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From the Principal's Desk...



15 Dec. 2020

Model exams for the seniors and semester exams for all other students are going on in the online mode. Immense support from the parents makes it possible for the school to conduct these exams with parents as the invigilators. There are minor hiccups here and there, but so far everything seems to be going well.

UKG admissions have been completed for the next year. Loyola School is starting LKG next year and the admission process is on.

LOBA conducted two more Career Guidance sessions and another one is planned for 9 January, 2021. I want to thank LOBA members for all the support to make this programme a success.

I congratulate the newly elected General Captain Madhav Ranjit and the House Captains Abhinav A., Gokhul Madhav, Vaishnav R. and Abhinav S.S., and the Vice Captains Velu Madhav, Nandan M., Adit R.Vishnu, and Amal Dev.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fr P.T. Joseph, S.J.

LOBA EXPLORE SESSION IV
9 JANUARY 2021

INDIAN POLICE SERVICE,
DEFENCE RESEARCH &
ARMED FORCES

MEET OUR PANELLISTS



Session 4: Indian Police Service, Defence Research, Armed Forces



Anup John IPS (1997 Batch)

2004 IPS Batch
Deputy Inspector General of Police
Anti-Terrorist Squad, Kerala
Resides at Ernakulam



Atul Dinkar Rane (1980 Batch)

Outstanding Scientist
Director Joint Cipher Bureau,
DRDO
Resides at Delhi



Air Marshal B. Suresh PVSM AVSM VM (Retd) (1975 Batch)

Former Air Officer Commanding in Chief Western Air Command, IAF Resides at Bangalore



Bhavik B R Nair (2021 Batch)

Co-Moderator Grade 12, Loyola School Resides at Trivandrum



Wg Cdr N R Kanthy (Retd.) (1969 Batch)

Moderator
Formerly Head Operations MENA at VFS
Resides at Delhi

The session is on January 9, 2021 at 6:45 PM IST on Zoom Webinar platform.

Register here http://tiny.cc/9JanLOBA

EXPLORE

Note: You may send in questions for the panellists to exploreloba@gmail.com





Beyond the Curriculum

Students live a comfortable life where everything is provided for us, but we cannot ignore the fact that one day, we all will have to fend for ourselves and live our own lives. But, while the demands of the future may seem daunting, we must not let go of our dreams.

Let us learn to think out of the box. In high school, we learn many conventional subjects. Even though this knowledge is quite important, it would be nice to have other options as well, like a curriculum that is more inclusive of the arts and not just the sciences. For example, speaking as a person who is passionate about music, I often felt there is a lacuna when it comes to practical guidance on how to actually pursue a career as a musician. However, things seem to be looking up now, an example being our school's very own series of webinars by LOBA, giving us a lot of valuable inputs.

My dreams do not include music alone. I've always been quite passionate about software and coding too, and for a career, would love to do something that combines all these. I cannot pinpoint this dream to one particular inspiration, but I have a feeling that it started when I began meddling with every bit of software that I could find, and observing my music teacher in the recording studio. I don't know exactly how to achieve this goal, and will always search for new and interesting ways to chase this dream and make it a reality.

Ultimately, what matters is being true to the dreams and trying to achieve the goals. Whatever our dream may be, we can attain it as long as we persevere and not give up. So, regardless of the curriculum being conventional, those with passion, belief and dedication will find a way to make them happen.

Fair winds and Godspeed to all of you as we prepare to face our future...





Yes, this would seem like one of those dull articles in which a child says, "I want to be a doctor or an engineer." Well, let me tell you first of all that this article is not sappy but it could probably strike a chord with you or even help you find your passion.

I had never realized what my real passion was until I attended the first EXPLORE career guidance programme on movies, fashion, music and entertainment.



Although my passion was not associated with any of these topics, it helped me to realize my passion. As I was listening to the acclaimed panellists who spoke about their professions and their reasons to pursue them, I was struck by the words of Santosh Sivan: "Everyone has a different path to pursue, but once they find it they will be

happy doing it for the rest of their lives." After the session I cogitated on what my passion was and what the career options could include. I decided to become a writer because I feel that I can express my ideas and viewpoints on different subjects far more coherently in writing than in speech. Also, I would like to choose this career because I want to express myself to the world and thereby understand myself and the world better.



My Ambition

When I was in the first standard, my class teacher asked me to introduce myself and my ambition to everyone else. Then I declared that I wanted to be a scientist much like everyone else. As time passed, I realised that my ambition is not to become a scientist or a doctor but a good human being. This was fuelled by my constant interaction with my parents, teachers, and other remarkable people who advised me that leading a selfless life and helping others is more worthwhile than focussing on personal achievements. After thinking about it, I became convinced that the most suitable career for me is as a Civil Services Officer as I can serve a large number of people while living on the forefront. I plan to achieve my goal by growing intellectually by wide reading and by being up-to-date in general knowledge. I will also study for my exams right now and learn the subjects well. Finally, I understand that perseverant effort is needed to achieve my goal to be a selfless, kind-hearted, and good human being. I hope I can achieve this in the years to come.



Enjoy the presents under the Christmas tree, but more importantly, be a joy to the people around it.

Christmas is a time that holds people together. It is a time to focus on celebrating with our family and friends, and that little moments can bring you joy. The best gift around any Christmas tree is the presence of a happy family wrapped up in each other. Christmas is, of course, the time to be home, in heart as well as body. It is in the heart that puts Christmas in the air.

Christmas also gives us an opportunity to help others who are less fortunate. Many churches including mine always think of lighting the

stars in someone's life by helping to construct houses, offering medical and educational assistance to most deserving people.

In this time of pandemic, let us hope and fervently pray that this Christmas brings good health and peace to all human beings just as infant Jesus brought it 2000 years ago.

We should be vigilant about the new normal of life like social distancing and personal hygiene while celebrating Christmas. We can hope that everyone's stocking is stuffed full with joy this year.

Jingle all the way!

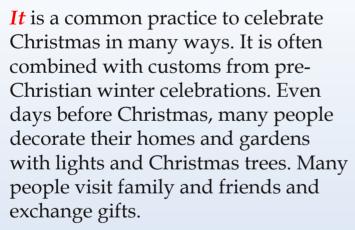


We should also try to limit our expense as the whole world is going through a tough time. Instead of spending money on gifts, let us help the needy. When we do good to others, good things will come back to us. So, I wish Santa gifts the world a vaccine against this pandemic. Let this Christmas bring a halo of hope in our lives.

Harikesh Krishna, VII A



Merry Christmas



Children, in particular, receive a lot of gifts from their parents and other relatives and the mythical figure Santa Claus. This has led to Christmas becoming an increasingly commercialized holiday, with a lot of families spending a large part of their income on gifts and food.

It has been customary to organize special celebrations during this festive season. But this year it might be a little different since the entire world is caught in the catcher of the pandemic.



Asher Maria, VC

Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.

There will not be the usual celebration and get together in the school or the church community because we are all confined within the four walls of our houses not being able to visit our dear and near ones who live across the borders.

But let's not give up on our hope for better days ahead. As Helen Steiner Rice says, "Peace on earth will come to stay when we live Christmas every day."

Report

CAREER GUIDANCE Webinar on

Medicine, Dentistry & Healthcare



Dr. Suresh K. Aravind



Dr. Parameswaran Nair

On 21 November 2020, LOBA (Loyola Old Boys Association) held an interactive session on career opportunities in the healthcare sector. The session was the second one under LOBA's EXPLORE initiative. The panel comprised distinguished practitioners like Dr. Oommen Aju Jacob, a consultant Maxillofacial Surgeon at KIMS and Ananthapuri Hospitals, Dr. Parameswaran Nair, a well-known Professor of Medicine in the Division of Respirology in Ontario, Canada, Dr. Roy Vergis, a leading Oncologist and adviser to WHO, Dr. S. Sudhindran, a leading Gastrointestinal Surgeon in India, followed by Dr. Suresh K. Aravind, former Worldwide Vice President of Johnson & Johnson, and adviser to organizations such as WHO, World Bank, etc. The session was moderated by yet another thriving senior consultant, Dr. Sunil K Mathai, who works in Therapeutic Endoscopy and Gastroenterology.

The interactive session brought forth a great change in the attitudes of the attendees who dream of a career in the health sector. The panellists shared their views on how Loyola played a significant role in shaping their career by inculcating in them virtues of leadership qualities, time management, and integrity. They also talked about the diverse education systems abroad and what they offer for Indian students. They offered valuable advice on what they should do with their careers in medicine by describing the vast array of jobs available using the 5 P's of



Dr. S. Sudhindran



Dr. Roy Vergis

healthcare. It was quite a fruitful session with the resource persons answering all the questions about the challenges and possibilities in the field of healthcare. Also they candidly shared their personal experiences and highlights from their lives, their lowest as well as proudest moments. It was indeed inspiring to listen to them talking about how failures had shaped their lives. Dr. Suresh Aravind talked about how his start-up clinic had collapsed and how he got rejected time and time again. But, he strove with a passion and that led him to become the



Dr. Oommen Aju Jacob



Dr. Sunil K. Mathai

Worldwide Vice President of Johnson & Johnson. This was an eye-opener. The session was an enchanting and an enlightening experience and an excellent example of how the former students care for their younger Loyolites.



Reporter: Chris Fohn Varghese, XID



CAREER GUIDANCE

Webinar on

Advertising, Communication, Journalism, PR, and Digital Media

The Panellists



JOSEPH JOHN, of the Class of 1994, is the Programme Editor, Al Jazeera English, the Global Television News Network, Doha, Oatar.



KARTHIK SRINIVASAN is an acclaimed Communication, Public Relations and Digital Media Expert, formerly with Ogilvy & Mather, Bangalore



PRATHAP SUTHAN, of the Class of 1977, is the Co-Founder and Chief Creative Officer & Advertising Guru of Bang in the Middle Pvt Ltd., Delhi.



NABEEL MOHIDEEN, of the Class of 1980, is the Deputy Executive Editor, The Economic Times, New Delhi.

Earlier, fields like advertising were not very popular among young Loyolites due to the misconception about limited job opportunities. However, the perception changed as the panellists showed us the endless vistas of opportunities for people who pursue their passions.

The ninety-minute session enlightened us on the various aspects involved in the fields of



SURESH K. ARAVIND, of the Class of 1977 and the School Leader that year, had been the Worldwide Vice President of Johnson& Johnson, USA. He moderated the session.

Advertisement, Communication, Journalism, PR (Public Relations) and Digital Media. We had the privilege of having experienced professionals like Karthik Srinivasan, Joseph John, Nabeel Mohideen, Prathap Suthan and Dr. Suresh K. Aravind on the panel.

Within a short time span they walked us through the necessary skills, internship opportunities, top institutes to pursue such careers and the importance of self-advertisement through social media to remain visible to the prospective employers. They stressed the importance of writing and communication skills required to thrive in these fields. The panellists used their sharp wit to explain complex concepts like lateral thinking through simple examples and showed us that advertisement exists in all walks of life. The resource persons narrated how they pursued their passion and transcended various hardships they had in the journey to the peak of their careers.

It is indeed a matter of pride for all the Loyolites to study in a school which produced such distinguished personalities. It has definitely motivated us to follow our passions and do well in life.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the experts on the panel and our Principal Rev. Fr. P.T. Joseph who made this Career Guidance Session possible.



Reporter: Ryan Jacob Mathew, XIE



SAVIO JOHN, UKG A FIRST IN RECITATION



NIRANJAN J. N., UKG A THIRD IN RECITATION & STORYTELLING



HARIGOVIND H., UKG A SECOND IN RECITATION

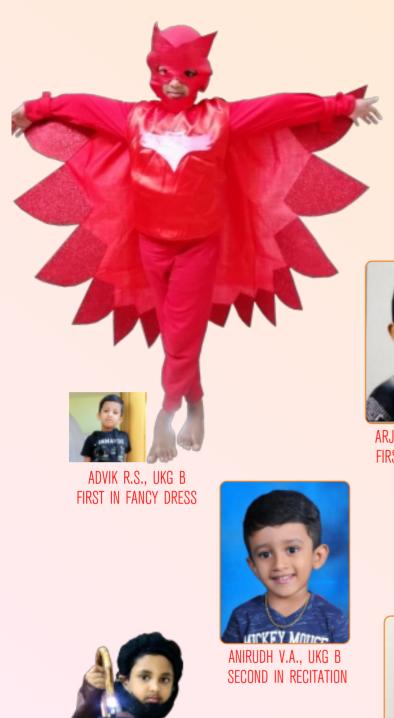


A. DHRUVA MADHAVDAS, UKG A SECOND IN STORYTELLING



EVAN ALEX PETTA, UKG A THIRD IN RECITATION







DHYAN MURALIKRISHNAN, UKG B FIRST IN RECITATION SECOND IN STORYTELLING



JAME CHRIS, UKG B FIRST IN RECITATION THIRD IN STORYTELLING



ARJUN DINESH, UKG B FIRST IN STORYTELLING



JEREMY JOSEPH MUNDIYANI, UKG B SECOND IN FANCY DRESS



VIHAAN ANISH, UKG B SECOND IN RECITATION



PRANAV M, UKG B
THIRD IN RECITATION



SACHETH V. SARUN, UKG B THIRD IN STORYTELLING



MANAV JITHIN, UKG B SECOND IN RECITATION

JOVIN WILLIAMS, UKG B

THIRD IN FANCY DRESS



MOHAMMED JUMAN, UKG C FIRST IN FANCY DRESS



ANTONY FRANCIS BIJOY, UKG C FIRST IN STORYTELLING & SECOND IN RECITATION



AADVIK SHARMA, UKG C FIRST IN RECITATION



DHYAN J.L., UKG C THIRD IN STORYTELLING



DEVANANDH V. NAIR, UKG C FIRST IN FANCY DRESS



RYAN MANOJ CANAAN, UKG C SECOND IN RECITATION



ARNAV AMITH, UKG C THIRD IN RECITATION

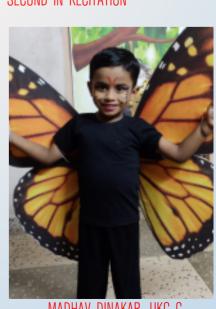
NANDAKISHORE N., UKG C SECOND IN STORYTELLING



IVAAN S. ALEX, UKG C SECOND IN FANCY DRESS



ABHINAV GANESH, UKG C SECOND IN RECITATION



MADHAV DINAKAR, UKG C SECOND IN FANCY DRESS & THIRD IN RECITATION



ADHARV ASWIN, UKG C THIRD IN FANCY DRESS



BHADRESH P. MURUGAN, UKG D

FIRST IN RECITATION



NAVNEET R. D., UKG D

DEVADARSH L. RAJ, UKG D THIRD IN RECITATION



PRANAV PRASAD, UKG D



ADAM CHRIS NAZARETHIL, UKG D

STD I ABCD



EVAN PHILIP MATHEW ENGLISH RECITATION I



NEERAD R. MALAYALAM RECITATION I MALAYALAM SOLO SONG I



JOVAN RENATO JESKLEEN ENGLISH SOLO SONG I MALAYALAM RECITATION II MALAYALAM SOLO SONG III



SREEMADHAV R. V. MAL. RECITATION I



CYRIL JOB MALAYALAM SOLO SONG II



ARNAV ABHISHEK ENGLISH SOLO SONG III



ARRON JOSEPH RAJESH ENGLISH RECITATION II



GAGAN A. MALAYALAM RECITATION III



RYAN THOMAS JACOB ENGLISH SOLO SONG II



GAUTHAM S.K. **ENGLISH RECITATION III**



SANJAI GOVIND MALAYALAM SOLO SONG II ENGLISH SOLO SONG III **ENGLISH RECITATION III**







ENGLISH RECITATION II MALAYALAM RECITATION II



JOHAN PAUL GEORGE ENG. SOLO SONG I MALAYALAM SOLO SONG III



ABHAY A. R. MALAYALAM SOLO SONG I MALAYALAM RECITATION III



NEELLESH MANUB ENGLISH SOLO SONG I STRING INSTRUMENT I MALAYALAM RECITATION I ENGLISH RECITATION III



DHANWANTH K IYER KEYBOARD II ENGLISH SOLO SONG II MALAYALAM RECITATION II MALAYALAM LIGHT MUSIC II



VENU VINOD ENGLISH RECITATION I



SOHAN SIBY THOMAS MALAYALAM RECITATION I



JOHN BEJOY BABU ENGLISH SOLO SONG II



DHANVANTH REJITH MALAYALAM RECITATION II MALAYALAM LIGHT MUSIC II

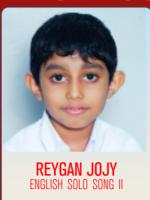


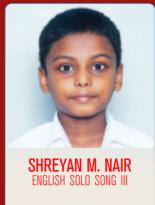
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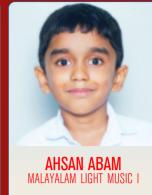
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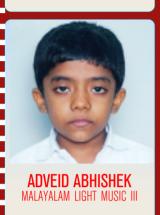


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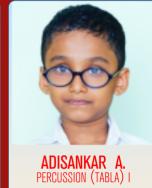








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ANANTHAN S. LIGHT MUSIC (MALAYALAM) I









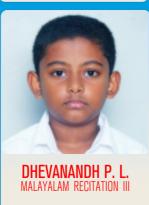




DHRUV A. ENGLISH RECITATION II

















SIDHARTH SIVAKUMAR English Recitation I English Solo Song II Malayalam Light Music III



RISHIKESH R.English Solo Song I
Malayalam Recitation I
Malayalam Light Music II



DARSAN R. NAIR Mal. Recitation I Instrumental Music (String) III



ARJUN M. Percussion I



JOEL JACOB PHILIP Instrumental Music (String) I



NETHANEEL MATTHEW P.Keyboard I



SHAWN REMANY SAUGAR Malayalam Recitation II English Recitation III



SREEHARI A.R.Persussion II



RISHIKESH ARUN Malayalam Light Music I



SARATH J. BONIFACE Keyboard II



ARJUN KRISHNA A. Instrumental Music (string) II



DAVID ABRAHAM JOHNEnglish Solo Song III



JOHAN JOSEPH PRINCE Keyboard III



JONATHAN EDWARDS NEnglish Recitation II



SURYA RAMASWAMY Percussion III



SREEVARDHAN S. Malayalam Recitation III



PRANAV P. R.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (STRING) I PERCUSSION II KEYBOARD II



ABHIRAM S. NITHIN ENGLISH SOLO SONG I MALAYALAM RECITATION I MALAYALAM DECLAMATION II ENGLISH RECITATION III



ABHINAND M. NAIR MALAYALAM LIGHT MUSIC I ENGLISH SOLO SONG II KEYBOARD II



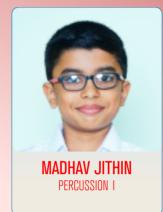
ABHIRAJ A. MALAYALAM LIGHT MUSIC II MALAYALAM RECITATION II



ARYAN A.
ENGLISH DECLAMATION I
ENGLISH RECITATION II



NEVIN GILROY MALAYALAM DECLAMATION I ENGLISH DECLAMATION II





ABHINAV PRINCE ENGLISH RECITATION I



MILAN SALIM SOLO DANCE I





MISHAEL MATTHEW KEYBOARD I





INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (STRING) II



ENGLISH SOLO SONG III



MALAYALAM RECITATION III



MALAYALAM DECLAMATION III





REUBEN SEBASTIAN DCRUZ SOLO DANCE II





KEYBOARD III



MALAYALAM LIGHT MUSIC III



ENGLISH DECLAMATION III



ABHIRAM ANUP MALAYALAM LIGHT MUSIC I MALAYALAM RECITATION I INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (STRINGS) II MALAYALAM DECLAMATION II



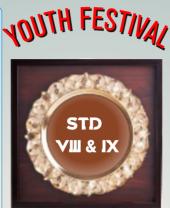
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MADHAV MOHAN PILLAI ENGLISH SOLO SONG II MALAYALAM LIGHT MUSIC II MALAYALAM RECITATION II ENGLISH RECITATION III



ADITYA R.S. SOLO DANCE I



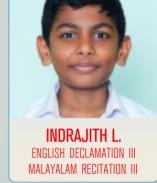




















KEYBOARD II



ABEL ROBERT ENGLISH DECLAMATION II



DENNIS MATHEW THOMAS KEYBOARD III



CHARUCHITH V.B. ENGLISH SOLO SONG III



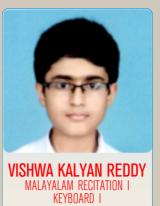


SOLO DANCE III





JOEL PAUL JOHN MALAYALAM LIGHT MUSIC I ENGLISH DECLAMATION I ENGLISH SOLO SONG I



ENGLISH SOLO SONG III



ADITHYA KISHOR MALAYALAM DECLAMATION I MALAYALAM RECITATION II











SACHITH V. ANTONY TABLA I



HARI G. NARAYANAN FLUTE I







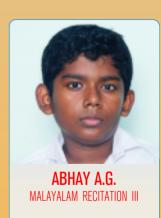




ALVIN NOBLE SOLO DANCE II



ARPITH JOSEPH MALAYALAM DECLAMATION II





ABHAY KRISHNAN ENGLISH RECITATION III



NAVANEETH SIVADAS MALAYALAM DECLAMATION III



SOLO DANCE III

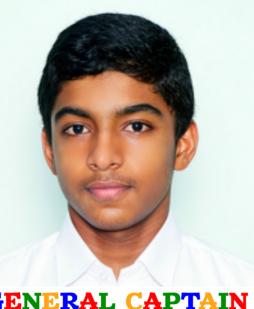


MALAYALAM LIGHT MUSIC III



ENGLISH DECLAMATION III







GENERAL CAPTAIN

MADHAV RANJIT, XI A

HOUSE CAPTAINS ELECTED ON 4 DEC. 2020



Captain Abhinav A., XI B



Vice Captain Velu Madhav, XI D



Captain Gokul Madhu, XI A



Vice Captain Nandan M., XI E

JUPITER TETSETTERS

Captain Vaishnav R., XI D



Vice Captain Adit R. Vishnu, XI A

APOLLO PIONEERS



Captain Abhinav S.S., XI A



Vice Captain Amal Dev A.L., XI E

Doubt-clearing in The Kindergarten



Illustration: Ajayakumar A. K.

Student: Ma'am, how is this

picture of the brain?

Teacher: Wow! It's very good.

Do you know where the brain is situated in our

body?

Student: Yes ma'am, it's inside

the head.

Teacher: Good. The brain is the

organ which sends

messages to the other

parts of the body to

make them work.

Student: Through phone? Are the

messages in English?

An open invitation to the readers

We would like to know how you respond to the above student's last question. The chosen answer will be published in the next issue of LENS.



Breaking News..



Loyola School Thiruvananthapuram stands
First in Kerala and 17th in India in the
Day Boys' School category in the
EW INDIA SCHOOL RANKINGS 2020-21

Let us resolve not to rest on our laurels.

