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## A LETTER TO MY MOTHER

~ Rashi Parihar



Mom, Mama, Mummy, or by any other names that I have called you in the past, you are my best friend. My guardian angel, rather a kindred spirit. Thank you for bearing my dramatics because I surely know it is worse than the 'Bachelorette'. Thank you for accepting all my flaws. Thank you for being there for me and leading me to the right path. I know that raising me is a full-time job, but you still never complained. I have realised that the whole journey we have been through together - the painful 9 months, the first day of school and the person I am now - you have encountered my lowest self, yet taught me my worth. You have saved me from drowning in my life way more times than you could have imagined. Today, I also thank you for scolding me for all those silly things I did. Thank you for keeping me away from those

parties I so eagerly wanted to go to. The image that I have today is all because of you. I know I do not say this often but believe me when I do today that I love you, mother, for all the things you have done for me, soft or rough. I love you for always being honest with me about everything. I love you for choosing me, but most importantly, I love you for being my mother. I doubt I will ever be able to repay you, but I promise to be more than the girl you have expected me to. I promise to make you proud, no matter the obstacles I will have to withstand, anything, just for you mother.

## ONLINE GAMES

~ Garishita Choudhary

Though Corona has brought us to a virtual world of screens and laptops, it did not stop our spirit of being active and keeping fit. By conducting online games, we try to get all the MISTARS together at 4 p.m. every evening. By combining different activities, we try to keep their minds away from their busy schedules and rejuvenate. In a week, we have a combination of yoga, sports, Zumba, and physical fitness. Although we cannot give them the experience of the true essence of sports on the enormous greenfield, we try our best to keep the spirit of games alive virtually. After all, it is only through a healthy body that we can maintain a healthy mind. Students should join these games every time they get the chance to. You bond with grade mates and keep yourself fit. In this pandemic, staying at home has made us lazy. Going out for a jog or walk turned, breathing the fresh air has turned into us being afraid of catching the virus. Schools that helped students engage in many sports activities and build up their performance have sadly, shut down. No one saw this coming and so, appreciate the privilege you have. You will be thankful for it in the times to come.

## A REMARK OF GRATITUDE

~ Muskan Agarwal

While on one hand individuals across India and throughout the planet are largely confined to their homes with organisations and instructive establishments all shutdown, trying to contain the virus, our housemothers, aunts, and teachers are driving the fight against Covid-19 from the front. In these three months, they have put their own lives at risk with magnanimous assurance for saving our lives. Whether it was to check our temperatures day by day, ensuring we have great measures of food, teaching us virtually in spite of being unwell, or the errands they perform strikingly, the list goes on. For us students, you genuinely are our legends in these difficult times. Putting your own wellbeing, families, and in particular your own lives in danger to ensure we were protected at school, is an act that can never be paid back by us. We, the MISTars, could never express our gratitude in person but during these times, it is your helping hand that has assisted us in making our lives easier. A big thank you for being the reason for our strength. Thank you, for always being there for us, you are a parent in disguise, you made MIS feel like home.

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### FOR PEOPLE, FOR A CHANGE

~ Rashi Parihar

Coronavirus, a time bomb in disguise, has caused doom all over India as the government ignores the cries of its citizens. The second phase of the virus hit harder than a meteorite. Places all around India are turning themselves into isolation centres. However, the problem points to the basic need for oxygen. The lack of oxygen cylinders has become a crisis that is not stopping anytime soon. Linde India joined forces with the TATA group and secured 24 tanks of medical oxygen. Countries around the globe like the UAE, Ireland, UK, France have made contributions to our country. Countries and people all around the world have heard the cries of India. Yet, our government chooses to act blindly. People have lost their loved ones and were unable to even retrieve their bodies or say their last goodbyes. Sadly, politics finds its way into everything. It is speculated that hospitals are prioritizing the rich and famous over the ones in need. Many have died due to this iniquitous behaviour. The citizens should do their best and try to help in any way possible. Take a step towards change. A little goes a long way.

### JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- Retained control of West Bengal by the regional Trinamool Congress (TMC) was declared on 2nd May, with Modi's BJP emerging as the main opposition there for the first time. Following this, at least six people have been killed in post-election violence, police officials said on 5th May, after a regional group beat Prime Minister Narendra Modi's party in a bitterly fought contest.
- Israeli aircraft reportedly carried out airstrikes in northern Syria on 5th May, Syrian state media said, killing one person and wounding six, in the first alleged attacks since raids last month that saw an errant Syrian anti-aircraft missile explode in the Negev desert.
- The United States department of Defence has said that it is tracking the Chinese Long March 5B-rocket that is out of control and is set to re-enter the earth's atmosphere on May 8th. While its location is being tracked, the exact entry point cannot be determined.

### SELF-MOTIVATION IS THE BEST MOTIVATION

~ Yurva Munshi

The day we returned home, I experienced "déjà vu". I assume other mistars did so too. To resentfully return back home this year, feels bizarre. There were so many events and moments we anticipated to experience, but unfortunately could not. In these times where every activity is done through virtual platforms, it struck me that detachment from school has definitely affected our social and communicative skills. When I close my eyes, drifting off to sleep, my mind is full of thoughts concerning my future - career, academics and what not! This doubtlessly affects all of us in a negative way. Nevertheless, where there is darkness, there is light. Quality time with our families, observing and exploring our hidden talents, setting our study schedule accordingly, there is so much more! I eminently believe, in the middle of difficulties, lies opportunity. Rather than waiting for the future to provide us with better circumstances, we should look out for contentment in the present, which I assure will transform you into your best self. Implementing determination on actions will result in more than just satisfaction. If we overcome negative thoughts and mentally prepare ourselves for the tough times ahead with conviction, no one is capable enough to bring us down.

### OODLE DOODLE



~ Shreya Ranjan

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## A NEW VENTURE: MISMUN 2021

~ Ishanvi Roy (Secretary General 2021)



After the undisputed success of the first two Model United Nations by Mussoorie International School, it was without a doubt that our batch, Ailith'22, had to conduct one and keep the legacy going. Through the previous conferences that I attended, I gained an acute understanding of foreign relations, insight into how the decisions that are taken at particular inflection points in history sculpt the future and learned how to deliberate in a result-oriented manner. And this conference aims to teach all students participating the same through the theme "Leading the resurgence towards revolution", this means becoming the change and taking charge of the world's worsening condition. The baton of leadership and change is going to be passed on to us in not much time, and we must be prepared with all the vital tools to face the altering economic, social, and cultural spheres. And it is only through debates, MUNs, and active learning that we can equip ourselves enough to give importance to our voice.

I urge all participants to use this intra-school event to prepare themselves for larger destinations, where every opinion will be criticised and questioned. Our team is committed to enabling you with lifelong confidence and knowledge that strikes fear and respect into those who try and oppose your intellect and value.

## SCAMMERS V/S COVID-19

~ Mahima Nandy

As covid-19 takes a wide stroll in India, a large number of families have been struggling with medical assistance. Citizens putting their heart and soul into saving their loved ones, are defeated by the shortage of basic medical facilities. Taking advantage of this scarcity in medication, cyber criminals have returned back to their jobs, leveraging this desperate situation. Demanding advanced payment on providing oxygen cylinders, and withdrawing from the process after receiving the amount is one of the most common tricks to be aware of. Scammers have been successful in their corrupt business due to the huge similarity with authentic business resources. Looking out for the official sites, fake documents and guarding your very own personal information such as PIN, or passwords to any social media accounts. Detainment of 3 civilians was observed in Delhi, the previous week for selling oxygen cylinders at a much higher price. Concluding, to be more aware and sceptical of our actions during these crucial situations.

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## Our Two Cents

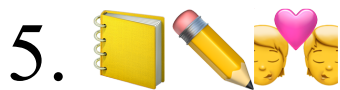


### CHANGING THE NARRATIVE: NORMALISING NEURO-DIVERGENCE

In a time where staying at home is considered the norm, the most common method of connectivity has become texting. However, interpreting text can be frustrating for anyone online, but is particularly so for users who are neuro-divergent- the term is used to refer to people with genetic differences such as Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, ADHD, and various forms of Autism. Neuro-divergent people are not ill, and it is not a syndrome, it is merely a difference. Neuro-divergent people have problems with 'normal' forms of communication. Some people on the autistic spectrum, for example, have difficulties in reading other people's facial expressions or

body language. In a text-only environment, how can they ever be certain what other people mean without the usual nuances within live conversations? This is where tone indicators appear helpful. Tone indicators are non-lexical signifiers used at the ends of statements to help readers understand the 'tone' or 'mood' the text or email was sent with. Put simply, they are written to clarify the poster's intent and emotion. The trouble neuro-divergent people face in deciphering the subtle cues associated with say sarcasm or seriousness can be easily solved using these indicators. Neuro-diverse people are wired differently from those considered 'normal' or 'neurotypical', and often their differences are an extraordinary strength in working and implementing. For instance, Dyslexia and Autism are associated with advanced memory, pattern recognition, improved mathematical reasoning, and often see things more holistically. But these differences can also leave neuro-divergent people more susceptible to mental ill-health, which can be created or heightened by unsuitable education or social environments. Creating a safe and accepting environment where they can thrive and use their gifted abilities to their utmost potential, requires not much work and helps create truly social platforms.

### DECIPHER THE MOVIE



**Answer Key:** 1. Life of Pi, 2. Cinderella, 3. Home Alone, 4. Ratatouille, 5. Notebook, 6. Harry Potter, 7. Thor, 8. Planet of the Apes, 9. Charlie and the chocolate factory, 10. Murder on the Orient Express



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