



# SPELL

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Spell is an interactive newsletter platform exhibiting structured updates of school happenings for teachers, parents, and students. It has been inaugurated by Mr. Faheem who untiringly bequeaths his guidance to the students of The Societas Lectorum Et Scriptorium in functioning and compiling the newsletter.

St. Paul's English High School (Morning Shift) unveils challenging aspects for pupils in facilitating and enticing the minds of young learners to participate in all activities.

Every year it unfolds various perspectives of quality education inclusive of the trends of 21st-century skills. Its chief goal aims at facilitating and nurturing the minds of students along with the provision of stupendous curricular and co-curricular activities.

#### Message for students:

There's no harm in discovering, exploring, and using your creativity to memorize and write about new things, remember whenever you make a typo, the errorist wins, so never give up because life is like a roller coaster ride. Cheers! All the best Paulians



## AUTHOR OF THE MONTH



Roald Dahl, a name synonymous with fantastical children's stories, was a British author and poet whose works have delighted generations. More than just a storyteller, Dahl also served as a wartime fighter pilot and even dabbled in screenwriting. His books, often featuring quirky characters and magical elements, champion the underdog and celebrate the power of imagination. With over 300 million copies sold worldwide, Dahl's place as one of the greatest children's authors of the 20th century is undeniable. Many of his works have been adapted on the big screen.



IT IS THE 15TH GOLDEN TICKET  
AND SHE FOUND IT

### FAMOUS WORKS BY ROALD DAHL

- **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory:** A poor boy named Charlie wins a tour to a magical chocolate factory run by the mysterious Willy Wonka.
- **Matilda:** A little girl with telekinetic powers uses her wit and abilities to stand up to bullies and a cruel principal.
- **The BFG:** A young orphan girl named Sophie discovers a Big Friendly Giant, who takes her on extraordinary adventures through Dream Country.

# Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday, congregations gather in Cathedrals and Churches, uniting in humility to mark the beginning of the Lenten journey. We were privileged to participate in this solemn occasion, as a Mass was held in the auditorium on February 14th, heralding a beautiful start to this sacred season.

The gathering brought together Christian students, teachers, and staff members from both 'Campus A' and 'Campus B'. The atmosphere was serene as the mass commenced with the priest's solemn entrance, accompanied by the congregation's melodious hymns, filling the space with reverence and devotion.

Throughout the ceremony, rituals such as the Penitential Act, the Liturgy of the Word, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist unfolded. Our esteemed Principal, Sir Leonard Dias, extended heartfelt gratitude to the teachers and Rev. Fr. Mario Angelo Rodrigues for their dedicated involvement, fostering an atmosphere of appreciation and respect.

A poignant sermon underscored the significance of repentance during Lent, preparing us for the upcoming Easter celebration. The clergy emphasized the importance of maintaining a sincere and virtuous demeanor during this period, reminding us that our actions reflect our spiritual growth.

The priest's warm interaction with the children fostered a deeper understanding of Ash Wednesday's significance, encouraging them to apply the message of the Mass in their daily lives. The culmination of the event saw the solemn placement of ashes on everyone's forehead, a tangible reminder of our mortality and the call to humility expressed in the words, **"for you are dust, and to dust you shall return"** (ESV Genesis 3:19).

**By: Chris Luke**



# POET OF THE MONTH

## WILLIAM BLAKE

William Blake was an English poet, painter, and printmaker who remains one of the most intriguing figures of the Romantic era. William Blake's works, characterized by visionary imagery and profound symbolism, challenge conventional thinking and celebrate the boundless potential of the human spirit, inviting readers to explore the depths of their own imagination and consciousness. Blake's unique blend of spirituality and imagination continues to captivate readers and scholars alike, making him a seminal figure in the history of poetry and visual art as well as one of the most celebrated in modern times.



## FAMOUS WORKS BY WILLIAM BLAKE

**Songs of Innocence and Experience:** Innocence meets experience in Blake's poignant exploration of human nature in the book through a collection of illustrated poems

**The Tiger:** In this enigmatic poem from "Songs of Experience," Blake explores the nature of creation, good, and evil through the imagery of a powerful tiger. The poem raises profound questions about the origin of both beauty and terror in the world.

**The Lamb:** the poem extols the innocence and purity of divine creation through simple language and imagery. Portraying the lamb as a symbol of gentleness and divine love, it explores themes of spirituality and the Creator's benevolence.

**The Chimney Sweeper:** This poem contrasts the innocence of childhood with the harsh realities of child labor in Blake's time. Through the voice of a young chimney sweeper, Blake highlights the exploitation and suffering of impoverished children.





## Goodbye

In the midst of a gloomy night when my face had gone white;  
And my eyes were filled with tears.  
I kept shuddering in an eensy corner of my chamber being utterly quiet;  
And my heart was beating as fast as light.

I wondered what I am going to do is it right  
And I tore off my marksheet that gave me the satisfaction I had never.  
I took a last glance at my pulchritudinous room that night;  
And then with utmost agony I said,  
“Good bye world forever!”

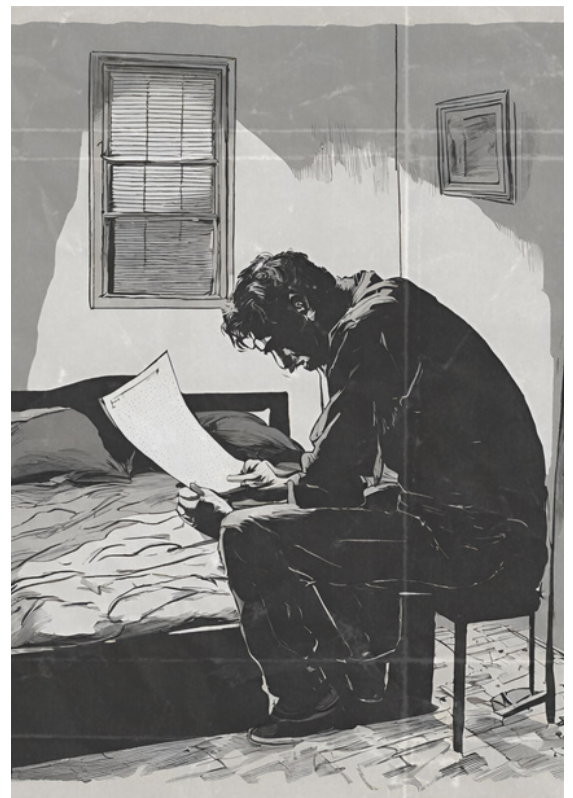
**By: Gaurav Haryani**

## Society

The term which is quite controversial,  
The ones whom are the adjudicator,  
A complex interplay as a nature,  
The ridicule that causes social anxiety,  
Assuredly, we pronounce it as the society.

It nearly feels like a burden,  
The ones whom doesn't have anything uncertain,  
The ones having ability of conversion,  
The ones whom are an example of idiocy,  
Assuredly, we pronounce it as the society.

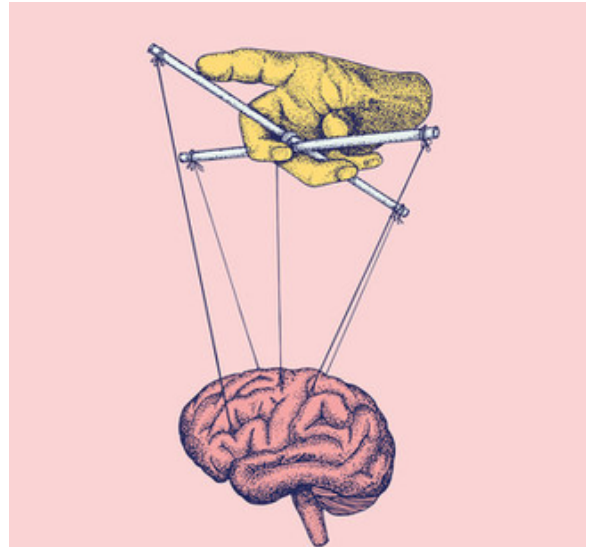
**By: Chris Luke**



## Times Forgotten Whisper

I wish to journey, back in time  
 To days of old, with voice and  
 rhyme,  
 In the gone eras, so sublime.  
 A chance to see history  
 unfold,  
 With stories about which are  
 untold,  
 To witness kings and knights  
 so bold,  
 In castles of lives, we stand  
 strong and uphold!  
 The silence, a golden age,  
 Where art and science did  
 engage,  
 Scholars, page by page,  
 Wrote wisdom of the way we  
 engaged.  
 Yet we see rivers flow just  
 one way,  
 And the past is gone, no more  
 to stay.  
 But in my dreams, I still  
 envy  
 A will to travel back  
 someday

**By: Abner John**



## Intellectual Oppression: A Call to Action

Throughout the annals of history,  
 a tale is eminently repeated;  
 the genesis of Socrate's cessation,  
 or the impetus of Assange's incarceration,  
 a contingency that has been overlooked  
 although, possesses multitudous  
 ramifications,  
 milestones have been traversed to mark its  
 neglect,  
 yet, no one ventures to stand to it  
 a term known as intellectual oppression,  
 the mother of the suppression of ideas,  
 the oppression of individuals,  
 yet, no one ventures to stand to it

Action needs to be taken,  
 words need to be spoken  
 war needs to be waged against it,  
 yet, none desire to disarm it

**By: Mirza Ali Baig**

# Fostering Literacy: THE HRCA competition



Another event, another time, we did not step away, another event another time, we climbed the heights of literacy! Once again, we Paulians, showed that when we step forward, rather than just desiring to achieve awards, we develop our skillset, continuing our trek to foster academics. This success of ours in the HRCA English Grammar and Science olympiad is a testament and signifies our dedication and excellence in academics.

The Elimination Round of these Olympiads took place on 27th January 2024, which was the first round of that competition, in which students were given a Multiple-Choice Questions sheet consisting of 20 questions. Consequently, from that, a large number of students from all grades qualified for the Grand Finale, which was conducted online, on 6th March 2024. A total of 18 bright students displayed their dedication and won multiple prizes ranging from medals to monetary ones as well. Hamza Ali Khan from Class 5 was able to display his outstanding performance in the HRCA Science competition, winning a cash prize equivalent to 20,000/- PKR



#### ● Cash Prize winners:

Hamza Ali Khan - Rs 20,000

#### ● Silver Medal Winners:

Mohammad Essa Siddiqi - English

Sufyan Naveed - Science

Rohan Haaroon - Science

#### ● Bronze Medal Winners:

Sunil Kumar - English

#### ● Giveaway Winners:

Rana Abdul Hadi - English Muhammad Azlan Hussain - Science

Shahzaib Naveed - English Mehith Vjendra Karacasia - Science

Raziel Rangel - English Yuvraj Parkash - Science

Burhan Ali - English

Hasan Ali Rao - English

Muhammad Ashar Kashif - English Aayan Khan - English

Muhammad Abdul Rehman - English

Shahmaun Sohail - English

#### ● Special award winners

The Literary Society was responsible for organizing the event and hence, we are grateful to the organizers also for organizing such an event that attracts our young minds to participate and win! This dedication to winning eventually leads them to acquire knowledge, displaying their full own potential.

By: Aayan Khan



Chess is a complex game adored by countless individuals. Chess fosters intellectual growth and it is intriguing to learn and interests a lot of people, whether they are newcomers or are veterans of the game.

The Sindh Chess Association was established in 1965 in Karachi. It is known for sponsoring and organizing many chess competitions in Karachi; one such was held on the 29th of February at NJV Government School, where a delegation from our school was sent. After the completion of rigorous trials, 10 of the best chess players were selected from the institution to represent St. Paul's English high school in the chess competition. The head delegates were Nirmal Kumar and M. Umar Furqan.



They were sent there with the assistance of our Cambridge sections' co-ordinator, Ms. Umme Hafsa and our deputy principal, Sir Roman Rodrigues. Our school's delegation consisted of students from grades ranging from 7 to 10. The delegates maintained excellent composure throughout the competition and managed to get to the final and semi-final rounds. Representatives of many schools were there who played proficiently as well, and some national masters were there to participate in the competition. One of the delegates, Muhammad Ahmed Siddiqui, with sheer determination, made it to the final round showcasing his passion for the game but nonetheless, serendipity seemed to evade him.

However, it was an intriguing experience for our students, and they all had a great time.

They were also recognised and praised for participating in the competition by our esteemed principal during the morning assembly in which our principal also encouraged others to also take part in such competitions as well.



**The Chess delegation**

**By: Muhammad Ali**

## Champions of public speaking: The KPS declamation



On 7th March, our school delegation went to Karachi Public School, for an interschool declamation contest. 4 participants from our school, 2 for English speech and 2 for Urdu speech decided to express their talent in other schools to leave a remarkable footprint. Under the guidance of remarkable school support, our delegation achieved its goal. We found some great speech topics that relate to the current life situations such as AI is more of a curse than a blessing, social media adolescent on mental health, and some great Urdu speech topics such as Iqbal's shaheen and today's youth and a very good topic, our destruction in the imitation of the West.

We found the secretariats and the volunteers very cooperative; there were best speaker awards and runner-up awards for both categories, and our delegation won two runner-up awards for English and Urdu and one best speaker award for English, besides that, our delegation also won the best team award.

We got a chance to meet students from different schools, and got a chance to hear their ideas on the same topics we were discussing; it was a great experience of ours to learn the art of public speaking.



On 11th March, our esteemed Principal for encouragement of the winners, presented the awards on the stage, other students were also encouraged to participate in co-curricular activities, and then our winners raised their best delegation award in front of the school and took a picture for this great memory.



**By: Muhammad Talha Asghar**



The recollection day serves as a profound day during lent, to reflect on the sacred bond between God and us. It's not just a day of reflection but a day of spending time with God through spiritual reading and examining conscience.

In the tapestry of recollection day's observance, Paulians gathered at the auditorium on the 9th of March, 2024, to commemorate this precious day.

The event started with the 14 Stations of the Cross in which the congregation faces the picture of each station to acknowledge that God sacrificed His only Son for our sins. Furthermore, Sir Roman Rodrigues, our deputy-principal, also shared his erudition with the students. He primarily spoke about the festival of Passover and highlighted the controversial painting of Leonardo da Vinci that many folks assume that the apostle sitting on the right hand of Jesus is Mary Magdalene, however, in reality it's John. In short, he shed light on the misconception of folks on his painting.

Furthermore, Sir Faheem Fredrick also shared his diverse range of knowledge with the students and highlighted the consequences of the vast amount of misinformation present on the internet which has taken over the world. In addition to this, an activity was arranged, in which a piece of paper and a pen was given to every child, and they were told to write attributes that they reflected on themselves that day, keeping the students' interest piqued throughout the event.

After these occurrences, a skit was performed by the students of classes 7 & 8, under the guidance of Ms. Shazia Tellis. This act was about a lost sheep of the Lord, a child named Ryan, who had turned away from God but He called him once more offering a second chance to embrace righteousness. Lastly, our honorable principal, Sir Leonard Dias, concluded the whole day and emphasized the importance of this valuable day.



# The Legacy Of MGS

## From Photographic society to St. Paul's Mediagraphics Society



Photography is a beautiful art form, and those who practice it are artists. The Media Graphics Society is an excellent platform for photographers, videographers, and editors to enhance their skills. This society was founded over a decade ago under the guidance of Sir Leonard Dias, who appointed Sir Shahid Nadeem Burki to lead the Photographic Society and manage its operations. Looking at the need and performance, it has since been changed into St. Paul's Mediagraphics Society by the Patron Mr. Burki along with the help of Miss Sara Salman. Together they have been leading the society since its inception. The Society has been instrumental in maintaining the school's reputation and success.

The Mediagraphic Society is involved in every school event. They cover interviews and document every moment. They capture our students' victories and events celebrating milestones.



**By: Daniel Nadeem**  
Videographer, MGS

# An extraordinary conclusion to an outstanding journey.

As the sun set on another academic year, Grade 11 Cambridge students bade adieu to their beloved alma mater, St. Paul's English High School, with a heartfelt farewell event on the 10th of March. The evening was a culmination of over a decade of memories, laughter, and camaraderie as students, teachers, and the supporting staff came together to celebrate the end of a significant chapter in their lives.

The day began as the departing students eagerly gathered at the iconic Clock Tower in DHA Phase 8 at 4:30 PM and embarked on their journey to the popular spot known as Devil's Point, renowned for its dual nature and serene natural beauty, where they captured memorable photographs. As the clock struck 6:00 PM, the journey to school began, accompanied by a trendy farewell rally of cars. Upon arrival at the school, the stage was set for an evening of reminiscence and celebration. Hosted by Eliseus Fabian Arshad and Jeremiah Shaloom Bhatti, the event commenced with an evocative series of speeches by students, reflecting their academic journey throughout the years.



Following this, the students honored their beloved educators with personalized tokens of appreciation in the form of shields embedded with titles chosen by the students themselves. Our P.E. (Physical Education) instructor, Sir Phillip Rodriguez, seized the opportunity to perform his iconic mango shake-shake dance. The evening continued with melodious musical performances by talented musicians brought by Oliver Chaudhary, including Oliver and Eliseus themselves. As the night progressed, guests savored a delectable spread of cuisines, ranging from desi delights to Chinese delicacies. Subsequently, Uncle Parshotam, a beloved figure in the school community, delivered an inspiring speech. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of shields to each student, accompanied by a personalized title that encapsulated their unique personalities.



With heads held high, the batch of 2013-2024 bade farewell to the school, ready to embrace the challenges and adventures that lie ahead. The evening served as a testament to the bonds forged and memories created during their time at St. Paul's English High School, which will forever bind them as proud Paulians.

**By: Mirza Ali Baig**

# Paulians Triumph In The Brain Teasers Contest

Taking part in diverse contests, from Model United Nations to those that boost your intellect, and conquering them is the essence of Paulians. On the 13th of March 2024, as the brightness of the morning became more apparent, Paulians were armored with confidence to embrace the victory and safeguard the longstanding reputation of St. Paul's English High School. Under the mentorship of Ms. Sidra Kamran, several Paulians participated in the "Brain Teasers" competition organized by WEEDS, which was a vocabulary and critical thinking assessment competition designed to enhance essential life skills of communication and problem-solving, divided into two rounds. In the first round of the contest, Paulians remarkably demonstrated their intellectual rigor and problem-solving skills, and with their relentless hard work, our four exceptional students made it to the final round.



However, right after the first round of the contest, on the 14th of March 2024, it was the final round of the contest. Despite the fact that students got a minimal amount of time to prepare for the final round of the contest, Tajammul, a bright student from class 3, gained the spotlight by winning the third prize in the contest. Following the dedicated participation of our students, and the victory of Tajammul, on the 26th of March 2024, a small ceremony was held in the morning assembly and our esteemed principal praised all the students for their wholehearted participation. In addition to this, our esteemed principal also encouraged the students to go beyond their academics and explore different realms of co-curricular activities.



In conclusion, for the last seventy-seven years, St Paul's English School has been a stellar example of an institution. It values not just academics, but also encourages students to explore co-curricular activities.

**By: Gaurav Haryani**

# Art Gallery



**By: Syed Ahmed Shayan**  
**Class: III B**



**By: M. Aijaz Baig**  
**Class: II-F**



**By: Shuraim Abbas**  
**Class: II F**

# Sports-A stepping stone to success



Engaging in sports for countless is solely a pathway to break free from their monotonous and tedious daily routines and it's a mean for them to relax and have pleasure for a while. However, what we disregard is its pivotal role in fostering teamwork and leadership. Folks who engage in sports on a regular basis are not just healthier and fitter than others, but besides that, they are also armoured with leadership spirits.

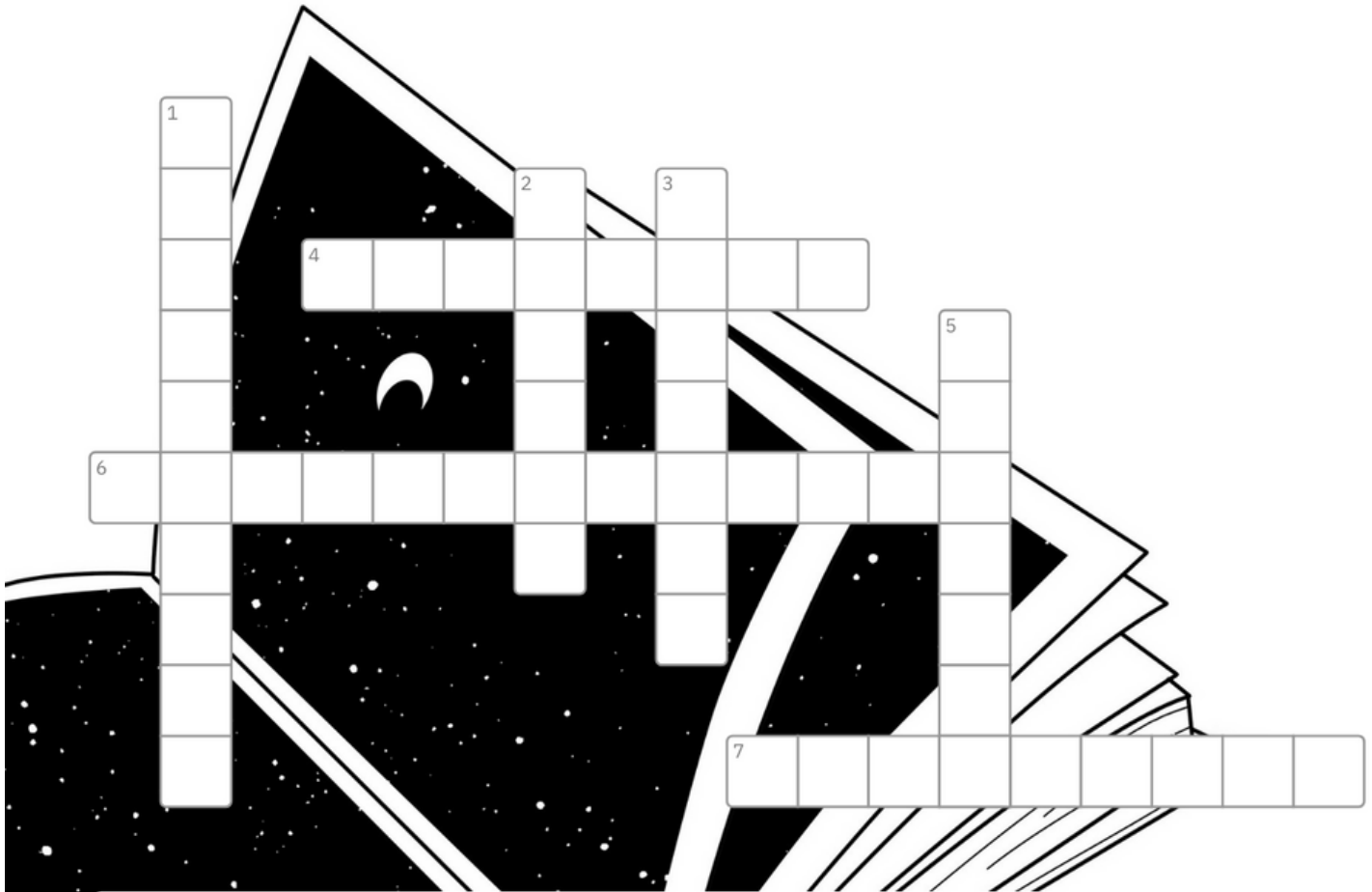
Sports offer the players a chance to engage with each other throughout the game which fosters a sense of cohesion and teamwork among them which is very advantageous as frequently students and colleagues have to work in teams on projects and having a knowledge of teamwork can facilitate the process and everyone working in the team can contribute their fullest to the task.

Additionally, it also proffers the opportunity to obtain great leadership attributes as engaging in sports gives you the opportunity to effectively guide your fellow team members, motivate them, and most significantly lead them which develops great leadership attributes in us. Furthermore, due to the advancing technologies children are no longer engaging in sports. On the other hand, virtual games have entirely captured their attention and replaced physical sport which is not only leading to mental disorders and vision problems, but also hinders acquiring leadership skills and engaging in teamwork. To summarize, sports play a crucial role in promoting teamwork and leadership, but advancing technology is becoming a stumbling block in promoting teamwork and leadership through sports.



By:Gaurav Haryani

# PAULIAN PUZZLE



## Down

1. A place equipped with instruments for experimental study
2. The buildings of an educational institution
3. A hub of knowledge
5. A place to purchase food in a school

## Across

4. The art of arguing about a particular subject, especially in a formal manner.
6. A formal examination given by grade 9 and 10 students
7. The head of a school

Attention puzzle enthusiasts! Submit your answers to the S.P.E.L.L email address for consideration, and if your solution is correct, you could be featured in the next issue of our newsletter

# Upcoming Events

## Events

→ A trip to the TDF  
Museum

→ Rainbow  
Competition  
results

→ Summer Vacations

→ Independence  
day celebrations

→ Staff Club Picnic

## Dates

8 May

30 April

June and July

14 August

25 May

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