

## Vihaan Poddar

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### EDUCATION

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- Jumeirah English Speaking School, Dubai** 2020-25
  - Grade 11-12, International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB Diploma), Predicted: 45/45 (with core) 2023-25
    - Higher Levels: Business Management, Economics, Mathematics Analysis and Approaches
    - Standard Levels: English Language and Literature, Environmental Systems and Societies, French B
  - Grade 9-10, IGCSE/ GCSE 2021-23
    - Art (8), Combined Science (9-9), Economics (9), English Language (8), English Literature (9), French (9), Geography (9), Mathematics (9)

### STANDARDIZED TESTING

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- SAT - Score: 1530 (Math: 790, English: 740) 2023

### ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

#### *National and International*

- Bretton Woods Economics Competition: Finalist & Best International Affairs Award 2024
- Pearson's Excellence Award for GCSE/ IGCSE results 2023
- United Kingdom Mathematics Trust, Senior: Silver, Intermediate: Gold 2022-2023

#### *School*

- JESS Excellence Award in Environmental Systems and Societies 2024
- GCSE Scholars Award: for achieving 8s and 9s 2023

### SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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- **Clean-Up Clams, Co-Founder** 2024
    - Ideated and researched the use of clams to clean polluted water bodies in Kolkata
    - Presented the idea to the Pollution Control Board, Government of West Bengal, and worked with government officials and scientists from the University of Calcutta to prepare a report on the feasibility of the project, with plans to expand it.
  - **The Green Brush, Founder and CEO** 2023-2024
    - Created and sold biodegradable gift bags, all profits were sent to provide beekeeping boxes to beekeepers in the Sundarbans. Raised over 150,000 INR through exhibitions and online sales.
    - Commended by H.E. Sheikh Yaqoob Al Ali, recognised by JESS, taken up by Amala Earth.
  - **8finity India, Project Partner** 2023
    - Created a series of paintings embellished with recycled wrappers, in collaboration with onboarded artists.
    - Raised 30,000 INR, which was sent to Jalpari NGO in the Sundarbans, to provide clean drinking water.

### ECONOMICS AND ENVIRONMENT EXPERIENCES

#### *Research*

- **Dr. Saikat Sinha Roy, H.O.D. Economics, Jadavpur University, Research Associate** 2024
  - Worked under Dr. Sinha Roy's mentorship to research the role of Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) to mitigate food insecurity in developing regions. Case study on the Sundarbans.
  - Collected and interpreted primary data from the farmers about their currency agricultural practices and revenue. Recommended CSA practices that can be more efficient in the long run.
- **"How do smart logistics solutions facilitate the flow of trade in the MENA countries, and what impact do they have on global supply chain efficiency?" Author** 2024
  - Studied the impact of digitization on logistics companies in the MENA region. Case study of DP World, UAE. Published on IOSR Journals.
- **"A post-pandemic analysis of Walmart's external growth strategy", Author** 2024
  - Studied the extent to which Walmart's acquisition of Flipkart contributed to Walmart's financial success in the Indian e-commerce market between 2021 and 2023.

#### *Leadership Initiatives*

- **Economics Society, Co-Founder and President** 2023- 2024
  - Launched a platform for students interested in economics, giving talks about major economic events and theories beyond the school curriculum.
  - Weekly sessions with over 20 members across 4 Year Groups.
- **Word of the Week, Co-Founder & Author** 2023- 2024
  - Launched a newsletter for students interested in writing about their respective fields of study
  - Author of the Economics section, having written articles on topics such as Inflation, Price of Commodities, National Economic Growth.
  - Attracted over 200 weekly readers through effective online marketing.

#### *Internships*

- **DP World, Intern** 2024
  - Shadowed officials in the Finance Department of DP World, understanding the importance of finance in business expansion.
- **Al Tayer Motors, Intern** 2023
  - Shadowed officials in the Finance and Marketing Departments respectively. Organized financial statements from customers.
- **Chatterbox India, Intern** 2021
  - Month long internship in the Marketing Department. In charge of social media marketing.

#### *Online Courses and Summer Programs*

- **Stanford Environmental & Water Studies Summer Program, Stanford University** 2021
  - Selected for and taken part in sessions conducted by SEWSS Executive Director, Dr. Colin Ong.

- Learnt about different ways to integrate sustainability, creating a presentation on the benefits of public transport. Received a Letter of Recognition from Dr. Colin Ong.
- **Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Oxford Royale Summer School** 2022
- Participated in a 2-week summer course taught by Dr. Adrian Euler in Cambridge University.
- Outreach Initiatives**
- **Emirates Environmental Group, Member** 2024
- Participated in Neighbourhood Recycling Project, collecting 75kgs of plastic waste in 2 weeks
- **YOUNGO, Official Youth Constituency of the UNFCCC, Member** 2024

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

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- **Dubai Maths Super League, Volunteer, (Grade 11)** 2023
- Organized mathematics event with over 30 teams from schools across Dubai.
- **Student Service Executive Committee, Diversity Coordinator, (Grade 10)** 2022-2023
- Selected from a group of applicants as the diversity representative for my grade.
- In charge of leading and promoting diversity related programs, such as Diwali, Black History Month, and Ramadan.
- **House Captain, (Grade 9)** 2021-2022
- Selected as a student representative for my House.
- In charge of organizing and facilitating weekly house activities, while promoting ongoing functions.

## ART PURSUITS

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### Art Workshops

- **Ek Tara NGO, Volunteer** 2023
- Taught art to a group of underprivileged girls around the age of 10. Explored oil pastels for making motifs like flowers and fish.
- **Ek Prayaas NGO, Volunteer** 2023
- Organized art sessions for underprivileged children around the age of 7. Explored how to manipulate and control crayons to enhance visuals.

### Internships

- **Arts Acre, Kolkata, Intern** 2024
- Assisted with setting up a new exhibition gallery for contemporary Bengali Art, primarily looking after logistical aspects.

### Community-based Activities

- **Diwali Help, Volunteer** 2023
- In charge of scripting, filming, and editing a video explaining Diwali, which was broadcasted throughout my school as a part of in-school festivities.

### Exhibitions

- Divalicious, Jumeirah Emirates Towers, Dubai. 2024
- RARE Lifestyle Exhibition, Emirates Hills, Dubai. 2023
- Numash Festive Fair, Jumeirah Emirates Towers, Dubai. 2023

## MENTORING & TUTORING

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- **Peer Mentor** 2023-2024
- Volunteered to become a youth mental health advocate for younger with the FAA Level 2 Award in First Aid for Youth Mental Health.
- **Maths Clinic, Volunteer** 2023-2024
- Tutored students from Grade 6-10, who were not confident with their mathematical skills, on a weekly basis.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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- **Duke Of Edinburgh, (Grade 9, 10 & 11)** 2021-2024
- Ventured on 6 treks over the course of 3 years in the deserts of the UAE and the forests of Vietnam.
- Received the Bronze and Silver Award, currently working on completing Gold Award.
- **House Building in Vietnam, Volunteer** 2024
- Built a house using bricks and cement for an underprivileged family in Vietnam.

## SKILLS & INTERESTS

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- **Tennis, Player, Club & National** 2016-2024
- Ranked number 15 in the UAE under 18 on the UAE Tennis Federation Rankings.
- Winner: U12 The Saturday Club Annual Sports, U14 The Saturday Club Annual Sports, Atletas Junior Tennis Tournament.
- Runners-Up: 2x U12 The Saturday Club Annual Sports, 2x U14 The Saturday Club Annual Sports.
- **Soccer, Player, School Team** 2024
- Member of the JESS U19 C-Team.
- **Cricket, Player, House Team** 2022
- Member of the winning team (Oryx) for the House Cricket Tournament.

**Languages:** English (Fluent), Hindi (Fluent), French (Fluent), Bengali (Fluent)