



Raphael Ryder Cheshire International Centre

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From the Editor's Desk

Greetings, dear readers!

As we begin a new year, we are grateful for the continued support that makes our work possible at Raphael Ryder Cheshire International Centre. This quarter reflects small but meaningful steps towards inclusion, independence, and dignity. We hope these glimpses from our journey resonate with you.

Divya Kala Mela | 21st February – 1st March 2026

An exhibition showcasing the skills of persons with disabilities from across the country was held in Dehradun. The Divya Kala Mela at Rangers Ground, organised by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, brought together over 100 Divyang artisans and entrepreneurs from 16 states.

Students from Raphael Ryder Cheshire International Centre actively participated by running a food stall for 8 days, where they prepared and sold tea, coffee, and snacks as part of their vocational training. They also took part in a vibrant fashion show, presenting traditional attire from ten Indian states. The audience highly appreciated the programme.



It was a beautiful celebration of talent, culture, and confidence.

Organic Holi Colour Making activity



The annual colour-making ritual brings students together in a joyful and creative process using natural ingredients like beetroot and spinach. These are transformed into beautiful red and green hues, making the activity safe, eco-friendly, and deeply engaging.



World Down Syndrome Day

On the occasion of World Down Syndrome Day, students enjoyed a joyful outing and shared lunch, celebrating inclusion, friendship, and togetherness.

This was followed by a sensitisation programme for support staff at Raphael Ryder Cheshire International Centre, which was also attended by employees from Hyatt Centric. The session was informative and beneficial for everyone involved.



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Raphael's Doon School Collaboration



The collaboration between Raphael Ryder Cheshire International Centre and The Doon School continued for the second consecutive year with the annual *Raphael Day* held on 28th February.

A group of 40 students, accompanied by six teachers and two support staff members, visited the school for a day of inclusive learning and interaction. Students participated in activities such as cricket, basketball, paper recycling, clay modelling, music, and carpentry alongside The Doon School students. The day concluded with a shared lunch hosted by the boys, fostering camaraderie, inclusion, and mutual learning.

Skill Building & Pathways to Independence



Raphael Ryder Cheshire International Centre, in collaboration with Hyatt Centric, has initiated a housekeeping training project to build practical skills and promote independence among students.

Ajay and Shubham are the first participants of this initiative, receiving hands-on training in a professional setting. This programme marks a meaningful step towards enhancing employability and fostering confidence through real-world exposure.

Looking Ahead: Founder's Day Preparations

Preparations are underway at Raphael for the upcoming 67th Founders' Day celebrations. Students and residents are actively engaged in rehearsals and creative activities, bringing enthusiasm and a sense of togetherness to the campus.



We remain indebted to all our well-wishers, supporters, and donors for their continued generosity and support, which enables us to achieve our mission to relieve suffering.

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