Camaraderie to crime, philosophy to psychology — the plays staged by students dwell on diverse topics.

Julia, the Horse, a play enacted by Shiml Basu and Siddharth Bose of Apeejay School, Park Street, and scripted by Rijita Chatterjee, depicted a girl who is trying her best to erase the demons of her past and begin a new life and a vain doctor who thinks he can cure anything. It’s about how the two individuals strike a camaraderie and what happens after that.

The girls from Carmel High School depicted the battle of the sexes in Oh No! that saw occupants of a ladies’ mess pick up petty fights with occupants of a men’s hostel who live opposite and how they gradually become friends.

National High School for Girls talked about juvenile crime and its psychological effects in the play Bang Bang You’re Dead. Shri Shikshayatan School emphasised on discrimination against the girl child in our society through their play Aparajita.

Students from St. Paul’s Mission School finished second runner-up with their play Black on White and Blue. The play centered around a child who loses both his parents in cross-firing on his 10th birthday. He survives, but is left homeless. Through him, playwright Rupak Roy Sarkar brought to front the side effects of war and how children suffer most.

The boys from Don Bosco School, Park Circus, simplified the big philosophies of life for the audience with their play Address. Here, the protagonist is in search of an address and during this journey, he meets a variety of interesting characters. The play clinched the first runner-up trophy.

South Point High School bagged the winner’s trophy by presenting Fragments — A Tale of Shakespeare’s Women where Shakespeare’s heroines Helena, Lady Macbeth, Viola, Olivia and Desdemona are depicted as strong, brave, witty, ambitious, passionate and at the same time, extremely vulnerable.

Directed by Abanti Chakraborty, the play explores complexities in a woman’s mind and is a tribute to the master’s timeless characters. Prithwi Banerjee from Don Bosco School, Park Circus, was declared best actor male while Sanghikta Bose from Shri Shikshayatan School was chosen best actor (female).

The judges for the event were Arun Banerjee, Chaiti Ghoshal and Dulal Lahiri.

Rupa Sanyal Bhattcharya
Principal, South Point High School

Drama is an important part of our lives, especially for children. Its impact can be a big personality-builder for the young minds. My best wishes to all students and schools who participated in our function.

Mir
Anchor and actor

I felt honoured to be invited to an institution with such a rich legacy. A special mention must be made of the technicians and orchestra who put the show together along with the participants of the school.

Somnita Bhattacharya Chowdhury
Singer

When you come to South Point, you always come with high expectations. And I’m glad the participants met those expectations. I had a great time singing along with the Shri Shikshayatan girls on stage.

Kishalay Banerjee
Best quizzer

I love quizzing and the questions were pretty good. The best part was one could work out the answers by connecting possible hints. Winning outside the home ground is always an extraordinary experience.
Events at South Point High School

On 20 April, South Point High School hosted ‘Perceptum’, the Inter-School Open Essay Competition in English, Bengali and Hindi, under the auspices of M.P. Birla Smarak Kosh (South Point). Several well known schools like Birla High for Boys, M.P. Birla Foundation, Don Bosco (Park Circus and Liluah), Lakshmipat Singhania Academy, Gokhale Memorial Girls', National High Schools, Modern High School, Patha Bhavan, DPS (Ruby Park), Calcutta Girls', South City International, The Heritage, South Point High School and many other schools took part in this event.

On the same day, ‘Chessmate’, the Inter-School Chess Championship was also hosted by our school in association with the Alekhine Chess Club. Thirty four well known city schools competed for the M.P. Birla Award. Grandmaster Surya Sekhar Ganguly was the Chief Guest for this event. The championship was held according to the FIDE rules. Team A and Team B of the host school emerged winners and 1st runners-up respectively. Lakshmipat Singhania stood third in the boys' category. In the girls' category, our school once stood first, followed by Lakshmipat Singhania and Kendriya Vidyalaya (Fort William). A total sum of Rs 36,000 was given to the winners and the first two runners-up. In addition, there were trophies for the Best Boards also.

Sneha Dey, XII, South Point High School
South Point Hosts Inter-School One-Act Play Competition

June may aptly be labelled as the ‘day of the thespians’, as South Point High School paid a hearty tribute to drama through its Inter-School One-Act Play competition - ‘Masquerade’. Six reputed schools from the city - Apeejay School, Carmel High School, Don Bosco School (Park Circus), National High School for Girls, Shri Shikshayatan and St Paul's Mission School, participated in the event. The judges were Chaiti Ghoshal, Arun Banerjee and Dulal Lahiri. Each team staged an original one-act play - some meant to drive home a social message while some aimed at sheer entertainment. It was an enriching experience for students and teachers alike.

South Point High School bagged the M.P. Birla Trophy with Fragments - A Tale of Shakespeare's Women. Don Bosco School (Park Circus) came second with Address, while St Paul's Mission School stood third with Black On White and Blue. Prithwi Banerjee of Don Bosco School (Park Circus) and Samprikta Bose of Shri Shikshayatan won the Best Actor and Best Actress awards respectively. To these laurels were added cheques of Rs 15000, Rs 10,000 and Rs 6000 respectively for the winning teams. South Point High School band, Dakshin Bindu, belted out enchanting numbers and mesmerised the audience. With the prize distribution ceremony, Pointers called it a day.

Aritra Chatterjee, XII, South Point High School
City students showcase talent at Q-Point, Satrangi & Masquerade

As part of its year-long Diamond Jubilee celebrations, South Point High School organized an inter-school competition for the M.B.A. students from across India. The competition was held at Bangalore. The first round, held on 15th May, was the inter-school competition and was attended by the preliminary round out of which 12 teams were chosen for the finals. The National Defence Academy (NDA), Bangalore, was the host of the event. The students were divided into two groups: Group A (Business, Economics, and Management) and Group B (Science, Engineering, and Technology). The final round was held on 20th May, and the winners were announced based on their performance in the final round.

The competition was judged by a panel of experts from the fields of business, economics, and technology. The winners were awarded certificates and prizes for their outstanding performance. The event was a great success and provided a platform for the students to showcase their skills and knowledge in front of the experts.