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From the Principal's Desk

ROOTED IN RESOLVE, REACHING FOR THE FUTURE

As we come to the close of yet another enriching academic year, our hearts are filled with gratitude and quiet pride. This year, guided by our theme “Roots of Resolve,” we have journeyed together; growing deeper in character, stronger in purpose, and wider in vision.

Our students have not only excelled in academics but have also blossomed in arts, sports, leadership, and service. Each achievement, big or small, stands as a testimony to their perseverance and the unwavering support of our dedicated teachers and loving parents. True to our theme, we have seen how strong roots of determination can lead to meaningful growth and lasting success.

One of the most heartwarming moments of this month was the Graduation Day of our KG students. Watching our little ones take their first confident steps forward reminded us that every great journey begins with small, courageous steps.

Equally inspiring will be the Externship Programme for our senior students of Class XI, thoughtfully organized with the support of our vibrant LOBA and committed PTA. Through this initiative, students will be placed in a wide range of real-world environments—hospitals, media centres, IT firms, law offices, and public service institutions. This exposure will provide them with a unique opportunity to move beyond the confines of the classroom and encounter the practical dimensions of learning. By engaging with professionals and observing workplace dynamics, students will gain valuable insights into different career paths, develop a deeper understanding of responsibility and discipline, and nurture essential life skills. This programme will not only broaden their horizons but also help them to discover their interests and aspirations, shaping their future with greater clarity and confidence.

As the academic year concludes, our students have approached their examinations with dedication and sincerity, including those who appeared for the board exams. We commend their hard work and perseverance, and we wish them excellent results and success in all their future endeavours.

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to our vibrant LOBA and ever-supportive PTA for their constant encouragement and valuable collaboration in all our endeavours. My sincere appreciation goes to our dedicated teachers, whose tireless commitment, patience, and passion continue to shape the lives of our students. Above all, I thank our dear students, whose enthusiasm, hard work, and spirit give life and meaning to everything we do. Together, as one Loyola family, we continue to grow, achieve, and inspire.

Looking ahead, the school has planned a month-long Summer Programme from April 7 to May 8, designed to engage students in meaningful and creative ways. Through a variety of activities, workshops, and experiences, the programme will provide opportunities for learning beyond textbooks, encouraging students to explore their talents, develop new skills, and grow holistically even during the holidays.

As the school now enters a season of rest and renewal, we look back with gratitude and forward with hope. May the lessons learned, friendships formed, and values nurtured continue to guide our students in the days ahead. Let us remain rooted in resolve, as we continue to grow, serve, and shine.

Wishing all our dear students and families a joyful and restful holiday.

Principal

EXTERNSHIP ORIENTATION PROGRAMME – 2026

The Externship Orientation Programme 2026 was successfully conducted on 13 March 2026 with the objective of introducing students to the structure, expectations, and learning opportunities of the externship programme. The session aimed to prepare students for real-world exposure, professional responsibility, and experiential learning.

The programme commenced with a warm welcome to the distinguished guests and participants. The presence of members from the Loyola Old Boys' Association (LOBA) added great value to the orientation. Mr. G. Unnikrishnan, President of LOBA, along with Mr. Hari Gangadharan, Secretary of LOBA, and Mr. Philipose Mathew, LOBA member, shared their insights on the importance of industry exposure and how externships help bridge the gap between academic learning and professional practice.

Mr. Jacob Mathan, former President and current member of LOBA, addressed the students and encouraged them to make the most of the opportunity by developing discipline, professional ethics, and practical knowledge. The programme was also graced by Dr. Anju Deepak, PTA President, who highlighted the role of such initiatives in shaping responsible and confident individuals prepared for the future.

The guidance and support of the institution's leadership were reflected through the presence of the three Principals – Fr. Dr. Salvin Augustine SJ, Fr. Ramlat Thomas SJ, and Sister Jiji Thomas. Their words of encouragement motivated the students to approach the externship experience with commitment and enthusiasm. The orientation session also acknowledged the efforts of the coordinators and teachers including Joy Sir, Roshini Joseph, Asha S, Roshy Thomas and Judy K Punnoose whose dedication ensured the smooth organization of the programme.

During the session, students were briefed about the objectives of the externship, workplace etiquette, expected outcomes, and the importance

The orientation emphasized learning beyond classrooms and developing skills such as communication, responsibility, teamwork, and adaptability. The Externship Orientation programme 2026 concluded on an inspiring note, encouraging students to embrace this opportunity to learn from real-life experiences and build a strong foundation for their future careers.



Ms Sarah Koshy



FIELD TRIP TO SANADHALAYAM CAN CARE CENTRE

Sanadhalayam is a cancer care centre for children and their caregivers who come for treatment at the Regional Cancer Centre, Medical College. It provides free accommodation, meals, and emotional support during their treatment period.

When we reached Sanadhalayam, we saw a board that said, “Enter with a smile.” That message itself made us feel warm and positive. Inside, there were many colourful sofas neatly arranged. At that time, only a few children were there with their parents, as the others had gone to the hospital for check-ups. We first saw a two-year-old boy running around happily. He seemed very excited to see us. We had brought chocolates, fruits, water bottles, and other small gifts for them. We also sang songs to make them happy. Later, the authorities showed us around the centre. We visited the Akasham Library, the Shalabham wheelchair-friendly park, and the beautiful Nanmathottam garden. There were also a few rooms and a dining area. We noticed a picture of a cancer fighter displayed on the wall of the library. The rooms had unique and meaningful names like “Puzha” and “Kaattu.” The authorities shared the history of Sanadhalayam with us. Outside, there was a lot of greenery and even a small fish pond, which made the place look calm and peaceful.

We felt very happy and blessed to spend quality time with the children there. Through this visit, we learned important life values such as selflessness, humanity, and love for others. We understood that these children do not need our sympathy; they need our empathy to win their battle against cancer.



Master Ishaan R S
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FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL TO THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT: LORD KARAN BILIMORIA'S LOYOLA ROOTS



Loyola School is proud to count among its alumni Lord Karan Bilimoria, CBE, DL, FCA, a successful management expert, Chartered Accountant, head of a business empire, and now a member of the Upper House of the British Parliament. Recently, I chanced upon the Wikipedia page for Loyola School, Trivandrum. It made for an interesting read, featuring a list of about 25 illustrious alumni who have made it big globally. While scanning the names, I realised I had known, met, or heard of almost everyone on the list. However, there was one particular name that immediately drew my attention: Lord Karan Bilimoria. While I had read about him in the past, I had never associated him with my alma mater.

Lord Karan's father, Lt. Gen. F.N. Bilimoria, was a highly decorated Indian Army General who happened to be my Commandant at the Defence Services Staff College in Wellington when I was posted there during the late 1980s. I never met Karan there, but years earlier, his father had commanded a battalion stationed at the Pangode Cantonment. It was this posting that brought Karan to Trivandrum and to Loyola. The Wikipedia page noted that this information required validation. I spoke with Father Principal but he had no records on the matter.

I felt this needed to be verified quickly. After all, how many schools can boast a British Lord and Member of Parliament as an alumnus? I contacted the British Parliament to request his contact information. Surprisingly, they responded almost immediately to my email. However, the required information was not shared and I was referred to another office. After a brief exchange of emails, I finally obtained the details for the Lord's office. I promptly emailed him, introducing myself and explaining my purpose. Within a couple of days, Lord Karan graciously responded personally and confirmed that he had indeed studied at Loyola for a few years.

I replied to him immediately, thanking him for his response and sought permission to share this news with the school and the Alumni Association. He readily agreed. I also requested him to send me his recent photograph and biodata. Before long, his office sent them over to me, and the circle was complete. With this confirmation, I contacted the Principal with an approximate timeframe for Lord Karan's enrollment in the school. The school was then able to trace his admission records. He had joined Loyola in early January 1970 in Class 4 and left in late 1971 while in Class 5. Incidentally, I had graduated from the school by then; otherwise, I would certainly have remembered a new admission with that name, especially given my own armed forces connections.

Had Lord Karan not been proud of his alma mater, he would never have responded to my messages or permitted me to share this information with the school and the alumni. Loyola School, Trivandrum, and the Loyola Old Boys' Association (LOBA) specially thank him for acknowledging his association with the school. We are proud of his achievements and wish him the very best for the years ahead.

For those keen on learning more about this illustrious alumnus, please click the link below to access his detailed biodata.

https://docs.google.com/document//1hOnP1EQHeqraG7r_GQOzvlTglrRBl1BS/

By Wg Cdr Nalini Ranjan Kanthy (Retd), Class of 1969

GRADUATION & MERIT DAY



With hearts full of pride and joy, we gathered to celebrate a memorable milestone—our Graduation & Merit Day. The day marked not just the end of a beautiful journey, but the beginning of new dreams and endless possibilities for our little stars. The programme commenced with a soulful prayer by our kindergarten students, creating a calm and positive atmosphere. This was followed by the auspicious lamp lighting ceremony, symbolizing the light of knowledge and wisdom.

The audience was warmly welcomed with a heartfelt speech that set the tone for the celebration. We were deeply honoured by the presence of our esteemed Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) K J Joseph, Director of the Gulati Institute of Finance & Taxation. His inspiring address motivated the young graduates to dream big, stay confident, and continue learning with curiosity and determination. His words truly added meaning and encouragement to the occasion. Our respected dignitaries further shared their valuable thoughts and blessings for the bright future of our children. The felicitation that followed was a proud moment, appreciating the sincere efforts of both students and teachers. The valedictory speech by the UKG students brought an emotional touch, as they expressed gratitude and shared their beautiful memories.

The highlight of the day—the Graduation Ceremony—was a delightful sight, as our little graduates walked proudly in their caps and gowns, filling every heart with joy.

The Merit Awards celebrated the achievements and excellence of our young learners. The AV presentation, “Journey of Firsts,” beautifully captured their growth and special moments, leaving the audience with smiles and cherished memories. Adding vibrance to the programme, the LKG students performed a lively dance, spreading happiness and energy throughout the hall. The event concluded with a sincere vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all who contributed to making the day a grand success. Indeed, it was a memorable celebration of learning, growth, and new beginnings—one that will be treasured forever.



Ms Rajasree Vinod











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