



LETTER TO PARENTS OF BOYS IN CLASS X, XI & XII
INITIATIVES FOR IMPROVING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Dear Parents,

1. The Class XII CBSE Board Results have brought cheer amongst both the Students and Staff at Mayo. This year we have a batch average of 83.3% (in English and three best subjects).

2. The School Captain, Utkarsh Kumar, Colvin House, who had joined Mayo College in class IV in Junior School, is the batch topper. A national level squash player, he was away from School for long periods representing Mayo in various squash tournaments. Despite this, he has done us proud with an outstanding performance in academics. He has an excellent score of:-

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| (a) English | - | 86% | (b) Physics | - | 95% |
| (c) Chemistry | - | 96% | (d) Mathematics | - | 95% |
| (e) Economics | - | 95% | (f) Physical Education | - | 96% |

3. I also wish to share with you that during 2009, 56 boys of this batch left Mayo College after the Class X Board Results to join coaching classes and day schools

elsewhere. Amongst them were 40 boys who had a score of 80% and above. Therefore, it has been tremendous hard work by those boys who stayed back at Mayo to achieve a good batch average and the credit goes to them in full.

4. This year, there has been an increase in batch average score by 3.3% in the academic subjects (i.e. less Painting and Physical Education). It only substantiates that hard work by boys, scientific curriculum programming, better class room discipline and greater involvement by the faculty together have made this difference.

5. I now wish to take the next step to further improve upon our academic excellence. Academic results are largely determined by how a child prepares / is prepared in class X, XI and XII. It is on this that a child's performance hinges. The crucial run-up – the two to three years of swotting, inclusive of class and home work and self study become essential.

6. Academic excellence should be the hall mark of Mayo. The object of study should be knowledge, not just qualifications. The boys need to approach the last two years at Mayo with the intention of learning rather than merely passing the exam at the end of it. The boys will get a great deal more out of it by engaging constructively rather than by simply enduring it. They need to take up the challenge and be affirmative. They need not treat their stay in class XI and XII as a time of quarantine. We therefore need to keep a balance. No over dose of studies; remember the Law of Diminishing Returns! We wish the boys to be in a relaxed and highly efficient rhythm, combining sessions of intense study with sessions of extra curricular activities so as to not miss

out on the essence of Public School education; playing games, debating, cultural pursuits that enrich their education while ensuring big backlogs do not build up.

7. In light of the above, you need to explain to your child that if they ever fall behind in their work, they are at a great disadvantage. Each succeeding class or assignment will be that much more difficult since it assumes some prior knowledge.

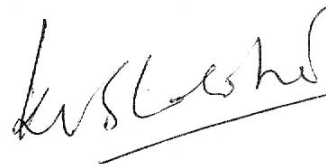
8. We will therefore, follow a schedule which will support your child's learning in all spheres. Some important decisions which have been taken and which require to be shared with you are as under:-

(a) Commencement of Class XI Session. Class XI session will in future commence immediately after the class X final exams i.e. in Apr, so that boys do not lose out on time. Presently, the class XI teachers are getting only five odd months to complete the class XI syllabus which is required to be completed in six to seven months.

(b) Overseas Exchanges. Boys will be permitted to go on overseas exchanges immediately after their class X exams i.e. during the summer vacations so that they do not miss out on their studies in class XI and XII.

(c) RS Service Project. In order to ensure the present class XI boys also get an opportunity for exchanges, they would be considered for a very short exchange of not more than two weeks or be sent on a service project.

- (d) Extra Coaching. Plans are underway to start extra coaching for those who wish to take the IIT Exam or improve their scores in the Boards.
- (e) Winter Camp. Winter camp will be compulsory for class XI and XII for an intense study session to make up for inadequacies both in time and performance.
9. I look forward to your support and co-operation. Any suggestions are welcome.
- With best wishes and warm regards,



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