

# Connexión

## ODYSSEY 2025

A two-day celebration of creativity, skill and collaboration

## FOCAL LENS

Highlighting learner perspectives through art, insight and expression

## LANGUAGE CORNER

Exploring voices, cultures and creativity through multilingual writing



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# Rewinding The Recent

## Exciting Events at Knowledgeum Academy - A Recap

### Odyssey 2025

#### Manifest: Make Your Mark

From 26th to 27th November, Knowledgeum Academy hosted Odyssey 2025 –Manifest: Make Your Mark, a two-day inter-institutional fest that brought together workshops, competitions and cultural performances designed to inspire creativity and confidence among young learners.

The fest offered a dynamic blend of online and on-stage events, providing a platform for participants from different schools and colleges to showcase their talents and explore new ideas.



The final day or day two concluded with dynamic stage events including One-Act Play, Dance and Fashion Show, creating an atmosphere of creativity and artistic celebration.

The fest witnessed remarkable participation, with over 300 students from more than 20 institutions taking part. JAIN International Residential School (JIRS) emerged as champions in the Junior Division, while JAIN PU College, Jayanagar, claimed the Senior Division title. Their accomplishments reflected the spirit of talent, perseverance and innovation that defined this edition of Odyssey.

[Read more about Odyssey 2025 here.](#)



Day one had participants engaged in a diverse range of competitions. Online categories included creative writing, AI art, poetry writing, and photography, while on-stage events featured spelling bees, canvas paintings, digital graffiti, science model making, and table topics. Skill-based workshops such as Elevator Pitch, Monologue Performance and AI + Prompt Building added a strong learning dimension to the fest.



# TOK x English:

## A Political Cartoon Showcase

On 1 December 2025, the IBDP Year 1 English A students hosted a Theory of Knowledge (TOK)-integrated Political Cartoon Showcase in Room 305. As part of the ongoing Visual Text unit, students created original political cartoons based on local Bengaluru issues, applying the conventions studied for Paper 1 analysis, including symbolism, caricature, exaggeration, and perspective.

**The activity was centred on the TOK Knowledge Question:**

“Does creativity and imagination play a meaningful role in creating knowledge?”



Through the process of designing and presenting their work, students explored how imagination enables individuals to frame complex issues in ways that are both insightful and thought-provoking. The showcase demonstrated how political cartoons can function as interpretative visual texts capable of generating knowledge, rather than merely illustrating opinion.

Teams presented their work to a panel of judges, who assessed each entry on the use of cartoon conventions, creativity, clarity of presentation, and explicit TOK connections. Judge feedback highlighted the clarity, originality, and critical engagement demonstrated across the cohort.

*By Himpana, IBDP 1*

## Horizon

*As the stagnant storm brewed up,  
A boy stood staring at the horizon,  
“Mama the horizon stretches itself to meet me”  
The child ran deep in to embrace the feeling  
The adults searched, day in and out,  
They found him on the ground,*

*Once again with the one that-  
Always seemed to run towards him,*

*The only one who believed in him,  
The very reason he fell.*

*By Bhargav, IBDP 1*



# Children's Day Celebration

at Knowledgeum Academy

Knowledgeum Academy celebrated Children's Day on 14 November through a series of thoughtfully organised competitions, performances, and collaborative activities. The Illuminate Club curated multiple events, and the faculty hosted an engaging programme designed to provide space for students to connect, participate and express themselves.

The morning opened with inter-house cultural competitions that created an energetic atmosphere and encouraged coordination among participants. Events included a fashion show highlighting Karnataka's traditions, dance performances representing diverse regions, and creative activities such as mask-making and sculpture-building using recycled plastic. Together, these encouraged cultural appreciation and environmentally mindful creativity.

After lunch, the celebration continued in the auditorium with "red carpet" themed festivities featuring riddles, skit challenges, and a behind-the-scenes video that strengthened the sense of community. A teacher-led skit and dance performances added warmth and humour, followed by a group puzzle activity and a short dance tutorial. The afternoon closed with handmade coasters gifted by teachers, a thoughtful gesture that concluded a lively and memorable celebration.

By Avani, IBDP 1



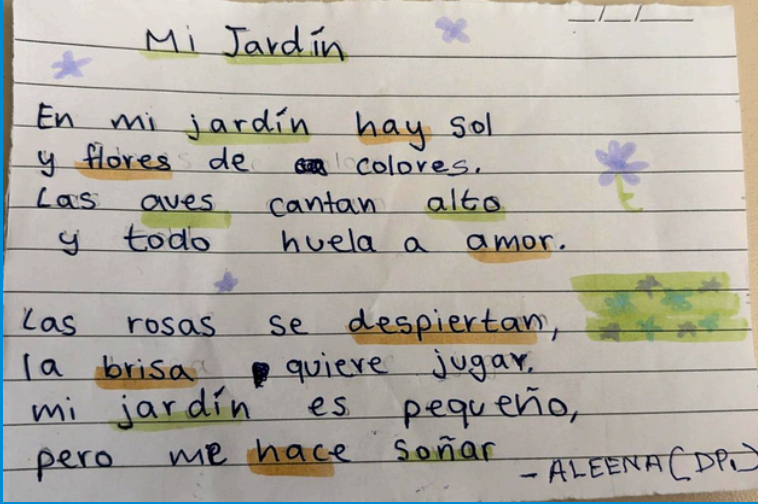
## Hightime

*Alarm-clocks hoot and frown, motivation-quote-unquote:  
Move out, up, down and over. Walk out, be a 'winner'.  
Swerve cross, straight, fast and slow. Rise, shine, gain, gloat.  
Rock their boat, scratch your back, spread your losses, face the flak.*

*Seething spirits in staunch sync: sieve the noise, seize,  
surrender. So much for high time, 'scores' clash; Teeming  
trenches with conflict-clot: Cards squeak, carpet-floor, output-  
pour, brain-sore. Shoes patter, jargon-splatter, cooler-chatter,  
cubicle-scatter. Salary-ping, call for a drink, glasses-clink.  
Microwave's lullaby, cradle to grave. Living made, life pale.*

By Arjun IBDP 2





### भूटान की यादें

By Arjun IBDP 2

भूटान की सैर अद्भुत थी।  
नदी शांत, पत्थर मुलायम, हवा मीठी।  
लंबे वृक्ष, पहाड़ों से घिरी नगरियाँ।  
चांद सुंदर, सूरज चमकता।  
बारिश की बूंदें और बांसुरी की लोरी सुकून देती थीं।  
संस्कृति, मूर्तियाँ और रंग-बिरंगे आभूषण मन मोहते थे।  
लोग मिलनसार, सरल और शांत स्वभाव के।  
परंपराएँ जीवित, उत्सवों में जीवन की खुशियाँ झलकती।  
हरे-भरे जंगल और पहाड़ों की सुंदरता आँखों को भाती।  
मंदिरों और मठों में प्राचीन ज्ञान और आध्यात्मिकता महकती।  
गोधूलि में आसमान बदला।  
वादियों में अजगर से मुलाकात यादगार रही।  
धुंध में अपना चेहरा देखकर अनुभव और गहरा हुआ।



### Je ne sais pas qui je suis

Je ne sais pas qui je suis  
Tu dis que tu sais  
Tu dis que je veux plus de choses matérielles  
Je dis que je ne rieu?

Moi, J'ai envie du soleil,  
J'ai envie du pai,  
J'ai envie de l'amour,  
J'ai envie de la joie.

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By Rohan, IBDP 1

