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# Greetings Alumni!



As the new Head of School, my family and I feel honoured to be in such a hospitable and proud community. The pride that is reflected within Stonehill International School, can be credited to our alumni, who have helped build a fun and engaging community of learners from around the world. Stonehill International School continues to thrive and grow; we currently have thirty six nationalities, with a total of six hundred and forty five students.

With our growing enrolment, our facility expansion continues as well. In October 2019, we opened the new Arts Centre and STEM Block, for our primary and secondary students, respectively. We will soon start construction of the new Library Media Centre, that will be adjacent to the new STEM Block. These new structures are all part of the campus master plan for SIS, that has been strategically planned.

When you are back in town, please stop in and see our new facilities, which includes the new Multipurpose Hall (MPH). Our new MPH is not only a sports facility, but has also served us well for

many school events. This year, we celebrated the Diwali Mela, in the MPH, with ample room for the entire Stonehill community.

Last year, the SIS community was busy with accreditation visits from the IB, CIS and NEASC, which proved to be extremely successful. In March 2020, we are reviewing a new strategic plan for the School, that will serve as a blueprint for the next four years. It is indeed a very exciting time for Stonehill International School!

We continue to be mission driven, but also mindful of the skills and needs that will enrich the lives of our students and prepare them for an ever challenging and exciting future.

As always, please know that our SIS alumni is always welcome to visit us. We count ourselves fortunate to have you as part of our SIS family.

With Pride,  
**Brian Brumsickle**  
**Head of School**



## Alumni Visits

We were extremely excited to have one of our alumni, Pietro De Napoli, visit us over the winter break. Pietro was a student at Stonehill from 2008, when the school first started, to 2013.



Pietro with his Dad, in front of the Admin building

It was wonderful to have our ex-teachers, Francois and Preethi Stalder, visit Stonehill. They left Stonehill in 2018, and caught up with the School community over the winter break.



Francois and Preethi, in front of the new Arts Centre

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## Events

Here is a glimpse of the past six months at Stonehill. Click on the captions for more pictures:



[PTA Barbeque](#)



[Stonehill Founder's Day Run](#)



[STEM Block and Arts Centre Inauguration](#)



[Diwali Mela](#)



[Annual Winter Concert](#)

### [10th AASF Asian Age Group Championships, 2019](#)

Top athletes from forty countries competed at the 10th AASF Asian Age Group Championships, 2019, which was held at the Padukone-Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence in September. It was great to watch elite swimmers in action right next door! Stonehill was proud to host them for their warm-ups in our very own pool.





# University Acceptances 2019-2020

It has been a wonderful start to the year, with our students already receiving acceptances from universities across the world. So far, we have received offers from universities in the UK, such as London School of Economics, King's College London, University of Warwick, University of Bath, University College London, The University of Manchester, University of the Arts London, Oxford Brookes University, and universities in the US, such as Harvey Mudd College, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. We have also received acceptances from University of Toronto, Canada and Ashoka University in India.

Praseeja Nambiar, Career and Guidance Counsellor, arranged for Arts University Bournemouth, UK, to visit our campus on the 20th of November, 2019. The University conducted portfolio review sessions for aspiring applicants. We are excited to announce that D2 students,



Laiqah Raees Khan and Nisarga Shinde

Laiqah Raees Khan and Nisarga Shinde received "Spot Admissions" after a portfolio review and interview. The faculty was very impressed with their creative artwork, impeccable thought process and confident communication. They applauded the available infrastructure for students to excel in art.



Krutartha Nagesh, Tayyibah Kazim,  
Jayati Gupta and Daksha Ponappa

In yet another fantastic achievement, our D2 students, Jayati Gupta, Tayyibah Kazim, Krutartha Nagesh and Daksha Ponappa have won 100% tuition fee scholarships to universities in the US, through the Next Genius Foundation.

## Congratulations!



Sachin Rammoorthy (D2),  
at the Google Headquarters in San Francisco

Each year, Google partners with twenty five open source organizations for the Google Code-In Competition, and interested students have the opportunity to work with any of those organizations. At the end of the contest, each organization selects two Grand Prize Winners based on their contribution to their products.

Sachin Rammoorthy, D2 student, worked with an organization called the Liquid Galaxy Project, which develops a product called Liquid Galaxy. This product is essentially a cluster of monitors that usually displays 'Google Earth'. Sachin got hands on experience at finding bugs in software, creating new apps, documentation and more. In January 2019, he was declared a Grand Prize Winner, and was invited to visit the Google Headquarters in San Francisco.

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## Graduation Day



It was wonderful to have some of our alumni be a part of Graduation Day last year! We hope to see you this year in May!

## Alumni Speak

It would be great to hear from you!  
We encourage you to contribute your  
achievements, articles, or snippets of how  
life beyond Stonehill has been for you!  
Please email Anju Abraham at [alumni@stonehill.in](mailto:alumni@stonehill.in)