

The Swaminarayan

Education is that which liberates

Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

Theme for the week

The theme for next week is “Heroes.”

Meetings with Parents

I want to thank all the parents who attended the meetings on Wednesday and Thursday. You should all know that I fully understand the anxiety. Many of you stayed behind to thank me personally for what I have had to do and am being put through in order to ensure the smoothest next two years. Many followed the meetings up with emails. You should all know that not a day has passed by when I have not either reflected or acted upon to resolve one more puzzle in the matter. It is a very fluid scenario at present but one thing that will not change is my determination to try and ensure that we place the best person to deliver the curriculum for the next two years. While we live in very challenging times at present, I personally remain very positive that with God’s grace, all will be fine at the end. All I ask from all of you is trust and patience because ultimately, it is coming together as even this week I have interviewed two more teachers. Yesterday I advertised for one more post and already today in my email, there is an application for the position from a very experienced teacher.

Study leave for S4

Parents are informed that all the pupils in Senior 4 should return to school after their study leave on Wednesday, 5th June 2019. While we are fully aware that a handful of pupils will still have some examinations, we believe any further delay would compromise the pace of the syllabus with the remaining subject.



United World Schools

Last year we donated all the funds we raised from charity events organised by the 6th Form to United World Schools, a charity that funds schools in deprived areas of the world. Specifically, TSS helped fund a school in Cambodia. Here is a report from UWS for the school.

It has been extremely hot in Cambodia recently, with temperatures sometimes reaching 32 degrees centigrade by 10 o’clock in the morning. With temperatures reaching such highs, our schools have been heeding government warnings to shift lesson times to avoid the hottest part of the day. Whilst some schools have been enjoying their Easter breaks, children and staff at UWS Pong

Tek school have also been enjoying holidays in honour of Khmer New Year. The April school holidays allow Cambodians to celebrate the traditional Lunar New Year, which marks the end of the harvesting season and anticipates the beginning of summer rains. Celebrations are held over three days and include purification ceremonies, lots of food and traditional games.

United World Schools recently celebrated reaching 25,000 enrolments since 2009 - a major milestone that we simply couldn't have achieved without your support. In Cambodia alone, we have reached and transformed the lives of 20,000 children. Thanks again for your continued support which is making such a difference to children in Pong Tek community.



The Upper Six Class of 2019...

When an Upper Six group leaves it is emotionally more difficult than the departure of pupils at any other time in the school. The departure of this year's Upper Six is no less so. It has been a pleasure to watch them grow over the years into mature young adults who are now taking charge of their own lives. While only four, Reashan, Hemal, Misha and Payal have not allowed their small number to come in the way. Teachers have certainly enjoyed teaching them.



It wasn't long ago when they delivered the finest set of GCSE results the school has ever achieved with 88% of the grades at A*-A in the summer 2017. This has largely been due to their dedicated approach to their studies, something that has gained in urgency as they approach the final set of their A Level examinations. All have received multiple offers, with many from the prestigious Russell

Group of universities like LSE, Imperial, UCL and others. It is so pleasing for everyone when this happens because it is what we aspire for every child who joins the school. If there was one unique quality I had to identify in our school, it would be the diligence with which our pupils and teachers approach external examinations. This unique blend of pupil willingness and teacher support is invaluable to the success we achieve at both GCSE and A Level, with many far exceeding their potential.

I am very proud of their involvement in the whole life of the school, for this has allowed them to develop in areas which academic studies alone does not allow a child to do. Our special thanks to our Head Girl Misha Manani and Head Boy Hemal Gor, who have led the student body from the front with the selfless support from other years. On behalf of everyone who has played a small part in their journey through the years, I wish them all well for the forthcoming A level examinations.

I will write about the Senior 5 next week when we begin the GCSE and A Level examinations for all the pupils in S4, 5 and U6.

With our very best wishes to all the students for the examinations.

Yours sincerely,

Nilesh Marani