



## Senior Spotlight

Hello! My name is Gurkaran Singh Goindi, and I am from India. I am new to AISL this year, and come from Delhi, India. The last 3 years have entailed me shifting locales a number of times. I was in Accra, Ghana, in 10<sup>th</sup> Grade, in Delhi, India, in 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, and am now at AISL, in Lagos, Nigeria. You could almost call me a Nomad, because I simply can't stay in one place! But I do not regret my constant moving from place-to-place. Some may call this a risky proposition, especially in 12<sup>th</sup> grade, but from what I have seen at AISL, this seems to be very untrue. I've never made many friends this quickly in any school, nor have I gotten this comfortable with teachers, in such a short period of time. I've only been at AISL for 1 month, and already wish I had been here longer.

I've been quite involved in extra-curricular activities; the cause of Human Rights is one that is especially close to me, and one that I have done a lot of work with. In my previous-school, in India, I pioneered the concept of 'Red Hand Day': a day when we as a community come to commemorate and resolve to fight the issue of child abuse. I organized a 'Donate Your Hand Campaign', whereby people demonstrate their resolve by stamping a red-painted hand on a white canvas, and sign their name. The event involved almost 600 students and teachers, and was a tremendous success. In LCS, I was deeply involved with the Human Rights Club, and even conducted a Red Hand Day events in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade. My Personal Project, which was the Refugee Responsibility and Sustainability Index (RRSI)- an index that gives a numerical value to international responsibility-received recognition in The International Educator and the IB Community Blog: an achievement, I'm immensely proud of.

Here at AISL, I've become part of the NHS and COWS: both respected clubs, which I'm honored to be a part of. I would like to bring my previous experiences to AISL and try to imbibe the best of what this school has to offer. From the little time I have spent here so far, I'm sure I will have a lot to learn!

The IB is a very rigorous course and will consume a lot of my time. But I would love to leave something on this campus which would stay on even after I graduate. This is a contribution that I would make to my new community, which would give me immense satisfaction.

I believe the bonds that I will forge over the course of the year will be ones for life, and ones which I would look forward to strengthening. Graduation will be a difficult time for all of us, as by the end of the year, we would all have formed strong bonds of friendship and companionship. But I will not let the distances weaken those bonds, and will try my best to keep them as strong as they are on the day we graduate.

Overall, I think that AISL is a wonderful place to be in for the last year of one's life as a school-going student. This is a time that will never come back, and I'm rearing to make the most out of it! I'm extremely excited to be a part of this welcoming and open-minded community, and will try my best to leave a positive footprint.

