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MAHINE KHAN BECOMES CGS GOVERNOR



Dear Parents and Students,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you, for putting your trust in us and accepting of whatever changes we brought to the school. Consequently, our job was always made easy, as we took up new challenges each year. Today we are at a point, where the school is poised to meet the demands of the next century and our children are very ready to deal with the challenges of tomorrow.

Guiding them through the labyrinth of academia, are the very able Heads of Departments, who have helped many generations of young boys and girls, in the past, to achieve their goals. There are administrators, who have accompanied them on conferences and on local adventure trips, who have taught them how to navigate their way through umpteen temptations. Finally we have the counsellors who look after the mental wellbeing of the students.

As one can see, CGS Upper has layers of sincere and very experienced leaders now. Therefore, I am satisfied and very proud, to know that I have achieved what I had set out to do. Now it is time for me to relinquish the post of the Head of Upper School and put on the mantle of Honorary Governor of all the Chittagong Grammar Schools. This position allows me to give advice when and where needed, drawing upon my vast experience, spanning 32 years at CGS. I will also be attending the Round Square Regional Forum, annually. This is so that CGS remains connected to RS on a very personal level.

From the new school year in August, our very well trained, experienced, extremely hard working and completely committed Deputy Heads will take over - **Ruhbayna Chowdhury**, as Head of CGS A' Levels and **Faiza Chowdhury**, as Head of CGS O' Levels.

As I prepare to leave, I do so, knowing that I am leaving this Institution in very capable hands. My request to you parents is to please continue to give your whole hearted support to CGS, enabling CGS to function at its optimum.

May the Almighty bless all of you.

Mahine Khan

Head of Upper School

CGS UPPER SCHOOL LEADERS

HEAD OF CGS O' LEVELS:

Faiza Chowdhury, a University of Pennsylvania alumna with a degree in psychology (2016), began her career at CGS as a Pastoral and Academic Counsellor in February 2017.

During the pandemic her work was key in helping all stakeholders navigate the challenging mental health consequences of long lock-downs.

She has since been guiding and leading all the CGS counsellors across all campuses, focusing on mental health, organizing workshops, seminars and supporting students with their mental health issues.

Faiza additionally helps Middle School students seamlessly adjust to Upper School, both academically, guiding in subject selection and personally, dealing with stresses of teenage years.

Her dedication earned her a promotion to O' Level Coordinator in 2019 and Deputy Head in 2023. Recently, Faiza was appointed Head of CGS O' Levels, reflecting her exceptional leadership and commitment to educational and student well-being. Her journey highlights a steadfast dedication to fostering academic excellence and holistic student development.



HEAD OF CGS A' LEVELS:

Ruhbayna M. Chowdhury a graduate of Assumption University, has been an integral part of CGS since 2016. Beginning her journey as a Counsellor, she has continually expanded her role, adding numerous achievements to her repertoire.

She established the Tertiary Program at CGS, guiding students to reach their ultimate goals.

Ruhbayna's work has always centred on the development of each child, fostering activities that amplify their strengths.

Her commitment earned her a promotion to A' Level Coordinator in 2019 and Deputy Head in 2023. Moreover, she has crafted several teachers' training programs, empowering educators to better understand and connect with the new generation.

She fosters close connections with admission offices of Universities and Colleges across the globe, understanding the pulse of changing requirements for entry, new majors and careers paths so that she can better guide students explore best fit options for their future.

She has steered the school towards a new direction, making it more future-ready and innovative. We are delighted to announce that she will begin the next academic year as the CGS Head of A' Levels.

Congratulations and wishing them both success in their new posts!

