

St. Albans School

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According to **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**

“Education is the most powerful weapon which one can use to change the world. Real education enhances the dignity of a human being and increases his or her self-respect.”

At St. Albans School, we believe that education goes beyond textbooks. It ignites curiosity, encourages creativity, and shapes young minds to become thoughtful, responsible, and innovative individuals. Our goal is to foster an environment where students are inspired to explore, question, and contribute meaningfully to the world around them.

With great pride and enthusiasm, we present the Annual School Report of St. Albans School for the academic session —2024-25, a reflection of our journey, achievements, and aspirations. From academic achievements to co-curricular excellence, our students and staff have worked together to make this year a remarkable one.

The school serves as a nurturing ground where young minds are ignited with curiosity, creativity, and a spirit of exploration. It plays a pivotal role in awakening the thought process and unlocking the hidden potential within each child—guiding them on the journey of self-discovery and shaping them into confident, independent, and lifelong learners.

A Year of Progress and Pride

This report highlights the achievements and milestones of St. Albans School over the past academic year. It is a moment to look back with pride at the accomplishments that have brought honour to our school and to look forward with renewed determination to set and achieve new goals in the years to come.

Parents’ Orientation Programme

In keeping with our annual tradition, the session began with a Parents’ Orientation Programme for the parents of students from Pre-Nursery to Kindergarten. The programme aimed to familiarize parents with the school’s educational philosophy, teaching methodology, and the curriculum framework. It served as a meaningful interaction, strengthening the school-parent partnership in shaping the child’s early learning journey.

Infrastructure Development

We believe that a strong learning environment requires continual improvement. This year, significant steps were taken to upgrade the school’s infrastructure:

1. Modernization of Departments:

Extensive improvements were carried out in key departments such as the Library, Science Laboratories, Social Science Lab, and Mathematics Lab. These enhancements aim to enrich the learning experience and promote hands-on, inquiry-based education.

2. Enhancement of Athletic Infrastructure:

Revitalization of the School Basketball Court - The school's recent initiative to revamp the basketball court underscores our commitment to providing exceptional facilities that foster academic excellence,

physical well-being, and personal growth. This strategic investment in infrastructure will yield numerous benefits for students.

The key Feature is the upgraded, advanced court surface. This new surface is designed to meet the highest standards of durability, safety, and performance, ensuring optimal playing conditions.

Benefits of this revamped basketball court

- **Elevated Student Experience:** The revitalized court will provide students with a world-class facility, promoting physical activity, teamwork..
- **Enhanced Athletic Performance:** The upgraded facilities will support the development of student-athletes, enabling them to achieve their full potential.
- **Institutional Excellence:** The revamped court will enhance the school's reputation towards sports development, attracting talented students who aspire to excel in CBSE, State, and national-level competitions.

By prioritizing infrastructure development, we demonstrate our dedication to creating an environment that supports the holistic development of our students.

Capacity Building Programmes for Teachers

To ensure that our educators remain at the forefront of pedagogical excellence, several in-house workshops were organized throughout the year. These sessions focused on critical areas such as Moral Values, Life Skills, Meditation, Stress Management, and subject-specific strategies.

In addition, our teachers actively participated in **CBSE–COE (Centre of Excellence)** workshops whenever required. The insights gained from these training programmes were shared with peers, thereby fostering a collaborative culture of continuous learning and professional growth within the teaching community.

Academic Achievements

At St. Albans School, our teaching pedagogy is thoughtfully designed to offer a unique and enriching learning experience at every educational level. The school follows a scientifically structured curriculum that caters to the diverse needs of all age groups. By blending modern educational practices with traditional Indian values, we have created a learning environment that nurtures both academic excellence and holistic development.

To enhance the teaching-learning process and support our students' all-round growth, several key initiatives have been implemented:

a) Subject Integration:

Group activities are strategically planned to integrate multiple subjects, including Music, Art, and Sports, encouraging interdisciplinary learning and expanding students' intellectual horizons.

b) Teacher Talks during Assembly:

Regular Teacher Talks form an integral part of our morning assemblies, where educators address important themes, share insights, and motivate students, setting a thoughtful tone for the day.

c) Use of Audio-Visual Tools: All classes are equipped with audio-visual aids, making lessons more engaging, interactive, and impactful. This approach helps students grasp complex concepts with ease.

d) Participation in Inter-School Competitions:

Our students are actively encouraged to participate in various inter-school competitions, offering them valuable exposure and opportunities to showcase their talents on larger platforms.

e) Student Counselling:

The school provides regular counselling sessions through a dedicated school counsellor. Students also have access to individual guidance and support as needed, ensuring their emotional and psychological well-being.

f) Support for Special Education Needs (SEN):

The school has a full-time Special Educator to support students with special educational needs, ensuring an inclusive and supportive learning environment for all.

Quiz Contests

In today's fast-paced and competitive world, staying informed and intellectually sharp is essential. To nurture curiosity and boost awareness among our students, numerous quiz contests were organized throughout the year. These contests not only enhanced their general knowledge and current affairs awareness but also fostered critical thinking, quick decision-making, and a spirit of healthy competition.

Festivals and National Day Celebrations

At St. Albans School, we believe in instilling patriotism, cultural pride, and mutual respect through meaningful celebrations.

All national festivals—including Independence Day, Republic Day, and Gandhi Jayanti—were celebrated with great enthusiasm and heartfelt reverence, reminding students of our rich heritage and the sacrifices of national heroes.

In addition, a variety of religious and cultural festivals such as Janmashtami, Diwali, Raksha Bandhan, and Christmas were celebrated with joy and inclusivity. These occasions were marked with creative performances, cultural messages, and spiritual significance, spreading the values of unity, harmony, and joy among the students.

Environment Education & Disaster Preparedness

At St. Albans School, we recognize that the Earth and its ecosystems are not just resources—they are our home. Striking a balance between economic growth, social development, and environmental preservation is essential for a sustainable future. In alignment with this vision, we actively promote environmental awareness and civic responsibility among our students through various initiatives.

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan & Swachhta Pakhwada

In support of the Government of India's flagship initiative, the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, our school observed Swachhta Pakhwada – Clean and Green School Campaign, under the guidelines of CBSE. As part of this drive:

- Activities such as poster making, drawing competitions, and slogan writing were conducted to creatively engage students with the theme of cleanliness.
- The Swachhta Shapath (Cleanliness Pledge) was taken by all students during morning assembly, reaffirming their commitment to personal and community hygiene.

- Students from the Swachh Albans Committee delivered motivational speeches highlighting the importance of cleanliness and sanitation.

Workshops and guidance sessions were held to educate students on waste segregation, personal hygiene, and maintaining a clean school environment.

One of the foremost missions of the school is to maintain a clean and green environment within the campus and its surroundings.

This goal is being actively and effectively pursued by the Swachh Albans Committee, which takes responsibility for the systematic segregation and proper disposal of waste on the school premises. Their efforts play a vital role in promoting environmental awareness and fostering a culture of cleanliness among students and staff.

Earthquake Mock Drill

As part of our commitment to safety and awareness, the school conducted an earthquake mock drill to simulate a real-life emergency. This drill helped students and teachers understand the necessary protocols, evacuation procedures, and teamwork required during such events.

The entire school community—including students and staff—was sensitized and trained to respond swiftly and calmly in the face of natural calamities. These preparedness exercises are essential steps toward creating a campus that is resilient, aware, and ready to act when faced with unforeseen challenges.

Sports Achievements

At St. Albans School, we believe that games and sports are vital for the holistic development of students, nurturing not only physical health but also teamwork, leadership, and discipline.

During the academic session 2024–25, a variety of sports competitions were organized for different classes, including:

- Carom
- Chess
- Badminton
- Basketball, among others.
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To further encourage active participation and sporting spirit, Sports Days were celebrated with great enthusiasm in December 2024, where students displayed their athletic skills and team spirit.

Subject Seminars

Classroom learning is enhanced through interactive subject seminars, which are conducted periodically to help students gain a deeper and more practical understanding of academic concepts. These seminars encourage active participation, public speaking, and collaborative learning, making the teaching-learning process more effective and enriching.

Morning Assembly

The School Morning Assembly is a cornerstone of our daily routine, fostering a sense of unity, discipline, and confidence among students. It provides a platform to share knowledge, celebrate achievements, and reflect on values.

Special assemblies are also conducted to mark national and religious festivals, encouraging students to appreciate the diverse cultural heritage of our country and imbibe the spirit of harmony and respect.

Gautam Sir Memorial Meritorious Student Award

It is a moment of immense pride for the school to honour exceptional students each year with the Prestigious Gautam Sir Memorial Meritorious Student Award, instituted in memory of our Founder Principal, Late Shri Gautam Dev.

Each year, two outstanding students are selected based on their academic performance, co-curricular achievements, and overall conduct over the last two academic years.

The selection criteria include:

- Academic Excellence
- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Punctuality
- Attitude

The recipients of this esteemed award embody the values and vision that St. Albans stands for and serve as role models for their peers.

Innovations at St. Albans

St. Albans School continues to embrace innovative practices that enhance the educational environment and foster holistic development. During the academic session, the following initiatives were implemented:

- **Buddy Teacher Concept**
A new system was introduced where a designated "Buddy Teacher" steps in during the absence of the Class Teacher (CT) to manage responsibilities such as monitoring Zero Period/lunch, marking attendance, coordinating events like the Winter Carnival, and assisting with result compilation.
- **Advanced Waste Segregation**
In our ongoing efforts towards sustainability, waste segregation practices were expanded. In addition to dry, wet, and paper waste, plastic and metal waste were also collected separately, promoting responsible environmental practices among students.
- **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) Activities**
Various activities under the **EBSB initiative** were organized to celebrate the cultural diversity of India, fostering mutual understanding and appreciation among students.
- **Assembly Highlights (Classes III–X)**
The best assembly presentations from April to December were showcased, highlighting student creativity, confidence, and awareness on important themes.
- **Teacher's Day Talent Show (Classes IX–X)**
A special Talent Show was organized on Teacher's Day for students of Classes IX and X, providing them a platform to display their artistic and performing talents.
- **Alumni Interaction Session**
A motivational talk was delivered by our esteemed alumni, focusing on the importance of discipline, life after school, and various career opportunities. Their experiences offered valuable insights and encouragement to the current students.

Important SMC Decisions

The **School Management Committee (SMC)** played a key role in enhancing school infrastructure and learning facilities. Major decisions taken during the session include:

- Revamping of Basketball court.
- Renovation and Refurbishment, including whitewashing of classrooms and common areas.
- Purchase of New Furniture to ensure comfort and better learning spaces for students.

PTA Activities

The **Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)** serves as a vital link between parents and the school. A productive PTA meeting was conducted during the session, where various teaching methodologies and strategies were discussed with a focus on the holistic development of students. The meeting emphasized the importance of collaboration between parents and teachers to support every child's academic and emotional growth.

