



Founder's Day Newsletter

Principal's message



Our 21st Founder's Day was our opportunity to look back again over the 2023/24 academic year and celebrate the accomplishments of so many TRINS students, accomplishments you might well have followed through 'TRINS on Tuesday'. As is our tradition, looking back and the acknowledgement of achievements were interspersed with musical items - dance, instrumental and vocal - that showcased the dexterity and ability of students from the KG classes all the way up to Grade 12. Such an event is not possible without extensive planning - by the Music Department of course, but actually right across the school. My thanks goes to every teacher, and all those in the administrative, maintenance, transport and catering teams who brought Founder's Day to such a vibrant reality on 11th October.

Mr Richard Hillebrand





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Executive Director's message



Witnessing all of our student achievements and talents is truly overwhelming—in the best possible way. Thank you for coming and for your encouragement toward the kids.

The event was a grand spectacle filled with captivating performances from the youngest students to the oldest, as a testament to our commitment to nurturing well-rounded students who excel not only academically but also in various co-curricular domains.

Putting down again the goals I'd mentioned at the Founder's Day, that would be essential to take our school to the next level of sustained growth, with your support.

• **Standardising Pedagogical Practices**

Having clear TRINS standards of what our teaching and learning should look like across sections, across subjects, across curricula, across student ability levels to make each student a self-motivated and independent learner.

• **Strengthening the culture of a growth mind-set by developing leadership from within**

Taking agency over self-growth, student growth, school growth is something that staff at every level in the organization, new and senior, should be comfortable doing. And we have so many already who could lead and sustain this culture. A culture that is alert to and agile for change.

I will in the coming weeks be sharing some new and existing leadership positions and portfolios being held by our staff members.

• **Internalising the culture of habitual professional development towards higher levels of staff empowerment and ownership.**

Well-mentored new teachers, continually learning senior teachers, should be the objectives of professional development. Continuous peer and self, training and reflection ensures there is an unfazed understanding of gaps, focused plans for change, pre-set gauges and degrees of improvement and scope for growth, both personal and professional.





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- **Streamlining communication and our place within the school network and larger community**

External recognition is always validating, whether it is through awards, ranks, certifications, accreditations, affiliations, public engagement online, accessible communication channels, or parent referrals. It puts us in the right subset, with the right resources, the right audience, and aspirations to the right benchmarks.

Your support at home plays a crucial role, complementing the training they receive at school. It is this combination is key to their ongoing development. Your partnership is vital in helping us realise our vision for a brighter future for our students.

Thank you for being a part of our 21-year journey thus far. I am confident about the future of Trivandrum International School, and I believe that with your continued support, we can achieve even greater heights.

Ms Sapnu George





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Mr George M. Thomas, Chairman of the TRINS Group of institutions, and Ms Sapnu George, Executive Director, spoke about the achievements of the school in terms fulfilling the vision at its inception in 2003, and how that vision continues to evolve, with markers being laid down for further progress.

Founder's Day is also our chance to rededicate ourselves as a school to the vision that Mr George M. Thomas had when creating Trivandrum International School, and to reflect on how to develop it going forward, as Ms Sapnu George outlined in her speech.





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Junior School Choir





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Cultural Performances

TRINS Founder's Day has always been an occasion when student performance provides moments of harmony and spectacle: last Friday was no exception. Musical performances spanned genres to demonstrate what is possible through innovation - choir items, instrumental performances and dance numbers that went from KG students synchronising to popular songs to a blockbuster extravaganza reflecting the energy of Indian cinema.





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Middle School Rock Band





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Middle and Senior School Choir





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Presentation of Awards

Throughout the evening, there were moments to recognise those who made 2023/24 distinctive, ranging through students' academic achievements and accomplishments in school and beyond, through the many ways parents have contributed to the school to the long service members of the TRINS community have completed.



Whilst TRINS students are centre stage when we mark the school's successes, Founder's Day was also the occasion to mark the contributions of teachers, ancillary staff and parents. The varied ways in which parents had contributed to the school, to supporting its students in their many activities, was essential to the character of the year and continues to be a vital part of the school's ability to deliver the all-round education that underpins moulding and empowering young learners.



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Instrument ensemble





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Dance Performance





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School Anthem



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