



Principal's Message



Welcome to the first ToT of 2024 - and my best wishes to you for the coming year. This is traditionally a time to make (and then often break!) resolutions. Whether or not this is your 'thing', the start of the calendar year is an appropriate time to take stock, reflect on accomplishments in the year just past and to look ahead to opportunities and challenges. The year 2023 was a busy one for the whole school community, and the fact of the school's twentieth anniversary provided a focus for reflecting on how much has been achieved by the school since its establishment. The final term of the 2023/24 academic year provides plenty of opportunities. This is particularly true in the academic sphere: we have students writing board examinations - some of whom will be then going onto university; students completing their Personal Projects and others preparing for the PYP Exhibition.

We are also excited to see the upgrading of the sports field taking place. The resurfacing of the tennis courts is in its final stages, whilst the resurfacing of the sports field is now ongoing. This will mean restricted access for a few weeks, but the reality of a newly turfed field that can be used for a variety of sports is a great way of seeing in the new year.





TRINS Main School

Student Internship Programme

As an endeavour to provide a platform for our students to discover their passions and interests, we have introduced the pilot internship programme during the Christmas break from 18th to 22nd December. We had reached out to our parent community asking if they would be willing to accommodate our students for the experience in their companies. The students of Grade 11 gave their fields of interest and based on that they were connected with 9 companies/offices in Trivandrum. Some spent time at Government offices understanding forensics and court activities, others got experiences of up to two weeks in medical or business settings.



“Talking to the PhD students who are working on actual tax cases and projects allowed me to understand the intricacies of tax regulations, compliance issues, and the practical considerations involved in taxation. The institute’s emphasis on research in finance and taxation contributed significantly to my research and analytical skills. Engaging in projects that required in-depth analysis of financial data and market trends honed my ability to gather, analyse, and present information effectively.”

- Adithya Biju- Grade 11DP (Internship at Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation (GIFT))

“It has been both very inspiring and motivating for my son - a real life practical training & that too. . . it has truly been a positive learning curve for him. He got to shadow two very different doctors, learning how to read and analyse medical charts, and also got to physically meet a patient with dextrocardia on the very first day. He also got some understanding about balancing work and recreation of a doctor’s life, more so about their dedication and hard work involved.”

- Ms Shilpa Nair – Parent of Adithya Nair (Internship at KIMS HEALTH, Trivandrum)

Trivandrum International School would like to thank the parent community and the companies for giving this wonderful opportunity for our students.



Leadership Workshop

4th and 5th January. The focus was on leadership and he led sessions on decision-making, problem-solving and time-management. His emphasis on developing an effective school in which each child can make progress very much aligns with the TRINS mission.



TRINS Alumni

We are very much looking forward to the 27th January which will be the annual Homecoming for TRINS alumni. Each year adds to this vibrant element of the TRINS community, our ambassadors in higher education institutions across the globe and in the world of work.



Not all alumni can make the Homecoming and we enjoy their visits throughout the year. This past week from sisters Gitanjali and Mythili Krishna. They left TRINS in 2013 to relocate to the USA and took the opportunity to visit the school during their break in Kerala. Gitanjali has started her career in technology having graduated from Stanford, whilst Mythili is studying Political Science and Economics at Harvard. They were delighted to bring some of their teachers up to date with their news, and we were delighted that they took the time to visit the school.

Homecoming
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@TRIVANDRUM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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27
JANUARY

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Round Square

ROUND SQUARE Making the Round Square Discoveries

The Round Square Discovery Framework

<p>Communication Skills</p> <p>Round Square Explorers develop an understanding between themselves and others by listening to one another's ideas and sharing their own through a mutually respectful exchange.</p>	<p>Ability to Solve Problems</p> <p>Round Square Explorers discover the ability and confidence to think clearly and creatively to tackle a problem in a focused way and find the best possible solution(s) in the circumstances.</p>
<p>Inquisitiveness</p> <p>Round Square Explorers make continuous enquiries in pursuit of truth. They explore the world around them and seek out their place within it.</p>	<p>Commitment to Sustainability</p> <p>Round Square Explorers make a commitment to manage their use and application of the earth's resources to live within its means for the benefit of future generations.</p>
<p>Appreciation of Diversity</p> <p>Round Square Explorers learn to value the strength and solidarity of an inclusive society that embraces all individuals.</p>	<p>Inventiveness</p> <p>Round Square Explorers develop new ideas and demonstrate divergent thinking, creativity, imagination and innovation.</p>
<p>Compassion</p> <p>Round Square Explorers discover in themselves a desire and capacity to feel and share another's emotions, perspective and opinions: to empathise.</p>	<p>Self Awareness</p> <p>Round Square Explorers cultivate an understanding of themselves, their personality, values, attitudes, strengths and weaknesses, through personal discovery.</p>
<p>Courage</p> <p>Round Square Explorers discover in themselves the ability and willingness to confront fear, pain, danger, uncertainty, or intimidation.</p>	<p>Teamwork Skills</p> <p>Round Square Explorers discover the benefits of working together in a group with others in pursuit of a common goal.</p>
<p>Tenacity</p> <p>Round Square Explorers discover in themselves the ability to persevere when confronted with challenge, and learn from their mistakes, with a readiness to try again.</p>	<p>Sense of Responsibility</p> <p>Round Square Explorers discover in themselves a real sense of personal, moral, ethical, social and civic duty.</p>



Announcement!

The Trins Round Square Society is excited to announce the first ever Trins Intramural Conference inspired by Round Square, that will take place on 13th January Saturday, at TRINS. This one day conference will be exploring the RS attribute of Teamwork and the topic of technology through various activities that are both engaging as well as enriching. Students will be working in large groups that will be led by group leaders, to contribute and collaborate as necessary. The event is open to grades 9IGCSE, 9ICSE AND 11DP and all students are expected to attend. The event requires no prior preparation, just the presence of the student on the day of the event and their willingness to participate to their utmost potential.

12 Discoveries

The Round Square Discovery Framework consists of six IDEALS (behaviours and beliefs) supported by 12 Discoveries (attitudes, values, skills, competencies).

Important Dates

End of the 2023/24 Academic Year:

27th March 2024 - school closes (end of term) for ELC and EY classes

19th April 2024 – school closes (end of term) for Grades 1 to 7

3rd May 2024 – school closes (end of term) for Grade 8 and above: Cambridge and IB DP board examinations continue through May and into June.

2024/25 Academic Year starts:

19th June 2024 - EY/PYP return to school

24th June 2024 - Grades 6 to 10 and Grade 12 return to school

8th July 2024 - Grade 11 return to school