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Dear Parents and Students,
Happy New Year! We welcome you to 2026 with renewed energy and purpose.

At CGS, we firmly believe that a great education happens both inside and outside the classroom walls. Our commitment goes beyond high academic performance; we are dedicated to developing every student holistically, nurturing their cultural understanding, athleticism, community service, and leadership skills.

The last few weeks have been a testament to this philosophy, packed with experiences designed to challenge and inspire:

Duke of Edinburgh Awards: We are incredibly proud of the dedication shown across all levels (Bronze, Silver, and Gold). The rigour of the outdoor experience at Matita in Chattogram was a particularly memorable and enriching experience for all participants.

Round Square Conference: Our students successfully participated in this annual event at Upper School, exploring the powerful theme, 'Together We Rise.' Through challenging debates, engaging discussions, and hands-on activities, students built essential confidence, practical skills, and a strong sense of the power of working together for a greater purpose.

Cultural Programmes: The winter months always herald our favourite CGS programme; the Annual Cultural Programme for Middle and CGS Got Talent for Upper students. Parents, students and staff always enjoy the range of talent on exhibit.

Royal Commonwealth Society Essay: Our strong academic rigour was evident when results were announced. A record-breaking 256 students across CGS and CGSD attained Gold, Silver and Bronze awards, a significant jump from 141 last year! This achievement is a testimony to their academic competence and strong foundation. Upper School alone had 33 combined winners!

These combined experiences are what set CGS apart, helping students grow into individuals who are globally conscious yet fiercely patriotic Bangladeshi citizens. We aim to ensure young people are continually inspired and challenged to become positive change-makers. We know that each student is much more than the sum of their awards; they are future leaders who will make this world a better place.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and for entrusting us with the education of your child. We value our partnership immensely.

Happy Victory Day, Merry Christmas, and a have a wonderful New Year, 2026!

Farhat Khan and Shereen Ispahani



RECENT ACTIVITIES AT UPPER

Royal Commonwealth Society Essay: The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2025 achieved a historic milestone, attracting a record-breaking 53,434 entries from across the 56 member countries of the Commonwealth - a 53% increase from 2024. CGS Upper winners pictured above.

DEA Trip: Students (below) participated in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award trips at Matita. The visit allowed them to complete key components of the challenge while gaining valuable hands-on experience in a new environment.



Round Square Conference: The in-house RS Conference was held recently on the theme, 'Together We Rise.' See conference supplement.

CGS Walkathon: CGS successfully hosted its Walkathon with an impressive turnout. Students, parents, teachers joined with energy, enthusiasm, and strong community spirit to highlight the importance of 'Clean Air'.

TOP IN BANGLADESH AWARDS



Safwan (11G) and Suhaira (11G), above, gained Cambridge O' level Top in Bangladesh for Environmental Management and English Language respectively in the June 2025 exams. Congratulations!

ZIA JOINS RS BOARD



Zia Mohiuddin, of CGS Upper has elevated our institution's standing within the Round Square community by securing a coveted position on the Board of Trustees. He won this election for RS Representative uncontested.

This honour caps a remarkable 22-year tenure at CGS, 18 of which he served as the dedicated RS Representative. During his service, Zia has personally led an astonishing 43 teams to RS and MUN conferences, across North and South America, Africa, Europe, and Asia. Round Square now has 280 member schools, many of the world's top institutions and the board consists of just 14 members.

We are immensely proud of his achievement!

RS NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE

7 students from Middle School (below) just returned from a successful RS Conference hosted by Whanganui Collegiate in New Zealand. Themed 'Journeys Without Limits: Uniting the World Through Adventure,' the conference highlighted the special qualities of adventure and the power of international collaboration. Delegates heard from leaders and keynote speakers who have lived adventure in different ways, through discussion groups, cultural visits, and adventure opportunities.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE

School reopens	5.1.2026
CGS Teacher's Convention	10.1.2026
Annual Athletics 2025/2026	14/15.1.2026
Shab-e-Meraj	16.1.2026
Sarawasti Puja	23.1.2026