

THE TRINITION

The Digital Magazine of Trinity College, Kandy



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“The boarding was a blessing to all of us as it taught us independence as well as inter-dependence. Students of all ethnicities lived in harmony and learned the importance of reconciliation and acceptance of diversity, which was embedded to the Trinity culture from time immemorial.”

page 30 Prof. Thangamuthu Jayasingam

“We learned how to face life challenges at the boarding. We discovered how to share, care, starve and even to steal at the boarding. Education was important. But learning to live as a team in harmony was more important and this is what the boarding life taught us,”

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Prof. Thangamuthu Jayasingam

“Whatever you do in life, do it to the best of your ability”.

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Admiral Travis Jeremy Liyanduru Sinniah
(Sri Lankan Navy)

‘First discipline oneself, before disciplining others’.

Dulara Alawattegama
Senior Prefect, 2021

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“To discipline our own characters as to fit us to exercise wisely and courageously the authority entrusted to us. And to strive with all our power to uphold and hand on untarnished the honour of the school.”

- Monitor's Pledge

THE TRINITIAN TEAM

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Compliments of the Season to all the members of the Trinity Family. Welcome to the Third Edition of The Trinitian Digital Magazine. This edition brings you the updates on the latter half of the T150 Sesquicentennial Anniversary Year. As usual we focus on events, people, and places to keep you connected with the Best School of All.

If Trinity had to brave the onslaught of the pandemic during the first half of its Sesquicentennial Year, it is the challenges of the ever-increasing economic crisis that we are currently steering through during this latter half of the Sesquicentennial Year in our relentless effort to explore the vistas of excellence while looking to the end.

We are convinced that establishing proper systems and process at College is the key to stay innovatively relevant in our mission of forming Christlike gentlemen, while a larger segment in Sri Lanka is losing their hope for the future. Trinity should never give up on its call to be a beacon of hope to this island nation.

The third edition opens with the segment ‘Living Trinity’ featuring new appointments, farewells and a flashback on events which took place during the latter half of the year to keep you updated about people and events at Trinity. The segment ‘Spotlight’ highlights the champion students and members of staff who have added value to school by their contribution and achievements. Every member of staff and every student has the potential to add value to the school that nurtures them both.

An interesting article on the history and development of the College Library, an insightful interview with Prof. Jayasingam, which sheds light on the transformative formation at Trinity College, and a Pictorial highlighting the routine life of a Trinitian at College constitute the ‘Feature’ section of this third edition.

As usual ‘People and Places brings to light the achievement of Old Boys as the sons of Trinity are continuously doing their best to impact lives

as they continue to excel in life. This time we also have featured an article on the history of the Trinity College Asgiriya Stadium to take you down memory lane to your time at College.

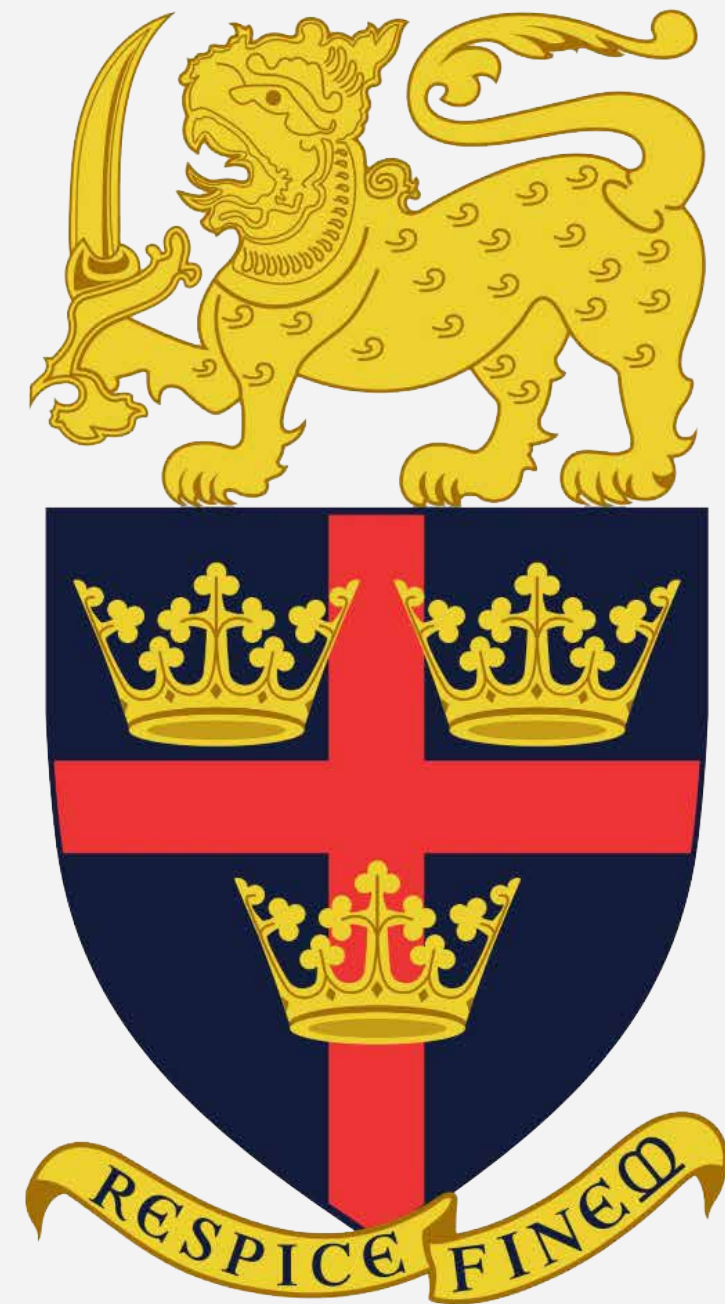
‘Opinion’ segment takes you to the reminiscence on the School Officers’ Guild by a recent Senior Prefect, and to the details of the Donors of the T150 Project, whose unwavering support made the T150 Project a success story to inspire the upcoming generations of Trinitians.

Finally, ‘The School We Knew’ highlights an article on College Press, which most of the past Trinitians fondly remember as a place where they enjoyed learning while helping in the printing work for College. The back cover announces the upcoming events to keep you informed in advance to plan your visit to your Alma Mater.

The success story of Trinity College is not a story of a single person. Every building, every person has an undeniable contribution to this grand tapestry. We value your continued support to leave Trinity as a better place for the future generation.

To speak of fame a venture is,
There’s little here can bide,
But we may face the centuries,
And dare the deepening tide;
For though the dust that’s a part of us,
To dust again be gone,
Yet here shall beat the heart of us,
The School we handed on.

Respice Finem
The Trinitian Team



The Crest of Trinity College, Kandy



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NEW TO TRINITY

News and Events



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FAREWELLS

News and Events

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Biology
Academic

Ms. P. Udumulla
Civic Education
Academic

FLASHBACK



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Flashback

The collage consists of 30 small photographs arranged in a grid-like fashion, showcasing various activities and events at Trinity College. The images include:

- Students in the kitchen, some wearing aprons, engaged in food preparation or baking.
- Students performing on stage, including a group in white uniforms and a group in traditional Indian attire.
- Students in a gymnasium, some in white uniforms and others in blue tracksuits, participating in physical education or sports.
- Students in a classroom, some sitting at desks and others standing, engaged in learning activities.
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CHAMPION STUDENTS FROM TRINITY

CHEHAN GOONETILLEKE

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Master Chehan Goonetilleke started his swimming journey when he was five years old under the guidance of Mr. Ranmal Weerasinghe known as Awantha Sir. His first major participation in a swimming event was at the age of eight, in a club-level swimming contest “Team Waves Aquatic All Island Age Group Short Course Swimming Championship” held in March 2020 at the TWA Swimming Complex in Kadawatha where he won the bronze medal for boys under 10 Butterfly (25m) and the silver medal for Freestyle (25m).

In 2021, he joined the Trinity family and in 2022, he was selected for the school's swimming squad. He is currently getting trained under the supervision of Mr. Pemplath Uyanhewa and Mr. Ranmal Weerasinghe.

Chehan took part in the Novices Aquatic Championship 2022 and won the second place with timing 35.44 (qualified) in Freestyle under 11 50m LC, the second place with timing 41.13 (qualified) in Butterfly under 11 50m LC and the fifth place with timing 3:25.74 (qualified) in



IM under 11 200m LC. He was able to perform well at the Central Province National Swimming Meet 2022 too with the second place with timing 35.00 in Freestyle under 12 50m LC and the second place with timing 41.00 in Butterfly under 12 50m LC. He represented Campbell House in the Inter - House Swimming Meet 2022 of Trinity College Kandy. He was awarded the Champion Swimmer - Grade 5 for his outstanding performance in swimming.

ISIJA SANKALPA THILAKARATHNE

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Master T. M. Isija Sankalpa Thilakarathne of Grade 9D has been very keen on education and co-curricular activities since his young days. He has won many places in essay writing, language, oratory, spellings and creative writing in Sinhala Day Competitions from 2016 to 2020 and in essay writing, creative writing and oratory in English Day Competitions from 2016 to 2018. He was a member of the Junior Western Band and was awarded the school scholarship for the year 2019. This young gentleman obtained 185 marks at the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination in 2018. For his outstanding performance, he was awarded the Most Promising Student in the year 2018 at the Prize Giving.

Master Thilakarathne was an active member of the Art Circle and participated in the Edex Sithuwam Competition held by the Ministry of Education. He was a member of the Junior Boarding House Basketball Team and they emerged Runners-Up at the Inter-House Basketball Tournament in 2018. He also took part in Chess tournaments in the Junior School and was a member of the Junior School Science Society. This multi-talented young man was a member of the Junior School Choir which became the All Island Finalist and the Gold Medalist under the Popular Song Category in 2018 at Sri Lanka Annual Competitive Festival held by Sri Lanka Music, Drama and Speech. He joined the Western Music Society Choir of the Middle School and was a member from 2019 to 2022.

Isija Thilakarathne participated in 'Sahitha', 150th School Anniversary Competition conducted by Trinity College Kandy and won places in many categories. He also participated in competitions held by the Library and Creative Learning Centre for the 150th anniversary and won places in book review writing and book talk competitions. Obtaining the first place in the Academic Excellence Prize (Grade 6 to 9) was a



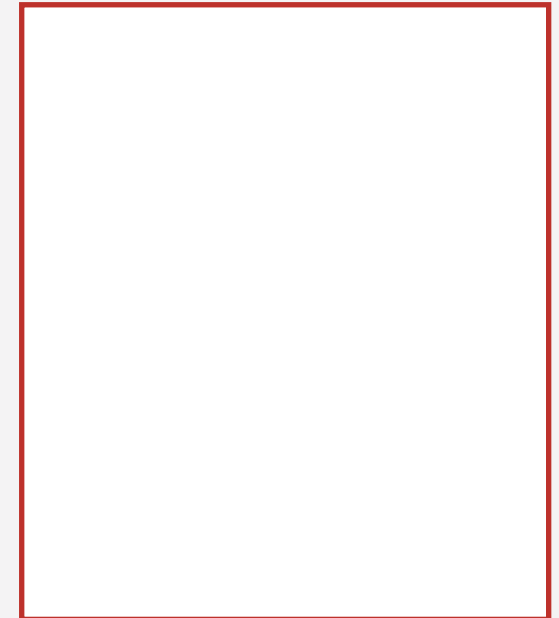
significant point in Isija's life and won many prizes (subject prizes and special prizes) at the Annual Prize Giving from 2016 to 2022. Many responsibilities were fulfilled by Isija in the Middle School. He was the Vice Secretary of the Sinhala Debating Society in 2022, the Grade Representative of the TCK Gavel Club, the Secretary of the Junior Trinity College Literary Association in 2021 and a member of the Junior Debating Club. Acting and writing a script were also important events in his life. He also showed his talents in announcing and compeering at the Middle School New Year Programme 2022. He was an active member of the DOWELS Toastmasters International Gavel Club and was awarded the highest points achieved in Club Debate Contest in Toastmasters International 2022 Inter-Club Debate Competition. He was also recognized as a Competent Communicator for exceptional achievements in Global Youth Gavel Club Educational Programme in 2022.

THITHIRA JAYAKODY

UPPER SCHOOL

From being a nobody to a name that's both respected and feared by debaters islandwide, Thithira Jayakody's rise to the top has been nothing short of remarkable. Thithira embarked on the beginning of his debating career with the Sri Lanka Schools Debating Championship organized by the Law Faculty of Colombo in 2022. His rankings were abysmal and performance needed much improvement. Thithira realized this, and persevered. Needless to say, his hard work paid off. Thousands of debates thoroughly analyzed and hundreds of speeches later, Thithira is now recognized as one of the best debaters in the island. He was instrumental in Trinity College winning the Royal International College, Methodist College and Law Faculty Debating Championships. Further, he has ranked within the top 10 best speakers at countless tournaments, including the Hilda Kularathne Memorial Debate Championship 2021 and 2022, SWRD Bandaranaike Memorial Debate Championship 2021, Saint Bridget's Debate Championship 2021, Lillian Nixon Memorial Debate Championship 2022, Sri Lanka Schools Debating Championship 2022, D. S. Senanayake Debating Championship 2022, N. M. Perera Memorial Debate Championship 2022 and Royal International College Debate Championship 2022, a remarkable feat. Thithira was also selected for the National Pool of Debaters in Sri Lanka,

and qualified for the Development Squad of Sri Lankan Debaters, a coveted spot only offered to 6 bright and promising debaters that are carefully chosen from the already competitive National Pool. In his stint at the development squad, he represented Team Sri Lanka at the World Schools Debate Open where he became National semi-finalists, the Asian World Schools Championship where he notably ranked the 5th best speaker and at the International Debate Weekend. With all of this, Thithira is also the captain of the Trinity College Debate Team. As his team, we are forever grateful for his constant support and efforts to see Trinity debating thrive.



CHAMPION STAFF FROM TRINITY

MRS. C. P. K. DE TISSERA

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mrs. C. P. K. De Tissera joined the Junior School of Trinity College in 2000 as an English Trained Teacher and has been serving the college for 22 years. She had her education at Bishop's College Colombo, Trinity College Kandy in 1972 (Centenary Year), Hillwood College Kandy, St. Anthony's Girls' School Katugastota and Girls' High School Kandy (O/L and A/L).

Mrs. Tissera is an English Specialist Trained Teacher at Peradeniya Teachers' Training College. She is also a registered Speech & Drama Teacher for over 20 years. She has been working at the Institute of Western Music & Speech (IWMS) and at British and Lanka Festivals for the Performing Arts (BLFPA).

During her 22 year service at Trinity College, Mrs. Tissera has been holding many responsibilities related to school. She was the Senior House Mistress of Carter Blues in 2001 and 2002 and Carter Blues was remarkably placed first after 18 years in the year 2001. She was the Teacher-in-charge of Mini Tennis in 2002, the Teacher-in-charge of Swimming in 2003 and 2004, the Teacher-in-charge of Basketball in 2005 and 2006, the Teacher-in-charge of



Athletics from 2007 to 2009, the Senior House Mistress of Carter Blues in 2010, the Sectional Head (Junior School) from 2010 to June 2014. She was appointed the Sectional Head once more in September 2015 and continued to be so till 2018. In 2020, she started serving the college as the Grade Head of Grade 4 and in addition to that, she has been working as the Co-ordinator for the Junior School since 2021.

Mrs. Tissera has been carrying out her duties and responsibilities as a loving and caring teacher for many years and we wish her all the best for her future aspirations.

MR. WASANA DISSANAYAKE

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr. Wasana Dissanayake is a young and energetic personality who has been working at Trinity College since 2012. He has been teaching Science for the students of Middle and Upper School, Agriculture and Bio-Systems Technology for the students of Upper School. He is a multi-talented character with a lot of vigour and enthusiasm towards the tasks he is entrusted with.

Holding a special degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka with a Second Class Upper Division Pass, Mr. Dissanayake was able to become the Department Top of that year. Continuing his studies, he completed his Postgraduate Diploma in Education at the University of Peradeniya once more securing a Second Class Upper Division Pass. He has also completed a Professional Certificate Course in Human Resource Management.

Mr. Wasana Dissanayake has been bearing many responsibilities in his career in Trinity College Kandy. He was the Master-in-charge of under 13 Cricket from 2012 to 2015 and of the Astronomical Society from 2012 up to date. He has served as the Secretary and the Staff Representative of the Staff Guild of Trinity College Kandy. Mr. Dissanayake was appointed as the Grade Head of Grade 9 in 2018 and still he is rendering a great service to the section by monitoring the academics, co-curricular activities and discipline of students with great care and passion.



Mr. Dissanayake has been working in the Year Planning Committee of the college since 2020 and now he is an active member in it. Being the Co-ordinator of the Co-Curricular Enrichment Initiative Programme in 2021, he oversees all the activities, events and programmes planned for the following year besides the academic programme. He was appointed as the President of the Co-operative Society in 2022. He is currently the Staff Representative for the Parent Teacher Association of Trinity College Kandy.

We wish Mr. Dissanayake all the very best for his future endeavours and Trinity College is, indeed, fortunate to have the services of a faithful, dedicated and committed master like him.

MRS. CHRYSHANTHI SURENDRAKUMAR

UPPER SCHOOL

A teacher loved and respected by all the Trinitians, Mrs. Chryshanthi Noelle Cabral Surendrakumar, has joined Trinity College on the 1st February 1997. According to her, there were no position for a Singing teacher at that time, but the Principal Lt. Col. L. M. De Alwis had generated a vacancy and had recruited her as a Singing Teacher for the Upper School (Grade 6 to 14).

Mrs. Surendrakumar had her education at Good Shepherd Convent, Kandy and later at Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy. Being an English Trained Teacher at the Peradeniya Training College (1988 - 1989), she was initially appointed for Singing from Grade 6 to 9 and English Language and Western Music for Grade 9 at Trinity College. The Western Music Department was completely handed over to her in September 1997 by the Vice Principal, Mr. Paul-Jeyaraj. Since 1997, she has been teaching Western Music for 26 long years to Middle and Upper School students of Trinity College Kandy.

The Western Music Society was originated in 1999 with the leadership of Mrs. C. Surendrakumar and Mrs. K. B. George. Mrs. Surendrakumar has been fulfilling



her duties as the Teacher-in-charge of the society since 1999. She has been able to bring victory and glory to Trinity College through well-trained junior and senior choral groups of the college every year.

She became the Senior House Mistress of Saunders House in 2020 and is currently holding the responsibility of the house with much commitment and dedication. According to her, all things are possible through God's grace. All glory and honour to God for all the achievements she has had in her life.

CHAMPION ADMIN STAFF FROM TRINITY

MR. SHANE DE SILVA

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mr. Shane de Silva joined Trinity College as a staff member in 2008. He was an old boy who had graduated from College in 2003. He has been serving Trinity for 14 years and has been involved in many roles at college. He started his career as the Junior and Senior Boarding House Master and worked as Secretary to the Middle School Headmaster, Class Teacher for the Upper School and taught Christianity and English at the Middle School.



He progressed through the ranks and for his brilliant work ethic, he was promoted to the position of Prefect of Games in the year 2015. He oversaw 19 different sports during his tenure and successfully managed the success of these sporting events by being a great inspiration for the boys.

Mr. de Silva was promoted to the position of Coordinator for Center for Excellence in 2022 and is currently functioning as the Senior Boarding House Master, Master in Charge of the Chapel, Master in Charge of

the Choir and member/secretary for the College Management Team.

We thank Mr. Shane de Silva for his great love for the College and wish him all the best at his current role at Trinity College and all the positions he will hold in the future to come.



How the Library began at Trinity College

Features

From a Public Library to a School Library, what a contrast? I never thought that I will get accustomed to it. But, the rich culture along with the traditions of Trinity College and the charming school boys encouraged me to carry on and made me stay here for many years, which I really enjoyed.

The Library of Trinity College goes back to 1875, and it was started by the School Literary Association (not by the school authorities) which too was originated in the same year.

At the time it started, the books were housed in the Collins Hall and in 1877 the Library rules and regulations were made to establish the Library. The Secretary of the Literary Association took the responsibility as the Librarian, in 1882 the school took over the responsibility of the library from where it started to grow.



COLLINS' HALL

During Mr. Garrett's time, in 1877, the responsibility of the library was given over to a master named Mr. D. E. Goonewardena who served as the Librarian during his school days. He took over the responsibility of the library and then as a member of the staff, he took over the job again with Mr. Sathiyananthan in 1912.

A reading room that housed many periodicals was attached to the Library in 1819 with a membership fee of 50 cents. This became so popular within three months and the membership rose to 118 from 30. The Curators were placed in charge of the library. New volumes were added to the collection by Mr. A. G. Fraser, and Rev. McLeod Campbell who brought books from England whenever they went on home leave out of the funds they collected from their friends in England.

The Library became popular among the staff and the students and in 1913 a new building was put up especially for it. A full-time librarian was appointed for the 1st time. Mr. T. B. L. Moonemalle declared opened the building on the 12th of December 1912 and the post of the Librarian was given to Mr. C. Mendis. He was on the staff for 24 years and he was to continue for another thirteen years as the Librarian. Under his care, the library developed into one of the most important centres in the life of the school. In 1916, Mr. Mendis started a catalogue of books in the Library. By the time it was printed in 1918, there were 2196 volumes of books which were given out for lending. Average of 300 books were borrowed within a month.

No:02 - Mr. C. Mendis

A New Common Room was attached to the Library in 1929, the books were labelled with printed shelf numbers: in 1933 the boys themselves were involved in rebinding the books in the book binding shop.

Till 1939, the library was housed in the original building (Collins Hall) and had to make way for the construction of the new College Hall (The present Main Hall). The books were transferred to the Junior Common

Room, on the ground floor of the Alison building, till the new Senanayake Memorial Library was handed over to the school.

The new library was declared opened by Mr. M. D. H. Jayawardena, who was the Minister of Finance at that time, on the 11th of November 1955.

In the meantime Mr. S. N. R. Breckenridge, Mr. W. S. Hensman and Mr. Hugh Smith looked after the library at their very best during this transmission period.

The Library Committee was revised and the Library Curators were selected among the students. (This post was as good as holding a prefectship). The students were selected by the Librarian and were then approved by the Principal. This was done after the library was established in the new building which is its present location.

In 1953, the present library building was in the process of construction. This was donated by the Senanayake family in Kandy, in memory of Milton Senanayake, who passed away young while studying in England.

No: 03 - Milton Senanayake

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Memorial Library

In 1955 when the library was shifted to the Senanayake memorial building, Mr. Vernon Jansze was appointed as the Librarian. Although he was not a full-time Librarian, he gradually stepped down from his other responsibilities and put on a firm footing.

While attending to his other work, he followed a course in Librarianship sponsored under the Colombo Plan. A Canadian expert suggested to arrange the books according to the Dewey Decimal Classification System. (To classify books according to the subjects, a system which Library Science followed worldwide, formed by Melville Dewey).

No:05 - Mr. Vernon Jansze

He also introduced the individual card system for the readers that made it easy to keep a track of the books and the borrowers, and it helped him to reduce the number of losses. He was assisted by Mr. E. G. Khemisara since 1955 and Ms. E. M. Marikkar in 1970. Borrowing of books was allowed daily and the reference books were given out overnight and the borrowers had to return them the following morning before the school started. The books could also be taken out for the week and could be returned on Monday morning. Each faculty had their own collections of books and they were also transferred to the Main Library.

During Mr. Janze's time, the library was improved. Sinhala and Tamil sections had only a poor collection compared to the English section. With the change of the media instructions, he improved these sections. He also collected all the information connected to the school and personalities related. When he left in 1974, Mrs. E. N. Marrikar and Mr. E. G. Khemisara worked together. Mrs. Marrikar too left to take up a job abroad.

No: 06 - Mrs. S. Jayasekera

Mrs. Sriyangani Jayasekera took over the Library from 1974 to 1983, she too left to go abroad to join her husband. Mrs. L. Herathge worked from 1984 to 1989, she too left to join her husband in Gurutalawa. Mrs. Jayasekera once she came back joined again in 1989 and worked from 1989 to 1997 and left the country to be with her children abroad. Mrs. Sujatha Kuruwita took over the Library from Mrs. Jayasekera in 1997 and

worked till 2017.

The Main Library then was catering to the Middle School as well. The Library in the Junior School also revived. The children of Grades 6, 7, and 8 had selected days for borrowing and were allowed to use the library during the interval and after school. With the busy curriculum and the private tuition classes, the usage of the library was gradually dropped, only the Middle School children used it up to a greater extent. In 2006, it was Mr. J. C. F. Jayawardena (Co-Vice Principal) who got the Middle School children out of the Main Library and started a separate library for Middle School.

After the library was redone in 2016 by the 1996 batch of students, the Middle School Library was closed down and was brought back to the Main Library. The Library Film Society also had its natural downfall as the students of other societies started to show films to raise funds for their societies. (Readers can get further information from the Library Reports in College Magazines)

The Curators too gradually stayed out and could not help with the library after school, due to their busy schedule of after school tuition classes.

In 1995 the Library Archives were started in Mrs. Jayasekera's era; this was the brain child of Late Mr. Lakshman Kadirgamar who happened to be an Old Boy of the school.

Thanks to Mr. Vernon Jansze, there were ample photos and information to go ahead with the project. The building was next to the Library, Old Prefect's Room, but later moved to the top floor of the present Auditorium during Prof. W. R. Breckenridge's time. He supported the expansion of the archives and allowed it to be taken up to the present place, the Lakshman Kadirgamar Memorial Building.

Sujatha Kuruwita

Senior Librarian & Archivist
1997 - 2017

Reference - Trinity College Archives



FROM BATTICALOA TO THE BOARDING SCHOOL IN THE HILLS...

Fifty years after leaving a place if someone can still vividly recall his memories with precision and delight, that shows the strong impact and influence that the place has had on the individual. Going further, if this person's interests span from hazardous waste to human rights, to landfill management to legal studies, that epitomizes the multi-dexterity of his character. This was the case with Prof. Thangamuthu Jayasingam, [fondly known as Prof. Jay] the retired Professor of Botany, Eastern University of Sri Lanka, an eminent past pupil of Trinity College who adorns the interview segment of The Trinitian's December 2022 issue.

Hailing from Chenkaladi, Batticaloa, Prof. Jay's ancestry runs back to India where his parents are from. The frequent travels of his parents to the sub-continent made him leave Batticaloa and come to Kandy to pursue his schooling, and he found himself at Trinity way back in 1964 due to the availability of excellent boarding facilities of the College.

PROF. THANGAMUTHU JAYASINGAM

“If not for the masters who taught us at Trinity, I wouldn't have been able to achieve all these successes in life. Mr. Selladurai was an unforgettable influence in my life and so were Mr. Paul Jeyaraj, Mr. Leonard de Alwis, Mr. Weeraman who kept the boys enticed with his scooter. Personalities such as Principal C.B. Oorloff, Mr. Lionel Fernando, Mr. Sahayam and Mr. Hillary Abeyratne will always remain incomparable characters in the legendary Trinity history.”



On top of the water tank behind the Ryde House - Sarath (Sarath Jayasinghe), GKB (GKB Dassanayake), SB (SB Herath), Jay (Jayasingam)



Cannot recollect but must be the Library...



Jay, Rajamany, DMG, Lincoln, and Sarath

Walking down memory lane with Prof. Jay was indeed a captivating experience as he distinctly remembers every minute detail about his school life, boarding life, and their extra and co-curricular activities even after 50 years of leaving the College.

“Life at that time at Trinity was very fascinating”, Prof. Jay said joining the conversation. Fluent in all three languages, Prof. Jay said that there were no language barriers at Trinity College, especially in the boarding, though the majority students did not come from English speaking backgrounds. The Professor was candid when he stated, “The boarding was a blessing to all of us as it taught us independence as well as inter-dependence. Students of all ethnicities lived in harmony and learned the importance of reconciliation and acceptance of diversity, which was embedded to the Trinity culture from time immemorial.”

The fondest memories of his boyhood are nestled in the Trinity College boarding which according to Prof. Jay was a place of grooming and not pampering. “We learned how to face life challenges at the boarding. We discovered how to share, care, starve

and even to steal at the boarding. Education was important. But learning to live as a team in harmony was more important and this is what the boarding life taught us,” said Prof. Jay. Starting his boarding life at the Squealery, Prof. Jay later moved to Ryde House during his teen years, where he proudly stated that he received all his grooming and formation. “I learned to wear the tie at the Ryde House only after becoming a prefect. Waking up in the morning was the toughest task, as we regularly used to scoot-off in the nights for movies, to eat out and strolls around the lake.” The good professor was quick to add that he and his friends were not into girls! “There were nearly 60 residents in the Ryde House and early morning [4 a.m.] breakfast sessions with string-hoppers and milk were an unspoken tradition, as much as playing Tarzan in Udawatte Kele, which was like our backyard,” the Professor reminisced.

Continuing to talk about the life at Ryde, the professor said that his last year at the boarding, 1972, was also the Centenary Anniversary Celebration of the College and that was a very eventful period.



50 years later GKB and Jay in front of Ryde in 2022.

“After a long time, Ryde House won the Study Shield (which means the all-round achievement shield) and many other accolades which made 1972 a memorable year for all of us. There was also a special trip to Trincomalee from College for field collections which with all its merits ended up as a ‘gin trip’. Staying at the Forest College at Monkey Bridge was the highlight, which at present is occupied by the forces,” said Professor Jay.



1966



RYDE HOUSE 1967



RYDE HOUSE 1968



1970

(1-4) Jayasingam from 1966 to 1970 in Ryde.

Professor Jay has been interested in natural sciences, environment and the outdoors from his very young days and has chosen Biology for his A/Ls comprising Botany, Zoology, Chemistry and Physics. Unlike today, university entrance was not a critical priority back then and the students with good

A/L results would chose alternative career paths such as planting, hotel management, teaching, etc. However, young Jayasingam was lucky enough to secure university entrance and was selected to the Peradeniya University, where he pursued his dream subjects, Botany, Chemistry and Zoology in the Science Faculty.

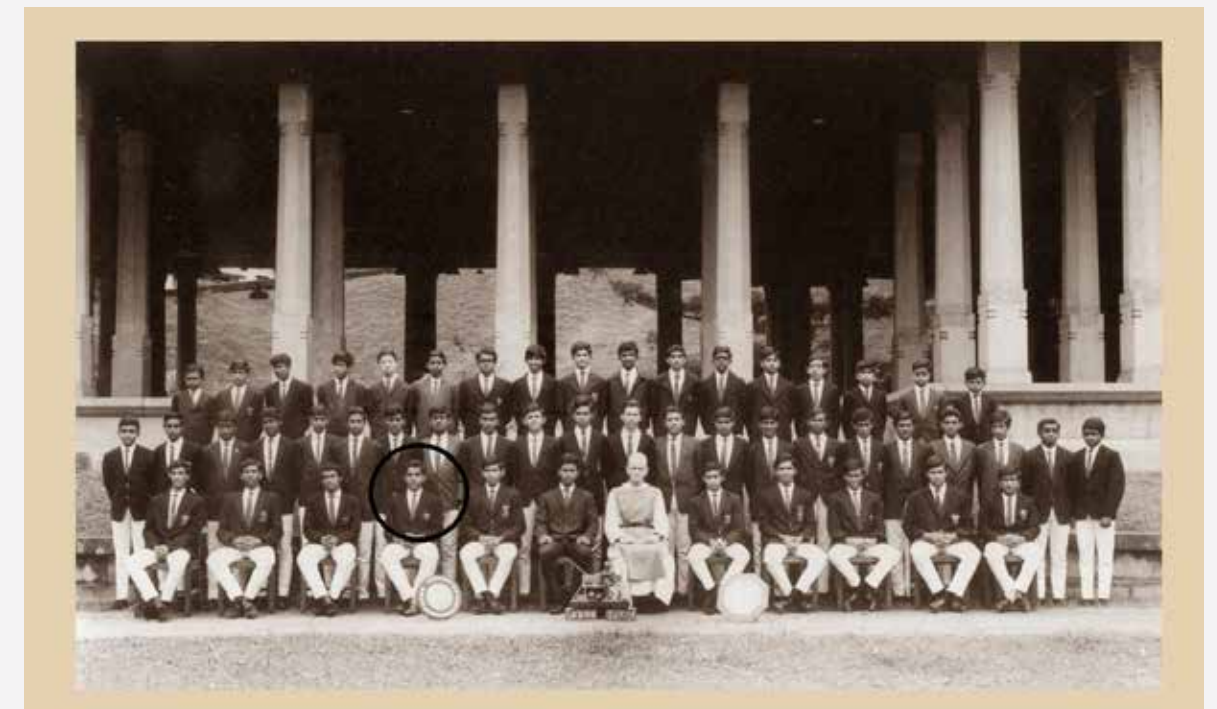
Upon graduating with flying colours in 1977, it was easy for Prof. Jay to join the University Faculty as a temporary Assistant Lecturer. He added, "From this point onwards, there was no turning back. I wanted to pursue a career in academics. Eventually I became a Probationary Lecturer and then a Lecturer." Realizing the importance of continuing his higher education, he left for UK in 1982 to continue his postgraduate studies at the University of

Wales. Upon completion of his doctoral studies, he returned to Sri Lanka and the Eastern University as the Senior Lecturer in Botany, where he continued lecturing for the next four decades until his retirement in 2021. He had joined the Eastern University in 1981 as the first academic staff leaving University of Peradeniya to be closer to home and to serve the place where he ended as the Vice Chancellor from 2016 to 2019.

Fondly remembering his teachers at Trinity, Prof. Jay said, "If not for the masters who taught us at Trinity, I wouldn't have been able to achieve all these successes in life. Mr. Selladurai was an unforgettable influence in my life and so were Mr. Paul Jeyaraj, Mr. Leonard de Alwis, Mr. Weeraman who kept the boys enticed with his scooter. Personalities such as Principal

C.B. Oorloff, Mr. Lionel Fernando, Mr. Sahayam and Mr. Hillary Abeyratne will always remain incomparable characters in the legendary Trinity history." With gratitude, the Professor added that Mr. Anandaraja, his Botany master, occupies a special place in his memory, as he was the one who planted an interest in the subject in the Professor's mind, when he was a young student running among the trees and bushes in Udawatte Kele. "Mr. Alex Lazarus who was in Napier later became the House Master of Ryde House at Trinity when my son followed me there. His contribution towards the development of my son and those there at that time was beyond writing. I could see it as I was mature to assess these at that time," said the Professor.

The William Sinnathambi Farm, or the famous Trinity College Farm occupies a



1971- The first time RYDE had the Study shield and thus the all round in 1971

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special place in the Professor's memory. "I learned a lot about the environment and natural resource management from Mr. Sinnathambi, the best agriculturist I've ever seen. He taught us how to integrate day-to-day habits with farming and agriculture. I still can remember how he got us to collect various seeds, especially cocoa, of the fruits we consumed and got those down to the farm for re-planting. Making natural fertilizer and promoting integrated farming was his forte," the Professor added.

Moving on to his topic of expertise, environment and nature, Prof. Jay noted that over the passage of time the focus the Sri Lankan school curricula had on environment and nature decreased, until we were hit with the harsh reality of depleting natural resources such as the forest cover, water, rains, clean air, etc. and he stated, "Ecology became a

topic of interest only when we started facing natural adversities, such as flooding, droughts, soil erosion, town pollution, etc.." The Professor is of the view that study of nature, environment and natural resources should again be made an integral part of the national education agenda. According to Prof. Jayasingam, Sri Lanka has enough and more environmental legislation, but lacks the mindset and seriousness to abide by them. "Key environmental issues that are plaguing the country such as poor land utilization, widespread sand mining, inferior quality road construction and repairs and extensive deforestation are some of the critical environmental hazards Sri Lanka is facing which are cascading into other complications such as rising sea levels, ocean [beach] erosion, landfills, flooding, etc.," the Professor noted.

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Sarath visiting my son Adhuran (Trinitian and Rydite) at AIT/Bangkok around 2015



The famous Mayflower car of Mr Leonard De Alwis, Ryde House master and Later the Principal



Sarath visiting me in Batticaloa (2015)

Reflecting on his personal life, Prof. Jay is very proud of his son who's a second generation Trinitian, who joined BBC after his postgraduate studies and his daughter who is a doctor in a Colombo hospital practicing artificial reproductive techniques while his wife is still teaching in a School in Batticaloa.

Being true to the concept of being a life-long learner, the Professor, few years back in 2000, embarked on legal studies hoping to get qualified in Land and Environmental Law. But fate had other plans and today he's practicing Human Rights Law and over the last 2 years he has been successful in appearing for 31 cases [of people] who were charged under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. He says he will get to his line of strength soon.

Closing the discussion with The Trinitian, Professor Jayasingam had some important and timely advice to share. "Come out of the myth that 'West is the Best.' We have a civilization that's more than 2000 years old with unquestionable hydro-agricultural practices. No one did water management better than King Parakramabahu. We need to start appreciating our indigenous knowledge and that has to start from the schooling system. Focus on our untapped marine resources, dairy industry and natural resources if we are to come out of this economic crisis even marginally." His parting thoughts were, "Work hard towards abolishing corruption and politicization of national systems and institutions."

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LIFE IN THE SCHOOL. 7.00 TO 3.00 PM

FEATURING
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ADMIRAL TRAVIS SINNIAH WWV, RWP, RSP, USP



Admiral Travis Jeremy Liyanduru Sinnai, had his schooling career at Trinity College, Kandy and graduated in 1981, where he joined the navy straight off as an officer cadet. He studied at the Naval and Maritime Academy and graduated from the Britannia Royal Naval College in 1986. He went on to have specialized training on the HMS Dryad, HMS Mercury, HMS Colingwood and HMS Vernon. Upon the completion of the specialized education, he was trained on the HMS Mercury and INS Venduruthy in electronic warfare and naval communications.



He is also a Counter Terrorism Fellow and a graduate of the National Defense University. Admiral Sinnai completed his MSc. in Defense and Strategic Studies from the Defense Services Staff College.

During his career at the Sri Lankan Navy, he was granted several commands in various vessels. Having been promoted as the Squadron Commander of the 4th Fast Attack Flotilla, he went on to become the Commanding Officer. He led the naval task force during the Civil War and successfully hit 37 LTTE attacks and over 70 hits were done under his leadership as the commander of the fast attack flotilla.

Admiral Sinnai was the officer who successfully apprehended the LTTE ship “Kadalpura,” which included the LTTE second-in-command, 9 LTTE leaders and 19 Black Sea Tigers onboard, a turning point during the war. He was awarded many decorations during his tenure at the Sri Lankan Navy from 1982 to 2017:

- Weera Wickrama Vibhushanaya
- Rana Wickrama Padakkama
- Rana Sura Padakkama (3 times)
- Vishista Seva Vibhushanaya
- Uttama Seva Padakkama

Admiral Sinnai concluded his career as the Admiral and 21st Commander of the Sri Lankan Navy in 2017.

We thank Admiral Travis Sinnai for all that he's done for the country and await his visit to college in 2023.



Mr. Travis Sinnai - Interview for The Trinitian - 3rd Edition

People + Spaces

ASGIRIYA

INTERNATIONAL STADIUM



Asgiriya-International-Cricket-Stadium

The Asgiriya International Stadium, located in the heart of Sri Lanka's rolling hill-country, is the home ground of Trinity College.

In early years the grounds on which the Chapel now stands used to be the Cricket grounds of the College. Rev. A.G.Fraser was very conscious ever since his arrival that to be complete, Trinity College needed its own proper playing field.

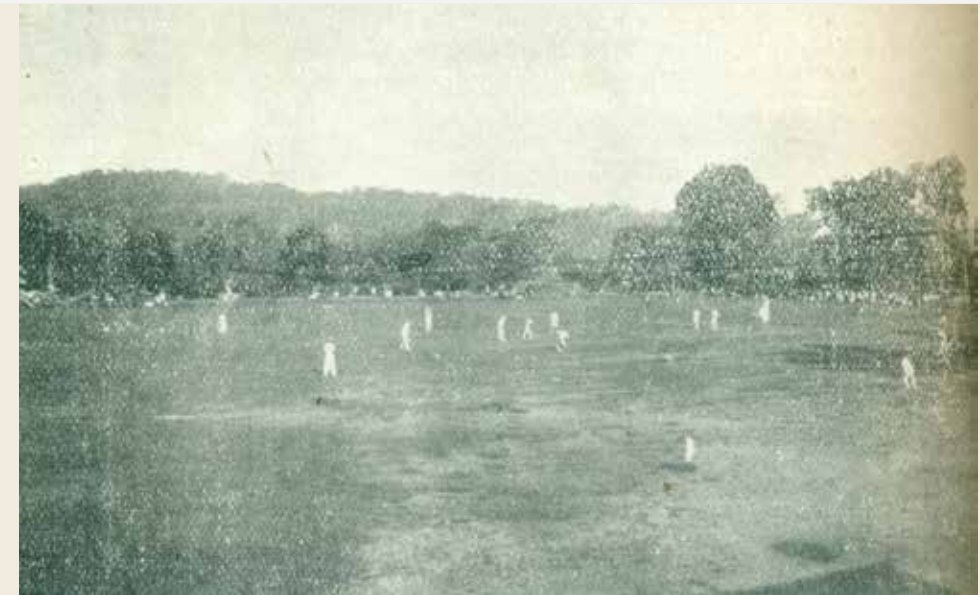


Asgiriya 1915

Principal Fraser appealed for a fund of 1,000 pounds in 1910 to acquire a suitable property. Thus, the 8 acres that are now the Asgiriya Stadium came into Trinity's possession.

The property was merely a steep hillside descending into a deep valley: the steep Asgiriya hillside (where

the Asgiriya Temple stands) descended into the valley that was the bottom of the Udawattekele Hill. Who would have thought of a cricket field in a steep hillside? Fraser did, as he envisioned so many other things: Master Builder DJA Jasinghe, later Mohandiram, with his team set to work cutting the hill side and filling the valley.... and gradually the hill was transplanted into the valley and the valley rose up to meet the hill resulting in the grounds taking shape. Our Centenary volume records that boys of Trinity were very much involved in cutting the hillside to create the Asgiriya cricket field.



Asgiriya 1915

The first donation of a 100 pounds was given by Mr. Arbuthnot. To express gratitude to him, a brass tablet with his name has been fixed on the wall of the pavilion. This plaque remains to this day. The upper pitch was finished in January 1915.

On 15th of January 1915 the Asgiriya grounds was formally opened by his Excellency Sir Robert Chalmers, K.C.B., the Governor. An exhibition Cricket match was played that day between a team arranged Mr VR Schokman from Bambalapitiya and Trinitians - past and present.

The first Inter School Cricket match was played on the 24th and 23rd of February 1915 at Asgiriya with S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia who were beaten by Trinity by an innings and 18 runs. Richard Aluwihare (later Sir Richard) opened the innings with brother Alfred. Thus, Richard faced the first ball to be bowled at Asgiriya.

Master Builder Mr. Jasinghe died in 1922 and he was buried at Asgiriya in accordance with his wishes. His tombstone bears the inscription "Don James Abeywardene Jasinghe, Guru Mohandiram of Trinity College, Teacher - Builder, Maker of this Field". His tombstone has been preserved and can be seen near the steps of the Old Pavilion.



Marathenis in 1939

The first groundsman was Philip, and Marathenis later succeeded him. Marathenis retired in 1964, after 50 years of service, but he continued to be a daily visitor to Asgiriya, keenly following the improvements being made at Asgiriya. Vitor Fernando ("Witty"), his successor, retired in 1979. "Witty" was succeeded by Wickramapala.

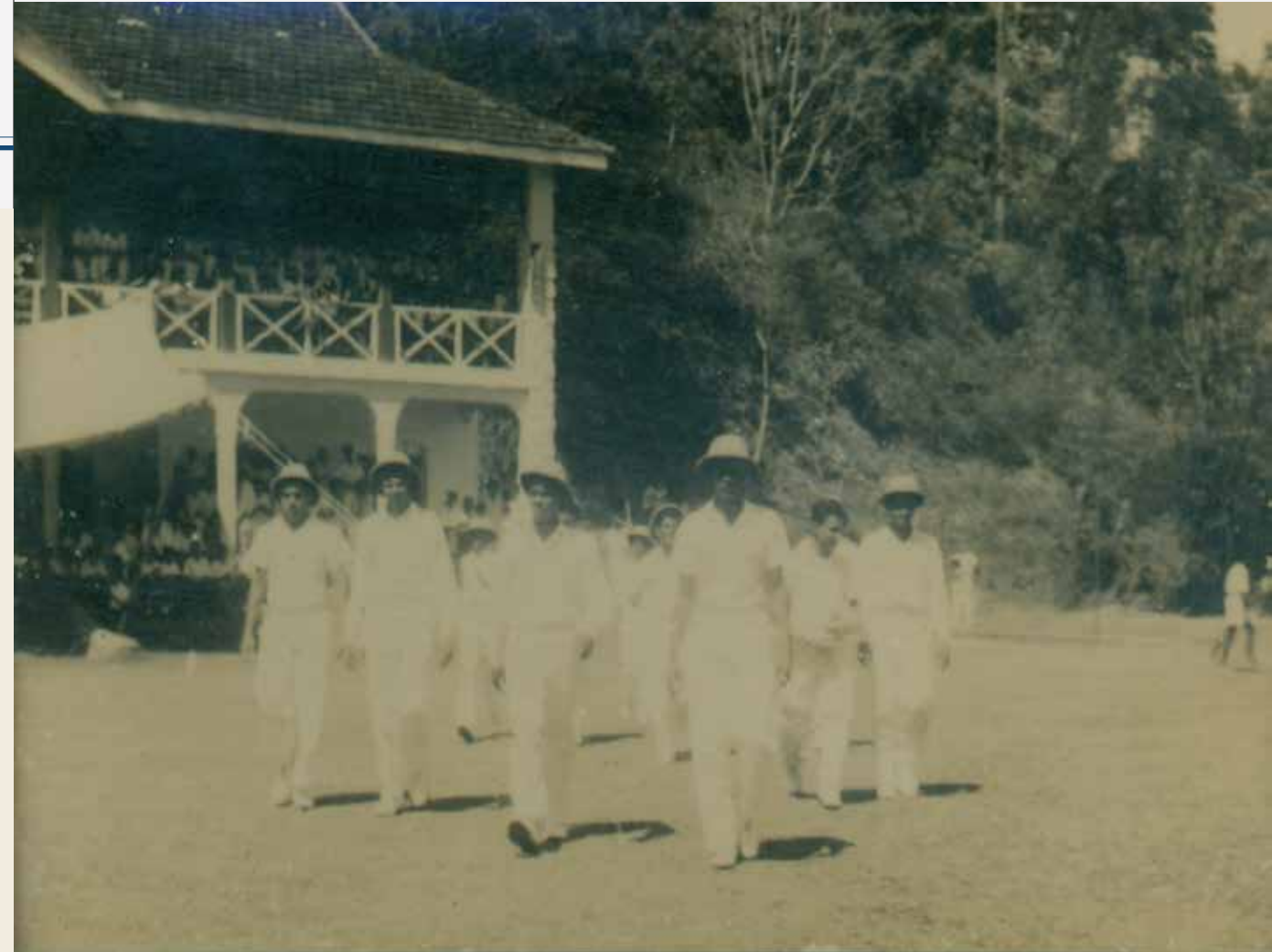
In 1980, Mr. Sirisena Bandaranayake, a cricketer and prominent old Trinitian, built up an interest among Old Boys by mooted the idea for the expansion and improvement of Asgiriya. As a result with the dedication and commitment

of two Old Boys Hon. Gamini Dissanayake and Hon T.B.Werapitiya, this idea became a reality: on 6th June 1981, Hon. Gamini Dissanayake cut the first sod at Asgiriya to start the groundwork for its expansion and improvement.

The Upper pitch was cut and the soil was used to fill up the lower pitch. The new Stadium was thus approx. 10 ft below the level of the original Asgiriya Cricket Grounds.

Over 180 cubes of gravel went into the Wicket area and 90 cubes of ant-hill clay were brought from Ambatale. Over 15 cubes of finely ground pot clay went into the top-dressing. The Wicket has provision for 8 separate playing stripes, 4 of which have the necessary distance from the boundary - lines required for international Matches. The Wicket has Australian blue grass, obtained from Nuwara Eliya district, while the outfield was planted with Bermuda blue grass from Australia. A brand new 3 storeyed pavilion was also built.

His Excellency J.R.Jayawardena, the President of Sri Lanka, declared opened the modernised Asgiriya Stadium on 5th February 1982 during the Principalship of Dr.W.G.Wickremasinghe.



1950's

A well-equipped media box and a score board were also constructed. Asgiriya became Sri Lanka's second Test venue, after the P Sara Oval, in 1983.

Asgiriya also hosted a 1996 Cricket World Cup fixture between Sri Lanka and Kenya.

In the meanwhile, the 99 year lease from the government for Asgiriya was drawing to a close and former Principal Dr.W.R.Breckenridge with the support of two Old Boy Ministers M/s Lakshman Kadirgamar and Lakshman Jayakody, paid the Government valued sum as the undeveloped value of the original land and the deed was presented to the Principal in mid-2004. Freehold title was thus vested in the College.



Trinity Vs St.Anthonys 2004

The Asgiriya grounds today is upgraded with Indoor Cricket Nets which was opened in 2015 and currently this is the largest indoor net in Sri Lanka. Two cement wickets were constructed beside the indoor nets. The digital score board is equipped with technology to be operated via a wireless network. A new Pitch Roller Machine is used to condition the pitches. A water sprinkler system was also installed in 2019.



Kumar Sangakkara at Asgiriya



Kumar Sangakkara at Asgiriya, Vs England 2007

Asgiriya stands as one of the most picturesque grounds not just in Sri Lanka but perhaps in the world too.

One bowling end faces Hantane and the other faces the Hunnasgiriya end. These are the two mountains situated on either side of the grounds. Trinity is the only school in the world that owns an International Cricket Stadium, though the Stadium has not been used for international games for several years.

Thilini Dias Sumanasekera
Ravi Amarasekara

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The
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SCHOOL OFFICERS GUILD

As an old-timer heading into his twilight years, I've taken some time to reflect on this. As a personal experience, it was an absolute honour and privilege to be part of the TCK SOG, where a select group of senior boys were appointed to provide guidance and direction to the rest of the School. Members of the SOG were chosen in recognition of their respective accomplishments in academic, sporting, or extra-curricular activities, and for their capacity and potential to occupy a position of leadership. The intended impact was for those chosen to instill a culture of discipline based on fairness, and to be exemplary role models for the younger members of the School. Above all, it was to uphold and impart the Trinity ethos of demonstrating moral values, and acting ethically with honesty and integrity as responsible and honourable citizens of the future.

Guttila Jayatilaka

Member of the TCK SOG, 1974 - 1977

EXPERIENCE AS A SCHOOL OFFICER AT TRINITY COLLEGE

If someone asks me as to what the School Officers Guild is, I would say that the School Officer's Guild, is the place which moulds young Trinitians into Gentlemen. It is a place which teaches punctuality, leadership, teamwork and most importantly discipline. The first lesson we were taught in the guild, was to 'first discipline ourselves, before disciplining others'. We had to come to school every day before 6.15 a.m, with a number 2 haircut, a clean shave, a well ironed uniform, and a pair of well-polished black shoes. Although those instructions seemed hilarious at first, we realised the true importance of them on the next day when myself and my fellow school officers, got clearly highlighted from the rest of the students. It taught us to live by the Monitor's Pledge; "To discipline our own characters as to fit us to exercise wisely and courageously the authority entrusted to us. And to strive with all our power to uphold and hand on untarnished the honour of the school."

The title, "School Officer" at Trinity College, comes with great honour and privilege, but also requires greater commitment, and sacrifice. Standing straight in the scorching sun during matches, with only a bottle of water in hand for the whole day, or missing meals and classes to do duty on school days, and controlling over 1000 students during assemblies by making them silent, may seem merely impossible to others, but is simply 'another day at work' for a school officer. I truly believe, that the trust and respect we have to one another in the guild, has been our secret to success over the years. Despite all the hard work, we never forget to enjoy, and cherish every moment of doing duty and make life long memories. That is what makes this experience special and interesting. I personally believe, that the exposure you receive and the lessons you learn, by being a part of the School Officer's Guild, can never be learnt from any other place. I also would like to encourage students to join the School Officer's Guild, in order to experience the complete journey at Trinity.

I am thankful to the Principal, and Members of the Staff, for the trust and confidence they had in appointing me as a school officer, at the Best School of All.

Dulara Alawattegama

Senior Prefect - 2021

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THE COLLEGE PRINTING PRESS

Rev. A. G. Fraser, the stalwart in the gallery of Principals, Trinity owes its present standing. It was during his era that a book binding and printing club was formed. The club possessed one hand press and other simple tools for printing press and other simple tools for printing simple items. But it taught students elements of composing and printing. Book binding was a regular subject in the curriculum of lower classes until the outbreak of World War II.



Under the principalship of Rev. J. McLeod Campbell, many changes have become inseparable from the name of Trinity. The school has widened its horizon and provided an all-round training for life. Rev. McLeod Campbell continued the work already begun by Rev. A.G. Fraser and started to encourage whenever possible, interest in activities outside the school curriculum.

Trinity College Printing Shop started in 1925 where most of the miscellaneous printing was done. A printing machine was installed in 1926. Rev. Campbell purchased equipment from a bankrupt printing establishment in Batticaloa.

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A Book Binding class in progress





The Printing Shop - Boys are folding and binding PrizeDay Programmes

There were two platen type machines, a cutter and an old type stapler. It was a simple press. Composing and other aspects of the printing trade were taught to boys, and a good deal of the printing requirements of the school was undertaken by the printing classes. In 1937, the School Hymn Book was printed in our own printing shop and the School magazine too with the help of the boys, although the first College Magazine "The Gleaner" was hand written by L. E. Blaze. In 1946, we printed articles in Sinhala and Tamil for the first time. Rev. Walter Stanley Senior's famous poetry book, "The Call of Lanka"; Ceylon in Prose & Verse, was printed in our College Press in 1960. A hundred years of Trinity by Hilary Abeyratne was printed in 1972.

The first part of the present building, where the press is located, was completed in 1987 by Dr. W. G. Wickramasinghe and the second part was left to Col. L. M. De Alwis. The whole building was completed in 1993. The building was originally

planned by the former Principal Dr. W. G. Wickremasinghe. It was declared open by the Speaker of the Parliament Hon. Mr. E. L. Senanayake. This building replaced the old swimming bath which came into use in 1889. Before moving to the new building, the press was located at the old handwork class between Napier and Alison.

There are two names that we cannot forget when we review about the press. They are Mr. Simon Wimalasena and Mr. G. R. Siyadoris. Simon served the longest years beginning his career in the press during the days of Rev. McLeod Campbell till 1994 until his retirement. Siyadoris was Mr. Wimalasena's assistant who joined in 1960 and left in 1991. In 1958, Mr. S. Moriyadas, a member

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of Staff, took charge of the printing press, the press was reorganised and an Editorial Board was constituted with one master as the Chairman and the other for printing and management, while the boys dealt with all the material in the three media. After Mr. Moriyadas's

departure, Mr. C. J. S. Daniel took charge as the Manager. The appointment of Mr. Daniels as the Vice Principal (1977) brought difficulties to carry out duties at the press. Then Mr. Roy Muthaya who had a vast knowledge in English Language was appointed as the Editor under Mr. Daniels. He was succeeded by Mr. S. Ariasingam in 1981,

who was a senior master with a fine command of English. Mr. Ariyasingam, who took on other responsibilities as the Prefect of Games, was released and Mr. E. S. Ratwatte, another senior master in the subject of History, who also had a comprehensive knowledge of English, was appointed. Mr. I. P. B. Attanayake became his Assistant in 1992 and later he became the Press Manager. With the departure of Mr. Attanayake, Dr. Hiran Kannangara was appointed as the Press Manager. After the appointment of Dr. Hiran Kannanagara as the Vice Principal in 2001, Mr. S. P. Senaratna took over duties at the press. At the end of 2007, Mr. K. G. Alahakoon was appointed as the Press Manager as Mr. S. P. Senaratne had to carry out duties as the Head Master of Middle School. After Mr. K. G. Alahakoon, in 2009 Mr. S. Heenagama took over the duties at the press and is doing his utmost to function the press by fulfilling the present printing demand at College up to date. The staff Mr. Rohitha Rupasinghe (2015), Mr. P. G. N. B. Ratnayake (1989), Mr. H. A. P. G. B.



Printer Simon and Siyadoris working at the Press

A. Herath (2002) and R. M. N. Rajanayake (2009) give him the fullest support.

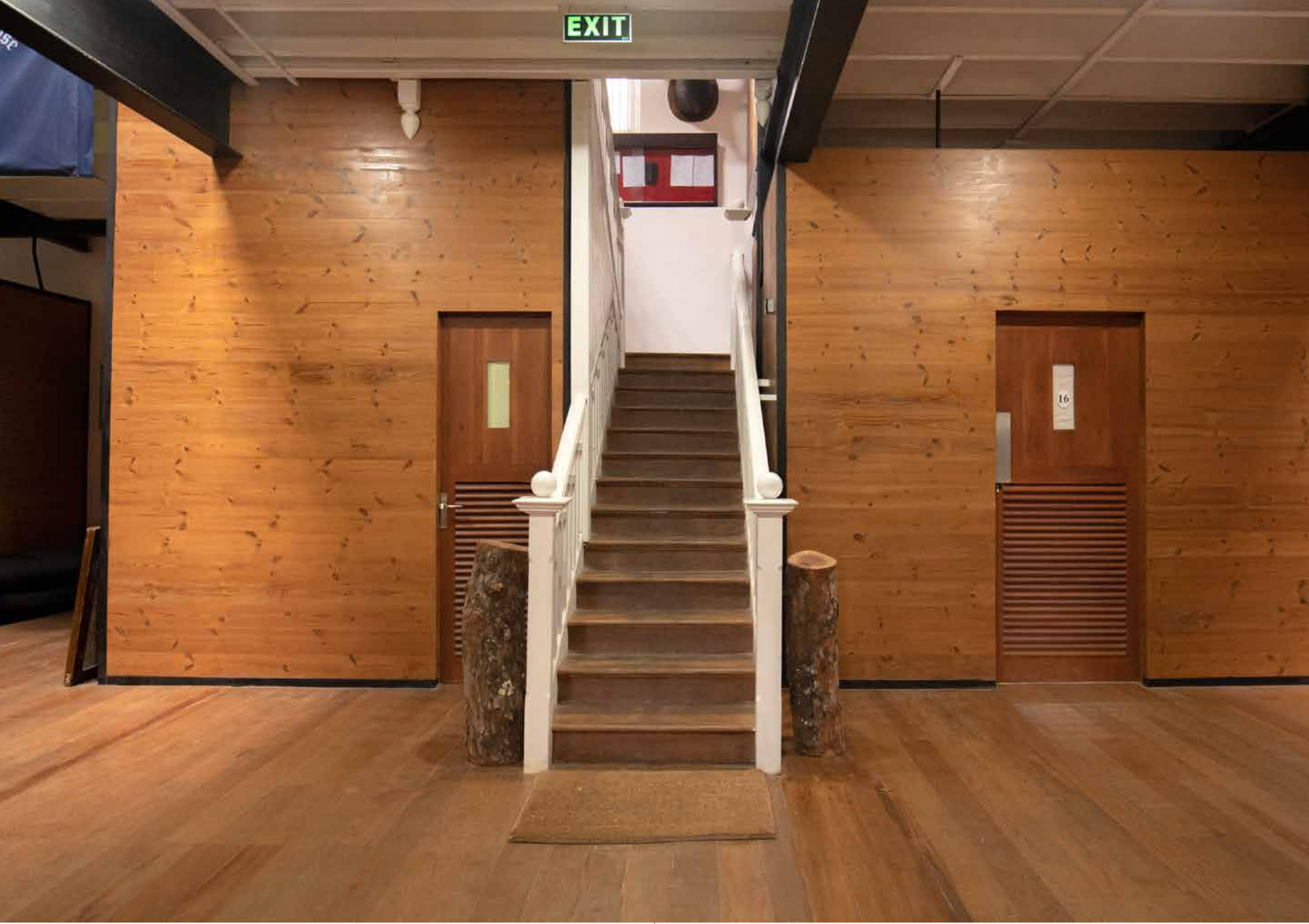
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Today it has been updated as a place to match the modern world of technology as well because all the workload is done through computers. Mr. Rohitha Rupasinghe accomplishes the technology side as the Graphic Designer. The press continues to print all requirements of Clubs and Societies, Exam papers and College Magazines.

We can be proud to own a printing press as a school. A good printing establishment is an asset to the College.



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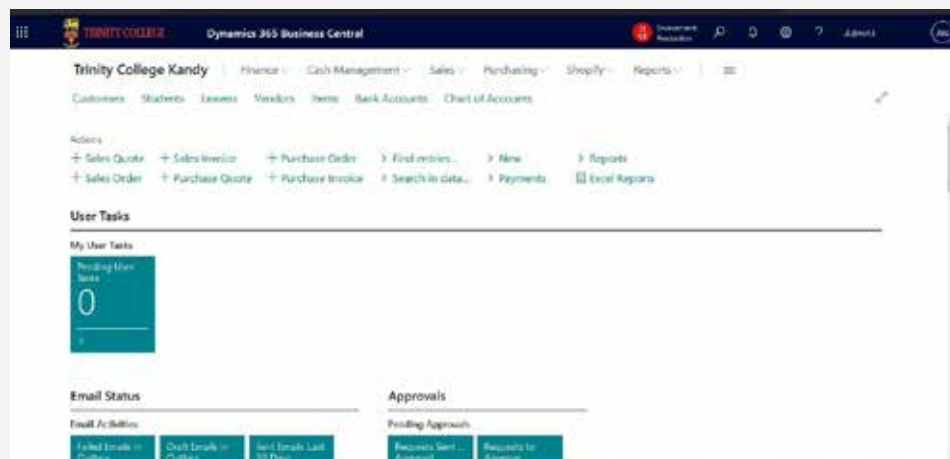




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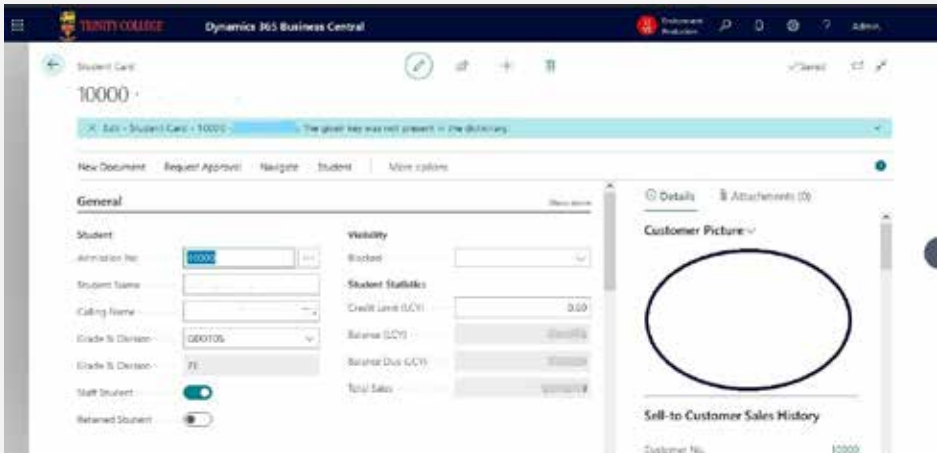


The year 2022 saw the implementation of a new financial management system at Trinity College, which was done after two years of painstaking and meticulous contribution of both internal staff members and external service partners.

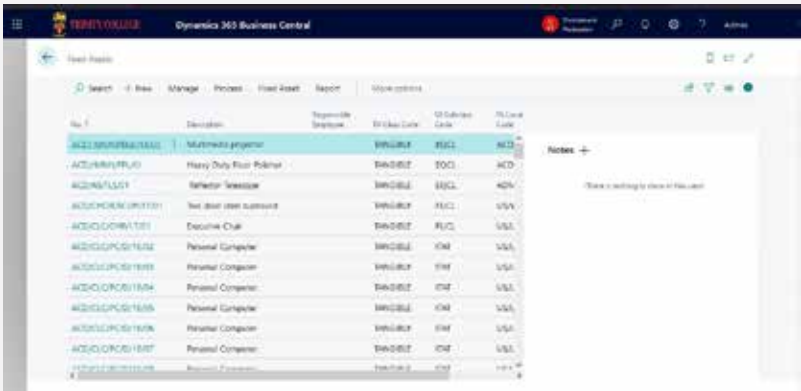
There was a dire need for a new financial system as the existing system was a home-grown solution with serious limitations and could not cope with the emerging needs of an expanding Trinity College system.

The new software known as a “Dynamics 365 Business Central” is a Microsoft ERP (MSD) solution and is run on a cloud-based server, which makes it a safer and, secure enterprise solution. In addition, this system is extremely user friendly and compatible that has multiple access points which makes both office based and work-from-home options that much easier, while allowing access from mobile devices as well. Generation of routine as well as special reports, conducting financial analytics and comparisons have been made extremely easy by this new solution.

Under Phase 1 of its implementation, the MSD 365 solution has been introduced to 3 businesses reporting entities in the College, namely; Trinity College [which includes separate modules for trade receivables, trade payables, cash management , inventories and general ledger etc.], Trinity College Farm and the Trinity College Non-Pensionable and Minor Staff Provident Fund and has been running smoothly since its introduction.



As the MSD 365 system is capable of providing seamlessly integrated solutions across multiple Microsoft platforms /work platforms, the organization has very practical opportunities of incorporating numerous IT programs and functions under this system, making the overall Trinity IT operation a “smart” function in the future.



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