

SURKHIYAN सुरखिया

Congratulations GICLM Graduates



Class of 2021-2022



We all know that the academic year that has just gone by has been challenging for both Students and Teachers. But, I am proud of how the team at GICLM and the students faced the significant challenge of learning and well-being. There were three things we worked on together and students were absolutely responsive, as we closely collaborated on pedagogy delivery, academic practice and continuous assessments.

As we close the year, I wish each of our talented students the bright future they deserve, a special place with leading Universities, merit scholarships, and an enriching learning journey. I am so proud of our Class of 2022, an excellent batch of bright future leaders. Special and heartfelt gratitude to our Parents - we could not have done this without you.

Thank you, dear Students and Parents, you reinforce our commitment to excellence and renew our faith in building future leaders for a changing world. Our students are the stars .. we are astounded at their discipline and resilience. It is so heartening to see them share our vision to stand up and be counted amongst the best. We applaud the support from our parents, who placed their trust in us. The collaboration of our parents and students' adoption of changing classroom and teaching strategies has been outstanding.

Here's wishing you all an incredible start to the next phase of your educational journey, and I am sure you will take on the challenges to lead in whatever career you choose.

Mr Nishant Garodia
Director





I sincerely hope that you will look back on your time at GICLM as a true learning experience from which you will rebound. COVID deprived you all of a normal IB experience and that we cannot regain. But, I think it is important that you take time to consider how the IB has a far-sighted Mission that invites you to be the 'leaders and change makers' in the future. Leaders that have a moral purpose and vision combined. And the world certainly needs this right now. When I have moments of self-doubt and need some inspiration, I often re-read Mahatma Gandhi's words:

I do not want my house to be walled in on all sides and my windows to be stuffed. I want the cultures of all the lands to be blown about my house as freely as possible. But I refuse to be blown off my feet by any. I refuse to live in other people's houses as an interloper, a beggar or a slave...Mine is not a religion of the prison-house. It has room for the least among God's creation. But it is proof against insolence, pride of race, religion or colour.....

He reminds us to be strong but also to be open-minded and that a world requires a genuine cooperation and understanding between races, religions and minds. That is what I feel the IB programme has given you. It has opened up new vista's for you and given you a direction for life. I will proudly remember you all for being an academic elite, for the contributions that you continued to make on the CAS programme to those less fortunate than yourselves and for the great sense of humour that you all have. You managed to make a great contribution to GICLM – do not forget that. But, most of all I will recall in years to come the great human beings, the great people that have graduated from GICLM. I am proud to have known you and commend you for all that you have done and I am sure will continue to do. I encourage you to go and make your mark in the world. You will always be welcome, so do visit.

Remember: 'Once a Garodian, always a Garodian'

Mr Ian Davies
Head of School





Dear Grade 12 Students,

Despite some hard challenges, sadness and some would say 'grief' that you have encountered in the course of your studies, at the end of it all, you have completed this part of your journey with great achievements and wonderful memories. Yes, I know I have been tough on you at times but only so that I could prepare you for a greater challenge ahead, and to nurture you to build a strong foundation for your next level.

I and my fellow teachers wish to thank you for the enthusiasm you have demonstrated in what was the 'new norm' in learning, in your relationship with the teachers, management, the junior students, and even among yourselves. As you leave this school, there will be many challenges that await you, which of course, I strongly believe going by the manner you have conducted yourselves over the years and the skills and knowledge we have imparted in you, you will surely overcome them.

I want to implore you to always see yourselves as good ambassadors of GICLM and never allow selfish interest to blemish the integrity you have nurtured over the years in this great school. Be kind and good to people you meet on your way up. Allow the words of your elders to guide you as you journey to greatness. Think big thoughts and be optimistic in whatever you are doing. Have self-belief in what you can do and do not allow others to deter you. If you strive for Gold and miss you may get Silver, if you strive for Bronze you may well get nothing.

On behalf of the GICLM, I bid you farewell and wish you the very best of luck in your days ahead.

Mr Patrick Moore
Head of Secondary





Dear Students,

I am sure you might remember your first day in our school; when you stepped into our foyer, with many apprehensions, expectations, eager to find a friendly face. And today I hope you are leaving GICLM as a confident, young individual equipped with multifarious skills and with lots of friendly relationships. Take pride in how far you have come. Think of all those moments when you thought “Oh, I could not do this”, or “I wonder when I will complete all these tasks,” and then the proud moments later when you wanted to shout to the world “yeh! I have done it.”

The past year was unlike any other years and was a tough one for all of us. Especially for you all, where you had to be rooted to your desks for endless hours of online classes and with sparse opportunities for meeting with your friends. I am proud to say that still you all adapted to this situation very soon and thus have completed this leg of your journey magnificently. Thank you for all the joy and enthusiasm you brought to the learning environment of the school during these tough times.

As you embark upon the next chapter of your life in various universities across the world, the message I would like to give you is something similar to this quote by Harold B Merchant;” Live your life each day as you would climb a mountain. An occasional glance towards the summit keeps the goal in mind, but many beautiful scenes are to be observed from each vantage point.” I am sure that life has even more wonderful things in store for you.

Continue to be resilient and stay positive always. Go forth and shine. We are confident that you will not only survive but thrive. My best wishes to you all for a bright future.

Ms Elza Eldo
IBDP Coordinator





Dear Class of 2022,

It has been a pleasure and privilege to be a part of your journey in GICLM and watch you grow from awkward adolescent teenagers into the confident young adults of today. Things have not been easy for you, what with the Covid-19 pandemic resulting in online classes with no meeting each other, talking to little squares on the screen, no playing pranks, no meeting up after school, no vociferous arguments and no aimless chitchatting. And yet you all have persevered and faced every trial with resilience and emerged stronger, to finally face the ultimate challenge of offline school in the last few months culminating with the final exams. Congratulations on a task well done!

The past two years have indeed been quite rough but have perhaps also helped you discover and explore more avenues and opportunities which you would have otherwise ignored. You have looked inwards and found the strength and courage to face the many challenges that have come your way. Take pride in all your achievements as you end this journey with our school, and set off on another to achieve greater heights. And as you embark on your new journey, dare to dream new dreams, embrace life with passion, and keep reaching for the stars. As aptly said by Ralph Waldo Emerson – “The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.”

Graduation is an exciting time. It marks both an ending and a beginning - warm memories of the past and big dreams for the future. Together we have created many memories (online and offline) and with some of you I have even more. Who can forget the trip to Paris and the fun we had there? The mad rush in the afternoons to the station to catch the train, then travelling by the metro, the visits to the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre and the amusement parks and so much more. I am sure you have many such unforgettable memories of your time here in GICLM which will keep you bonded for a long time to come. Congratulations once again and wishing you all the best for a fantastic future ahead! Keep up the good work and may many more accomplishments keep coming your way. We at GICLM are so proud of you.

Ms Vidya Rao
Tutor - Grade 12A





To the Class of 2022,

You are a special class. You have had to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic and its global impact and you have shown great fortitude, resilience, and perseverance. I have been blessed to know you and to have seen your remarkable growth.

What a tumultuous one and a half years, it has been as you faced the challenges. No doubt, your life was disrupted, and there was added stress. No doubt, there was uncertainty. Despite these challenges, or more accurately because of them, you are stronger. I know you will all be superb world citizens with great knowledge, compassion, and empathy. As once said, truly "A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor." Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Take time to celebrate as your hard work and determination have led you to this point. You all should feel so proud of your accomplishments and perseverance in the most uncertain of times. Now is the time to seize the future as you venture into a new normal, as there are a number of opportunities available to you all. We all look forward to hearing about your future successes and achievements. I know you will go out into the world with confidence in your abilities to communicate and analyse the world you encounter. School may be over, but life's lessons are yet to be learnt. Keep an open heart and mind.

It has been a pleasure working with you. With immense pride, Congratulations, to all of my dear students! As you cherish the fruits of your hard work, I wish that success keeps following you in everything that you do. I hope that you keep in contact with us to continue to celebrate your achievements as alumni of the GICLM. You are all an inspiration to juniors.

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

Ms. Rumana Chatterjee
Tutor - Grade 12B





**AANYA
PATEL**

*Pursuing Biology at the
University of Massachusetts,
Amherst, USA*

I have been at GICLM for over 12 years now, and I have made so many memories over these years, it's hard to identify just one that sticks out in my mind. Without my friends, I wouldn't have made it through IB, and I am grateful for each one of them and also our teachers who spent endless hours correcting our IAs and EEs.

Our two years in IB, were sadly online for most of the time, but that made us realise how much we value offline school and how much I missed being at GICLM. Even saying it is so weird, but it's the truth. To make up for lost time, we made sure to utilise the last six months of offline schooling by making as many memories as possible.

Going forward I plan to pursue a Bachelor's of Science in Biology at University of Massachusetts, Amherst. There were ups and downs along the way, but I would like to say thank you to all the people that helped make IB tolerable, I am lucky to have you guys.



The fondest memory of GICLM is definitely going to be the senior prank and all the different celebrations we had like Diwali and Holi. Musicals were a great time, where all students from different grades came together and collaboratively put up a great show. I will definitely miss all the interesting conversations we had in class, the Sports Day practices and musical rehearsals. Even though we couldn't enjoy our 11th grade in school, we have made enough memories in the last few months of Grade 12 to last a lifetime.

Ms Amretta has definitely impacted my life in many ways. She had a completely different way of teaching and interacting with us. She understands our feelings and amount of stress we had due to IB and in addition to that, she helped me understand my emotions better.



**AARNA
PATEL**

*Pursuing Psychology at the
University of Massachusetts,
Amherst, USA*





**ADITI
BODA**

*Pursuing Business at
Russell Square College, India*

Looking back on my time at GICLM I will miss my teachers, the school facility, my juniors and my friends. It is said that the best time of our lives is when we are in school. Anyone who has ever been a student understands what school is like: it is a magical time of learning that has a lasting impact on students' lives. The value of school cannot be overstated, and it is an essential formative experience. Going to school is a crucial learning experience that instils in us self-assurance, determination, and the will to constantly give our best effort. Furthermore, school provides us with friends, many of whom we will remain our companions for the rest of our lives! School days at GICLM were truly the happiest days of my life, and I will always look back on my experience as a positive one. These days are like a priceless treasure to me.

A teacher who impacted my educational career at GICLM is Ms Priya. She is one of the best teachers I've ever had. She is very hardworking, and she has put in a lot of effort to help me when I needed it the most.

Now that I am leaving GICLM, I want my younger peers to remember the idea that you learn something new every day. As a student, you're constantly learning with the goal of graduating, and although graduation may mark the end of your formal education, you will still be learning and reflecting upon your prior experiences. Make sure you plan your week out. Find out what assignments you have, make a plan, put your tasks in your calendar, and stick to it. Do not procrastinate, or you will have many late nights! Most importantly, know that you CAN do this. It will be hard, but it will be worth it. There is a famous saying that goes, "No matter how much people plan, the future is always uncertain, but a well-defined direction going towards something will lead you to success.

Being surrounded by a business family, I never realised how I became so invested in learning about business and one day hope to start a new business of my own. However, I have always felt passionate about organising things. In IB, Business Management was one of the subjects that I was always interested in, as my great-grandfather was a chairman who started his business, with my dad taking over the business and becoming the vice-chairman. My dad has inspired and motivated me to go towards this path and choose business as my career. As a result, I plan to go to university to attain a degree in the field of Business Administration.





**ADITYA
PAREKH**

*Pursuing Bachelor's in Accounting
& Finance at a University in India*

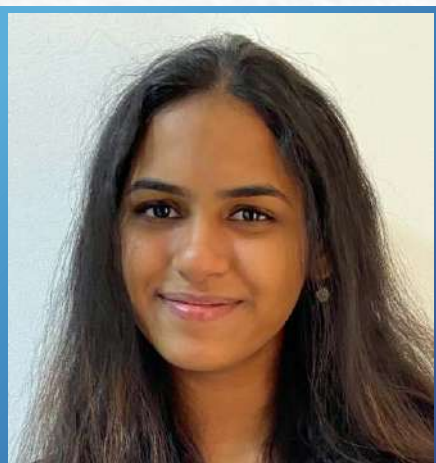
Be it being chased around the Visual Arts room by the cockroaches haunting it, or finding the smallest of reasons to celebrate and eat cake, there was never a dull moment at GICLM. Some of my favourite memories of school include getting caught dancing to old Bollywood songs by the pool, 'group therapy' sessions during homeroom in PSHCE and rushing to the MFH to play basketball whenever we got a free class. Looking back, my time at school has been full of laughter, memories, and new experiences and I am grateful to everyone I met along the way.

Aindri Kala is generally soft-spoken and a little shy, but very driven in her studies. Another student who plans to become a psychologist, she is always there for her friends and they affirm that Aindri gives them very good advice. She gets along well with her peers and enjoys being with them. Basketball, photography, anime and puppies are among her favourite things.



**AINDRI
KALA**

*Pursuing Psychology at
University of British Columbia,
Canada*



**ANANYA
SUDHIR**

*Pursuing Bsc Food, Nutrition
& Health at University of
British Columbia, Canada*

It is always a pleasure to see Aditya Parekh's smiling and cheerful face. He has an extremely helpful nature and is forever ready to do things for his classmates and friends. He takes initiative to help teachers also, and during the Covid-online classes, he could be seen taking care of his little sister too with a lot of patience if I may add! A loyal friend at all times, he likes to play badminton and cricket.

I find it hard to ponder on the past and think about my fondest memory at GICLM. I could go on stating everything that happened from the time I joined this school in Grade 9, but that would take forever! This school has taught me so many important things and gotten me through rough times as well. From learning how to communicate well with your peers to crying about bad grades in the washroom and learning to move on and strive to do better, I leave here with so many experiences. The teachers and my peers have been extremely patient and determined to get us through the tough online structure and they also let us have fun/partook in the crazy things we did towards the end of Grade 12.



To my juniors, stressing about a situation is not going to make it easier, so just have fun and enjoy these years as they are not coming back. Don't make friends just to look cool, have a few friends who can be there for you when you need them most. Do the things that scare you, and that might drive you absolutely insane. Make mistakes. Be crazy and reckless (within reason). Live. This is your last chance to be a teenager. Hold on to it until the last possible moment.

The next chapter in my life is going to be in an entirely different country, with new people and a new environment. I will be attending the University of Massachusetts Amherst as a psychology major. Finally, I would like to say thank you to the GICLM community for an incredible 13 years filled with loads of happy memories. All the best to all the graduates of the Class of 2022.



**AARNA
POPAT**

*Pursuing Psychology at a
University in India*

I think most of my memories revolve around my friends. What stands out the most during my time at GICLM is eating in the cafeteria; from talking about our day or gossiping to just being together at the table made it the best time of the day.”

Aarna Popat is another graceful and zealous dancer, choreographer of the cohort and is passionate about the subject. She is also House-Captain of Agni House and has been a motivating leader with a keen desire to see her house win in all events. She also gets along very well with her juniors and has helped train them for various school events.

GICLM has provided me with so much more than just education. Through this school, I met people who are so very different from me, and I will continue to cherish the memories that I have with them for the rest of my life. From my first interaction with Mr Patrick during IA week in September, to dancing in the middle of the classroom with my friends, from bawling my eyes out to Ms. Amretta, to the craziness that was Prom, I will never forget the people and the experiences that contributed to the person that I am today.

Aarya Salvi is yet another elegant dancer of the cohort who has taken up dance as an IBDP subject. She was the Class Representative for the year and is a very popular and responsible student. A future psychologist who dreams of helping the world, Aarya is passionate, determined and very resourceful. With her good sense of humour and an affable nature, she can easily communicate with almost everyone and is always proactive in class.



**AARYA
SALVI**

*Pursuing Arts with Psychology
at Christ University, India*



The highlight of my two years as an IB student has to be the last two weeks before we went for our study break! Reviewing notes on quizzes, discussing details and facts, playing basketball and so so much more! All I want today is to go back in time and relive these memories while I form newer ones. Since we are the unlucky COVID batch of 2022, we didn't get to take part in our CAS trip, regular school trips, the Sports Day or the Annual Day, and that is something I would want to be a part of.

To all my juniors, I would like to wish you all luck in overcoming the struggles of the IAs, EEs and TOK while also completing CAS. It's a very doable task and all I would want to say is, finish it as soon as possible and manage to get some sleep as well! Going forward I will be pursuing Biology and Psychology at The University of British Columbia this fall, and I'm hoping to put all my skills to use to overcome my difficulties in the future and strive only for excellence!"



**ARUNIMA
DEB**

*Pursuing Psychology at
San Diego State University, USA*

One of my most memorable days at GICLM has to be the day we had the Christmas Party for the Sodexo team. It felt great to be able to show our appreciation and celebrate with the people who made it possible for us to come back to school safely and finish our last year of high school on a high note.

Arunima Deb has a charming personality and a cheerful way of looking at things. She gives her best in everything she does. A passionate dancer who loves Western dance forms, she is also a talented sports-person and came third in the All India national championships in Tae Kwon Do. She has now started training for the Olympics in 2024 and we wish her all the best in her endeavours.



Bhavya Doshi has a very outgoing personality and has integrated himself well with his peers. He is witty and smart, communicates well and is always polite with teachers and friends. He was the House Captain of Prithvi House and showed good leadership qualities. He is also a very good team worker as was demonstrated during the Artistic Help Initiative exhibition. His cheerful nature and ready acceptance of feedback proves that he is a good learner. Gymming and gaming are two of his favourite activities.



**BHAVYA
DOSHI**

*Pursuing Business Management
at Fordham University, USA*



**DHAIRYA
GADA**

*Pursuing Business Management
at GIC-SIM college*

The two years I spent at GICLM were filled with good and bad times. There were definitely bad times when I worked late hours to complete my IAs, EE, TOK Essay and meeting the CAS requirements being online, but I think that would have been completely different if we weren't online.

The good times or the happiest memories I have made include finding an elder brother in Tanish. In our language, Kutchi, we call it "Bha" which means brother, but since he's my elder brother so I call him "Vado Bha". He has helped through a lot of IB by helping me understand where I went wrong and how to make it right. He also supported me when he thought I was doing the right thing. My second happiest memory is that I found three other good friends which are Aditya, Soumil and Siddharth. We connected on a common hobby – gaming – and that is how I actually opened up and started talking to my classmates. These are the good times I will always remember for the rest of my life and I am thankful for all the staff at GICLM who have impacted me in a positive way!





**DHAVYA
MEHTA**

*Pursuing Business
at a University in India*

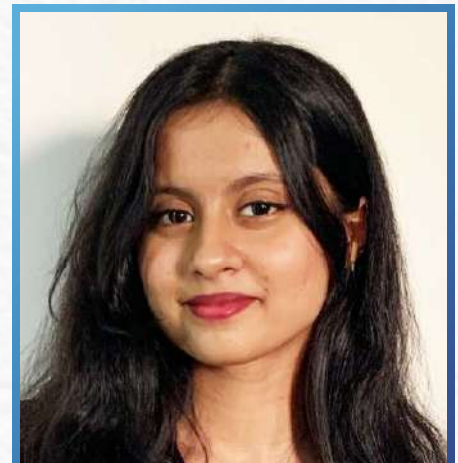
We started online, obviously not the way we wanted it to be, but my time at GICLM was still quite memorable. When school started, it was like a breath of fresh air, as we didn't have to sit in front of our monitors all day long. My happiest and most memorable day would be the last day of school where we all jumped into the pool. I truly enjoyed that!

A quiet but sincere student, Dhavya Mehta is good at studies and has excellent IT skills. A focused learner and a good friend, he is smart academically and in real terms also. Passionate about football and cars, he is blessed with a quick wit and has a good sense of humour. He is looking to achieve success in the domain of finance or entrepreneurship.

I have been in GICLM for just three years now, but I have made so many memories. Be it the aimless chit chatting in the middle of classes, gossiping in the cafeteria, playing basketball every week, dance competitions and sports days, we truly made the most out of our time together. These were the moments I looked forward to experiencing when we returned to school. However, the fondest memory I have of our class was the last week of school where we spent more time together as a class than ever before.

Apart from these collective experiences as a class, I got to explore my individuality through extracurricular activities in CAS. Through my band I got to explore skills in music and through teaching the underprivileged students, I got to improve my interpersonal skills. So one suggestion for all the younger students at GICLM is to participate in activities not only for the reason of CAS hours, but also to also gain valuable experiences.

Going forward, I plan to study Biology at the University of British Columbia for a BSc. I would like to thank all my teachers and classmates for the past three years who have helped me gain valuable experience and skills which I will implement in my future endeavours.



**DHEEMAHI
UDUPA**

*Pursuing Life Sciences at University
of British Columbia, Canada*





**DIA
SHAH**

*Pursuing Business Management
at University of Nottingham, UK*

My first experience with GICLM was my meeting with Mr Ian Davies, when I came to enquire about the school. He put my mind to rest by answering even the silliest questions. As I left the meeting with him and had my campus tour, I knew at that very moment that GICLM was it. Unfortunately, as luck would have it, Covid-19 struck and my plan to meet and make new friends took a sabbatical. I was very anxious about the school experience until the induction classes took place. The Class of 2022, along with the teachers, were so friendly that I couldn't have asked for a warmer welcome. None of us realised that the lockdown would last this long, yet the teachers were so cooperative and understanding – it just made life easier. My entire batch was extremely approachable and we helped each other out in times of need. The batch of 2022 truly and most definitely rocked!

IB introduces us to a life beyond academics where we are made to think out of the box (TOK) and be moral citizens (CAS). During my CAS project I taught kids from an NGO called Happy Feet Home dance, and it has been a humbling experience to see these kids smiling through all their worries and learning the choreography with enthusiasm.

Academically, whether it was group projects or IAs or the EE (I nicknamed it Essential Evil), I received a lot of support from our teachers in spite of it being an online process. I wouldn't say IB is a cakewalk, but if you have the right friends and mentors there to support you, the journey becomes easier.

Then finally as time flew by, we had our Prom night, and what a night it was! From the photo booth, to the games, to the DJ, to the dinner everything was perfect! Winning 'The Best Dancer' title was surely the highlight of my night!

We have all come a long way, from the first day of induction classes to the Graduation ceremony. From stumbling in small tests to giving the IBDP exams. From seeing each other virtually, to finally holding hands during Graduation pictures. This journey has been nothing short of amazing! Looking back at my IBDP journey, I can proudly say that despite the ups and downs and the life-threatening virus Covid-19, it has been the most memorable experience of my educational life till date and I couldn't be more grateful, humbled and motivated to embark on a new journey of life."



Best Dancer #GICLMProm22





**DIYA
CHANDA**

*Pursuing Business Management
at Stony Brook University, USA*

The memories made in school, laughing at silly jokes, being as lame and cringe as humanely possible are definitely my fondest memories in school. I vividly remember ranting about how much I hated the IB to my friends on a daily basis, and poor them, they listened to me every single time. GICLM is not just any IB school, with the same EE and IA deadlines. It is a dynamic community that is different from any other school in India.

The school's cafeteria has a special place in my heart. Not only because of the delicious food they provided, but also the gossip sessions that came with it. We used to talk about the most irrelevant things and laugh at the most impractical conversations. When it comes to teachers, every teacher impacted me in different ways, but the most influential teachers I had would be Ms Sheila and Ms Uma.

Ms Sheila got me so interested in her subject, that I could see it affected all my other subjects. She gave me the academic confidence I needed, especially in English. I'll forever be grateful to her and hope to keep in touch with her. Secondly, my German tutor, Ms. Uma Iyer had a big impact on me. I'm sure everyone in school by now knows that I'm her oldest student. Our relationship is way different than any ordinary student-teacher relationship. We've had our share of arguments and disagreements, but it all comes from a good place. I'd like to thank her for all these years, for pushing me, making sure I don't give up and being patient with me. Also, I'd also like to thank Ms. Amretta Dandona. Even though she has only known me for a year, our relationship bloomed quickly. Thank you, Ms Amretta, I wouldn't be the person I am today without you. Honestly, I hope to keep in touch with all my teachers. Nearly all of them have known me since I was around four years old.

Since I was a kid, I've always been an energetic person in general, especially when it comes to anything but studies. So, over my many years at GICLM, I have taken part in various extracurriculars and events. My favourite memories would definitely be the concerts and Sports Days. The hustle and bustle, running around the auditorium and finding people to go on stage was hectic, but fun. I thank GICLM for everything and I wish all the best to the future IB students.

As members of the GICLM 2022 batch, we spent the majority of our high school years online, with the exception of six months when we were physically present in school. These two years have been a rollercoaster ride for me, and I've made so many memories in that time that it's difficult to pick a favourite. However, I believe the best were created while we were physically present in school. For example, the Christmas celebration we hosted for the Sodexo employees. We even produced and edited three episodes of Our Space | Podcast | GICLM just 10 days before our CAS deadline so that we could count it as a CAS project. The most memorable experience was making the film 'Toxicity,' when we stayed in school until 5:30 p.m. to finish filming and even came to school on Saturdays. Going out with the film crew was also helpful in learning more about my classmates and creating memories with them.



**HANSAL
KACHHARA**

*Pursuing Mechatronics at
Atria University, India*



For my younger friends and GICLM students, I would strongly advise you to never miss an opportunity and to create your own opportunities wherever possible. Make the most of the materials at your disposal to create something unique. Another piece of advice I would provide to my younger peers is to establish friends not only in your own class, but also in the classes above and below. This gives you the ability to help others while also benefiting you.

My future goals include attending Atria University in Bangalore, India, where I have already registered. Because my interests lay in the fields of technology, AI, and robots, I will be majoring in Mechatronics. I've watched myself grow from an introverted teenager to a confident adult inside this community, and as I prepare to leave, I'd like to thank all of my teachers and colleagues for helping me reach my full potential.





**HARDIK
NAGARKAR**

*Pursuing Engineering at
GIC-Broward College*

The academic year of Grade 12 was the most memorable year in my life. I truly wished time froze for me so I could spend more of it with my dear friends and teachers. My fondest memory of the school was the Prom. Everything was perfect: the people, the setting, the music, and mainly the food.

Mr Mark is a teacher whom I could connect with at a great level. He taught me how to enjoy myself while studying. Ms Ritika was also very instrumental in developing my interest and love for chemistry. As a result, I intend to pursue this field and make a career in pharmacy.

If I were to give advice to the future graduates of GICLM, it would be to enjoy yourself, and enjoy your work. True commitment will only come if you are enjoying what you are doing. At GICLM you will always find something you enjoy. I could go on about how you should be organised in your studies and all, but I believe Grade 12 is more about maturing and developing your personality, so focus on yourself also! I transferred to this school in Grade 9 with the purpose of learning as much about science as possible. I feel I have left with a million more lessons that I could have imagined in all aspects of life. I am truly thankful to the GICLM family for sticking with us through all the ups and downs.

Once a Garodian, Always a Garodian!

It is said that a person always remembers his or her last day at high school. The last day a student remembers leaving school weeping and making promises to friends to stay in touch. In my case; however, on the last day, all of us jumped into the pool in our uniforms and stayed there until we were sent home. Nothing mattered, and instead of tears, we left school with laughter and a memory that we won't forget.

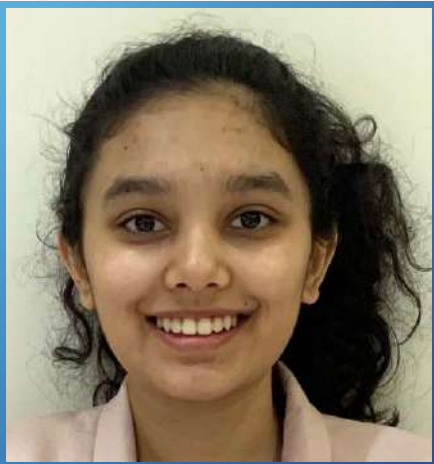
Het Shah is a quiet student, but an excellent team member. She is extremely responsible, she can be relied upon to complete any task assigned to her. Not many people know that she is a black belt in Karate and loves reading in her spare time. Being fond of animals and plants, Het plans to pursue a career either in the field of environmental or plant sciences.



**HET
SHAH**

*Pursuing Plant Sciences at
University of Minnesota
twin cities, USA*





**ISHA
SHAH**

Pursuing BA in Philosophy Politics & Psychology at Emory University, USA

My favourite memory of school is when my friends and I went to the swimming pool during our free lesson and tried to make dance videos for our favourite songs. One song was a very old Bollywood song and while making the video, the admission officers came and were staring at us. We noticed them only after a few minutes and then left all our stuff by the pool and ran in the opposite direction.

Isha Shah is a cheerful all-rounder and always ready to accept challenges. She is good with IT skills and has shown admirable leadership qualities while being a House Captain of Prithvi House. She has participated in various programs like MUN and Youth Economic and represented the school at the Montgomery Bell Academy International Symposium last year. Isha has even written a research paper in Psychology under the mentorship of Ms Paulomi from Sweden.

My favourite memory at GICLM is how excited I was during the last week of school when the entire class had lunch on the floor together, shared our food and spoke so much to each other. This was very memorable.

Ishika Shah is a very career driven and goal oriented person who knows what she wants. She also has a great sense of humour and can make anyone laugh with her comments. Her passion for Business and Economics comes through with her own thrift-store initiative in collaboration with Vaidehi Patel, her classmate. Ishika is also very caring and creative and has impeccable fashion taste. It was no wonder that she won the Prom Queen title this year.



**ISHIKA
SHAH**

Pursuing Business Management & Economics at University of California San Diego, USA

The overall school journey was amazing. The time spent with teachers was really great and fruitful. My friends helped me to cope up with academics and get comfortable with the environment as I had joined mid-term. Overall, it was a beautiful journey these two years.

Jhanvi Jadeja is one of the newest members of this cohort, having joined us a little later than all the others. She is very creative and is interested in sports. Jhanvi also has good calligraphy skills and comes up with some innovative ideas for any task that is allotted.



**JHANVI
JADEJA**

Pursuing Finance and Economics at University, New Brunswick, USA (Scholarship of \$10000)





**LOPAMUDRA
BAREJA**

*Pursuing Liberal Arts Psychology
at Flame University, India*

Being in this school from 8th grade has been an amazing experience: the musical concert and the field trips when numbers were small, were indeed memorable.

Manan Bhayani is an active and outgoing person and has a cheerful personality at all times. He loves playing cricket, badminton and is a black belt in Martial Arts. Manan intends to pursue his further studies in the UK with focus on business.



**MANAN
BHAYANI**

*Pursuing Digital Business Innovation
Management at Royal Holloway
University, UK*



**MANAN
RUPANI**

*Pursuing Mechanical Engineering/
Mechatronics at a
University in India*

I honestly don't have a lot of fun memories of the last two years, as most of it was online. However, during my CAS project, I was shooting a scene with a few friends and my juniors as part of a short film. It was a really fun day as we laughed a lot during the shoot. I also will remember my last day at school when we jumped into the pool as our senior prank. I will cherish these few memories forever and remember even the little time spent with my new friends was fun.

Lopamudra Bareja is a music enthusiast who wants to pursue further studies in Psychology. She is a very good team-worker and has ably and successfully directed the videos which were made along with her classmates for CAS. Lopamudra is friendly, kind-hearted and calm and her friends affirm that she is a good listener.

Manan Rupani is good with words and is a brilliant actor who has actively participated in the short-film produced by his classmates. In fact, he was actively involved in all aspects and processes of the film making activity. He is passionate about football and even made a design of a football ground during the Rangoli competition! Manan has a warm and friendly personality and good rapport with peers and juniors.





**MANAV
MODI**

*Pursuing Economics and Industrial
Organisation at University
of Warwick, UK*

High school is an interesting time in almost every person's life; back-breaking work along with being a young adult and figuring out life. I had great memories at school. Every classroom discussion that gradually oscillated between the fundamentals of academia and one's opinion on existence, every day that was rife with moments of learning and teaching made me who I am today. I had a very exciting time at GICLM which I will remember for the rest of my life!

Manav Modi is a very good student and an excellent orator who has successfully completed many courses outside the school curriculum. He has an impressive voice with depth while speaking and has played the role of the main character in many school concerts and has also compered quite a few events. Manav's confidence and sense of humour often captivates his audience whether in class or otherwise.

GICLM happened very unexpectedly, and so did the pandemic and online school. But oh.. The lifelong learnings! I learnt so many different things when we started with online schooling: adapting to different climates and people, learning to be your best, attempting to be resilient in a world full of sickness and chaos, and most importantly, just being patient with yourself. Undoubtedly what I will miss most about GICLM are the teachers. I am blessed to have gotten a bunch of warm, approachable, loving and very understanding group of educators.

I fell in love with TOK madly – all because of Mr Ian. After taking TOK I feel I am able to connect the concepts taught in class to the problems and situations I face in my real life, and I now have a more patient, detailed, analytical, and sometimes even a logical perspective of my problems. I now attempt to find a holistic solution, which might not be easy for the time being, but will definitely benefit me in the long run.

One more highlight of my IBDP life was definitely Ms Kshama. With her ever-smiling demeanour and apparent love for her students, she made me fall in love with Economics, something I thought I would never have, as it was a new subject and naturally quite tough for me initially. She and I connected on dance, both of our passions and something that we both immensely love. She taught me the importance of real hard work, patience, consistency, rising above the water – resilience! Ms Swarnima is another huge inspiration for me. We connected so much on our common love for the English language and literature. I hope to continue to stay in touch with the teachers and relive my moments at school when I'm older!

Something that I really loved during the initial phase of online school was Morning Fitness. It was an attempt to compensate for the daily physical activity we used to have during physical school, and it was indeed a good idea! After school reopened, I loved each and every CAS experience I had! Teaching and helping people are things that I am extremely passionate about, and I am so blessed to have gotten the opportunity to teach underprivileged kids online.



**NINUPTA
SRINATH**

*Pursuing BA-LLB at a
University in India*



This is probably something I would want to point out to younger students – don't restrain yourself from your hobbies because of academics! It is never worth it. Slowly learn to strike a balance and engage yourself in academics, co-curricular activities and/or hobbies and serious interests simultaneously. It is very futile to procrastinate your serious hobbies and interests, saying you'll "do it tomorrow", because that day never comes.

Now, having graduated and am about to step into the real world. I am nervous, terrified and excited in almost equal proportions. Nervous of the unknown, terrified of what lies ahead of me, but also thoroughly excited because I know all my loved ones have my back forever. That is one of the strongest certainties I have, and to succeed and be happy, I feel like you just need to lean onto your strengths, and to the ones that give you the most strength. In these crazy times, your small crazy world can give you much-needed happiness at your much-needed time!

So here's saying goodbye to you, GICLM! I had an incredible two years, filled with a lot of learning, personal and professional development, as well as making many real relationships. I thank everyone who made my stay at GICLM not only possible, but also super happy and worthy of being called an incredible experience. From the bottom of my heart, thank you!





NYSA PHULWAR

*Pursuing Life Sciences
at Knox College, USA*

I've been a part of Garodia International ever since I was little, and I don't think I'd have wanted it any other way! Right from the first play, I did in Nursery through the week-long Sports Days and finally sitting through the IB exams, each event at GICLM has been a milestone that has shaped me into who I am today – a bright, ambitious, young girl who aspires to leave behind a mark in the world. Garodia International has taught me integrity and honour – to respect everybody and to be kind, and I am certain it will continue to do the same with every student who joins this institution in the future.

I remember being in Grade 3 and looking up at the older kids thinking of how one day I'll be just like them and now that I'm here, I wouldn't mind going back and doing it all over just to stay within the community.

The support and inspiration that the faculty provides are incredible and one of the major reasons I am what I am is because of them. Mr Moore's unyielding tenacity, Mr Ian's ability to leave you awestruck and make you more critical, Ms Elza's encouragement and positivity, and Ms Monika's values and work ethic are just a few amongst all the other teachers who've played a role in both my academic and personal life. I will never forget how Ms Priya and Ms Ritika went through countless trials of my science IAs and EE with me, or how Ms Vidya worked relentlessly with us till 9 pm for the Montgomery Bell Symposium.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank every teacher for everything. With all these skills I'm certain that I will become the microbiologist I've always wanted to be. Moving halfway across the world is daunting, but I'm not afraid to take on the challenge because I know and trust that I've been well equipped to handle any hurdles that come my way because of the way my foundation years have been shaped by GICLMI.

To all those young students reading this, believe in yourself because GICLM believes in you. Pay it forward and make the best of every single opportunity presented to you. Don't be afraid to explore and find yourself. It can be challenging, but you will make it, we did and so will you! Listen to your teachers because they will help you out and be kind because that's what it is to be a Garodian. And as Mr Ian always says, 'Once a Garodian, Always a Garodian.'





**RIYA
HIRANI**

*Pursuing LLB Hons with criminology
at University of Birmingham, UK*

I had an interesting journey throughout my years in GICLM. I spent 14 years in this school and this school has taught me a lot over the years. It was fun to sit with my friends during snacks and lunch talking and laughing most of the time, and they made my school years a lot more enjoyable. The fun times we all had as a class are something that I will always cherish. Shifting from the old school to the new building was a huge change, and I'm glad to have made so many different and amazing memories. From convincing teachers to going down to play, to the fun concerts and Sports Days, the years in GICLM are unforgettable for me. I am happy to have spent my years in this school and I am glad to be a part of it.

An extremely good speaker, Riya Hirani is very interested in History and Literature and loves reading and writing. She has won many awards and has successfully completed many levels of the Trinity exams. Riya is well behaved, polite, cheerful and always positive and enjoys spending time with her peers.

Over the years there have been countless memories worth mentioning, but the most recent and notable one is definitely the time the entire class decided to jump into the pool in our uniforms and was sent back home mid-day.

At first glance, Riyan Sanghavi comes across as a happy-go-lucky person who wants to have fun all the time. But his friends know that they can depend on him. He is very much into sports and gymming, but a surprising fact is that he enjoys cooking. Riyan is interested in robotics, enjoys making things and will probably be a very good engineer in the days to come.



**RIYAN
SANGHAVI**

*Pursuing Mechatronics at
Northeastern, Boston, USA*

My favourite memory was making a family tree of everyone in our Biology class while we were in the study room.

Sachi Lal has a quiet, caring and positive nature and gets along very well with her peers. During the Artistic Help Initiative exhibition we discovered that she is an extremely creative artist especially in the field of digital art. Known for her candour among her friends, she is very dependable and knows what she wants. A future scientist in the making, Sachi is smart, funny and has a great sense of humour.



**SACHI
LAL**

*Pursuing Life Sciences at University
of Toronto, Canada*





**SAESHA
AYYAR**

*Pursuing Liberal Arts at
Broward College (GIC)*

Despite the fact that I've had only a few months to really experience IBDP along with my living breathing classmates, I feel like there was a real sense of solidarity among us, which I honestly was not expecting when I first started interacting with classmates and teachers post-lockdown. I feel like I became much more open to the idea of actually engaging with my classmates for non-academic purposes, which is something very new to me. So when we unanimously decided to jump into the pool on the last official day of school, making our teachers question the meaning of life in the process, I felt a rush like no other.

Generally moving around with a sling bag hung across one shoulder, or sitting in a quiet corner with a book in hand, Saesha Ayyar is one of the most creative and innovative thinkers in the cohort. With varied and diverse interests from Marine Biology to writing poetry, Saesha's dark sense of humour makes her an interesting person to be with.

From barely knowing anyone to having found a beautiful new group of friends, chilling during study periods, having mini langars to planning and actually executing a senior prank by jumping in the pool on the last day and blasting music, it's been an amazing journey and a great time getting to know everyone here!

Shachi Botadra is a very energetic and vibrant member of this cohort. She is full of life and very social and enjoys meeting new people. She is kind hearted, caring and is very much aware of current social issues; particularly with matters related to the youth of today. Shachi tries to do her bit to support various causes like empowerment of girls and caring for stray dogs. Shachi plans to pursue her studies in Liberal Arts and is inclined towards journalism and Economics.



**SHACHI
BOTADRA**

*Pursuing Liberal Arts at
Flame University, India*

I enjoyed moments like quizzes in German class. Since we're not that knowledgeable about German History, we randomly guessed answers and competed with each other over some silly points. Another fun moment was in Psychology class where we studied various psychological issues with examples from famous movies or shows. It was hilarious, as a few students really made funny comments while they were describing the characters and their psychological issues.

Siddharth Vethody is generally quiet and reticent in class, but loves online gaming, card tricks and music. He is very creative and quite adept at digital art, but can also be a procrastinator most of the time. He is always trying to learn more about the latest virtual games and is happy in his cyber world. Siddharth wishes to pursue his interest in cyber-security and make a career in the field of computer technology.



**SIDDHARTH
VETHODY**





**SIYA
JAIN**

*Pursuing Liberal Arts at
Flame University, Pune*

I don't think I have a lot of good school memories of Grade 11 because we were the pandemic batch (online). Even though, whatever time we spent together in the end as a class was fun and memorable. This is something that is going to stay with me for my whole life and I'll reminisce about it in the future. The last day of school, the pool prank day, was the best memory of these 2 years and I'll never forget that. Thanks to the teachers and all of my classmates for making IB so special.

Siya Jain is a smart, independent student and very much interested in Art. She is highly creative and ambitious and works hard towards achieving her goals. Siya has a good sense of humour and is very caring of her friends. On the career front she wants to pursue a career in Science or Psychology.

The past four years at GICLM have been some of my best years of school life, and it feels so unreal to believe that school life is coming to an end. I still clearly remember my first day at GICLM, and also the first day of face-to-face learning after the pandemic. How could I forget the Prom? It is still one of the best gatherings I've ever attended.

Throughout these four years, I took part in a variety of extra-curricular activities that gave me great experience and skills. Some of them which I am particularly proud of are the German Youth camps, conducting the German club, online teaching, and my CAS project: The Literacy Program. Apart from these, I also enjoyed playing basketball at school.

One vital thing that I've learnt in these past four years, which I would like to share, is that it's crucial to give enough time to both academics and your other non-academic interests and hobbies. This brings into picture time management, a skill that everyone should learn as it will help everyone in their senior years at school and beyond. This skill will continue to help me for the next four years at Purdue University as I head there to pursue mechanical engineering.

I want to thank all my teachers and friends for being so supportive and helpful, and shaping me into the person I am today. Being a Garodian has been lovely, and I think I am ready to start the next chapter of my life. I wish everyone all the best for their school years and beyond!



**SOUMIL
IYER**

*Pursuing Mechanical Engineering
at Purdue University, USA*





**TEJAS
SRINIVASAN**

*Pursuing Computer Science at
the of Wisconsin, Madison, USA*

The academic year for Grade 12 was the most memorable year for me, and one of the years I will cherish till I die. The stress of the EE, IAs and the TOK essay culminated in a splash of a finale, as we all jumped into the school pool at the end of our year. I have also found a group of friends during the year, a group to which I can say I belong to. But there are a few regrets that are now flooding into my mind while writing this reflection, such as not being able to talk to and become friends with most of the cohort. As Bilbo Baggins once said, "I don't know half of you half as well as I should; and I like less than half of you half as well as you deserve."

Now that I have graduated, there are a few things that I will miss from my time in GICLM, such as the teachers. They were the people who kept the class fun, also tolerating our behaviour when things got out of hand. Some of them even had a significant impact on the person that I am today. Some people I would like to name who have changed my life are: Mr Patrick, Mr Mark, Ms Shivani, Ms Chitra, Ms Ritika, Ms Rumana, Mr Sandeep and Ms Shraddha. I am forever grateful to these teachers and indebted to them.

Lastly, I want to advise the upcoming classes: please organise your tasks, set your priorities straight and for the love of God, DO NOT PROCRASTINATE! Keeping it till tomorrow will always fail in the stress and panic-inducing nature of IB.





From my oreo milkshake in disguise, to the langar party I organised, rolling on the LC rug, secret samosa-pav parties, post-prom scenes, shooting reels in school, playing badminton with teachers, classroom cricket, penfight sessions, and many more fond memories, I'm glad I had a good equation with all the groups in my class. My most memorable moment would definitely be the pool prank on the last day - ending my school life on a high note and ticking off an almost impossible task from my bucket list!

Tanish Chheda calls himself an aspiring entrepreneur and we believe he will surely fulfil his dreams. A skilled all-rounder, his interests vary from MUN to education management to music and cricket. He is the founder of GAEE and is the Project Head at Jayna Packaging Pvt Ltd. He is very determined, organised and manages his time so well that he is able to cater to all his varied interests. He maintains a very good rapport with all his classmates and teachers. Tanish is one of our best students and is indeed a role model for many of his younger classmates.



**TANISH
CHHEDA**

Pursuing Entrepreneurship & Corporate Innovation at Indiana University, Bloomington, USA





**VAIDEHI
PATEL**

*Pursuing Business Management
at a University in India*

The years I have spent and the memories I have made with my friends at the school are endless, but what I will always remember is how we jumped into the swimming pool on the last day of our school and had a lunch party in the school corridor.

Vaidehi Patel is a bright and cheerful student with a wacky sense of humour, but she is also extremely hardworking and when she takes up anything, she gives it her 100%. She is creative and stylish and can be relied upon to make any activity an enjoyable one. She is a good team worker who showed her mettle during the Artistic Help Initiative exhibition. Vaidehi has also demonstrated her business acumen while running the thrift-store along with her class-mate Ishika Shah.



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