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# Academia

## DPS SHOOTS FOR TOP 10 UNIVERSITIES



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By TDP Writers & Reporters Desk  
October 2023

A unique selection of 60-65 excellent students, chosen by the career counselling department based on their academic prowess, were called for a meeting at the auditorium on the 17th of October 2023. Students' parents were also invited and given the option to join online via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting was to inform these students about their chances of getting admitted to the top ten universities and qualifying for scholarships. The session was led by the principal and the career counseling office, who provided the students with a detailed roadmap on what they should do to gain admission to these prestigious universities.

The school's new initiative to prepare its students for the world's best universities is a significant step towards excellence.

## STUDENTS SOAR IN SUCCESS

By TDP Writers & Reporters Desk  
October 2023

The Grade 6-12 Award Ceremony for the 2023-24 session took place on October 19th, in the school auditorium. It was an exceptional event that showcased various accolades, including Merit Scholarships; the World Scholars Cup; IGCSE, O, AS and A Levels; Cambridge Checkpoints and Teacher Appreciation awards. Divided into two sessions to accommodate everyone, this exceptional event was hosted by teachers, school faculty members and our esteemed principal. Over a hundred students were awarded for outstanding performance in exams, competitions, etc. Most awardees were from grades 8-12.

Alongside, the Principal delivered a speech about the ceremony and inspired the students to be recognised like their friends who were accoladed for their extraordinary performance.

## NEW NERVING RULES

By TDP Writers & Reporters Desk  
October 2023

Get ready, students! The school has new and exciting rules for the upcoming year, shared at a recent Parent-Teacher Meeting. So, you might be wondering what's in store for you:

1) To be Promoted, the school will require you to manage at least 'D' in all subjects and complete 90% of all assignments. Parents will also have to attend at least 2 PTMs!

2) To Participate, It will be mandatory for all of us to join SLC and Steam Carnival (up to Grade 9) for silver or gold cards.

3) Always Remember, arrive at school by 8:15 a.m and after 8:35 a.m. the gates will be closed!



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## MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

By TDP Writers & Reporters Desk  
October 2023

Our school rocked 10th October by delving into the comical realm of anxiety at the auditorium! We were split into two crews: The young guns from grade 5-8 and the senior champs of grade 9-12. The session on Mental Health was orchestrated by our spirit guides, Ms. Pauroma Preety Mallick and Ms. Sumaya Afrin Misti. They navigated us through a tumultuous cruise of anxiety, spicing it up with super interactive sessions and unending teachers' hilarity, leaving no crumbs to ensure we left with a smile!

Concluding the session, they informed us that for anything that we'd like to talk about, we can go to them at room 602 or 603 at the Senior Campus.

## PTM KEEP STUDENTS IN-CHECK

By TDP Writers & Reporters Desk  
October 2023

DPS STS School organized the first PTM for the academic year 2023-24. Held over a course of three days, the 5th, 8th and 9th of October, the midterm PTMs were designed to accommodate the parents' schedules. These meetings took place both on-campus and online, allowing parents to gain insights into their children's academic progress and behaviour. For online meetings held on the third day, the links were shared to parents prior to their scheduled meetings. The constructive feedback from teachers was appreciated by parents, who found these gatherings valuable for maintaining connections, receiving attendance reports, and getting updated on school guidelines.



Photography: Sunny Bhuiya

## TEACHERS DAY: ROLE-PLAY

By TDP Writers & Reporters Desk  
October 2023

DPS celebrated Teacher's Day with role-play on the 5th of October. The students dressed as teachers and conducted classes on various topics, while teachers sat and reminisced about their school life.

Students took lessons inside their classrooms, allowing them to experience how much dedication and patience is required in this underrated profession.

A 9th grader agreed that this event made him realize the relevance of being a teacher. Another said that it helped many students with their speaking skills. However, one believed, it was not a good idea for Grade 9 and above to waste school days, as they already had time constraints to complete their IGCSE syllabus.



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# Personalia

## A PICTURESQUE DURGA PUJA

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October 2023

Durga Puja was held from the 20th of October to the 24th of October. Our friend Parikshit from 9, attended the holy festival from the 21st to the 22nd in the Puja Committee Mondir in Baridhara DOHS. His account gave us the chance to understand the true beauty of the festival.

His eyes were bestowed by the interior decor of the festival, which was said to have been beautifully decorated with numerous stalls with displays of Bengali condiments, showcasing a strong representation of culture. According to him, this festival was a definite symbol of religious and cultural unity.

On the other hand, our friend Anonya from 9 informed how wonderfully she spent her favorite event. "This year's Puja went amazing. Starting One of the main reasons she loves this time of this year is because she gets to dress up in traditional attire. "Wearing a saree, putting on a red 'bindi', wearing 'jhumkas' and making ourselves look all "desi" is the best feeling for me", she exclaimed.



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## THE WATER-BOTTLE MESS

By TDP Writers & Reporters Desk  
October 2023

19th October found 9H in a chaotic water-bottle altercation. A few students had engaged in a water bottle-throwing contest, while the class shielded themselves under their tables and at corners. The disorder was exacerbated until one of them dropped the 'Teacher card' and it settled down. By the end, minor lesions followed, and the exhausted settled in.

## CAFETERIA CHAOS LEADS TO CONSEQUENCES

By TDP Writers & Reporters Desk  
October 2023

Teachers had to lay out consequences for students who caused disorder in the cafeteria on the 11th of October. Multiple witnesses reported witnessing two students in a brawl during their lunch break. Witnesses depict one of them slightly pushing the other repeatedly until he toppled over.

Finally, the other retaliated, and some scrapes followed. The incident encircled several witnesses who attempted to break it apart. However, a teacher stepped in to save the day. Moreover, consequences had to follow due to bringing disorder.

# 9C SPECTACTES THRILLER SHOWDOWN

By TDP Writers & Reporters Desk  
October 2023

As the game of classroom Mafia continued, the suspense kept on increasing among the students of 9C. The substitute teacher was enjoying his playful game session with his students. The game had at first started with a boring Chemistry class, but soon began to develop into a wholehearted and enjoyable 'Mafia' game session. The teacher selected all the characters and Rudita was the detective. Slowly a lot of others got killed, and by the end, Norah turned out to be the Mafia! Altogether, it was a suspenseful and enthusiastic game to entertain the class!



Photography: PEXELS

# DPS CHAMPS WIN BANGLA ELOCUTION

By TDP Writers & Reporters Desk  
October 2023

Rudaba, Shahria, Sadman, Marsiha, and Mahir broke the stage! These flawless speakers from Grades 9 to 5 respectively, outspoke their counterparts to secure the First position in October's Bangla Extempore Speech Competition.

It was a mind-numbing experience for them, but they were fearless. "I slept at 3 for the night before the competition as I was so nervous" Rudaba informed us about her preparation. Altogether, these silver tongues surfaced unfathomable.



Photography: DPS STS

# ANTARA WINS SILVER IN COMMONWEALTH

By TDP Writers & Reporters Desk  
October 2023

Antara Fairoze won a Silver Award in the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Writing Competition 2023! Antara is from grade 9, and she's an ambitious and diligent student. Her results are quite commendable, and her string of ideal behaviour is quite praiseworthy. She received a similar feat in last year's competition, and her consecutive achievement is a testament to her prolific writing skills. She says, "I learned about the competition from our school's science teacher, Ferdoushi Ma'am" and added, "After receiving the silver award, I felt overwhelmed with joy".

Moreover, her essay was on the theme "The 2023 Year of Youth" and she versed on it elegantly. She wishes to participate again next year and bring back the gold.



Photography: Antara Fairoze

# Sports & Entertainment

## TED<sup>x</sup>DPS: THRIVING THRICE



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By TDP Writers & Reporters Section  
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During panel questions, Azra Mahmood infamously stated, "Question your anxiousness. What is that fear? Put that dot on the fear and work on that fear. Because unless you actually figure out the exact dot of fear that's making your uncertainty turn into anxiety, you will never be able to face it." articulating her views on overcoming uncertainties.

Altogether the event left an indelible mark of inspiration in every young audience.



Photography: Adrita Alam

### TDP TALKS: NO-COACH DPS 2<sup>ND</sup> IN ISD

DPS Girls came runner-up in a Middle-School Volleyball Tournament, and team members Umaiza - The Captain alongside Adrita - The Setter and their young and athletic coach, Seah Hassan shared their experience at the tournament. Here's the full interview:

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[https://bit.ly/tdptalks-dps\\_sharks](https://bit.ly/tdptalks-dps_sharks)



## TDP TALKS: UNCOVERING TED<sup>x</sup>

Rafsan the Chotobhai in 2021, then Rakin Absar in 2022, and finally Rafsan Shabab in 2023 - the three R's conquered DPS Auditorium with their burgeoning presence. They came and set the bar high for DPS TEDx, a student-led event that amounted to massive success. Therefore, the organizers: Anisha Ibnat and her team sat with us and shared their masochistic experience. Check out the interview:

[https://bit.ly/tdptalks-uncovering\\_tedx](https://bit.ly/tdptalks-uncovering_tedx)

## CAMPUS HYGIENE REINFORCED BY GRADE 8

By TDP Writers & Reporters Desk  
October 2023

DPS initiated its first stage of interaction for its Duke of Edinburgh program with the eighth graders. In early October the first meeting took place in groups of three sections during their respective Sports periods. The student were assigned to clean the campus with various tools and resources. This task, was performed to establish the perception of a cleaner and a healthier school. Majority of the students kept up with the task, amid a few felt disheartened at the loss of their sports period, which they only receive once a week. Along with this subtle quiver in the face, many were indignant in having to pay a fee for the activities.



Photography: DPS STS



Photography: DPS STS

## HSBC UNLOCKS STUDYING ABROAD MYTHS

By TDP Writers & Reporters Desk  
October 2023

On 12th October, a seminar on financial literacy was conducted for students in grades 9-12, in the auditorium. The seminar hosted Faysal Syed Farhim from British Council and Ahmed Mohtasim Zaber from HSBC, who explored essential banking concepts, the history of HSBC and, how the bank provides financial support to students studying abroad. At the end, seven students received certificates for an internship program with HSBC and the British Council.

## DIBT: THE NEXT MUSTANGS?



Photography: DPS STS

By TDP Writers & Reporters Desk  
October 2023

Who will be the next Mustang? DIBT, DPS Inter-school Basketball Tournament is ahead, and DPS Basketball players have been at court for the whole month of October, practising, failing, resurrecting, and sweating the hard work for a chance among the elites.

Some of the players like Faiha Islam have expressed that the try-outs are a 'great' experience for everyone, and she is adamant that the DIBT will be a 'hit' and how they can keep hold of the legacy of the Mustangs.



# OpEd

## Stern Lock-Out Rules Startles Students

By: Aninda Rahman | 8E  
October 2023

In recent times, DPS STS Dhaka's strict rule of closing its gates after 8:35 AM has stirred quite a storm. They aim to instil discipline and prevent classroom disruptions, but is it that straightforward? The heart of Dhaka hosts this prestigious institution, yet the school has remained silent about the crumbling roads that torment its students for years. Moreover, the perpetual traffic chaos surrounding the school, only compounds the challenge students face in reaching on time.



Photograph by: Adiyen Sadeque

Many travel 15-20 kilometers, battling Dhaka's notorious traffic. The teachers themselves endure stress, but students are not far behind, juggling academics, social life, and extracurricular activities.

Consider this: it's almost impossible for a regular teenager to sleep before 1 AM, given their commitments. With all this, one must question why DPS hasn't proactively addressed the issue. Their ignorance risks undermining countless students' academic aspirations, forcing them to miss valuable learning opportunities. It's time for the school to reinstate on its role in shaping these young minds' future and mitigate the real barriers to punctuality. Only then can we genuinely fulfil the noble mission of educating the next generation.

## The Phenomenon Of Art And Tortured Souls

By: Aleena Yusra | 7C  
October 2023

A perhaps tragic paradox many eclectic, visionary artists of humanity fell into is either: being a vessel to a bruised and withered soul, being present in a time of blooming turmoil's or having their avant-garde forms of expression through creativity be considered a cheap, sometimes even worthless, piece of art.

Infamous artists have used their artistic values and creative eye to turn their unsung melancholy into symbolic art. These artists often attained a new kind of refined allure that was yet to be appreciated by others. Along with that, numerous creative figures of this criteria included much darker themes into their crafts that are now considered milestones

Throughout time such creative figures have used art to allow their bewildered, bruised selves to be understood. This is the phenomenon of art and tortured souls.

Is art also an outlet for you?



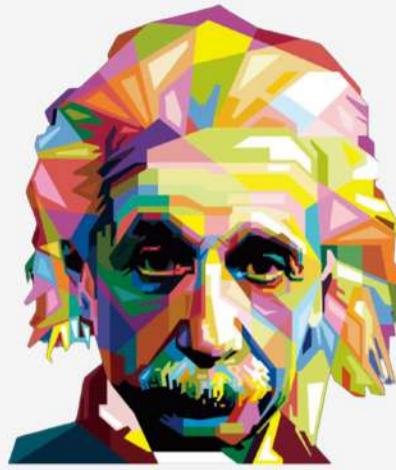


## SHOULD WE IDOLIZE THEM?

By: Nawal Rabbani | 8B  
October 2023

Celebrities leave us in awe with their "perfect" lives put on display for us. But are those lives even that perfect? Simply, no. We see the part of their lives that are good. That's the point! Even with their looks and body, there is no way we can compare to them. Comparing ourselves to them may and have caused many people to be unsatisfied with themselves. On the other hand, we can idolize celebrities' qualities and such and aspire to be a person like them but not to a point where it's unrealistic.

Photography: PIXABAY



## IS INTELLIGENCE KEY TO DEFINE SUCCESS?

By: Areesha Raaina | 8F  
October 2023

I believe intelligence has more to it than it meets the eye. Intelligence is not just a reference to high IQ, but the ability to change and adjust to the ever-evolving world. If we imagine our global sphere as a place with no progress, is it considered to be smart, and become successful? Intelligence is not a fixed trait, because our intelligence grows as do we, and growth requires change. As I see it, intelligence is a unique quality, and change is the factor that allows it to climb to new heights. As our intelligence grows, in turn, so does our potential for success.

Photography: VECTORS



## A POWERFUL TOOL TO PROMOTE PRODUCTIVITY

By: Imad Fawaz Ayaan | 9A  
October 2023

In this era, social media reflects our environment, with the power to unite or divide. These platforms can be used by students to celebrate diversity and support one another. However, promoting diversity necessitates a concerted effort. We must fight stereotypes and biases by embracing different points of view and challenging prejudices. It is our obligation to guarantee that social media, both online and offline, displays respect and understanding.

Photography: FREEPIK



Photography: PIXABAY

## IS BEING SELFISH UNETHICAL?

By: Siniva Parin Farid | 8F  
October 2023

In just a year's difference, one can change quite drastically. I used to be the person who put others before myself, even when they didn't appreciate it. I always felt as if there was almost a missing piece inside me: that piece was me. Being selfish for self-improvement is not narcissism. You only have yourself; you will be the one to pick yourself up after every downfall, and you are the only one who can help you improve yourself. If you can be so nice to others, you can be nice to yourself too. Besides, you have to be aware of who is and who is not. So, catch a break, be a nuisance, and have fun sometimes. In the end, it's ethical to put yourself first sometimes.

# The World

## ICELAND STRIKES FOR GENDER INEQUALITY

By TDP Writers & Reporters Desk  
October 2023

Thousands of women and PM Katrín Jakobsdóttir marched out on October 24th to voice their support for gender equality in Iceland. "Women's Day Off" was organized to signify gender-based abuse and wage discrimination in Iceland, during which many schools, institutions and libraries remained shut. Government officials, including the PM, joined their voice, marking the 7th strike in Scandinavian history regarding gender equality.

Iceland remains to be a haven for gender equality worldwide. However, recent protests signify uproar amid the honour.



Photography: BLOOMBERG

## JOHNSON LEADS US HOUSE



Photography: EURACTIVE

By TDP Writers & Reporters Desk  
October 2023

October 25th saw Republican Mike Johnson was elected the House Speaker of the House of Representatives following days of uncertainty. With 220 votes for and 209 against, the little-known Louisiana representative became second in line to the US Presidency.

Mike Johnson has historically supported President Trump's attempt to overturn the 2020 elections. His inexperience on the political stage and conservative views have held him vocal in debates on abortion, same-sex marriage, and religion. And with the divided congress, he becomes the last attempt to unite Americans under 'one congress'.

## GRETA THUNBERG DETAINED



Photography: THE INDEPENDENT

By TDP Writers & Reporters Desk  
October 2023

Youth Climate Activist Greta Thunberg has been Jailed! She was accused of violating a public order at a London rally. Thunberg was participating in a demonstration organized by Fossil Free London outside the Intercontinental Hotel. After the protest, 26 individuals were charged. Moreover, she is scheduled to appear in Westminster Magistrates' Court on November 15.

Video footage showed Thunberg standing calmly as police officers spoke to her, leading to her detainment. Her arrest took place as activists tried to block the InterContinental Hotel.

# ICC WORLD CUP 2023: ANOTHER WORLD CUP, ANOTHER HOPE



By TDP Writers & Reporters Desk  
October 2023

The ICC ODI World Cup in India has already neared its end till October 31st. Pakistan beat Bangladesh by 7 wickets in the 31st match, as the Tigers campaign derailed to a new low. India and South Africa stood tall as they had ensured their place in the Semis, whereas the debacle performance of the other teams cost their campaigns devastatingly.



Except for Afghanistan, other teams either showcased their expected strengths or suffered unexpected losses, as the underdogs have kept their hopes alive, overcoming expectations against England and Pakistan.

The forthcoming for the World Cup remain highly anticipated while some mourn their unexpected performances, others culminate their triumphs. Lastly, with the world set at the World Cup, only Ahmedabad will tell who gets it.

Photography: AP, PTI INDIA

## MAGNITUDE MASSACRE

By TDP Writers & Reporters Desk  
October 2023

On the 11th of October a 6.3 magnitude earthquake in Afghanistan triggered landslides and collapsed buildings, leaving many people homeless and in need of humanitarian assistance. The quake centred about 28 km outside the capital of Herat province and killed over 2,000 people, causing fresh damage and panic across the region. The ruling Taliban have informed to provide relief and rescue efforts to the affected areas.



Photography: LAUNCH GOOD

## AUTUMN CLOUD: A SYMPHONY OF DIVERSITY AND TRADITION

By TDP Writers & Reporters Desk  
October 2023

C/O Dacca organized the bombastic event, Autumn Cloud from October 6th-7th at the Midas Center in Dhanmondi-27. This event, hosted by the CHOWDHURYS, with the theme: "Amar Dhaka" (My Dhaka), intended to honour Dhaka, promote Bengali culture and the



beauty and uniqueness of Bangladesh's star's talents. The event included 30 young entrepreneurs who had set up stalls in order to sell several products. The attendees enjoyed performances and a culturally rich environment, there were also engaging sessions for kids to enjoy. Including this, all the deshi entrepreneurs enjoyed meeting each other and described it as meeting "entrepreneur friends".

# Lafomia

## FEATURING NATE GREENPANTS

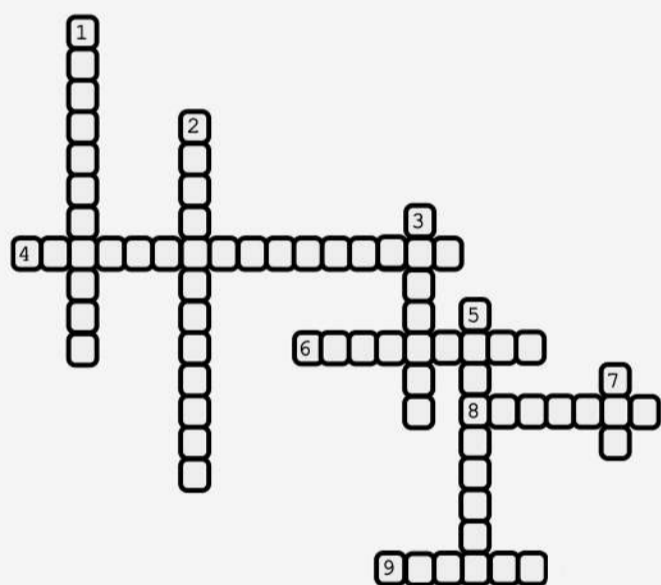
THE unluckiest kid in  
DPS



### EP 1: Nate Wants a Burger

Writer: Shombrito Aumbar

Artist: Wafeeq Chowdhury



#### Across

4. Columbus with no LAN network at his place.
6. I can be seen on TV, but no one can wear me, except Black Panther.
8. I love you 3000.
9. "MY PRECIOUS!"

#### Down

1. I sang with my heart as the Titanic sank.
2. They say I am a Barbie Girl.
3. You cannot enter Gryffindor without going past me.
5. I wonder why my name contains a fuel used for cars?
7. McGonagall likes me alot that she turns in to me sometimes.

Azmain from 9D thinks that he knows more about movies than you. He claims, you are lifeless and retarded, but are you?

Prove him wrong by completing his Puzzle Challenge! Submit your answers on our Instagram, Email or Discord!

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In conclusion, TDP is a voyage. A voyage of words and news. A ship which navigates through the unyielding sea of information and news, one page at a time.

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