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CLASS 12 VIVA & PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS: A TEST BEYOND WRITTEN EXAMS

The Viva and Practical assessments for Class 12, for the ISC 2026 Examination at Don Bosco School, Bandel, was a major educational milestone for students across all streams. These assessments were conducted from 6th to 9th of January, 2026, and encompassed practicals and spoken exams for subjects like Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Computer Science, Economics, Sociology, Business Studies, Accounts, Political Science, History, Commerce, and Mathematics.

Contrary to the written examination, the viva involved evaluating the conceptual understanding, confidence, and communication skills of the candidates. The candidates had to arrive at least 45 minutes prior to the examination time. The practical subjects for the Science candidates involved laboratory skills and understanding of projects, while for the Humanities and Commerce candidates it included analytical thinking skills and familiarity with the respective subjects.

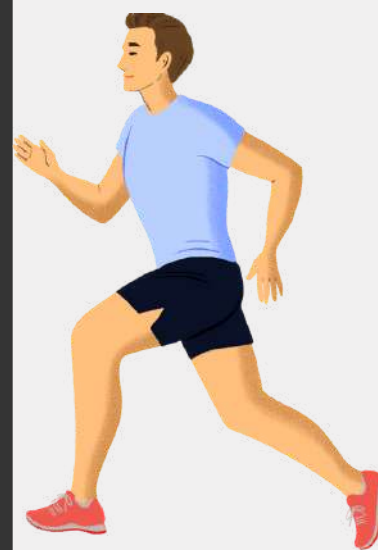
This well-organized timetable gave every student an equal opportunity to perform, with the examiners' presence creating a supportive but professional environment. While the viva session initially caused anxiety to the students, it later turned out to be a great learning experience that improved communication and academic confidence.

The Class 12 Viva and Practical Assessments, in essence, was an important mechanism in preparing students for the upcoming ISC Examinations and further educational and professional levels.





The Active CISCE Programme was conducted in our school to promote physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle among students of classes 6 to 9 and 11. The students of junior section also participated in this event. Various athletic and fitness events were organised with great enthusiasm. The programme included partial curl up, sit and reach test, push ups, 50m and 600m runs to enhance speed and stamina. Students participated actively and displayed sportsmanship and discipline. This event has been envisaged by the CISCE board to encourage regular exercise and highlight the importance of physical well-being in the wake of increase in unhealthy habits and sedentary lifestyle in students.



MODEL UNITED NATIONS

WHAT WE LEARNED

On the 8th of January, 2026, Mr. Suryendu Bhattacharya of MUN (Model United Nations) visited our school to brief the students of Classes 7, 8 and 9 on the MUN workshops, which was organised on the 29th and 30th of January, 2026. The short seminar was conducted in the Senior Section AV Room for the three classes respectively.

The Model United Nations is an educational workshop that simulates international and national decision-making bodies such as the United Nations, the Parliament of India, and various Ad Hoc committees where each student represents a nation or a political party and comments on issues and partakes in discussions relevant to that specific committee.

The workshops were conducted based on three committees:-

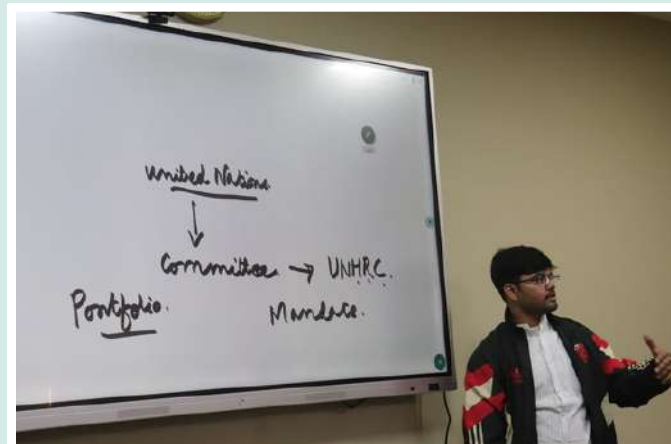
UNHRC (United Nations Human Rights Committee)

AIPPM (All India Political Parties Meet) and Historical Committee

The students were also briefed on the essential elements of a committee:-

- 1) Mandate: the issues in which a committee can indulge itself.
- 2) Portfolio: the country or party which a member represents and speaks from its perspective.
- 3) Agenda: the topic of discussion in the committee.

Overall, this short seminar was really informative as well as enriching. It heralds a new opportunity for our students to discover, develop, and showcase their talents and skills in the upcoming MUNs.



BOSCO CONSILIUM

Once again, Don Bosco School, Bandel successfully organized an event that ignited enthusiasm and intellectual curiosity among the students. Bosco Consilium, an intra-school Model United Nations conference, was held on the 29th and 30th of January, 2026 and proved to be a significant platform for learning and leadership. The conference featured two major committees – the All India Political Parties Meet (AIPPM) and the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) – both of which witnessed intense debate, critical thinking, and disciplined diplomacy.

The AIPPM committee provided students with a realistic understanding of India's parliamentary system, encouraging participants to discuss national issues, present party ideologies and engage in constructive political discourse. Similarly, the UNHRC committee focused on global human rights concerns, allowing delegates to analyse international policies, propose solutions, and develop a deeper awareness of humanitarian responsibilities. These committees were chaired by experienced seniors and ex-students of Don Bosco School, Bandel – Mr. Suryendu Bhattacharya, Mr. Aitareya Mukherjee and Mr. Rudhajit Bose. Their guidance, leadership and constructive feedback enriched the learning experience of all participants.

Throughout the two-day session, students demonstrated commendable confidence, research skills and decorum, making the debates both meaningful and memorable. At the conclusion of the conference, the school recognised several students for their exemplary conduct, enthusiasm and diplomatic skills, expressing strong confidence that such experiences will prepare them to represent delegations with excellence in future academic and professional pursuits.



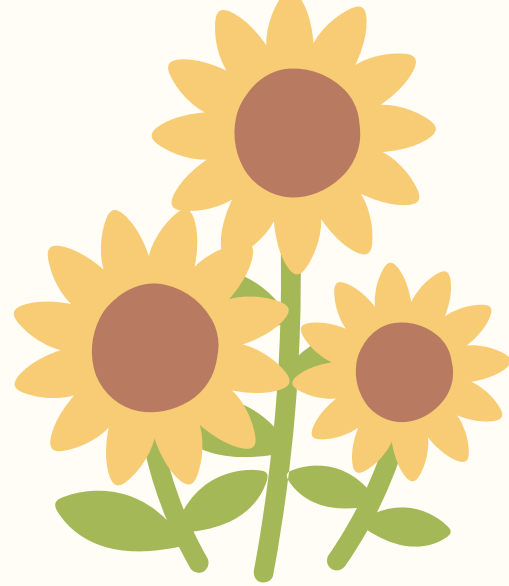


Non-Fire Cooking Activity



The non-fire cooking activity was organised on Tuesday morning, 13th January 2026, in the new assembly hall for students of Class 4, sections A, C and D. The boys participated with great enthusiasm and brought a variety of ingredients from home to prepare different dishes such as jhalmuri, sandwiches, corn chaat, mixed chaat, chicken salad and many others. They were instructed to carry newspapers, aprons, spoons, forks, paper plates and tissue paper for proper arrangement and hygiene. The activity encouraged creativity, independence and teamwork among the students and they thoroughly enjoyed preparing the food on their own. At the end of the programme, the boys were delighted to present their dishes to Father Rector and the teachers for tasting, making the event a memorable and enriching experience for all.

POSTER MAKING COMPETITION



A poster-making competition was held on 13th January, 2026. The competition was organized by the social service group on the topic 'Safe drive, Save life', on the occasion of the National Road Safety Week. The main objective of the competition was to spread awareness among the students by highlighting the importance of road safety and following traffic rules.



CELEBRATING NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY MONTH

The Leadership Training Services Group of Don Bosco School, Bandel organised a special morning assembly on the importance of traffic safety on 14th January, as part of the observance of National Road Safety Month, which is observed every year in January. The programme was conducted with the aim of creating awareness among students about the need for discipline and responsibility while using roads. It highlighted the importance of safety on roads so that each one of us can return back home to our near and dear ones in good health. The assembly included a brief address highlighting common traffic rules, road signs, and safe behaviour for pedestrians and commuters. Students were encouraged to follow traffic regulations not only for their own safety but also for the safety of others. Separate traffic safety pledges were organised for the junior and senior sections on 27th and 28th January, keeping in mind their age and understanding. The event helped instill a sense of responsibility and civic awareness among the students and concluded with a reminder to practise road safety in daily life



PATRIOTISM IN LITTLE STROKES

On 22nd January 2026, our Kindergarten students celebrated Republic Day with great patriotic fervor and creativity. Dressed beautifully in traditional attire, the children participated in a “My India” Drawing and Colouring Activity, where they used pencils and crayons to bring national symbols like the Tiranga, lotus and tiger to life on paper. This joyful session allowed our youngest learners to express their love for the country while building early awareness of India’s rich heritage in a colorful and age-appropriate way.



Cub Investiture



On January 26, 2026, Don Bosco School, Bandel, not only celebrated Republic Day, but also the formal Investiture of its newest Cubs. The young recruits took the Cub Promise and were officially "scarfed" by Reverend Father Rector and Reverend Father Principal, pledging to "Do Their Best" in service to God and country. This solemn ceremony, rooted in Salesian values and Scout discipline, successfully inducted a new generation into a journey of leadership and character.



Educational excursions and class picnics



Every scholastic year, Don Bosco School, Bandel, organizes educational trips and excursions for the students to awaken their curiosity, extend their knowledge and their all round development. For the scholastic year 2025-26, January was the month that witnessed such excursions carried out extensively. Students were taken to various places to experience a day of exploration, learning as well as recreation. Given below is a short synopsis of these outings:

The students of Class 4 visited BITM Kolkata on 16th January, 2026, to develop in them a scientific outlook.

Class 5 and Class 8 were taken on an educational visit to the Science City, Kolkata, on 16th January, 2026, to foster a scientific understanding in the students.

Class 6 undertook an educational trip to the French Museum, the French Cemetery, the Sacred Heart Church and Saint Joseph's Chapel on 22nd January, 2026. This visit aimed at developing a holistic approach in students and reflect on the rich heritage of Chandannagar.

Class 7, Sections A & B on 15th January and Section C and D on 16th January, 2026, visited the Sarada Mandir at Kamdempur and Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Chinsurah. This undertaking proved instrumental in creating in the students an awareness about the significance of spirituality as well as instill in them an interest in different aspects of farming.


Class 9 participated in an educational visit to BITM, Kolkata, on 9th January, 2026, to nurture a spirit of scientific enquiry within students.

Last but not the least, Class 11 visited the Cheshire Home located at Serampore on 28th January, 2026, to instill in students a sense of community service and social responsibility.

The younger students of our school also joined in the excitement by participating in the School Picnics:

KG and Class 3 had their picnics inside the school campus on 16th January, 2026.

And finally, Classes 1 and 2 had their picnic inside the school campus on 17th January, 2026.





Educational Trip to NIBMG, Kalyani

The students of the Biology section of Class 12 took an educational field trip to the National Institute of Bio-Medical Genomics, situated in Kalyani, a one-of-its-kind institution dedicated solely to the purpose of furthering research in organismic genomics and bioinformatics while simultaneously adapting the garnered insights so as to improve public health strategies.

Standing as a leading monument in the field of research which supports the widespread and necessary aspects of medicine in India, the students had the rare privilege of observing, interacting and conversing with professors specializing in unique distinctions in their domains of research as well as the postgraduate and doctoral students assisting them.

The day was marked by immaculate exposure and awe-inspiring information, as we went about, taking in the heightened conceptions of various aspects of genetics, such as genetic disorders, human evolution and forensic sciences, as part of the Genomics Lab, in addition to viewing the machinery and apparatus availed on a regular basis to make such discoveries possible.

All in all, the day was truly an inspiration, suffused with the warmth and passion with which the dedicated individuals shared aspects of their incredible work with us, highlighting the true significance of pioneering research in the sciences which makes the external manifestations of medicine and health, which we rely on, a reality.



77 Years of Tricolour Glory: Republic Day 2026

On 26th January 2026, our school celebrated the 77th Republic Day with great respect and patriotic spirit. The programme began with the melodious singing of “Vande Mataram” by Sir Agniv Chakraborty. This was followed by the warm welcome of Father Rector by the Scouts group. Soon after, the National Flag was unfurled, and everyone stood proudly for the National Anthem. A disciplined parade by the Scouts group added grace and harmony to the celebration. Father Rector delivered a thought-provoking and inspiring speech, reminding us of our duties as responsible citizens. The junior section boys presented a beautiful group dance on “Maa Tujhe Salaam.” The programme also included a recitation by Sir Suryadip Mukherjee, patriotic songs by boys of both sections, and a captivating act on the theme “Bharat Ek Khoj.” The celebration concluded with the encouraging words of Father Principal, inspiring us to be responsible citizens of India.



Feast of St. John Bosco



On the 31st of January, 2026, Don Bosco School, Bandel, solemnly celebrated the Feast of St. John Bosco, the founder-father of the Salesian congregation, with deep reverence and joy. This auspicious occasion commemorates the day on which we pay homage to the great soul and reflect upon the spiritual legacy of St. Don Bosco.

The day began with a solemn eucharistic celebration attended by the Catholic community, the school staff and christian students, as well as the ex-teachers of this revered institution. The Feast is observed not only by the Bandel Basilica and its vicinity but also across 135 countries worldwide, highlighting its universal importance. The celebration concluded with refreshments for the students and a fellowship breakfast organised for the teachers and staff of Don Bosco School, Bandel.

FROM TINY STEPS TO BIG DREAMS: A TEACHER WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER

Don Bosco School, Bandel bid a hearty farewell to Ma'am Rupa Dey Mukherjee, who retired on 22nd January, 2026. Appointed as one of the first teachers of the primary section in 2008, Ma'am has always been one of its cornerstones, making invaluable contributions throughout her 18 years of dedicated service.

Ma'am Rupa Dey Mukherjee will always be remembered for her warm demeanour and cheerful spirit, as well as her industrious work for the development of the young students. Her farewell programme centred on musical and dance performances, celebrating her creativity and contributions to this institution. She was felicitated with tokens of love and gratitude by the teaching and the supporting staff of the school. The school appreciates and remains indebted to her for her dedication and steadfast service and extends best wishes for her new phase of life after retirement.



Bidding Adieu to the Class of 2026



On 27th of January, 2026, we bid a heartfelt farewell to the outgoing batch of ISC-2026. A short yet memorable programme was organised on this occasion.

The ISC-2026 batch was cordially welcomed with a bouquet of flowers. The ceremony commenced with a warm and inspiring welcome address by Mr. Tamojit Chatterjee, the coordinator of the Senior Section. This was followed by the lighting of the lamp by Reverend Father Rector, Mrs. Sumana Roy - the Junior section coordinator, Mr. Tamojit Chatterjee and Aarav Tiwari, the student representative. The solemn occasion was enriched by a soulful rendition by the students of class XI. This was followed by readings from the holy scriptures – the Holy Bible, the Bhagavad Gita, the Quran and the Guru Granth Sahib.

Father Rector then addressed the students of Class XII and offered them his blessings and words of guidance. Subsequently, some student representatives of class XII also shared their thoughts and memories about this institution and expressed their gratitude. Each of them was felicitated with an 'uttoriyo', a memento and a candle. A melodious song was presented by the teachers of the Senior as well as the Junior sections. Finally, Rev. Father Principal shared his words of wisdom and encouragement with the outgoing students, offering his best wishes for their future endeavours.

The programme concluded with the class XII students lighting the candles they received and singing the hymn to St. Don Bosco.

The farewell ceremony was a poignant and memorable occasion for all. It provided an opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation and admiration for the outgoing batch, whose presence has enriched the school over the years. The occasion reminded us of the values, discipline and the spirit of unity that this institution instills in every student. These values will continue to guide them in the years ahead. As they step into a new phase of their life, the institution wishes them success and happiness in all their future endeavours.

69th West Bengal State School Games 2025 in Cricket



Agniv Hui of Class 8D had participated in the 69th West Bengal State School Games 2025 in Cricket at Asansol from 12th-16th December. He Secured the 3rd Position

The SIP Abacus Prodigy Performer Award in Kolkata



**The SIP Abacus Prodigy Performer
Award in Kolkata**

**Tanzeed Parvej Khan - 5A
Congratulations! Keep it up!**

BENGALI RECITATION COMPETITION



On 10th January 2026, Bengali recitation competition was organized by Hooghly Branch Govt. School Ex-Students Association.

Sashya Paul of Class 8B secured the 2nd position and Aharshi Goswami of Class 7A had secured the 3rd Position.



CONNECTECH 2026



UEM Kolkata

10th January 2026



Our students participated in ConneCTech 2026, organized by the University of Engineering & Management, Kolkata, and delivered an outstanding performance.



TECH ART

Shauryya Rakshit
from **Class 8B**, secured the
4th position



Jaithro Adhikary
from **Class 8C**, won the **3rd position** and a prize of **₹3,000**

CURIOSITY

Shivesh Sharma
from **Class 9B** earned
an impressive **6th position**





NIRMANA

Nawol Kishor Sinha
and
Sayujya Mukherjee

from **11C**, both bagged
the **4th position** together

BIO-BRILLIANCE

Ankan Ghosh
from **11C**, dazzled with **2nd**
position and a prize of **₹4,000**



PYTHAGORAS PRO

Iman Dutta

from **Class 11D** proudly
claimed the **6th position**

PYTHAGORAS STARS



Pratyay Dholay
from **Class 9D** took the
6th position



Arya Banerjee
from **Class 10B** secured
4th position

RUNNER'S UP



Heartiest congratulations to our Don Bosco boys for achieving the 2nd position at ConneCTech 2026. Their hard work, determination, and outstanding talent helped them stand out and earn this well-deserved achievement.

**Congratulations to all winners
& participants!**

SCIENCE FEST & QUIZ COMPETITION

On 11th January 2026, Paschim Banga Vigyan Mancha, Baidyabati Kendra organised Science Fest and Quiz Competition.



**In the Science Model
Exhibition Category:**

**Aarjav Das, Swamantak Saha
and Satya Subham Das of Class
8D secured 1st position.**





In the Quiz Competition:

*Aarjav Das and Swamantak
Saha of Class 8D secured 1st
position*

Congratulations! Well done!

Shooter's Victory



The school proudly congratulates Aaditya Raj Sen of Class VII A on qualifying for the National-level 10-metre Air Rifle Shooting Competition, held at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, from 8th December, 2025 to 5th January, 2026. This commendable achievement reflects his dedication, discipline and sporting excellence. Aaditya will now compete in the selection matches for the Indian Air Rifle Shooting Team, and we wish him every success as he moves closer to representing the school and the state.



RECITATION & EXTEMPORE

Interschool Competition Chinsurah Deshbandhu School



We are proud to announce that **Sashya Paul** of **class 8B** has secured the **3rd position in Extempore** and the **1st position in Recitation** in the Interschool Recitation and Extempore competition organised by the Chinsurah Deshbandhu School.

Little Stars, Big Achievements



We are proud to share the wonderful achievements of our students. **Arnesh Mitra** emerged as the class topper in the IEO SOF Olympiad. **Asmit Paul** secured the 1st position in Bengali Recitation. **Souhardya Chatterjee** and **Shankharaj Chakraborty** also delivered remarkable performances in the SOF Olympiad. **Akshit Prasad** of Class 1B showcased a noteworthy performance in SIP Abacus. Adding to these proud moments, **Ryan Chatterjee** secured the 1st position at the State-level Taekwondo Championship. Heartiest congratulations to all our achievers!

Annual District Training Camp

The Scouts Group of Don Bosco Bandel got the opportunity of participating in the 4th edition of the Annual District Training Camp from 10th to 12th January, 2026. This camp was held at the Hindmotor Education Center, Hindmotor. Nine schools participated in this camp to showcase their excellence in different fields of scouting, ushered by their scout-masters.

The event included Subject-related Sessions, Inspections, and various group activities. The students also got the privilege of experiencing the Campfire in which they showed their different skills like singing, dancing, acting etc. More than just a getaway, the camp broadened the students' horizons in knowledge, activities and social intelligence.



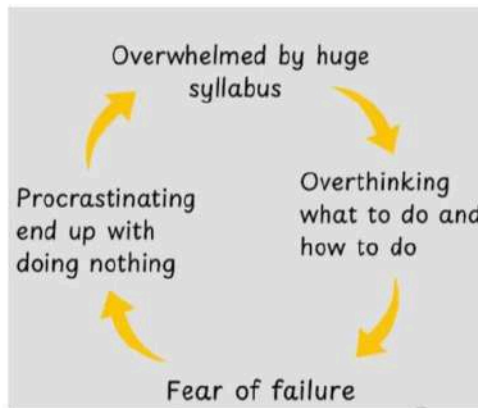
YOUTH BIBLE CONVENTION

The Christian students from classes 9 to 11, had participated in a Youth Bible Convention (Zoe) , held at Don Bosco School, Park Circus, from 16 to 18th January, 2026. The event was conducted by Fr. Daniel Poovannathil and his team. This event was attended by students from various schools and the representatives from other missionary and religious institutions. Interactive sessions based on various biblical and faith-related topics, sharing of personal spiritual experiences by the resource team members, adorations, eucharistic celebrations, worship songs and prayers etc. added to the joyful spiritual experience of all the attendees. The three-day convention was informative as well as inspiring, helping students to renew their faith, know more about the Holy Bible and develop a spiritual outlook. Overall, it was a blissful and spiritually enriching experience for all students.



DEAR STUDENTS OF CLASSES 10 & 12,

Are you caught in this vicious cycle?



THEN THIS IS WHAT YOUR TEACHERS SUGGEST YOU

1. Break your syllabus into tiny wins.
2. Just start with the easiest chapter or the chapter you like. Once you start, the mind settles.
3. You don't need perfection—you need clarity and practice. ISC & ICSE exams reward:
 - Neat presentation
 - Clear points
 - Diagrams, keywords, headings
4. Use the 25-minute rule – take a break of 5 minutes after every 25 minutes.
5. Practice 2–3 answers daily in proper board format.
6. Revise maps/diagrams regularly (Geography, Biology).
7. Revise using PYQs) – they reduce fear of the unknown.
8. Make 1-page revision sheets for definitions, differences, formulae.
9. Turn the loop into a positive cycle - Small task done → Confidence → Motivation → More work done .

PROGRESS, NOT PERFECTION, IS WHAT CLEARS ICSE/ISC EXAMS.

DON'T WAIT FOR MOTIVATION. START SMALL – MOTIVATION FOLLOWS ACTION.

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