**Inaayat Passi**

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**EDUCATION**

**Wellington College, Crowthorne, UK**  *Expected Graduation: May 2023*

**A-Level Subjects:** Maths, Economics, Chemistry

**EPQ Topic:** Capitalist Expansion in the United States - A Path to Sustainable Growth or Climate Degradation?

**Vasant Valley School, New Delhi** *October 2012 – May 2021*

**Grade 10: CBSE finals:** 94.6%

**AWARDS & COMPETITIONS**

*Academic*

**Wellington College Humanities and Social Science Essay Competition-** Prompt**:** *Do investments in oil and gas 2022*

*industry hamper climate change goals in UAE-* shortlisted among top 5 entries

**New College of the Humanities Essay competition** – Prompt: *How Has the COVID-19 Pandemic Impacted 2021 Inequalities?*

**John Locke Essay Competition** – Prompt: *Do We Need a Greta?*  *2021*

**Senior Mathematical Challenge (UKMT)** - Bronze  *2021*

**Global Economics Olympiad (GEO)** *2021*

**Vasant Valley Inter-house Science Quiz** – 1st Prize *2019*

**Vasant Valley English Prompt Based Creative Writing Competition** – 3rd Prize *2018*

*Social Service*

Nominated for **Pramerica Spirit of Community Award** for Back 2 School Initiative *2022*

Nominated for **Diana Award** for Back 2 School Initiative *2022*

**OTHER EXAMS & COURSEWORK**

**STANDARDIZED TESTS**

**AP Psychology** – 5/5 *2021*

**SUMMER PROGRAMS**

**Northwestern CTD**: Microeconomics Seminar *Summer 2021*

* Under the mentorship of Prof. Brian Quistberg, I studied various Economics topics including opportunity cost and game theory, and participated in regular quizzes. I also submitted 5 essays throughout the program and wrote a final exam, ultimately scoring B overall.

**Youth Creativity, Innovation & Sustainable Leadership Innovation Toolkit Workshop** *Summer 2020*

* Collaborated with 20 other international students to develop design-based project & hone innovation-oriented thinking skills & creativity, under the guidance of faculty from Center for Sustainable Development and Global Competitiveness, Stanford University

**RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS**

**Author, The Effect of Covid-19 on the Indian Economy** *2021*

* Analysed secondary and primary sources in the form of interviews with analysts at an MBB firm to understand the immediate and long-term impacts of Covid-19 on India’s economy
* Concluded that, while the pandemic caused a temporary recession, India saw a V-shaped recovery as indicated by GDP growth, forex reserves, FDI and CAD.

**Lumiere Scholars Research Program & Published Paper** *2021*

* Selected for competitive high school research program
* Researched & wrote mini-thesis on behavioral economics topic **‘Why do consumers get overwhelmed when there are too many choices?’** under the guidance of UCLA PhD candidate Daniel Mirny
* Selected for publication in the International Journal of Social Science & Economics Research (IJSSER) – Vol. 7, Issue No. 1, January 2022

**Columnist, *The Daily Guardian***  *2020-Present*

* Regularly contributed articles on the environment, sustainable policy, economics & youth perspectives
* Topics included:
  + “Nature Blooms Against Covid-19 Pandemic”
  + “How the Pandemic Improved Marine Life More than Any Policy”
  + “Air Pollution: India has 22 of the World’s 30 Most Polluted Cities”
  + “Global Electric Car Market to Grow at 26%”
  + All articles can be viewed at: <https://thedailyguardian.com/author/inaayat-passi/>

**“I Can Be a Changemaker”** *2020*

* Personal Experience of waste segregation with Mission RGB; Published in [Enviro Annotations Magazine](https://www.enviroannotations.com/articles#h.p_fuus3zp0T7Ax)

**“A Teenager’s Perspective on Lockdown”** *2020*

* Daily life for a teen during lockdown; published in the magazine ETV Bharat

**LEADERSHIP & SOCIAL INITIATIVES**

**Founder, Back 2 School** *2021-Present*

* Initiated & launched a project to fundraise for infrastructure development in SDMC school, Pratibha Vidyalaya, Andrews Ganj
* Approached corporate sponsors and raised total amount exceeding INR 7 lakh
* Updated school infrastructure, including creating a basketball court and tiling a part of the school premises in order to develop their facilities for recreation
* Collected second hand electronic devices, enabling 30+ children to attend online classes during the pandemic
* Developed curriculum & led workshops on interesting co-curricular content, including environmental awareness, physical & mental health
* Initiative that has led to better attendance rates, as well as improved socio-emotional well-being and educational outcomes for the students.
* Recognised by SDMC Commissioner & received Letter of Commendation from Vice President of India

**Author, The Green Handbook** *2021*

* Researched & collated student-friendly resources, to encourage efforts towards sustainability
* Divided chapters into topics including recycling, pollution, and climate change
* Incorporated fun activities to keep students engaged, and enrich their learning.

**Founding Team Member, Mission RGB**   *2019-Present*

* Conceived of and launched student-led initiative that promotes household waste segregation at source, to reduce the amount of waste going to landfills and contributing to soil, air, and water pollution.
* Coordinated between local government officials, non-profit organizations (ITC Wellbeing out of Waste) and local waste collectors to plan and execute work.
* Organized and took part in door-to-door drive, along with a team of 8 other students; visited and spoke with residents of over 600+ households about the importance of waste segregation.
* Successfully convinced 80% of the households in my neighborhood to segregate their waste.

**INTERNSHIPS & WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Intern, RNT Associates** *2020*

* Under the mentorship of Sandesh Soni and Dhiraj Rajendran, conducted market research on 3 mobile companies: Digital Turbine, InMobi and Pubmatic, in order to understand competitors, product development and market growth.

**SCHOOL CLUBS & SOCIETIES**

**Sustainability Ambassador, Global Citizenship Programme** *2022*

* Helped spearhead food waste segregation & composting initiative in school.

**Wellington College Ambassador** *2021 - Present*

* Represent college values & take prospective families on tours around the campus

**Head of Hardinge Newsletter** *2021 - Present*

* Review, edit & curate content for monthly House newsletter, shared with all Hardinge pupils & parents

**Member, Economics Society** *2021 - Present*

* Attend weekly meetings; lead group discussions on topics in economics such as inequality in the pandemic, current inflation rate in the UK and economic policies.

**Member, Environmental Society** *2021 - Present*

* Ideate on & spearhead environmental initiatives in school, including waste segregation and food waste audit. Lead weekly group discussions on environmental topics including climate change, UN SDGs, and rewilding in the UK.

**CREATIVE PURSUITS**

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

**Founder, The Big Picture Photography Blog** *2020-Present*

* Photography blog (Instagram handle: @thebigpicture05) in which I share photos from my travels & daily life.

**Courses**

* “Masters of Photography” with Steve McCurry, Coursera *Summer 2020*
* PhotoUno Summer Camp, New York City *Summer 2019*

**Competitions**

* 2nd Prize, Vasant Valley Intra School Photography Competition *May 2020*
* Close Up Photographer of The Year | Link: <https://www.cupoty.com/> *May 2021*
* Royal Horticultural Society Under 18s Photographic competition *Feb 2022*
* Sony World Photography Awards 2022 *Jan 2022*