

#### >>> NEWSLETTER CONTENT

## ASIA TIMES

What a fantastic season it's been at Asia, our hallways have been buzzing with excitement, creativity, and plenty of school spirit. From art projects to science experiments, and even a few unexpected dance-offs at lunch, it's clear that our students are making the most of every moment. Here's a quick peek at all the amazing things happening around campus!





#### **OUR TEACHERS**

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A picture of the principal and a few teachers perfectly captures the heart of our school community. It's a reminder of the dedication and passion that our educators bring to the classroom every day. Whether it's the principal's leadership or the teachers' commitment to their students' growth, this moment highlights the teamwork that shapes a positive learning environment. It's more than just a snapshot—it's a reflection of the care and energy that drives the success of every student here. Together, they create an atmosphere where learning thrives and every student is supported.

The Science Fair is an exciting opportunity for students to showcase their curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving skills! It's a place where young minds get to explore scientific concepts, design experiments, and dive into real-world applications of science. Whether it's creating innovative projects, conducting experiments, or presenting findings, the Science Fair encourages critical thinking and teamwork while celebrating the thrill of discovery. It's not just about winning awards—it's about learning, growing, and having fun while exploring the wonders of science!

>>> SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR





#### **SPORTS**

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Win or lose, our volleyball team showed what it means to play with heart! Huge applause to all the players for their hard work, and a special shoutout to the PE classes who are bringing their A-game to the court every week



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#### **SCHOOL EVENTS**

At our school, events are more than just dates on a calendar—they're opportunities for students and staff to come together, showcase talents, and create memories that last. From collaborative projects to spirited celebrations, each event brings a unique energy that keeps our community vibrant and engaged. It's all about stepping outside the classroom, learning in new ways, and enjoying the experience along the way! Every event is a chance to grow, connect, and have fun.

## **Our Director**



Mr. Mustafa İnci, the high school director, is a visionary leader who deeply cares about the success and well-being of his students. With a kind, approachable personality and a strong sense of responsibility, he creates a positive and supportive atmosphere throughout the school. He has many exciting plans for the future, including enhancing academic programs, expanding extracurricular opportunities, and building a more connected school community. His dedication and genuine character make him truly appreciated by both students and staff.



#### **AN INTERVIEW**

Q1: What inspired you to get this job? My main role is to organize all the legal and administrative matters, which is something I'm passionate about. That's what inspired me to take on this position.

Q2: What did you do before you were a director? I used to be a French teacher.

Q3: What are your future plans to improve the school? My goal is to make our school renowned all over Turkey and, hopefully, globally. I also try my best to provide a good environment for the kids to learn and grow.

Q4: What advice would you give to the students to be successful?

All students are unique in their own way and come from different backgrounds. Therefore, my advice would be to be kind to one another and accept our differences, because true success comes with being a humble and kind person.

## **Our Director**

#### Mr. Hassan İpek



HASAN IPEK was born in Malazgirt in 1958. He completed his secondary school and lycee education in Diyarbakir Maarif College. After graduating from the university, he worked as a translator in an American company (Foster Wheeler) for few years. He has been an English teacher for eight years. He has known the difficulties that the Turkish students come across while learning English. So in his works (books) he is trying to solve these difficulties.

#### **HIS WORKS:**

- 1- Simplified English Grammar.
- " For Turks"
- 2-The Golden Years
- 3-The Nightingale



#### An interview

Q1: How long have you been working at Asia International School?

I have been working here for three years as the director.

Q2: What improvements have you seen in the school since you joined?

The school has been improving every year. We've been trying our hardest to make progress each year, and it's been rewarding to see the results.

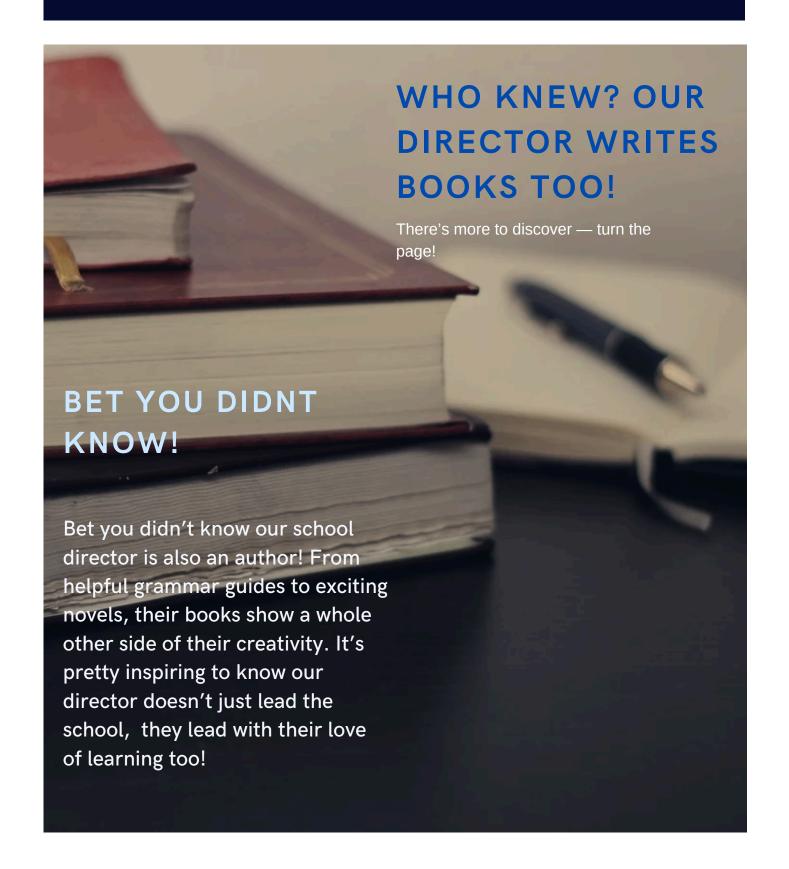
Q3: What new improvements do you plan to make in the future?

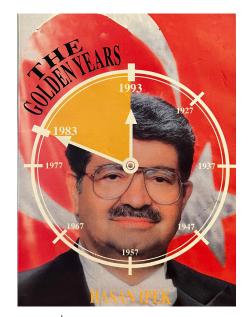
We plan to hire better staff and make additions to our already highly qualified team. There will also be improvements in the curriculum and a strong focus on upgrading our science departments and laboratories.

Q4: What advice would you give to your students to be successful in life?

Be regular, be consistent, and always follow the rules. These habits are key to long-term success.

## Books by Our School Director





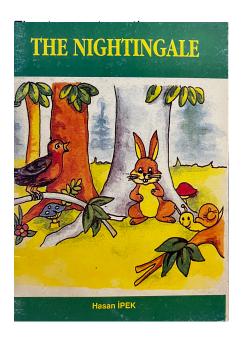
Hasan İpek's Book: The Golden Years This heartfelt work blends memoir and history, focusing on two main subjects: the author's own journey as an English teacher addressing Turkish students' language challenges, and his deep admiration for Turgut Özal, Turkey's 8th President.

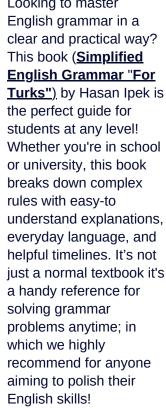
The narrative weaves together İpek's educational mission—seen in works like Simplified English Grammar\*—with intimate recollections of Özal's life, from his 1987 heart surgery in Houston to his sudden death in 1993. Personal anecdotes highlight their close bond and shared dedication to Turkey's progress.

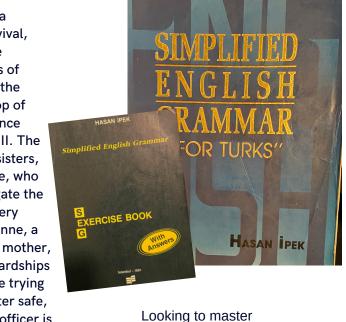
Cultural snapshots, like a 1925 marriage story and Özal's love for Middle Asian traditions, add richness. Though occasionally fragmented, the book serves as a warm tribute to leadership, education, and national pride, anchored by the theme that "Nobody can kill a person whom Allah spares."

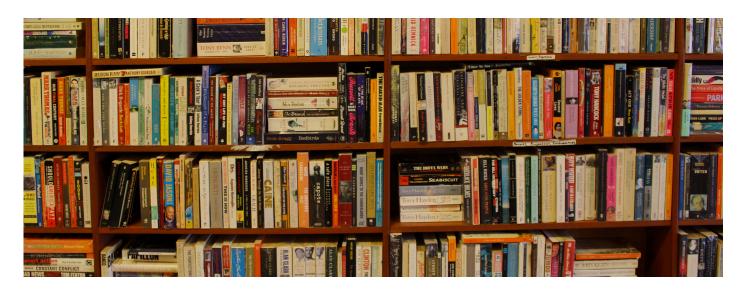
A concise yet moving reflection on legacy, language, and loyalty.

The Nightingale is a moving tale of survival, resistance, and the unbreakable bonds of family, set against the harrowing backdrop of Nazi-occupied France during World War II. The novel follows two sisters, Vianne and Isabelle, who are forced to navigate the horrors of war in very different ways. Vianne, a schoolteacher and mother, must endure the hardships of occupation while trying to keep her daughter safe, even as a German officer is billeted in her home. Isabelle, rebellious and fiercely brave, joins the French Resistance, risking her life to help Allied airmen escape across the Pyrenees mountains.











#### An Interview

1. What inspired you to become a principal, and what motivates you to lead our school every day?

I was inspired to become a principal because I believe in the power of education to transform lives. Every

day, Im motivated by the opportunity to support students and teachers, create a positive school culture, and

help each of you reach your full potential. Watching students grow into confident, curious, and kind

individuals is the most rewarding part of my job.

2. What are some of the most significant changes or achievements youve seen in our school since

you started your role?

As a developing school, many of our achievements are in laying the foundation for future success. Since I

started, weve focused on building a strong academic framework, creating an inclusive environment, and

learning from each step we take. Every improvement no matter how small matters. The dedication of our

students and staff gives me confidence in the bright future were building together.

3. How do you envision the future of our school, and what goals are you most excited about in the coming years?

Our school is still in its early stages, but I see great potential. In the coming years, Im excited about

strengthening our academic programs, hiring and training passionate educators, and establishing traditions

that reflect our diverse and international community. I believe that every experience we gain now is shaping a strong and meaningful identity for our school



4. What advice would you give to students who are looking to make the most of their high school experience?

Be open to new experiences, get involved in clubs and activities, and dont be afraid to challenge yourself.

High school is not just about academicsits about discovering who you are, building friendships, and preparing

for your future. Also, dont forget to ask for help when you need it. Were here for you.

5. How does the school support both academic excellence and student well-being, and are there any

new initiatives to enhance these areas?

As a growing school, we are continuously working to strengthen both academics and student well-being.

Were starting by creating supportive classroom environments, listening closely to student feedback, and

building a culture of care and mutual respect. Weve recently introduced regular check-ins with students, and

were planning workshops on well-being, emotional resilience, and effective study habits.

### ASIA ADMINISTRATION





1. What inspired you to become an Academic Supervisor for high school, and what motivates you to lead our school every day?
Honestly, it all started with my passion for helping students realize their potential—not just academically, but as confident, capable individuals. As a teacher, I saw how much a strong academic structure and a nurturing environment could transform a student's outlook. That inspired me to step into a leadership role where I could make a broader impact. What motivates me daily is watching both students and teachers grow. Every success—big or small—fuels me. Knowing that my guidance can shape not just a school, but futures, is incredibly fulfilling.

2. What are some of the most significant changes or achievements you've seen in our school since you started your role?

Since I started, one of the most rewarding changes has been the shift in our academic culture. We've raised the bar in terms of curriculum quality, digital integration, and student engagement. More students are taking ownership of their learning, and our teachers are collaborating in ways that bring real innovation to the classroom. We've also introduced clearer evaluation systems and more student-centered projects, which have led to higher achievement levels and more meaningful learning experiences.

3. How do you envision the future of our school, and what goals are you most excited about in the coming years? I see our school becoming a model for holistic education—where academic rigor meets emotional intelligence, creativity, and global awareness. In the near future, I'm excited about expanding our STEM and humanities programs, strengthening student leadership opportunities, and building partnerships that connect students with real-world experiences. My biggest goal is to cultivate a school environment that not only prepares students for exams but also for life.



### ASIA ADMINISTRATION

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4. What advice would you give to students who are looking to make the most of their high school experience?

Be curious. Don't just aim to pass; aim to learn. Get involved—whether it's in clubs, leadership roles, or volunteering. High scho ol isn't just a stepping stone to university; it's where you discover who you are. Build good habits, surround yourself with positive influences, and don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it. This is your time to explore, grow, and shape your future.

5. How does the school support both academic excellence and student well-being, and are there any new initiatives to enhance these areas?

We believe that excellence and well-being go hand in

hand. That's why we've focused on building a balanced academic calendar, introducing mindfulness and mental health awareness sessions, and offering flexible support programs for struggling learners. We're also launching new peer mentoring systems and student-led wellness clubs to create a more empathetic and connected school community. Every student deserves to feel seen, heard, and supported.









## School Gallery! ~

## **More**

















High school!

## School Gallery!















## Asia Sport Gallery























## Asia Sport Gallery



















## Sport News





## VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT

Our school's volleyball tournament brought out incredible energy and teamwork! Teams battled it out on the court with determination and great sportsmanship. Although our team didn't take home the trophy this time, the spirit and effort they showed made everyone proud. It was an exciting event that left everyone cheering for more!

The tournament wasn't just about the players — it was about the whole school coming together! Friends filled the gym, shouting encouragement and holding signs to cheer on their classmates. Their support brought energy to every match and made the tournament feel even more special, win or lose.







#### **Looking Ahead**

Even though we didn't win this tournament, our team showed incredible effort and heart. We've won before, and we know that with more practice and determination, we'll be ready to take the next one! Every game is a step forward, and we're proud of how far we've come.

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## **SPORTS**

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## Student Interviews

## Meet Lara Mansour (Libero)



## Meet Aya Moufeed (Middle blocker)



#### **Interview with our Volleyball Stars!**

#### 1. What made you fall in love with volleyball?

I fell in love with volleyball because it makes me feel truly valued. Every time I step on the court, I feel hyped, energetic, and full of mixed emotions—from excitement to determination. One of the things I love most is the feeling I get when I have to save the ball from touching the ground. In that moment, I feel like a protector—like I'm super powered, doing everything I can to keep the ball alive. It's like I'm fighting to not let anything fall, and that gives me a rush of confidence and purpose every time I play.

#### 2. Do you have any pre-game rituals or lucky charms?

Definitely! Before each game, I jump around a lot—not just to warm up, but to fight off any nervousness. It's my way of telling my body that I'm excited, not scared. I also scream to hype up my teammates, give them confidence, and help them feel more relaxed. And I always wear the same T-shirt for matches—it's a small tradition that keeps me grounded and reminds me I'm ready to give it my all.

#### 3. What's your favorite memory from playing on the team so far?

My favorite memory was during a really close match where we were behind but refused to give up. I kept shouting things like "Communication!" and "You can do it!" to lift the team's spirit and keep us focused. I'd love to play against Brazil's national team. They play with such confidence, speed, and passion. I think playing against a team that strong would challenge us and help us grow, even if we lost. It would be more about the experience and what we'd learn from it.

we finally won that last set, the celebration, the connection we felt, and the proud look on our coach's face reminded me why I love volleyball so much. That moment showed me the power of teamwork and belief.

**4. If you could play a match against any team** in the world, who would it be and why?

I'd love to play against the South Korean national team. They're known for their discipline, speed, and incredible coordination on the court. I admire how they play with heart and intensity, and it would be such a valuable experience to compete against a team that sets such a high standard. Playing against them would push me to be sharper, faster, and even more connected with my own team.

- 1. What made you fall in love with volleyball? I just loved the feeling of hitting the ball and playing with my team. It made me feel free.
- **2. Do you have any pre-game rituals or lucky charms?** I usually take deep breaths and remind myself to just enjoy the moment, nothing else, that's my little ritual.
- 3. What's your favorite memory from playing on the team so far? Definitely the time we played in the finals, at my old school. We were the underdogs, and honestly, no one expected us to make it that far. But we pushed through every set like our lives depended on it. It wasn't just about the win it was how close we became as a team.

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## **Student Interviews**

### Our team captain



- 1. What made you fall in love with volleyball? What made me fall in love with it was the way it brings people together, I've seen how a team can grow from strangers into a family. I also love the mental side of the game reading plays, leading under pressure, and pushing my team forward.
- 2. Do you have any pre-game rituals or lucky charms? Yes. Before every game, I gather the team for a quick huddle and give a short talk to boost our focus and energy. I also take a moment alone to center myself it's a way to carry calm into the chaos of the game.
- 3. What's your favorite memory from playing on the team so far? It was last season when we won a game in the final few points of the fifth set. The pressure was high, but everyone trusted each other. As captain, seeing them fight for every ball and keep their heads up it made me really proud.
- 4. If you could play a match against any team in the world, who would it be and why?

I'd choose Italy's national team. They're strong, smart, and well-coordinated. Playing against a team like that would test everything we've worked on and I think it would show us exactly where we can grow.











# ELECTION DAY voting!



## OUR LEADERS





## Was Held At: PUT DATE HERE

It was a day full of energy, excitement, and pride as students demonstrated their passion for leadership and school unity.

A big thank you to all the candidates for making the election process so much fun!



#### Ohana leads Asia!!

The excitement was palpable as the students of Asia headed to the polls for the muchanticipated Student Council Elections! The girls' sections brought their A-game, each carrying out creative and energetic campaigns to win the votes of their peers.

From posters to speeches, social media pushes to hallway chants, the competition was fierce and full of school spirit.





#### **Team Initiatives**

1. Spirit Weeks

Plan themed dress-up days and fun lunchtime activities to boost school spirit.

2. Talent Show

Organize a school-wide talent show to showcase student creativity and build confidence.

3. Movie Night

Host a movie night in the school gym or auditorium—sell snacks and create a cozy vibe.

4. School Clean-Up Day
Invite students to help clean up the school grounds or nearby areas—make it a fun group effort.

5. Suggestion Box

Set up a physical or digital suggestion box for students to anonymously share ideas or

6. Game Day / Tournament

Organize a friendly competition (chess, video games, sports, etc.) to engage students.

7. Charity Fundraiser

Run a bake sale, raffle, or donation drive to support a cause the student body cares about.







## Asia Events



## HAPPY TEACHERS

DAY!

Teacher's Day Celebration 2025
This year's Teacher's Day was a
heartwarming event filled with
appreciation, creativity, and
unforgettable performances. Students
came together to celebrate the
incredible dedication of our teachers in
a special way





## 1 The Planning

The planning for this event was no easy feat! The Events Team worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure everything was perfect. From organizing the auditorium to coordinating students and performers, the team had their hands full. It was a lot of hard work, but their dedication paid off eventually!



Awarding Our Teachers

The highlight of the day was when Principal Mr. Sayeed took the stage to present awards and recognition to our amazing teachers. He acknowledged the commitment, passion, and positive impact that each teacher has on the students, not just in academics, but in shaping the future of our school.

#### 3 The Closing

As the day came to a close, it was clear that Teacher's Day 2025 would go down as one of the most memorable celebrations yet, the students who performed, as well as those who helped set up, demonstrated just how much they care about the teachers who shape their lives.

Thank you to every teacher for your dedication, kindness, and inspiration — and to the students who made the day so special. Here's to another year of learning and growing together!

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## **Seniors Debate**





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Through this debate, students developed critical thinking, public speaking, and research skills. They learned how to build persuasive arguments, respond to counterpoints, and present ideas clearly under pressure. The event also encouraged teamwork, respectful disagreement, and a better understanding of ethical perspectives in socio-economic issues.

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Debate Day was an exciting and intellectually stimulating event where students explored the topic: "Was it ethically justifiable to force the rich to help the poor?" The two teams presented compelling arguments, with the affirmative side emphasizing social responsibility, fairness, and the moral obligation of wealth redistribution. The opposing team highlighted individual rights, freedom, and the potential negative effects of forced charity on motivation and innovation. Both sides engaged deeply with ethical theories and real-world examples, creating a lively and thought-provoking discussion.



## Science Fair

FRIDAY, JULY 16TH 2024



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Whether it was testing homemade catapults, demonstrating the laws of motion, or even exploring magnetism and electricity, students proved that science is anything but boring

Asia students worked hard to create exciting, hands-on projects that explored the forces and wonders of the physical world.

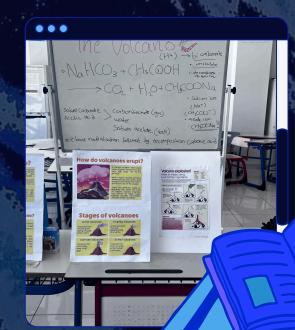
From gravity-defying experiments to clever demonstrations of energy and motion, every project showed incredible creativity and a real passion for science

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**CHEMISTRY** 

Mr. Jamil hosted the Chemistry corner — and things got a little wild (in the best way!). Students explored chemical reactions with colorful, fizzing, and sometimes fiery results. By the end of the day, the science labs might have been a little messy, but the smiles and excitement made every bit of cleanup worth it.

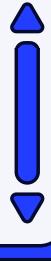
Huge thanks to Miss Abir, Mr. Jamil, and all the students who participated.





## Anything But a Bag Day!

FRIDAY, JULY 16TH 2024





#### **BUILD SCHOOL SPIRIT**

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Grade 12A sparked a wave of school spirit with their fun and creative idea: Anything But a Backpack Day!

Students were challenged to carry their books and supplies in anything except a regular backpack — and they delivered with style.

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FUN!

From laundry baskets and shopping carts to pillowcases and even toy wagons, the halls were filled with laughter and creativity as everyone showed off their unique "backpacks."

The event was a huge success, bringing students together for a day of fun, smiles, and team spirit. It showed how a simple, silly idea could turn into something that made the whole school feel more connected.



## Celebrating Ramadan

FRIDAY, JULY 16TH 2024

#### **IFRAT FEAST**

Our school hosted a wonderful Iftar feast, bringing students and teachers together to celebrate the spirit of Ramadan. It was a night filled with delicious food, laughter, and a true sense of community. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a special and memorable evening!

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Abaya Day was a beautiful celebration of tradition and pride, as students wore colorful and elegant abayas across campus. The day highlighted the richness of our culture and brought a strong sense of unity and respect throughout the school community.













## From the Editors

As we reach the end of this newspaper, thank you from the bottom of our hearts to everyone who's been part of this beautiful journey. From the classrooms to the playgrounds, from the quiet moments to the loudest cheers every part of this year has meant something, just very big. We've grown, learned, stumbled, and stood back up together. These walls have held our laughter, our stress, our memories. As we turn the page, we want you to know this chapter will always stay with us. This school, these people, and these moments will truly be very missed. And as we all go our separate ways, we can't wait to see where life takes each of us .With all our love here's to the end of a chapter, and the start of everything else. Sincerely,

The editors

Manahil fatima
Hala Moufeed
Basra Ali



As we close the curtains on this second edition of Asia Times, I invite you to dive into the powerful voices that echo through these pages. This isn't just another school newspaper; it is a showcase of curiosity, creativity, and the boundless potential of our students. Every article is a step towards inspiring change, sparking thought, and connecting us all in meaningful ways.

Our mission extends beyond publishing articles. It's about providing a platform where young minds can harness the power of language and express themselves freely.

of language and express themselves freely. These pages aren't just filled with information; they reflect our students' journey of growth, exploration, and courage. This edition is a tribute to what student journalism can truly achieve. With excitement we look ahead to the next edition knowing it will surprise us, challenge us and bring new bold ideas to the forefront. A huge thank you to the dedicated students who brought this edition to life. The editorial brilliance of \*Manahil Fatima, Hala Moufeed and, Basra Ali, shaped each story with care and creativity. The stunning photographs by Sania Aruzoo and Lara Mansoor\* added depth and dimension to every page.

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