

# SUMMER FEST

special issue 154

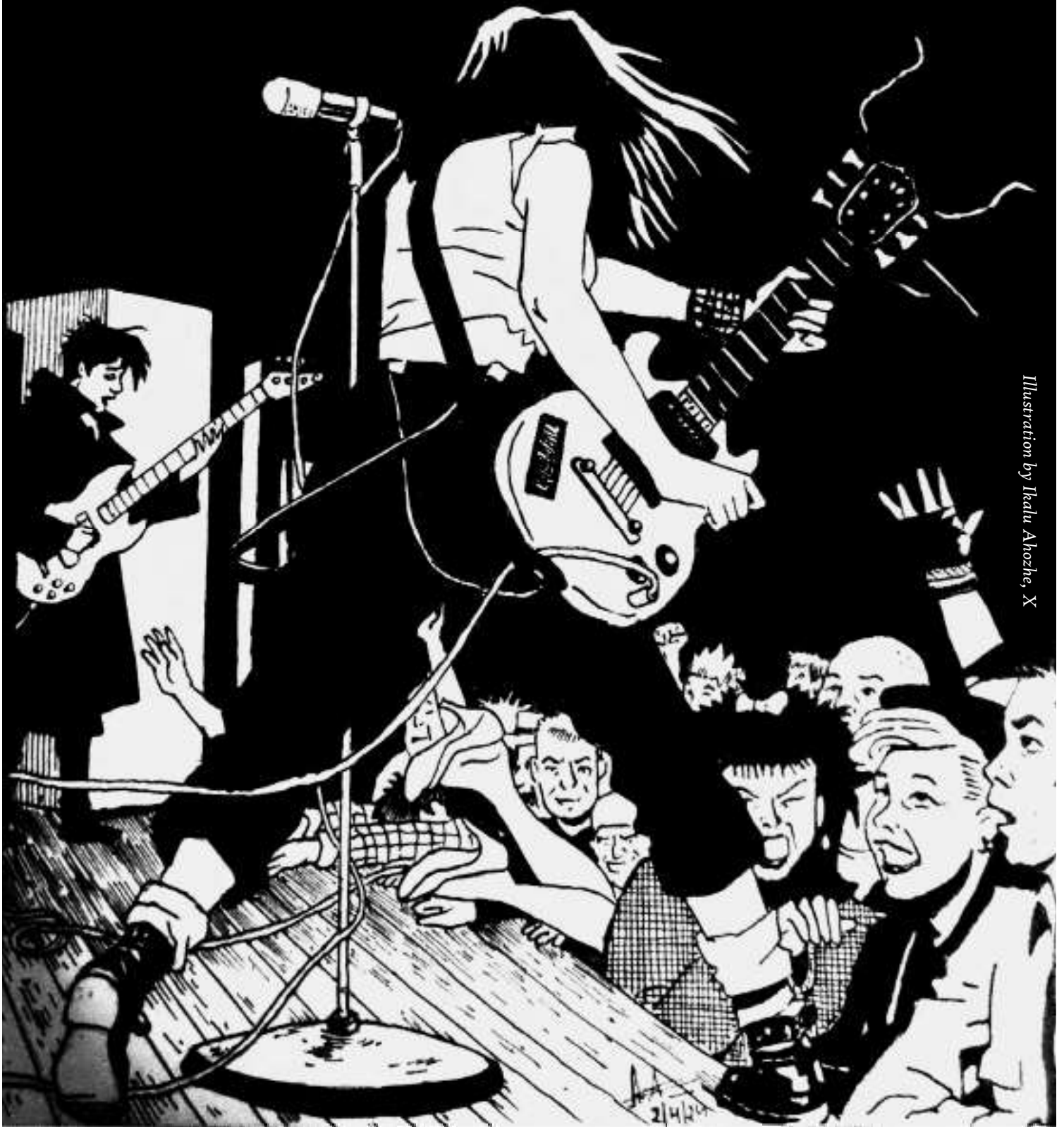


Illustration by Irada Ahozhe, X



# visions of summer

-Rompiti Patton, Head Boy, XII

**A**s summer brings its warm rich flavours to the season's palate and Aviators battle it out against the blazing sunshine and sweltering heat. Despite the oppressive heat, the humid summer holds nothing but bittersweet memories of the experiences that shaped me into the man I am today.

The eagerly awaited Summer Fest is finally here, and the food court is abuzz with laughter and joy over good food and drink - a welcome change indeed after an entire semester's worth of school food. The energetic atmosphere of the Rock Fest; the collective excitement during the movie with Aviators laughing, crying and cheering together and finally, the Newcomers' Evening - it's all back again.

As I experience my final summer at AVS, I realise that time here does pass by in a flash. The experiences I have shared and the times I have spent with everyone in the school community is something I will cherish and remember for the rest of my life. I am overwhelmed with nostalgia but I look forward to a brighter future. As time passes and the school progresses, I can only send out a heartfelt prayer for the school to reach greater heights as the next generation of Aviators surpass the achievements of the old. After all, change is the only constant.



# TRIATHLON



The much-awaited Triathlon began in the Ronghor (Rongghor), on the first day of the Summer Fest. The athlete under the scorching sun, completed the U16 girls' route before they raced to the pool. The next round of the competition took place here where the swimmers energised by the enthusiastic cheers completed 6 laps of the 25-metre-long pool. The third round of the triathlon saw the participants cycle through the scenic route of the U18 boys route, where the race came to a finish at the victory line back at the Rongghor (Pavilion).

The results were as follows:

- 1st Position - Rupraj, Anuran, Arshpreet (Group 4)
- 2nd position - Ayeethe, Woto, Selene (Group 5)
- 3rd Position - Nuhang, Nobin, Sudipta (Group 7)

-Anavi Ghosh, VIII

# NEW COMERS' EVE

The much-awaited Newcomers' Eve took place on the first day of the Summer Fest. The anchors for the evening were Aliden Ovung and Nuksungla Temsu from Class 11. The program started off with a play, presented to us by the lower school students; it was a humorous depiction of a time-travel scenario where two individuals from our school got to see what the world would be like five-hundred years in the future.

The play was followed by the Western Choir, who put up a spectacular rendition of "A Million Dreams". The rest of the program featured many entertaining performances

that kept the audience captivated, such as the Indian Choir, along with several dance presentations by students from classes 5 and 6 all the way to classes 9 and 11. The group dances kept the audience upbeat and energised. Aside from the students, the new teachers in the community came together with a choir of their own, touching everybody's hearts with an evocative delivery of "My Heart Will Go On" which was followed by a solo performance by Ms. Wanrieka Passah. The audience left that night energised and satisfied by the memorable show the newcomers had come together to put up for the entire school.

-Rianna Irom, X



-Aanya Paul Sarkar, XI

The evening began with crowds of people making their way towards Krietho (basketball court) that had been transformed into something magical, with a stage lit up with smoke and students dressed like rockstars. Neiphre Angami and Khangam Ngandam were the anchors for the event and did a brilliant job at building a connection with the audience and keeping all the performances tied together. The first band to perform was called "Moss on Moon" and they sure did set the tone for the rest of the evening with absolute clinchers of songs like-"505", "Summer of 69" and Nirvana's magnus opus "Smells Like Teen Spirit". The school was then hit with the bitter-sweet taste of nostalgia as Techy Toko and his band "The Crumbs" stole the evening with totally

electric covers of hits like- "Still into you" and "My Medicine". Next, we had "Fight or Flight" with Miriam as the lead singer who took the evening up a notch with songs like "10 minutes" and "We fell in love in October". The next band to perform called themselves "Beyond Summer" and were marked by their exceptional instrumentals. They sang "Counting Stars" and "Wake Me Up When September ends" making the event all the more special. 'MC/DC', The band following them did keep the audience on their toes with a rendition of "You Belong With Me". The rock fest came to an end with the last band "No Direction" which gave the evening the ending it deserved with a beautiful cover of "West Coast". It's safe to say that the rock fest this year was more than just successful.





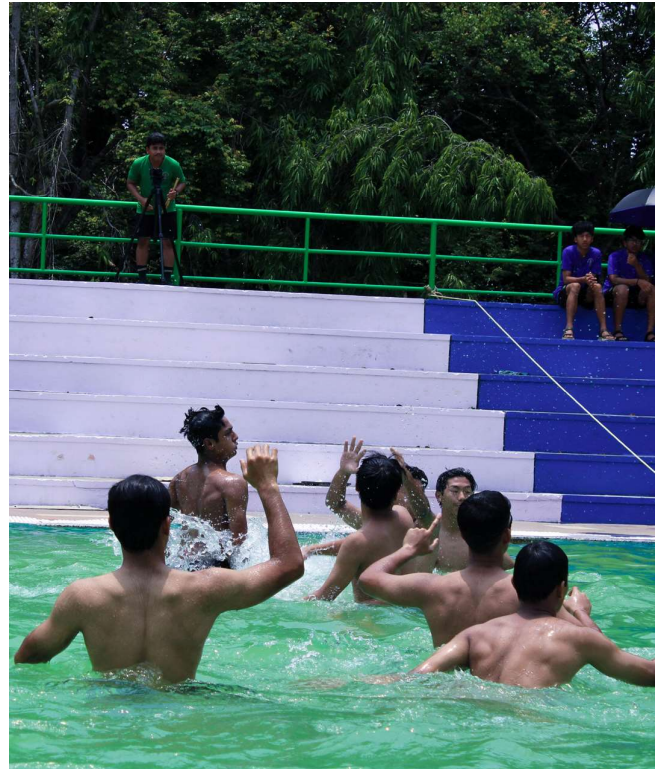
“  
 Life is for the living,  
 Death is for the dead,  
 Let life be like music,  
 And death a note  
 unsaid.  
 – Langston Hughes  
 ”



# water polo

-Adya Rakshit, IX

The second day of the Summer Fest saw the community gather around the newly renovated school's swimming pool to witness two exciting matches of water polo. Under the June sun, the Class 12 boys met the all-boys team representing the rest of the school. The Class 12 girls too played a match against a girls' team representing the school. The class 12 teams won both the matches with a 7-6 win. The matches were accompanied by music and cheers from the crowd.



# food court

-Erik Angie Riba, XI

Held at the Boys Central Dining Hall, this year Foodcourt was undoubtedly the most awaited feature. It was the epitome of a lively and vibrant ambience, with colourful signage, bustling crowds of Aviators and an enticing aroma filling the hall. It offered a variety of culinary delights to the students from popular outlets like KF, and Dominos; it is safe to say that most of us were caught in a dilemma between a full-course meal from The Naga Kitchen or a quick and easy fry yum from KF.

# FUNDRAISER FETE AND BUSINESS IDEA



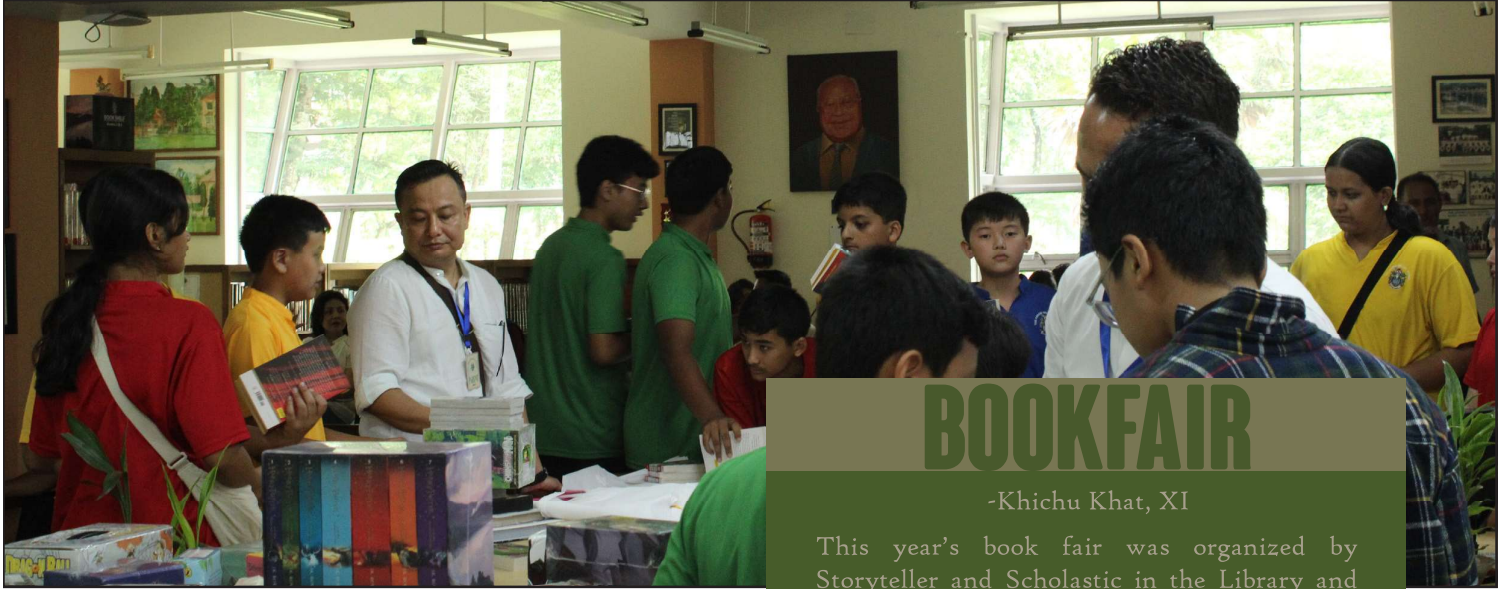
-Erik Angie Riba, XI

Fete 2024 was an exhilarating experience. One could only label it for its true summer vibe. Organized by the AVS Social Service League, the special thing about Fete were the students who offered their time and their collective hard work in not only setting up stalls but also producing and marketing their products. From stalls that sold delicious munchies to students using the jukebox in the hallway to dedicate songs to one another, and even games that tested your patience and skill, Fete 2024

was the ideal way to celebrate this summer semester. The Commerce Department also came through with their Business Idea stalls; one that sold oreo milkshakes and another that saw a classroom transformed into a hockey pitch. Students swarmed the hallways, queuing up with their friends either for quick bites, a refreshing drink, an exciting game, or to use the Message box to write an anonymous letter. It was an exciting experience on a summer day.







# BOOKFAIR

-Khichu Khat, XI

This year's book fair was organized by Storyteller and Scholastic in the Library and Art Hall 2 respectively. The spread of books available was impressive. It offered a wide variety of genres, from novels to comics to self-help books, out of which the Manga section; provided by Storyteller, was the most popular, being swarmed by kids and teens alike. There were also devoted readers of novels who queued up in the novels section. In conclusion, the book fair was a delightful experience for all students and parents who attended it.



# MOVIE NIGHT

-Shabhat Ansari, VIII

On the third evening of the Summer Fest, the students were shown a movie in the Williamson Magor Hall. The audience was thrilled and excitement was in the air to watch "Hush" which was organized by the AVS Social Service League. The movie follows a physically challenged writer fighting for her life after a serial killer showed up at her window. It was a gripping and hair-raising movie which made everyone stay on the edge of their seats throughout the screening of the movie.



# New kids

ON THE BLOCK !



"AVS is bright  
and beautiful"

Austin. Myra L. Myra B.  
Kanga. Aaryan. Rishi

How is AVS so far?  
-Siddhi Priyadarshani, X

Designed by Aliden Jahzara Ovung, XI



"Pretty, but  
hectic"

Sonim Bagra



"We love the sports  
in this school"

Hardik.  
Manveer.  
Garv. Ritvik

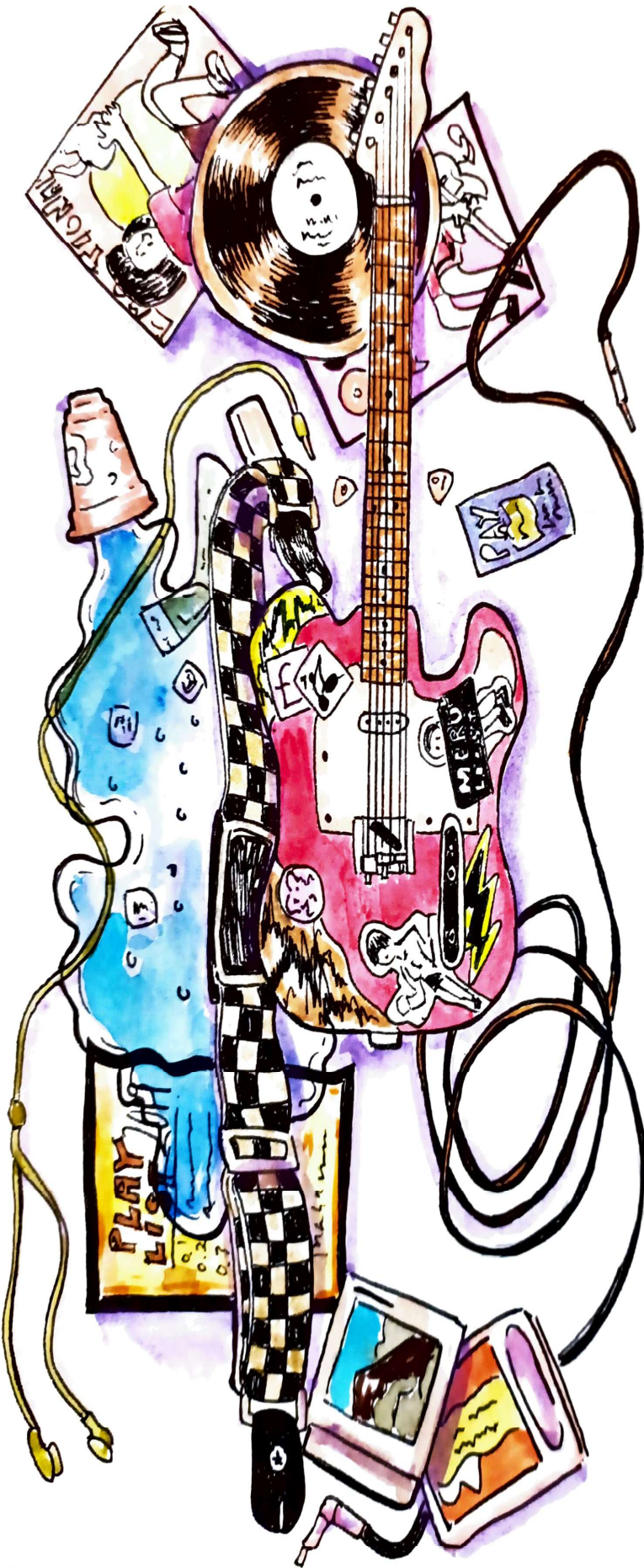


meet the new kids  
on campus!



"Lot of opportunities  
and an amazing  
environment"

Amaira.  
Kaavyashee.



# midsummer evenings

-Rianna Irom, X

May withers  
To let June slither in.  
Alas, Summer has come again  
To greet you like an old friend.

The toads croak,  
Serenading the tall reeds  
The cicadas sing melodies  
While the crickets sing their harmonies  
And the orchestra's only audience  
Will be a monkey dozing leisurely beneath the  
breeze.

Children smear their lips with popsicle sticks  
After they're done catching butterflies and beetles,  
They haggle with each other, taking their picks,  
While you'll go and waste midsummer evenings,  
Sharing secrets in the crevices  
Of crowded terraces.

It is only when August leaves  
That you'll begin to weep,  
But until September dawns,  
You'll suck on your mango seeds,  
Wiping away the dirt from your bloody knees.

Illustrated by Mashunsing Keishing, X

## Ripple #229

-Erik Angie Riba, XI

*At the bookfair, an ardent writer  
Stood behind her book stall,  
selling her novels  
Most bought out of pity, without  
realising  
That the books they purchased  
Narrated their fate.*

## How was Summer Fest?

1. "One of the most awaited days for Aviators." -Mainow Guyari, IX
2. "It's a break from all the stress." -Hrithvi Bagaria, IX
3. "Fun and enjoyable." -Jessica Ralte, IX
4. "Days full of fun and enjoyment." -SPD
5. "Summer fest is the time of the year where getting all sweaty and tired is not frowned upon. It means a time of restocking our energy for the days left of the semester." -Priashi Khakholia, XII

## Keep It Reel!

*down on the west coast*

-Rianna Irom, X



Editor-in-Chief: Atoti Zhimomi

Correspondents: Tanveer, Aanya, Rianna and Siddhi P

Design & Layout: Atoti

Illustrators: Richie and Mashunsing

Photography Credits: Rianna Irom

Mistress-in-Charge: Ms. Sarmistha Paul Sarkar

Publisher: The Assam Valley School, P.O. Balipara, Dist. Sonitpur, Asom-784101, India

E-mail: ave@assamvalleyschool.com

Telephone: 09678074320/08812009627 Website: www.assamvalleyschool.com

Patron: Dr. Amit Jugran, The Headmaster of The Assam Valley School



The views expressed in articles printed are the authors' own and do not necessarily reflect those of AVE or its editorial policy.



