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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Students, Parents and SGIS Community,

It is always a pleasure to connect with you through Campus Chronicle, our window into the vibrant life of our school. Each edition reflects moments of curiosity, creativity, teamwork, and perseverance that make our community unique.

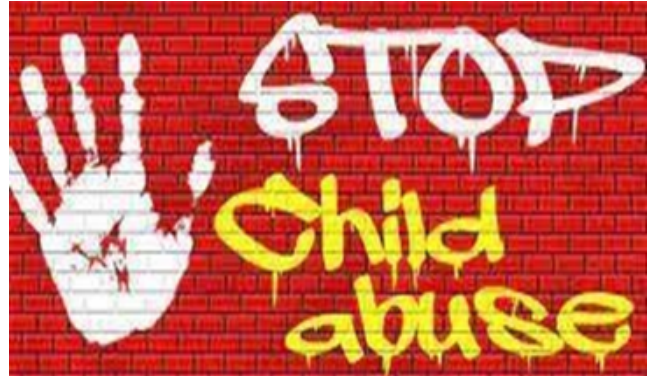
To our students: Every day is an opportunity to learn, grow, and be kind. Success is not only medals or grades but the courage to try, the resilience to rise, and the friendships and values you carry forward. Embrace challenges, explore beyond your comfort zone, and celebrate progress as much as achievements.

School is about shaping character, nurturing dreams, and building confidence to face the world with grace. Let's move ahead together with enthusiasm, resilience, and hope, making our campus a place where every child feels valued and inspired.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: POCSO AWARENESS AT SGIS PUNE

On 29th July 2025, Sanjay Ghodawat International School, Pune, hosted a vital awareness session on the **Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO)** Act for its faculty. Led by Ms. Anupriya, the session highlighted the Act's framework, definitions, and teachers' responsibilities as mandatory reporters. Educators were sensitized to recognizing signs of abuse, responding empathetically, and following internal reporting protocols. The discussion also underscored the legal consequences of non-reporting. Concluding with practical guidelines, the session reinforced SGIS's commitment to safeguarding children and fostering a safe, inclusive environment where every learner's rights and dignity are protected.

"A safe childhood is the foundation of a strong future."



La Rentrée (The begin of term) at SGIS, Pune

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The reopening of the school this term was truly unlike any other, brimming with warmth, anticipation, and a renewed sense of belonging. In a gesture that underscored the school's commitment to transparency and family spirit, parents were invited into the dormitories of their wards. This rare opportunity allowed them to step into their children's world and see, first-hand, the spaces where they sleep, study, and share countless moments of camaraderie with friends. For many parents, it was reassuring to witness how their children are nurtured in a safe, structured, and caring environment—one that becomes a genuine 'home away from home'. The smiles of contentment and the delight shining in their eyes spoke volumes, making it a memorable beginning to the term. The reopening has been more than just the start of another school session; it has been the celebration of community, resilience, and shared growth. SGIS thrives on this spirit of togetherness, and with the return of both students and staff, the school has once again become a vibrant hub of energy, laughter, learning, and camaraderie.



"Inspiring Minds, Building Futures, Transforming the World."

FACULTY ORIENTATION: A Week of Reflection and Renewal

The new academic term at SGIS, Pune, began with teachers reporting ten days ahead of the students, dedicating this valuable period to thoughtful preparation and professional dialogue. Each day was marked by discussions on academics, co-curricular activities, student well-being, and the school's code of conduct, laying a strong foundation for the year ahead. The sessions were enriched by significant contributions from senior leadership. The Principal, **Ms. Meeta Sharma**, along with **Ms. Priyanshi, Head of Pastoral Care**, **Ms. Anupriya, IB Diploma Programme Coordinator**, and **Ms. Vandana**, shared insights on discipline, curriculum, and pastoral concerns, setting the tone for a cohesive academic and community culture. The academic exchanges extended across departments. From the Language faculty, **Mr. Ajay Shrotriya** delivered a focused session on Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL), highlighting the possibilities of connecting languages with other disciplines. **Mr. Himaditya Choubisa** led an engaging workshop on Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills, prompting teachers to rethink strategies for fostering independent learners. A highlight of the orientation was the collaborative engagement with a team of educators from the Kolhapur campus, who worked closely with Pune facilitators to deepen shared professional knowledge in pedagogy. The exchange not only built bridges between campuses but also strengthened the collective vision of SGIS educators. As the students prepare to step into their classrooms, the groundwork laid during this intensive orientation promises a year defined by academic excellence, innovation, and holistic development.



THE WEEKLY DOODLE

PACKING UP FOR THE TRIP



JOURNEY TO MAHABALESHWAR



WELCOME TO MAHABALESHWAR



At SGIS Pune Boarding School, every journey is more than a trip — it's an opportunity for growth. Our bear doodle icon is more than just a playful graphic; it embodies the spirit of our community — curious, adventurous, and resilient.

This year, the Sgian leads the way to Mahabaleshwar, Maharashtra, as part of our experiential learning program. Through this initiative, students step outside the confines of the classroom to engage with real-world environments, cultures, and challenges. The scenic hills, strawberry farms, historical landmarks, and local markets of Mahabaleshwar become their living textbooks, encouraging observation, interaction, and reflection.

The bear's cheerful presence in our trip visuals reminds us that learning can be joyful, bold, and filled with wonder. Just like our mascot, our students set out with open minds and return with stories, skills, and memories that will shape them for years to come. At SGIS Pune, we believe that education is not only about academic achievement but also about shaping well-rounded individuals ready to navigate the world with confidence and curiosity.

A CRITICAL JUNCTURE

These moments often arise during crises, transitions, or breakthroughs, and the choices made during them can have long-lasting, sometimes irreversible, effects.

Grade (6-8): Reports

Every institution has moments that define its direction—turning points where decisions made today will echo for years to come. For **Sanjay Ghodawat International School, Pune**, this academic year marks one such critical juncture. With the school's vision anchored in Inspiring Minds, Building Futures, Transforming the World, the current confluence of challenges and opportunities is shaping a decisive chapter in its journey.

The past year has brought both achievements worth celebrating and realities that demand urgent attention. On the one hand, academic performance has soared across grades, co-curricular participation is at an all-time high, and student-led initiatives— from sustainability drives to national-level

"The choices we make today will shape the stories our students carry into tomorrow."

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION

he recent "Hands for Assam" campaign, responding to the floods in Assam, demonstrated how quickly and compassionately the SGIS community can mobilise for a cause. Such initiatives are being woven into the curriculum, ensuring service learning becomes an integral part of the school's DNA. In an interconnected world, fostering empathy, civic responsibility, and cultural awareness is not optional—it is essential.



ACADEMIC INNOVATION

competitions—have earned SGIS its place on the educational map. On the other, the rapidly changing educational landscape, driven by technology integration, evolving global competencies, and new curriculum standards, has pushed the school community to rethink its strategies for the future. At the heart of this juncture lies the commitment to enhancing learning experiences. The school has embarked on a review of its teaching methodologies, with a focus on integrating experiential learning, inquiry-based projects, and cross-disciplinary collaboration. The Cambridge and IB programmes are being aligned more closely with real-world applications, ensuring students graduate not just with grades, but with the skills to thrive in university and beyond.

TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL LITERACY



The school also recognises the need to navigate the digital revolution responsibly. Investments in AI-based learning tools, coding labs, and virtual exchange programmes are being balanced with critical digital literacy lessons, preparing students to harness technology without being consumed by it.

STUDENT WELL-BEING AND HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT



Equally important is the renewed emphasis on student well-being. The school is piloting mental health awareness workshops, peer-support clubs, and mindfulness programmes to ensure that emotional resilience grows alongside academic competence. This initiative reflects SGIS's belief that education must nurture the whole child—mind, body, and spirit.

LEADERSHIP'S SCHOOL VISION FORWARD TO SLT SAID

In a recent address, the Principal called this moment "our opportunity to set a course that is bold yet balanced." Decisions about campus expansion, faculty development, sustainability goals, and international partnerships are all on the table. Each choice carries weight, and each will influence the kind of graduates SGIS sends out into the world.

As SGIS Pune stands at this critical juncture, one truth remains constant: the school's greatest strength lies in its people—students eager to learn, teachers committed to excellence, parents who trust the process, and leaders who dare to envision more. The road ahead may require courage, adaptability, and collaboration, but if the past is any indication, SGIS is not just ready for the future—it is poised to shape it.

THE WEEK GONE BY:

At **Sanjay Ghodawat International School, Pune**, the past week was more than a collection of events—it was a celebration of ideas, leadership, environmental stewardship, and personal growth. Every corner of the campus seemed to hum with purpose, and each day added a new chapter to our journey toward holistic development.

YOUNG CEO PROGRAMME ORIENTATION

We began the week with a spark of enterprise as the much-anticipated Young CEO Orientation unfolded. Designed to ignite the entrepreneurial spirit, the programme brought together industry professionals, innovators, and business mentors to share their journeys. Students discovered the art of identifying opportunities, designing solutions, and building sustainable models.

Interactive workshops encouraged them to pitch creative ideas—from biodegradable packaging to community learning platforms. Lively Q&A sessions revealed their curiosity, with questions ranging from managing start-up risks to balancing profit with social responsibility.

By the end of the session, notebooks were filled with sketches, plans, and slogans—seeds of future ventures. Debates tested their clarity of thought, persuasion skills, and ability to listen respectfully—qualities essential in true leadership. On voting day, the excitement was palpable.

Students queued up to cast their votes, exercising their right to choose peers who would represent their voices. The process wasn't just about winning or losing; it was a hands-on lesson in civic responsibility and the ethics of leadership.

"Empowering Young Leaders for a Changing World"



"NO WASTE" DRIVE



Running alongside these events was the No Waste Drive, a mission close to SGIS Pune's heart. The initiative aimed to transform awareness into tangible action. Students took pledges to reduce single-use plastics, reuse materials, and recycle efficiently.

The campus saw innovative upcycling projects—old bottles became planters, discarded cartons turned into art canvases, and broken furniture was restored for use.

Composting workshops taught practical ways to turn food waste into nutrient-rich soil. These efforts

weren't limited to the school; many students extended the drive into their homes and neighbourhoods, inspiring their communities to embrace sustainable practices.

IAYP – International Award for Young People

As the week drew toward the weekend, adventure and self-discovery took centre stage with the IAYP programme. Students embarked on journeys that tested both body and mind—trekking trails, engaging in physical fitness challenges, volunteering for social causes, and learning new skills such as photography, first aid, or pottery. Every task reinforced the values of resilience, teamwork, and empathy. The award scheme's structure encouraged personal goal-setting, and many participants reflected on how stepping out of their comfort zone had given them newfound confidence.

The Common Thread

While each event had its own unique focus—business acumen, leadership, sustainability, or personal challenge—they all tied back to a shared vision: empowering SGIS students to become proactive changemakers. Whether it was learning to lead a team, protect the environment, start a venture, or conquer personal limitations, the week's activities demonstrated that education extends far beyond the classroom walls.

Looking Ahead

The momentum built this week is only the beginning. The Young CEO programme will evolve into ongoing workshops and business challenges. The newly elected Student Council will soon begin implementing their projects. The No Waste Drive will expand into a community-level campaign. And the IAYP journeys will inspire more students to join, keeping the spirit of adventure and service alive. This week didn't just pass—it soared. Every student, every mentor, every initiative moved us closer to our mission: Inspiring minds, building futures, and transforming the world—one step, one idea, one act at a time.



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STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS



Midweek, the school transformed into a hub of democratic energy as the much-anticipated Student Council Elections drew near. The usually calm hallways buzzed with excitement, now lined with colorful posters, catchy slogans, and creative campaign materials. Each poster reflected the personality and vision of the candidate, from bold promises of improving student life to innovative ideas for events and activities.

In assemblies, candidates addressed their peers with passion and purpose. Some spoke about enhancing academic support through peer mentoring programs, while others emphasized boosting extracurricular opportunities, promoting environmental initiatives, or strengthening student welfare policies. Their speeches were not just about winning votes but about inspiring trust, building connections, and showing their commitment to representing every voice on campus.

The air was filled with healthy competition, mutual respect, and a shared understanding of the responsibility that comes with leadership. It wasn't just an election—it was a valuable lesson in civic engagement, teamwork, and the power of student voices in shaping the school community's future.

SGIS Launches Social Service Programme

Sanjay Ghodawat International School, Pune, launched its weekend **Social Service Programme** on Saturday with a spirited **Cleanliness Drive and Community Mapping Walk** in the Mulshi neighbourhood. Organized under the leadership of **Ms. Ranjana Rai**, Head of the Social Service and Community Outreach Programme, the initiative reflected the school's strong commitment to social responsibility and community engagement. Students, accompanied by House Masters and mentors, stepped out in their House cohorts—Trishul, Agni, Akash and Prithvi—to clean and map local areas around Hulawalewadi Road to Paud. Equipped with gloves, tools, and garbage bags, they cleared litter from roadside areas, bus stops, and lanes while also engaging residents in conversations on sustainable waste disposal. Their enthusiasm inspired locals to participate and share practical tips for keeping surroundings clean. The community mapping component provided valuable data for identifying future service projects, while students also sorted waste and prepared presentations for upcoming initiatives. The effort not only resulted in cleaner surroundings but also instilled a sense of civic pride and ownership among learners.

This successful launch marks the beginning of an annual series of initiatives, reinforcing SGIS's vision:



"Inspiring Minds, Building Futures, Transforming the World."

HOUSE CAPTAINS



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The Weekly wishes
the School Community
a happy Teacher's Day!



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