This is the Report on the 172nd academic session of La Martiniere College, Lucknow.

The Academic Session began on 10 April, 2017 and concluded on 31 March, 2018.

TRUSTEES AND GOVERNORS

Mr Rahul Bhatnagar, Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh was replaced by Mr Rajive Kumar who continues to serve as Senior Trustee.

Mr Rang Nath Pandey, Principal Secretary (Judicial) and Legal Remembrancer to the Government of Uttar Pradesh and Trustee, Lucknow Martin Charities was replaced by Mr Umesh Kumar, who continues in that office.

Among the members of the Local Committee of Governors, the following changes took place:

Mr (Justice) Amreshwar Pratap Sahi, former Senior Judge of the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court and Chairman of the Local Committee of Governors, was replaced by Mr (Justice) Vikram Nath.

Mr Bhuvnesh Kumar, Commissioner of Lucknow Division who served on the Committee was replaced by Mr Anil Garg.

Mr Satyendra Singh and Mr Gauri Shankar Priyadarshi, District Magistrates, Lucknow District served on the Committee, followed by Mr Kaushal Raj Sharma who continues to serve as an ex-officio member.


While welcoming each new member from among the Trustees and the Local Committee of Governors are thanks are extended to the officers who served in those capacities, earlier for their contribution to the College.

BEREAVEMENT

The College community faced loss in the passing away of the following members of La Martiniere community:

Richard Lyall, a pupil of Class 5 of the College succumbed to dengue fever. Baby Elisha Simon, the daughter of Mr Stanley Simon, Assistant Teacher of Physics, passed away as an infant. Mrs Sheila Simlai, erstwhile Headmistress of the Junior School passed away in Bangalore. The Junior School of the College was completely identified by her. A solemn Condolence Service was held in the College Chapel to mourn her loss.
Retirement

At the end of the academic session, the following persons retired after many years of devoted and efficient service.

Mrs S.R.S. Santram, Head-Junior School, served the College in the capacity of Headmistress from July, 2002. She added to the traditions of the College, training the junior-most boys in every element of College tradition. The academic standard of the Junior-School was supervised and maintained by her. New academic subjects, systems of assessment, special education, counselling and sports activities are among the many areas where there was pioneering contribution. The Junior-School enjoyed a special and unique identity due to the continuous contribution and her encouragement to involve her colleagues.

Mrs Naheed Hasnain, Librarian, oversaw the Junior School Library and thereafter the College Library, besides contributing to other parts of College life. She has remained the senior-most lady member of Staff for a number of years, serving as hostess for almost all formal occasions.

Mr Austin Morris, Co-ordinator – Council Matters, served as Secretary to the Principal in the College. Even after superannuation, Mr Morris served in the Principal’s Secretariat with the significant responsibility of taking care of all matters related to the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations.

Mr Kamlesh Chandra Dwivedi, Nursing Orderly, was been well-loved by all pupils of the College who had had need for medical care. He has specially endeared himself to pupils of the Junior School campus while taking care of them with affection.

Appointments

The following appointments were made during the year:

Mr Alok Bhatnagar as Assistant Teacher
Mr Darius Ryan Davids as Assistant Teacher
Mrs Deepanjali Figg as Assistant Teacher and Special Educator
Mr Craig Charles Kerr as Assistant Teacher, Mass Media & Communication
Mr Hitesh Keswani as Assistant Teacher and Career Counsellor
Mr Aviral Khurana as Assistant Teacher
Miss Adriana V. Michael as Assistant Teacher of Instrumental Music
Mr Quentin Tyron Pope as Assistant Teacher and Warden
Mr Errol Patrick McGrath as Sports Coach
Mr Warren Hopkins as Office Superintendent, Constantia Campus
Mr Shitanshu Bajpai as Assistant in the Quartermaster’s Store
Mr Sesha Kumar Nanda as Hardware Engineer (EDP)
Mr Krishna Prasad as Receptionist, College Office
Mrs Michelle Maria Pope as Office Assistant
Mr Barry Thomas as Dormitory 4 Superintendent

Each member of Staff is wished a long and happy tenure in the College.

Resignation

Mr Lester Phillip Collins, Assistant Teacher, resigned on 13 May, 2017

Mr Aviral Khurana, Assistant Teacher, resigned on 14 October, 2017 for better prospects

Mrs A.M. Cooke, Assistant Teacher, resigned on 7 November, 2017 due to personal reasons.

Mr A. Clarke, Assistant Teacher resigned on 31 March, 2018 to immigrate to Canada.

Mrs L. Clarke, Assistant Teacher resigned on 31 March, 2018 to immigrate to Canada.
Extension of Service

Mr D. J. Thapa was granted another extension of service to supervise Security and Sanitation.

Mr V. K. Srivastava was granted an extension of service in the EDP Department.

Mr Colin Aitkins was granted an extension of service in the Catering Department.

Mrs Sandra Martin was granted an extension of service as Dormitory Matron.

Awards for Long and Meritorious Service

Mrs Amita Kanwar and Mr Gulrez Deen completed 25 years of meritorious service in October, 2017 and January, 2018, respectively. While felicitating them for reaching this milestone, the Local Committee of Governors has placed on record its appreciation and has sanctioned two advance increments to their monthly salary. They shall also receive a purse each of Rs 25,000/- as a token of esteem on Prize Day, 2018.

M/s Ram Kumar and Rajab Ali completed 25 years of meritorious service in the College. The Local Committee of Governors has approved two advance increments being added to their monthly salary and a token purse each of Rs 10,000/- be presented on Prize Day, 2018.

ACADEMIC

ENROLMENT

As on 31 March, 2018 there were 4206 pupils on the roll of the College. This includes, 366 boys in the Preparatory Department. The day-scholar strength was marked at 3222. There were 370 Resident Scholars of whom there were 74 Foundation pupils. Children of Staff of both Lucknow La Martiniere Colleges totalled 174.

SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATIONS

Indian School Certificate (ISC) Year 12

In March 2016, 238 candidates were registered for the ISC (Year 12) Examination conducted by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations. 235 candidates wrote the examination and 234 were awarded Pass Certificates.

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Perfect scores of 100 marks each was achieved by Danish Abbasi in History and Political Science and replicated by Raunak Makhija, Shaham Khaliq and Harsh Pandey in Physics.

Gursheesh Singh scored 100 in Computer Science. Similarly Nilesh Agarwal, Darpan Patel, Danish Iqbal Kidwai and Arun Kumar Singh obtained perfect score in Physical Education.

Indian School of Secondary Education (ICSE) Year 10

For the ICSE examination conducted by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations in March 2017, 275 candidates were registered of which 273 wrote the examination and ALL were awarded Pass Certificates.
Dhaval Gupta stood First in overall order of merit, securing an aggregate of 98.6% in the five best subjects. He has also been awarded the Mrs Shanti Devi Sahai Memorial Medal for the pupil with the highest marks in both La Martiniere institutions in Lucknow. Dhaval Gupta has the honour of carrying the College Flag to lead the Academic Procession on Prize Day.

Nabeel Zubair stood Second with an aggregate of 97.6% while Shubham Awasthi was placed Third with 97.2%.

An analysis of the Results is included in Appendix I

HEALTH & CATERING

Overall health in the Boarding House was normal, apart from seasonal illnesses, and the usual casualties related to sports.

We are grateful to the visiting physician, Dr Mukesh Handa, and to the Hospital Matron, Mrs Shiny Oommen and Mr K. C. Dwivedi, the nursing orderly for supervising the health of the boys. Dr Karan Punn serves as honorary dentist to pupils and Staff in the College, while Dr Sumit Gupta serves as the honorary consultant dermatologist. The College is grateful for the services of each of these medical professionals. The Dormitory superintendents ensure that personal hygiene is a top priority and the College is grateful to them.

The College is deeply grateful for the excellent service provided by the kitchen and dining hall staff, ably supervised by Mr Trevor Medley, Steward and Mr Collin Aitkins, Housekeeper. Senior boys serve on the Food Committee and provide a daily appraisal of meals along with participating in the planning of menus. They are also assisted by members of Staff including Mrs Anupama Srivastava and Mrs Anna Maria Gomes.

EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FRENCH AS A SUBJECT IN ICSE

French as an optional subject had been started in the Middle School four years ago with the intention of offering it as a subject for examination at the ICSE examination. The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, New Delhi has approved French as an optional subject for the ICSE examination 2020. The first batch of examination candidates has been registered for this.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

During the course of the academic programme, it is sometimes noticed that boys display signs of difficulty in learning due to inherent weaknesses. La Martiniere College has established a Cell for Special Education, wherein boys are screened for the particular type of disability noticed. If necessary, formal documentation after tests may be required from the approved professionals. For this, adjustments are made in the process of teaching / learning, the curriculum is modified and assessments made comfortable for the benefit of the pupil. Parents are encouraged to use the services of this Special Education Cell.

COUNSELLING SERVICES

Counselling, in its widest application is provided by the qualified trained Counsellor. This is from the junior-most classes. Boys with difficulties – emotional, psychological, relationships, etc. – may be referred to the Counsellor, or may seek assistance individually. Parents are advised to meet the Counsellor in the event of any issue regarding the well-being of their son. This shall be dealt with confidentially and with professionalism. The Head of the respective Section may be contacted for this.
PERMISSION FOR INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OPEN SCHOOLING (NIOS) STREAM

Over the years, it has been noticed that boys who may be extremely proficient in all areas of their education and training, lag behind due to an inability to cope up with the pressures of traditional forms of academic assessment and examination. Counsellors, Special Educators and Career Directors in the College have reflected upon the need to train a boy for his best potential while ensuring that the minimum academic requirements be maintained. The traditional Boards of education maintain a high standard with high expectations without flexibility for children with special needs. Having studied the options available, it is proposed to start a stream of study leading to school leaving examinations conducted by the National Institute for Open Schooling (NIOS). This system provides flexibility and pacing according to the individual’s requirement. Students, who are identified as being in need of this facility, may receive education at La Martiniere College. They shall be provided with all documents regarding their progress in the College but may choose to opt for school leaving examinations conducted by the NIOS. The NIOS is the only Board of education that is permitted to run concurrently in an institution affiliated to major National Boards such as CISCE or CBSE.

Checks and balances shall also be put in place so that provision is not misused on behalf of those children who are academically capable but do not wish to use their potential to the fullest. The requirement for registration in the NIOS stream at La Martiniere shall have a specific requirement, overseen by recognized professionals. For example, the report of an RCI registered Psychologist indicating learning disabilities and the extent of this.

The Local Committee of Governors has, in principle, approved of this decision.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

In keeping with statutory requirements, La Martiniere College, Lucknow has introduced Bodies / Committees for the security of its members and redressal of complaints:

1. **Guidelines, Norms and Complaint Mechanism for Sexual Harassment at the Workplace:** In accordance with the directives of the Honourable Supreme Court of India, a complaint mechanism has been established in accordance with *The Vishaka Guidelines and Norms* against sexual harassment at the workplace. At present, the Committee is made up of –

   (i) Head, Middle School - Chairman
   (ii) Hospital Matron - Member
   (iii) College Counsellor - Member
   (iv) Mrs S.B. Hasan – Ex Staff Member, La Martiniere College - Member
   (v) Mrs S. Aron - Sr Resident Editor, Hindustan Times - Member

2. **Anti-Ragging Committee:** In accordance with *The Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Ragging in Educational Institutions Act, 2010*, the Committee receives complaints and takes action. Presently, the Committee is made up of –

   (i) Principal - Chairman
   (ii) Vice Principal - Member
   (iii) Head-Middle School - Member
   (iv) Housemaster-Cornwallis House - Member
   (v) Housemaster-Hodson House - Member
   (vi) Housemaster-Lyons House - Member
   (vii) Housemaster-Martin House - Member
3. **Committee for Protection of Children from Sexual Offences**: In accordance with *The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012*, the Committee receives complaints and takes action. Presently, the Committee is made up of –

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**CONSECRATION OF COLLEGE TEMPLE**

In keeping with the vision of the Founder who particularly acknowledged the commonality of all faiths even 200 years ago. The College was able to consecrate a simple but elegant Temple on the estate on 22 April, 2017. The *Rudra Abhishek* was conducted in the presence of Resident Scholars of all faiths. They enjoyed a community meal (*Bhandara*) in the shadow of the temple. Regular maintenance and prayers are conducted there daily. In this manner, the College now has as established Chapel, a Mosque in the workshops area and a Temple in the agricultural grounds.

**EVENTS RELATED TO THE TOMB OF MAJ. HODSON**

On 10 May, 2017, a mob of persons under the auspices of the *Mangal Pandey Morcha* stormed the gates of the academic campus of the College with the stated intention of erecting a plaque on the grave of Brevet-Major Hodson who lies buried on the estate. Officials of the Administration were present on the spot and did permit the academic campus to be breached.

**OBSERVATIONS ON THE STUDENT BODY**

The Principal finds it necessary to place on record the difficulties being currently faced in matters related to discipline of pupils and the attitude of parents in the current scenario. Despite all well-recognized psychological practices being employed, indiscipline of various kinds that this generation of teachers is also not familiar with is vitiating the academic atmosphere. The use of the internet, cyber-bullying, misuse of electronic communication devices, etc. are unfamiliar and uncharted territory. The College finds it necessary to be abreast with these developments and to mould its academic programme accordingly.

Significantly, systems of negative reinforcement and punishment have to be changed in keeping with modern requirements and the rights of children. Moreover, there is need for preparation so that the new difficulties of adolescence can be dealt with.

There is a certain militancy and tendency to misuse democratic procedures like the law and the Press by a small section of parents. This is an unfortunate development in the sphere of education, which is likely to backfire. There has been an increase in negative publicity related to the College by a fraction of aggrieved parents. Significantly, this has not affected the enrolment of the College or the demand for admission to *La Martiniere College*.

**ON-LINE PAYMENT OF FEES**

The College is happy to announce that Fees are now accepted by the College on-line. This has been possible due to dedicated work of the College Office, the Electronic Data Processing (EDP) Department and the Union Bank of India, Sachivalaya Branch. There are likely to be some initial problems, but the decision is in keeping with modern methods of financial transactions.
SELECT COLLEGE CALENDAR

**Prize Day**

Prize Day 2018 was held on Saturday, 29 April, 2017. Mr (Justice) Amreshwar Pratap Sahi, Senior Judge, Allahabad High Court, Lucknow Bench and Chairman of the Local Committee of Governors was the Chief Guest. Mrs Sahi who accompanied him, distributed some of the prizes. A Guard of Honour was presented. The Annual Report of the College was released. The Choir sang *Blowing in the Wind* to commemorate the Nobel Prize being awarded to the composer and singer Bob Dylan. The multimedia presentation encapsulated the events in the College during the previous year. Martin House was awarded the Chelmsford Cup or the Cock House Cup.

**Evening Bazaar**

The Evening Bazaar was held on 6 May, 2017 at *Fairydale*. It was a pleasant event, used to raise funds for the Conservation of Constantia. Proceeds from the mini-raffle and the profit from the stalls totalled a net profit of Rs. 13,26,390/-. 

**Summer Camps**

Summer Camps have now been established as a permanent activity in the College calendar. This is enjoyed by parents and pupils alike. Camps in different disciplines were conducted for one month which was supervised by staff for a minimum of 3 days each, along with qualified coaches.

**Bastille Day**

Bastille Day was commemorated on 14 July, 2017 with a special Assembly. The boys followed the format for daily Assembly but conducted it in French with translations in English. This included the *Lord’s Prayer* in French, the pledge and the Birthday Song. The Assembly concluded with the singing of the National Anthems of France and India. Candidates are now being registered for French as a subject of examination for the ICSE examination.

**4th Claude Martin Debates & Boulone-Lise Quiz**

The 4th Claude Martin Debates and Boulone-Lise Quiz was held from 27 to 29 July, 2017. There were 8 schools from beyond Lucknow that participated along with 4 local schools. La Martiniere College, Lucknow was the Overall Champions of the Claude Martin Debates. Seth M.R. Jaipuria School, Lucknow was the Runners up. The Sri Ram School, Moularai was the winner of the Boulone Lise Quiz and the Runners up was La Martiniere for Girls’, Kolkata. Mr Akash Banerjee, Alumnus and media personality was the Chairperson for the final debate.

**Martin Memorial Inter-Martiniere Debate**

The Martin Memorial Debate was held on Monday, 31 July, 2017. The motion proposed was “Beauty Pageants are a way of objectifying women”. The College team opposed the motion and were declared winners. Varenya Vir Singh was adjudged the Best Speaker.

**4th Martin Cup Football Tournament**

The 4th Martin Cup Invitational Football Tournament was held from 10 August to 10 September, 2017. 38 teams participated. La Martiniere College Team ‘A’ was declared the Champions while City Montessori School, Aliganj was declared the Runners Up.
Independence Day Celebrations

On the 15 August, 2017, a special Assembly was held in the Junior School campus. At the traditional parade Brig. Alok Tripathi, Alumnus, unfurled the National Flag and inspected the parade.

Later that evening, the annual Entertainment Programme in Hindi was held. The play Andher Nagri was well appreciated. Shivansh Kalsi was awarded the Prize for Histrionics in Hindi. Aditya Notani was awarded the prize for the Best Supporting role. The Middle School pupils excelled themselves in the songs and dances presented.

PEGASUS – 2017

PEGASUS an annual event conducted by the pupils of the middle school was held on 17th & 18th August, 2017. Over 400 participants from 18 schools of Lucknow participated in 16 competitions spread over two days. The variety of competitions provides the pupils of the middle school with an opportunity to organize and coordinate events with minimum direction. La Martiniere College was declared the winners, for the second consecutive year while Jagran Public School was the Runners Up.

Inter-Martiniere Meet

The Inter-Martiniere Meet was held in Kolkata from 21 to 25 August, 2017. The contingent was warmly received by the teams in Kolkata. The keenly contested events were won by the Kolkata teams. Shikhar Tripathi was adjudged the Best Speaker at the Debate.

SPIC-MACAY PROGRAMME

Pandits Ritesh Mishra and Rajnish Mishra performed for the resident scholars on 24 August, 2017. This exposure to classical music was made more enjoyable when the boys were led in joining in the singing.

1st Claude Martin Aquatic Gala

The 1st Claude Martin Aquatic Gala was held on 29 to 31 August, 2017. This was organized by a group of boys referred to as Trident with sponsorship offered by Decathlon. The commendable efforts put in by the boys made the programme a success. 19 Schools participated in the event. The championship was won by La Martiniere College.

CASE (COIN AND STAMP EXHIBITION)

Pupils of the middle school showcased their hobbies during a coin and stamp exhibition in the College library on 31st August, 2017. Over 150 students from classes 6 to 10 participated in this event.

Teachers’ Day

Teachers’ Day on 5 September was commemorated with special Assemblies being conducted in both campuses. This was followed by entertainment provided by the boys.

Founder’s Day Celebrations

The Staff played a football match against the College Pupil Authorities to kick off the celebrations related to Founder’s Day on 9 September, 2017. The Staff team won the match: 3-2. The Kurt Mitson Memorial Past vs Present Football Match was played on 11 September, 2017. As always there was a large turn out of old boys, each vying to be able to play a few minutes on the field. The match ended in a draw 3-3.

The 172nd Founder’s Commemoration Service was addressed by Rev. Fr Domnic Pinto of St Paul’s Seminary, Lucknow.
Later that morning, the Inter-House and Individual Swimming Championships concluded with Adnan Ahmad, Anvay Misra and Daksh Pandey being declared the Senior, Junior and Colt Champions respectively. The Past pupils jumped into the pool for a match of Water Polo. This was won by the Past team, 1-0.

The Founder’s Day entertainment programme in English was an exclusive performance of Andrew Lloyd-Weber’s Musical Cats! With the best of arrangements in music, singing, choreography and costumes, the pupils, under the able guidance of Staff in different departments made this a memorable show. Jonathan Sahae, for the third consecutive year, was awarded the Metro-Goldwyn Mayer Award for Histrionics. The efforts of Aditya Whorrah Jyotiraditya Singh and Uditanshu Singh were recognized when they were awarded for their roles in supporting cast.

The Founder’s Feast was held on the Principal’s lawn. A silent toast was raised in memory of the Founder.

Vishwakarma Puja

The College Workers celebrated Vishwakarma Puja in the campus on 17 September, 2017. Traditional rituals, music, prayers and a community meal made this a meaningful celebration with staff and pupil authorities also attending.

Junior School Variety Entertainment Programme

The Junior School presented a commendable variety entertainment programme in the precincts of the Junior School campus on 23 September, 2017. The maximum number of boys was put up on stage to encourage maximum exposure through participation. Among the many items presented were choirs in English and Hindi, short plays in English, Hindi and Urdu, a number of dance performances and even a piano recital. The Preparatory Section boys were particularly cheered for their confidence in the dances they presented. The highlight of the programme was excerpts from Beauty and the Beast, where the boys performing were introduced to the different elements of stagecraft.

Constantia Day

La Martiniere College celebrated 172 years of the commencement of classes on 1 October, 2017. A special Assembly was held two days later where the College Magazine – Constantia, was released.

Gandhi Jayanti

A Service of Peace, on Gandhi Jayanti was held in Spence Hall. It was attended by the resident staff and resident scholars as the College was on vacation.

3rd Maj. Gen Claude Martin Football Tournament

The 3rd Maj. Gen. Claude Martin Football Tournament was organized with the assistance of the District Football Association for schools in Lucknow district. This was played under electric floodlights for the first time this year from 2 October to 15 November, 2017. 36 teams participated. The tournament was won by the White Eagle Football Club with Kumaon Football Club as Runners up.

Cock House Celebrations

In Constantia Campus, Martin House was the Cock House in 2017. It has become a practice to have separate celebrations for the middle and senior school due to the large number of boys who contribute to the victory of the house.

The Middle and Senior School Sections invited girls from La Martiniere Girls’ College for two separate social evenings on 9 and 11 October, respectively. This was for the first time that the Middle School boys independently hosted such an evening. On both occasions, cakes were cut on the Principal’s lawn, followed by dinner and fireworks. Constantia was bathed in blue in honour of the House.
This year Martin House has again been awarded Cock House and shall receive the Lord Chelmsford Cup.

In the Junior School, Cornwallis House was declared Cock House. A celebration was held at Fairydale on 2 December, 2017. Along with a cake bearing the House crest, the boys enjoyed a treat. A Disc Jockey was present and the younger boys enjoyed the ‘Bouncies’ that had been set up especially for them.

CONSTANTIA, 2017

The year 2017 saw the merger of two independent events – Constantia, a daylong programme of literary events and TECHTRIA, the annual inter-school event for information technology. The two-day event held was held on 17\textsuperscript{th} and 18\textsuperscript{th} October, 2017. It was organized by LEO, the umbrella co-curricular activity organization.

Over a thousand participants drawn from 18 schools took part in the programme. It was possible to conduct multiple events over two days due to the large number of venues available in the College. La Martiniere College, Lucknow was declared the champions and La Martiniere Girls’ College was the Runners Up.

Scouts Camp

The Scouts Camp was held at Fairydale from 26 to 28 October, 2017. This was attended by Scouts from classes 5 to 9. The College tents and camping equipment were used for this. The boys received training in tracking, tent-pegging and other scouting activities. The obstacle course was well used. Night ‘Dares’ and cookery competitions added to the fun of camping.

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INGENIUM – 2017

An inter-school event, Ingenium – 2017 was held on 27\textsuperscript{th} October, 2017. This was organized by a team of boys known as AURA. La Martiniere Girls’ College was the overall winners of the competitions and La Martiniere College was the Runners Up.

French Elocution

For the first time in the College, French Elocution was held on 28 October, 2017. The College was fortunate to host competent judges for the event, which saw the participation of boys from classes 5 to 8 Saksham Khattri came first in Group A, while Mohammad Ayaan Rizvi was the winner in Group B.

Model United Nations (MUN)

The 4\textsuperscript{th} session of La Martiniere Model United Nations (LMUN) was held from 3 to 5 November, 2017. This was attended by over 400 delegates from about 20 institutions, including 8 institutions beyond Lucknow. A total of 8 Committees were simulated.

The Session was graced by the presence of the Second Counsellor of the French Embassy in India, Ms Samantha Bonbayl. Other Guest Speakers included Dr Ali Khan Mahmudabad and Brigadier Syed Ahmad Ali, Director of the Jahangirirabad Institute of Technology. The efficient Executive Committee conducted the programme with distinction. The delegation from La Martiniere for Boys, Kolkata were declared the Overall Winners.
Urdu Elocution

The first Urdu Elocution contest was held on 8 November, 2017. Boys of Classes 5 and 6 participated. The judges were impressed by the pronunciation and accent of the boys. Mohd Ghazi Khan was awarded the First Prize.

1st Inter-School Boxing Tournament

The First Inter-School Boxing Tournament was organized at La Martiniere College from 8 to 10 November, 2017. Boys from five schools of Lucknow participated in this tournament displaying their skills in boxing. The overall winner was La Martiniere College.

2nd Invitational Inter-School Basketball Tournament

The 2nd Invitational Inter-School Basketball Tournament culminated on 11 November, 2017. The Tournament was conducted with the assistance of the District Basketball Association. The matches were played on the College Basketball courts. The entire Senior School was present to watch the Final match between La Martiniere College and Springdale College, Indira Nagar. The home team won the match convincingly and lifted the trophy. The final score was 59-58, in favour of the home team.

4th Invitational Athletics Meet

The 4th Invitational Sports Meet for boys’ schools in the city was organized by the group OXARO on 10 and 11 November, 2017. A total of 10 institutions participated in the two-day event. In addition to Athletics, Volleyball and Basketball were also introduced as part of the competition. St Francis’ College, Lucknow was declared the Champions while La Martiniere College was declared the Runners Up.

Children’s Day

Children’s Day was marked with festivity in both campuses. Every child received a treat specially prepared by the College Kitchens. Much to the delight of the children, the Principal and some members of staff donned their old College uniform for the day. The Pupil Authorities of the College took over the conduct of the Chapel Service and Assembly in the roles of the College Authorities.

Hodson’s Run

On 18 November, 2017, Hodson’s Run, was held in the early morning. The Senior Marathon distance included running through areas of the Cantonment for which the Military Authorities provided free passage and escort. Hodson’s Run culminated at the tomb of Maj. Hodson. Aarib AleemKhan came in 1st in the Senior category, setting a new College record. Suryansh Maurya came in 1st among the Juniors. The boys who ran in large numbers and completed the distance were complimented for their perseverance.

Sports Day

The 135th Annual Sports Meet was held on 27 November, 2017. The College was pleased to host Mrs Aashrita Das, Principal, La Martiniere Girls’ College, and her husband as Chief Guests. A significant addition this year was the March Past of athletes of the Junior Campus, following the same format as their counterparts in the Senior School. Lyons House was adjudged the best marching contingent.

The Constantia campus programme was graced by Maj. Gen. N. J. George, Major General, General Services (Operations) of Central Command. The physical Training displays were outstanding with the Lezium drill being awarded as the best presentation. An added feature this year was the Archery Display and Show Jumping by the equestrian team. The march past was impressive with the bagpiper band and brass band in attendance.
Rugby

Rugby as a sport in the College was revived by the introduction of House matches, with scores contributing to the award of Cock House. This was held from 28 to 30 November, 2017. The matches were played in a ‘sevens’ format. Martin House won all their games and were awarded the Rugby Cup after 48 years. For the junior boys, tag-Rugby has been introduced as a safe, non-contact alternative.

ABRSM 2017

Examinations conducted by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music were conducted in November, 2017 with examiners coming from the United Kingdom. The College is happy to record that 3 boys received distinctions while 10 boys achieved merit in the theory examinations. In the practical examinations, 4 boys were awarded distinctions while 9 boys achieved merit. The boys also performed in the High Achievers’ concert held in Spence Hall on 12 February, 2018, where outstanding performers from among the children of Lucknow displayed their talent.

6th La Martiniere Football Cup

The 6th Invitational Inter-School La Martiniere Football Cup tournament was held from 30 November to 14 December, 2017. 34 teams participated. La Martiniere College Team ‘A’ was declared the Champions while Sacred Heart School, Telibagh was the Runners Up.

College Fete

The Annual College Fete was held on 9 December, 2017 at Fairydale. The pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all. The boys contributed to the effort as directed by their teachers. The younger children crowded the enclosure reserved for rides, which were set up in abundance. La Martiniere Alumni donated gifts to be raffled. The net proceeds from the Raffle and Stalls was Rs 24,35,805/-. 

College Calendar

The annual College calendar, with images captured by the boys was released at a cost for all pupils and well-wishers of the College on 11 December, 2017. The Theme was Sepia Memories, which was elegantly executed. The proceeds from the sale of the calendar were remitted for the conservation of Constantia. Among the pupils who were privileged to have the photographs they submitted selected for the calendar were: Saptak Gupta, Shivansh Chitravanshi, Yash Sanmani, Aryan Aleem Khan, Amaan, Yash Vardhan and Abhishek Kumar.

The College Photography Club through sale of photographs collected Rs 1, 04,350/-, which was donated to the College for the conservation of Constantia.

Annual NCC Competitions

The Annual N.C.C. Competitions were held on 16 December, 2017. Brig. Alok Kackar, Military Secretary, HQ Central Command was the Chief Guest. The Air Wing won the Hashman Memorial Shield for the Best N.C.C. Troop in the Junior Division. Platoon No. 2 made up of cadets of Class 11 (Army Wing) was awarded the Boardman Trophy for the Best NCC Wing in the College. Cadet Sergeant Anas Khan of the Air Wing and Under-Officer Priyank Agnihotri were adjudged Best Cadets in the Junior and Senior Wing respectively. The Bhuvnesh Chawla Memorial Trophy for the Best Cadet in the Senior Division was awarded to Priyank Agnihotri. Aditya Whorrah was adjudged the Best Scout. Independent judges were drawn from among the Drill Instructors of the Army Medical Corps.
Annual Christmas/End of Term Programmes

The lights on the many Christmas Trees dotting the campus were switched on, on the night of 1 December, 2017. The trees were illuminated every evening till 06 January, 2018. Programmes were organized in the Junior school with a Christmas pageant and other festivities. The traditional Christmas evening programme was held in Spence Hall on 14 December, 2017. This included Nine Lessons and Carols presented, with explanations by the senior pupils and the Chapel Choir. The joint choir of La Martiniere Colleges, Lucknow presented the Christmas Cantata – The Colours of Christmas – a four part choir arrangement composed by Marty parks. This was under the direction of Mr Vincent Clifford.

The End of Term dinner and Christmas Entertainment was held on 15 December followed by celebrations around the bonfire. Special thanks were extended to the domestic staff for their care for the resident scholars. Mr Trevor Medley and Mr Colin Aitkins were specially complimented for the efforts of the catering Staff.

The End of Term Chapel Service was held on 16 December, 2017, where special wishes were extended specially to the pupils of Class 12 at the end of the session. It was an emotional moment for many as the Choir and congregation sang Auld Lang Syne and wished each other goodbye.

A life-size crèche was set up depicting the Nativity of Jesus on the lawns of the College Park. Christmas carols were played softly throughout the day during the season.

Awadh Polo Club

The College equestrian team participated in the Awadh Polo Club from 18 to 22 December, 2017 at the Surya Parisar, Lucknow Cantonment. The boys went through the tasks assigned and Mohd Ramish Ansari placed third in show jumping. The College team was awarded a prize of Rs 25,000/- for the promotion of the sport.

Birth Anniversary of the Founder

The Founder’s Birth Anniversary was commemorated by a service in the crypt on 5 January, 2018. This was attended by the resident Staff, Heads of Sections and Housemasters. Wreaths were laid on the tomb of the Founder and prayers were recited.

Republic Day

The College gathered at East Terrace for the unfurling of the National Flag to commemorate Republic Day. Mr Trevor Savaille, former Vice Principal of the College and his wife were Chief Guests. Mr Savaille addressed the boys and shared his experiences in the College. He also complimented the NCC cadets and the bands for their smart turn-out, drill and ability.

The staff gathered on the steps of East Terrace for the Annual Group Photograph. The images were captured by members of the Photography Club, whose contribution to every programme in the College is commendable.

1st Douglas Ireland Cricket Match

The Past vs Present Cricket Tournament played annually, is now in memory of the well-loved former teacher and Housemaster, Mr Douglas Ireland, for whom the Old Boys have instituted a trophy. The final match was played on 26 January, 2018. The Past team won the tournament 2-1. Siddhant Rai was awarded the Best Batsman and Apratim Tiwari was awarded the Best Bowler of the tournament.

2nd Inter-Martiniere Cricket Fixture

The Middle School cricket team visited Kolkata for the 2nd Inter-Martiniere Cricket Meet on 29 January, 2018. La Martiniere, Kolkata won the match by 54 runs. It was an opportunity for junior boys of both schools to spend time with each other and share a common experience.
Book Fair

The annual Book Fair organized by Scholastic was held in the College Middle School Library from 2 - 4 February, 2018. All classes visited the exhibition and purchased books at subsidised rates. The College received a large selection of books for the Library as an incentive. The maximum number of books purchased was by the pupils of 6D, for which the class was given a prize.

Junior School Art & Craft Exhibition

The Junior School Art and Craft Exhibition was held on 10 February, 2018. The Exhibition showcased the skill of the children with work done exclusively by them. The display of the Preparatory Department was considered outstanding with innovative ideas by the staff to help children use their skills in an attractive manner. The gradual increase in the level of difficulty of the tasks and the skills involved is evident through viewing the items presented by different age groups.

Junior School Sports

The eagerly awaited internal sports competitions in the Junior School were held on 12 February, 2018. The innovative competitions were enjoyed by the boys who enthusiastically cheered for their House or Class. The Inter-House Relay races were among the most popular events. The boys of the Preparatory Department were also privileged to participate in colourful and exciting events.

Picnics

Each class in the school enjoyed a day out at different venues in and around the city. Local resorts, the Zoo, entertainment clubs and places of historical interests were among the selected venues. The children, accompanied by their teachers, spent a day in an informal setting, creating greater bonding. Tour operators were a great help in organizing this.

The staff spent a day together at the Zoological Gardens on 15 February, 2018. The College kitchens made all arrangements for catering. The pleasant morning was a good opportunity for friendship and relaxation.

INNOGEN – 2018

INNOGEN, the Science exhibition and model display was held on 17 February, 2018 in Spence Hall. The programme is devised to promote innovation. Pupils of the Middle School presented models which were personally built. The boys explained the manner in which their innovative creations could be adapted to different uses. Prizes were awarded for the most innovative ideas.

Art Exhibition

Art is a compulsory subject for all pupils up to Class 8 and an optional subject for examination thereafter. The annual Art Exhibition was held on 21 & 22 February, 2018 in Spence Hall. Renowned Artist and Educator, Dr Awadhesh Misra was the Chief Guest. The talent displayed covered various media. Outstanding pieces were immediately purchased at auction. The Art Club thereafter donated Rs 51, 050/- to the College for the conservation of Constantia.

Boxing House Matches

The Finals for the Second Boxing House matches was held on the 24 February, 2018. Renowned pugilist and trainer, Mr Douglas Shepherd was the Chief Guest. Cornwallis House won the overall Championship. Jason Paul was awarded Desmond Shaw Trophy for the Best Senior Boxer, Sujeb Khan won the Horan Trophy for the Most Scientific Junior Boxer while Shaun James Munro received the Brig. Michigan Trophy for the Most Promising Boxer in the Colts Division.
Investiture of Pupil Authorities (2018)

Pupil Authorities for the session 2018-19 were installed on 8 March, 2018. The programme commenced with a Chapel Service during which prayers for guidance in leadership were recited. The Principal and Housemasters led the pledge of office for the newly appointed Authorities. Vignesh Mehrotra was elected as College Captain and Inzamam ul Haq Ansari as College Vice-Captain. Siddhartha Misra, Jayam Balani, Sukhdev Kumar and Naman Mishra were appointed as House Captains of Cornwallis, Hodson, Lyons and Martin House respectively. It was a proud moments for parents of these boys to witness the programme.

Interaction with Parents

Throughout the year there was opportunity for parents to meet with the Principal and Staff of the College. Orientation sessions for different classes, focussing on the special needs of children of that age were presented.

College Gardens

The College Gardens continue to be well maintained. There is a sense of pride and intense competition between the gardeners themselves. Incentives for prizes won at City Flower shows are also keenly contested. At the Chrysanthemum and Coleus show at the National Botanic Gardens on 10 December, 2017, the College entries won a total of 80 prizes. This included the Queen of the Show.

At the State Annual Flower Show at Raj Bhawan on 18 February, 2018, the College was awarded a total of 79 prizes. Every garden in the College was awarded a prize in its particular category, based on size. Attractive incentives and cash awards make the competition that much more rewarding.

NCC Activity

30 cadets of the Army Wing (Senior Division) attended the Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC) at the Maharaja Bijli Passi Mahavidyalaya, Lucknow from 19 to 28 September, 2017. In addition, 29 cadets appeared for the ‘B’ Certificate examination and are expected to do well.

The NCC Air Wing (Junior Division) cadets attended the CATC at Military Station, Barabanki from 11 to 20 May, 2017. In addition 18 cadets successfully qualified and were awarded the ‘A’ Certificate of the NCC.

Air Wing 2nd year cadets attended Range firing practice in the Lucknow cantonment in August, 2017. 10 cadets of the Air Wing were selected for Air Experience at the Air Force Station, Bakshi-ka-Talab.

Excursions and Educational Trips

Pupils of the Middle and Senior school went on an excursion from 16th to 20th May, 2017to Manali and surrounding areas.

The Junior School pupils joined their teachers on an excursion to Dehradoon and Mussoorie from 28 September to 2 October, 2017. Besides the leisure and entertainment, it was an opportunity for boys to learn how to live as a community, following instructions.

Pupils of the Middle and Senior School visited Jodhpur and Jaisalmer from 17th to 21st December, 2017. Besides being a holiday, it was also an opportunity for Day Scholars to stay together, away from home.

Within the city, different groups of boys have visited centres for social service establishments for those underprivileged. Academic interest has been generated by visits to Banks for project work, history walks, art and photography exhibitions.
Reunions of Old Boys

Old boys of the College continue to visit the College frequently and in large numbers. They are always welcome. Besides the informal meeting on the last Sunday of every month for the now well-known Sunday-Bunday, the visits of the alumni are on a daily basis. It is always a pleasure to welcome those who return after many years for an emotional reunion.

Formal reunions were held in Lucknow and other parts of the country, where city-wise Chapters are evolving. A reunion of the Batch of 1982 to commemorate 35 years of their passing out of the College was held on 1 October, 2017.

Significantly, the Batch of 1967 came together from different parts of the world to commemorate their Golden Jubilee. A special Chapel Service was organized to mark this milestone. The alumni from 50 years ago interacted with the boys while using the College lawns for their celebrations.

The Batch of 1992 had a two day celebration in the College during the winter break on 23 and 24 December, 2017. Along with their families, they were able to felicitate teachers and Staff from their generation. They also marked their presence by unveiling a tablet in front of the College.

The annual reunion of alumni from both Colleges in Lucknow was held on Saturday, 16 December, 2017. This was held on the lawns of the Girls’ College this year. Dr Vijay Mohan Kohli, alumnus and renowned Thoracic surgeon was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Celebration of Festivals

Throughout the year, festivals and holidays are celebrated with traditional gaiety, especially in the Boarding House. Every holiday is preceded by a brief talk at Assembly regarding the significance of the observance.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

The vast co-curricular programme of the College is co-ordinated by Mrs Sheba Siddiqui. This forms an integral part of the College programme. There is an increasing trend to permit the boys to take over the planning of diverse events, under minimum supervision of teachers. This is seen to bring out the best in competitors as well as those with special skills in organization. Boys travel the width of the country to participate in different events. Their merit is invariably rewarded.

The overall record of special achievement in co-curricular activities in which pupils of the College participated in events in the city and around the country is summarized in Appendix II

SPORTS

The College was represented at a number of fixtures outside the College where the boys proved their ability. There are now more than a score of sports disciplines in which the boys participate and for which there are specialized training facilities. All gentlemen Staff supervise games. The entire programme is coordinated by Mr Alfred Gomes, Games’ Secretary. The achievements of the boys in sports activities is summarized in Appendix III

Within the College, inter-House competitions and activities were keenly contested. The Scoreboard at the conclusion of the session reads as follows.

- Overall Achievement in Academics: Lyons House
- Overall Champions in Athletics: Hodson House
- Overall Champions in Basketball: Martin House
- Overall Champions in Cricket: Lyons House
- Overall Champions in Debating: Cornwallis House
- Overall Champions in Football: Martin House
- Overall Champions in Hockey: Martin House
- Overall Champions in Quizzing: Cornwallis & Lyons House
Overall Champions in Rugby  Martin House
Overall Champions in Swimming Cornwallis House

The most coveted award of the College, i.e. Cock House for the year 2017 – 2018 was awarded to Martin House. The Lord Chelmsford Cup is presented for this.

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Special thanks are extended to the alumni of the College. Their material gifts, advice and assistance in the many areas of College life in which they now have expert knowledge is a store of goodwill which the College uses from time to time. Significantly, many prefer to function in complete anonymity, giving back to the College to the extent that they feel they have received. Their discretion in this matter is respected.

Individual contributors towards the development and progress of La Martiniere College and the estate have increased to the extent that it is now neither possible nor discreet to publicly record. Nevertheless, the thanks of the College is personally forwarded to each contributor at the appropriate time.

I am especially grateful to the team of Staff that runs La Martiniere College, Lucknow for their dedication and commitment to the areas of work which are defined for them. Invariably, most members of Staff go much beyond the call of duty. Often areas of work overlap. They carry out every task with autonomy, accountability and efficiency.

The boys of La Martiniere provide each person working here the impetus to put in their best. The natural gratitude, goodwill and affection that is received from the boys makes the job that is done far worthier than a professional responsibility. It is a great privilege to have these boys in our care.

Vive La Martiniere!