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Headmaster's Foreword

This Yearbook has been woven with great pride, pleasure and enthusiasm. It is a testament to the phenomenal journey the school community has undertaken and embarked upon. As one flips the pages, you will find a rich tapestry of voices, each one sharing their distinctive experiences and perspectives on varied topics. The Yearbook is just not about the articles and pictures but a reflection of the diverse talents and passion that makes The Assam Valley School so dynamic. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated staff and the immensely talented students for making this Yearbook successful. As we continue to explore the limitless boundaries of knowledge, I thank all of you for being a part of our school's journey.

Dr. Amit Jugran



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Staff Editor-in-Chief speaks

I find myself every so often asking my wife, family, friends and colleagues details of some event or incident that happened as I am a little fuzzy on certain details; it may be the name of a person or place or any other detail that has got lost in the mists of time. I am certain this happens with all of us and we cannot write them off as '*senior citizen*' lapses. Our brain constantly declutters and frees up space so as to cope with a continuous barrage of information that assaults us on a daily basis. It is for this reason that so many of us maintain notes, journals and 'to do' lists regularly; we simply cannot remember every detail even in the short-term!

The Yearbook helps us accurately record events that have happened in that period. As we look back on these months and this year in the pages of this book, we fondly recollect moments that we had forgotten. The scores of photographs help us remember friends, classmates, teachers, colleagues and others. Memories rush back with events chronicled with names, dates and places et al.

I take this opportunity to thank the students who have put in many hours to bring this book out, as also my colleagues who have been instrumental in providing accurate data and for the design and layout. I know I could not have done this alone and I humbly acknowledge the team effort. I hope you enjoy going through this and marvel at the talent and sheer volume of opportunities on offer to all who have the privilege to study and work on this amazing campus we so proudly call home.

Mr. Leslie Peter Watts



There will always be instances in life where you'll find yourself in places in which you would never picture yourself. Working for the Yearbook for me was one such instance. Over the course of the ten years that I have spent in this school, there are no other memories that I cherish as fondly as the ones that I've spent in the company of Mr. Watts and our team. Perhaps it is only because of being placed in situations unperceived that one truly discovers his or her own capacities.

Putting this Yearbook together has not been easy but we pulled it off together, creating bonds that will last us a lifetime. I sit in the Careers Department, over caffeinated, way past my deadline, and try to think of what I did in this school and make an article out of it, stumped by how much I have to say and how little space there is for me to say it. I know I speak for all of us when I say that we are satisfied and fulfilled with the way our work turned out and it all just seems to have worked out in the end. The last official day that I spent editing the Yearbook along with my confreres, was by far the most outrageous day I had experienced, and had certainly never expected.

Summing up the doings of all the people encompassed in the ninety five beautiful sylvan hectares of The Assam Valley School in a few limited pages is a tall ask, but I hope through the tireless days and nights spent on creating this bundle of memories, we were able to do justice to the moments and joys worth being commemorated. It is after all the moments we remember not the days.

I am grateful for those with whom I have crossed paths, those that have remained, those that left and especially those that came by. It has been a journey truly worth its place in my museum of memories. As I voyage forward, I bid my final farewell, to those with us and those after us.

Bhavini Singh Tanwar



Thoughts from the
Editor-in-
-Chief (Student)





The School Captain: Looking back

Eight years in this place, a place many of us call home, time has flown by. I never imagined that AVS would fully embrace me, providing me with myriad opportunities to study and grow, thereby defining my character today. At first, I was captivated by the huge campus of our school amidst the sprawling, lush tea gardens, which also seemed overwhelming in my initial years. I was unsure of where I was, when, all along I was simply homesick. At this critical juncture it was my seniors and teachers who looked after me affectionately and made school feel like home.

In my final year I was fortunate enough to be elected as the School Captain of this wonderful institution which moulded me into who I am today. This leadership role brought home the realisation that a little metal badge can weigh a ton. The experience that I gained during this time is unparalleled. There were many sacrifices to be made while carrying out my duties, but it was all worthwhile in the end. I have learned things which I could not have learnt anywhere else and one such lesson I learned was that good leaders take the blame and pass on the credit. The journey was not always easy but learning to sail through those difficult times was an experience worth a lifetime.

AVS is place where people create unlimited memories be it in the Cafeteria, the Pavilion, the MSB, boarding houses wherein each moment in itself becomes a memory that lasts forever. Never had I ever thought that I would grow so fond of and attached to any place but as my time in school is coming to an end, I cannot even contemplate the thought of leaving. The journey was not always smooth but the constant and never ending support of my prefectural team and guidance by the teachers was always comforting. As I write this, I cannot help but reflect upon the words of the previous School Captain who had said that The Assam Valley School is not about the buildings, the trees, or the location, it is us. As the time is approaching for the next batch it is time we create our legacy and pass on the baton. Batches will come and go but it is AVS that remains forever.

Gungming Phassang



As the realisation dawns upon me that my time at The Assam Valley School is drawing to a close, I am filled with profound gratitude and nostalgia. Reflecting on the months that have passed, I am overwhelmed by the moments that have forged everlasting bonds and memories. My journey at this institution began in 2016, and the seven-year odyssey has been woven with myriad emotions that cannot be encapsulated in a single instance.

I will forever cherish those sleepless nights when I sacrificed what I could in pursuit of a better tomorrow. I embraced the challenges presented to me, both big and small and poured my heart and soul into my endeavours. The relentless dedication and perseverance eventually yielded dividend and I am immensely grateful for the unwavering support bestowed upon me by the exceptional educators and mentors who guided my path. Moreover, I am indebted to my peers, who have become more than companions; they are family.

In defying scepticism, both from others and myself, I ventured beyond the boundaries of what I thought possible. I pushed myself beyond limits I never knew existed. With every step, I proved the doubting Thomas wrong and more importantly, I proved myself wrong. The journey has been gruelling, but the rewards have been immeasurable.

I am eternally indebted to Mr. Jalam Singh and Mr. Prem Kumar Singh, whose unwavering belief in my potential has fuelled my growth over the years. As the Headboy of The Assam Valley School, I have had the privilege of working alongside a dedicated team that toiled tirelessly from dawn till dusk. Making decisions sometimes confounded me, but I hope my contributions have inspired my fellow students and instilled a sense of determination to achieve greater things.

As we bid farewell to this hallowed place, brimming with anticipation and uncertainty, we venture forth into the unknown paths of life. Yet, whenever I journey back in time and reminisce, AVS will forever evoke immense joy within me. And now, the next flight of stairs awaits, beckoning me to ascend with courage and resilience.

Nabadeep Deka



Head Boy speaks



Head Girl's thoughts

*"Anything I do, I want to do it well."
-Jermaine Lamarr Cole*

Seventeen years is a long time, but not long enough for a haven like AVS. It is only when you stop and ponder do you realise how much this place really means to you. Time plays its funny tricks; one moment, you want the world to cave in quickly, the next, you want the clock to cease its ticking. I had never experienced the sensation of leaving home, because the first time I'll truly be leaving everyone and everything I have ever known, will be the day I become an alumnus. I may not remember my first day of school, but I do remember the journey. This place will soon be but a memory frozen in time - a memory that encompasses the entirety of my life up to now. The warm winter sun permeating through the tall trees along the Elephant Pass whilst everyone returns from morning conditioning, the chilly autumn breeze denoting the arrival of Founders', the drum beats of March Past awakening a sense of spirit in the bluish hue of dusk, the tranquil LOC clothed with fuzzy fireflies after the football teams have dispersed; there is so much mystery by which Aviators are yet to be captivated. But AVS is not just its campus or its buildings; its soul lives within its traditions. The undying enthusiasm that our seniors instilled in us will always be passed on to our juniors. Legacies will be continued and formed while the sands of time slip through our fingers.

Our Headmaster once asked me before I got my badge, "What is AVS?" Well to this day, I cannot do justice to it with words. Perhaps nobody ever will. AVS is understood through words unsaid and sentiments only felt. I had always longed to feel the grandeur of being a prefect, but now that I'm here, I affirm that the constant reminder of my little time left in school makes me wish I never grew up. Leading these hundreds of girls has been my most honourable responsibility. It feels surreal that I wear the same badge as the seniors I looked up to did. There were times when I would miss having seniors, but the love I received from my juniors, batch mates, teachers and the community at large made me realize that it's just a part of growing up. It may be overwhelming, but it is what it is. Life moved on at a heady pace and in the blink of an eye, I am no longer a Tihu girl carrying my heavy backpack up the stairs of the MSB but the Head Girl trying to figure out a way to fit in more than a decade full of memories into just a few words.

Hana Shanifer Ahmed





From the Sports Captains

AVS has always been a place where Sport remains deeply ingrained in the lives of every aviator. Serving as the Sports Captains of this school has been an honour and a privilege; it has been a transformative experience for both of us, personally and as leaders. In our tenure, we have been fortunate enough to have seen the department excel and grow tremendously, and we are elated to share that the school has witnessed two major victories, one by the U-14 football boys and U-14 football girls marking this year as the most successful year for Sport at *AVS*. The sports culture at *AVS* thrives due to the diverse talents that each student brings to the table.

Other students at school are motivated by these accomplishments to play sports and compete in Inter-School tournaments. For aviators, being a member of the school team is a source of enormous pride. These talented students act as role

models for juniors, inspiring them to push their limits in sports. On the fields, aviators join together, putting aside their differences, forging strong friendships, and building a positive environment. Beyond the teams, this sense of oneness fosters a strong sense of connection to the institution, nurturing a sense of school spirit. As the Sports Captains, it gives us great vigour to see our peers and juniors embrace sports with enthusiasm.

We have faith that aviators will keep pushing themselves to be the best and succeed even more in the years to come. In conclusion, the sporting legacy at *AVS* is vibrant, and vivid. We are grateful to have played a role in promoting it alongside an assorted and passionate student prefectural body. *AVS* is poised for a future filled with continued achievements and growth in sports and we wish the students all the very best for their future endeavours.

Siddhi Gupta & Deni Punning



From the Cultural Captains' Quill

The Assam Valley School excelled in terms of cultural pursuits this year. We hosted the Inter-School MUN, Srijanyam (Inter School Art and design fest) and The East India Debates, where various schools participated from across the country. The Assam Valley School is not just about academics; it's a hub of artistic creativity and expression. The students have consistently dazzled audiences with their talent in music, dance, drama, and fine arts. Our cultural events are a testament to the artistic prowess that thrives within our school walls. The School also participated in various IPSC events such as dance, dramatics, music and I.T. Fests where we bagged numerous prizes.

As our time as *Cultural Captains* comes to an end, we want to express our gratitude for the incredible journey we've had the privilege of leading. Our mission was to foster creativity, unity, and a sense of belonging within our school and we couldn't be more proud of what we've achieved together.

Throughout the year, we witnessed some amazing talents shine brightly in various cultural events, from music and dance performances to art exhibitions and literary endeavours.

We want to thank the teachers and staff who supported our initiatives and the countless students who dedicated their time and energy to make our cultural events a success. Your enthusiasm and dedication have been truly inspiring.

As we pass the torch on to the next batch of cultural leaders, we encourage you to keep the spirit of creativity alive, embrace cultural exchange, and continue to build bridges of understanding within our school community. Thank you for allowing us to serve as your *Cultural Captains*. It has been an honour and a privilege.

Veesaj Goswami & Diksha Baruah