

# The Swaminarayan

Education is that which liberates

Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

## Theme for the week

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

## Former Student in the Spotlight – Navneeth Jayan



After completing his A levels four years ago and having achieved 4 A\* grades, Navneeth Jayan wrote the following letter to me: “I am pleased to convey that the Hancock Scholar Prize has been awarded to me by Imperial College London for excellence in the A Level examinations. It is my first award from a public institute and I am very happy to share it with the Swaminarayan School as I am so grateful to all the teachers and staff who have guided me for my studies and nurtured me to get the best results. I know that without the blessings and coaching given by your wonderful teachers and without your right guidance and directions, I would not have achieved this for which I express my heartfelt thanks to you and all the teachers and staff.” By so writing, Navneeth so generously donated half his scholarship award to the school. I am pleased to

announce that Naveenth Jayan has this year qualified with a Master’s degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from Imperial College.

## Wisdom of India 11

This week about the concept of Algebra, Trigonometry and Calculus...

*Method of graduated calculation was documented in the Pancha-Siddhantika (Five Principles) in the 5th Century But the technique is said to be dating from Vedic times circa 2000 B.C.*

*Concept of Algebra, Trigonometry & Calculus came from India.*

**Varahamihira**

**THE PANCHASIDDHANTIKA**  
The Astronomical Work of Varahamihira

$y = mx + b$

$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$

## **GCSE and GCE Level Results and Enquiries About Results (EARs.)**

The External exams for this summer have now finished. We hope that all children have been successful, and do enjoy the summer now (despite another dismal showing by our national Football team!). Please note A and AS level results are published on the 18th of August and GCSE results are published on the 25th of 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 the 20th of 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 ASAP and are even more costly and should only be requested under "exceptional" circumstances (e.g. When University places are "at stake"!).

## **Foundations**

### **Think**

This week I want to speak to you about building a strong foundation. You may find this hard to understand but a firm foundation for your life prepares the groundwork for your future. All civil engineers will tell you that the ground below a tall tower block has to be strong and well prepared to withstand the huge weight of the tower that will rise above it. If it is poorly constructed, the ground will subside, sink and collapse as the weight of the material of the tower block presses down on it. Life is like that. When you are young, you want to enjoy life, play with your friends, go to parties, crack jokes, laugh and generally feel happy. While these are things that you should do, do so in moderation and keep one eye on your future.

### **Feel**

Going to school, playing sports, learning to play an instrument, paying attention in class, learning to read and write, doing homework, revising for examinations are all things you should also pay attention to and take seriously. While they may seem dull and tedious, they are helping you to grow, helping to lay the foundation upon which you can build your future.

### **Do**

Watch the students in your class and study how each of them conducts their lives and soon you will realise why some of them are at the top of the class and others lagging behind; watch also why some students are good at sports and others just playing. If you have aspirations to be a musician you will have to learn to sing or play an instrument; if you want to go to university you will have to spend time studying; and if you want to be a footballer you will have to spend time training. Whatever you want to achieve in life can be achieved if you start doing these things from an early age and lay the foundation for your future success. I always say to students, "There are no easy roads to success". Every successful life requires preparation, a strong foundation that they begin building when they are young.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Nilesh Manani**

## Post Examination Results Support

**On Results Day for A Level: Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016, the Examination Officer will be on campus to help with the process of priority remarks for A2 Units only.**

All other examination board services will be offered on the following days:

Requests for copies of A Level scripts	1 pm on Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2016
Re-mark requests all exams	9 am on Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2016
Requests for original scripts	Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2016

Parents and students are requested to make an appointment with the Examinations Officer for all non-priority requests with a view to complete the process before the end of September. There is an examination board charge for each service which will need to be paid at the time of the request.

The awarding bodies impose very strict deadlines and will almost certainly refuse late requests. We would urge all requests to be completed by 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**30<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

**Dear Friends and Family of TSS**

I write to you with a humble heart to thank you on behalf of all my Governors and Trustees of The Swaminarayan School. Your contribution and selfless service that you all have performed is valued by us all and frankly it would not have been the same without your support.

Whilst this year the committee of parents who led this event was much smaller, they all made us proud and their sacrifice was immense. Imagine if more parents were involved, it would have been an even more awesome event.

Meeting all the school community and the Mandir community work through issues was a breath of fresh air showing unity and common purpose of helping our school pupils with much needed funds. Again those who could not help missed out on much and please make sure you are there next year to be counted.

As with every year, the stage performers were varied both in age and style and they all made us proud with their stage confidence as well as professionalism and lots of practice beforehand.

We are also indebted to the Mandir, Pujya Santos, Shayona and volunteers for the support and seva done - always with a smile.

I salute all the volunteers from the bottom of my heart in doing this seva with a smile.

Thank you all once again.

Yours sincerely,

**Piyush Amin**  
**Chair of Governors**