

The Swaminarayan

Education is that which liberates

Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

Theme for the week

The theme for next week is “The Power of Prayers”. I have written about it at the back of the newsletter.

The Power of Prayers



Think

When we are young we are often so preoccupied with friends, family, sports, parties and school, that the thought of God seems so far away. As we grow up we begin to learn about God through our various associations and in the process some connect with Him while others let the thought of God pass them by, thinking they are still too young with their whole life in front of them to show commitment to this most personal of matters.

Faith in God is a very personal association. Yet, in these days of fast pace living there is a need for us to connect with Him because there is a need for us to develop an inner personal strength to cope with the trials and tribulations of modern pressures. If you haven't noticed already, you should know that the sharp tooth of competition ebbs and flows at every edge, waiting to knock you down, and only those with an inner fortitude and self-belief are able to find their way through.

Feel

That inner self belief can be found by first looking within and connecting with God. And through that connection find our inner peace, that silent, sentient conscious that enables us to know our fearless true self in the face of adversity and gives us the strength to cope with life's journey.

Do

If you are not one of those who can look within, you will find this inner strength by understanding God through association with places of worship, by reading scriptures or listening to stories about God or his prophets, or through association with a true spiritual master – a Guru, who has devoted his entire life in the service of God. Whichever faith you belong to, you will know that the lives of all great prophets have been filled with obstacles, yet all of them have overcome these barriers and risen above them to spread their message. We all remember them, worship them, read about them and celebrate them so that we can also find the same inner strength that is so necessary in this modern world.

GCSE and GCE Level Exams Results and Enquiries About Results (EARs.) – Mr Cotton writes:

The External exams for this summer have now finished. We hope that all children have been successful, and do enjoy the summer now. Please note A and AS level results are published on 16th August and GCSE results are published on the 23th August. We hope that everyone will be happy and pleased with these. Please be aware that it is possible to make various forms of EAR formally to the Exam Boards; the main one being to apply for a Re-mark. This is done On-line through me to the Exam Board/s concerned using the secure area of their Website. Please be aware that such enquires cost money. They are not cheap! Also payment to the school is required in advance. In certain circumstances it may be refunded. You should also be aware that re-marks can result in a **decrease** as well as an increase in marks and the consequences. So any EAR should be carefully considered and you may wish to discuss this with staff. The dead-line for EARs is 20th September, but I would request that if possible these are done much earlier near the beginning of September. Only Priority Re-marks will be done on the day of the examination results. They are more costly and should only be requested under “exceptional” circumstances (e.g. When University places are "at stake"!)

If you feel that your son or daughter was disadvantaged during the exams due to extenuating circumstances then it may be possible to apply for Special Consideration from the exam Boards concerned. This should not be undertaken lightly. But if a student either missed an exam through such or sat an exam under such adverse circumstances then you should consult your son/daughter's House-tutor in the first instance. If it is decided to go ahead with such an application, then this needs to be done by appointment with me. Where appropriate formal evidence would be required; for example for illness or injury a Doctor's Note or similar would be required. The Application is usually done On-line via the Exam Board's secure website. Under normal circumstances it would need to be submitted before the end of next week.

Yours sincerely,

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