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INSIDE STORY



Rising Above

The Inspirational Life of
Dr. Nirodha Bandara



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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW**with Dr. Nirodha Bandara****By Hafsa Usham / Ridha Moinuddin**

| Royal Institute International Girls' School



We heard that you were part of the South Asia School Leaders delegation in April 2025. Tell us a bit about this event and your role and purpose.

This was organised by the Australian Trade and Investment commission, South Asia. The Australian government that organised this felt that Royal Institute was a school that deserved a platform to go abroad and get exposure to different universities. So, I was part of that delegation with two other Sri Lankan schools and a few other schools from India and Bangladesh. It was a great opportunity to meet school leaders from other schools in the region, as well as go to Australian universities, to explore opportunities there. Because of the connections, we recently had a webinar with the University of Queensland. I want to bring those connections to Sri Lanka, to Royal Institute, so that it can benefit all of you.

The last edition of the school newsletter featured you. We learned that you believe in a holistic approach for education. Can you tell us a little bit about this approach?

Holistic education is where the learning focuses on the entire individual. It encompasses a person's intellectual, emotional, physical, social, and spiritual growth. It is about having a deep understanding of oneself and the rest of the world. It is about being well rounded, and well balanced. Life is not going to go smoothly, so we have to be able to adapt all the time. Having a holistic education, will help students face challenges.

I encourage students to participate in extracurricular activities. Even if you fail, even if you do not win, you are learning from the experience. Holistic education is all about that experience and the grounding that you get when you are in school. When you go out into the real world, you will have no issues. You will not feel stressed. There are all sorts of issues, especially nowadays you hear about many mental health problems. If we focus on these aspects, I do not think any of our children would have to worry about concerns with their mental health in the future.



You joined Royal Institute International School at a young age and have played a key role in its growth. How has your leadership helped shape the school to meet the needs of future youth?

This is something that I have been telling since day one to all our principals and teachers – every child matters. Each child has a different style of learning and absorbing information. Their emotional needs are different. We have to be able to accept that without putting aside any child.

The most important thing for me is looking after each child. I have never focused on getting many students in where I cannot cater to all their needs. I think Royal Institute International School does not have that goal in mind. We want to ensure all our children do well in their academics, but also ensure that they participate in other activities. Through that, we will be helping our students to build resilience and develop the ability to adapt to any situation.

Madam, what inspires you to continue to serve Royal Institute in your capacity as Academic Director?

It is all about giving back to the school that nurtured me, that gave me the foundation and made me who I am today. I was an introvert in school. I was scared to talk in public. I openly say this to encourage others to come out, and be more confident. I was very nervous at that time. It was my teachers who encouraged me. Now I am able to give a speech or talk to people with confidence. Therefore, inspiration for me is about giving back to society. I feel I am able to help mould students in some way, through the teachers and principals.

Who inspires you the most?

My parents would definitely be the ones who inspire me. Because, they founded Royal Institute International School. I have seen them since I was small, how they would come back home. My father was very busy with Royal Institute International School. My mother was a principal of the Royal Institute, Nugegoda branch. I remember her coming back home with a bundle of reports, so that she could sign them. She would still bring work home. Even setting of timetables, she would do it as a principal, not the teachers, not sectional heads. Therefore, they inspired me.

Both my parents are teachers. They taught maths and my mother taught computing as well. So, they were very passionate about what they did. Even at dinner, any conversations we had at home were about Royal Institute International School. They always tell me even now, "Do it for the children".

Students who follow their education in English language are attuned to foreign cultures. Do you worry about the loss of indigenous knowledge and culture in students? And what do you propose we do to retain the indigenous knowledge and culture?

No, I do not worry about it because I feel, especially with Royal Institute students, there is a strong grounding in our country's culture and values. To retain this we still have, our cultural activities. Through the subject Ethics, we try to bring in those values, to our classrooms. So simple things like respecting the environment that you are in and your parents.

We do not have to worry at Royal Institute because I have never seen students at Royal Institute being boastful saying "We have money" or "We are better off than you". I have always seen students treat the maids and security guards very nicely. I think our students will not lose the good values as long as you are well grounded in a nurturing environment.

There is an exodus of young professionals leaving the country, which obviously is draining the knowledge and skills of future workforce. How can we encourage young people who migrate to return home and contribute to the country's economy?

People believe the grass is greener on the other side. We hear stories of people who really struggle in those countries trying to achieve. I always say you can make a better impact in this country. Those countries are bigger and have many resources. You will be lost in the crowd. If I was there, I will not be working in this capacity. I will not be able to make the decisions that I can make at Royal Institute.

Now you see so many people returning to Sri Lanka. Young people who are really adding value to the economy. You can add a lot of value to this economy compared to other countries. I always encourage people to come back because this little country needs us.

Today's world is challenging for any youngster. As they leave school, as aspiring youngsters what is the one piece of advice you would give?

Do not force yourself to do something that someone else has put into your head. You have access to information, so do your own research. You can check what career options are available. Do not be afraid to try out. You should not regret anything. Because whatever you choose, that experience will enhance you. Just let nature take its course.

Academic

AL Planning Day

Subject-wise discussions were well underway as part of our Edexcel A Level Planning Day at the Nugegoda Branch. Teachers actively collaborated to finalise plans and prepare for the upcoming Pre-A/L sessions and the start of Grade 12 classes.



Paper Setting Workshop

Student-wise discussions were well underway as part of our Edexcel A Level Planning Day at the Nugegoda Branch. Teachers actively collaborated to finalise plans and prepare for the upcoming Pre-A/L sessions and the start of Grade 12 classes next week.



English Language Workshop at Royal Institute Nugegoda

A successful workshop on Embedding Critical Thinking into Classroom Teaching was conducted on 5th June 2025 at Royal Institute International School, Nugegoda Branch, by Ms. Suraiya Amir, Cambridge O Level English Language subject head.

The session brought together dedicated English Language teachers from all branches, creating a space for collaboration, reflection, and the sharing of practical strategies to foster deeper thinking in the classroom.



Speech and Drama Session for Teachers

A Speech and Drama session was held for our teachers at Royal Institute International School, Maharagama Branch. It was an engaging and enriching experience focused on building confidence, expression, and creativity in the classroom.



The Study Australia Entrepreneurship Challenge

The Study Australia Entrepreneurship Challenge (SAEC), the annual flagship and award-winning programme, is a hybrid challenge which commenced in May 2025, empowered young innovators to build tech-enabled solutions, to solve community and global problems.

We are proud to announce that our brilliant team from the Havelock town branch were selected as one of the top five finalists in the Study Australia Competition! Congratulations to Dewmika de Silva, Thanaraj Malarawan, and Nakshasthra Govindaraj, guided by their dedicated Teacher-in-Charge, Ms. Piumi Tharika.



SAEC 2025 Finalists



“The six workshops from SAEC 2025 were incredibly insightful! Each session deepened our understanding of key concepts like prototyping, marketing, and value proposition.”

Grateful for the hands-on learning and practical knowledge we gained!”

Devmika De Silva

Unlocking Potential Empowering Teachers through Language and Culture

The teachers of Royal Institute International School had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of effective cross-cultural communication at the two-day workshop "Unlocking Potential: Empowering Teachers Through Language and Culture" organised by the South Asian Centre for Teacher Development.

It was an enriching experience focused on bridging linguistic and cultural gaps in education.



Ethics Teacher Training at Royal Institute Nugegoda

A heartfelt thank you to our Head of Ethics, Ms. Lasanthi Atthanayaka, who led an inspiring training and development session for our Ethics teachers. Her insightful presentation, grounded in the Royal Institute Learner Objectives and effective pedagogies, left a lasting impact on all participants.

Together, we took a step forward in fostering ethical thinking and values across our school network. Special thanks were extended to all the dedicated teachers who took part in this meaningful session.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Outstanding G.C.E. A/L Results – 2023 (2024)

Congratulations to our students of Royal Institute International School, Maharagama branch for excelling at the G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination 2024!

Your dedication and hard work have truly paid off – we are proud of your remarkable achievements and wish you continued success in all your future endeavors.



Randinu Pathirana
Chemistry - A
Physics - A
Biology - A
Z. Score - 2.1152



Thilesh Chavidu Botejue
Chemistry - A
Physics - A
Combined Maths - A
Z. Score - 2.1088



Nimna Gunawardhana
Chemistry - A
Physics - A
Combined Maths - A
Z. Score - 2.1472



K M Thinuka Kenula
Accounting - A
Economics - A
ICT - A
Z. Score - 2.0656



Avinash Thilakarathna
Accounting - A
Economics - A
ICT - A
Z. Score - 1.8521



Navida Naaditha
Business Studies - A
Accounting - A
Economics - A
Z. Score - 2.0053

Outstanding G.C.E. O/L Results – 2025

We are incredibly proud to announce the outstanding achievements of our students at the G.C.E. Ordinary Level 2024 examination. A total of 14 students secured 9As, 11 students achieved 8As, and 4 students obtained 7As. Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance have truly paid off. Congratulations to all our high achievers – you've made us proud!



Naasif Mohamed Naleem
9As
Havelock Town Branch



Kamalathasan Kharis
9As
Havelock Town Branch



Sanuthi S. Mahavithanage
9As
Maharagama Branch



Nesadhi Dissanayaka
9As
Maharagama Branch



Dinuli Fernando
9As
Maharagama Branch



Nethmi Sansala
9As
Maharagama Branch



M.U.M. Binuthi Chamathka
9As
Maharagama Branch



Sneha Jayawickrama
9As
Maharagama Branch



Senuk Ranathunga
9As
Nugegoda Branch



Aditha Jayarathna
9As
Nugegoda Branch



Thinuli Welihinda
9As
Nugegoda Branch



Janumi Wimaladewa
9As
Nugegoda Branch



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Vaishnavi Manivannan
9As
Girls' School Branch



Sinadhi M. D. Edirimanne
9As
Girls' School Branch



Risaani Niranjana
8As
Havelock Town Branch



Rathnakumaran Kavishani
8As
Havelock Town Branch



D.G. Nominya Dulanitha
8As
Maharagama Branch



Sasiru Manuditha
8As
Maharagama Branch



Nishith Siribaddana
8As
Nugegoda Branch



Aadish Gunaratne
8As
Nugegoda Branch



Aloka Gunasekara
8As
Nugegoda Branch



Bhasura Illeperuma
8As
Nugegoda Branch



Bhadralli Bandara
8As
Nugegoda Branch



Jinuki Peiris
8As
Nugegoda Branch



Tharika Kuharajah
8As
Girls' School Branch



R.A.K. Ghatitha Dhammika
7As & 2Bs
Maharagama Branch



Methu Julius
7As & 2Bs
Maharagama Branch



Thenuli Mehansa
7As & 2Bs
Nugegoda Branch



Olindu Gamage
7As, 1B & 1C
Nugegoda Branch

RI Clubs and Societies



Interact Club

Interact Clubs of Royal Institute and St. Joseph's College organised **"Tales of Hope"** a celebration of diplomacy and youth leadership.

We are proud to announce that Lesenda Jayawardana of Royal Institute International School, Nugegoda was awarded Best Delegate in the World Health Organization (WHO) Committee, recognising his exceptional performance and representation.



RI MUN

We are proud to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our Royal Institute Model United Nations Club delegates at Royal College MUN 2025. Our students displayed exceptional leadership, diplomacy, and commitment on this prestigious platform.

- **Sithuli Liyanage** – Best Delegate Award (World Health Assembly, representing Norway)
- **Jameela Ossen** – Best Agency Award (International Press Corps, AAP)
- **Praminda Kudahettie** – Best Working Paper (United Nations Security Council)
- **Mihin Bandara** – Best Paperwork (United Nations Human Rights Council)
- **Senitha Pathirage** – Honorary Mention (United Nations Security Council)

Congratulations to our students for bringing honour to their alma mater and continuing to set a standard of excellence at MUN conferences. We look forward to seeing our delegates reach even greater heights.



RI Nugegoda Book Club

In a world dominated by screens, the RI Nugegoda Book Club has become a haven for book lovers to slow down, share ideas, and connect through stories. Since its start last year, students have found a welcoming space where they can dive into different worlds, discuss themes and characters, and build confidence in expressing their opinions. The lively, student-led discussions not only improve critical thinking, vocabulary, and reading comprehension but also foster friendships and creativity through activities like book reviews and designing covers.

A special thanks goes to Ms. Piumi Virajika and Ms. Sandra Abeygunasekara for creating this vibrant community that celebrates the power of reading.

**Girl Guides****Embarking on the Girl Guiding Adventure:
Empowering Young Girls of Royal Institute**

Royal Institute has proudly welcomed over 75 new girl guides and 15 guide leaders across all branches.

Through age-appropriate programmes—Butterflies (5–7 years), Little Friends (8–11 years), and Guides (12–17 years)—our girls build resilience, responsibility, and community spirit while engaging in exciting activities such as camping, hiking, charity projects, and skill-building workshops.

As they eagerly prepare for their first pack holiday and community service initiatives, Girl Guiding at RI promises a journey of discovery, growth, and empowerment.



IT Society

Royal Institute Wins Championship Trophy

We are proud to celebrate the outstanding success of our IT Society students at the Ascend – ICT Day competitions organized by Wesley College.

Our Quiz Team—Omer Ramzi, Senitha Pathirage, Insith Gavrau, and Thevindu Amarasinghe—clinched the Championship Trophy, while Insith also won Champion in Web Development, Tharusha Gajeetha claimed Champion in Video Editing, and Dahami Perera secured 2nd Runner-up in Web Development.

Representing Royal Institute Girls' School, Sainuja Nirmalan, Arfa Mohamed Juzly, and Pavethira Aathithan won 2nd Runner-up in the IDEATHON Presentation Competition.



RICGU

Public Speaking Workshop Conducted by Ms. Francisca Cooke at Royal Institute International School, Maharagama.



Student Wellbeing

Promoting Empathy, kindness, and respect

The student counsellor of Royal Institute, Ms. Shelani, conducted awareness sessions on "Bullying, Body Shaming, and Respecting Each Other" for students from Grade 6 and above across all branches, nurturing a safer and more supportive school environment.

Havelock



Maharagama



Nugegoda



Gampaha



Girls' School



Nursery Activities

Bakthi Gee Nugegoda

There's something truly special about children singing Bakthi Gee during Posen. Their voices may be small, but their message is powerful. As they sing praises to the Buddha with joyful hearts, they help pass the Dhamma on to the next generation. Let us nurture this spirit in them – so that compassion, mindfulness, and loving-kindness continue to bloom in the world.



Cookery Day Girls' School

Our little chefs from LKG and UKG at Royal Institute International Girls' School had a delightful time on Cookery Day! The LKG students stirred up sweetness with colourful falooda, while the UKG kids excitedly made and decorated delicious waffles. With tiny chef hats, big smiles, and hands-on fun, the day was filled with joy, creativity, and teamwork!



Water Transportation Maharagama

Our curious little Einsteins of Lower Kindergarten at Royal Institute International School, Maharagama branch, experimented on the useful features of how water transportation helps us in our day to day lives. They did fun activities with playing with water and sailing their ships across their tiny make-believe sea. Their teacher acted as their captain and guided the little crew mates into an imaginative adventure making the lesson a very interesting and memorable experience.



Kadala Dansala Havelock Town

Tiny hearts, big smiles!

Our adorable UKG kids at Royal Institute International School, Havelock Town branch joyfully organized a heartwarming Kadala Dansala to share the spirit of giving this Posen season.



New Day Care Centre in Maharagama Branch

We're excited to share this important milestone from the launch of the New Day Care Center at our Maharagama Branch! A nurturing space where little ones begin their learning journey with care, curiosity, and joy.



World of Transportation Maharagama Branch

Little Explorers on the Move!

Our LKG learners at Royal Institute International Girls' School had a joyful journey discovering the world of Transportation! Through colourful pictures, fun videos, and play-based activities, they explored how people and goods travel—by car, bus, train, airplane, and ship!

Learning how transportation connects our communities, these curious little minds are already thinking big!



Celebrations

Sinhala and Tamil New Year Celebrations Across All Royal Institute Branches

All five branches of Royal Institute came alive with colour, culture, and joy as students and staff celebrated the Sinhala and Tamil New Year. From traditional games and dance performances to shared moments of unity and togetherness, the festivities beautifully reflected the spirit of our rich heritage.



Vesak Day

Vesak Day was celebrated at Royal Institute International School Gampaha branch with vibrant decorations and heartfelt devotion. Our Nursery children crafted beautiful lanterns, adding colour and light to the school.

The day was made more meaningful with a special dhamma sermon, spreading the message of peace and compassion.

Gampaha



Girls' School



Maharagama



Nugegoda



Father's Day

With their little hands and big hearts, our nursery kids created handmade cards to celebrate the biggest heroes in their lives – their dads!

Happy Father's Day to all the amazing fathers who make a big difference every day!"

Havelock Town



Maharagama



Gampaha



Nugegoda



Mother's Day

Mother's Day was joyfully celebrated across all Royal Institute branches. Nursery children surprised their mothers with colourful crafts and heartfelt messages, expressing love and gratitude. This simple celebration reminded us of the special place mothers hold in their children's lives.

Girls' School



Maharagama



Gampaha



Nugegoda



Rotating Lamp**Nugegoda**

Royal Institute International School, Nugegoda, celebrated the true spirit of Poshon with a mesmerising rotating lantern exhibition — beautifully crafted by our dedicated teachers and creative students. The colourful lights filled our hearts with warmth and happiness, reflecting unity, kindness, and compassion, while everyone who came to appreciate the display was treated to a sweet ice cream dansala, adding an extra bit of joy to the festivities.

**EVENTS****British Lanka Drama Festival**

Students from Royal Institute Nugegoda, Maharagama, and the Girls' School proudly debuted at the British Lanka Festival for the Performing Arts, representing the Colombo Centre with captivating performances. All three branches earned Distinctions, with valuable feedback from a British adjudicator.

A special congratulations to Royal Institute Maharagama for being crowned All Island Winners in the Mixed Age Group category—an incredible achievement showcasing their talent and teamwork!



Maharagama Branch - Emerged All Island Winners



Nugegoda Branch

Activity Day

Excitement filled Royal Institute as our Nursery, Grade 1, and Grade 2 stars lit up Activity Day 2025 with joy and energy! From creative play to fun challenges, the day was full of teamwork, learning, and laughter. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated teachers for making it an unforgettable celebration!



Dansal Events

During Poson Poya, Royal Institute students united to host heartfelt Dansala events, celebrating generosity and community spirit. Grade 11 held an Ice Cream Dansala, Primary students served drinks and Seeni Sambol buns, and the youngest hosted a Chickpea Dansala. With support from teachers and parents, these acts of kindness reflected the school's values of compassion, unity, and selfless giving.



Dhakkeniyo Programme

Over 300 students of Royal Institute International School stepped into the sacred grounds of Jethavanarama Monastery to take part in the Dakkhineyyo programme—a biweekly almsgiving ceremony involving 100 monks, anagārikas, novices, and devotees.

A serene procession—gracefully led by prefects, teachers, and students—set the tone for a heartfelt offering of atapirikara and over 40 pirikara boxes. It was a powerful display of gratitude, unity, and reverence, shared by the entire school community across all faiths.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



No Child Should Be Left Behind

A Teacher's Aspiration

In an education system often driven by grades and syllabi, Ms. Nirmala Silva is a teacher who looks beyond test scores. With over 20 years of experience, she approaches every child with compassion, patience, and a deep belief that education is not about how fast one moves, but how far one grows. For her, the classroom is a place where every child — whether outgoing or reserved, fast or slow — deserves equal attention and care.

While it's easy to spot the shining stars, Ms. Nirmala is drawn to the quiet learners, the hesitant voices, and the late bloomers. Her goal is simple yet profound: to ensure no child is left behind. Whether a student is disruptive or withdrawn, she meets them where they are, encouraging them to reflect, find their strengths, and grow in confidence.

Her inspiration to become a teacher came from a Catholic nun who once volunteered to teach English to hostellers. Ms. Nirmala wasn't strong in English and often avoided class, but that teacher never gave up on her. She goes beyond the page, she encourages the proficient in this essential tool in order to establish their identity and thrive in their chosen fields.

It's not just her passion for teaching that sets her apart — it's the time, effort, and self-improvement she commits to every day. For her, each lesson is not only a chance to teach but also to learn. She sees reading and writing not as difficult skills but as underused tools that can unlock potential when nurtured properly.

Ms. Nirmala's classroom is more than a space for worksheets. It's a space for stories, reflection, and honest conversations. A space where every voice is heard and valued. When asked to describe her teaching style, she answers with one word:

"Wholesome. I nourish my students in every possible way — with knowledge, discipline, and values."

Through her dedication and heart, Ms. Nirmala continues to shape young minds with care, integrity, and purpose.



Sports



Inter-International Schools Under -12 Badminton Championship 2025

Semi-Final Match

**Royal Institute vs Lyceum, Nugegoda
2 – 3**

Result: Lyceum Nugegoda won the match
Royal Institute secured 4th place in the tournament.



Achievement in Chess

Congratulations to Dheera Sithumini Sidagana from Royal Institute – Maharagama Branch for her outstanding achievement at the 7th Mora Kings International Chess Championship 2025! Competing in the Under-15 Girls category, 14-year-old Dheera secured Equal Third Place and delivered an exceptional performance on the board. She impressively defeated a 27-year-old player from Moratuwa University (Rated 1603), outplayed a 21-year-old rated 1607, and drew with a 26-year-old from Jaffna University (Rated 1662). Her stellar performance earned her a 45.6-point boost in her international rating, now proudly standing at 1500. Dheera's determination, skill, and sportsmanship are truly inspiring.



Inter International Schools Football Tournament 2025

Proud moment for our Under-16 Football Team as they clinched the Runners-Up title at the Inter-International Schools Tournament 2025! Their determination, sportsmanship, and unity were unmatched - every tackle, pass, and goal were a testament to their incredible spirit.

Here's to growth, grit, and many more victories ahead.





Inter - International Schools U19 Cricket Tournament 2025

Royal Institute's U19 Cricket Team has stormed into the semi-finals of the Inter International Schools U19 Tournament 2025 after six strong performances. In their latest match, they secured a 133-run win over Gateway College Colombo, led by Adhil Ali (119*), Manul Jayalath (78), and Nethika Wijekoon (3/10). Their consistent form makes them strong title contenders.



Inter-Royal Institute Table Tennis Tournament

Hosted at Royal Institute International School, Havelock Town, the Inter-Branch Table Tennis Championship brought together skilled players from across all branches for an intense day of rallies, smashes, and spirited competition. A true celebration of talent, teamwork, and sportsmanship!



Karate Tournament

Hosted at Royal Institute International School, Nugegoda, the Inter-Branch Karate Tournament brought together disciplined and determined martial artists from all branches. With powerful katas, focused kumite, and unwavering spirit, it was a thrilling showcase of strength, respect, and true sportsmanship!



Swimming

We are proud to announce that Royal Institute International School delivered a historic performance at the National Age Group Aquatic Championship 2025, which featured participation from over 130 schools across the country. This year marks the best medal-winning year in RI history at the national age group swimming meet.

Alumni Spotlight



At Royal Institute – Gampaha, we proudly celebrate the achievements of our distinguished alumni. Today, we highlight Sandali Savindya Dolamulla, whose dedication and leadership inspire many.

Sandali's journey at RI was marked by her role as Prefect from 2017 to 2018 and Head Prefect from 2018 to 2020. During this time, she played a key role in organizing school events and fostering unity among her peers, which helped develop her leadership and decision-making skills.

After graduation, Sandali pursued a career in Human Resources, earning the Chartered HR Professional Level 4 (CIHRM) from CIPM and working towards her Degree Level qualification (CQHRM), expected in 2025. With three years of experience at Daraz, she is now an HR Functional Specialist at MiHCM, focusing on HRIS implementation.

Sandali's success is a reflection of the strong values instilled at RI. We are proud of her accomplishments and wish her continued success in her career.

Congratulations, Sandali!

From Head Prefect to HR Trailblazer

The Journey of *Sandali Dolamulla*



Parent Involvement

Parent-Teacher Meeting

A meaningful Parent-Teacher Meeting was held at Royal Institute International School, Nugegoda Branch on 25th June 2025. As a valuable addition to the event, a common session was arranged for all parents, led by the Principal, Mr. Gladwin Canagasabey and the Head of Academic Affairs, Ms. Dinesha Jayathilaka. This session focused on important academic and developmental matters concerning students.

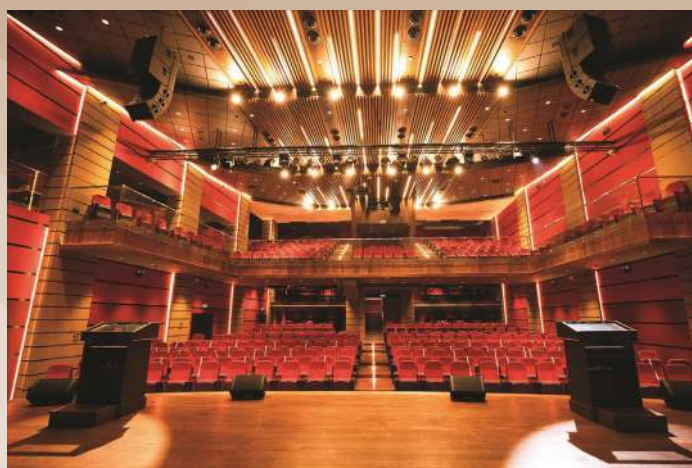
We thank all parents for their active participation and continued support in nurturing student success together.



Facilities and Infrastructure



Facilities and Infrastructure



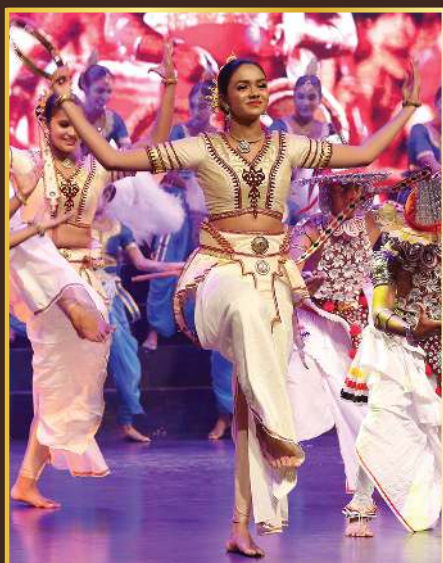


RIDMA
2025

13th September 2025

Musaeus College Auditorium

6 pm onwards



Tickets available at all RI branch schools

RISA, RIC & RICS

**Royal Institute EDU FAIR 2025:****A Strategic Success in Educational Excellence**

With the theme of ONE VISIT! BIG IMPACT! we are pleased to announce the successful completion of the Royal Institute EDU FAIR 2025, held at Havelock City Mall, on July 25th, 2025. Our distinguished team of Academic Counsellors delivered comprehensive consultations, facilitating strategic educational planning for prospective students and their parents. We extend our sincere appreciation to all participants whose engagement contributed to this successful initiative and look forward to supporting their continued academic advancement.

**Celebrating Academic Excellence:****EMFSS and LAWS Programmes Inauguration Ceremony at RIC**

On July 15th, 2025, the Royal Institute of Colombo proudly launched its new EMFSS and LAWS Programmes at a vibrant ceremony held at the RIC Auditorium. With cutting-edge facilities and industry-relevant curricula, the event marked a key milestone in RIC's commitment to shaping future leaders. The excitement shared by students and parents reflected the bright journeys ahead.

**International Foundation Programme Inauguration Ceremony
July 2025 Intake**

On July 16th, 2025, the Royal Institute of Colombo proudly welcomed its newest cohort of students as they embarked on their academic journey. A memorable highlight of the ceremony was a reflective activity where students wrote letters to their future selves, answering thought-provoking questions they'll revisit in a year. This meaningful exercise marked the beginning of a journey filled with personal growth, learning, and transformation. We look forward to supporting our students every step of the way as they embrace this exciting new chapter.



Royal Institute Smart Academy

By **Royal Institute**



Empowering Global Minds –

RISA's Journey Towards Future-Ready Learning

Royal Institute Smart Academy (RISA) is redefining education by empowering young minds to thrive as confident global citizens in the 21st century. With a strong vision and mission, RISA stands out through its unique approach offering boundaryless learning tailored to individual styles, fostering a flexible environment where students learn beyond time and place, and creating a competitive edge through user-friendly, interactive, and technology-driven platforms.

A key highlight this month was the successful Virtual Open Day for the July 2025 Intake, held on 14th July, where parents and students experienced RISA's dynamic and inclusive learning model. The event reflected our vibrant school culture built on collaboration among students, teachers, parents, and administrators. At RISA, education goes beyond academics it's about inspiring innovation, responsibility, and global thinking. We remain committed to nurturing learners who are ready to lead, adapt, and excel in an ever-evolving world.



RICS - Your Trusted Examination Centre for International Success

Royal Institute Centre of Skills (RICS) is your premier examination centre for internationally recognised qualifications. As an authorized Cambridge English Examination Centre and Pearson Assured Organization, we conduct examinations for Cambridge English courses (all levels), IELTS, PTE, Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT), Diploma in Montessori and Primary Education, and TVEC-accredited skill development programmes. With state-of-the-art facilities and qualified staff, RICS ensures a seamless examination experience that meets international standards, combining comprehensive examination services with quality preparation courses to give you the confidence to achieve your goals.





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Upcoming Events and Reminders



A Celebration of Excellence and Aspiration – Prize Giving 2025 of Royal Institute International School

Royal Institute International School will proudly host its annual Prize Giving ceremony on 12th August 2025 to celebrate the outstanding achievements of students across all grades. This prestigious event will honour dedication, perseverance, and excellence, bringing together educators, parents, and distinguished guests in a shared spirit of pride and celebration.

The ceremony will showcase vibrant cultural performances and will acknowledge the accomplishments of both junior and senior students in academics, sports, the arts, and leadership. A range of awards—from certificates to trophies—will be presented to recognise and encourage their continued success.

The Prize Giving will stand as a testament to Royal Institute's unwavering commitment to nurturing holistic excellence and inspiring every student to realise their fullest potential.



RIDMA 2025: Royal Institute International School's Annual Spectacle of the Performing Arts

Royal Institute International School is excited to announce the 2025 Ridma Concert, set for September 13th at the Musaeus College Auditorium. With over 500 participants and an expected audience of 1,400, this event will showcase a night of music, dance, and artistic performances.

This year's concert highlights the vibrant heritage of oriental music and traditional eastern dance, including an exclusive Hindu cultural dance. All five Royal Institute branches—Nugegoda, Maharagama, Havelock Town, Gampaha, and the Girls' School—will participate, with staff and students having dedicated countless hours to rehearsals since February 2025. A special Ridma-themed song will also be performed by the Nugegoda branch.

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