

# NEWSLETTER

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## To Be or Not To Be?

Paraphrasing William Shakespeare, the debate goes on – is vying for an elusive medical college admission the most coveted option for students who have finished their High School Learning (grade XII)? Perhaps so – this thinking still prevails amongst many in Pakistan, specially Parents. The frenzied preparation for MDCAT – acronym for 'Medical & Dental College Admission Test, has reached it's crescendo. Coaching and preparation centres for MDCAT, have themselves blossomed into a mini-industry, throughout the country, with record numbers of students enrolled in them.





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# L.O.S.C ADMISSIONS 2025

The Arrival of Fall/Autumn, also coincides with 'The Early-bird Admissions' for the Academic Year – 2025. Starting from October 15, 2024, we will commence with the Registration & Admissions process. During this first phase, preference will be given to siblings of students already enrolled at L.O.S. Also, those Parents, who want to avoid the usual delayed rush for admissions, can avail of this opportunity. Admissions are granted on first come, first served basis, and on completion of all the formalities.





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# EXHILIRATING EXCURSIONS

Coming on the heels of Checkpoint # 3 Assessments, the well-planned and joyously experienced Excursions' of the entire Primary Section , were the perfect antidote to stressful days of the tests. The sheer joy of the students was contagious, whether it was the cinematic experience of the big screen, or romping outdoors in the parks, especially the one with a zoo. Truly exhilarating! Movie Time + Park-Time + Mirth/Merriment and Lunch – a perfect 'fun-filled' recipe!





This annual ritual needs a dispassionate re-evaluation. Is it necessary to push students to undergo this exercise? Shouldn't an individual's own aptitude and inclinations be taken into consideration? Apparently, some Parents don't think so, which is rather unfortunate. The fact is that in the last couple of decades, consequential technological advances have revolutionized the choices that the young have to chart their future calling. This is a Universal Phenomenon, and Pakistan is no exception to it all. Rather than narrowing down the options and alternatives in choosing majors, exploring the emerging realities in



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# HIKING

Testing the mettle of 'The Boys of Grade IX' , the hike was enthusiastically participated. A healthy outdoor activity, literally in our own backyard – the trails of the nearby foothills,were a perfect setting for such an initiation to this adrenalin boosting sport. The boys got a taste of the physically demanding aspects of hiking/trekking. Future hikes are in the offing.





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## AUTUMN/FALL – ADIEU SUMMER OF 2024!

The seasons are transitioning, as we await the expected arrival of Autumn. There is already a nip in the air, especially in the early-mornings and evenings – a prelude to the chills and the falling leaves. Time also to switch – from the Summer to Winter uniforms, effective from Tuesday, October 15, 2024. Parents are requested to monitor and assist in the timely implementation of this changeover







## IN-BRIEF

- Last date for registration to the International Kangaroo Language Competition – IKLC – 24, is September 25, 2024.
- Dental Camp for Preschoolers, September 23, 2024.
- Girl Sections turn for excursions.

## EXIT CARD POLICY

The Exit Card insures the safe and proper exit of a student from campus. Only authorized individuals can take a student from the school on presentation of the Exit Card, other than those students who go home independently from the school on production of their exit card. The loss of the card should be immediately reported, and a duplicate obtained.





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## HAMDAN ZEHRI

### EXCHANGE STUDENT PROGRAM QUALIFIER

Hamdan Zehri, a gifted student of Grade IX, College Section, is heading to Toledo, Ohio, U.S.A. this week as a foreign exchange student, on a program sponsored by the U.S. State Department. He will be spending a year as a High School student, and live with an American Host Family. Hamdan had to undergo a rigorous selection process, and was one of a handful of students selected from Balochistan. Previously too, students from L.O.S. have been selected as exchange students for this program. We wish Hamdan, a very empowering and fulfilling time in The U.S.A. Bon Voyage!





## BOOK REVIEW

Beginning from this week, we are starting a Book Review Segment, in which students who have finished reading an interesting book, will write a 'Book Review' in their own words, highlighting their take on the book. This initiative is being taken to generate an interest in reading by the students. Students interested in contributing Book Reviews to the Newsletter, should get in touch with the Vice Principal's office.

### **This Week's Selection – The Metamorphosis, by Franz Kafka**

Born in July, 1883, in Prague, modern day Czech Republic, Kafka was a German Language writer, who expressed the anxieties and alienation felt by many in 20th Century Europe and North America. He is regarded as one of the major literary figures of the twentieth century. Franz Kafka passed away on June 3, 1924.

## THE METAMORPHOSIS



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## BOOK REVIEW

by Saaim Mallow, Grade XII

Franz Kafka's '**Metamorphosis**' is a captivating story that follows the transformation of Gregor Samsa into an ugly bug-like creature. This evokes fear, leading to anger, sadness, and depression. Gregor's love for his family is shattered as he realizes he is no longer welcome. His fear leads to a violent confrontation with his father, causing him to fall into despair. The climax is when his father throws an apple at him, that break's his spirit and causes his death. The story explores the effects of shame, as Gregor is ashamed at his inability to provide for his family, his disgusting appearance, and the discomfort he creates. The father's shame that he has to work as a servant, the mother's shame at her inability to tolerate the sight of her beloved son, and the family's shame of taking out loans, all contribute to the story's theme of dehumanization and the consequences of abandonment. This masterpiece is a must-read for those interested in existential philosophy and the impact of total disconnect on the human psyche.

