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EDUCATION

Wycombe Abbey School, UK

- Reading for A levels: Year 13 (Predicted): Economics A*, Math A*, Physics A*, Geography A* 2024
- Extended Project Qualification ('EPQ') Year 13: *Are the habitability conditions of exoplanets comparable to that of Earth?* 2024
- IGCSEs: Year 11: 11 A*s achieved in May' 23 2023
Math, Further Math, English, English, English Lit., Geography, History, Spanish, French, Chemistry, Biology, Physics
- **Scholastic Aptitude Test:**
- Overall: 1530, Math: 780, English: 750 2024

AWARDS & HONOURS

Entrepreneurship

- Diamond Challenge, Uni. Of Delaware, USA - Global Social Innovation Track: Third place 2024
- Tycoon Enterprise Competition, UK: Winner 2024

International / National

- John Locke Economics Essay: Merit 2024
- UK Space Design Competition: Regional Winner 2024
- American Math Challenge 12: Qualified for AIME 2023
- Consulate General Of India's Youth Empowerment & Service Award in UAE: Winner 2023
- UK Senior Mathematics Challenge: Silver 2022-2024
- UK Biology Challenge: Silver 2023
- UK Mathematics Challenge: Bronze & Silver 2018-2021
- UK Bebras Challenge: Merit 2020-2021

School

- Essay Writing Competition: Highly commended 2022
- Achievement Award for Overall Performance 2018-19, 2021
- Invited to the 13+ Scholarship Exam 2021

LEADERSHIP

Head of House

2023-2024

- Overall responsibility for managing and organizing all house-related activities. Be the role model for the House.
- Lead assembly, guide, and motivate house juniors. Channel the students' voice for the school as part of the Prefect council

Sports House Captain

2023-2024

- Organized all sports-related competitions, including team selection across sports

Head of House Debating

2023-2024

- Encouraged and coached younger girls to take up public speaking and improving related skills

Form Rep & House Council member

2019-2023

- Liaise with teachers and represent form group views and issues at house council meetings

Founder of SEEducation - *Providing enrichment courses by trained sixth formers to local year 5 students*

2024-2025

- Responsible for searching, assessing an appropriate set of recipients and gathering girl volunteers
- Currently have 8 schools signed up, and a team of 30 sixth formers

ENTREPRENEURIAL INITIATIVES

Venture

Since 2021

Founder: Saathi Garment Trading LLC, Dubai, UAE (www.saathi.ae)

Founded a reusable menstrual period company with the aim of eradicating Period Poverty in a sustainable way. With underwear sourced from Shenzhen, China, the business model works on a Buy 1 to Give 1 (to underprivileged younger girls who lack access) sales concept and current marks over 10,000 underwear sold & donated thus far. We have sold across UK, UAE and India and donated to villages in Africa and India.

Coursera Courses

Game Theory, Stanford University & University of British Columbia

The Sustainable Development Goals, University of Copenhagen

Local Economic Development, Erasmus University Rotterdam

RESEARCH

Research on Pink Tax

Under the guidance from Dr. Thomas Quirk, Bank of England - Economics Research Paper titled, "How pervasive is the pink tax: Evidence from the UK, UAE, and India?"

Evaluate the existence of Pink Tax ('PT') – the colloquial term referring to gender-based price disparity against women products by extending the empirical literature on PT via a comparison of products within the hygiene sector, via collecting and analysis of primary cross-country data. Published by 'International Journal of Business, Management and Visuals' (<https://ijbmv.com/index.php/home/article/view/100/93>)

Research on Microfinance

Economics Research Paper titled, "How effective is microfinance in reducing poverty in rural areas compared to urban settings? What are the long-term impacts of microfinance on household income and economic stability?"

Evaluate the significance of microfinance in rural vs urban areas. Assessing microfinance's ability to help people escape poverty, its impact differed due to differences in economic structures, resource availability, and demographic dynamics in urban and rural contexts.

Learning and Observations

Collection of Short Inspirational Interviews with Trailblazing Women Entrepreneurs

- Interviewed 8 successful women entrepreneurs from across sectors and countries, namely India, UK, UAE, and Singapore
- Synthesized their challenges, strategies, and lessons learned; helping shape futures of other budding entrepreneurs

MODEL UNITED NATION ('MUN') ACHIEVEMENTS

Secretariat, MUN Cabinet , Wycombe Abbey School	2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Leadership role to focus on increasing participation from younger years, increase preparedness and thereby raise school's profile	
Attended all available MUN conferences since joining Wycombe Abbey School	Since 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Won several awards such as Outstanding Delegation (2022) & Distinguished Delegate (2023)Selected as Student Chairman and sole Guest Speaker in 2024	

ECONOMICS PURSUITS

Internships

Deem Finance , a for-profit SME & Individual Financial Services Co., Intern, Dubai, UAE	Aug-2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Understood the credit process undertaken to approve lending towards individuals. Interacted with the CRO's team intimatelyHelped my senior conduct desktop research to populate a basic information report about a potential new-to-bank customer	
ASA Philippines , a not-for-profit microfinance company, Intern, Manila, Philippines	Jul-2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Investigated how the marginalized poor sector can benefit from microenterprises, in a small yet meaningful way.Understood how micro-finance helped increase family incomes in a most cost-effective and sustainable manner	
Himalaya Global Mgmt. Ltd. , a large Indian FMCG Company, R&D Intern, Dubai, UAE	Dec-2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Researched about 2 new potential product lines that we developed and presented the same to the Head of R&D as feedbackConducted interviews with potential customers which led to an idea for a new product type in another existing line of business	
Furla , an artisanal women's brand, Shop assistant in Dubai Mall, Dubai, UAE	Aug-2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Learnt about customer service and communication skills with customers, especially when problem solvingUnderstood the importance of punctuality, cultural awareness and numerical skills for stock taking and discount calculations	
Time Square LLC , UAE's exclusive retailer of SJP & Manolo Blahnik, Social Media Marketing Intern, Dubai, UAE	Aug-2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Involved in the day-to-day social media content operation for instarunway.com and shopbauhaus.comHelped conceptualize, plan, and handle photoshoots for various campaigns, across venues, models and brandsResponsible for managing the Instagram handle of the company and created related 'stories' content regularly	
Crediling , an AI focused, Series-A fintech company, Research Intern, Singapore	Jul-2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted e-commerce research, market mapping, competition review, and go-to-market approach, especially for Amazon sellers.Researched regulatory requirements of the European General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR") to provide insights for the companyPublished a structured report summarizing the findings and recommendations on GDPR using a methodical approach.	
Mashreqbank psc , 4th largest bank in UAE, Investment Banking Intern, Dubai, UAE	Mar-2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Prepared Public Information Books about companies and made a presentation about the women's consumer fast moving goods sectorAssisted in maintaining excel databases, prepared client presentations in a structured manner	

PHYSICS ENDEAVOURS

Head of Physics Society	2023-2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facilitated various activities related to Physics and other STEM fields, to enhance the learning amongst society membersHosted in-person events, with teaching staff, such as problem-solving meets and discussions about Physics related topics	
Competition	
UK Space Design Competition – Regional winner	2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Elected as VP of Business after presenting to a team of 30 studentsDesigned a lunar settlement on the dark side of the moon to facilitate mining operations for lunar regolith	
Internship	
Empire Aviation LLC, a private jet management business, Operations Intern, Dubai, UAE	Jan-2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Worked directly under the Head of Jet Operations to understand the technological infrastructure around flightsGained greater knowledge about the science behind being airborne and the extensive safety mechanisms in place to protect people	

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Music (participated in school concerts)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Piano – Grade 8 Trinity & Grade 5 Theory ABRSMSinging – Grade 6 ABRSM	2012-2018 2021-2024
Sports	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Netball TeamBasketball TeamTennis & Lacrosse Teams	2013-2024 2021-2024 2018-2022

OUTREACH INITIATIVES

Oakridge School , High Wycombe, UK	2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Committing hours to teach primary school children in the neighbourhood	
Teaching Internship , Tender Hearts Arena, Dubai, UAE	2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spent over 25 hours per week helping children of determination from low-income households read and work with computersSolely organized a funding campaign to organize a scholarship for a specific child. Raised US\$5,500	
Triathlon Fundraise , during the Covid-19 pandemic	2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Completed a fundraiser to support the UAE's leadership campaign to provide '10 million meals'. Raised US\$10,000	
Hamara Footpath , Mumbai, India	2015-2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spent two summers teaching roadside slum-dwelling children to use computers. 30 hours per week	

SKILLS & INTERESTS

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Authored 'Sakhi': a book about a child fostered by her aunt in India to raise awareness and raise proceeds for an Indian NGOSecured a PADI Advanced Diver license	2017 2018
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LANGUAGES

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- Fluent in English, Hindi and Spanish. Beginner in French and Latin