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Dear Parents,

The frenetic excitement in school since its opening has brought to mind that Ramadan would be a good time to stand STILL. Stillness is strength. Stillness is the power point behind intense action. The eye of the cyclone is an intense stillness at the centre of the storm. Great spiritual leaders taught us the art and science of being still; Buddha attained enlightenment in stillness. Hazrat Muhammad (pbh) sat still in a cave. Jesus said, 'Stand still and know you are God' In modern days, Nelson Mandela the great revolutionary and leader, stayed in stillness day after day, but he lived there in the stillness of his dignity within the high walls of his prison. When the prison forced all other prisoners to run, Mandela stood still and walked slowly despite the provocation of his oppressors. The amazing thing is that the guards did not torture Mandela into submission; they were compelled to walk behind Mandela at a pace decided by him. Therefore it is stillness that makes us break free from mediocrity into becoming leaders. We must instil in ourselves and our children this ability to be still, to learn the art of having patience; to inspire others to follow. There is a time and place for everything and no amount of frenetic movement will help.

Therefore, with your help, I expect students to return with renewed energy and drive, crossing hurdles and breaking free the chains that hold them back.

A very happy Eid Mubarak to you all!
Mahine Khan

SUBJECT & CAREER COUNSELLING
In October students in class 7 upwards will appear for aptitude tests followed by career seminars and eventually meet with counselors who are trained to assess their strengths and weaknesses and guide them towards suitable subject choices and careers.

Children are special...
BE BRAVE, STRONG & SMART...
"Promise me you will always remember – You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think".
Christopher Robin to Pooh



CIE REGIONAL MANAGER, IAN CHAMBERS VISITS CGS

The Regional Manager South Asia for CIE, **Ian Chambers** visited CGS in the first week of school to meet Head, **Mahine Khan** and discuss ways in which to improve and strengthen the CIE / CGS partnership. CIE is committed to keeping in close contact with its partners and providing training and exam support throughout the year. The next CIE training sessions will be in October for 'A' Level Economics and Accounting and 'O' Level Computer Studies, Pure Mathematics and Accounts. In November CIE will award the best performers for the June 2009 examinations.

UPPER AWARDS 2008/09

The Upper School Awards ceremony for 2008/09 was held in the first week of school. **Islamia Eye Hospital** received a check for Taka 2,96,160/-, collected during the Charity Carnival in April. **Ali Ispahani**, pictured above accepted the check on behalf of the hospital. In addition, **Courage** house captain, **Aroni** received the inter-house trophy for leading house in 2008/09.



THE DOE'S AWARD SCHEME AT CGS

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme for young people was launched in Chittagong in mid August. The National Director, **Suman Saha**, hosted a ceremony to officially award the first few students who signed up. The programme is mandatory for all Upper School students.



RS International Conference at Mayo College

The Round Square International Conference for 2009 is being hosted by Mayo College, India in October. The team attending from CGS is: Class 12 students **Deepanwith, Jannatul, Nafisa, Prataya, Mokarrum** and **Ashrafal**, CGS RS Representative, **Zia Mohiuddin**, Head of Upper School, **Mahine Khan**, and Director **Shereen Ispahani**. The conference will explore the theme of **'Lead me from the darkness of ignorance to the light of knowledge'**.

CGS ART EXHIBITION 2009

Each year, by rotation, CGS holds either a Book Fair, a Science Fair or an Art Exhibition. This year, an Art Exhibition is scheduled in October. Exhibits will first be on display at the Upper School later best pieces will be displayed at the Alliance Francaise.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	DATE
Tertiary / Career Counseling	5-8.10.2009
RS Mayo Conference	10-16.10.2009
Art Exhibition at CGS	23/24.10.2009
CGS Art at Alliance Francaise	30.10.09