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## Principal's MESSAGE

A college campus is not just a physical space; it is a vibrant community that thrives on the exchange of ideas, the pursuit of knowledge, and the fostering of lifelong relationships. Our college has always stood by the ethos of academic excellence and holistic growth, and the department of English plays a vital role in this process. The faculty and students of the department display commitment to academic excellence, leadership, and community involvement. This newsletter is the best evidence for the vibrancy and creative zeal sparking in each one of you in organising versatile events and programmes for the betterment of the college and the community at large. I urge you to continue setting high standards for yourselves. I congratulate the department for the consistent efforts you put in, and wish you all success in your future endeavours.

**Prof. Dr. Indulal G,** Principal



## From the Editor's Desk

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to yet another engaging edition of our newsletter Gazzetta Anglorum, the official document of the activities and programmes organised by the department. With each passing year, our commitment to organising insightful programmes remains unwavering. In this edition, all the important events and activities are curated as a testament to the abounding energy of the teachers and the students of the department. Their continued engagement and enthusiasm fuel our mission to impart thought provoking discussions, enriching classes and ever growing creative energy. Delightfully presenting before you, 'Gazzetta Anglorum 22-23'.



## HOD's Message

As we gather our thoughts and aspirations for the upcoming academic year, let us take a moment to reflect on the remarkable journey we undertook during the previous year. The echoes of our collective efforts during the NAAC peer team visit still reverberate through the corridors. The NAAC visit was not a mere assessment; it was a canvas upon which our ethos, resilience, and excellence were painted. The challenges we faced only served to strengthen our resolve and deepen our commitment to the pursuit of knowledge and understanding. As we embrace the insights from the NAAC visit, let us continue to challenge ourselves, enrich our perspectives, and build bridges between the realms of theory and practice.

As the pages of this chapter turn, let us not merely rest on laurels but rather, let them be the foundation upon which we erect new heights. Let our actions reverberate beyond these walls, for education is not confined within boundaries but resonates across society.

I eagerly anticipate the discoveries, the discussions, and the growth that await us in the months ahead. Here's to another year of academic brilliance and shared intellectual adventures.

Warm regards,

**Dr. Neethu Mary Tomy**



## World Environment Day Celebrations

The Department of English, St. Aloysius College, Edathua kicked off the activities of the academic year 2022-2023 by celebrating World Environment Day on Monday, 6 June 2022. The events of the day were coordinated by the newly formed English Green Club of the department. Dr. Neethu Mary Tomy (HOD, Asst. Prof.) and Dr. Gem Cherian (Asst. Prof.) are the founding coordinators of the club. The highlight of the day's events was the exhibition of recycled craft items and plants arranged by the II BA English students on the corridor in front of the department. Principal In-charge Prof. Jogy Joseph inaugurated the exhibition and the English Green Club during an informal in-house ceremony conducted in front of the department. Later that day the students and the teachers went outside the campus to distribute the paper bags and paper pens to the general public in an attempt to raise awareness and create nature consciousness.



## Invited Lecture

After the success of environment day celebrations, the department hosted the first invited lecture of the year on the topic "Introducing the Fundamentals of Phonology" as an online session on 11 June 2022. Dr. Basil Thomas, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Christian College, Chengannur was the resource person.

Invited Talk  
**Introducing the Fundamentals of Phonology**  
 Resource Person:  
 Mr. Basil Thomas, Assistant Professor,  
 Department of English,  
 Christian College, Chengannur

11 June 2022  
 10:00a.m.

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## Reading Day Celebrations

The department also organized fun activities on 20 June 2022 celebrating reading day. Students made the event radiant with reviews of the books they had read, literary dumbcharades games



and presentations on the life and works of famous writers. Later, the coordinator of the program, Dr. Neethu Mary Tomy (HOD) conducted a rapid-fire literary quiz competition in which all



the students of the department participated. Students also distributed the bookmarks they made among teachers and students.

## International Youth Day

International Youth Day was celebrated by the department on 12 August 2022. As part of the celebrations, Open Mic Competition and Talent Fest were arranged for the students of the department at Punnapadam Hall. Students utilized the opportunity to flaunt their creative and artistic talents.



## Celebrating 25 years of Harry Potter Series

On 22 August 2022, the department enthusiastically celebrated the 25 years of Harry Potter novels. An Exhibition of popular Harry Potter themes, locations, characters and props was arranged. Exhibits were made by III BA English students and were arranged inside I BA English classroom. More than two hundred students and teachers from other departments came to see the exhibition.



## National Webinar on Disability Pride Month



July being globally celebrated as Disability Pride Month; the Department organized a National Webinar on 'Disability Pride Month and the Need to Regard Disability as

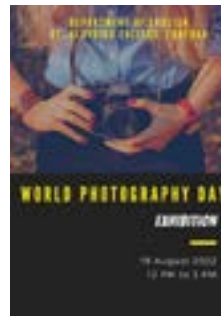
Diversity' on 27 July 2022 at 2.30 p.m. through Google Meet. The resource person for the webinar was Ms. Sharada Devi V., Researcher, Writer and Disability Rights Activist. A live streaming was arranged on the department YouTube Channel "Aloysian English Activities". There was an active discussion between the speaker and the participants after the talk. E-certificates were provided to the participants. Dr. Gem Cherian served as the coordinator of the programme.

## World Photography Day

A Photo Exhibition was organized by the department on 19 August 2022 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM in connection with World Photography Day. Students of the English Department displayed the photographs they took on the corridor in



front of the department. Many students and teachers from other departments came to see the exhibition. Best two photographs were given prizes. Adithya Prakash (III BA English) won the First Prize and Shino Varghese (III BA English) won the Second Prize.



## Bridge Course

The bridge course for the First Year B.A. English students was conducted from 6th October to 12th October 2022. Mr. Paul Jacob served as the coordinator of the course, and all the faculty members took sessions to orient the students towards the fundamental aspects of English Language and Literature.

## Inauguration of the English Association



Changanacherry. Fr. Jose Jacob inaugurated the function and delivered the Inauguration Lecture on the topic 'The Wasteland as the Testament of Modern Aesthetics'. Department of English Annual Newsletter for the academic year 2021-

The formal inauguration of the English Association for the academic year 2022-23 was held on 11 October 15, 2022. The chief Guest of the day was Fr. Jose Jacob, Assistant Professor, Department of English, St. Berchmans College,

22, Gazetta Anglorum Vol. 4 was also released by him. Dr. Gem Cherian served as the Association President for the academic year and Ms. Anju Johnson served as the Association Secretary.

## Aloysian English Club

Aloysian English Club is a platform where the students get familiar with literature by organizing discussions and presentations for the academic year 2022-23 took off its activities with the PowerPoint Presentation of the October borne Writers. The members of the club gathered in the III BA English classroom on 26 October 2022

at 1.15 p.m. Aswathy R, Adithya Prakash K, Gayathri Gopidas and Aromal B of III BA English presented the life and contributions of the writers John Keats, Oscar Wilde and Dylan Thomas respectively. The members of the creative corner decorated the classroom with the caricatures of the writers.



## Christmas Celebrations

To share the festive cheer the department gathered together for Christmas Party on 22 December 2022. The occasion was marked by events like carol singing, Christmas friend selection and cake distribution.



## Alumni Gathering 'RETROUVAILLE 2022'

The department organized the alumni gathering 'Retrouvaille 2022' under the banner of English Graduates of St Aloysius College (EGOSAC) on 10th December 2022 in the College Garden at 11.00 a.m. Twenty-seven alumni members attended the meeting. Mementos were distributed to the alumni who had excelled in various fields. Election of officer bearers was conducted for the year 2023.



## Parent-Teacher-Student Interaction

APTA meeting was organized by the department for the first and second year B. A. English students on 20 December 2022. The teachers discussed the students' results and attendance with the parents.



# All-Kerala Intercollegiate Literary Fest 'Rhapsodia Literaria'

The Department of English organized the annual All-Kerala Intercollegiate Literary Fest – 'Rhapsodia Literaria' in memory of its great former teachers Prof. Oommen Mathew, Prof. Sebastian Joseph and Prof. P. V. Joseph on 2nd March 2023. Mr. Paul Jacob, Dr. Gem Cherian and Ms. Ameya Mary Yovakim were the faculty coordinators of the respective events. Prof. Dr. Indulal G, Department of Mathematics inaugurated the fest and Prof. Nandakumar P. S. (P G Department of English) delivered the Commemoration Speech. The literary events conducted in the fest were Polemista (Prof Sebastian Joseph Memorial Debate Competition), Histrionomania (Prof Oommen Mathew Memorial Soliloquy Competition) and Rapide Litteratura (Prof P. V. Joseph Memorial Literary Quiz Competition). The events took place in their respective stages after the inaugural function. Results were announced and the prizes were distributed to the winners of various events in the afternoon.



## Valedictory Function of the English Association and Farewell to the Outgoing Students



The activities of the English Association came to a formal close on the 27th March 2023 with the Valedictory Function. The Head of the Department Dr Neethu Mary Tomy presided the meeting and the Principal in charge Sri Jogy Joseph gave the felicitation. Dr Gem Cherian, President of the English Association presented the Annual Report. Following the Valedictory Function, the outgoing students (20-23 batch) were given a heartfelt farewell by the teachers and junior students.



## Publications by the faculty members

### Dr Gem Cherian

Cherian, G and Thomas, B. "The Politics of Cuisine: portrayal of Food Culture in the Cartoons of Toms". Shodhkosh: Journal of Visual and Performing Arts (UGC CARE Listed), 14.1, Jan-June 2023, pp. 403-9.

### Ameya Mary Yovakim

Yovakim, Ameya Mary. "Colonial Gaze: Deconstructing Stereotypical Indian Leads from the Netflix Show 'Bridgerton'". Bricolage. November 2022. (ISBN No: 9798888695265)

## FDPs attended by the faculty members

### Paul Jacob

- Attended the Online Interdisciplinary Two Week Refresher Course in "Managing Online Classes & Co-Creating MOOCS 25.0" conducted by the Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi from 7-21 April 2023.

### Cibyna Thomas

- Attended the Second Prof K. T. Sebastian Scholar In-Residence Programme 2022 (online) with Prof. Jacqueline Rose, Professor of Humanities, Birkbeck Institute for Humanities, University of London, conducted by the Department of English, St Berchman's College, Changanachery, on 7th and 9th June 2022.

- Resource Person for Short Term NET Orientation Classes (25 hours) for the students of the Department of English, Assumption College, Changanachery

### Justin J Thomas

- Attended online Faculty Induction Programme organized by the UGC HRDC of Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi from 01-28 Feb 2023

- Took AICTE approved 12 weeks NPTEL FDP Course Contextualizing Gender with IIT Roorkee from Jan-April 2023.