



# The Mitre

## Editorial

Every year brings new hopes, aspirations and ends with success or failure. This year in comparison has been a fruitful one. It's hard to even realize that it is the last of my days in this prestigious institution. Within a span of some months, I'll be walking out of this heavenly place to step into a new phase of my life altogether.

But, anyway some things change and some things don't. I personally hope that the school's dependence on the motto "Overcome Evil with Good" will remain strong as it has till now.

Another term has raced towards its termination at BCS. It has been a great success. From the boxing ring to the soccer field many new lessons have been learnt.

So we present to you the new edition of the Mitre. It'll help you have an overview of all the activities that took place during this term. Hope! You enjoy reading it.

**Abhishek Behl**  
School Vice Captain '15



## In And Around BCS

With the year nearing to an end, the institution has transformed into a hive of activities as events continue to take place day after day in and around the boundaries of BCS.

Last month we hosted our very own Bishop George Edward Lynch Cotton Memorial All-India Soccer Tournament with the school team all set to display their skills and very rightly so, as after a series of 7 well played matches, we went on to win the tournament with a blend of modesty and pride. Soon afterwards under the able leadership of captain Digvijay Chauhan, our team departed to Lawrence School, Sanawar to participate in Bhupinder Singh Soccer Tournament where they put up a commendable show and reached the semi-finals.

On the debating front, after a laudable 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the Slaters, the debating team set off on various journeys to schools all around India such as The La Martiniere College, Lucknow and the Sri Ram College, Delhi to represent the school in debating as well as quizzing events. A memorable one was the Silver Jubilee Memorial Knowledge Convergence held at The Mayo College Girls School, Ajmer where the school team comprising of Shalabh Thakur, Abhishek Behl and Rahul Mahendru were declared Runners-Up for the year 2015. With a team departing for the Assam Valley School, we

hope for the best.

It will not be long before the Final Examinations dawn on us, and sadly, this may be the last edition of The Mitre for this year, therefore I wish all Cottonians the very best for the challenges to come and the promises to fulfill.

**Digvijay Chauhan**  
School Captain '15



The 5th Annual Bishop Cotton Inter-School Football Tournament. (Winning Team of BCS)





**FACTA NON VERBA**

It is difficult to reach the top and come out as winners, but what is more difficult is to maintain the spot. And so the Curzonians continued to work hard to stand where we belong.

The month of July started off with the half yearly examinations and the academic front was handled well by the Curzonians with good results in the examinations. Next came the football season where the Curzonians bagged the winner's trophy, reserving the first place. Prabhat Agarwal, Akshit Rathore, Navraj.S.Guron and Digvijay Tiwetia went on to represent the school football team. The Curzonians did a great job in swimming and boxing as well, being the winners at both the places. Prabhat Agarwal impressed the audience with the R.S.Sawhney Most Scientific Boxer. The racquet sports did not favour the Curzonians much. Though we managed the first position in Table Tennis, we finished third place in Squash and fourth in Badminton.

However, in a great comeback, the P.T and Gymnastic Cups were both bagged by the Curzonians. Rahul Mahendru was the Best Gymnast of the year whereas in the P.T. display Akshit Rathore was declared the best squad commander.

On the Bayliss Front, the Curzonians finished second in the English One-Act Play and fourth in the Western Music Competition.

We wish the house tons of luck for the events scheduled in the final term. We have a position to maintain and the Curzonians are ready for the challenge!

We thank our Housemaster Mr. R.S. Dhaliwal for his constant support. Till then, Ciao!

**Prabhat Agarwal**  
(House Captain '15)  
**Rahul Mahendru**  
LVI



**NEC IMPETU NEC IMPERIO**

The house 'dark blue' was back again after the Mid-Term Examinations all geared up for the new challenges and adventures of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Term.

As the term started, the football season began and the Ibbetsonians dribbled their way towards the 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Exceptional performances by S. Bhullar and S. Moawwaz saw them represent the School Team with Digvijay Chauhan as the skipper for the year 2015. Inter House Boxing and Swimming Competitions were disappointments with Ibbetson finishing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place. This year racquet games were a huge success with Ibbetson House winning both the Squash and Badminton Cup. Sushant Raj and Shrestha Sarada were instrumental in motivating the juniors in these victories.

On the debating front, after our win in Inter-House Debates, A.Behl , D.Chauhan , A.Sirkeck and R.Singh represented the school in Inter-School Debates. The English One-Act Play (The Sheriff's Kitchen) was a huge success with Ibbetson House in the first position. Digvijay Chauhan was awarded the Glancy Dramatics Prize for his exceptional performance. The Western Music Competition was a disappointment, despite all the hard work we ended up in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Looking forward to another fruitful term

Till then, Ciao!

**Animesh Saand**  
(House Captain '15)



**MUTARE SPERNO**

As the summer break concluded, the boys in green were back once again filled with zeal and enthusiasm, stronger than before to tackle the difficulties that lay ahead.

To begin with we had our soccer matches. Although we couldn't perform very well and didn't emerge as winners, Mehar Bhangoo, Jobanpreet Singh, V.Vinayak, Saurabh.S, T.Singh and K.Godara went on to be a part of the School Soccer Team.

Following this, we had our half yearly examinations. A wave of tension and nervousness surrounded us. But, some motivational speeches by the boys of the UVI and our House Master helped us overcome our fears and the boys gave their best.

In swimming, we didn't fare quite well even after exemplary performances by A.Bhaskar, M.S.Sidhu and M.Bhangoo. The racquet games saw N.S.Khaira and M.Bhangoo give their best and we managed to come 3<sup>rd</sup> in Badminton, 4<sup>th</sup> in T.T and 4<sup>th</sup> in Squash.

In the English One Act Play, we were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> while D.Sood was awarded the best actress in a female role.

The Western Music Competition went considerably well as we were declared 1<sup>st</sup> in most of the categories due to the contributions of Benjamin V.L.C, Md. Afifudin, Sanskar and Jyotirmay Sil.

In Hockey, on the field efforts of Navpal.S.Khaira and M.Bhangoo did not go waste as we overcame all the obstacles and once again were declared winners.

Herein, we cannot forget the enormous contribution of our House Master and the boys of the UVI whose constant support always kept us going.

Now, with only athletics left, we wish to fare well in these events as well. We would also like to wish luck to the boys of the UVI who will be leaving in a short while. Their contribution has been quite important and large. They will leave behind them a legacy to be continued...

**A.Bhaskar**  
(House Captain)  
**A.R.Budhiya**  
(LVI)



**SERVAMUS**

The second phase for Rivaz House began with soccer where we gave a good fight to the other houses but, unfortunately stood fourth. Next were the racquet games where the boys in blue did a fairly good job and stood first in Table Tennis, 2<sup>nd</sup> in both Squash and Badminton. The racquet teams were led by Jai Arora. Then came the Swimming finals and as always Rivaz did a fabulous work by coming 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and bagging the Challenge Cup. Bikramjeet.S.Chugh was awarded as the Victor Ludorum and Rudraksh Pandey was exemplary with his performance in the 'A' division. Though Rivaz is known to excel in boxing, this time sadly we came 4<sup>th</sup>. Despite the position, H.Kumar was adjudged as the Most Promising Boxer for Main School and D.Verma as The Best Boxer of Middle School.

Rudraksh Pandey, Somesh Malik and Sundaram Khurana also went on to represent in the School Soccer Team.

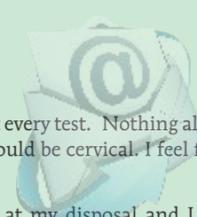
Moving on to the Bayliss, the boys of the Middle School did a fairly good job in elocution and the Inter House One-Act Play. 'An Irish Engagement' was enacted by the boys of our house with some good performances by Sagar Verma, Hemang Jindal, Rudraksh Pandey, Ishaan Sharma and Piyush Jain.

With this I would like to pen off and assuring the well wishers of the Rivaz House boys that we would come out with flying colours.

**Jai Arora**  
**Rudraksh Pandey**  
(House Captains '15)



## HM's Mail Bag



Dear Roy & Dorothy,

First of all, once again, heartiest congratulations on the 156<sup>th</sup> Founders Day of Bishop Cotton School. It is a privilege to be a part of this great institution and an even greater privilege to have been able to attend the wonderful parade by the NCC students and the chapel service.

Roy Sir, the honor that you gave me this morning, cannot be thanked enough. I was overwhelmed by your kind gesture and giving me the chance to place a wreath on the bust of the Founder. I am indeed grateful to you.

The chapel service was excellent and nostalgic. Strange how the hymns come back so easily and one hardly needs to look at the service book.

The dining hall looks very, very impressive and the job has been very tastefully executed.

A big well done to you and more to Dorothy for supporting you through all your endeavors and through the rough weather that you both have had to bear in the past.

God bless you both, and may you continue to devote yourselves to this wonderful cause and be a part of this school forever and ever.

Lots of good wishes,

**Pritinder Singh**

Dear Sir,

We hardly believe that our son Mr. Jatta Chakshuraksha's time at Bishop Cotton School, Shimla has come to an end.

In these past few years Mr. Jatta has grown into an honest, considerate, hardworking young man and we know that we have Bishop Cotton School, Shimla to thank for that. The attention that Mr. Jatta received from your teachers had made him confident in his abilities and sparked his interest in many different subjects.

Playing on the football and hockey team at Bishop Cotton School, Shimla also taught Mr. Jatta the value of discipline and team work, traits that will serve him well throughout the rest of his life.

More than anything else we would like to thank you for caring that Mr. Jatta has had during his time at Bishop Cotton School, Shimla.

Bishop Cotton School, Shimla is a supportive place focused on giving each student the best education possible, and your leadership provided Mr. Jatta with just that.

Sincerely yours,

**Mr. Rirkshachai Chakshuraksha**

Dear Roy,

It was a relief for me to know that the Whitmarsh-Knight Lecture went off smoothly.

I must apologize for me going off the tracks! It was unfortunate and totally beyond my control. Anyways, all's well that ends well.

Ever since I got back I have been having just about every test. Nothing alarming has shown up, 'age related' say the doctors. It could be cervical. I feel fine but am taking it easy.

I must thank you for your help. You put a car at my disposal and I should mention that Raj Kumar was a tremendous help. He accompanied me to the hospital and collected my reports. He even came over personally to give me an injection. Little wonder with gems like these and you at the helm of affairs, Bishop Cotton School was declared the best Boarding School in India.

May you go from strength to strength.

God Bless All. With warm regards and love,

**Kishie**

Dear Sir,

Trust you are keeping well.

I, Mohit Melhotra, studied at Bishop Cotton School from 2001-2006. I went on to do my B.E. Honours in Chemical Engineering from BITS Pilani, Rajasthan and I'm currently working with ExxonMobil Chemical for two years in capacity of a Planning Analyst, based out of Bangalore. It gives me immense pleasure to inform you that I have been selected for PGDM at IIM Ahmadabad this year.

Firstly, let me begin by saying that my time at BCS has played an instrumental role in developing me as an individual. The discipline, values and principles that the place has instilled in me, have stayed with me throughout. Strict focus on Academics, along with equal emphasis on sports and extracurricular activities is the ideal way of developing a student, and I can safely say that not many schools are able to strike that balance. BCS stands for precisely that a perfect concussion of "work and play", which gives a child an exemplary environment to grow up in. I am certain that this achievement of mine would not have come to fruition, if not for the right mix of the Prep, Second flat and The Irwin Hall.

**Thanks in Advance for all your help and support. This would indeed go a long way in my future pursuits!**

Thanks and Regards,

**Mohit Melhotra**

Dear Mr. Robinson,

Thank You for sending me a copy of the school Annual magazine. I would like to congratulate the school for the variety of activities undertaken and successes achieved.

Please do convey my compliments to the editorial team for bringing out a wonderfully designed and well edited magazine.

With warm regards,

Yours Sincerely,

**Mrs. J. Brar**

Principal  
(Welham Girls' School)



## BMC NOTES

"The real fun in climbing a mountain is not in summiting it but in the process of climbing it"

This year a group comprising of 11 students along with Mr. Neil Baldrey went to AVBIMAS, Manali to do the Basic course in Mountaineering (BMC).

The course included two phases one of which was done in Manali itself which was called "Rock Craft" in which we were taught different techniques and methods of rock climbing. In the second phase we moved to the Base Camp which was known as 'Dhundi'. At the Base Camp we were taught techniques and methods known as 'Ice Craft' and 'Snow Craft', which involved techniques on how to walk on ice and snow. Finally for height gaining we went to the peak known as Baladhandra, Height: 15000ft.

This one month that the boys spent in Manali was very important for each one of us. This one month gave us memories and lessons that we would not forget for the rest of our lives.

**Rudraksh Pandey**

(Rivaz House Captain '15)

## B.L. MODI NOTES

Soon after the Inter-House English Elocution we started gearing up for the B.L. Modi Inter-School English Competition. One speaker was chosen from each class to represent their respective divisions, right from class 6 to 12.

All the hard work and training bore fruit finally on the stage. Many schools participated from around the state of Himachal Pradesh. The show was indeed worth an experience as stated by all those who witnessed it.

Harshmanpreet Singh, Kartik Walia, Kapeesh Mourya and Aditya.R.Budhiya won the Best Speaker Awards in their respective divisions hence upholding the name and honour of our school in yet another event. We hope to witness more talent in the years to come.

**Abhishek Behl**

(School Vice Captain '15)





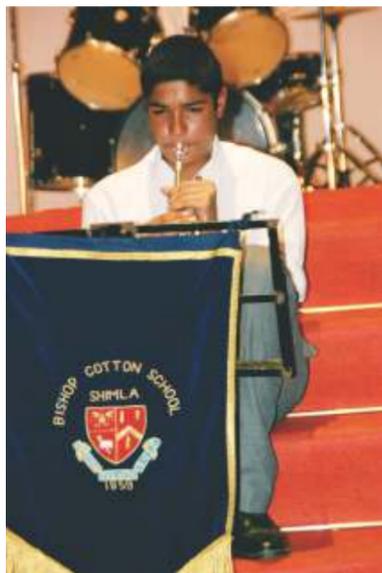
## WESTERN MUSIC



As always, being Bishop Cotton School's pride, "Music" once more enthralled the school this year. Throughout the year the school has been entertained with good music. Whether in the chapel or the Irwin Hall, a resounding performance was always to be heard from all the musicians and choir.

The much awaited Inter House Western Music Competition was held on 29<sup>th</sup> of August with Mr. S.V.K. Parker, Mr. R.T. John, Mr. A.Wilson and Mr. N. Baldrey each taking up the responsibility to train the boys of their respective houses.

Prem Bhatia managed to bag the 1<sup>st</sup> position in the vocal solo while Md. Affifudin and Benjamin performed "Collide" which won them the vocal duet. In group singing Lefroy House gave a clean sweep in both the junior and senior group. Jay Sil and A. Bansal shared the honours in solo instrumental while Curzon House bagged the group instrumental.



The overall positions were as follows:



This year's school band "NEOPHYTES" meaning "BORN AGAIN" consists of A. Bhalai, V. Lalruatsanga, A. Saand and S. Garg.

Looking forward to another Musical and Rocking year.

**Animesh Saand**  
(Ibbetson House Captain '15)

**Kanav Sood**  
UVI

## TABLE TENNIS NOTES

This year table tennis began with great enthusiasm and a lot of hard work put in by the boys of each house. Last year's practice had yielded many good results with boys representing the school in Districts, States, etc. This year we have worked harder and accordingly expect better results. The boys visited St.Pauls School, Palampur where they participated in the Diocesan games held every year. They were declared winners in Under 15 category with Hemang Jindal and Vaibhav Aggarwal being awarded the gold medal. In Under 17 they stood as the runners up. The house-matches came up with great excitement.

The overall positions were as follows:



**Jai Arora**  
(Rivaz House Captain '15)

## BOXING NOTES



GOLD MEDAL WINNERS WITH THE CHIEF GUEST MRS. ANJUMARA (IPS) HEADMASTER AND BOXING COACH MR. D. KUMAR

Boxing is thought to be a tough sport. What makes it easy though is the inclination, dedication, determination and above all the courage shown towards it. This sport teaches lots of things. Apart from building up your confidence it also teaches you the art of self-defense. It is a dangerous sport and needs practice. 'All it needs is dedication, determination, skill, will power and courage'.

Boxing is a great sport which seemed to be revolutionary for many folk throughout. It not only needs physical power but also mental strength. It is an inspirational sport which is truly worthy of respect.

This year we were honoured to have two coaches from the army to train and enhance the boxing skills of the boys. Mr. D.Kumar and Mr. R.T.John were also instrumental in training the boys so that they could put up a good show.

The Main School Most Promising Boxer for the year 2015 was awarded to Hritik Kumar of Rivaz House and the R.S Sawhney Award For The Most Scientific Boxer was awarded to Prabhat Aggarwal.

The Inter-House positions were as follows :



**Prabhat Aggarwal**  
Boxing Captain '15

## BADMINTON NOTES

This year badminton was practiced with great enthusiasm and zeal under the able guidance of Mr.Pankaj Sood. Navpal Singh Khaira was the captain of Badminton for the year 2015. The school Badminton team visited two venues which included St.Pauls School, Palampur and The IGMC Sports Complex, Shimla. Boys brought laurels to the school with Navpal.S.Khaira and Jai Arora winning gold medals in the U-19 category. The U-17 category which comprised of Sarthi Kalia and Ritvik Goel continued the U-19 winning run by getting gold in U-17 as well. The boy's sheer dedication and effort towards the sport got them selected for the districts tournament where they reached the Quarter-Finals. The Badminton House matches were played enthusiastically by boys in the age group of 12-18 years. A great interest towards the sport was displayed and we assure that all this practice will soon pay off. Also to be noted is the exceptional and excellent quality of the game played by Navpal. S. Khaira. The positions for the Inter- House matches were as follows:



Assuring you that the school Badminton team will make the school proud and the Light blue Dark blue colours will soar higher than before.

**Navpal.S.Khaira**  
(Badminton Captain '15)

**Jai Arora**  
(Rivaz House Captain '15)

## SWIMMING NOTES

The swimming season started off with great enthusiasm and zeal in the month of May. It was a relief for the boys during a harsh summer. Mr. Gurpreet was helpful in teaching many new beginners and training the older good swimmers to become perfect. It was a very long period of practice until the month of August when the finals took place.

The Inter House Swimming Finals took place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August after the midterm examinations. The Challenge Cup was bagged by Rivaz House while the Proficiency Cup and Relay Cup were bagged by Curzon House and Ibbetson House respectively. A new event was introduced this year- The Mass Relay, in which all the participants from each division had to participate in 8X1 relay. In the 'B' division, B.S. Chugh of Rivaz House broke the record in the 2 length freestyle category which was set by A. Banik in 2014. In the 'D' division, Thanawat and Thanapong broke the 2 length breaststroke record. The Victor Ludorum was awarded to B.S. Chugh with 3 gold and 1 silver medal. It was a successful event which could not have been possible without the aid of the games department. We are grateful to Mr. Gurpreet who had trained the finalists resulting in such a close competition.

The overall positions were as follow:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Position</b>  <b>Curzon House</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Position</b>  <b>Rivaz House</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Position</b>  <b>Ibbetson House</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Position</b>  <b>Lefroy House</b>
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GOLD MEDAL WINNERS WITH THE CHIEF GUEST COL. A. K. GULATI HEADMASTER

The swimming finals ended well with outstanding performances by the students. Mehtab S. Sidhu and Akshit Garg performed brilliantly in the plunge competition. Good performance was also exhibited by the swimming captain- Rudraksh Pandey.

We hope that some of the pre-independence records would be broken next year and a better performance will be displayed by the swimmers.

Rudraksh Pandey  
 (Rivaz House Captain '15)  
 Bikram Chugh  
 V<sup>th</sup> form  
 Rivaz

## GYMNASTICS NOTES

The gymnastic season began in the warm month of July this year, after the boys were over with their hectic Half-Yearly Examinations. Gymnastics has always been a demanding sport and the gymnasts started their tiring practices to prepare and get ready for the Inter-House Gymnastics competition. The showdown was scheduled on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August. Each house was represented by 6 gymnasts. The boys put a lot of groundwork. The horse jumps and their huge strength was evident from the rope and bar exercises. The results were much awaited and were as follows:

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The individual positions of the boys, who stood out from the rest in respect to their performances were as follows:

as follows:

1. Rahul Mahendru
2. Balbhadra Singh
3. Sarvarbir Singh Bhullar

The School Gymnastics Team is still practicing to perform in the upcoming events. We wish them great luck. In the end we would like to thank Mr.R.S Dhaliwal for his practice and for training the boys.

**Prabhat Aggarwal**  
 (Gymnastics Captain '15)

**Rahul Mahendru**  
 LVI

## Voice Of Junior School

### TEACHERS

Teacher, teacher wise and true,  
 Guide me show me what to do,  
 Teacher you are our guiding light,  
 You do show me what is right,  
 Loving, Caring and Honest!  
 My teachers are the best!

**Rajvir Jain**  
 V-C, Ibbetson

### DO YOU KNOW ?

French climber extraordinaire Alain Robert climbed the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building in Dubai, UAE, in 6 hours, 13 minutes, 55 seconds on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2011. After climbing Burj Khalifa the helicopter came and took him. The people also called him Spiderman.

**Nishant**  
 V-C, Rivaz

### LIFE...

Life keeps on moving,  
 It does not look back,  
 To see the good or bad,  
 But it keeps on moving.

It doesn't wait for anyone.  
 It rushes through the people,  
 People are in want of it.  
 But life keeps on moving.

People die , people are born,  
 But one day everyone has to die,  
 Their so-earned money,  
 Can't stop the life to keep on moving.

There would be times,  
 You'll be met by old friends,  
 You'll beg for life to be stopped forever.  
 But life keeps on moving.

**Piyush Jain**  
 10<sup>th</sup> B



## SOCCER NOTES

The soccer season for the year 2015 started with a series of 36 matches played among the four houses of our school. There was great competitive spirit among the boys who were keen to display their skill and talent on the field. With each one of them aspiring to make it to the school team someday, a commendable performance was seen in the senior as well as the junior divisions. At the end of the tiring season the house positions were as follows:

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Next was the Bishop George Edward Lynch Cotton Memorial All-India Invitational Soccer Tournament with an astounding performance by the boys in blue when they took to the field and went on to win the tournament. The individual prizes were as follows:

follows:

**Player of the Tournament: Prabhat Aggarwal**

**Best Defender: Digvijay Chauhan(Capt.)**

**Highest Goal Scorer: Akshit Rathore**

**Best Midfielder: Sheikh Moawwaz Ahmed**

Then came the Bhupinder Singh Memorial Tournament held at The Lawrence School, Sanawar. The school team put up a mind-blowing performance with nobody from the team getting a yellow or a red card. We won from D.P.S , Solan with a margin of three goals eliminating the host team and D.P.S , Solan. Our efforts paved our way to the semi-finals where we lost to Y.P.S ,Patiala.

We continue practicing as we prepare ourselves for the challenges that lie ahead.

**Digvijay Chauhan**  
 Soccer Captain '15  
 (School Captain '15)

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