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A Royal Evening of Artistic Splendor



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As we look back on another remarkable year at Royal Institute International School, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the dedication, spirit, and resilience shown by our students, teachers, and parents. Each term has brought new achievements, new challenges, and countless moments that highlight the true strength of our school community.

To our students, I encourage you to continue embracing every opportunity to learn, grow, and discover who you are becoming. Your time at Royal Institute is not only about academic success, but about building character—learning to communicate with kindness, work with purpose, and approach every challenge with confidence. Remember, every question you ask, every risk you take, and every new experience you face brings you one step closer to the person you are meant to be.

Our shared vision for the school, guided by our Chairman Mr. G. T. Bandara, is rooted in empathy, respect, and holistic development. These values shape the way we teach, the way we lead, and the way we support one another as a community. I firmly believe that students, teachers, and parents form a powerful partnership—one that strengthens the learning journey for every child.

To the staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment to nurturing young minds and fostering a positive, inclusive environment. Your guidance helps our students grow into thoughtful, responsible, and compassionate individuals.

To our parents, your trust and support continue to strengthen the foundation of our school. Your involvement plays a vital role in shaping the balanced, vibrant learning environment we strive to create.

As we move into the new year, let us continue to uplift one another, celebrate each other's strengths, and work together to create a school community where every child feels valued, inspired, and empowered.

Together, at Royal Institute International School, we will continue building a future grounded in unity, excellence, and shared purpose.

Ellis Gladwin Canagasabey

Principal - Nugegoda Branch



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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Cambridge Ordinary Level Examination 2025

We are thrilled to celebrate our Cambridge Ordinary Level Examination 2025 high achievers, students who have earned top results. Their accomplishments reflect the strength of our academic programmes, the dedication of our teaching staff, and the core values we instil in every learner.

A special spotlight shines on Sinuri Sesathma Muhandiram, who achieved an extraordinary 10A* in the Cambridge O/Ls. Her journey from Royal Institute Nursery to this milestone is a testament to holistic education, consistent mentorship, and unwavering perseverance.

Congratulations to all our exceptional students. Your achievements continue to inspire our entire community.

 Wadiya Pathirage Senith Methudinu 4A*, 4A	 Minadi Sathewna Wickramanayake 4A*, 4A	 Muhammed Abdulla Mafaz 4A*, 4A	 Fathima Zamrooth Isart 4A*, 4A	 Thebawana Acharige Hesandu Nehunira 4A*, 3A, 1B	 Fathima Dheema Mursid 4A*, 3A, 1B	 Fathima Hishma Faazil 4A*, 3A, 1B	 T. W. A. N Shenal De Silva 3A*, 5A	 Rayini Thyansa Mapabandara 3A*, 5A	 H. Oshane Alwis Gamaratne 3A*, 4A, 1B
 Hallinna Lokuge Thumindu Hansana 3A*, 4A, 1B	 Inuli Lehansa Martino 3A*, 4A, 1B	 Sasini Amaya Weerasinghe 3A*, 4A, 1B	 Amalarajan Harishman 3A*, 4A, 1B	 Kashini Dinesh 3A*, 4A, 1B	 Fathima Shaza Shamsair 3A*, 4A, 2B	 Chenulya Navinithi Vithanage 2A*, 5A, 1B	 Bilal Mohamed Falzer 2A*, 5A, 1C	 Punchawarige Tashma Shenal 1A*, 7A	 Sihanga Samrudh Kanchana De Silva 7A*, 1A
 Widanelage Senula Neeth Fonseka 7A*, 1B	 Madanasinghe Vinuka Dilmith 7A*, 1A	 Saveni Imanga Weerasinghe 7A*, 1A	 J. M. Theesara Mihindie Jayasandara 6A*, 3A	 Suchithra Supunitha Navarathne 6A*, 1A, 1B	 Jovidha Senuth Surappanama 5A*, 3A	 Thimath Insandu Randunage 5A*, 3A	 Nida Nismath 5A*, 3A	 Himandeey Ravishma Pinnawala 5A*, 3A	 Trevin Angelo Wanniarachchi 5A*, 2A, 1B

Mohamed Rayan
5A*, 2A, 1B

10A*

Sinuri Sesathma Muhandiram
Maharagama Branch

Sinuri Sesathma shines with 10A* at Cambridge O/Levels. A true journey of excellence with Royal Institute International School since nursery!

Celebrating Excellence at Royal Institute Maharagama Branch

We proudly congratulate our students who gained admission to Sri Lanka’s prestigious national universities for 2024. Their exceptional Z-scores and top grades across key disciplines showcase outstanding dedication and academic excellence. Congratulations to all achievers—you continue to inspire the Royal Institute community!

Randinu Pathirana
Z. Score - 2.1152
Chemistry - A
Physics - A
Biology - A
Faculty of Medicine,
University of Kelaniya

Thilesh Chavidu Boteju
Z. Score - 2.1088
Chemistry - A
Physics - A
Combined Maths - A
Faculty of Engineering,
University of Moratuwa

Nimna Gunawardhana
Z. Score - 2.1472
Chemistry - A
Physics - A
Combined Maths - A
Faculty of Engineering,
University of Moratuwa

K. M. Thinuka Kenula
Z. Score - 2.0656
Accounting - A
Economics - A
ICT - A
Faculty of Business Science,
University of Moratuwa

Avinash Thilakarathna
Z. Score - 1.8521
Accounting - A
Economics - A
ICT - A
Faculty of Technology,
School of computing,
University of Colombo

Navida Naaditha
Z. Score - 2.0053
Business Studies - A
Accounting - A
Economics - A
Faculty of Management Science
and Commerce, University of
Sri Jayawardhanapura

Sinura Perera
Z. Score - 1.2029
English Literature - A
ICT - C
Economics - C
Faculty of Humanities and
Social sciences, University of
Sri Jayawardhanapura.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to our Edexcel IAS and IAL High Achievers

Royal Institute International School celebrates another year of remarkable Edexcel Advanced Level IAS and IAL results. These achievements reflect our students' hard work and our educators' unwavering support. We remain committed to empowering young minds to reach their fullest potential.



Chirath Adithya
Ranasinghe Seneviratne
4A*



Tina Munas
4A*



Jinuki Elvitigala
4A*



Yonal Nesara
Jayasinghe
3A* 1A



Nimansa Nethrale
Wanasinghe
2A* 2A



Mona Anarkali Walpita
Gamage
2A* 2A



Fathima Hana Ahmed
1A* 3A



Ayoob Muwahid
1A* 2A 1B



Mohomad Thayyib
Rummy
4A



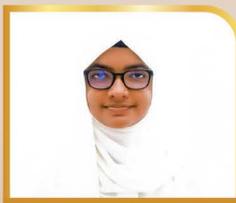
Rabiah Naleem
4A



Jayachandran Krithika
3A 1C



Fathima Zahara
Rilwan
3A



Arfa Mohomad Juzly
5As



Tharuli Thehasna
5As



Sainuja Nirmalan
4As



Manul Devshan
Jayalath
4As



Ashen Bandara
Liyanarachchi
4As



Ranuga Sewnith
Perera
4As



Liyana Arachchige
Gavrau Insith
4As



Sammani Dinugi
Bandara Mudannayake
4As



Godahewa Disuni
Gehansa Wimalasiri
4As



F. Aneeqa Rasvi
3As



Fathima Aniqqa Fuard
3As, 1D



Shelk Abdulla
Imthikab
2As, 2Bs



Fathima Aneeqa
Shafeel
2As, 2Bs



B. A. Ushika Achini
Perera
2As, 2Bs

Academic

Cambridge Officials' Visit to Royal Institute International School

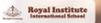
On 16th September 2025, Royal Institute International School had the honour of welcoming Mr. Rod Smith, Group Managing Director – International Education and Mr. Vinay Sharma, Senior VP International Education, South Asia from Cambridge University Press & Assessment. Their visit highlighted our commitment to world-class education, with engaging learning, modern facilities, and a supportive environment.



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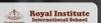
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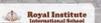
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Clubs & Societies

Cub Scouts and Scouting

60th Colombo Camporee

Congratulations to the 38th Colombo Scouts for participating at the 60th Colombo Camporee and achieving all inspection awards and activity badges. We are extremely proud of your outstanding accomplishment!



Our Six Scouts Won All Activity Awards
We Lead Our Sub Camp against Colombo Leading Schools

Scout Walk 2025

The Scout Walk 2025 brought together over 2,600 scouts—from Singithi and Cub Scouts to Scouts and Rovers—for the unveiling of the new World Scouts Logo. Joined by international scout leaders, including David Berg, Secretary General of WOSM, participants walked from Independence Square to the Viharamahadevi Park Open Air Theatre, filling the route with energetic yells, songs, and vibrant scouting spirit.



Girl Guides

Butterflies, Little Friends, Girl Guides & Guide Leaders Enrolment Ceremony 2025

Royal Institute International School proudly welcomed 140 new members into the Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association, as well as the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, joined by their guide leaders, principals, and distinguished SLGGA officials, including Ms. Naduni Wickramatunga, Ms. Varuni Pannila, Ms. Rihana Anwar, and Ms. Gangani Gunawardena. The ceremony was brightened by energetic Girl Guide performances and sweet songs from the Little Friends and Butterflies, marking a joyful start to their journey of service and leadership.



BUTTERFLIES, LITTLE FRIENDS, GIRL GUIDES & GUIDE LEADERS ENROLLMENT CEREMONY 2025

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Interact Club

A Day of Hope, an annual initiative by Volunteer Sri Lanka, dedicated to bringing love and care to cancer patients at Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama, marked its fourth year of compassion and service. This year's programme included religious observances, musical performances, and ward-cleaning activities.



IT Society

AXIS'25

The IT Society of Royal Institute International School attended AXIS'25, the first school-organised IT convention hosted by Royal College. The team of Praminda Kudahettie, Uvindu Kaushal, InsithGavrau, and Senitha Pathirage reached the semi-finals of TesserX, while the members also competed in DiscoverY, the algorithm and puzzle challenge.



Prefects' and Headboard Investiture 2025

Royal Institute International School proudly invested our newly appointed Prefects and Headboard members, celebrating their commitment to service, integrity, and excellence.



Prefects' Camp

The Prefects' Camp 2025 of Royal Institute International School was held at the CIMSTA Training Centre, where 118 prefects embarked on a two-day journey of teamwork, discipline, and growth.



Royal Institute Prefect Camp 2025
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Prefect Leadership Camp

Prefects' Workshop 2025: Building Competent Leaders

Held on 22nd October 2025 at Royal Institute International School, Nugegoda branch, the Prefects' Workshop guided by Ms. Lasanthi S. Attanayake and organised by Mr. M. Katunarathna and Ms. Medhavi Ranasinghe focused on practical leadership through brainstorming, teamwork, and reflection activities.



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PREFECTS' WORKSHOP 2025 AT ROYAL INSTITUTE NUGEKODA BRANCH
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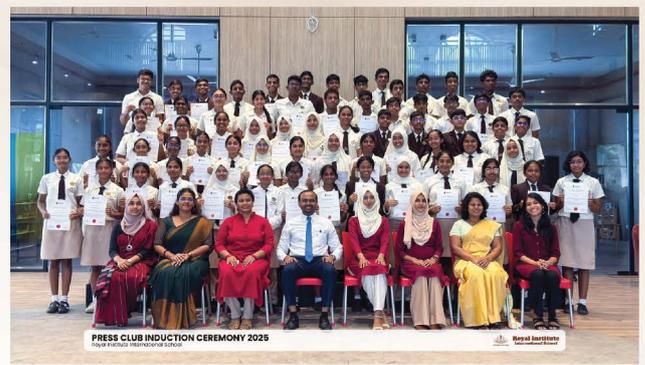
Press Club

Press Club Induction Ceremony 2025

Held on 26th September 2025, this inspiring event welcomed a new wave of young voices ready to lead, report, and represent.



PRESS CLUB INDUCTION CEREMONY 2025
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Royal Institute Career Guidance Unit (RICGU)

Royal Institute Australian Educational Fair 2025

The Royal Institute Australian Educational Fair 2025 was held on 4th September 2025 at Royal Institute of Colombo, bringing together students, teachers, and counsellors with representatives from leading Australian universities.



RICGU Skills Development Programme

The Royal Institute Career Guidance Unit recommenced the RICGU Skills Development Programme which covered a wide variety of topics such as Financial and Digital Literacy, Study Skills and Problem Solving, Cooking and Collaboration, First Aid and Adaptability, Communication and Professional Etiquette, Career Exploration and Goal Setting.



Inter-Branch Collaborative Cooking Session

Students from all five Royal Institute branches joined for an Inter-Branch Collaborative Cooking Session on 15th November 2025, working in mixed teams to create delicious dishes under the guidance of teachers. The event fostered unity, teamwork, and shared learning, as students proudly presented their creations and celebrated the true spirit of collaboration.



Culinary Creativity Takes Centre Stage at the Inter-Branch Cooking Session
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INTER-BRANCH COLLABORATIVE COOKING SESSION AT ROYAL INSTITUTE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



INTER-BRANCH COLLABORATIVE COOKING SESSION AT ROYAL INSTITUTE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Royal Institute Model United Nations (RIMUN)

Sri Lanka Model United Nation 2025 (RIMUN)

Students of Royal Institute International School achieved outstanding success at Sri Lanka Model United Nations 2025, with Lesanda Jayawardane receiving 1st Higher Commendation in UNICEF, Lamhaan Riham earning 2nd Honorary Mention in GA1, and Senitha Pathirage securing 2nd Honorary Mention in WTO.



Outstanding Achievements at Sri Lanka Model United Nations 2025



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The Royal Institute Model United Nations Conference

The Royal Institute Model United Nations Conference held its 3rd session on 5th–6th July 2025, bringing together over 300 delegates from more than 18 schools for two days of global dialogue, diplomacy, and debate.



Scrabble Club

Royal Institute International School, Nugegoda branch launched its Scrabble Club with an engaging inaugural session led by Dr. Janidu Karunaratne, who introduced students and teachers to the fundamentals of competitive Scrabble.



Celebrations & Events

Children's Day

Children's Day celebrations at Royal Institute International School were filled with laughter, creativity, and unforgettable moments as all branches came together to honour the bright young minds who inspire us every day.



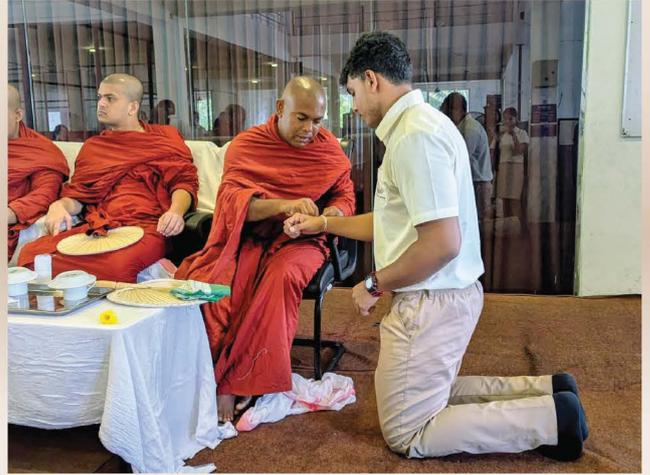
Deepavali

Our little ones celebrated Deepavali by lighting diyas and spreading joy all around. Their smiles reminded us that true happiness comes from simple acts of love and light.



Royal Institute Gampaha Branch: 12 Years of Growth and Grace

Royal Institute International School, Gampaha Branch proudly marked its 12th anniversary with a serene pirith chanting ceremony.



Royal Institute Girls' School 17th Anniversary

Royal Institute International School Girls' School marked its 17th anniversary on 16th September 2025 – a celebration of vision, values and vibrant community.



Teachers' Day

Royal Institute International School celebrated Teachers' Day with gratitude and admiration for the dedicated educators across all branches who inspire, guide, and uplift our students every day.



TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS AT ROYAL INSTITUTE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



A Tribute to Inspiration:
Teachers' Day 2025 Celebration at Royal Institute Havelock Town



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A Legacy of Inspiration:
Teachers' Day 2025 at Royal Institute International Girls' School



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TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS AT ROYAL INSTITUTE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



Royal Institute International School
The Spirit of Learning

A Teachers' Gallery

The Enduring Wisdom of Mr. G. T. Bandara

An interview by Saravada Mathew and Anandha Manjivanna (Singapore International School, Singapore Branch)

In the ever-evolving landscape of education, few individuals embody the true spirit of teaching as deeply as **Mr. G. T. Bandara** – a teacher whose passion, humility, and integrity have inspired generations of learners. In this special feature, we share the heart of his philosophy – one rooted in service, growth, and an unending pursuit of excellence.

Teaching Beyond the Self

"To teach in the best possible way is to do so with the sincere intention of making your students better than yourself. A teacher must think, 'I am doing this to help these children excel to be better individuals.'"

Mr. Bandara believes that the essence of teaching lies in selfless knowledge; he insists, is not meant to be guarded but shared – and when shared with pure intent, it creates a ripple of love, respect, and transformation in the classroom.

The Restless Pursuit of Excellence

"Even with my many years of experience in the classroom, I am never completely satisfied," he admits. "After every class, I think, 'I could have done that lesson better.' And immediately, I start preparing for the next." This gentle dissatisfaction, he believes, marks the strength of a real educator – one who strives, not for perfection, but for progress. His philosophy is simple yet powerful: **never relax in your pursuit of betterment.**

A Legacy of Light

Through his words, Mr. G. T. Bandara reminds us that teaching is not about instruction alone – it is about inspiration. His life stands as a testament to dedication, humility, and the timeless truth that greatness in education comes not from what we teach, but from how deeply we care.

The Heart of Motivation

"When children come to me seeking help, I cannot refuse them," says Mr. Bandara with quiet conviction. "They approach because they need guidance in a subject, and I am always delighted to help." For him, teaching has never been a profession but a responsibility – a sacred trust to nurture young minds with patience, empathy, and purpose.

Commitment to Continuous Growth

"Throughout my extensive teaching career, I have continuously refined and updated my notes, improving them every single day," he explains. "Even now, I never go to a class simply to repeat what I did the previous year – I always add something new."

His dedication to improvement is unwavering. Each lesson, each note, and each student interaction become an opportunity to refine his craft – a reminder that true teachers never stop learning, and it creates a ripple of love, respect, and transformation in the classroom.

Integrity and Effort Above All

"We have many students who achieve three A's, four A's, or even five A's," he notes thoughtfully. "But real intelligence is not just about grades. Teachers must make their students work – that is the most important thing." To Mr. Bandara, the cornerstone of education is integrity. "Teaching is a noble profession – it must be treated as such."

Vani Vizha

On 10th October 2025, Royal Institute International Girl's School joyfully marked the celebration of Vani Vizha with vibrant performances and cultural expressions. Hosted by the Hindu Society, students and teachers reflected and learned the beauty and creativity of the celebration.



Royal Institute Pirith Chanting Ceremony

To mark the beginning of the new academic year, the Royal Institute community united in a solemn pirith chanting ceremony, seeking blessings for wisdom, protection, and prosperity.



All-Island Winners at British Lanka Performing Arts Festival 2025

Royal Institute International School, Nugegoda branch proudly celebrated its All-Island Winners at the British Lanka Performing Arts Festival 2025 – Grand Finals: Dulina Pathirana (Violin), Aiden Milo (Singing), and Lawanya Cooray (Singing). Our sincere thanks to Ms. Madusha Nimnasiri for her dedicated guidance.



All-Island Champions at British Lanka Performing Arts Festival 2025
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Royal Enlightenment - Dhamma Talks

Conducted by Ven. Germaniye Maithree Thero, the programme extended an open invitation for all to gather every Sunday at Royal Institute International School for inspiring and uplifting teachings.



Buddhism Projects – Primary Section

Our primary students from all five branches of Royal Institute International School beautifully showcased their creativity and understanding of Buddhism through inspiring poster presentations.



HackX Jr 8.0

Royal Institute International School, Maharagama branch proudly celebrated Team Lunaris – Gavrau Insith, Sammani Mudannayaka, Geesath Baddegama, and Nisith Fonseka – for placing 2nd Runners-Up at HackX Jr. 8.0, organised by the Industrial Management Science Students' Association of the University of Kelaniya, as the only international school team in the Grand Finals. Their real-time drowsiness detection app aims to prevent road accidents, and we extend our thanks to Ms. Vihanga Premachandra for her guidance.



Halloween-themed Assembly

Royal Institute International School, Maharagama Branch held a vibrant Halloween-themed assembly that was full of creativity and talent. Adding to the excitement, Kaydon Jayarathne delivered the inspiring speech that won him the Toastmasters competition, leaving the audience truly impressed.



Halloween with a Twist –
Royal Institute Maharagama Branch

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HALLOWEEN WITH A TWIST – ROYAL INSTITUTE MAHARAGAMA BRANCH

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National Open Day

Royal Institute International School successfully held its Open Day 2025, welcoming new students from Nursery to Advanced Level to join our vibrant learning community for the upcoming academic year.



Nursery Graduation 2025

We proudly celebrated Nursery Graduation 2025, honouring our little stars as they stepped into their next chapter. At Royal Institute International School, we nurtured not just knowledge, but character, creativity, and compassion from the very first classroom.



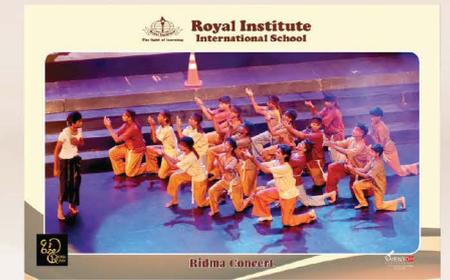
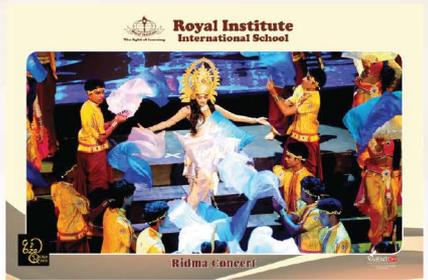
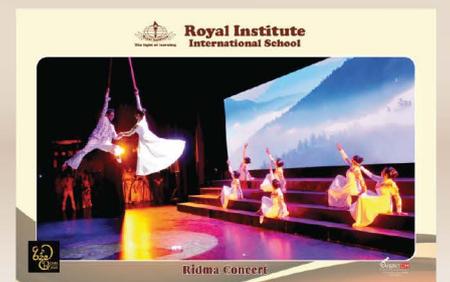
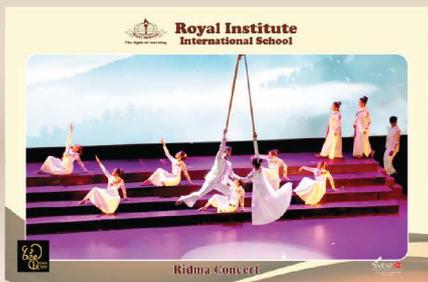
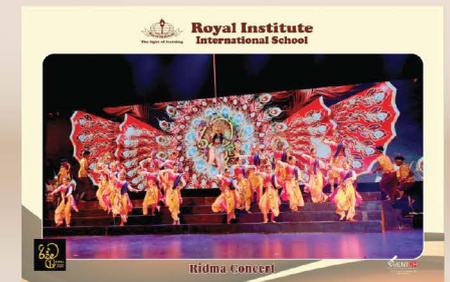
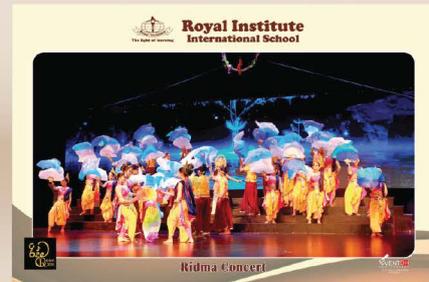
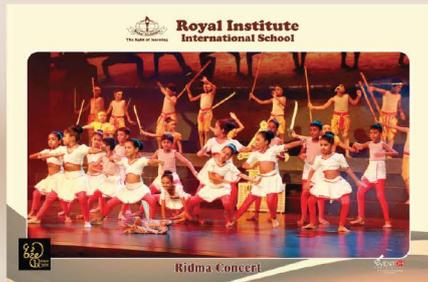
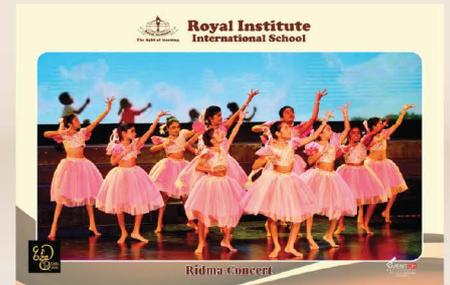
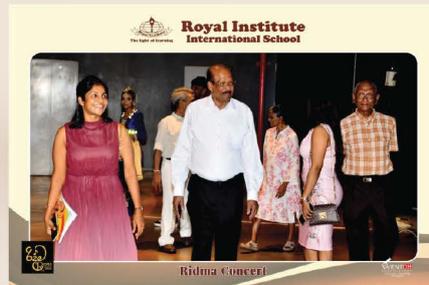
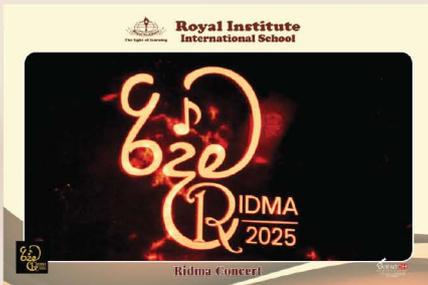
Royal Institute EDU FAIR 2025

The event came alive as every visitor left with clarity, confidence, and inspiration to pursue their academic and professional goals. Our expert academic counsellors provided personalised guidance, making the event both engaging and meaningful.



RIDMA 2025

Ridma 2025 marked a defining moment in our academic calendar, an event that showcased the depth of talent, discipline, and cultural awareness nurtured at Royal Institute International Schools. Held on 13th September 2025, the festival brought together our entire school community in celebration of the arts, reinforcing our commitment to holistic development and inclusive excellence. We extend heartfelt thanks to every student, teacher, and parent who made Ridma 2025 unforgettable.



Royal Institute International School Sport Championship - 2025

From gold medals to personal bests, our champions brought home more than just trophies, they brought pride, perseverance, and unforgettable memories.



Student Talks 2025

Held on 23rd August 2025 at Royal Institute of Colombo, the session by Professor Scott Ayton and Professor Yugeesh Lankadeva highlighted the value of balancing academics with extracurriculars, followed by interactive student activities on finding this balance. We sincerely thank both professors for their valuable guidance.



Experiential Learning

50th Shakespeare Drama Competition



Bringing Shakespeare to Life:
Royal Institute International School Students at
the Annual Drama Competition 2025



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The Cambridge Ordinary Level English Literature students had the privilege of attending the Annual Shakespeare Drama Competition 2025, where schools from across the country brought Shakespeare's timeless words to life on stage.

Beach Cleanup by The Golden Order



Royal Institute Nugegoda Branch Students Unite for a Greener Tomorrow:
The Golden Order's Beach Cleanup Project



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On 12th October 2025, the Global Perspectives group, The Golden Order, under the guidance of the Global Perspectives subject teacher, Ms. Suraiya Amir, organised a beach cleaning project to raise awareness about the importance of protecting the environment.

N.A.R.A.Y's Health Initiative on Cancer



From Awareness to Action: N.A.R.A.Y's
Health Initiative on Cancer by the students of
Royal Institute International School Nugegoda



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With compassion at the heart of their project, the Grade 10 Global Perspectives students of N.A.R.A.Y. from Royal Institute International School Nugegoda branch visited Apeksha Cancer Hospital at Maharagama to donate essential medicines to patients in need.

State of Mind Mental Health and Psychology Exhibition



Royal Institute Nugegoda Branch Students Attend "State of Mind" Exhibition www.royalinstitute.org
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Students of Royal Institute International School, Nugegoda branch, along with Ms. Suwashini Muruganandan and Principal Mr. Ellis Gladwin Canagasabey, attended the "State of Mind" Mental Health and Psychology Exhibition at the Colombo Institute of Research and Psychology on 11th October 2025.

US East Coast Program



Royal Institute Students Touch Down in New York www.royalinstitute.org
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Students of Royal Institute International School completed an exciting 11-day US East Coast Career Exploratory Program, travelling through New York, Boston, and Orlando. From university tours and Broadway workshops to Seaworld, Universal Studios, and the Kennedy Space Center, the experience was filled with learning, adventure, and unforgettable memories.



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Student Wellbeing

Digital Safety and Cyberbullying Session

Students across all Royal Institute International School branches participated in Digital Safety and Cyberbullying sessions led by Ms. Shelani Dias, learning how to stay safe online, set healthy boundaries, and understand the impact of cyberbullying.



'Motivation in Learning' Awareness Sessions

Insightful awareness sessions were conducted by our school students' counsellor, Ms. Shelani Dias, for Grades 9 to 11 at Royal Institute International Schools where students participated with great enthusiasm, gaining valuable lessons on how motivation can fuel success in their learning journey.



Mental Health Awareness Month

Royal Institute International School, Havelock Town conducted an art-based session titled "Let's Prevent Addiction," led by student counsellor Ms. Shelani where students from Cambridge grades 8–10 and National grades 10–11 used creative expression to reflect on mental health and addiction prevention, promoting awareness and positive well-being.



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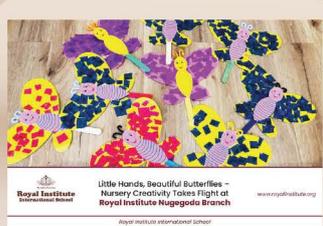


ROYAL INSTITUTE HAVELOCK TOWN STUDENTS PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH ART
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Nursery Activities

Crafting Butterflies & Ladybugs

Our little artists used their tiny hands to craft beautiful butterflies – each one as unique and colourful as their imagination.



First Day of Nursery

The very first day was filled with smiles, laughter, and exciting activities. Our little ones are already beginning to create beautiful memories together!



Fruits & Vegetables

Through a colourful and exciting lesson on fruits and vegetables, the children discovered how these natural gifts are both tasty and healthy.



Little Explorers & The Big Round World

Our LKG stars at Royal Institute International Girls' School had a wonderful time learning about the globe and the seven continents.



Nursery & Grade 1 Orientation

The Nursery Orientation Day across all Royal Institute International School branches was filled with laughter, music, and heart-warming moments.



Teacher Spotlight

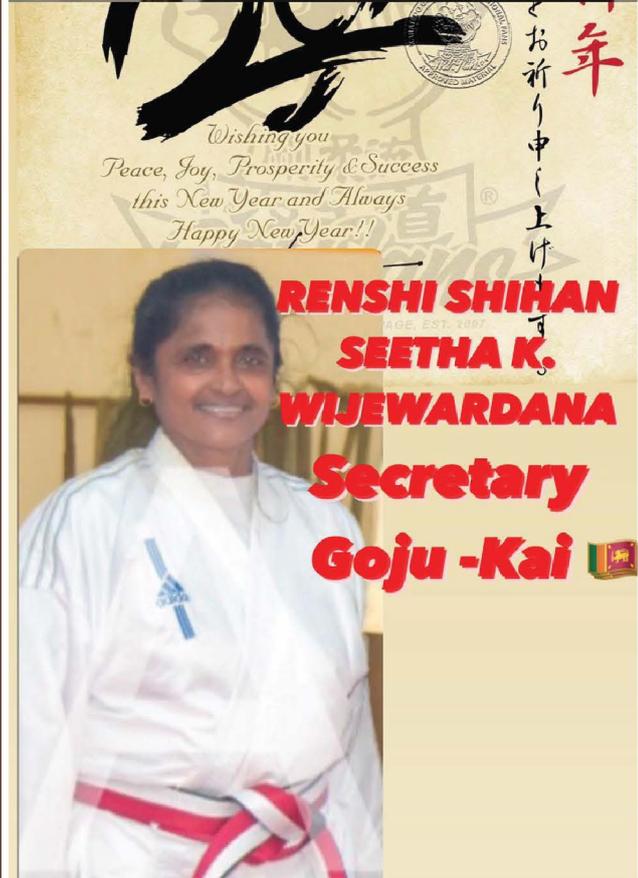


Sensei D.S.K. Wijewardana

A Legacy of Excellence in Karate & Judo at Royal Institute International School

Ms. D.S.K. Wijewardana, the only 6th Dan Renshi Shihan woman in South Asia, has been a pillar of excellence at Royal Institute International School since 2005. With over 40 years of experience in Karate and Judo, she has trained more than 600 Royal Institute students across all five branches, guiding them to outstanding achievements at Colombo District, Western Province, National, and TISSL International Schools Karate Championships. Under her leadership, Royal Institute maintains an exceptional record, consistently earning over 50% medal rates and producing national-level athletes such as Akmal Thotawatta, Gawesh Dahanayake, and G.A. Usitha Pasandul.

Beyond Royal Institute, Ms. Wijewardana is an internationally recognised martial artist and national coach who has represented Sri Lanka at global events in Japan, Singapore, Indonesia, Australia, Bhutan, and multiple South Asian Championships. Her students continue to shine abroad, earning medals at prestigious tournaments. With decades of achievements—including championship titles in both Karate and Judo, roles on national selection committees, and contributions to global seminars—she remains a powerful influence who instils discipline, resilience, and confidence in every child she trains.



Sports

All-Island School Games – Weightlifting Championship

Congratulations to R.A.D. Ramithu Laknila Ramanayaka of Royal Institute International School, Nugegoda Branch for winning gold at both the All-Island School Games 2025 (96kg) and the Sri Lanka Weightlifting Federation Youth Novices Championship 2025 (98kg), with impressive lifts of 71kg and 73kg in Snatch and 93kg and 90kg in Clean & Jerk. We are proud of his dedication, strength, and remarkable achievement.



Basketball

Under 17 Sri Lanka Schools Basketball Tournament

Royal Institute International School proudly clinched the runner-up position at this year's tournament. This achievement marks a historic comeback, as Royal Institute secured an All-Island basketball title after 8 years—a powerful testament to the dedication, resilience, and hard work of our talented U17 team.



John Trabat Junior Athletic Championship 2025

We were humbly proud to see our students shine bright at the John Trabat Junior Athletics Championship 2025 – Embilipitiya, bringing honour to their branches through their outstanding performances.



Karate

14th International Schools Karate Championship

Royal Institute International School delivered an outstanding performance at the 14th International Schools Karate Championship 2025, securing 22 Gold, 25 Silver, and 14 Bronze medals, earning a total of 213 points and placing 6th overall. Special congratulations go to our individual champions – Sadev Sithdula (Under 12 Boys) and Onara Jethumi (Under 12 Girls).



Cricket

INTER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS UNDER-19 CRICKET TOURNAMENT 2025



MATCH SUMMARY
ROYAL INSTITUTE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL VS GATEWAY COLLEGE COLOMBO

ROYAL INSTITUTE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	OVERS 20.0	244/2	
ADHIL ALI	119 (73)	NETHIKA WIJEKON	3-10 (4)
MANUL JAYALATH	78 (32)	DINUGA BALASURIYA	2-15 (3)
GATEWAY COLLEGE COLOMBO	OVERS 20.0	111/7	

RI WON BY 133 RUNS

Royal Institute vs. Gateway College Colombo

Royal Institute International School cruised into the knockout stages of the Inter-International Schools U19 Cricket Tournament 2025, defeating Gateway College Colombo by 133 runs after posting 244/2. Key performances came from Adhil Ali (119*), Manul Jayalath (78), and Ranuga Perera (17*), with strong bowling by Nethika Wijekoon (3 wickets), Dinuga Balasuriya (2 wickets), and Gositha Wimarshana (1 wicket). Adhil Ali was named Player of the Match.

SRI LANKA SCHOOLS U17 DIVISION III CRICKET TOURNAMENT - 2025



MATCH SUMMARY
ROYAL INSTITUTE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL VS PRESIDENT'S COLLEGE - MAHARA

PRESIDENT'S COLLEGE	OVERS 47.0	192/10	
ROYAL INSTITUTE	OVERS 33.0	193/2	
DISAS INDIW	79 (73)	THUMINDU HANSANA	3-15 (9)
NETHIKA SENHAS	52 (46)	MANUL DEVSHAN	2-38 (8)

RI WON BY 8 WICKETS

President's College – Mahara vs Royal Institute

For the first time in known history of the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Tournament, Royal Institute International School has qualified for the Pre-quarter finals play-off round.

National Roller-Skating Championship

Royal Institute International School proudly celebrated the achievements of our skaters, with Akain Senitha (Grade 8B) winning 1st place in the 100m and 500m, placing 4th in the 300m, and being crowned the Junior National U14 Boys Champion. Akinsa Sesathmi (Grade 3A) also showed great skill in the Under 10 category, earning 3rd place in the 200m and participating in the 100m and 300m events.



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Rolling to Victory at
the National Roller Skating Championship 2025

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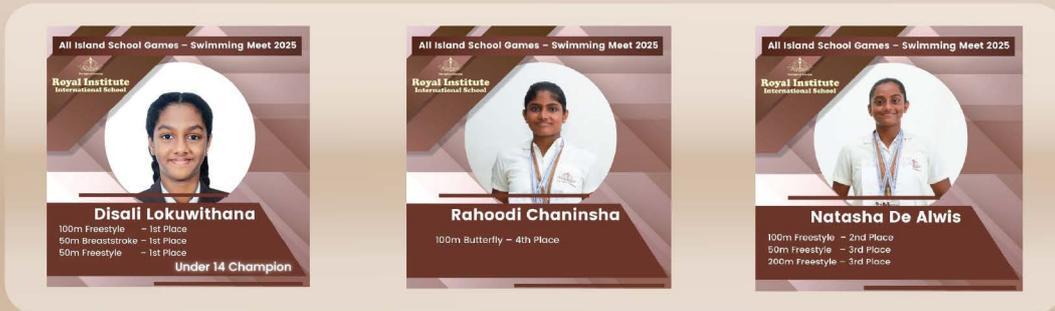
THE NATIONAL ROLLER SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

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Swimming

All Island School Games – Swimming Meet 2025

Royal Institute International School celebrated outstanding success at the All-Island School Games – Swimming Meet 2025. Disali Lokuwithana became the Under 14 Champion with 1st Place in the 100m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, and 50m Freestyle. Natasha De Alwis earned 2nd Place in the 100m Freestyle and 3rd Place in the 50m and 200m Freestyle. Rahoodi Chaninsha secured 4th Place in the 100m Butterfly.



Inter-Branch Swimming Meet

The Inter-Branch Swimming Meet brought together the talented swimmers of Royal Institute International School, showcasing their speed, skill, and team spirit.



Football

Gampaha-Kelaniya Zonal Football Tournament 2025

The Under 14 Football Team of Royal Institute International School, Gampaha Branch showcased incredible teamwork and determination at the Gampaha/Kelaniya Zonal Football Tournament 2025, securing a 2–0 win against Al Mubarak College in their opening match.



Inter-Royal Institute Football Championship

The Inter-Royal Institute Football Championship 2025, held on 1st August 2025, brought together all branches for a dynamic day of skill and sportsmanship. Havelock & Girls' School emerged overall champions with 100 points, while Gampaha, Nugegoda, and Maharagama delivered strong performances that made the event truly memorable.



Alumni Spotlight



Nilanya De Silva

A True Reflection of Excellence at Royal Institute

Nilanya De Silva of Royal Institute International School, Maharagama Branch, is a shining example of dedication, discipline, and all-round excellence. Having begun her journey at Royal Institute from Nursery, she was guided by committed teachers who nurtured her confidence and ambition. Throughout her school years, she excelled academically and in leadership, serving as Head Prefect in 2019 and earning the prestigious President's Scout Award in 2020. Nilanya's academic achievements include securing 9 As at the G.C.E. Ordinary Level Examination and 3 As in the Biological Science Stream at the G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination.

A talented athlete, Nilanya captained the Netball Team and contributed to championship victories in both athletics (field events) and basketball, showcasing her versatility and commitment. Fuelled by her long-standing dream of entering the medical field, she is now a second-year MBBS student at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo—one of Sri Lanka's most esteemed institutions. Royal Institute proudly celebrates her achievements and wishes her success as she continues her remarkable journey.

Article by Peshali Weerakkody

Parent Involvement

On 14th and 19th August 2025, the Advanced Subsidiary, Advanced Level and Ordinary Level students and their parents came together for a collaborative results day focused on academic progress. Families engaged with school leaders, teachers, and Royal Institute of Colombo (RIC) representatives to review results, discuss next steps, and plan ahead—ensuring shared support and guidance for every learner's journey.



Facilities & Infrastructure

Nursery and Day Care - Royal Institute International School – Maharagama Branch



Nursery and Day Care - Royal Institute International School - Nugegoda Branch



RISA, RIC & RICS



Futuristic Classrooms Empowering Global Citizens in a Digital World

On 19th July 2025, Ms. Diana K. Hettiarachchi and Ms. Imani Bakmeedeniya represented Royal Institute International School at the Cambridge “Futuristic Classrooms” workshop in Colombo, featuring Ms. Ranmali Wickramasinghe, Ms. Clare Godwin, and Ms. Carly Garner. The Nugegoda branch was also recognised as an authorised Cambridge English preparation centre – a proud milestone for the school.



Feedback that Moves Learning

Our Professional Development session with Dr. Anthony Rendall offered valuable insights into strengthening teacher feedback practices. Key takeaways included the 7 steps of effective feedback, the role of peer feedback, different feedback formats (written, face-to-face, verbal, and recorded), common barriers, and the importance of keeping feedback separate from marks. This session helped teachers refine their approaches to better support student growth.



Embracing AI Responsibly in Education

Royal Institute of Colombo successfully hosted an engaging workshop by Dr. Susanga Costa from Deakin University on Academic Integrity and the Responsible Use of AI in Education. The session offered valuable insights into ethical practices and emerging challenges in AI-enhanced learning, and we appreciate the support of our teams who reshared the post on LinkedIn to help extend this opportunity to educators across schools.



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Toastmaster's Session

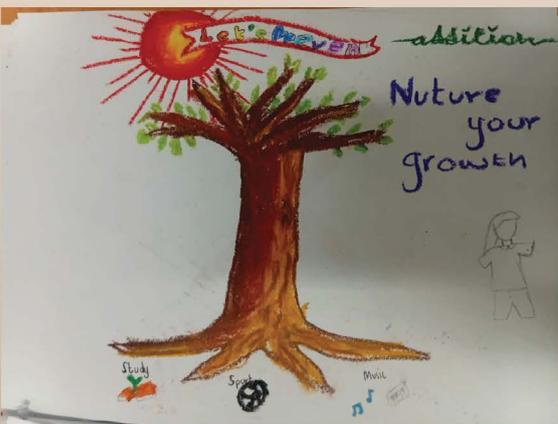
RICS successfully completed another cycle of Toastmaster's Sessions in collaboration with the Serendib Toastmasters Club on the 25th of October, 2025. The Finale included a showcase as well as a competition amongst participants, encouraging yet another batch of enthusiastic entrants to the world of public speaking.



The Certificate in Child Development and Effective Teaching Practices

The Certificate in Child Development and Effective Teaching Practices equips Sri Lankan teachers with key skills in psychology, modern teaching methods, classroom management, and inclusive education. The programme promotes evidence-based practice, emotional intelligence, and culturally responsive teaching, enabling educators to create engaging lessons and support diverse

Talent Corner



Upcoming Events & Reminders

National O/Level Examinations – Commencing 17th February 2026

Students of Royal Institute International School will sit for the National GCE Ordinary Level Examination starting on 17th February 2026. This important examination period marks the culmination of their academic efforts throughout the year. We commend our candidates for their hard work and dedication, and we extend our warmest wishes for a confident and successful exam experience.

Supporting the Community

Royal Institute Extends a Helping Hand

Royal Institute International School extended a heartfelt call to action, inviting parents, alumni, students, and staff to unite in support of communities affected by the recent floods and adverse weather conditions. Essential items were collected across all Royal Institute branches, reflecting our shared commitment to compassion, kindness, and reaching those most in need.





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