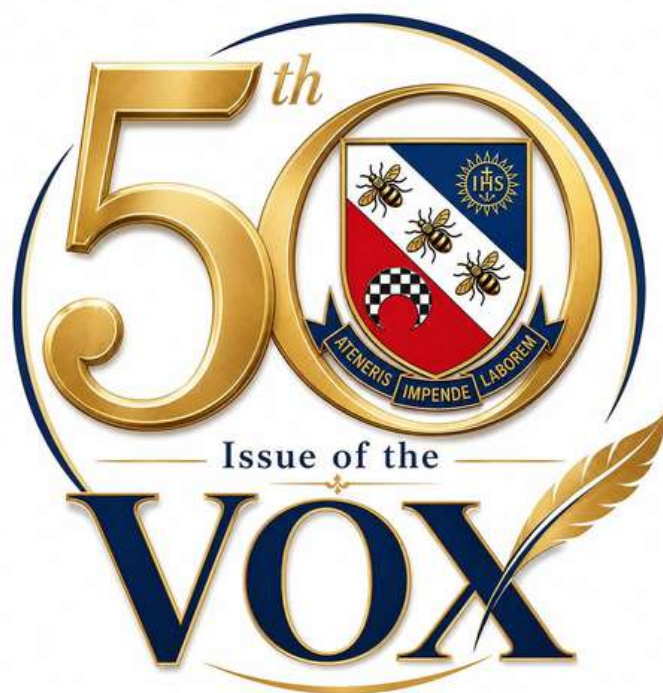




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Growing Through QUEST 2026

Dear Teachers, Students and Parents,

We are glad to present to you the 50th issue of VOX, our monthly School newsletter. I am glad to acknowledge that this work has been the result of a team of all the teachers and students and especially the core committee of the VOX. Many congratulations to all!

I would like to share with you my thoughts on QUEST 2026, as this issue is a special edition for the same. The Inter-school competitions are and have been more than trophies and titles; they are classrooms of character where each of you is shaped for life beyond the scoreboard.

Respect, fairness, and grace: When you compete against peers from other schools, you learn to honour differences, follow rules, and accept decisions with maturity. Winning with humility and losing with dignity teach you integrity and emotional strength that will guide you in exams, careers, and relationships.

Teamwork, responsibility, and leadership: Whether in a team sport or an individual event representing your school, you practice communication, trust, and shared accountability. Group leaders learn to decide, resolve conflicts, and motivate others. It is indeed an early training for future leadership.

Growth mindset and perseverance: Facing stronger opponents pushes you to set higher goals, practice deliberately, and learn from feedback. The cycle of preparing, performing, and reflecting builds discipline, time management, and the courage to keep improving.

To our outgoing batch who organized this event: You have gained skills that will serve you for a lifetime. I do remember your personal sharing that has helped you to grow. With Planning timelines and budgets, coordinating with schools and judges, solving problems under pressure, and communicating professionally. These are the very competencies that will carry you through higher education, careers, and meaningful service for the society at large. As you go forward, remember, the true prize is the person you become in the process- respectful, responsible, resilient, and ready to serve. I am confident that you are all persons for and with others as you move out of the school.

May God bless us all !

Fr. S. Arul Rayan, S.J.

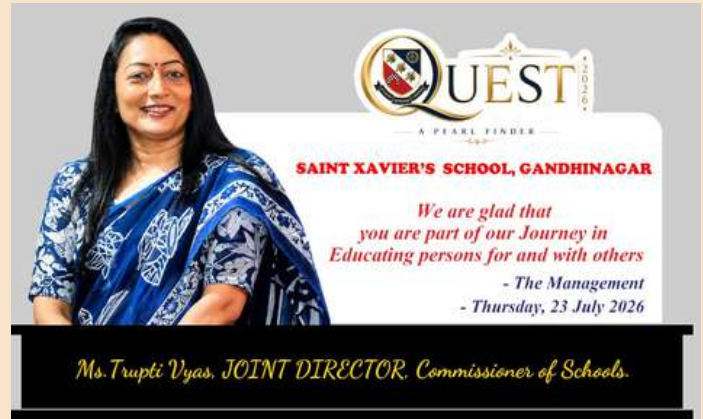


Report: QUEST-2026 | Day 1 & Day 2

QUEST-2026 was celebrated with great dignity and enthusiasm, bringing together young minds in a confluence of intellect, creativity, and camaraderie.

Day 1 – 23/7/26: Inter School Events | Bidding Blitz & Declamation

The proceedings commenced at 7:30 AM with Prayer, Opening of Quest-2026, Prayer Dance, and Lighting of the Lamp. The occasion was graced by **Ms. Trupti Vyas, Joint Director, Commissioner of Schools**, as **Chief Guest**, who inaugurated the event with an inspiring address. In her speech, she emphasized the importance of **hard work and consistency** as the keys to achieving success in every field.



After recess, the Principal's Address and Judges' Speech added gravitas, followed by a proud Prize Distribution ceremony.



Day 2 – 27/6/26: Intra School Events | Dumb Charades, Declamation (Guj) & Antakshari

Day 2 was honored by **Ms. Heena Sharda, Deputy Secretary, General Administration Department** as **Chief Guest**.



We were delighted to welcome esteemed Participating Schools for the Inter-School Quiz & Declamation Competition:

Podar International School (CBSE), Rangoli International School, Hillwoods School Gandhinagar, St. Xavier's Loyola School Ahmedabad, Safal Vidyalaya Gandhinagar, and Chaitanya School Gandhinagar.

The intellectual spirit soared with Bidding Blitz (Quiz) and Declamation, showcasing sharp acumen and eloquence.



QUEST-2026 stands as a testament to excellence, unity, and the enduring spirit of learning.



Addressing the gathering, she spoke about the power of **dreams and dedication**, urging students to pursue their goals with full commitment to achieve meaningful results. The campus resonated with joy through Dumb Charades, Gujarati Declamation, and the melodious Antakshari, followed by a vibrant Quest Group Performance. The celebrations concluded with Prize Distribution, Principal's Address, Vote of Thanks, the Ending Ceremony, and a memorable Group Photo Session.

Tr. Dolly Christian
Higher Secondary Teacher
Cultural Committee Head



“Quest 2026: Bidding Blitz”

Quest has, for years, stood as one of the most anticipated inter-school events on our academic calendar — a celebration of knowledge, wit, and quick thinking, proudly organised by the alumni of our school. Each edition of Quest brings together the brightest young minds from various schools, testing their intellect, teamwork, and presence of mind through a series of engaging and thought-provoking rounds.

The Return of Bidding to Quiz Event

What made Quest 2026: Quiz Event truly special was the reintroduction of the bidding format. The bidding element added a fresh layer of strategy to the competition, requiring teams not just to know the answers, but to gauge their confidence, weigh the risks, and make calculated decisions on the spot.

The Five Rounds of Bidding Blitz

The competition unfolded across five carefully curated rounds, each designed to test a different dimension of the participants' abilities:

Round 1 – The MCQ Warm Up: A gentle yet engaging start, easing the teams into the competitive spirit with multiple-choice questions.

Round 2 – Visual Decoders: A round that challenged participants to decode images, symbols, and clues, testing their observation and lateral thinking.

Round 3 – Rapid Fire: A high-speed round that pushed teams to think and respond in seconds, keeping the energy in the room electric.

Round 4 – Logic League: A round built for the analytical minds, requiring sharp reasoning and problem-solving under pressure.

Round 5 – The Ultimate Quiz: The grand finale, bringing together everything the teams had shown so far, in a fitting climax to the event.

A True Inter-School Showdown Quest 2026: Bidding Blitz saw the participation of seven teams from different schools,

1. Podar International School (CBSE)
2. Rangoli International School
3. Hillwoods School, Gandhinagar
4. St. Xavier's Loyola School, Ahmedabad
5. Safal Vidyalaya, Gandhinagar
6. Chaitanya School, Gandhinagar
7. St. Xavier's High School, Gandhinagar

making it a true inter-school competition in every sense. Our very own home team, St. Xavier's Gandhinagar, represented us with pride and determination, ultimately securing the 3rd position.

The final standings were:

1st Position — Hillwoods School, Gandhinagar
2nd Position — St. Xavier's Loyola Hall, Ahmedabad.
3rd Position — St. Xavier's High School, Gandhinagar

THE PARTICIPANTS REPRESENTING OUR SCHOOL

1. AARAVSINH C. RATHOD 11-A
2. CHHAYAL R. SABAD 11-A
3. DHAVAL S. KHARADI 11-A
4. JENIL D. PARMAR 11-A

A heartfelt appreciation goes out to all the participating teams — every school brought their own energy, intelligence, and sportsmanship to the event, and it was this collective spirit that made Bidding Blitz such a memorable experience for everyone involved.



A Team Effort Behind the Scenes

None of this would have been possible without the constant support and guidance of our committee teachers, who stood by us throughout the planning and execution of the event. Their dedication ensured that everything ran smoothly, and their encouragement kept the entire team motivated from start to finish. A very big thanks to our committee teachers.

The event itself turned out to be a resounding success. The atmosphere was filled with excitement, laughter, and healthy competition, and everyone — participants and organisers alike — thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A special mention must go to our colleagues who hosted and anchored the event; their confident, witty, and engaging hosting kept the audience hooked and gave the entire quiz a lively, professional touch.

Closing with Gratitude

As “Quest 2026-2027” comes to a close, it leaves behind more than just results and rankings — it leaves behind memories. The long hours of preparation, the laughter shared between rounds, and the pride of seeing it all come together will stay with us as a truly nostalgic chapter in our school life.

None of this would have been possible without the constant support and blessing of our beloved Principal, Rev. Fr. Arul Ryan, whose faith in us and encouragement gave us the opportunity to bring this event to life. We remain deeply grateful for his guidance and for believing in our vision. Here's to many more editions of Quest — and to the memories we continue to build together.



Stuti Jani

Quest Member.



The Xavier's Quest has remained true to its vision by providing various opportunities for students to express their talents and refine their skills in various aspects. It advocated for holistic development in a multi-disciplinary approach.

One of the aspects endorsed by the Quest is the art of public speaking. The event of declamation embodied it.

Declamation isn't the mere repetition of words and gestures. It is the profound embodiment of the ideas and vision of the prominent personalities that shaped the course of history.

The first round of the event consisted of Traditional Declamation. It emboldened students to step on the stage and express their reinterpretation of the words of the dignitaries that transformed the world.

In "Connect the Clues" (the second round of the event), a series of images were shown to the participating teams. This round remained true to its name as the participating teams had to establish a meaningful connection between the images by connecting the clues.

The third round of the event, "Views over News" involved the display of incomplete articles along with their headlines. The participating teams had to elucidate the given information and express their views over it.

The event of Declamation adopted a unique approach. It wasn't confined to the evaluation of vocal delivery and physical expression (through the first round). The subsequent rounds assessed the ability of the participants to decipher the given information and articulate it within time constraints.

Each and every round was evaluated on the basis of distinct criteria by our esteemed judges, **Dr. Harmik Vaishnav and Mr. Nivid Desai.**

After a series of remarkable performances, three teams stood out the most. The team of **St. Xavier's High School, Loyola Hall, consisting of Yugandhar Ahire and Saanvi Thakkar, achieved the bronze medal. Priyanshi Das and Atharva Patel from Hillwoods School clinched the silver medal.**

Diya Jani and Simar Kang from St. Xavier's High School (Gandhinagar) outshone all adversities and emerged victorious by securing the gold medal.

The event of Declamation didn't just appraise speech delivery, critical thinking and eloquence. It also encouraged students to step out of their comfort zone to upgrade their skills. The event reimaged the conventional format of declamation by incorporating an innovative approach that enriched the overall experience and promoted holistic development.

Nelson Mandela has rightly said that, "If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart."

Gujarati isn't just a language. It is the language that goes to the heart of the people of Gujarat. The second edition of the event of Declamation, held on the second day of the Quest (27th July), encouraged students to present the vision of eminent personalities in Gujarati.

Each and every participant brought a unique element to the event. Their performances were evaluated by our esteemed judges, **Dr. Ashwin Prajapati and Ms. Nemisha Parmar.**

Jiya Makwana fervently declaimed the environmental activist Greta Thunberg and clinched the bronze medal. **Bhargav Panchal** did justice to the inspiring speech of Steve Jobs by his remarkable declamation and secured the silver medal. **Mahi Gadani** phenomenally declaimed President Droupadi Murmu and won the gold medal.

The event of Declamation wasn't just a competition. It provided a stage for students to cultivate and enhance their public speaking skills.



Ananya Parmar
Quiz Member.

One of the most engaging events of Quest 2026 was Dumb Charades, which brought together creativity, teamwork, and entertainment. The competition kept the audience engaged with enthusiastic participation, impressive performances, and moments of laughter throughout.

The event was conducted in four rounds: Round 1 – Mystery Picks, Round 2 – Dialogue Guess, Round 3 – Screen Stars, and Round 4 – Dumb... Dumber... Dumbest. Each round challenged participants to communicate using only expressions and gestures, making the competition both exciting and enjoyable.

•Winners

🏆 First Place – Team HotWheels

Alay H. Parekh, 12-B

Parv B. Patel, 12-B

Veer D. Parmar, 12-B

Niley N. Nisarta 12-B

🏆 Second Place – Team Ace

Dev N. Makwana, 10-B

Nityam R. Joshi, 10-A

Prarabdh H. Halvadia, 10-A

Divy N. Makwana 10-A

🏆 Third Place – Team Still Alive

Angel M. Thacker 12-A

Devarshi V. Patel, 12-A

Divyam M. Sharma, 11-A

Aayush S. Shukla 12-A

The event was successfully organised and managed by the ex-xavierites: Astha, Rasha, Arvi, Rudra, Vyom, Om, Randeep, Parshva, and Ivaan, whose dedication and teamwork contributed to its smooth execution and overall success.

Astha Shah
Quest Member.



અંતાક્ષરી

સેન્ટ જેવિયર્સની Quest -2026 માં અંતાક્ષરી સ્પર્ધા એક રોમાંચક અને યાદગાર અનુભવ હતો જેમાં મને મારા જૂના સહપાઠી અરમાન સાથે કાર્યક્રમનું હોસ્ટિંગ કરવાની તક મળી. જેમાં સંગીત, સર્જનાત્મકતા, ટીમવર્ક અને સ્વસ્થ સ્પર્ધાનો સમાવેશ થયો. બધી ટીમોએ ખૂબ જ ઉત્સાહ સાથે ભાગ લીધો અને બોલિવૂડ ગીતોના તેમના પ્રભાવશાળી જ્ઞાનનું પ્રદર્શન કર્યું. વર્ડ પ્લે - સોંગ પ્લે, અંગ્રેજી સંકેતો હિન્દી ટ્યુન્સ, ઇમોજી/ઇમેજ એન્કોર અને મેલોડી મિસ્ટ્રી સહિતના વિવિધ રાઉન્ડે સ્પર્ધાને સહભાગીઓ અને પ્રેક્ષકો બંને માટે આકર્ષક અને આનંદપ્રદ બનાવી. વિદ્યાર્થીઓએ સમયની મર્યાદામાં જવાબ આપતી અને ગાતી વખતે મનની ઉત્તમ હાજરી, ઝડપી વિચારસરણી, આત્મવિશ્વાસ અને સંગીતમય યાદશક્તિ દર્શાવી. સ્ટેજમાં ઉર્જા ખરેખર નોંધપાત્ર હતી, જેમાં દરેક વ્યક્તિએ ભાગ લેતી ટીમોને ઉત્સાહિત અને પ્રોત્સાહિત કર્યા. આ કાર્યક્રમે વિદ્યાર્થીઓને તેમની પ્રતિભા વ્યક્ત કરવાની અને વર્ગખંડની બહાર સંગીતનો આનંદ માણવાની તક પણ પૂરી પાડી. એકંદરે, અંતાક્ષરી ખૂબ જ ઉત્સાહ અને ખેલદિલી સાથે સફળતાપૂર્વક યોજાઈ. તેણે અદ્ભુત યાદો બનાવી અને Quest-2026 માં એક જીવંત સંગીતમય સ્પર્શ ઉમેર્યો. આ સ્પર્ધા માત્ર ગુણ મેળવવા પૂરતી સીમિત નહોતી; તે સંગીતના આનંદને માણવા અને આત્મવિશ્વાસ કેળવવા વિશે હતી. સ્પર્ધકોએ તમામ રાઉન્ડ દરમિયાન અદભૂત તાલમેલ અને ટીમ ભાવનાનું પ્રદર્શન કર્યું. પ્રેક્ષકોના ઉત્સાહપૂર્ણ પ્રતિસાદે વાતાવરણને વધુ જીવંત બનાવી દીધું. એકંદરે, અંતાક્ષરી એ તેમાં સામેલ તમામ લોકો માટે આનંદદાયક, સમૃદ્ધ અને અવિસ્મરણીય અનુભવ બની રહ્યો.

અંતમાં હું રિસ્પેક્ટેડ ફાધર અરુલનો તથા ડગલે ને પગલે દોરવણી આપનાર મીના ટીચરનો, ખુશ્બુ ટીચરનો, દિશા ટીચરનો, ફ્રાન્સિસ સરનો અંતઃકરણ પૂર્વક આભાર માનું છું.

Winning Team

Prutha Bharatbhai Desai

Pranshu Bharatbhai Desai

Richa kavitkumar sharma

Runner -up Team

Zainab jahirabbas shaikh

Dhruti Hemantbhai Bhogayata

Priyanka Balkrishna parmar

Second Runner - up Team

Third winner of name

Ranveer m. Chanhani

Tanvi ketan pancholi

Foram ishwarDan gadhavi

Teerth Bhatt
Quest Member























