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GICLM GRADUATES

FAREWELL ARTICLES FROM  
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## SPECIAL GRADUATION EDITION



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GRADE 12  
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# GICLM as a Centre of Excellence in Learning

## ‘Once a Garodian, Always a Garodian’



It is always a privilege to honour and respect the achievements of our graduates as their current journey branches off to new places with new experiences. Over the years, as I have gone through the stages of my own life living my own journey, I always find myself reflecting about the important aspects of who I am. More often than not they are derived from my own school and the impressions it has left. I believe strongly that our graduates have come to understand the phrase that I often hear: ‘Once a Garodian, always a Garodian’. And you will cherish this in the future.

What is it that connects Garodia IB graduates? What is it that the current group will take forward with them? I believe it is the very fact that they have experienced an education that deals with the essence and importance of being human. Importantly, this gives us a clue about the kind of society that we aspire to create and in which our graduates will become its future leaders. Without these human qualities, everything else is meaningless. So, what ones can we identify? Compassion towards and an interest in others, international mindedness, honesty, justice, equality, cultural awareness, collaboration and tolerance, empathy, and many more. With the IB, Garodia is precisely preparing you in this way, developing a certain quality of humanness that enriches your future lives. I also hope that we have given you a vision of striving for greatness and making possible what seems unlikely. It is a vision not just founded on academic foundations, but more importantly a vision founded on moral and ethical pillars fired by the human spirit that says tomorrow can be better than today. These values serve as a compass – they are both aspirational and essential and they enrich our very being, giving us our identity. In essence, you have become citizens of the world with a spirit of discovery and the knowledge to make a difference. And that is why ‘Once a Garodian, always a Garodian’ is so special. You have a heart, a soul and a passion in true human terms.

As Garodia graduates you also have a responsibility to change the world for the better, a responsibility to your parents and to yourselves. All we have done is hopefully point you in the right direction. Now it is your time to go and inspire the world... I wish you all the very, very best, wherever life may take you, whatever goals you seek, remember that you are special and your talents are unique. So, good luck to you all and may your dreams come true many, many, many times over.

**Mr Ian Davies**  
**Head of School**





## Dear Grade 12 Graduates,

Let me ask you to look back a few years back in your life, to the first day when you entered our school. I am sure you might remember that day when you stepped into our foyer, with many apprehensions and expectations, eager to find a friendly face. Today I hope you are leaving GICLM as a confident, articulate and motivated young individual equipped with multifarious skills and with lots of friendly relationships. Take pride in how far you have come.



The past year was unlike any other, and was indeed a tough one for all of us. This was especially hard for all of you, as you had to be rooted to your desks for endless hours of online classes, with sparse opportunities to meet with your friends. I am proud to say that despite the obstacles, you all adapted to this situation very quickly 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 what Henry L. Doherty has stated in this quote, “Be a student as long as you still have something to learn, and this will mean all your life. Every experience in life will teach you something. You just need to keep an open mind and open heart to see what lessons the world has to offer.”

Continue to be resilient and stay positive always. Go forth and shine. We are confident that you will not only survive, but thrive. I wish you well in all your future endeavours.

**Ms Elza Eldo**  
**IBDP Coordinator**

## From the Desk of our University Guidance Counsellor

### Graduating Class of 2021....

It is that time of the year, where the exciting news of the University offers our graduating students receive keeps pouring in. For all the GICLM staff who have seen most of these students growing from tiny tots to full-fledged IB graduates, it is a feeling of achievement and fulfillment. I have to admit that the present Grade 12 students have been a promising bunch, with their fields of studies comprising an eclectic mix of programs varying from: Business Studies, Economics, Finance, Mathematics, Psychology, Fine Arts, Engineering and Biological Sciences. Furthermore, our students have also received a considerable amount of scholarships along with their admissions. Indeed, we will soon see our GICLM class of 2021 spread all over the globe, including destinations like the USA, Canada, the UK, Australia, Germany, France and India.



Some have already confirmed their admission, while others are in the process of deciding among a plethora of choices. Without further ado, here is the glance at the University offers our students have received to date.



**Aditya Premani:** Offers received -

Rotman School of Management –University of Toronto-St. George Campus –Canada  
University of Toronto-Scarborough Campus –Canada  
University of Toronto- Mississauga Campus –Canada (1000 CAD –Entrance scholarship)  
Western University –Canada  
Confirmed admission at Rotman School of Management -University of Toronto-St. George Campus –Canada

**Aryan Shah:** Offers received -

Frankfurt School of Finance & Management –Germany (50% IB Scholarship)  
University of Leeds –UK  
University of Bath –UK  
Kings College London, University of London –UK  
London School of Economics & Political Science, University of London –UK  
University of Warwick –UK  
University of Sydney –Australia  
University of British Columbia –Canada (Scholarship of 20,000 CAD)  
Confirmed admission at Frankfurt School of Finance & Management –Germany

**Ateet Patel:** Offers received -

Stony Brook University –USA (4,000 USD annual scholarship)  
Rutgers University -USA  
Indiana University Bloomington- USA  
Confirmed admission at Stony Brook University –USA

**Dharait Vora:** Offers received -

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences -USA (10,000 USD annual scholarship)  
University of Massachusetts Boston –USA (10,000 USD annual scholarship)  
University of Maryland Baltimore County -USA (12,000 USD annual scholarship)  
Confirmed admission at University of Maryland Baltimore County -USA

**Dhruv Bangera:** Offers received -

University of Buffalo –USA (12,000 USD annual scholarship)  
University of Texas Arlington –USA  
Louisiana State University –USA  
Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis -USA (17,000 USD annual scholarship)

**Hemel Shah:** Offers received -

Jacobs University –Germany (3,000 Euros scholarship)  
Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis -USA (18,000 USD annual scholarship)  
Penn State –University Park -USA  
Confirmed admission at Penn State –University Park -USA

**Gauresh Kuradia:** Offer received -

Kingston University -UK  
University of Aberdeen- UK  
City, University of London - UK  
Royal Holloway, University of London UK

**Ira Sampat** –Offers received -

Paris College of Art–France (50% scholarship)  
American University of Paris (35% scholarship)  
Confirmed admission at Paris College of Art -France





**Soham Dattani:** Offers received -  
Rutgers University –USA  
University of Sussex -UK  
Queen Mary –University of London –UK  
Confirmed admission at Rutgers University –USA

**Hrishi Shah:** Offers received -  
S P Jain Institute of Global Management (India/Singapore/Dubai/Australia) -15% scholarship

**Vedant Sanghvi:** Offers received-  
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University –USA (10,000 USD annual scholarship)

**Sanjana Lakhpatwala :** Offers received -  
University of Sydney –Australia  
Queensland University –Australia  
San Francisco University –USA (20,000 USD annual scholarship)  
College of Wooster -USA (35,000 USD annual scholarship)  
Ohio University –USA (8,000 USD annual scholarship)  
University of British Columbia-Canada  
University of Toronto –Canada  
Confirmed admission at University of Toronto –Canada

**Jeet Sarvaiya :** Offers received -  
Frankfurt School of Finance & Management –Germany (25% scholarship)  
University of British Columbia –Canada  
University of Sydney –Australia  
Confirmed admission at Frankfurt School of Finance & Management –Germany

**Suhaya Krishnamoorthy :** Offers received -  
Flame University –India

**Jay Singhvi:**  
Confirmed admission at Manipal Institute of Technology -India

**Khushi Jain, Satvik Anand and Grisha Jain:** Applying to Colleges in Mumbai University.

As they move forward in their academic pursuit, I can't help but look back and feel gratified reminiscing about my interaction with our graduates, especially this past year. From an UGC perspective, I have been continuously impressed by our students' performance, which I believe shows in the amount of outstanding offers they have received. I look forward to working with another enthusiastic batch of promising students in the coming year!

Best Wishes and Congratulations to the GICLM graduates of 2021!!!

**Suchetha Vasant**  
**University Guidance Counsellor**





## Grade 12 Farewell Messages

My fondest memory of GICLM has to be the CAS trip to Dahanu. I got the chance to spend two nights with my friends and explore a new place. The Sports Day and the Diwali Fair were also two memorable events. I will definitely miss my friends and teachers at GICLM. I am very grateful to all my teachers — Ms Uma, Ms Kshama, Ms Monika, Mr Ashutoush, Ms Smitha, Ms Sheila and Mr Ian. A special thanks to the CAS Department — Ms Priya, Ms Shivani and Ms Rumana, as well as Ms Vidya for guiding me with my EE. I would also like to thank Ms Suchetha for helping me secure my future. Last but not the least, thanks to our class teacher Mr Mark, who has always been there with us in every situation. I am really happy to have started the German Club and helped young German learners hone their linguistic skills. Hosting the German Spelling

Bee and acting as the co-chair in the GICLM MUN were also two really proud moments for me. Additionally, I will never forget the Sports Day 2020, as the oath taking ceremony has a special place in my heart. The KWHS Stock Market Challenge along with the junior grades was an exciting and interesting competition. The Prom in 2020 was another new event at our school that was an immense and immediate success.

Going forward I plan to study BSC in Business Administration with a specialization in Finance at the Frankfurt School of Finance and Management and pursue a career as an equity analyst. I would again like to thank the staff and the institute for the amazing twelve years of my life, which shall serve as unforgettable memories. When I look back at these years, I can only smile and say that I enjoyed it all!



**Aryan Shah**

I have been in GICLM for over nine years now, and have made so many memories. It is hard to choose just one that stands out above the rest. I'm going to miss the familiar environment and all my classmates as well as the fun moments we have had together. Without my friends, I wouldn't have made it through IB, and I am thankful for each one of them and how they made my life better and easier. I'm also thankful for all the teachers who spent endless hours correcting our IAs and working with us to ensure we got good grades.

GICLM was one of the best experiences of my life and I am grateful to have had the chance to experience it with all of my friends. After GICLM, I am going to be attending the University of Toronto, where I plan to pursue a Bachelor's of Science in Mathematics. I'm going to miss coming to the same school everyday, and I really hate that we didn't get to spend our last year of school together, but we did make the most of the online experience.

IB is hard, no doubt, and I'm glad I had people who cared about me to help me. As for advice to any future students, I would say help each other, because IB can be stressful and it's always easier to go through anything with friends. I wish everyone the best, and I hope to see you all again soon!

**Sanjana Lakhpatwala**





I have always been more of a practical-oriented person, something that I feel a majority of the community at GICLM now know about me. While in school, I sought opportunities to explore more than any theoretical lecture could offer to me, and I was glad to find a plethora of opportunities ranging from MUN conferences to in-school Musicals present at every corner.

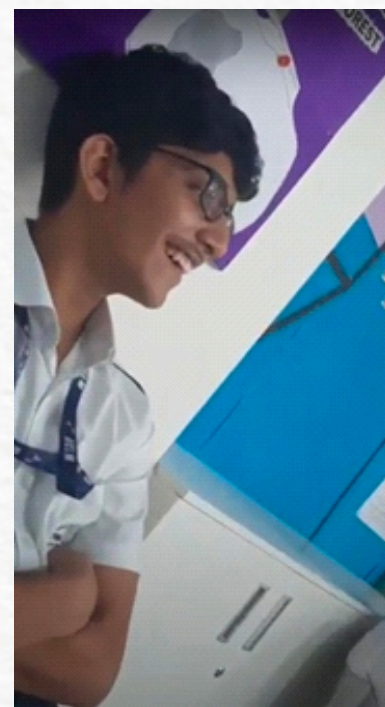
I'm now looking to enroll at a flight school in the US to gain my credentials all the way up to an Airline Transport Pilot's License, which will soon allow me to pursue my career in commercial aviation. I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the GICLM community that allowed me to develop skills that I will look to implement in whatever the future holds for me. All my tutors have imparted much-much more than just lessons; they have all been guiding lights and support systems throughout my educational journey.

I'd like to Thank Ms Sheila for all of her words of wisdom and her unique outlook on life; Mr Mark for being a pillar of support and an excellent Head Tutor. I will always remember Mr Mark as someone who helped me develop interest in a subject that was once my weakest. A big thank you also to Ms Shivani for challenging me with new ideas and bringing in new stories with every Hindi class. Ms Sakshi also helped me a lot by showing me that nothing is black and white. She always probed me to look for the grey in each aspect of life. Ms Smitha also never lost faith in me and made sure I did what it took to get myself up to par. Finally, I've never hidden that EM/Bio in IGCSE and ESS in IBDP have been my favorite and most looked-forward to lectures. For that, I'd especially like to Thank Ms Priya. It has been a delight to learn under and explore so many different concepts, theories and ideas with her.

To those who are progressing up the years at GICLM, all I can say is, never miss an opportunity that you are presented with and make your own opportunities whenever you can. Use the resources at your disposal to bring forward something unique. Also, don't forget to fight for what you think is right.

I have made some of my best memories and had my most memorable times within the school building, be it during Morning Fitness with Mr Moore, or be it working on the technical aspects of the school musical with Mr Sandeep. These are some memories I will hold with me for a long time to come. I'd like to conclude with a quote that I've come across multiple times: Ex Nihilo Nihil Fit "Nothing Comes from Nothing".

**Vedant Sanghvi**





I have spent the last fifteen years of my life at this institution, and it is very difficult to say goodbye now. As a child, I remember not wanting to go to school, but now I miss it so much that I just wish I could have another year to spend with this beautiful family that I have here at GICLM. I wish I could have spent my last year physically in school, but unfortunately that could not happen. I will miss getting yelled at by teachers for doing mischievous things. I will also miss the sports and annual days. I will miss everything! The last fifteen years have been very memorable, and there is not one day that I would not relive again. Everything has been perfect.

This community has helped me so much and I aspire for a bright future. I am sure that all the graduates of GICLM are going to be very successful and brilliant in their lives. The one thing that I admire the most about GICLM is the small class sizes, which helps the students get more involved. I can say that I have never once felt left out of any class. I will now be studying computer engineering at Pennsylvania State University in the USA. I wish every student coming to this wonderful institute the best of luck for the future. Thank you everyone for everything!

**Hemel Shah**



I have made many new friends and memories in the past two years at this school, but my fondest memory at GICLM was when my friends and I were caught dancing in the study room. I will miss attending my Biology lectures where we used to fool around and annoy our teacher. Ms Monika has been my greatest inspiration. I will truly miss her the most, as she has had the greatest impact on my educational career.

The Christmas party was one of the events I was most proud of because everyone enjoyed the food my team and I made. I just want to tell all of my young peers at GICLM that you guys won't be as lucky as us to not have exams, so stop fooling around and study hard! After GICLM, I plan on studying Finance at Rutgers University — New Brunswick. COVID has affected all of us in many ways and I will miss attending school physically. I am leaving here today with a wealth of knowledge I will always treasure. GICLM has provided me with a fantastic learning experience, and I am thankful for the skills I've acquired. I feel as if being here with you all each day has made me a more complete and well-rounded person. I've learned how to take direction, criticism, and compliments. These are three things I wasn't so great at taking before, and now I feel as though I can apply my skills in many different situations. I've also learned to be open-minded, to value other people's opinions, and to consider other ideas along with mine in order to end up with a great final result.

I have immense gratitude towards all my teachers, my colleagues and my juniors. My dear teachers have taught me more than what we can get from a book. It's been a pleasure learning at GICLM, and I will genuinely miss it. I take with me fond memories, valuable skills, and I hope to one day leave an impression on others similar to the one you all have left on me!

**Soham Dattani**

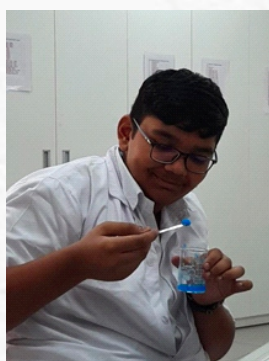




One of my fondest memories at GCLM was the combined assemblies that were conducted in the multi-functional hall downstairs. It was the one time when the entire school got together and we could socialize and connect with our juniors and seniors. I enjoyed spending time with my juniors and seniors before and after the assembly. One thing I'll miss most about GICLM is the small breaks in between the classes where we would have the most fun and goof around with our friends. It was those short breaks which made the bonds we share today, and it's these memories which will be remembered.

Another aspect of the school I'll miss is working with the teachers here. Personally, Mr Mark was one teacher who really impacted my time spent in the school. Not only was he an excellent teacher who used multiple ways to approach our academics, but he also connected with us on a personal level. He educated us on math, but more importantly, he also gave us motivation and advice to move forward. For my younger peers and students of GICLM, I would really recommend joining the morning activity, as it is quite a start to the day that helps keep you focused. Another bit of advice for my younger peers is to make friends not only in your own class, but with the students in classes above and below you. This gives you an opportunity to help others, and also helps you as well.

My future plans are to attend Stony Brook University, New York, where I have enrolled. I have been with Garodia for my entire life and I will truly miss the students, the teachers and the school. It has been a huge part of my life and it was because of the school that I was able to achieve what I have.



**Ateet Patel**

I have been part of the Garodia family since pre-primary. I can't believe that I have spent more than fourteen years in this wonderful family which gave me so much more than just an education! I have made amazing friends, met fabulous teachers and most importantly found myself. Garodia Education has made me the person I am now and I am proud of what I have achieved.



The thing I will miss the most is the sense of community and the bond each student has with each other. Even though my class might have gone through a few rough patches, the important thing is that we stuck together and always grew stronger together. An important person in the process, especially during the last two years, was Mr Mark Orcine. What a legend he is! He is not only a teacher, but a great friend and is always part of the class. He is one of the coolest teachers I have known and I am sure he will always be one of my favourite teachers. Another teacher I'd like to mention is Ms Uma. She has been my German teacher for the longest time, and she by far has the most interesting classes. Every time we have a class it is always filled with some activities and games which not only help us learn the language, but make it interesting in the process.

The proudest achievement at GICLM was definitely becoming the Jal House Captain last academic year. This experience helped me make so many new friends from different grades and I was truly able to enjoy the process. The best tip I'd like to give any of my younger peers is to not become over-stressed. Every time I have been stuck somewhere I have always pulled through with the help of my friends or the teachers at GICLM. Therefore, you should always know that everyone has your back at GICLM and you can push through.

After leaving GICLM I will be going to Germany to pursue my Bachelors in Business Administration at the Frankfurt School of Finance and Management. Finally, to conclude I would like to say thank you all and I am grateful to be a part of the Garodia family for life.

**Jeet Sarvaiya**





My time at GICLM has been a memorable one. From crying on the first day of fourth grade when I first walked into this school, to not wanting to leave school beyond closing hours, I've definitely grown fond of this institution. Most memorably, the School Musical last academic year gave me an opportunity to rekindle my theatrical flame after years of being inactive. I played the lead role and it allowed me to retrieve my singing voice.



I will miss walking around the school hallways the most, as the 7th floor, the IB floor, was only occupied by our class, so it felt much more comforting as compared to all other floors. Along with that, we've spent most of our time sitting on the benches of our homeroom. Without these memories, our high school experience would be incomplete.

One of the benefits of the IB Diploma Programme is the CAS strand. Through CAS, I got to be a part of several activities that I never thought myself capable of. One of them included spending time with kids suffering from life threatening diseases. We got the opportunity to invite them to our school and perform an exclusive Musical for them, along with cooking meals and serving it to them. Another one of the several activities was one where we stayed overnight at a farmhouse at the outskirts of Maharashtra. During our time there we got to dip our hands and feet into the mud and work in a paddy field. Truly a unique experience.

I've been admitted to a couple of universities in the USA and Germany, but will most likely be pursuing my studies in B.S in Artificial Intelligence at IUPUI (Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis). Despite the realization that we are all now moving on, my memories at GICLM are countless and can't be penned down on just one page. One of the things I'd like to tell my younger peers is to finish your CAS reflections on time, because with IAs, EE and TOK tasks piling up towards the end of the year, trust me you don't want CAS to trigger your deteriorating mental health!

**Dhruv Bangera**



It's been a rollercoaster of a ride for me at GICLM. I've made tons of memories over the past two years, it's hard to name just one favourite. However, I'd say the best memories were made in the class, from dancing to Marathi songs, to just annoying our teachers and fighting for marks. High school is the most memorable time of our lives, and due to unforeseen circumstances, we missed out on a year of actually going to classes. Nevertheless, this journey will always be etched in our memories. We never valued physical school until we had to go in quarantine, and COVID-19 impacted our lives a lot. We also didn't have many trips, but the CAS trip to Dahanu will surely go down as one of the best ones I've ever been on.

Some advice for my younger peers would definitely be to not let anyone come in the way of your goals, and to stay focused. During my time here I got to meet many people, not just in my batch, but in the whole school, and that made my time here at GICLM enjoyable. The various activities that we participated in, such as the Dance Competition and the Cricket Competition, were extremely impactful. The memories made here will surely stick with me for the rest of my life. 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, and I'm lucky to have you guys. Going forward I plan on pursuing a degree in Biological Sciences at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

**Dharait Vora**





I have been in GICLM for many years, and my experience was awesome. IBDP was the cherry on top for me. In my IBDP experience, my fondest memory was undoubtedly the Dahanu Trip. The trip was not just fun because of the activities we did there, but also because I was spending time with my classmates. This may sound lame, but during the lockdown the thing I missed the most was spending time together with my classmates and teachers.

Throughout my IB journey, my teachers played a key role; they not only made our school life fun, but they also discussed their own life experiences which was very helpful. Naming any one teacher would be unjust to many; however, our Form Tutor Mr Mark had a very big impact on me. My class went through a lot of quarrels, and Mr Mark always understood the matters, not just by taking our side, but also telling us when we were unreasonable. In this journey of IBDP, luckily I was able to start my own Math Club, which was a blast. Furthermore, Mr Ashutosh encouraged my interest in investing and the stock market. The best part of being with Mr Ashutosh was the discussions we had about real world organisation. Ms Kshama also added a lot to my understanding of the subject. Our talks about the informal economy worldwide was a topic which I will always remember about Economics class.

Now as my IBDP journey at GICLM has come to an end, I have planned to pursue the Chartered Accountancy course in India. I would like to say to my younger peers that there is a huge world outside our classrooms. Book-based concepts don't always work in real life. The only way to learn it is practically, so explore the world outside!



**Hrishi Shah**

These two years in the GICLM family have been exceptional for me! Within this community, I have seen myself transform from an introverted teenager to a confident adult, and as I leave this school I want to thank all my teachers and colleagues who have built me up and enabled me to realize my potential.

Being part of the IB program at GICLM has proved to be the turning point of my life so far, and the memories from these two years shall remain with me forever. I admire GICLM because of its culture, lively events and the excellent staff which provides 24/7 assistance. Initially, I struggled with all my subjects, especially mathematics, but after several sleepless nights, continuous hard work and endless support from my teachers, I was able to cope with the rigorous nature of the curriculum. Indeed, my journey through the IB has had its share of ups and downs. Despite these challenges I have managed to adhere to all my deadlines and also tried to maintain high academic grades. This was because I was able to see each and everything done in class as a learning opportunity and not just a mere submission. This attitude towards learning has kept me engaged and has helped me manage my stress. Another important factor which kept me going was efficient time management and continuous interaction. In IB, it's very important to manage your time, as there are lots of things going on at the same time, especially for EEs, TOK and IAs. In order to succeed you need to have continuous interaction with your teachers and classmates, and receive constructive feedback to improve your grades.



Nobody knows what the future holds, but hopefully the experience and learning opportunities from GICLM will come to my rescue. To conclude, I am sure the values of GICLM have filled me with so much confidence that as I walk into my university, I can readily take on any challenge.







Two years at GICLM in the books! What a rollercoaster ride it has been! The memories that I will always cherish are the Dahanu Trip, and Junior Prom. Dahanu Trip because I was new to the school and it was the trip that kick-started things for me, as I got to know my classmates outside the classroom. More importantly, as it was a CAS orientation trip, it introduced me to CAS and the importance of CAS while still being enjoyable. I still remember being out on our CAS trip and my friends and I were just sitting out in the dark, there was no network connection, but we just sat there talking and enjoying the light drizzle. Junior Prom was also an action-packed evening. I had a lot of fun while dancing my heart out. One unforgettable night!

The GICLM experience has flipped my personality when it comes to academics and my personal self as well. These two years have given me a load of positive experiences and negative ones as well. I am truly grateful for these experiences, as they made me what I am today. However, one thing I will miss about GICLM are the English, Psychology and Biology classes. As for English, it is my favourite subject, and every class was a whole new experience which taught me a lot. Psychology was great because it helped me understand the cognition behind why someone is the way they are. Biology was another one of my favourites because we had fun while learning. In my opinion there is no class that had as many hard laughs and life lessons.

Two teachers especially had a very high impact on my learning journey. They are Ms Sakshi and Ms Sheila. Ms Sakshi unknowingly helped me change my approach to the world and was always there to help me out, no matter how many times I might have been irritating her in class. Ms Sheila taught me a lot about patience and acceptance.

One piece of advice I would like to give my younger peers at GICLM is to always be humble, kind and never give up. Most importantly, consistency is key. Give 100% of your energy and attention to the things you love, and keep working for them no matter what. One quote that kept me going was by the Dalai Lama, "Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible." Just forget all the bad memories with people and learn to forgive and forget. Additionally, don't always set goals related to academic marks. Yes, they matter, but it is equally important to be a kind and compassionate person.

Going forward, I will be majoring in Psychology at the University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom. Finally, to sum everything up, GICLM has taught me a lot of things, and transformed me as a person. I won't ever forget any of the memories I made here, and will cherish them for the rest of my life.



**Gauresh Kuradia**





I came into school when most students had already settled into the IB routines and practices – the philosophy of IB deeply ingrained into them. I knew I had a lot of catching up to do, and something told me this journey was going to be different. I simply enjoyed coming to school dressed in a suit – looking responsible and mature. I enjoyed the discussions in class, though I mostly kept to myself. I could easily relate to Shah Rukh Khan in *Main Hoon Na!*

I didn't have many opportunities to participate in as many events, but I distinctly recall the two that happened in the month following my admission, the Prom night and the Sports Day. Personally, I love to run and felt really good after earning gold in the relay, which ended up being my only contribution to Agni House that year!

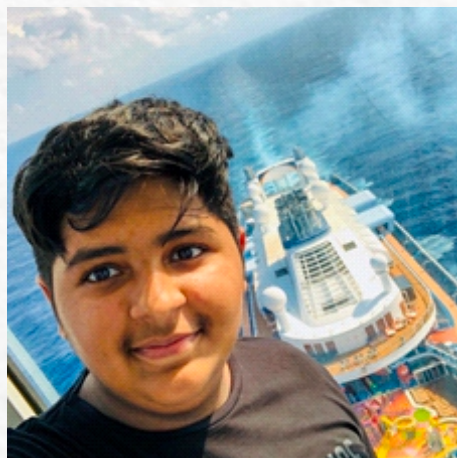
Though I'm not a huge fan of formal schooling, I realised in little time that my teachers here were different. They cared and felt responsible for my success. I can never thank Mr Ian Davies enough, who I look up to with utmost respect for his wisdom and patience. Ms Sheila, Ms Rumana and Ms Shivani – a huge thank you to them for their support and understanding. All throughout my education, I had scraped through my school exams pretty easily, with absolutely no effort. Here at GICLM was different, and it was that shock to my system that shook me up and taught me that I need to pull up my socks and really work hard. It's really very unfortunate that we couldn't experience the IBDP in all its grandeur given the global pandemic. Nevertheless, my message to the future GICLM graduates would be to say that I think you're lucky to be here, not just in terms of the grand facilities, but for the endless opportunities and mentoring we students receive each and every day.

**Satvik Anand**



Remembering all the memories I've made in the school since joining GICLM two years back, I realize how much I've changed and improved through the guidance of all of the teachers here. Out of all the memories, I feel that the best times out of these past years were the events that were held in the school such as MUNs, the Diwali Fair and the Teacher's Day Celebration. During these events we got to work as a group and learn new things while having fun. These are also the things I'll miss the most about GICLM. In the future, I plan on studying Business at the University of Toronto and then moving on to a career in Finance. Before starting my IBDP, I hadn't studied business at all, but through the presentations and case studies that were done in class, I developed a keen interest in the subject and decided to study it further.

**Aditya Premani**





I'd like to talk about some of the events I helped organize, which inadvertently provided me with professional experience as well. MUNs were organized both years I was a part of GICLM. The event was planned with the help of our teachers, and when it was time to publicly acknowledge our event, I stepped in. Working as a team and discussing the event, we were able to improve our communication and comprehension skills. I had to live up to the expectations that had been set for me. Flyers, brochures, and social media posts were all designed by me. We had to get the creatives approved by the CRY NGO as well because they were a part of the event's organization. Going back and forth, changing and improving my designs enabled me to grow and gain a better understanding of advertising.



We also wanted to give souvenirs to the students who received merit certificates on the last day. I had to create them in time for the award distribution after receiving the names from the chairs, which helped me work under pressure. This was a wonderful opportunity and learning experience for me. I also made props and decorations for the Greatest Showman Musical with our Art Teacher, Mr Amit. We wanted to add a circus element to the play, so I drew portraits of all the characters. To personalize it, I took photos of students who were playing each role and drew them as the characters.

These were just a few of the major events in which I participated during my time at GICLM. I also participated in numerous extracurricular activities that allowed me to practice and improve my skills, and I am grateful for these opportunities. I want to extend my gratitude to all my teachers and peers at GICLM who made my time here memorable.

**Ira Sampat**

To sum up my entire IB experience into a few words is nearly impossible. It turned out to be a rollercoaster two years, with Covid and online school and continuous lockdowns. This has prepared us for so much more than we could imagine.

My fondest memory in school without a doubt is our musical, 'The Greatest Showman'. From dancing with all my juniors, to helping teachers choreograph the numbers, staying back in school and helping the leads perfect their dance, the whole experience helped me solidify my existing friendships and make so many new ones. Eating at the cafeteria along with the entire school brought along a feeling of comfort and unity. One thing that I will miss most about school are the Friday lunches that we would all so eagerly await, the not so healthy lunches. TOK as a subject for me was honestly boring at times and I could not fathom why I needed to study a subject that I saw no use for in my future. However, as our lessons proceeded and Mr Ian Davies unraveled the TOK world, I started looking at the subject through a different lens and my attitude and approach towards TOK started to change. It is said that a good teacher can make a difference for the student with respect to a subject, and this is what I experienced here. Many of my teachers displayed skill, patience and an unbiased disposition which drove me towards a variety of subjects and interests.



The Inter-House Dance Competition where Agni House was led to victory by all the members of the house was one my proudest moments at school. When the results were announced and my house rose to celebrate, as a choreographer I was on cloud nine and proud to be a part of Agni House! For the next stage in my life I plan on pursuing Psychology in India and am eager to put to use what I have learnt at GICLM. Most importantly, how to learn was my biggest take away from my time at school. GICLM will forever be an integral part of my life and something like a second home for me. This is where my dancing capabilities were truly explored and I got the opportunities to nourish and hone my capabilities.

**Suhaya Krishnamoorthy**







Being a part of GICLM, has made me realize how much I've changed and improved through the guidance of all my teachers. I've made memories which I'm going to cherish all my life. Starting with the Teacher's Day celebration through to the MUNs, I have enjoyed all the events, as I got to learn how to work as a group, learn new things, have fun and much more.

One thing which I'll miss the most about GICLM will be the Inter-House Competitions. These events really gave me a platform to show my inner skills, which I am very grateful for. During the Inter-House Dance Competition I even got the opportunity to teach dances to all the members of my house. Seeing them perform on stage made me very happy and grew my confidence. Indeed, GICLM has given me many opportunities over the past two years where I got to show my skills and be appreciated for my strengths. It is these strengths that I will draw upon when I continue my education, pursuing a degree in Fashion Designing.

**Khushi Jain**



Being at GICLM was a delightful experience. When I think about high school and all the memories, some of them were good, and some of them were not so great. Good memories for me at GICLM include the simple things, like seeing people in the halls between classes, doing class projects, attending assemblies, and seeing my friends in class every day. Even through the pandemic, where we had online classes, we were always connected with our teachers and friends. The teachers in school made sure that the rigorous IBDP was less stressful for us. What I will remember most about these past two years is being involved in many different extracurricular activities and organizing an MUN for our CAS project.

Since first starting at GICLM I believe that I have changed a lot. Coming into high school I was a shy, unmotivated young woman that didn't really know what she was getting into. I am leaving high school as a mature and outgoing individual. If GICLM has taught me anything, it is that you should always have confidence in yourself. If you believe in yourself and you believe that you can achieve anything you want in life, good things will happen to you. Knowing that I am graduating high school and moving on to the next stage in life has not really hit me yet. Next year I plan to pursue a degree in Actuarial Science at Mumbai University.

These past two years have been an overall life changing experience that I will never forget. Thank you to all my peers and teachers for the positive impact you have had on me!



**Grisha Jain**





## Heart of Gold

**Awarded to the GICLM community members who have gone beyond the normal expectations to make a genuine contribution to the lives of others, the Heart of Gold Award is recognition of the human values that we as a school aspire towards. It is awarded at the discretion of the Head of School and advised by other community members. Congratulations to this year's winners!**

अपनेआप पर विश्वास और परिश्रम करो, हढ़ विश्वास और परिश्रम ही सफलता की जननी है। – स्वामी विवेकानंद – Believe in yourself and work hard, firm belief and hard work are the mother of success – Swami Vivekanand. This quote is very close to my heart. Awards make us feel proud and happy. They give us validation and boost our confidence. I believe that this award is a reward for our good work and hard work. For me, fourteen years have passed while working at GICLM. The best thing about GICLM is that there is always something new to learn here. The support of the Director, School Head, SLT and co-teachers has become a unique feature of this institution.

While reflecting on the year that has just passed by, I am glad as well as proud that I could adapt well to online instruction and deliver to the satisfaction of my students and the school. This also gave me an opportunity to hone my technical skills and explore various online resources. As an exam officer, I was glad I could help my school conduct online exams successfully. I feel honoured by the school's award and motivated to carry these positive aspects ahead at GICLM. Thank you!



**Ms Shivani Gupta  
IGCSE & IB Hindi Teacher**



Thank you so much for the appreciation I received at the Awarding Ceremony. I am very happy to be selected to receive this award. Indeed, I am proud to be a part of this organization. When I got this award it was a great surprise for me, as I was not expecting anything like this. However, now that it has sunk in, it has made my day and filled my life with happiness.

Working with GICLM is very precious for me. GICLM really cares a lot about its employees. During this Pandemic year, GICLM helped us a lot, even providing transportation, lunch and tea for those of us who must come to school everyday. I also want to show my gratitude to GICLM for organizing a vaccination drive for its employees. These actions show that this institution cares a lot about us as individuals. I feel safe working with GICLM and I always pray for GICLM to grow and bloom all over the world.

I am very thankful to Nishant Sir, Ian Sir, Maha Ma'am, Patrick Sir, Priyanka Ma'am, Sushmita Ma'am, Ugyen Ma'am, and of course my colleagues, especially Amit Sir, Rutuja, Ketki, Sandeep Sir, Vimal Sir, Shankar Lonkar, and all the members of the GICLM family. Without them, I wouldn't be in a position to win an award like this. Thank you all once again for everything!

**Ms Jaspal Kaur**







मै वैशाली महात्रे और आशिष मेनन सबसे पहले मैं इस पुरस्कार को प्राप्त करने के लिए GICLM स्कूल को बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद देना चाहता हूं। साथ ही, हमें इतना महत्व देने और हमें इतना कार्यात्मक जमजणे के लिए हम स्कूल का आभार प्रकट करते है , और हम अपना काम आणे वालो सालो मै पुरी निस्टा और मेहेनत कार्य करते रहेंगे

साथ ही हम प्रबंधन को Covid 19 महामारी के दौरान उनकी तरह के समर्थन और स्कूल के माध्यम से हम कर्मचारियों का टीकाकरण करने के लिए धन्यवाद देना चाहते हैं। GICLM के साथ जुड़कर हमें वास्तव में गर्व है।

**Vaishali Mahtre  
Ashish Menon  
Sodexo Team Members**

We would like to thank the GICLM Management for nominating and presenting this award to the Sodexo Staff. It is a great honor to receive these awards as recognition for all of our staff's effort and dedication to their work. Awards like this will surely boost the enthusiasm of the staff while also encouraging them to work hard and responsibly. We want to assure you that it is our goal to provide GICLM with the best service possible.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the GICLM management for their kind support during the pandemic and for vaccinating our staff at school. We are truly proud to be associated with GICLM.

**Mr Balam Raula  
Sodexo Manager**

When asked how I feel about winning the Heart of Gold award at the GICLM Awards Ceremony, a number of adjectives come to mind. It's absolutely amazing. I'm ecstatic. I still feel emotional when I think about it now, as it's one of the best things that has happened to me.

GICLM is an extremely valuable networking opportunity. It has always been a great journey for me at GICLM with the students and the staff working here. I am inspired everyday by the people that I work with – an amazing team of tutors and support staff that work tirelessly to give our students the best opportunities we can offer. Honestly, I couldn't ask for more, and I feel blessed to be a part of this wonderful community.

As we always mention "Once a Garodian, Always a Garodian". I truly believe that learning is a pleasure, a privilege, and a gift. The impact at GICLM that we have as tutors is astounding and I love embracing it.

To finish, when I received the award at the Virtual Awards Ceremony, I felt so proud of my job. It made me realise that I could make a difference. It inspired me to want to go and inspire my students. GICLM has always motivated me and I know it will continue to motivate me in the future.



**Aditi Momaya  
Early Years Teacher**



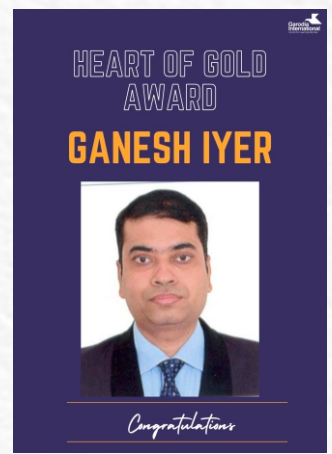


I am deeply honoured and truly humbled at receiving the "Heart of Gold" Award from GICLM for this year. My sincere thanks to Ian Sir and the members of the GICLM community for their appreciation and recognition.

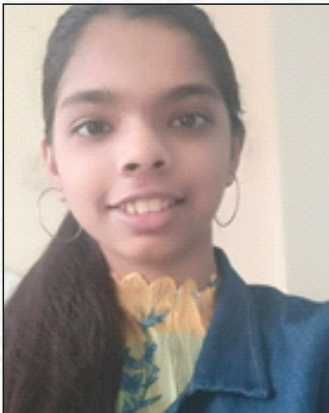
The academic year 2020-21 was truly exceptional in many ways for teachers, students, parents and indeed the world at large. We at GICLM were fortunate that we were better equipped to shift to online learning, which ensured that the academic learning did not stop in spite of the pandemic. Also, the way in which the teachers and students quickly and progressively adapted themselves to the new methods of learning is highly commendable. Apart from the learning, the school also successfully managed to conduct events like MUN, other competitions and music and dance events by engaging the students and parent community. Also, during the year, the school ensured regular and clear communication with students and parents on the learning methods, assessment processes and status of preparedness to resume face to face learning, subject to government guidelines. All these speak volumes about the hard work and efforts put in by the GICLM staff and also the support reciprocated by the community.

I sincerely hope that we can put the pandemic behind us and look forward to the students resuming face to face learning and using the wonderful facilities at GICLM in the coming academic year.

**Ganesh Ramakrishnan**  
**Grade II PTA Rep**



## From our Surkhiyan Editors



### Our Experience as Chief Editors

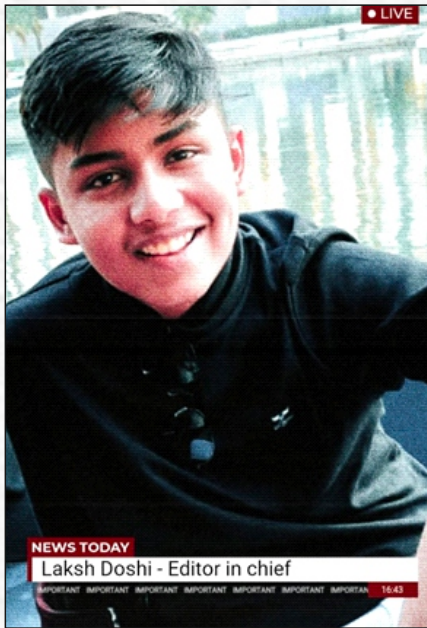
I was surprised when I found out I got the post of Chief Editor of the monthly school magazine. I thought there was a mix up of names and that it was an accident. I never would have expected to be such an important part of the team in my first year at GICLM. I was completely new and had no idea why I got picked, but after I worked on the first magazine, I stopped questioning the decision and decided to embrace it.

It was an absolute honour to work as editor and be able to read and edit all the wonderful articles we received. From correcting the tiny grammatical mistakes, to compiling all the articles, every single thing was a learning experience. It not only improved my writing skills, but also taught me discipline and punctuality. Editing all the articles on time was extremely important so we could publish the magazine on time. However, I didn't look at it like any school assignment that I had to submit before a deadline. Instead, I looked at it like doing a fun task that made me happy. I of course had help from my co-editor, Laksh. We would divide the work between us every month and rely on each other for hosting the club meetings. I also value and appreciate the contribution from every member of the club, without whom there wouldn't be any articles for me to edit. What I appreciate the most is the mentorship I received from Mr Brandon, who gave me the opportunity to be part of the team and taught me how to organize a magazine.

I would definitely recommend anyone who likes writing, reading or just wants to improve their English skills to join the school Magazine Club. I remember I joined the club not knowing what it exactly was, or if I would even like it, and now I would never leave it. It was one of my favorite parts of school and gave me an exciting task to do during my online schooling experience. It massively improved my English and helped me in my school English classes. I will always be appreciative of the things I learned as Chief Editor of Surkhiyan, and will continue to do my best.

**Riddhi Shobhavat**  
**Grade 8**





To start off, my role basically consisted of managing the team of writers and editors, determining the look and feel of the magazine, editing each and every article, deciding what to publish and to oversee the magazine's operations and policies. To be honest, I couldn't have wished for a better team than ours.

It was a definite learning experience. Right from the day Riddhi and I got selected, we had a truckload of responsibilities. She was undeniably a great co-editor even though she was so much younger than me. As this was the first year where the students were relied on to write articles, it was a strenuous job. I had to assign roles from scratch for the designated five sections of the magazine. Things were done smoothly from this point forward. I created separate WhatsApp groups for all the sections where we could monitor the discussions and also give the writers some ideas and positive feedback. I also decided to allot the roles efficiently so that each section had enough writers to avoid burden and late submissions. Leading 30+ students and helping the school gain potential students was a complete thrill. I had to create the guidelines for writers, editors and photographers, set up a system, and produce titles. I learned a lot from the role, and I'm glad that I did it, as it

Communicating with the students, the teachers, and all the way up to the student leadership team of the school was pretty much an experience of its own. Mr Brandon helped us a lot and it wouldn't have been possible unless he trusted me to be responsible enough for this demanding task. Honestly, it took hours of hardwork and editing, working after midnight to edit all the articles and to get all things perfect. In the end, it all paid off. Conducting meetings and regularly motivating everyone to submit before the deadline was the best part of this experience. I would definitely recommend each and every one of you to participate in the Magazine Club, no matter how unsure you are about it. Trust me, in the end you will come out to be a better version of yourself. The club doesn't only improve your hold on the many languages featured in the magazine, but also helps you to be an exceptional team member. It's more like a family now after all these months.

In closing, I would like to thank the whole team for being so punctual and cooperative. I will be forever indebted to everyone who contributed to the magazine for this opportunity that was afforded to me this academic year.

**Laksh Doshi**  
**Grade 10**

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