

# DPS STS NEWSLETTER

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#### DPS STS School Dhaka launches the Cambridge EY Programme





The STS Group has recently partnered with the Cambridge University Press and Assessment under the University of Cambridge to launch the "Cambridge Early Years Programme" (Cambridge EY) in Bangladesh through DPS STS School Dhaka.

A signing ceremony, held on 22nd August 2023, at the DPS STS Junior School auditorium featured the Managing Director of the Cambridge University Press and Assessment, South Asia, Mr Arun Rajamani, and the CEO of STS Group, Mr Manas Singh, wherein they signed the agreement for offering Cambridge EY on behalf of their respective organizations. Principal of the DPS STS School Dhaka, Dr Shivananda CS and other esteemed guests attended the ceremony alongside several press and media representatives and parents of the DPS STS students. For more information on the Cambridge EY Programme please visit: https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programm es-and-qualifications/cambridge-early-years/

The attending audience watched a highlights video, prepared by DPS STS School Dhaka's Content Specialist Mr Farhan, showing the unique features of Cambridge EY, after the signing. Then there were speeches from Arun Rajamani, Manas Singh and Dr Shivananda CS. Guests also participated in a Q&A session with the media. The entire event was punctuated with lots of amazing performances by students of the DPS STS Junior School.







# NASA Space Settlement Contest & WSC Participants Awarded

The DPS STS students, who participated in the NASA Space Settlement Contest and World Scholar's Cup in 2023, were awarded certificates on behalf of the DPS STS School Dhaka on 3rd August 2023 at the Senior School Auditorium.

In the NASA Space Settlement Contest 2023, Project Clementia, prepared by six DPS STS students from Grade 8 that year, won the international design competition under the Grade 8 Large Group category. An American High School tied with DPS STS in this award category. Project Clementia was designed by Mohammad Mohaimin Uddin Naib, Md Farzan Ali, Aayaat Gulfaam Mahmud, K A Adiyan Sadeque, Parikshit Singh, and Abrar Ehsan. All six are currently studying in Grade 9. All these students received certificates from the National Space Society of the United States, which organizes the space settlement design competition.



Another group of DPS STS students also participated in the NASA Space Settlement Contest 2023. The project was called Elysium, and it was prepared by Jasia Hossain, Samara Sharleez Emdad, Fabiha Afaf, Areesha Ahmed Raaina, Fariza Shams, Shahria Afrin, and Areebah Rayann Rahman. All seven are students in Grade 8.

In 2019, nine students from DPS STS Dhaka participated in the World Scholars' Cup Tournament of Champions (TOC) at Yale University, New Haven and in 2022. These students qualified for this event through their superior performance at the WSC Regional round followed by Global Rounds in Beijing, Manila and Bangkok. Seven DPS STS students participated in TOC in 2022 and one of the teams won 21 medals and the team was adjudged 4th position in the Southeast Asia (GOLD) category.

In the 2023, Dhaka regional round, 112 students from DPS STS School Dhaka participated at International Hope School Dhaka and won a large number of medals and trophies in various individual and team challenges. Overall 148 Gold medals, 220 Silver medals, and three trophies were earned by DPS STS in different categories.





### CAIE June 2023 Result of the DPS STS Students



# Zarif Ahmed's list of acceptance from universities



We are very proud to announce that the DPS STS School Dhaka's graduate Zarif Ahmed, from the class of 2022, has been accepted into the following institutions:

- 1. The University of Texas at Dallas
- 2. University of Texas at Arlington
- 3. Hofstra University
- 4. University of Massachusetts Dartmouth with an annual scholarship of approximately \$15000
- 5. Queen Mary University of London
- 6. University of Birmingham
- 7. Aston University
- 8. Coventry University
- 9. University of Greenwich

Zarif has decided to attend Queen Mary University of London from September 2023. We are absolutely proud of his success!



# DPS STS Football Team's successes in August

On 6th August 2023, the DPS STS Under-19 Football Team won the championship on their home ground at the DPS STS Inter-School Football Tournament 2023, while the Under-17 Team secured the Runners-Up trophy.

In the recently concluded Hurdco Football Tournament 2023, the DPS STS Football Team reached the final round. They conceded to Scholastica in a tearjerking tiebreaker (4-5) in the final, however, DPS STS student Raihanuzzan Soumya received the MVP (Most Valuable Player) from the judges and spectators.

Our warmest congratulations to Coach Aminul Islam and the entire sports department of the school for their dedication and effort in training the teams for their outstanding consecutive accomplishments. Here are some glimpses of our students' sports achievements:









#### Promotional Event of DPS Economics and Business Summit held





We are excited to share that the promotional event on the DPS STS School Dhaka's Economics and Business Summit 2023 was held successfully on 28th August 2023, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Senior School Auditorium. Over 500 students from Grades 9-12 registered for the promotional event, which is a record in and of itself.

The dates for the fourth iteration of the DPS Economics and Business Summit 2023 are 15th and 16th September 2023. From the promotional event that was held, it can be safely said, that it will be one of the biggest high school events in Bangladesh this year. The event started with a presentation on what the DPS Economics and Business Summit will feature this year. Members of the organizing team of the summit presented the qualities they are looking for from the participants this year, and the benefits of networking they will get through this summit. A Q&A session with the core organizing team of the summit was held following the presentation, in which they answered questions regarding the four committee sessions to be featured in the summit; Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Business Fundamentals, and Shark Tank Simulator. From the questions, it could be gouged that the students were greatly interested in the Shark Tank Simulator, which will feature judges, who will invest in the winning ideas.

As a special surprise from the organizing team, the massively popular young singer Dameer performed a few famous songs of his for the attendees of the event. Dameer is so popular among high school students, that the auditorium is filled to the maximum capacity with not only the event attendees but other students from the school, who came to just listen to Dameer. Naturally, he received the loudest cheers on that day.

Let us see what more the organizing team of the DPS Economics and Business Summit 2023 has in store for the participants this year.





#### DPS STS Students' achievements in Model United Nations

# **International Affairs Forum 2023**

A delegation from the DPS STS School Dhaka participated in the recently concluded International Affairs Forum Model United Nations (MUN) 2023, organized by the Birshreshtha Noor Mohammad Public College MUN club. This prestigious event took place from 28th to 30th July 2023 at Universal College Bangladesh, an educational organization of the STS Group, serving as the academic venue.

The DPS STS students outstanding achievements are listed below:

Arora Hasan Rochi Award: Best Delegate Committee: SPECPOL Representing: Russia

Saloney Ghosh Sheza Award: Special Mention 1 Committee: WHO Representing: USA

Arshiya Hasan Rahee Award: Special Mention Committee: UNSC Representing: China

Kaashif Ahmed Raiyan Award: Special Mention Committee: SPECPOL Representing: Germany



#### Arora, Arshiya, Saloney also achieves in EMUNGA 2023





Three DPS STS School Dhaka's students recently participated in the prestigious Eventrra Model United Nations 2023 (EMUNGA'23), held at Willies Little Flower School from the 6th to the 9th of July 2023. Grade 8 student Arora Hasan Rochi, Grade 10 student Arshiya Hasan Rahee, and Grade 11 student Saloney Ghosh Sheza attended as scholarship delegates from our school. Here are the recognitions they received and the MUN Committees they represented respectively:

Saloney Ghosh Sheza - Outstanding Delegate - UNHRC-USA Arora Hasan Rochi - Outstanding Delegate - DISEC-RUSSIA Arshiya Hasan Rahee - Honourable Mention - UNSC-CHINA



## Extempore speech competition held for Grades 5 to 8







On the 22nd and 23rd of August 2023, the Senior School grounds buzzed with excitement as students from Grades 5 to 8 took centre stage at the auditorium to deliver speeches in an intra-school extempore speech competition. The competition's goal was crystal clear – to nurture the ability to think on one's feet, organize thoughts on the fly, and communicate them with power and persuasion. From analyzing complex societal issues to passionately advocating for change, these young orators showcased their unyielding determination to make their voices heard.

The thrill of the event was heightened by the spontaneous topic selection – imagine picking up a chit with a topic, having mere minutes to prepare, and then stepping onto the stage to leave the audience awe-inspired. The tension was palpable during the competition, the anticipation was electric, and the delivery was nothing short of spectacular.

Of course, let's not forget about the incredible panel of judges – Head of the Lower-Secondary Section Ms Jesmin Sultana, Dean of Academics for Grades 5-8 Mr Ilham Adnan Alam, and the In-Charge of English in the Lower Secondary Section Munif Khan - as they assessed not just the content, but the delivery, the structure, the body language, and the overall impact.

And now, let's give a thunderous round of applause to the stars of the show – the confident communicators who left an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of everyone present:

#### Grade 5:

1st position - Aratrika Arya (5E)

2nd position - Abdullah Tayeeb Ayat (5F)

3rd position - Ali Ahater Azaan (5D)

#### Grade 6:

1st position - Fabiha Azreen Chowdhury (6F)

2nd position - Ashmar Ali (6B)

3rd position - Sheikh Inaaya Amreen (6E)

#### Grade 7:

1st position - Aleena Yusra (7C)

2nd position - Sadman Tasin (7G) 3rd position - Zara Izzah Hossain (7D)

& Nahiyan Bin Hossain (7F)

#### Grade 8:

1st position - Aisha Afsara Yasmin Rayya (8A)

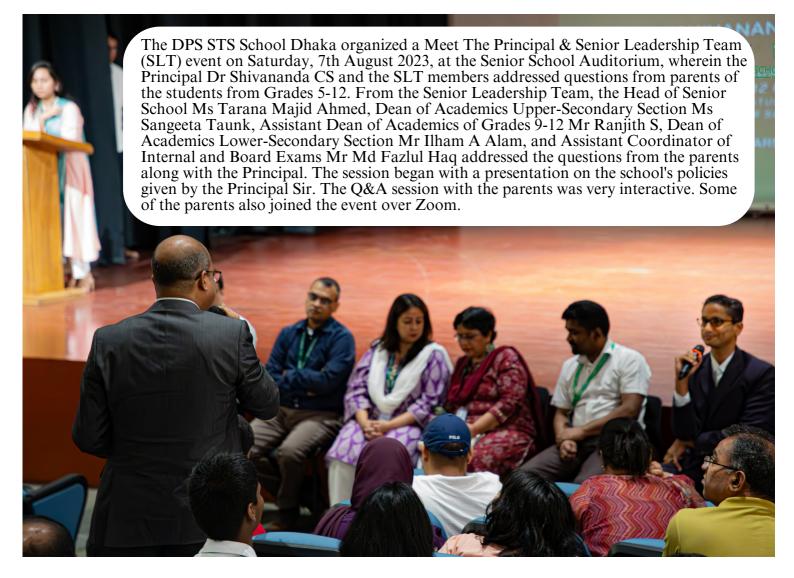
2nd position - Fariza Shams (8C)

3rd position - Arora Hasan Rochi (8G)





## Parents meet the Principal & Senior Leadership Team of DPS STS



## Kazi Afsan Rawnak Anan triumphs as the U-14 Chess Champion

The DPS STS School Dhaka's Master Chess Player Kazi Afsan Rawnak Anan from Grade 7 became the unbeaten champion in the Sheikh Kamal National Youth Chess Championship 2023 (Under -14). He scored 6 points out of seven games. The championship was held at the Bangladesh Chess Federation hall room from 5th August to 9th August 2023. In this tournament, players from all over of Bangladesh came to participate. Overall, 238 players participated in the championship. Rawnak has now qualified for international matches outside of Bangladesh, where he will be representing both his school and our beloved Bangladesh.





# Dr Shivananda CS as Panelist at Cambridge Education Conclave



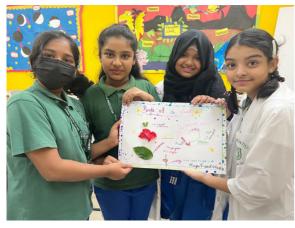
We are delighted to announce that Cambridge University Press and Assessment, a distinguished department of the renowned University of Cambridge, has extended its heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed Principal, Dr Shivananda CS, for gracing the Cambridge Education Conclave 2023 on 23rd August 2023 in Dhaka as a panelist.



#### Primary Section's students conduct Science activities



We are so glad to share some glimpses of our Primary Section's students, from Grades 1, 3, and 4, conducting some scientific activities, such as observing plants and fish or making a small presentation on human skeletons. Here at the DPS STS School Dhaka, we like to address young learners of Science as "Young Scientists."



The Grade 1 Young Scientists are learning about different animal habitats. They visited the school's garden and the aquarium to identify different habitats. Whereas, Grade 3 Young Scientists are learning about Human Skeleton. They made a skeleton model by using paper, glue, cotton buds and toothpicks. The Young Scientist in Grade 4 has learned about the Life cycle of a flowering plant. They made a life cycle model with paper.







### Orientation by Pastoral Counselor for Primary Section students



As we have begun a new Academic Session (2023-2024) very recently, it is important for the students to mentally prepare themselves for it. In order to prepare them, Ms Tahneena Mehreinn, Pastoral Counselor of the Junior Campus of the DPS STS School Dhaka, conducted interactive counselling sessions with the students of Grades 1-4 on four consecutive days from Sunday-Wednesday, 6th-9th August 2023. The sessions were conducted in the Auditorium of the DPS STS Junior School Campus.

The sessions were attended by around 750 students of Grades 1-4, and they learnt about their responsibilities to maintain a harmonious environment in school, and how they can play a more active role in preventing undesired incidences, like bullying and harassment. The lessons were given through different activities like role-play, brainstorming, etc. The students were also informed about the available psychological services in school.

The teachers of the Primary Section, Grade Coordinators, the Head of the Primary Section Ms Syeda Rumana Hossain, and the Head of the DPS STS Junior School Ms Sumona Karim also attended the sessions

#### **DPS STS welcomes new students**

The Senior School campus of the DPS STS School Dhaka organized a small introduction ceremony for the newly admitted students in the Academic Session 2023-2024. The new students of Grades 5-8 were welcomed at a small meet and greet held on 2nd August 2023 from 11:35 am to 12:15 pm - the lunch period for the Lower-Secondary Section (Grades 5-8). Grades 9-12, or the Upper-Secondary Section's new students had their welcome event on 6th August 2023 from 12:15 pm to 12:55 pm.

During the event, class teachers warmly welcomed the new students, and introduced them to the teachers from each department - English, Bangla, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Computer Science, Music, Art, Dance, and Sports. The students were also introduced to the grade coordinators, and they were briefed on the overall structure of organization among the teachers, and the heads of the departments and sections, as well as the communication chain for various kinds of concerns.





#### **DPS STS Speech and Drama Classes commence**





DPS STS School Dhaka is thrilled to announce the commencement of our Speech and Drama class on the 2nd of August 2023. The DPS STS School Dhaka's Junior School teachers and model/actor Ms Moutushi Biswas, whose child studies at DPS STS School, will be conducting the classes for our young learners.

In our Speech and Drama class, children will learn the art of communication and acting, enabling them to express themselves through captivating facial expressions, diverse voices, tones, and body language. The opportunity is open for both DPS and non-DPS students!

The classes will take place every Wednesday from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Each batch of DPS STS Speech and Drama classes will occur for a threemonth session.





# Grades 5 & 6 enjoy 'Movie Day'





The DPS STS Movie Day for Grades 5 and 6 students was held at the Senior School auditorium on 7th August 2023 from 12:00 pm to 1:15 pm, and the students greatly enjoyed the film. On the occasion the students watched the animated film "Night at the Museum: Kahmunra Rises Again." The students laughed and cheered throughout the film. The students enjoyed the "Movie Day" so much, that they are now impatiently waiting for the next one.



#### DPS STS's exhibition for National Mourning Day 2023





We are delighted to share that the DPS STS School Dhaka organized an art exhibition on 15th August 2023 to observe the National Mourning Daya. During the exhibition, paintings, with the subject Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, made by the students, were displayed for the viewing of students, teachers, and parents.



# **Annual Subject-wise Students' Performance Goal Setting**

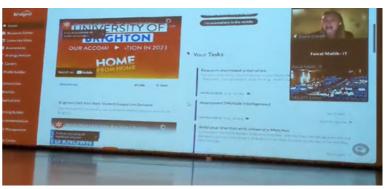
The Principal Dr Shivananda CS held a "Subjectwise Students' Performance Goal" meeting with the teachers of the Senior School campus on 6th August 2023 from 2:20 pm. The Head of Senior School Tarana Majid Ahmed also addressed the teachers and discussed the policies.

During the meeting, the Principal and the teachers analysed the students' performance in the last five years and started working on setting the annual subject-wise targets for students. They discussed methods and techniques to motivate the students to set realistic yet challenging goals for themselves and the whole class.

#### **BridgeU launched in DPS STS**

BridgeU – a guidance platform to help DPS STS School Dhaka students prepare for application to international universities - was launched on Tuesday, 8th August 2023, with an event for students of Grades 11 and 12, held at the Senior School auditorium from 1:35 pm to 2:15 pm.

BridgeU is a counselling platform that works with hundreds of international schools to help students find their perfect programs in Universities all over the world. Based on the student profile, course matching tools help students with the destination that fits their expected grades and personal preferences.







## Universities of Australia, US, UK, Canada, Europe holds seminars

Eduko Pathways visited the DPS STS School Dhaka on Wednesday, 9th August from 1:35 pm to 2:35 pm to share with students of Grades 11 and 12 on how to apply for the following universities:

Australia:

The University of Sydney Monash University University of Western Australia University of Technology Sydney Macquarie University

Canada:

UK:

University of Guelph Thompson Rivers University Trent University Lakehead University **Brock University** 

Malaysia:

Monash University University of Nottingham Malaysia Swinburne University of Technology Asia Pacific University Sunway University

USA:

University of Idaho The University of Alabama at Birmingham Heriot Watt University University of the Pacific George Mason University University of South Carolina

University of Central Lancashire Coventry University University College of Birmingham

University of Chichester

Aside from this Zaheer Abbas, a DPS STS Alumnus from the class of 2021, took a session on how to apply for Sciences Po, a University in Paris, for students of Grades 11 and 12 on 10th August 2023.

Furthermore, DPS STS Alumni of the class of 2022, Aporajita Bangali, Divya Jayaweera, Mustaeenah Jumaymah Alam, and Muzzamil Ijaz, took a session on University applications in the UK, on Sunday, 13th August 2023. This seminar was held for the students of Grades 9 to 12. All four DPS STS alumni, who successfully navigated the UK education system, were eager to guide the students about the intricacies of studying in the UK.

Some of the topics that were discussed are:

- A glimpse of what it is like to study in the UK
- How the application process works
- How to choose your desired degree
- Debunk myths revolving around living and studying in the UK





#### University fair held at Senior School Cafeteria





The Career Counselling Department of the DPS STS School Dhaka arranged a university fair for the students of Grades 9-12 at the Senior School Cafeteria on 20th August 2023, from 12:15 pm to 2:00 pm.

#### Participating universities:

#### Australia:

International College of Management, Sydney
The University of Western Australia
UTS College & University of Technology Sydney
University Of South Australia
James Cook University
James Cook University Brisbane
The University of New South Wales (UNSW)
The University Of Sydney

#### United Kingdom:

UWE Bristol University for the Creative Arts

#### Canada:

University of Ottawa Brock University

## City University of Hong Kong visits DPS STS School Dhaka



A representative from the City University of Hong Kong visited the DPS STS School Dhaka's Senior School Campus on 27th August 2023 and conducted an informative session at the auditorium for the students Grades 9-12. He discussed how to apply, and what the university has to offer to prospective students.



#### LSE's Dr James Abdey visits DPS STS School Dhaka





We are very happy to share that Dr James Abdey from the London School of Economics (LSE) came to visit the DPS STS School Dhaka on 27th August 2023 to address the students in Grades 11 and 12. He spoke about the pathway to study at LSE through the Universal College Bangladesh, how data analysis has changed, and how much storytelling is important in life.

We are very proud that someone as accomplished as he came to address the DPS STS students to guide them as to how they can study at the prestigious London School of Economics, which is ranked 45 in the list of top universities of the world according to QS ranking.

## Ms Ellen Johnston takes a session on BridgeU



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# DPS STS attends Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

The Award Leaders from the DPS STS School Dhaka participated in the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, held at the Gulshan Club, Dhaka, on 27th August 2023.

Her Excellency Ms Sarah Cooke, the British High Commissioner to Bangladesh, attended the event, along with distinguished guests from different institutions. The students of the DPS STS School Dhaka performed a dazzling dance performance, choreographed by Mr Partho Protim Das, Head of the DPS STS Dance Department. The Duke of Edinburgh also published its long-awaited magazine which includes a special write-up on Mr Rajesh Podder, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Coordinator for DPS STS School Dhaka.

Aside from Mr Rajesh, the dance performing students and several teachers from the DPS STS School Dhaka along with Cambridge Board Exam Coordinator Mr Fazlul Kabir also attended the event.

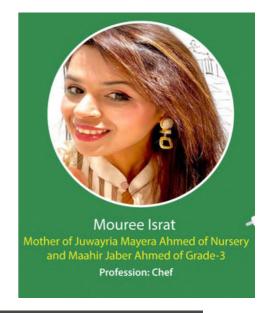




# Shoutout to incredible volunteer parents of DPS STS Cooking Club









# Fostering Collaboration for Human Resource Excellence: Insights from the HR Coordination Meeting at STS Capital Ltd.

In the spirit of unity and growth, the HR professionals from STS Capital Ltd.'s subsidiary concerns - Delhi Public School, Universal College Bangladesh, International School Dhaka, and Glenrich International School - converged at the Head Office of the STS Group for a dynamic Human Resource (HR) Coordination Meeting on 5th August 2023. Led by the insightful Ms Shaharia Sultana Ria, Head of HR at the STS Group, the session delved into key topics that shape the collective HR journey in all the organizations of the group of companies. The esteemed presence of the STS Group Chief Executive Officer Mr Manas Singh, this gathering was a testament to the commitment to synergy and growth.

The meeting kickstarted with an invigorating discussion on the alignment of the STS Group's HR strategies with our corporate vision. Each organization's HR department showcased its upcoming HR goals and objectives. The exchange of perspectives sheds light on opportunities for cross-collaboration, enabling them to elevate their performance and exceed expectations across the board. The conversation on HR policies was very interactive.

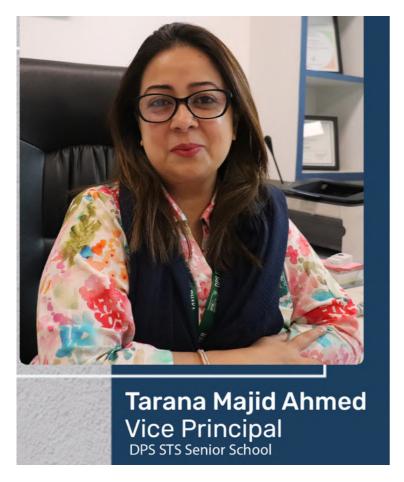
The meeting concluded with an open forum, fostering a free exchange of ideas, concerns, and suggestions. This platform for dialogue enriched the collective knowledge and understanding of the HR representatives.

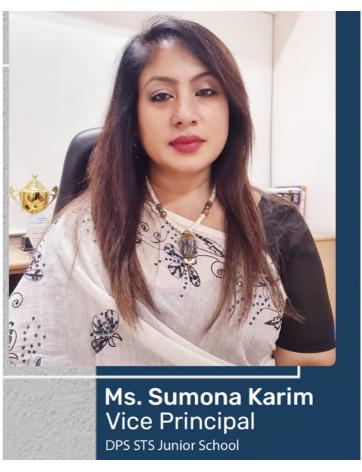
Regarding the meeting, the Assistant Manager of HR at the DPS STS School Dhaka said: "As we reflect on the outcomes of this HR Coordination Meeting, it's evident that our collective efforts are driving us towards a future of excellence and innovation. STS Capital Ltd. remains committed to nurturing a workplace where collaboration, growth, and employee well-being take centre stage."





# Congratulations to Ms Tarana Majid Ahmed and Ms Sumona Karim for being appointed as Vice Principals of the DPS STS School Dhaka





Exciting news! The Head of Senior School Ms Tarana Majid Ahmed has been promoted to the role of Vice Principal of Senior School, and the Head of Junior School Ms Sumona Karim has been promoted to the role of Vice Principal of Junior School at the DPS STS School Dhaka. Massive Congratulations to our new VPs.

# We have four Cambridge Examiners at the DPS STS School Dhaka









Exciting news! Four English teachers of the Upper-Secondary Section at the DPS STS School Dhaka have officially gained the qualification of being Cambridge English Assessment Specialists. This role is also known as Cambridge Examiners.

A big congratulations to, as per the order of photos above (from left), Mr Shamim Hosen, Mr Emran Jamshed Taher, Mr Shahedul Islam, and Mr S M Moinul Abedin.

The term Assessment Specialist is used to encompass many roles which include, but are not limited to, Writing Examiners, Speaking Examiners, Item Writers, Proofreaders, Content Vetters, Assessors and Moderators. Writing Examiners can mark any written papers of the Cambridge Board examinations.



# **Emran Jamshed Taher attends a masterclass on 'Unleashing Your Teaching Potential'**

Cambridge Board Examiner and Senior English Teacher of the DPS STS School Dhaka Mr Emran Jamshed Taher attended a masterclass on "Unleashing Your Teaching Potential: Strategies to maximise your impact" hosted by Suraasa on 23rd August 2023.

Suraasa has become a trusted partner for schools and teachers alike. Hundreds of thousands of teachers have trusted Suraasa to be their companion while they succeed in teaching. Many schools globally now consider Suraasa teachers as a benchmark while they recruit teachers.



## Fauzia Zabin received a certificate on 'Learner Centered Pedagogy'



Our Pre-Primary and Cambridge Foundation level teacher Ms Fauzia Zabin attended a two-anda-half hour long webinar on "Learner Centred Pedagogy" conducted by Saamarthya Teachers Training Academy of Research. She received a certificate for attending the webinar.

We are very proud of Ms Fauzia for continuously enriching her teaching prowess, by attending such informative seminars.

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