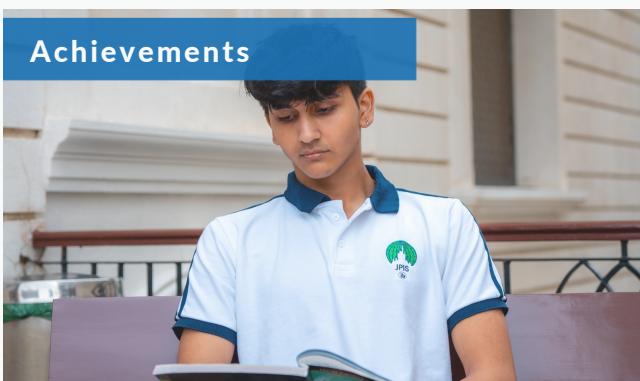




# BOARDING HEBDOMADAL

"I wish there was a way to know you were in the good old days before you actually left them" - Andrew Bernard

## Achievements



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## What's new?



# A Message from our Head of School, Ms. Alka Goel

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The coronavirus pandemic suspended almost every aspect of school at once. Although the move from classrooms to computer screens was drastic enough, it also tested basic ideas about instruction, attendance, testing, funding, the role of technology, and the human connections that hold it all together.

But, every cloud has a silver lining, and what has come out of all of this? Equality! The pandemic has shown us that we are all the same regardless of our religious, cultural, or economical status and beliefs. The virus simply does not choose. It has taught us resilience and the importance of sticking together (although six feet apart). The chaos that has ensued since March 2020 has also brought with it waves of panic, uncertainty, and devastation.

However, we have recognised the weight of humanity and our ability to adapt and be empathetic. The last year has made us realise that maybe, this pandemic is the catalyst of change. That we are open and receptive to new ideas and adopting a hybrid-model in all parts of our life.

A year later, the remodelling is still underway, with a growing sense that some changes may last. There are a lot of positives that will happen because we've been forced into this uncomfortable situation. It's like a genie that is out of the bottle, and I don't think you can get it back in.



# Exordium

Holistic growth in kids means it is imperative to support them when they are facing challenges, academic or personal in nature. It is important to help students develop socially and overcome their behavioral, physical, or mental health challenges. At the JPIS Hostel we have full-time counselors dedicated to ensure the wellbeing of our kids in all aspects of life, be it college, career plans, or personal challenges.

For me, each student at the hostel is a testament to the courage and determination it takes to live alone. Students from families across the country, from culturally different backgrounds and beliefs, come here, and along with receiving an education, learn to live together and thrive in the ecosystem we create here. Our very own, home away from home.

The hostel, as I like to say, is one big family where our youngest members from 2nd grade and oldest members from grade 12 eat,

play, and study together. The sense of community and camaraderie that echoes through the hallways cannot be found anywhere else.

For the last 10 years, with the constant love and support of Jayshree Ma'am, we have seen batch after batch graduate, each with a smile wider than the last on their faces. We have seen our students come back as alumni and reconnect with their Hostel parents, reminiscing fondly of the memories they created here. And each time seeing their success and love they have for their roots brings the widest of smiles to my face. I've seen so many children grow up in front of me, and I intend to see so many more.

~ Ms. Anju Shukla  
Head Hostel Parent

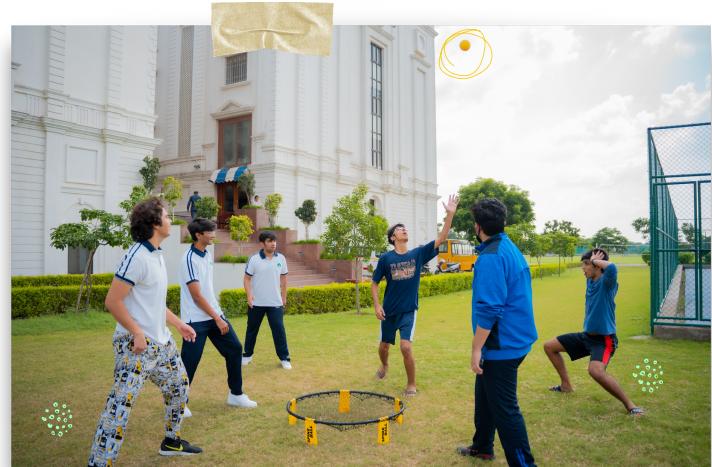


# Evening Archives: Spikeball

"Wait, how do you play Spikeball again?!" asked Ria.

"It's like playing volleyball, but you have to hit the ball on the net on the ground," Krish replies.

"Huh?"



When someone joins the hostel at JPIS, they are greeted by a net pulled tightly around a circular frame a few inches off the ground and a bright, yellow ball, which often leads to raised eyebrows, confusion, and the inevitable question Ria asked Krish above. Several failed serving attempts, hilarious confusion, and Oscar-worthy dramatic moments later, a team is declared victorious.

Playing a Mini-Spikeball tournament after dinner is a tradition - and a rite of passage for those who are new - at hostel, that everyone must follow at least once, whether you know how to play the game or not. Spikeball combines all the competitiveness and fun of sports without the gruelling stamina required to play one. So, if you're bored, or simply in need of a break from studying...take it from us, play some Spikeball.



# Being Pat{ient}



Always having a profound interest in the working of the millions of tiny little machines that are constantly and inaudible talking to each other that are present all around us, like Fitbit, phone sims, Bluetooth earpieces, and the microchips in an RFID card, I saw innumerable problems in day-to-day life that could be easily solved with just an innovative use of such already existing technology.

The first step towards an invention was to think like a problem solver, to always reach further. I believe that every problem can be solved with the right technology, and more importantly, the right mindset. So, when I observed that my classmates sat

with a slouch in the classroom, or using measuring tapes to get my waist circumference was inaccurate and boring, I didn't settle. I had a task at hand, and it was a task that nobody in the world had thought of tackling yet.

That was how an average 9th grader in 2018 used his experience in robotics and circuitry to design and produce, with the help of his father, two IoT devices, one that monitors your posture (along with other Fitbit features like heart rate and temperature) and feeds the record to your phone, and the other a belt that keeps track of your waist circumference at all times, and monitors the stress on your belly due to overeating, bad sitting posture, etc., and generates a record on an app. These two products were merely two simple solutions to problems I experienced, but they were something that no one else had thought of before.

And that's it, that's really all an invention is: a solution that no one has thought of before. And a patent is just a formal claim over that intellectual property. It is not something for which you need wild, white hair and 20 hours spent in labs every day. All you need is the drive to never settle and the mindset to stand atop any problem.

~ Rishi Plawat (Grade 12)

# Student Spotlight: Guneet Singh



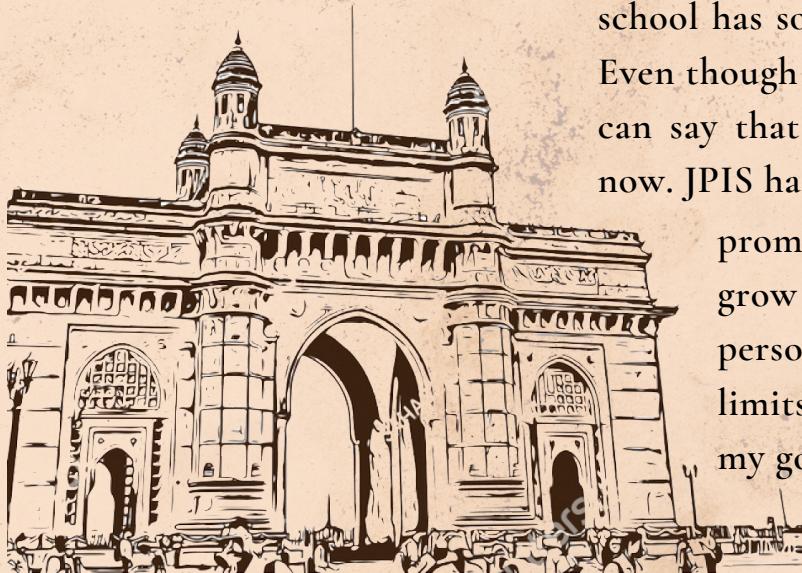
[Click here to watch Guneet perform his original composition entitled 'Rainbow Screen'. His lyrics speak of seeing the world through a 'Rainbow Screen' and discovering its truth as we grow up..](#)

Music has been a part of my life since I was a kid. It started when I started learning the keyboard at 5 years old. Every day I would figure out different songs that I liked and I had a lot of fun doing it. Later on in my life, I got introduced to western music. My interest in music grew even more and I started singing lessons. In 8th grade, I wrote my first song. For me, it was a great accomplishment. In 9th I uploaded my first song on YouTube and Spotify. It did not gain much recognition but I was proud of it. I kept writing songs, learning more instruments, and improved my songwriting skills. Music has become an integral part of my life and I can't imagine where I would be without it.

~ Guneet Singh (Grade 11)

# aamchi Mumbai

When I first arrived at JPIS, I was nervous. I was leaving Mumbai and my friends behind and moving to this school. However, that nervousness quickly dissipated when I was accepted by both the students and faculty in an instant. The reason I came to JPIS is because of the academic achievements the school boasts, but I realise, now, the school has so much more to offer than just that. Even though I have been here only a few weeks, I can say that JPIS is like a second home to me now. JPIS has created an environment that



promotes positivity and pushes me to grow not only academically but as a person as well. It inspires me to push my limits and work as hard as I can towards my goals until they become my reality as I see others doing the same around me. It is truly a wonderful school to be a part of, and I am grateful that I have the opportunity of studying here.

~ Shaurya Kabra



From Vada Pav to Kachori

From Bro to Bhai

From Miss to Ma'am

From skyscrapers to pink forts

~ All aboard(ing) the JPIS express



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# The Boarding Bingo

How much of a hosteller are you?

Taken a picture with the castle at sunset

Clicked a selfie with Bhawar Ji

Played football with Ayush sir

Had a common room party

Gossiped with hostel parents

Drank 3+ Ocean waters in a day

Complained about tuck getting over

Finished the data on your dongle

Forgot to order food on a Sunday

Gone for a drive in the golf cart with Love sir

Spilt coffee/hot chocolate at milk time

Attended a bonfire night

Attended a movie night

Won a competitive ping pong game in the common room

Begged for ice tea at snack time

Used your injury as an excuse to use the lift

**What was your score?**

0 - 7: Newbie, don't worry you'll catch up

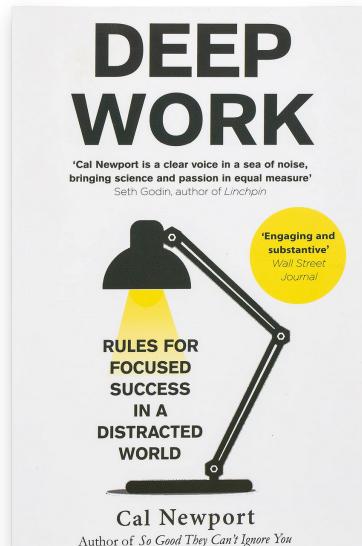
8 - 12: Sophomore Hosteller

13 - 16: Boarding house? More like home.

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