



*Educating persons for and with others*



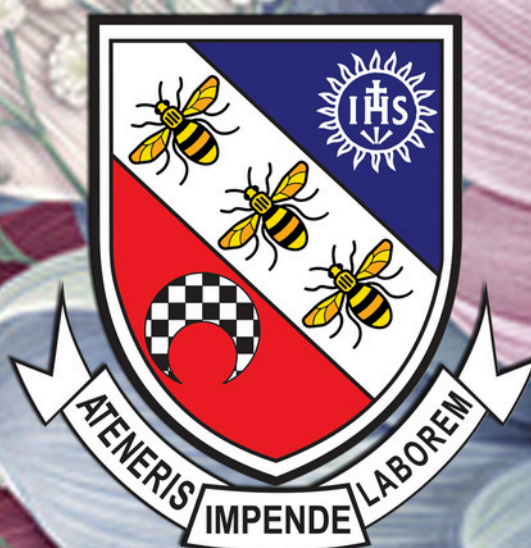
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*A Xavierite is a  
person with values*





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Dear Members of Xavier Parivar  
Greeting of peace!

It has been inspiring to read what you have shared.  
Your journey has been innovative, pioneering and path breaking.  
You have responded to the call you received with GENEROSITY,  
i remember a prayer of St. Ignatius, the founder of the Jesuits.  
The prayer is as below,

**Lord, teach me to be generous;  
teach me to serve you as you deserve,  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labor and not to seek reward,  
except that of knowing  
that I do your will.**

*-Saint Ignatius*

We wish you the very best as you serve, give yourselves,  
toil and labour for the good of all.

We are proud of you &  
we pray for God's blessings for all.

May God bles us all!

**Fr. S.Arul Rayan, S.J.**





# Virendra Vasava

"St. Xavier's : A Lifelong Impact"

St. Xavier's is more than just a school to me - it's my home and my primary identity as a Xavierite. I spent 14 years there, from nursery to 12th grade, and I haven't spent as much time anywhere else. It's where I felt most comfortable and at ease.

Writing an article for VoX feels like a lifetime opportunity, as I've also been a part of the team to make VoX at some point. The word "St. Xavier's" invokes excitement as something always happens in the school. You have celebrations of Teacher's day, Republic Day, Independence Day, science exhibitions, and quizzes! (best thing I remember!), Football tournament (that Adrenaline rush!), Basketball tournament, chess, carrom, sports day, Diwali celebration, Christmas celebration, and the list would not exhaust. No other place can provide you with such opportunities to explore yourself from a young age. I miss Football tournaments and the Annual Day celebration. Those days would never come; I won't be on the school team again. A little sad, but those are my beloved memories.



Class K.G.-C 1998



Batch 2011



Virendrasinh U. Vasava  
Assistant Commissioner  
Tribal Development Department

Getting into St. Xavier's is a privilege. Being a Xavierite is a privilege. You learn whatever you want at that place. The best School library, The Best Canteen, well-equipped science labs, huge playgrounds where you can probably play any sports and most importantly, the most talented and empathetic human beings as mentors who consider it their prime responsibility to make every student an all-rounder who can never back down. Which school has that mini zoo with rabbits, birds, and tortoises? No school can even think of it! The whole environment and all the teachers guide you and groom every student's persona so that every child can extract the most potent elixir out of themselves and perform at the top of their Game of life.



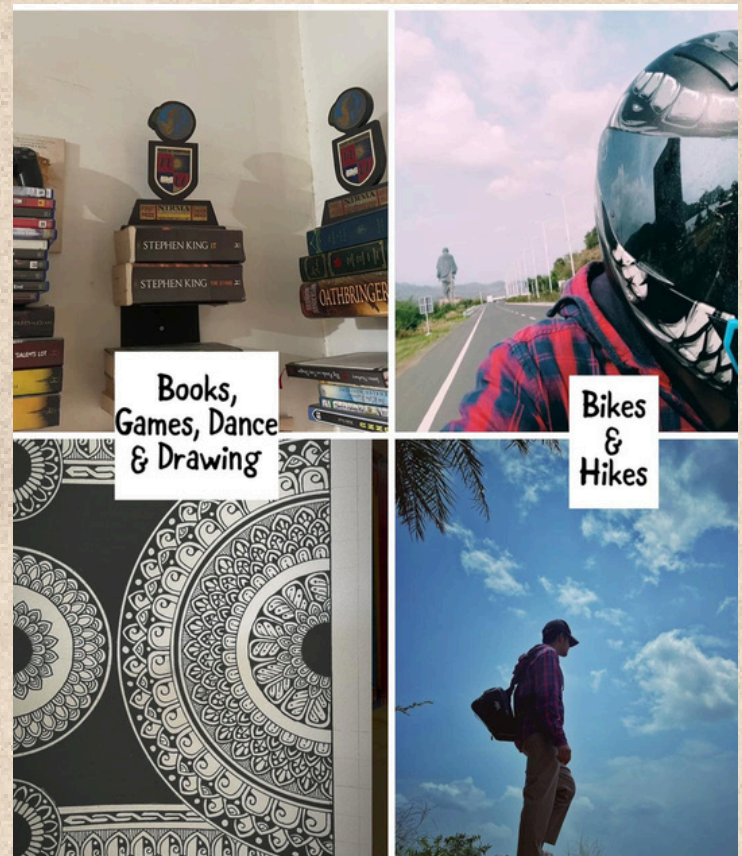
Inspecting Schools



After completing my degree in Mechanical Engineering, I joined Bombardier Transportation as a Method Engineer. But I wanted to try something new, so I took the GPSC Class-1/2 exam and gave interviews in English despite having gone to school in Gujarati medium. I cleared the exam in my first attempt and became an Assistant Commissioner for Tribal Development, where I'm now responsible for running over 700 schools and catering to 1.5 lakh tribal students directly. It's a challenging job, but I'm proud to be making a difference in the lives of underprivileged tribals. I could easily switch from a technical job to the welfare sector and perform well because I was trained to perform everything in those crucial schooling years. Throughout my life, I've met many successful individuals who are also Xavierites, which speaks to the school's ability to nurture children and help them achieve their potential. Xavierites are everywhere, and they're winning at life.

Guides. Just utilize your privilege of being in St. Xavier's. Try everything and participate in everything. Not many people are aware of their capabilities, interest, and passions.

That is the main reason people feel lost throughout their lives. Figure out what you like when you already have that conducive environment and guidance. It will also teach you multitasking and time management.



Books,  
Games, Dance  
& Drawing

Bikes  
&  
Hikes



At Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi



At a function at BM TU

Career Guidance Seminar, 2018

And lastly, trust your teachers and their teachings because even the subject of Moral Sciences has turned out to be most useful to make the best out of any situation.

Stay blessed.

Be ready for the exciting journey as a Xavierite for life.

You Shall Win.

Never Stop Trying

"A winner never stops trying."

I am too minuscule of a person to tell you anything of use that you don't already know. You are already in the best possible environment with the best possible



# Hinika Khandelwal

**Batch 2011**

Hello, My name is Hinika Khandelwal and I would like to share my part of the story as a proud student.

My journey from Xavier's to Germany has been a rewarding one. It has shown and taught me how essential it is combining education and experience to gain success and peace in life. Using this article as a means, I will share my experiences as a student at Xavier's and my career as an English language teacher in Germany. I hope my story will inspire the young generation to pursue their dreams and passions and not just be book worms.

- **Xavier's: My experience as a student**

Xavier's is a reputed institution known for its academic excellence and holistic approach to education. When I was a student at Xavier's, I learned the value of hard work, devotion, and perseverance. The faculty at Xavier's were knowledgeable, supportive, and encouraging. They pushed us to think critically and inspired us to explore our passions. Apart from academics, Xavier's also made sure that we have various opportunities for personal and social development. I participated in various extracurricular activities such as debates, sports, and cultural events. These activities aided me to develop my interest in leadership, communication, and teamwork skills.

- **Lessons learned from Xavier's**

My time at Xavier's taught me many valuable lessons that have helped me in my personal and professional life. Firstly, I learned the importance of setting goals and working towards them. Secondly, I learned the importance of time management and prioritisation. Lastly, I learned the importance of networking and building relationships.

- **Transitioning to a career in Teaching**

After completing my studies at Xavier's, I decided to pursue my career in Teaching as I was really inspired. I did My masters in English literature and then made my way to Germany. It was a challenging decision as I had to navigate a new culture, language, and work environment. However, I was determined to make the most of this opportunity.

- **Becoming an English language teacher in Germany**

After doing some research, I decided to become an English language teacher in Germany. It was a profession that aligned with my interests and skills. I completed a certification course in teaching English as a foreign language and started looking for job opportunities.

Teaching English as a foreign language in Germany was not without its challenges. Firstly, I had to adapt to the German education system, which was different from what I was used to. Secondly, I had to learn how to teach English in a way that was relevant and engaging for my students. Lastly, I had to learn German to communicate with my colleagues and students.

- **Combining education and experience in teaching**

To be an effective teacher, I realised that I needed to combine my education and experience. I drew on my knowledge of English grammar and teaching methodologies that I had learned during my certification course. I also drew on my personal experiences of learning a second language to understand my students' challenges and motivations. By combining education and experience, I was able to create a learning



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- Reflections on my experience as an Xavier's student and a teacher in Germany

Looking back, I realise that my experience as an Xavier's student prepared me well for my career in Germany. The skills and values that I learned at Xavier's such as critical thinking, time management, and networking have been invaluable in my professional life. Additionally, my experience as a teacher in Germany has taught me the importance of adapting to new situations, being open-minded, and continuously learning.

Advice for students and professionals looking to combine education and experience

My advice to students and professionals looking to combine education and experience is to be proactive, curious, and resilient. Don't be afraid to explore new opportunities, even if they seem daunting. Take advantage of every opportunity to learn and grow, both personally and professionally.

Lastly, build relationships and network with people in your field.

In conclusion, my journey from Xavier's to Germany has taught me the importance of combining education and experience to achieve success in life. Education provides us with knowledge and skills, while experience provides us with practical application and real-world insights. By combining education and experience, we can create a fulfilling and successful career that aligns with our passions and interests.





# Dr. Kush Rajput

**"Get comfortable being uncomfortable and you might be surprised where it takes you."**

**We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self- discipline and effort. If you have a strong commitment to your goals and dreams, everything is possible.**

**It is like a dream come true for me to write about my journey. I stepped in St. Xavier's School in the year 1999 to enrich my educational journey. When I joined St. Xavier's I was excited, scared, curious and above all I had a dream. Dream to be the best. Trust me, I am still the same kid.**



**This school has given me unforgettable impressions. Those occasional class bunks, canteen gossips, late night studies and life mantras from teachers and countless other memories are about to stay in my mind forever. Fests organizations and extra-curricular activities organized by the school increased my exposure and made me confident and helped me a lot in striving and becoming what I am today. The wide range of tasks performed by me has given me a sense of responsibility towards our society and raised my conscience. Not only has this institution given me a tremendous learning experience, but also given me a chance to participate in various social and cultural events. Leaving aside the non-scholastic activities, the lessons taught by our proficient facilitators have given me indispensable knowledge and**

**Batch 2012**



**guidance throughout my session. I am grateful to my teachers for all their efforts to make me better a person and to support me throughout my school journey and of course help me to score good grades. I have seen this institution growing and grooming every single day because of this highly ambitious and committed faculty. It is their courage, hard work and patience which have helped in producing bright students who have done well in their respective careers. I have seen many of my batch mates who have reached extreme heights in their career and have established their names in their respective industries. All my sincere gratitude to St. Xavier's School, Gandhinagar. I have had spent my 12 great years in St. Xavier's. Great as in by learning from the best, being part of each and every activity, always being on stage for elocution, debate and the list goes on. It was really not easy. My life during childhood was pretty disciplined. I always had a plan, even for having fun."**





How will you keep fun in your life? Yes, fun. Seems to be resonant chord here. Life is full of enough sobering and tragic moments, don't forget to exercise your sense of humour, you are going to need it. Listen to Winston Churchill, you cannot deal with the most serious things in the world unless you also understand the most amusing." It is easy when you have clear ideas in your head. It was not like I always wanted to be a Medico, but that discipline and perseverance which I had developed during school days, my mother Mrs. Jaya Rajput being the first line of motivation for me life-long and me being a big fan of my father as he is an Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr. Udayan Rajput, I found a strong attraction towards the field of Medicine and Surgery.

Now I would like to tell little bit about myself. I have completed MBBS from prestigious institution B.J. Medical College, Ahmedabad.



I have completed M.S. in (General And Laparoscopic Surgery) with a Gold Medal from Gujarat Adani Institute of Medical Sciences which was possible by constant motivation and support provided by my hard working and passionate wife Khushboo Rajput who is an educator herself. Presently I am contently working as a Consultant General and Laparoscopic Surgeon at Shri R.N. Vala Hospital, Kodinar.

Today I feel content that our hard work as a team of Student-Teacher-Parent has paid off and it is all because I have a very strong base paved for me for all my future endeavors. All credit goes to the educators who have helped me in becoming who I am today and would like to mention a few out of many: Fr Hector Pinto sir, Kiran Ma'am, Nalini Ma'am, Veena Ma'am, Naina Ma'am, Zala Ma'am, Smita Ma'am, Shaila Ma'am, Leena Ma'am, Jyotsana Ma'am, Dave Ma'am, Harsha Ma'am, Silvia Ma'am, Kiran Sir, Sunil Sir, Sunanda Ma'am, Martha Ma'am, Tarpana Ma'am, Alka Ma'am and the list goes on....

Love and Regards,  
Dr. Kush Udayan Rajput





## Uren Kumar

Batch 2012

It is an honour for me to write this for our own VOX. What it feels for me can't be described in words. I mean the place from where actually I started writing poems, the place which appreciated my enthusiasm for writing, the place which boosted my inner actor is St. Xavier's High School, Gandhinagar and VOX is the voice of Xavier's and Xavierites. I still remember the days when we stood in a queue submitting our small childish article to teacher asking, "Whether it can be in the next addition of VOX?" That were the days, when VOX was having its initial instalments. And now it's the Alumni column where this article is getting published. A long way!

St. Xavier's School has played a major role in developing me since my Nursery academics. I still remember one of the questions asked in the Nursery admission interview and my reply to that; "Beta te kaya colour na shoes pehrya che?" And I replied "Shoes Nathi sendal che Orange colour na." Haha! I can laugh on this now, but it was a big achievement for me and my parents at that time. This showed how keen observer I could be. You can see the twist the teacher asked in the question! It was a small twist for that particular question, but the life is full of twists and turns to which she was introducing me. In the very first interaction she thought me, "You have to achieve what you want is the only key". People wondered about St. Xavier's School, what's there so much in the school? Answer is, that's not just a school, St. Xavier's is an emotion. An emotion of a child studying there to a man who is alumni. While writing this actually getting emotional and teary eyes can narrate my emotional bond with St. Xavier's High School, Gandhinagar.



The ups and downs you face in your life sometimes gives you Déjà Vu if you are a Xavierite. Haha, not exactly the big problems but the accountability of the tasks you get as a student for that particular time sounds big. As a child you need a pampered environment, but if needed your parents or teachers should throw you to the challenges and I got that from both sides. I'm thankful to my parents, due to them I got privilege to study in this divine place and get opportunities while being in St. Xavier's for 12 years. It is like a roller coaster memory ride for me to write this article.



I think a single article is not enough to describe how we dealt with the events and we were opened to the world environment from school itself. From preparation and practices to performances, for Fest days to Annual days to Annual sports days. From participating in QUEST to winning the competition, from being appreciated to write poem to take part as student representative in inter school poetry competitions.



Not only just the creative and cultural activities developed my inner me but the science fair to fun fair also developed the inclination of mine to the science and management background.



This events, successfully developed me to become a Mechanical Engineer, MBA personnel as dreamt initially. I developed a New Breaking System for two wheelers, Worked in ITER- PRL's sub branch, got a job as a Marketing head for Saurashtra, Maharashtra and South Gujarat in IOT base startup company. But some incidents in life changed my perception of working. Simultaneously dealing with this technical opportunities, I managed to work in the creative field. The opportunities this creative field has shown to me were good and at the same time I grabbed it also. I'm a proud engineer who is working now as an Actor/Writer in media and film industry. The way I started dreaming in my school, I accomplished some of the goals. The way I answered that question at Nursery admission time, the same confidence led me here. The self confidence which was built in me by my parents and boosted in the school made this Uren an Engineer, MBA to "Uren Kumar" for media and film industry.

I still remember father Hactor Pinto, who appreciated me more than anything for my creativity. When it comes to morning prayers in assembly, we all get a turn for reciting either prayer, news or anything else. I was blessed by the faculties as they have given me the chance that I can recite my poems at times whenever my turn was there. I remember, the reactions by father Hactor was on that. He used to listen to each lines and give the comments after that in assembly. I think that pulled a more confidence in me, "a principal of your school is supporting you, then definitely there is something you can do with this".

And here I am, a Technical Writer for an IT MNC, simultaneously working in Gujarati, Hindi and Marathi Film & Television industry as Writer and Actor. I successfully completed my working experience in technical field for 7 years, at the same time I have worked in 10 experimental plays, achieved awards and recognitions at media level, 4 web series, Many national TVC like Idea No Ullu Banvuing and a Gujarati film. Last year some of my works were released. Matsyavedh as a writer, Coffee Kaafi Chhe as a writer and actor and Bandh Magaj as an actor on Shemaroo Gujarati OTT. The film is still about to reach theatres this year. And still having 5 projects in pipeline describes the workaholic and dedicated behaviour in me developed since schooling.



As nothing is like what we had in school days, but what we have is definitely due to the seed grown while schooling. Actually the school life and all things happening in that era can make a person what he or she want to be. Starting from your home to your school and your parents to your faculties can make a person you want to be. I achieved what I thought for and still catching more what I wished for, I wish you also can achieve what you want to have and want to be.

From writing a small poem to get it published in a VOX edition to get an article published in Times Of India for himself written by someone else. What else a boy can say, I think a Xavierite to Ex-Xavierite like me, now can describe his feelings in this way only. I must say you, enjoy this opportunity what you have got to be in St. Xavier's High School, be the person what you want to be and contribute to your family, school, country and the world.

**Don't dream small, the Sky is the Limit!**



## Nivid Desai

Teaching Associate, IIT Gandhinagar

Board Member, Department of English, St Xavier's  
College, Ahmedabad

Batch 2014

### St Xavier's: A Living Legacy

Every time I enter the hallowed gates of our campus, my memories take me back to the sheer vibrance this place has brought into my life. A congenial space to learn, unlearn and relearn; an adventure to explore the deepest recesses of one's identity; a journey of a lifetime that reveals the best of human potential in oneself and others; a macrocosm of love, knowledge and kindness—in Walt Whitman's words, St Xavier's High School, Gandhinagar, truly "contains multitudes."



I had the privilege and honour of calling St Xavier's my horizon of learning for 12 years. The halls, the classrooms, the fields, the stage—they encouraged us to dream beyond our imagination. With each step of growth, our teachers empowered us to become better individuals, for ourselves, for our loved ones and for the world. From them, we learnt that, at Xavier's, our potential was not only defined by our academic performance. The institution helped us realise the diverse nature of talents and skills that each of us possessed. Be it sports or performing arts, Xavier's inspired us to express ourselves in languages dearest to



us. In my own journey at Xavier's, I found my calling on the stage. From the Annual Day celebration to the coveted Quest competitions, my teachers and peers supported me in establishing myself as a performer. The numerous extra-curricular activities at Xavier's revealed aspects of myself that I could not have acknowledged or appreciated otherwise. In the following years, as a student of literature, the skills I developed at the school helped me build my identity as a writer and educator. With the help of these experiences, I received opportunities to work with platforms such as the Times of India and Radio Mirchi. St Xavier's taught each one of us to pursue our passion and build an impactful career out of it. I am eternally grateful to my teachers and the institution for enabling each one of us to embrace our growth with warmth and compassion to this day.





St Xavier's has formed a resolute foundation for my aspirations of making an impact in my community through education. As a lecturer at IIT Gandhinagar and an academic policymaker at St Xavier's College, Ahmedabad, I constantly derive motivation and inspiration from the eminent teachers who have shaped my perspective of the world during my formative years at Xavier's. They helped me find my voice and sense of self as an individual, expanded my understanding of the world as a critical thinker and built my empathy towards others. As an educator, I strive to align my thoughts, words and deeds with the values I carry from the Xavier's legacy. I aspire to inculcate the breadth and depth of knowledge and kindness in my students that I was blessed to receive from my teachers and mentors.



Being a Xavierite is an endlessly evolving definition; each member of the Xavier's family adds their unique nuance to it. I am thrilled to discover the dynamic stories of fun, adventure, and learning that you add to the institute's saga. You, the future of this institution, the Xavierites of today and tomorrow: the world awaits your audacious hope. Among more than eight billion people on this Earth, there is only one you. You, who can nurture timeless friendships; you, who carry the beacon of love for yourself and others; you, who can create, innovate and inspire; you, who can breathe entire universes into existence with your imagination;

you, who never stops learning and evolving. The path you choose will lead you to light, and I cannot wait to see you shine when you embrace it.

Oh, and be it for memories of yesteryears or motivation for the future, Xavier's will always be there to welcome you home.





## Sharon Xavier

Batch 2014

My life journey has been an incredible adventure full of challenges and opportunities that have helped shape the person I am today. As a child, I was always eager to learn and explore, and my school life was a time of great self-discovery filled with learning. I made many friends along the way, and some of those friendships have lasted a lifetime. I enjoyed participating in various extracurricular activities, which included sports, quiz and dance, and this helped me develop a well-rounded personality.

At a young age, I read about stars and planets in a book purchased from the school book fair and this book mesmerized me. I became more and more fascinated by the night sky and was encouraged by my parents to pursue this interest further. This pursuit led me to take up aerospace engineering as my undergraduate course and space engineering as my postgraduate course. Both of these fields demanded intense work and in-depth understanding of complex topics. Thanks to my professors and equally talented classmates, I learned to think critically, work collaboratively, and solve complex problems. They encouraged me to push my limits and explore my potential, and I emerged from my university years with a sense of purpose and direction.



I currently work at the German Space Operations Center as a spacecraft controller for geo-stationary communication satellites, a position I took up right after my master's degree. My work involves sending



commands and anomaly handling of satellites along with coordinating with different project partners for daily satellite operations. Although work life comes with its own setbacks and moments of doubt, I have experienced considerable growth and success despite it. I now have the opportunity to work with and learn from culturally diverse and talented colleagues from around the world and make meaningful contributions to my field.

For young students who are just starting their own journey, my advice would be to pursue their dreams with complete conviction. Challenge yourself to grow and most importantly do not be afraid to make mistakes because there will always be people to support you. Here are some more specific tips and guidance for young students as they navigate their way through school, university, and the workforce:





- **Develop a love of learning**

One of the most important things you can do as a student is to develop a love of learning. This means being curious and asking questions without fear of sounding silly. Read widely, attend lectures, and talk to experts in fields that interest you. The more you learn, the more you'll realize how much there is still to discover, just as I have.

- **Seek out mentors**

Mentors can be incredibly valuable sources of guidance and inspiration. Seek out people who have achieved success in your field or who have qualities you admire, and ask them for advice and mentorship. As I have experienced, most of them will gladly guide you. Be open to feedback and constructive criticism, and use it as an opportunity to grow and improve.



- **Build relationships**

Networking is an essential part of building a successful career. Attend conferences or webinars, join professional organizations, and connect with people on social media platforms like LinkedIn. Build genuine relationships with people, and be generous with your time and expertise.

- **Be adaptable and flexible**

The world is changing rapidly, and it's important to be adaptable and flexible in your approach to work and life. Embrace new technologies, learn new skills, and be open to new opportunities that come your way. The more adaptable you are, the more resilient you'll be in the face of challenges and setbacks.



- **Believe in yourself**

Perhaps the most important piece of advice I can offer is to believe in yourself. You can achieve incredible things if you are willing to work consistently, persevere through challenges, and never give up on your dreams, especially during moments of doubt. Trust in your abilities, be confident in your decisions, and always keep pushing forward.



In conclusion, the journey so far has been full of ups and downs, but ultimately rewarding and fulfilling. I hope that my advice and guidance can help young Xavierites navigate their own journey with confidence and purpose, and I wish them luck for their future endeavors.



## Krina Rathod

"whetevery be the xevierite,  
We will always shine bright"

Batch 2015



દરેક વ્યક્તિ તેનાં જીવનચક્રનાં. ૨૦-૨૧% જેટલો સમય એક વિદ્યાર્થી તરીકે શાળા માં વ્યતીત કરતો હોય છે. આ ૧૨-૧૪ વર્ષનો સમગાળો દરેકનું વ્યક્તિત્વ ઘડવામાં ખુબ જ મહત્વનો હોય છે, તથા આનંદ પ્રમોદ, સુખ - દુઃખ, ચડતી - પડતી, ભૂલો અને શિખથી ભરેલો આ સમય સોનેરી પળો હોય છે જે અંતિમ શ્વાસ સુધી આપણી યાદોમાં રહે છે. આકાશમાં અનેક તારા ચમકતા જરૂર હોય છે, પરંતુ ધ્રુવના તારાની ચમક j કઈક અલગ હોય છે, એમ પ્રત્યેક શાળાની કઈક ખાસિયત હોય છે પરંતુ ઝેવિયરાઈટ તરીકેનો મારો અનુભવ ઉડીને આંખે વળગે એવી ચમક સમો બેજોડ છે.



દસમા પછી જ્યારે સ્ટુડન્ટ ને તેના ભવિષ્ય માટે મહત્વના નિર્ણય લેવાના હોય છે ત્યારે તેનામાં ઘણા પ્રશ્નો, મૂંઝવણ અને શંકા જાગૃત થાય છે. મારી આ કારકિર્દી ઘડવાના પડાવમાં ઝેવિયર્સના દરેક ટીચરે મને ઘણી મદદ કરી, ૨૦૧૪-૧૫ ના વર્ષમાં નવી સેમેસ્ટર સિસ્ટમ લાગુ પડી હતી, જેમાં દર દ મહિને બોર્ડની પરીક્ષા આપવાની હતી. આ પડકારનો સામનો કરવા ઝેવિયર્સ ફેમિલી અમારી સાથે તૈનાત હતી. કોઈપણ જાતના ડર કે મૂંઝવણ સિવાય દરેક ચેપ્ટર અને વિષય ને 'practical significance' સાથે કઈ રીતે સમજવું તેની સલાહ અને પ્રોત્સાહન હંમેશા મળતું રહ્યું અને મારામાં આત્મવિશ્વાસનો સંચાર થયો જેના પરિણામ સ્વરૂપ જળહળતા રિઝલ્ટ સાથે મેં પરીક્ષા પાસ કરી.

Bachelor's in Civil engineering and Master's in Water resources engineering ની ડીગ્રી પ્રાપ્ત કર્યા પછી GPSC CLASS-૧&૨ ની પરીક્ષા આપવાનો મેં નિર્ણય કર્યો, ત્યારે મન માં પ્રશ્ન હતો k હરીફાઈ ના આ જમાનામાં gpssc જેવી અઘરી પરીક્ષા પાસ કરવા english medium નું સ્ક્રીલિંગ અને દિલ્હીથી class કરવા આવશ્યક છે. પરંતુ નવા પડકારોનો સામનો હંમેશા નીડર બની કરવો એવી શીખ મને ફાધર અને મારા ટીચર્સએ હંમેશા આપી હતી જે મને ઘણી મદદરૂપ થઈ અને પ્રથમવાર ૨૦૨૧ ના વર્ષમાં GPSC CLASS-૧-૨ ની પરીક્ષા આપી. હવે થયું એવું કે કોઈ કારણોસર કે સંજોગો વસાત નજીવા ગુણના અંતરથી આ પરીક્ષા પાસ કરવામાં હું નિષ્ફળ ગઈ....

આમ તો કેહવતો અનુસાર, નિષ્ફળતાનો સ્વાદ ચાખવો દરેક માટે જરૂરી છે. પરંતુ અસલમાં જ્યારે જીવન ની પેહલી નિષ્ફળતા મળે છે ત્યારે નિરાશાના વાદળો છવાઈ જાય છે. એ સમયે લોકોના શબ્દો સાચા પડતા લાગતા હતા, 'કે આનાથી નઈ થય શકે, GPSC આપણા માટે નથી બની.' મને ત્યારે ફાધર ના શબ્દો યાદ આવ્યાં તે હંમેશાં કહેતા. "Never give up, jo matter what never give up" મારા maths ના સોમ સર પણ કહેતા k " નિશાન ચૂક માફ નહીં માફ નીચું નિશાન." નિષ્ફળતા ના ડરથી ધ્યેય મૂકી દેવું એ મારા સ્વભાવ માં હતું જ નહીં અને શાળા સમય થી કઈ રીતે હિંમત સાથે મુસીબત નો સામનો કરવો એનું ઘડતર હતું. બસ, મારા પરિવાર, મિત્રો તથા ઝેવિયર્સ ફેમિલી ની શીખ સાથે ફરી એકવાર gpssc આપવાનું મેં સાહસ કર્યું. અને કોઈપણ જાતના કલાસિસ કે ઇંગ્લિશ medium ના બેકાઉન્ડ વગર ગુજરાતી માધ્યમના સ્ક્રીલિંગ સાથે GPSC GUJARAT ENGINEERING SERVICE ની CLASS 1&2 ની exam Rank-46 સાથે પાસ કરી જળહળતી સિદ્ધિ પ્રાપ્ત કરી.



આજે હું નાયબ કાર્યપાલક ઈજનેર તરીકે Government of Gujarat na IRRIGATION DEPARTMENT માં મારી ફરજ બજાવું છું. લોકોને માત્ર સફળતા અને પરિણામ પર નજર હોય છે, પરંતુ અહીં પહોંચવા સુધી ની સફરના ઉતાર ચડાવ માં છેલ્લે સુધી ટકી રહેવું એજ મહત્વનું છે. જે મને મારા ઝેવિયર્સ પરિવાર દ્વારા હંમેશા શીખવાડવામાં આવ્યું છે જેની હું આજીવન ઋણી રહીશ.



### Dr. Rohit Ojha

Batch 2016

St.Xaviers school Gandhinagar, as soon as these words strike my ear drum, I can sense a wave of nostalgia which sweeps over me. All the cherished childhood memories get refreshed.

A deep sense of gratitude and respect is experienced for the noble institute which contributed in shaping the career of mine and many more like me in it's holy lap.

Recollecting my experiences at school I vividly remember my first day when I joined school in 2014. Me as a young boy traveling almost 15 km from Ahmedabad to reach sector 8 Gandhinagar during early hour of morning with all the excitement in my heart to study at my dream school, a school which has always been well known for its discipline , top academics and long history of producing noble laureates.

As soon as I stepped inside I was enchanted to see a building surrounded by Lush greenery and serenity providing fresh air and sooth, a vast lawn for sports , clean corridor, spacious classrooms ,assembly area , laboratory area, a peaceful library upstairs. And yes how can I forget to mention the canteen "Ison's canteen and it's cheese puff". I felt reassured .

As the day passed I felt lucky to be taught by teachers who were all expert of their respective subjects teaching with sincere dedication. Being a biology student I would like to specially mention respected Mrs. Dolly Teacher. I can't thank her enough. Her rock solid concepts and deep knowledge of biology are still useful till date. Besides her all the other teachers were also highly passionate and dedicated to their subjects and their down to earth nature was always admirable . Respected Mrs. Rita teacher is always a quintessential personality for Resilience and determination.



I can't thank enough to the institute and all its staff . The lessons I learnt there certainly played its part that I topped Gandhinagar district in my board exams of my 11th std. It was a pride to see my photo and interview along with my institute name printed in the newspaper the following morning. Thanks to the excellent academics I could successfully clear entrance exams with top grades and I secured Admission in M. B. B. S . During the journey of mbbs participated and won various quizzes , carried out research work and was involved in cultural and sports events . Thanks to the base of all these which was well prepared at school level and finally I cleared my M. B. B.S with flying colors from the prestigious B. J. Medical College , Civil hospital Ahmedabad and after having cleared my entrance for post graduation I am currently pursuing my MD in psychiatry from well known Smt. NHL municipal medical college , SVP Hospital Ahmedabad.

To everyone reading this I would like to remind that schools are the stepping stone of life in general . They shape not just our career but also us as an individual and provide us with a space to create wonderful memories of precious childhood. I would always thank to St. Xaviers Gandhinagar for not just being a long standing source of knowledge but also a fountain for cultivation of morals ,ethics, discipline, cultural values, sportsmanship and many more virtues crucial for all around development of a being . Proud to belong to St. Xavier's family. Thank you.

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### Dr. Vidhi Patel

**Batch 2016**

Reminiscing my school days will forever bring me joy and nostalgia. I was a shy kid who entered St. Xavier's High school in Nursery back in the year 2002 and ended up spending 14 years of her life living exuberantly as a XAVIERITE.

Going down the memory lane, I still remember the excitement I felt during participating in various extracurricular activities that were organized. The academic year used to start with "THE QUEST" – an event organized by ex-students which used to be the epitome of healthy competitiveness between various teams. There used to be various language elocution competitions, science exhibitions, drawing competitions, annual functions and sports days which the teachers used to actively encourage the students to participate. Science exhibitions and the elocution helped me cultivate my love for my medicine and the English language. The teachers' support and guidance helped me build several virtues like patience, kindness, confidence and compassion in my life.

The morning assemblies playing Christmas carols and the canteen days during the Christmas season used to bring me the thrills. This school helped me find some great friendships and experiences.

From fearing the public speaking during morning assemblies to winning allocation competitions, I learned some exemplary life lessons from the teachers who were so compassionate about teaching and always used to encourage me to hustle and to never stop. They were always so approachable when I got any difficulty during my school days.



I, Dr. Vidhi Patel, a proud alumni will forever be thankful to my teachers – Shaila Ma'am, Eliza Ma'am, Hema Ma'am, Chhaya sir, Smita Ma'am, Dolly Ma'am, Rita Ma'am, Alka Ma'am, Leena Ma'am. Under their guidance, I got admission in the MBBS course in Shri M P Shah Govt Medical College, Jamnagar in 2016. College was a whole new world for me where I dealt with various challenges of moving into the new city and making new friends but all of this was possible because of the qualities I had adapted during my school years. 5.5 years of my college life was a roller-coaster of new clinical experiences like being a forefront intern in the COVID duty, organizing a blood donation drive, handling the medical emergencies and being a medical officer in the CHCs and PHCs. I also helped establishing a literature club – "THE LITWITS CLUB" in my college due to my love of literature. From organizing "The Quest" after my 12th std. to organizing "FONTANELLE" – a medical conference in my college, Shri M P Shah Govt Medical College, I have come a long way.



So, Dear students, I want you all to always be open to new opportunities and experiences. If it gets too hard, don't feel afraid to approach the teachers. Participate in various extracurricular activities, make new friends, study with full gusto and make your school and teachers proud.

Signing Off,

Dr. Vidhi Patel - MBBS

M P Shah Medical College, Jamnagar

A Proud Xavierite.



### Dr. Briva Rai

**Batch 2017**

**The Impact of St. Xavier's: How My School Shaped Who I Am Today.**

When I think of St. Xavier's, I think of early morning cycle rides to school, the rush to arrive early so I can sit on the first bench, the assembly prayers which we all still remember by heart, and the positive start to the day. I also remember the helpful teachers who always boosted my confidence and the supportive friends I made.

Going to school has always been fun and exciting for me, unlike most. However, my first day at Xavier's was filled with anxiety as I joined the school in eleventh standard. I was worried about fitting in, as I knew no one at all. It was challenging to adjust to new school and surroundings, but from the very first student I met to the very first teacher I had, they made me feel welcomed, and my anxiety vanished.



I have always been a studious yet curious kid since birth, and Xavier's provided me with a great platform for both academics and extracurricular activities. I reminisce over the good old days, like sports day where I was made captain of the yellow house, leading the marching group. I was also part of the school football team, which was amusing since I played for my old school as well.



From playing football at the state level to playing soft tennis at the Asian level, life was never dull. Running in relay races was exhilarating too. Apart from being too much interested in sports, I also took Bharatnatyam dance lessons. It feels so calm, when you stop thinking about everything for a few minutes while you dance your troubles out. Some, must also say it is most exciting form of meditation one can do in modern times. So, is painting and drawing.

Being interested in more than one extracurricular activity can be hectic and troublesome hence, finding a balance between them and education becomes necessary. I learned how to do this at school, and it comes in handy today too.



St. Xavier's has always played a significant part in my life, even though I was there for just two years. I built many amazing friendships and was guided by truly talented teachers who always had my back, even when I stumbled. They helped me grow, learn, and turn into the person I am today.

Currently, I am doing my internship at BJ Medical College, Ahmedabad, and even after completing four years of college life, I still look back at that one building. It might seem like just red paint and bricks to someone else, but to me, it's filled with memories of laughter, cries, fun, and some sad yet wholesome experiences—the best ones I have ever had.



## Madhav Thacker

**Batch 2019**

The time one spends at Xavier's gets forever etched in an alumni's mind and has a lasting impact on an individual, and I am no different. The formative years of a person play a huge role in the way a person approaches life. As I sat down to reminisce my time at Xavier's and to share my experience as an alumni, a wave of nostalgia hit me along with a sudden unpleasant realization that I am getting older and perhaps it was only yesterday that I was sitting in the same four walls that you are sitting in right now.



The most memorable events during my school life although being extremely important are not ones from the traditional learnings of the classroom, but are from the camaraderie with my batchmates, the friendships, the time spent at the canteen, the fun and the early learning inculcated in me of taking people along with me and always thinking about the good of all and not just me which helps me out even now as I deal with a variety of people on a daily basis. The most fun I had was doing extra curriculums. The 'Quest' used to be the highlight of my year and I had the most fun participating in events like the Quiz which I had the pleasure of winning for our school almost every year along with my seniors. During those times while coming in contact with the ex-xavierites who used to be the ones organizing the whole event, I used to avidly observe that they used to miss their time at school the most and now I can safely say, I relate with them. Events like the canteen day helped me learn a lot about the organizational and time management skills that I need frequently now. I used to be very reserved



and reticent during my primary years but the teachers always saw something in me which even I couldn't and pushed me to get out of my comfort zone and become the person I am today. The teachers here are like sculptors, they identify the true potential of a student and try to carve them and guide them from an unfinished raw stone during their schooling years to the finished diamond that each and every one of us become in our own special way and for that we will be forever indebted to them. I had the fortune of having the best teachers who always looked out for me in their own way and pushed me to participate in events which are the highlight of my schooling years now. It would be unfair to name and single out teachers because they have all had a huge impact on me. I remember one such incident, I was chosen by my class teacher to address a gathering of around ten thousand people which included the chief minister and other ministers during the inauguration of the statue of unity prototype and that experience truly had a big impact on me and the public speaking skills I have today.





I participated in a lot of elocutions and declamations and was always pushed by my teachers for the same, which helped me learn a lot about life because I truly believe sports and competitions teach you a lot about the life you will encounter in the future. That being said, I was far from an ideal student, I was very lazy, still am, used to procrastinate a lot, still do, and had numerous conflicts with my teachers who always used to reprimand my shortcomings and wanted me to rectify them and I realize as you move forwards in life no-one cares about you like they do during these years and my advice would be to listen to them and try to rectify those bad traits early on in life as it is incredibly hard to do so as you become older. Try to absorb all the advices and inputs from your teachers even if you may feel like you know what's best for yourself more than them, trust me at this stage you don't.



I took up biology for my further education as I was always interested to learn about the amazing way in which a human body functions and I am sure a lot of you might be interested in the same. The whole ordeal of entrance examinations like NEET was unique for me and I can tell you being lazy always pushed me back but the sense of calm and the ability to work better under pressure which I had realized early on through these experiences at school helped me performed significantly better on the day of NEET and get in to a reputed medical college. As a final year medical student of BJ Medical College, Ahmedabad, I learn more about what I was always so fascinated about. I come to know

more and more about patient care and the vast amount of problems, the patients face. I have to attend clinical postings in the hospital and observe and learn from our superiors in the wards and operation theatres. I have also realized along the way about the importance of public health and so have volunteered to educate the underprivileged students from the Manav Sadhna NGO regularly. It is something which is close to my heart. As someone who has spent close to 4 years in this field now, I can safely say it is not all rosy, it is not going to be all easy, there will be challenges of all kinds from all directions but as Xavierites, the learnings from your experiences at school as well as the person you'll become is going to help you face these challenges and deal with whatever life throws at you. If you have genuine interest in the field which is not driven by any secondary benefits you expect, you can do significantly better and hence I encourage you all to find your calling, your true interests during these years and give it your all to fulfil your dreams and realize your true potentials.

Not everyone is meant to be just one thing, we all are special in our own unique ways and I want you all to recognize that early on.

Everyone says don't make the same mistakes I made but I know you will, maybe not the same as me but some unique ones, we all make mistakes, nobody can be perfect but what I always want you to know is please be mindful of them, be self-aware, learn from them because your shortcomings will always teach you more than your achievements, be very grounded even though life may seem to be easy at this point for some but once you go out it is going to be very challenging and only your learnings will help you deal with the challenges better and don't forget to have lots of fun and make a lot of memories to cherish for a lifetime.





## Kanishk Patel

Batch 2019



Whenever I think back about St. Xavier's, the first thing that comes to my mind is "good old days" or "Glorious school days". I consider myself so lucky and blessed to have St. Xavier's as my school. It provides you with a boatload of opportunities to grow and improve yourself. Now, it would be rude to go further without my introduction. I am Kanishk Patel an ex-Xavierite, DAIICTian and currently SDE intern. I am like a curious kid who always looks forward to explore and learn any new and interesting things that he comes across. I enjoy facing new challenges in my life to gain experience and sharpen my skills. I will be sharing some my life experiences here.

Talking about my experience in St. Xavier's, the school really played an important role in how and where I am today. You not only gain top notch education but also life values that will help you to improve yourself and succeed in your future journey. All teachers were excellent at teaching and always ready to solve any doubts that students have. They would also support students emotionally and motivate them to overcome your weaknesses and move forward in life. In our daily timetable, there were 2-3 physical training classes in a week. It is actually a great idea to give students a break from academic activities and engage them in playing outdoor sports. I remember playing football, basketball, badminton etc with my friends. Because of any reason if our games period got canceled, the situation gets chaotic really quick and of course after that we would receive punishment from the school principal or our teachers. It is thanks to those punishments that I took them positively and learnt how to discipline myself and remain calm in any situation in my life. Accountability, honesty, integrity, and strong resolve are some of the values that I have learnt from my teachers. This is a fact, that if you carefully observe the situation, you will find that there are a lot of positive things that will be fruitful for you. When it comes to extracurricular activities, school had elocution competitions, drawing competitions, Quizzes, Quests, Annual day celebration,

Sports day celebration, fests, science fair,..... okay I will stop here because the list is long enough to fill the article. In short I want to say that school has provided me with a large amount of opportunities that excited my interests in different areas. Now, if the thought crossed your mind then yes, these are the roots of my "curiosity".

About my academic journey, I chose to pursue engineering after my 10th. Physics and Mathematics were my strongest subjects and I particularly liked solving trigonometry and Integration problems as well as Dynamics and Kinematics problems. My expertise in chemistry was "1's complement" of my math skills. That is what I would like to talk about. I was a novice at chemistry and found myself getting tangled in understanding many of the concepts. I knew that I had to give more time and effort to overcome that. So, I kept asking doubts to my mentors, practicing more and more, and getting help from my friends as well. And at the end my hard work actually paid off and BINGO, I got admission to my dream university. So the point that I am trying to make is that while studying you know your weaknesses and strengths. All that is left to do is improve your weaknesses and sharpen your strengths. The common point in both is "consistency". You have to be regular with your studies. I believe that Regularity and hardwork are the golden key to your success, and are more effective than your intelligence.

If you have a daily routine timetable and may not be able to follow it strictly at initial stages then it is fine. It is impossible as a human to drastically change your day. So for initial 1-2 weeks, keep your productive



tasks, rest time and video games, Web series, any other form of time pass in balance and later eventually start reducing time pass activities from your timetable and give that time to productive activities. Remember that continuously studying or working will drain your energy, so keep having small breaks, in that time you can go and talk to your friends, family or can go for a walk and clear your mind. This method really helped limit my 3 hours daily gaming to gaming only at weekends.

Another important thing is "initiation", you start doing whatever you decide. You cannot just run your horses of thoughts, predict all the scenarios and their outcome without even actually trying to do the job. So, just keep forcing yourself to start the task and try to keep yourself engaged. One thing that may help you here is rewarding yourself on completing that task, just keep one thing in mind that don't over enjoy your rewards.

The next piece of advice that I would like to share is something that I actually tried with my friends at university and was a great success. So, we made a group and created a daily to-do list and started our day with that. Each of us would do the same task on their own. In between we discussed with each other if we had any trouble with the task or came across a new idea. At the end of the day each of us would make a daily report and discuss it in the group. It doesn't matter if we are able to complete all the tasks or nothing we just have to discuss. The good thing is that by watching your peers in your group working, you will also get motivation to work. By sharing daily reports you will share your knowledge with your friends and they will do the same as well and hence it will result in cumulative growth for all of you.

Apart from your technical knowledge, you must have good communication and presentation skills. It will be always helpful to you in student life and professional life too. During my summer internship drive at college I only focused on coding and I totally ignored that I have to clear interviews also, to land an internship. And as a result I lost my chance of industrial summer internship. After that I started communicating with my friends in a formal way. You can also read good articles and blogs to

improve your vocabulary. After all of this in the final year placement drive I got the offer letter. But there is still much to learn for me so my journey as a student will still go on.

In the end, I would say do not back off because of failures, because it is your failure that teaches you what not to do next time so you can perform better. So keep learning, gain experience, explore yourself, improve yourself and good luck for your future.



**If you believe in yourself  
and have  
dedication and pride -  
and never quit,  
you'll be a winner.**

**The price of victory is high  
but so are the rewards.**





## Hetu Patel

**Batch 2022**

**Success, failure, passion, stupidity, laughter and tears! Xavier's has seen all of me. Reminiscing my journey of 12 years in this school, I recall a better version of me in the every subsequent year.**



**I started my venture with Xavier's in the primary school. Participating in dances held to celebrate festivals, annual functions and in competitions of storytelling, elocution, debate and patriotic songs for national festivals. Something so small as this, shaped me in a way that, today, allows me speak confidently in front of hundreds of people. Events such as the canteen day in high school or the science projects we would create in groups for the science exhibition in later primary and high school years and my most recent memories with Xavier's: organizing the Quest 2022, helped me develop the skills of coordinating with different people and working in groups.**



**Xavier's is not only responsible for developing my character through extra-curricular activities but also strengthening my academics. The way students would get competitive or how teachers would trick us with the questions that would force us to refer our syllabus open-mindedly and not to forget the Olympiad exams we would give. The ability of teachers to never hesitate in answering any of our doubts repeatedly made me more comfortable putting forward my questions, and some stupid theories about the topic being discussed, in front of the whole class, then and now in the university as well.**



**Currently, I am pursuing a Bachelors in Computer Science at Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson University), Toronto, Canada. I proudly use the leadership skills, I gained in school, by participating in on-campus activities. I am currently elected as the Student Representative of Faculty of Science (students enrolled in Computer Science,**



Biomedical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Financial Mathematics, Mathematics and its application and Medical Physics ) at the Senate board (the academic decision making board that consists of elected Students, Professors, Chancellor, President and the Deans) of TMU. I have done a Python Internship and also learned Django, Javascript, MySQL, HTML and CSS.



Xavier's has influenced the lives of thousands of students. As an alumni to the current students, don't limit yourselves to your comfort zone, if you are good in studies just keep doing that and get involved in the extra-curricular activities. Try to balance everything out. Make friends, the number doesn't matter, participate in everything or at least try to get involved and know about everything, because you never know, maybe something can excite you more than what you currently are doing. Just think that whether doing or not doing and knowing or not knowing something would make you regret about it in the future. Follow what your heart and mind decides on. Try to plan and set goals for smallest of tasks, which would help you get a more effective outcome and the results would matter more. Make sure your actions and there reactions make a difference to your class, your school, our community.!

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