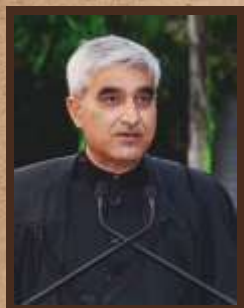


POTPOURRI

OUR PROUD LINEAGE



Mr. Neeraj K. Bedhotiya



Mr. Sumer Singh



Mr. Mukesh Shelat



Mr. A. K. Das



Ms. Ruchi P. Datta

From the Principal's desk.....

As long as there are memories, yesterday remains. As long as there is hope, tomorrow awaits. As long as there is friendship, today is beautiful...

—Billy Joel

Inspired by the words of the legendary, 'piano man', this Founder's Day special, silver jubilee edition of the Potpourri celebrates memories and hopes. Rather than focussing on the achievements and activities of the term gone, we invited the memoirs of our alumni and the aspirations of a few of the parents of our students, which we have shared here. The motto behind this was the encapsulation of our 25 glorious years of existence.

This edition of Potpourri also offers a special opportunity for our students - an exclusive interaction with the dynamic and vibrant, Mr. Satish Sharma, a distinguished actor, journalist, and entrepreneur, who was the chief guest at our Annual Prize Day. Explore the insightful perspectives shared by Mr. Sharma as he discusses his life and times.

Additionally, as mentioned earlier, this issue of Potpourri serves as a tribute to the enduring impact our school has had on our community. Through thought-provoking reflections from our dear alumni and devoted long-term parents, we have deepened our connection to our roots and gained valuable insights into the crucial role parents play in shaping our school's identity. Together, we celebrate the rich history of the past 25 years, recognizing the dedication and passion that have guided our journey thus far. As we look towards the next 25 years, let us continue to build upon this strong foundation, driven by gratitude and a collective commitment to advancing excellence in education.

I'm positive that this edition of the Potpourri will also further reinforce a sense of pride and belonging for the school, among the present day students as there's nothing better than hearing it straight from the horse's mouth!

Happy browsing!
Ruchi Pradhan Datta

Inside the Mind of Mr. Satish Sharma:

A Renowned Actor, Journalist, and Entrepreneur

From Humble Beginnings to Great Success



Growing up in a humble background, Mr. Satish Sharma has always valued hard work and perseverance. His father's struggles served as a constant reminder of the importance of dedication and humility. Mr. Sharma recalls, "My father faced numerous challenges in his life, and those experiences shaped my perspective on life. I learned to treat everyone with respect, from the drivers to the workers. I believe in acknowledging the inherent value in every individual."

A Second-Generation Journalist

Following in his father's footsteps, Mr. Sharma ventured into the world of journalism. His father, a journalist himself, played a significant role in nurturing Mr. Sharma's interest in the field. "I remember the day my father asked me to proof-read one of his editorials. That simple task sparked a passion for journalism within me," Mr. Sharma reminisces. Since then, he has dedicated himself to the craft of storytelling and uncovering the truth.

A Proud Father and Mentor

Aside from his professional accomplishments, Mr. Sharma takes immense pride in his role as a father. He speaks fondly of his children, Shubham and Aishwarya, both of whom attended The Asian School during their formative years. "As a parent, seeing my children grow into compassionate and responsible individuals brings me great joy. They are the future citizens of our country, and I am confident in their abilities to make a positive impact," Mr. Sharma shares with a smile.

Embracing Humility and Compassion

Mr. Sharma's success can be attributed to his unwavering commitment to humility and compassion. He firmly believes in treating every individual with kindness and respect, regardless of their background or status. "No one should ever feel small in my presence. We are all integral parts of the Supreme, and it is essential to recognize the inherent worth in each person," Mr. Sharma states emphatically.

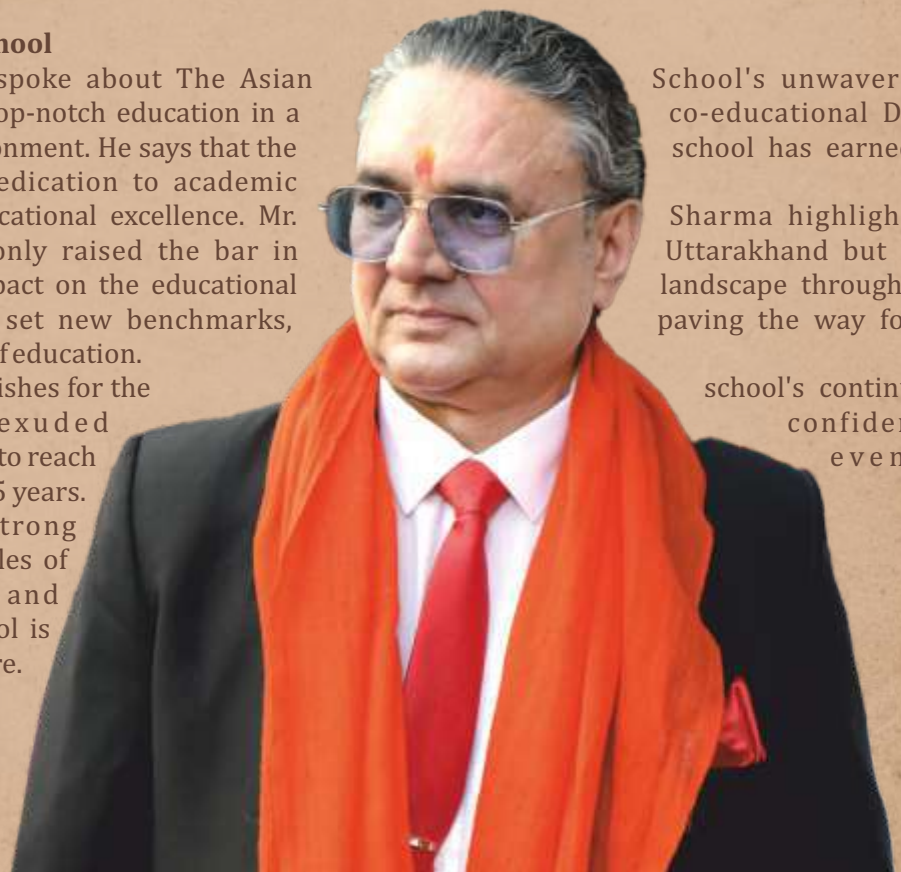
His version of The Asian School

Mr. Sharma passionately spoke about The Asian commitment to providing top-notch education in a Cum-Boarding school environment. He says that the solid reputation for its dedication to academic 25 successful years of educational excellence. Mr. how the school has not only raised the bar in also made a significant impact on the educational India. The institution has set new benchmarks, brighter future in the realm of education. As he shared his heartfelt wishes for the success, Mr. Sharma exuded in The Asian School's ability to reach greater heights in the next 25 years. He stated that with a strong foundation built on principles of innovation, dedication, and quality education, the school is poised for a prosperous future.

School's unwavering co-educational Day-school has earned a

Sharma highlighted Uttarakhand but has landscape throughout paving the way for a

school's continued confidence even



ALUMNI PATHWAYS

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As The Asian School, Dehradun marks its 25th anniversary this year, it proudly reflects on the achievements of its alumni. Over the past quarter-century, numerous outstanding students have graduated from the school, now thriving in various professional fields. Among them are government officers, educators, entrepreneurs, doctors, businessmen, and more, showcasing the diverse success stories that have emerged from the institution. In a special selection process through a draw of lots, a few of these accomplished alumni have been chosen to share their inspiring journeys with the school community, highlighting the impact of their education and experiences at The Asian School, in these restricted pages of the school newsletter. ”



Squadron Leader Saurabh Sharma

Batch of (class XII): 2011

Has been an Asianite for: 11 years.

Present status : Fighter Pilot in Indian Air Force flying Tejas Fighter Jet. In Previous Appointment also served as ADC to the Honourable President of India.

- **Alma mater :** *The Asian School has shaped my academic foundation with diverse opportunities in education, sports and moral values.*
- **Cherished memories :** *The immense camaraderie and teamwork among the teachers, staff, and students during the Annual Founders Day celebrations and other events like Teachers' Day, where everyone contributed their hard work to make these events a huge success. Teachers i fondly remember are Ms. Jasvinder Kaur(Chemistry), Mr. Vinay Walia (Maths), Mr. Thapliyal (Vice-Principal), Mr. A. K. Das (Principal), Capt. Swarn Singh (Sports), Mrs. Madhurlata (Hindi), Mrs. Neha (Dance), Mr. C. P. Kashyap (English) and many more.*
- **Experience at the Asian Acres :** *My time here was transformative, which offered a perfect balance of Studies, extracurricular opportunities, and personal growth. The supportive environment at the School also enabled strong relationships with peers and immensely helpful teachers which I believe has helped shaping me into a well-rounded individual prepared for the challenges ahead.*
- **Advice for my younger self :** *I would advise the young asianites that don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. Apart from Studies inculcate a habit of reading and knowing about the world. Also take full advantage of the opportunities this school offers like learning new sports and games, build lasting friendships, and remember that every experience, whether a success or a challenge, is helping shape you for the future.*
- **End note :** *I would thank the school authorities for connecting to me and i would personally recommend the school to introduce leadership and discipline programs, foster sense of patriotism and civic responsibility and finally expand extracurricular for problem-solving skills which would prepare students not only for careers and challenges ahead but also for leadership roles in various fields.*

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Dr. Bhavya Singh

Batch of (class XII): 2014

Has been an Asianite for: 13 years

Present status: General Surgeon, RCSM Kolhapur.

- **Alma mater :** *Sublime*
- **Cherished memories :** *There are many cherished memories, noting down just one won't be fair. To begin with, Madhulata ma'am & Chitra ma'am's Hindi classes. Shivani Bahuguna ma'am's Biology class. Jyotsana ma'am's computer lessons and Vipul Sir's Physics lab sessions. Absolutely a thing of beauty! . Running out of class during the zero periods and hastily noting down the "thought for the day" remain a peak "Asianite" moment for me. The weather bulletin/board that was maintained by M. I. Singh sir, our geography teacher and my class teacher in 7th grade. I used to read the bulletin during the break time and then looking up at the sky to match the clouds. (Gradually I got to know the difference between cumulus, stratocumulus and the nimbostratus clouds, which I actually do remember till date)*
- **Experience at the Asian Acres :** *"I wish there was a way to know you're in the good old days, before you've actually left them". Asian Acres for me remains a place that resulted in my overall development as an individual. I came here in UKG and completed my entire schooling at The Asian School itself. It's been a roller-coaster ride, but indeed a ride worth remembering.*
- **Advice for my younger self :** *Calm down, live a little, and don't take mathematics as an optional subject in grade 11. You are horrible at the subject!*
- **End note :** *I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my teachers, for all the valuable time and effort you've put forward in teaching us. Forever indebted to all of you.*



Dr Chetna Singhal

Batch of (class XII): 2014

Has been an Asianite for : 04years.

Present status : Founder of House of Dentistry, Dental Clinic, Dehradun

- **Alma mater :** *"Nurturing excellence, fostering growth."*
- **Cherished memory :** *Sharing lunch with my friends during lunch break and having lots of gossip*
- **Experience at the Asian Acres :** *Transformative, with exceptional teachers and lifelong friendships.*
- **Advice for my younger self :** *Balance academics, take risks, and build meaningful relationships.*
- **End note :** *Gratitude - for the school's focus on character development, social responsibility, and women empowerment.*

ALUMNI PATHWAYS



Shryansh Rajput

Batch of (class XII): 2019 (Head Boy)

Has been an Asianite for : 07 years

Present status: Officer under training in Indian Air Force

- **Alma mater :** *The institution helped me shape into the individual I am today.*
- **Cherished memories :** *Silver nights will forever remain cherished by me and my peers but also the time we went for The Afzal Khan tournament and received the trophy with tears of joy.*
- **Experience at the Asian Acres :** *My experience at The Asian School helped me grow as an individual and the boarding life taught me teamwork and gave me brothers for life. It gave me the wonderful opportunity to lead the school as the Head Boy which eventually helped me a lot while undergoing training at the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla and subsequently as being a part of the Indian Air force.*
- **Advice for my younger self :** *Worry less and enjoy yourselves to the fullest, these days will never come back.*
- **End note :** *I would like to thank all the teachers and the staff members for such beautiful and memorable 7 years, i shall cherish these memories forever.*



Shraddha Tripathi

Batch of (class XII): 2015

Has been an Asianite for : 15 years

Present status : Judge, Saket District Court complex, New Delhi

- **Alma mater :** *Whatever I am and what I achieve, it begins with Asian, I have grown with the school.*
- **Cherished memory :** *Asian Challenge Inter-School English Debates.*
- **Experience at the Asian Acres :** *Great and rewarding. I have had a brilliant time, endless opportunities and infinite motivation to better myself daily in what I do.*
- **Advice for my younger self :** *To have more fun.*
- **End note :** *I am proud that Asian is completing its 25 years of establishment . I hope every Asianite reaches height and as they grow the school grows with them.*

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Saniya Kaneri

Batch of (class XII): 2010

Has been an Asianite for : 04 years

Present status : Medical officer in Indian Air force, Presently posted to Southern Air Command in Thiruvananthapuram, kerala

- **Alma mater :** *School with diversity, with students from all over the country and a vibrant campus life that cultivates leaders of tomorrow.*
- **Cherished memories :** *The time around Founder's Day will always have a special place in my heart.*
- **Experience at the Asian Acres :** *I had a little trouble in 1-2 subjects but I was constantly challenged to push beyond my comfort zone. Looking back I had a transformative time, I grew in confidence and developed a passion. Asian School is the place where some of my closest friendships turned into family.*
- **Advice for my younger self :** *Don't be afraid to fail. It's a part of your journey. Don't compare yourself to others. Enjoy the moment. Don't be in a hurry to grow up. Take care of your health- mental, physical and emotional. Value friendship, these are the only true relationships you will ever have.*
- **End note :** *I want to take a moment to thank The Asian School for making me the person who learnt perseverance and hardship and for giving me best friends for life.*



Maj. Ishan Krishna

Batch of (class XII): 2009

Has been an Asianite for : 02 years

Present status : Indian Army Officer (Infantry) (Rank - Major), Presently posted in Colaba , Mumbai.

- **Alma mater :** *Where aspirations took root and dreams found their wings.*
- **Cherished memories :** *Becoming Prefect, won silver medals in shotput and javelin at District Competitions.*
- **Experience at the Asian Acres :** *Professionally enriching and multispectral development to widen the horizon for the future endeavours. Provided the launchpad to become a versatile leader.*
- **Advice for my younger self :** *Learn and develop as many skills as the surrounding offers, sports and extra curricular goes a long way in shaping your future, be an athlete, play as many sports as possible.*
- **End note :** *Thrilled to reconnect with the organisation, old friends and cherished memories! Grateful to be part of this amazing community once again. Looking forward to reliving the good times and creating new ones together.*

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Dr Divya Seth

Batch of (class XII): 2016

Has been an Asianite for : 15 years

Present status: Pursuing MD in Biochemistry

- **Alma mater :** *It was the most amazing destination of my life*
- **Cherished memories :** *Getting dressed up on birthday and bringing sweets to school, going to Buddha temple on visit, eating lunch with my friends, there were too many good memories.*
- **Experience at the Asian Acres :** *I never felt like home anywhere as much as it felt in school, not even in college. I still remember the beautiful campus the greenery, all of it. Really lucky to be in The Asian school.*
- **Advice for my younger self :** *Just enjoy these days you will be where you dream to be in future but please live these days. These are our best days in spite everything just enjoy it, don't rush for future- live in the present*
- **End note :** *Huge thanks and respect to all my teachers because of them I am who I am right now. All the good moral values I have, my core values are all from school.*



Dr. Amita Mason

Batch of (class XII): 2015

Has been an Asianite for : 15 years

Present status: Doctor (MBBS, MD Pulmonary Medicine)

- **Alma mater :** *Definitely one of the best schools, with every possible opportunity under one roof- academics, sports, extracurricular activities*
- **Cherished memories :** *Being an asianite for 15yrs there have been a lot many cherished moments, but to describe one would be receiving an award for academics by Mr. Kabir Bedi*
- **Experience at the Asian Acres :** *It's been the most amazing childhood, learning everything with the best faculty and enjoying at the same time.*
- **Advice for my younger self :** *just gain the most you can from the faculty at Asian, from the junior most sections to the senior most.*
- **End note :** *I suppose our batch gained the best we could, and I would want the school to continue with the same discipline and enthusiasm.*

UNVEILING

PARENTS' PERCEPTION OF THE SCHOOL

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As we celebrate 25 years of excellence as an institution, we recognize that our success is deeply intertwined with the unwavering support and trust of parents, both for day scholars and boarders. Their faith forms the bedrock of our institution's foundation. To honor and showcase the invaluable experiences of our dedicated parents, we have chosen a select group through a draw of lots to share their journeys with all. Specifically, we have given this opportunity to parents whose children have been studying with us for over 8-9 years, ensuring we capture long-term perspectives and deep connections forged over time.

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Student name: Priyani Raturi

Parents names: Mayank Raturi & Priti Raturi

Class & Section: 12 D

No. of years completed in the school: 12

The Asian School excels in academics and it is truly commendable. The school is dedicated to providing exceptional education to its students, helping them achieve outstanding results. One of the school's greatest strengths lies in its commitment to nurturing and developing the skills of its students. A standout experience for me was when my child was under the care of Renu ma'am, who displayed exceptional care and attentiveness towards the children. The leadership and administration of the school is highly motivating, leaving a favorable impression. I would gladly suggest The Asian School to others, as it provides an excellent platform for students to excel in various fields. As an educator, I also recommend the school to my colleagues, as it offers great opportunities for children to showcase their talents.

Student name: Kashvii Negi

Parents names: Siddharth Singh Negi & Priya Negi

Class & Section: 11 B

No. of years completed in the school: 10

The Asian School provides top-notch and effective education. I would give a rating of 10/10 for the school's overall educational quality. The notable strengths of the school include its esteemed learning environment, well-organized management, and helpful and amiable staff. The school focuses on fostering holistic development in students through academics, cultural activities, sports, debates, and other extracurricular pursuits. My experience with the school's leadership and administration has been positive and collaborative. As a parent, I feel respected and welcomed at the school. I would highly recommend The Asian School to others. I am content with the school and students also exhibit enthusiasm for their educational experience. It would be beneficial to blend in social events to encourage students to socialize and build confidence.

UNVEILING

PARENTS' PERCEPTION OF THE SCHOOL

Student name: Aridaman Singh

Parents names: Digvijay Singh & Ashima Singh

Class & Section: 12 F

No. of years completed in the school: 13

In my opinion, The Asian School stands out as the top choice for education with a flawless exclusive rating. The school excels in offering a well-rounded curriculum and extracurricular activities that are equally impressive. I personally find the Founder's Day celebrations to be a highlight of the school. While the leadership and administration has improved over the years, giving rise to the higher expectations. As a parent, I have always felt valued and welcomed at The Asian School. I highly uphold this school as it outshines others in terms of quality education. However, there is always potential for enhancement in terms of discipline, when it comes to the present generation.

Student name: Shivya Manchanda

Parents names: Anoop Manchanda & Dimple Manchanda

Class & Section: 11 A

No. of years completed in the school: 12

The Asian School is a powerhouse of knowledge, providing exceptional education and ample learning opportunities. The school's strength lies in its focus on all-round development, particularly in education and sports. One of the most memorable experiences I had was seeing my daughter receive the Governor award each year from class 1 to class 5. The strict discipline and punctuality enforced by the teachers leave a lasting impression on the students, reflecting the strong leadership and administration of the school. I am always highly regarded as a parent during PTM and Founder's Day celebrations. I have always been happy to propose the school to others.

Student name: Akshadha Goel

Parents names: Pankaj Kumar Goel & Mona Goel

Class & Section: 11 A

No. of years completed in the school: 13

The Asian School is renowned for its commitment to excellence, providing a nurturing environment for children to thrive academically and personally. With a focus on holistic development through outstanding curriculum, extracurricular activities, and sports, the school stands out as a beacon of quality education. Noteworthy strengths include a safe learning environment, high standard of discipline, and dedicated teachers who offer unwavering support. The active involvement of parents in school activities enhances the overall experience for all stakeholders. The school's leadership and administration are highly regarded, fostering a culture of inclusivity and appreciation. We consistently endorse The Asian School to others, though we urge extending lunch break timings and introducing a school canteen for added convenience.

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PARENTS' PERCEPTION OF THE SCHOOL

Student name: Harjas Singh Bawa

Parents names: Amarpal Singh Bawa & Amarpreet Kaur Bawa

Class & Section: 11 F

No. of years completed in the school: 14

We believe that The Asian School is an educational pathway to achieving success. The faculty and teachers are incredibly knowledgeable and provide excellent education. Events like Sports Week and Founder's Day are highlights of our time here and truly unforgettable. The school is led by experienced individuals, which is evident in its success. As parents, we feel treasured at The Asian School. We would definitely promote this school to others. While there are always prospects for constructional/structured refinement, overall, our experience has been wonderful.

Student name: Puneet Kumar Shahi

Parents names: Late Jitendar Kumar Shahi & Ajita Shahi

Class & Section: 12 G

No. of years completed in the school: 12

I absolutely love this school! They focus on all round development, not just academics but also sports and other extracurricular activities. The teachers are kind and supportive, always taking the time to help students with their doubts. The relationship between students and teachers is amazing and I really appreciate that. I always look forward to the Founder's Day program and the exhibition to see my child's talents shine. As a parent, I feel cherished at the school. It's the only school I've seen where kids can get involved in a variety of activities, not just academics. The school is doing great!

Student name: Aadya Joshi

Parents names: N. K. Joshi & Dr Vandana Joshi

Class & Section: 10 B

No. of years completed in the school: 09

The Asian School (TAS) is a well-rounded educational institution that incorporates academics, discipline, traditions, and activities. It effectively promotes a holistic approach to innovation. The school boasts a dedicated teaching staff, a safe learning environment, high standards of discipline, and a focus on extracurricular activities. The teachers at TAS are commendable for their efforts to build positive relationships with students, with their patience, supportiveness, and their enthusiasm for motivating students to participate in extracurricular activities. The school's leadership also maintains strong relationships with teachers, leading to positive student outcomes. As a parent, I feel welcomed and valued at TAS and confidently recommend it to others. The school upholds excellent academic standards and encourages creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills beyond mere memorization. Numerous educators at this institution implement student-centered learning methods in their classroom instruction. It would be highly advantageous for students if these approaches were adopted more universally. Providing instruction and support to students with increased empathy and encouragement can significantly impact their learning experience. Embracing technology more extensively is essential in meeting the current educational demands.



Celebrating 25 years of Excellence

Down memory lane...



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