

## 2021

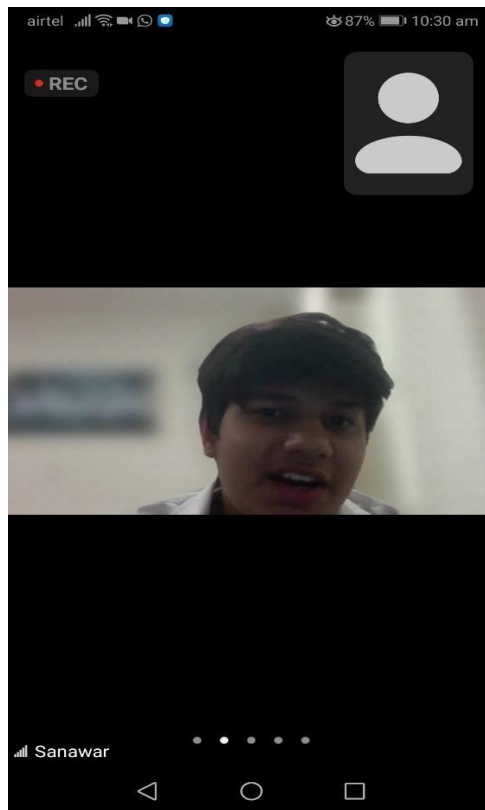
The English Faculty provided the students with a plethora of opportunities to showcase their talent in Public Speaking, Critical Thinking, Debating, Quizzing and Creative Writing. Our students participated in the following competitions/activities:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Asfandyar Bukhari Declamation Forum 2021, organised by Cadet College, Hasanabdal, Pakistan in the month of January 2021.
- Silver Jubilee Commemorative Young Thinkers Conclave, 2021 organised by Mayo Girls' School, Ajmer.
- Early this year a virtual Asia Level Debate was organised in collaboration with AllianceUniversity and iEducationalize, the former being the host.

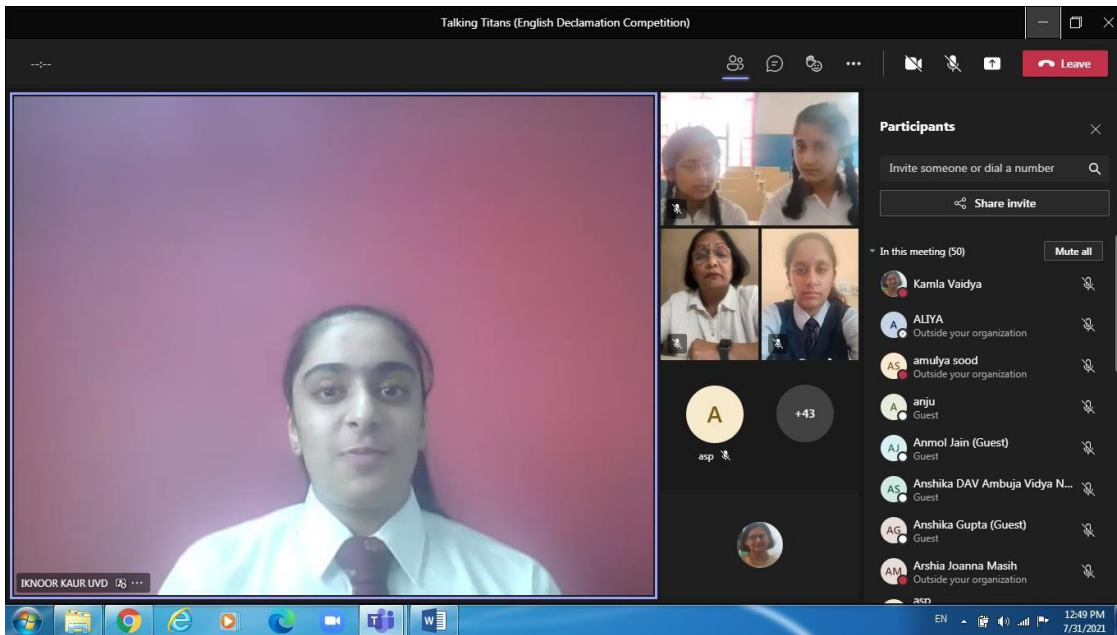
Simar Singh Gabadia was adjudged as the Best Speaker in round 2. It is worth a mention that he was the only Indian student who made it to the top four finalists.



- Abhiraj Bhatia was given a special mention for his incredible performance in 'Word Wars 2.0 Inter-School Debate, hosted by Notion Negotiations. Team Sanawar was Runners-up and Kakhshan Sehgal was adjudged as the Best Speaker.



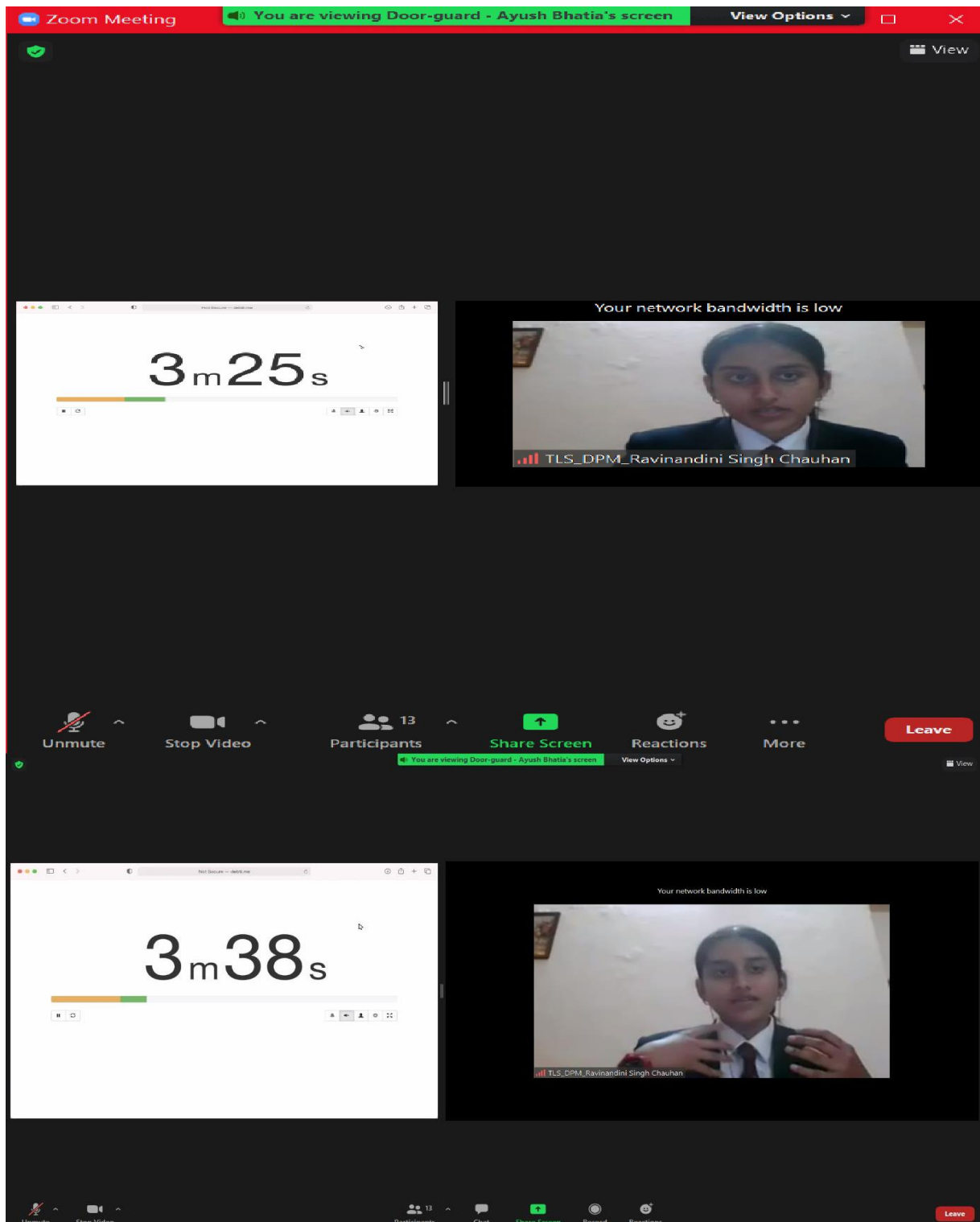
- Iknor Kaur secured the First Position and Gayatri Sud secured Consolation Prize in an Inter-School English Declamation Competition 'Talking Titans' hosted by Anand School, Parwanoo under the banner of Solan Sahodaya.



- 23<sup>rd</sup> Vasant Valley School Debate for the The India Today Cup-2020 was organised by Vasant Valley School, Delhi from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 and saw the participation of 29 schools from across the country and even internationally.

The Sanawar Team comprised Ravinandini Singh Chauhan, Manya Bansal and Yashika Yadav. Ravinandini's individual speaker rank was 4<sup>th</sup> out of 89.





- Virtual 'Knowledge Conclave' was organised by Genesis Global School on 10<sup>th</sup> August.
- A six day long online Workshop on Developing English Debating Skills for interested students was organised from 2<sup>nd</sup> March to 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 by The Dias Group.

- A Puppetry Workshop was conducted by Dadi Padumji of Ishara Theatre Trust and a Calligraphy Workshop was organized for Prep School children.
- Our students participated in various Essay Writing Competitions, such as Queen's Commonwealth Essay Writing Competition, South Korea: My Favourite Holiday Destination and 'Gandagi Mukh Bharat'. 'A Future without Plastic Waste- through Sustainability and Circularity' essay entries were invited by the Office of the Director of Higher Education, Shimla.
- 'If I were Gandhi' Essay Writing Competition is an annual feature for L VI and U VI students.
- To commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel an Essay Writing Competition was conducted in all classes on 31st October as per the CBSE guidelines.
- Regular English Debating Society Meetings and Lit Club meetings were conducted.
- Inter-House Debates and Declamation Contests are a regular feature of the School Calendar. As part of the English Faculty activities Public Speaking was conducted for L IV to U VI students, leading to the selection of the best house for the Catherine Longman Prize.
- International Reading Day and Reading Month were observed.
- Inter-Section English Storytelling, Extempore, Poetry Recitation and Spell Bee Competitions for Lower III to Upper IV were held.
- On the occasion of Teacher's Day, Crejo.Fun hosted an Online Poem Writing Competition wherein our junior students participated.
- 26<sup>th</sup> National Reading Day and National Reading Month, 2021 were observed to encourage students to read. Online Reading sessions were organised.
- JAM (Just- A- Minute) Speaking Round was conducted for L V & U V Students.
- A Webinar on 'Career in Cinema' was organised on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 for U V and U VI students. Mr. Iqbaal Rizzvi (OS- N'87) a noted film maker, director of fashion shows and some very big TV shows helped young Sanawarians see their future in the world of Visual Media - film making and cinema with his very stimulating talk followed by a brief interaction with the students.
- Literature is the mirror of society. It provides wings to our imagination, creativity and expression to ideas. Keeping the literary spirit high, The Lawrence School, Sanawar organized the sixth edition of the Virtual Lit Fest on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September in which 17 schools and more than 120 students participated in different events from India and abroad. The theme of this year's Sanawar Lit Fest was "Our Glorious Nation India at 75." Events like Character Monologue, Storytelling, Book Critique and Poetry Composition and Recitation

enthralled the audience. The performances of the participants were appreciated by one and all.

The Sanawar Lit Fest was graced by multi-faceted jury members comprising Ms Pooja Bedi, OS, an actor, newspaper columnist and talk show host; Mr Rahat Mahajan, an OS and a renowned filmmaker; Mr. Siddharth Chauhan, youngest and the first independent filmmaker from Himachal Pradesh; Dr. Purnima Chauhan retd. IAS officer; Mrs. Pooja Marwah, an author and CEO at CRY; Imtiaz Anees, OS, an author, a trained equestrian; Dr. Manjiri Prabhu, an author, curator and Director of International Literary Festivals; Mr. Raaja Bhasin, a famous author and Ms Jyotsna Mohan, OS, an author, media consultant and columnist.

An hour long Calligraphy Workshop was thoroughly enjoyed by the students of grades V and VI. The resource person for the workshop was our own Dr. Parveen Gautam.

The Chief Guest for the sixth edition of the Sanawar Lit fest was Mr. Rahul Singh, a distinguished journalist, a famous author and an active member of an NGO which supports women empowerment. He lauded the performances of the participants and commended The Lawrence School, Sanawar for organizing the Lit Fest. Eminent personalities like Mr. Shashi Tharoor, a member of Parliament and distinguished author congratulated The Lawrence School, Sanawar for organizing the Lit Fest. Mr. Siddharth Kak, an OS and a famous producer, Mr. Ronit Roy, an eminent actor also conveyed their good wishes for the Sanawar Lit Fest. Headmaster, Mr. Himmat Singh Dhillon, appreciated the lively performances of the students and complemented them for their zeal and efforts.

Results of the different events were as follows: In Poetry Composition and Recitation Yashika Yadav and Anoushka Mukherjee of The Lawrence School, Sanawar bagged the third position. In Character Monologue, Veer Devgan and Keerat Sandhu bagged the third and Second Consolation prize respectively. In Storytelling, Aayan Gautam of The Lawrence School, Sanawar got the first position whereas Arjun Chopra secured the Second Consolation Prize. In Book Critique, Pavya Singh and Puru Manjrey secured the third position. All in all the sixth edition of the Sanawar Lit Fest was a great success.

### **Basantar Memorial Invitational Inter-School English Declamation**

To commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the victory of our Glorious Nation India in the great Battle of Basantar, The Lawrence School, Sanawar organized Basantar Memorial Invitational Inter-School English Declamation on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 in which 11 schools participated from across the country. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Col. Vikrm Singh Ghuman, Commadant, 4 Hodson Horse.

Arooshi Bhatia and Uday Kadian represented The Lawrence School, Sanawar. Uday bagged the Consolation Prize.



**Result of the Spell Bee competitions held in November, 2021:**

Class L III:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Lower III C
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Lower III B
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Lower III A

Class U III:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Upper III A
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Upper III B
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Upper III C

Class L IV:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Lower IV C
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Lower IV A
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Lower IV D
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Lower IV B

Class U IV:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Upper IV D
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Upper IV C
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Upper IV B
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Upper IV A





The fourth and fifth issues of the student led digital School News-letter, 'The Red Roof Oscen' were released.

The School Yearbook, The Sanawarian 2021 was conceptualized, compiled and published.