



MODERN HIGH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL

SHOWCASE

THROUGH TIME ~ ACROSS CONTINENTS

17th & 18th JULY, 2026

CONCEPT NOTE

Modern High School International is excited to present the fifth edition of ShowCASE, our inter-school fest, where curiosity, creativity, and collaboration take centre stage. Inspired by the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme's core component - Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS), this year's ShowCASE is centred on the theme, *Through Time ~ Across Continents*, encouraging students to explore ideas, cultures, and milestones that have shaped our world.

Through a range of events, participants blended creativity with critical thinking by reimagining moments from history, uncovering ancient traditions and historic breakthroughs, as well as unlocking a future of limitless possibilities. Whether through storytelling or music, cooking or investment decisions, each event was an opportunity for participants to engage with perspectives that span across eras and cultures.

More than a competition, ShowCASE 2026 was a space for young minds from different schools to connect, exchange ideas, and discover how creativity, curiosity and thoughtful action can make a meaningful impact.

So join us as we journeyed through time and across continents, learning from yesterday, engaging with today, and imagining the possibilities of tomorrow.

OPENING CEREMONY



The curtains rose, the lights came on and ShowCASE 2026 had officially started! Core team members Diya Agarwal and Parthvi Kandoi from Grade 12 took the stage and gave their introductory speech, explaining how the fest is focused on CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service), a core component of the IB Diploma Program. Following this, the ShowCASE financial team Medhansh Goyal and Shriyaa Poddar thanked our Principal Ms. Nandini Ghatak, the coordinators and the teachers for allowing sponsorships for the very first time in MHS history. Ms. Ghatak then felicitated the sponsors and thanked them for supporting the vision for ShowCASE.

The school choir then performed the song "Dream It Possible", entertaining the audience with the ideas of perseverance and the pursuit of ambition. A behind-the-scenes montage highlighted the dedication, teamwork, and the countless hours that went into making this year's fest possible.

Finally, Ms. Ghatak officially unveiled the theme, "Through Time ~ Across Continents", inviting everyone to embark on a journey of discovery, culture and ideas that transcend borders. She enlightened us on the idea that this fest is built on collaboration and human connection and thanked everyone who helped make this possible. The opening ceremony concluded with the guidelines of the fest being explained, and wishing everyone luck. And behold, ShowCASE 2026 had officially begun!





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MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS

GAS CRAFT

A vibrant palette of imagination, collaboration and storytelling, CAScraft was an unforgettable event. A creative culmination of the new and old, CAScraft included teleporting fan-favourite cartoon characters into a different time period. Teams of two were partnered along with students from Calcutta Social Project. Together, the teams had to create a sustainable artwork—a challenge presented to the teams involved using sustainable materials from that era in their artwork! From Shinchon during the Covid-19 Pandemic, to Doraemon in the Greek era, each narration seemed more innovative and unconventional than the last, captivating the judges.

When asked what message their artwork conveyed, participants from Indus Valley World School shared "Shinchon is the naughty boy we all know and love. Imagining him during the COVID-19 period when we were all indoors really made us remember how tough it was for everyone." This event truly blended the best of both worlds, bringing forward new thoughts and never-seen-before ideas. In the end, the winning school was Modern High School International,



INDIGAS

IndiCAS, a fast-paced, team-based challenge, brought traditional Indian games from different historical periods into a lively, modern context. Designed for middle school students, the event celebrated teamwork, strategy, agility, and coordination through short, exciting challenges adapted for indoor play.

Teams of four faced off in a four-round elimination-style competition, where, in an unexpected twist, the games were only revealed to them on the day of the event. Participants displayed their teamwork, agility and coordination brilliantly.

The teams dove into a range of matches inspired by Atya Patya from Maharashtra, Lagori from Rajasthan, and Langdi, each stunningly revamped in a contemporary rendition. According to the event head, Sahana Hariram Govind, "We wanted to focus on Indian games. There is a lot of heritage in these very simple childhood games" explaining the concept behind the event. The teams also acknowledged that these Indian games not only help the physical body but also help with connecting our body and mind. This event was won by Sri Sri Academy.





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★ GASTRONOMY

CAStromony was an event where cooking and creativity was infused with a dash of history. The young chefs had to create two dishes using a special ingredient which had influenced Indian cuisine and had originated from the country or empire assigned to them.

From refreshing drinks to inventive desserts, each team demonstrated a unique blend of historical understanding, creativity, and culinary skill. One innovative presentation came from Delhi Public School, Newtown, which explored Persia's influence through the introduction of cardamom, serving an eggless chocolate cake alongside a traditional yoghurt drink.

One of the judges, Suvankhi Roy's motto—"You eat with your senses. First smell, then eyes and finally the taste."—inspired participants to unleash their inner MasterChef. At the end of this delectable journey, the champion duo was Mahadevi Birla World Academy.





CASTING CALL

A whirlwind of an event, CASTing Call invited participants to a memorable journey where timelines collided and worlds met in ways you would never see coming. Upon receiving a historical setting, teams had to reimagine a real individual from a different era into that setting. Here, history became more than something to learn; it became a playground where timelines tangled and the past was boldly reimaged.

The team from Modern High School International explained how they connected their two contrasting topics, saying "We had to think of not only connecting the topics, but also wanted to add a meaningful aspect to our play, but also make it as funny as possible." From Cleopatra in Mahatma Gandhi's Salt March to Akbar and Birbal in the Emu Wars, participants really had to broaden their perspectives and use their vivid imaginations.

Each story seemed more intriguing than the last. Through theatre, humour, and gripping storytelling, participants curated chaos as characters, eras, ideas blended together, creating a symphony of creativity and imagination. Every school managed to pull off a wonderful performance, and kept the audience wanting more with every dialogue.

The event was won by Delhi Public School Newtown.





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SENIOR + MIDDLE SCHOOL

CAST A BEAT



CASt A Beat was an event which combined movement, history and culture. Participants choreographed performances with styles from different time periods and countries. They took audience back in time, through their expressive steps and innovative costumes.

The BSS's performance entitled Unity in Diversity blended different dance forms seamlessly as participant said, "We did not differentiate between dance forms. We brought it all together." They also described performing at MHSI as a "great opportunity," making the experience all the more memorable.

More than just a competition, CASt A Beat celebrated the evolution and the diversity of dance, reminding everyone that the language of dance is universal and bound people together across cultures and generations.

With every single performance leaving a lasting impression, this event concluded with a few words from the judges admiring the participants' vigor with the participants of The BSS School emerging victorious.



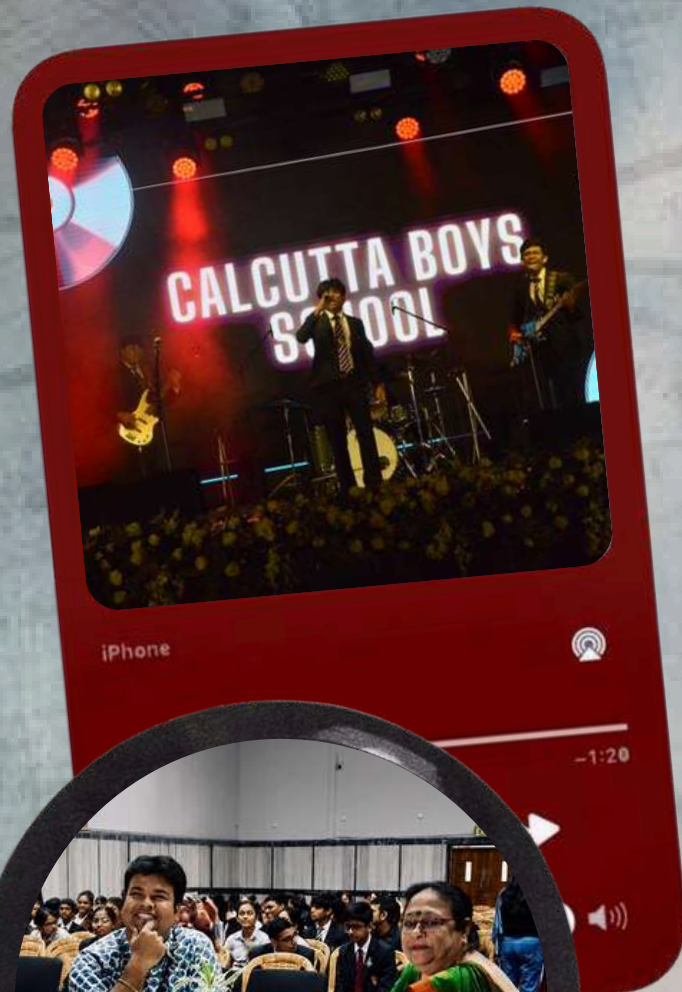


CASSETTE

CASsette was a captivating event that explored the evolution of music across India, from Hindustani classical to pop, indie fusion and beyond. Teams had to perform using at least three instruments to demonstrate the progression of Indian music over the decades. In addition, each school had to play an instrument made using two everyday objects. Through their performances, participants blended the eras while keeping their stage presence and rhythm. One of the most memorable takeaways came from a participant who shared that their primary goal was not to win, but to keep the audience engaged and enjoy every moment of their performance.

CASsette was not an event solely about performing, but honouring the legacy of Indian music through resonant vocals, seamless flow and narrating a story through music.

In the end, while every performance was breathtaking, our judges decided that the winning school for CASsette was Indus Valley World School.





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SENIOR SCHOOL

PI CASSO

PiCASso invited teams to transform a pre-assigned historical era into a comic narrative, merging research, creativity, and collaboration. Participants worked alongside a student from our partner NGO, Basha, intending to reimagine their time period freshly and unexpectedly.

The final product was a six-panel comic depicting a given historical period, but that's not all. At the start of the event, a surprise twist was given, making students think outside the box to integrate it into their research, all in just two hours! The event aimed to make the students prove not only their artistic skill, but also their teamwork, creativity and quick thinking. One enthusiastic student from Basha proclaimed, "We had so much fun working, I also learnt so much, and the students were very nice to me," which was a lovely insight into the event. Along with this, one of the judges, Ms Paramita Saha, left us with a powerful thought, saying, "History can be remembered as anything, and the idea is how we approach it now. Memory is not what happened, memory is who we are."

As the teams presented their learnings, followed by Q&A sessions, it was delightful to see the confidence and excitement in participants. Students of Modern High School for Girls won the event.





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CAST A GOAL

Get ready for fast feet, quick thinking, and edge-of-the-seat action with CAST A Goal, a high-energy competition where speed, strategy, and teamwork took centre stage. Teams faced off in short, action-packed matches that demand sharp decisions, seamless coordination, and relentless energy.

Unlike a traditional football game, there was a twist testing participant's adaptability and quick-thinking. The teams were offered two power-up cards at a random draw, which they could use at any time of the game. A student representing Newtown School expressed their joy at the event and said "It was a nice way to experience the culture of football in Kolkata, since I had previously lived in Denmark."



Calcutta International School summed up the event perfectly in three words — "Exciting, anticipation and fun." Acknowledging the fact that sports not only helps the physical body, a player from Modern High School for Girls explained, "I'm learning how to collaborate with my team against so many other schools, as well as sportsmanship since regardless of whether I win or lose, I need to maintain my skills." More than just achieving targets, CAST A Goal celebrates smart play, teamwork, sportsmanship, and the thrill of performing under pressure. The girls event was won by Modern High School for Girls, and boys was won by South City International School.

CASVEST

In CASvest, participants stepped into the high-risk, high-reward world of finance in a battle where the future depended on split-second decisions. Students transformed into financial advisors, managing the wealth of a single family across three generations, each with different risk appetites and goals. The case study was revealed at the Representatives' Meet, but unexpected economic and sector crises shook the markets on the day of the event.

The teams had to think fast, adapt their strategies and defend their investment choices. With unpredictable markets and minutes ticking by, the event was a testament to the teams' adaptability, strategic thinking, quick decision making and foresight in securing the family's financial future. Every round tested not only their financial knowledge, but also their ability to maintain composure under pressure and make decisions in rapidly changing circumstances.

Reflecting on the experience, a participant from Birla Bharati school shared that the event taught them the importance of diversifying investments rather than concentrating capital in one place, a lesson they will carry forward beyond the competition.

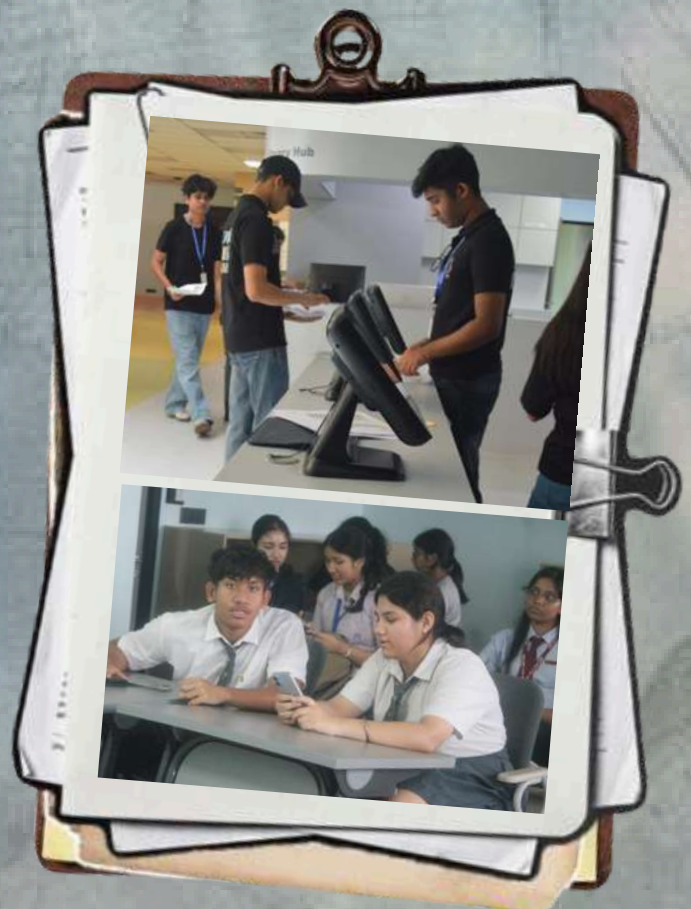
The winner of CASvest was South City International School.



CASQUEST

CASquest invited students on an electrifying campus-wide expedition where curiosity was their compass and teamwork was their time machine. Participants travelled from room to room cracking codes and completing challenges that lead them closer to the ultimate destination. This event wasn't just a treasure hunt, it was a race against time. Each puzzle solved lead to a checkpoint, which contained references from either a historical era or an academic discipline, requiring participants to apply teamwork, logical reasoning, and problem-solving skills. The two representatives from each school raced around our campus solving a multitude of exciting challenges varying from decoding equations to connecting cities from across the world.

It was best put by a participant from Delhi Public School Newton, who said "It was such a well-managed event, creating a fun and organised environment." When asked which challenge they enjoyed the most, the most popular answer was definitely the auditorium clue— many students explained how tough it was to solve it and how much time they took! Other participants praised how activities ranged from subjects like Chemistry, History and Economics, proving that an interdisciplinary approach was both entertaining and educational! The winner was Modern High School for Girls.



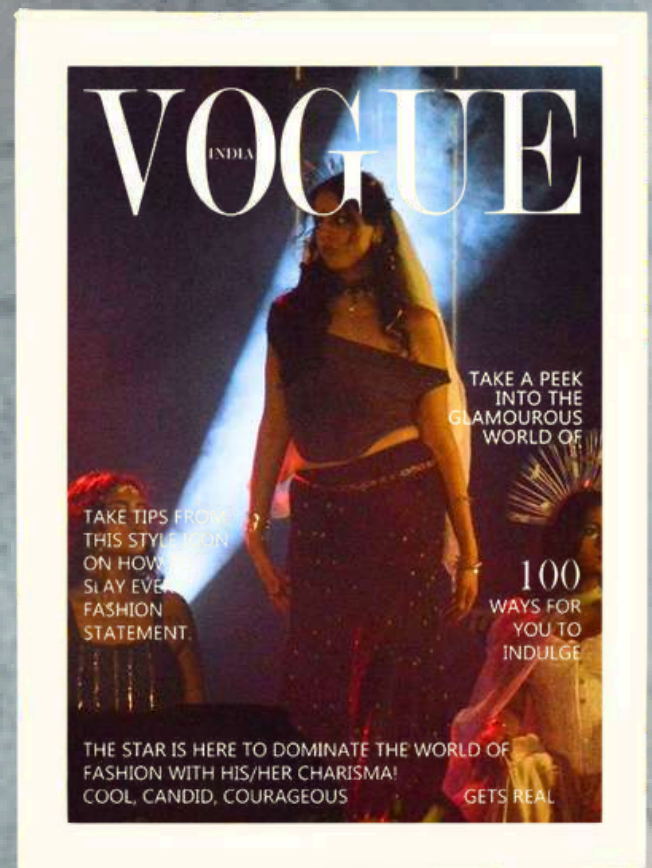
VOGUECAST

Stepping into a riveting world of fashion, history and imagination, VogueCAST was an event that challenged the participants to reimagine the past and transport it into the present. Each school was assigned a specific alternate timeline and was tasked with researching and reimagining it through the lens of couture. Using an intricate blend of fabrics, accessories, patterns and traditions, each school had to present a captivating collection that reflected the aesthetics of their imagined world. The esteemed judges of the event were Ms. Dolly Jain & Ms. Ramanjit Kaur.

Each school beautifully merged culture, history and artistic vision. Upon being asked about their experience, a participant said that it was the perfect opportunity to experiment with fashion and cultures.

Overall, the meticulous attention to detail and carefully selected materials turned the entire runway into a story, where each participant confidently presented their ensemble before an enthralled audience.

The winner of VogueCAST was South City International School.



CLOSING CEREMONY

The closing ceremony concluded ShowCASE 2026, which was filled with curiosity, creativity and collaboration. It served as a celebration of the hard work, talent, and dedication displayed by every participant, volunteer, and teacher who contributed to the success of the fest.

Members of the Core Team, Yashna and Samridh, thoughtfully reflected on the two-day journey, reminiscing about the memorable moments that brought schools together, encouraged healthy competition, and fostered friendships that will last beyond the event. Taking the proceedings forward, Ms Ghatak congratulated every participant for their enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and willingness to embrace new challenges, while also expressing her gratitude to the teachers, volunteers, and organising committee whose teamwork and commitment made ShowCASE 2026 possible.

Ms Ghatak also unveiled the ShowCASE Newsletter and introduced the team behind it, whose dedication captured the spirit of the fest through stories, photographs, and behind-the-scenes moments.

As the prize distribution started, participants were at the edge of their seats, anxious to hear the results, culminating in the announcements of Mahadevi Birla World Academy as the best in Middle School and Modern High School for Girls as the best in Senior School.

The celebrations concluded with a special performance by DJ Sachin Chabra, whose music transformed the auditorium into a lively celebration, ending ShowCASE 2026 on a high note, leaving participants with unforgettable memories.





PERFORMANCE

The Ice Skating Rink was buzzing with excitement as students and participants witnessed the very first guest performance in ShowCAsE history. Music producer and DJ, Sachin Chabra brought the house down with his 2 hour set. The audience did not disappoint, bringing the energy as they danced through the evening, creating memories and an unforgettable experience.



PHOTO GALLERY



OUR ★ SPONSORS

We extend our gratitude to all our sponsors for their generous support in making the fifth—and till date most ambitious—edition of our school fest,

ShowCASE, a reality.

Your contribution has played a vital role in helping us curate an event that celebrates talent, creativity, and collaboration. Besides being a celebration of student creativity and initiative, ShowCASE is an invaluable educational experience for every student involved, allowing us to develop essential skills in leadership, teamwork and event management. We are deeply thankful for your trust and support.

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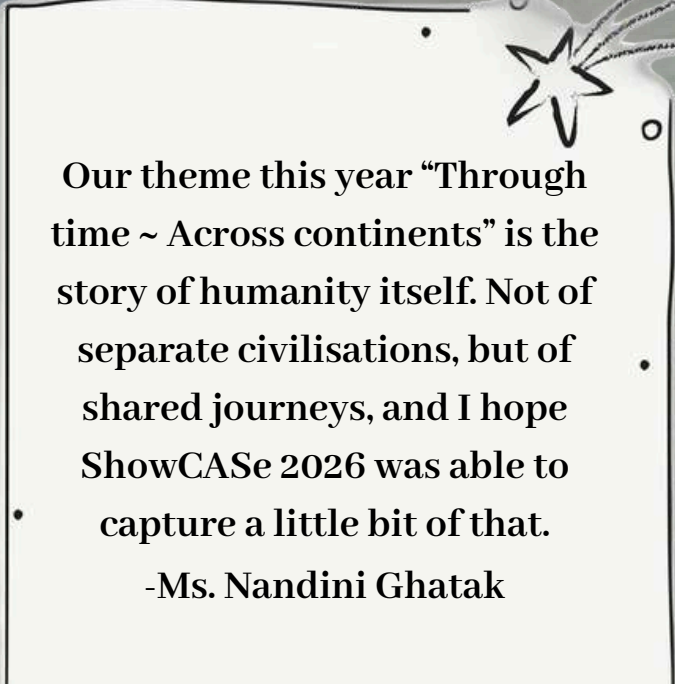
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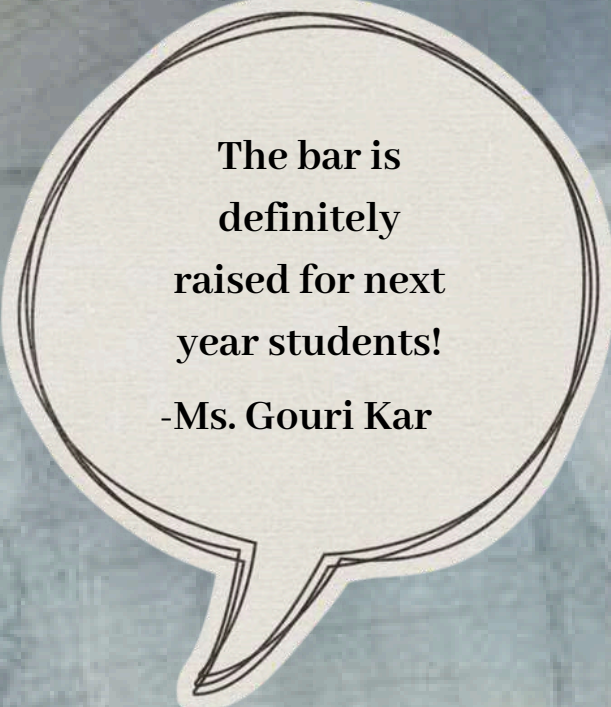


QUOTES TO ★ REMEMBER



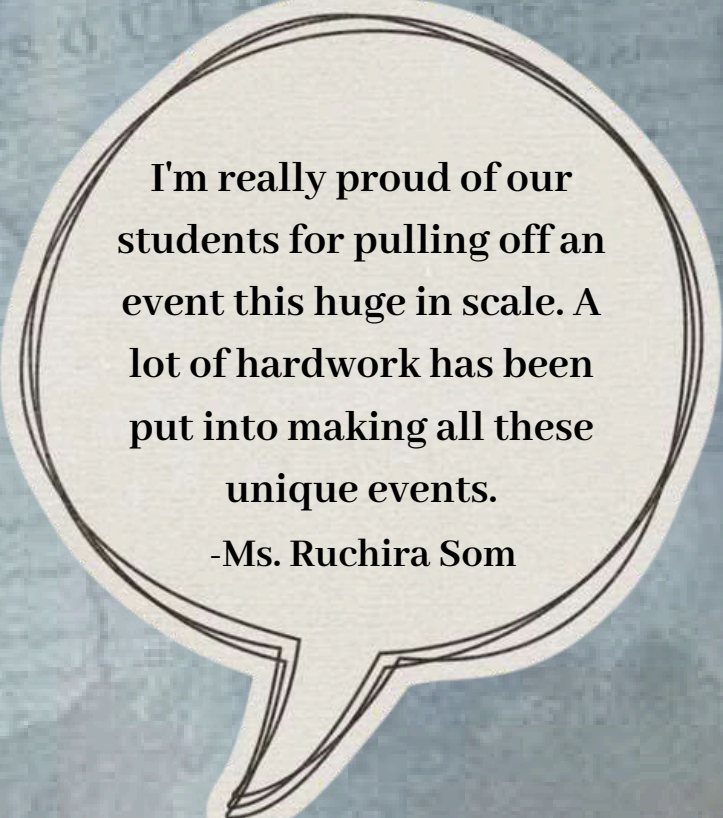
Our theme this year “Through time ~ Across continents” is the story of humanity itself. Not of separate civilisations, but of shared journeys, and I hope ShowCAsE 2026 was able to capture a little bit of that.

-Ms. Nandini Ghatak



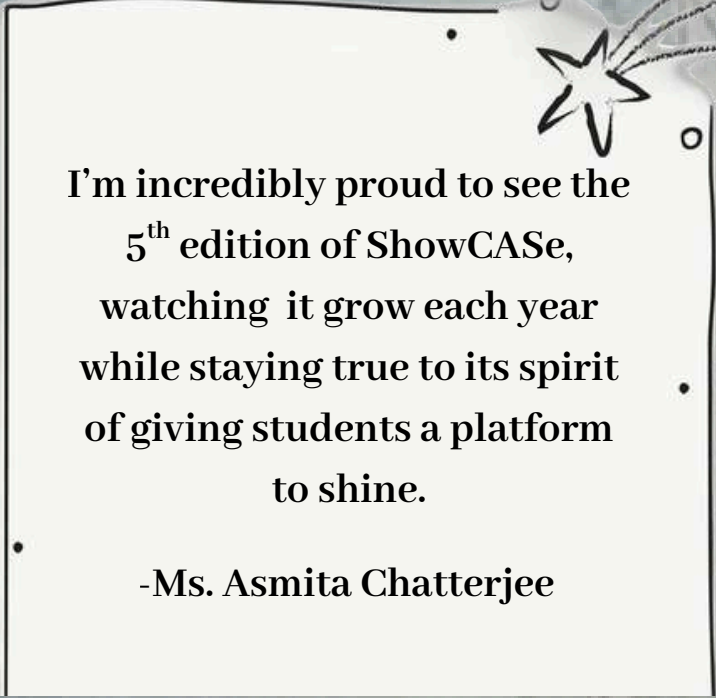
The bar is definitely raised for next year students!

-Ms. Gouri Kar



I'm really proud of our students for pulling off an event this huge in scale. A lot of hardwork has been put into making all these unique events.

-Ms. Ruchira Som



I'm incredibly proud to see the 5th edition of ShowCAsE, watching it grow each year while staying true to its spirit of giving students a platform to shine.

-Ms. Asmita Chatterjee

QUOTES TO REMEMBER

This is not one day's work,
we took it day by day,
minute by minute and I
think it all worked out in
the end.

-Ms Paramita Banerjee

ShowCASE 2026 has been a
year of firsts and after
countless sleepless nights and
unending min-by-min
documents, all I can say is it's
been one exciting journey!

-Ms Debanjana Sarkar



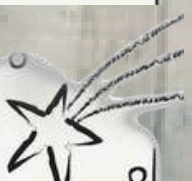
We tried a lot of things for the first time this year, including doing it at the rink, having sponsors, and an ambitious sound and light setup. For next year, the only thing we can do is get better.

- Ms. Somali Mitra



The best part about this fest is the teamwork. Everyone has been working hard and planning since last year for this fest, which is a big reason it has been working out so well.

-Ms. Aditi Deshmukh



Who knew that deadlines, rehearsals, and last-minute panic could create this much magic? I signed up as a teacher, but somewhere between rehearsals and chaos, they ended up teaching me what growth really looks like.

-Ms. Sucharita Ghosh

EVENT HEADS DAY 1



CASCRAFT



INDICAS



CASTRONOMY



CASSETTE

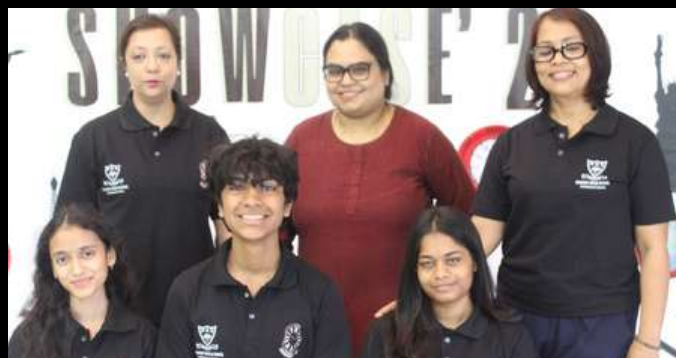


CASTING CALL

EVENT HEADS DAY 2



CAST A GOAL



CAST A BEAT



CASVEST



CASQUEST



PICASSO



VOGUECAST

MHSI TEAMS



LEADERSHIP TEAM



TECH TEAM



DESIGN TEAM



CORE TEAM



NEWSLETTER TEAM



FINANCE TEAM

BEHIND THE SCENES

