

The Swaminarayan

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

Theme for this week

The theme for next week is “**Tackle Bullies.**” I have written about it in the back of the newsletter.

Nepal Earthquake Appeal

Parents will have seen the heart breaking scenes about the Nepal Earthquake on the television. While the emergency charities will collect money, it is our duty to contribute as much as we can so I hope you will not mind me asking for a contribution of £10 for each child in the school. We hope to send the cheque by the end of next week and your swift action in this appeal will surely be appreciated by the many displaced children and families of Nepal.

Being a Team Player - Ria Mehta (S5)

For this week’s theme I thought it’d be perfect if our very own Mr 100% had his own say. I have to admit that some of the things he wrote are definitely... interesting.

“Wow! It’s quite ironic that I’m writing this piece seeing as I hate being a team player. I live for the individual glory, for the fans shouting my name, for the photos on the front page. However, being a team player isn’t all bad. I mean you can... improve your communication and teamwork skills. It means you can make more friends (to be honest I have too many) and you’re able to have more fun (I have too much fun as it is). In all seriousness being a team player is better than being an individual player.” Mr 100%, Ronan Patel.

As *interesting* as his paragraph is, he really could’ve worked on his explanation. I’m thinking it should be Mr 97% right now. That said, if we all work as a team and help Ronan, I’m sure he’ll be able to reach his full potential. This is something we should all think about, if we all help our friends by being a team player then everyone will succeed.

Information and Summary Rules for Students Doing Exams (in particular “External” Exams – GCSE and A levels (GCE). Mr Cotton writes...

Candidates must:

1. **Do their best fairly, according to JCQ rules. You must be seen to be doing so!**
2. Have the equipment they need for their examination. No Mobile phones (or other similar electronic equipment) are allowed; if you have such, they must be switched off and brought to the front along with any other unauthorised materials. Pencil cases must be transparent, or use a clear plastic bag instead. Do not bring bags or textbooks or anything else which may be deemed unauthorised. Scientific calculators are normally allowed, except for those exams that explicitly forbid them. Do not use

Tippex or similar (Cross out any mistakes clearly!). Do bring your Entry Statement/s / Time-table (But do not write on them). Bring suitable photo. I.D. if you are not known to the Supervisor/s.

3. Behave in an orderly fashion before, during and after each exam.
4. Arrive in good time and be on time for each exam session and wait QUIETLY outside the examination room or in other allocated place before each exam session. Definite start and finish times cannot be given for a variety of reasons but do note **Nominal** start times; **am.** Exams 9.00; **pm.** Exams **1.30** (sometimes 2.00, occasionally 1.00), but in some cases could begin as early as Noon.]
You should be aware of your timetable accordingly. A summarised version of the main whole School time-table is available on the Website.
5. When allowed in pupils must sit in their given place. This will normally be in Candidate Number order.
6. Familiarize themselves with the Exam Notices and Warnings which are displayed (and which you have been given) and obey them.

If in doubt or you have any queries, please consult you teacher / House-Tutor / me... as necessary. Please do this in good time!

Please note the School is bound to report any infringement of the rules to the Exam Boards. This is treated as “MALPRACTICE”, whether it is accidental or not. They will deal with this according to their procedures and the result is likely to be DISQUALIFICATION!

There may be some “leeway” on these rules for School Internal Exams but even here we may deal with Infringements as “Cheating”, whether accidental or not!

One final thing if I may say, exams are obviously very important, so do take them seriously and revise hard and prepare yourself accordingly. But no purpose is served if you get overly worried and this impedes your ability to think clearly. So do keep calm and keep things in perspective, and do incorporate suitable breaks into your Revision Schedule. And GOOD LUCK.

Tackle Bullies

Think

Bullying is a problem in most schools. While we like to believe that it is not a major problem in the school, we cannot become complacent and must remain vigilant. Bullying can be verbal if you are told by others that you are no good and lowest of the low in society. It also can be physical, emotional, or sexual. Bullies will use any means at their disposal to abuse their victims, be it through texts, e-mails or social networking sites. Bullies isolate their victims and start all sorts of false rumours that will cause a lot of emotional grief.

Feel

Cyber-bullying has caused a lot of misery to a lot of children all over the world, and in some serious cases has led to the victims committing suicide. You will find many of these stories on YouTube. Cyber-bullying is illegal and a criminal offence and there are means by which the bullies can be caught. Every time somebody makes a call from a mobile phone, the number is recorded by the network provider even if the caller withholds their number. The police can gain access to these records and track the person making the call.

Do

<http://www.bullying.co.uk> is a very useful website for all victims of bullying. It gives advice on all forms of bullying, with how best to approach the problem. The most important point to learn is you must not suffer the problem on your own. Schools have bullying policies and will have many different types of strategies to help you. You must report any form of persistent bullying to a responsible member of staff such as your Form or Class teacher. If you find approaching them difficult, you must tell your parents or a close friend. If you are a victim of bullying, tell someone you trust and speak to them about what is happening. Help is at hand and you will receive support, though sometimes it can take time. Get your parents involved early. Allowing the bullying to continue will only make your life a misery; you could suffer depression, become aloof, and lose faith in life and living. You are a child of this world and you have every right to live a happy life. Seek help early on if you become a victim of any form of bullying. Don't let the bullies win.

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Yours sincerely,**Nilesh Manani**

**THE SWAMINARAYAN SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR &
DANIELS ESTATE AGENTS**

It's that time of the year again when we team up with Daniels Estate Agents who very kindly support our annual fair by displaying their boards advertising our school summer fair at various locations in the vicinity of Brent and promoting the same in local papers.

Daniels have once again very kindly agreed to support us this year and have requested 100 addresses in the Brent Area where they can display their boards advertising the '**Swaminarayan Summer School Fair**'.

The board will be erected for a maximum period of 3 weeks prior to the fair and one week after the fair. Daniels takes full responsibility for any damage caused to your property during the erection/removal of the boards.

If you are unhappy with the board – you will contact the school in the first instance but **will not** remove the board on your own accord.

Please note that ***nothing needs to be done on your end*** – you just need to provide us the authority that you are happy for the board to be erected at your premises. Just by doing that, you will be supporting the school in a great way not only by supporting our Summer Fair but by also marketing our prestigious school.

I would therefore urge **ALL** parents residing in Brent to partake in this project by signing and completing the attached Authorisation Form enclosed herewith. Furthermore, if you have family or friends who live in the Brent area and wouldn't mind assisting us then please also let the school office have their details too.

Your assistance in ensuring that the completed form is returned promptly to the school office is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS ONLY APPLIES TO RESIDENTS OF **BRENT** (PART HARROW) SO THE SCHOOL WILL HAVE TO SIEVE THROUGH THE ADDRESSES.

MIGHT BE AN IDEA TO SEND **AN E- COPY TO RESIDENTS OF HARROW/BRENT** - SO PERHAPS THE CONSENT FORM COULD BE EMAILED OUT FOR THEM TO COMPLETE AND RETURN ON-LINE??