

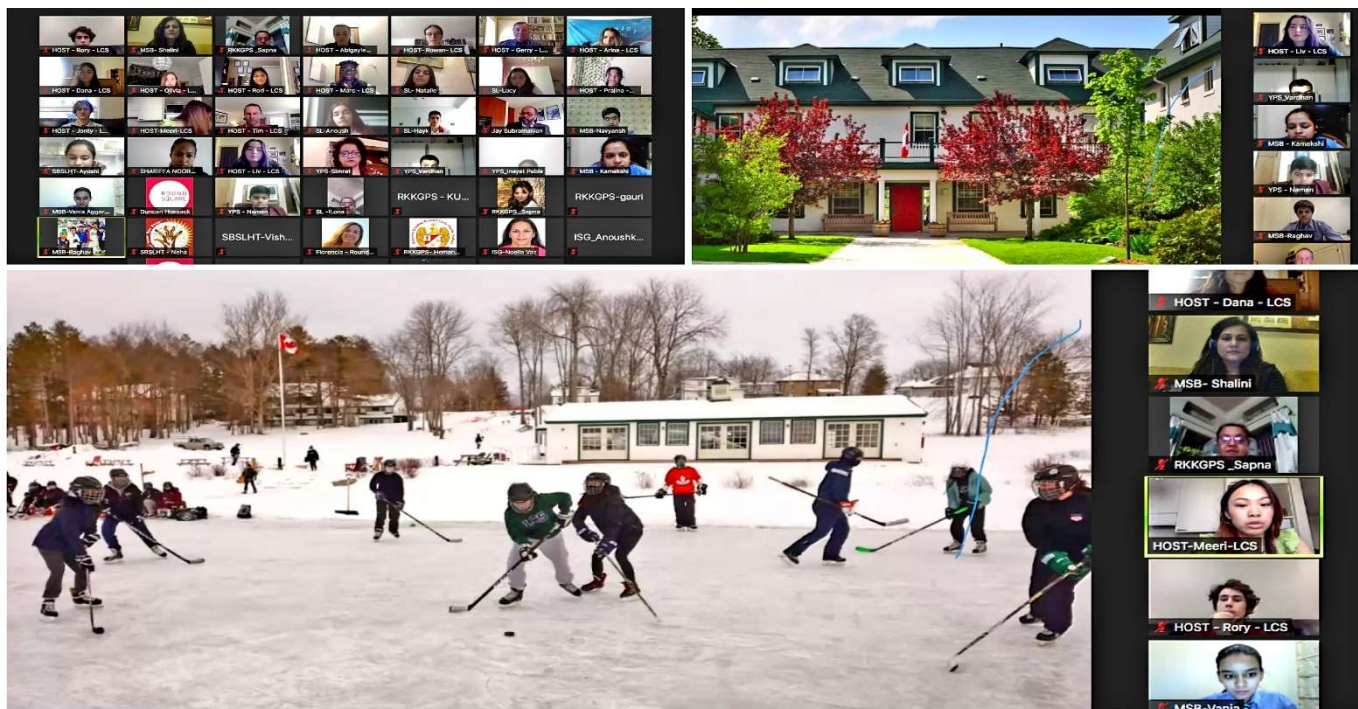


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## THE MODERN SCHOOL WEEKLY

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*Glimpses of the Virtual Round Square Postcard Conference*

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## ROUND SQUARE

### Postcard Conference Canada

A virtual Round Square Postcard Conference was organised by Lakefield College, Canada on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2021. The theme of the event was **“Find your Discovery Superpower”**. There were more than fifty representatives from twelve Round square schools from all over the world including Canada, Colombia, Kenya, India, Peru, Oman, and Armenia. Modern School, Barakhamba Road delegation comprised Raghav Singhal (S4A), Kamakshi Gupta (S6J), Navyansh Pant (S6G), and Vania Aggarwal (S6J). The students were mentored and escorted by Ms Shalini Dahiya. The host school presented an interactive video, focusing on the Round Square Ideals and Discoveries.

The students identified and shared the twelve Round Square Discoveries namely inquisitiveness, tenacity, courage, compassion, inventiveness, ability to solve problems, self-awareness, sense of responsibility, appreciation of diversity, commitment to sustainability, communication, and team-working skills as their personal 'Signature Strengths' and which ones would they like to focus on for their personal growth. Thereafter, breakout rooms for Baraza discussions were created in which the students shared their heartwarming stories and experiences of their signature strengths. In the end, they talked about how a person can be a



*Students during a Discussion at the Event*

good leader. They understood the true meaning of the Round Square Discoveries and learned with the help of experiences shared by the other delegates.

## METANOIA - COLLABORATIVE CONFERENCE FOR ROUND SQUARE SCHOOLS

Metanoia, a conference organised by Dhirubhai Ambani International School, Mumbai for Round Square Schools was held virtually on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of May, 2021. The Modern School delegation comprised Cheshtaa Sharma (S3D), Agastya Aggarwal (S3H), Juwairiyyah Shah (S3D), Samaira Diesh (S3E), Parnika Gupta (S3D) and Vivaan Karla (S3D).

The students were given a pre-conference task for which they had to create a short video about self-expression, via various art forms. Due to the increasing need to express oneself during these tough times, it was the perfect pre-conference task for the delegates. On the first day, the students were addressed by the



*The Modern School Delegation*



keynote speaker Ranveer Allahbadia, whose speech about escaping the norms of society and going into a non-conventional profession was inspiring. On the second day, the students were addressed by Janavi Folmsbe, a marine life artist and scuba diver who spoke about her struggle towards becoming an artist.

The conference revolved around 'Self- Expression', and was indeed true to its goal of not just being informative but also exciting. During the two days of fun filled workshop, the students expressed themselves with different art forms such as music, dance, writing, art and drama. They also played various games with the delegates from other schools and were able to discover themselves through a wonderful journey with the volunteers.

## CREATIVITY MARATHON 2021 – INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Creativity Marathon Contest, a filmmaking competition was organised by Full Sail University, Florida, USA where teams consisting of three to five students competed against other teams to produce a short video. The teams had to propose solutions to help achieve one or more of the goals presented in the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. After completing the registration process, participants had access to the Creativity Marathon platform and lessons provided by professionals in different aspects of filmmaking.



*Honorable Mention of Modern School Students at the Competition*

Modern School delegation comprised of two teams: **Team 1**-Aditi Tuli(S7J), Tiyaasha Acharya Chaudhary(S7B) and Karen Kakkar(S7B) & **Team 2**- Manan Jain(S7D), Anirudh Jain(S7C), Ishaan Pershad(S7A) and Manya Jain(S7A). The motive of the videos was to provide an insight into a sustainable consumer's day. Some more goals were also touched upon such as SDG 6- Clean Water and Sanitisation, SDG 7- Affordable and Clean Energy, SDG 11- Sustainable Cities and Communities, and SDG 13- Climate Action. Each submission was judged by a panel and the entry that received the highest score was designated the potential winner and the next five highest scoring entries were nominated as honourable mentions.

Our team comprising Aditi Tuli (S7J), Tiyaasha A Chaudhry (S7B) and Karen Kakkar (S7B) which represented India and Modern School, won an **Honourable Mention** for the **Best Footage**.

## ROUND SQUARE 2021 UWCSEA CONFERENCE

The Round Square conference was held virtually on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2021. The event was hosted by the UWCSEA School, Singapore. Thirty-One Round Square schools with over two hundred delegates from fifteen countries like England, Denmark, Japan, China, India, Nigeria, etc. took part in the conference. Modern School, Barakhamba Road delegation comprised Aarav Budhiraja (S3G), Amartya Aggarwal (S3E), Divij Wahi (S3E), Manika Chhabra (S3D), Nergis Malhotra(S3E) and Vanya Gupta (S3G). The theme of the event was *'The Future of Our Cities'*. The host school had given each delegation a task to put in their perspectives and suggestions for the betterment and success of a particular country through an infographic. Sustainability, politics, traditions, culture, people, technology and agriculture and biotechnology were some of the topics discussed during the Baraza sessions.



*Modern School Delegation for the Conference*

## INTERACTIVE SESSION FOR THE STUDENTS

### ORIENTATION MEETING FOR TEACHERS

The Covid-19 pandemic brought in a plethora of challenges for all of us. As educators, we strive to give the best to our students by adopting methods which are safe in such circumstances without compromising on the quality of education. Modern School, Barakhamba Road reopened after summer break on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. All the classes are being held online on Microsoft Teams platform. The students had the opportunity to attend interactive sessions from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 with their respective subject teachers where they were guided about a spectrum of objectives ranging from project work, AIL to the latest curriculum. Thereafter, the regular classes resumed from 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

An orientation meeting for teachers was also held on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. The Principal, Dr Vijay Datta who has always been a constant source of inspiration for all the teachers, addressed the staff members and stressed upon the need to help students achieve holistic development. He suggested that the teachers could achieve this, by going a little beyond the curriculum and encourage students to come up with the problems which they may be facing in these unprecedented circumstances and guide them well to solve them. Let us all pledge to fight the pandemic by strictly following the protocols and strive to bring all the cheer and happiness back to our school campus.