



Dear Madam/Sir

As the world slowly trudges back to the new way of things in the times of the pandemic, one must pause and take stock of where we are heading as a society and civilization. One cannot help but be inspired by the contributions of our scientists. A transformation in our ability as a society to be resilient and undeterred. A feat that has been possible due to our collective scientific knowhow. On such an occasion as now where we find ourselves at the cusp of major upheavals in STEM, SelaQui International School is privileged to bring to the valley the *Second Inter-School Science Decathlon*, '**QSD '21**' on **September 11, 2021**. Included along with this mail are the details of the events comprising the decathlon.

The Science Decathlon is not any other academic competition. It is not for the best scientist or mathematician. It is not about individual brilliance and portraying your glorious acumen in the Sciences. It is about challenging competitors and your team whose members who will become lifelong comrades. It is about outperforming your own expectations in a set of 5 events, where you will be part of a team, of students with a wide range of grades, striving towards a shared goal.

The Decathletes will master materials and harness skills beyond their wont. They will explore unique opportunities in STEM in these events – be it in Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Computer Science or Mathematics. They will engage with the audience through facts as well as with confidence.

We would love to see Decathlon Teams taking on this opportunity not because it will be easy but because it will be challenging. The poet and novelist Rainer Maria Rilke once wrote, “that something is difficult must be a reason the more for us to do it”. The Science @ SelaQui invites you to be a part of an occasion that might sound overwhelming, until you realize you can achieve higher as a team. You and your team will study, research and struggle more than ever before without knowing about future triumphs. In the words of Dr. Les Martisko, we invite you to struggle and to learn—“not just to read, but to understand; not just to win, but to lead.”

The Decathlon team will have 5 students from grades 7 to 12 accompanied by a teacher mentor from their respective schools. Schools can also register for individual events. There is no registration fee for QSD 2021. The registration deadline is **September 5, 2021**.

We await the Decathletes in the ubiquitous virtual space.

Thank you.

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