

# The Swaminarayan

**EDUCATION IS THAT WHICH LIBERATES**

Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

## Theme for next week

The theme for next week is: **True Friendship**. I have written about it on the back of the newsletter.

## Sixth Form Information Afternoon for Senior 5

Parents and pupils of Senior 5 are invited to an information afternoon about A Level studies at the Swaminarayan School, UCAS support and applications. The meeting will commence at 4.30 pm in the Yogi Hall. I cannot emphasise the importance of attending this meeting in the light of the irrefutable fact that A Levels are a considerable challenge in comparison with their experiences at GCSE.

**You are all invited to:**  
**The Swaminarayan School Open Day**  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015**  
**Time: 11am to 2.00 pm**

## External GCSE results for 2015 for Senior 4

As parents will be aware we do try to spread the burden of GCSE examinations over two years so that students are not placed under unnecessary pressure to complete twelve GCSEs in one year. Students are selected to write these early GCSEs on merit and performance in Mock Examinations. I am pleased to announce that 80% of the grades pupils achieved were A\*-A grades. While Gujarati has been an enormous struggle for many students, it is nice to see that they have continued to persevere to keep it alive. Hemal Gor, in particular, must be commended for achieving an A\* in the subject in Senior 3. The following students in Senior 4 are to be commended for their achievement this year:

Yogesh Patel	5 A*	Jai Patel	3A* 2A
Vimal Patel	3A* 2A	Dhruvi Patel	4A* 1A
Ria Popat	3A* 2A	Naiya Desai	4A* 1A
Darshan Kothari	3A* 1A	Ravi Mooruth	3A* 1A
Ishan Vadgama	2A* 2A	Radhika Kholia	2A* 2A 1B
Akhil Bhargava	2A* 1A	Kaamya Mehta	2A* 1A
Mili Mehta	1A* 3A 1B	Jenna Yadav	1A* 2A
Raul Patel	1A* 2A 1B	Lisa Patel	1A* 2A
Disha Kothari	1A* 2A	Hiren Bhojani	1A* 2A
Samridhi Bansai	1A* 2A 2B	Tarang Alaiya	1A* 1A 1B
Shyamal Mavani	1A*1A	Rishali Patel	1A* 1A
Vaheeni Pindoria	1A* 1A	Jamie Thakrar	2A
Vaishali Kakkad	1A*	Simran Panchal	1A* 1B
Jaini Shah	1A* 1B	Mehul Vekaria	1A 2B
Darshan Shah	1A 1B	Shaina Shah	1A 1B

Jay Rana	1A 1B	Thanusan Ganeshwaran	1A
Ashwini Bharadia	3B	Tirth Patel	2B
Veer Hirani	1B	Ryan Patel	1B

My congratulations to all the students and their teachers for their efforts last year. Remember though, they will mean little if this standard is not improved upon next year.

### **Instrumental lessons – Mr Oza writes:**

Instrumental lessons for Piano, drums, flute and guitar are starting from next week **Mon 14th September 2015**. Parents who wish to enrol their child for any of these instrumental lessons are requested to fill in/collect the application form and return it to Mr Oza. Instrumental lessons are for half an hour duration and are given one-to-one. Children will have these lessons during the school hours and will be scheduled on a rota basis so children will not miss the same lesson every time but only once or twice in a term. Lessons are conducted by well qualified and professional teachers listed below. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mr Oza or peripatetic teachers. Fees for the full term (ten weeks) will be £120.00 per child.

1. Mr Clive Bell - Indian flute and Western flute
2. Mr Sunil Jadhav - Piano / keyboard
3. Mr Paul Lane - Drum / Guitar
4. Ms Marta Maroto - Piano

## **True Friendship**

### **Think**

We live in a world of fast paced information where communication is so easy and free. No doubt you have latched onto this opportunity that new technology has provided and I dare say each and every one of you at some stage or another are in contact with your friends; texting, through Facebook, Twitter, E-mail, etc. Some of you may claim that you have hundreds of cyber-friends all over the world while others may have only a few. Yet out of all the friends you have, how many of them can you call your true friends? Very few I imagine. Some of you may disagree with me and say that you know so much about your friend's life that you would put them on your list of true friends. In that case, I am sorry to tell you that you have not understood the real meaning of true friendship.

### **Feel**

Next to your family, true friends are some of the most important people in your life. They are there when you are in trouble and need them, they listen to you when you need a silent ear to listen to how you're feeling, they give advice and they are not judgmental. They accept you the way you are, they forgive and they forget; true friends will not always agree with you, and they will stop you when you're about to do something silly. When your heart is torn they put their arms around you and give you a hug, they smile when you smile and they cry when you cry. True friends are there when everyone else walks away. They share your joy and your pain, and when you tell them something in confidence they keep it a secret. True friends are near even when they are far away. True friends are supportive and inspiring.

### **Do**

Choose them wisely, because they are as rare as a golden nugget on the city streets. When you find them, treasure them like you would your own life. Trust them always, protect them and forgive them. True friends are as important in life as your family and if they are your true friends they will, in time, become part of your family. If you have found one true friend in your life then you are one of the luckiest people in the world.

**Yours sincerely**

**Nilesh Manani**