



# Academy Senior School

## Newsletter

Greetings and welcome to the new Academy year 2017-18!

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### *Message from Senior School Principal, Aaron Jacob*

As we start this new year after a two-month break, the Hyderabad monsoon has given the Academy campus a new colour and laid out a fresh carpet to welcome our students back.

Last semester closed with the Graduation Ceremony of our Class of 2017, of which you can [read more here](#). I would like to personally congratulate all the students who attained their IB Diploma, and wish them all the best as they continue their journey at university. We are thrilled to announce that an unprecedented 25 students, 35% of the cohort, gained an English-Hindi IB Bilingual Diploma! An impressive achievement.

Please [visit our website](#) to see our 2017-18 calendar, especially while booking tickets for your children. Early departure before and late arrival after the holidays will not be permitted and require prior approval from the Head of Academy.

We look forward to an exciting year where student achievement is cherished and nurtured...

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## *Introducing our new faculty*

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>
Dr. Anita George	Head of Department, English
Ajeey Balaji	French and English
Bhaskar Siruvuri	Physics and Integrated Sciences
Manasi Mallick	Mathematics
Namrata Bhushan	Special Education Needs
Jennifer Elaine Tubbs	EAL, Careers and English
Suryanarayana Murthy	Telugu
Sandra Fonseca	Integrated Sciences
Michelle Massaro	Design and Robotics
Ishmeet Kaur Kalra	Counsellor
Manali Laskar	Integrated Humanities
Afeera Maryam	Integrated Humanities

## *2017-18 Grade Leaders & Coordinators*

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<b>Grade Leaders</b>	<b>Faculty</b>
6	Sudha Dutta
7	Anandita Dutta
8	Arpita Trivedi
9	Priyodarshini Das
10	Rajesh Kayiprath
DP1	Dr. Karuna Arya
DP2	Reeta Menghani
<b>Coordinators</b>	
Theory of Knowledge Coordinator	Sudeep Ghosh
Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) Coordinator	Venkat Reddy
Internship Coordinator	Pratibha Thimmaraya
Service and Action Coordinator	Honey Bhatia
Assistant Diploma Programme Coordinator	Dr. Sujana

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## *Summer Service Internships - positive contributions in a changing world*



60 Senior School grade 11 students spent the first week of their summer holidays in Anantapur at a special orientation camp to launch their unique four-week service internships. Students spent an intensive month in urban and rural areas of eight Indian states (Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh), working with over 20 non-profit organisations focusing on education, rural development, women and child empowerment, disaster awareness, youth training, agriculture and nutrition. Several of these organisations are agencies belonging to AKDN, the Aga Khan Development Network.

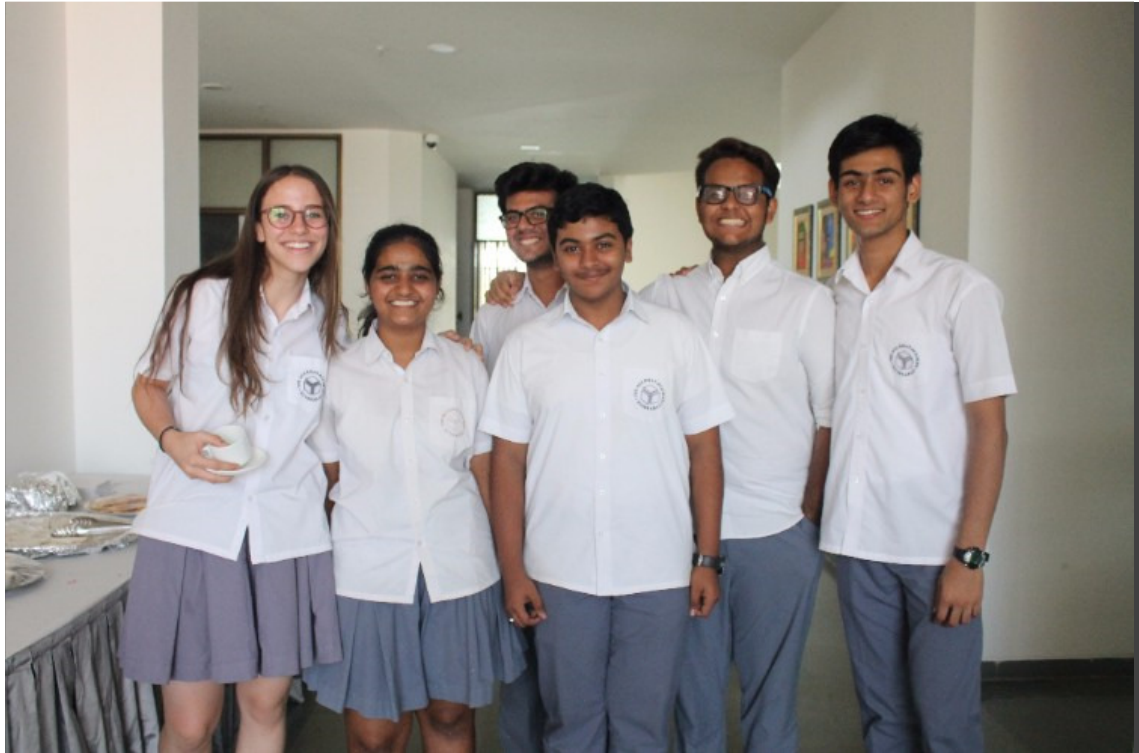
“The way the villagers showered us with gratitude and love was remarkable. Things were tough, the language barrier was high, but small talk and a smile on our faces made us one. At the end of the day, I felt that I belonged to the village.” - Jemin P. [Read more about their experiences here.](#)

Students had a feedback session last week, and they will be presenting their experiences and receiving certificates on 19th August, our first Saturday School for 2017-18. Internships are one way for students to gain exposure to real-life situations as well as engage in invaluable formal work experience as Academy volunteers.

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## Academy Model United Nations team goes to New York City

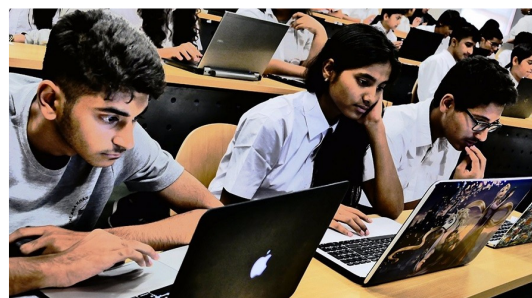
For the first time, a delegation of eight Academy students accompanied by a faculty member are headed to the UN headquarters in New York City, USA between 12-19th August. We can't wait to hear more once they get back!



Congratulations to our 10 students who were granted entry and a single fully-paid scholarship to the IB World Student Conference taking place at King's College London, UK, from 6-12 August 2017.

Sahir Devani, grade 11, will be representing the 2017 Academy cohort at the conference, where students from around the world will gather together to explore the theme "Well-being in a healthy world: personal responsibility and global health." [Read more here.](#)

The Academy successfully brought together technology and pedagogy by conducting the IB MYP e-assessments for Grade 10 for the first time in May 2017. Administered by the International Baccalaureate Organisation itself, the e-assessments challenged students in new ways of being examined, as well as their conceptual understanding of the curriculum. Congratulations to our 74 students who performed above the world average!







## The Academy IB Diploma Programme

has further strengthened its subject offering with Higher Level Information Technology in Global Society (ITGS) for the first time. Extended Essays are nearly done, and soon students will be making their Theory of Knowledge presentations. DP 1 (grade 11) students will be occupied with their subject choices and placement tests. They look forward to their Core Retreat, where they get the opportunity to discuss the core of the IB Programme with their coordinators.

Important dates: Tuesday 15th August - Independence Day | Wednesday 16th August - Enrichment Programme kicks off | Thursday 17th August - ITN shooting IB film @ the Academy

The Aga Khan Academies invite you to join us in two exciting social media initiatives in honour of the Diamond Jubilee of His Highness the Aga Khan – the founder of the Aga Khan Development Network and the visionary behind the Aga Khan Academies.