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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) 42/42 Y11 Semester 1, 41/42 Y11 Semester 2

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 140+ students club, coordinating 15+ 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** India's Largest and Oldest Student-Run MUN Conference attended by 350+ delegates, leading 50-member Secretariat and 80 member Logistics team through the process of planning the conference, planning an essay contest (**2025**)
- Appointed School Prefect** by the Principal through a combination of student and teacher votes to lead 1800+ students in sports/culture/policy along with assisting in running school events and representing student opinion, helping re-instate the Cathedral Ethics Initiative (**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

EDUCATION AWARENESS AND EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVES

Internship and Research Project

- Interned at HDFC Credila for 8 months, studying how education loans empower society (**2024-25**), conducting primary research on the impact of Education Loans on the lives of individuals surveying 3,000+ beneficiaries, preparing a research paper after consolidating and quantitatively and qualitatively assessing findings

Independent Student Researcher

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

Community Outreach

- Launched www.EducateIndia.co, a portal to spread awareness on Scholarship Opportunities for Primary and Higher Education in India, conducting podcasts with leading organisations and synthesising findings to expand access (**2024-25**)
- Taught students aged 7-12 from the Yasham Foundation teaching 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

Editorship

- Editor-in-Chief for “*Cathedral Cares*” The Monthly Charity Newsletter of the Cathedral and John Connon School read by 700+ students (**2025-26**) discussing Educational Equity and volunteering options for School Students

GOVERNMENT AND POLICY EXPERIENCE

Internship and Policy Brief

- Interned 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 a policy brief on setting up Foreign Higher Educational Institutions (FHEIs) in the State of Maharashtra according to the National Education Policy (2020) and National Guidelines

Open Letter Forum

- **Created Voice for Change**: an Open Letter Forum for Students across India to engage with Policymakers on issues such as Education Policy, Climate Policy, Rural Development etc. by submitting their own Letters (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

- *Editor-in-Chief* of "The World in Brief" Monthly International Relations and Public Policy Newsletter read by 600+ students (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 **St. James School MUN**, **La Martiniere College Lucknow MUN**, **La Martiniere Calcutta MUN**, **RBSMUN Nepal**, **Ashoka University MUN**, **Harvard MUN Boston** 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**: Awarded 1st Place in the English Second Language (ESL) Category Overall, Qualified 2nd in Open Category to 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 (50 teams), crowned National Champions
- **Indian School's Debating Society National Camp (ISDS)** (2023, 2025) Attended National Selections Camp of only 60 students across India (Top 0.02% of National Debaters) held to select Team India for the World Schools Debating Championship (WSDC)
- **The Emerald Heights School's Debate 2024**: Won the Debate Tournament Overall (30 Teams), Awarded 3rd Best Speaker of the Tournament
- **The 68th Chuckerbutty Debates, Doon School 2025 (India's Oldest Debate)**: Won the Debate Tournament Overall (50 Teams)
- **The Jaipur Debates, Neerja Modi School, 2021 (Junior Cup)** Won the Debate Tournament Overall (32 Teams), Awarded Best Speaker of the Finals
- **IIT Delhi x Indian Debating League's Sustainability Debate Tournament, 2024**: Won the Varsity Debate Overall out of 60 participating teams, 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 400+ 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, hosting 6 episodes, gaining 7,000+ views (2025)
- **Founding Secretary of Cathedral Math Society**, organising try-outs, practice sessions and forming teams for competitive tournaments (2025-26)
- *Organising Committee for Cathedral Math Competition*, India's Largest High School Math Competition, creating questions for the Integration Bee and Senior Test vetted by the Director of the Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing at the University of Waterloo (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: Children with Cancer, Educating Underprivileged Children and Upskilling Women (2022-25)

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, Solving Math Problems, Policy and Student Government