



## News at a Glance

Updates from January - March 2018. A most happening start to the year!

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*Academy Showcase Week...a festival of ideas, culture & sport*



The Academy opened its gates to the public for its annual Showcase Week that ended on the last day of term, Friday 9th March. The event featured three focus days for each of the three IB academic programs; a pre-launch drama event and a whole Academy swimming gala that closed the celebrations with a bang. Campus tours and personalized counseling sessions were available from the admissions team. Parents, current and prospective, along with corporate, government and general public shared the stunning array of primary, senior and senior secondary art exhibitions, music and choir performances, Hindi and English summer theatre productions, academic presentations and university fairs. The annual PYP grade 5 exhibition and the DP visual arts exhibition were both inaugurated during Showcase Week.

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## International Baccalaureate evaluation

We successfully completed our first IB evaluation in February since the Academy received its authorisation in 2013. Each IB World School is regularly evaluated to ensure that the standards and practices of its IB programmes are being maintained. As part of the process, the Academy engaged in a self-study that involved students, parents and staff. We would like to thank all of you who participated in this process towards our continual improvement.



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## *A season for robotics!*



27 students from the Aga Khan Academy in Hyderabad competed for the first time in an international robotics competition called "FIRST Lego League" (FLL) in Bangalore on 20-21 January and brought home a gold medal! Students were able to see how being involved in STEM related fields is an option in new and unexpected ways as their skills, knowledge and



understanding from so many other areas of study transferred directly into the robot and project design and development. Their success at the event was a direct result of the impact of different subjects at the Academy from Science and Maths to Individuals & Societies and Leadership. These 27 students were fantastic examples of the holistic quality of education at the Academy in action!

[Read more here!](#)

The Academy held a day-long robotics workshop and tournament for 48 grade 6 students from seven nearby government schools on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February. "Sharing knowledge and providing access to high tech programs is a service opportunity that the students on both sides are benefitting from. It was incredibly rewarding to see our students in action displaying the passion and knowledge they had gained through the robotics programme taught at the Academy," said Michelle Massaro, Ontario seconded teacher and design faculty. [Click here to read more!](#)



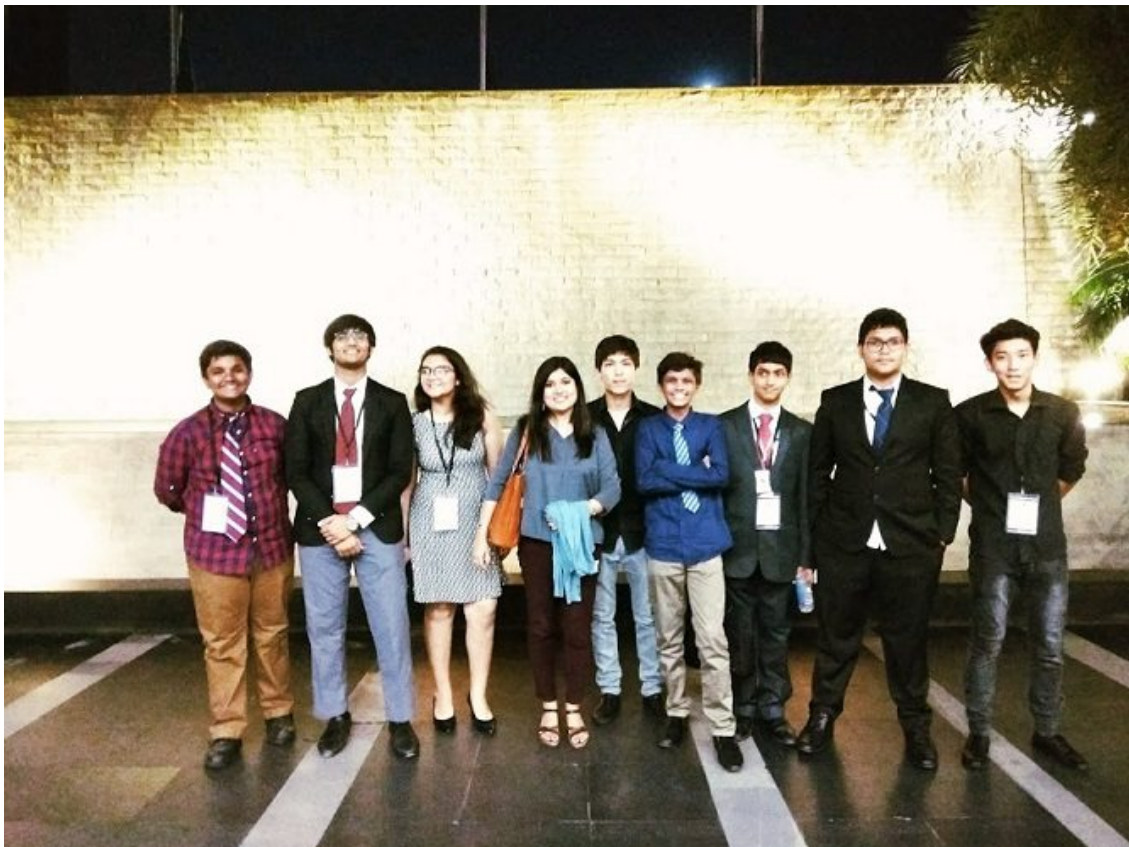
## *Academy Senior School annual athletics meet*

Our 5<sup>th</sup> athletics meet took place on the morning of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February on the grounds. As usual, the day kicked off with all the houses doing a march past. Then came the track events, the experience everyone remembers. The 100, 200, 400 metre races, and the relay race are events that even the teachers get excited about! [Click here to read more.](#)

## *Showcasing innovation, talent and self-development through the MYP*

The 2018 IB MYP Personal Project Exhibition yet again put on display a fitting showcase of the

innovative projects that were undertaken by grade 10 students over the course of the last academic year. The Academy Student Lounge and the adjoining foyer were transformed into a gallery for the students to present their various projects, ranging from documentaries on globalisation to “all-in-one wooden study chairs”; from fundraising and service projects in various communities to websites on mental health; from hydroelectric rainwater harvesters to art exhibitions on discrimination against women - all these projects showed the diversity of student interests present at the Academy. [Click here to read more!](#)



Eight Academy students from grades 8-10 participated at the International School of Hyderabad Model United Nations on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at the Microsoft Campus in Gachibowli. “It was such a fantastic experience as there were people from all over Hyderabad and it helped me to enhance my public speaking skills,” observed Aftikhar. “Representing Sudan in the Committee was enjoyable, it gave me a perspective on how the United Nation functions to improve quality of life for people around the world.” [Click here to read more!](#)



## *Book Day in the PYP!*

The Academy Junior School celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 1st March 2018. Students dressed as their favourite literary characters, read in groups and attended a guest lecture by a published children's author, Arti Sonthalia. [Read more here!](#)



## *University counselling week...*

The Academy's university counselling department held group sessions for all on the university search process during the week of 26th February - 2nd March. The sessions were held by Theresa Urist, global director of counseling for the Aga Khan Academies. Theresa also had interactions with students and parents of grades 10 to 12. "“Being able to meet individually with students and parents is always a highlight of my visit,” she says. [Read more here.](#)

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