



UTTAM SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Principal's Desk

Dear Students and Parents,

As we march into 2024, I am proud to highlight the remarkable achievements and initiatives that have defined Uttam School for Girls this past year. As in the years past, our students have once again demonstrated outstanding excellence across all fields, showcasing their talents through academic accomplishments, artistic endeavours, and athletic triumphs. Through a rich tapestry of engaging workshops and immersive experiences, our students have refined their skills in STEM, the arts, and beyond. It brings me immense pride to announce that Uttam School for Girls has been ranked No. 1 in the prestigious Education World rankings, a testament to our unwavering commitment to educational excellence. In our ongoing quest for global learning opportunities, we have expanded our student exchange programs, nurturing cultural understanding and broadening horizons. Moreover, our school infrastructure is undergoing transformative changes, with state-of-the-art facilities being introduced to enrich the learning environment. Embracing the Cambridge curriculum, we continue to deliver a world-class education that equips our students with the tools for success in an ever-evolving world. Additionally, we are enhancing our sports facilities, ensuring that our students have access to top-notch resources to excel in athletics and cultivate a healthy lifestyle.



As we approach our 30th year milestone, we invite you to join us in celebrating three decades of educational achievements and empowerment. We warmly encourage you to visit Uttam School for Girls and share your insights as we collectively shape the future of education. Please feel free to reach out to us at uttamschool@gmail.com with your thoughts and suggestions, as we remain dedicated to fostering a collaborative community committed to learning and growth.

Warm Regards
Mrs. Sharmila Raheja
Principal

Editorial Message



We are thrilled to present the Second edition of our Grades XI-XII newsletter for the session 2023-24, reflecting on a year of remarkable growth and collaboration. From engaging in global exchange programs with Japan and Germany to enriching outdoor learning experiences, the 2nd session has been instrumental in enhancing our knowledge and skills. We proudly celebrated our 23rd Investiture and the Shubh Aashirvaad Ceremony. We also take this opportunity to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our dedicated teachers, whose guidance and support continue to inspire us. As we embark on our 30th year, let us carry forward the spirit of learning, collaboration, and excellence that defines our school. Here's to another year of innovation, learning, and unforgettable experiences!

Aradhya Singh (XI-A), Aanya Bansal (XI-B), Karamjeet Kaur (XI-C)

Global Collaborations

Japanese Exchange Program

After two years of online collaboration, the school hosted twelve students and faculty from Toshimagaoka Josjigakuen. They engaged in eleven research and STEM projects, blending science and creativity. Cultural exchange flourished with activities like yoga and art, culminating in a city tour showcasing India's rich heritage.

-Aradhya Singh (XII-A)



German Exchange Program

Liebfrauensschule, Bensheim, a German girls' school led by Dr. Nicolas Chalwatzis (Head STEM Studies), began the exchange program with Uttam School for Girls on December 29th, 2023. The visit kicked off with a traditional lamp lighting ceremony, followed by a Grade 9 German skit and a school tour.

-Aanya Bansal (XII-B)



OUTDOOR LEARNING PROGRAMMES

Kiran Nadar Museum

The school organized an enriching visit to the Kiran Nadar Art Museum for the 12th-grade students, allowing them to explore various art forms. They admired the exhibits and experienced a captivating virtual 3D art encounter, which inspired their interest in creativity and cultural appreciation.

-Aradhya Singh (XII-A)



Exploring Gwalior

Grades XI-XII students experienced an exciting 2-day outdoor learning program in Gwalior from October 13-14, 2023. The highlight was the guided tour of the majestic Gwalior Fort, constructed with captivating sandstone, including visits to Gujari Mahal and Sun Temple. The students also visited the Jai Vilas Palace Museum, the residence of the Scindhia family. The journey concluded with a reflection session.

-Aanya Bansal (XII-B)

Exploring the halls of justice

On February 12, 2024, the school arranged an enlightening excursion to the Delhi High Court for grade XI students of political science and legal studies. Immersed in the legal realm, students absorbed the intricacies of courtroom proceedings, witnessing diverse cases firsthand along with the enriching interactions with the judges. During the visit the students also met an Alumni of the school Nimisha Jain who is now a practicing advocate. This immersive experience left a lasting impact, deepening their understanding of the judicial system.

-Karamjeet Kaur (XII-C)



Unlocking Business Insights

On February 14, 2024, Grade XII commerce students visited Dorsum Delight, a private limited company renowned for its diverse product range encompassing nuts, seeds, muesli, dehydrated fruits, and multigrain energy bars. This visit aimed to provide students valuable insights into the company's manufacturing and packaging operations, along with diverse aspects of management.

-Aanya Bansal (XII-B)



Cultural Exploration in Noida: Art, Cuisine, and Craftsmanship with Uttam School Teachers and Staff

The day kicked off with a visit to KNMA's "Mirror Maze" exhibit, sparking discussions on art and perception. Then, at Saras-the Noida Haat, teachers explored crafts from rural women self-help groups, engaging with artisans and gaining insight into traditional techniques.

-Karamjeet Kaur (XII-C)

LEADERSHIP LEGACIES

Uttam Elections

On November 6th, 2023, Uttam School for Girls held its Head Girl Elections, allowing Grade 6-12 students to actively participate in the democratic process. Karamjeet Kaur of XI Humanities emerged victorious as the new Head Girl. This event signifies a profound journey of Democracy in Action, empowering students to shape the future of their school.

-Aradhya Singh (XII-A)



23rd Investiture Ceremony

The school held its 23rd investiture ceremony, where 56 senior and 26 junior students took on leadership roles. Mr. Abhinav Gopal, IAS, the Chief Development Officer, delivered a keynote speech on leadership and academic excellence. The event served as a formal induction, fostering a sense of duty and emphasizing innovation for global recognition within Ghaziabad's history.

-Aanya Bansal (XII-B)

Shubh Aashirwaad Farewell Chronicle

On February 3, 2024, the "Shubh Aashirwaad" farewell at Uttam School bid a heartfelt adieu to the grade XII batch. Organized by Grade XI, the day featured a vibrant morning fiesta and an evening filled with blessings, where Principal Mrs. Sharmila Raheja presented the Year Book, Photobook, and the Bhagwad Gita. Yashica Singh was honored with the 16th Sunna Adlakh Award for academic excellence, while stream toppers of Grade XII received well-deserved accolades.

-Karamjeet Kaur (XII-C)



UTTAM MILESTONES

Principal Ms. Sharmila Raheja honoured with Visionary Education Technology Leader Award

Ms. Sharmila Raheja, received the Visionary Education Technology Leader Award for her innovative use of technology in education and she shared her expertise on AI's ethical considerations at a panel discussion hosted by K.R. Mangalam World School, New Delhi.

-Karamjeet Kaur (XII-C)



Advancing Education: Ms. Anshu Banerjee's session, PGT Computer Science

Ms. Anshu Banerjee, PGT Computer Science, showcased her expertise in AI project cycles during an AIFC session on Nov 4, 2023. The event, hosted on the collaborative AIFC platform by CBSE and Intel, brought together educators from 22 countries.

-Aanya Bansal (XII-B)



Mr. Murari Jha: Dhaka to Nature Morte Gallery

Mr. Murari Jha's art work Returning to Earth- A Kinder Search for home' commissioned by Samdam Art Foundation Bangladesh was showcased at the Dhaka Art Summit, Bangladesh, in February 2023, followed by the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, New Delhi, in October. His acclaimed art is now represented by the prestigious Art Gallery of Nature Morte. Nature Morte is also proud to support - Murari Jha's installation at the Sculpture Park at Madhavendra Palace, Nahargarh Fort, Jaipur.

-Aradhya Singh (XII-A)



Celebrating Excellence: Mr. Arbind Singh, PGT Fine Arts Department

Mr. Arbind Singh, participated in a Scrap Metal Art Project at Indian Railways Banaras Locomotive Works, Varanasi, from November 8th to November 25th, 2023, selected by Lalit Kala Academy. He also engaged in educational workshops and showcased his art in group and solo exhibitions.

-Aanya Bansal (XII-B)

Ms. Anindita Basu honored for Excellence in Music and Dance

Ms. Anindita Basu, was honored for her notable contributions in music and dance during the Uttar Pradesh Diwas and Rashtriya Balika Diwas event on January 24, 2024. The felicitation was led by Shree Narendra Kashyap, Minister of State, with the presence of Shree Abhinav Gopal, IAS, and Shree Rakesh Kumar Singh, District Magistrate, at Hindi Bhawan in Ghaziabad.

-Karamjeet Kaur (XII-C)



Newton's Day

On December 20, 2023, Grade XIA students exhibited innovative projects at the "Everyday Science" contest by the Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell. Focusing on Newton's Third Law, they creatively utilized daily items, earning a unique chance to present directly to the ministry.

-Aaradhya Singh (XII-A)



Global University Conclave 2.0

On October 21st, 2023, Uttam School for Girls hosted The Global University Conclave 2023. Esteemed university representatives, students, and parents convened for a dynamic exploration of opportunities. Notable panelists, including Ms. Vrinda Tandon (Ashoka University), Ms. Antara Guha (Manav Rachna Education Institutions), Ms. Sandhya Pathak (BML Munjal University), and Ms. Chainika (Bennett University), shared invaluable insights on holistic personality development. The conclave showcased insights from esteemed institutions, covering courses, admissions, fees, and requirements, aligning with the school's mission of global career empowerment.

-Karamjeet Kaur (XII-C)

Empowered Waves: Ascend and Amplify the Student Journey

Uttam School for Girls, in collaboration with Salaam Namaste Radio Station and the Ministry of Women and Child Development, proudly presented 'Ascend and Amplify: A Journey of Empowerment,' a student-led radio show guided by Ms. Barsha Chabararia. Aligned with the G20 Youth Thinkers Convocation 2.0 Initiative, this broadcast captures students' creative expressions, reinforcing the school's dedication to cultivating critical thinking and global awareness.

-Aradhya Singh (XII-A)



Serving with Love: Guru Nanak Jayanti Celebration

Uttam School joyfully celebrated Guru Nanak Jayanti, turning it into a transformative journey of imbibing profound teachings. The auditorium resonated with the celebration, filled with shabad Gurbani and timeless teachings, creating a serene atmosphere. The tradition of unity and joy continued with a shared langar, weaving threads of love and togetherness.

-Aanya Bansal (XII-B)

Inter-School Achievements

S.No.	Students Name	Class	Event	Organisers	Position
I	Lakshita Bansal Nistha Anand Mishthi Vats Palak Garg	XI-B XII-A XII-B	Perfect Pitch	Delhi Public School, Ghaziabad	1st
2	Nistha Anand Mishthi Vats Palak Garg	XI-B XII-A XII-B	Elevator Pitch	Delhi Public School, Ghaziabad	1st
3	Prashya Handa Riya Singh	XI-C	Dance Competition- Vibrations	KDB School, Ghaziabad	3rd
4	Aarshavi Singh Anjali Singh	XII-C	Veethika Hastkala	DAV Public School, Pratap Vihar	2nd
5	Aishani Kapoor	XI-A	Harmony Tech Connect	G.D. Goenka, Indirapuram	3rd
6	Girisha Tomar	XI-C	Indradhanush- A palette of Colours	DAV Public School, Ghaziabad	3rd
7	Nishtha Kaushik Vedika Yadav	XI-A	Legacy 5.0 Project Presentation	DAV Public School, Pratap Vihar	3rd
8	Aanya Bansal	XI-B	Mélange - Tireless Talks	Seth Anandram Jaipuria, Vasundhara	3rd
9	Aarshvi Singh Aanya Vishnoi	XII-C	Mélange	Seth Anandram Jaipuria, Vasundhara	3rd
10	Aanya Bansal Lakshita Bansal	XI-B	Bizgeist - Travelogue	Cambridge School, Indirapuram	3rd
11	Anaya Sirohi Himanshi Maheshwari	XI-A	Mélange	Seth Anandram Jaipuria, Vasundhara	3rd
12	Annie Suryavanshi Aishani Kapoor	XI-A	Skills Build	IBM Watson	
13	Riya Singh Vanshika Chaudhary	XI-C	Mélange	Seth Anandram Jaipuria, Vasundhara	3rd
14	Anuradha Rathi	XI-A	CBSE North Zone Swimming Championship	CBSE	3rd
15	Kavyanjali Singh	XI-C	Debate	Nehru World School, Ghaziabad	Best Speaker
16	Pulkit Mawai	XI-C	Collage Making	Creo International	Outstanding Performance

LEADERSHIP ECHOES

Ladies and gentlemen, honourable Principal ma'am, esteemed parents, dear teachers, and my fellow batchmates,

Today as I stand here, yet again on this podium where I did my first-ever comparing, the entirety of the past 15 years is vividly flashing before my eyes. From participating in numerous events and giving speeches in this very auditorium to witnessing the farewell of my beloved seniors, to now standing here bidding my own farewell, is a culmination of the experiences and moments that have shaped these years. But to be here today is a lot more difficult than all other times because Today the Emotions surge through me like a tidal wave. The echoes of laughter, the resonance of learning, and the heartbeat of friendships formed within these walls are etched into the very fabric of my identity. For each of us sitting here, this school has been more than just a building; it has been our home, a furnace of character, a forge of dreams, and a sanctuary of growth. We arrived here as individuals, and today we leave as one tightly-knit family, our very own Uttam family. As I grow, I take immense pride in being part of the Best School of the Year, witnessing its remarkable achievements on both national and international platforms. The name Uttam itself serves as a reality check to everyone, affirming that our girls excel in whatever we do and wherever we go. As we stand on the precipice of a new chapter, it's crucial for us to acknowledge our pillars of strength, our beloved parents, we are extremely grateful for your support that has been the wind beneath our wings. Your sacrifices, late-night motivation talks, and encouragement have fuelled our journey and touched every part of our experience.

Our dear teachers, where do I begin? You've been our mentors, our guides, and at times, even our second parents. Your dedication to our education, your patience in moments of confusion, and your belief in our potential have been always so encouraging for us. I personally have felt demotivated and not enough so many times, but it was you all who lifted and strengthened me each time, reminding me how to never give up and keep going. Despite making mistakes along the way, sometimes causing trouble for our teachers, we have learned, grown, and moved forward.

And to our beloved Principal ma'am, you've been the beacon of wisdom and the steady hand at the helm. Your vision, leadership, and dedication to fostering an environment of excellence have laid the foundation for our aspirations. Over the years, having attended various schools, I can attest that I have never encountered a principal who scrutinizes each child's performance personally with such attention and care, and I can never forget the day when I got the privilege of having a one-on-one counselling session with her in my toughest times.

And to my batchmates, the Class of 2024, some of whom who have been holding my hand since day 1, from playing ring around the roses to fire in the mountain to interhouse competitions to now getting career guidance, we all grew up quite quick right! How we all remember about choosing our best-dressed seniors on farewells to being in that spot today, from planning how to delay the studies by narrating random stories in front of our teachers, to hiding away the chalk pieces or even plug out the smart boards, to building teams to give the best surprises on teacher's day, but as we move ahead, let us carry the torch of values with pride. Let us embrace the challenges ahead with the same resilience and determination that this school has nurtured within us.

A huge thank you to our dedicated and hardworking juniors for this amazing day today and for all the support throughout our school life. Just your messaging us, "Didi please don't leave too soon," makes us realise how closely this school has bonded us!

And as A. A. Milne rightly said, "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." So, here's to our new beginnings, to the challenges that lie ahead, and to the friendships that time and distance can never erase.

Uttam School, you made us all blossom, you are that comforting habit of us that we would never be able to let go off! Thank you, one and all, for being a part of this incredible journey. May our paths cross again, and may our futures be as colourful as the memories we carry with us. May we see each other yet again in our Mi Casa, Uttam School for Girls!

Signing off Batch of 2023-24!

HEAD GIRL

Yashica Singh

Session 2022-23



Good morning, everyone.

As we gather here on the 75th Anniversary of our Republic Day, let us not just celebrate the birth of our democratic nation but delve into the very essence of what it means to be a republic. It extends beyond being a mere form of governance; it is a commitment to ideals that define us – ideals like equality, justice, liberty, and the rule of law. These principles are not abstract; they are the heartbeat of our interactions and the essence of our society.

Our constitution, a living testament to our progress as a nation and civilization, serves as a daily reminder of the values we hold dear. It's a powerful symbol that reflects how far we've come as a nation.

In this unique republic, where the power lies with the people, every voice matters, every choice carries weight, and every action shapes the nation's future. As citizens, we inherit the privilege of this republic, but with it comes the responsibility to nurture and strengthen its foundations. Reflecting on India's journey since gaining independence, we witness an extraordinary evolution extraordinary evolution marked by determination, resilience, and an unyielding commitment to progress.

In the domains of education, healthcare, and economic growth, India hasn't just progressed; it has soared to unprecedented heights. We've not merely embraced change; we've become architects of a brighter and more prosperous future for our nation.

A crowning achievement in this trajectory was the successful Presidency of the G20 nations in 2023. This international recognition not only bolstered our standing but also affirmed our ability to lead on the global stage. And now, as we prepare to take on the monumental responsibility of chairing the UNESCO World Heritage Committee and hosting its 46th session, we stand poised to etch yet another historic milestone in the annals of our nation's achievements. This endeavour is a testament to our growing influence and unwavering commitment to the conservation of global cultural and natural heritage.

From Mangalyaan to Aditya L1, our strides in space research have been nothing short of phenomenal. We have not just reached for the stars; we have claimed our position amongst the forefront of nations contributing to the vast expanse of human knowledge in the cosmos.

As we embark on this new chapter, let us carry the torch of progress with pride, humility, and a renewed sense of purpose. Let the world witness India's prowess in every arena where we strive for excellence, unity, and the betterment of humanity.

We as young citizens hold the power to shape the future of our nation. We must commit ourselves to building a stronger, more inclusive, and vibrant nation for all. As students, we have a unique position in shaping our country's future. Let us pledge ourselves to democratic ideals and work collaboratively to build a more just, equitable, and prosperous India for all.

Jai Hind

HEAD GIRL

Karamjeet Kaur