

## LADIES' COLLEGE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2020

\*\* Schools were closed island-wide from 13<sup>th</sup> March to 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 due to the CoVID-19 pandemic. Teachers were immediately trained to teach online on MS Teams and required equipment and data packages were provided to the staff to facilitate online teaching. Thereafter, online lessons commenced for the students of Ladies' College from Nursery to Advanced Level on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Ladies' College re-opened for the students from Grade 11 upwards in mid-July. Many activities that were scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> terms were not held. Yet a few societies had virtual meetings and tournaments online.

### NURSERY & KG (Grades 1 – 3)

Jan 17	Blessing of Grade 1 Students
Jan 29	The Buddhist students in Grade 2 were taken to the Walukaramaya Temple.
Feb 11	Nursery and KG Founders Day Celebration
Feb 5	The Buddhist students in Grade 3 were taken to the Gangaramaya Temple.
Feb 14	The Christian students in Grade 3 were taken to the Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour.
Oct 2	KG Activity Day - 'Canals & their stories'
Dec 4	Nursery & KG Nativity Service (online)
Dec 11	Nursery Concert (online)

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Dec 17	Primary Nativity Service
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### UPPER SCHOOL

Feb 24	Students following BTEC in Hospitality attended a workshop on General Awareness at Simpson Forest Hotel in Kandy.
Feb 27	The British AL students following Geography as a subject were taken on a field work and research excursion to the Kaluthara Beach with the assistance of Marine Environment Protection Agency.
Feb 12	A seminar on Operations Management was organized in school for the students following Business Studies as subject.

### Social Outreach Programmes

March 3	Students of Grade 11J visited the St Margaret's Elders' Home, Colombo 3.
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### CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

#### Buddhist Society

Jan 27	Society trip to Galle. They visited the Thelwatte Raja Maha Viharaya, Hikkaduwa Kumarakanda Temple and Dodnaduwa Shailabimbaramaya.
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#### English Debating Society

Jan 18-19	The A team was adjudged runners up at the Elizabeth Moir Impromptu Debating Tournament.
June 5-7	Reiha Wimalasekera represented the Sri Lanka 'B' team at the Tilbury House World Schools (Online) Debating Tournament which was adjudged semifinalists.
June 10-23	Ladies' College A team was adjudged semifinalists at the Dr Vijitha Weerasinghe Online Memorial Tournament.
Sep 25-27	Lilian Nixon Debating Tournament was held on line.

#### Sinhala Debating Society

Oct 23-25	Vaagavi' Inter School Sinhala Debating Competition (online)
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## FOREIGN REPRESENTATION & TRAVEL

- Feb 5-9 Tharuni Samarakkody participated in the Vegas Shoot archery tournament in Las Vegas USA conducted by the National Field Archery Association in the USA
- March Tia Latiff participated in the Amir of Kuwait Ninth International Shooting Grand Prix.
- March 21-29 Jithaara Warnakulasuriya was selected to represent Sri Lanka at the world Table Tennis Championship in South Korea. This tournament was postponed due to CoVID-19 pandemic.

## SPORTS

### Athletics

- March 5-6 Ladies' College emerged champions at the Circuit Athletic Meet.

### Badminton

- Jan 13-18 Junior National Badminton Championship

### Chess

- Feb 8-9 Aniasha Choksy was qualified to play at the nationals at the Sri Lanka Schools Individual Chess Tournaments (Colombo Zone)

### Netball

- Feb 24 The U-20 team emerged champions at the Circuit Netball Tournament.

### Rowing

- Feb 19-22 Ladies' College was emerged Champions in the ladies category at the Rowing Junior Nationals, and the 'Fliper' Trophy was awarded to Ladies' College for winning the most amount of gold medals.

### Table Tennis

- March 7-8 The U-19 team emerged champions in the 'A' division and runner up at the 'C' division at the All Island Inter Schools Under 14/19 Table Tennis Tournament.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- Feb 12 Founders Day Service followed by the Founders Day programme. Students of Grade 12 presented 'The History of Ladies' College'.
- Feb 25 Inter House Sinhala Oratorical Competition  
Inter House Tamil Oratorical Competition
- Feb 20 Inter House Sports Meet
- Feb 26 Ash Wednesday Service
- Sep 18 Valedictory Service for the school leavers.

## UPGRADING OF FACILITIES

- Refurbishment of the Home Science Room to meet the requirements of the BTEC in hospitality students.
- Main Hall generator was connected to electricity supply lines of the main school, chapel and hostel.
- Re-turfing and upgrade of back garden and reconstruction of long jump pit,

## PARENT TEACHER INTERACTION

March 2	Open Day – Kindergarten
Jan 31	PTA - OGM.
Feb 26	Open Day - Nursery
Sep 9	Meeting with Parents of Grade 11 on A/Level subject selection
Sep 16	Meeting with Parents of Grade 12 on Post A/Level academic options

\*\* School was commenced on a staggered basis from August 21 onwards for different sections in keeping with the Health and Safety measures set by the Ministry of Education. The school administration has been in constant touch with the designated PHI and has acted in consultation with all health & safety measures.

From September 2 onwards school was in session from Nursery to Grades 14. Social distancing was maintained in every classroom, wash basins were fixed at three entry points and many hand sanitization facilities were placed throughout the school giving easy access to students, staff & visitors. In line with the ministry requirements the school has not been permitted to date to resume sports activities and to re-open daycare, cafeteria and sports complex. However, a few other extra-curricular activities resumed on campus taking the said health & safety requirements into consideration.

To meet financial challenges faced by some parents during the pandemic period the school took steps to grant fee concessions.



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