

The Swaminarayan

Education is that which liberates

Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

Theme for the week

The theme for next week is, "Refugee Week". I have included something from the Refugee Council to highlight the significance of celebrating the contribution of refugees to British life.

WRITER'S CORNER  Speak of Talking by Kahlil Gibran

Pupils at TSS love to talk. While it is all right to talk, there is a time and a place for aimless chit-chat, and a time and place for concentration. The best students have always valued silence and reflection; they have had this innate capacity to concentrate, a reason why they have been the best and gone onto carve out a wonderful life. Others merely follow the noise, not realising true knowledge lies within, in silence, in listening to the teachers.

"Speak of Talking"

You talk when you cease to be at peace with your thoughts;
And when you no longer dwell in the solitude of your heart,
You live in your lips, and sound is a diversion and a pastime.

And in much of your talking, thinking is half murdered.
For thought is a bird of space, that in a cage of words
May indeed unfold its wings but cannot fly.

There are those amongst you seek the talkative through fear of being alone.
The silence of aloneness reveals to their eyes
Their naked selves and would escape.

And there are those who talk, and without knowledge
Or forethought reveal a truth which they themselves do not understand
And there are those who have the truth within them,
But they tell it not words.
In the bosom of such as these,
The spirit dwells in rhythmic silence.

Senior 5 of 2019

Below are the photographs of all the Senior 5 students. I hope it reminds you of your time in the school and how you have all changed – dare I say, for the better! I, for one, have thoroughly enjoyed the journey with you. I know, together with the teachers you have all worked very hard, sacrificing many half-term holidays and extra lessons after school to make sure you are prepared for the examinations. I want to wish you all a restful summer break and look forward to greeting you on the day of the results, 22nd August 2019. Enjoy the photographs.







What is Refugee Week?



Refugee week is a UK-wide programme of arts, cultural and educational events and activities that celebrates the contribution of refugees to the UK and promotes better understanding of why people seek sanctuary. Anyone can take part by organising, attending or taking part in activities.

Refugee Week takes place every year across the world in the week around World Refugee Day on the 20 June. In the UK, Refugee Week is a nationwide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK, and encourages a better understanding between communities.

Refugee Week started in 1998 as a direct reaction to hostility in the media and society in general towards refugees and asylum seekers. An established part of the UK's cultural calendar, Refugee Week is now one of the leading national initiatives working to counter this negative climate, defending the importance of sanctuary and the benefits it can bring to both refugees and host communities.

The aims of Refugee Week are:

- To encourage a diverse range of events to be held throughout the UK, which facilitate positive encounters between refugees and the general public in order to encourage greater understanding and overcome hostility
- To showcase the talent and expertise that refugees bring with them to the UK
- To explore new and creative ways of addressing the relevant issues and reach beyond the refugee sector
- To provide information which educates and raises awareness of the reality of refugee experiences

Our ultimate aim is to create better understanding between different communities and to encourage successful integration, enabling refugees to live in safety and continue making a valuable contribution.

Refugee Week is an umbrella festival, with events held by a wide range of arts, voluntary, faith and refugee community organisations, schools, student groups and more. Past events have included arts festivals, exhibitions, film screenings, theatre and dance performances, concerts, football tournaments and public talks, as well as creative and educational activities in schools.

Through Refugee Week we aim to provide an important opportunity for asylum seekers and refugees to be seen, listened to and valued.

Yours sincerely,

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