



We had a fine Coffee Morning session with a good number of parents attending. Thank you so much for showing up. I think it is important for the school's leadership team and facilitators to meet the parents every now and then to discuss issues that are important for our learners' academic progress as well as social and emotional development. We will do that again in Term 3.

Since all the parents did not attend, I will mention some of the points discussed.

### **CURRICULUM STATUS**

The Coffee Morning was mainly focused on how we will complete the curriculum this academic year. In my address, I talked about the academic gap and the challenges in classroom management that we faced at the beginning of the academic year.

As a school, our approach to teaching and learning is child focused and holistic. Therefore, we spent time getting our learners and facilitators to settle, and we started to ensure that everybody was gradually getting on board. Over the course of the academic year, we have sped up the process of acclimatising to offline learning. We have reviewed the status of classes concerning the completion of the curriculum, and we can conclude that as of now, our classes are academically where they should be by the end of Term 2. We will complete the curriculum for the academic year by the end of Term 3. We will even have time for our interdisciplinary project on the topic "Water" and continue to have all the specialised subjects which are crucial for the holistic development of the child in the timetable.

That doesn't mean that every individual learner is 100% on par. We will still have to work on supporting the learners who are slightly behind and give appropriate challenges to the high achievers.

For individual feedback, the parents will receive the report card before the winter vacation, and we will have a Parent-Facilitator meeting on January 7, 2023.

## ICSE AND IB/MYP BIFURCATION

As I mentioned earlier, we have decided to advance the bifurcation between ICSE and IB/MYP to Grade 6. That means that learners of grade 5-8 and their respective parents need to decide on their choice of board for the next academic year. We will have an information meeting about IB/MYP and ICSE on January 28, 2023. We will invite experts to talk about the two boards and how each of them qualifies learners for further education in India and abroad.

Here, I will make it clear that both curricula are good and rigorous but very dependent on the requirements of each learner.

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT INITIATIVES

At the Coffee Morning event, we conducted a survey on how our parents want to be involved in school activities. We are going through the forms and will come back with a parent involvement strategy after the winter vacation. We want a network of engaged parents who can be part of school activities and be a connecting hub to the world outside the school. Luckily, I see that many parents want to be involved. If you haven't received the survey, don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

We want and need feedback from our parent community. We don't see our parents as customers with a shopping list but as partners in creating the best environment for the academic and personal growth of the learners.

## NEW INITIATIVES

- We are planning new initiatives for Term 3 after the winter break
- Problem-Based Learning with the topic "Water", including PBL EXPO, which will also be our annual day
- Outdoor sports on the new sports field, including Sports Day
- Extracurricular clubs
- Completion of the IB/MYP and ICSE authorization process
- Parent involvement initiatives

More about this in the January newsletter.

***Happy holidays! Happy Christmas!***

**Warm Regards,  
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