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Dear Parents,

Have the courage to accept that your children are not perfect, nothing is, and no one is and that, it is alright. You are parents who have taught your children from birth that they are special and not because of their accomplishment or achievement - self-esteem without portfolio and they could be anything they want to be.

But against the backdrop of the complicated, competitive world, your high expectations and sense of entitlement have set them up for frustration, anxiety, and disappointment. As one social scientist put it, "This is a time of soaring expectations and crushing realities."

But encouraging their passion, their persistence, their hard work and a little humility will serve them well — and help them focus on doing their best in the work they do, rather than doing what they think you want them to do.

That means knowing and accepting their strengths and weaknesses. In other words looking at them honestly - understanding their passions, their skills, their temperament and their limitations. If they are a square peg, no matter how hard you and others try, you're just not going to be able to fit them very well into a round hole.

Of the rich and famous, the vast majority made money and became prominent not because they pursued riches and fame, but only as a side effect of doing what they loved.

Therefore it would be wise if you were to take a step back and help your children help themselves to realize their dreams.

Mahine Khan



CGS RETROSPECTIVE 2014/2015

Development, Events and Programmes held:

- ◆ CGS Community School opens in CGSD 2 premises.
- ◆ Graduation, Promotion and Attainment ceremonies for graduating classes.
- ◆ Award ceremonies for Upper, Middle and Lower.
- ◆ Orientation Program for parents in September.
- ◆ Bengali New Year was celebrated with a Charity Carnival, hosting over 11000 visitors and raising Tk 5, 25,186 for our RS Charity Fund.
- ◆ Annual Cultural Programme for all classes.
- ◆ CGS Teachers Convention held in December.
- ◆ An Ekushey memorial ceremony was held.
- ◆ CGS celebrated UN/Halloween Mufti.
- ◆ Pitha Festival Held.
- ◆ Victory Days celebrated.
- ◆ 6th CGS Book Fair held.
- ◆ CGS volunteered to support 'Jaago Iftar', and donated Tk 200,000 to Jaago from RS charity funds.
- ◆ Re-launching the Duke of Edinburgh Award Program in December.
- ◆ Tk 4,75,660/- funds raised for Nepal Earthquake victims.
- ◆ 595 outfits for Eid for CS and Jaago from CGS RS fund.

Training, Tours and Conferences.

- ◆ CIE held teacher training workshops for 'O' and 'A' Level subjects in October and May.
- ◆ CIE Principals' Forum at Dhaka in February.
- ◆ DEA training at CGSD.
- ◆ R.E.A.D. Workshops held at CGSD in November.
- ◆ Counselling, careers seminars held for class 7.
- ◆ Summer Exchange from CAS School, Pakistan.
- ◆ One Summer exchange to Daly College, India.
- ◆ Gap Students from Canada and Denmark at CGS.
- ◆ CGS students and faculty attended 10 Round Square (RS) and MUN Conferences in 2014/2015:

1. October 2014: 5 students attended Round Square International Conference at the **King's Academy**, Jordan.
2. October 2014: 7 students attended the Young RS Conference at the **Dhirubhai Ambani** in Mumbai, India.
3. December 2014 Asia Chowdhury attended **Cambridge Schools Conference** in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
4. January 2015: 10 students attended the Asia Pacific MUN Conference, **The Yale-NUS College**, Singapore.
5. February 2015: CGS In-house International Round Square Conference, '**Breaking Boundaries**'.
6. February 2015: 11 students attended the **Harvard Model United Nations** Conference, Boston, USA.
7. February 2015: 6 students attended the YRS Conference, **The Singapore International School**, India.
8. March 2015: Shereen Ispahani attended the RS

Board Meeting held at **Salem International School**, Germany.

9. April 2015: 3 students attended the YRS Regional Conference at **Collingwood School**, Canada.

10. June 2015: 6 students attended the RS Regional Conference at **Emerald Heights School**, India.

Extracurricular Activities (ECA's):

- ◆ Annual Athletics held.
- ◆ Inter-house competitions in athletics, badminton, basketball, cricket, football, ha-do-do, table-tennis
- ◆ Inter-School competitions in cricket, football and basketball.
- ◆ CGS hosted an online art competition.
- ◆ CGS ranked 5th at the AISD Basketball tournament.

Academic and other Achievements:

- ◆ 8 CGS students won Silver and Bronze awards in the Royal Commonwealth Society Essay Competition.
- ◆ CGS students won 1st prize in Children Science Congress.
- ◆ CGS student won an Australian photography competition.
- ◆ CGS tied winner in a Global Online Competition for the project 'The Face of Our Town.'
- ◆ CGS students won ICS Art Award.
- ◆ 22 CGS: NC students attained a total of GPA 5.0 in third batch of National Curriculum PSCE.
- ◆ 61 Daily Star 'National Builder' Awards won by CGS.
- ◆ **Dibyatanoy** received CIE Top-in-The-World Awards for 'AS' Level Chemistry, Mathematics, Top-in-Bangladesh Awards for 'AS' Level Biology, Computing and Physics and First Place for 'AS' Level and CIE Best Across Four Subjects.
- ◆ **Shadman** received CIE Top-in-Bangladesh Award for 'AS' Level Business Studies.
- ◆ **Sourav** received CIE Top-in-Bangladesh Award in 'A' Level Physics & Chemistry.
- ◆ **Sidique** received CIE Top-in-Bangladesh Award for 'O' Level Computer Studies.
- ◆ **Munem** received CIE High Achievement Awards for 'O' Level Environmental Biology.
- ◆ CGS won 11 'CIE Brilliance' Awards.
- ◆ CGSD Checkpoint results were 68% overall.
- ◆ 97% pass rate was achieved for 'O' Levels, while the A/B percentage reached 88%, with 62% A grades.
- ◆ 'AS/A' Level pass rate was 100%. The A/B percentage was 64%, while 40% were A grades.
- ◆ CGS students gained admission in top universities across the world including: AUW, Cambridge, City University, HKU, Imperial, Manchester, McGill, Minnesota, Monash, Mountain Alison Nottingham, Stony Brook, University College London, UCLA, University of Toronto, Yale and York!

OUTFITS FOR EID FOR CS STUDENTS

The CGS community rallied together to make 'Outfits for Eid' for our very special young pupils in all 6 CGS Community Schools. Students of all CGS and CGSD branches went shopping to help their CS wards find and get fitted for a shoe of their choice, as pictured below:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS	DATE
Summer Holidays	3.7-3.8.15
School Offices Shut	3.7.15
Lailatul Quadr*	15.7.2015
Eid-ul-Fitr*	18.7.2015
School Offices Open	25.7.2015
Book Days	29.7-1.8.15
School Commences	4.8.2015