the yearbook
of the graduating
batch of 2017

LIGHTHOUSES



As we look back on a journey – a journey that started out with hesitant, tentative steps, many of you chose your path out of fear disguised as practicality. Fear of what others would think of you, fear of failure and fear of not knowing what's next masked what you really wanted because it seemed impossible to accept and out of reach. So you never took the risk to even ask. But when the advice to push through one's fears was taken up as a whole grade in the form of mini challenges you discovered that on the other side of fear was love, courage and the exploration of what you were meant to be.

We see just how far you young boys and girls have progressed. It has been an honour and a privilege being part of your journey. One which has been imbued with wonderful memories, where everybody stands for each other, elevates each other, respects each other's values and accepts one another for who they are. This along with a great sense of humour. You've worked meticulously to bring smiles on the faces of the needy and the homeless, to cancer patients and the grandpas and grandmas and in your spare time you cobble your own shoes.

Suffice to say, I believe that the majority of you strove to work to your potential, aimed high, set goals and for the most part, not only achieved them, but surpassed them. The most striking difference I see in this bunch of students is: "While a lot of students dream big and get lost busy dreaming big, this bunch of really happy, interesting, engaged, powerful students get busy doing and living their dream."

While some things will change and rightly so — the core fundamentals in your lives will remain the same. Everything might change and it is inevitable but I am sure what will not change is your value system, your work ethics and most importantly: empathy that you will carry as a legacy of Riverside. It is these qualities that have guided you and will continue to guide you further on your journey.

Achievements may fade or even be forgotten, applause may become a distant memory, certificates and medals may gather dust on a shelf or in a drawer. But, you will always be remembered for caring enough, for helping someone, for making someone feel special and appreciated and for being the kind of person that others enjoy spending time with.

Your life is a remarkable occasion - I have no doubt that you will rise to it!

My first batch of students...... The batch of 2017. They stand taller than me today. The class has come to an end of their 15 year school journey and though it has been a rollercoaster ride at times, they have emerged as bright shining lighthouses by the end. This end, however, is just a beginning. I will miss them. Because they've been my reason for coming to school for my initial years. Also, they're all lovable people and bring so many flavors with them everyday to school.

Shaina, Mudita and sejal's spunky dressing,
Yamini, Vasu and Arshia's stately mannerism,
Shrey and Rahil's passion for cricket
Rahul's design thinking
Chahna and Tamanna's sibling care,
Neeraj, Adi and Chinar's words of wisdom
Tiraz and Kamakshi's compassion
Jwalin and Rohil's crazy passion for football and
Kshitij and Ruhaans calm and dedicated expert football coaching.

Together, they form a unique amalgamation of personalities which is, admittedly, a little messy but absolutely beautiful as a whole. Each class was like a stroke of the paintbrush, and now they have finally completed the painting, and it takes your breath away.

It wasn't always like this. No class passes out without facing any challenges and encountering struggle. They had their fair share of challenges. With such extreme and diverse personalities, they had problems coming together as a class, reaching to a consensus could be a real issue. We are no strangers to that problem. I believe that every class faces that problem and every class has their own unique way to solve that problem. They have done the masterchef challenge and before their midterm exam, have come together to sing 'Breathless', built a maze upside down on the staircase. That's what these young scholars did. Now, as they leave, they leave making Riverside a better place. They leave a legacy of passion, commitment and dedication for persistence and sports. These 20 lighthouses are brimming with confidence and Ready to face all the cards that life deals them, through all the opportunities of growth. Every student in this class is special with each of them having their own identity, their own approach and finally, their own way to add happiness to a place always buzzing.

Arshia and I have started interacting with each other from grade 9, and since then have never really left each other's back. She always seemed to me as a shy and introvert girl but she has always surprised us with little things. I am so fortunate to get a friend like Arshia because she has been of great support and an amazing listener.

-Mudita Motwani





ARSHIA

She is gentle, yet tough. Her eyes reflect shyness but her personality, with a streak of adventure and boldness. She is a beautiful Paradox. Arshia is full of talent and yet so grounded. Though the fashion police might want to take a few tips from her, she dresses to express and not to impress. She doesn't do fashion, rather she is fashion personified. This girl, who once used to hide under her little shell, scared of the world, now stands tall exuding confidence.



One thing I admire about Arshia is she never complains; she took whatever she got in her stride, with an open mind and was a support to me in the class as well as in Persistence. Her perseverance is commendable both in academics and other parts of life. When I think of Arshia, I will always remember her sweet, comforting smile, her diligence and her affability.

-Sarrah Ma'am

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AKHA



love story







mughlai cusine

The number of memories I've had in Riverside exceed the number of selfies I've taken in my life!

She has been my support system throughout the years and I can't thank her enough for being there. She has been through my happy times and weak times, and has lived every moment with me. No other person can possible take her place, and I don't want anyone to either.

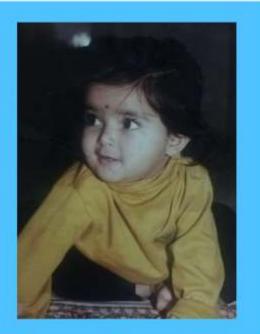
-Tamanna Baksani





CHAHNA

Everyone needs comforting from time to time and this class has been lucky enough to have The Comforter within itself. She is a package filled with so much love and optimism, that she has not only changed her own story but helped elevate the entire class. A lot of friendships in this class owe their roots to her. And though she has been the softest cushion we can fall back upon she is someone who has a rock solid core. She is determined to do whatever it takes to achieve her goal. Chahna's work is an inspiration in itself as it oozes dedication and genuineness.



Chahna has immense potential. Her diligence and will to succeed is showcased in her immense growth in the last four years. I just wish that she realised it sometimes. That girl is going places. I know it.

-Yamini Mehra

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chinese cusine

"Taking the credit for your sugar dreams since '99"





Chinar is one of the most selfless
people I know. He has a hard time
saying no to people because his instinct
is just to say yes. He has done so much
for me personally and for our entire
class, sometimes without even being
asked to and I know that wherever he
goes, his selflessness will go with him.

- Yamini Mehra





CHINAR

Chinar started his journey in Riverside from 2013, and has shown his bright colours of talent from singing to making the most innovative launcher in the Science Day. It is great to see how he has grown through the journey and has become a person who cheers not only his squad but each and every other team in Sports Day. The greatest memory that we could keep was Chinar singing for us on Navratri! He is a bundle of energy and excitement! Chinar has given back much to the community by his enthusiasm in persistence. It is always a great time being with him and enjoying his sense of humour. He is our very own Fixer.



Chinar has been more than a normal batch mate to me. He's been my support system and has always held me hand to help me during all of my tough times. From cracking the worst jokes to singing the best songs - I've done it all with him. I'd like to thank him for being him - cheerful, carefree and joyous.

- Chahna Baksani









punjabi cusine

The guy who came with no choice, is leaving with a voice.





Jwalin is technically sound, with panache and politeness, that is both elegant and nifty, though can veer towards laziness at times. Super quick, a bundle of energy, he's tricky, direct, vivacious and, for such a slight lad, pretty good in sports too.

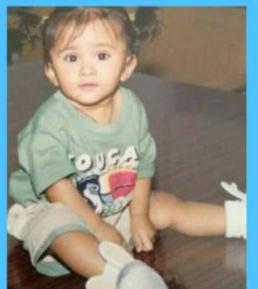
- Amit Dixit





JWALIN

As the 'jwala' in his name suggests, his presence can 'light' up any place and make people feel warm and comfortable. His ability to make anyone feel at ease comes from his inner confidence. And don't let his quietness fool you! He is quite the Pied Piper. He is a prankster of the first degree and loves to crack jokes. Apart from all this Jwalin is also a very good friend who is always there for any one who needs help, and today he graduates with a perfect combination of fearlessness and genuinity.



I'll always remember how you managed to get the whole key stage comes for the football match. You knew how much it meant to me and you made sure I understood that it was important for you. Thank you for being THAT person. Thank you for choosing to stand by me during my lows and never leaving. I truly believe that you're a wonderful person and an even better friend. You're genuine, caring, trustworthy, and ridiculously fun.

-Sejal Parulkaar











Keep Up. Stay Humble

-Jwalin Patel

She has always been a great friend, who is open to helping me out and will never say no for doing so. Her courageous attitude and her sweet smile can lighten up one's day. I can always joke around with her and just have fun. She is the future CA of our class.

- Arshia Lakhani





KAMAKSHI K

You'll spot this individual anywhere and everywhere, be it organizing a workshop or representing the school, giving sound advice to her friends or promptly showing up for Persistence. She is a young, Proactive leader, who believes that opportunities help her grow and learn something new about herself each time. She will always stand by what is right and be strong enough to put forth her point of view. Kamakshi personifies diligence and reliability everyday..



You're sincere and have grown to be fearless. However, your ability to forgive and forget is incredible. This also shows when you are the first person to notice if someone is troubled or sad. And despite your relationship with the person, you'll always be there for them. People can count on you for being there. I say this with experience. We've had our ups and downs but you've let it go and been there for me. I don't think I've ever thanked you enough for it but I want you to know that it meant a lot and I'll always remember it.

- Sejal Parulkar

HANDELWAL













"she was there when no one was" - attendance register

-Kamakshi Khandelwal

Kshitij and I have known each other for almost fifteen years and have been good friends throughout, but in the last two years we became really close. In these last two years we've spent a lot of time, and listened to a lot of music together. I will really miss him, especially being in the Avanti classes with him asking me for torrents.

- Rahil Shah





KSHITIJ

To keep calm in the face of adversity and maintain understanding is the burden of the Faithkeeper, which this individual has borne with grace and dignity. Miracles do not produce faith, but strong faith is developed by obedience and righteousness. Kshitij Sharma has the perfect combination of empathy, strength and persistence which enables him to carry forward this role truthfully.



Over the years, Kshitij and I have become really good friends and the one thing that strikes me the most about him is his willingness to make you a better person. Be it pushing me to come to HEAL every Saturday, helping me out with concepts that I absolutely don't understand, and most importantly, being there for me no matter what. Especially in the last year, he has been a constant source of support for me and I'm glad to have a friend like him.

- Neeraj Asnani

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SHARMA





flatland







If not now, then when?" - Kiran Sethi





She is this bundle of happiness
who will not be lazy or
uninterested. She is very
determined in what she does and
is equally caring. Even though
she might have her close friends,
she is one girl that gets along
with everyone in the class. Her
lively and carefree attitude
makes people want to be in her
company.

- Kshitij Sharma





MUDITAN

In the increasingly dangerous jungle that we live in, to dare to forge a path of one's own is no small feat. When everyone expects a certain way of life and thinking, this one individual has managed to fearlessly break those shackles, embrace her self for who she is and not let herself be bogged down by other's opinions. And all of this make her the rightful owner of the title Ms. Possibilator. Her bubbly and cheerful persona make her a much needed role model and coupled with her greed to grab every opportunity, she truly is a diva in her own sense. It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you one of my favorite seniors and good friend – Mudita Motwani. Remember the name, because she's definitely going places!



The kabbadi champ who picks people up off the ground on the sports field and as a friend in times of need. She is one you can bank on for frank feedback with a positive outlook. Exuding confidence and with an exuberance that is contagious she elevates the mood by her presence. Things always "look up" when you are around her literally and figuratively.

- Joshua Sir

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It's the little things in life, that matter the most. Now you know why I'm Important.

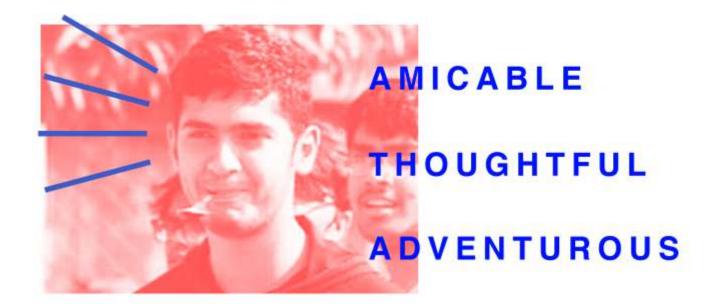




We have been best friends since the 9th grade and he has always supported me in my times of distress. Whatever he says, whatever he has been advising for, it has always gone on to help me. He is my perfect role model in class as far as showing character is concerned after everything that he has gone through. He will always be there no matter what.

- Rohil Khakkar





NEERAJ

The individual I am going to introduce is one of my best friends, a person of great integrity and an amazing sense of humour. He possesses in him extraordinary strength, great intellect and a child's heart. I have never seen him angry or bothered by the pressure and he doesn't care for trivial things. He always maintains his cool even in hard times; he never gives up. Easy to talk to, he oozes comfort which makes him the apt suitor of the title of The Anchor.



A chilled out guy that is very adaptable around with friends. He puts in everything when it comes around to what he is passionate about, and he will be there to help if you ask. He is a silent, organised and efficient worker. He is gifted with a brain to conceive academic topics with simplicity and logic.

- Kshitij Sharma











paneer tikka

"I didn't choose the thug life, the thug life also didn't choose me.

I have come to know you much more during the time we had in Avanti. I still remember the time when we had the 3am tour around the school. An adventure seeker at the heart, you have always made sure to bring everyone together for any challenge, and your inclusive nature makes everyone feel comforted.

- Ruhaan Zamindar





RAHL

The Synthesizer is a person who provides clear and actionable insights, ideas and strategies that help everyone to solves their problems and work together. A synthesizer strengthens bonds and brings everyone closer. This person is reliable and the rightful owner of the title of being The Synthesizer.



A guy that shows and does what he believes in and doesn't try to be someone else. Behind that strong personality is a caring person that places lots of importance in relations with other people. A great guy to joke around with, even though he has a temper. He wants the best for everyone, from everyone.

- Kshitij Sharma











punjabi cusine

"To see victory only when it is within the ken of the common herd is not callence." -Sun Tzu



ARSHIA LAKHANI



CHAHNA BAKSANI



CHINAR BAJAJ



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KAMAKSHI KHANDELWAL



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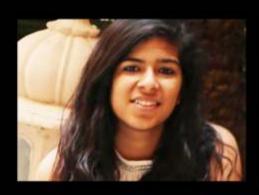
SEJAL PARULKAR



SHAINA NAGPAL



SHREY SHAH



TAMANNA BAKSANI



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YAMINI MEHRA

You were the first person that I met when I came to Riverside. We have been together on so many occasions, be it learning guitar in grade 6, or learning how to knit in grade 7, or even going for a run till the end of the salt lake in Kutch. I have seen you grow through the years, and all this time you've stuck with me no matter what and I appreciate that the most.

- Ruhaan Zamindar

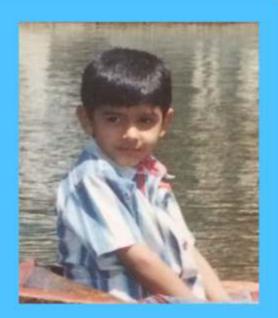




RAHUL

A spark is usually all that is needed to get the greatest of minds going.

Rahul, The Sparkplug can bring along with him the most interesting form of energy, sparking happiness and uplifting the mood in the group. His positivity is contagious and he can see the light at the end of a tunnel however dark and long. His fiery sparks not just weld and get something going but also spread the energy like wild fire, inspiring everyone around him to burn with passion and compassion.



I've gotten to know a lot about Rahul in the last year where we gave the SATs, sent applications, and wrote essays together. While I'd always known him as a hilarious outgoing badass, I also got to know him as a caring, and supportive individual. His ability to look beyond the outer covering of people is something I've always appreciated, and the fact that he is able to stand for his beliefs makes me have immense respect for him.

- Neeraj Asnani













indian cusine

Thank you Kkkkkiran ma'am' Rahul, neam toh suna hi hoga

When I joined school, I remember Rohil as a shy boy who was not with the class, but always with himself, with a very small group of friends. But over the years the change he brought in himself was remarkable to see. Today when I see him, I do not see a shy boy, instead I see a person with great calibre and someone who is not afraid to achieve the goal he sets for himself.

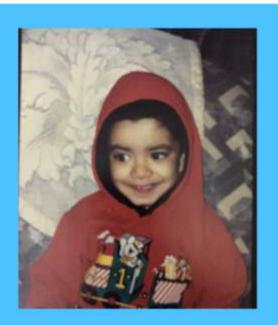
- Tiraz C





ROHILK

Martin Luther King Junior once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is 'What are you doing for others?" This student is someone who has been seen supporting his classmates through the years. He has never broken the trust of his parents, teachers or his peers. His actions have never and surely will never hurt or put someone down. And this makes Rohil Khakhar the real Humanist. Ever mindful of his actions and always having a positive and forgiving mindset, Rohil has been a true asset to his classmates and the school.



Rohil was always shy and an introvert, but in the last three years he has really opened a lot and presented the best version of him. There have been a few hiccups in our relationship, but we've overcome them and become good friends. We've also eaten a lot of ice cream, and played football and cricket together. I will miss his dance and will remember the sixes he's hit on my bowling.

- Rahil Shah

HAKKAR











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chicken tikka

I lead my way, and love to

- Rohil Khakkar

This guy's level of patience is way too high, and being a best friend I can probably say that he is the one trustworthy person in the class. Also, Ruhaan is like a silent killer; he will usually take a back seat, but when he comes forward, he roars like a lion.

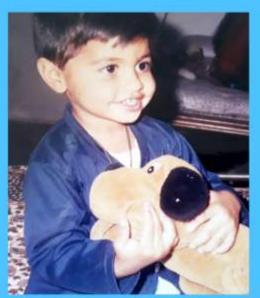
- Shrey Shah





RUHAANZ

This class has had the pleasure of having amongst them someone who understands and can share feelings, An Empathist. He will be there with you during thick and thin, and won't give up either on you or the situation. With a perfect combination of persistence and diligence, he has grown into an active yet calm citizen leader. This gentleman, is Ruhaan Zamindar. His morals and the will to follow the right path makes him a man of his words. He's fun yet focused along with being the most inspirational example of being a beautiful human being inside and out.



It has been 6 years since Ruhaan and I have been the best of friends. I have seen him grow into a much more open and confident person. He has always been there with me through my every thick and thin, and the fact that he never judged me makes me believe in myself. I want to thank him for all he has done for me.

- Mudita Motwani

MINDAR











dahi sev puri

It Ain't How Hard You Hit...
Get Hit and Keep Moving Forward





Sejal is an immensely passionate person, radiating an aura of joy and positivity wherever she goes. She lives life for the moment and never does she not have a reason to laugh about something. The most peculiar thing about her eccentric laughter is that it is contagious and maybe its the reason why those around her will also be found happy and laughing. Her innocence is her strength.

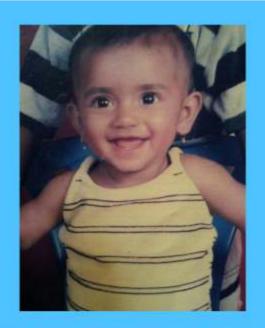
-Shaina Nagpal





SEJAL PA

This individual is an extra large packet of energy! She is a book, each page of which is enriched with a new adventure, a new learning, a new dhamaka! And this is possible only because of her right attitude and her trustworthy and fearless actions. She is aptly named Ms. Acttitude. Sensitive, bold and ambitious, she is a perfect blend of passion and compassion.



There aren't many like her. Her persona, her smile, her presence, her support, she will come into your life like a comet; lighting it up for years to come. I've been very lucky to have gotten to know her, as she inspires me every singe day. She never lets her desires to lead her away from what's right. When you are a beautiful person on the inside, there isn't much in the world that can change that.

-Jwalin Patel



RULKAR









fish fingers

Its not what I am underneath. but what I eat that defines me.

I will never forget that she came down to my house, leaving all her work; just to make sure I was okay. It speaks volumes about how great a friend she is. Even though she is 17, she's truly a child at heart. Shaina is adorable and its always fun when she is around. One thing I admire about her is that she is very strong- emotionally, physically and cognitively - and she doesn't fear judgement. Thank you for being my family and the one I can trust with my life.

-Sejal Parulkar





SHAINA

Imagine a 17 year old, being mature enough to be able to keep the cynicism in check. Imagine a 17 year old who is able to equally love and give time to her friends and family. Imagine a 17 year old who does not forget to love others around and most importantly love one's own self. This young girl has been shattering teenage stereotypes with her innocence and naughtiness. She has had the courage to re-imagine herself and hence she is The Imaginista – Shaina Nagpal. Her affectionate and kind nature makes her a magnetic person who ensure everyone is involved and an important part of anything being done.



Shaina can be a joy to be around. From whispering in an awkwardly loud tone to sharing subtle jokes just by looking at each other. She is an amazing person. She is extremely understanding and supporting; helping people out without any self interest. There aren't many like her. You'll be very lucky to encounter a friend who's always up for a laugh and one who'll never leave your side even if you leave her's.

- Jwalin Patel

GPA













It feels good to be a Gangsta';

-Shaina Nagpal

Shrey joined school in Grade 4 and at time we weren't great friends and barely talked to each other. But, since Grade 11 we've become best friends and shared a lot with each other, from food to secrets. We have also spent a lot of time together in classes, persistence, and on activa rides and in Karnavati. I will really miss the activa rides and eating street food with him.

-Rahil Shah





SHREY

"It takes a great deal of courage to stand up to our enemies, but a great deal more to stand up to our friends," said Dumbledore. Shrey is one of those people, who will stand up for what is right - come what may! He has never let anything come in the way of his strong virtues and morals. An amalgamation of a rock steady character and an amiable personality helps him bond well with everyone and empathize with people from all walks of life. This man is someone whom you can always rely upon, be it to lift your spirits or share your problems. Entrust yourself to him, and he will not let you down.



Shrey's journey in Riverside has been so much to witness. From a boy who just joined from DPS, to today, a man who holds himself with great confidence and pride. The environment of Riverside was completely new to him when he joined, but he always adapted and grew. When he is with his friends in school, and outside he is a completely different person. This is what I love about him - his ability to be in the moment and gel in effortlessly.

-Tiraz Commessariat

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succes<mark>s</mark> vs. joy



punjabi cusine

"To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people

just exist" Oscar Wilde









A very fun and caring person to be around. My dance partner almost always! One interesting fact about her is that she is way too emotional. Also, she will never ever let you down or make you feel sad because of her.

Shrey Shah





TAMANNA

Out of all the traits we cherish the most, fearlessness is probably one that is quite rare. Today, we have amongst us a girl who has, over the years, learnt to live in the moment and that too without the fear of being judged. This gives her the unique power to not judge others and remain their true friend through thick and thin. She is a true-blue friend and her happiness is infectious. Lady Loyal can make you smile the same as she can start you grooving to music!



Tamanna has been my best friend since I was little and there's no one who would give me more support, help and love more than her. She's seen me during the worst of my moods and the best of my moods, and still not judged me for any of them. I'd like to thank her for being so close and special to me, because there's no one who has or could possibly take her place.

- Chahna Baksani

BAKSANI











chinese cusine Some times you've just got to throw on a leather jacket and remind them on who they're dealing with.

Actions speak louder than words.

Tiraz is a man who wears his heart on his sleeve. His empathy and compassion are visible through his demeanor. The gentle giant who stands up for what is right; encourages the weak and supports the team. He is my go-to man for anything and especially making bets which involve ganache at the end.

- Joshua Ferro





TIRAZ COM

To steer a boat, protect its crew, sail through the strongest of gales and guide it safely to the shore is quite a task. And there is only one person who can do it all and he is none other than our very own Captain Navigator, Tiraz! He is an ever-ready comrade who welcomes change and stays strong irrespective of the challenge ahead. Tiraz holds the class-crew together through the roughest of storms. His kindness is a language in itself, and his compass always points towards progress and the land of hearty smiles.



I've built a stronger bond with him in the last year, and one thing that stands out about him is that he'll be there for anyone and everyone without holding any grudges. He will just be there without any questions. An individual like him is hard to find in a world where everyone is just concerned about themselves. I am glad I got to know him better.

-Tamanna Baksani

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ESSARIAT









fried rice

"be a dikra in a class full of bakas."





Vasu and I have been best friends for a very long time and he's always been there with me through thick and thin. We've cherished all the times we've spent together and made a lot of memories in these years that we'll never forget. I will really miss him and the irritating noises that he makes.

- Rahil Shah





V A S U

Every day, at every stage of our life we face challenges, crosswinds that attempt to deter us from our path. It is in times like these where one must learn to adapt and grow; thus learning from the moment, and taking along with one, skills and attitudes, to become a better person. This young man shows everyone how to make every challenge an opportunity, to make every problem a chance to learn. Over his many years at Riverside, he has outgrown his mischievous side, and has transformed into a man with the ability to handle every problem that life may throw at him. He is sure to send ripples across the world as he goes about changing the way the world works. He is none other than The Swissknife of the batch of 2017.



I remember how Vasu had left school and he then came back to Riverside, Since then Vasu and I have become really good friends. He is that one person who will be there with you in your darkest days by helping you cope up with your problems. He has that ability to shape himself according to any situation- be it being very calm about something, or standing up for someone when no one does. He is truly compassionate in every way possible and will always spread kindness wherever he goes.

- Mudita Motwani











"If you're going through hell. keep going ... Winston Churchill

She has been my best friend ever since she joined Riverside. She heals with her heart and shows compassion towards everyone. She is kind and has a respectful persona. She doesn't ever judge me for what I say or do. She has always been there for me and is also my support system. Couldn't be more thankful for having her in my life.

- Arshia Lakhani





YAMINI

Each graduating batch at Riverside has that one beacon that guides and supports everyone, to help them walk the tight rope without losing balance. Yamini has been that beacon for all her classmates. She not only beautifully balances her content and character but also thrives for excellence in every field, making her truly the "ALL-OGIST". She is someone who is good at everything that they do, and love doing everything with their heart.



Yamini is very hardworking, diligent and always achieves what she aims for. Most importantly her extremely caring attitude and effervescent personality is what makes her different. She is capable of multitasking and excels at doing so. I am glad to have met her and spent the last few years of school with her.

- Kamakshi Khandelwal

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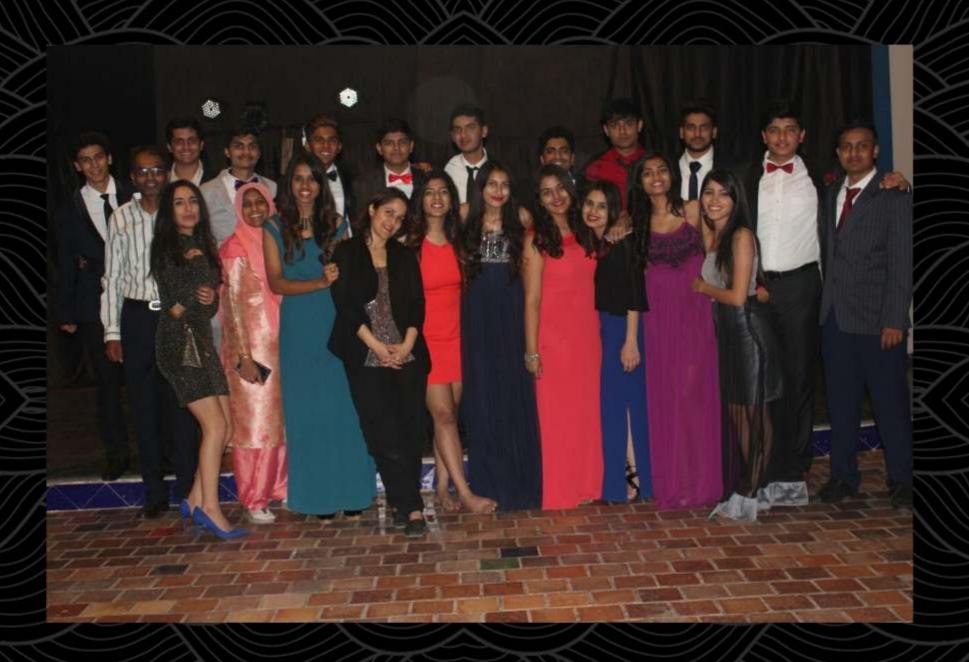




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"Somewhere between high school hurry and senior year worry, we all grew up."





May the light in your soul guide you, and may the love in your heart keep you strong.