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Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

Theme for this week

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

Summer Fair on the weekend of 20th & 21st June 2015

Get ready for the giddy rides of the Summer Fair, the scrumptious dishes, delicious cakes, folk songs and rhythmic dances of regional India, stalls galore ready for you to discover experiences anew, games to stretch your imagination, people to mingle with, old students and friends to meet to take you through the unique experiences...Get ready for a weekend not to be missed!

Early School Closure for Prep Prize Day

Everyone is reminded that the school will close at 1 pm on Friday 26th June 2015 due to the Preparatory School Prize day in the evening. Pupils can be picked up from the carpark as normal.

Sports Day

The Sports Day will take place on Tuesday, 30th June 2015. Parents and friends are invited to support their children but please do make sure you inform the school office about it so that we can make the necessary arrangements for food and drinks. As always, it promises to be an exciting day of competitions between the three houses.

PE News – Mr Worth writes:

London Youth Games

With Year 9 and 10 also having clubs this year it has been pleasing to see that already students are looking to take the sport further. 3 Swaminarayan School students represented Brent in the Kayaking Competition of London Youth Games this weekend gone at the London Regatta Centre. For Dhruvi Patel, Ananya Nath and Thanusan Ganeshwaren this was their first competition and although they did not come 1st they all completed the course with two clear rounds. They will have chance to compete again next year once they have another year’s experience under their belts. A promising start for all.

Boys Sport

It has been a mixed week for the boys in terms of competition. Firstly, the Year 8 Cricket team took on Ark Academy with the away team opting to bat first. TSS were able to restrict the opposition to 46-4 off 15 overs with top efforts, in particular, from Henil Premgi - 1 Maiden, Raul Lobo - 1 Wicket Maiden and Raghav Ahluwalia - 1 Maiden, 1 Wicket Maiden. The low target allowed for some change to the batting order and although Ark were generous

with their extras the runs were quickly dispatched with Ishan Diwedi top scoring with 15 allowing TSS to win within 8 overs.

A great team effort overall

The U14 Boys' Badminton team took on Claremont in the Semi Finals of the competition and, despite a close fought contest in the singles competitions (3-3), TSS were unable to close the match out in the doubles eventually losing 10-5. Top performances came from Aditya Puravankara and Nishit Soni.

Next week's fixtures:

Monday 15th - Year 7 Boys vs Greenford School - Middlesex Plate - Home

Tuesday 16th - Year 7 Boys vs Preston Manor - Brent League - Away

Thursday 18th - Year 8 Boys vs Preston Manor - Brent League – Away

LAMDA News - Mr Benny writes:

This is just to alert parents of LAMDA students in Years 7, 8, 9 and some entrants from Year 11 that exams will take place during the school day on 8th and 9th July 2015. The dozen students from Year 11 will be scheduled for the 8th July so as not to conflict with the DoE the following day. As usual, parents will be invoiced by the office. Do contact myself or Ms Ramphal or Mr Wills for further information.

Take Measured Risks – Ria Mehta (S5) writes:

I feel like this would be the perfect step in a 'recipe' which would be found in self-help books. You know the ones that tell us to 'broaden our horizons,' and that 'this is just a small chapter in our complicated novel.' Something tells me this complicated novel won't be a bestseller. Whenever we take a risk we always weigh out the pros and cons, from this we can tell if the risk is worth it. If taking a risk meant that you could lose so much then is the gain worth it? Taking risks is something we have to do, like that one time in Chemistry when we're asked for the answer and we're not sure but it feels like someone left the radiators on in the summer and it's too hot so our only choice is to take the risk and say anything. The worst that could happen is you might get the answer wrong but nobody is going to say in ten years 'Hey, do you remember that one time when Ria didn't know the difference between reduction and oxidation?' Because let's be real, by that time you would've taken so many more successful risks and so what?! People make mistakes, you tried and that is all that matters. To answer my previous question, there are so many times when taking a risk isn't beneficial but sometimes we have to think that however small the gain may be, if it's important enough for you then take that risk! Go do that thing, go and write a really long essay on the issues faced by the Weimar Republic. The amount of regret created by not taking the risk isn't worth the safety of never trying.

Psychometric Tests for S4

Annually most of the students in Senior 4 elect to do the psychometric tests around this time. The tests are designed to reveal suitable future career paths and clarify the selection of subjects at A Level. The tests are organised by Cambridge Occupational Analysts Ltd and have proved to be invaluable in helping students to make an informed A Level and career choice. I would urge all students to take this opportunity to do the tests. Every student will have a separate report, explaining the relevance of each aptitude score, and its significance in appropriate career fields. It is no coincidence that this week's theme happens to be about thinking about your future – you will not begin in a better place than by doing these tests.

WRITER'S CORNER

No doubt inspired by Martin Luther King's speech and our related assemblies, here is Nandini's reflective poem, a litany worth its weight in gold....

'I Have a Dream' by *Nandini Shiralkar* (S2P)

I have a dream. I have a dream
Which showed me Hope's beam.
It showed me a way
To help me through the day.
It helped me to a great pace
Through the great human race.
It showed me the value of a clock's tick;
It helped make myself a brick.
It taught me to bear the pain –
There are infinite things to gain.
It will help me everywhere to win.
To have one more dream, I am ... keen.
Clear shall be the aim
To light Success's flame.
Never shed a tear, there's nothing to fear.
It has made me smart, good and kind at heart.
It helped me light the dark tunnel, and
It has helped me start my long sail
Towards Success, towards my destination.
It will give me all the solutions,
Take me higher in the world of scholars –
I'll soon be rolling in dollars!
It makes me realise I'm on the right track,
And realise the few things I lack.
I want the next dream but will patiently wait.
There are countless things I dare,
Endless facts and things that are rare –
All of which we should all care.
Dreaming is the best, I declare.
I have a dream, I have a dream
Which shows me Hope's beam...

Think about the future

Think

I sometimes find that parents come and tell me that they would like their child to follow a certain profession, but when I examine their performance I often find that their personality and their ability is not suited to that profession because their strengths lie elsewhere. Sometime they listen and reassess their aim, at other times they ignore the advice and discover the hard way that they are not suited to what they want to do after all. It is such a waste of time. Choosing a career that you will follow for the rest of your life cannot be done on the bases of your parents' preference, nor something you select because your friends think

it is a good idea or because it pays well. They are flimsy reasons and will eventually lead you to quit. A very close friend of mine entered a profession because it paid well and managed to reach the post of Financial Controller in a multi-national company. The long hours and constant pressure, however, eventually got to him and within ten years he quit the company to do something entirely different that he enjoyed.

Feel

In this age of high speed information you are lucky to have all the guidance you need in making one of the most significant decisions of your life. You only have to type a word and your computer screen will be filled with a long list of websites that can help you. The most important reason for entering a profession and making a career out of it must be because you are deeply interested in that field. Your deep interest will enable you to learn everything you need to know about it. As your expertise grows so will your rise through the company. In time you will know so much that you will be recognised as an expert in the field, become highly sought after and earn the high salary that such a position would merit.

Do

Think hard about what you enjoy and build a career around it. You are more likely to rise to the top of the profession because you will stick with it through good times and bad because of your deep interest in it. I have lost count of the number of times I have heard people grumble about their job. You don't want to be one of them.

Yours sincerely,

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