

# C.G.S. Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Students,

While Upper and Middle students challenge their mettle with trying to re-accumulate everything learned over the year, the picture is somewhat different at Lower. With most of the tests and MCWs over, Lower students prepare for "that extra-bit" that makes CGS different from others schools. It is time for class 2 to participate in the Junior Championship event, and for other classes to appear in the 'Spelling Bee' contest.

It's also time to reflect on what was achieved by the school. One thing I have learned in CGS is NOT to give up. However, I have also in the process, discovered a distressing fact which I would like to bring to light. In May I had the experience of travelling to Canada for the YRSA conference with six brilliant students. I discovered that while our students excelled at academics, there were more important hands-on chores which some failed to manage initially. Of course their persistence brought out the best in them but not before the initial struggle and disappointments. This is attributed to the dismal fact that students of our county are heavily dependent on private tuition. Introducing private tuition to the students at a tender age is definitely a deterrent to "comprehensive growth". It's the biggest hindrance to the development of our students and society, in the long run. Eradicating private tuition will open the window to independence and self-assertion for these amazing children.

I hope you will give this critical issue some serious thought.

Best wishes,  
Munira Quader



## Team CGS in Rothesay Netherwood School, Canada

Pictured below are CGS students at the May Young Round Square Conference, of the Americas at Rothesay Netherwood School in New Brunswick, Canada. Standing (L to R) is **Ramisa, Ruhuma, Sharhad, Anindya, Samreen and Alveera.**



In late June, RS Rep **Zia** and class 7 students, **Dibyatanoy, Faizah, Amreen, Ashir, Tasnim, Ramisa** and **Nabil** will travel to Singapore for the 2010 junior regional Round Square Conference, hosted by UWCSEA. 'Opening eyes, Opening minds, Opening hearts' is the theme for the Singapore June Conference.

### HOUSE POINTS, CURRENT STATUS

The sporting events for the school year, 2009/2010 have been completed. **Courage** leads the points table with **Service** second:

	Total Points	C	G	S
<b>Academics [Honour]</b>	<b>30</b>			
<b>Laureate Awards</b>	<b>6</b>			
<b>Directors Awards</b>	<b>6</b>			
<b>General Knowledge</b>	<b>12</b>			
<b>Badminton</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Basketball</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Table Tennis</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Swimming</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Soccer</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Athletics</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Cricket</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Ha-do-do</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>

### HOUSE POINTS, HISTORICALLY

Champion House was introduced in 1996 to promote competition amongst students and develop skills such as leadership, teamwork, camaraderie as well as physical strength, stamina and endurance. Inclusion of academic points ensures that the competition has both a sporting component and an intellectual one. Here are results since 2000:

Year	C	G	S
2000/01	44.5	40.5	35
2001/02	35.5	35	49.5
2002/03	31.5	29	29.5
2003/04	41	53.5	37.5
2004/05	46.5	39	46.5
2005/06	41	45	34
2006/07	41.5	39.5	39
2007/08	44	37	29
2008/09	48	43½	28½

There has only been a tie once, in 2004/05. The biggest margin was a **Service** victory in 2001/02. **Courage** house has won the most number of times, while **Service** the least.

### DRISHTY, MARKS ALL ROUNDER

**Intifar Chowdhury** (9g) was the Runner up in the 10<sup>th</sup> Inter School English Debate Competition (2010) sponsored by Robi for Chittagong District.

While, **Bristy Sikdar** (9c), **Moithyl Das** (4r) and **Tasniah Ishrar** (3s) have been selected for the final round of the Marks All-rounder School competition.

### Children are special...

### ASPIRE TO GREATNESS...

"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great."

Mark Twain

### GRADUATION, PROMOTION AND ATTAINMENT AT CGS

Each year CGS celebrates its special classes as they cross an important milestone in their academic life. Class 2 students are honoured with an 'Attainment' ceremony as they leave Lower School and enter Middle School. Class 7 students in turn are celebrated in a 'Promotion' ceremony as they enter Upper School, and finally class 12 students are paid tributes on their final day at CGS in a 'Graduation' ceremony. In addition, other classes are given year-ending awards and certificates for various academic and ECA achievements at Lower, Middle and Upper Award ceremonies.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	DATE
<b>Final Exams</b>	8-17.6.2010
<b>Upper Graduation</b>	18.6.2010
<b>Lower Attainment</b>	19.6.2010
<b>Lower Awards</b>	20.6.2010
<b>Middle Promotion</b>	23.6.2010
<b>Middle Awards</b>	30.0.2010