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EDUCATION

<u>The Cathedral & John Connon School, Mumbai, India</u>	2012 - Present
• International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, Grade 11 and 12	2023 - Present
• Cambridge IGCSE Board Examinations, Grade 9 and 10	2021 - 23

STANDARDIZED TESTS

<u>SAT Super Score</u> : 1530	2023 - 24
• Mathematics: 800, Reading & Writing: 730	

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

<u>School</u>	
• Honors Prize in Grade 11 (Academic excellence award)	2023 - 24
• Honors Prize in Grade 10 (Academic excellence award)	2022 - 23
• Subject Prize Award for topping grade in Global Perspectives in Grade 10	2022 - 23

International

- Winner, Young Historian Award - Spirit of Normandy Trust Senior, from the British Historical Association for an "extremely incisive study" of Montgomery's North Africa Campaign 2024
- Distinction in Galois Contest - University of Waterloo CEMC 2023
- Distinction in Hypatia Contest, School Rank #2 - University of Waterloo CEMC 2023
- School Rank #1 in American Mathematics Competition 12B (AMC) 2023
- Cambridge ICE Distinction for academic excellence in IGCSE Board Exams 2023
- Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (Level 2) cleared 2021- 24

Model UN

- Outstanding Delegate, Rato Bangala School MUN, Nepal 2021
- Special Mention, St. James' School Model UN, Kolkata, India 2023
- Participant, Harvard Model UN, Boston, MA 2024
- Verbal Mention, JB Petit High School Model UN, Mumbai, India 2020, 2021

Other

- Best Delegate, Marketing Committee & Best Delegation Award at Young Entrepreneurs Conference, The Doon School, India 2023

WORK EXPERIENCE

Citizen's Archive of India (CAI), Mumbai, India (www.citizensarchiveofindia.org) - CAI's goal is to preserve India's cultural legacy by recording personal histories through Oral History and Material memory. CAI creates an accessible archive, fostering dialogue about India through education and outreach programs

Intern under Ms. Malvika Bhatia, Archive Director Jun 2024 - Present

- Researched the Indian Independence struggle and chartered a route to develop a heritage walk
- Collected material for the walk by researching academic resources, online resources, and internal archives
- Interviewed pre and post-Independence citizens to record their personal stories, social lives, and the changing culture they grew up in
- Transcribed conversations to build and expand CAI's digital oral history archive

Skillmatics, Grasper Global Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai, India (www.skillmatics.in) - Skillmatics develops innovative educational products - learning resources, STEM products & educational games. The company has sold 5 million+ products across 35+ countries, with the US being the core market

Summer Intern under Ms. Devanshi Kejriwal, Co-Founder, Skillmatics May - Jul 2024

- Analyzed the toy and game market in India, with a specific focus on identifying gaps and opportunities for new product development
- Designed content for the game, Guess in 10 - 'Wonders of India', making complex historical concepts easy and fun to engage with
- Game was launched on Amazon in August 2024 and has a 5* rating

Arjun Films, Mumbai, India (<https://www.youtube.com/@ArjunPicturesPvtLtd>) - Arjun Films is a production house located in Mumbai aimed at bringing stories to life through short films, ads and reels. A new film about the Partition of India is to be released in 2025

Intern under Mr. Arjun Razdan, Founder, Arjun Films 2024

- Helped to edit the script, check for historical accuracy, add more historical details, and creatively design the set of the movie scenes

Burgundy Brand Collective (BBC), Onitsuka Tiger, Mumbai, India (www.bbcollective.co) - BBC is a partner to international specialty brands looking to build sustainable community-centric businesses in India. BBC has partnered with Royce Chocolates, Ligne Roset & Onitsuka Tiger

Summer Intern under Mr. Samir Gadhok, Director of Burgundy Brand Collective May - July 2022

- Led a team that conducted a sociological survey on the perception of Japanese brands in the Indian market, focusing on Onitsuka Tiger
- Gathered and analyzed data from 100 respondents and offered insights towards the company's marketing strategies
- Interacted with customers on the sales floor and assisted with shoe sales, contributing to the company's monthly sales targets

Sterlite Technologies Ltd., Mumbai, India (www.stl.tech) - A leading global optical and digital technology company, STL provides offerings in more than 150 countries. It is listed on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)

Summer Intern under Mr. Ankit Agarwal, Managing Director, Sterlite Technologies June 2023

- Conducted market research with regards to optical fiber transmission, production, and sales
- Analyzed global competitive landscape to create a final pitch that was delivered to the founder and CEO

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

<u>Prefect, The Cathedral & John Connon School</u>	2024
• Elected 1 of 5 boy Prefects from IB, responsible for organising & overseeing school activities, representing students' opinions & driving discussions with faculty, responsible for maintaining good conduct in school. Also responsible for providing guidance to 10th grade students & advising them about social and ethical issues	

<u>Editor-in-Chief, Purple and Silver, The Cathedral & John Connon School Sports Magazine</u>	2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for publishing 1 sports issue every month in school, editing the content written & writing 8 articles per issue. Also helped organize a shoe collection drive in school through the Purple and Silver to help aspiring athletes from underprivileged communities. The magazine is read by 200 people regularly, with 30+ student contributors 	
<u>Head of the Encore Sponsorship team, Encore Emcee, The Cathedral & John Connon School</u>	2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for spearheading donations for 25+ student contributors for the school's charity music festival, 'Encore'. Helped raise approximately INR 600,000 INR (US\$ 7000) for two charities: Hamari Silai and St. Jude's, non-profits that empower low-income women to get jobs and a childhood cancer treatment facility respectively. Performed as MC in front of 150+ people at Encore 	
<u>Model United Nations Executive Board, The Cathedral & John Connon School</u>	2023 - 24
<u>Director at CMUN 2024</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for writing an 80-page study guide for 40+ delegates on the committee "The Futuristic Emergency Lok Sabha" and moderating and marking the delegates over 3 days of the conference, while planning a futuristic setting for India and creatively thinking about the country's future such that the committee would be practical 	
<u>Assistant Director at CMUN 2023</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistant Director of the super-specialized 'Grand Council Charles I' committee. Responsible for writing a 35-page study guide for delegates on the agenda "The English Civil War of 1642" while moderating and marking the delegates over 3 days of the conference as well as coming up with creative crisis ideas for delegates to tackle 	

RESEARCH:

<u>Author, History Research paper</u> with Dr. Navina Jafa, a culture historian, titled ' <i>The Complex Interplay of Ideologies: Gandhi and Jinnah's Divergent Paths to Nationhood</i> '; published in Academia	Feb - Apr 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showcases the impact of the dichotomic views of the two leaders leading up to and post Partition 	
<u>Author, Economics Research paper</u> titled ' <i>To what extent has the increased valuation of NBA teams due to their dynastic runs helped the economic growth in that city since the 21st century?</i> '; published in Academia, received 2 college credits from UCSD	May - Aug 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showcases the link between the success of an NBA team to the growth of the city, and whether it is recommended for an American city to have an NBA Team 	
<u>Independent Investigation</u>	2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended Essay in History evaluating the change in bilateral ties between India & Pakistan post signing of the Shimla Agreement of 1972 	

AWARENESS INITIATIVES

<u>Founder, Divided Destinies</u> (www.divided-destinies.com/)	2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A website highlighting Partition case studies in the modern world, with donation pages linked for families affected by Partition 	
<u>Founder and Interviewer, Civil Chronicles</u> (www.youtube.com/@vivaandavda268)	2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A podcast series with Civil Services' officers (IAS/IPS/IFS) to inspire the youth to pursue civil service careers 	

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

<u>Heal Foundation, Mumbai, India: Volunteer</u>	2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raised money for victims of child sexual abuse Raised awareness about the foundation by participating in the Dream Run (6 km) at the TATA Mumbai Marathon 	
<u>Muktangan School, Mumbai, India: Volunteer</u>	2023 - 24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aided in skill development for young, underprivileged children Encouraged and assisted 40+ children Planned the annual day festival in the school Taught the children singing, acting and dancing 	
<u>All Saints Home, Mumbai, India: Volunteer</u>	2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted at an old-age home Played games with 50+ senior citizens to boost morale 	

COURSES, WORKSHOPS AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

<u>Columbia University, NY, USA</u>	Jun - Jul 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer School on 'Entrepreneurship and Innovation' with Prof. Stephane Goldsand 	
<u>Ashoka University, Sonapat, India</u>	2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young Scholars Program - Summer Program 	
<u>The Bombay Natural History Society</u>	2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member 	

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

<u>Basketball</u>	2022 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of the school varsity basketball team Represented the school at tournaments such as the International School Sports Organization (ISSO) and District Sports Office (DSO), and represented school as starting shooting guard, helped the school achieve ranking as one of Top 8 schools in country 	
<u>Squash</u>	2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of the school squash team Represented the school at the District Sports Office (DSO) 	
<u>Quiz</u>	2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winner of Interhouse school quiz competition 	
<u>Cricket, Table Tennis, Dramatics</u>	2022 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interhouse Participant 	

LANGUAGES

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fluent in Hindi, English, Mandarin (Level 2) 	
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SKILLS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Efficient in Microsoft software suites Karate Brown Belt PADI Certified Open-Water Diver (Indonesia) Coding in HTML, CSS 	
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