

UNIVERSAL NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2024

UCB MATHS OLYMPIAD

On the chilly Saturday morning of 11th May, Universal College Bangladesh hosted the 2024 Mathematics Olympiad for students in grades 10 to 12. Despite heavy rain outside, eager and talented students from all across Bangladesh enthusiastically came to the UCB campus in Gulshan 1 to participate in the Maths Olympiad. More than 50 different schools were represented, with students studying National Curriculum, National Curriculum English Version and International curriculums present. The students showcased their brilliance in the competition, taking the amazing opportunity to compete for prize money totaling an incredible BDT 100,000-/. There were so many entries that the marking of the Olympiad papers will take the expert Maths faculty at UCB a very long time indeed. The Maths Olympiad prize distribution ceremony will take place at the Universal College Bangladesh campus on 08th June, just in time for the Eid celebrations !



GRADE 10-11		
NAME	INSTITUTION	POSITION
MOHAMMED JUMAEEL UDDIN	DPS STS SCHOOL DHAKA	1st
RIMON AHSAN	AKU COLLEGIATE SCHOOL	2nd
AYMAN AL SIAM	SCHOLASTICA	3rd
SHAFAYAT AHSAN FAIYAZ	SCHOLARS SCHOOL & COLLEGE	4th
A.K.M AHNAAF MURSHED	THE AGA KHAN SCHOOL	5th
NAVER SHARAR	ST. JOSEPH HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL	6th
ALBARI RASHID	LONDON GRACE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	7th
MAHEEAN AZAD	ADAMJEE CANTONMENT COLLEGE	8th
JIOH HAN	EBENEZER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (EIS)	9th
MAMLUKUR RAHMAN	DPS STS SCHOOL DHAKA	10th
RAFID AL NAHIYAN	VISION GLOBAL SCHOOL	11th
RAIYAN AHMED KHAN	ACADEMIA	12th
MARZUQUE AHMED	BANGLADESH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL & COLLEGE (BISC)	13th
JOY DUTTA	SHAMSUL HOQUE KHAN SCHOOL & COLLEGE	14th
WAJIHA RAHMAN	THE AGA KHAN SCHOOL	15th
MUHAMMAD ZARIFUR RAHMAN CHOWDHURY	PENFIELD SCHOOL DHAKA	16th
SEYODON HUR	INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL DHAKA (ISD)	17th
ARUNIMA DAS BHOWMIK	MAPLE LEAF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	18th
MUSHFIQUE AHMED	ADAMJEE CANTONMENT COLLEGE	19th
NUSAIBA BINTE MAHMOOD	MANARAT DHAKA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	20th
AARAV VERMA	THE AGA KHAN SCHOOL	21st
ADITI SHRI	AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (AUSIS)	22nd
ADITYA VARSHNEY	INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL DHAKA (ISD)	23rd
MUHAMMAD HASIN RAIHAN	DHAKA COLLEGE	24th
ZARIF NASER KHAN	NAVY ANCHORAGE SCHOOL AND COLLEGE DHAKA	25th

GRADE 12		
NAME	INSTITUTION	POSITION
MUHAMMAD SAFWAN UR RAHMAN	ADAMJEE CANTONMENT COLLEGE	1st
SK AHMAD ASHHAB BIN ALI	BAF SHAHEEN SCHOOL AND COLLEGE	2nd
TONOY SAHA	MAPLE LEAF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	3rd
KAWSER MAHAMUD JUNYED	GOVT TOLARAM COLLEGE	4th
ZAWAD ISLAM	PLAYPEN SCHOOL	5th
MD ABED BIN RAHMAN	BAF SHAHEEN COLLEGE	6th
AISHAH SHAFQUAT	AVERROES INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (AIS)	7th
NAFIS ZAMAN NIHAL	MAPLE LEAF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	8th
RIDWAN AHMED ADNAN	INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLLEGIATE	9th
MD. ARAFAT HASAN	NOTRE DAME COLLEGE	10th
AZIZUR RAHMAN RASHED	IDEAL COLLEGE DHANMONDI	11th
ROWHIN TASBHI HOSSAIN	CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BANGLADESH	12th
SAYEM BIN BASHAR	A. G. CHURCH SCHOOL	13th
SUDIPTO SAHA	EBENEZER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (EIS)	14th
MOHAMMED FARHAN RAHMAN	MAPLE LEAF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	15th
MD. NAIMUR RAHMAN NAIM	ADAMJEE CANTONMENT COLLEGE	16th
SHADMAN AHMED AHNAF	MAPLE LEAF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	17th
MD TAREQ BIN FAISAL	MAPLE LEAF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	18th
ABHIK DEBNATH	MAPLE LEAF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	19th
MUHAMMAD ZIAN EQRAM	MANARAT DHAKA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	20th
HAIDER ALI	AMERICAN STANDARD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (ASIS)	21st
MASUDUL HAQ MAHAIR	VERTICAL HORIZON	22nd
MD SADIQ BIN MUZAHID	HEED INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	23rd
SADIQUE BIN MUZAHID	PLEDGE HARBOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL	24th
BAKHTAWAR RAHMAN SREYA	ACADEMIA	25th

RABINDRANATH TAGORE DAY CELEBRATION

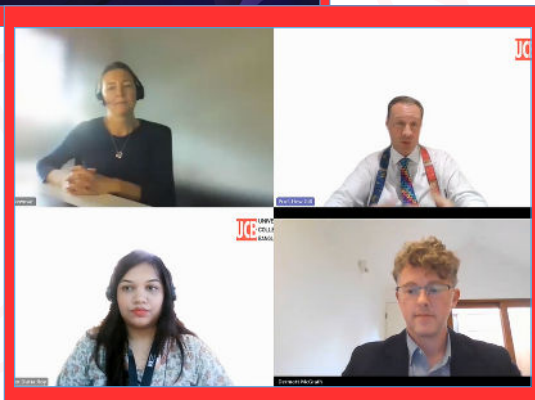
The celebration of Rabindranath Tagore Day (Rabindra Jayanti) on the 8th of May (25th of Boishakh) at Universal College Bangladesh was a wonderful opportunity to honour the life and works of the Bengali poet, short-story writer, playwright, essayist, and painter. Tagore was truly a polymath and he introduced new prose and verse forms, and the use of colloquial language, into Bengali literature. UCB organised a symposium in the Library & Resource Centre where students, faculty, and support staff read papers and discussed Tagore's literary works, philosophy, and contributions to Bengali literature.

Students enjoyed participating in cultural activities, and they were keen to know more about Rabindranath Tagore who is also known as Kaviguru. Mr Md. Golam Mohiuddin, UCB Librarian, curated a poster display featuring paintings, inspired by Tagore's poetry, themes, and philosophy. The display also showcased Tagore's life and circle with rare pictures of the poet, his family and locations related to him.

Our President & Provost Prof. Hew Gill and Dean of Academic Affairs Prof. Muhammad Ismail Hossain led a group discussion about Tagore's important work and his colourful life.



UCB-MONASH CAREER WEBINAR



UCB regularly hosts career webinars to assist high school students to decide what to study and to make their transition to university education. On May 30, 2024, Universal College Bangladesh conducted a session tailored for students aspiring to pursue a career in Business or IT. The webinar's theme revolved around "Preparing for Success: Academic & Career Pathways in IT and Business."

The distinguished panelists for the webinar included Professor Hew Gill, President & Provost of UCB, alongside subject matter experts from Monash University: Ms. Amy Newman, Senior Student Recruitment Coordinator at Monash Business School, and Dermott Macgrath, Faculty of Information Technology at Monash University. Prof Hew made a presentation explaining how the world of work is changing and where students will be able to find career success in the future. Ms Newman and Mr Macgrath explained how students from HSC, O and A Level streams can pursue degree programs in Business and IT at UCB and Monash. Students from prominent schools and colleges across Bangladesh actively participated in the session. They asked many questions and benefited from the insights shared by the expert panelists.

TEA AND SNACKS EXTRAVAGANZA: GLOBAL STUDIES STUDENTS HOST MEMORABLE TEA PARTY



Universal College Bangladesh witnessed a vibrant and culturally immersive event as the Global Studies students from the MUFY program under the guidance of Senior Lecturer Mr. Dewan Muhammad Nur –A Yazdani organised a spectacular Tea Party which provided a delightful opportunity for the UCB community to unwind, socialise, and indulge in the pleasures of tea and culinary delights.

The Tea Party featured a delectable spread of snacks, complementing the tea experience as the culinary delights added an extra layer of indulgence to the event. The event fostered a sense of community within the

College as attendees exchanged stories, shared cultural insights, and discovered common interests while indulging their love for tea and food. The UCB community overwhelmingly supported the event, with academic faculty, support team, and students expressing their support for efforts of this kind. The spirit of appreciation and bonding persisted until the evening ended. The Tea and Snacks event offered a nice break from academic endeavours, enabling staff and students to mingle, relax, and enjoy tea and food treats. It acted as a reminder of the ability of common experiences to unite people and generate enduring memories.

WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SOCIETY DAY



On May 17 the students of UCB celebrated World Telecommunication & Information Society Day at the UCB Campus.

This special event was marked by a poster display showcasing various telecommunication and information technologies that enhance our daily lives, by making communication easier and more comfortable.

Students gathered to admire the innovative displays and engage in meaningful conversations about the advancements in technology. They had the unique opportunity to discuss these technologies with the UCB President & Provost, Professor Hew Gill, who shared valuable insights and knowledge from his long career in international business and banking.

The celebration also featured a certificate presentation ceremony. During this ceremony, students who played significant roles in organizing events and those who actively took part in cultural activities were recognized and honoured for their contributions. Certificates were awarded by Prof Hew as tokens of appreciation for the students' hard work and dedication.

The day was a celebration of technological advancements and a moment to appreciate the students' efforts and achievements. It fostered a sense of community, encouraging students to continue exploring and contributing to the field of telecommunication and information technology. Overall, it was a memorable day filled with learning, recognition, and camaraderie, leaving everyone inspired and motivated to further their knowledge and skills in this ever-evolving domain. The event highlighted the importance of staying informed and connected in today's digital age.



DHAKA RESIDENTIAL MODEL COLLEGE NATIONAL BUSINESS CARNIVAL



Universal College Bangladesh was the Co-Sponsor of the second Dhaka Residential Model College National Business Carnival organized by the DRMC Business and Career Club from 09th to 11th May.

The Carnival closing ceremony was overseen by the Principal of DRMC, Brigadier General Kazi Shameem Farhad NDC PSC, who distributed crests to the winners of the various competitions which took place over the preceding days. At the closing ceremony the chief guest was the Honourable Mr Salman F Rahman, Vice Chairman of BEXIMCO Group, Member of Parliament, and

Private Industry and Investment Advisor to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina. Prof. Hew Gill, President & Provost of Universal College Bangladesh also attended as a Distinguished Guest and entered into a very lively discussion with Mr Rahman. Prof Hew said, "It was a pleasure to attend the National Business Carnival and to chat with Mr Rahman about the bright economic future of Bangladesh."

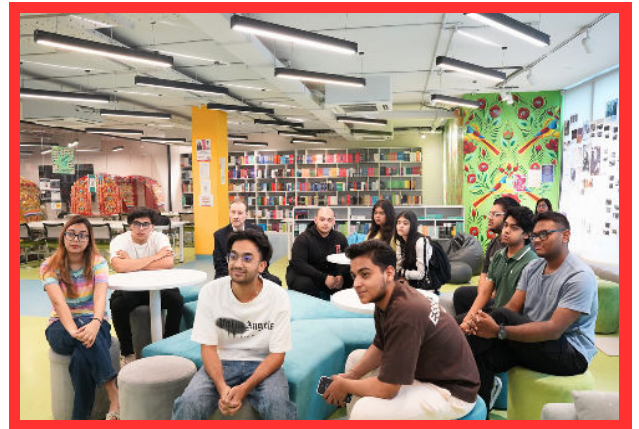
WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY FOR DIALOGUE AND DEVELOPMENT



The students of Universal College Bangladesh celebrated the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development on May 21st. UCB is a vibrant community where people from various countries come together to work and study. Our academic staff and partners extend from the United Kingdom to Australia, Canada, India, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh, while our student body includes individuals from many different cultures around the world. The theme for this year's celebration was "Promoting Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms". Students engaged in discussions about various human rights issues, exploring how diverse cultures understand and uphold these rights. To enrich the celebration, students watched videos displaying Bangladeshi culture and its origins.

These videos offered a deeper insight into the traditions, values, and history of Bangladesh, enhancing the appreciation for cultural diversity within the nation.

This special day was an opportunity for everyone at UCB to share knowledge about their backgrounds and experiences. The event fostered a spirit of inclusiveness and students not only celebrated their differences, but also recognized their shared commitment to human rights and freedoms – themes that were also celebrated during Commonwealth Day earlier in the year. It was a day filled with learning, respect, and a deeper connection to the diverse world we all inhabit. By the end of the celebration, everyone felt more connected and informed about each other's cultures, creating a stronger and more cohesive community at UCB.



UCB STUDENTS AT THE DRMC INTERNATIONAL TECH CARNIVAL 2024 POWERED BY BKMEA

IT and engineering students from the UCB Science Club participated in a programming contest as part of the Dhaka Residential Model College 7th annual International Tech Carnival. Two teams participated in the contest; Wonder Coder - Sumira Zaman (Team leader), Rehma Rowshan Rahman, and Noushin Sharmile Khan, and Mystery Coder - Md. Athar Mijbah, and Mohammad Zaim Khan (Team leader). The contest involved solving real-life problems using coding within three hours using any programming language the students wanted. This was a great experience for the UCB participants, helping them to learn how to apply programming languages, and also developing their teamwork and time management skills. Both teams managed to solve and submit one problem each, using the Python programming language, which is the first programming language taught in their MCD course 'Introduction to Programming'. The contest also sharpened the students' logical thinking and ability to perform analytical solutions. UCB Science Club will be organising more events like this to help students develop their academic and extracurricular skills, so watch this space for details !!



CAREER COUNSELLING SEMINAR FOR EDEXCEL STUDENTS

Universal College Bangladesh conducted a specialised initiative for Edexcel Students in Bangladesh who have recently completed their A or O Level examinations. The special session was designed for students seeking career guidance and clarification sessions with experienced counselors regarding their career prospects and aspirations to pursue education abroad. The event garnered significant participation from students and parents alike, who found value in the informative session.

Notably, the presence of Ms. Azra Karim from Monash University and representatives from UCB's sister concern, Eduko Pathways, added substantial support to the event, enriching the experience for students.

This all-encompassing knowledge gathering opportunity provided by Universal College Bangladesh was particularly advantageous for the students because it helped them to consolidate many valuable insights about studying abroad under one cohesive platform



UCB NATIONAL ONLINE QUIZ – MAY

The May 2024 online quiz attracted contestants from over 36 esteemed schools and colleges across the nation. Hundreds of students participated to vie for the prize money totaling BDT 40000/-. Following a highly competitive event, the winners and top performers from 10 renowned schools in Bangladesh were identified for rewards.

The prize distribution ceremony is scheduled to take place at the UCB campus in Dhaka on Saturday June 8, 2024 in time for the Eid celebrations.

Position	Name	Institution
1st	Aribah Farzeen Shah	The Aga Khan Academy, Dhaka
2nd	Aditya Varshney	International School Dhaka (ISD)
3rd	Azmain Mubassir Efaz	Bangladesh International School & College (BISC)
4th	Wazee Wahid Sazid	Adamjee Cantonment College
5th	Arina Mohammad Prapty	e.hub (Private institution)

NAVY ANCHORAGE SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS ATTEND HARVARD MANAGEMENTOR SESSION

Students from Navy Anchorage School and College, Dhaka (NASCD) & Maple Leaf International School (MLIS) attended an amazing, Harvard Management certified course session on Presentation Skills Development curated by Harvard Business Publishing Education at Universal College Bangladesh on 18 May 2024.

The session was conducted by Mr. Dewan Muhammad Nur-A Yazdani, Senior Lecturer, UCB, who drew upon his substantial experience to help the students improve their presentation skills. At the end of the session Prof. Hew Gill, President & Provost of Universal College Bangladesh made a short speech and presented a certificate to every student.



LAST CHANCE FOR ADMISSIONS TO MCD BUSINESS

The final opportunity to enrol in the world-class Monash Continuing Degree (MCD) program for Business is fast approaching. MCD is a distinctive and exclusive program catering to students interested in pursuing undergraduate-level Business Management studies at Monash University in Melbourne or Malaysia. MCD provides a time-saving, stress-free, and cost-effective pathway direct into the second year of a Monash degree program. The next intake commences at our Dhaka campus on 23rd June 2024 and welcomes A-level, AS (Cambridge Students), and MUFY students with qualifying grades. A range of very attractive scholarships are on offer for students, and the guaranteed placement in the second year of a Monash University degree is accompanied with AUD 10,000 bursary for students transferring to Monash Melbourne. The next MCD intakes for IT, Business, and Engineering, will be in October 2024. For further details about MCD, please reach out to our Enrolment Team: enrolment.team@ucbbd.org

MONASH University

2024 STUDY GRANT PROGRAM UCB GRADUATES

UCB graduates who have an offer to study at Monash University in Australia will be automatically assessed.

The Study Grant will be paid in two payments of A\$5000 per semester and the value will be credited towards your tuition fees for Monash University in Australia.

Students must meet academic entry requirements and have a full or conditional offer letter to commence their studies in 2024 at University in Australia.

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Eligibility*

ALL NEW MONASH UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION YEAR (MUFY) OR DIPLOMA GRADUATES STARTING AT MONASH UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA IN 2024
Must be eligible for a grant of up to A\$10,000

NO INTERVIEWS NO TESTS
Students must accept their offer to enrol.

CAMPUS TRANSFER and STUDENT EXCHANGE ARE NOT ELIGIBLE
*Check your offer letter details

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#44 IN THE WORLD*

MONASH IS RANKED IN THE TOP 50 FOR THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS**

- 2 Pharmacy and Pharmacology
- 15 Nursing
- 18 Education
- 20 Engineering, Mineral and Mining
- 32 Natural Sciences
- 34 Economics and Econometrics

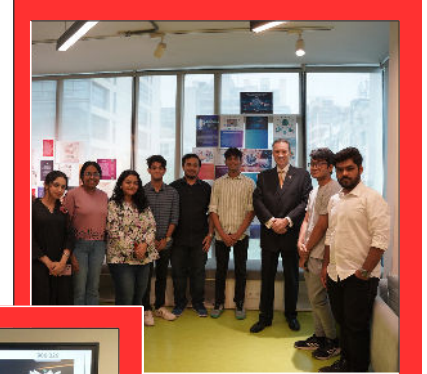
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EVENTS IN JUNE

As usual, the UCB Student Club and campus will be very busy with lots of events in June

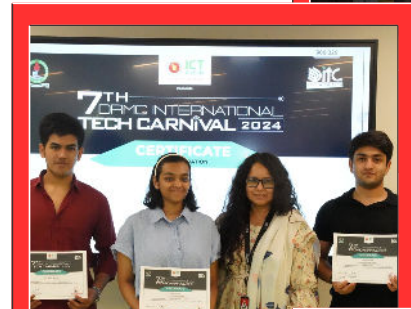
Launch of the University of Central Lancashire UCLan-UCB partnership.

UCB will be inaugurating the new partnership to offer degrees from the University of Central Lancashire. The ceremony will be attended by Mr Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, MP, the Honourable Minister of Education of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Her Excellency Ms. Sarah Cooke, High Commissioner of the United Kingdom to Bangladesh and Professor Cathy Jackson, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Health and Campus Development), University of Central Lancashire;



UCB National Online Quiz

The monthly online general knowledge quiz for HSC, O and A Level students will be offering young people across Bangladesh the chance to win big cash prizes.



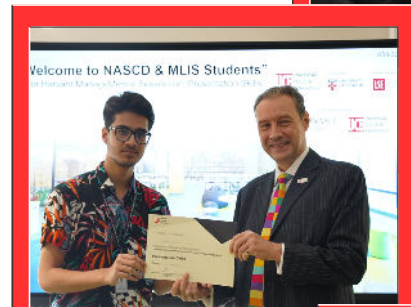
Dance Fiesta

To celebrate the end of their exams the UCB University of London-LSE students are holding an event inspired by Bollywood. They'll be dancing the night away under the shimmering lights, surrounded by the electrifying beats of the best in music in an exhilarating dancing extravaganza that promises to be an event like no other.



UCB-Monash Progression Day

An opportunity for students to meet with representatives from Monash University, Eduko Pathways and UCB to explore options for studying at one of the best universities in the World.



MCD Student Intake & Orientation

The latest batch of new students will join the successful Monash Continuing Degree program which offers fast-track direct entry for HSC, AS and foundation students into the second year of a Monash University honours degree.

Online Engineering Seminar

A free online seminar for students who are considering studying engineering and related subjects. Learn from international experts, including our very own Prof. Hew Gill.



UCB Monash Graduation Convocation

UCB will celebrate the many achievements of our 2023-204 Monash program students with a lavish Graduation Convocation at the Sheraton Hotel in the presence of Her Excellency Ms Nardia Simpson, Acting High Commissioner of Australia to Bangladesh, and many other important guests

Matt Carter, Director of Education, Monash College Training Sessions

Mr Matt Carter from Monash College, Australia will be delivering specialist training sessions for school teachers, university lecturers and tutors at the UCB campus. These sessions are free, but places are limited, so if you are interested please contact events@ucbbd.org