

NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL, HSR
AN OVERVIEW OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-21

22nd March 2021

Greetings to NPS HSR fraternity!

Adapting to the unprecedented challenges imposed by the Covid 19 pandemic, NPS HSR went online to accomplish its pedagogical goals. As a school committed to learning and growth, we adopted best practices and devised strategies to ensure uninterrupted learning for our young learners. Leveraging the MS Teams platform to achieve our educational goals, we made learning fun, engaging and thought-provoking. Our teachers underwent intensive training to master and optimise technological tools and incorporate new practices to further our vision of holistic development. The pedagogical techniques focused on developing thinking, reasoning, linguistic and social skills of our students. The approach had opened up new horizons and scope beyond the reach of traditional methodologies. The journey had been rewarding for both teachers and students.

As the academic year draws to a close, we wish to thank you for your faith and confidence in the vision and mission of National Public School. Your trust is an important motivation for us to continue our pursuit of academic excellence. We are committed to building and fostering a healthy relationship with parents, as this partnership provides a collective motivation to offer the best education to our young learners. Parental involvement and participation in all our educational endeavours have served as a great source of strength and encouragement for the young minds. While we thank you for your trust in us, we also hope for your continued support in the years to come.

The year 2020-21 has been an eventful, fruitful and an exciting year for our students and faculty members. Here is an overview of the events that made 2020-21 a year to remember.

The students of Grade 12 did us proud by notching up high scores in the All-India Senior Secondary Examination, conducted by CBSE in March 2020. The overall school average is 90.4%.

Following closely on the success trail laid out by the students of Grade 12, the students of grade 10 have recorded brilliant results with centum galore. The aggregate score is 91.43%.

[View Grade 12 Board results](#)
[View Grade 10 Board results](#)

Events at NPS HSR

- As the winds of change sweep through the educational landscape, NPS HSR hosted its first ever virtual **Investiture Ceremony** on 28 August 2020. The ceremony, which saw a new batch of students assume responsibility as office bearers. The oath was administered by the School Principal, and the newly elected leaders pledged their devotion to the school and the student community. [View Investiture ceremony details](#)
- **Odyssey** the first ever virtual inter-school fest, held on 13 November 2020 was above and beyond, one of the most exciting events of this year. The event provided the students with a unique opportunity to participate in a plethora of events ranging from art and music to fashion and journalism. [View Odyssey highlights](#)
- The **Entrepreneurship** programme provided the young student entrepreneurs of Grade 6 with an opportunity to nurture their business acumen. The journey from the conceptualization of a business idea to its launch and delivery was a masterpiece of strategy and planning [View Entrepreneurship details](#)
- **'Hands On Club'**- a child centric program for middle school students, was launched on 19 September 2020 to promote scientific enquiry and inculcate scientific temper. The programme also aimed to equip the students with knowledge of the applications of Science and its interface with society. [View Hands On club details](#)
- **Parent Engagement Programme (PEP)**, which spanned over a week starting from 21st Sep 2020, witnessed enthusiastic participation from parents of Grade 7 students. Parents conducted creative and entertaining online workshops on cooking, Warli painting and drawing, among many others. The event culminated in cultural programme 'Smriti', where the students paid a befitting tribute to the parents for their endeavour. [View Parent Engagement Programme details](#)
- **'Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn'**. This quote by Benjamin Franklin encapsulates the spirit and theme of Grade 8's annual event **Theatre in Education-TIE**. TIE was conceived and executed embodying this approach to teaching and learning. Taking their learning beyond classrooms, students of Grade 8 presented sitcoms, talk shows, debates rap battle and such. [View Theatre in education](#)
- **Curiosite-** The students of Grade 5 put forth a spectacular presentation of the Enquiry based methodology adopted in the teaching and learning of Science at NPS HSR. The 5E model of the methodology was portrayed through role play, demonstration and questions. [View Curiosite details](#)

- **First Edition** - The students of grade 4 of NPS HSR presented First Edition. Through the months of July to December 2020, students of grade 4 learnt the process of writing an engaging novel. First Edition was the platform where they shared their learning, experiences and journey, and also showcased their first book. [View First Edition details](#)
- **Swar Tarang** - The students of grades 1 to 3 treated us to a musical extravaganza in 'Swar Tarang 2020-21. The first of its kind, this online programme had an array of music from different parts of our culturally rich country. The students' lyrical rendition of songs in the Indian languages was mellifluous. The information of each state along with some important fact bytes made this Swar Tarang a complete infotainment. [View Swar Tarang details](#)
- To create awareness for COVID 19 among young students and how to stay safe and healthy, '**The Little NPS Brigade**' was conceptualised by the Vice Chairperson, Dr Bindu Hari. The movie was created with the support of the parents and teachers and was launched by the Principal Ms. Shefali Tyagi on 10 October,2020.[View Little NPS Brigade details](#)
- A peep into **Kinder years of learning**, creating and rejoicing. [View Kindergarten year details](#)
- A glimpse into the Montessori Year 2020-21. [View Montessori year details](#)
- One of the features that distinguishes Montessori pedagogy from the other educational approaches is the sensorial exploration where the children learn by touching, feeling and doing, experiencing the world around. Being **Hands-on** is especially important for our young children because it allows them to engage in kinesthetic learning, to experiment with trial and error, to auto correct and internalize their learning. [View Hands-on-activity details](#)

Student led initiatives

- **Passion Community**, an umbrella term for all sub clubs under it, was launched on 11 November 2020 with clubs for MUN, Theatre, Science and Math, Photography, Literary, Quiz, Cyber, Commerce, Art and Culture. School Student Council members and other student volunteers spearheaded the club meetings and facilitated various activities for the participants. The platform provided the students with an opportunity to interact with their peers, hone their skills and take their passion to the next level.
- **Joi de Vivre -Podcast**, an initiative by Anoushka Goswami and Ananya Saxena of Grade 9, was launched with an objective of providing a platform to the students of Grade 9 to voice their thoughts on issues of social relevance media and spread awareness.

- **Alumni Career Talk** was an initiative by the School prefect Pradyut Sood. The Career Talk Series 2020-21 offered the students of grades 10 -12 clarity and a new perspective on the courses available to choose from. The series tapped the experience and knowledge of NPS HSR alumni, who are now experts in their chosen domains.

Our students have brought many laurels home and have made us proud. Here is a glimpse into their success stories.

- Pranava Singhal of our school emerged the Karnataka State topper in JEE (Advanced) 2020. The ranks of the students who made a mark in the exams through sheer hard work and perseverance are given below:

Pranava Singhal	AIR 103
Kalp Vyas	AIR 289
Svatejas Shivakumar	AIR 777
Aayush Kumar	AIR 976

- Anirudh Karat Sudhir of Grade 12 participated in the ICAI (The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India) Commerce Quiz 2020. He secured the first position in Karnataka State.
- In the 'Study in Australia' video making competition held online in January 2020, our team comprising of Kavya Bhat and Kalyani Joshi of Grade 11 with Ms. Moushmi Ghosh as the mentor, won the first prize on the theme "where the wild things are". The winning entry can be watched here: <https://youtu.be/k4QB8qFcW-Q>
- Team NPS HSR secured first place in The International Parliamentary Debate Competition- Debato 2020 hosted by School of Meaningful Experiences. The team comprising Sampada Guha, Yuv Verdia, and Aryan Dixit of Grade 10 beat 150 teams from 30 different countries to emerge winners. The event that spanned over two days saw 300 participants from across the globe battle it out to become the champions.
- Anoushka Goswami of Grade 9 successfully completed the online certification in Elementary Particle Physics, organised in by Life Lab Education and Research Foundation in collaboration with leading scientists and educators from Switzerland.
- Shreya Bose of Grade 9 was selected to represent Jr. NBA India team in 2020, which was conducted virtually in 2020 due to the pandemic. The virtual championship had some pre-decided rigorous exercise and drills to be completed in given timeline and submitted online of all the 5 players per team. The teams were evaluated based on the team scores. Shreya has represented the Karnataka Jr. Girls team in the past 2 years.

- Vihaan Saini of grade 9 won a Silver medal in 10m peep sight Youth, 3rd Hawk eye Shooting Championship
- Darsh Kedia of Grade 7, successfully participated in several competitions winning prestigious awards, the details of which are given below:
 - He secured the 2nd rank across India and UAE in the Final stage of LogIQuids Logical reasoning Olympiads conducted in February -March 2020.
 - In the ATS 2019 Darsh did exceptionally well and won a trip to NASA Kennedy Space Center in the U.S.
 - In the South East Asian Mathematica Olympiad (Paper D)2019, Darsh attained the Bronze. He was among the top 40 % of thousands of participants from the region.
 - In NSO- SOF National Science Olympiad, Darsh secured the 1st rank in the zonal level. In the International Level he secured the 2nd rank.
- Ilina Mukherjee of Grade 6 won the 2nd place in the Melio Speaking challenge in declamation. It is an international public speaking competition with 110 participants across world and 16 of them getting into the finals.
- Anushka Sharma of grade 5 won the Gold medal in Karate State Level Championship.
- Arsh Verma of Grade 5 created a website and chat bot using python.
- Siddharth Sanghi of Grade 4 developed a shopping app as part of the National Coding & Robotics competition (Senior) conducted by SP Robotics.
- Svea Kurup of Grade 4 won the second prize in Karnataka district skating competition.
- Aditi Mishra of Grade 4 has written an e-book named The Detective Duo available in kindle at Amazon
- Diya K. Krishnan of Grade 4 has written an e-book named 'Mystery of the Missing Ring' which is published in Amazon kindle.
- Ashutosh Choudhury of Grade 4 has received a gold medal in Taekwondo Poomsae Championship in Junior category.

We wish to warmly congratulate all our young achievers who won accolades at the Zonal, State and National levels! [View Achievements](#)

STUDENTS' PLACEMENT:- We are elated & proud to note that most of our students of the batch of 2019-20 have been placed in the top-notch colleges of the country and abroad. We have curated a list of a few colleges and universities that our students have been placed in:

Hearty congratulations to all our students!

Name	College	Course
Aayush Kumar	IIT Kanpur	Electrical Engineering
Aditi Kumaresan	Singapore University of Technology and Design	Computer Science
Ananya Sane	IIIT Hyderabad	B Tech Electronics and Communication Engineering
Anukarsh Saxena	BITS Goa	Engineering
Archita Hothur	Georgia Institute of Technology	BS Computer Science
Anjali Mallena	IIT Madras	Electrical Engineering
Jishnu Chowdhury	New York Film Academy	Bachelor's in Fine Arts film making
Kalp Vyas	IIT Bombay	Electrical Engineering
Kavya Bhat	NITK Surathkal	Computer Science
Pratyusha Chakraborty	IIT Kanpur	B.Tech in Bio Science and Bio Engineering
Ruchir Sahni	IISER Pune	BS-MS
Ronith Nair	NITK Surathkal	Electrical Engineering
Vedang B S Nadkarni	BITS Pilani	Dual degree-Physics and Engineering
Varun M Karlekar	Purdue University, USA	Computer Science
Srishti Goel	IIT Guwahati	Electronics and Electrical Engineering
Srivishnu Rajagopal	IIT Kanpur	BS Physics
Sanjith Balamurugan	IIT Madras	B. Tech, metallurgy and materials Engineering
Nikita Dhamija	NID Ahmedabad	Design
Sai Gaythri Krishnan	NID Vijaywada	Design
Abhijna Choodi	IIT Kharagpur -	Integrated Economics
Ananya Bajaj	IIT Goa	Mathematics and Computing
Anaya Bhammar	Carnegie Mellon University	Mechanical engineering with design
Chaitanya Manas Cheedella	IIIT Bangalore	iMTech CSE program
Gauri Dadu	IIT BHU	Mathematics and Computing
Pranava Singhal	IIT Bombay	Electrical, Electronics and Communication Engineering
Rishabh Kumar	BITS Pilani	Engineering
Sanjana H Gandhi	University of Waterloo	Life Sciences
Sharanya Seth	King's College London	Economics

SUMMER VACATIONS AND RE-OPENING DATES:-

The school will remain closed from 01st April 2021 for summer vacations. The last working day for the new Grade 10 and 12 students will be 09th April 2021. A detailed schedule of the re-opening of the school is as follows:

Classes	Date of Re-opening*
1 to 10 & 12	03rd June 2021
11	Will be announced later
Montessori Beginners	09th June 2021
Kindergarten I	10th June 2021
Montessori Juniors & Seniors	16th June 2021
Kindergarten II	17th June 2021

*These dates are subject to change based on the Government notification.

TEXT BOOKS AND NOTEBOOKS

We have made arrangements for books and materials from different agencies. The schedule of issue of books and prescribed cost of books will be notified separately.

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER CERTIFICATE:

We have tremendous pressure from parents seeking admission across all grades. In this context, it would be appreciated if parents of wards who are withdrawing from the school from the next academic year could inform us of the same in writing latest by **26th March 2021**. Transfer Certificates for Grades 1 - 9 can be collected from the school office between 05th April 2021 and 09th April 2021 from 09.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m only. The school office will remain closed for vacations from 10th April 2021 to 02nd May 2021.

Parents of Grade 10 students, who wish to continue elsewhere, should submit the withdrawal letters **on or before 26th March 2021**. Kindly note, transfer certificates for grade 10 and 12 students will be issued only after the results are announced by CBSE.

ANNUAL FEE PAYMENT: Online fee payment for the academic year 2021-22 will be available on the Acadamis Parent Portal from 24th March 2021.

As we draw closer to a truly challenging year, we thank you for all your support. Adapting to a different mode of learning was not easy for anyone, however your cooperation made it easier for us to continue with our academic goal in a smooth manner. We are proud to say that along with academics our other activities also continued uninterrupted in the online platform. We look forward to your continued support and cooperation in achieving our common goal of academic excellence for our students.

Do stay safe and I wish you all good health. I look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed, for what will be another exciting and productive new academic year.

Warm regards,

Dr. K.P.Gopalkrishna
Chairman