



# THE ORIGINALS

## THIS ISN'T GOODBYE

Dear Class of 2021,

As you give finishing touches to your last assignments, projects, and prepare for finals, and more importantly bid adieu to this year's popular Zoom High school, I hope for the stars and moon for each one of you, it would definitely be an understatement to say that 2020 was a weird year for all of us.

March 2020, you ventured home for a temporary school closure break to never come back. Instead, the year culminated with you all spread all over the globe and across the country without any of us having a clue what comes next.

Your year ends with an e-Farewell, and with no last day tradition of ink signing of your white school shirts and candid and hilarious group photographs in school. We had to skip all cherished traditions; all the sports tournaments were canceled. Most awaited and long-promised milestones, climbing hills, trekking the Himalayas including trips celebrations and house feasts, erased. Graduation ceremonies altered. Further, we now have a protracted wait for the final exams too. Our situation demands of us to bid you farewell in a manner which we wouldn't prefer. Though such is the unpredictability of life, you best believe that this too will pass. Hopefully, soon you'd be able to visit the school and relive the fond memories that you have made as a batch.

Students, you have been a dear part of this journey. I'd like to remind you that your growth and evolution as human beings is not limited to the school. I'm sure you are going to continue to grow into human beings that your Alma Mater, and I, will be proud of. You have behaved righteously and gracefully in your time here with us. Each and every single one has made me proud, and I feel immense pride when I call you my darling daughters.

My advice to you, the class of 2021, is not to take for granted or forget the most obvious things around you. Stay aware of what's happening in the world, while you deal with the monologue in your head. For your thoughts will affect your realities and ability to make the right choices. With the right choices, the meaningful construct of experiences hence will be immense if you choose the right lenses to see the world. Life is but the sum total of choices you make. So go out in the world bravely and make great choices. Never judge people over their choices, remember each choice, good or not so good, is ultimately going to be a learning experience.

I would like to quote Arnold Schwarzenegger,

*"You're going to find naysayers in every turn that you make. Don't listen. Just visualise your goal, know exactly where you want to go. Trust yourself. Get out there and work like hell. Break some of the rules and never ever be afraid of failure."*

So dearest MISars of the class of 2021, trust your gut feeling, listen to your heart, the voice inside and evaluate it against the facts. Evaluate the ethics set by the society for yourself. There is no perfection in the world and imperfections make one more beautiful. So strive for happiness and excellence over perfection, accepting all the imperfections of your own self and those around you.

Remember the values that this institution has instilled in you. Remember the friendships you have created over the years. Remember the lessons learned from each mistake you have made. Remember to prioritise happiness over pleasure, love over hate, tolerance over intolerance, and faith over doubt.

Not each day will be a great day. There will be crests and troughs to teach you lessons of life, at times the hard way. While riding the crests do not forget the troughs do exist. But remember nothing lasts forever. So enjoy the journey and cherish the company of people who accompany you even for a short while as you move ahead.

Do remember things may go wrong at times and we at MIS will never sit judgemental on you. You shall always have a family that will welcome you back into its fold whenever you need us to help you re-energise and recuperate from the energy and emotions lost. Never give up your faith in humanity and remember the privileged schooling and upbringing you have had that makes you stand out and hence more responsible towards the not so privileged. Accept all, for there is goodness in each one born only if you have the right vision and mindset to see it.

I impatiently wait for you to write to apprise me about the different colleges you find yourselves in the new journey you're about to embark on. I wait for you to visit campus and tell me about your experiences and exploits, whenever possible. And although we all here at MIS will definitely miss you and I wish we all could have said one last goodbye in person, could have given you one last physical hug, the world will be better having you in it as real adults. (Seriously, the huggy emoticons can never replace the warmth of holding you, my sweethearts in my arms.)

We are, and you always will be, no matter how you graduate!

True to the MIS mission, young ladies of the class of 2021, be fearless and women of substance, full-on with integrity and values. Go out; now is your time to make a difference!

Stay safe girls.

Wishing you the very best!

With never ceasing love,

Meeta Sharma

# sayonara

## BEGINNING OF THE END

~ Vanshika Choudhary

Hey there Esoteric,

Life is nothing but moments. It is a pageant of moments and recollections. The fight you had with your best friend is simply a moment. The time your housemother rewarded you with an extra tuck shop is just a moment. Class getting cancelled due to internet issues is just a moment. Punishment for getting late is just a moment. Additional allowed time for jam-session is just a moment. This unique year, with the virus, is also just a moment. Every up and down is just a moment that passes with time. All these moments and feelings mix along creating a way larger moment, LIFE.

“This is life, and it is what it is”. As we continue to grow things can get difficult, life can modify, expectations can intensify, and we will, inevitably, want time-outs. However, all of it accumulates to make us stronger than ever. Nothing ever lasts forever; therefore, we should appreciate every passing second. With this being the last year of your MIS journey, the school girl moment comes to an end. Soon you will appear for your board examinations, graduate school and fly away, closer to your future, leaving your MIS family. It is all a bit bittersweet. All that hard work is behind you, and a whole new journey awaits you. Do not be terrified of the change, take a deep breath. Know that this is only the beginning.

## THE COVID CLASS OF 2020

~ Diya Bansal

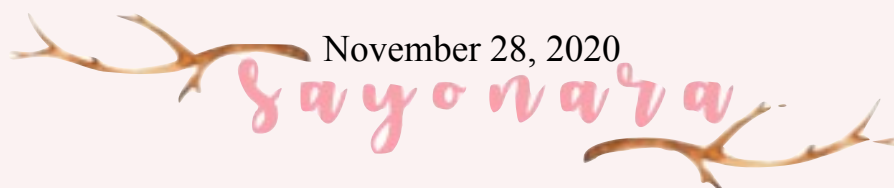
Apologies, but where do I begin? As for a matter of fact, I see no end. A million opportunities to look forward to, all drowned in our mere imagination. Waking up to a place not surrounded by the words, “Wake up, it's prep time” nearly emptied our soul. Us, the 12s, who at a point were excited about wearing a saree, cannot even fathom that it may not be needed at all. I fall short of words to describe our grade 12 experiences, because, sadly there have not been many of them. Regardless, we all still learned, cried over what we missed, laughed and criticised virtually. From being the Netflix-streaming couch potatoes to working hard for each ‘online’ event, we have done it all. My grade-mates, with our experiences fuelling us, let us give it our all and become proud alumni of this establishment.

## JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- Rain alerts were issued in Bangalore on November 25 and November 26 because of the Cyclone Nivar.
- The third digital strike, due to Indo-Sino border disputes, in India bans 43 mobile apps.
- After the Nagrota encounter in Jammu-Kashmir, India informs the permanent members of UNSC that it feels “pressured to retaliate”.
- Two-way travels between Japan and China will resume soon, mostly by the end of November.
- On the next Monday, that is November 30, the ‘Upachaya’ lunar eclipse will occur, on Kartik Purnima.
- The first spacecraft from China to the moon, to collect samples, was successfully launched from the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site.
- The Indian web series, Delhi Crime, from the streaming platform Netflix, which is based on the Nirbhaya case, bags the Emmy Award.

## OODLE DOODLE





## EDITORIAL

# BECAUSE CHANGE IS NOT ALWAYS A BAD THING

~ Samiksha Singh & Ishanvi Roy

Seasons come and go, clouds change their moods, animals complete their cycles, but the branches of the Sakura tree remain ethereal. However, even the tree knows that without its blooming flowers, its beauty is unrecognised, but they too must leave. A symbol of renewal, a sign of another era, another beginning. Like these very Sakura blossoms, you have grown and you have reached surreal beauty, and now it's time for you to leave, to show the world, the potential and power that you have gained, that MIS has filled you with. With every bloom, there comes a fall; you, however, will not wither like these petals and will continue to grow and reach unimaginable heights. Your presence made this school a reckoning force, but with the wisdom and ideas that you have passed on, we will make it

fiercer, with our passion burning stronger than ever. MIS will never fall short of petals, but not one of these will be equivalent to you. You, our dear friends, are unique and hold a special place in this tree's core, like every other petal, and you can never be replaced by another one.

Our dear seniors, you have been equipped with everything the school can provide and are ready to set out for your new beginning. It is bittersweet, but there is no wisdom, and no gain, in the constant.

The tree will remain, for eternity to come, and will gaze at you from far away, proud of the pretty and powerful petals it created. Spread your wings and fly, dear petals, because change is not always a bad thing.

## DEAR CLASS OF 2021

~ Snigdha Jain (From the year of Esoteric's)

Hope this letter finds you well. So many emotions are flying around that I can't tell the difference between excitement, nervousness and grief. Nobody wants to say it but we are all thinking about our last walk down the Cubical stairs, the last "Grade" dinner, all the night we spent playing "Mafia", our so-called master plans of the zoom mass bunk, the coordination and cooperation we have shown through the hardest times. Now we are expected to create a whole new life outside our first home away from home - MIS, which to be honest is exciting but scary. In a short span of 3-4 months we are expected to look back and say this is the past...the past, so hold on to every moment you have, don't fear making mistakes because we have always been taught "What doesn't kill us makes us stronger!"

## FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LEAD US

~ Kamakshi Agarwal

Your work will always inspire us and your batch will be forever remembered. Even though it was a difficult year for us all, we thoroughly enjoyed and learned in abundance from the programs your grade organised. They all were successful and kept us connected with one another. You have been great role models for us all, and your sisterhood was seen when you supported us and listened to our problems with no prejudice and judgement. Lastly, I wish you all the very best for your entry into the new world ahead and the starting of a new chapter of your life.

## A MESSAGE BEFORE WE LEAVE

~ Suchi Saraf

As we, the batch of 2021 says goodbye, you shall be waving to the new opportunities that come by your way ahead. Every day might not be like a cinch but face it with all the courage and a smile on your face, for I am sure you all will be better than anyone and will take this institution at even higher summits. Never forget to follow all the values, traditions and legacies of the school while you carve some of your own. There will be an abundance of responsibilities given but make sure to declutter some time for academics in between everything, as well. Also, cherish every minute no matter how long it may seem because you will not realise how easily grade 12 passes by. Wishing you all the very best for your senior year.

## ETERNAL LIGHT

In some moments of breath,  
I wish I could freeze the time.  
The buried silence prevails,  
Like a good princess tale.  
I wish eyes could pronounce,  
But would they lie too? If so,  
There is emptiness around.  
Hope I buy courage someday,  
To make a bye... *Goodbye.*

~ Scarlet



# Sayonara

The batch of 2021! Yeah my favourites! For the last six-seven years we have laughed, cried and argued together, not to forget I am not only their English teacher, but a friend and guide too. There are some students in this batch whom I have taught right from grade 6, isn't it a long association?! They are my girls and My Girls are The Best! They are naughty, they will argue but will never answer back, no matter how much you scold them. It is sad that we could not work with them this year. Believe me, they have been the best batch to work with till date. I miss them so much! I know they too miss not being in school in their last year. There is nothing to worry because very soon we are going to meet. God bless you all!!!

~ *Sutapa Ghosh*

The batch of 2021 will always be in our hearts. You were the only ones who brought happiness to us during these tough times. As you start this new journey, we wish you loads of success and happiness and hope that you achieve all your dreams.

~ *Grade 7*

This distinctive year has been quite troublesome but the heading batch won the fight against all the impossibilities and lived up to the expectations. You have all been awe-inspiring leaders as well as obedient students who have taught us the importance of managing and balancing our duties. We are falling short of words but, this batch is exemplary.

~ *Grade 8*

This batch has been so strong throughout the year and a global pandemic is truly a small hurdle in their life. You have always been a family to us, and bidding adieu to any of its members has always been a great task. The batch of 2021 has always supported the school, as well as us, in every way possible and bidding them farewell will really be very hard. We are really grateful to all of you for being great mentors, friends and sisters. We hope you reach great heights and live up to all the expectations.

~ *Grade 11*

The dedication you all show as students is unimaginable. There is no doubt that this dedication will take you to new heights. May you have a successful career and a happy life. Try to explore the goodness and positivity in every goodbye. Our best wishes to you for your new chapter. You all are leaving with a ton of memories with us today. Thank you for everything.

~ *Grade 9*



## समय की रेत में पैरों के निशान

आपके साथ बिताया गया हर लम्हा है यादगार  
जो भी पल गुजरे आपके साथ वह बिता शानदार  
आपकी हर याद को ताउम्र संजोह के रखेंगे हम  
याद जब भी आयेगी आपकी तब आँखें हो जाएंगी  
नम।

अगर कभी अनजाने में हुई है हमसे गलती  
तो कर देना हमको माफ  
बस दिल से भुला देना हर एक कड़वी बात  
हम सब करेंगे आपको तहे दिल से याद।

क्युंकी आप हो हमारे लिए कुछ खास  
बस यूं ही बनाए रखिए आप अपनी मिठास  
हमको हमेशा रखना अपने दिल के पास।

बस याहि शुभकामना है हमरी  
आपकी खुशियां रहें हमेशा जारी  
कोई भी गम आप को छू ना पाए  
जिंदगी आपकी फूलों की तरह मेहक्ती जाए।

खुशियां आपके कदमों को चूमें बार बार,  
आपकी जिंदगी में आती रहे खुशियाँ हजार,  
भले ही यहां से जा रही हैं लेकिन  
अपने दिल से हमें कभी ना भूलना।

हो सके तो कभी हमसे मिलने चले आना  
बस यही दुआ है हमारी की भगवान आपको हमेशा  
खुश रखे  
अब आ गया है वह पल जब हमें दिल थाम कर  
आंख मूंद कर अलविदा कहना पड़ रहा है।  
~ अनंदिता खन्ना

"संघर्ष में आदमी अकेला  
होता है,  
सफलता में दुनिया उसके साथ  
होती है।"

## स्मरण है मुझे

~ समीक्षा सिंह

यादों के झरोखे में प्रयत्नपूर्वक झाँकने पर स्मरण करने में अपने को काफी रोमांचित, प्रफुल्लित साथ-ही-साथ गौरवान्वित महसूस करते हुए उन पलों को मैं स्मरित करती हूँ, जहाँ जीवन के महत्वपूर्ण समय को व्यतीत किया और वह मेरे लिए एक तरफ तो काफी आनंददायी एवं प्रेरणाप्रद था, तो दूसरी तरफ एक प्रकार की विफलता थी, विक्षुब्धता थी तथा साथ ही विक्षुरण की भावुकता भी। अपने से अपनों को दूर होने का सहज एक अनुभव के साथ ही निरंतर आगे बढ़ने की प्रेरणाप्रद आशीर्वाद भी था, जिसकी छाया हमेशा आगे बढ़ने की दिशा एवं संबल देता रहा। वह यादगार किसी को भी भाव-विभोर करने लिए पर्याप्त था - वह क्षण था, 'विद्यालय से विदाई का वह क्षण।'





## A MESSAGE TO MY ALMA MATER

“The memories made, the anecdotes narrated, and all the learning that has taken place here, will be carried forward by me. Always.”

~ Brinda Jaiswal

“MIS has given me a rollercoaster ride, full of memories and experiences.”

~ Janvi Vasant

“I was just a star when I joined. Dear school, you made me a constellation. These six years of my schooling at MIS have been amazing. Every day was a memory in itself, and I will adore it forever.”

~ Janvi Jain

“My home since 2011.”

~ Sanskriti Saraff

“I have cherished every moment spent in this school, with the only people I have ever known, and will never forget these three amazing years spent in a place that we all call a home away from home.”

~ Shefali Bhatia

“Those five years spent in school were the years I learned the most and made the best memories. I waited for a long time to reach grade 12 and enjoyed that for a few months. As I move forward, I will cherish those years spent in the school, from the greenfield, to the classes, to the cubicles. Although I have not spent a long time, I am certain that these moments will always be the best ones.”

~ Avni Shroff

“I have wanted to be a part of MIS since grade 1, and I am glad it came true, at least when I was in grade 11. There are friendships that I yet cherish, educators who are like parents, and an environment like that of home. It is not just a school but a beautiful reality.”

~ Devi Lavangwala

“MIS has given me an experience full of excitement and learning. I will carry a big bag of memories when I leave this place.”

~ Ananya Tripathi

“MIS, just a school? Nah. For me, it is a place where I made some overwhelming memories, which I will cherish forever.”

~ Megha Jain

“My journey at MIS has been wonderful. It has given me countless memories and experiences which I will cherish forever.”

~ Dhriti Baid

“You are braver than you think and stronger than you believe you are. Never let anybody tell you anything else.”

~ Ishika Banerjee

“Little did we realise that controlling our tears on our last day would be a million times harder.”

~ Khushali Agarwal

MIS is an extraordinary place to live, to learn, and to grow in. As a MISStar, I can vouch for every sister of mine; all the she-panthers are leaders, and together, all the leaders work in a team and move ahead, creating their own identity. In my ten years of stay, I have evolved immensely as an individual, and the one thing I have realised is that no matter how much we try to give to this institute, it will never sum up to what it has given us.

~ Sanskriti Saraff, Head Girl '20

“MIS has filled me with lots of confidence. I have not only learned new things, but also made some fresh memories.”

~ Vani Agrawal

“MIS has been my second home for so many years, and the one thing that I am going to miss the most is the relations that I made here, especially the love and affection that I received from the people around me.”

~ Tahiti Gupta

“Being at MIS has been the most memorable journey so far. I will cherish every single moment spent here. I will miss my friends, teachers, and those late-night gossips. I will miss being a MISStar.”

~ Anjani Karanwal

“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

~ Shruti Singh

“What feels like the end is often the beginning, though undeniably the memories of the contagious laughter and the profound silence of the library would linger evermore.”

~ Ananya Agarwal



“Bidding farewell to my ‘cubimates’ with whom I have stayed from day one of this journey, to teachers who have made me believe in myself, and to the grade mates who never missed a second to make new memories...I am going to miss all of it so much!”

~ *Suchi Saraf*

“It was not always an easy road, but your presence made the path memorable.”

~ *Snigdha Jain*

“MIS was a beautiful stepping stone for me, where I learned lessons that no teacher could teach you in a classroom. MIS is a place I will forever call home. I felt safe there.”

~ *Bugi A. Sangma*

“MIS has made me resilient and has given tons of memories to cherish forever.”

~ *Divyanshi Singh*

“JW Marriott + Mall road”

~ *Unnati Patnaik*

“I joined MIS in grade 11 and just spent a year in school, and it already feels like home. Distance really makes you appreciate the presence of what you once took for granted; all sour feelings dissipated the moment I left school grounds. I will miss the things that made me laugh back then and the memories I had made with my friends. MIS has changed a lot of things in my life, in many different ways, and I will always miss it.”

~ *Prerna Yadav*

“A great journey is coming to an end now, and I will definitely miss every bit of it.”

~ *Aditi Mittal*

“MIS has always felt like my second home, and I have spent some crucial years of my life here. Getting to explore new places with new people, and receiving the amount of love that I got from them is forever going to be my favourite part.”

~ *Anshika Mittal*

“MIS is a place which will always be near to my heart. It has taught me to cherish every moment and work in any circumstance.”

~ *Elisha Khan*

“If someone asked me to go back to school, I would do so in a heartbeat.”

~ *Vishakha Gaikwad*

“Something more or something less than this place can never change me.”

~ *Parinita Chaudhary*

“The relationships that I have created here are just plain priceless.”

~ *Muskan Sharma*

“The pictures taken by my heart are firmly etched in my mind and will keep reminding me of the deep bonding with my Alma Mater. Its family-like atmosphere, amazing food, the teachers, and the friends that I have made for life, will be missed.”

~ *Jia Juneja*

“I am not crying because it is over. I am smiling because it happened.”

~ *Michelle Bagchi*

“Reminiscing past moments while walking barefoot in the green field, nothing could beat that.”

~ *Diya Bansal*

“Sitting near the terrace classes during exams and studying while enjoying the wind will be things I will always miss.”

~ *Tanvi*

“The two hardest things at MIS were the unexpected initial ‘Hi’ and the ‘farewell’ for the end.”

~ *Yana Chauhan*

“I will always cherish the memories I made at MIS; forever wishing that I had more time to stay.”

~ *Viddhi Jain*

“I can not hold back my tears when I think about leaving MIS. This journey holds a very special place in my heart, which will stay with me throughout my life.”

~ *Niyati Agarwal*

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~ *Tenzin Nyidon*

I will always cherish every precious memory i made.

~ *Aaniya Panwar*

# Sayonara Diary of a MISTar

	Dear Diary,
	It's that time of the year. It's time to say goodbye. I know that 12s are disappointed, that the farewell is virtual as well, but we have no choice, the 11s also aren't ecstatic about this event being virtual.
	Farewell, it is one of the most valued memories one could have in a boarding school, in MIS especially, and to have it virtually is truly disheartening, but let's not give up, because everybody knows that the 11s and 12s are not the kind to succumb to difficult circumstances, we will have farewell online, but it won't be the end, if you get what I mean *winks*.
	12s, don't feel disappointed, we've tried our best to give you a good farewell, look forward to it, not just because it's something we haven't done before but because it's not just a farewell, its Le Grand Au Revoir, it's the grand goodbye not forever but just until we meet again.
	~ Samiksha Singh

## THE CHANGE I NEVER WANTED

~ Devi Lavangwala

A major difference that this year made is, it turned my expectations into disappointments. I wanted to create new memories in the dormitories that echoed like the roar of a mother bear, and the educators giving us a life lesson in our classrooms. For a while, it felt like the lightning had struck nearby and left the after-effects on me. I was dumbstruck, in a state of dilemma. Should I rejoice in my escape or should I bounce back to the smoke causing trouble? Thanks to this miserable world, I now know the relations built on the grounds of no land but just minds, do not fail, rather, they strengthen. The pressure has overwhelmed the disappointment. Now, this disappointment gives me time to think, learn and know myself. Holding back all my emotions, I am left with nothing, but my bare self. For the society's sole work is to hypnotise; the break of a day will reflect oneself.

## MISTAR RECORDS

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Athletic and slender, on the race track she moves like thunder.</li> <li>2. Jack of all trades, in every field she does great.</li> <li>3. Strong and mellow, she bleeds yellow.</li> <li>4. Stand up comedian at her best, she can help you when you're depressed.</li> <li>5. Dances with her feet in grace, you can't ever match her pace.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Tech guru, she doesn't even need a crew</li> <li>7. Sharp as a knife, she is modelling her way through life.</li> </ol> |
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**ANSWER KEY:**

1. Aaniya Panwar
2. Sanskriti Saraf
3. Parinita Chaudhary
4. Megha Jain
5. Divyanshi Singh
6. Aditi Mittal
7. Yana Chauhan



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