

DESIGN COMPETITION – School campus for CONFIDENT- GEAR Creative Leadership School, Bangalore.

Confident Group is a leading conglomerate with activities in Construction , Hospitality , Aviation , Entertainment and Education projects spread over South India, Dubai, Singapore and London.

GEAR Foundation which runs the world renowned GEAR Innovative International School , which is recognised by LWF - UNESCO as a leader in education.

Both the organizations strongly believe in the potential and ideas of the youth. Hence would like to give an opportunity to the young and enthusiastic architects to design the new School Campus located within one of Confident Group's townships. (Confident Canopus)

The competition has been planned such a way that the winning entrants will get a boost to their career. A unique part of the competition is that one gets to showcase their talent and get an opportunity to be a part of this prestigious project.

A Brief of requirements for the school:

The school will have 2 acres (min as per CBSE board) dedicated to it:
Will have classes from 1st to 12th grade,
with classes in the :

- 1st to 4th having 4 sections of 25 students each
- 5th to 8th having 4 sections of 30 students each
- 11th and 12th to have 3 sections of 30 students each .

The school will be divided into 4 Modes of Learning:

- Pre-school – (Montessori) Exploration Mode
- Std 1 to 4 – Formation Mode
- Std 5 to 8 – Experimentation Mode
- Std 9 to 12 – MASS Mode

These modes will function as Schools within a school.
(toilets, staff facilities, library etc)

The Montessori wing will consist of 4 environments and a total strength of about 200 students of M0, M1, M2, M3.
(Avoid taking any of the environments above ground)

The school should have facilities for:

- Computer lab – 30 students
- AV room – 150 to 200 seating
- Science labs (Phy ,Chem ,Bio)– 25 students each
- 9 MI labs : Basically empty classrooms to cater to activities.
- & a Library (innovations in their planning will be appreciated)

Assembly space (OAT)

Stage for performance with a capacity of 500 – 800
(both can be the same or different)

Dining Hall: The school serves breakfast as well as lunch for all the students .
Should be provided with adequate seating facility and kitchen.

Staff Quarters:

- A block to accommodate residential staff for about
 - 6 couples
 - 15 single (Men/Ladies)

with provisions for :

- a Library
- TV access
- Internet access
- Common kitchen/pantry
- Laundry facilities.

Emphasis of the design needs to be on natural lighting and green spaces.
Planning and distribution of spaces is dependent on your design strategy.

Other basic facilities should include :

Enquiry office : Close to the entrance gate, where prospective parents can learn about the school and complete certain formalities.

Transport office: A space to aid in the handling of the buses fleet and their staff (drivers, cleaners). (Close to the parking bays (for 15 buses) of the buses.)

Administration office : Where all accounts and paper work of the institution is handled. To also Include a space for parents to pay fees similar to a kiosk

Extracurricular activities that take place on the campus are :

Dance ,Theatre, Yoga, Karate, Music , Sculpture Hands-on Science etc..

- The main challenge will be to tackle all these facilities in a creative way and to provide maximum open space for landscaping and a playground.
- The grouping of the various facilities is up to the individual designers .
- As a resort will be coming up next to the school, sports facilities like basketball , tennis , squash , badminton courts as well as the swimming pool can be shared. One needs to innovatively solve this issue and avoid dual infrastructure being provided.
- The brief is just a basic guideline and can be interpreted however one may deep fit.
- Any queries regarding the brief or requirements can be directed to designcompetition@confident-group.com, with the subject title as 'Enquiry'.

ELEGIBILITY

- Open to all students who have joined architecture in 2003 or later .
- There is no entry fee.
- No restriction on the number of entries.
- The entry can be individual or a group with a provision of one mentor maximum.
- To confirm your participation you need to register by sending an email to designcompetition@confident-group.com, with the subject as 'Register'.
- The email needs to contain details like your name, semester, college and contact details.
- Once registered a confirmation will be sent with your unique registration number, (This is to be used for further communications and submissions, in order to maintain anonymity of the entrants) And the site plan with a few images.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- All entries has to be in English.
- The brief can be interpreted as you seem best.
- No restriction on the number of drawings as long as the ideas are conveyed.
- The anonymity of all entries must be carefully preserved by the entrants. No name, logo, or mark that could serve as a means of identifying the student can be included on the front or back of the display board.
- There should not be any indication about yourself on the panels sent except for your registration number that should occupy the bottom right corner.
- The organizers are not liable for any loss, theft or damage of entries.
- It is the entrant's responsibility to package and ship presentation boards so that they arrive intact and on time.
- All entries submitted will become property of the organizers.
- Once submitted no material will be returned.
- No entries may be exhibited, published, or made available on the internet by the entrants until the results of the competition are formally announced.
- The designs will be owned by Confident Group, with suitable compensation if used.
- The decision of the jury is final and binding. No queries regarding the jury and its verdict will be entertained.
- The organizers reserve the right to dissolve the competition.
- An entry can be disqualified if found not adhering to the guidelines.

OWNERSHIP OF COMPETITION BORDS

- All submitted entries will be retained by the sponsors for exhibition and publication purposes.
- All submissions may be displayed at public exhibits prior to and following the jury review. Furthermore the sponsors reserve the right to publish selected entries in trade journals or other media. In cases where the entries are displayed or published, full credit will be given to the student designers. Participants whose entries are used for this purpose will receive no monetary compensation.
- Winning entries will be made available for reproduction by the media, and may appear on the competition website.
- In addition, submission of an entry in this competition shall constitute a general agreement by the entrant that the sponsors reserve the right to use individual photographs, drawings, parts of drawings, etc. for reproduction, publication, exhibition and advertising purposes. No monetary compensation will be awarded for the use of the entries for such purposes.

AWARDS

The 10 best credible entries will be called for a presentation in Bangalore, (all expenses paid). After the presentations the Jury will decide the winner of the competition.

The winner(s) will be awarded Rs 51,000\-

The runner up will be awarded Rs 35,000\-

The remaining 8 entrants will be awarded Rs 6,000\ - each.

The School from which the winning Design comes will receive a Rs 15,000\ - donation/sponsorship for the library or for any upcoming fest/ event.

The winning student(s) will also be given a chance to work with the team and be part of this prestigious project.

REQUIREMENTS

- An overall concept - A unifying character for the campus.
 - Master plan for the campus. (School and common facilities part of the resort)
 - The entrance and compound wall design.
 - Basic plans and sections for various blocks provided.
 - Innovative ideas for planning the same can be conveyed.
 - The basic choice of materials to be used.
 - Views to aid in conveying the ideas.
 - The same needs to be conveyed to the jury in a maximum of 6 A3 size panels.
 - An envelope containing a bonafide certificate from the HOD, a digital copy of each submitted panel in TIF, Jpeg or PDF formats; 300 dpi on original panel size (A3) and in the original layout of the submitted panels.
 - Any additional Files are to be saved in the specified versions Autocad (v04) / Revit (v7.0) / Sketch up (v6.0) .
 - Each envelope should be labelled with the name of the entrant(s.)
 - And any additional information/ research you would wish to share.*
- *This requirement is not compulsory but would be extremely helpful.

TIME FRAME

- SEP 15th : All necessary data and registration I.D. sent to participants.
- NOV 15th : Last date for receiving entries.
- NOV 23rd : Final Review of designs.
- NOV 24th : Announcement of the ten best entries.
- DEC 6th : Individual Presentations.
- DEC 7th : Announcement of winners and prize ceremony.
- FEB 1st : Construction to begin at site.
- JULY 5th : Inauguration of campus.

PHILOSOPHY OF THE SCHOOL

The school is not any ordinary run of the mill establishments. The focus is on activity based learning as this method actually teaches the child various concepts that theory alone cannot do.

Hence it believes in the Montessori method for young children. Some additional activities have been evolved over time at GEAR. Children are taken at 2 – 2 ½ years of age to begin with Montessori.

The same carries forward for higher classes. Only at grade 8 and above does the mode shift to a more exam oriented activity.

The whole school revolves around the assembly and its activities. There is some program or the other by students every day of the week during the assembly.

The school has taken a step forward in reducing the burden on the children's back. There are no heavy textbooks to be carried nor note books. Children carry note pads from which paper is used and filed into the respective files that are kept in the class along with their textbooks. The same is taken home during exams.

The school also has various academies where students if interested in a particular field can join the same.

The school provides breakfast as soon as the children arrive and lunch in the afternoons.

There are various workshops conducted for students as well as teachers.

If one wants to know further regarding the school visit www.gear.ac.in
Or to see the school in action visit www.youtube.com/geargurukul