



## From the Principal's desk

June 2025

### Highlights of the month:

- BBC Visit
- Global Youth Action Fund
- Student-led conference
- Parent Teacher Meeting
- Global Recognition

"June is the pearl of summer, shining with warmth and joy."

- L.M. Montgomery

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we step into June, a month that marks both reflection and renewal, I am reminded of the many seasons we have experienced together each with its own challenges, triumphs, and learnings. The arrival of summer is not just a time for rest

and rejuvenation but also an opportunity to pause and appreciate how far we have come as a community.

June is a moment to celebrate achievements, express gratitude, and embrace growth. Whether it is the joyful conclusion of a learning journey, the anticipation of new beginnings, or the quiet resolve to recharge, this month reminds us that education is as much about transformation as it is about tradition.

### **Indus Joins the OECD Schools + Network: A Global Recognition**

Indus International School Bangalore has been selected by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) to join its prestigious Schools+ Network, a global community of 138 schools across 40 countries. Representing over 118,000 learners, this network is committed to enhancing educational quality through international collaboration.

Our school actively contributes to the OECD Schools Learning Circle, with a special focus on cognitive engagement a pedagogy that pushes students to think deeply and exceed their own expectations. In April, our CEO, General Arjun Ray, Vice Principal Mr. Partho Banerjee & self participated in the OECD conference in Fátima, Portugal, centered on the theme "Unlocking High-Quality Teaching." Post-event discussions allowed us to share feedback and learn from global best practices.

This collaboration places Indus at the forefront of educational innovation, shaping tools and strategies that can uplift teaching and learning worldwide. Our commitment to thought leadership continues to inspire excellence in the classroom and beyond.

## **BBC Captures Indus Innovation in Collaborative Learning Model**

We had the honor of hosting a BBC documentary team led by British TV personality Alexander Armstrong as part of a three-part series exploring Modern India. Filming at Indus International School Bangalore (IISB), the team explored how our schools are redefining education with the use of humanoids and generative AI.

At IISB, the team witnessed the Collaborative Learning Model (CLM) and how AI-driven discussions using a humanoid enhance higher-order thinking, allowing teachers to focus more on student well-being and emotional support.

The BBC team was particularly impressed by the fact that such futuristic teaching methods are not yet present in UK schools. From immersive classroom filming to in-depth conversations with Dr. Sarojini Rao and student interactions with Eagle the humanoid, the visit highlighted Indus's bold vision for the future of education.

This international spotlight reaffirms Indus's role as a trailblazer in merging technology and AI with human-centric learning.

## **PYP:**

### **Celebrating Our Student-led Conferences**

As the academic year concludes, we take this opportunity to celebrate the success of our recent Student-led Conferences. Our students confidently shared their learning journeys with their families, reflecting on their growth and celebrating their achievements.

**Student-led Conferences** are a cornerstone of the PYP, empowering students to take ownership of their learning, set goals for the future, and develop essential skills such as communication and self-management. The pride and responsibility demonstrated by our learners clearly reflected their dedication and commitment throughout the year.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our families. Your ongoing support and engagement play a vital role in inspiring our students to become lifelong learners who take initiative and responsibility for their own development.

We are proud of our students and grateful for the strong learning community we have built together this year.

### **MYP:**

This month, the focus for MYP Grades 6 - 8 was on successfully concluding the academic year with a series of key milestones. Students diligently completed their final examinations, demonstrating their learning and growth across subjects. Following the exams, teachers engaged in a thorough result analysis to identify student progress, reflect on teaching strategies, and plan for continued improvement.

Corrections and report generation for the final exams were prioritized. Additionally, we held a **Grade 9 Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM)**. During this meeting, we discussed **improvement strategies for Grade 10 students**, specifically tailored to their performance reports.

**Teachers' Day Out:** After wrapping up another academic year to celebrate the hard work and achievements of the year, teachers came together for a joyful end-of-

year team outing - a perfect opportunity to unwind, strengthen bonds, and create lasting memories as we wrapped up an enriching academic year

**DP:**

Viha Mohaliya and Shraddha Srinivasan, both Grade 11 students, have been awarded full scholarships to the highly regarded **SCAD Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)** Rising Star program. This intensive four-week summer program offers rising high school seniors a comprehensive university experience, complete with college credit.

They will refine their skills by enrolling in two college-level courses, enhancing their portfolios, and gaining hands-on experience with professional software like Adobe Creative Cloud, all while receiving personalized mentorship from experienced instructors and collaborating with peers.

**Parents-Teachers Meeting (PTM)** for Grade 11 was held. This meeting served as an important platform for parents and teachers to discuss students' academic progress and overall development. Teachers also used this opportunity to share valuable insights and strategies aimed at supporting and improving student performance in Grade 12, with a clear focus on helping them achieve their academic goals.

## **The Global Youth Action Fund**

The Global Youth Action Fund (GYAF), an initiative by the International Baccalaureate, empowers students aged 12–19 to lead change through projects aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The 2025 cycle witnessed applications from passionate youth across the globe, with a competitive selection of outstanding initiatives awarded funding and mentorship.

Out of 1100+ applicants from around the world, four of our senior school students have been awarded international grants under the Global Youth Action Fund 2025 for their outstanding social initiatives.

**Myra Vishwas Mudagal has received \$2000 grant for her initiative - The Kikli Foundation :** Myra's initiative is transforming digital learning for underserved children through a gamified platform, peer mentorship, and teacher training. Already reaching 1,450+ students across 10 schools in Bangalore, Kikli empowers learners with essential 21st-century tech skills. She has built strong partnerships with organizations like Wipro Dice ID and Netskill to strengthen the platform's reach. Her vision is to make digital literacy accessible in every low-income school, led by students themselves. With this grant, Myra plans to scale Kikli nationally, reaching thousands more through structured programs and innovation.

**Megh Vinayak Dasgupta has received \$2000 grant for his initiative – READ (Revamped English Acquisition & Development):** Megh has designed a 100-page English literacy workbook tailored for children in grades 1–5 from under-resourced communities. Over 1,100 students have already benefited from READ, which is being used by schools, NGOs, and rural libraries. His

next step is to print 2,500 additional copies and create digital versions to reach learners online. Inspired by his own journey, Megh's mission is to help children build confidence, communication, and a love for learning. He's also training student volunteers to lead workshops, creating a ripple effect of impact across Karnataka and beyond.

**Shruthi Swaminathan & Siyona Khurana have received \$1500 for their initiative**

**Fursa XI** : Shruthi and Siyona are combining football and leadership training to empower underprivileged girls through their initiative Fursa XI. The program has helped girls from three government-aided schools build resilience, teamwork, and self-belief on and off the field. They've introduced community tournaments and EQ Lockers to sustainably share sports gear and resources. Having played competitive football themselves, they are now mentoring and coaching the next generation of girl athletes. Fursa XI is breaking gender barriers in sport while building a powerful culture of inclusion and opportunity.

**IICS Updates:**

IICS celebrated World Environment Day with a vibrant display of creativity and action, featuring student-led dramas on pollution, joyful nature dances, and a poster-making competition. A highlight was the enthusiastic sapling plantation drive, fostering a greener campus. The day showcased our students' inspiring eco-conscious spirit. We're also proud to announce exceptional results in the 2024–25 Olympiad examinations across various subjects, a testament to our student's hard work and our teachers dedicated guidance.

**Placements:**

We recently conducted the SAT exam on June, IISB students and external students taking the test. This growing number of external students highlights IISB's increasing recognition as a SAT examination center.

Date	IISB Students	External Students
7th June 2025	4	19

We thank all our stakeholders in making this year a very successful one. We are grateful for the immense support and continuous feedback for improvement. As the saying goes, “It is not as much the journey or the destination that matters as much as the company”. We thank you for walking every step of the way with us this year. Wishing everyone a restful break from the usual be it exciting travel experiences or intimate family gatherings filled with the warmth and joy.

Warm regards,

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Principal



*Important Dates for your Diary: July 2025*

<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	All HOS's , PC's and HOD's return . New Teacher Orientation / Induction
<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	All Teachers Return – PD Week begins
<b>15<sup>th</sup> July – 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	PD Week for Teachers
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July – 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Single Window begins [Parents visit the school to produce uniforms, books etc, and complete other related processes]
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Pre – IB Classes [ Grade 11 ]
<b>25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Curriculum Road Map Day [Reception to Grades 9 & Grade 11 ]
<b>28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School Re-opens for all Students [Reception to Grade 12]