

# Royal Reflections

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## RIDHIMA

### 2024 A Royal Evening of Artistic Splendor

Royal Institute International School proudly celebrated the Ridhima concert on September 14th, showcasing Sri Lankan culture with over 500 students from all five branches performing breathtaking oriental dances.

A heartfelt thank you to our dance teachers, staff, prefects, management, and parents for your incredible support. Ridhima stands as a symbol of our commitment to excellence in academics and extracurriculars.

Have a glimpse of this unforgettable evening where talent and tradition shone brightly!

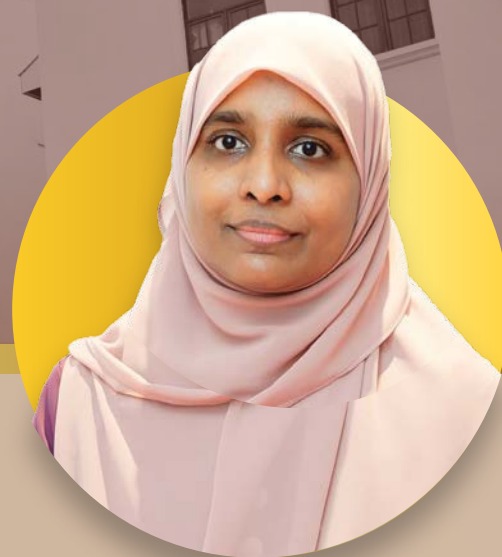
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**The Toy Shop  
& Alice in Wonderland**  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec | RIC Auditorium





# Message *from* Coordinating Principal



As we conclude another successful academic term, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the outstanding achievements of our students and the unwavering dedication of our faculty and staff.

Together, we continue to nurture an environment where excellence thrives in academics, sports, and the arts.

Academically, our students have excelled, achieving exceptional results in the recent Ordinary Level (O/L) and Advanced Level (A/L) Cambridge, Edexcel and National examinations. Their accomplishments reflect their perseverance, the expert guidance of our teachers, and the vibrant academic culture we cultivate.

We celebrate their success and remain steadfast in supporting them to reach even greater heights.

We remain committed to ensuring that every student thrives. Our remedial classes continue to provide personalized support, addressing individual learning needs and empowering students to overcome challenges and unlock their full potential.

Equally, mental health and emotional well-being are integral to a well-rounded education. This term, we conducted regular mental health awareness sessions and stress management workshops to equip students with the tools they need to build resilience and navigate challenges with confidence. By fostering a supportive environment, we aim to nurture both their emotional and academic growth.

This term also saw remarkable milestones in sports. Our swimmers demonstrated significant progress at the Inter-International Schools' Swimming Meet, earning accolades and personal bests. At the prestigious John Tarbat Athletic Meet, we fielded our largest contingent to date, a testament to the growing enthusiasm and talent within our student body. Furthermore, our Karate team excelled at the Inter International Schools' Karate Tournament, bringing home several awards and demonstrating the discipline and determination that are hallmarks of this sport.

A cultural highlight of the term was the spectacular Ridhma concert, where our students brought our rich heritage to life through mesmerizing dance performances. This event celebrated their artistic talents and was a testament to the dedication and hard work of our staff who ensured its success. Such events remind us of the importance of preserving and celebrating our cultural roots.

As we look ahead to the next term, our focus remains on delivering an exceptional educational experience that empowers our students to grow into compassionate, confident, and successful individuals. Your trust and support are the foundation of our achievements, and together, we will continue to shape a brighter future for our children.

**Ms. Shazeena Nilam**  
Coordinating Principal



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## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



### Celebrating the Success of the Royal Institute Model United Nations (RIMUN) Delegates

Royal Institute Model United Nations (RIMUN) delegates showcased remarkable talent at the Musaeus College Model United Nations Conference 2024, held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October. Hirun Wijesinghe secured 1<sup>st</sup> Honorary Mention and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, in the World Health Assembly; Yuthinka Gamage earned an Honorary Mention and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, in the UN Security Council; and Lesanda Jayawardana achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> Higher Commendation and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, in UN Women.

Congratulations to our dedicated delegates!

### 10<sup>th</sup> Installation Ceremony of The Interact Club of Royal Institute.

The Interact Club of Royal Institute celebrated its 10th Installation Ceremony on October 26th, marking a decade of service and growth.

The new headboard for 2024/25 was introduced, and achievements were proudly celebrated.





## Celebrating Academic Excellence Across Various Curricula

Royal Institute takes immense pride in celebrating the outstanding academic achievements of our students this year across Cambridge, Edexcel, and National curricula. Demonstrating the institution's commitment to excellence, our students have achieved remarkable results, reflecting their dedication to high teaching standards that foster intellectual growth and a strong work ethic.

In the 2024 Cambridge Ordinary Level Examinations, 16 students excelled with 8As or more. Notably, **Arfa Mohamed Juzly** achieved an exceptional **8A\* and 1A**. Other top achievers with **8A\*** include **Ashen Bandara Liyanarachchi**, **Bope Arachchige Ushika Achini Perera**, **Tharuli Thehasna Sithsandi**, and **Liyana Arachchige Gavrau Insith**. Additionally, 30 students scored 7As or more, including senior prefect and athletics captain Kiyara Kariyawasam and Deputy Games Captain Ometh Sathsilu, who both earned 9As while actively contributing to sports and school activities.

In the 2024 Edexcel IAS Examinations, **P.A. Lesanda Senumutha Jayawardena** from the Nugegoda branch led with an impressive 5As, while many others achieved 4As and 3As. In the Edexcel IAL Examinations, **Yesol Kim** attained **4A\***, and **Mahith Methmika Elegoda** followed with **3A\***, with other students securing 4As and 3As. These accomplishments are a testament to the synergy between dedicated educators and driven students, whose combined efforts uphold the Royal Institute's high standards. We applaud our students' hard work and the exceptional commitment of our teachers in guiding them toward their full potential.



Arfa Mohamed Juzly  
8A\* 1A\*



Ashen Bandara  
Liyanarachchi  
8A\*



Ushika Achini Perera  
8A\*



Tharuli Thehasna  
Sithsandi  
8A\*



L. A. Gavrau Insith  
8A\*



Lesanda Senumutha  
Jayawardane  
5A



Yesol Kim  
4 A\*



Mahith Methmika  
Elegoda  
3A\* 1 A



## RI Clubs and Societies

### Celebrating Success!

The Performance Club of Royal Institute International School, Maharagama branch, marked its second anniversary with a spectacular assembly. The event featured a riveting drama performance of "Oliver Twist," it was an unforgettable experience for all who attended. Kudos to the Performance Club for organizing such an amazing event!



### Royal Institute International Girls' School - Girl Guide Enrollment Ceremony

We are delighted to announce that the Royal Institute International Girls' School recently held a successful Girl Guide Enrollment Ceremony under the auspices of the Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association.





## Scout - Job Month

The 38<sup>th</sup> Colombo Royal Institute Nugegoda branch Cubs and Scouts have commenced their Job Month from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2024. During this period, they will engage in community service activities. The primary goal is to demonstrate their ability to overcome challenges and build self-confidence. Additionally, the month-long programme aims to ensure they carry out their activities correctly and raise funds to support their efforts.



## IT Society

The IT Society's journey at Royal Institute has been nothing short of memorable, the latest competitions attended to were at Wesley College, Dharmaraja College and Royal College, attaining victory and securing multiple prizes in categories of web development, editing, game development. The excitement continued on with CodeX'24 the Inter-School Competitions on 16<sup>th</sup> October and the Inter-Branch Competitions held on the 30<sup>th</sup> October. Next, we geared up for the thrilling scavenger hunt that was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> November. The Cryptic Mystery, where teams battled it out for glory solving a mystery. This series of achievements reflects our society's dedication and passion for excellence.





On 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024, our Scouts and Cub Scouts from Royal Institute International School, Maharagama branch, came together for a rewarding social work project at Dharmayathanaya, Maharagama. With brooms in hand and hearts full of purpose, they cleaned the temple grounds, embracing the value of service and teamwork. We are proud to see these young minds make a difference!



## Student Wellbeing

### Mindfulness Programme

The students of RI Havelock engaged in a transformative Mindfulness Programme guided by the venerable monks and Anagarikas of Jethavanaramaya Monastery. The sessions, filled with enthusiastic participation, fostered significant improvements in students' focus and emotional well-being. Additionally, primary students visited the monastery, where they cultivated concentration, patience, and empathy through interactive mindfulness practices. The programme offered an enriching experience, leaving a lasting impact on all participants.

### School Counselling Programme

Royal Institute is dedicated to nurturing students' holistic development, and the introduction of the School Counselling Programme across all five branches is a testament to this commitment. These sessions aim to support both students and teachers, addressing challenges while fostering trust, confidence, and resilience. The programme provides a safe space for students to express themselves, overcome obstacles, and develop essential life skills. By prioritizing mental health and emotional well-being, RI ensures that its student body is equipped to thrive both academically and personally. This initiative will serve as a cornerstone in promoting a supportive and compassionate school environment.



## Nursery Activities

### Vibrant Celebrations at Royal Institute's Activity Day

The Royal Institute recently hosted its much-anticipated Activity Day, filled with joy and enthusiasm from students as they engaged in meaningful and lively activities. The event provided a platform for students to understand their responsibilities while enjoying memorable moments with their peers. The dance floor became a canvas of colour and energy throughout the day as students showcased their talents through carefully selected songs and dances. Each performance sparkled like stars in the night sky, captivating the audience with rhythmic beats and captivating moves that brightened the entire stage. The day concluded with joyful laughter, leaving teachers confident in the students' potential and bright futures. Activity Day was a celebration of talent and a reminder of the responsibility these young learners embrace, fostering pride and trust for the years ahead.



### Nurturing Young Minds in the Garden

Upper Kindergarten Nursery students recently explored the wonders of plants during a visit to a vibrant garden. Teachers introduced plant parts—roots, stems, leaves, and flowers—explaining their roles in growth and health. Excited children planted seeds, fostering hands-on learning and curiosity while discovering the vital role plants play in nature and human life.



### Fruit Activity Day Brings Creativity and Healthy Habits to Life

Royal Institute's Fruit Activity Day was a colourful celebration of healthy eating. Young students showcased their creativity by crafting unique items with fresh produce and making delicious smoothies themselves. The event, filled with joy and learning, concluded with students beaming with "fruity" smiles, making it a delightful success.



## Summer Activities

This summer, nursery kids had a fun-filled day focused on ladybugs. They crafted their own ladybug creations from red and black paper, followed by games like "Ladybug Toss," where they aimed bean bags at targets, and a scavenger hunt for hidden ladybug tokens. These activities promoted creativity and motor skills. The day wrapped up with story time, featuring friendly ladybugs, leaving the kids smiling and appreciating these tiny insects.



## Self-Care and Health Habits

Our Nursery Lower Kindergarten kids are mastering self-care and hygiene habits in fun, engaging ways. Using colourful toothbrushes, pleasant-smelling soaps, and playful routines, they learn the importance of brushing their teeth and washing hands. Teachers lead with catchy songs about fighting germs, making each step, from handwashing to grooming with mini combs and mirrors, feel enjoyable rather than a chore. This playful approach helps kids develop a lasting foundation in cleanliness and self-care from an early age.





## Teacher Spotlights

### Teachers Who Inspire Growth and Creativity

In today's classrooms, some educators are transforming the traditional learning environment into something far more dynamic. Rather than being a place where students are passive recipients of information, the classrooms created by teachers like **Ms. Nimesha Palliyaguru** (Computer Science subject teacher) are anything but conventional. Her approach to teaching goes beyond simply presenting information; she encourages her students to be active participants in their learning, making her classroom a space where creativity truly thrives.

What stands out most is her approach to failure—not as something to avoid, but as a stepping stone to success and a chance to learn and grow. Whether it involves building a website, coding a page, or working on team-based technical projects, she constantly challenges her students to step outside their comfort zones. Although these projects may feel intimidating at first, they are precisely the challenges that foster the most growth. Students in her class are not only acquiring technical skills like programming but are also developing essential life skills, including problem-solving, collaboration, and critical thinking. Through her teaching, she is shaping a new kind of learner—one who is unafraid to tackle difficult tasks and to think critically about the world. Thanks to her, students leave her class equipped with both technical skills and the confidence to approach problems with a fresh perspective.



What sets these educators apart is their commitment to making learning personal. They invest time in getting to know their students, not just as learners but as individuals, understanding their strengths, challenges, and interests. This deeper connection enables them to design lessons that feel relevant to each student. For example, in her law classroom, **Ms. Piumali Thilakarathne** (Law subject teacher) makes complex legal concepts relatable by incorporating debates into her lessons. These debates allow students to explore current legal issues, argue different perspectives, and practice critical thinking and public speaking skills, all while feeling that their voices are valued. Through this approach, students engage with the material on a deeper level and begin to see how law intersects with their own lives.





## Events and Celebrations

### Open Day

Open day at Royal Institute is a celebration of our youngest learners, where their boundless curiosity and creativity are on full display. This special event is designed to engage and delight children through a variety of fun activities, from interactive games and arts and crafts to lively performances. Parents and teachers come together to create a nurturing and festive atmosphere, ensuring that every child feels valued and encouraged.



### First Day Nursery

Today marks a joyful beginning at Royal Institute, where the first day was celebrated with a burst of colours, creative painting, and vibrant colouring activities. The kids immersed themselves in a world of fun and creativity, making beautiful memories while expressing their artistic talents. It was a day filled with excitement, laughter, and the promise of an inspiring journey ahead!



### Grade 1 Orientation Programme

We were delighted to welcome our new Grade 1 students to Royal Institute International School at our Orientation Programme. The day commenced with warm greetings and uplifting songs, marking the start of an exciting educational journey.

We look forward to nurturing the bright minds of tomorrow as they embark on this new chapter with us.





### Freshers' Day

The Grade 1 students of Royal Institute International School joyfully embraced their first day, cherishing the moment they met their new teacher and celebrated their convocation day. The atmosphere was filled with excitement and anticipation as the girls stepped into their new learning journey, marking the start of a year full of discovery and growth.



### 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal Institute Girls' School

We are thrilled to announce the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Royal Institute Girls' School, a milestone that reflects our commitment to empowering young women through quality education and holistic development. We honor our achievements, recognize our dedicated staff, and highlight the remarkable journeys of our students. We believe that your coverage will inspire our community and emphasize the importance of girls' education.



### Teachers' Day

A joyful celebration took place in honor of our dedicated teachers, featuring lively dance and singing performances and a heartwarming gift distribution ceremony. The event was a vibrant expression of gratitude, showcasing the teachers' talents and their contributions to the community. These photos capture the energy and festive spirit of the occasion.





## COVER STORY

## Moments from Ridhma - A Royal Evening of Artistic Splendor







### Diwali

Today at the Royal Institute Girls' School Nursery, we celebrated Diwali with our young stars! The little ones shone brightly as they embraced the Festival of Lights with clay lamps, colorful attire, and festive joy. Together, we shared in the traditions of light, love, and unity, filling their hearts with the warmth and wonder of this beautiful celebration.



### Halloween

Spooky fun and little giggles filled our nursery at Royal Institute Maharagama as our little ones celebrated Halloween with costumes, crafts, and treats galore! Happy Halloween from our nursery family to yours!



### Prefects Investiture

Honoring the Investiture of Royal Institute International School. A proud moment as we welcome a new generation of student leaders committed to upholding the values of integrity, responsibility, and service. Today, our prefects take on the noble task of guiding their peers and embodying the spirit of dedication and teamwork, leading by example to inspire others. As they pledge to serve the school community with respect and commitment, we celebrate their journey ahead and the positive impact they will create for a brighter future.



### Vani Vizha

Royal Institute Girls' School proudly celebrated the vibrant Vani Vizha, showcasing our students' talents through traditional dances and songs. The event honored our rich cultural heritage and highlighted the importance of the arts in education, offering an unforgettable experience for all who attended.



## Sports



### Chess

Emmanuelle Jegasuthan has once again made RI beyond proud through her achievements at the National Youth Chess Championships 2024, putting her wits and talent to use in the mental sport that is chess. She has won third place in the Under-10 Girls category in the National Youth Blitz Chess Championship 2024, as well as winning third place in the National Youth Rapid Chess Championship 2024, once again in the Under-10 Girls category. RI is elated at Emmanuelle's exceptional achievements and wishes her well in her future endeavours, ready to support a future chess master.



### Cricket

Congratulations to the Royal Institute Under-17 Cricket Team! The Under-17 Cricket Team has displayed exemplary sportsmanship at the Under-17 Division 3 Cricket Tournament 2024. They have performed remarkably well throughout the tournament, competing with top-tier cricket teams of the country towards the semi-finals. These proud sons of Royal Institute have proved themselves to be formidable cricketers with unmatched potential through the guidance and blessings of their beloved Alma Mater. We wish our cricket team the best of luck moving forward, trusting their hard work and ethics will deliver them a well-deserved and most assured victory!



### Football

Royal Institute's Under -12 Football team participated in the Inter International Schools Football Championship 2024 with great confidence. They qualified for the semi-finals having played against Elizabeth Moir. Following their thrilling victory, they advanced to the final match against Lyceum Nugegoda, ultimately securing the title of first runner-up in the tournament. Congratulations and well done, team! Your hard work and dedication is truly inspiring.



## Sports Meet

A most anticipated phase of the school year came to pass with Royal Institute's Inter-branch sports meet. A spectacle of pomp and pageantry, fueled by fierce pride for the school, students, teachers and parents all attended the event cheering on with great gusto! The main event was held on the 18th November 2024 at the Mahinda Rajapaksa Stadium. The Maharagama branch secured the championship after a series of close competitions, followed by the Nugegoda, Havelock Town, Girl's School, and Gampaha branches. Following months of preparation ahead of the day, the students of each school exercised their potentials through intense training and steadfast preparations, coming out on top as star athletes.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

All Island School Games Swimming Meet 2024



## Swimming

Three swimmers from RI took part in the All Island Schools Games Swimming Meet 2024! In the Under 14 girls category, Natasha De Alwis achieved 3rd place in 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, and 4th place in 50m backstroke. Rahodi Chaninsa, also from the Under-14 girls category, achieved 2nd place in 100m butterfly and 5th place in 50m freestyle. Sanali Jayaweera from the Under 16 category achieved 7th place in the 50-meter butterfly. In total, RI won 3 medals: 2 bronzes and 1 silver.

Congratulations to our talented swimmers.



## Table Tennis

Royal Institute International School performed excellently. School's Under -16 Table Tennis team achieved 2nd runner-up, the Under -14 boys achieved runner-up, and both the Under -14 girls and the Under-12 boys secured 2nd runner-up. Best wishes and thank you for making RI proud.



## Alumni Spotlight



# The Journey of Nadun Nirmala

## An Aspiring Legal Professional



Nadun Nirmala commenced his LLB studies at the Royal Institute of Colombo in July 2024. Despite initial challenges, he quickly acclimated to the programme's demands, developing a profound interest in legal studies. The academic rigor of the course has proven both challenging and rewarding, fostering significant personal and intellectual growth.

The Royal Institute's supportive environment has played a pivotal role in shaping Nadun's ambitions. Guidance from academic staff and thought-provoking discussions with peers have deepened his understanding and appreciation of the legal field. While pursuing a legal career was not his initial aspiration, his experiences have illuminated the broader societal impact of the profession, inspiring him to explore it further.

Nadun's commitment to service and leadership is evident through his extracurricular involvement. During his school years, he actively contributed to the Interact Club, eventually serving as its President. Notably, he led projects like "Differently Abled," working with children at an orphanage. As a university student, he continues his dedication to social impact by preparing to volunteer with Sri Lanka Sumithrayo, a suicide prevention organization, reflecting his belief in the transformative power of compassionate action.

Balancing academic and extracurricular responsibilities, Nadun employs effective time management and prioritization to excel in both areas. His recent election as Head of Public Relations for the Law Students' Association underscores his leadership abilities and commitment to university initiatives. Nadun's journey exemplifies a dedication to academic excellence, community engagement, and professional development, serving as a model of perseverance and purpose.



## Parent Involvement

### The Importance of Parental Involvement in a Child's Education

Parental involvement is vital for a child's academic success and personal growth. Active engagement fosters better learning outcomes and overall development. Children with supportive parents often excel academically, as involvement reinforces study habits and addresses learning challenges. This partnership between home and school strengthens educational progress.

Engaged parents also influence their child's attitude toward learning, boosting confidence and nurturing a lifelong love for knowledge. Collaboration with teachers ensures timely interventions and consistent support both at home and school.

We value parents who contribute to school events and resources, enriching the environment and enhancing students' experiences. By staying involved, parents strengthen their child's educational journey and the school community as a whole.



## Facilities and Infrastructure



The opening of the new building at Royal Institute International School, Nugegoda, on 3rd September has been a transformative experience for both children and parents. We are extremely pleased with the spacious and modern environment it provides, and it fills us with pride to showcase the school to others.

The new atmosphere has been warmly embraced by the children, making them feel like they are part of a truly modern school. They are genuinely happy with the changes, which enhances their overall school experience.

The staff at the entrance are welcoming and attentive, ensuring a positive start to every day. The teachers have always shown great care and dedication, and we trust they will continue their friendly and supportive service throughout our children's educational journey.

We are grateful for this positive change and look forward to the continued growth and success of the school.

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## RISA, RIC &amp; RICS

**Building Tomorrow's Innovators at D.S. Senanayake College**

Global education at the Royal Institute of Colombo (RIC) extends beyond current students to future learners. A workshop at D.S. Senanayake College explored the wonders of Civil Engineering and Environmental Science, where young minds engaged in bridge construction and sustainability practices. Led by Dr. Susanga Costa and Dr. Tricia Wevill from Deakin University, RIC's Deakin Pathway Programmes are inspiring the next generation of engineers and environmental enthusiasts, fostering a passion for creating a sustainable planet.

**RIC Hosts Mental Health Awareness Session at Wesley College Colombo**

On 11th September, the Royal Institute of Colombo hosted an engaging awareness session on the University of London's Psychology programme for students at Wesley College Colombo, focusing on the "Importance of Mental Health." Led by Mr. Janindu Janmika Maddumakulage, a lecturer in Psychology at RIC, the session provided valuable insights into mental well-being. Students were particularly impressed to learn that the Psychology degree is guided by academic direction from King's College London, which is ranked among the top 20 universities globally for Psychology studies (QSWUR 2024).

**Welcoming Future Psychologists: October 2024 Intake**

On October 8th, the Royal Institute of Colombo (RIC) proudly welcomed the October 2024 intake for its BSc in Psychology programme. Awarded by the University of London and academically directed by King's College London, ranked 16th globally for Psychology (QSWUR 2024), this prestigious degree offers unparalleled opportunities. With energy and dedication, students are set to become tomorrow's psychology leaders, ready to make a positive impact. Here's to their exciting journey ahead!

**Celebrating Leadership and Service at the Rotaract Club's 5th Installation!**

The Rotaract Club of Royal Institute of Colombo kicked off its 5th Installation Ceremony with enthusiasm, marking a new chapter of dedication and impact. New leaders were welcomed, ready to inspire and empower communities with fresh energy. Here's to a year filled with service, collaboration, and meaningful change—driven by passion and purpose to make a real difference in the world.





### SOW Quiz Competition 2024: A Celebration of Knowledge!

On 16<sup>th</sup> August 2024, the Royal Institute of Colombo proudly hosted the SOW Quiz Competition, uniting top students from leading schools to battle it out in Science and Economics.

Participants engaged in three challenging rounds, demonstrating their knowledge, strategic thinking, and teamwork. Horizon International School and Lyceum International School emerged as the champions of this thrilling competition! As a university dedicated to affordable higher education in International Economics, Finance, and Biomedical Sciences, RIC is committed to enhancing students' skills and fostering an environment where academic curiosity and excellence can thrive.



Royal Institute Smart Academy

By **Royal Institute**



### Elevating Online Learning at RISA!

Royal Institute Smart Academy (RISA) offers students a unique opportunity to study the Cambridge curriculum online, providing a flexible and affordable alternative to traditional schooling. Our AS-level students recently took their learning to new heights with a hands-on Physics Practical Session at RI Havelock, a fantastic complement to their digital education. With RISA's structured programme guided by experienced educators, students can focus on their studies while aiming for A\* grades in international exams, all from the comfort of home. This innovative approach empowers students to optimize their time and resources, making RISA the leading Cambridge Online School in Sri Lanka.

## Royal Institute Centre of Skills

### Royal Institute Centre of Skills (RICS) Highlights

RICS has launched its new Toastmasters courses, marking an exciting beginning for students to master the art of communication. Featuring the Youth Leadership Programme and Speech Craft Programme, RICS offers opportunities for young aspiring leaders and adults alike to develop public speaking and leadership skills. Through innovative student-centered approaches, RICS fosters practical abilities and confidence, equipping students to thrive in a globalized world. Accredited by internationally recognized institutions, these programmes meet high standards and enhance employability, supporting students' professional growth. With a network of over 2,000 students, 30+ annual exams, and 20+ preparation centers across the island, RICS continues to set a benchmark in quality education, making language learning engaging and effective.



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## RISA, RIC &amp; RICS



**Nathari Kaluggala**  
LKG-A,  
Nugegoda

## Talent Corner

Unlike a hustling busy city,  
a forest is silent and it's a pity  
a long silence remains among the  
still trees,  
timid animals are never so free.

Loud roars to be heard are rare,  
footsteps are bare.  
Variety of flowers never bloom -  
as sun doesn't come soon.

Many say the forest is in a deep  
sleep  
But, I'd say it is still wide awake -  
due to the loud sounds of machines  
separating each twig ...

And shed angry tearless sighs.

**Devanya Kethaki Ranasinghe**  
Grade 8 National,  
Gampaha branch



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Gampaha



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Grade 8N,  
Gampaha



## Upcoming events and Reminders

### Exciting Upcoming Events at the Royal Institute of Colombo

The Royal Institute International School (RI) is set to close the school year on a high note, with a range of exciting events and initiatives planned to enrich the academic and social experience of its students.

As the academic year draws to a close, the school will officially break for vacation on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024, resuming on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 for the new academic year. Before the break, RI has lined up several significant activities.



#### The Toy Shop & Alice in Wonderland

Scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at the RIC Auditorium in Kohuwala, this event promises to be a vibrant celebration of creativity and talent. Featuring performances by students from the primary section, the event has been meticulously planned since September, with a focus on rehearsals, budgeting, and decorations. This theatrical showcase is a much-anticipated highlight of the academic calendar.



#### GCE O-Level Preparation Seminars

Supporting students preparing for their life-defining GCE O-Level examinations is a top priority. The institute will conduct subject-specific seminars in April, led by renowned teachers from across all RIC branches. These seminars aim to provide essential guidance, clarify doubts, and equip students with strategies to excel in their exams.



#### CodeX '24 by the IT Society

The IT Society's flagship event, CodeX '24, will also take centre stage, celebrating the technological prowess of students. This annual competition will feature inter-branch and inter-school events, bringing together participants from schools across the island. Through these competitions, exceptional talent in the cyber domain will be recognized, spotlighting the innovative abilities of RIC students and their peers.



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School re-opens for students on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025