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*“Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.”*

– Psalm 40:7–8

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MESSAGE FROM PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR

Dear Brothers, Collaborators and Friends,

Greetings from Montfort Nilaya!

I am happy to present to you the August 2026 issue of our Bengaluru Bulletin. This issue brings together the life, activities, celebrations, achievements and important happenings in our communities and institutions across the Province in India. It reflects the vitality of our mission, the commitment of our Brothers and collaborators, and the many ways in which the Montfortian spirit continues to be lived and shared.

As I write this message, I am reminded of the powerful invitation given by Pope Leo XIV in his first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas, where he speaks of safeguarding the human person in the era of artificial intelligence. The Holy Father reminds us that humanity is faced with a serious choice: to build a world of confusion and division or to build a world where God and humanity can dwell together.

This message is very relevant to our life and mission today. In a world shaped by rapid changes, technology, artificial intelligence, social media and new ways of learning, we are called to remain deeply human, compassionate and responsible. Our educational mission should never lose sight of the dignity of every child, the value of every staff member and the sacredness of every human person entrusted to our care.

As Brothers, our mission is not limited to administration, teaching or managing institutions. We are called to form persons, build communities, accompany the young, protect the vulnerable and promote values that make life truly meaningful. In our schools, communities and apostolate, we must ensure that progress is always guided by conscience, knowledge by wisdom and service by love.

May this issue of the Bengaluru Bulletin encourage all of us to renew our commitment to a mission that is humane, fraternal and prophetic! Let our communities and institutions become places where people feel respected, listened to, supported and inspired to grow.

I sincerely thank all the Local Superiors, Heads of Institutions, Brothers and collaborators who have contributed reports, write-ups and photographs for this issue. Your contributions help us to share the life of the Province, appreciate one another's efforts and strengthen our sense of communion.

I also express my sincere appreciation to Bro. Antony M. P., Assistant Editor, for his dedicated service, careful coordination and generous efforts in preparing this issue of the Bengaluru Bulletin.

*May Mary our Mother and St. Louis Marie de Montfort guide us to live
our mission with renewed zeal, compassion and commitment!*


Bro. Jenny Kuriakose
Provincial Superior

MONTFORT SCHOOLS – BELAGOLA

Montfort Vidyasagar CBSE & Montfort School for the Disabled

Teacher's Training Programme: On 11/05/2026, a teacher's training programme was organized in our school premises by Mrs. Niharika, co-ordinator of G.A.P, Mysore, and Mr. Umesh, Resource person from Rachana Sagar; it was to enhance the professional skills and teaching competencies and practices of the faculty. The sessions focused on innovative teaching methodologies, effective classroom management competency and student-centred approaches as recommended by the CBSE Board. The programme was interactive and informative, enabling teachers to exchange ideas and strengthen their instructional strategies.

Two training sessions were conducted for the teachers to enhance their digital skills on 15/5/2026 and 19/05/2026: Class Saathi and Teach Mint Smart Panels. The resource people Mr. Rahul & Mr. Nagaraj demonstrated the various features of the smart panels including interactive sessions, digital content annotation tools and classroom management features. The sessions enabled teachers to integrate technology effectively into their teaching and this programme was informative, practical and well appreciated by all participants.

Class Assembly by class X

May 25th, 2026, our class X students conducted a theme based class assembly on "Adventure awaits" - Every challenge is an adventure, so explore, learn and never stop believing in yourself. Today's classroom is the starting point of tomorrow's adventure. Students of class X had taken a pledge to discover talents and face every opportunity with courage, curiosity and determination, and to learn something new to overcome challenges.

On June 3rd, 2026, we celebrated **World Environment Day**, along with **Welcoming Kindergarten Children** with great enthusiasm and a strong commitment to protecting Mother Nature. The programme began with a special assembly that highlighted the importance of conserving our environment. There were students' speeches, skits, songs and dances carrying the message of reducing pollution, saving water, planting trees and keeping the surrounding clean. Rev. Bro. Niju Thomas distributed saplings to parents and students and led a tree planting drive. The school campus cleanliness campaign encouraged everyone to take the responsibility for a greener future.

Birthday celebration of our senior-most member Rev. Bro. Gerald Mary: On 10th June 2026, our school joyfully celebrated the birthday of our beloved Brother with gratitude and respect. The celebration began with a special prayer, seeking God's abundant blessings and good health. Students and staff expressed their heartfelt good wishes through songs, greetings and a token of love. The celebration was a memorable occasion filled with joy, love and gratitude.

Investiture ceremony: Our school solemnly celebrated the

investiture ceremony on 13th May 2026, marking the formal induction of the Students Council for this academic year. With great dignity, the ceremony commenced with a prayer, followed by the lighting of the lamp, symbolising wisdom and enlightenment. The Principal, along with the Chief Guest Mr. Prakasha H K, Deputy Range Forest Officer, conferred badges, flags and slashes upon the School Pupil Leader, Asst. School Pupil Leader, sports captains, cultural secretaries, house captains and asst. captains. The newly elected Leaders' Council members took the oath of office, pledging to uphold values of discipline, integrity, responsibility and service.

In the address that followed, the Principal Rev. Bro. Niju Thomas encouraged the young leaders to lead with humility, confidence and commitment, inspiring their peers through exemplary conduct. The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem.

PTA: On 25th June 2026, the PTA meeting for Class X was conducted to strengthen partnership between parents and school. The Principal, Rev. Bro. Niju Thomas addressed the gathering, emphasising the importance of regular attendance, disciplined study habits and parental support. Subject teachers shared academic progress, discussed examination patterns and time management. Parents actively interacted with the teachers, clarifying their concerns and expressing their valuable suggestions. The meeting concluded on a positive note with a shared commitment to work together for the academic success and holistic development of every student.

Health Awareness Programme: A health awareness programme on HPV vaccination was conducted in our school by doctors from the Health department, Govt. Hospital, Belagola. During the session, Dr. Aruna explained the importance of the HPV vaccine in preventing certain types of cancers and highlighted the need for timely vaccination. They also addressed common doubts. The session was highly informative and created awareness about preventive healthcare among students.

International Day against Drugs Abuse and Awareness session: An awareness session was organised in our school to observe the International Day against Drug Abuse and to promote its awareness. The programme aimed to educate students about the beneficial effects of leading a healthy disciplined and drug free life. The resource person encouraged students to make wise choices, resist negative influences and seek support whenever needed. This session was inspiring and reinforced the importance of building a safe, healthy and drug-free society.

Periodic Assessment 1: PA1 Test was smoothly conducted from KG section to class IX as per the academic schedule.

Birthday of our beloved Principal: On 7th of July 2026, we joyfully celebrated the birthday of our beloved Principal in an atmosphere of gratitude, prayer and fellowship. The

celebration commenced with a special prayer service, thanking God for the gift of our Principal's inspiring leadership and seeking His continued blessings for good health, wisdom and strength. Students and staff alike expressed their love and appreciation through heartfelt good wishes, songs, cultural performance and meaningful presentations. In the address that followed, the Principal thanked the school community and encouraged all to continue striving for excellence with faith, discipline and compassion. The celebration concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, followed by a delicious lunch that provided an opportunity for the staff to come together in fellowship and celebrate the joyous occasion.

Annual sports meet preparations: - Sports Day practice session, rehearsal and house-wise competitions for the Annual Sports Meet commenced on 8/07/2026 with great enthusiasm and excitement. The students are actively preparing to participate in the various track and field events, march past and cultural performance, demonstrating discipline, team work and determination. Adventure awaits all and it's a classic call to action that reminds students to step out of their comfort zones and embrace the unknown. There is a vibrant atmosphere reflecting true sportsmanship and unity, as students prepare themselves for the much awaited Annual Sports Meet.

Parent-Teacher Meeting (KG section to Class IX) - 11/5/2026: The first PTM after the PA1 examination was conducted successfully in our school. The Principal, Rev.

Bro. Niju Thomas, welcomed the parents and addressed the gathering, highlighting the significance of parent-teacher collaboration in the students' overall growth and success and motivating them to uphold the values of discipline, responsibility and continuous learning. Parents met the respective subject teachers to discuss their children's academic performance, behaviour and overall progress. Teachers shared constructive feedback and suggested ways to support students in achieving better learning outcomes. The meeting strengthened the relationship between parents and the school in promoting the holistic development of every child.

Visit of Provincial Superior - 13/07/2026: Our school was honoured by the gracious visit of the Provincial Superior of the Montfort Brothers Rev. Bro. Jenny Kuriakose. He interacted warmly with the management, staff and students, appreciating the school's commitment to quality education and value-based formation. Provincial Brother addressed the staff and students, sharing inspiring messages on the importance of faith, discipline, values and commitment to excellence. He encouraged everyone to uphold the ideals of St. Louis de Montfort with dedication and compassion. The visit was a memorable occasion that strengthened the Montfortian spirit within the school community.



Birth Day of Bro. Gerald Mary



Investiture Ceremonty



Preparations for Annual Sports Meet



Principal's Birthday



Visit of Provincial Superior



World Environment Day



Class Assembly X Std



PTA



Teachers Training Programme



Visit of Provincial Superior



Drugs abuse awareness Programme



Periodic Assessment

LAKE MONTFORT SCHOOL - BENGALURU

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans." (Proverbs 16:3)

Prayerful Greetings from Lake Montfort School! We are delighted to share with you the key events that took place at our school from May to July 2026. This period marked a vibrant beginning to the Academic Session 2026–27, filled with new initiatives, celebrations, and a renewed assurance to excellence.

1. STAFF REOPENING DAY AND BRIEFING: **"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans." (Proverbs 16:3).** The school reopened for the Academic Session 2026–27 on 16th May 2026 with an orientation programme for all the staff members. The day commenced with the prayer song followed by the lighting of the lamp, Bible reading, and prayer invoking God's blessings on the new academic year. The Principal introduced Rev. Bro. Joseph M K as the Primary Block In-charge and Mrs. Bindu George as the Headmistress of the KG Block. Bro. Antony too welcomed the staff and addressed them on their roles and responsibilities, institutional governance, curriculum delivery, and quality assurance. The programme also included the induction and felicitation of the newly appointed teachers, who were warmly welcomed into the school family. The gathering concluded with renewed enthusiasm and a shared commitment to excellence, collaboration, and the holistic development of students during the academic year ahead.

2. REOPENING DAY ASSEMBLY: The school commenced the Academic Session 2026–27 with a Reopening Day Assembly conducted by the students of Grade XII on 18th May 2026. The programme began with an invocation seeking God's blessings, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the Principal, Vice-Principal, Sr. Lydia, the Heads of Departments, and the Brothers of the Community. The assembly featured a prayer song, Bible reading, pledge, and birthday celebrations, fostering a spirit of gratitude and renewal. In his address, the Principal warmly welcomed the students after a break and shared important guidelines for the academic year. He emphasized discipline, punctuality, professional conduct, adherence to the dress code, effective curriculum planning, and optimum use of the Education App. The members of staff were also encouraged to maintain weekly planners and uphold the school's standards of excellence. The Principal expressed appreciation for the commendable academic results of the previous year and acknowledged the dedication and hard work of the staff. The assembly concluded with a vote of thanks, followed by the School Song and the National Anthem, marking a positive and purposeful beginning to the new academic year for both the students and the staff.

3. PARENT ORIENTATION PROGRAMME – ACADEMIC SESSION 2026–27: The school organized Parent Orientation Programmes for the Academic Session 2026–27 to foster effective collaboration between the

school and the parents in supporting the holistic development of students. The orientation for the parents of Grades 1 to 5 was held on 23rd May 2026, while separate sessions for the parents of Grades 9 to 12 and Grades 6 to 8 were conducted on 30th May 2026 at the Montfort Auditorium. Bro. Antony, the Director and Principal addressed the gathering and highlighted the school's vision, values, and expectations for the new academic year. He emphasized the vital role of parents in nurturing responsible, disciplined, and value-oriented learners and encouraged active partnership between home and school to ensure the overall growth of every child. For the parents of Grades 6 to 12, Mr. A. Karuppasamy, Academic Coordinator, provided detailed academic guidance. He explained the curriculum framework, language policy for Grade 6 to 12, assessment practices, academic expectations, and key strategies to support students in achieving their academic goals. His session offered clarity and direction, enabling parents to better understand the academic journey of their children.

The orientation programmes witnessed enthusiastic participation from parents and provided a valuable platform for strengthening mutual understanding, trust, and cooperation between the school and families as "The best results in education are achieved when school and home walk together with a common purpose."

MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2026

1. INVESTITURE CEREMONY: Lake Montfort School solemnly celebrated the Investiture Ceremony 2026 on 6 June 2026, marking the official inauguration of the newly elected Student Council. Organised around the theme "Echoes of Leadership – Shaping Minds to Inspire Generations Tomorrow," the ceremony reaffirmed the school's vision of cultivating young leaders who lead with purpose, responsibility, and integrity. The programme commenced with a prayerful beginning through a melodious Prayer Song and a graceful Prayer Dance, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the esteemed Chief Guest, Mrs. Reena Suvarna N., Assistant Commissioner of Police, Mahadevapura Sub-Division, Bengaluru City Police, along with the Director and Principal, Rev. Dr. Bro. Antony Samy, the Bursar, Rev. Bro. Joseph M. K., the Vice-Principal, and other dignitaries. The School Pupil Leader welcomed the gathering, and the Chief Guest was felicitated in recognition of her distinguished service. The newly elected student leaders then took the oath of office, pledging to uphold the ideals and values of the institution with commitment and sincerity. The investiture of badges symbolised not merely authority but the responsibility to lead by example and serve the school community with dedication. The occasion also recognised the academic excellence of the toppers of Grades 9 and 11, applauding their perseverance and commitment to learning. Addressing the students, the Chief Guest inspired them to

dream fearlessly, remain focused on their goals, and believe that true success is achieved through discipline, resilience, and consistent effort. She encouraged the young leaders to become role models whose actions inspire confidence, compassion, and positive change. The celebration was enriched by a vibrant cultural dance, followed by the Vote of Thanks, the School Song, and the National Anthem, bringing the programme to a meaningful close. The Investiture Ceremony served as a reminder that leadership is not defined by a badge or a title but by character, service, and the willingness to make a difference. As the newly elected council begins its journey, the school looks forward to a year of purposeful leadership, collaborative spirit, and excellence in action.

2. INAUGURAL MASS: The Academic Holy Mass on 6 June 2026 marked the prayerful beginning of the Academic Year 2026–27 at Lake Montfort School. The Eucharistic celebration brought the school community together to seek God's blessings and guidance for a fruitful year ahead. The Holy Mass commenced with the Entrance Procession and welcome by a student. It was solemnly celebrated by Rev. Fr. Pascal Ravi SCJ, Novice Master, Vocation Promoter and Formator of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Betharram, Bengaluru. The celebration was enriched by the Scripture readings, Gospel proclamation, and prayerful hymns rendered by the School Choir. In his homily, Fr. Pascal encouraged the students to begin the new academic year with faith, discipline, perseverance, and a spirit of service. During the Offertory Procession, students reverently presented symbolic offerings, including candles, flowers, fruits, sports equipment, study materials, and the bread and wine, signifying gratitude and the dedication of their talents to God. The Holy Mass concluded with the Vote of Thanks, the felicitation of the celebrant, and the Recessional Hymn. The celebration served as a meaningful reminder that faith, hard work, and commitment are the foundation of a successful academic journey and a life of purpose.

3. ENGLISH WEEK: The English Week Club Competition Finals 2026 were conducted with great enthusiasm, providing students from Grades 6 to 12 with a platform to showcase their creativity, communication skills, and appreciation for the English language through a range of engaging competitions on 12 June 2026. Grade 6 students displayed remarkable imagination in Emoji Storytelling, transforming sequences of emojis into captivating narratives. Participants from Grades 7 and 8 impressed the audience with Character Monologue, bringing literary characters to life through expressive performances. The Mock News Anchor competition for Grades 9 and 10 encouraged students to creatively present Panchatantra tales as live news reports, demonstrating confidence and effective communication. Students of Grades 11 and 12 showcased their originality in Pledge Writing with Art Form, blending meaningful written pledges with artistic expression. The event reflected the students' enthusiasm, confidence, and linguistic competence while promoting creativity and critical thinking, honing their language skills and expressing themselves with confidence and purpose.

4. INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY: Recognising the significance of International Yoga Day, Lake Montfort School celebrated the occasion on 20 June 2026, promoting the importance of yoga in fostering physical fitness, mental well-being, and inner peace among students. Students of Grades 6 to 8 of the Main Block actively participated in a yoga session, where Miss Tulsi Pai and Miss Elizabeth Shinto demonstrated a series of yogasanas, pranayama, and meditation with confidence and precision. Simultaneously, students of Grades 4 and 5 of the Primary Block enthusiastically took part in a separate session led by Mrs. Reshmi, Mrs. Shalini and Mrs. Bandana, who guided them through various yoga postures and breathing techniques. The celebration inspired students to appreciate yoga as a holistic practice that strengthens the body, calms the mind, and nurtures emotional well-being. It served as a gentle reminder that incorporating yoga into daily life promotes discipline, resilience, and a healthy lifestyle.

5. SCIENCE WEEK: The Science Week Competition Finals 2026 provided students of Grades 6 to 12 with an exciting platform to exhibit their scientific knowledge, creativity, and problem-solving abilities through a variety of engaging competitions. Grade 6 students participated in "Talk Like a PRO," while Grades 7 and 8 presented entertaining "Science with a Laugh" comic skits. Students of Grades 9 and 10 showcased innovative ideas and models in "Million Minds, Infinite Ideas," and the senior students of Grades 11 and 12 demonstrated their scientific aptitude in the "Brainy Lab Battle" quiz competition. The event reflected the students' enthusiasm, confidence, and spirit of inquiry, while fostering innovation, teamwork, and scientific thinking.

6. MATHS WEEK: The Mathematics Week Competition Finals were held on 23 June 2026, providing students of Grades 6 to 12 with an engaging platform to showcase their logical thinking, problem-solving abilities, and mathematical aptitude through a variety of challenging activities. Grade 6 students displayed creativity through Geometrical Chart making, while Grades 7 and 8 participated in the Math Puzzle competition. Students of Grades 9 and 10 enthusiastically solved clues in the Treasure Hunt, and the senior students of Grades 11 and 12 demonstrated speed and analytical skills in the Sudoku competition. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation and encouraged students to appreciate mathematics as a subject of reasoning, exploration, and practical application.

7. STAFF BRIEFING: A Staff Briefing was held on 30th June 2026 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. through an online platform. The meeting was chaired by Rev. Dr. Br. Antony Samy A., Director and Principal of Lake Montfort School, and attended by the academic and administrative staff. The meeting started with a prayer followed by appreciating the staff for securing a 100% pass result in the CBSE Board Examinations for Grades 10 and 12 acknowledging the dedication and collaborative efforts of the entire team. The meeting also reviewed the academic progress from the commencement of the new academic session on 18 May 2026 until 30 June 2026. The Principal reflected on the initiatives undertaken, particularly the introduction of

interactive learning practices, and encouraged the staff to continue addressing challenges with a positive and solution-oriented approach. The observations and recommendations submitted by the Heads of Departments during their departmental review meetings were discussed. The Principal offered guidance and practical suggestions to strengthen academic planning, classroom practices, departmental coordination, and the overall functioning of the school. The meeting concluded with a discussion on the forthcoming academic activities and institutional priorities. The members of staff were encouraged to continue working with commitment, efficiency, and a student-centred approach towards achieving the school's vision of excellence.

MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2026

1. SOCIAL SCIENCE WEEK: The Social Science Week was celebrated at Lake Montfort School from 30 June to 4 July 2026, culminating in a Valedictory Ceremony on 4 July 2026. The week featured a wide range of engaging activities, including quizzes, debates, map-pointing, model-making, poster designing, role plays, exhibitions, and heritage-based presentations, with enthusiastic participation from students across all grades. The celebration highlighted the significance of History, Geography, Political Science, and Economics in shaping informed, responsible, and socially conscious citizens. It also showcased the students' research skills, creativity, critical thinking, and collaborative spirit. The programme concluded with the felicitation of winners.

2. LAMOS'26: ANNUAL SPORTS DAY: Lake Montfort School celebrated its 29th Annual Sports Meet – LAMOS 2026 with great zeal and sporting fervour on Saturday, 11 July 2026, on the school campus. The event was graced by Mr. Michael Soosairaj, eminent footballer, as the Chief Guest, whose inspiring presence added prestige to the occasion. The programme commenced with a solemn prayer song, followed by the welcome address. The ceremonial hoisting of the School Flag and the Olympic Flag, the lighting of the Olympic Torch, and the athletes' oath marked the formal inauguration of the meet. An impressive march past by the four houses reflected the discipline, unity, and commitment of the students, setting the tone for the day's events. In his address, the Chief Guest encouraged students to pursue excellence with determination, resilience, and integrity, emphasising that the true essence of sports lies not merely in winning but in developing character, teamwork, and perseverance. The track and field events that followed witnessed enthusiastic participation and remarkable displays of athletic talent, endurance, and sportsmanship. The event concluded with the prize distribution ceremony, where Joseph House was crowned the Overall Champion, while Montfort House secured the Runner-up Trophy. The Annual Sports Meet stood as a vibrant celebration of physical fitness, discipline, teamwork, and the indomitable sporting spirit that Lake Montfort School strives to nurture in every student.



Reopening Day and Staff briefing



Reopening day assembly



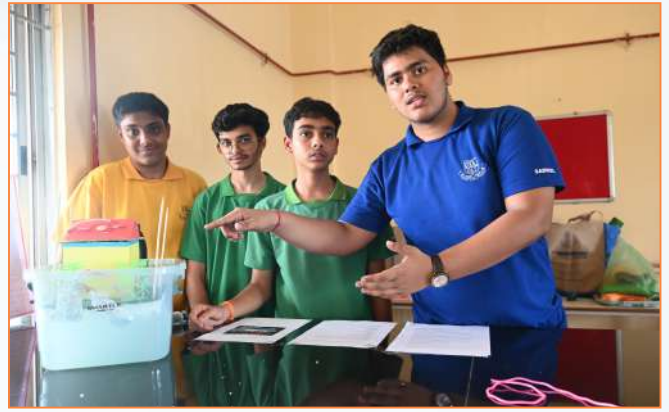
**Parent Orientation Programme
– Academic Session 2026–27**



Yoga display



Maths Week



Science Week



Social Science Week



Lamos 2026



Lamos 2026



Holy Mass

*“Education breeds confidence.
Confidence breeds hope.
Hope breeds peace.”*

- Confucius

WISDOM MONTFORT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL - BANGALURU

Reopening Day for Teachers & Teachers' Empowerment Workshop

18 May 2026

The academic year 2026–2027 commenced with the Reopening Day Programme and Teachers' Empowerment Workshop at Wisdom Montfort International School. The faculty gathered with enthusiasm to begin a new year of learning and service.

The highlight of the programme was an inspiring session by Sr. Vijaya of the Holy Cross Congregation, Shillong, who encouraged teachers to embrace their vocation with renewed passion, commitment, and a learner-centred approach. The programme was graced by Rev. Bro. K. K. Thomas, Principal, Rev. Bro. Justin, Vice Principal, and the Academic Coordinators. The session concluded on a positive note, motivating the faculty to work together towards another year of excellence.

Staff Meeting & Sensus Smart Board Interactive Session

19 May 2026

A staff meeting was conducted under the leadership of Rev. Bro. K. K. Thomas, Principal, in the presence of Rev. Bro. Justin, Vice Principal, and the Academic Coordinators.

Teachers also participated in an interactive session on the Sensus Smart Board, gaining practical exposure to its features and classroom applications. The programme reaffirmed the school's commitment to integrating innovative technology to create engaging and effective learning experiences.

Opening Assembly (Grades VI–X)

20 May 2026

The opening assembly for Grades VI–X marked the beginning of the new academic year with prayer, Bible reading, and the School Anthem.

Welcoming the students, the Principal encouraged them to approach the year with confidence, discipline, perseverance, and a commitment to excellence. The assembly inspired students to begin the academic session with enthusiasm and a positive outlook before concluding with the National Anthem.

World Environment Day Celebration

5 June 2026

Wisdom Montfort International School celebrated World Environment Day with a special assembly on the theme "Inspired by Nature, For Climate, For Our Future."

The programme featured prayer, Bible reading, a thematic group song, and an inspiring address on environmental conservation. A significant highlight was the launch of the Zero Waste Campus Initiative, accompanied by the symbolic presentation of saplings. The Principal

encouraged students to adopt sustainable practices and become responsible guardians of the environment.

Special Announcement

Zero Waste Campus Initiative

As part of its commitment to environmental sustainability, Wisdom Montfort International School has launched the Zero Waste Campus Initiative across all grades.

Students are encouraged to practise waste segregation, minimise plastic usage, conserve natural resources, and maintain a clean and green campus. To recognise outstanding environmental responsibility, the school will introduce the Montfort Green Champion Award for classes that consistently demonstrate exemplary eco-friendly practices.

Action Plan – Zero Waste Campus Initiative

The initiative will focus on:

- Waste segregation using colour-coded bins.
- Maintaining clean and litter-free classrooms.
- Reducing single-use plastics.
- Conserving paper, water, and electricity.
- Protecting and nurturing the school's green spaces.
- Encouraging active student participation under the guidance of class teachers.
- Recognizing exemplary classes through the Montfort Green Champion Award.

Investiture Ceremony 2026-2027

Wisdom Montfort International School solemnly conducted its Investiture Ceremony to formally induct the newly elected Student Council on 12th June, 2026.

The ceremony was graced by Rev. Bro. Dr. Antony Samy A. as the Chief Guest. The programme included the flag hoisting, lighting of the lamp, prayer, investiture of office bearers, and the oath-taking ceremony. In his inspiring address, the Chief Guest encouraged the student leaders to uphold the values of integrity, responsibility, service, and exemplary leadership. The ceremony concluded with the Vote of Thanks and the National Anthem.

Zerodha Varsity Financial Literacy Quiz

16 June 2026

Wisdom Montfort International School organized the Zerodha Varsity Financial Literacy Quiz to promote financial awareness and responsible money management among students. Following a preliminary written test, shortlisted participants competed in the final round at Montfort Nilaya under the guidance of Zerodha resource persons. The programme provided valuable insights into saving, investing, and financial planning. The winners were

felicitated for their commendable performance, making the event both enriching and inspiring.

World Yoga Day Assembly

The students of Class IX A conducted a special morning assembly on 22nd June, 2026, to commemorate World Yoga Day on the theme **"Yoga: Harmonizing Mind, Body, and Spirit for a Healthier and Happier World."**

The programme included prayer, Bible reading, a Thought for the Day, news presentation, and an inspiring speech highlighting the importance of yoga in promoting physical fitness, mental well-being, and inner peace. The highlight of the assembly was a graceful yoga demonstration by the students. Appreciating their efforts, the Principal encouraged everyone to make yoga an integral part of daily life.

World Music Day Assembly

The students of Class VIII A celebrated World Music Day on 22nd June 2026, through a vibrant morning assembly on the theme "Celebrating the Universal Language of Harmony."

The programme featured prayer, Bible reading, a Thought for the Day, news presentation, an inspiring message, and an engaging music quiz. The highlight of the celebration was a soulful rendition of Michael Jackson's *We Are the World* by the School Choir, beautifully conveying the message of unity, compassion, and hope. The Principal appreciated the students and encouraged everyone to use music as a universal language of peace and harmony.

Wisdom Montfort Students Create a World Record in Suddha Nritham

Seven students of Wisdom Montfort International School proudly participated in Sarvam Shabdham, creating the World's First Record in Suddha Nritham on 4 July 2026 at AVVM Sri Pushpam College, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu.

Organised under the Bharat Bhuvan Book of Records, the event brought together nearly 1,500 participants from across the country. Under the expert guidance of Mrs. Jayanthi Susan, Dance Teacher, the students delivered an outstanding performance, bringing laurels to the school. The Management congratulates the students and their mentor on this remarkable achievement and wishes them continued success.

Annual Sports Day 2026

On 25 July 2026, Wisdom Montfort International School celebrated its Annual Sports Day with great grandeur and enthusiasm. The event was graced by our esteemed Chief Guest, Dr. Zakir T. Thomas, an eminent former Indian Revenue Service officer, former Director General (Systems) of the Income Tax Department, and recipient of the prestigious Finance Minister's Award for his outstanding contribution to public service. His distinguished career and exemplary leadership inspired our students to strive for excellence with integrity and purpose.

The celebration was further honoured by the presence of

Rev. Bro. M. P. Antony (Director), Rev. Bro. K. K. Thomas (Principal), Rev. Bro. Justin (Vice Principal), members of the Provincial Administration, the Management, distinguished guests, parents, teachers, and students. The day was a grand celebration of athletic excellence, teamwork, discipline, perseverance, and the true spirit of sportsmanship.

COMING UP AT WISDOM MONTFORT

As we celebrate the achievements of the first few months of the academic year, the journey of learning, leadership, and excellence continues. The months ahead promise many exciting opportunities for every Montfortian to learn, grow, and excel.

- **The Montfort Journey towards Values and Excellence**

This academic year marks the launch of the school's flagship value education initiative:

"The Montfort Journey towards Values and Excellence"

Every Month a Milestone, Every Step towards a Better Tomorrow.

Each month will focus on a core virtue through assemblies, classroom activities, creative displays, student reflections, service initiatives, and collaborative learning experiences. The programme aims to nurture responsible, compassionate, and value-driven individuals alongside academic excellence.

- **Looking Ahead**

The months ahead will feature a host of enriching programmes, including academic competitions, literary and cultural events, leadership initiatives, value education programmes, inter-house competitions, educational excursions, community outreach activities, and celebrations that foster holistic development.

Together, these experiences will continue to inspire our students to become confident learners, compassionate leaders, and responsible global citizens.

A MESSAGE TO OUR READERS

At Wisdom Montfort International School, every day is an opportunity to discover new talents, strengthen values, and celebrate achievements. As we continue our journey together, we remain committed to providing an education that inspires excellence, nurtures character, and prepares every child for a future of purpose and service.

"Together, let us continue to Learn... Live... Lead... and soar towards greater heights of excellence."



Reopening Day for Teachers



Senses Board Teachers Meeting



First Assembly for the Students



Kg Assembly



Kg Assembly



Worlds Environment Day



Worlds Environment Day



Investiture Ceremony



Investiture Ceremony



World Yoga Day



World Music Day



Sarvam Shabdham

MONTFORT COLLEGE CAMPUS CHRONICLE

Tech-journo.com: Techjourno.com 2026 was conducted on 4th of May 2026 to foster technological awareness, innovation, and practical learning by bridging classroom concepts with real-world applications. Participants engaged directly with faculty and visitors, showcasing their problem-solving and presentation skills through projects focused on artificial intelligence, database-driven website development, and smart living concepts.

The exhibition featured a comprehensive array of models that highlighted both the historical evolution and the modern realities of commerce and communication. Students presented functional frameworks of digital payment systems, e-commerce platforms, and supply chain management, while also breaking down the internal components of modern gaming and mobile devices. By contrasting these modern advancements with displays of vintage technologies like floppy disks and pagers, the event successfully cultivated curiosity and provided attendees with a tangible understanding of how technological progress drives business and social development.

Manoverse: Hosted at Montfort College on May 5–6, 2026, "Manoverse" was a collaborative psychology event designed to promote mental health awareness and

experiential learning. Engaging 215 students from Montfort and visiting colleges, the initiative provided a dynamic platform to explore complex psychological concepts—such as brain functioning and mental disorders—through creative, hands-on mediums.

The two-day programme featured a diverse line-up of activities, including an Open Mic, a Model Design Competition, psychology quizzes, and immersive game rooms like the "Mind Maze." Complemented by student-produced films, academic exhibits, and entrepreneurial stalls, the event successfully reduced mental health stigma and fostered a supportive community, concluding with a valedictory ceremony celebrating the students' achievements.

Experiential learning: On May 7, 2026, the Department of Languages (Hindi, Kannada, and English) at Montfort College organized a one-day experiential learning visit to Mysore for 47 students and five faculty members. The excursion was designed to bridge classroom learning with real-world literary and cultural experiences, aiming to enhance students' understanding of linguistic diversity, regional heritage, and collaborative learning.

The itinerary included visits to the museum-converted

residences of literary legends R. K. Narayan and Rashtrakavi Kuvempu, providing an intimate look into their lives, awards, and manuscripts. At the Oriental Library, students participated in an interactive session on ancient manuscript preservation, highlighted by viewing the original palm-leaf script of Chanakya's Arthashastra. The educational tour concluded with explorations of Chamundi Hills and the historical sites of Srirangapatna, successfully leaving the participants with a deeper appreciation of Karnataka's rich cultural legacy.

UG graduation: Montfort College hosted the Graduation Ceremony for the 31 students of the Undergraduate Batch of 2023–26 on May 30, 2026. The solemn event began with a traditional procession, prayer, and the lighting of the lamp, formally welcomed by Principal Rev. Bro. George Padikara. Following the administration of the graduation oath by UG Coordinator Dr. Zubaida Anwar, the students were presented with their academic certificates and special awards recognizing excellence in sports, cultural activities, student leadership, and the Best Outgoing Student category.

Chief Guest **Prof. B. K. Ravi**, Honourable Vice Chancellor of Bengaluru North University (BNU), delivered an inspiring keynote address emphasizing the importance of balancing technological proficiency with resilience and core human values. The ceremony also featured motivational addresses by Guest of Honour Rev. Bro. Jenny Kuriakose and Rev. Bro. Mathew Panathanath, alongside emotional reflections from student representatives and cultural performances. The memorable celebration concluded with the Vote of Thanks, the College Anthem, and the formal exit procession.

Faculty Retreat: A faculty retreat was organised for all the faculty of Montfort College and the Montfort Institute of Advanced Studies. Held at the Provincial Head Quarters of the Province of Bengaluru, Yelahanka, the programme included team-building exercises and recreational activities towards building Institutional goals. The sessions were led by Dr. Tony Sam George, Director of the Neuropathways Institute and former Dean at Christ University. The two-day programme, which began on the 5th of June, was aimed at building teamwork and solidarity.

Pride Month: The Human Rights Committee at Montfort,

in collaboration with the Research Development Cell, conducted a two-day programme for awareness on LGBTQ issues. On Day 1, the 9th of June, 2026, a 'faculty awareness programme', where Assistant Professor of Political Science, Dr. Sukrita Lahiri, and Assistant Professor of Law, Mr. Saket Sharma, updated and sensitised professors at Montfort College on the debate surrounding the LGBTQ community.

On Day 2, Acquilin, an alumnus of Montfort, who is engaged in LGBTQ activism and politics, addressed the student community at Montfort, and gave a polemical and topical talk on what affects the community, with special reference to the Trans Act of 2026. A street play organised by the 1st year MSc students was performed on the Montfort lawn.

PG graduation: Montfort College celebrated its 27th commencement exercise on the 15th of July, 2026. The ceremony, which started at 3 pm, saw the graduation of 90 MSc students, 60 of whom passed out in the Counselling Psychology stream and 30 of whom passed out in the Psychology stream.

The event concluded at 6.30pm with a gala dinner. The Chief Guest was Dr. H. S. Nagaraja and the Guest of Honour was Monsignor C Francis. The ceremony included lamp-lighting, oath-taking and cultural performances, and was conducted at the college auditorium.



UG graduation



Experiential learning



Faculty retreat



Manoverse



PG graduation



Pride day



GOOD NEWS WELFARE SOCIETY - KALGHATAGI

Good News Welfare Society, Kalghatagi, is a well-known name in this area, dedicated to nurturing young minds through all-round education, discipline, and moral values. Since its establishment, the Institutions have been striving to provide quality education and create a positive environment where students can grow intellectually, socially, culturally, and spiritually.

The institution believes that education is not limited only to textbooks and examinations, but it is also a process of building character, confidence, leadership, and responsibility among students. The college gives equal importance to academics, sports, cultural activities, and personality development so that students become capable and responsible citizens of society.

Good News Independent Arts & Commerce PU College:

The Good News Independent Arts & Commerce P U College management, Principal, and teaching staff work together with dedication and commitment for the welfare and progress of every student. The teachers not only guide students in studies but also motivate them to face life with confidence, discipline, and determination. Regular academic activities, competitions, seminars, sports events, and cultural programmes are conducted to encourage students to discover and develop their talents and skills. The

college has created a friendly and disciplined atmosphere where students feel encouraged to learn and participate actively in various activities.

Students of the institution have brought laurels to the college through their achievements in academics, sports, and cultural competitions at Taluk, District, State, and National levels.

With the vision of excellence and holistic development, Good News Independent Arts and Commerce PU College continues its journey of empowering students with knowledge, values, and opportunities for a bright future.

Academic Achievements 2025-26

The performance of the previous year (2025-26) brought great pride to the institution. In the II PUC Board Examination, the college secured an overall pass percentage of 91.35%, with several students achieving distinction and centum marks in various subjects. The Commerce stream recorded an outstanding overall pass percentage of 98.45%, while the Arts stream achieved 85.62%. Among the top achievers in Commerce, Rekha K Bendigeri secured 587/600 (97.83%) and emerged as the college topper, followed by Rukmini S Hugar with 582/600 (97%). In Arts, Danavva S Shindhe secured the first rank with 561/600 (93.50%), followed by Sangeeta B Badiger

with 558/600 (93%).

The college also witnessed excellent performance among I PU students. In the Arts stream, Abhinaya Sutagatti secured 596/600 (99.33%), while in Commerce, Raksha Chevandi secured 559/600 (93.16%), bringing honour to the institution through their hard work and dedication.

Apart from academics, the students of the college actively participated in various sports and cultural activities at different levels. Our students represented the institution in State and National sports competitions, showcasing their talent, dedication, and team spirit. In the field of cultural activities, students participated enthusiastically in various competitions and programmes up to the Divisional Level, earning appreciation and recognition for the college.

With these inspiring achievements in academics, sports, and cultural activities, the college steps into the academic year 2026-27 with renewed enthusiasm and determination to achieve even greater success and uphold the values of excellence, discipline, and service.

College Reopening 25th June 2026

Good News Independent Arts and Commerce PU College, Kalghatagi, reopened for the academic year 2026-27 on 25th June 2026 with great enthusiasm.

The students were warmly welcomed by the Principal and staff members. The achievements of the previous academic year in academics, sports, and cultural activities were appreciated during the programme. Students were encouraged to maintain discipline, work hard, and actively participate in all activities throughout the year.

First Staff Meeting June 25th 2026

Good News Independent Arts and Commerce PU College, Kalghatagi

The first staff meeting for the academic year 2026-27 was held on 25th June 2026 at 3:00 PM in the college premises. The meeting was presided over by Bro. Varghese K J, the Secretary of the institution, and attended by the Principal and all the staff members.

During the meeting, Bro. Varghese K J congratulated the Principal and staff for the excellent academic performance and good results achieved in the previous academic year. He appreciated the sincere efforts and dedication of the teaching staff in bringing honour to the institution.

He emphasized the importance of commitment, discipline, and responsibility among both students and staff members for the smooth functioning and progress of the college. He also instructed the teachers to give special attention to weaker students and help them improve their academic performance through proper guidance and support.

The Secretary stressed the importance of completing the syllabus by December and maintaining regular attendance of students throughout the academic year. He encouraged the staff members to work together with dedication and unity for the betterment of the institution.

Finally, Bro. Varghese K J conveyed his best wishes to the Principal, teaching staff, and students for a successful and fruitful academic year 2026-27.

DDPU Meeting 29th June 2026

A DDPU meeting for all the PU College Principals and staff members of Kalghatagi Taluk was held on 29th June 2026 at 3:00 PM at J.E. PU College, Kalghatagi.

The Principal and staff members of Good News Independent Arts and Commerce PU College actively participated in the meeting. The DDPU addressed the gathering and emphasized the importance of seriousness and dedication in teaching. Special importance was given to maintaining daily attendance, building a good bonding with students, and ensuring proper guidance for their academic growth and welfare.

The DDPU also instructed all colleges to complete the syllabus by the end of November and to conduct regular academic activities effectively. Various other important points related to discipline, academic improvement, and the overall development of students were discussed during the meeting. The meeting concluded successfully with valuable guidance and encouragement for all the teaching staff members to work sincerely for the better future of students.

Inaugural Function of the Academic Year 2026-27

The inaugural function of the academic year 2026-27 was held on 6th June 2026 at Good News Independent Arts and Commerce PU College, Kalghatagi. The programme also included the welcoming ceremony for the I PU students, birthday celebration of Bro. Varghese K J, and farewell to Br. Arulandam.

The programme started at 11:30 AM and was organized by the Cultural Committee. The introductory part of the programme was presented by the Principal. Students from both Arts and Commerce streams shared their opinions and experiences about the college and expressed their happiness and gratitude towards the institution, teachers, and management.

Dr. M.D. Horakeri, Principal of the Degree College, was the chief guest for the occasion. In his address, he spoke about the importance of responsibility, discipline, and commitment in student life and inspired the students with his valuable thoughts and guidance.

Bro. Varghese K J addressed the gathering, warmly welcomed the students, and wished them success and happiness for the new academic year and new beginning. The students were encouraged to work hard and make good use of the opportunities provided by the institution.

The programme concluded with the singing of "Glory to Montfort." Later, a meal was arranged for all the students, staff, and guests.

The entire function was conducted successfully in a joyful and meaningful atmosphere.

Inter-House Sports Matches

Good News Independent Arts and Commerce PU College, Kalghatagi, started the Inter-House Sports Matches on 9th June 2026 at 12:00 PM with great enthusiasm and excitement among the students. The competition was organized among the three houses of the college namely Good News House, Montfort House, and Gabriel House. The main purpose of conducting the inter-house matches was to bring out the talents, skills, and sportsmanship of the students and to select deserving players for the Taluk Level Sports competitions.

Bro. Varghese inaugurated the sports activities and officially gave a start to the matches. In his address, he encouraged the students to participate actively, maintain discipline, and develop team spirit through sports activities. He also wished all the participants success and motivated them to perform their best.

Staff members were also placed in each house to organize guide, encourage, and support the students during the competitions. Students enthusiastically participated in various games and events, making the program lively and competitive.

The inter-house matches created confidence, unity, leadership qualities, and sportsmanship among the students. The program was successfully conducted with the support and cooperation of the management, staff members, and students.

On June 19, 2026, a special lecture programme on the dangers of drug abuse:

It was organized in our college in association with the NSS unit. The programme aimed to create awareness among students about the dangers of drug abuse and the importance of leading a healthy and disciplined life.

The event was inaugurated in the presence of the Principal, lecturers, and NSS volunteers. During the programme, the speakers explained the physical, mental, social, and economic consequences of addiction and advised students to stay away from harmful substances. They also highlighted the role of youth in building a drug-free society and encouraged students to spread awareness among their friends and community.

The Principal addressed the gathering and motivated the students to focus on education, moral values, and personal development. The lecturers also guided the students by sharing valuable thoughts and preventive measures against substance abuse. The programme concluded with an awareness pledge taken by the students to support the eradication of narcotic substances and promote a healthy society.

Vanamahotsava Programme on 24/06/2026, launched at Good News PU and Degree College, Kalaghatagi: A Vanamahotsava programme was inaugurated at Good News PU College. On this occasion, awareness was created among students about environmental protection and the importance of planting trees.

Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Deepak Joseph SMM spoke about the need to conserve nature and maintain ecological balance. He emphasized that trees are essential for human life as they provide oxygen, reduce pollution, and help maintain a healthy environment. He also advised students to develop love and responsibility towards nature and encouraged them to actively participate in environmental activities and contribute towards building a greener society. The college Secretary Rev. Bro. Varghese K J, Principal Mrs. Naveena Redder, NSS Coordinator Mr. Jaffer Bhavanavar, teaching staff, non-teaching staff, and students were present during the programme. As part of the event, saplings were planted in the college campus, and students were encouraged to protect and nurture the environment for future generations.

Personality Development Programme Conducted at the College on 24/06/2026,

Personality Development Programme was organized at the college to guide and motivate students towards personal growth and self-improvement.

The Chief Guest, Father Deepak Joseph, delivered an informative and inspiring lecture. In his address, he spoke about the importance of education, discipline, confidence, communication skills, and character building in student life.

The programme was presided over by Brother Varghese. Principal Mrs. Naveena Redder and the staff members of the college also participated in the programme. The programme was conducted successfully and proved to be highly beneficial and motivating for the students.

Building a Drug-Free Society is the Vision of Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project

Kalaghatagi: An awareness programme on drug abuse and addiction-free living was organized on 30/06/2026 at Good News PU College, JJ0088 Kalaghatagi, in collaboration with Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project under the Swasthya Sankalpa initiative.

The programme aimed at creating awareness among students about the harmful effects of narcotic substances and the importance of building a healthy and addiction-free society. The awareness session was conducted online and students actively participated in the programme.

The programme was graced by Rev. Brother Varghese K. J., Secretary of Good News Institution, Rev. Brother Praveen, Principal Mrs. Naveena Redder, NSS Programme Officer Jaffer Bhavanavar, Mr. Suresh Maralingannavar, retired Principal, and History Lecturer Mr. Shivappa Jigaluru from Misarikoti Pre-University College. The dignitaries addressed the students and highlighted the dangers of drug addiction and the responsibility of youth in creating a healthy society.

Mr. Santosh Hoogar and Mr. Manjunath from Sri Kshetra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project Unit, Kalaghatagi, along with the teaching and non-teaching staff members of the college, were present and made the programme successful.

Vanamahotsava, sapling of plants was held on 8/07/2026 at Good News PU College, Kalaghatagi

As part of the "Green Karnataka, Green Environment" initiative, Good News Pre-University College, Kalaghatagi organized a Vanamahotsava Programme on the college campus today. During the programme, around 50 fruit-bearing saplings of different varieties were planted to promote environmental conservation and create awareness about the importance of protecting nature.

The programme was inaugurated by the institution's Secretary, Rev. Bro. Varghese K. J., in the presence of Rev. Br. Praveen, Principal Mrs. Naveena Redder, and NSS Programme Officer Mr. Zafer Bavannavar. The dignitaries encouraged students to take responsibility for protecting the environment and emphasized the importance of planting and nurturing trees for a greener and healthier future. The programme concluded with enthusiastic participation from the staff and students, reaffirming the college's commitment to environmental sustainability.

Welcome Programme for Provincial, Rev. Bro. Jenny Kuriakos, Bangalore, and Staff Meeting: 16 July 2026

A grand welcome programme was organized 11:00 a.m. at Good News Independent PU College, Kalaghatagi, to welcome our beloved Provincial, Rev. Bro. Jenny Kuriakos, Bangalore.

The programme was graced by Rev. Bro. Varghese, Secretary of Good News Welfare Society, Rev. Bro. Praveen, Mr. Horakeri, Principal of Good News First Grade Arts and Commerce Degree College, Mrs. Naveena Redder, Principal of Good News Independent PU College, Sr. Savari, In-charge of Grahini Training Centre, the staff members of Good News PU College, Good News Degree College, Montfort Play School, Grahini Training Centre, and the students.

The programme began with a melodious prayer song presented by the PU College students, followed by a graceful prayer dance performed by the students of the Grahini Training Centre, creating a prayerful and joyful atmosphere.

As a mark of love and respect, Rev. Bro. Jenny Kuriakos was warmly felicitated. In his inspiring address, he highlighted the importance of quality education, discipline, hard work, commitment, and personal transformation. He encouraged students to pursue excellence through dedication and perseverance and urged the staff to continue nurturing young minds with sincerity and compassion. His inspiring words left a lasting impression on everyone present.

The welcome programme was successfully organized by the Cultural Committee and concluded with a vote of thanks.

Later in the day, at 3:00 p.m., a staff meeting was held for the staff members of the Good News Welfare Society. During the meeting, the staff warmly felicitated Rev. Bro. Jenny Kuriakos on his visit and also honoured Rev. Bro.

Varghese, Secretary, in recognition of his dedicated and constant service to the Good News Welfare Society.

Addressing the gathering, Rev. Bro. Jenny Kuriakos spoke about the noble role of teachers in shaping the lives, character, and future of students. He encouraged the faculty to uphold the values of commitment, responsibility, and excellence in their profession. He also appreciated the commendable performance of the institution in the PU Board Examination Results and conveyed his best wishes for even greater success in the years ahead.

The day concluded with a renewed sense of commitment and enthusiasm among the staff and students to uphold the vision and mission of the Good News Welfare Society through quality education and dedicated service.

Good News Welfare Society's Arts & Commerce First Grade College:

The Preparatory Examination for all students was conducted successfully in our college from 21 May 2026 to 30 May 2026. The examination was organized to help students prepare effectively for the Karnataka University Semester Examinations. It provided an opportunity for students to assess their academic performance, identify areas for improvement, and gain confidence before the final examinations. The examinations were conducted smoothly under the supervision of the faculty members, ensuring a disciplined and fair examination environment. The preparatory examination played a significant role in enhancing students' readiness for the semester examinations.

The Annual Day and Farewell Day of Good News Welfare Society's Arts and Commerce First Grade College, Kalaghatagi was celebrated with great enthusiasm and dignity. The programme was organized in the presence of distinguished guests, faculty members, students, and well-wishers.

The event was graced Prof. S. V. Vastrada, Principal of G.C. College, Ankola, as the Chief Guest. The programme was presided over by Bro. Varghese K. J., Secretary of Good News Welfare Society. Other dignitaries present included Dr. Mahesh D. Horakeri, Principal of the College, Rev. Sr. Savari, Head of Om Maria Grahini Training Centre, and Smt. Naveena Radder, Principal of the PU College.

The celebration featured cultural performances, the recognition of students' achievements, and a heartfelt farewell to the outgoing students. The dignitaries addressed the gathering and encouraged the students to pursue excellence, uphold moral values, and contribute positively to society. The programme concluded successfully with a vote of thanks, leaving cherished memories for everyone present.

B.Com & B.A. Final Year Project and Viva-Voce Examination

The Project Presentation and Viva-Voce Examination for the Final Year B.Com students were successfully conducted on 25th May 2026 at Good News Welfare Society's Arts and

Commerce First Grade College, Kalghatagi. The examination provided students an opportunity to present their project work and demonstrate their knowledge, analytical skills, and practical understanding of their chosen topics.

The evaluation was conducted smoothly under the guidance of the External Examiner, Smt. Dr. Anupama Gadad, GFGC, Dastikoppa, Kalghatagi. The programme was organized under the leadership of Dr. Mahesh D. Horakeri, Principal, whose encouragement ensured the successful conduct of the examination.

The faculty members coordinated the proceedings efficiently, and all final-year B.Com students actively participated in the project presentation and viva-voce. The examination concluded successfully, reflecting the students' academic preparation and practical learning throughout the course.

The Karnataka University Semester Examinations commenced on 11th June 2026 and were successfully conducted until 7th July 2026 at Good News Welfare Society's Arts and Commerce First Grade College, Kalghatagi, an approved Examination Centre of Karnataka University, Dharwad.

The examinations were held in a peaceful, disciplined, and well-organized manner under the guidance of the Principal, Dr. Mahesh D. Horakeri, and the supervision of the Chief Superintendent, Dr. I.M. Makkubai from Anjuman College of Arts & Commerce First Grade College, Dharwad, with the support of the invigilators, and non-teaching staff. All necessary arrangements were made to ensure the smooth and fair conduct of the examinations.

Good News Welfare Society's Arts and Commerce First Grade College, Kalghatagi reopened on 20th July 2026 for the new academic year with great enthusiasm and excitement. The campus warmly welcomed both newly admitted first-year students and returning students.

The programme began with a warm welcome by the Principal, Dr. Mahesh D. Horakeri, who addressed the students and encouraged them to make the best use of the opportunities available for their academic and personal growth. Faculty members introduced the college's academic programmes, rules, and student support services to help the newcomers adapt to the college environment.

The reopening marked the beginning of a new academic journey filled with learning, discipline, and holistic development. The day concluded on a positive note, with students expressing enthusiasm and confidence for the new academic year.

Maria Prasanna Mahila Mandal Grihini Training Centre:

The Grihini Training Centre Project is an initiative of the Montfort Brothers dedicated to the holistic development of adolescent girls from economically disadvantaged and socially marginalized families. The centre offers residential training in life skills, vocational skills, basic education, and

value formation, empowering girls to become self-reliant and socially responsible.

Village Visit and Outreach

Between March and May 2026, the Montfort Sisters and staff of Grihini Training Centre had planned to visit the villages for admission purpose - 11 villages over five days. Meeting directly with students and their families helped us understand their living conditions and identify practical ways to support prospective Grihini students.

We found that educational backgrounds varied widely: most girls had completed at least 10th standard, some had finished PUC, some had discontinued PUC, and a few had studied only up to 8th standard. However, a significant number of girls were unwilling to join the training despite outreach efforts.

Reopening of Grihini Training Centre:

On 3rd June 2026, Maria Prasanna Mahila Mandal Grihini Training Centre reopened with 17 trainees. The new batch began their training with great enthusiasm and hope. The reopening marked the beginning of another year of empowering women through skill development and self-reliance. We wish all the trainees a successful and fruitful training journey.

Inauguration of Grihini Programme: 22-7-2026

The 48th Batch of the Grihini Programme was inaugurated at 10:30 a.m. in the presence of Bro. Varghese K.J., Bro. Praveen, Rev. Sr. Nirmala, Mrs. Naveena Radder (Principal, PU College), and Mrs. Mahadevi Badigar (P U College Lecturer), along with first-year PUC students and play school children. The programme began with a Prayer Dance, Welcome Song, and the welcome address by Mrs. Sulochana. Rev. Bro. Varghese encouraged the students to develop their skills, become responsible citizens, and build a bright future. Mrs. Naveena motivated the students through inspiring success stories, emphasizing the value of hard work and perseverance. Mrs. Mahadevi Badigar encouraged the students to make good use of their time and learn sincerely, assuring them of the Sisters' guidance. The play school children entertained the gathering with an action dance. The programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks by Tr. Rekha, while Tr. Sulochana served as the Master of Ceremonies.

Seminar by Fr. Deepak SMM for the Grihini students on 26th June 2026.

Fr. Deepak SMM emphasized the dignity and value of every human life, reminding the students that each person is God's precious creation. He encouraged them to face life's challenges with faith, develop self-confidence through responsibility and hard work, and trust in the power of prayer. He urged the students to dream big, set meaningful goals, and strive to become responsible and useful members of society. Stressing the importance of discipline and wise use of time, he encouraged them to make every moment count in shaping a bright and successful future.

Fr. Deepak SMM insisted that these programs help students

build practical life skills and personal growth. After that, Father Deepak began his talk with the words, "Everyone can be a winner." He highlighted the importance of living a happy life in the family and society. He encouraged the students to know "Who am I?" and to live with purpose and values.

Banking Awareness Class by Bank of Baroda Manager

A banking systems awareness class was conducted by the Manager of Bank of Baroda.

He explained all banking procedures and how to use banking services.

The Grihini students were very interested. They actively asked questions, and the Manager patiently answered all their doubts.

Benefits for the students:

1. They learned about savings accounts, loans, and government schemes.
2. They understood how to use ATMs, online banking, and UPI safely.
3. They gained financial knowledge that will help them in their future.

Fr. Devasya OFM cap has been conducting English classes,

Motivation session and fulfilled weekends with songs, significantly enhancing the girl's language proficiency, personal confidence and overall well-being.

Mother General Visited the Grihini Training centre:

The Grihini Training Centre was honoured to welcome **Rev. Sr. Rani Kurian**, Mother General of the Daughters of Wisdom, France; **Rev. Sr. Antonella**, General Councillor, France; and **Rev. Sr. Dorish Mary Maria John**, Provincial Superior of the Daughters of Wisdom, India. They were warmly received by the students, sisters, lecturers, and staff through a colourful welcome programme. The dignitaries interacted with the students, appreciated their talents and learning environment, and inspired them to pursue their dreams with confidence, discipline, faith, and a spirit of service. The occasion was graced by **Bro. Varghese K.J.**, Secretary of Good News Welfare Society; **Rev. Bro. Praveen**, Treasurer of Good News Welfare Society; **Rev. Sr. Savari**, Superior of Gnanadeep Community; along with the Sisters, lecturers, and students. The visit was a memorable and grace-filled occasion that encouraged the students and strengthened the institution's mission of

empowering young women through education.

Report on the Visit of Bro. Jenny Kuriakose to Grihini Training Centre

The Grihini Training Centre was privileged to welcome **Bro. Jenny Kuriakose**, Superior of the Bangalore Province and Chairman of Good News Welfare Society, Kalghatagi, on his official visit. The trainees presented a vibrant cultural programme in the P.U. College Auditorium to extend a warm welcome. Appreciating their talents and confidence, Bro. Jenny commended the Centre for its efforts in empowering women through skill development and education. He encouraged the trainees to continue learning with dedication, confidence, and commitment to build a bright future and contribute meaningfully to society.

PARENTS MEETING

Date: 24 July 2026

A Parents' Meeting was held on **24 July 2026** to strengthen the partnership between parents, teachers, management, and students. The programme began with a Prayer Dance, Welcome Address by Mrs. Rekha, and a Welcome Song. The meeting was graced by **Rev. Bro. Varghese K. J.**, Secretary, Good News Welfare Society; **Rev. Bro. Praveen**, Treasurer, Good News Welfare Society & Principal, Montfort School; **Sr. Savari DW**; **Dr. Mahesh Horakeri**, Principal, Degree College; and **Mrs. Naveena**, Principal, PU College. Rev. Bro. Varghese inaugurated the programme and emphasized the importance of girls' education, urging parents to support their daughters in completing the nine-month training programme. He also informed them that Basic English and Computer Classes would be offered along with vocational training and appreciated the students for their discipline and sincerity. Mrs. Sulachana explained the centre's activities and regulations, followed by cultural programmes and students' experience sharing. Dr. Mahesh Horakeri and Mrs. Naveena motivated the parents and students, while teachers explained the school guidelines. The meeting concluded with an open interaction, the Vote of Thanks by Mrs. Sulachana, and parents assuring their continued support for the students' growth.



Building a Drug Free Society 30.06.26



Annual Day and Farewell Day



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Banking Awareness



Preparatory Examination



Vanamotsava sapling of plants



**Welcome program of
Provincial Rev.Bro.Jenny Kuriakose**



Reopening of Grihini Training Centre



Village Visit and Outreach



First Staff Meeting



Inaugural function



Parents Meeting

MONTFORT NILAYA – PROVINCIAL HOUSE

Perpetual Vows Preparation

Junior Brothers from 5 Indian Provinces preparing for their perpetual vows had a one and half month preparatory session held here at Montfort Nilaya, Provincial House, Bengaluru, from 1st April to 15 May 2026. There were 13 of them in all: Bengaluru 1, Delhi 2, Northeast 1, Pune 4, and Trichy 5. Brother I. Francis, Trichy Province, was in charge, ably assisted by Bro. Jim Thekkan of Yercaud Province. There were quite a few Brothers from various Provinces who helped the youngsters with their sessions, notably: Brothers TT Mathew, Binu Mathew, PJ George, PK James, Benito, Varghese Theckanath, Paul Raj A., Lambert. Two Brothers from our Local Community here, namely, KK Thomas and Thomas Montfort also took short sessions. Among the priests were notably Fr. Peter Mescarinus, SMI, and Fr. James, Claritan. Fr. Dominic, SMI, preached the concluding retreat in the final week. Our neighbours, the Gaunalian Fathers, assisted in the confessions at the end of the retreat and officiated at the Mass on the final day. Please excuse us if we have inadvertently left out any names.

The group of 13 was a well motivated one and everyone could see that. They went through the whole exercise in all seriousness and good purpose. We, the Community here,

did our level best to make their stay comfortable and provided for all their material needs. All our staff at the Provincial House, too, was at their disposal to render any kind of service that was required. Particular appreciation was expressed to the kitchen staff. In fact ten of them were honoured at the end of the session and monetary incentives were dispersed as a token of gratitude.

During the session, on a Sunday, these Brothers made trips to two important shrines in Bangalore. On another Sunday, they made a trip to Mysore and Belagola. In Bangalore they visited the famous Shivaji Nagar church of Our Lady of Good Health and Vivek Nagar church of the Infant Jesus. In Mysore they visited various places of touristic interest including St. Philomina's church, the palace, and the zoo. They also made a pilgrimage to St. Antony's shrine near Mysore – 25 KM away – at Donahalli village.

These Junior Brothers had their special concluding spiritual retreat from 7 to 14 May. It was quite Montfortian in nature with the preacher Fr. Dominic, SMI (Superior of Maria Bhavan, Bangalore, and Provincial Councillor). The entire programme got over on 15 May and most of the participants left the same afternoon. We had special parting ceremonies at which two Brothers from Lake Montfort were also

present. We are confident that the young Brothers benefitted the maximum from this exercise.

Easter celebration

The Easter this year was very special for us because of the presence of the young Brothers preparing for their perpetual vows. We attended Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter vigil services in the Holy Rosary church which is our parish. Since we were all together more than twenty Brothers, we used one of our school buses for the transport. We had to reach the church early enough to occupy available seats. The church, which is quite big, normally gets overcrowded on major festival days. Certainly we could witness the deep faith of the people who came for the celebrations.

Provincial leaves for Spain

Bro. Jenny Kuriakose, Provincial Superior, left for Madrid, capital of Spain, to attend the Council of the Institute on 25 April. Three other Provincials, namely, Bro. Dominic, Bro. John Britto and Bro. Maria Susai also left for Madrid from Bangalore. All of them returned here after 15 May, on different dates, once the event saw its completion. Our Provincial was back at the Provincial House on 20 May.

Our temporary professed Brothers

Five temporary professed Brothers of our Province had very useful session of two weeks at NBCLC centre in Bangalore under the guidance of Bro. Paul Raj A., Province Formation Director. At the end of it they came over to the Provincial House for a concluding session of three days (14-16 May 2026). They renewed their vows on the last day at a Mass presided by Fr. Shantham, a Gaunalian priest. These Brothers are a happy lot, determined to carry forward their Montfortian charism in the various places they are sent either for studies or for active apostolate. Our newly professed Brothers Anto Nishant and Jeba came here on 21 May and left for Montfort Spirituality Centre with Brothers Leo Jones and Sirel Pradhan to attend a brief course over there. They have left for their Communities after that – the first two to Belagola and Coonoor and the other two to CRI, Ulsoor Road.

Retreat for Montfort Sisters

Sixteen Daughters of Wisdom made their full one week annual retreat at Montfort Nilaya from 18 to 25 May 2026. Fr. Nadhan, SSS, was the preacher (priest belonging to a Sacred Heart Congregation). The Sisters were happy with the stay and all other conveniences provided and they really made a very good retreat under the guidance of their preacher.

Perpetual Profession of Bro. Praveen

Bro. Praveen came here from Montfort College Community on 25 May 2026 for the immediate preparation of his Perpetual Profession due on 29 May. One of the two Auxiliary Bishops of Bangalore Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Susainathan presided. Many of Bro. Praveen's family members were present on this auspicious occasion along with many Brothers who had come from other Provinces as

well. The religious ceremonies of the occasion had been meticulously planned by the Provincial and his team of dedicated Councillors. Everything went without a hitch and all were in praise of the efficient execution of the entire programme. The food was excellent. We are happy to have one more Brother added to our ranks in the person of Bro. Praveen who has committed himself for life in the service of the Congregation and its mission.

Various news reports in brief

Bro. Pranay of Hyderabad Province was a member of the Provincial House Community during the last two years. He was a student at Kristu Jayanti College nearby. He has now completed his studies and gone back to his Province. We thank him for the various services he has rendered while residing here.

Some of the Brothers from all over India who attended sessions at Prerana Institute, Bangalore, have visited us and spent time with us. Other Brothers, too, coming to Bangalore for some purpose or other have done the same. We were always happy to welcome these Brothers to the Provincial House.

Bro. Maria Susai, Provincial of North East, on his return from Spain came here on 17 May and left for NE the following day.

24 members of staff from Montfort College accompanied by Brothers Mathew Pannathanath and George Padikara spent two days here – 5 and 6 June – participating in a working session

Three of us attended the Silver Jubilee celebrations at our St. Thomas Mount school – Bros. Jenny Kuriakose, K K Thomas and M P Antony.

Bro. Mathew Montfort of Delhi Province spent a few days with us on his return journey from Kerala to Bhopal, that is, from 11 July 2026 onwards.

This year the summer got prolonged; even otherwise Bangalore is getting hotter as years pass on. Even August has started off on a hot note. In view of this, we have installed AC units in most of the living rooms. Now only two rooms on the ground floor and seven rooms on the second floor are without AC. First floor rooms have been fully cooled.

Some birthdays were celebrated during the past few months, including those of Bro. M P Antony and Bro. Pranay. Easter came and went with much solemnity.

On 27 and 28 June (Saturday and Sunday) we had the Local Superiors, Bursars and Principals meeting held here at Montfort Nilaya. Some 32 Brothers participated. On the first day, Bro. P J George handled most of the sessions on the topic of Good Governance. It was quite an informative and gripping session, presented very methodically. It captured the attention of all and kept us busy throughout and no one felt the fatigue. The final evening session of the day was devoted to the Local Superiors presenting the Community Project. Everyone had taken the trouble to come well prepared. The next day, Sunday, we had two very

interesting and highly useful sessions by Bro. Paulraj and then Bro. Jenny, Provincial. Bro. Paulraj spoke about leadership, taking late Pope Francis as an exemplar. Everyone found it very useful and expressed their satisfaction. The next session was by Bro. Provincial. It was quite a long session as Brother spoke on some important topics affecting the life of the Province. Internal audit, role of the Local Superiors and Bursars in the Communities, management of financial affairs as true stewards of our God-given material goods, spiritual life in general and relevance of the Community Project were some of the topics dealt with. No doubt it was a long session, but highly beneficial. The meeting ended around 1 pm. All dispersed after lunch, rejoicing that those two days were worth the trouble of sparing from their busy schedules back in the Communities and institutions.

Three events same day

On 11 July we had three events to attend in three different places: Silver Jubilee at Community School, Kombuthooky, Sports Day at Lake Montfort and birthday celebration for Bro. Niju Thomas at Belagola. Bro. Provincial and Bro. Antony went to Kombuthooky, while Bro. K K Thomas and Augustine went to Lake Montfort and Belagola. The following day, 12 July, Bro. Justin went to Kombuthooky for the second day celebrations there.

Provincial on Community visits

Bro. Provincial started his Community visits with Belagola on 13 July. He is following as far as possible the schedule that was already circulated. The visits are likely to continue for well over a month.



“Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen.”

—Michael Jordan

MONTFORT SCHOOL - DG PUDUR

We are delighted to connect with you through this edition of our News Bulletin. It gives us great joy to share the memorable events, achievements, and milestones of our school community. We hope you enjoy reading about the vibrant activities and accomplishments that continue to make Montfort School a place of excellence, growth, and inspiration.

1. Montfort School Welcomes You!

"Welcome back to Montfort School! May this new academic journey be filled with faith, knowledge, friendship, and unforgettable memories!"

The reopening of Montfort School, DG Pudur, on 4th June 2026 marked a joyful and memorable beginning to the new academic year. It was a special day as both our new and returning students stepped onto the campus with smiles, enthusiasm, and hope.

To make the occasion memorable, our teachers warmly welcomed every student by presenting a special bookmark carrying an inspirational quote, the school timetable, and photographs that reflect the spirit of Montfort School. Each student was also greeted with a sweet as a symbol of love, care, and a sweet beginning to the academic year.

This thoughtful gesture conveyed a beautiful message to every child: "You are now a proud Montfortian. Believe in yourself, work hard, dream big, and strive to do wonders throughout this academic year."

We extend our heartfelt best wishes to all our students, parents, and staff for a successful, joyful, and blessed academic year 2026–2027. May God guide and bless every step of our journey.

2. Special Assembly on Reopening Day

"Every child has a gift. Discover it, nurture it, and let it shine."

The new academic year began with a meaningful Special Reopening Day Assembly, thoughtfully conducted by the students of Grade XII on the theme "Discover Your Gift."

The assembly inspired everyone to recognize that each child is blessed with unique talents and abilities. Through a well-presented skit, graceful dance, thought-provoking mime, and inspiring reflections, the students beautifully conveyed the message that every individual has a special gift waiting to be discovered and developed.

Bro. Jeyabalan, the Principal, addressed the gathering with an inspiring message. He encouraged the students to identify their God-given talents, nurture them with hard work and perseverance, and use them for the good of society. He reminded them that success comes to those who believe in themselves, remain disciplined, and strive for excellence in every aspect of life.

The assembly created an atmosphere of enthusiasm, hope, and confidence, setting a positive tone for the academic year.

3. Parent–Teacher Meeting

"When parents and teachers work together, every child succeeds."

The Parent–Teacher Meeting for Grades X and XII was conducted during the month of June 2026. The meeting provided a valuable opportunity for parents and teachers to interact, discuss each student's academic progress, strengths, achievements, and areas that require improvement.

The session encouraged open communication and strengthened the partnership between home and school, ensuring that every child receives the guidance and support needed for academic excellence and personal growth.

Rev. Bro. Jeyabalan, the Principal, addressed the gathering and emphasized the vital role of parents in the education of their children. He encouraged parents to monitor their children's study habits, maintain regular communication with teachers, motivate them to develop self-discipline, and provide a positive learning environment at home. He also stressed the importance of regular attendance, consistent practice, and effective time management, especially for students appearing for the CBSE Board Examinations.

Parents appreciated the initiative taken by the school to organize the meeting at the very beginning of the academic year. They expressed their gratitude for the guidance provided and assured their wholehearted cooperation in helping their children achieve academic success.

4. Montfort School Celebrates 15th Annual Sports Day

Montfort CBSE School, Sathyamangalam, celebrated its 15th Annual Sports Day with great enthusiasm and splendour on 10 July 2026.

The event was graced by Mr. Christopher Siddhant, former Indian National Tennis Player, as the Chief Guest, and Mr. John Arockiadass, Alumnus of Montfort School, Yercaud, as the Guest of Honour.

The programme began with a colourful March Past by the three school houses, showcasing discipline, unity, and team spirit. The dignitaries received a warm welcome from the school management, staff, and students.

A major highlight of the celebration was the spectacular display of Aerobics, Yoga, Karate, and Silambam, performed by students of various grades. These performances reflected the students' physical fitness, coordination, confidence, and cultural heritage. The audience appreciated the synchronised movements, energy, and dedication shown by the participants. In his address, the Chief Guest encouraged the students to develop a sporting spirit, maintain good health, and strive for excellence in all areas of life. The Guest of Honour appreciated the efforts of the school in promoting holistic education through academics, sports, and co-curricular activities.

The Sports Day concluded with the distribution of prizes

and certificates to the winners of various athletic events. The programme was a grand success and left a lasting impression on all who attended it.

5. Rev. Bro. Jenny, Provincial Superior, Visits Montfort School, Sathyamangalam

Montfort School, Sathyamangalam, was privileged to welcome Rev. Bro. Jenny, Provincial Superior, during his Annual Canonical Visit on 23 and 24 July 2026.

On 23 July, Rev. Bro. Jenny met the teaching staff and delivered an inspiring address on the noble mission of a teacher. He emphasized that every teacher should be deeply committed, hardworking, and dedicated to the holistic growth and well-being of every student. His thought-provoking message encouraged the staff to continue nurturing young minds with love, discipline, and excellence.

On 24 July, a special Assembly was organized by the students of Grade VIII to honour the Provincial Superior. The programme commenced with a prayer song, the proclamation of the Word of God, and the prayer of the faithful. Rev. Bro. Jenny received a warm and joyful welcome from the Senior KG students, followed by a graceful welcome dance presented by the students.

Rev. Bro. Jeyabalan, Principal and Correspondent, extended a heartfelt welcome to the Provincial Superior and expressed gratitude for his presence and guidance. In his

inspiring address, Rev. Bro. Jenny encouraged the students to strive for excellence in academics, discipline, character, and values. He reminded them that true success comes through hard work, perseverance, humility, and trust in God. His motivating words left a lasting impression on both the students and the staff.

The visit concluded on a joyful and inspiring note, strengthening the Montfortian spirit of faith, service, and excellence.



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Parent-Teacher Meeting



Special Assembly on Reopening Day



Montfort School Celebrates 15th Annual Sports Day



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MONTFORT SCHOOL - COONNOOR

REOPENING DAY:

The new academic year began with great enthusiasm as students returned to school with cheerful smiles and renewed hope on 04-06-2026. The campus came alive with excitement as friends reunited and teachers warmly welcomed the children. The day commenced with a prayer by Rev. Bro. Augustine and inspiring words from the Brother Correspondent. It marked the beginning of yet another journey of learning, growth, and success.

WELCOME ASSEMBLY:

With hearts full of joy and gratitude, our school family warmly welcomed our new Correspondent, Rev. Bro. Joseph Antony Balan, through a special assembly on 08-06-2026. The programme featured a prayer, a heartfelt welcome, and a vibrant cultural performance by our students. The gracious presence of Bro. Balan filled the campus with hope and positivity, making the occasion a memorable beginning to a new chapter in our school's journey.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY:

The Investiture Ceremony was held with great pride to entrust the newly elected student leaders with their responsibilities on 24-06-2026. Badges and sashes were presented to the leaders, followed by an inspiring speech by Brother Correspondent that motivated the new leaders to lead by example. The ceremony celebrated leadership, responsibility and teamwork.

SPORTS DAY:

On 03-07-2026, Montfort School celebrated the Annual Sports Day with great enthusiasm and sporting spirit. Rev. Fr. Antony Samy was invited as the Chief Guest. Students showcased their talents through a colourful march past, energetic drills, and exciting track and field events. The event concluded with prize distribution and everyone appreciating the efforts and achievements of the young athletes.

FIRELESS COOKING:

Our UKG students delighted everyone with their creativity during the Fireless Cooking activity. Guided by their teachers and parents, the little chefs prepared healthy and colourful dishes without using fire. The event took place on 17-07-2026 and it encouraged healthy eating habits, creativity, teamwork and self-confidence, making learning into real fun and an enjoyable activity.

PROVINCIAL VISIT:

The school was honoured to welcome our beloved Provincial Superior Rev. Bro. Jenny Kuriakose on his official visit. His gracious presence brought joy and inspiration to the entire school community. During the special assembly, he addressed the students and staff, encouraged them to uphold values of humanity, discipline, compassion, and excellence. The visit strengthened our commitment to holistic education and left everyone with cherished memories of his guidance and blessings.



Fireless Cooking



Fireless Cooking



Investiture Ceremony



Provincial Visit



Provincial Visit



Reopening Day



Reopening Day



Sports Day



Sports Day



Welcome Assembly



Welcome Assembly

ST. ANTONY'S HR. SEC. SCHOOL - COONOR

Greetings from St. Antony's! We are happy to share with you news of some important events from June & July 2026.

Achievements in Board Exam

We feel proud to say that our school secured 98% in Std. XII and 96% in Std. X Public Exams as a result of the tireless work of the staff under the guidance of Rev. Bro. Thomas Selvam, the then Headmaster & Correspondent.

Re-opening – 04.06.2026

The School reopened on 04.06.2026 with the positive energy generated by the Board Exam results. Expressing our deep gratitude to our former Headmaster & Correspondent for his remarkable service at St. Antony's for the past eight years, we bade him farewell on the reopening day. St. Antony's family welcomed Rev. Bro. Antony Balan the new Headmaster & Correspondent, and Rev. Bro. Jaba Kumar. Bro. Balan's vast experience and skilful strategies will have a real impact on our school in the future & St. Antony's is already thrilled for the waves he is going to create.

St. Antony's Feast

The feast of St. Antony, patron of our school, was celebrated on 12.06.2026 with the formal Eucharistic Mass by Rev. Fr. Immanuel, Bishop House, Ooty.

Investiture Ceremony – 22/06/2026

To kindle and nurture leadership qualities in our young prodigies, an Investiture Ceremony was held on 22.06.2026 with great enthusiasm and dignity. It was to bestow leadership credentials on the newly elected student leaders, so that they can lead the school from the front with dedication, determination and commitment by effectively discharging the duties entrusted to them by the school. The newly elected student leaders were conferred with badges and sashes. In his address, the Chief Guest Colonel

Manish, Madras Regimental Centre, Wellington, inspired the students by briefly explaining how good leaders should conduct themselves.

Career Guidance Programme – 06.07.2026

“Limitations live only in our minds - if we use well our imagination, our possibilities can become limitless.”

After the board exam, the single monumental question is 'what's next?' The students at times suffer from a mix of relief and overwhelming anxiety. The pressure to choose the right carrier is immense. Realising this and to help the students, our Headmaster organized a programme on career guidance for the students of Std. XI & XII on 06.07.2026. The renowned personality Dr. Jayaprakash Gandhi provided a structural, emphatic and scientific approach to navigate crucial decision-making by transforming anxiety into confident action. Moreover, he helped the students to find the fields where their abilities, interests and personalities can thrive.

Provincial Superior's Visit

Rev. Bro. Jenny Kuriakose, our Provincial Superior, during his presence amidst us on 22.07.2026, encouraged the teachers by insisting on implementing value based education. He also enlightened the students on how to gain wisdom by acquiring knowledge; he exhorted them to make the best use of the vast opportunities offered in this great Institution and reach the pinnacle of success by overcoming all the obstacles.

St. Antony's is now enthusiastically preparing for the forthcoming Annual Sports Meet and the first Mid-term exams.

We shall meet again with more interesting narrations of events.



St. Anthony Feast



St. Anthony Feast



Career Guidance



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Investiture Ceremony



Provincial Superior Visit



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MONTFORT HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL - ALANDUR

With gratitude to God and great pride, we present the 2026–2027 News Bulletin to the Bengaluru Province. This bulletin is a glimpse into a year filled with learning, achievements, leadership, celebrations, and service. It reflects the collective efforts of our Management, staff, students, and parents in nurturing excellence and living the Montfortian values. May these pages inspire us to continue our mission with faith, dedication, and the spirit of this year theme "Think Right, Shine Bright."

"Every achievement begins with a vision, grows through dedication, and shines through excellence."

New Academic Year Admissions – 28.03.2026

Montfort Higher Secondary School, Alandur, conducted the Admission Test for the academic year 2026–2027 on 28th March 2026. The programme received an overwhelming response from parents and students. Nearly 200 students appeared for the English Medium admission test, while 47 students appeared for the Tamil Medium. Based on the selection process, 130 students were admitted to the English Medium and 47 students to the Tamil Medium. The enthusiastic participation of parents and the excellent response to the admission test reflected the growing trust and confidence in the school's commitment to academic excellence and holistic education.

"Every child who enters a school brings with them the promise of a brighter tomorrow."

Infrastructure Development

(i) Durable vitrified tiles,

Montfort Higher Secondary School, Alandur, continues to strengthen its commitment to providing a safe, modern, and student-friendly learning environment through significant infrastructure enhancements. As part of the campus development initiatives, the classroom cement flooring was replaced with **durable vitrified tiles**, creating a cleaner, brighter, and more comfortable atmosphere for learning.

(ii) LED display screen

An LED display screen was installed on the school campus to showcase daily updates, student achievements, announcements, and important information, ensuring effective communication with students and parents.

(iii) Additional back gate

To facilitate smoother movement and improve safety, an additional back gate was constructed, providing easier access and better crowd management during school hours. These developments reflect the school's continuous efforts to create a well-equipped campus that promotes academic excellence and the holistic development of every student.

"A great school is built not only with strong walls but with a strong vision for the future."

Academic Excellence–Public Examination Results 2025–2026

Montfort Higher Secondary School, Alandur, proudly celebrates another year of outstanding academic excellence in the 2025–2026 Public Examinations. The school achieved a remarkable 100% pass percentage in the Class X Public Examination, while the Class XII students excelled with outstanding results, including several subject-wise centums and high scores. Safrin Fathima K. secured the School First in Class XII with 560/600, and Ayesha Sahani J.H. emerged as the School First in Class X with 486/500. These exceptional achievements are a reflection of the students' perseverance, the unwavering dedication of our teachers, the visionary guidance of the management, and the continuous support of parents. The success of our students truly embodies our school theme, "Think Right, Shine Bright."

"Excellence is not an act, but a habit. It is achieved through dedication, discipline, and determination."

XI Standard Admissions – 2026–2027

For the academic year 2026–2027, 185 students enrolled in Class XI under three academic streams. The encouraging enrolment reflects the trust placed in Montfort Higher Secondary School, Alandur, and marks the beginning of another promising phase of learning and growth.

"Every new beginning is the foundation of a brighter future."

Faculty Enrichment Programme

On 2nd June 2026 a Faculty Enrichment Programme was organized to prepare the teaching staff for the new academic year. The session was led by Rev. Fr. Michael, Shrine Rector, St. Thomas Mount, who shared inspiring insights on the noble mission of teaching, value-based education, and the importance of nurturing young minds with compassion and commitment. His thought-provoking address encouraged the teachers to begin the academic year with renewed dedication and enthusiasm.

Spiritual Enrichment

The academic year 2026–2027 commenced with an Inaugural Holy Mass celebrated on 3rd June 2026 by Rev. Fr. Issac Jeganathan, Parish Priest. The Eucharistic celebration was offered in thanksgiving for the excellent academic results, to seek God's blessings for the new academic year, and to invoke His grace upon the newly renovated classrooms and all the school's initiatives. The celebration filled the staff with spiritual strength, unity, and a renewed commitment to serve with faith and excellence.

Quote: "True education forms not only brilliant minds but also noble hearts."

A New Beginning

Our school joyfully reopened for the academic year 2026–2027 on 4th June 2026. Students returned to a warm and cheerful welcome from the teachers, marking the beginning of a new journey of learning, growth, and

achievement. The campus echoed with enthusiasm as students stepped into a promising academic year under the inspiring theme, "Think Right, Shine Bright."

Nurturing Nature

As part of the World Environment Day celebrations, our school organized a meaningful programme to promote environmental awareness. The event was graced by Mr. M. Harish, MLA, Alandur Constituency, who encouraged students to protect and preserve nature. Tree saplings were distributed to foster a greener future, and a drawing competition on environmental conservation was conducted. The winners were honoured with cash awards, making the celebration both inspiring and memorable.

"The future grows greener with every tree we plant and every young mind we inspire."

Investiture Ceremony & Clubs inauguration

Our school solemnly celebrated the Investiture Ceremony and Clubs Inauguration for the academic year 2026–2027 on 25th June 2026. The programme commenced with a prayer service, followed by the ceremonial march past and the hoisting of the National Flag. The newly elected School Pupil Leader, Assistant School Pupil Leader, House Captains, Assistant House Captains, Class Leaders, and Club Leaders were invested with badges by Rev. Bro. M. Alexander, Principal, and took the oath of office, pledging to serve the school with sincerity, discipline, and dedication.

The ceremony was graced by Mr. M. Mohammed Buhari, Inspector of Police, St. Thomas Mount Police Station, and

Dr. Razia Abdul Razeed, MD (Pharmacology), MBA (HM), PhD (Pursuing), a proud Montfortian (Alumna), who inaugurated the school clubs and inspired the students to develop leadership qualities, social responsibility, and team spirit. The programme concluded on a patriotic note, reaffirming the school's commitment to nurturing responsible leaders.

"Leadership is not about being in charge; it is about taking care of those in your charge."

Kamarajar Birthday Celebration

Our school celebrated the 124th Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna K. Kamarajar on 15th July 2026 with great enthusiasm. The programme was presided over by our beloved Principal, Rev. Bro. M. Alexander, who highlighted the invaluable contributions of Kamarajar to education and nation-building. The celebration featured a variety of cultural performances presented by the students of Class IX, including a thought-provoking drama, vibrant dance, and inspiring speech, paying tribute to the life and ideals of the great leader. The programme motivated the students to emulate Kamarajar's values of simplicity, honesty, and selfless service.

"Education is the most powerful tool to transform a nation, and Kamarajar devoted his life to making it accessible to every child."

May the achievements and memorable moments recorded in this bulletin inspire us to continue our journey with dedication and purpose. Together, let us strive to build a future rooted in knowledge, values, and excellence.



A New Beginning



Nurturing Nature



New Academic Year Admissions



Faculty Enrichment Programme



Spiritual Enrichment



Kamarajar Birthday



Vitrified Tiles



Investiture ceremony



Led Display Screen



Academic Excellence

MONTFORT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE - ST. THOMAS MOUNT

MAY – 2026

During May 2026, all teaching and non-teaching staff of the institute participated in the Student Admission Canvassing Programme to promote admissions for the academic year 2026–2027. The objective of the campaign was to create awareness among students and parents about the importance of skill-based vocational education offered through ITI courses.

The staff members visited various local areas, schools, bus stands, railway stations, marketplaces, and other crowded public places to interact with students, parents, and the general public. During the canvassing programme, the staff explained the purpose and benefits of joining ITI, the various trades offered by the institute, skill development opportunities, government-recognized certification, apprenticeship training, placement assistance, and career opportunities available after successful completion of the course.

The staff also provided information on the admission procedure, eligibility criteria, course duration, institute facilities, and employment opportunities in both the government and private sectors. Admission brochures and other promotional materials were distributed to interested students and parents.

The admission canvassing programme was completed successfully with the active participation of all staff members. The campaign created greater awareness about ITI education and contributed to promoting student admissions for the academic year 2026–2027.

JUNE – 2026

A Job Fair was successfully conducted at Montfort Technical Institute, St. Thomas Mount, Chennai – 16, during June 2026 to provide employment opportunities for the final-year trainees. The event aimed to connect students with leading industries and facilitate direct recruitment upon successful completion of the selection process.

The following companies participated in the campus recruitment drive:

- Allfab Company
- Faber-EV Company
- Johnson Lift Company

Representatives from the participating companies conducted the recruitment process, which included an orientation session, verification of student credentials, aptitude assessment, technical evaluation, and personal interviews.

The final-year students of the Electrician, Electronics, and Welder trades actively participated in the recruitment process. The students demonstrated good technical knowledge, practical skills, discipline, and communication abilities throughout the selection process.

After evaluating the candidates, the participating companies announced the selection results and issued placement orders to all the final-year students of the Electrician, Electronics, and Welder trades. The placement drive was completed successfully, providing employment opportunities for all eligible final-year trainees from these trades.

The Management, Principal, Training Officer, and Staff Members congratulated the selected students and appreciated the efforts of the placement coordination team, faculty members, and the participating companies for making the Job Fair a grand success. The institute expressed its sincere gratitude to Allfab Company, Faber-EV Company, and Johnson Lift Company for their valuable support in providing career opportunities to the trainees and strengthening industry–institution collaboration.

JULY – 2026

On 16th July 2026, Montfort Technical Institute proudly celebrated the Farewell and Retirement Function for Mrs. Amutha D., honouring her remarkable 30 years of dedicated service as an Electronics Instructor and Training Officer.

Her unwavering commitment, hard work, and passion for educating and mentoring students have made a lasting

impact on the institution and the lives of countless young people. We sincerely thank her for her invaluable contribution and wish her a happy, healthy, and fulfilling retired life.

The programme received much honour due to Rev. Bro. Stephen Xavier A., Principal & Correspondent of Montfort Matriculation Higher Secondary School, and Rev. Bro. Pakiyanathan A., Vice Principal & Bursar of Montfort Matriculation Higher Secondary School, whose gracious presence added great significance to the occasion.

We were also delighted to welcome Mr. Devadass, the beloved husband of Mrs. Amutha D., who joined us in celebrating this memorable milestone.

The farewell programme was thoughtfully initiated and organised under the leadership of Rev. Bro. Deepan F., Principal & Correspondent of Montfort Technical Institute, as a heartfelt tribute to Mrs. Amutha D.'s three decades of dedicated and selfless service.

Thank you, Mrs. Amutha D., for your dedication, guidance, and inspiration. Your legacy will continue to inspire generations of students and staff.

Wishing you a retirement filled with happiness, good health, peace, and countless joyful moments. Congratulations for your extraordinary career!

On 16th July 2026, Montfort Technical Institute organised a heartfelt Farewell Programme for our final-year students, marking the end of an important chapter in their academic journey and the beginning of a bright future.

The programme was led by Rev. Bro. Deepan F., Principal & Correspondent, who delivered an inspiring motivational address, encouraging the students to face future challenges with confidence, integrity, and a lifelong commitment to learning. Several staff members also shared their valuable experiences, words of wisdom, and best wishes, motivating the students as they prepare to embark on their professional careers.

The programme was further honoured by the gracious presence of Rev. Bro. Stephen Xavier A., Principal & Correspondent of Montfort Matriculation Higher Secondary School, who presented small memorable gifts to the outgoing students as a token of love, appreciation, and encouragement. His thoughtful gesture made the occasion even more meaningful and memorable.

Adding a personal touch to the event, many students came forward to share their memorable experiences, heartfelt gratitude, and cherished moments spent at Montfort Technical Institute. Their reflections filled the gathering with joy, appreciation, and emotion, making the occasion truly unforgettable.

The celebration concluded with group photographs, capturing smiles, friendships, and memories that will be treasured for years to come.

The All India Practical Examination – 2026 was successfully conducted at Montfort Technical Institute, St.

Thomas Mount, Chennai – 600016, from 6th July 2026 to 10th July 2026.

Students from both First Year and Second Year trades appeared for the practical examinations as per the examination schedule prescribed by the Directorate.

The examination centre was chaired by Mrs. S. Aruljothi, Assistant Training Officer, Government ITI (Women), Guindy, Chennai – 600032, who supervised the overall conduct of the examinations and ensured that all examination procedures were carried out in accordance with the prescribed guidelines.

The practical examinations were also supervised by three External Examiners, who assessed the students' practical skills fairly and impartially while maintaining the required examination standards.

All necessary arrangements, including laboratories, tools, equipment, materials, attendance records, and examination documents, were made in advance to ensure the smooth conduct of the examinations. The practical examinations commenced on schedule each day, and all students appeared for their respective examinations in a disciplined and orderly manner.

The examinations were conducted successfully without any major issues, and all assessment and evaluation procedures were completed in accordance with the prescribed norms and regulations. The efficient coordination of the Chairman, External Examiners, instructors, office staff, supporting staff, and students contributed significantly to the smooth and transparent conduct of the examinations.

The management expresses its sincere appreciation to Mrs. S. Aruljothi, the three External Examiners, Rev. Bro. Deepan F., Principal & Correspondent, all instructors, office staff, supporting staff, and students for their wholehearted cooperation and commitment, which ensured the successful completion of the All India Practical Examination – 2026.



July Practical Exam



July Retirement Function



July Retirement Function



July Students Farewell



July Students Farewell



June Job Fair



June Job Fair



May Canvassing



May Canvassing

MONTFORT MATRIC HR. SEC. SCHOOL - ST. THOMAS MOUNT

Academic Performance Report – Board Examination Results (2025–2026)

Montfort Matriculation Higher Secondary School, St. Thomas Mount, continued its tradition of academic excellence by achieving outstanding results in the **SSLC (Class X) and Higher Secondary (Class XII)** Board Examinations for the academic year **2025–2026**, while the **Class XI** students also recorded commendable academic performance.

The **SSLC Board Examination** witnessed **239 students** appearing for the examination, with **no absentees** and an impressive **99.58% pass percentage**. **Gilmore Lambert R** emerged as the School First with **489/500**, securing centum in **Mathematics** and **Science**, while several students achieved outstanding subject scores, including multiple **100s** and **99s**.

In the **Higher Secondary Second Year (Class XII)** Board Examination, **244 students** appeared with **100% attendance** and an excellent **97% pass percentage**. **Tharun S.** topped the school with **577/600**. Students secured centum in **French** and **Computer Science**, along with remarkable scores across **Mathematics**, **Accountancy**, **Economics**, **Commerce**, **Biology**, and other subjects, reflecting the school's strong academic standards.

The **Higher Secondary First Year (Class XI)** results were equally encouraging. **Rithika (XI-A)** secured the **School First** with **566 marks**, followed by **Yuvaraj Prabhu R.V. (557)** and **Jabez Immanuel (552)**. The overall performance demonstrated consistency, dedication, and academic excellence among the students.

The excellent results across all three levels stand as a testament to the hard work of the students, the dedicated guidance of the teachers, and the constant support of the management and parents. These achievements reinforce Montfort School's commitment to nurturing academic excellence and holistic development.

Teachers Orientation Programme

A Staff Orientation Programme was organized on 28th May 2026 for all teaching staff to prepare for the academic year 2026–2027.

The programme commenced with prayer, inauguration, and the lighting of the lamp. The resource person for the day was Dr. Rosy Lidia S. I., Assistant Professor, PG & Research Department of English, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli.

Through three interactive sessions, Dr. Rosy Lidia guided the teachers on personal and professional growth, goal setting, self-reflection, and effective teaching practices. She also facilitated activities that helped teachers prepare vision boards, enabling them to identify their strengths, set meaningful goals, and chart a purposeful course for the new academic year.

The sessions were highly engaging, inspiring, and well

appreciated by the staff. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the resource person for her valuable insights and motivational guidance.

The orientation programme served as a meaningful beginning to the Silver Jubilee Year, equipping the teachers with renewed enthusiasm, clarity of purpose, and commitment to educational excellence.

Reopening of School

The school reopened for the students of **Classes I to XII** on **4th June 2026** after the summer vacation. The day began with a **prayer**, followed by the Principal's warm welcome message and blessings to everyone. The class teachers welcomed their students and wished them a successful academic year ahead.

Students returned to school with great enthusiasm and excitement, happy to reunite with their friends and teachers. The teachers briefed them on the academic schedule, school rules, and expectations for the New Year. The reopening day was observed as a **half-working day**, marking a cheerful and positive beginning to the new academic session.

Vice Principal's Birthday Celebration

The birthday of our beloved Vice Principal and Bursar, Rev. Bro. Pakiyanathan, was celebrated with great joy on 9th June 2026 at 9.00 a.m. in the school auditorium.

The programme began with a prayer song, followed by a Guard of Honour, a felicitation dance, a poetry recital, and heartfelt birthday wishes from the students. The highlight of the celebration was the cake-cutting ceremony, after which students from every class presented birthday cards, bouquets, saplings, and handmade gifts to Rev. Bro. Pakiyanathan as a token of their love and gratitude.

The celebration concluded with warm wishes from the staff and students, making it a memorable occasion filled with joy, appreciation, and prayers.

World Environment Day - Sapling Planting Drive

"Plant a Tree Today, Protect Tomorrow."

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."— Genesis 2:15

On **5th June 2026**, **World Environment Day** was celebrated with a **Sapling Planting Drive** to promote environmental awareness and responsibility among students. The programme was graced by **Mrs. Bhavani R., Deputy Director General-in-Charge, Geological Survey of India (GSI)**, along with other GSI officials.

The dignitaries, together with **Rev. Bro. Stephen Xavier A., Principal and Correspondent**, planted saplings on the school campus, symbolising the school's commitment to a greener future. The guests addressed the students on the importance of environmental conservation and the role of

the Geological Survey of India. A special highlight of the event was the **release of commemorative postal stamps** marking the **175th Anniversary of the Geological Survey of India**.

The programme concluded with a pledge by students and staff to protect and preserve the environment, reinforcing the message of sustainability and responsible stewardship of nature.

Grand Silver jubilee Inauguration

25th Silver Jubilee Investiture Ceremony

The **Silver Jubilee Celebrations** of Montfort Matriculation Higher Secondary School, St. Thomas Mount, commenced with great solemnity and joy. The programme began with a Guard of Honour, followed by the hoisting of the **Jubilee, National, and School Flags**. A special highlight was the unfurling of **25 commemorative flags**, symbolising the school's twenty-five glorious years.

The **Holy Eucharistic Celebration** was presided over by **His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. Amalraj Arulappan, Bishop of Ooty**, followed by the lighting of the **Jubilee Lamp**. Rev. Bro. Stephen Xavier A., Principal and Correspondent, welcomed the gathering and reflected on the school's remarkable journey.

The celebration featured a welcome dance, a video presentation on the **25-year journey of Montfort**, and the official release of the **Silver Jubilee Logo**. Distinguished guests and Montfort Brothers were felicitated and everyone appreciated the school's achievements. The programme concluded with the Bishop's blessings, a vote of thanks by **Rev. Bro. Pakiyathan**, Vice Principal, and a fellowship lunch, reaffirming the school's commitment to its motto, **"Wisdom Always Leads."**

Inauguration of 1st day of School for the LKG:

The **LKG Parents' Orientation Programme** was held on **15th June 2026** to welcome the parents and familiarize them with the school's vision, rules, and expectations. The programme began with the lighting of the lamp and a prayer, followed by the Principal's inspiring address.

Parents were briefed on the school rules and regulations, while the children enjoyed a fun-filled action song. A special highlight of the programme was the **First Letter Writing Ceremony**, where parents, along with the class teachers, guided their children in writing their first letter on rice, marking the beginning of their learning journey. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks and the National Anthem, leaving parents reassured and excited about their child's educational journey at Montfort School.

25th Silver Jubilee Investiture Ceremony

The **25th Investiture Ceremony** was held on **19th June 2026**, with **Mr. Mohammed Buhari, Inspector of Police, St. Thomas Mount**, as the Chief Guest. The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of the **Kuthuvilakku**, followed by a prayer, a welcome dance, and the felicitation of the Chief Guest.

The newly elected School Council marched onto the stage, solemnly took the oath of office and received their badges from the Chief Guest in the presence of the Principal, Vice Principal, and their proud parents. The **School Pupil Leader (SPL)** was presented with the **School Medallion**, symbolising honour, responsibility, and exemplary leadership.

A unique highlight of this year's ceremony was that each student leader individually declared their role and pledged their commitment to serving the school immediately after being invested. Class leaders were subsequently invested by their respective class teachers. A melodious choir presentation on leadership and courage, a speech on leadership by **Evelyn**, Assistant Leader of Thomas House, and an inspiring address by the Chief Guest enriched the occasion. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by the newly invested SPL, followed by the National Anthem and group photographs.

Individual Competitions

At Montfort St Thomas Mount, individual competitions provide every child with an opportunity to discover and showcase their innate talents. It helps build confidence, enhance creativity, improve communication skills, and foster a healthy spirit of competition.

Level-wise competitions in Singing, **English and Tamil Elocution, English and Tamil Essay Writing, Art, Debate, and Quiz** were conducted across all categories. Students participated with great enthusiasm, displaying remarkable talent, confidence, and creativity. The competitions served as an excellent platform to nurture their skills and inspire them to strive for excellence. All winners will be awarded with Trophies and Certificates during Children's Day Celebrations.

Anti-Drug Awareness Rally

An **Anti-Drug Awareness Rally** was organised on **25th June 2026** to mark **National Anti-Drug Day**. Around 300 students from **Classes VIII, NCC, Scouts and Guides** participated enthusiastically in the rally.

The rally was flagged off by **Mr. Prathap Singh, Sub-Inspector of Police, St. Thomas Mount**, along with **Mr. Jeyalingam**, in the presence of the Principal Rev. Bro. Stephen Xavier. Carrying colourful placards and raising powerful slogans such as **"Say No to Drugs," "Choose Life, Not Drugs,"** and **"Drug-Free Society, Safe Future,"** the students spread awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and the importance of leading a healthy, drug-free life in the St. Thomas Mount locality.

The rally successfully conveyed a strong message to the public, encouraging everyone to work together towards building a safer and drug-free society.

Intra Murals: Inter- House Tournaments

The **Intra-Mural Inter-House Basketball and Football Tournaments** for **Under-14, Under-17, and Under-19 Boys and Girls** were held on **17th July 2026**. The tournaments witnessed enthusiastic participation from

students across all four houses.

It was a thrilling day at Montfort as every match was played with great passion, teamwork, and determination. The players displayed remarkable sportsmanship, competitive spirit, and perseverance as they strove to bring glory to their respective houses. The cheering spectators added to the excitement, creating an electrifying atmosphere throughout the day.

The tournaments not only showcased the sporting talents of the students but also strengthened the values of discipline, unity, leadership, and healthy competition.

Provincial Superior's Visit & Silver Jubilee Annual Sports Day

On **27th July**, we will have the honour of welcoming our **Provincial Superior, Rev. Bro. Jenny Kuriakose**, on his official visit to our school. We are delighted and excited to receive him with warmth and Montfortian hospitality. A special Assembly programme has been planned to mark this occasion. The day will conclude with a **formal staff meeting** with the Provincial Superior.

The **25th Silver Jubilee Annual Sports Day of Montfort Matriculation Higher Secondary School, St. Thomas Mount**, is scheduled on **31st July 2026** and rigorous preparation is going on with great enthusiasm. **Mr. M. Harish, MLA, Alandur Constituency**, will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest, while **Mr. A. Mahendran**, former Indian Volleyball Player, will be the **Guest of Honour**.

The months of **May to July 2026** marked a vibrant and purposeful beginning to Montfort School's **Silver Jubilee Year**. From outstanding academic achievements and value-based programmes to leadership initiatives, environmental awareness, and sporting excellence, every event reflected the school's unwavering commitment to holistic education. As the institution continues its year-long Silver Jubilee celebrations, the Montfort family remains steadfast in its mission of nurturing competent, compassionate, and responsible citizens, guided by its enduring motto, **"Wisdom Always Leads."**

*"If you don't like the road
you're walking, start
paving another one."*

—Dolly Parton



Awareness Programmes



Investiture Ceremony 2026 - 2027



Lkg First Day Of School



School Toppers in Board Exam



Silver Jubilee Inauguration Mass & Ceremony



Teacher's Orientation Program

MONTFORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY (MCDS), PALLAVARAM

Greetings from all of us at Montfort Community Development Society (MCDS)! We extend our sincere greetings to all our Brothers, Friends, and Well-wishers.

This report shares on our activities during this reporting period from April to June 2026.

Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR):

All our four CBR Centres functioned with their regular activities, including Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Vocational Skills Training & Monthly Parents' Meetings, with a summer break from April last week till May 31st 2026.

Pre-employment training in hospitality, housekeeping, and shop management was conducted regularly for our Special Youth to equip them with practical skills for independent living and future employment.

MCDS organized Internal Assessment Camps for its Special Children and the Youth of its CBR Centres, led by Special Educators from the second week of April. These assessments involved parents of the special children and youth, making sure that they were informed about their children's IQ levels following the completion of goal-setting and therapeutic interventions. The primary aim of these camps is to empower both parents and children, enhancing their effectiveness in ongoing training and fostering greater self-reliance in daily life.

Internal Assessment for Special Children

MCDS, in partnership with 'Amar Seva Sangam' Tenkasi, organized a week-long training session for our **Special Educators** and assistants during the last week of April. In this training programme, many essential training methods were provided for children with special needs. Participants were also taught new techniques and new practical approaches for learning and implementation. Every year, through this programme, the special teachers of MCDS learn about the latest training methods, practical procedures and implementation techniques.

Training Session for our staff

Eye Screening and Spectacles Distribution:

As in the past, MCDS in collaboration with "India Vision Institute" (IVI) organized an Eye Screening programme for SHG Members and General Public of Nochi Nagar, Besant Nagar and Srinivasapuram. Three Hundred and Fifteen people benefitted by the intervention during this reporting period. After the screening, **Two Hundred and Fifteen** Free Spectacles were distributed to those with defective vision.

Women Empowerment Programme:

Regular monitoring of accounts for the SHG groups and monthly meetings were held in all the Federations, namely Adyar, Thiruvannamiyur South Mada, Valluvar Nagar,

Kannagi Nagar and Chemmencherry.

MCDS assists its SHG members in securing bank loans. During this reporting period, an amount of Rupees **One Crore Seven Lakhs and Ninety Two Thousand** was sanctioned by the banks, after ensuring they have the necessary accounts and documentation for their entrepreneurial and educational needs.

Montfort Community Development Society (MCDS) in collaboration with 'ABRAO Group' conducted Tailoring Training for trainees of the Eleventh Batch at the 'Urban Habitat' in New Perumbakkam. Systematic schedule is followed and training for the present batch will be completed by mid-August.

Senior Citizens' Forum:

All our Elders had their regular exercise, Yoga, Meditation, General Health check-up and sharing of medicinal tips. After a break for summer vacation, the Elders Centre reopened on 1st June 2026.

Annual Evaluation and Planning:

Continuing an established practice, MCDS conducted its **Annual Evaluation and Planning Exercise** to systematically review the implementation and outcomes of its programmes during the previous academic year. Using a comprehensive analysis frame-work, MCDS assessed the effectiveness of its interventions, identified achievements, challenges, and areas for improvement. Based on the findings of the evaluation, all staff members actively participated in a collaborative planning process to develop strategic goals, action plans, and programme priorities for the upcoming academic year. This exercise strengthened organizational learning, enhanced accountability, and ensured that future initiatives would remain responsive to the evolving needs of the communities MCDS served.

Bro. Patrick Eleventh Death Anniversary:

MCDS Founder Rev. Bro. Patrick's Eleventh Death Anniversary was observed at all our Centres on 7th April 2026.

At Special Children Centre – Semmencherry

Bro. Joseph Louis Birthday Celebrations:

MCDS Director, Rev. Bro. Joseph Louis' birthday was celebrated on 17th May 2026 with all the staff members. Cake cutting and Gifts were part of these celebrations.

Bro. Joseph Louis Birthday Celebrations

MCDS wishes our friends and well-wishers a very Happy and Successful New Academic Year ahead.



At Special Children Centre – Semmencherry



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Bro. Joseph Louis Birthday Celebrations



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Internal Assessment for Special Children



Assessment for Special Children



Training Session for our staff



Training Session for our staff

MONTFORT CBSE SCHOOL - PONDUR

1. BEGINNING OF A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR (08/06/26)

“A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures and new challenges.”

Our new academic year started on 08/06/2026 with a morning assembly to thank Almighty God for all his care and blessings. Our Principal Rev. Bro. Sebastian introduced our newly appointed Vice-principal Rev. Bro. Stephan Arokiya Raj and felicitated him during the morning assembly. Our new faculty members were also welcomed by our present faculty members; they pledged to work together as one family. Students were quite enthusiastic to come back to school for a new start, a new launch as it were.

2. FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE IT DEPARTMENT (06/06/26)

“Digital learning is not a department. It's a way of being innovative.”

Teachers from the IT department of our school participated in a faculty development programme held at Danish College of Engineering, Tambaram. Nine of our teachers handling computer science in various grades benefited: they could learn various skills in the field of Information Technology.

3. STATE TRAINING FOR SCOUTS AND GUIDES, CUBS AND BULBULS (01/05/26-07/05/26)

“Scouting teaches students to take care of themselves and stand on their own feet.”

Six teachers from our school had enrolled themselves to attend the training for scouts and guides so they could train our higher secondary students; Cubs and Bul Buls training for primary students was held at Coonoor. The camp was conducted from 01/05/26 to 07/05/26 for exactly a week. They learned and underwent various life-skills to teach our students community service and to nurture values of co-operation.

4. WEBINAR – ONLINE TRAINING (25/04/26)

“A team is not just a group of people that work together; a team is also a group of people that trust each other.”

A webinar was conducted for English teachers on 25/04/26 by Mrs. Usha Chhabra, a story teller and a teacher trainer. She spoke on the topic “The Resourceful Teacher: Turning everyday classrooms into Engaging Learning Spaces.” The session was very interactive and mutative for the teachers for pedagogy learning and teaching in the classroom.

5. THE FIRST FRIDAY LITURGY CELEBRATION (12/06/26)

“Holy Mass is the most perfect form of prayer.”

The first Friday of every month, we celebrate an offering of praise, thanksgiving and redemption to strengthen our spiritual journey. As we began our new academic year, we

offered ourselves to God through this liturgical celebration. Rev. Fr. Ganamuthu, Parish Priest, Theresapuram, solemnized the Eucharistic celebration on 12/06/26. All our Catholic teachers, students and Montfort Brothers participated in it to strengthen their spiritual life and to nourish their Christian journey through life.

6. VIDHYARAMBAM (15/06/26)

“A child's first step into learning is a journey towards a bright future.”

Vidhyarambam is an ancient tradition that marks a child's formal initiation into the world of education and learning. Welcoming our LKG students to our school took place on 15/06/26; our UKG students along with our Principal Rev. Bro. Sebastian, Vice-principal Rev. Bro. Stephan, Rev. Bro. Stanislaus, teachers and parents welcomed our little champs.

7. INVESTITURE CEREMONY (20/06/26)

“True leaders don't create followers, they create more leaders.”

The Investiture ceremony for our newly elected student council leaders was held at our school on 20/06/26. They were officially badged and sashed by our chief guest Rev. Bro. Arul, Ecologist and guidance counsellor, Rev. Bro. Sebastian our Principal, Rev. Bro. Stephan Vice –principal, and Rev. Bro. Stanislaus. The Oath taking ceremony also was conducted on this special day by our chief guest for our school SPL, ASPL, Sports leaders, Club leaders and for all our class leaders and assistant leaders. Our chief guest delivered an inspiring speech for all our young leaders and congratulated them for their commitment and responsibility.

8. 12th INTERNATIONAL YOGA AND MUSIC DAY 20/06/26

“Yoga is the journey of the self, through the self, to the self.”

Yoga Day was celebrated at our school on 20/06/26 to bring about awareness in promoting physical fitness, mental wellbeing and active life style habits. Our students were asked to perform different types of Asanas to commemorate the 12th International Yoga Day. International Music Day was also celebrated to honour artists and musical diversity across the world.

9. TREE PLANTATION DRIVE 02/07/26

“Plant today, sustain tomorrow, let's work together for a greener tomorrow.”

Our Eco club members, our Principal, Vice-principal and students of Grade 1 and 2 participated in a 'Tree Planting Drive' in order to promote environmental awareness among our students. We uploaded the report to the government with relevant photos. As an appreciation we have officially received a certificate from the Government of India.

10. EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY 15/07/26

“Education is the imperishable and greatest wealth; all other forms of wealth are not real wealth.”

Educational development day was celebrated in our school on 15/07/26 to commemorate the birth anniversary of our former Chief Minister and education pioneer K. Kamarajar. Our Tamil department teachers and students presented various programmes and organized competitions for the students. Our Principal Rev. Bro. Sebastian shared an inspiring message on that auspicious day: K. Kamarajar's legacy remains a guiding light for leadership, education and public services.

“The purpose of our lives is to be happy.”

– Dalai Lama



Educational Development Day



Tree Planting



Investiture Ceremony



Investiture Ceremony



Scout



Scout



Vodhyarambam



Vodhyarambam



Yoga display



Yoga display

LITTLE FLOWER HR. SEC. SCHOOL, THERESAPURAM, PONDUR

1. Report on the First Teachers' Meeting (Academic Year 2026–2027)

The first teachers' meeting for the academic year 2026–2027 was held under the leadership of the Headmaster, Bro. Anantham. The meeting commenced with a prayer.

The theme for the academic year, "Education Builds Character and Shapes Human Future," was introduced. The values represented by DIDCT were also explained:

- D–Dedication
- I–Innovation
- D–Discipline
- C–Compassion
- T–Teamwork

The following important points were discussed during the meeting:

-The excellent results of the 2025–2026 public examinations were appreciated, and a target of 100% pass result was set for the current academic year.

- Teachers were encouraged to work together to increase student admissions.
- Emphasis was placed on maintaining the cleanliness of the school campus, classrooms, and surroundings.
- Plans were made to conduct sports activities and programmes for the pre-primary and primary sections effectively.
- Teachers were instructed to take full responsibility for school programmes, the timetable, attendance, homework, discipline, and punctuality.
- Guidance was provided for examinations, class tests, notebooks correction, Mathematics Department activities, and classroom decoration.
- Teachers were instructed to monitor students' attendance daily and contact the parents immediately whenever a student was absent.
- Arrangements were made for the proper distribution of textbooks, free learning materials, uniforms, and other educational supplies.
- Administrative responsibilities, admission records, and fee collection duties were assigned to the teachers.

- All teachers were instructed to report to school by 8:30 a.m. on the reopening day and warmly welcome the students.

The Headmaster concluded the meeting by encouraging all teachers to work with dedication, unity, and commitment towards the academic progress, discipline, and overall development of the students and the school. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

2. School Reopens

**“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,
Saith the LORD, thoughts of Peace and not of evil, to
give an expected end.”**

Jeremiah: 29:11

The new academic year 2026-2027 started on 04.06.2026, with a school assembly at 9.30 am.

The programme commenced on an auspicious note with an invocation and a warm welcome address delivered by Mr. H. A. Vasanth Valanarasan. Then the lamp was lighted by our Headmaster, Rev. Brothers, Teachers and students.

A thanks-giving prayer was offered by Mrs. M. MariaJeyarani, teacher, expressing gratitude to God for all the blessings and goodness received during the previous academic year.

Mrs. G. A. Amuljenifer, teacher, offered a prayer seeking God's abundant blessings, grace and strength, praying that the new academic year may be filled with prosperity, success and divine guidance.

The teachers who were newly appointed for the current academic year were formally introduced and honoured by the Headmaster.

In his address, the Headmaster expressed his heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the teachers for their dedicated efforts in achieving an excellent pass percentage in the class X and class XII public examinations during the academic year 2025-2026.

3. Little Flower Nursery and Primary School

A New Beginning

The year marks a proud milestone with the opening of Little Flower Nursery and Primary school. We are delighted to begin this new journey with 75 students and 6 dedicated teachers, united by a shared vision of providing quality education in a caring and nurturing environment.

We believe that education is a partnership between the school, parents and community. The inauguration of our school is not just the beginning of a new institution but the start of many dreams and achievements.

We warmly welcome all our students and parents to the LFNP School family. May this new beginning bring joy, knowledge and success to everyone! “Together we learn. Together we grow.”

4. Little flower Nursery and Primary Inauguration

Our school proudly marked a new milestone with the inauguration of its new primary school. Students of grades 1 to 5 were warmly welcomed to the school to begin their academic journey.

The children were warmly greeted with a rose flower at the entrance, symbolizing love, hope, and a bright future. The school drum band created a joyful atmosphere as the children entered the campus. The higher-class students presented a vibrant dance performance, making the occasion even more special.

The teachers encouraged the children with inspiring words, motivating them to learn with confidence and enthusiasm. The programme concluded with everyone wishing the new students a happy, successful, and memorable school year.

5. Holy Mass

Our school began the new academic year 2026-2027 on a prayerful note with the celebration of the Holy Mass, seeking God's abundant blessings on the entire school community. The Eucharistic celebration marked a meaningful beginning for another year of learning, growth, and service.

The **Parish Priest Fr. Gnanamuthu** presided over the Holy Mass, with participation by our Head Master, Rev. Brothers, teaching and non-teaching staff and students. The celebration commenced with a solemn entrance procession, accompanied by melodious hymns that created a peaceful and reverential atmosphere. The celebrant welcomed the gathering and reminded everyone that every new beginning is a gift from God and an opportunity to strive for excellence.

The Holy Mass served as a beautiful reminder that God is the source of all wisdom and strength. As the school community embarks on a new academic journey, everyone looks forward to a year filled with learning, success, unity, and compassion. With God's grace guiding us every step, the new academic year promises to be a fruitful and memorable one.

6. School Painting Renovation: A New Look for a Better Learning Environment

A school is more than just a building—it is a place where young minds learn, grow, and dream. To provide students with a pleasant and inspiring atmosphere, our school recently undertook a painting renovation project. This initiative has provided the campus with a brighter, cleaner, and more welcoming environment.

The renovation included repainting classrooms, corridors, administrative offices, laboratories, the library, benches and the school exterior. The broken doors and windows were replaced. Fresh, vibrant colours have been coated on the old and faded walls, giving every corner of the campus a renewed sense of life and energy. Special attention was given to maintaining a neat, safe, and student-friendly environment throughout the renovation process.

This renovation was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the school management, teachers, support staff,

painters (Mr. Jayaraj & Co) and well-wishers, who successfully worked together to complete the project. Their commitment reflects the school's continuous effort to provide quality education in a clean, safe, and pleasing environment.

A well-maintained school not only creates a positive first impression, but also instils a sense of pride, discipline, and responsibility among students. The newly renovated campus stands as a symbol of our shared commitment to excellence and growth.

7. Update on School Building Construction

We are happy to share with you all the latest progress in our new school building construction. The ground floor has been completed successfully and is ready for occupation. Construction work on the first floor is progressing steadily, and the ceiling work is now complete more than halfway.

The project is moving forward as planned, with the dedicated efforts of the engineers, workers, and management. Once completed, the new building will provide spacious classrooms, a safe learning environment, and improved facilities for our students and staff.

We sincerely thank everyone who has supported this project through their encouragement and cooperation. We look forward to completing the remaining work soon and welcoming our students into a modern and well-equipped school building.

8. INVESTITURE CEREMONY

“Leaders Today, Legends Tomorrow.” “With great power comes great responsibility.” The Investiture Ceremony is one of the most significant and inspiring events in the school calendar. It marks the formal installation of the newly elected Student Council and symbolizes the trust, responsibility, and confidence placed in the young leaders by the school. The ceremony encourages students to develop leadership qualities, discipline, teamwork, and a strong sense of service.

Mr. S. Vadivel Murugan, Inspector of Police, C3 Police Station, Oragadam was the Chief Guest of this ceremony. The ceremony commenced with a prayer, followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and a welcome address. The Head Master, Rev. Brothers, Chief Guest, teachers, and students gathered to witness the occasion. The atmosphere was filled with excitement and pride as the newly elected leaders and club leaders marched in with confidence and dignity.

The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of badges and sashes to the SPL, ASPL, House Captains, Vice-Captains, Sports Captains, Cultural Secretaries, and other office bearers. Each leader accepted the honour with gratitude and a sense of responsibility. The Student Council then took the oath of office, pledging to uphold the values of the school, carry out their duties faithfully, and lead by example.

The ceremony concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the Chief Guest, school

management, teachers, and students for making the event a grand success. The National Anthem brought the ceremony to a dignified close.

9. Bosch India Foundation Road Safety Awareness Programme for School Students

To create awareness about responsible road usage and promote safe travel habits, Bosch India Foundation organized a Road Safety Awareness Programme for the students of our school. The programme aimed to educate young minds about traffic rules, road signs, and the importance of being responsible pedestrians and future drivers.

The session began with a warm welcome to the resource persons from Bosch India Foundation. Through interactive presentations, videos, and real-life examples, the students learned about essential road safety practices such as wearing helmets while riding two-wheelers, fastening seat belts in cars, crossing roads only at zebra crossings, obeying traffic signals, and avoiding the use of mobile phones while walking or driving.

The trainers also explained the meaning of important traffic signs and highlighted the dangers of rash driving, speeding, and driving under the influence of alcohol. Students actively participated in quizzes and discussions, making the session both informative and engaging. Practical demonstrations helped them understand how small safety measures can save lives.

The programme encouraged students to become ambassadors of road safety by spreading awareness among their families and friends. They were reminded that following traffic rules is not only a legal responsibility but also a moral duty towards society.

Our Headmaster Rev. Bro. M. Anandham expressed sincere gratitude to the Bosch India Foundation team for conducting such a valuable program. The session concluded with a road safety pledge, where students promised to follow traffic rules and encourage others to do the same.

The Road Safety Awareness Programme was highly educational and inspiring. It equipped students with valuable knowledge and motivated them to become responsible citizens who contribute to creating safer roads for everyone.



First Teachers Meeting



Holy Mass



Investiture Ceremony



Kids Inauguration



Kids Inauguration



Road Safety awareness



Road Safety awareness



School Painting



School Reopen

ST. JOSEPH'S HR. SEC. SCHOOL - CHENGALPATTU

“Together We Learn, Together We Lead, Together We Grow.”

Prayerful Greetings from St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School, Chengalpattu!

St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School, Chengalpattu, commenced the Academic Year 2026–2027 with renewed enthusiasm, hope and commitment. The month of July witnessed several significant events that reflected the school's continued commitment to academic excellence, leadership formation, team-work, discipline and the holistic development of students.

The school community was delighted to welcome the new Brothers to the community. Their presence has brought fresh energy, enthusiasm and renewed strength to the educational and pastoral mission of the institution.

1. A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR – NEW BEGINNINGS

The reopening of St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School, Chengalpattu, for the academic year 2026–2027 marked a new chapter filled with hope, enthusiasm and renewed commitment.

The Brothers, teaching staff and students returned with a shared determination to make the new academic year meaningful and fruitful. The school community looks forward to strengthening academic performance, character formation, discipline, leadership and the holistic development of every student.

The school also gratefully acknowledges the dedicated service of Bro. Joseph Antony Balan, who completed his ministry at St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School, Chengalpattu, and came over to St. Antony's Higher Secondary School, Coonoor, for his new mission.

The school community expresses its sincere appreciation for Bro. Balan's valuable contribution and wishes him God's abundant blessings, joy and success in his new mission.

2. FIRST STAFF MEETING – UNITED FOR A COMMON MISSION

The first staff meeting of the academic year was held with a strong sense of unity, responsibility and renewed commitment.

Bro. Thomas Selvam welcomed the members of the teaching fraternity and shared his vision for the academic year. He encouraged the teachers to work together as a united team for the betterment of the institution and the welfare of the students.

The meeting particularly highlighted the importance of:

- Punctuality and discipline in carrying out responsibilities.
- Sincerity and commitment in fulfilling assigned duties.

- Team work and cooperation among the staff.
- Understanding and supporting students in their academic and personal growth.
- Identifying the talents and potential of every child.
- Bringing out the best in every student.
- Giving one's very best for the growth and development of the institution.

The meeting established a positive direction for the new academic year and reminded the staff that a united and committed team can create a positive and nurturing learning environment for every child.

3. INVESTITURE CEREMONY – NURTURING YOUNG LEADERS

One of the significant events of the month was the Investiture Ceremony, which provided an important platform for students to accept leadership responsibilities and serve the school community.

Mr. V. Nanthakumar IRS graced the ceremony as the Chief Guest.

His presence was especially meaningful because of his connection with Chengalpattu, where he had pursued his education. His journey from being a student in Chengalpattu to becoming a respected officer and prominent personality served as an inspiring example for the young generation.

Addressing the students, the Chief Guest encouraged them to work hard, give their best and prepare themselves to become responsible and effective leaders in the future.

The ceremony also helped students understand that leadership is not simply about holding a position. True leadership involves: Service Responsibility Discipline Courage Commitment Integrity.

The Investiture Ceremony was conducted in a grand, meaningful and well-organised manner, giving the newly appointed student leaders an opportunity to understand the importance of their responsibilities and the trust placed in them.

4. 18 JULY – CELEBRATING BRO. THOMAS SELVAM BIRTHDAY

18 July was a joyful and memorable day for the St. Joseph's community as it celebrated the birthday of Bro. Thomas Selvam.

A special Holy Eucharistic celebration was offered in thanksgiving for his life, vocation and service. The Brothers, teachers and students joined together in prayer and gratitude, seeking God's continued blessings upon him.

The occasion was also marked by a special school assembly. During the celebration, the students were encouraged to recognise the value of every opportunity in life and to give their best in all that they undertake.

The birthday celebration became more than a personal celebration. It was an occasion for the school community to express gratitude, affection and appreciation, while also reflecting on the values of dedication, service and commitment.

The entire St. Joseph's community extends its prayerful birthday wishes to Bro. Thomas Selvam and wishes him continued strength, wisdom, good health and God's abundant blessings in his mission.

5. KAMARAJAR DAY – CELEBRATING THE VALUE OF EDUCATION

The school also commemorated Kamarajar Day with a meaningful programme during the school assembly.

The celebration paid tribute to the life and contribution of K. Kamaraj, particularly his remarkable commitment to education and the welfare of children.

Students actively participated in the programme by delivering speeches highlighting Kamarajar's contribution to the educational development of Tamil Nadu. They spoke about his efforts to increase access to education and his significant contribution to the Midday Meal Scheme, which encouraged children, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, to attend school.

The programme helped students understand the importance of education, equality, service and social responsibility.

The event was well organised and conducted by the students, who demonstrated confidence, preparation and leadership in presenting the programme. It proved to be an enriching and educational experience for the entire school community.

The celebration served as a timely reminder that education has the power to transform lives and build a better society.

JULY – A MONTH OF PROMISING BEGINNINGS

The month of July 2026 has been a significant and promising beginning to the new academic year at St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School, Chengalpattu.

The reopening of the school, the welcome extended to the new Brothers, the first staff meeting, the Investiture Ceremony, the birthday celebration of Bro. Thomas Selvam and the meaningful observance of Kamarajar Day have all contributed to creating a spirit of unity, enthusiasm, learning and renewed commitment.

These events reflect the school's continuing effort to create an environment where teachers work together, students are encouraged to lead, values are nurtured and every child is given an opportunity to grow and excel.

As the academic year progresses, the school community looks forward to many more opportunities for learning, leadership, achievement, character formation and service.

“Together We Learn, Together We Lead, Together We Grow.”

With the guidance and support of the Brothers, the dedication of the teaching and non-teaching staff, the cooperation of parents and the enthusiasm of students, St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School, Chengalpattu, continues its mission of forming young minds, nurturing responsible leaders and building responsible citizens for tomorrow.

May God bless St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School, its Brothers, staff, students and parents, and guide the entire school community throughout the Academic Year!

“If there is no struggle,
there is no progress.”

– Frederick Douglass

Academic Year 2026–2027 JULY 2026 – AT A GLANCE

<i>Event</i>	<i>Highlight</i>
<i>New Academic Year</i>	<i>A fresh beginning with renewed enthusiasm</i>
<i>First Staff Meeting</i>	<i>United commitment towards excellence</i>
<i>Investiture Ceremony</i>	<i>Empowering students through leadership</i>
<i>Bro. Thomas Selvam's Birthday</i>	<i>Thanksgiving, prayer and celebration</i>
<i>Kamarajar Day</i>	<i>Remembering a great leader and champion of education</i>
<i>School Mission</i>	<i>Learning, leading, serving and growing together</i>



Welcom to Bro. Mathew



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Bro. Thomas Selvam's Birthday



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Bro. Thomas Selvam's Birthday



Investiture Ceremony



Kamarajar Birthday



Teachers meeting



Teachers meeting

*“Twenty years from now you will be
more disappointed by the things that
you didn’t do than by the
ones you did do.
So throw off the bowlines.
Sail away from the safe harbor.
Catch the trade winds in your sails.
Explore. Dream. Discover.”*

—Mark Twain

MONTFORT ARULUDHAYAM - SATHYAMANGALAM

By Deneeth Mathew Pre-novice

Dear Brothers,

Warm and prayerful greetings from Montfort Aruludhayam!

The beginning of this new academic year has filled our hearts with hope, joy, enthusiasm, and new opportunities. We are delighted to share with you some of the memorable moments and joyful experiences of our community.

This year, our Pre-Novitiate community consists of 28 pre-novices from seven different Provinces, enriching our community with cultural diversity and fraternity.

Inauguration of the New Academic Year

The new academic year of the Pre-Novitiate commenced on 1 June 2026 with a solemn inaugural programme.

We were privileged to have Rev. Bro. Dominic Savio, SG, National Chairman and Provincial Superior of Yercaud Province, and Rev. Bro. John Britto, SG, Provincial Superior of Trichy Province, as our distinguished guests.

Their inspiring presence, encouraging words, and fatherly guidance motivated us to begin our formation journey with renewed zeal and wholehearted commitment. The inaugural celebration truly marked a memorable beginning to our new academic year.

Visit of the Brothers

"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."

On 17 June 2026, we were blessed by the visit of Rev. Bro. Dominic Savio, SG, Provincial Superior of Yercaud Province, Rev. Bro. Paul Raj, SG, Master of Novices at Echinkadu Novitiate, and Rev. Bro. Christy Raj, SG.

We welcomed them with a prayerful welcome song. The inspiring messages by them encouraged each one of us to remain faithful to our vocation and to grow in commitment to our formation. Bro. Paul Raj also conducted a meaningful session, motivating us to strengthen our vocation and deepen our spiritual life. He delivered a series of motivational talks and interactive sessions, sharing his wisdom and life experiences.



Basketball Coaching

Visit to Montfort School, Sathyamangalam

As part of our community exposure programme, we visited Montfort School, Sathyamangalam. We were warmly welcomed by the school community.

We had the privilege to attend the Annual Sports Day of the school on 9th July 2026. The students presented a well synchronized march past, drills and sports related programme, showcasing their talents and creativity. We appreciated the school's disciplined atmosphere, vibrant environment, and the joyful spirit of the students.

Basketball Coaching

From 22 June, we began basketball coaching under the guidance of Mr. Francis, a coach from Kolathur.

His patient instruction, practical demonstrations, and constant encouragement have helped us improve our skills and teamwork. We sincerely appreciate his dedication in helping us develop both physically and mentally through the game.

Music Class

On 21 June, we had the privilege of beginning our music classes under the guidance of Bro. Joseph Thomas, SG.

He introduced us to the basics of keyboard and singing, making the sessions enjoyable and engaging. Music has become a wonderful opportunity for us to discover and develop our God-given talents while enriching our community life.

English class by Mr. Singaraj

We were also blessed to have classes conducted by Mr. Singaraj, a retired teacher of English from Campion School, Trichy. His inspiring words encouraged us to view life from a broader perspective. Since 13 July, his classes have been helping us grow in self-awareness, confidence, and personal development. His guidance has been invaluable in strengthening our formation journey while developing communication skills in English language.



Inauguration of the academic year



Visit of the Brothers



Visit to Montfort School, Sathyamangalam

ST. GABRIEL'S NOVITIATE - SITAGARHA

Warm greetings from St. Gabriel's House Novitiate, Sitagarha!

The months of June and July 2026 have been a grace-filled period of learning, prayer, fraternity, and personal growth for our Novitiate Community. I'm delighted to share some of the significant moments of our journey.

Inauguration of the New Batch of Novices

On 8 June 2026, amidst the gentle monsoon showers, St. Gabriel's House Novitiate joyfully inaugurated the new batch of Novices, representing the eight Indian Provinces of the Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel.

The occasion was blessed by the presence of Rev. Bro. Satheesh K. Don, Provincial Superior of Ranchi Province, Rev. Bro. Paulose Mukkunel, and Bro. Abraham from the MGA Community. The celebration began with a solemn candlelight procession from the Grotto of Mother Mary, followed by a meaningful prayer service led by the Novices. The inspiring messages delivered by Rev. Bro. Satheesh K. Don and Rev. Bro. Paulose Mukkunel encouraged the Novices to embrace their vocation with faith, generosity, commitment, and hope.

This year, the Novitiate comprises **17 Novices** from the eight Indian Provinces: **Bengaluru-1, Delhi-1, Hyderabad-5, Northeast-3, Pune-2, Ranchi-3, Trichy-1, and Yercaud-1.**

The formation team consists of: **Rev. Bro. P. T. George** – Director (Ranchi Province), **Bro. David Kujur** – Socius (Hyderabad Province), **Bro. Jobis Mathew** – Administrator (Pune Province)

Classes on Vocation to Leadership

From 9 to 12 June 2026, the Novices attended a series of classes on "Vocation to Leadership" conducted by Bro. Sandeep. Using interactive methods and practical examples, he helped us understand the meaning of vocation, leadership, and discernment. The sessions emphasized God's personal call and the importance of responding through prayerful discernment.

Farewell to Rev. Bro. Sandeep

On 13 June 2026, the Community organized a heartfelt farewell for Bro. Sandeep, who had served as the Socius of St. Gabriel's House Novitiate. The Community expressed sincere gratitude for his dedicated and selfless service. We thank him wholeheartedly for his valuable contribution and wish him God's abundant blessing in his future ministry.

Trekking Experience to Juljul Hill

On 12 July 2026, the Novices enjoyed a trekking excursion to Juljul Hill near Sitagarha. The hill offered breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding countryside, making it an ideal place to appreciate the beauty of God's creation. The trekking served as a refreshing break from the regular formation schedule and created beautiful memories that will be treasured for years to come.

Guitar Training Programme

The Novices participated in a three-day Guitar Training Programme conducted by Fr. Shawn D'Souza, SJ. The programme introduced the basic techniques of guitar playing while highlighting the importance of patience, discipline, and regular practice in learning music. We are grateful to Fr. Shawn D'Souza, SJ, for his dedicated guidance, encouragement, and inspiring presence throughout the training.

Ragi Plantation

With the arrival of the monsoon, the Novices enthusiastically participated in the seasonal **ragi plantation** in the Novitiate farm. Working together in the fields helped us appreciate the dignity of labour, teamwork, patience, and care for creation. The lush greenery brought by the rains added beauty to the campus and made the experience even more enjoyable.

Introduction to the Bible and English Language Classes

The Novices attended classes on Introduction to the Bible conducted by Fr. Manu Mathew, SJ. Through his insightful and spiritually enriching presentations, he encouraged us to

develop a deeper love for the Holy Bible and to make the Bible an integral part of their spiritual journey.

The Novices also benefited from the English language classes conducted by Fr. Manu Mathew, SJ, and Fr. Melvin, SJ. Beginning with the fundamentals of grammar, these sessions have greatly improved the Novices' communication skills and strengthened their confidence in using the English language.

Guidelines on Prayerfulness and Peacefulness

Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Lawrence SJ conducted a three-day programme for the Novices of St. Gabriel's House and the CIC Sisters' Novices on Guidelines in Prayerfulness and Peacefulness. The programme included talks, morning and evening meditations, and moments of reflection, helping us deepen our prayer life and inner peace. The combined sessions promoted fellowship, shared learning, and spiritual growth.

Ongoing Formation Classes

The formation programme continues to provide a rich blend of intellectual, spiritual, pastoral, and human formation. The Novices regularly attend classes conducted by the Novice Master, the Administrator, and the Jesuit Tertians on various aspects of religious life and personal development.

These sessions have broadened our knowledge, strengthened our values, and equipped us with essential life skills for our future mission in the Church.

Birthday Celebration

On 25 July 2026, the Novitiate Community joyfully celebrated the birthday of Bro. Jobis Mathew. The celebration became a beautiful expression of Montfortian fraternity and community spirit. We were honoured by the gracious presence of Most Rev. Cajetan Francis Osta, Bishop of Muzaffarpur Diocese, along with Brothers from the neighbouring communities. Their presence added warmth and significance to the occasion, making it a memorable celebration of gratitude, fellowship and joy.

Conclusion

As we continue our journey of formation at St. Gabriel's House Novitiate, we remain grateful to God for His abundant blessing and guidance. Every experience—whether in prayer, study, community life, apostolic formation, or manual work—has contributed to our growth as future Montfort Brothers. We humbly seek your continued prayers as we strive to grow in faith, wisdom, fraternity, and commitment to God's mission.



Birthday Celebration of Bro. Jobis Mathew



Combined class with CIC Novices



Farewell to former Socius Bro. Sandeep



Installation Day



Novitiate Batch 2026-38



Novitiate Installation



Ragi plantation



Session on Peacefulness and Prayerfulness



Trekking experience to Juljul Mountain



Trekking

*“Our greatest natural resource
is the minds of our children.”*

– Walt Disney

EACHINKADU NOVITIATE - YERCAUD

Novice Arockia Abishek SG, Bangalore Province

Warm and joyful greetings from Sacred Heart Novitiate, Eachinkadu, to all our dear Brothers and readers!

It is with great joy that I share some memorable experiences and blessings of the past months in our novitiate. These months were filled with many spiritual, academic, and community activities that helped us grow in faith, knowledge, and brotherhood. We thank God for His constant guidance and blessing throughout our formation journey.

Community Meeting

On 4th June, the fourth community meeting was held. It was a meaningful occasion where we openly shared our thoughts, experiences, and concerns. We appreciated one another's efforts, accepted our shortcomings with humility, offered fraternal correction, and discussed ways to improve our community life. The meeting strengthened our unity, mutual understanding, and commitment to living together as one family.

Welcome and Valedictory Programme

We organized a simple but meaningful programme to welcome our new Socius, Bro. Sujeet Kiro, from Pune Province and our new Administrator, Bro. Michael Augustine, from Trichy Province. We thanked God for sending them to our community and assured them of our prayers, support, and cooperation. The programme also marked the successful conclusion of Eachofez 2026. Rev. Bro. Dominic Savio, National Chairman, honoured the occasion as the Chief Guest and encouraged us with his inspiring presence.

A Day of Silence and Reflection

We began the third semester of our novitiate with a day of silence and recollection centred on the theme "**St. Montfort in My Life.**" Our Novice Master guided us through the day with inspiring reflections. Through prayer, silence, and personal meditation, we reflected on our vocation and prepared personal timetables for the new semester. We also dedicated the entire month of June to St. Louis Marie de Montfort, reflecting daily on his life, spirituality, and teachings. The day concluded with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

A Day of Recreation

On 11th June, we enjoyed a refreshing outing to Skypark, Yercaud. Surrounded by the beauty of nature, we spent quality time together, strengthening our friendship and community spirit. We sincerely thank the management of Skypark for their warm hospitality. We are also grateful to Bro. Dominic Savio, the Provincial Superior of Yercaud Province, for arranging this memorable outing, which gave us an opportunity to relax, refresh ourselves, and enjoy fraternity.

Visit of Brothers from Ranchi Province

On 3rd June, Brothers Calep Topno, Hermon B. Lakra, John Herman Ekka, and Pratap Kerketta from Ranchi Province visited our novitiate. They spent valuable time with us and shared encouraging words about religious life and vocation. Their experiences and advice inspired us to remain joyful, faithful, and committed as we continue our formation journey.

Classes on the Prophets

On 10th June, Bro. Michael Augustine, our Administrator, began classes on the Major and Minor Prophets. These sessions are helping us understand Sacred Scripture more deeply. We are learning how the prophets responded faithfully to God's call and how their lives continue to inspire us to live with courage, faith, and commitment.

Spiritual Formation

On 15th June, Bro. Sujeet Kiro our Socius started classes on spirituality, spiritual masters, and the spirituality of St. Louis Marie de Montfort. These sessions are helping us deepen our relationship with God and encouraging us to follow the examples of the saints in our daily lives. Through these classes, we continue to grow spiritually and strengthen our vocation.

Classes on Obedience

On 3rd July, our Novice Master, Bro. Paul Raj, began the classes on the vow of obedience. Having already completed the study of the vows of poverty and celibacy, we are now reflecting on the meaning of obedience in religious life. Through the example of Mother Mary, who accepted God's will with humility and trust, we are learning that true obedience is an expression of love, faith, and complete surrender to God.

Visit of Brothers from Yercaud Province

On 21st June, Bro. Johnson Arul Raj S., Bro. Louis A., Bro. Kennedy A.S., and Bro. Antony Samy R. from Yercaud Province visited our novitiate. They shared their experiences of religious life and encouraged us to become prayerful, disciplined, and dedicated Brothers. Their inspiring words strengthened our hope and motivated us to continue our formation with enthusiasm and commitment.

Cleaning of the Water Tank

On 26th June, together with the staff, we cleaned and whitewashed our second rainwater harvesting tank. The work took nearly one and a half days to complete. We emptied the tank, cleaned every corner carefully, and painted the inside walls. This experience taught us the importance of teamwork, responsibility, and care for our common resources. We felt a great sense of joy and satisfaction after completing the work together and now praying for abundance of rain to fill the tank.

Symposium on *Magnifica Humanitas*

On 1st July, we organized a symposium on *Magnifica Humanitas*, the encyclical of Pope Leo XIV. Six novices presented different themes from the document in a simple and meaningful way. Bro. Christy Raj from Yercaud Province was the Chief Guest. The symposium helped us understand the Holy Father's message more clearly and encouraged us to apply its teachings in our daily lives.

Month of July is St. Paul's Month (Pauline Month)

The month of July is dedicated to St. Paul the Apostle. Every day, we reflect on a verse from his letters and connect it with a practical theme for our daily life. These reflections inspire us to deepen our relationship with Christ and live according to St. Paul's words: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." (Galatians 2:20).

Annual Sports Day

On 4th July, we attended the 110th Annual Sports Day of Montfort School, Yercaud. The programme was well organized and filled with enthusiasm. We admired the students' discipline, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Their dedication reminded us that success is achieved through hard work, perseverance, and unity.

Music Formation Sessions

From 6th to 9th July, Bro. Joseph Thomas from Trichy Province conducted music classes for us. Both the practical and theory sessions helped us appreciate the beauty and value of music. We learned the importance of discipline, regular practice, and harmony, and we were encouraged to use our musical gifts in the service of God and His people.

Book Review Presentations

On 5th July, we began our fourth round of book review presentations. Each novice presented a spiritual book assigned to him and received valuable feedback from the community. These presentations have helped us improve our reading habits, communication skills, and understanding of spirituality while gaining confidence in public speaking.

Silver Jubilee Celebration of Montfort Community School, Kombuthooki, Yercaud

On 12th July, we participated in the Silver Jubilee celebration of Montfort Community School, Kombuthooki. The programme was meaningful and well organized. It reminded us that faithful service, dedication, and small acts of love can make a world of difference. The commitment shown by the staff inspired us to serve others



Cleaning of the Water Tank

with sincerity, generosity, and joy.

Visit of the Bishops to our Novitiate

On 13th July, the Bishops of Allahabad, Jaipur, Amravati, and Kota dioceses visited our Sacred Heart Novitiate. We welcomed them with songs and flower bouquets as a sign of our respect and gratitude. They spent quality time with us and shared words of encouragement, wisdom, and hope. Their visit strengthened our vocation and inspired us to continue our formation with renewed dedication. A few days later, five more Bishops, including the Archbishop of Madurai, visited our community, making it a memorable occasion for all of us.

Novices laid a New Montfort Path

With the support of the staff, we designed and laid a new Montfort Path in front of our tools room. The project required many hours of planning and hard work. Working together taught us the values of cooperation, dedication, and shared responsibility. The completed pathway stands as a symbol of our unity, teamwork, and commitment to building our community together.

Online session on *Magnifica Humanitas*

On 19th July, our Novice Master, Bro. Paul Raj SG, conducted an inspiring Zoom animation session on the *Magnifica Humanitas* document. The session brought together Brothers, Sisters, and Novices from many countries and of various religious congregations. Bro. Paul Raj SG explained the document in a simple and practical way, making its message easy for everyone to understand. We, the novices, also actively participated in the session, which enriched our understanding and inspired us to live out the values of human dignity, fraternity, and service.

Conclusion

The past months have truly been a period of grace, growth, and joyful community living. Through various spiritual, academic and community programmes, we have continued to grow in faith, fraternity, and formation. We sincerely thank all the Brothers who accompany us with their guidance, encouragement and prayers.

Every day, we remember all the Brothers, the Provinces of our Congregation and for the growth of vocations in our prayers. We humbly ask you to continue praying for us, so that we may remain faithful to God's call and become committed Montfort Brothers.

May God continue to bless us all with peace, joy and abundant grace!



Music Formation Sessions



Novices laid a New Montfort Path



Silver Jubilee Celebration



Symposium on Magnifica Humanitas



Visit of Brothers from Ranchi Province



Visit of Brothers from Yercaud Province



Visit of the Bishops to our Novitiate



Visit of the Bishops to our Novitiate



Welcome and Valedictory Programme

MONTFORT JUNIORATE - COONOR

We are happy to present to you some of the memorable events that took place at Montfort Juniorate, Coonor, during the past few months. We are blessed to have a new Superior for the Community in the person of Rev. Bro. Joseph Antony Balan. As for the Juniorate number, at present we have 19 Juniors with us.

SPIRITUAL LIFE:

Daily prayer is a sacred practice and duty that allows us to connect deeply with God and understand His divine purpose in our lives. Prayer is part and parcel of our Juniorate life. Every day, we have the Morning Prayer and the Evening Prayer that are organized by our Juniors. They all actively participate in reading the breviary in a prayerful manner. All are given equal opportunities to prepare and organize the prayer. Some of the new students are gradually adapting themselves to this rhythm of day-to-day life.

SPOKEN ENGLISH AND VOCABULARY LEARNING:

Our Juniors are privileged to attend spoken English classes handled by Bro. Augustine Novello and the St. Antony's Community of Brothers. They put into practice in the Juniorate what they learnt from these classes in their conversation. We also insist on them to speak only in English. The language spoken in the Juniorate is English.

New students find it difficult in the initial stages, but we encourage them to talk only in English.

SINGING CLASS & MUSIC:

During weekends Bro. Augustine Novello teaches new hymns to our Juniors. They have separate notebook or diary to jot down their hymns. Mr. Bennet our school music teacher takes music class for our Juniors during weekends. Some are interested in learning to play the Casio. One Junior already plays it during the Holy Mass.

MANUAL WORK:

Every evening after the tea break, the Juniors do some Manuel work, like, cleaning, watering the garden and keeping the surroundings neat and tidy.

GAMES AND SPORTS:

Games play a crucial role in the daily life of young people, providing not just entertainment, but also benefits that enhance physical, mental and social well-being. This helps the Juniors to carry out their daily responsibilities properly. In the school sports, some of the Juniors took active part in athletics and sports.



Juniorate Building



Juniors 2026-27



Prayer



Sports And Games

Beyond the Screen: Understanding Internet Gaming Disorder Among Adolescents—Insights from a Filipino Multiple Case Study

Dr. Bro. George Palackal (Bro. P.J. George)



Introduction

A teenager sits before a glowing screen long after the household has gone to sleep. Another skips a family celebration because an online team expects him to “level up.” A student who once enjoyed basketball, swimming, or volleyball gradually abandons these activities, while schoolwork, relationships, sleep, and physical health begin to deteriorate. From the outside, such behaviour may look like mere disobedience or poor time management. From the adolescent's perspective, however, the game may have become a place of excitement, recognition, companionship, escape, and emotional relief.

Internet gaming is not inherently harmful. For many young people, it is an enjoyable recreational activity that can offer challenges, social interaction, and opportunities to develop certain cognitive and motivational skills. The difficulty arises when gaming becomes excessive, compulsive, and

increasingly central to a young person's life. The crucial question is therefore not simply, “How many hours does the adolescent play?” but rather, “What is gaming doing to the adolescent's freedom, relationships, health, responsibilities, and overall functioning?”

My doctoral research, conducted at De La Salle University in Manila, explored this question through the lived experiences of Filipino adolescents. The study compared adolescents who met the criteria for Internet Gaming Disorder (IGD) with highly engaged gamers who played regularly but retained control over their gaming. The findings offer important lessons for parents, teachers, counsellors, school leaders, and educators concerned with the wellbeing of young people.

Why Internet Gaming Disorder Matters

Internet Gaming Disorder refers to a pattern of persistent and recurrent gaming that produces significant distress or

impairment. The American Psychiatric Association (2013) described features such as preoccupation, withdrawal, tolerance, difficulty controlling gaming, loss of interest in previous activities, continued play despite harmful consequences, deception, mood modification, and conflict.

This distinction is important because frequent gaming alone does not prove the presence of a disorder. Some young people may think often about games, enjoy upgrading their equipment, or play several times each week without losing control or experiencing serious harm. Charlton and Danforth (2007) distinguished high engagement from addiction by separating peripheral features—such as preoccupation and enthusiasm—from core indicators such as withdrawal, loss of control, and conflict. Gaming becomes clinically concerning when the young person is no longer freely choosing when and how to play, and when important areas of life are persistently sacrificed.

The issue matters especially in schools because many signs first appear in educational settings: sleepiness in class, incomplete assignments, declining grades, reduced attention, withdrawal from extracurricular activities, irritability, and repeated failure to meet deadlines. These signs can easily be misunderstood unless educators consider the possibility of problematic gaming. At the same time, adults must avoid labelling every enthusiastic gamer as “addicted.” Responsible intervention requires careful assessment, dialogue, and attention to the adolescent's wider emotional and social world.

Research Design

The study used a qualitative multiple-case study design to understand the experience, antecedents, warning signs, and consequences of IGD among adolescents in Metro Manila. Sixteen students from one private high school participated. They were between 14 and 16 years of age; 14 were male and two were female. Eight formed the disorder group, while eight were classified as highly engaged gamers who did not meet the full criteria for IGD.

Data were gathered primarily through in-depth, one-to-one interviews, supported by demographic information, an Internet Gaming Disorder screening measure, school documents, field notes, and researcher observations. The interviews were transcribed and analysed through the six-phase thematic analysis process described by Braun and Clarke (2006). Cross-case analysis was then used to compare patterns within and between the two groups.

Several procedures strengthened the credibility of the findings: member checking, co-analysis with trained external judges, review by an external auditor, field notes, and triangulation of interview data with available documents and observations. As a qualitative study conducted in a single school with a small sample, the findings are not intended to be statistically generalized. Their value lies in the detailed picture they provide of how problematic gaming develops and is experienced by

adolescents.

Four Major Findings

Four major themes emerged from the participants' accounts.

1. The experience of Internet Gaming Disorder

The experience of IGD involved cognitive, emotional, physiological, and behavioural changes. Cognitively, several adolescents developed tolerance: they wanted to play for longer periods, sought more advanced games, and desired better software, computers, or consoles to achieve the same satisfaction. Many also lost interests in hobbies they had previously enjoyed. Activities such as swimming, basketball, martial arts, and volleyball were gradually displaced by gaming.

Emotionally, adolescents in the disorder group experienced withdrawal when prevented from playing. They described anger, frustration, worry, boredom, irritation, and sadness. Significantly, none of the highly engaged gamers reported these withdrawal experiences. Some adolescents with IGD quickly found alternative places to play—often a friend's house or an internet café—thereby ending the withdrawal experience and returning to gaming.

The physiological effects included sleep deprivation, headaches, eye problems, poor posture or a visible hunchback, and blisters on the wrist or fingers associated with prolonged keyboard use. Behaviourally, the disorder group continued gaming despite academic failure, family conflict, punishment, exhaustion, and other harmful consequences. Some avoided social or family activities in order to play, while others secretly returned to gaming after parents had prohibited it.

2. Risk and protective factors

Four prominent risk factors were identified: excessive gaming, gaming to escape or cope, gaming for entertainment, and gaming for peer recognition. Adolescents in the disorder group generally played between 40 and 64 hours per week, often seven days a week. Their longest weekend sessions ranged from 12 to 19 hours. By contrast, the highly engaged gamers generally played between 15 and 25 hours per week, with much shorter individual sessions.

Gaming often functioned as emotional escape. Adolescents played to forget family conflict, academic stress, boredom, rejection, anger, disappointment, or hurt. Davis's (2001) cognitive-behavioural model helps explain how emotional vulnerability, stress, reinforcement, and maladaptive thoughts can maintain problematic internet use. The game temporarily relieves distress, but the underlying problem remains; repeated escape then strengthens reliance on gaming.

Entertainment was a common motive in both groups. Fun, curiosity, excitement, thrill, competition, and social interaction drew adolescents back to the game. Peer

recognition was especially important for the disorder group. Winning battles, reaching higher levels, gaining status, and proving competence gave some adolescents a sense of respect or importance they felt was missing offline.

Parental control emerged as a significant protective factor. Almost all highly engaged gamers described clear family rules, time limits, supervision, or regular communication about gaming. Rules worked best when accompanied by dialogue and relational warmth rather than by punishment alone.

3. Warning signs

Three warning signs stood out: preoccupation, loss of control, and deception. Almost all participants, including many highly engaged gamers, thought frequently about gaming. They planned strategies, reviewed previous games, imagined future victories, and considered how to improve their characters or rankings. Preoccupation by itself, therefore, did not reliably distinguish disorder from high engagement.

Loss of control was different. Every adolescent in the disorder group acknowledged difficulty stopping or limiting gaming, while none of the highly engaged gamers reported this core problem. Some intended to play for a short period but continued for many hours; one adolescent played until he fainted at an internet café.

Deception was also common. Adolescents sometimes told parents they were attending school activities, doing projects, or going to church when they were actually gaming. Concealment prevented parents from understanding the true extent of the behaviour and weakened their ability to intervene.

4. Ramifications

The consequences of IGD included interpersonal conflict, damaged relationships, declining grades, and the adolescents' own recognition that they had become "addicted." Every participant in the disorder group reported conflict, usually with parents or siblings. Several experienced serious relationship problems, including break-ups with girlfriends who felt neglected.

Academic deterioration was universal in the disorder group. Participants described lower marks, failed subjects, neglected assignments, and reduced interest in learning. In contrast, the highly engaged gamers generally retained control and reported recreational benefits, including relaxation, confidence, social interaction, motivation, and certain thinking skills. These positive experiences are consistent with research showing that gaming can have cognitive, emotional, social, and motivational benefits when it remains balanced and non-compulsive (Granic et al., 2014).

What Distinguishes Disorder from Healthy Engagement?

The clearest finding of the study was that three core features

distinguished the disorder group from highly engaged gamers: **withdrawal, loss of control, and conflict**. Every adolescent in the disorder group experienced all three; none of the highly engaged gamers did.

This finding offers a practical lens for adults. A young person may enjoy games intensely, talk about them frequently, and spend substantial leisure time playing. Concern should increase when the adolescent becomes distressed or angry when gaming stops, repeatedly fails to control play despite intentions or rules, and experiences sustained conflict or impairment in school, family life, health, or relationships.

Time remains relevant, but it should not be used in isolation. In this study, adolescents with IGD generally played 40 hours or more each week and experienced serious negative outcomes, whereas those playing fewer than 25 hours generally retained control and received recreational benefits. These figures describe the participants in this case study; they should not be treated as universal diagnostic cut-offs. The decisive issue is impaired control and significant harm, not a single number of hours.

Practical Implications

For parents. Parents need both awareness and balance. Gaming should neither be demonized nor ignored. Clear family rules, reasonable time boundaries, shared expectations about homework and sleep, and regular conversations about games can protect adolescents. Computers and gaming devices are best used in common areas where supervision is natural. Sudden anger when gaming is stopped, concealment, persistent sleep loss, abandonment of hobbies, falling grades, and repeated family conflict require closer attention. Professional help should be considered when the adolescent cannot reduce gaming despite evident harm.

For teachers. Teachers are often the first adults to observe changes in functioning. Warning signs may include sleepiness, poor concentration, incomplete work, missed deadlines, declining grades, social withdrawal, loss of interest in sport or activities, headaches, eye complaints, and poor posture. Teachers should not diagnose, but they can ask sensitive questions, document patterns, communicate with parents, and refer the student to the school counsellor.

For counsellors. Assessment should combine screening tools with interviews, behavioural observation, academic information, and family input. Counsellors need to explore not only the gaming behaviour but also what the adolescent is trying to escape or obtain through gaming: relief from stress, recognition, friendship, competence, emotional numbness, or a sense of belonging. Effective intervention should therefore address self-regulation, coping skills, family communication, academic habits, and underlying psychosocial difficulties. Because parental control and communication were protective, family involvement is essential.

For schools and school leaders. Schools require a two-pronged approach: prevention and intervention. Digital wellbeing education should teach students how games are designed to hold attention, how to recognize loss of control, and how to balance gaming with sleep, study, relationships, physical activity, and spiritual life. Schools can offer awareness programmes for parents and teachers, establish referral pathways, and ensure that counsellors are trained to assess problematic gaming. A supportive, less stressful school climate also matters, because many adolescents in the study used games to escape school-related stress.

Concluding Reflections

The screen is not the real enemy. The deeper concern is what happens when a young person's relationship with gaming narrows life rather than enriches it—when recreation becomes compulsion, connection becomes isolation, achievement in a virtual world replaces growth in the real one, and temporary escape prevents the adolescent from facing pain, responsibility, and relationships.

The study also offers hope. Highly engaged gaming did not inevitably become a disorder. Adolescents who retained control, remained connected to family, accepted reasonable boundaries, and balanced gaming with other responsibilities could enjoy its recreational benefits. The goal is therefore not simply to remove games, but to help young people recover freedom, balance, and meaningful participation in family, school, community, and life.

For Montfortian educators, this is fundamentally a matter of accompaniment. Adolescents need adults who notice without condemning, listen without dismissing, set limits without humiliating, and intervene before a pattern of escape becomes a pattern of bondage. When families and schools work together, the young person can be helped to move beyond the screen—not by rejecting technology, but by learning to use it wisely, responsibly, and in the service of a fuller human life.

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“The challenge is not gaming itself, but the loss of freedom, balance, and meaningful relationships.

Adolescents need adults who notice without condemning, listen with understanding, and set reasonable boundaries with care. Through the united efforts of families and schools, young people can learn to use technology wisely and live a fuller, healthier, and more responsible life.”

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Annual Meeting of LS, Principal/HM & Bursar



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Final Profession of Bro. Praveen A



