

The Swaminarayan

**EDUCATION IS THAT WHICH LIBERATES
GCSE & A Level Results Special**

Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

We all hope everyone had a very relaxing summer break and are ready to join us on yet another exciting journey for this year. Unfortunately we must begin this year without the purest soul of the school...

A Tribute to Param Pujya Pramukh Swami Maharaj



I cannot remember a day without Bapa exerting his quiet influence upon us, slowly perfecting us in his own tender way, so that in good times or bad, in success or failure, we would neither feel too exhilarated nor too disenchanted, leaving everything to God like he has always done. He taught the students to pray and work hard, because God always helps those to strive selflessly. We will remember his gentle smile, his soothing hand reaching to bless, a caressing stroke; his ability to look beyond our human weaknesses, his abiding faith that all will be fine. They are rare selfless souls who come, fly with the freedom of a bird, no boundaries, no borders, the whole world is their child; they sooth the wounds, they share in our successes so that we can live our lives without losing hope, so that we do not forget the path to God...He was truly the purest soul of the school, the world, an inspiration to us all and will always remain so...

Theme for next week

We very appropriately begin the first theme of the week with a reflection on our parents: **Your mother and father.** I have written about it on the reverse of the newsletter.

Excellent Performance in External Results 2016

The publication of the GCSE results of 2016 has delivered another superb year for pupils at The Swaminarayan School. With a moderately selective intake, I am pleased to announce that 100% of the pupils achieved 5A*-C. The percentage of grades at A*-C is 93% (national average 66.4%) with 81% of the grades at A*-B. The performance score per pupil of 554 delivers an average of 9A* grades per pupil! The most notable results are attached to this Swaminarayan with the photograph of the students. I am delighted that most of them will be continuing into our Sixth Form for their A Level studies. They are fine students and I have every confidence that with hard work, dedication and prayers they will continue to shine.

At A level, we have some remarkable results with pupils achieving places at such renowned Russell Group of Universities as Imperial College, UCL and St George's. Notable Individual results are highlighted on the attached sheets. The 6th Form continues to grow with another super intake at Lower Six.

The government has imposed a lot of changes on the current cohort. It is pleasing to deliver another fine set of results for the pupils despite the pressures of these changes. We didn't make it easier for them by introducing International GCSEs in the sciences. Yet with a clear strategy that focuses on what is best for the pupils, we have managed to deliver another outstanding set of results. We are all very proud of the pupils and congratulate them for another superb year. I have been checking the value-added for many of the pupils, and it is no surprise to me that many of the pupils have delivered a two grade progress from Senior 1-5. Well done to the students, teachers and parents for another exceptional year of performance.

You are all invited to:
The Swaminarayan School Open Day
Saturday 24th September 2016
Time: 11am to 2.00 pm

New Teachers

I want to welcome Dr Duraisamy in the Science department as the chemistry teacher and Mr Patel in the mathematics department.

Your Mother and Father

Think

Those of you who have a family will know what I mean when I say that your family must be the most important group of people in your life. We are not all lucky to be born into happy families. You will have heard about it in the news; sad, sorry stories about how unhappy some children are, how their parents will not allow them to go out, where their mother and father argue all the time and their brothers and sisters don't get on. Yet you must know that your mother and father love you more than you can imagine. You would not have become the child that you are now if they had not loved you. Situations where a child is not loved by their mother and father are rare.

Feel

When you are down it will be your parents who will come to you, put their arms around your shoulder, wrap you up in their warm embrace and say a few soothing words to lift you from sadness, and don't you feel like all your troubles have floated away? They are not perfect and they will be the first people to own up to that fact. Sometimes they will not get everything right, but know that they are trying very hard. It isn't easy for them to go to work, keep a house, put food on the table, dress you, buy you things that you may want just

because Amar's or Jeel's parents bought it for them. Be patient with them and tell them that you appreciate all the effort they are making in raising you. They like the feeling of your embrace as much as you like the warmth of theirs.

Do

You are the way you are because of the unselfish love of your mother and father. Ask those who do not have that privilege and hear them say how lucky you are. Remember that always and don't ever take them for granted because one day, before you know it, they will not be there and then you will know how much you miss them and be sorry that you didn't tell them enough times how you loved them and thanked them for everything

Yours sincerely

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