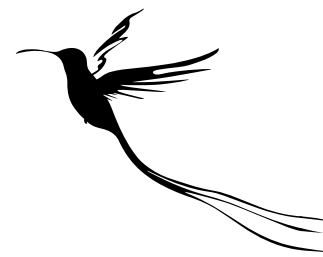




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The Power of Taking the First Step

Seed 1: Hey, I want to grow and see the sunlight! It's going to be amazing out there.

Seed 2: I don't know... what if the soil is too hard? What if I get hurt trying to grow?

Seed 1: That's scary, but if we never try, we'll never know how strong we can be.

Seed 2: I'm too afraid. Maybe it's safer to stay here.

Seed 1: I'm going to push through the soil and become a beautiful plant!

Seed 2: I hope you do well... I'm staying here for now.

(Later)

Seed 1: Look at me! I made it through and I'm growing strong.

Seed 2: I stayed scared, and now I'm still buried here. I wish I had tried.

Rallying for Glory: 9th Tennis Invitational at SelaQui



Serena Williams once rightly said, "A champion is defined not by their wins but by how they can recover when they fall." Tennis at SelaQui is not just a sport—it is an emotion. To keep this rollercoaster of emotions running faster, higher, and stronger, SelaQui International School proudly hosted the much-anticipated 9th Tennis Invitational Tournament.



Though winning or losing is secondary to the courage and commitment of participation, below are the results of the tournament.



The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from numerous teams, even amidst the tense geo-political conditions between India and Pakistan. This infused the event with vibrant energy both on and off the court. All teams played to the best of their ability, swinging their rackets with passion and upholding the true spirit of sportsmanship. In full alignment with the school's oath, the players followed all rules and ensured a fair and respectful competition.

Position	Category	Team/Player Name	School Name
1st	U14 Boys Singles	Arush Sangal	The TonsBridge School
2nd	U14 Boys Singles	Yuvraj Singh	SelaQui International School
1st	U14 Girls Singles	Varinda Vittayakorn	SelaQui International School
2nd	U14 Girls Singles	Samyra Yadav	The Lawrence School, Sanawar
1st	U19 Boys Singles	Shaurya Sharma	The TonsBridge School
2nd	U19 Boys Singles	Navin Vittayakorn	SelaQui International School
1st	U19 Girls Singles	Charvi Patwa	The Asian School
2nd	U19 Girls Singles	Vishakha Singh	SelaQui International School
1st	Boys Doubles	Shaurya Sharma & Arush Sangal	The TonsBridge School
2nd	Boys Doubles	Diljot Singh & Navin Vittayakorn	SelaQui International School
1st	Girls Doubles	Vishakha Singh & Varinda Vittayakorn	SelaQui International School
2nd	Girls Doubles	Arisha Jain & Vani Batola	The Lawrence School, Sanawar

-Krishna Chaturvedi

Racing to Glory: SeQuins Steal the Show at Confluence!

The roar of Formula 1 engines wasn't just a theme at Confluence this year, it was the spirit that fueled our SeQuins as they blazed through every challenge. Held at Tula's International School, Confluence 2025 witnessed an electrifying display of talent, perseverance, and pure competitive fire.



With great determination and a drive that matched the speed of an F1 champion, our Sequins dominated the track, clinching not just multiple titles but the ultimate prize the overall championship. In a stunning turn of events, they broke Wynberg's two-year winning streak.

Pedal to the Medal - Our Winning Moments:



First Place

Vibrations – Hip-hop dance performance.

Crescendo – Western music showcase.

Catch Me If You Can – Task-based treasure hunt.

Rap on Tap – Freestyle rap battle.

Second Place

Business Tycoon – Entrepreneurship.

Expressions – On-the-spot acting.

Debate – Sex education; data transparency.

Third Place

Canvas – Art on the theme: Formula 1.

Adverto – On-the-spot ad-making.

Photography – Theme: Dual contrast.

This victory isn't just about claiming trophies; it's about igniting a movement a new era of unstoppable champions. We are not just here to compete; we are here to redefine excellence.

And as we celebrate this incredible achievement, we're already preparing for something even greater. New challenges await, opportunities are unfolding, and our determination has never been stronger because the journey ahead isn't just about success. It's about creating a lasting legacy.



-Jasmita Kundetti

Labour Day Celebration

On May 1st, SelaQui International School celebrated Labour Day with warmth and appreciation. The occasion was marked by a heartfelt initiative led by the students of Class 12, who sought to honour the invaluable contributions of the school's support staff.



In a heartwarming gesture, the students served lunch to all the workers and extended their help to the mess staff. Their involvement reflected a deep sense of gratitude and respect for those who work tirelessly behind the scene every day.



This thoughtful act was more than just a celebration—it was a meaningful expression of service. It highlighted the importance of acknowledging and valuing the relentless dedication shown by the support staff, whose efforts often go unnoticed. The day fostered a spirit of respect, humility, and unity among the students and staff

It served as a powerful reminder that every role within a community holds immense value, and that small acts of kindness can bring people closer together.



-Aarav Dhanuka

Honoring the Love of Mothers

Our school organized a beautiful Mother's Day cultural event on May 10th to honor the love and dedication of mothers. The program was filled with vibrant and emotionally uplifting performances by students across different grades, each one creatively paying tribute to the selfless spirit of motherhood.



The event began with a musical segment, which included a touching western choir performance of "When God Made You My Mother" and a soulful group rendition of "Mumma" by Kailash Kher. Both songs struck an emotional chord with the audience and set a heartfelt tone for the evening.



This was followed by two moving poem recitations—"Maa Ka Pyaar" by Arissa Sur and "Maa Ko Sab Pata Hota Hai" by Reanne Lyonette. These poems beautifully expressed the emotions and deep appreciation children feel for their mothers, leaving many with tears in their eyes.

Next came the dance performances. The senior girls presented a graceful fusion of contemporary and classical dance, while the junior girls delivered an energetic and joyful contemporary trio. Both dances celebrated the essence of motherhood in a vibrant and artistic way.

The highlight of the event was a skit titled "Mother's Day," portraying a mother's daily sacrifices with deep emotional impact. It beautifully captured the silent strength and unwavering care mothers give every day.

The event ended with a meaningful message. Students reflected on a mother's unconditional love and the need to appreciate and express love for her daily—a touching reminder to cherish the incredible women who shape our lives.

Understanding the Stock Market: An Engaging Session on BSE

On May 3rd, 2025, Diyanishi Mittal and Rachit Kedia, along with Gul Chaudhary, the Lyceum Captain, presented an insightful session on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). The talk covered key topics such as the primary and secondary markets, the Sensex, and the regulatory role of SEBI.



The session concluded with the Headmaster leading an engaging question-answer round with both teachers and students, making the discussion interactive, informative, and enjoyable for all. It not only reinforced key concepts but also sparked curiosity among students to learn more about the world of finance and stock markets.



To provide real-world context, they discussed historical events like the Satyam and Harshad Mehta scams, effectively highlighting the risks involved in stock market investments. Gul also shared valuable insights on how news can influence market trends, emphasizing its effect on investor sentiment.



-Gul Chaudhary

The Spirit of Cricket: Inter-House Tournament 2025.

The much-awaited Inter-House (IH) Cricket Tournament kicked off on 4th May and concluded in grand fashion on 13th May. With four houses—Jal, Agni, Akash, and Prithvi—competing for glory, the tournament brought out the best in sportsmanship, strategy, and spirit across all matches.



Each house played with dedication and enthusiasm, delivering thrilling performances. Agni and Jal impressed with their fierce bowling lineups, while Prithvi showed exceptional team coordination. However, Akash House dominated the tournament with consistent batting and sharp fielding, outplaying their opponents in key matches. Their teamwork and resilience were key to

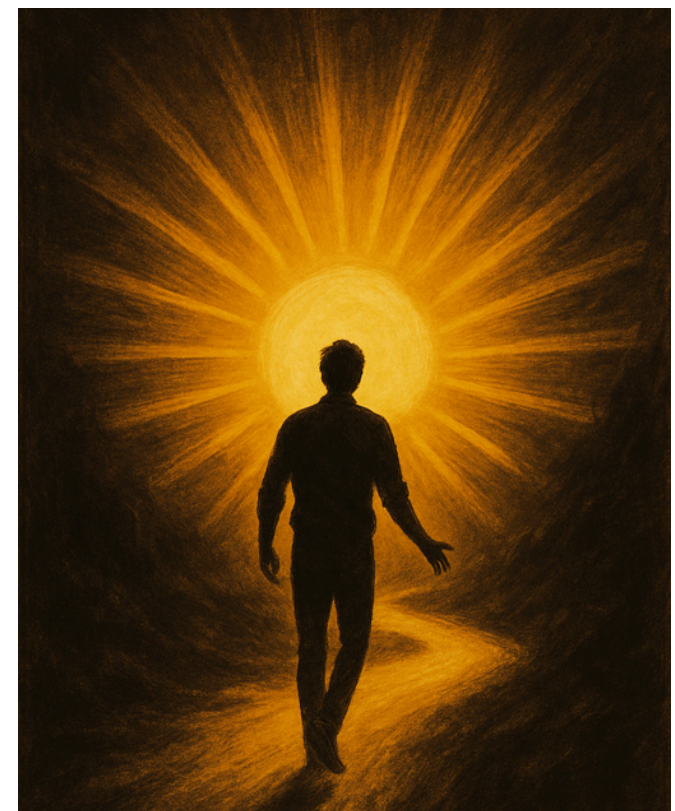
their success throughout the competition. In the grand finale, Akash House emerged as the overall winner, lifting the IH Cricket trophy with pride. The tournament not only celebrated cricket but also strengthened unity and house spirit. Congratulations to all participants, and especially to Akash House for their well-deserved victory!



-Vedansh Kothari

उम्मीद का महत्व

उम्मीद मनुष्य के जीवन की सबसे शक्तिशाली भावनाओं में से एक है, जो उसे निराशा, भय और असफलता के अंधेरे से बाहर निकालकर आगे बढ़ने की प्रेरणा देती है। जब जीवन में कठिनाइयाँ आती हैं और सब कुछ निरर्थक लगने लगता है, तब यही उम्मीद एक ऐसी किरण बनकर उभरती है जो अंधकार में भी रोशनी का मार्ग दिखाती है। यह मन की वह स्थिति है जो व्यक्ति को बार-बार प्रयास करने के लिए प्रेरित करती है, चाहे पहले कितनी ही बार असफलता क्यों न मिली हो। उम्मीद व्यक्ति को आत्मबल, धैर्य और साहस प्रदान करती है और उसे विश्वास दिलाती है कि आने वाला समय बेहतर होगा। धार्मिक ग्रंथों, साहित्य और महान व्यक्तियों के जीवन में भी उम्मीद का विशेष स्थान रहा है; सभी ने कठिन समय में आशा का दामन थामे रखा और अंततः सफलता प्राप्त की। वास्तव में, उम्मीद जीवन को अर्थ देती है और मनुष्य को निरंतर प्रयासरत रहने की प्रेरणा देती है। इसलिए कहा गया है कि "जहाँ उम्मीद होती है, वहाँ रास्ता होता है" — और जब तक उम्मीद जीवित है, तब तक जीवन में कोई भी कठिनाई स्थायी नहीं होती।



-Ishan Raj

A Meaningful Collaboration with Jagath Bandhu Trust

We had the privilege of welcoming members of the Jagath Bandhu Trust to our school, where we proudly donated books and stationery to support their inspiring mission. The Trust operates a free library space and provides books to students who otherwise would not have access to these essential educational resources. Their dedication to promoting learning and equal opportunities for all children closely aligns with our values as SeQuins.



This collaboration was more than just a donation; it was a chance for our students to engage with a meaningful cause. Many students actively participated in collecting and organizing the books and supplies, demonstrating enthusiasm and a sense of responsibility. Their involvement helped deepen their understanding of the importance of education and community service.

Representatives from the Jagath Bandhu Trust shared stories about the positive impact their work has had on children from underprivileged backgrounds. Hearing these experiences inspired everyone present and reinforced the value of our support.



As SeQuins, we are proud to contribute to this noble initiative, which helps ensure that education is accessible to all. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Jagath Bandhu Trust and supporting efforts that empower children through learning. **-Jasmita Kundetti**

Citizenship Project: Visit Amar Ujala Press

As part of their Citizenship Project, students of Classes 9 and 10 visited the Amar Ujala printing press to explore how newspapers are created and to understand the media's role in society. They toured the facility and observed high-speed printing machines in action. The visit provided a hands-on experience of how newspapers are produced, from content creation to final print.

During the tour, students learned about the process of news curation, fact-checking, and the principles of ethical journalism. A highlight of the visit was a special surprise—a newspaper page printed with the students' own photo, making the experience both memorable and personal. This thoughtful gesture left a lasting impression on everyone.

The students also interacted with press professionals, discussing media responsibility and the power of information. The visit offered valuable insights into how the press supports democracy, linking their classroom learning to the real world of news and civic engagement.



-Kyaan Datta

Educational Exploration: Visit to Forest Research Institute

Students of Classes 6 to 8 embarked on an enriching visit to the prestigious Forest Research Institute (FRI) in Dehradun. The day was filled with hands-on learning and exploration, offering a unique opportunity to step beyond the classroom and dive into the world of science and discovery. The institute, known for its significant contributions to forestry and environmental studies, served as the perfect destination for young learners eager to expand their horizons.



During the visit, students explored several grand museum galleries that highlighted topics such as wood technology, natural history, and forestry tools. Each exhibit provided valuable insights into the practical aspects of forestry and environmental conservation. The students were fascinated by the detailed displays and the tools once used in historical forestry work. The scale and richness of information within the galleries left a lasting impression on the curious minds.

The tour also introduced students to the stunning colonial-era architecture of the FRI and gave them a glimpse into how research institutions function. The guided exploration sparked discussions about museum curation, scientific research, and the importance of preserving knowledge. Overall, it was a memorable and inspiring educational experience that connected students to the broader realms of science, history, and institutional heritage.

-Krishna Chaturvedi

Educational Visit: Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology

Students of Classes 11 and 12 from the Humanities stream and Class 9 Cambridge visited the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology in Dehradun, gaining valuable insights into India's leading research on the Himalayan region's geology, tectonics, and historical development. The visit provided a rare opportunity to explore the scientific foundations behind the natural features that shape our environment and culture.



During the tour, students explored interactive galleries and exhibits that illustrated the formation of mountain ranges, seismic activity, and key archaeological discoveries. These exhibits offered a visual and engaging way to understand complex geological processes. Students also interacted with researchers who explained how geological data is used in urban planning, heritage conservation, and historical analysis.

The visit was an eye-opening experience that highlighted the interdisciplinary connections between geography, history, and sociology. It brought textbook concepts to life and deepened students' appreciation for how research institutions contribute to our understanding of the Indian subcontinent. **-Singey Namgyal**



Words, Wonder, and Wanderlust: SeQuins Meet Eric Weiner

"Some places are like family. They annoy us to no end, especially during the holidays, but we keep coming back for more because we know, deep in our hearts, that our destinies are intertwined."— Eric Weiner

This quote is not just profound—it resonates deeply with the spirit of SelaQui. On the 10th of May, the SeQuins had the rare honour of hosting Eric Weiner, renowned American author, public speaker, and former NPR foreign correspondent.



Best known for his globally acclaimed books *The Geography of Bliss*, *The Geography of Genius*, *Man Seeks God*, and *The Socrates Express*, Weiner brings together travel, philosophy, and creative storytelling to reflect on what makes life meaningful. His works have been translated into more than 20 languages, inspiring readers around the world. Upon arrival, Mr. Weiner was warmly welcomed with a bouquet and escorted to the administrative block for refreshments. Along the way, he interacted with students and got a first-hand glimpse into the SeQuin way of life—a brief yet meaningful connection that set the tone for the rest of his visit.

The highlight of the day was Mr. Weiner's engaging session in the MPH, where he spoke about the power of writing and the transformative nature of travel—especially "philosophical travel." He shared his "13 Reasons to Write," including the striking idea to "write to fail," emphasizing growth through mistakes. Later, he was interviewed by Krishna Chaturvedi and Himanish Singh, who delved into his journey as a writer and thinker. The day ended with students and the author alike carrying away fresh insights and a renewed passion for storytelling. **-Krishna Chaturvedi**



The Mind Unveiled: Psychology Students Engage with Real-World Practice

Our recent educational visit to two institutions dedicated to psychological assessment and mental health care proved to be both eye-opening and deeply enriching. It offered us a rare opportunity to witness how theory is applied in real-world settings and how psychological support can transform lives.

At the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disability (NIEPVD), we observed live psychological assessments conducted by a dedicated team comprising senior psychologists and interns. Their professionalism, empathy, and attention to detail left a lasting impression on us. One of the most inspiring moments was our visit to a school for visually challenged children located within the same campus. We watched as students engaged enthusiastically in their studies—and even played cricket with impressive energy and spirit. It was a powerful reminder of human

resilience and the importance of inclusive education.

On the third day, we had the privilege of interacting with the Head of the Department, who generously shared his knowledge, experiences, and valuable insights into the field of psychology. His words encouraged us to think critically about the roles and responsibilities of a psychologist in society.

We also visited a private mental health institute, which offered a contrasting approach to psychological care and observation. This gave us a broader

perspective on the diversity of practices within the field and how different environments shape therapeutic techniques and patient interaction.

Overall, the trip was a meaningful and intellectually stimulating experience. It not only deepened our understanding of psychological theory and human behavior but also inspired us to pursue our studies with greater passion and purpose.

-Anshika Jain

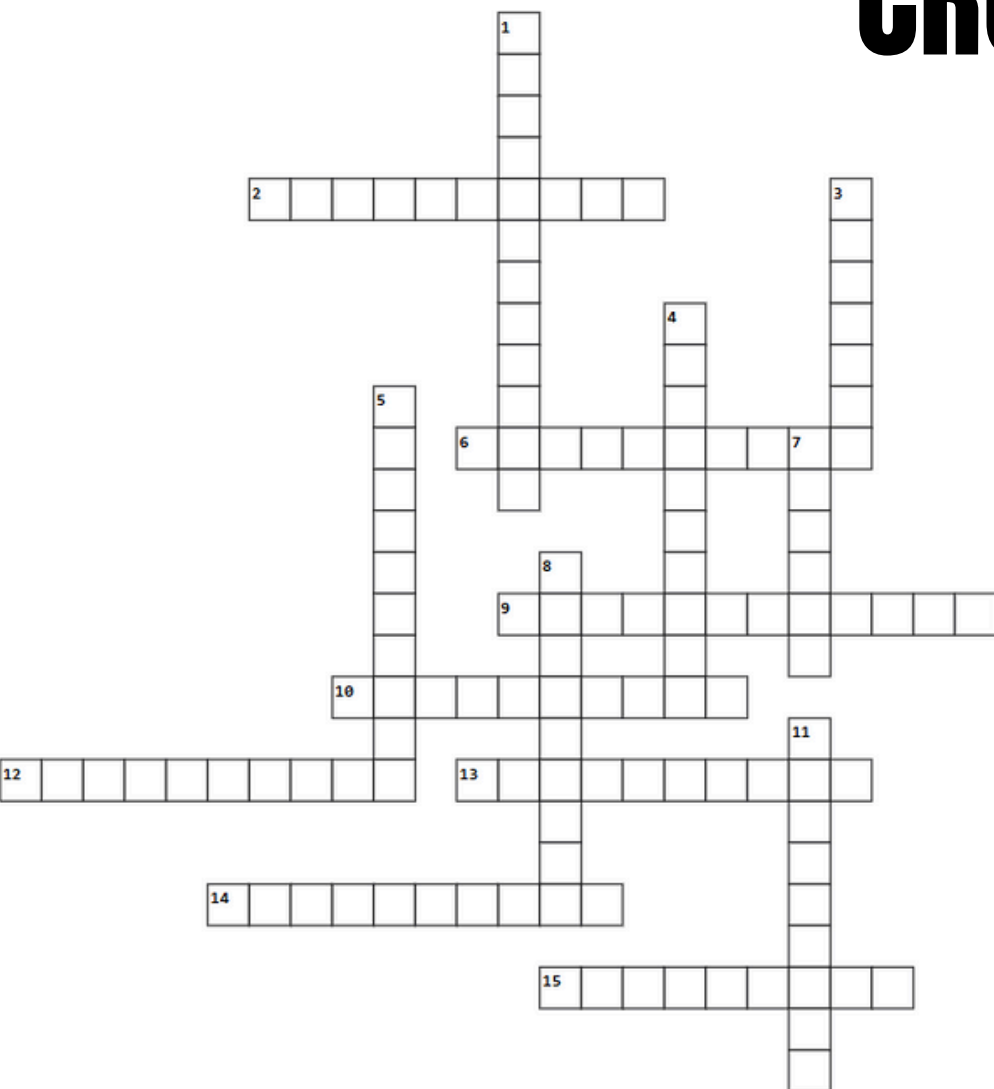


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MENU MYSTERIES



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