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Dear Students,

Year 2020 has been remarkable in so many ways, presenting previously unimaginable challenges to educators, families and students everywhere. This rapid shift to virtual and remote learning during the pandemic has indeed led to challenges and loss of learning hours.

The disruption caused by the pandemic has meant that some students could be behind by 6-9 months of learning in average. Keeping this in mind, the **CBSE** has made the announcement to conduct the Board Examinations for classes X & XII from **4th May 2021 to 9th June 2021**. So, the loss of months can be made good.

Though the teachers, administrators and parents have worked hard to keep learning alive, nevertheless, these efforts are not likely to provide the same quality of education that's delivered in the physical classroom.

The delay in the Board Examinations and decreased syllabus is to our advantage. We can now utilize these extra months to introduce "Acceleration academics" so that no child is left behind and has minimum learning loss by catching up through revision and test series.

- We will have **3 test series (offline).**
- **The entire portion would be divided into three parts.**
- **This is done in order to cover every part of the syllabus thoroughly and spacing the syllabus into three-part series.**
- **The test series will then be followed by Pre-Boards in March and April covering the entire syllabus.**

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Sharing few tips that will help you move forward and be well prepared for the exams.

- Just don't try to pass exam, aim to score a high percentage.
- Revise, revise, and revise effectively. The more your brain can engage in revision the more you will remember. Memory isn't in a box, its spread in the brain and more you engage your brain the more information it will store and the more you will remember.
- Plan your revision. Write a good Revision Schedule. Don't do just one subject a day, you will be tired and bored. Do one, maybe two subjects in the mornings and another two in the evenings.
- Do the previous years' Board Question papers. While practicing the last year papers adhere to the allotted time to answer the question paper. This will help you to think and write quickly.
- If you have trouble doing the last years' papers, do not hesitate to ask for help. Feel free to ask your teacher or try solving the paper in peer groups.
- If you have to stay up all night to do last minute revision, then you have already failed. It doesn't work. You must have at least 6-7 hours of sleep every night.
- Eat proteins before your exams and not carbohydrates. Proteins give you more energy.
- Get important facts into short term memory- use the key point method to remember them.
- On the exam day, read the entire Question Paper in the 15 minutes allotted for reading time. Reading the whole question is also important because many questions lead you through a problem- the answer to part a) is used in part b) etc. There might be clues in latter parts of question about what the examiner is expecting. Make sure you spot them.
- Do the easiest questions first.
- Refer to the marking schemes of the previous years' question papers. We have strict marking schemes these days- it's a drive to be seen to be fair. So if there are four marks available for the description, then the marking scheme may have four key points. Write them all.

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- Don't spend half an hour on two marks questions. Write according to the weightage of the question.
- Don't get stuck. Move on - Avoid the writer's block. If you get stuck on a question move to another. Don't waste time.
- Drinks small sips of water from the water bottle that you will take with you to the Examination centre. Stay hydrated. Stay calm.
- Never leave an exam early - check, check and check.

Let me remind you, my dear students, to always look at the positive side of any perplexing situation. If pandemic has snatched away your in-person learning, it has also given you time to acquire new skills and never before so much time to prepare for your exams. Make the best use of this time by giving more that you think you're capable of.

Dream big dear Xavierites! The sky is just the limit!

God bless.

Yours sincerely,

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