

The Swaminarayan

Education is that which liberates

Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

Theme for next week

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

Manan Besherdas, Janvi Patel and Jyothi Hanumantha write...



Over the weekend, we were fortunate enough to participate in the Rotary Club’s Regional Public speaking Final. The subject of our speech was “Books vs Movies”- a seemingly mundane topic. However, it was heart-warming that the Rotarians were highly complementary with regards to the creativity, delivery and content of the topic. As the youngest group in our category, we felt rather out of our comfort zone. But that has never been a reason to stop us and we gave it our best shot! Having qualified at the local heats and

district final, we were intent on achieving the best possible results. Given the maturity of the teams we were up against in the final round, we are proud to have achieved second place. Unfortunately, our journey in the competition ended there. It was definitely a learning curve and an eye opener to the level of oratory skills on display. All in all, it truly was a wonderful experience, having learnt innumerable tips and oratory skills- that can only be obtained with experience. We must admit it was a nerve racking challenge- but we have all come out of the experience with a newly instilled confidence. Having successfully conquered our public speaking demons, we keenly look forward to several more opportunities. But most importantly, turning the attention to the purpose of our speech- reading is a classic form of entertainment that mustn’t be lost to the younger generation. And we cannot emphasise the importance of books in today’s modern technologically advancing world. Just remember “A book a day, keeps the Netflix away”- Jyothi Hanumantha 2K19

We would like to extend our gratitude to Ms Ramphal for her consistent guidance and support without which none of this would have been possible. Thank You to Ms Caldwell and Mr Manani for their support on the day. And in the true fashion of a thank you speech, we would like to thank -you the reader, for taking time out of your day to read this. 😊

ISA DRAMA COMPETITION (Year 9) NOTICE & INVITATION - Mr Golledge writes...

PARENTS and family members of Year 9 GCSE Drama students are invited to attend their children's devised play at Tring Park School for the Performing Arts (Mansion Drive, Tring. HP23 5LX) on **SATURDAY 16th MARCH** – Performance: 9.25 am sharp. Adjudication and break ends at 11.40 am. Depart at 12 noon for return to TSS.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS: all Year 9 actors and our tech crew dropped by parents. We hope to return in time for a late lunch by 1.15/1.30 p.m.

Brent Youth Parliament: Simran Bodh S3 writes...



The year is already flying by as I attended my 2nd BYP meeting this year. This month's meeting was particularly exciting as it was the elections. I applied for the role of MYP, however, my worthy opponent got the majority. Despite

losing by 8 votes, I was given a lot of encouragement for a future role and positive feedback on my speech. The good news is I am able to apply again, in fact, up to the age of 19. On reflection, in the future, I will be in a stronger position as I gain more and more experience as time goes on.

I am gaining some very valuable skills through my role as member of BYP, public speaking, listening to others' points of views, debating skills and confidence all round. The topics we discussed this month have been very interesting as the UK has some challenging decisions ahead and the country being divided on so many issues. We debated these issues and listened to all points of view. Hope you're enjoying the updates, till next month!

Prepare for competition

Think

The minute you walk onto a football pitch you are in competition with the opposition. When you are on the athletic track, on the badminton or tennis court, in the classroom, or when writing examinations, you are always competing. Competition is part of life and the sooner you get used to it the better prepared you will be to face it.

Feel

When you grow older and apply for a course at college or university, you will be in competition with the other applicants and only the best candidates will get through. When you apply for a job, you will not be the only applicant, and the quality of your application will decide whether you are selected for interview. Even at the interview you will be questioned and compared with the other candidates.

Yet you can prepare for the competition. The team that wins will be the team that is most prepared, best trained and knows the strengths and weaknesses of both each other and the opposition. The candidate who gets the job will be the person who is most knowledgeable about the job and has researched the company thoroughly. Their application will be carefully written and they will put on a polished performance at the interview.

Do

Preparation is the key to overcoming adversity and winning. If you want to be a great sportsperson you must train hard and work with the best coaches. If you want to achieve success in your education, study hard and seek help from your teachers, and if you want to go to the best universities make sure you get the best grades and understand what the entry requirements are. If you want to work for the best company, make sure you research them thoroughly and prepare well for the interview. People fail because they don't prepare; preparation will increase your chances of success tenfold.

Yours sincerely,

Nilesh Manani