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2nd september 2024 marked the beginning of a new era when TLT received its new student council. Your leaders are hoping for a bright future and have already succeeded in displaying their capabilities with various activities like the big buddy little buddy initiative, Quiz games, wellness camps and many more.

You house captains can be compared to a bowl of various fruits, a mix that definitely works well together.

Starting off with Ceder. Sabeeh and Zahra are the most comforting people on planet earth and getting along with them is an absolute breeze yet, when they have to be serious they most definitely will be. Take the editors advice and rely on them for anything you need, they will help you.

Juniper is led by two opposites that share a love for their juniors. Mehr is an occasionally outgoing, bubbly girl that'll laugh in most situations. Zayan is more of a calm and collected guy that laughs when he feels like it and doesn't when he doesn't feel like it.



Your new headboy and headgirl for the academic year 2024-2025, Ayaan and Maah are sturdy pillars that members of the very student body they serve can rely on and always ask for help.



Zayan is more of a calm and collected guy that laughs when he feels like it and doesn't when he doesn't feel like it.

Though the two leaders might be different, together they work exceptionally well and will surely make those under their leadership have something to look up to when they leave this school. Saad and Anamta are an extremely entertaining duo with too many inside jokes and a few shared mottos. This pair is certainly one that works well together and will make you, dear students, very proud. Talk to them. Approach them and you will realise how happy they are to see you.

Independence Day

Echoes of Patriotism!

On 14th August, our school celebrated Independence Day with great enthusiasm and pride. The event began with a touching performance by one of our talented students, Mehrima Imran, who played the piano to the tune of the national anthem. The soft, beautiful melody filled the ground, and everyone stood respectfully, feeling a deep pride for our country. It was a moment that truly captured the spirit of our independence and reminded us of the importance of unity.

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After the anthem, another student, Ayat Mandvawala recited a heartfelt poem, reflecting on the sacrifices made for our freedom. Her words were both powerful and inspiring, leaving everyone in the audience moved. To add to the celebration, the students of senior school brought flags to their classrooms, raising them with joy and excitement. Their energy and patriotism added a special charm to the day, making it a memorable event for the entire school community.

–Zara Batool Vasnani



SCHOOL EVENTS

Little Buddy, Big Buddy



On September 25th and 26th, the annual Big Buddy Little Buddy initiative was held. An event arranged to cultivate mentorship and community among the students. This ceremony paired 7th graders that have newly transitioned to the senior section of the school, with 11th graders who are heading towards graduation, along with a few 10th graders.

The event started off with an introduction by the program leads, emphasising the importance of guidance and support during this crucial time of education. Each little buddy from 7th grader was introduced to their Big Buddy from 11th grade, creating an atmosphere of excitement and anticipation. They were called out, stood together for a picture and signed an agreement.

The big buddies stood for experience and leadership, sharing their insights on navigating through the tough challenges of senior school.

The program is not only for means of support but also as a platform for building friendships across grade levels, an opportunity for the students to learn from each other. The 11th graders recounted their own experiences with offering meaningful and useful advice to make sure that their buddy's experience in the senior school is as smooth sailing and pleasant as possible. The enthusiasm and energy was very present, fostering a sense of belonging among the younger students.

Overall, the Big Buddy Little Buddy program successfully reinforced the school's commitment to nurturing a supportive and positive community, making it a meaningful experience for all the students involved.

Eshal Shaikh

A Day to Remember

During May and June, the students of Grade 10 and 11 appeared for the 2024 Cambridge IGCSE Examination series. For the Grade 10 students, this was their first time appearing for these papers, and I think we can safely assume that this experience was stressful and nerve-wracking. From the 1 month of allotted time for cramming/studying, till the day the results were announced, students were anxious and nervous about how well they did.

Looking at the results, the examinees were well-prepared and well-taught, considering that collectively amongst all three papers, the students received 51 'A*'s, 78 'A's, 78 'B's, 38 'C's and a collective total of 30 'D's, 'E's, 'F's and 'U's. The majority of students got an equal number of 'A's and 'B's, which is certainly a high accomplishment.

The hard work and effort put into these exams by our students shows their unwavering dedication to academic excellence, and how seriously they take having good futures.



12th of Rabi-ul-Awwal Celebration



Spirit Week

Spirit week was the epitome of what TLT as a school stands for: connection, camaraderie, and of course, a little competition! With this week acting as a buildup to TLT Sports Day, the anticipation in the air at school was palpable.

Friendly competition and exciting activities made spirit week entertaining, but the main highlight of the week was surely TLT's Senior Spirit Night. A riveting few hours during which our student body cheered for their houses, exhibited exhilarating displays of school spirit, and participated in competitive sports activities (and it goes without saying, grade 11 got to belt out their favourite songs). By the end of the night on Senior (as well as junior) Spirit Night, Juniper House emerged victorious as the winner! It's no wonder that by the time Sports Day rolled around, the air was buzzing with enthusiasm and suspense.

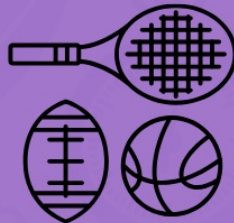
Sophiya Brohi



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Spirit Night :A Night of Spirit, Rivalry, and Unity!

The campus buzzed with excitement as Spirit Night unfolded under a canopy of glowing string lights. Each house—**Cedar, Oak, and Juniper**—brought their A-game, ready to claim the title of Winner. The energy was infectious, with students clad in their house colors waving hand-painted posters and shouting their house chants.



The field was alive with activity. Students showing their skills in games like bean bag, dodge ball, and bucket catch, their laughter mixing with upbeat songs blasting from the speakers. The playlist was a mix of crowd favorites, and everyone sang along, from old-school anthems to trending hits.

As the night progressed, the intensity peaked with the **tug of war**, the highly anticipated finale. Cheers erupted as the rope tightened, the houses pulling with every ounce of their strength. Oak was the first to fall, leaving Cedar and Juniper to a roaring showdown.



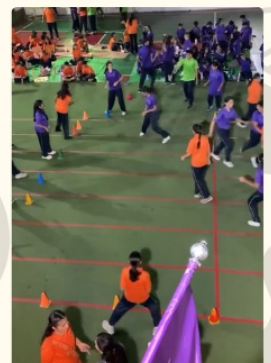
Finally, the announcer, Sir Rehan took the stage to reveal the winner. "And this year, we have a tie!" Gasps filled the air. Everyone assumed the battle was between Cedar and Juniper. But the announcer's grin widened.

"The tie is between... Cedar and Oak!" The crowd erupted in murmurs of disbelief.

"And the ultimate winner is... **JUNIPER!**"

Juniper's house stormed the field, celebrating wildly. Despite the shock and rivalries, the night ended on a high note as all houses joined in for one last song, arm in arm, united by the spirit of the night.

—Zara Batool Vasnani



SPORTS DAY

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Sports Day was filled with excitement, cheers, and house spirit as Cedar, Juniper, and Oak competed with full energy. The relay races stole the show—Oak boys powered to victory, while Cedar girls sprinted to first place. With consistent performances across events, Cedar House claimed the overall trophy. Proud captains Sabeeh and Zahra lifted it high, cheered on by their housemates.

Nausheen Kamran



A Showcase of Talent and Critical Thinking!

The Third TLT Inter School Debate Competition was held on October 5, 2024, at The Learning Tree (TLT) School. This thrilling event brought together talented students from various schools to showcase their exceptional debating skills. The atmosphere was lively and excited as participants passionately defended their stances on thought-provoking topics, creating an unforgettable experience for the competitors and the audience.



Further Details:

A standout moment came during Grade IX's debate on the effectiveness of going green in combating global warming. **The judges highly commended Rayyan Soomro**, the rebuttal speaker from Grade IX. Although Rayyan started his speech with a hint of nervousness, his confidence grew steadily as he delved deeper into his argument. His sense of urgency in delivery and the clarity of his points greatly enhanced the impact of his rebuttal. The judges praised his growth throughout the debate but advised him to work on boosting his initial confidence to maintain a consistent performance.

Winners and Awards

The competition was intense, but the standout performances were acknowledged by the judges:

- **Grade VII:** Runner-up
- **Grade VIII:** No awards given
- **Grade IX:** First Place / Winner—Grade 9's team from The Learning Tree School emerged victorious in the Grade IX category due to their exceptional clarity, confidence, and well-structured arguments. Their ability to present strong evidence and counter opposing points effectively made them the top team. The judges highlighted their impressive teamwork and poise under pressure, which earned them a well-deserved win.

Key Takeaways:

The Third TLT Inter School Debate Competition was not only about winning but also about learning valuable lessons. The event highlighted the importance of clear communication, critical thinking, and adaptability under pressure. It also emphasized the value of teamwork, as participants built on each other's arguments, creating cohesive and persuasive cases. This competition fostered a spirit of healthy rivalry and camaraderie, showing how preparation and adaptability are essential for success in any debate.

As the event came to a close, the participants departed with a profound sense of accomplishment and personal growth. They had not only honed their debating skills but also discovered the importance of effective argumentation. Seeing them overcome the challenges, support one another, and emerge with newfound confidence and understanding was heartening.

This year's competition was based on fostering critical thinking on social issues, with topics designed to challenge students to explore relevant global issues. Students from Grades VII, VIII, and IX engaged in debates centred on the following themes



- **Grade VII: Education For All** – "Schools should allow students to use AI for assignments."
- **Grade VIII: Digital World** – "Video Games Are Better Than Board Games."
- **Grade IX: Conflict And Peace** – "Going Green Is Not Effective In Stopping Global Warming."



Participating Schools

The competition featured teams from the following schools:

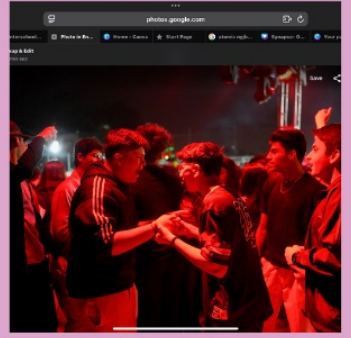
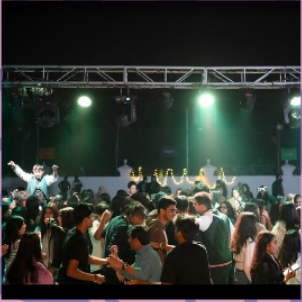
- The Learning Tree (TLT)
- Haque Academy
- Links
- Kiran Foundation



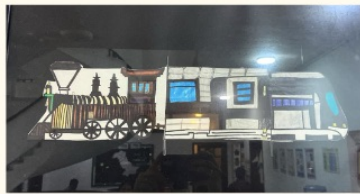
Heated Debates and Strong Performances

Each debate saw fierce competition, as teams argued passionately for and against the given motions. The *proposition* and *opposition* teams presented their cases, providing well-researched evidence and engaging in intense rebuttals. The participants demonstrated remarkable communication skills, critical thinking, and teamwork, making every debate exciting and dynamic.

END OF TERM PARTY



SCHOOL EVENTS



Salaar Shekhani



Raahim Daniyal



Murtaza Usman

Rameen Atif
(Grade X)



Ayla Jatoi
(Grade X)



Noor Abdul Basit
(Grade XI)



Art Exhibition

On January 18, 2025, The Learning Tree (TLT) hosted its annual Art Exhibition, transforming the school into a vibrant gallery of creativity and imagination. This much-anticipated event provided aspiring artists in the school community with a platform to showcase their talent, express their emotions, and share unique perspectives through art.

The exhibition explored five exciting themes, each tailored to specific grade levels, encouraging students to envision a brighter future through their artwork:

- "Life on the Moon": Kindergarten to Grade 1
- "Pakistan in 2050": Grades 2 and 3
- "Dreaming of Tomorrow: My Future World": Grades 4, 5, and 6
- "Changing Worlds": Grades 7 and 8
- "Turning Points": Grades 9 to 11

The event featured distinguished judges, including celebrated Pakistani artists Sameera Raja, Muzzamil Ruheel, and Muhammad Zeeshan. They provided invaluable insights and recognized the outstanding talent of all the participants, especially those who won awards in each category.

In addition to this, the artists' own families got the chance to see and marvel at their work. They were certainly in awe at not only the talents of the artists, but also at the culture of creativity which is ever-enforced at TLT.

As a myriad of beautiful pieces surrounded the audience, the exhibition reinforced its message: art transcends boundaries, sparking connections and inspiring change. The TLT Art Exhibition 2025 was not merely an event; it was a testament to the power of creativity in shaping the future.



Sameera Raja



Muzzamil Ruheel



Muhammad Zeeshan

-Rameen Atif & Sophiya Brohi

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25th Anniversary



On January 25, 2025, The Learning Tree marked a significant milestone by celebrating its 25th Anniversary with a grand event in the Upper Junior and Senior School in the main school ground. The event took place from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the evening organized by the dedicated TLT faculty. The event was attended by students, teachers, alumni, and esteemed guests who gathered to commemorate the school's remarkable journey since its establishment on January 24, 2000.



The atmosphere was filled with excitement and joy as the TLT family came together to honour the institution's legacy. The event had many sections of which one of the very first was the recognition of individuals who had been part of the school's growth over the past two and a half decades. Among them, included Miss Huma Qazi, who joined as an art teacher, now the Head of Preschool. In her speech, she described TLT as "her second home". Miss Suroor, the Head of Upper Junior, also received a prestigious award for her dedication and unwavering service to the school for 25 years. Miss Suroor, while in her speech, described herself as 'blessed' to be part of TLT from the beginning. Several other 25 year-serving faculty members including Sir Agnello Fernando and Mr. Sher Zaman were also honored with awards and a silver locket as a token of appreciation for their commitment.

A highlight of the event was the presence of guest speakers, including alumni who once served as head boys and head girls of TLT. They shared their fond memories and spoke about how the school had shaped their futures. Their inspiring speeches resonated with the audience, reinforcing the importance of the values and education instilled by TLT.



The 25th anniversary celebration of The Learning Tree was more than just an event; it was a testament to the school's enduring impact on countless students and teachers over the years. As TLT looks forward to many more years of success, this milestone serves as a reminder of the school's commitment to learning, growth, and excellence. The memories created on this special day will undoubtedly be cherished for years to come.

The event also consisted of various food stalls, offering a delightful range of treats, including ice cream, corn, popcorn, and fries, with OPTP fries being a particular favorite among the attendees. These stalls added to the joyful atmosphere, making the event even more enjoyable for everyone present.



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A Morning of Pride: Celebrating Achievements at the Special Assembly



The event featured the distribution of certificates for the Honor Roll, Honor Roll with Distinction, and Perfect Attendance. One by one, students were called to the stage, greeted by enthusiastic applause from their peers, teachers, and parents. The awards were handed over to the students by Miss Samina Ashraf and Miss Misbah Kodi. The school principal, Miss Naila, the vice principal, faculty members, and proud parents of award recipients attended the event to show their support and appreciation.

Joy filled the room as students beamed while receiving their awards. The sight of proud parents capturing their children's successes made the atmosphere truly memorable.

The Special Assembly is a highly anticipated event at the end of every term, recognizing and celebrating students' outstanding academic achievements and perfect attendance. This ceremony is a proud moment for both students and their families, reinforcing the importance of dedication and hard work in education.



I felt quite satisfied, to be honest. It felt as though my hard work had paid off," said Maah Bibi Balcoh, the school's head girl and recipient of the highest overall percentage award.

-Anaya Tahir & Ayra Mir



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Global Perspectives Exhibition – Shaping Voices for the Future

The Global Perspectives Exhibition brought together the energy and insight of Grade VII, VIII, and IX students, each eager to share how this course has shaped their personalities, skills, and outlook on the world. The day celebrated teamwork, critical thinking, and the ability to see issues from multiple viewpoints — qualities that also connect strongly to debating.

Students spoke about how GP had taught them to research deeply, listen to different perspectives, and present their ideas with clarity and confidence.



Many linked these skills directly to debates they've participated in, noting how GP encouraged them to speak persuasively and think on their feet.



The exhibition hall was alive with activity. Colorful stalls offered interactive games, hands-on experiences, and creative displays on global challenges ranging from climate change to cultural diversity. Visitors engaged with students, asking questions, exploring projects, and hearing personal accounts of the GP journey.



Alongside the stalls, the stage came alive with a variety of performances — powerful speeches, spirited debates, and lively skits that brought complex global issues to life in memorable ways. These moments showed how GP inspires both thought and action, giving students the confidence to engage meaningfully with the world around them.



By the close of the day, one thing was clear: Global Perspectives is more than just a subject. It is a transformative experience that equips learners with empathy, critical thinking, and the courage to voice their ideas — skills that will serve them well far beyond the classroom.

-Rameen Atif

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Grade 11's Graduation



Valedictorian
Zahra Kazi



Salutatorian
Maah BiBi Baloch



5 Minds Award
Sophiya Amina
Brohi



Citizenship Award
Maah Bibi Baloch



On April 19th, 2025, heartfelt goodbyes were said to the graduating class of 2025.

The audience stood in awe during the processional march, led by the school's most esteemed figures. Graduation is a bittersweet moment—an enormous milestone that marks the beginning of an independent journey, one where each individual uncovers new parts of themselves and navigates through life's hardships, collecting valuable lessons often learned through mistakes.

The class of 2025 will forever hold a special place in the heart of TLT, a second home always ready to welcome them back with warm, open arms. As one chapter of their lives closed, another began. This remarkable batch embodied qualities that many strive to emulate, resilience, kindness, leadership, and unity.



When a video of cherished memories played, featuring moments stitched together from their years at TLT, a few tears were shed. Yet, stretched smiles and heartfelt laughter lit up every face in the room, a testament to the unforgettable bond shared by the class of 2025.

-Rameen Atif

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INDUS HOSPITAL BLOOD DRIVE

In a remarkable show of compassion and community engagement, our school hosted its very first blood drive in collaboration with Indus Hospital and the Rotary Public Club of Karachi. The event was aimed at collecting blood donations for critically ill patients while also fostering a spirit of social responsibility among students and families.

Volunteers from the Holistic Wellness Department played a critical role in ensuring the smooth flow of the event—managing registrations, helping at the bake sale, and assisting the medical teams. In addition to the humanitarian spirit, there was also a fun incentive: the class with the highest number of donors would win a special prize. Class 9L proudly took the honor, receiving a sweet brownie pouch from Karemél and a custom mug from Amour Dairy.



The Blood Drive ; a chance to uplift society



The response was overwhelmingly positive. Over 100 individuals attended the event, with 37 found eligible and 35 successfully donating blood. The initiative was further supported by the parent community from Grades 4 to 7, who organized a bake sale during the event. The funds raised were later used to purchase Eid gifts for children at Indus Hospital.



Karemél and Amour Dairy also generously provided giveaways for the blood donors. Plans are already underway to make the blood drive an annual tradition, and with the success of this effort, it's clear that our school community is ready and willing to step up. More than just an event, the blood drive was a celebration of life, compassion, and the power of collective action.

-Salaar Adnan Shekhani



THEATRE

Classroom Environment

From early January, our classroom became a place of imagination and anticipation as we practiced for the Theatre Extravaganza. The mood was vibrant, with laughter, rehearsals of dialogue, and collaboration.



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With the event near, our last preparations were intense. Each detail was perfected, and our performance emerged beautifully. The anticipation was unavoidable, and we could sense the magic of everything we had been working on come together.

In retrospect, play practice was not merely practice, it was a journey of fun, discovery, and learning. The classroom was transformed into a haven of imagination and delight, where we ventured out of our comfort zones and forged memories that would last a lifetime. The Theatre Extravaganza was more than an event. It was an experience that united us all in the most beautiful way, not to forget our continuous chatter.

-Muhammad Hadi



FAREWELL DINNER



BEST DRESSED



Rameen Atif &
Hamza Farhan



PROM KING&QUEEN



Saad Saqib & Ayla
Farhan

Farewell to the Class of 2025

On Saturday, February 22nd, 2025, the graduating class of 2025 was thrown their farewell dinner, their second-to-last official TLT event ever as students. The event was attended by the students of grades 10 and 11, all of their favourite teachers, and of course, Miss Naila and Sir Jamshid! With most students having spent over a decade together, seeing it all begin to come to a close was truly an emotional, full-circle experience. The entire week prior to the event, the students of grades 10 and 11 were abuzz with excitement.

When the class of 2025 finally piled into their cars and rushed to school, they entered triumphantly to music, welcomed with warmth and abundant compliments. As the night went on, all the attendees finally performed the dances they had spent so long perfecting, yelled out the lyrics to their favourite songs, ate scrumptious food, and, most importantly, treasured every moment with each other with the knowledge that they would soon be leaving a place they had known for as long as they could remember. Perhaps one of the biggest highlights of the night was the announcement of the titles for the students of grade 11. And then came the surprise announcement of the titles for the teachers, chosen by the graduating class themselves. Some of my favourite titles were Lustrous for Miss Batool, Alpha Amie for Miss Ahmed, and Satrang Personality for Miss Azanat — though they were all incredibly fitting and well thought out. The students of grade 11 were also gifted posters, custom title plates, and their long-awaited senior jackets.

As the night inevitably came to a close, the class of 2025 focused on spending time with the teachers and friends who had helped to make their time at TLT so special, sharing jokes and hugs, before ending the night by continuing the party at each other's houses and then heading home to get some much-needed sleep.

It was truly a night to remember — one of acceptance rather than dismay. The class of 2025 is already excited to return next year to re-experience all their favourite events as alumni.

CREATIVE WRITING

A Journey through Growing Pains

In a silent landscape filled with nothing but silence and joy,
It makes a man wonder: Why are we playing coy?
Seen is a silent brick foundation like that of a place,
a School on the horizon that has everything to embrace.

A place of wonder, growth, and pure happiness at mere sight.
In fact, it's almost impossible to feel even the slightest of emptiness in its
might.

The children running, laughing and jumping like flocks of sheep,
It's a situation where it could feel like counting sheep.

The name "TLT" stands in a large sign up front.
It makes you pause and wonder: How could this place possibly be blunt?
Walking around, the sound of the youth running and laughing fill many with
joy.
However, total happiness was found in a very specific boy.

As he walked around, he felt a sense of pride and joy in the activities,
In fact, he always loved and praised the plethora of all the festivities.
Until one day, that boy entered high school where something went wrong.
His mind and view shifted as if a lever was flicked wrong.

He started to go lonely and bitter exactly like that of depressed men.
One by one, his count decreased with his number of lost friends.
He hated and despised the place and started ignoring the celebrations.
He would always shout "No!" no matter the explanations.

Ever since then, he became lonely, only wanting a person to call "Buddy"
He was so desperate, he would take practically anybody.
He was rotted and bitter in contrast to back then.
From that day on, he never spoke to a human ever again.

Ilan Mustafa Haider

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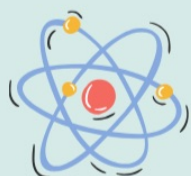
Art & Design Gallery Visit



Grade 10 and 11 Art and Design students visited Canvas Gallery, where they explored mixed media artworks by various artists, sparking creativity and expanding their understanding of contemporary art. At Vasl Gallery, they had an insightful discussion with Adeela Suleman, renowned artist and director of Vasl Artists' Association. She shared her experiences and explained how the Vasl residency supports artistic collaboration and growth. The trip was an inspiring experience, leaving students motivated and full of new ideas.

Azanat Mansoor

Art & Design Department Chair



MAGNIFISCIENCE TRIP



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Witty and eccentric, Jeffery, our tour guide, kept us company the entire trip. Admittedly, his lectures on Kuala Lumpur sent us all into an inevitable nap on the bus ride from the airport, but nobody in our grade had slept that well in months! Over the course of the next week, Jeffery accompanied us on adventures throughout the city and its outskirts. From our trip to Genting sky world where he told us ghost stories in our cable car, to our visit to the rainforest for white water rafting (where we lost our shoes and our dignity to the current), to the lengthy bus rides around Kuala Lumpur where we screamed out the lyrics to our favourite songs – Jeffery was always there to keep us entertained.

I could use many words to describe how packed with adventure and excitement our trip was, but I think that the best indicator of this was the fact that on our way back to Karachi, we were all constantly passing out, sprawled across each other on the floor of Kuala Lumpur International Airport.

Overall, our trip to Malaysia was a surreal experience to say the least, but one my classmates and I will remember forever.

–Sophiya Amina Brohi

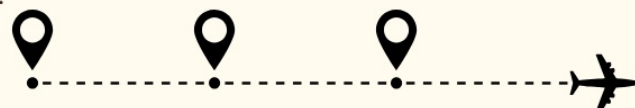


GRADE 11'S MALAYSIAN ESCAPADES

The day had started at the crack of dawn, followed by a gruelling, arduous few hours of school. Classes upon classes, the long drive home, the sunset like that on any other day.

Then, suddenly, it was 9pm, and my entire class and I were about to board a plane together and journey off to Kuala Lumpur.

Although our two flights were long and cramped and the airplane food was plasticky, it was all part of the experience. A few hours later we were window shopping at Dubai International Airport, and eventually, tasting free lemonade samples at Kuala Lumpur International Airport — but the real trip started when we met Jeffery.



We got to visit the Petronas Twin towers and race throughout malls to shop and explore until we physically could not walk any longer. We learnt about Malaysian culture and history at museums and tourist sites. Most importantly, we ate noodles to our heart's content and went on countless roller coasters.

Perhaps the most underrated part of the trip was the time we spent when we weren't out exploring, but rather when we got back to our hotel late each night, simultaneously exhausted and exhilarated, and simply spent time with each other. Our midnight trips to the 7/11 across the street, pranking Miss Naila, and relaxing in each other's rooms ended up being some of the most memorable moments of the entire trip.



BEACH TRIP





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▶ A Visit to Indus Hospital's Oncology Ward

In an act of compassion and community spirit, a group of students from Grades 7 to 9 visited the oncology ward at Indus Hospital with one goal in mind: to bring smiles to the faces of young cancer patients during Eid. This initiative was made possible by the funds raised through a bake sale organized by the parent community of Grades 4 to 7.



A total of 19 students participated in the visit, accompanied by six parent volunteers, Ms. Nida, and the trip coordinator. Upon arrival, the group was welcomed with an orientation about the hospital's mission and origins. Students learned about the incredible journey of Dr. Bari and his friends, whose vision led to the creation of a free healthcare facility that continues to serve thousands in need.

Students visited the oncology ward in small, supervised groups, each carrying an Eid gift to hand over to a child patient. The joy on the children's faces and the gratitude in their families' eyes made the experience unforgettable.

This visit was just the beginning. Students also volunteered at Indus Hospital's week-long Eid Bazar, helping child patients choose their Eid clothes, gifts, and accessories.

The Indus Hospital visit was not just an event, it was an eye-opening experience that left a lasting impression on all who took part. It reaffirmed the values of kindness, empathy, and community service that lie at the heart of our school's mission.

-Salaar Adnan Shekhani

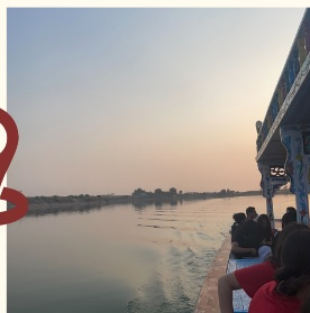
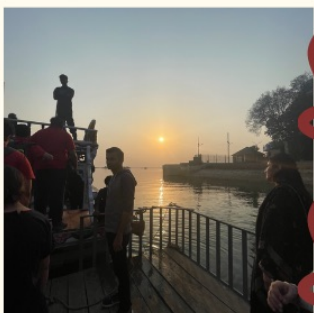


The first stop, the Chaukhandi Tombs, stood quietly in the morning light, their sandstone carvings of geometric patterns, hunting scenes, and mounted horsemen drawing students into centuries-old stories.



At Bhambore, the ruins of the ancient port city offered a glimpse into the past, where traders and conquerors once stood; students explored the stone remains, framing the sweeping views through their camera lenses.

After lunch at Café Imran, the group arrived at Makli Necropolis, a vast resting place for Sufi saints, Samma kings, and Tarkhan rulers. Its grand mausoleums and intricate tilework blended Islamic, Hindu, and Central Asian influences — every angle a photograph waiting to happen. The visit to Thatta's Shah Jehan Mosque left many in awe of its flawless symmetry and vibrant blue tiles.



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► A Day Through Time – Field Trip to Sindh's Heritage

Friday, 31st January 2025

At 8:30 AM, students set off from school, the buses filled with chatter and the click of cameras ready for the day ahead.



The final stop, Keenjhar Lake, was bathed in golden light as students gathered along the shore. Some stepped into boats, enjoying the gentle rocking on the water, while others captured the shimmering surface and setting sun in countless pictures.

By the time the buses rolled back into Karachi at 9:30 PM, students carried not only full memory cards but also a sense of wonder for the beauty, history, and spirit of Sindh.

-Rameen Atif

SPORTS



Rowing Success



Futsal Glory

Our futsal teams delivered outstanding performances, securing top positions in various competitions:



- The Under-13 Mixed Futsal Team reached the semifinals of the Karachi Champs Tournament. Unfortunately, their journey was impacted by an injury to Raahim Daniyal during the semifinal match, which was followed by a 2-1 loss.

- TLT's Under - 13 team beat Cedar School: 4-1 and Kareem Kerai Academy: 2-1.

- Abdullah Daniyal was honored with the prestigious G.O.A.T Award in the Karachi Champs Tournament.

- The Girls' Futsal Team claimed 1st place in the prestigious KISSL Tournament held in September 2024.

- The Boys' Futsal Team put up a strong fight in the IVY School Tournament in October 2024, securing 2nd place. Notably, Dayyan Asad was awarded Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament for his exceptional skills.



Interview with Raahim Daniyal

After his injury, Raahim shared his thoughts on the tournament and how it impacted his team:

"We had a great tournament up until my injury. Our communication was excellent, and we dominated several matches, including a 4-1 victory against Cedar School. However, after I was injured, the team's momentum dropped. Although Abdullah managed to score in the second half, we conceded a goal in the dying minutes and lost the semi-finals 2-1 to CAS."

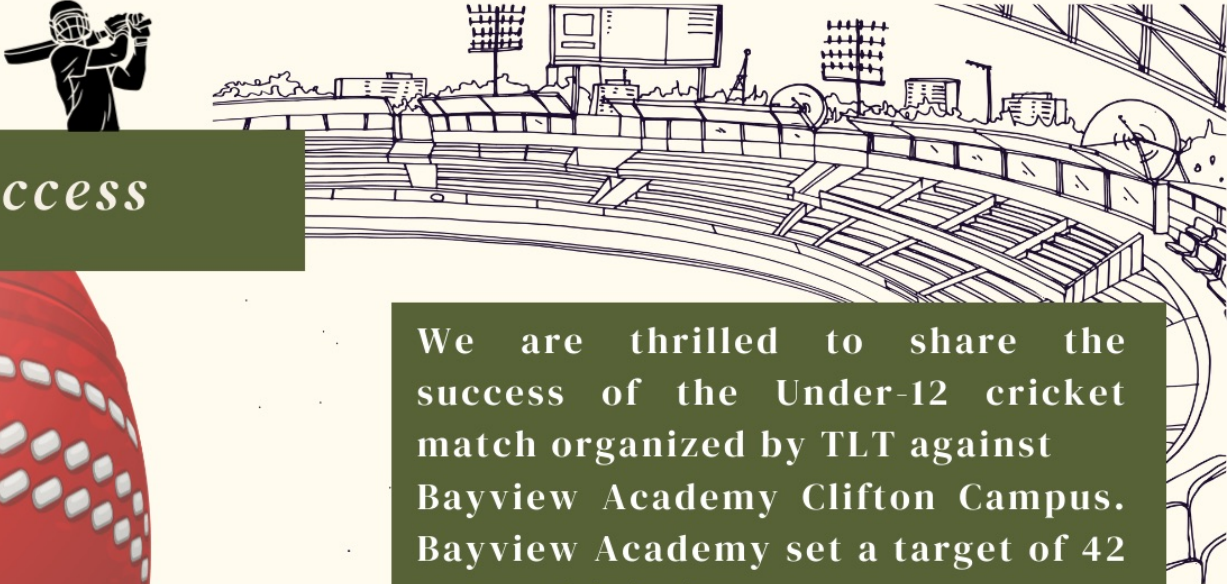
TLT's rowing team made waves in various competitions, demonstrating skill and determination:

- Syed Zain Ul Hasnain and Sophia Usman participated in the School Outreach Regatta in December 2024.

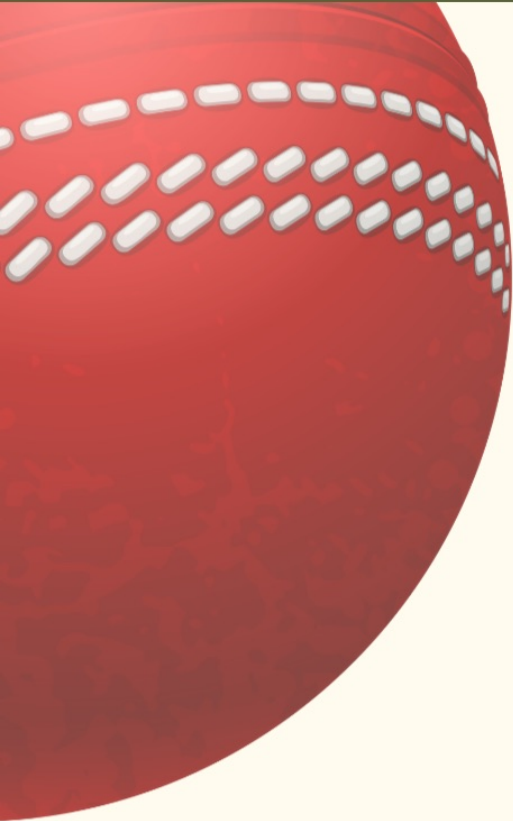
- Salaar Adnan Shekhani competed in the National Summer Regatta, achieving 4th place in 1x500m (Autumn 2024).

- The school's rowing team also participated in two major events—the International Inter-School Regatta and the IBA Indoor Regatta—held between January and February 2025, winning nine medals across various categories.

- The school's rowing team introduced its first certified outdoor scullers, Salaar Adnan Shekhani (July 2024) and Syed Zain Ul Hasnain (October 2024), respectively, marking an exceptional milestone in the sport.



Cricket Success



We are thrilled to share the success of the Under-12 cricket match organized by TLT against Bayview Academy Clifton Campus. Bayview Academy set a target of 42 runs, which they achieved in 7.2 overs. However, our talented TLT team successfully chased the target in just 6.3 overs, securing a well-deserved victory! Congratulations to the entire TLT team on their outstanding performance and teamwork.



Final Thoughts

The second term's sporting events reflected the school's commitment to extracurricular athletic excellence. With outstanding performances across multiple sports, students displayed perseverance, teamwork, and sportsmanship. As we look forward to the next term, our athletes remain determined to build on their successes and achieve even greater heights.

-Salaar Adnan Shekhani



THE LEARNING TREE FOOTBALL JOURNEY

by Rayyan Garib

How is the atmosphere in the school football team?

The atmosphere in the school football team is very fast paced especially with sir Rehan as our coach who is always pushing us to the limit and making sure we are working hard. - **Rayyan**

How effective is the training and what training does he usually make you guys do?

It is extremely effective in my opinion as I have seen a really good improvement in myself. Our training is

1. 25 minutes of non stop jogging
2. 4 sets of (20 pushups, 40 squats, and 30 sit - ups)
3. Passing drills
4. Shooting drills
5. 30 min Match

And this all takes place from 5-7 - **Abdullah**

How difficult were the tournaments playing in the school football team ?

Boys: The tournaments are very difficult as we lost very badly against most of the school teams but now we have another tournament against karachi city fc and we are hoping to get our revenge against them and prove that we can do it. - **Cemal**

Girls: We did not lose a single match, we did not concede any goals, sir Rehan was coaching us. The semi finals were very intense as we had a tie and then we had keeper vs keeper penalties, fortunately we still won and then we won the finals against BAV -**Shanze Saleem**

INTERVIEWS

Ms. Batool Ali

What exactly is your job at TLT, and what tasks/roles do you perform?

I am a Literature teacher and Coordinator. I teach novels, poems and plays which I love and I help coordinate grades 7-11 Literature lessons.

Do you know what your Myers-Briggs personality type is? If yes, how accurately do you think it describes you?

I just looked it up and I found that I fit the INFJ type. It is quite accurate!

Is there any place in particular, anywhere in the world, that you would love to visit or live in?

I would love to live in England but I love Karachi

If you could time travel to any era or period, which one would you pick, and why?

The Prophet's time or the Shakespearan era both fascinate me.

Which animal, fictional or real, do you think encapsulates you?

I think a turtle as it can retrieve into its shell whenever it wants

Name a book, song or movie that you could not live without?

The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy was a book I will never forget. I also love Dead Poet's Society and how it explores the nature of schooling and the value of literature.

If you could choose another career, outside of teaching, what would you pick, and why?

I would have been a therapist had I not been a teacher

Is there any quote or saying that really resonates with you?

I love this one:

Life consists of two days, one for you one against you. So when it's for you don't be proud or reckless, and when it's against you be patient, for both days are test for you - Hazrat Ali

What is your favourite part about working at TLT?

I love how the place is always evolving and the people are kind and empathetic.

How do you typically interact with the students, and how well do you think you get along with each other?

I think you would have to ask my students. I love interacting with them and feel alive in the classroom

Lastly, is there any weird or funny fact about yourself that you would like to share?

I don't get jokes easily and my friends call me a "tubelight" sometimes

By Maya Arianna Haider - XJL

MAAH BIBI



EXCLUSIVE WITH THE HEAD GIRL!

With great pride, I had the opportunity to spend time with the Head Girl. She amazed me with a bunch of insightful answers.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS YOUR BIGGEST RESPONSIBILITY BEING HEAD GIRL?

As the head girl, I think my primary responsibility is presenting the best version of myself. Wearing this red sash symbolizes a commitment to my school and the people in it. As a leader, it is my responsibility to uphold a high standard. I am aware of the trust placed in me by Miss Naila, Sir J, and all those whom I serve, and the last thing I want is to disappoint or let anybody down. Therefore, I try to consistently demonstrate excellence, not only for my sake but also to set a positive example for those who look up to me.

HOW DO YOU FEEL BEING GIVEN THIS BIG RESPONSIBILITY?

It feels truly amazing to have been given this responsibility. I've been a part of the TLT community for over 14 years, and being able to give back to the people who have taken care of me, helped me grow, and shaped the individual I am today is an honor. While it comes with considerable responsibility, the feeling of serving those whom I care for the most and being a role model is beyond comparison.

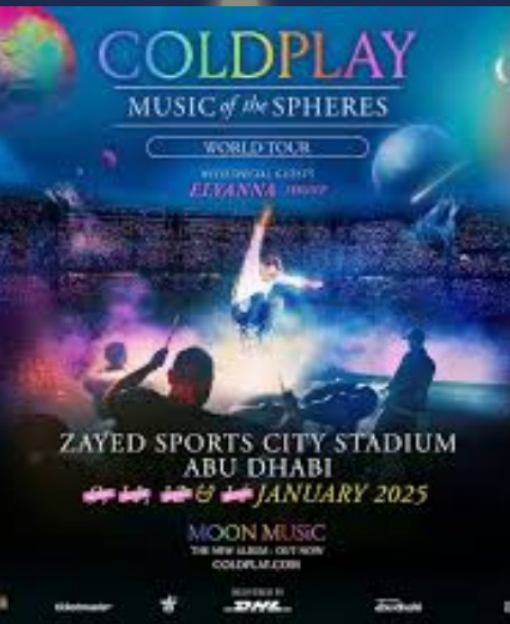
WHAT WAS YOUR INITIAL REACTION AFTER BEING CHOSEN?

Becoming head girl is undeniably one of the most significant achievements of my life. The feeling of being trusted to lead my school is an unparalleled honor. I couldn't stop smiling. But, considering it was a big responsibility, it was a bit intimidating at first.

DID YOU EVER SEE YOURSELF BEING THE HEAD GIRL?

I could only hope; with so many amazing candidates, there was no certainty about who would receive the sash.

AYRA MIR



DETAILS OF THE EVENT



- **Event Name:** Coldplay - Music of the Spheres World Tour
- **Date & Time:** January 9-14, 2025, 7:30 PM
- **Location:** Zayed Sports City Stadium, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- **Organized By:** Coldplay, Live Nation

Coldplay took Abu Dhabi by storm during their highly anticipated "Music of the Spheres" tour. With four consecutive nights of electrifying performances, the band broke records and delivered an unforgettable experience to over 200,000 fans. The event solidified Abu Dhabi's place as a key destination for major international live events.

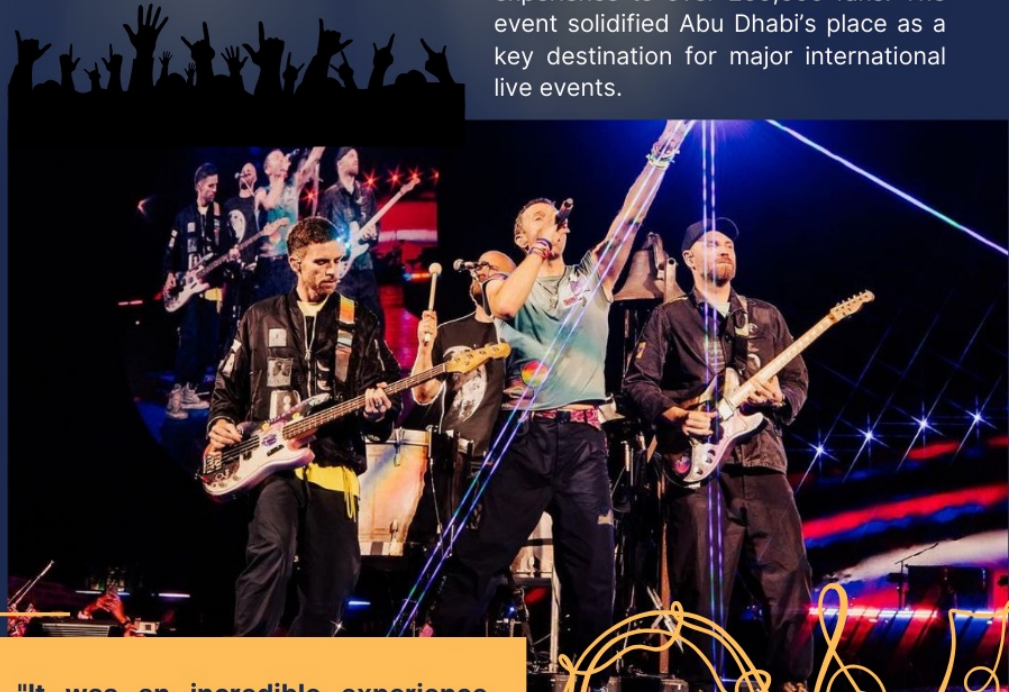
KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Coldplay performed a stunning mix of hits from their expansive catalog, including "Yellow," "Fix You," "Viva la Vida," and their newest tracks from *Music of the Spheres*. Each song was accompanied by breathtaking visuals and the iconic LED wristbands that turned the audience into a sea of lights.

The concerts featured surprise appearances from regional artists, adding to the excitement and creating unforgettable collaborations.

One of the standout moments was the mesmerizing display of lights during "Fix You," where fans lit up the stadium with their phones, creating a breathtaking visual that left both the band and the crowd in awe.

The series of concerts in Abu Dhabi was a monumental success, leaving fans with memories that will last a lifetime. The event not only showcased Coldplay's musical brilliance but also highlighted the growing significance of Abu Dhabi in the global live music scene. It was a celebration of music, light, and community- a fitting experience for fans of all ages.



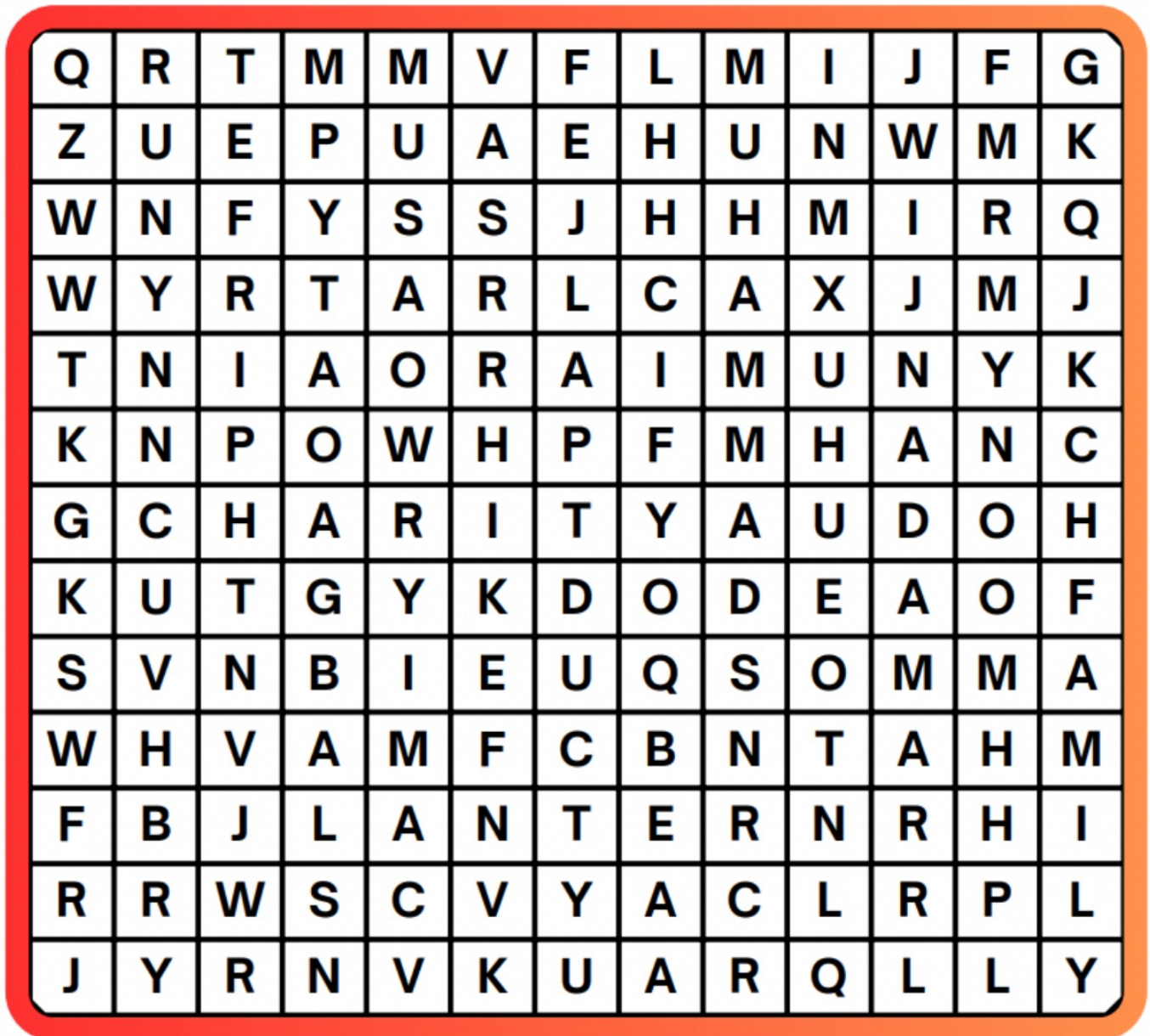
"It was an incredible experience, unlike anything I've seen before," said Sara Al Jaber, a concertgoer. "The connection between the band and the audience felt so personal, despite the massive crowd." "Coldplay's ability to blend music, visuals, and fan interaction has set a new bar for live performances," remarked Ahmed Khalil, event organizer for Live Nation.

-Anaya Tahir





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