

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

As **Joseph Albers** has rightly said “Good teaching is more a giving of right questions than a giving of right answers.” "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." - Benjamin Franklin

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela

At TCS, our teachers consciously inspire and motivate our students to ask questions. We, at Charter, strive to mould and motivate this generation of learners to be global citizens who love, respect, care, empathise, lead, empower and, of course, be lifelong learners!!

We champion the ethos of connectivity, weaving it into the fabric of our educational approach. Through mentorship initiatives, collaborative endeavours, and vibrant face-to-face interactions, we cultivate a nurturing community that celebrates unity and inclusivity. Our curriculum is not just about academics; it's a testament to our commitment to instilling values of teamwork, effective communication, and empathy, creating an environment where every student feels valued, empowered, and equipped to forge enduring bonds.

Our Annual Evening gives us the perfect platform to look back on the progress we have made and celebrate our milestones. It is also a time for us to come together as a school community to handhold each other towards progressive education in future.

The Charter School has been honoured with the prestigious India K-12 Award 2023 for Excellence in the Category Tech - Enabled Education Infrastructure at the Eldrok India K-12 Education Summit held at Kochi on 27th October 2023. This award motivates us to surge forward in our efforts to foster excellence in education.

Our students never cease to make us proud! The culmination of the last academic year was marked by a significant achievement, with our Grade 10 students attaining commendable success in the CBSE Class 10 Examinations.

This academic year showcased impactful initiatives. The inaugural "Abhisara" program by the Autism Club of Ernakulam under **CSSRC** set a remarkable tone. It featured a book launch by author Debashish Paul and raised awareness about autism.

Following this impactful start, our student volunteers continued to make a difference through a charity drive for Snehasadan, an old age home, and the Gift-a-Book campaign to set up a library for students of a Government School in Kadamakudy, thus solidifying CSSRC's commitment to meaningful community engagement and social impact.

The inception of the **Cybersecurity Cell** at Charter School represents our unwavering commitment to safeguarding every digital step we take. Our mission goes beyond just creating a secure online environment; it's about empowering each of our students to navigate the digital landscape with confidence and responsibility.

Charter School students excelled at multiple **IIMUNs**, demonstrating exceptional diplomacy and eloquence in debates and negotiations. Their articulate presentations and well-researched positions garnered praise, accentuating the school's dedication to academic excellence. The consistent achievements of Charter School participants at IIMUN events are a testament to our focus on nurturing critical thinking, effective communication skills, confidence and global social awareness. In the IIMUN hosted at The Choice School this year, Charter School proudly emerged as champions, showcasing our students' exceptional skills in diplomacy, debate, and international affairs.

At The Charter School, we prioritise the growth of both our students and educators. Our teachers engaged in a transformative two-day **CBSE capacity building program** focused on Critical Thinking and Creativity. This experience equipped them with invaluable insights and strategies to enhance critical thinking and creativity in their classrooms. Additionally, a Gender Sensitivity session and Career Guidance training further fortified our commitment to fostering inclusive and holistic education.

As the new academic year commenced, the month of June kicked off with informative **parent orientations** for various grades, setting the stage for a collaborative and successful school year ahead.

Students actively participated in observing **World Environmental Day** by engaging in various eco-friendly activities and raising awareness about environmental conservation.

The Charter School, alongside Kerala Blasters Sporthood Academy, orchestrated an electrifying **Grassroots festival** from June 7th to 9th. This festival was more than just sports; it instilled values of sportsmanship, teamwork, and healthy competition, creating an exhilarating platform for our young talents to shine brightly.

Our tiny tots expressed gratitude and love for their parents on **Moms and Dads Day**, acknowledging their invaluable roles in shaping their lives.

Our students joyously celebrated **World Music Day**, showcasing their musical talents and diverse cultural expressions in a harmonious celebration of the universal language of music.

National Reading Day saw everyone coming together to promote the joy of reading, with students, teachers, admin, and support staff indulging in books, storytelling sessions, and literacy initiatives to foster a love for literature and learning.

During the **student council election**, Candidates enthusiastically nominated themselves, sparking lively campaigns culminating in a democratic voting process and an investiture ceremony, where elected students pledged responsibility and dedication.

In July, we launched our **after-school activities**, featuring a diverse range of options such as Tae Kwon Do, basketball, swimming, football, and badminton, providing our students with exciting opportunities for skill development

FAMILY FIESTA

Family Fiesta will always be close to our heart as we joined hands with Cochin International School and hosted our parent community jointly on the premises for a day filled with fun and frolic. It fostered a spirit of charity and saw a day filled with joy, engaging games, delectable food, and captivating performances.

We commemorated **Independence Day** with a ceremony that included flag hoisting and the sharing of sweets. The school choir created a stirring atmosphere with their beautiful rendition of patriotic songs, filling the surroundings with a sense of national pride and unity.

The **STREAM Expo** was a resounding success, showcasing students' creativity aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, and featuring marvellous performances that captivated and impressed everyone in attendance.

We celebrated **Onam** in style, as students and teachers alike enjoyed engaging in Onam games and participated enthusiastically in house-wise pookalam competitions, adding vibrant colours and festive spirit to the occasion.

On **Teachers' Day**, students expressed gratitude to teachers by entertaining them with delightful games and captivating performances.

In September, our special event, "**Spotlight on You**," provided a platform for our students to showcase their talents, skills, and achievements, fostering a sense of pride and recognition within the school community.

Charter School's **educational trips** seamlessly integrate real-world experiences and interactions, enriching students' learning by providing hands-on applications, fostering critical skills, and connecting classroom concepts with practical knowledge.

The enthusiastic participation and notable achievements in **inter school competitions** reflect Charter School's commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals who excel both academically and in extracurricular pursuits. We are proud of our students' accomplishments at these events and look forward to continued success.

Our students participated in various interschool sports and cultural competitions like Kochi Sahodaya, Kerala State Chess Competition, Fabula, Kairos, Vista, and quiz competitions which contributed significantly to the overall development and spirit of Charter School.

On **Kerala Piravi**, our Malayalam department took the lead, providing students with insightful lessons on the rich history and culture of our beautiful state, allowing them to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of Kerala's heritage.

Wacky Wednesday injected a delightful twist into our routine, bringing joy and laughter as students embraced the fun of dressing up in creative and unconventional ways. The whimsical celebration added a touch of playfulness to our learning environment, creating memorable moments for the entire school community.

Charter School joyously celebrated **Diwali**, embracing the festival of lights with vibrant decorations, cultural performances, and a spirit of unity and festivity among students and staff.

Children's Day was celebrated with teachers delighting the students through entertaining performances and engaging games, creating a joyful and memorable atmosphere for the young ones.

The District Women and Child Development Office arranged an enlightening event in connection with **Orange the World Campaign 2023**. The primary focus of the event was to raise awareness regarding the Protection of Children from

Sexual Offences Act and the prevalent issue of violence against children. The awareness session by Trainer Mr. Shubin Shaji highlighted the need for responsible use of social media and staying cautious, especially when interacting with strangers, whether in person or online.

The **Christmas celebration** at Charter included festive activities like gift exchanges and posting letters to Santa, and our students' enthusiasm shone brightly as one of them clinched the top prize in the Best Letter to Santa competition hosted by the Nordic Christmas Village, where students from various schools participated, adding to the holiday cheer and camaraderie.

Republic Day witnessed our little ones dressing up as warriors and freedom fighters, embodying the spirit of patriotism and honouring the heroes who fought for our nation's independence. Additionally, we organised a food fest that showcased a delectable array of tricolored food items, adding a flavorful and festive touch to our Republic Day celebrations.

Value education and life skills play a crucial role in instilling moral values and enhancing socio-emotional learning, which are increasingly recognized as essential futuristic skills necessary for personal and professional success in an ever-evolving world. A notable highlight this year was the gratitude assembly planned and executed by the Grade 6 students for our support staff, demonstrating their initiative and compassion under the guidance of our school counselor.

The value education periods were focused on activities that not only fostered the development of self-esteem but also promoted other essential values such as empathy, integrity, and teamwork among the students. Students were educated on self-awareness and safety smarts, empowering them with knowledge and skills to navigate their surroundings with a heightened sense of personal security.

College and career Counselling

We were privileged to host University Delegates and Outreach Directors from prestigious institutions like KREA, Ashoka, ISH, alongside esteemed organisations like British Council and Mind Empowered. They enriched our students' journey with sessions on liberal education, career choices, and crafting the path to success.

Our Vice Principal, school counselor, and coordinators are undergoing specialised training in EMPOWER and EMBARK through the International Career and College Counseling (IC3) Institute, while actively engaging in the IC3 Movement. Together, we prioritise competence over competition.

SDP

Throughout this year, our teachers benefited from a series of sessions conducted by both our in-house educators and external experts, aiming to expand the skill sets and enhance the learning environment in the classrooms.

Charter School is dedicated to imparting knowledge through **experiential and theme based learning**, a method that, although more challenging than the traditional approach, sets us apart as a CBSE school with a distinctive commitment to innovative education. The **financial literacy** periods helped students gain knowledge about financial management—an indispensable skill for the future that equips them with the ability to navigate and succeed in various aspects of life.

This year, we hosted **Sports Events** at Maharajas College ground where the cheers of supporters, the intense focus of participants, and the overall sense of celebration contributed to a dynamic environment.

During **National Storytelling Week**, our young learners and teachers brought tales to life by dressing up as their favourite characters, creating a vibrant and imaginative celebration that showcased their creativity and love for storytelling.

The formal **graduation ceremony** not only marked the successful conclusion of the academic journey for our first batch of 12th-graders but also featured the inauguration of our new performance hall, symbolizing the continued growth and development of The Charter School.

Grade 11 students organized a heartfelt **farewell** for Grade 12, creating touching moments as they bid adieu to their seniors, showcasing the strong bonds within our school community.

Student Achievements

At Charter, we celebrate the unique and remarkable achievements of our students.

Among the notable achievements this year are:

Ivaneah Sarah Panicker secured the third prize at the national level in the Planet Rider Quiz Contest by Toffee Ride, the largest space quiz designed for primary school students.

Eva Sarah George from Grade 4 clinched the prize for the most heartfelt letter to Santa in the competition organized by Nordic Christmas Village.

- **Faraz M Ameen**, who achieved gold in the Assisi Inter School Badminton Championship 2023's U15 team category and bagged the runner-up position in the SPP All Kerala Badminton Tournament.
- **Adhrit Bayya Reddy** won gold medal in Cricket Ball Throw at the 1st Mini Athletic Championship.
- **Joseph Joji Daniel** achieved the remarkable feat of crossing the Periyar river (780 mts).
- **Dev Menon** emerged the second runner up in the KBSA affiliated CBSE schools shuttle badminton tournament 'My School, My Pride'.

Presenting our junior achievers who have successfully qualified for the second round of the Science Olympiad Foundation, showcasing their dedication and excellence.

Our students achieved a notable milestone as their exceptional work earned publication in the prestigious **Times of India**- Students Edition, showcasing their talent and contributing to our school's academic excellence.

Navneeth TK, Imaan Hawwa Hafiz and Janaki Shyam emerged as winners of the prestigious **Malayala Manorama Read and Win Quiz Contest**.

Teachers Achievement

We celebrate the success of our educators with equal pride and support them as they empower our school community through their achievements.

As we **conclude** this annual report, I extend my deepest appreciation to our dedicated staff, committed students, and supportive parent community for another year of growth and achievement at The Charter School. Together, we have navigated challenges, celebrated successes, and continued to uphold our commitment to excellence in education. Looking ahead, let us carry the lessons learned and the achievements to inspire even greater accomplishments in the coming year. Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to the vision and mission of The Charter School.