

The Swaminarayan

EDUCATION IS THAT WHICH LIBERATES

Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

Theme for next week

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

LAMDA RESULTS – Mr Benny writes:

We are hoping that the LAMDA results from last term's entries will be received next week. Apparently LAMDA has recently suffered from administrative problems, hence their delay!

Important GCSE, AS and A Level Reforms

Ofqual – the Office of Qualifications set up by the government which monitors all the qualifications offered by the examination boards and set the standards has published an online postcards version of a booklet outlining all the changes which are taking place over the next few years at GCSE, AS and A Level. These are very important changes and will affect all the children in the country at some point. Parents may wish to download the postcards from:

www.pinterest.com/ofqual/postcards

I will publish one postcard at the back of The Swaminarayan every week.

Sixth Form Information Afternoon

It was so nice to see so many parents of our pupils in Senior 5 to listen to the wise guidance of the teachers. A levels are a leap forward from GCSE, and require a rigour and dedication of experienced teachers to extract the best results. They will be the two most difficult years of their young lives and are often life changing. I hope now that you have heard the views of all the teachers, you will be able to make an informed decision about what to do. My sincere thanks to all the students and parents who attended; Ms Maharaj, Mr Hopkins, Mr Wills, Mr Stewart-Brown and Mr Benenson for the wealth and depth of information they communicated; and the students Ria Mehta, Anisha Patel, Sooruj Shah and Parthiv Vakhil for their timely reminders about their reasons for staying at TSS.

WRITER'S CORNER – Mr Benny writes...

A welcome to all Year 7 students and other new recruits to TSS who love writing! Every two or three weeks, we try to publish in the newsletter anything of literary value – relating to any subject, in any genre, whether it be a poem, a short story, parts of an essay or piece of journalism or humour, or even an engaging piece of trivia. Should you have a contribution to be considered (however short or long), pop it on to a USB and hand it to one of the English Department teachers.

TSS Cross country – Mr Worth writes...

Although it is early in the school year, preparation for this year's sports competitions are already underway. This week students in Years 7-11 took part in their respective year cross-

country competition to gain early points for their houses as well as allow the PE staff a chance to identify potential school team cross-country members. Conditions were near perfect for the students and the effort levels shown throughout the year groups was great to see with a lot of potential being shown from all TSS students.

Year 7 Results

Boys

1st Mohit Bakhda (Sahjannand)
2nd Devan Patel (Sahajanand)
3rd Yash Patel (Ghanshyam)

Girls

Mansi Besherdas (Neelkanth)
Janvi Patel (Ghanshyam)
Neha Gami (Sahajanand)

Year 8 Results

Boys

1st Jaymi Patel (Sahajanand)
2nd Devraj Bhargava (Ghanshyam)
3rd Param Parekh (Ghanshyam)

Girls

Mya Patel & Khusi Patel (Sahajanand)
Madhushree Manjunatha (Ghanshyam)
Riya Patel (Neelkanth)

Year 9 Results

Boys

1st Ashvin Mooruth (Neelkanth)
2nd Ayush Rabadiya (Sahajanand)
3rd Dylan Sachdev and Yogesh Patel (Ghanshyam)

Girls

Roshni Parshotam (Neelkanth)
Nyah Varsani (Sahajanand)
Jenika Hirani and Priya Patel (Sahajanand)

Year 10 Results

Boys

1st Hemal Gor (Neelkanth)
2nd Unplaced
3rd Unplaced

Girls

Misha Manani (Sahajanand)
Tanisha Patel (Ghanshyam)
Ananya Nath (Neelkanth)

Year 11 Results

Boys

1st Veer Hirani (Sahajanand)
2nd Yogesh Patel (Neelkanth)
3rd Akhil Bhargava (Ghanshyam)

Girls

Dhruvi Patel (Sahajanand)
Mili Mehta (Sahajanand)
Simran Panchal (Ghanshyam)

Team sheets will be up shortly with dates for the North London Schools and ISA London North Competition details.

All after school and lunch time clubs for Senior School have started this week.

Shared Transport – Mrs Varsani writes...

My son started school this September in Year 7. I wanted to know if there was anyone who wanted to car share with us. We live in Edgware HA8 5DJ.

What I can do:

- I can do all drop offs in the mornings would prefer this option, if I don't have to do it on a Friday that would be great!
- I can do pickups for 4pm Tuesday – Thursdays, but would prefer the above ideally
- I require pick-ups for Mondays at 5pm (I could pay someone to do this)

- I require Friday pick-ups also (I could pay someone to do this)

If anyone is interested please contact Sunita on 07739712515

Kindness

Think

I have heard the words “be kind and the whole world will come to you” many times in my life. I have tested its power like no other human quality and I have always found it to be worthy of the power it wields. Kindness is like honey; sweet and smooth. It warms the hearts of all those who learn to give it without expecting anything in return. “Join the company of those who make the barren places of life fruitful with kindness”, as one famous person once said, “and we will join the ranks of those who receive without asking.”

Feel

A gesture of kindness brings out the best in the people who give it and also in those who receive it. Give it freely without asking for anything in return. People will look at you with suspicion at first if they are not used to seeing you like that, but in time you will feel them returning their kindness to you and you will win the praises of all those you know. Your life will become a most joyous journey, rich beyond all your imaginings and you will see that we receive what we give.

Do

Try this experiment today and observe its power. When you go down for your breakfast and greet your family, wish them a heartfelt good morning with a smile on your face. Make a gesture of kindness in a little act of giving something; a hug perhaps, even making a piece of toast or washing the dishes. Say “Thank you, Mum,” if she has made your breakfast. Do any little act and watch their reaction. Do the same for the people on the street, a random act of kindness that they would never have expected. Do that with your friends, your teachers, someone you had a little tiff with, and smile with kindness.

Yours sincerely

Nilesh Manani

