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EDUCATION

The Cathedral and John Connon School, Mumbai, India

- Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE) Grade 10- 98.2%
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) GPA: 3.99: - 42/42 Y11 Semester 1, 41/42 Y11 Semester 2, 42/42 Y12 Semester 1

STANDARDISED TESTS AND APs

- SAT/ACT – 1540/1600 (English EBRW: 750, Math: 790)
- IELTS – 8.5/9.0
- Advanced Placement (AP) - AP **Psychology** 5/5, AP **Microeconomics** 5/5, AP **World History** 5/5 and AP **Macroeconomics** 5/5

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONOURS

School Honours

- Honours Prize for Academic Excellence in Grade 9, 10,11 (**2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25**)
- Subject Prize (Highest Scorer of Y11) in English A Language and Literature SL, Chemistry SL, History HL, Economics HL (**2024-25**)
- Awarded Cultural Badge for Excellence in Cultural Activities such as MUN, Debate, Essay Competitions etc. (1 of 2 students) (**2023-24**)
- Topped the Grade in Year 11 with 3.98 GPA (42/42, 41/42)

National and International Awards

- AP Scholar with Honours (**2024**)
- National Topper in the ICSE Chemistry, Biology, History, Geography, and English Literature Board Examinations (Top 0.01%) (**2024**)
- Winner (1st Place) of Asia and Oceania Continental Economics Cup, Gold Medal in all Categories and Highest Distinction (**2025**)
- Commendation in the John Locke Institution Essay Writing Competition in the Economics Category (**2024**)
- Distinction in the Canadian Senior Mathematics Competition (CSMC) held by the University of Waterloo (**2024**)
- Gold Medal in the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge held by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (Top 10%) (**2025**)
- Distinction in the Cambridge Economic and Financial Competition (CEFC) (**2025**)
- Honourable Mention (Calculus, Algebra and Guts), Distinguished Honourable Mention (Team and Power Round) in Stanford Math Tournament (**2025**)
- School Champion, Distinction and Top 10% in the World in Avogadro Chemistry Competition held by the University of Waterloo (**2025**)

LEADERSHIP

- President of The Symposium Club**, The Cathedral and John Connon School's MUN and International Relations 130+ students club, coordinating 14 MUN Conferences, organising training sessions, selections and try-outs, in addition to conducting and overseeing mentorship programmes (**2025-26**)
- Secretary General of the 29th Cathedral Model United Nations**, one of India's Largest and Oldest Student-Run MUNs attended by 380+ delegates, leading 90-member Secretariat, planning first CMUN essay contest (**2025**)
- Appointed School Prefect** by the Principal through a combination of student and teacher votes to represent opinion of 1200+ students and facilitate dialogue with faculty. Advised Principal on improving school policies as part of Advisory Council and organised major school events, (**2025-26**)
- English Debates Secretary**, Head of the 120+ member Society, conducting try-outs and training to improve skills in argumentation and rebuttal for 10+ debates, organising Inter-House English Debates viewed by 700+ people, and planning first edition of Inter-School Cathedral Debates (**2025-26**)
- House Captain of the Barham House**, overseeing participation 150+ students in various cultural activities and sports, directing play

EDUCATION AWARENESS AND EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVES

Internship and Research Project

- Primary Research Intern at Credila for 8 months, studying how education loans empower society. Authored a research paper on the impact of Credila's loans on customers' finances, career outcomes, education affordability (Survey reached 100,000+ customers). (**2024-25**)

Community Outreach

- Launched www.EducateIndia.co, a portal to increase accessibility of Higher Education in India through information: authored the Educate India Handbook, hosted podcasts and conducted seminars. Designed EMI Calculator and created comprehensive loan and scholarship database (**2024-25**)
- Taught students aged 7-12 from the Yasham Foundation topics under Math, Science, and Social Studies (**2024-25**)

Jaipur Footcamp

- Worked with Uddhar Foundation on organising a *Jaipur Footcamp* to help 500+ individuals receive prosthetic limbs across a period of 2 years, coordinating with donors, patients and the host venues

Independent Student Researcher

- Wrote an Independent Research Paper on India's Education Loan Framework: Expanding Access to Lower- and Middle-Income Students (**2025**)

Editorship

- Editor-in-Chief for "*Cathedral Cares*" the monthly Social Justice newsletter of the Cathedral and John Connon School read by 600+ (**2025-26**) discussing Educational Equity and volunteering options for school students

GOVERNMENT AND POLICY EXPERIENCE

Internship and Policy Brief

- Higher Education Policy Intern at the Maharashtra Institute of Transformation (MITRA) under National Institute for Transformation (NitiAayog), the Government of India's Policy Think Tank, Chaired by the PM of India:
- Drafted 30+ page policy on setting up Foreign Higher Educational Institutions (FHEIs) in the State of Maharashtra according to the National Education Policy (2020) and State Guidelines and designed Public Benefit Assessment Framework in consultation with educational leaders.

Open Letter Forum

- Created Voice for Change: Open Letter Forum for Students across India to engage with Policymakers on issues such as Education Policy, Climate Policy, Economic Inequality etc. Received 300+ responses (www.openletter.co.in)

IBDP Economics Extended Essay (EE)

- 4,000-word EE in Economic Policy on the effect of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act on Employment in the District of Nagpur in Maharashtra from 2021-2024, utilizing Primary Data from Rural Citizens

Editorship

- *Founding Editor-in-Chief* of "The World in Brief" monthly International Relations and Public Policy Newsletter read by 600+ students to increase global and political awareness (2025-26)

Independent Student Researcher

- Collected data from 150+ individuals around the world, and conducted independent research and analysis on the limitations of the Political Spectrum in representing political opinion, exploring statistical measures as viable alternatives (2024-25)

MUNs AND DEBATES

Author

- Authored **UNLocked: Mastering Model UN and Debate**, a 70-page book available internationally on Amazon, Flipkart etc. on the importance and benefits of MUN and Debate, along with the relevant strategies and skills to be employed.

National and International Model United Nations (MUN) Conferences

- Winner of 8 Best Delegates, 4 Outstanding Delegates, and 3 Honourable Mentions at National and International Prestigious conferences such as **Harvard MUN Boston, St. James School Calcutta MUN, RBSMUN Nepal, La Martiniere Lucknow MUN, Ashoka University MUN, etc.**
- Assistant-Director at **Harvard MUN India**, Delhi 2024 in the committee Mexico-1994 and CMUN 2024 in the Roman Senate, 44BC (2024)

National and International Debate Tournaments

- **Cambridge Union British Parliamentary Debates, United Kingdom 2025:** Represented Team India: Overall Winner ESL Category, Open Semi-Finals (8/100 teams), Awarded 2nd Best ESL and Novice Speaker of the Tournament
- **Indian Schools Debating Championship 2024 (ISDC, India's Largest and most Prestigious Debate Tournament):** Won the Debate Tournament Overall (1/60 teams), crowned National Champions
- **Indian School's Debating Society National Camp (ISDS)** (2023, 2025) Attended National Selections Camp of Top 80 students India (Top 2% of National Debaters) held to select Team India for the World Schools Debating Championship (WSDC)

Other Significant Debate Victories (Overall Winner of the Tournament)

- **The 68th Chuckerbutty Debates, Doon School 2025 (India's Oldest Debate):** Won the Debate Tournament Overall
- **The Emerald Heights School's Debate 2024:** Won the Debate Tournament Overall, Awarded 3rd Best Speaker of the Tournament
- **The Jaipur Debates, Neerja Modi School, 2021 (Junior Cup)** Won the Debate Tournament Overall, Awarded Best Speaker of the Finals
- **IIT Delhi x Indian Debating League's Sustainability Debate Tournament, 2024:** Winners of the Varsity Debate Overall,
- Awarded 2nd Best Speaker of the Tournament
- **The Neerja Modi Union Budget Economics Debate, 2025:** Won the Economic Debate Tournament Overall (25 Teams)

MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

- Editor-in-Chief for "*Decrypted*" STEAM Newsletter in Cathedral Full Steam Ahead (FSA) Club read by 600+ students (2023-24, 2024-25)
- Editor-in-Chief for "*Mathematica*" Monthly Math Magazine of the Cathedral and John Connon School read by 600+ students (2025-26)
- Anchored "The Fried Circuit" Podcast under the FSA Club, organising 6 episodes on STEM Policy, gaining 10,000+ views (2025)
- **Founding Secretary of Cathedral Math Society**, organising try-outs, weekly workshops for 130+ for tournament-level advanced math. (2025-26)
- **Organising Committee for Cathedral Math Competition**, scaled to one of largest international high-school math competition (5,000+) Designed 110+ novel questions for the Integration Bee and Senior Test (2025, 2026)

MUSIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Passed with distinction in Music Theory Exams of the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music (ABRSM) Grades 1- 5 (2016 – 2021)
- Passed with distinction in the Piano Exams held by Trinity College of Music, London in Grades 1- 4 (2014 – 2021), Grade 6 (2023)
- Performed in 6+ concerts in front of 4,000+ people at venues such as the National Centre of Performing Arts (NCPA) and the Royal Opera House to raise funds for a variety of causes including Adult Literacy, Educating Underprivileged Children and Upskilling Women (2022-25)
- Organising Committee: Encore (2024) and Studio165: Cathedral's Flagship Fundraiser. Part of Core Band as Pianist and helped raise \$60,000 (2025)

COURSES

- Took a Yale University Online Course on the Moral Foundations of Politics under Professor Ian Shapiro (2024)
- Took a Stanford Online Course POLISCIX0001 Comparative Democratic Development Part I under Professor Larry Diamond (2025)

INTERESTS

Piano, Debating, Reading History and International Affairs, Learning Math, Policy and Student Government