

The Swaminarayan

Education is that which liberates

Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

Theme for the week

The theme for first week back after the Easter holidays is **“Learn to think logically.”** I have written about it on the back of the newsletter.



Alumni in focus

It is always good to hear news about former pupils to find out how their studies are progressing after completing their A Levels at the School. I met Maulik Patel last week at the Mandir and was delighted to learn that he has completed his final examinations for medicine at St. Bart’s, and having passed all of them, he is now awaiting the formalities to graduate as Dr Maulik Patel. He completed both his GCSEs and A Levels at The Swaminarayan School, achieving, 7A* 6A grades at GCSE and 3A* and 2A grades at A Level. He is now off to Australia for six weeks’ work experience in a Sydney Hospital. Well done and congratulations, Maulik. We are all very proud of you.

Internal Examination Timetable S1-3

These begin on Thursday, 18th May and finish on Wednesday, 24th May 2017. The examination timetable is attached for your information.

Open Morning on Wednesday, 3rd May 2017 Between 9am and 11 am

This is an ideal opportunity for parents in the prep years to come and view the senior years in work. If you would like to visit, please do make sure you inform the school office so that we can make the necessary arrangements.



ISA Essay Prize

I am always delighted when pupils in the Swaminarayan School win awards in English against strong competition in the ISA Essay Competition. We have won a prize every year during the last three years. With 424 ISA member schools, I am pleased to announce that Eashan Patel in Senior 2 has this year been awarded the second prize in the Max Gate age range 12-13 years competition for his essay on “My first trip to the moon.” While I haven’t had the privilege of reading the essay, I hope to publish it next week. Well done, Eashan.

Particle Physics Masterclass at Royal Holloway University, Vaishali Kakkad L6 writes:

On the 19th April, we attended a Particle Physics Masterclass at Royal Holloway, University of London. The masterclass was set for a whole day, as we did different sorts of activities throughout the event. First, we had a brief talk on the structure of matter to give us an idea of what we would be doing after. We then went to our activity session where we saw and took part in some experiments that the college students were doing in their course. The experiments gave us insight and understanding of what work and research they were doing. We witnessed accelerated particles and the Geiger-Marsden experiment. We also met the research team that worked with dark matter. During lunch, we explored a few other departments on the campus. Before the day finished, we had another brief talk on ATLAS and the Large Hadron Collider (LHC). The last activity session was based on the study of the properties of the particles, identifying Higgs event and the measurement of the Higgs particle. The activities can be found on <http://lppp.lancs.ac.uk>

Learn to think logically**Think**

The ability to think critically and accurately requires a lot of personal leadership. It is not something that can be imposed on you by others and requires you to be very self-disciplined.

Feel

You will need to direct and monitor yourself, and when your preconceived ideas and opinions are proven to be misinformed by the process of self-evaluation, you will need to be prepared to correct yourself instead of hanging on to your old biased views. At times it will be hard, but what it will do is take you on a road to self-improvement and instil a rigorous standard of excellence in your life.

Do

When attempting to evaluate reasoning in an article keep the following questions in mind:

1. What is the main purpose of the article?
2. What is the key question that the author is addressing?
3. What is the most important information?
4. What are the main conclusions?
5. What are the key concepts/ideas the author is trying to convey in the article?
6. Do they make any assumptions and are they justified?
7. What are the main implications of following the author's reasoning?
8. What are the main implications of not following the author's reasoning?
9. What are the main points presented?

Learning to reason logically and succinctly will set you apart in your approach to everything you do and take you on a road to self-improvement that will prevent you from making many costly mistakes. Whole careers and companies have been destroyed because people did not reason logically, and arrived at answers and solutions which were completely at odds with what actually happened. Clarity in thinking gives clarity in response that is logical, objective and unbiased. It will, more often than not, point to the right decision. In addition, help you not to crowd your judgement with emotions.

Yours sincerely,

Nilesh Manani

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Internal Examination Timetable

The timetable for Internal School Exams

Summer Term

Seniors 1 to 3

Thursday 18th May to Wednesday, 24th May 2017

If there is a slot where you have no exam, then this should be used for Revision and in normal circumstances this should still be done as indicated in the Exam Room.

We have tried to fit these exams into one week, while avoiding any Clashes of Exams. So hopefully this should not occur but if in the unlikely event that this does happen then you should inform an appropriate teacher and we will endeavour to accommodate this suitably!

Exams to be done in the Gymnasium unless otherwise indicated.

For further information and details / queries you should consult the Subject teacher concerned, Your House Tutor, The Exams Officer (Mr Cotton).

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Thursday, 18th May to Wednesday, 24th May
Seniors 1 to 3
Venue: Gymnasium

Day / Lessons	S1	S2	S3
<u>Thursday</u> P 1-2	Revision/Prep	Revision/Prep	Revision/Prep
P 3-4	Art	History	RS
P 5-6	Biology	Geography	Art/Drama
<u>Friday</u> P 1-2	French	French	Maths (non-cal.)
P 3-4	Chemistry	S2P Drama S2Y Art	History/ Geography
P 5-6	Maths	S2Y Drama S2P Art	Chemistry
<u>Monday</u> P 1-2	History	RS	French
P 3-4	Geography	Biology	Physics
P 5-6	RS	English	English
<u>Tuesday</u> P 1-2	S1P Drama S1Y ICT	Maths	ICT
P 3-4	S1Y Drama S1P ICT	Physics	Biology
P 5-6	English	ICT	Maths (Cal.)
<u>Wednesday</u> P 1-2	Physics	Chemistry	Normal Lessons
P 3-4	Normal Lessons	Normal lessons	Normal Lessons
P 5-6	Clubs	Clubs	Normal Lessons