

# GRADUATION 2023



## MY ROCKWELL JOURNEY

Thank you, parents, teachers, and the faces that I see everyday for coming together and celebrating an important moment for all of us. I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each and everyone of you who has contributed to making this journey so special. Joining Rockwell in 2017, almost 6 years now, I was a little worried if I would fit in as a British kid and if people would make fun of my accent. I mean, my best friends did... they said it was my fault the British invaded India, but regardless, Rockwell felt like a home to me. I felt like I belonged somewhere for once. And watching Rockwell grow as a school, a community, as my family, it always reminds me how they welcomed me with such warm, open arms and it is my turn to pass on the warmth to others.

Thank you to all the teachers and everyone who has helped me and guided me along the years because I wouldn't be where I am and who I am right now if it wasn't for all of you and I am so, so grateful. Last year was a rollercoaster of ups and downs, but not once did the teachers make me feel that I'm hopeless. Instead, they tried to motivate me and inspire me and they reminded me of who I really am and how much potential I have and how capable I am of reaching great heights. Seeing these teachers, who are usually really strict most of the time, show you that they care, makes those moments feel so special and I will always remember that when I leave.

Shruti ma'am and Manija ma'am, thank you so much for always being there for me, having my back and motivating me when I need it most. And thank you for putting up with me all these years, I know I'm not the easiest to handle but you have helped me grow the confidence to voice my own opinion and stick up for myself and those who remain silent. Thank you so much for everything and I can't wait to go on this new adventure keeping everything Rockwell has taught me by side. Thank you

Maanya Betha, A Level



## CH LN Sanjana XII CBSE

On behalf of of Grade 12 CBSE of Rockwell International School, on this lovely morning, I thank you all for the wonderful assemblage underneath this high gable.

I am sincerely thankful for the ones who taught my class, as you have built us right from the foundation to where we are today. The COVID matriculates couldn't have been expected to do better, but you honed our amateur selves into teenagers better placed to face the world.

Being considerate of us being the COVID matriculates, you helped us to manage our difficult subjects, balance our education and extra-curricular activities. You made us find structure out of confusion. The tenacity of our career counselor opened a wide variety of options for us to choose from and her above-par diligence has always helped us keep our feet into the waters of knowledge & judgment.



Under your guidance, as we stand at the threshold of what is believed as the outside world. I want you all to know, we wouldn't have stood here without you. You prepared us to face the challenges outside – whether it is to fill forms or exams to be taken up or write our SOPs and aim high in academics.

The first and last day of school are the hardest for a teacher. The first day you are starting all over again. The last day you are letting go of the connection that was made throughout the year. Rest assured all that you have taught us can never wane. It is ethereally and innately ingrained in us now. It can only be honed into an understanding of something better.

As I conclude, I wish the best for my teachers to disseminate their love further. Fredrich Neitsche said “One repays a teacher badly if one always remains nothing but a pupil.” And thus I wish my batch mates a wonderful life taking this love & teaching ahead. I wish you all very good lives ahead.





# A DECADE OF GROWTH, FRIENDSHIP, AND INSPIRATION

I vividly recall the first time I stepped into Rockwell's jubilee hills campus back in 2012, and this is now my 11th year here. Although I probably stand twice as tall today and have had so many more diverse experiences, my feelings are the same. A rough calculation would suggest that I have spent 8% of all my time since I was born, here at Rockwell. I definitely consider school as my second home, with which I have no regrets. Rockwell's slogan, "nurturing every child's potential", is definitely true in my experience and for many of my peers who have undertaken this journey with me.

In this decade long voyage, I'm glad to have met so many people I'm honored to call friends, some of whom are here with me today on this special occasion. Whether it be playing video games in the middle of the night and not studying for exams, or aimlessly wandering the corridors of school during breaks, each moment with this special group of people has shaped me into who I am today.

And now, as we students move on to the next phases of our lives, I would like to wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors. We all entered high school as probably a bunch of goofy kids who would groan at the sight of the math weekend worksheet, and many of us still do that. Yet, as the next generation, society rests on our shoulders. I hope you all are as excited as I am to conquer the world, be active members of our communities, and make a change. After all, that's one of the reasons we have worked so hard and obtained an education, curious for knowledge and ready to take on future challenges.



However, this journey wouldn't be possible without the people who have constantly supported me in my accomplishments, and my shortcomings. I would also like to wholeheartedly thank my family, especially my dad who's seemingly annoying and unnecessary peptalks actually turned out to be really useful, my teachers, especially my beloved business management teacher Shruti ma'am who has been so kind in guiding me through the IB, our counselor Ms. Aditi who always put up with my college application procrastination and the late night messages to upload the recommendation letters ASAP because the deadline was in a day, and our respected principal Ms. Manija who has been with me from the start, for lifting me out of the mud when I would fall. I really couldn't have done it without you all.

Often, on graduation day we look outside for heroes but I see them right here among us. I have seen in my years at Rockwell that we don't have to look far for inspiration and that we each have the potential to make an inspiring contribution to others, by being true to our values and committing ourselves to lofty goals. When you leave here today, celebrate what you have accomplished, but look forward with an eye toward how you, too, can be the inspiration for others.

It's truly been a blast, and I will miss every single part of it. Thank you for everything, and good luck to everyone for the future.

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