



# Inventure Times

## October & November 2019



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## Highlights

### NEASC visits Inventure Academy

As a school, we constantly review the kind of learning our students need for the new world, rethink the what and the how of our approach (both in academics and beyond academics), revise our processes, and design new opportunities for our students. We ensure that our learning environment is aligned with our Core Purpose, Vision, and Values and also builds on both conceptual understanding, 21st-century skill sets and attitudes in our students. Hence our decision to benchmark ourselves against the best educational standards through a process of international accreditation (ACE -'Learning Eco-System': Learning **Architecture**, Learning **Culture**, and Learning **Ecology**) by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges ([NEASC](#)). The visitors were highly impressed and overwhelmed by the richness of our vision and programs. They were very appreciative of our dedication to the holistic development, safety and happiness of our students, and that we enable them to develop a confident voice to engage in issues that they see in the world around them. NEASC also applauded our "world class facilities" and the dedication of our teachers in ensuring that each and every child is learning. **As part of their Stories of Transformation, NEASC wishes to share our Changemaker/ Our Voice programs with accredited schools around the world.**

### Learners from Inventure Academy win 3 'Top in World' & 4 'Top in India' Cambridge Outstanding Learner Awards 2019

**Divij Gupta** wins 'Top in World' award for Mathematics three years in a row.

**Omkar Kerkar** also Tops the World in Math for AS Level.

Students from Inventure Academy have received seven Outstanding Learner awards from the Cambridge Assessment International Examinations (CAIE) to acknowledge their outstanding performance in the November 2018 and June 2019 Cambridge Examination Series. Two of the students received three 'Top in the World' awards for Mathematics while two students received 'Top in the Country (India)' awards in a range of subjects, including Computer Science, Design & Technology, Geography and Global Perspectives & Research. The Cambridge Outstanding Learner Awards Programme celebrates the success of learners taking Cambridge

examinations in over 40 countries around the world. Cambridge places learners at the centre of their international education programmes and qualifications which are inspired by the best in educational thinking. Inventure Academy Founding CEO & Managing Trustee, Nooraine Fazal said: *"The results are a reflection of the enormous talent in our teaching-learning community, and Inventure's belief that every child can be a winner. We provide a nurturing environment which enables every student to strive to be the best version of themselves. We hone individual interests and strengths, in academics and beyond, while preparing them to be positive changemakers."*

## Inventure Alumna wins Rhodes scholarship!



Namrata Ramesh, a final year student at @UCBerkeley and graduate of @InventureAcademy Bangalore, has been selected for the prestigious @RhodesScholarship 2020. Namrata is a senior at the University of California, Berkeley, pursuing a Physics (Honors) degree.

The @RhodesScholarship is one of the most prestigious scholarships established in 1902 and is given to 100

deserving candidates from across the world. The Indian jurisdiction of the Rhodes Trust selects 5 scholars every year, and this year Namrata is the only candidate who has been selected for #science.

Namrata's enduring interest in the skies has led her to pursue her passion for physics. She is very passionate about diversity in #STEM fields and multimedia storytelling, and has combined both interests by starting "The @STEMinist Chronicles" ([www.steministchronicles.com](http://www.steministchronicles.com)), an organization that currently uses photo essays to tell the stories of #womeninSTEM.

At Inventure Academy, Namrata was a member of the Student Council as the Beyond Academics Captain for the whole school, and was an active participant in Inventure's Model United Nations (MUN), Our Lakes Our Voice and Community Outreach programs. She believes that her wide reading and her experience gained through debating and MUN that she was exposed to at Inventure Academy has helped her to communicate her passion for science and share her worldview on diversity with a larger audience.

Read more <http://bit.ly/3360oS4>

## Beyond Academics

**Inventurers participate in peaceful protest together with Mahadevapura Demands**



Inventure students & faculty took to the streets on a peaceful protest against the pathetic condition of roads and infrastructure on SH-35 the Sarjapur - Whitefield stretch of the popular corridor for schools in East Bangalore. Joining hands with Whitefield Rising and other concerned citizens and schools of the area our students carried posters with powerful messages and slogans clearly stating our demands.



Nooraine also opined on air on the pathetic condition of SH-35 and poor road infrastructure on one of the major corridors for schools. Despite promises made by elected representatives there has been no improvement on this stretch of the Sarjapur-Whitefield Road making it an agonising experience every day for commuters.

Watch her interview with the Newshour: <https://bit.ly/2Muw5PZ>

We also made headlines together with [#WhitefieldRising](#) on the issues of poor civic management and failure of elected representatives to live up to their promises.

[#TimesofIndia](#): <https://tinyurl.com/rjzt7t>

[#IndianExpress](#) : <https://bit.ly/2ptNKhQ>

[#DeccanHerald](#) : <https://bit.ly/2OZgJVm>

[#BangaloreMirror](#) : <https://bit.ly/35NSYFF>



## Changemaker Challenge Team Places first at a National Competition

InventureAcademy's Changemaker Challenge Team Joule Thieves consisting of Vikram Mishra, Dhriti Naidu and Amrit Archarya ( all Grade 12 ) placed first at a national competition, TeenTurks this year from over 1400 contestants.

The project submitted was a lamp that can run off residual energy left in disposed AA batteries.

Way to go Inventure Academy Changemakers!





## **Inventurers@Taaqedemy Music Festival 2019**

60 students from Inventure Academy performed at the Taaqedemy Music Festival. Teams that participated were: Summer of '69, Java Jive, What a Wonderful World and For Whom the Bells Toll.

The Middle School band and choir impressed with their wonderful rendition of Bryan Adams' Summer of '69. It was the single largest group performance on any stage through the festival – with 35+

performers!

## **Annual Production 2019 The Road Not Taken captures hearts**

The Road Not Taken Inventure Academy's Annual Production exploded on stage to a packed house during the last week of November.

This play culminated six months of hard work put in by our middle and senior school. Everybody from artists to actors, marketing POD and musicians put in their absolute best to bring this stunningly intricate show to fruition. Whether it was staying long hours after school, or going the extra mile testing the website for bugs, our students went all the way in making sure this production was a roaring success.

There was superb music. There was spectacular dance. There was unforgettable drama. There was a story that we could all relate with... The combination rocked the stage at the Inventure Hub.

In the words of one of the parents, " Inventure Academy can give Broadway a run for their money" All the characters on stage played their parts to the hilt and the audience was left spellbound. As the life of protagonist Faruq unfolded on the stage, the audience was given the power to help facilitate his life choices. A never before tried theatrical genre at Inventure Academy the interactive drama was appreciated by one and all.



## **Parent Webinar on Adolescents and Mental Health**

An interactive and informative webinar for parents was conducted by Dr. Priya Raghavan from CADABAMS. Dr. Priya is trained extensively in the UK. She has over 18 years of experience in Psychiatry. CADABAMS is a leading residential psychiatric rehabilitation centre in India that caters to patients with a variety of psychiatric disorders like schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and depression. Topics that the Webinar included were:

- Self-harm and suicide on the rise in India amongst adolescents.
- Factors contributing toward this.
- Symptoms to watch out for in your adolescent.
- What can I do to help my adolescent?
- What can we do as a community to help reduce self-harm and suicide amongst adolescents.
- Stigma around mental health in India.
- Whom to reach out to in case of any concern.

## Sports

### Pre primary Sports Day celebrated at Inventure Academy

The Inventure Hub resounded with the voices of excited and happy kindergarteners on Pre Primary Sports Day. The day was flagged off amidst enthusiasm and excitement. The children completed the walk past waving pom poms of shimmering hues. This was followed by a short yoga display by K2 children and a colourful drill/dance display by K1 and PreK. Gross and fine motor skill development, eye hand coordination was taken into account in the planning of the races. Parents also had fun participating in tug of war. The day ended with prize distribution.



### Inventure Academy @ CANDOR Sports Fest

Inventure Academy brought home gold, silver and bronze at the Candor Sports Fest- Swimming 2019-20. 23 students from Inventure Academy took part in the event under different categories. In total Inventure bagged 11 Gold, 6 Silver, 6 Bronze. 3 of Inventure swimmers won the Individual Championship ! A total of 23 schools participated in the meet.

#### Individual Champions

- 1 Aryan Chowdhury Grade 12 & below Boys
- 2 Vaania Kapoor Grade 12 & below Girls
- 3 Yokesh Manivannan Grade 10 & below Boys



Inventure Academy was also invited to participate in the **Candor Inter School Sports Fest - Athletics**, conducted by Candor International School. There were 18 schools which participated at the meet. 16 students from Inventure Academy took part in the event under different categories.



### **Inventure @ Eagle Cup Indus Sports Fest 2019**

Inventurers were at their best at the Eagle Cup - Indus Sports Fest 2019

Here are the results:

#### **Football**

Grade 12 & below boys - Winners

Grade 9 & below boys - Runners Up

Grade 12 & below girls-Semifinalist

#### **Basketball**

Grade 12 & below girls- Runners Up

Grade 12 & below boys - Semifinalist

#### **Cricket**

Grade 12 & below boys-Runners up

Grade 6 & below boys - Semifinalist



## **InventureAcademy participated in the TableTennis Tournament 2019 at SharanyaNarayani.**

Here are the results:

Grade 9 below Singles

- Raahil Gore (Boys) - semifinalist

- Asavari Agrawal (Girls)- first place

Grade 9 below doubles

- Asavari Agrawal & Karnika Karthick (Girls) - first place

- Saanvi Huria & Anoushka Mohan (Girls) - second place



## **Inventurer Srinidhi Sudhir at U-10 Chess Tournament**

Srinidhi Sudhir (Grade 4) stood first after winning all 5 rounds in the Under 10 chess tournament held by Rainbow Club kids library at Malleswaram .





## Sanjana Devineni won AITA Super Series under-I4 in Kolkata

Sanjana Devineni has won both **Singles and Doubles** in the **AITA Super Series Under-I4** conducted by **Shyambazar Tennis Club, Kolkata** beating both No 1 and No 2 seeded of the Tournament.



## Stuthii wins at KGA Junior Development Tournament

InventureAcademy's Stuthii Kaveriamma Kallangada secured 2nd place in the KGA - Junior Development Tournament.

## Wider World

### Inventure Academy@ Round Square International Conference Indore

Inventure Academy participated in the **Round Square International Conference** hosted by The Emerald Heights International School, Indore, Madhya Pradesh. Over 1000 students from all over the world converged at this conference to share learning, experiences, and friendship.

The theme of the conference was **Sarvodaya-The World We Wish To See**. Community service, inspirational speakers, historical visits ( Mandu) and activities were the highlights of the conference.

Ayushi Mishra Gr II with Maya Satori Nachiappan and Arushi Menon Gr 10 had an excellent exposure to the conference. They had the opportunity to listen to eminent speakers like Dr. Shashi Tharoor and Sophia the humanoid keynote speaker who cleverly pointed out that humans are behaving like robots. In the words of Ayushi Mishra, “The Round Square International Conference was absolutely an incredible experience. I was fortunate to be a part of such an experience where we got to meet so many people from all over the globe and got the opportunity to understand their culture and way of life. I was thrilled to sit through guest lectures from people such as Shashi Tharoor, Sophia (first robot citizen) and Madame Gandhi. Following these lectures we were split into barazza groups where each one of us got a chance to present our opinions and gain perspective on different ideas. I made many friends with unique people and if I get the opportunity I would definitely go again.”



## Field Trips

Field trips are very valuable learning experiences for children while bringing a lot of joy to the children. Pre-primary students went on a field trip to Otter - the Nature's School. The children had an amazing outdoor experience and were able to get close to various animals and enjoy time with nature, at the working farm. They fed the animals, birds and reptiles in a natural environment. The children were also given information about their habitats. This helped the children to be sensitive and empathetic towards animals. After returning to school, they were able to draw pictures related to the farm and express their thoughts as well.



## Grade 2 at Hippocampus

As a part of library activity students and teachers of Grade 2 visited Hippocampus at Koramangala. Storytelling was a lot of interactive fun. The children also explored the library and read books with their friends.



## Field Trip to Hotel Sheraton Grand, Whitefield

The Kindergarten children from Inventure Preschool as well as Inventure Kindergarten went to Hotel Sheraton Grand Bengaluru Whitefield, Bengaluru. They walked through the kitchens, to see how it works. The children also took part in some cooking activities, such as decorating a cupcake and pizza making, with the chef. This helped the children to build empathy and an understanding of the roles that people play behind the scenes, based on the values of Kindness and Empathy.

# Campus News



## Inventurer at a Bangalore Little Theatre Production

Vishwa Aditya Krishnan (Grade 8) acted in a Bangalore Little Theatre Production 'The Boy with no shadow' in aid of the Indian Cancer Society illustrating our core values of maximum exposure and sensitivity. The play is a comic caper, about life on peaceful Venus ruled by a peaceful king and his kind queen where a war-mongering general wishes to wage war on Jupiter but his plans are foiled by an invisible boy - the result of drinking a chemical!

## Assemblies:



## Inventure celebrated World Mental Health Day

Going by the adage 'Making people aware is the first step towards making change' primary school students put up a skit with relevant messages. They touched upon how they can help themselves by reaching out to their parents and teachers or their friends if they

come across anyone suffering from depression or another form of mental illness. Chief guest Dr. Manoj from the White Swan Foundation shared few strategies on how to be mentally healthy: Eat well, Sleep well, Play everyday, Be with people whom you love and Open up and reach out whenever needed. The Middle and Senior School Assembly on Mental Health Day 10 October had guest speaker Dr. Manoj touching upon Global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma. Kedar Rao shared his own journey with depression and mental health.





Grade 3C had their assembly with the theme "Nurturing Individuality and Teamwork".



Grade 3D touched upon "Sensitivity" as the theme for their assembly.

## Awareness Sessions



**Students of Grades 10 - 12** attended an interactive session by recovering alcoholics from Alcoholics Anonymous. The topics covered included an awareness about addictions, alcoholism, experimenting with alcohol at a young age, impact of peer pressure, sharing their personal journey of dealing with alcohol and their struggles of dealing with alcoholism and rehabilitation.



**Grade 5 students** attended an Awareness session on **'Say No To Bullying'** The facilitator engaged the students by highlighting a few areas on the Process and Impact of Bullying. It was conveyed to be aware and equipped with essential skills to deal with bullying behavior both for themselves and as a bystander.



### **Story Telling by theatre artist Vikram Sridhar**

Story teller and theatre artist Vikram Sridhar organised an excellent story telling session at Inventure Academy. Narrating the story of migratory birds in the North- East region with their rich culture and environment Sridhar had his young audience spellbound. He also narrated the story of Diwali in context of Krishna and Kansa, where he stressed about good and evil actions. In KG he narrated the story of Thirsty Crow and involved the children through repeating the lines, and repetitive action which emphasized

on phonetics and body movement. Sridhar is an IIT and management graduate and had a good corporate career before moving to becoming a full time storyteller in order to revive our rich heritage and culture.



### **Children's Day Inventure style**



Twenty five students who are a part of our Community Outreach program at Inventure, have touched the lives of more than 85 young children at Sullikuntedinne Government School, by giving them the joy to express and celebrate, by the way of teaching them how to dance.

The learners performed their choreographies on the occasion of Children's Day on 14 November 2019. Their performance was a part of the inter-school Children's Day Carnival at Government Higher Primary School, Kodathi. Our students ran a crowdfunding drive and collected a fund of Rs. 24,000 that they needed to buy new coordinated costumes and props for their students. It is amazing to see such drive, passion and display of empathy from Inventure students.



## Trip to Hippocampus



As a part of library activity Grade 2 visited Hippocampus at Koramangala. They enjoyed the storytelling session. They also explored the library and read books with their friends.

## December Ongoing & Upcoming Events

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| <b>02 - 05 December</b>         | Asset Exams Grades 3- 10                            |
| <b>12 - 14 December</b>         | Annual Athletic Meet finals                         |
| <b>14 December</b>              | Parent Webinar on Building Resilience in your child |
| <b>18 December - 05 January</b> | Christmas holidays                                  |

