

# SURKHIYAN सुरखिया

Congratulations GICLM Graduates



**Class of 2022-2023**



It is with great pride that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our Class of 2023 on completing the IB Programme. As graduates of this rigorous and internationally recognized curriculum, you have demonstrated exceptional qualities of critical thinking, research skills, and intercultural understanding that will undoubtedly serve you well in your future pursuits.

Your resilience, intellectual curiosity and commitment to excellence have been evident in all your achievements, both in the classroom and beyond. While life's journey is rife with obstacles and uncertainties, I have unwavering confidence in your ability to embrace challenges head-on, push boundaries, and surpass expectations. Remain steadfast in your pursuits, maintain an insatiable thirst for knowledge, embrace empathy and never shy away from seeking new opportunities. As the leaders of tomorrow, you have the unparalleled capacity to effect transformative change in your communities and beyond.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to your parents and guardians for their unwavering trust and support in us as valued partners in your academic journey. Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to the exceptional educators who have equipped you with all the tools for success you will need as you venture forth into the wider world.

Remember - you are part of a network of accomplished individuals who have walked these hallways before you, and we encourage you to stay connected with the school community, seek support when needed, and share your successes and experiences with us.

I wish you boundless success in all your future endeavours - may your journey be filled with adventure, growth, and the fulfilment of all your dreams!

**Mr. Nishant Garodia**  
**Director**





It is a privilege to be able to make some comments in this Yearbook. I sincerely hope that you will look back on your time at GICLM as a true learning experience from which you will thrive and, I believe genuinely, become influential leaders of the future. As graduates you have a responsibility to represent our community and your families from this point on. As you are called at graduation to move the tassel on your mortar from right to left, remember the significance of this: you are moving it to rest over your heart for the future. That is very symbolic. As we like to say: *'You can take student out of Garodia, but you cannot take Garodia out of the student'*.

As Seneca, a philosopher from ancient Rome said circa 65AD: 'While we live, while we are among human beings, let us cultivate our humanity.' And, that is what is important about your time at GICLM. We have been preparing young people to take their place in the world; young people who have an ethical and an inspiring vision of what can be better and what needs to be done to change the world to benefit everyone.

CAS gave you a rare opportunity to work positively with others and to experience the lives of others less fortunate than yourselves. I am sure that this experience will remain central to your futures. TOK taught you to think, to question and probably how to write a supported and well-constructed argument. Your Extended Essay, gave you skills beyond the normal scope of a school student. And, your subjects fostered your love of academia and laid the pathway to your futures. But ultimately, to live well, you need to know how to live with yourself, with others and for a purpose. That is what has happened.

I extend my congratulations to your families and to your teachers: a wonderful combination that has kept you pointed in the right direction. You have made us all proud. Above all, I think you finally appreciate that what gives us the greatest pleasure is the kind of human being that you have become. I can say categorically, that I am gratified to have known you and commend you for all that you have done and, I am sure, will continue to do. Remember, do not underestimate the power that you have to make a difference.

So, I encourage you to go and make your mark in the world. Don't look back, don't linger but do take with you what has made you very special and continue to nurture that. You will always be welcome, so do visit and share your adventures with us. May I finally wish you all a heartfelt and emotional 'good luck and all the very best'. Enjoy!

**Mr. Ian Davies**  
**Head of School**  
**& Dean of GIC**





May 27, 2023.

Congratulations!

It is an honour for me to address the GICLM IBDP Class of 2023. Your incredibly long and arguably sapping journey of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme has finally reached its conclusion. You guys have made it!

I imagine that you are excited about graduating, a little apprehensive of going off to University, gutted about saying goodbye to your high school buddies and tensed about the IBDP results. But let me assure you, tomorrow is going to be the beginning of a wonderful new journey of your lives.

The irony about the future is that your future is not just something that will happen to you, but is for you to create. You will walk into a world of adults, unattended and almost unprotected. You will have to fend for yourself and discover your own version of right and wrong. And I am confident that with each of those testing and arduous experiences that life puts you through, every single one of you will emerge to become vehemently passionate and strikingly radiant personalities.

The IB Diploma Programme has, in many ways, prepared you with the skills required to take on the most monstrous of challenges. However, remember to be persistent and purposeful in everything you attempt to do because eventually it is only going to be your unflagging enthusiasm and drive that will get you over the line.

If I had to recommend one quality that you retain even after having the most decorated of careers, it would be humility. Regardless of where you reach in life, never ever forget how you started. Stay humble, stay honest!



The Class of 2023 will hold a special place in my heart. They say that the greatest bonds are built in the most unfavourable circumstances. In chasing each one of you until the very end, be it for poor attendance or for late submissions, somewhere, I developed a special bond of affection with you.

I will especially remember the candid conversations with you in my office, the energy driven CAS events, the plethora of excuses and emails for not handing in your work on time, the immense talent displayed by your class at all major school events and of course, you running home sharp at 3.30 pm escaping all teachers. As you leave us today and walk into a different world forever, I am confident for what the future brings. I let you go into the arms of the world, reminding you once again to never let the fire in you die! Take every obstacle as a log of wood and throw it in that fire. But keep the fire going!

On behalf of the entire GICLM family, I congratulate you today and send across best wishes for all your tomorrows.

Take it easy for a while. Take your time celebrating. Then, get ready.. to take on the world!

Until we meet again....

All life's best to you,

**Mr. Huzefa Kagalwala**  
**IBDP Coordinator**





Dear Grade 12

I am sure you all have mixed feelings as you approach your final days at GICLM. On one hand you feel enthusiastic as you will be stepping into a completely new world where you will find relatively more freedom than in a school life. While on the other hand you will feel sad as you have to depart from your school and classmates. But, at the end of it all, you have completed this part of your journey with great achievements and wonderful memories. For my part I will remember you all with great fondness. Yes, sometimes you have been very challenging and I have been quite tough, but always with the expressed desire to ensure that you all fulfil your true potential.

GICLM has given you the best academics, provided you with the necessary tools to improve your skills and elevated ethics and values. I am confident that you will use these skills efficiently and effectively as you step into a competitive world which is full of opportunities.

Thank you dear students for being an important part of this institution. Life is a fabulous journey full of expectations, joys, fantasies and of course a few sad moments. Many of you have been with this school for a long period and now you stand at the threshold as you enter into a completely new world with enthusiasm and new hopes. Have an ambition in life and keep dreaming till you fulfil your dream.

I would like to thank you all for your respect and support that you gave me. At the same time, I would like to ask you to leave all the negative feelings / experiences you had here, if any and carry only pleasant memories with you. I am sure that whatever you have learnt in this institution would take you to limitless opportunities.

I wish all your dreams to come true and the very best for the forthcoming Board exams.

**Mr. Patrick Moore**  
**Head of Secondary**





It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be a part of your GICLM journey and see you develop from awkward teenagers into the self-assured young adults today. You may have encountered a number of challenges while pursuing your Diploma, but at the end of the day, you were successful in this phase of your journey and created some wonderful memories.

Although the last two years have been difficult, they have also enabled you to open your eyes to new possibilities and opportunities that you might not have otherwise considered. You have reflected within and discovered the resilience and determination to meet the numerous obstacles that have been placed in your path. As you complete this journey with GICLM and begin a new one to reach greater heights, be proud of all your accomplishments. And as you set out on your new journey, I encourage you to dare to pursue new dreams, passionately embrace life, and never stop aiming for the stars.

Always keep in mind that you are all uniquely “YOU” in some way and that you can all accomplish incredible things if you work hard enough to pursue what you want in life. As Helen Hayes once said, "The expert in anything was once a beginner." You must take the first step towards your future while keeping in mind that you are the one who creates it. Enjoy the moment and remember how hard work and perseverance got you here. You should all be extremely proud of your accomplishments and perseverance during these challenging moments.

It has been my pleasure to work with you, as always. Congratulations to all of my dear students. I hope success continues to follow you in everything you do as you enjoy the rewards of your hard work. Rejoice in your accomplishments and best wishes for a wonderful future! Keep up the good work, and may many more successes come your way.  
At GICLM, we are incredibly proud of you!

**Ms. Kshama Kulkarni**  
**Tutor - Grade 12A**





It has been a great pleasure to be your homeroom tutor for one year and see you grow despite some hard tasks, sadness, and grief that you have encountered in the course of your studies. At the end of it all, you completed this part of the journey with your dedication towards studies and beautiful memories. Being tough with you at times is to prepare you for a greater challenge ahead, and to nurture you to build a strong foundation for your next level. Today, I am honored to say, I'm proud of your many achievements over two years, and your various accomplishments in almost all curricular and extra curricular activities. Your brilliant achievements in academic discourse and in sports are indeed commendable. Your sweet memories will forever remain in my heart. My colleagues and I wish to thank you for the zeal you have demonstrated towards your studies, in your relationship with the teachers, Management, your Juniors, and even among yourselves. My dear students, as you leave this school for further studies in various Universities, expect that some challenges await you, which of course, I strongly believe going by your antecedents and the manner in which you have conducted yourselves over the years along with the skills and knowledge we have imparted in you, you will surely overcome them. At this point, I encourage you to have a growth mindset, to never stop learning, and to always keep pushing forward, no matter what challenges come your way. And always remember, life is not a competition with others, but a journey to become the best version of yourself. Be kind and good to people you meet on your way up. Allow the words of your God to guide you on your journey to greatness. Think big thoughts and be optimistic about whatever you are doing. On behalf of the GICLM, I bid you farewell and wish you the best of luck in the days ahead.

“The Journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step”- Su Tzu  
May God Bless you all!!

**Ms. Ritika Solanki**  
**Tutor - Grade 12B**





# Tutor Comments (Ms. Kshama Kulkarni) - Class 12 A and University Placements:



**AARYA  
POONJANI**

“Arya is a quiet but active student in our class. In the past two years, she has been interested in almost all of the school activities. She works very hard and with great sincerity. She is a great team player and very amiable. She has been taking keen interest in teaching underprivileged children as part of her CAS project. She has received some outstanding offers from universities, and she will undoubtedly succeed and make everyone proud.”

**Pursuing Nursing at:** University of Calgary (*Scholarship*)

Hemish is a lively student in our group who participates in all activities with enthusiasm and energy. He has excellent communication skills and the ability to persuade people and is a natural leader. He was the captain for Prithvi House last year and has also been the class representative for the current year thus being able to communicate the views of his classmates to higher authorities. He has a strong affinity for Computer Science and enjoys discovering new technologies. He has been in our school for almost 13 years, constantly prepared to participate in any school-related activity, whether it be a Sports Day or a Musical. He has received outstanding offers from renowned universities. I wish him good luck for the future.

**Pursuing Computer Science at:** University of Illinois Chicago



**HEMISH  
PAREKH**



**ISHIKA  
SONTHALIA**

Ishika is a sincere and hardworking young girl. She is a very motivated and committed student. She has an evocative voice that she used to captivate the audience throughout all the school events.. Additionally, she was the driving force behind the school's Friday music jam, which was appreciated by both staff and students. She has worked extremely hard in the classroom as well. I wish her the best and know that she will soon become a great artist.

**Pursuing at:** Undecided





**MALAV  
SHAH**

Malav has a positive outlook on life and is always at ease and at peace. He enjoys socialising, dancing, and listening to music and hence he even chose dance as one of his subjects in the IBDP. He has also taken part in many school activities. With his friends or classmates, he is very adept at handling any kind of situation in a way that makes everyone happy. This innate quality has also helped him make an attempt at some business ventures at this very young age. We wish him all the best for his future.

**Pursuing Business at:** California State University Channel Islands

Manasvi Ganiga's sweet smile and gracious demeanour make her a delight to have in class. She works hard in school and is always ready to go above and beyond. She exemplifies the IB virtues of Balanced and Principled. She has performed at numerous school events and has a strong passion for Music. She is an excellent communicator who consistently draws the attention of her audience. She is a very motivated and hardworking student and will undoubtedly achieve great things at her university.



**MANASVI  
GANIGA**

**Pursuing Finance at:** Schulich School of Business (*Scholarship*)



**MITANSH  
JAIN**

Mitansh Jain's vibrant personality has helped him fit in well with his peers. He has a sharp sense of humour, is good at communicating, and always shows respect to his friends and teachers. He has many untapped abilities that are only occasionally displayed. He is always willing to lend a hand to his friends and has frequently assisted them in the classroom when they were struggling with academic uncertainties.

**Pursuing Business and Economics at:** University of Amsterdam





**MOKSHA  
SHAH**

Moksha is a quiet but vivacious student. In the past two years, she has become interested in almost all of the school activities. She works very hard and with great sincerity. She is a great team player and is very amiable. She has been seriously interested in teaching children with disabilities as part of her CAS project. She has a strong passion for science and enjoys learning about and conducting new scientific experiments. She has received some outstanding offers from universities, and she will undoubtedly succeed and make everyone proud.

**Pursuing Life Sciences at:** Colorado State University (*Scholarship*)

Kind and helpful, Parva is always willing to lend a hand to his friends. He occasionally adheres to strong religious convictions as well as cultural traditions. He has a keen interest in Computer Science and enjoys learning new technologies. He is a dependable and driven individual who never stops working towards his objectives.

**Pursuing Computer Science at:** University of California, Davis



**PARVA  
DOSHI**

Rehaan is a gregarious and happy-go-lucky student. He gets along well with everyone and is very amiable. He enjoys dancing and excels at video games. He also is quite regular with gymming activities and loves meeting new people. He is soft hearted and the school will miss his presence.

**Pursuing Business and economics at:** Flame University



**REHAAN  
SHAH**

Yazish is quiet and reserved. He is incredibly innocent and is friendly with everyone. He is a very understanding and compassionate and has huge respect for his teachers and parents. He enjoys playing video games and basketball. He had an active role in the School Play and did wonders. I give him my best wishes for the future.

**Pursuing Mechatronics/ Mechanical engineering at:**  
Applied to Universities in India



**YAZISH  
WANKADIA**





**VARUN  
GANDHI**

Varun is a very calm individual. He speaks very little and is quite reserved. He enjoys playing football and video games. He works well in a group and is able to remain impartial in any circumstance. He is a powerful young man who has also demonstrated a strong interest in Technology and Computer Science. If given the chance, he will undoubtedly perform miracles. I hope for the best for him in the future.

**Pursuing Business at:** Florida International University

Suvidhi is a loyal friend who is always willing to help others, both inside and outside the classroom. She is a sincere, diligent, and good-natured student who speaks with ebullience and passion. She has a beautiful voice and is an amazing singer. She has performed at numerous school events and wowed the crowd with her talent. She possesses excellent leadership skills and as the Agni House Captain she was a very active student who was interested in everything that happened in school. She works well with younger students because she is very compassionate and patient. She has consistently taken the initiative to prepare and inspire her juniors for interhouse competitions.

**Pursuing Business/Finance at:** Ahmedabad University



**SUVIDHI  
BHUSHAN**

Vaneesha, our "coffee girl", can easily serve as a brand ambassador for one of the most well-known coffee brands in the world. She speaks softly and with great calm. She loves to work out at the gym and always tries to stay fit. In academics, she enjoys Psychology and Biology the most. She has always expressed interest in class activities and assemblies and actively participated in them. Wishing her great success in her life at the University.

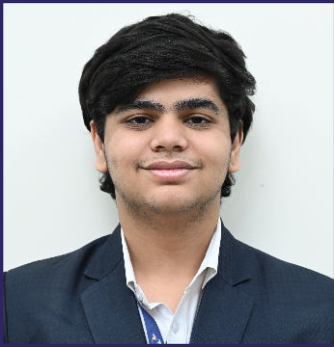
**Pursuing Psychology at:** Ahmedabad University



**VANEESHA  
KOTHARI**



# Tutor Comments (Ms. Ritika Solanki) - Class 12 B and University Placements:



**SHORYA  
BELLIGUNDU**

“Shorya is calm, unique and has a kind and helpful personality. While he is also easy going most of the time, he can be both confident and hopeful of his future. He has won the third place in the swimming competition, is passionate about gymming and is the most improved student in Computer Science. He wants to pursue Psychology from Stony Brook University in the U.S.”

**Pursuing Psychology at:** Stony Brook University (*Scholarship*)

Jihan is a hardworking, talkative and ambitious student. This Bandra boy has represented the school in the Youth Change Makers Conclave- an interschool Debate competition. Passionate about basketball and gymming, he is blessed with a quick wit and has a very good sense of humour. He plans to take up Computer Science with honours from Penn State University.

**Pursuing Computer Science at:** Penn State University Park (*Scholarship*)



**JIHAN  
MANKANI**



**HARSHINI  
PANJWANI**

Harshini is a mature, efficient and good orator. She is affable, gives advice and always helps her peers in academics and in all possible ways. She is good at debate, passionate about reading and generally confident about everything. Besides this she was one of the main characters in the school's Annual Musical. For her further studies she has opted for a BSc in Psychology from Kings College, London.

**Pursuing Psychology at:** King's College London





**MANASVI  
POTE**

Manasvi is a good writer and a poet with very good communicative skills. She has authored a book called 'Yatri Krupaya Dhyaan De' which is available on Amazon. She is also a good businesswoman, a great editor and a wonderful speaker who has performed on the TedEx platform. She is logical and compassionate and a self-reliant student. She plans to take up liberal arts at Bennett University.

**Pursuing Liberal Arts at: Bennett University**

Rushil exhibits a positive outlook and attitude in class. He is a trained classical singer who has completed 5 exams from the Gandharva School. He is one of the founder members of the School Band. He was Class representative last year, and is a good orator and a passionate and talented student. He has opted for Chemical Engineering from the University of Delaware.

**Pursuing Chemical engineering at: University of Delaware**



**RUSHIL  
RATHOD**

Ashel always greets everyone with a cheerful smile and has a very pleasing demeanour. She comes up with innovative ideas and takes initiative for all the events organized in school. She is responsible, consistent, punctual and a social butterfly to boot, aptly fitting the Learner Profile qualities of reflection and critical thinking with an innate helpful and caring nature. She was one of the members of Artistic Help for CAS. She intends to do her further studies in Psychology from Knox College, USA.

**Pursuing Psychology at: Knox College (Scholarship)**



**ASHEL  
D'SOUZA**





**SAMRIDDHI  
SAHA**

Samriddhi is smart, funky, artistic and creative. She is a motivated and committed student who is passionate about History and often makes psychology jokes with her peers. She is also a hard-working and studious student. She has a hidden talent of singing and is also a good keyboard player. She has chosen to pursue a Communications degree from the University of Toronto.

**Pursuing Communications & Media studies at:** University of Toronto, Mississauga (*Scholarship*)

Reva is a pleasure to have in class with her polite demeanour and soft-spoken ways. She is a hardworking, creative and focused learner, and has always made presentations for class assemblies and helped her friends. She is passionate about Art and Karate and manages to maintain a good balance between her studies and extracurricular activities. Reva plans to study Psychology from the Krea University.

**Pursuing Psychology at:** Krea University (*Scholarship*)



**REVA  
SAWANT**

Agrita is bright, cheerful and hardworking student. This tiny bundle of talent is very chirpy, proactive and always ready to share her knowledge with her peers. She is a hardworking, observant and an endearing student. She intends to continue her further studies in Psychology and is sure to excel at it. We wish Agrita the very best for her future.

**Pursuing Psychology at** Newcastle University/ Durham University (*Scholarship*):



**AGRITA  
SHRIVASTAVA**





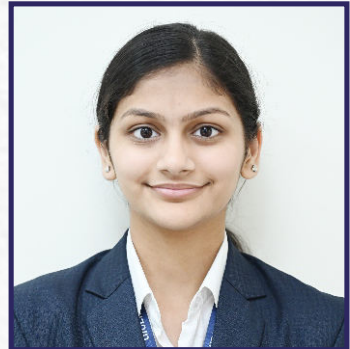
**NAAVYA  
SRIVASTAVA**

Naavya is sensitive and ambitious. She does not hesitate to speak her mind. She is a great dancer who surprised everyone on Prom Night to go on to win the best dancer award for the evening. Her Business skills are put to good use by way of her helping her mom promote her Business. She is active and an avid cricket fan. She plans to study Management and Law and has shown all signs of being hugely successful in the future.

**Pursuing Business Management at:** University of Sheffield /  
University of Ottawa

Sreya is positive, focused and determined. She is also a Classical dancer and excels at Bharatanatyam. She is soft spoken, meticulous, helpful and sweet. Sreya is a one-woman army when it comes to running the German Club at school. With her presence of mind and resilience, Sreya holds tremendous potential. We wish her the very best!

**Pursuing Business/Finance at:** University of Toronto (*Scholarship*)



**SREYA  
WARRIER**

Anugraha is soft spoken, sincere and eloquent. She takes initiative in class and tries to help her peers and teachers. She is an elegant dancer and has learned Bharatnatyam for 8 years. She is passionate, determined and caring which makes her an ideal IB student. With her dynamic personality, Anugraha is sure to succeed at whatever she wishes to pursue.

**Pursuing Luxury, fashion & Business Administration at:**  
EDHEC Business School, Nice (*Scholarship*)



**ANUGRAHA  
SN**





# CLASS OF 2023 - Grade 12





# Engaging Minds, Changing Futures

At GICLM, we believe that education is all about the possibilities of curiosity, learning, discovery and achievement.

Join us to create  
endless possibilities  
for your child's education



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