

Newsletter

Wednesday

22nd March, 2023

From the Principal

In 2016 the UK Government created a comprehensive set of standards to regulate schools calling themselves 'British'. These schools are known as British Schools Overseas (BSO) and accreditation as a BSO school is a guarantee of values, curriculum and standards.

In 2018, the British Overseas School became the first school in Pakistan to gain BSO accreditation. This placed the BOS among an elite group of around only 200 BSO schools around the world.

Now, following an intense inspection process, our accreditation has been renewed. Hence the BOS remains the only British school in Pakistan to be officially accredited by the UK Government.

As well as reaccrediting the school, the inspection also passes judgement on key standards concerning the service that we provide to our families. Now those judgements are in, and they are a credit to the BOS community:

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| • Quality of education provided | Excellent |
| • Quality of spiritual, moral, social and cultural development | Outstanding |
| • Standards achieved | Excellent |
| • Welfare, health & safety | Excellent |
| • Leadership | Excellent |
| • Accommodation | Good |

Diary Dates

23rd March: Pakistan Day

Half Term Break.

10th April:

School Resumes

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All about sports

Secondary Sports Day

The Secondary Sports Day has been another event which had taken a hit because of the pandemic. Held on the 2nd of March during regular school hours, the sports day was warmly welcomed by all the students and even the teachers of secondary. The secondary sports day is the biggest inter-house competition of the year at the BOS and is carefully orchestrated to include a variety of sporting categories which are taught within the PE curriculum.

The day began with the secondary students lining up in their houses and being led by the Sports Captains (and the BOS flag) onto the field. A few words were shared by the Head of Secondary, Mr. Ghulam Sarwar followed by a brief run-down of the day provided by the Head of P.E., Khadija Kazmi. The Sports Captains, Daniyal Mirza and Aman Rania took over after to say a few motivating words to the participants.

Based on the sign-ups, each of the houses were further divided into categories which included Boys Senior (Y9 to Y11), Boys Junior (Y6 to Y8) and Girls (Y6 to Y11). These categories participated in all the events which included Football, Basketball, Table Tennis, Badminton, Obstacle Course and the Beep Test.

The first half of the day included football, basketball and table tennis. After lunch, the day resumed with Badminton in the gym and the obstacle course and beep test on the field. As always, it was a day like no other at the BOS with the students out of their classrooms and onto the field (and gym and hall) to showcase all their sporting talent. It was great to see the energy and sportsmanship which was displayed throughout the day!



A big shout-out to the P.E. department for carrying out such a smooth event and big thank you to all the secondary teaching staff which got involved in various duties throughout the day and ensured the event was a success!

CWMUN Debate Rome 2023

The *Secondary Debate Team* participated in **Change the World Model United Nations** Debate Tournament that was held in Rome, Italy from 7th to 12th February 2023.

You will be proud to know that our students **Ali Habib (YR 10)** and **Meir Shahaan Khan (YR 10)** won the award for **Honourable Mention** in the committee **United Nations International Atomic Energy Agency**. They were the Delegation of Spain. The topic for their committee was "Promoting international cooperation to establish a nuclear safety and security protection zone around Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant"

There were two awards awarded to the respective committees:

FAO - Food and Agriculture Organisation: "Climate Change and the future of food safety"

UNEP - United Nations Environment Programme: "Implementing governments' climate actions on air quality"



-Best Delegation Award (1st place)

-Honourable Mention (2nd place)

All students in the team worked incredibly hard to represent our school on an international platform. The level of debate was really good across all committees at the MUN and our students were able to lobby and build connections with students from Rome, Austria, France, UAE and Pakistan.

We hope to continue to make our school proud and bring back more accolades in the near future.





Open Mic Night was a fantastic evening filled with great performances.



International Women's Day:

During both breaks, the Secondary Student Council and the Round Square Student Committee organised '**International Women's Day**' on **Thursday, 9th March 2022**.

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. This year the theme was "**Embrace Equity**".

Equity means creating an inclusive world. The aim of the IWD 2023 **#EmbraceEquity**

campaign theme is to get the world talking about *Why equal opportunities aren't enough*. People start from different places, so true inclusion and belonging require equitable action.

embrace - verb - im'breis - to willingly and enthusiastically accept, adopt, and espouse

Furthermore, all staff members were encouraged to wear purple on Thursday, 9th March 2023. There were bands, ribbons, and cookies for sale.



Zero Discrimination Day

Zero Discrimination Day is an annual day celebrated on 1 March each year by the United Nations and other international organizations. On Zero Discrimination Day this year, under the theme **"Save lives: Decriminalise"**, UNAIDS is highlighting how the decriminalisation of key populations and people living with HIV saves lives and helps advance the end of the AIDS pandemic.

The Secondary Student Council and the Round Square Student Committee organised

"Zero Discrimination Day"

on **Wednesday, 1st March 2023** during both breaks.



Ujala which is a **school for children with special abilities and a vocational training centre**, also attended the event.

They set up a stall set of Ujala merchandise and Lemonade for all students and staff members to purchase.

BOS staff members and students prepared their messages for zero discrimination day and place them on the canvases during the break. Stationery items were provided to everyone who wished to participate.



Zero Discrimination Day created awareness on the theme of 'Save lives: Decriminalise'. The students of Ujala greatly enjoyed their visit to the BOS. We are very grateful to Ms. Zakia Somani and Ms. Namrah Zafar for their insightful speeches.

Spring Ball

The much awaited Spring Ball was celebrated by all Secondary Students with full swing! The theme this year was "Enchanted Forest". Students danced the night away and received awards.

Prom King- Hasan Quettawala

Prom Queen- Misam Tahir Khan

Best Dressed- Eshaal Chaudhry

Best Dressed - Iyaad Humayun

Best Dancer- Ehteshamuddin

Best Dancer- Zohray Ali



Annual Secondary School Awards

The BOS Secondary School Awards Ceremony 2021-2022 was held on Monday, 6th March 2023.

We had an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students. The awards covered academic achievement in Key stages 3 and 4 as well as exceptional contributions to the life of the school and community.

In addition, to our awards, we also presented the DoE, DELF, GCSE, and IGCSE certificates to those students who completed examinations in June 2022



Duke of Edinburgh

Trip to Gorakh Hills

The adventurous journey part of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards has been rather successful this year. The students embarked on their last qualifying journey for four days, from the 9th to the 12th of March 2023. The students showed great leadership qualities and resilience. It is important to highlight that the students are still left with finishing their other components for achieving Bronze Medal including skills and physical activities.



The trip to Gorakh Hill was an amazing journey. Although there were many challenges on the trip, it did not prevent us from enjoying the experience. Everyday was challenging but with the support of our friends we are able to complete our journey. The scorching heat and uphill path proved to be very tough obstacles to challenge. This was quite the experience for me as I learnt many new skills such as team-work, leadership, cooperation and cooking. My team and I all worked together and motivated each other in times of hardship, as a result we started to get along a lot better with one another and we even made friends with people that we usually wouldn't talk to during school. The best part of the trip was the amazing view which could be seen from the top of the hill, and the strong wind breezing against our hair when we were moving. Overall, it was quite the amazing journey as I had the experience of a lifetime.—Jasir Year 11



The trip to Gorakh Hill was an amazing experience for everyone who went to the trip. There were many ups and downs but everyone loved it. Each day was very difficult however the 3rd day was the most challenging. Fortunately, my group was well experienced from the trip to Ranikot and Hub Dam and we were able to motivate each other whenever we felt that we were slowing down. Furthermore, this trek really challenged us physically and mentally and it pushed us to the limits however, the beautiful breathtaking view and the cool wind at the top made all the trekking worth it. This trek taught all of us the importance of patience, determination and most importantly, leadership. Without being patient and determined we would not have been able to do this trek and we would not have been able to do this without a leader who could motivate us and push us whenever we felt like giving up. My personal favourite part of the whole trek was when we reached the final destination. The cold wind and beautiful view made the whole trek worth it.

Shabeer Hamdani - Year 10

