

November 19, 2014

Dear Parents,

I trust that all of you are doing well and that you managed to spend two weeks of quality time with your children during their holidays. I had the pleasure of meeting many of you during Founder's and I must thank you for making the trip to school to see what we are doing. My session with you in the MPH was a very fruitful one and I am trying to implement some of the suggestions and feedback I received from you. It is very important for parents to be involved in their children's lives because these are times of rapid changes and hence challenges. The challenges are new and diverse and the pressure to live up to expectations is high, something that we did not have when we were growing up. Most of you are highly concerned about academics but believe me they have a hundred other things to share with you and I would urge you to listen to them patiently.

**Academics:** As I mentioned during Founder's, we are committed to improving academics and to delivering good results. On this front I am pleased to inform you that we have now decided to introduce another two hours of supervised teaching time for all classes (6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>). We have now one class after lunch and two more in the evening. After dinner, students have supervised prep time in the dorm to catch up with their homework and revision. Many of our students are genuinely weak in studies, especially English, and we are confident that by the time they return home for the winter vacation, the entire syllabus for Board classes will be over, giving us January and February for some serious revision. Class 12<sup>th</sup> Science students now have a compulsory revision test of three hours every Sunday and 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> (A) are doing their RT's every week, besides having lots of extra classes during the day and evening.

**Parent-Teacher Meeting:** PTM is scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> December from 10:00 am till 1:00 pm. After that, parents can take their children home for the winter break. The escorted parties will leave on morning of the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Winter Break:** As I have written to you earlier, the winter break will start from 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> December and end on 4<sup>th</sup> January for Gurukul classes, 11<sup>th</sup> January for classes 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> (Humanities and Commerce). The rest of the school (6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>) will return on 25<sup>th</sup> January. The purpose behind calling Board classes early is that we want to work with them in giving them regular revision classes and tests as well as feedback before their exams in March. This time about 32 students did not come back on the scheduled date (November 2). I will request the parents to send them back on time so that they can get on with studies. I am personally very worried about the fact that some students travel on their own in buses and trains. Please do try to send them with someone. It's no longer safe for these boys and girls to travel alone unless they are flying.

**Communication with Parents:** I am aware that many parents are not getting regular feedbacks on their children's progress in school and about the imprest accounts. I am working on redesigning the ERP (360)



