

Auckland House School for Boys, Shimla
Senior Section Speech Day (24.09.2019)
Principal's Report

Our Honorable Chief Guest Mr. Amit Kashyap (*IAS*), Deputy Commissioner, District Shimla, Rev. Sohan Lal, Presbyter in Charge, Christ Church, Shimla, Mrs. Sunita John, Director Principal of Auckland House School, Co-ordinator of the Senior Section, Mrs. Meenakshi Thakur, Distinguished Guests, Parents, Friends, Staff, Ladies and Gentlemen and young gentlemen.

It is indeed an honour to welcome each one of you to this, the eleventh Senior Speech Day of the School.

Auckland House School for Boys is indeed honoured and privileged to have you in our midst today, Sir.

Mr. Amit Kashyap, born on December 13, 1963, has been an alumni of St. Edward's, Bishop Cotton School, Shimla and St. Xavier's School, New Delhi. He went to DAV College Chandigarh and completed his LLB from Himachal Pradesh University. He joined the Indian Army in 1988 through the Short Services Commission. Thereafter he joined the Civil Services in 1994. He has held various positions as Director of Industries, Tourism and Civil Aviation and Town and Country Planning. He has also served as a Labour Commissioner and Managing Director of H.P State Cooperative Bank and Sir is now Deputy Commissioner, District Shimla.

Sir, thank you for graciously consenting to be with us today. Auckland House School for Boys is indeed honoured and privileged to have in our midst today, as our Chief Guest, a person of your eminence and caliber.

And now, Hon'ble Sir, kindly permit me to present a brief report of the school during the current academic year.

Our Session began on 13th February with a quiet morning of prayer. The boys of Form IX, X and XII began classes on 14th February, Forms VI to VIII on 25th February, while Nursery to Form V joined on the 5th of March, 2019. The Session began with 859 students on the roll.

The first PTM and Orientation Programme was held on 23rd February for the parents of Form IX, X and XII. The parents were briefed about the rules and regulations of the school and were advised to keep a close check on their wards especially against substance abuse and also be cautious of their ward's company. In addition to this a meeting with the parents was also organized on 8th and 9th March, in order to brief them about the directions given by the District Police, Shimla, regarding the safety of their children.

It gives me immense pleasure to inform you that the fourth batch of 36 boys who appeared for the ICSE exams, once again brought laurels to the school with their performance. Twenty students were awarded distinctions and all thirty six were placed in the first division. The highest percentage of 93.40 % was scored by Sarthak Chawla followed by Sujaan Sawant with 92.20 %, Kunal Rana scored 90.40%, Manik Pajni scored 90.20% and Arnav Arya scored 89.60%.

Our subject wise highest in English Language was 94%, English literature 97%, Hindi 94%, History 91%, Geography 96%, Mathematics 92%, Chemistry 95%, Physics 92, Biology 94%, Physical Education 97% and Computer Application 99%.

The school was upgraded to the Plus Two level increasing the enrollment by another 30 students. In the month of April, the Humanities stream was added to the Curriculum. The First Batch of ISC will be appearing for the Board exams in the month of February, 2020.

The school provides ample opportunity for the students' all round development. A plethora of activities are organised and children are encouraged to participate in them. During the current academic year, we had Inter House Competitions in the fields of Music, Dance, Quiz, and literary events like Elocutions, Debates and Drama in both Hindi and English. The prestigious Shakespeare Trophy was held on 22nd August.

In the month of May, four boys of the Senior Section participated in the Rev. Samuel Slater Memorial Inter School English Debates in a five day event held at Bishop Cotton School. The boys also participated in the B.L. Modi Memorial Invitational Inter School Elocution held at Bishop Cotton School, Shimla on 3rd August. Ishan Malhotra was adjudged the best speaker for two debates and he also stood first in the Senior Division Drama Competition.

The Olympiads on various subjects were conducted by the Science Olympiad Foundation in which more than 200 students participated. The following students of our school were prize winners at the Zonal Level, Atharv Sharma who stood second and won a cash prize of Rs. 2500 and a certificate of Zonal Excellence in the G.K Olympiad. Jai Gupta of Form III was awarded a Zonal Bronze medal and a cash prize of Rs.1000 in Maths. Mayank Kashyap and Ujjwal Singh Rajput of Form IX were awarded certificates of Zonal Excellence. Fifty five boys participated in the Space Olympiad. Reuben Daniel of Form VII qualified Level two and visited the Science City at New Delhi.

Qbiz a premium Annual Inter School Business Quiz, organized at the National level for Form XI and XII conducted round one at Auckland House School for Boys on 24th May. The top three students, Raul Raina, Tushar Kashyap of Form XI and Udey Pratap Singh of Form XII were awarded trophies, certificates and qualified to participate in the regional round to be held in Chandigarh.

The Children's Science Congress, an initiative by the Directorate of Elementary Education, was held at Portmore School, wherein a total of 8 students participated in the Science Quiz and Innovative Science Model Competition. In the Science Quiz, Junior Category, Shardul Singh Rathore and Aditya Bhaik of Form VIII bagged the third position. In the Innovative Science Model Competition Senior Division, Divyansh Sood of Form XII stood third having displayed a model "WASTE to WEALTH" and thereby qualifying for the participation at the District Level Children's Science Congress.

The Career Counseling and Guidance Programme was conducted by a team of counselors from the Institute of Career Studies, Lucknow, from 24th April to 28th April. An aptitude test for students was conducted followed by individual counseling sessions for students and parents so that they could opt for a career by choice rather than chance.

Nine Boys were part of the Amity Summer School Programme. They spend a week there getting a feel of various disciplines.

In the month of April three students participated in nature walk to Koti Resort, Mashobra which was organised by SAGES. On 30th May, they organized six events in different categories. The boys were praised for their active participation in activities like flower cutting, rangoli with flowers, flower arrangement and flora-fauna photography etc. In the month of September our boys participated in an Inter School Self Composed Music Competition on "Pushp Ki Abhilasha" by Makhanlal Chaturvedi. Another feather was added in the schools cap when the boys stood first and won a cash prize of Rs.3000/-.

Sports form an integral part of the school curriculum. The Junior Section Sports Day was held on 23rd May and Mrs. D. Gupta, Ex-faculty member of Auckland House School was the Chief Guest. We had our Senior Section Sports Day for the students of Forms III to XII on 30th May and Mr. Mandeep Rana, Principal, Saraswati Paradise International School was the Chief Guest. All 521 boys enthusiastically displayed their sporting skills. The various performances put up by the students were highly appreciated. The School participated in the Inter School Diocesan Games held at Palampur in the month of June. Thirteen schools had participated in this event. The boys secured the second position in the Under-16 category of Basketball and 1st position in both Under-16 and Under 18 categories of Volleyball. They also secured the second position in the Under-16 category of Table Tennis and Badminton. In the month of July the school participated in the CISCE Regional Level Volleyball Tournament held at St. Josephs's Boys School Jalandhar, bringing laurels to the school. The boys in the Under 16 and Under 18 categories secured the first position in Volleyball. They secured second position in basketball, table tennis and badminton. Four of our boys Akshat Sanadhya, Abhishek Chauhan, Karnadeep Singh and Paris Prabhakar have been selected to participate at the National Level and will be representing the school in the under-19 Volleyball at Kotagiri Tamilnadu. Pranav Chauhan and Priyanshu Sharma were selected for participation at the National Level

for the Basketball Tournament at Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu and the team has now qualified for the finals.

International Yoga Day was observed on 5th June where 521 students participated.

The Government had taken an initiative for schools to participate in different campaigns held for generating awareness on drug abuse. As per Government guidelines our school held various activities for the same. To mention a few on 26th June International Day against Drug Abuse was observed at Auckland House School for Boys. Students participated in a rally and a painting competition based on the theme "Say No To Drugs". An exhibition was held in the school where the paintings made during the competition were displayed. In addition to this, as part of the campaign "Say No to Drugs" a "Nukkad Natak" was performed by the students in the school premises. Dr, Gopal Ashish Sharma, District Programme Officer, Department of Health and Family welfare was invited to address the students. He briefed the students about the ill effects of Drugs. After the talk an interactive session was conducted in which students participated actively. Earlier he had also conducted an awareness programme on Swine Flu. As per the guidelines of the Department of Health and Family Welfare Iron syrup and oral tablets are being given to the students weekly.

A Mock Drill was conducted on 11th July, in order to sensitize the students about safety measures and acquaint them with evacuation techniques to be taken during an earthquake. A total number of 878 students were safely evacuated from the school building and taken to the school playground in 3 minutes and 15 seconds.

Educational tours play an important role in educating students in a practical manner. Camps and Tours were organized in the month of April, wherein ninety five boys went to Sadhupul escorted by eight staff members while twenty five boys visited Gujarat accompanied by two staff members.

The Annual Art and Craft Exhibition was held on 10th August for classes Nursery to XII. Mrs. Kusum Sadret, Mayor, Municipal Corporation, Shimla, was the chief guest for the occasion. The children displayed their innovative skills by making models on the human heart, respiratory system, cell, United Nations and working models on rain water harvesting, hydraulic crane, drip water irrigation and volcanic eruption. The Chief Guest lauded the efforts of the boys.

Independence Day was celebrated with great gusto on 15th August, with the boys participating in an impressive March Past accompanied by the Pipe Band. This was followed by a short cultural programme.

The school tries its best to provide children access to the latest technologies. Lessons are administered with the help of Smart Classes, which are a highly interactive computer based aid. The school has sixteen Smart Boards.

When entertainment and education go hand in hand, students benefit a great deal. Engaging students in fun activities during study time not only introduces them to

social interaction amongst peers but also paves the way for the development of healthy competition. A puppet show was held in the school auditorium and was enjoyed by the students. A Movie “Uri” was shown to the students of form III to VIII by the school. Efforts are made to arouse noble patriotic sentiments of compassion and brotherhood by becoming generous and magnanimous.

The Junior Section Speech Day was held on 14th September. Mrs. Prabha Rajeev, Additional District Magistrate, (Law & Order) was the Chief Guest for the occasion.

Today you have witnessed the performances of Form III to XII. I am sure you have enjoyed seeing your child perform with confidence and precision.

The school has distributed scholarships worth Rupees five lakhs and above to needy and deserving students during the year.

Harshil Kapoor and Raghav Kashyap are recipients of the Tarawati Ram Gopal Mehra Foundation Award for Education wherein, a cash prize of Rs. 14,500 has been awarded to each of them respectively. The Roshni Devi Award for the Best All Rounder has been bestowed upon Farzan Hayat Khan.

In conclusion, I would like to place on record my appreciation and gratitude to teaching, non-teaching and support staff of the school for their whole hearted commitment and dedication to their work. I also place my appreciation for the co-operation received from the parents and well wishers of the school. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Mrs. Sunita John, Director Principal of the school for her support in spite of her other responsibilities.

May the Almighty continue to bless and guide us in our efforts to take Auckland House to new heights and keep up its motto “Altiora Peto” as we strive to seek the higher things.

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Subject Wise Toppers

1. English Language	Sarthak Chawla	94
2. English Literature	KunalRana	97
3. Hindi	KunalRana	94
4. History	Sarthak Chawla	91
	Vansh Gandhi	91
	SujjanSawant	91
5. Geography	Arnav Kashyap	96
	ManikPajni	96
6. Mathematics	SujjanSawant	92
7. Chemistry	SujjanSawant	95
8. Biology	Sarthak Chawla	94
	SujjanSawant	94
9. Physics	SujjanSawant	92
10. Physical Education	AnubhavMachhan	97
11. CTA	Sarthak Chawla	99
	ManikPajni	99