

# The Swaminarayan

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

## Theme for this week

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

## End of Term and Next Term

Parents are advised that next Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015 is the last day of school. The Academic Year 2015-16 will begin on Thursday, 3 September 2015 with the first two lessons allocated to Induction for all the pupils to the new academic year when they will be issued with the timetable, diary, etc.

## Timetable 2015-16

Mrs Alexander has worked extremely hard to ensure that the timetable for the next academic year is ready before the end of this term. It is the most important daily organizational tool that every school needs to prepare for a smooth and efficient function of the daily routine of teachers and pupils. I am glad to inform you that it is now ready; all the lessons are in place for the teaching to begin as soon as the year begins.



## Peripatetic Music Concert

Peripatetic Teachers Music concert was performed on **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 in the Yogi Hall from 6.30 - 8.30pm**. Around sixty children performed on various instruments such as guitar, drums, piano, violin, flute and western flute. Children expressed their enthusiasm and zeal to perform their music piece in front of the audience without any stage fright and hesitation. Mr Clive Bell (flute), Ms Marta Maroto (piano), Mr Sunil Jadhav (piano), Mr Paul Lane (drums & guitar) and Ms Agata Kubiak (violin), all have worked hard to prepare their students for the event. The end piece was performed by Jainee Shah from Y12, who played raag Durga on the flute which mesmerised and captivated everybody. Thanks also go

to the parents who have supported this event with their presence. My personal thanks to all the teachers and Mr Oza, for organising the concert.



### **School Office during the holidays**

As always the school office will remain open throughout the holidays to assist you with any questions from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm. There will be a lot work going on around the school with the refurbishment of a few more toilets, painting, etc.

### **Meeting the Tutors: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 4.30 pm**

A few weeks ago I sent you detailed information in The Swaminarayan about the function of the Tutors. A strong relationship between Tutors/Parents/Pupils is essential to the health, safety, welfare, motivation, academic progress and success of the child. To enable this to develop, grow and mature, we have organized an Information Evening for all Parents on Wednesday, 9 September at 4.30 pm in the Yogi Hall when you will have an opportunity to meet the tutors.

### **Publication of Advanced Level & GCSE Results**

Advanced Level results will be officially published on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2015. This is an important day for all our Upper Six pupils as the results will decide their entry to university. Pupils should make sure they arrive to school at 09.00 am, so that we can give them the results.

GCSE results will be published on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015. There is no great urgency as with the Advanced Level results; we will issue them to all the pupils at 10.00 am in the Yogi Hall.

## **Calendar dates for Academic Year 2015-16**

We will issue them when parents meet the tutors 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

## **S5 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Assessment Expedition**

As many pupils have commented in the past, the Duke of Edinburgh Expedition event is one of the most exciting and life-forming experiences for Senior 5 pupils. They all left early today for their final assessment expedition for Dartmoor. They will be under the scrutiny of the assessors throughout the navigation event who will test their resolve, team effort, survival skills, camp-craft and much more during the four days. With Mr Pinto, Mr Patel, Mr Worth, Ms Morrison and Ms Guly with them to support, I have every confidence that they will all pass.

## **End of Year Reports**

These will be issued to all the pupils on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July with information for the start of the next academic year and much more.

## **Developing a good character**

### **Think**

This week I want to speak to you about developing a good character. I remember reading somewhere that the character of a person is that which he or she truly is in thought and action. I have thought hard about how a good person would act and I believe that persons of good character would always act in a manner that would do no harm to anyone or anything.

### **Feel**

It is a very hard thing to do but we can get close to that aim if we conscientiously look at ourselves daily, learn from what we do right and what we do wrong, and strive to improve. The following five powerful tools will help you to learn and reach that goal:

### **Do**

1. The power of faith: always have faith in yourself that you have the capacity to achieve great things and you will.
2. The power of conscientiousness: you must continue conscientiously to strive hard to improve no matter what the difficulties and to show courage.
3. The power of fear: always be afraid of the consequences of acting wrongly in thought, in what you say and how you behave because that fear will stop you from doing wrong things.
4. The power of energy: you must have abiding energy to face up to all that is wrong and choose the right.
5. The power of insight: you must learn to pause and think to gain a good understanding of how you must act before acting and be prepared to destroy the root cause of that which is wrong.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Nilesh Manani**