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EDUCATION

- **The Cathedral and John Connon School (CAJCS), Mumbai, India** **2012 to Present**
- **IB Subjects (12th Grade Mid-Term Marks – 41/42):** Economics HL (7), Global Politics HL (7), Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches HL (6), English SL (7), Hindi SL (7), Chemistry SL (7)
- **IGCSE Subjects (10th Grade Board Marks):** International Mathematics (A*), Additional Mathematics (B), Information Communication Technology (A), Chemistry (A), Biology (A), Environmental Management (A), Global Perspectives (A*), Hindi (B), First Language English (A), World Literature (A*)
- **SAT:** 1530/1600 **IELTS:** 8.5 overall (C2 in Listening, Reading; C1 in Writing, Speaking)

ACADEMIC HONOURS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Academic Honors Prize Winner**, CAJCS - Recognized for consistent academic excellence (Grades 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th) **2021 - 2025**
 - For 80%+ in ICSE, at least 7A's and no C's In IGCSE, 72+/84 in IB
- **World Economics Cup 2025 Global Final**– Team Gold & World Top 10 in all three individual rounds **2025**
- **Science Olympiad Foundation** International Math Olympiad 2023–24 – Gold Medal of Excellence, School Rank 3 **2024**
- **Global Perspectives Subject Prize**, CAJCS – Grade 9 **2023**

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- **School Prefect**, CAJCS **2025 - 2026**
- **President**, Round Square Club, CAJCS – Led Dubai Conference delegation & hosted Zoom Postcard **2024 - 2026**
 - Round Square is an international community of 260+ schools in 50 countries that collaborate on character education around six themes (the Round Square IDEALS) – International Understanding, Democracy, Environmental Stewardship, Adventure, Leadership and Service.
- **Student Council Head** – Grade 9 & Grade 11 **2023, 2025**
- **Contingent Leader** – *We Are The World* Cultural Extravaganza **2024**
- **Encore Concerts** – Organizing Committee **2024**
- **Studio 165 – Organising Committee & Lead Drummer** **2025**
 - Performed as the lead drummer and served on the Organising Committee for Studio 165, the school's flagship music showcase.
 - Managed a crew of 132 performers
 - Coordinated and executed 3 sold-out shows at the Royal Opera House, Mumbai (575-seat capacity each).
 - Helped raise USD 60,000 as part of the school's 165th anniversary fundraising initiative.
- **Producer & Director – AmpedUp, National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA)** **2025**
 - Conceptualized, produced, and directed a large-scale music showcase with 31 performers
 - Oversaw stage design, rehearsals, technical coordination, and overall event execution
 - Managed a team of students, faculty, and technical crew to deliver a sold-out performance
 - Raised USD 3,700 for Rotary charities through ticketed sales

RESEARCH, SUMMER SCHOOL, COURSES

- **Publishing**, Authored an economics paper on “Designing Congestion Pricing” written with a PhD student from Princeton University
- **IB Extended Essay** – *To what extent is the Mumbai Coastal Road Project likely to reduce the negative externalities of traffic congestion in South Mumbai?*
- **PhillipCapital**, Mumbai – Intern – In Person **Summer 2024**
7-week structured program across finance, compliance, research, and operations:
 - Studied financial products (currency, commodities, equities, IPO listing)
 - Gained exposure to compliance and account opening
 - Analyzed company balance sheets and P&L statements for valuation
 - Worked with teams on macroeconomic topics such as GDP, inflation, and trade deficit
- **University of California, San Diego** – Division of Extended Studies - Online **Summer 2024**
Course: *Deep Dive: AI + Finance* (2.5 Units, Pass)
- **University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)** Pre-College Summer Institute – On Campus **Summer 2023**
Course: *Economics 4 – Introduction to Investments* (4 Units, Grade A, GPA 4.0)

EXTRACURRICULARS

Music/Speech/Drama

- **Licentiate of Trinity College London (LTCL), Distinction - Level 6 Diploma in Music Performance (Drum Kit)**
 - Trinity's second-highest performance diploma and is bench-marked at the level of a final-year undergraduate recital standard.
 - It is a regulated UK qualification (Ofqual, RQF Level 6) and is widely used by conservatoires and universities to indicate advanced performance proficiency.
 - It also maps to EQF Level 6, the level typically associated with bachelor's-degree outcomes.
 - 108 Guided Learning Hours + 1692 Independent Learning Hours = 1800 hours Total Qualification time
- **Piano (Trinity College London)** – Grade 3 Distinction
- **Speech & Drama (Trinity College London)** – Grade 6 Merit

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Model United Nations (MUN)

- **Cathedral MUN** – Assistant Director (2024), Moderator (2025)
- **Participated in 8 MUNs** incl. HMUN Boston with diplomatic commendations

Sports

- **School Football Team** – multiple wins including ISSO, MSSA U-10 Champions, Bombay Gymkhana Interschool
- **Karate Blue Belt**, **Chess** (SMCA Award), **Skiing** (Les Elfes Level 4), **PADI Scuba Certified**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- **Cyberfraud Literacy Game Initiative** **2025**
 - Conceptualized and built an interactive Cyberfraud Literacy Game to raise awareness about digital safety.
 - Simplifies complex cybersecurity concepts into accessible, vernacular content for rural learners.
 - Deployed through the Adult Literacy Program of the Rotary Club of Bombay, reaching tens of thousands of beneficiaries.
 - As of August 2025, the program serves over 10,000 learners each month, with plans to scale to 100,000+ beneficiaries/month via Rotary's national literacy efforts.
 - Translated technical knowledge into socially relevant and impactful solution.
 - Widely praised within Rotary for its innovation, scalability, and community relevance.
- **Menstrual Hygiene Project** **2024**
 - Identified critical menstrual health challenges while working in Palghar district of Maharashtra, India under the Adult Literacy Program.
 - Co-led the development of SGS-certified, reusable sanitary napkin kits in collaboration with dermatologists and garment manufacturers.
 - The kits are sustainably produced in Gale Village and cost just ₹10/month, making them highly affordable.
 - Created employment for 50+ rural women artisans, who now collectively produce over 4,400 kits per month.
 - The initiative has received coverage from major regional news outlets, amplifying its social impact.
 - Represents a model of sustainable, community-driven innovation
- **Helping Hands & Jaivakeel Foundation** – Recreational activities and sports with differently abled children **2023**
- **Angels Link Foundation** – Volunteer, supported underprivileged children **2023**
- **Cancer Patients Aid Association** – Fundraising for Rose Day **2018**
- **HEAL Foundation** – Student fundraiser **2023 -2024**
- **Encore Music Concerts** – Performer & organizer, funds raised for multiple NGOs **2022-2025**
- **Bangalore Public School** – Painted walls as part of art initiative **2022**
- **Volunteer, Raksha Children Education Centre** – Taught underprivileged kids Math and English **2024**