



AMHS CONNECT

The Alumni Newsletter

MAY '22

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Modernites,

The school shed, perhaps a semi-address within the school and almost as iconic as the school itself, holds different memories for different batches. For some it maybe a reminder of the good old 'hot lunches'; for many others, it may immediately take them to morning assemblies whilst many of us will be reminded of badminton and throwball matches and lots of practise for any school events and performances.

Hence, the shed was quite the perfect place for the alumni association to have met for their AGM, carry out their proceedings smoothly and made merry after the formalities with a sumptuous treat!

On behalf of Team Connect, we'd like to thank the school for their support and the Principal for sparing her valuable time. How can we not take this opportunity to also thank all the outgoing members of the committee for their contributions and for having steered the Association so admirably!

On a personal note, I'd also like to express my gratitude to the Committee for having invited me to read and present some of my poetry. It was an honour to be in conversation with Dr. De and to have such a participative audience. Finally, a thumping welcome to all the new office bearers – may they keep the Modern High Alumni flag flying high!

Warmly,
Supriya Newar



PRINCIPAL AT THE PODIUM



This was my first experience of AHMS AGM and I am glad that the experience of initiation was one of warmth and disciplined procedure. It was lovely to hear Supriya Newar share with her school friends her journey as a writer and the excerpts read from her book, Kolkata Classics, were nostalgic and hilarious to say the least.

I found the AGM procedure to be well paced with strict adherence to protocols. It was heartening to see the ethos of MHS still believed in and practiced by the alum -the outgoing members handing over the baton of governance to the incoming team, while generously sharing their experiences laced with caution and the present committee members, led by President Sushma Nevatia, welcoming guidance yet using their independence to ideate about new programmes. The election for filling the vacancy in the Committee was conducted by Vice President Dr Rajeswari De following correct protocols and it was my privilege to be an Observer of the process.

The number of sub-committee members attending the AGM was a bit of a disappointment as I know how passionately MHS alum connect with their alma mater- the various programmes undertaken throughout the last year in spite of challenging circumstances, are a proof of that. Modernites are scattered all over the world and time zones and while they would want to be connected, a more accessible platform, not confined to the physical, may be the order of the future. The evening ended well with a sumptuous feast, which goes much beyond the smilingly offered "Just a little snack Ma'am!"

I wish the AMHS committee and its sub-committee success in all the exciting plans being framed for this year.

Damayanti Mukherjee
Principal, Modern High School for Girls, Kolkata

A FLOOD OF MEMORIES AND GRATITUDE



To be bestowed with the responsibility to serve as the President of the AMHS is a matter of great honour for me, a simple school girl who was not particularly outstanding in her 14 years but spent them joyously with loving friends and teachers at MHS.

Nevertheless, School was the window to the world for me. Hence, there is an immense sense of fulfillment to be able to serve my Alma Mater and is a mark of my love, respect and payback to an institution which has given me so much.

This feeling of gratitude, the joy of bonding with my schoolmates and to be transported to those wonder years of life - an opportunity for some of us to organise and get together a grand reunion across all batches was one of the most rewarding experiences for me.

What a resounding success Modernite 2017 (which was a pet project of mine) was! Following that, getting an invitation to join the AMHS Committee, later becoming the Jt. Secretary and then the Secretary, gave me ample understanding of the ways to work as a team and take our Alumni to achieve greater heights.

Helping organise events like Alumni Idol, a Heritage Walk, talks by distinguished personalities like the head of the CRPF, Modernites, workshops, charity drives and of course publishing our very own newsletter - AMHS CONNECT were the highlights of all the meaningful activities we engaged in.

The teachings from School to do whatever you do, well, and that the show must go on, encouraged us to keep working on a virtual platform throughout the pandemic as well.

As I take on my term of three years with a very supportive committee, I would like to draw inspiration from the theme for School this year, 'Learn to Reflect'.

The wisdom in these words when brought to action, will show us the way forward.

I shall take this journey to deliver to the best of my abilities and keep the AMHS banner flying high.

Thank you!

- Sushma Nevatia
Class of 1989

PASSING ON THE BATON



As the President of AMHS, the biggest gift I received was the friendship and love from many who are much younger in years, but always made me feel an integral part of the team. They gave me tremendous respect and I realized that age is no barrier when you come together for a purpose and work together as a team. Each member played her special role according to her unique abilities and had the confidence that she enjoyed the full support of the others. Even though I did not know some of the members to start with, we gradually bonded and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of working together.

It is a matter of great pride and fulfilment to me that I was the Founder President of AMHS – it is an experience I truly cherish. I wish the present committee all the very best and I am sure they will continue to bring honour to the name of our school.

- Kavita Poddar
Class of 1966

It has been a privilege and honour for me to be a part of the founding team of the Alumni. Our team had a very good bonding and we worked together wholeheartedly to make each of our programs, a big success.

We created pathbreaking events like the Alumni Idol, Stree Shakti, Teachers felicitation at Jyotirmai, Debates, Sports Day, Alumni retreats, Diamond Jubilee celebrations and Modernite - to name just a few.

I got to learn a lot from my elders and colleagues - qualities of leadership, responsibility, sincerity and commitment were imbibed in me by working shoulder to shoulder with our team.

The AMHS bonding is very special to me - not just between your own classmates but transcending boundaries of different batches and age groups, creating a camaraderie where each one came with a single minded point of focus - their love for their Alma Mater.

- Shailaja Mundra
Class of 1986



It was my good fortune to have been a part of the AMHS committee.

It is a platform where I could experience the values which the school taught us in the way of working, taking responsibilities, expressing, respecting and connecting. We are a very young Alumni and I hope we grow taller and stronger as time goes by.

- Deepa Bagla
Class of 1989

It has been a complete honor to be a part of the esteemed AMHS committee and to associate closely with my Alma Mater. The events we organized and smoothly executed through the peak Covid years have shown me the power of resilience, innovation and creativity. I would like to thank the committee's senior members for giving me the opportunities to host live and virtual events. They have allowed me to create memories that I shall continue to cherish. I am more than excited to participate in all the amazing things that the new AMHS committee has planned, moving forward.

- Kritika Goenka Bagaria
Class of 2010



I was full of zeal and enthusiasm to serve my Alma Mater as a committee member of AMHS. It was a sheer pleasure to meet and discuss programmes with fellow members who always put in their best foot forward! Seeing it grow over the years is truly heartening. Wishing the team all the best!

- Lily More
Class of 1986

PASSING ON THE BATON

My school days are unforgettable and in fact those days continue to be the happiest and the most fruitful days of my life. I am thankful to the AMHS members for electing me to be a part of the committee. I cherished every moment of being a Treasurer of the committee and was proud of the support rendered by my fellow members. Giving back to an alumni association is a great way to keep the legacy of our dear School going on. I feel greatly honoured.

- Reba Kajaria
Class of 1968



As I reminisce about my Alma Mater, I am reminded about how strongly I felt for it and dreamt about giving back to my school. Thus it was as an honour to be associated with the Alumni Committee. My experience has been nothing short of wonderful as it helped me to relive the old days and strengthen the bond with my friends. The Alumni Idol event will always be very close to my heart.

- Sandhya Jalan
Class of 1986

I was fortunate to be associated with AMHS as a committee member in the year 2009 for a short period of time. I have fond memories of being able to contribute and be a part of the activities and events. It gave me an opportunity and platform to share my creativity. My best wishes to our Alumni always.

- Suchita Swaika
Class of 1989



I have been associated with the Alumni committee of MHS since its inception and have seen it grow and blossom in the past 20years. I have a strong connection with all our committee members and it has been a wonderful journey. All the best to the new committee. May you fly high and attain greater heights.

- Suneeta Bagree
Class of 1988

I joined the AMHS almost 3 decades after leaving school, and was delighted to be inducted into the esteemed committee within 2-3 years of joining. It has been a pleasure to be a part of so many exciting and innovative events, especially the signature alumni event of AMHS, Alumni Idol. Looking forward to lots more offline events in the coming months!

- Varsha Sheth
Class of 1982



MEET THE AMHS COMMITTEE



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KOLKATA CLASSICS

The Annual General Meeting of AMHS on 18th April began with a poetry reading session from a book of verses titled, 'Kolkata Classics', penned by Supriya Newar, an MHS alumna (HS -1994) and a prolific writer, who we also know as the editor of AMHS Connect.

Her latest book captures the various idiosyncrasies and quintessential elements of our beloved city and its people. That evening, she was in conversation with Dr. R. De at the school shed. Everything from the Rabindra Sarovar Lake to the city by-lanes, from jhalmuri to daaber jol gets featured in her book and thus came under discussion with the audience chipping in enthusiastically, adding anecdotes of their own.

Supriya was later joined on-stage by two other ex-students – Smriti Gupta (batch of 2001) and Sayantani Sen (batch of 2005) who read out some verses from the book. Later, several of the attendees picked up a copy and got them signed by the poet. Kolkata Classics is steadily winning hearts and is available online and at bookstores.

- Sayantani Sen
Class of 2005



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Sayantani Sen - Batch of 2005
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