



Flaming enthusiasm, backed up by horse sense and persistence, is the quality that most frequently makes for success.
-Dale Carnegie

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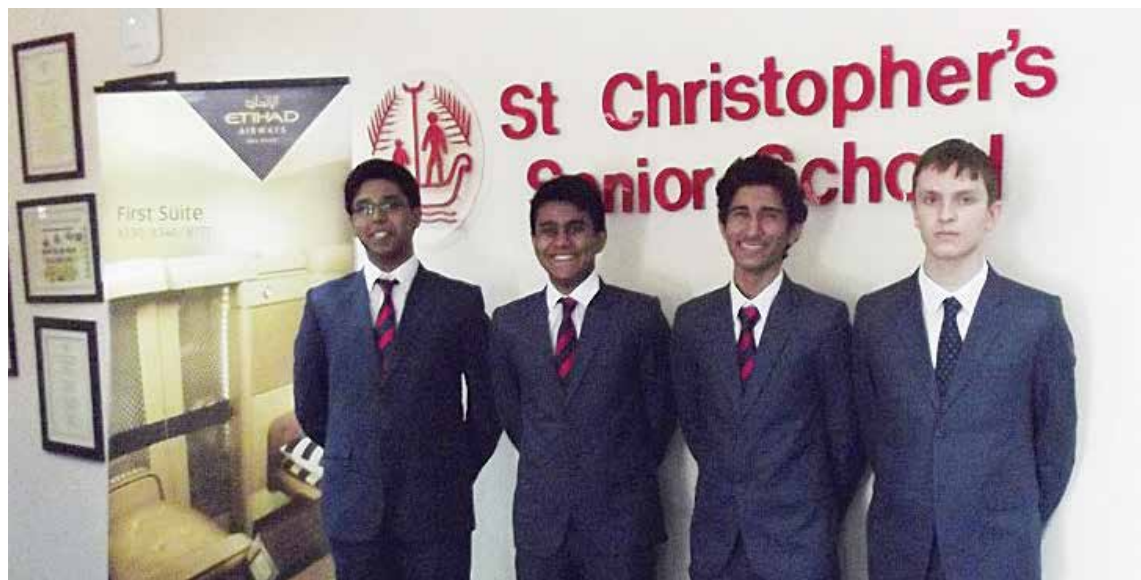
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KEEN TO TAKE DEBATING FORWARD

Debate is a growing educational dynamic worldwide, and particularly in the Middle East. A pioneering team of 5 students from St Christopher's Senior School proved that Bahrain debaters can compete on an international level this summer.

The World Schools Debating Championships (WSDC) is the most prestigious debating event on the pre-university calendar. It has been running for 27 years and takes place all over the world – a truly international event bringing many nations together. Fifty-five nations attended the finals in Singapore this year.

St Chris Students Adam Wilson, Harsh Ainapure, Anish Vishwakoti, Abdulla Janahai and Hesham Albaharna were the first ever team to represent Bahrain at the WSDC finals. They defeated the national teams of Turkey and Japan, and were awarded split decisions against the national teams of China, Croatia and Bermuda. They were also awarded the Best New Nation prize.



"This was the most competitive experience of my life so far, and at the same time the most fun. I hope other students from Bahrain get the chance to do this," said Anish Vishwakoti.

Abdulla Janahi commented:

"My thoughts on the tournament? Unforgettable. Truly unforgettable. We competed with the best, watched the best, defeated some of the best, and ultimately learned from the best. It was an honour to represent my country. We will be back for

more. This is not the end, it is the beginning".

The students are now keen to take debating forward to the Bahrain schools community at large, and establish a Bahrain Debating Foundation where opportunities

would exist to trial for WSDC 2016.

Team Coordinator, David Milnes stated, "Any secondary school in Bahrain would be welcome to join the Federation, at no cost, and participate in trials for a Bahrain National Team to go to Stuttgart, Germany next summer for the 28th World Schools Debating Championships." Although taking this initiative further will be heavily dependent on sponsorship from local firms. "No student should be debarred on account of costs," said David Milnes, who took the St Christopher's team to Singapore. "It would be unethical to build up the hopes of debaters from families who could not afford to send their son or daughter, only to dash their hopes because no sponsor could be found. At the WSDC all the teams have sponsorship of some kind". A team of 5 debaters and two adults going to the WSDC 2016 would need total sponsorship of around BD 5000. For more information on the World School's Debating Championships this summer, please visit their website: <http://www.wsd2015.org/>



St Chris Senior School celebrates 'World Heart Day 2015'

Students at the St Christopher's Senior School in Isa Town took part in World Heart Day activities.

Enrichment lessons focused on knowledge of the heart and how to keep the heart healthy. The students took part in skipping exercises, rowing challenges, and an exercise-ball aerobics class!

Al Kindi Hospital once again very kindly supported the day by testing Blood Sugar and blood pressure levels of the



students, and members of their team also advised on healthy heart practices.

NHS pays tribute to Mahatma Gandhi

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India's great leader, Mahatma Gandhi, was remembered fondly on the occasion of his birthday on October 2, at the New Horizon School.

The School celebrated the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi known as the Father of India and a beacon of light in the last decades of British colonial rule, promoting non-violence, justice and harmony between people of all faiths. Mr. Suresh Sahadevan, the keynote speaker of the day emphasized on the need for children to grow in an environment of love, peace and harmony to safeguard their future. There were dances highlighting the theme 'Union is Strength'. Songs dedicated to Gandhi, a skit on Oneness of Humanity and a quiz programme with spot prizes were conducted to immortalize Gandhi's name among the nations across the globe.

The Student Council, the Special Wing and the Senior Leaders paid floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.

