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"It is the unemotional, reserved, calm, detached warrior who wins, not the hothead seeking vengeance and not the ambitious seeker of fortune." — Sun Tzu, The Art of War













Millions of us inhabit this world, and yet even identical twins have their differences. Crimes are solved using fingerprints because each one of us has a unique set. Gaze into the night sky and see how each cloud is a different shape.

When you play with snowflakes, try and see if you ever find two similar ones. The master craftsman, God, has taken pains to stamp originality into each of His creations. Ever wondered why? Because it is His grand design that each of us retains with originality and imbues this world with creativity. But unfortunately, this isn't as easy as it sounds. Even as kids we force the unique snowflakes into snowmen that look alike. This is because we are brought up to concur and conform: patterns and stereotypes are set and we are expected to fall in.

Parents, mentors, elder siblings, bosses will tell you what is expected of you, and woe betides you if you step out of line. Maverick and iconoclast are words with negative connotations- blasphemous, so to say. Ironically we are told to 'think out of the box", but wrapped on the knuckles if we dare to go beyond the ingredients of the box. Structures, prototypes, and guidelines are gentle ways of nudging the 'out-of-box' thinkers back into the mold. Moreover, not all of us have the gumption needed to actually be original. It is easier to follow than to blaze trails.

Considering the components inside the 'box' might seem realistic. Why not use the tried and tested ingredients? To look outside might appear unnecessary and absurd, but remember that problems are solved only by those who defy the accepted solutions. Imagination and experimentation are the only roads to innovation and invention. Have the beaten tracks ever led to new lands? Even stagnant water breeds toxic bacteria, so imagine what will happen if our world stagnates. We owe it to our Creator to nurture the uniqueness He has placed in each of us. In this world infested with remakes, adaptations, replicas, dare to be different. Resist the attempts that shape you into prêt-à-porter, be a customized design. The world needs originality and creativity so be a snowflake, not a snowman.

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A Memo: My Journey as a Hosteller

Deshna



5 years ago, I got a call from my dad. He said, 'Deshu, you're changing schools.' Unplanned. Undecided. Unhappy. Any emotion encompassing the feeling of uncertainty was pretty much all I remember experiencing. Going from a girl studying in Patna to leaving home and her comfort zone, changing not only schools but states and cities, was a big deal. It's safe to say, though, that sometimes your destiny really does know what's best for you. Changing schools, and especially joining the boarding house, was mine.

I had the privilege to have a cohort of the very best seniors, juniors, friends who immediately became family. Followed by hostel parents who gave me the wings to fly and grow from a timid and shy individual to one that exudes confidence. Living out a true fairytale in the castle I get to call home, I have experienced a variety of emotions, faced and grown from innumerable circumstances and learned how to thrive on my own. And after 5 long years of being surrounded by diverse people, cultures, and interests, today, I place my faith in the fact that if there is one thing I would credit for my successes and my persona, it would be the JPIS hostel.

Deshna Choudhary (Grade 12)

### Student Spotlight: Siddhant Sukhani

Fun fact The reason why silk will melt in your mouth but dairy milk won't is because dairy milk has vegetable oil whereas silk has cocoa butter - an ingredient that melts at body temperature.



Who doesn't love chocolate? Well, I can say with certainty that I am a bigger chocoholic than anyone else in the hostel, having divulged in the business of cocoa products for over a year. Obtaining access to one of the most limited and exclusive resources in the world, I noticed the gap within the Indian market for premium quality cocoa products where most products are currently being used to make dairy milk constitute cocoa shells rather than cocoa powder to give it a darker color.

My journey with cocoa powder started off close to my 17th birthday when a spark of entrepreneurship set me aflame as I looked for opportunities to enter the world of business. After conducting market surveys for cocoa, coffee, cotton, and several other products, I chose the most delectable one of them all: cocoa.

Having begun an FMCG company to sell the cocoa powder in my own brand - El Cacao - on my own web portal (shameless plug - www.elcacao.in), I not only fully understood the retail infrastructure of the Indian B<sub>2</sub>C market but I also recognized how different fragments of the B<sub>2</sub>B architecture correlate with one another. I spent my days meeting clients and finalizing deals in aromatic factories smelling of my favorite chocolates. One of my favorite trips had to be to the Ghanaian cocoa processing plant in February where I saw the whole process of cocoa production. From the cocoa pod to the final powder, I not only understood the whole process but also understood the costing and the pricing strategies for the markets.

My adventure with cocoa has just begun and I have a whole lot of exploring to do but I can say one thing for certain: real-life teaches you as much as a textbook can; I have learned concepts in business without even having studied the topic. The world of opportunities is open to us all, we just have to reach out and grab it.

~ Siddhant Sukhani (Grade 12)



### UK APPLICATIONS You should see me in a crown





Having just submitted our UCAS applications 2 days ago, I think we're in a pretty safe zone to share the do's (mostly don'ts) of the UK Application Process. So hopefully after reading this, you're in a better place and don't end up making the same mistakes that we made. Here are our top 10 tips to finding your crown:

- Only apply to the UK, if you're completely sure about your academic interest and career prospects (otherwise, it's not the place for you and there's no harm in admitting that)
- 2. Make sure all your extracurriculars line up with the major you're applying for (you'll know why when we reach Point #6)
- 3. Research well about your major, universities, and MOST IMPORTANTLY, the subject entry requirements (Samara can relate)
- 4. Your Personal Statement should be a reflection of your passion and commitment towards the major you want to pursue (don't waste characters, you only get 4000)
- 5. The UK is all about academics, if you can't keep up with the IB workload then maybe the UK isn't the right fit for you
- 6. Your academic-related extracurriculars make up almost ALL of your Personal Statements so make sure they align with your major
- 7. Some majors may require you to give an entrance test research and prepare well!
- 8. If you're applying to Oxbridge (Oxford + Cambridge), then ensure you know your major well and are prepared to give an interview (you can't apply to both)
- 9. The UK gives you the opportunity to only apply to 5 unis so choose wisely and make sure you have a good mix of Dream, Reach and, Safety schools
- 10. Lastly, it's never too late to begin research, write your statement or submit your application. Just know that you've got us to help you through it all :)

We hope this was helpful and gave you some insight into the application process. While we were surrounded with murtis, petals, and the right muharats (thanks to Adriana's mom), even through all the chaos (and several failed credit card attempts), we wouldn't have it any other way. Don't stress or panic, the crown is yours, once you find it :)

~ Samara Doshi & Adriana Madan (Grade 12)



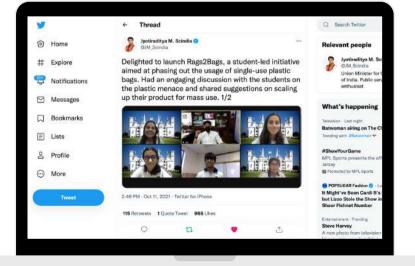


As the pandemic took over our lives, the world experienced an economic slowdown, unemployment rates that catapulted to record highs, and an increase of single-use plastic that filled dump trucks headed towards overfilled landfills.

In an effort to correct this, Rags To Bags - consisting of a team of high school students, Teena Bhatia, Avantika Mohan, Krish Sharma, Eesh Lall, and Kavin Sharma - endeavors to promote a plastic-free culture across the entire country, whilst providing opportunities for underprivileged individuals to become financially independent. They do this by procuring cloth as donations which are transported to NGOs that employ them, who stitch the clothes into reusable, effective, and fashionable bags. After being stitched, the bags are then given for free to kiosks, small retailers, and street vendors. This reduces single-use plastic without a financial burden.

In August, this model won the Harvard 2021 Sustainability Grant Award for its unique and economical thinking. Jyotiraditya Scindia, an Indian politician and the current Minister of Civil Aviation, a Stanford graduate and Harvard University alumni, joined the students virtually, along with Ayush sir, Aakriti ma'am, and Jayshree ma'am for the launch of this student-led initiative. To date, Rags To Bags has created over 13,000 reusable cloth bags and employed over 80 women and urban poor...and that, they say, is just the beginning.







### Our Dance Maestro: Aryann Sarkari

Aryann Sarkari is the epitome of dance. Recently, he performed at the Umeed National Dance competition held at Poddar ORT International School in Mumbai, where he bagged the first position for his contemporary dance piece on the theme "Ups and Downs in Life." He decided to take an unconventional approach, assuming the character of a specially-abled child in his performance.

Through his expressive eyes, high jumps and emotional performance, Aryann conveyed a story that could not be depicted through words, and as he moved to the sound of the music, he moved our hearts too.



# Evening Archives: Pool Party 5



Sunlight danced on the surface of the cool, shimmering waters of the pool that greeted boarders as a surprise on Sunday. Refreshing ice-tea and crunchy pop-corn in hand, hostellers flocked to the poolside, lounging by its benches, taking their turns dipping their feet in. Many, however, chose to discard their clothes and swim into the waters. What followed was undoubtedly an intense game of water polo, complete with frantic splashing, pleas of 'pass karde yaar' and jubilation when confusion resulted in a goal. With pruned fingers, wet hair and towels around their necks, boarders returned back to the hostel. As we count down the days to lower temperatures and sweater weather, one thing is for sure; the scorching Jaipur sun will not be missed, but days like this one definitely will be.

~ Hostel Pool Party 2021 ~

# alunni Talks

A journey of 6 years, but memories worth a lifetime. I am proud to say that I grew up in the JPIS hostel and the 3 acre campus that surrounded my room truly embodied the phrase "home away from home." Every step of the way in the boarding house, I learnt something amazing. One day it's someones crazy life story, some days it's a life changing

laundry hack, the others the most creative ways to cook Maggi. Not only did I forge connections and bonds that I continue to cherish but I learnt the crucial skill of adaptability. So today if it's a room full of accomplished entrepreneurs, or a smelly roommate in college :( I have learned to hold my ground. Put simply, there is no other institution, no other group of people, or no other place I would have rather chosen to spend the last six years except JPIS, their amazing student community, and the sometimes not-so-pleasant city of Jaipur.

Arjun Pandey

(JPIS Class of '21)





## Word Search

How much of a hosteller are you?

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- Love Sir's Favourite Ride
- Everyone's favourite vending drink
- What did the seniors finish this week?
- Who is the ref during football games?
- What is everyone's morning breakfast?
- What is the most used ingredient in every meal?
- What is the tuck re- stocking machine?

- Our daily dinner
- Compulsory IB requirement
- What is the seniors' adda?
- Do you have a donlge \_\_\_\_?
- What do we expect students not to do during exams?
- Everyone's favourite snack time drink
- What is the toughest subject?



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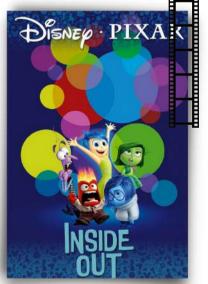






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