Cornerstone Times



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A New Chapter. A New Choice.

"The future is not something we enter.
It is something we create one choice at a time."

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

It is with immense joy and gratitude that I welcome you to the academic year 2026 - 27 - another remarkable milestone in our school's journey of excellence, innovation, and holistic education.

Every new academic year arrives with fresh aspirations and renewed purpose. It offers us an opportunity to reflect on how far we have come and to envision the future we wish to create together.

As always, our commitment remains steadfast: to nurture not only academically accomplished learners but also compassionate, resilient, and responsible individuals.

This year promises to be one of our most exciting years. Our academic calendar is thoughtfully packed with enriching scholastic programmes, sporting events, literary festivals, cultural celebrations, leadership opportunities, and innovative learning experiences that will challenge, inspire, and empower every learner.

A particularly proud milestone this year is the launch of our published storybook series, born out of our belief that stories have the extraordinary power to ignite imagination, enrich language, build values, and cultivate a lifelong love for reading. We look forward to seeing our young readers embark on countless literary adventures through these books.

Equally exciting is the transformation taking place across our campus. New learning spaces, upgraded facilities, and enhanced infrastructure are steadily taking shape, reflecting our vision of creating an environment that nurtures excellence in every sense. While these developments have brought moments of adjustment, they have never interrupted the heartbeat of our school. Classes continued with enthusiasm, learning remained uninterrupted, and the spirit of our students and staff stood stronger than ever. Change, after all, is the first step towards growth.

None of this would have been possible without the abundant grace and blessings of the Almighty, whose guidance has strengthened us through every challenge and every milestone. We remain deeply grateful for His unwavering presence as we continue this journey of service and learning.

To our parents, I extend my heartfelt appreciation. Thank you for standing by us with unwavering trust, patience, and encouragement through every initiative and every phase of transformation.

Your partnership has been the cornerstone of our progress and our greatest source of strength.

Together, we have demonstrated that when a school and its families walk hand in hand, every challenge becomes an opportunity and every vision becomes achievable.

To our dedicated teachers and staff, thank you for your passion, resilience, and unwavering commitment. Your dedication continues to transform classrooms into spaces where curiosity flourishes, confidence grows, and every child is inspired to reach their fullest potential.

And to our dear students, this is your invitation to dream boldly, question fearlessly, learn wholeheartedly, and grow graciously. Embrace every opportunity this year offers, for it is through your daily choices that your future - and indeed, the future of our world - is shaped.

As we embark on this new chapter together, let us celebrate not only achievements but also effort, character, compassion, and perseverance. Let us continue to build a school where excellence is pursued with humility, success is measured by values, and every child is empowered to leave a meaningful legacy.

This year also brings with it our much-awaited Annual Day 2026 - 27

Our Annual Day is much more than an evening of dance, music, and drama. It is a celebration with a purpose - a platform where every performance is thoughtfully woven around a central theme that inspires, challenges, and leaves a lasting impression.

Each year, we choose a theme that goes beyond entertainment, one that resonates deeply with our audience and continues to spark conversations long after the curtains close. Through the creativity and talent of our students, we strive to present stories that encourage reflection, celebrate values, and inspire meaningful change.

This year's theme would be an invitation to reflect on the power of the future and imagination. It reminds us that every decision we make - however small - shapes our character, influences those around us, and contributes to the world we are building together.

We look forward to welcoming you to an unforgettable evening where every performance carries a message, every scene tells a story, and every heart leaves inspired.

May the academic year 2026 - 27 be one of joyful learning, purposeful growth, and unforgettable memories.

Because the world we dream of tomorrow begins with the choices we make today.

Welcome to another extraordinary year at our school.

Warm Regards
Cornerstone School



Teacher 2.0: Empowering Educators for the Future

As part of our unwavering commitment to continuous professional development, our teachers enthusiastically participated in the Teacher 2.0 Workshop, an engaging session designed to equip educators with innovative pedagogical strategies, technology-integrated teaching practices, and learner-centric approaches. The workshop encouraged teachers to embrace adaptability, creativity, and reflective practices, empowering them to create dynamic classrooms that cater to the evolving needs of 21st - century learners. The session served as a valuable platform for collaboration, idea-sharing, and professional growth.

CBSE Capacity Building Programme: Strengthening Teaching Excellence

In pursuit of academic excellence and quality education, our faculty members attended the CBSE Capacity Building Programme, a comprehensive training initiative aimed at enhancing professional competencies. The workshop provided valuable insights into competency - based education, experiential learning, effective assessment practices, and the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) recommendations. Through interactive discussions and practical activities, teachers enriched their instructional skills and gained fresh perspectives on fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and holistic development among students. Such initiatives reaffirm our school's dedication to nurturing lifelong learners through empowered educators.

These enriching professional development programmes reflect our belief that when teachers continue to learn, students continue to thrive, fostering a culture of excellence, innovation, and lifelong learning within our school community.



Broadening Horizons: An Educational Expedition to Delhi

An educational trip to O.P. Jindal Global University and Ashoka University, Delhi, proved to be an enriching and eye - opening experience for our secondary school students. The visit was thoughtfully planned to encourage students to look beyond the conventional career pathways of MPC and BiPC and explore the vast spectrum of academic disciplines and emerging career opportunities available in today's dynamic world.

Through engaging workshops, insightful interactions with faculty and students, and comprehensive sessions on undergraduate programmes, our students gained first-hand exposure to the evolving landscape of higher education. Walking through vibrant campuses, experiencing university life, and understanding interdisciplinary learning inspired them to think critically about their aspirations and future goals.

The visit reinforced the school's commitment to career awareness and informed decision-making. It encouraged students to discover their interests, recognise their strengths, and appreciate that success lies not in following traditional paths alone but in pursuing careers aligned with their passion and potential.

The educational expedition truly broadened perspectives, ignited aspirations, and empowered our students to envision a future filled with limitless possibilities.

Dundigal Air Show: A Spectacle of Skill and Patriotism

Our students had the privilege of witnessing the breathtaking Dundigal Air Show, an inspiring display of precision, discipline, and aerial excellence by the Indian Air Force. The spectacular aerobatic manoeuvres, synchronized formations, and thrilling fly - pasts left the audience spellbound while instilling a deep sense of patriotism and admiration for the nation's armed forces.

Beyond the visual grandeur, the experience offered students valuable insights into aviation, teamwork, courage, and the relentless dedication required to safeguard our skies. The visit served as a memorable learning opportunity, inspiring many young minds to dream big and aspire to serve the nation with pride and commitment.



Investiture Ceremony 2026–27: Leadership Begins with a STEP

The Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2026–27 was a proud and memorable occasion that celebrated the spirit of leadership, service, and responsibility. We were honoured to welcome Peter Samuel as our esteemed Chief Guest, whose inspiring presence added immense value to the event.

The ceremony commenced with the magnificent march past by our School NCC contingent. Every beat of the drum, every synchronized step, and every command reflected discipline, dedication, and unwavering commitment. As the school flag soared high, it evoked a deep sense of pride and belonging, reminding us of the ideals and values that our institution upholds.

The occasion was further enriched by a melodious choir performance, vibrant cultural presentations, and the solemn oath-taking ceremony of the newly elected Student Council. As our young leaders pledged to uphold the dignity of their roles with integrity and sincerity, the atmosphere was filled with hope and optimism for the year ahead.

The highlight of the ceremony, however, was the thought-provoking address by our Chief Guest. Each year, the school eagerly awaits the powerful acronym that has become his signature - a simple word transformed into a profound life lesson. This tradition has become one of the most anticipated moments of the Investiture Ceremony, leaving every listener with a message to cherish long after the event concludes.

This year's acronym was STEP - a simple word carrying a powerful message for every aspiring leader:

S – Serve

T – Take Responsibility

E – Encourage Others

P – Persevere

Through these four principles, Mr. Peter Samuel reminded us that true leadership is not about authority but about service. It is about accepting responsibility with humility, uplifting and inspiring those around us, and persevering with resilience even in the face of challenges. Every meaningful journey begins with a single step, and every great leader is shaped by the choices they make each day.

As the ceremony drew to a close, it left behind more than memories - it left behind a vision. Inspired by the message of STEP, our newly invested leaders embark on their responsibilities with renewed purpose, determined to lead with compassion, courage, and integrity.

May they continue to Serve with humility, Take Responsibility with confidence, Encourage Others with kindness, and Persevere with determination, becoming role models who inspire positive change within and beyond the walls of our school.




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"Leaders must be close enough to relate to others, but far enough ahead to motivate them." - John Maxwell.
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Parent Orientation Programme

The Parent Orientation Programme for PP - 2, Grades 3 and 9 marked the beginning of a collaborative journey between the school and parents. The session provided valuable insights into the school's rules and regulations, academic expectations, curriculum framework, and the learning goals for the year ahead. Conducted seamlessly by the school leadership and faculty, the orientation offered parents a clear understanding of the academic roadmap and the support systems in place to ensure every child's success.

The programme concluded with an interactive question - and - answer session, where parents' queries were thoughtfully addressed, reinforcing our shared commitment to providing a nurturing and enriching learning experience for every student.

Innovoyage 2026: Where Curiosity Meets Creativity

Innovation begins with curiosity, and curiosity comes alive when young minds are encouraged to question, explore, and experiment. Our Annual Science Fair, Innovoyage 2026, was a remarkable celebration of scientific inquiry, creativity, and innovation.

Once again, the Science Department showcased its unwavering commitment to nurturing scientific temperament among our CSTIANs. The campus was transformed into a vibrant hub of ideas as students confidently presented an impressive array of working models, research-based exhibits, and innovative concepts that reflected their curiosity, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities.

Each exhibit was a testament to the countless hours of exploration, experimentation, and perseverance invested by our students. Their confident explanations, depth of understanding, and enthusiasm left visitors, teachers, and fellow students thoroughly impressed, transforming the exhibition into an enriching learning experience for everyone.

Behind every successful exhibit stood a strong support system. We wholeheartedly acknowledge that such remarkable presentations are possible only through the encouragement, guidance, and unwavering support of our parents. From brainstorming ideas and gathering resources to motivating our young innovators throughout their journey, your partnership played an invaluable role in making Innovoyage a resounding success.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to every parent for walking alongside us and our students at every step of this exciting voyage of innovation. Your belief in our vision continues to inspire our children to dream bigger, think deeper, and discover solutions for a better tomorrow.

As we celebrate the success of Innovoyage 2026, we also celebrate the spirit of inquiry that drives learning beyond the classroom. For it is through curiosity, collaboration, and creativity that today's young learners become tomorrow's innovators, scientists, and changemakers.





As we wrap up the first month of the academic year, we look back with pride at a calendar filled with enriching events, meaningful learning experiences, and a vibrant start to the journey ahead. From academic pursuits to co-curricular engagements, every activity has set the tone for a year of exploration and excellence.

If the first month is any indication, the months ahead promise even greater opportunities to learn, grow, and achieve. We eagerly look forward to creating more milestones, celebrating more successes, and making this academic year a truly memorable one.