

MAHI PATKI

BST Alumna 2019

After taking four A levels in Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Maths, Mahi Patki is now majoring in Environmental Science at the prestigious University of Tokyo. This course allows her to weave together her academic passions across all three sciences. At the time of her graduation from BST, she was at first unsure about her career aspirations; however, the satisfaction she finds now in implementing solutions to both environmental and social issues will surely be the centrepiece of her future.

Her contributions to life at our school represent an impressive legacy. A few years ago, along with her BST friends Mizuki and Flora, she took part in the COBIS Global Social Leaders competition - an organisation striving for the 'curation of socially active and creative young people', in which participants focused on the responsible consumption of plastic to try and reduce environmentally unfriendly waste at BST. This resulted in the creation of the 'E-cool prefects' (whose successor is now her sister, Ilina), an awareness-raising platform encouraging students to learn about global ecological issues.



Mahi modeling a "Periodic Table" dress that she designed and made herself!

Building on these achievements, Mahi has tirelessly continued fighting for her beliefs, spreading awareness of specific issues during her time at university. For example, her steadfast work in promoting gender equality, as well as championing the worldwide recognition of women's issues, has led to her contribution to the women's health related project 'Period rediscovered' run by WomEmpowered International (WE Int.) The involvement of an ex-BST teacher, Dr Magali Matsumiya is clear evidence of BST's growing role in demonstrating leadership in addressing societal issues in the wider community.

Hearing all these high-powered accomplishments I was curious to find out what Mahi does to relax. Aside from her academic and political passions, in her own personal life Mahi has taken on a new hobby - sewing. This was a result of her participation in the Costume Design team of various BST productions, where she learnt assorted methods of designing and creating costumes for the cast, further highlighting her outstanding commitment to BST. In fact, in the attached picture she is modeling her own creation - truly impressive, Mahi!

To the present-day students of BST, Mahi has strong words of encouragement for pupils to get actively involved in projects, emphasizing that these are a good way to learn a great deal about different aspects of life. When asked what would be the one thing she wished she had done differently during her time at BST, Mahi raised the point that she wished she had been more active in promoting gender equality, an area that remains at the heart of current affairs.

We can all learn a great deal from Mahi's advice and example. Above all, one must applaud her splendid accomplishments in creating a better school environment for us all. Mahi, we wish you the utmost luck with all your future endeavours!

Article written by BST Year 10 Student, Clare Wright (May 2021)



Mahi delivering a speech on behalf of new students at Tokyo University's matriculation ceremony