods of teaching, the medical courses available in the United States, India and the United Kingdom. The different changes which are experienced when going abroad and how to overcome them, the importance of passion in this field of work and the varieties of occupations available through this field were explained.

At the end of his consultation, Dr. Faid answered the questions from the aspiring students present in the session. Overall, Dr. Faid Khopekar's insight into the field of medicine and various career opportunities present in India and abroad was a truly inspirational and sensational event.

➤ Interactive session 4



➤ Interactive session 5



Abhipray Sahoo (Batch 2012), a Senior Embedded Algorithm Engineer from California joined his Alma Mater in an Interaction Programme "How Great Products Get Built" on 17th July 2020 at 7.00pm (Qatar Time) via zoom.

Students from Grade IX-XII joined the programme enthusiastically along with their teachers. The first-hand experience enabled him to give insight into how entrepreneurs work. His session threw light on the importance of teamwork, networking and customer orientation in the process of product development. Students got the opportunity to ask him questions about his experience as an entrepreneur after the session.

Abhipray Sahoo delivered the session in an engaging and relatable manner that kept students listening. He concluded by providing the students with his contact details in case they were further curious about his work. Overall, it was a great experience for both the alumnus and the students, and an evening of learning for all participants.

Shad Amir 2008



Hello everyone, it's Shad Amir from the second batch of **2008**. I have studied Civil engineering from Aligarh Muslim University and passed in 2012.

Currently I'm working as a Construction Manager in Bin Omran Trading and Contracting. It's a great idea of arranging this alumni meet in such a safe way. I thank DPS for taking this initiative.

Hey Guys, it's Shabi Amir from the Batch of **2012-13**, also the first batch from the new building. I'm working in Doha as an Architect.



Shabi Amir 2013

I think it's a good step initiated by the School for the Alumni meet keeping everyone safe and at home/office. I wish everyone in Qatar and abroad a delightful and safe year!!!

Yash Mathne 2017



Never since DPS, have I been in any community that felt like family. I am glad the Alumni network here exists and can't wait to see a few old faces again!

DPS-MIS has given me some of my best memories that I will cherish for life. Wishing good morning to every teacher we see, catching up with our friends before the start of every period, and competing for house points in the Rendezvous are just a few drops in an ocean.

The connections we built will never be forgotten, and it is these connections that will stay alive and grow through our alumni meets. I can't wait to see everyone in person once the world is back to normal!



Dinkar Khattar 2016

Akshita Shahani **2020**



I believe this event is going to be a remarkable one because this is the first time ever DPS is going to have an online alumni meet. I believe the quizzes, the silly jokes, the dances etc. are going to allow all the students and the teachers to connect to one another. I also know the hard work of my teachers and my juniors will make this online alumni meet better than anything we have ever seen.

Even though we're going to have a virtual alumni meet, it's going to be an amazing opportunity to meet everyone and reminisce about school days. I mean, who doesn't like a change? Can't wait to see what's in store!



Krupa Ann Jacob **2015**

This virtual meet is a fantastic opportunity for alumni like us to meet and share our experiences with each other.

This alumni meet will also help us connect back to our roots and make us feel a part of the DPS Community once again.

Ayush Bhardwaj **2013**



DPS MIS has been the moulding hands of my inner strength and courage to face challenges as they come. The spirit of never ceasing to grow as an individual is instilled deep within every child that steps out into the world from the classrooms of DPS-MIS.

Our very first home of knowledge, every milestone it crosses is a proud moment for every alumni of DPS-MIS. I wish the school and my fellow juniors, the very best for the new chapter of education that history is yet to write.



Trishita Bhattacharjee **2011**

Raunishka Sabu 2017



Alumni Meets have always been a wonderful opportunity to meet and interact with old friends, batch mates, seniors, juniors, faculty and staff members, foster new ties and observe significant development and achievements of our Alma mater. In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, we've all been adjusting to the new norm of "social distancing." However, physically distancing ourselves from one another does not necessarily mean losing social connections.

A virtual alumni meet is a creative and effective way to keep the DPS alumni from across the world, connected to its roots. I'm glad that being in another country won't stop me from attending the event. I'm looking forward to virtually celebrating and refreshing some old relationships.

Once in a while, I take a stroll down the memory lane and reminisce all the memories worth cherishing and holding on to. And I do not find it surprising that most of the irreplaceable ones were created within the confines of our school- my alma mater. Three years have passed by ever so quickly and the best thing that I have learnt since graduation is that the world celebrates great talent, but only pays off on admirable character.

All that I am today and all that I ever hope to be in the future, I owe it to my teachers and my alma mater- for they are the ones that worked day in and day out to nurture us into the strong and capable individuals that we are today.

Samiksha Arora 2019



Hey, I am Kaushiki Mishra, an alumni of **2015** batch. Currently I am a Software Design Engineer. DPS-MIS has played an integral part in my life, in shaping me to become the person I am today. It will be forever a favourite part of my life in Doha.

Kaushiki Mishra 2015



From disliking to get up early to come to school, to hoping to see and sit in my classroom once more. From participating in Rendezvous to competing as a House Captain, to the excitement of wearing lab coats for the first time to last I will miss and cherish every moment I spent in this school. The weekly tests which taught me not to procrastinate, the scolding of the teachers which I started to miss and the heavy heart with which I cleaned my locker to leave, the entire journey has been mesmerizing.

Thank you for all the memories and countless friends that you have given me. DPS-MIS you will always hold a special place in my heart.

Learning to write the steps correctly is incredibly important. In school, the task of writing the steps for a problem in Math and Physics was one of the two things: annoying if I knew the answer or a way to game the system and get at least some points in the exam if I didn't.

In college, writing the steps was a way to ensure that I was being a good engineer. Writing the steps is vital for communication and accountability. At least as an engineer, building devices to solve the world's problems is a team effort. Documenting your process by writing the steps makes it easier for your team-mates to understand your thought process and contribute to it, and tells the investors, consumers, and regulatory agencies that you have made sound, thoughtful decisions while designing your product.

So, the next time when you are writing the same tedious steps again, remember that you are developing an excellent habit and becoming a much better college student and future professional.



Disha Vaswani **2016**

I believe an Alumni Meet is a perfect platform for us to meet (though digitally, given the circumstances) and revive the bond with our teachers and fellow classmates. Further, it provides us an opportunity to go down the memory lane and reminisce one of the most enjoyable days of our lives which have left unforgettable impression on us.

While writing this, I've been once again taken back to my school days and the innumerable life lessons that this school taught us on daily basis, all thanks to our wonderful teachers for all their efforts to make us better persons and support us throughout our journey and of course help us score good grades.

Lastly, I have seen this school growing and grooming every single day because of its highly ambitious and committed faculty. It is their courage, hard work and patience which have helped in producing bright students who have done well in their respective careers. I have seen many of my batch mates who have reached extreme heights in their career. All thanks to our respected Principal and Teachers! Without you, it would not have been possible to tread such a great path.

Akshat Agarwal **2013**



Initially, when I moved from Qatar to India for college, I managed to keep in touch with my most of my classmates and batch mates from school through social media and the frequent last minute home sick trips made back home. However, as I settled into my college life; I started to lag behind in keeping in touch.

So, about 5 years ago when I found out about the tradition of the annual school alumni meet, I eagerly looked forward to it. Over the years, the alumni meet gave me a chance to revive old friendships and reminisce about the simpler school times. I was unable to attend the alumni meet in my final year of college and during my internship.

However, this year's virtual alumni meet will give me a chance to reconnect with my peers and teachers once again. I am extremely thankful to the school for staying true to the tradition and not allowing a global pandemic deter the school's spirit.

DPS, is indeed a school with a difference. I hope that we make the virtual alumni meet a tradition, which gives an opportunity to the alumni to connect with its roots from various cities, countries and continents across the globe.

Aryan Adhlakha 2018



Online conferences have come as a blessing in disguise for all of us stuck at home during quarantine. I have been unable to attend alumni meet ever since I graduated from DPS.

An online alumni meet is something I did not think I wanted, but needed nonetheless. I'm excited to see all my teachers and friends. It'll be good to be home, away from home.

Krupa Modi 2014



Online Alumni Meet 2020



The First Ever Online-Alumni Meet -2020

The 7th Alumni Meet of DPS Modern Indian was held on 13 August 2020 via the digital platform Zoom. The meet was the first-ever 'Online Meet' which too echoed the same 'Never Forget your Roots'. Alumni around the globe showed their eagerness to connect with their Alma mater by signing up in the meeting along with school management, dignitaries and teachers.

The program commenced with the anchors cherishing the nostalgic memories of the school life and introduced all past head boys and head girls to the audience. The evening unfolded a string of activities from instrumental to vocal, from dance to games, from memories to encouraging speeches. DPS Modern Indian School Quiz via Kahoot electrified the audience with enthusiasm.

The event was graced by the encouraging words of Vice President, Mr. Yasir Nainar, Principal Ms. Asna Nafees, Vice Principal Secondary School, Ms. Soma Bhattacharjee and Vice Principal Secondary School, Ms. Hyacinth Mary Cruz. The Head Girl Arya Vivek Kanade and The Head Boy Mohak Vaswani concluded the event by the vote of thanks right after the 'Unveiling of the Alumni Newsletter'.

Let's wait for the exuberant contribution from our dear alumni in the upcoming years and wish them all the very best in all their future endeavors commented the principal.



Never forget your roots



A Journey through time-
By Rajvardhan Singh
Batch of 2013

A journey through time,
In this school of mine.
Has been filled with memories,
That make great stories.
From the transition in school campuses,
The small cozy rooms to the state of the art classes.
And the joy of learning with amazing teachers,
That molded me into a happiness and success seeker.
The school has given me something grand,
Another home filled with a second family and long
lasting friends.
These memories will stay with me forever,
And they will only help me in my future endeavors.
There's no one memory that stands out,
Every event at the school is something I could ramble
on about.
Competitions, extra classes and rendezvous,
They all had their own magical value.
What matters is the people I met along the way,
Beautiful souls that I stay connected with to this day.
And the lessons bestowed by the school itself,
To live by its motto - "Service Before Self".





2013 Rania Poyil



I happened to stumble across a few memories from around ten years ago in the form of a few pictures, videos and audio recordings. Time can be really wicked and here I am, contemplating my school days. Gone are those carefree, youthful and happy-go-lucky days. Gone are those evergreen days when I used to look forward to sitting inside my classroom, talking to my classmates about anything as random as why the sky is colored blue, teasing each other and laughing without any anticipation regarding my future.

I take pride in declaring that I was a student of DPS-MIS right from when it was established in the year 2001. I still remember how dearly our first school Principal, Mr. Yog Raj Sir had assessed my admission test paper, the one in which I had given really absurd answers. I used to be a very shy, an introvert in the beginning, but it was my first class teacher - Ravinder ma'am, who helped in moulding me right from the start. Our school annual day functions were something we all used to look forward to every year. There are infinite memories that I would like to associate to those days which I consider as the best days of my life so far. Some of those fond memories include singing sessions with Sapna Karve Ma'am, peaceful learning along with Moral classes by Mary Ma'am who used to have an extremely elegant handwriting, 3-B days with Mou Bera ma'am who made learning a fun-loving

I used to always look forward to Amit Sir's Art classes and I keep getting reminded of him whenever I see Aamir Khan's character in Taare Zameen Par. Experience through her innovative teaching techniques, Seema Ma'am's library periods where she used to encourage us to read a book every week and I still remember that she would make sure we read it by asking us questions related to the book.

We were taught dance by a number of teachers including Soumya ma'am, Natrajan sir, Dharshana ma'am and music by Tripthi ma'am, Sangeeta Ma'am, each of whom used to be so encouraging and lively. English classes by Banta ma'am, Marie ma'am, Shantha ma'am, Umesh sir were among the others that I enjoyed the most.

Maths was made interesting by inspiring teachers like Suganya ma'am, Shakuntala ma'am, Arun sir and Mani sir. Social science classes were made even more exciting by Rakesh sir, Sapna Sharma ma'am, Jayanthi ma'am, Rajiv sir, each and every memory still fresh inside my head. Soma Ma'am's biology classes, Ratheesh sir's physics sessions, chemistry taught by Chhabra sir and Lakshmi Shobha ma'am remain as the sweetest memories in my life journey.





Another teacher that inspired me the most was Bindu Ma'am who was more like a dear friend to me. We were so happy and lucky to have her as our class teacher in Grade 11. After Yog Raj sir left, we witnessed the presence of a beautiful and strong Principal named Mattu ma'am who still remain so dear to us. She was followed by Asna ma'am who was so down-to-earth and loving. I still remember how eagerly we all used to look forward to Patra sir's PT classes. We were taught swimming by our favourite Subbu sir.

Much of my school days were spent in cute classrooms adorned with green colored boards and a class room strength of not more than 25. I feel so special that even now, my closest friends were made from my school - DPS-MIS. DPS was more like a family and I take pride in being a member of this beautiful family.





Nostalgia
Nayana Singh
Batch of 2017

I remember it like it was yesterday,
Trying to not miss the school bus and groaning the whole way,
And at the end of what seemed like a journey of a thousand miles,
Everything seemed to get better when I'd see a classroom full of smiles,
From the anxious "Hey, did you do the Math homework? Please let me see it"
To realizing first period is Math,
And now there's no escaping the teachers wrath,
When you've exhausted all of your wit,
And think "maybe ma'am won't ask me for the homework if there is where I sit"
Eagerly waiting for the first break,
Thinking half the day is done,
Only half more to stay awake
Daydreaming about today's five-star meal made,
Only to see that lunch is a cucumber sandwich, and asking someone who brought shawarma, "want to trade?",
From standing shoulder to shoulder during assemblies in pearl hall,
To screaming at the top of our lungs during clusters when the opponent missed the ball,
From proudly sporting house colors during rendezvous,
To proving "East or West, DPS is the best" to always be true,
From playing our hearts out in PT period every week no matter the Qatar heat,
To using Annual day to show off our dancing and singing technique,
There's so much to talk about,
So many memories were made,
Memories I'm sure no matter how long it's been,
Will never ever fade.

To all my friends, teachers and everyone that I met along the way,
Thank you so much for the experiences that I cherish to this day,

Riyah 2019



Riyah's sketches



Anitha Kharim

Message from the Editors

Connecting with people from different parts of the world through this virtual medium is both a privilege and a misfortune however we believe in embracing changes and putting in the best of our efforts in making every ordinary moment an enchanting one the experience has been challenging. However, as it is rightly said that it is always the dark path that leads us to bright destinations. Let's wish the alumni the very best in their future endeavours.

Faaizah (student)

