

The Swaminarayan

EDUCATION IS THAT WHICH LIBERATES

Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

We all hope everyone had a very relaxing summer break and are ready to join us on yet another exciting journey for this year. As always the cleaners and caretakers have done a wonderful job getting the school ready for this academic year under the guidance of Paresh Patel. The office staff have manned the Office throughout the summer. I want to thank everyone for their effort during the holidays in getting the school ready for this year.

Theme for next week

The theme for next week is, “**Respect**”. I have written about it on the back of the newsletter.

Excellent Performance in External Results 2017

The Times listed TSS as the 4th best performing co-educational independent school in England. The publication of the GCSE results of 2017 has delivered another superb year for pupils at The Swaminarayan School, in fact delivering the **BEST GCSE RESULTS EVER**. This is especially pleasing for a moderately selective intake, Some of the highlight figures include:

- 87.43% of the grades at A⁺-A & 9-7
- Points per pupil of 98; equivalent to 12 A* grades per pupil;
- 100% of the grades at C or better.
- 100% of the grades at A⁺-C & 9-4

	Source: The Times	Points Per pupil	% Grades C or better	% Grades A ⁺ -A & 9-7	% Grades A ⁺ -C & 9-4
	Name of School				
1	King Edward VI High School	86.09	99.75	97.22	99.75
2	Alley's School	78.57	99.72	92.18	99.72
3	The Perse School	79.46	99.61	88.56	99.61
4	The Swaminarayan School	98.19	100	87.43	100
5	City of London Freemen's School	75.38	99.9	87.16	99.9
6	Kingston Grammar School	74.74	99.79	86.85	99.81
7	Highgate School	76.23	99.83	86.69	99.88
8	Brighton College	76.72	100	86.6	99.86
9	Caterham School	80.5	99.64	84.54	99.64
10	Royal Grammar School	79.03	98.72	83.49	98.72

At A level, we have some remarkable results with three pupils achieving places at UCL. Notable achievers are:

Dhillon Hirani	A*A*A*A	Medicine	QMC/Barts
Urja Thakrar	A*A*B	Law	UCL
Sooruj Shah	A*AAA	Aeronautical Eng.	Bristol
Param Patel	A A A	Geography	UCL
Monique Amin	A A A	Natural Sciences	UCL
Payal Patel	A* A B	Architecture	Nottingham
Kiyan Patel	A A B	Chemistry	Nottingham
Ria Mehta	A B B	French & History	Warwick
Hinal Patel	A B B	Gap Year	

It is especially pleasing to witness students exploring a diverse range of careers to break the traditional preference for the sciences and finance.

The government has imposed a lot of changes on the current cohort so it is pleasing to deliver another fine set of results for the pupils despite the pressures of these changes. We didn't make it easier for them by enforcing the more difficult triple science GCSE option of Biology, Chemistry and Physics where students are required to learn a third more content for each of the sciences to get the best grades. Yet with a clear strategy that focuses on what is best for the pupils, we have managed to deliver another outstanding set of results. We are all very proud of the pupils and congratulate them for another superb year. I have been checking the value-added for many of the pupils, and it is no surprise to me that many of the pupils have delivered a two grade progress from Senior 1-5. Parents will find the breakdown of all the summer results on the school website. Well done to the students, teachers and parents for another exceptional year of performance.

S4/5 Sixth Form Information Afternoon

This is an important meeting for all pupils in Seniors 4 and 5 wishing to apply to the TSS Sixth Form. The meeting will take place in the Yogi Hall at 4.30 pm on Wednesday, 13th September 2017. We will discuss the UCAS process for university applications, the choice of A Level subjects, scholarships and the application so that you can make an informed decision.

Upper Sixth Parents' Consultation Evening

This is a crucial year for the Upper 6 students so we have organised a very early meeting with the parents to ensure we are all ready to help the students to achieve their best grades. At stake are the university places. The UCAS application process will be completed by Christmas. The meeting with the parents and students will take place on Thursday, 14th September 2017 between 4.30-7.00pm in the Yogi Hall. It is also an opportunity at an early stage in A2 to discuss the results of the summer examinations and plan a way forward.

Early reminder for the Senior School Prize Day

Everyone is reminded about the Senior School Prize Day to celebrate the performance of **ALL** our pupils. The Prize day will take place on Friday 1st December 2017 in the evening between 6.30 and 9.30 pm. and as always the school will be closed during the afternoon.

PE INFORMATION – Mr Worth writes:

Afterschool clubs will start from the following dates all 4:05-5:15 unless stated:

Year 7 and 8 Girls Netball Monday 11th September
Year 9,10,11 and 6th Form Tuesday 12th September
Year 7 and 8 Boys Football Monday 18th September
Year 9,10,11 and 6th Form Tuesday 12th September

The first football matches for the boys will be on the following dates versus King Alfred School

Year 7 Boys Tuesday 19th September@ Home
Year 8 Boys Thursday 28th September @ Hampstead Heath Extension
Year 9 Boys Wednesday 29th September @ Home

A more through timetable of fixtures and training dates for the all years will be made available to the students shortly.

Health and Safety in PE

With all boys taking part in Football and Rugby over the course of the winter term it is vital that the correct safety precautions are taken to ensure protection against potential injury certainly as the boys become bigger and stronger as they develop. Please be aware that your child will need a Mouth guard for Rugby and Shin Pads for Football for their own protection.

A further aspect which requires attention is that of religious bracelets and other items of jewellery for BOTH the Boys and the girls. These can potentially cause harm to the child wearing them and their peers, if your child cannot take these off then they **MUST** be covered either with a sweat band and/or some form of tape (Zinc oxide or Micropore are two of the best types I have come across). Should you require any further information on any of the areas mentioned above please contact myself via DanielWorth@tssuk.org

Respect

Think

The most important relationship you will form is with yourself. You have to live with who you are and what you are, where you come from and where you are going. If you fail to develop this deep connection with yourself you will never respect yourself. In order to become a good and worthy citizen of your community or your country, you must understand all the goodness within you and all the changes you need to make in your life. When you respect yourself, you will also respect others.

Feel

I have always found that when I approach people with respect I can win them over very quickly. Approach your friends with respect, asking them to help you to do something, and observe their reaction. You will see that respecting what other people are without being judgemental enables them to see your own inner goodness and immediately makes them more receptive to anything you say. You will not always agree with people but that doesn't give you the right to be disrespectful to them. These days when people don't get what they want, they riot, vandalise property and start fights. It is a quick road to ruin. Approaching everyone with respect wins you many allies that you will inevitably need in your own march through life. Respect is the first step of that long march.

Do

Approach your teachers with respect and you will see that they will help you with any problem you have, even going as far as giving up their break and lunch times. If they are busy they will give you a time when you can go and see them. The same is true for friends, family and anyone else you meet on the street. Everyone wants to be treated with respect, to be told that they are important and that their contribution is valuable.

Yours sincerely,

Nilesh Manani

2017 GCSE Subject Performance

Subject	Entries	A [^]	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
Art & Design	5		3	2							
Biology	13		11	1	1						
Bus. Stud.	2		2								
Chemistry	13		8	5							
Drama	6		1	2	3						
French	13		7	2	3	1					
Geography	8		2	5	1						
Gujarati	7			4	1	2					
History	5		4	1							
ICT	9		3	6							
Mathematics	13		11	2							
Further Maths	13	5	3	5							
Physics	12		9	2	1						
RS	13		13								
Statistics	13		6	6	1						
Total	145	5	83	43	11	3					

Percentage A[^]-A: 90%

Percentage 5 or more at A[^]-C: 100%

Percentage A[^]-B: 98%

Percentage A[^]-C: 100%

New Number Grades	Total	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
English lang.	13	1	5	4	1	2				
English Lit.	13	3	3	3	4					

The New Number Grades

9

8

7

6

5

4

Letter Equivalent

A*

A

B

C