



THE BISHOP'S CO-ED SCHOOL, UNDRI

Principal's address to the parents of classes IX and X

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents." Jane D. Hull

Parents are crucial to their children's academic progress; thus it is important that they become acquainted with the teachers, the policies and procedures of the school and learn about the accolades the school has received and the initiatives taken to further the academic progress of their children. In light of this, the Principal's address for classes IX and X took place in the B4 auditorium on Saturday, 22nd June, 2024 at 9:30 am. Mr. R. Russell, the Headmaster presided over the gathering.

As is typical in the Bishop's school, the Headmaster opened the meeting with a prayer, which was followed by the introduction of, the coordinators, counsellor, class teachers, and subject teachers. The school counsellor and psychologist, Dr.Y. Singh, was then asked to address the parents. She discussed students' mental health, their wellbeing, and the useful role parents can play in fostering a positive study culture. She urged the parents to step out of the parenting role and take on the role of a counsellor.

Mr Russell congratulated our Principal, Mr Julian Luke on receiving the '**Principal of the Year 2024**' award from the Universal Mentors Association at the 13th Eduleaders Summit and Awards ceremony which was held in Mumbai on 15th June, 2024. The parents erupted in thunderous applause at this.

The parents were briefed by the Headmaster about the important rules of the school, including the requirement of 75% attendance, punctuality, discipline in buses, the council's standards for promoting students to class X, absence from school, ID card swiping, refraining from using electronic devices, the strict prohibition of substance abuse, updating the students personal information, office meeting hours, and timely payment of fees. Additionally, the parents were advised to refrain from gossip and avoid spreading rumours.

The following are some recent additions to the school:

1. Marathi is now an option for a second language, alongside Hindi and French in class IX. For students who have chosen not to take Marathi as a second language, functional Marathi has also been introduced.
2. Classes in the Middle and Senior Schools now have new smart boards installed, and students are urged to handle them carefully to prevent any damage.

IMPORTANT DATES:-

- *First Term: 18th March to 4th September 2024*
- *Second Term: 9th September 2024 to 23rd February 2025*
- *First Prelims (**Class X**): 11th November to 25th November 2024*
- *Final Prelims (**Class X**): 7th January to 20th January 2025*
- *Finals (**Class IX**): 10th February to 23rd February 2025*

BREAKS:

- *Term break: 5th September to 9th September 2024*
- *Diwali break: 28th October to 2nd November 2024*
- *Winter Break: 14th December 2024 to 5th January 2025*
- *Session Break: 24th February to 16th March 2025*

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING PROMOTION

As per the council's criteria (ICSE), it is mandatory that a student passes his or her class with a minimum 33% overall/ aggregate marks in each subject failing which, promotion (IX) / PCNA (X) (Pass Certificate Not Awarded) to the next class will be denied. Also, it is compulsory that the student passes in English + four additional subjects out of the six chosen subjects.

a) There will be NO Retest.

b) Subject papers can be rechecked : Rs. 1000/- per subject (class X)

c) Candidates are permitted to apply for re-evaluation of their answer scripts. Re-evaluation charges : Rs. 1500/- per subject (class X)

d) Candidates can also appear for an Improvement Examination.

Improvement Examination charges : Rs. 500 per subject (class X)

For the subject with multiple papers, for eg. English, Improvement Examination the charges would be Rs.1000/-, if a candidate intends to take both the papers. (MAXIMUM OF 2 PAPERS)

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLASS X

- 1. Attend all offline and online classes**
- 2. Finish the assigned tasks on schedule.**
- 3. Complete and submit the ICSE projects on time.**
- 4. Be present for all evaluations and preliminary exams.**

5. Arrange for transportation for extra classes and practical sessions which will be held after school

Our Headmaster, Mr. R. Russell encouraged the parents repeatedly to ask any queries following the speech. Sir concluded by extending an invitation to the students of class X to join our Junior College for the next academic year. Thereafter, the parents were given the opportunity to interact with the teachers. The parents, benefitted by receiving guidance on many crucial aspects related to school and their children.

As we start this new academic year, let us pause to reflect on the path ahead and work together to create an atmosphere where our students may grow, learn, and enrich themselves.



Report by

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Mr. Ralph Russell introducing the senior staff



Dr. Yajyoti Singh, the school counsellor addressing the parents.



The Senior School staff



Parents – All attentive!!!