



SUMMER AT
DOON
LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME
24th May to 06th June 2024



Message from the Headmaster



I am delighted to welcome aspiring and enthusiastic young men and women aged 14 - 18 years from all over India and across the globe to The Doon School's Summer at Doon Leadership Programme May 2024.

The Doon School has long been associated with innovative thinking and leadership and is passionate about being at the forefront of educational opportunity for its students. Summer at Doon seeks to create a very special experience that will enable a wider student body of girls and boys to discover essential qualities within themselves that will help them on their journey of action, leadership, service and fulfillment.

The course will be taught by many of our experienced staff as well as by alumni and other special guests. The two week long programme will be an adventure that promises to be challenging and intellectually demanding, enabling students to meet and make likeminded friends, and learn from each other, as well as from the adults leading the Summer at Doon Programme.

We have created a dynamic and thought provoking course that will ensure participants receive a profound understanding of what global citizenship and youth leadership looks like in our complex and ambiguous world.

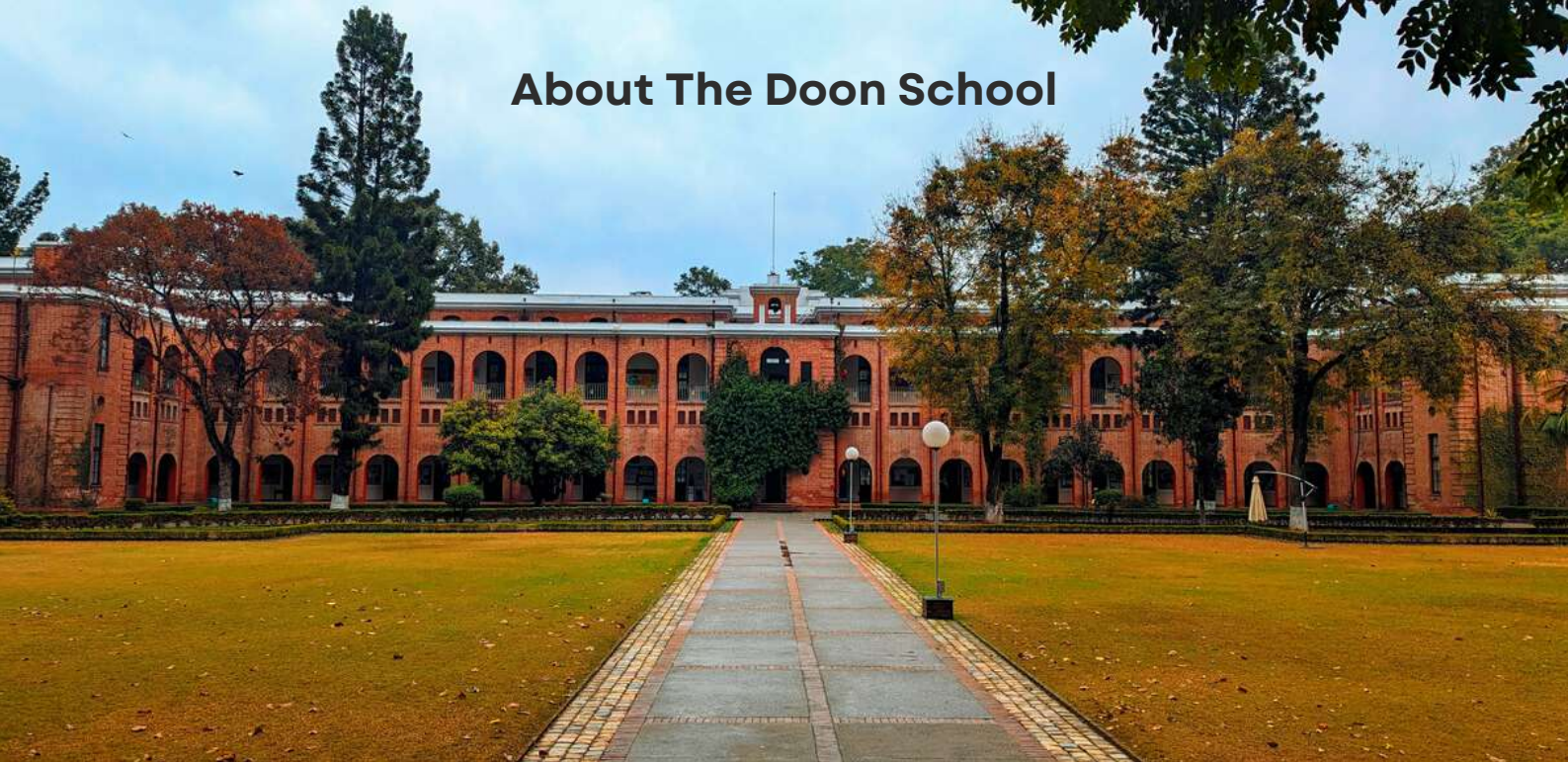
I am very pleased to be a part of the Summer at Doon faculty and look forward to leading a few of the modules that we have in store for the 2024 cohort.

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Dr Jagpreet Singh



About The Doon School



The Doon School aims to be an institution of excellence, dedicated to finding and developing exceptional students to serve a meritocratic India. Founded in 1935 by Satish Ranjan Das, The Doon School has had a long and distinguished history on India's tradition-enriched soil. It offers national & international programmes to 560 boys between the ages of 12 and 18 in a fully boarding environment. More than a quarter of students, who come from every socioeconomic background and from 26 Indian states as well as many countries overseas, receive scholarships or bursaries as part of the school's mission to attract exceptional boys irrespective of their religion, caste or economic background.

Nestled in the Doon Valley with the magnificent Garhwal Himalayas to the north and the sal-clothed Shivaliks to the south, the school is set in a wooded 70 acre campus which offers an idyllic location for young people to live and learn together and explore their interests. The curriculum is broad and provides a balance of intellectual challenge, creative problem solving and adventure in addition to a strong sporting tradition and love of the arts. Service, social responsibility and leadership are part of the school's curriculum and are embedded in its ethos. With a lifetime's experience of residential care, the guidance and support that students receive from committed teachers in and out of the classroom is second to none in India. Boys achieve first class academic results every year and go on to study and succeed at top universities and colleges at home and abroad.

In the last few years our students have gained admission to IITs and Delhi University, to Singapore and Hong Kong universities, to Oxford and Cambridge as well as the Russell Group universities in the UK, to Canada and to Ivy League colleges and highly regarded liberal arts and science colleges in the US. The school's founding Headmaster, Arthur Foot, was a master at Eton before taking up his post at Doon, so many of its traditions and its ethos are rooted in the British education system. Since its foundation, the school has had a disproportionate impact on India and has produced many distinguished alumni in all walks of life, including Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, many chief ministers of Indian states, ambassadors and luminaries in the world of arts and letters such as sculptor Anish Kapoor and authors Vikram Seth, Amitav Ghosh and Ramachandra Guha. Doon is a member of the Round Square, The Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC) and the International Boys' School Coalition (IBSC) and is also an IB World School.

The Summer at Doon Leadership Programme is designed to help participants discover themselves as team members, leaders, servants and citizens. By engaging in the workshops, sessions and activities designed to explore and identify attributes and skills that make teams and leadership work, they will build their own capacity to become agents of change and thought leaders in their own communities.

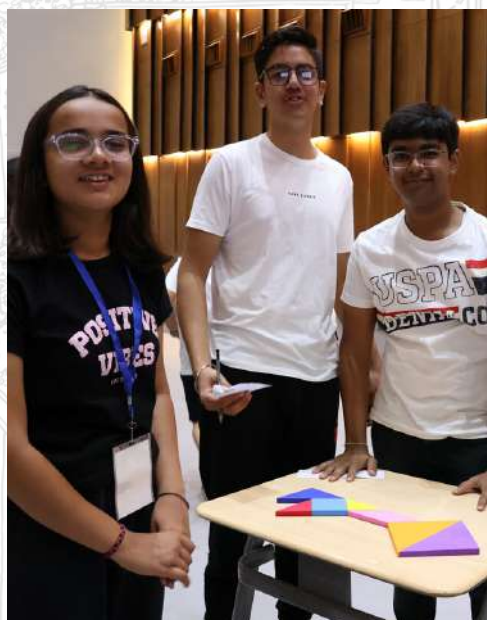




The Pedagogical Approach

At the core of the programme is the engagement between the participants and the programme leaders. The action that it brings about, through forum theatre, Socratic dialogue, workshops, adventure, design challenges, service and play, will create a powerful and transformative learning experience. Readings, talks and films will be the starting point for classroom based activities that will include the thoughts of thinkers, philosophers, writers, statesmen and entrepreneurs from the past to the present who have actively shaped the world around them or are leading the world with thought and action. This will be an invaluable preparation not only for leadership roles in the future, but also for university and college studies and participation at top institutions in India and worldwide.

The programme will allow students to expand their horizons across multiple academic disciplines and learn through the lenses of history, geography, philosophy and economics. This learning approach will be a departure for many students and will provide them with a unique, intellectually stimulating and creative approach to understanding what engagement, participation and leadership are and how it can be seen historically, and presently leading them to envisage what role they can play to impact the future.





How to apply to the Summer at Doon Programme?

- Register and apply by e-mail or in hard copy
- Course offer is made by the School
- Payment
- Place confirmed
- You come to The Doon School for the Summer at Doon experience!

Admissions Criteria

Interested candidates are required to provide the following:

- A completed application form obtainable from the website:
<http://doonschool.com/summer-at-doon/>
- A short personal essay
- A reference from a teacher
- Payment once acceptance has been acknowledged.





Leadership Case Studies

Students explore case studies to analyse and reach conclusions based on facts, conflicting goals and values, and their impact on people and societies. We have developed our own, as well as drawn on relevant political and business case studies from institutions such as Harvard, Stanford, Yale, Oxford and Cambridge. Leadership case studies can also be enriched from the student's own experiences in their schools, friendship groups and interests that require an understanding of what leadership is and how it can have a profound effect on the positive, and the negative, where it is poor or, perhaps worse, non-existent. Leadership is a taught part of The Doon School's curriculum and the school's faculty are experienced in teaching its practical and theoretical aspects.





The Performing Arts

Music and Drama programmes are used to explore creativity and self-expression by giving students opportunities to develop ideas, script, practise and perform. In addition to supporting spatial learning and temporal reasoning in young adults, the programme is designed to give students an opportunity to collaborate, influence and lead. Students will have the chance to be taught by experienced teachers from the school and to perform in the Rose Bowl amphitheatre and/or indoor theatre spaces.

Communication

The curriculum offers participants opportunities to understand the impact of (and to practise) influential writing, speaking, presentation skills and non-verbal cues (e.g., body language). It uses compelling speeches from well-known leaders to ensure that participants are able to internalise both substance and style. Soft skills help students to deal with, and positively manage, diverse environments, dissent, challenging situations and people.

The Outdoor Experience

The programme makes use of Dehradun's proximity to a rich and diverse natural environment. Outdoor activity provides an appreciation for natural beauty and its forces. This is based on short, age appropriate activities such as trekking and camping outdoors – inspiring planning, endurance, leadership and team work, as well as enhancing participants' awareness of the environment and the challenges we human beings pose to it.



Social Service & Social Responsibility

Students will participate in selected social and community projects from amongst the many that The Doon School supports. These include building schools, village development, orphanage support, and similar projects that make an impact on the lives of the marginalized sections of society. At the core of the school's own curriculum, community service inspires empathy, compassion and creates a bias towards action in young leaders.



Leadership Agenda & the Project

Participants will be helped to lay out their own leadership agenda for the future and to commit themselves to a personal project to build on the skills and experiences developed during Summer at Doon. The programme is transformative in profound ways and students will leave it wanting to make a difference in the world in their own unique and individual ways.

Reflection

Central to the course are periods of reflection and contemplation. These enable the participants to develop the mindfulness and equilibrium essential to inspirational leadership.

Guest Lectures

A variety of guest lecturers will speak to and interact with the boys and girls on the programme, including NGO leaders, politicians, writers, journalists, business leaders, artists and innovators from many walks of life. They will provide practical and anecdotal examples of leadership and what has worked and not worked for them.



Where are we?

Nestled in a secure 70-acre environment, the School is situated 240 km from Delhi. The Doon School is easily accessible with 30-minute flight from Delhi to Dehradun Jolly Grant Domestic Airport, it offers convenience with daily flights from Delhi and direct connections from major Indian cities. The School is also accessible by train or road from across India.

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