



*Educating persons for and with others*



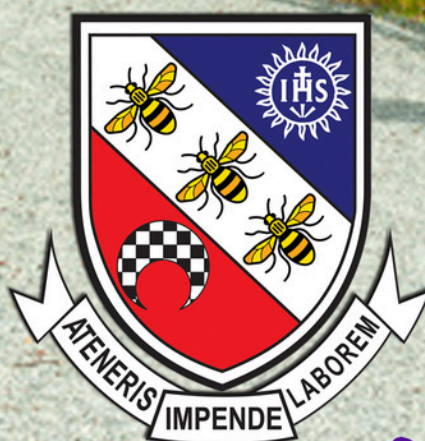
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*A Xavierite is a  
person with values*





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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.**





## Samir Gandhi

Batch 1992

મારા ઘડતરમાં સેંટ ઝેવિયર્સ નો ફાળો. આજે ત્રણ દાયકાથી પણ વધારે સમય પસાર થઈ ગયો સેંટ ઝેવિયર્સ માંથી LC લીધે. પણ યાદો એકદમ તરોતાજા છે. દરેકના જીવન માં માબાપ, ગુરુજન અને શાળાનું હંમેશા આગવું સ્થાન હોય છે. કહેવાય છે ને.... પાચો મજબૂત હોય તો ગમે તેવા આંધી તોફાન સામે પણ તમે અડીખમ ઉભા રહી શકો. સેંટ ઝેવિયર્સ ના વિદ્યાર્થી નો પાચો કાચો રહી જ ના શકે. હું સમીર ગાંધી ( GENERAL MANAGER – TECHNICAL, TRINITY MEP CONTRACTING LLC ) , ઈ.સ. ૧૯૯૨નો ૧૨મા ધોરણનો વિદ્યાર્થી, આજે મારી સફળતાનો શ્રેય મારા માબાપ, મારી શાળા ના શિક્ષકો અને તેમના હરહંમેશ આપેલ માર્ગદર્શન ને આભારી છે. મારી શાળા ની સફરની વાત કરું તો ૧૯૯૦ થી ૧૯૯૨ના વષ દરમિયાન દેશમાં આંદોલન નો દોર ચાલુ હતો અને મારા જેવા ઘણા તોફાની વિદ્યાર્થી ન ભણવાના બહાના શોધતા હતા. મારા જેવા ધ્યેય થઈ ભટકેલા ઘણા વિદ્યાર્થીઓ ને પાછા સાચા રસ્તા પર લાવવામાં શાળા ના PRINCIPAL અને શિક્ષકો નો અભૂતપૂર્વ ફાળો છે.



આ એક સામાન્ય વાત સમજી શકો તો જીવનમાં ક્યારેય અટકશો નહીં. ભણતર સાથે ગણતરનો સાચો અર્થ સમજતી મારી શાળા , હંમેશા ઈતર પ્રવૃત્તિઓ મા પણ પ્રોત્સાહિત કરતી.



મારી કારકિર્દી ના મહત્વ નાં વર્ષોમાં જો આ માર્ગદર્શન ના મળ્યું હોત તો મારા વર્તમાન ની કલ્પના અશક્ય છે. સેંટ ઝેવિયર્સ તરફથી મળેલ મંત્ર મારી કારકિર્દી માટે અમૂલ્ય પુરવાર થયો. મને એ કહેતા જરા પણ સંકોચ નથી થતો કે એ વખતે ગુજરાતી માધ્યમમાં માં ભણતા મારા જેવા ઘણા વિદ્યાર્થીઓ ENGLISH બોલતા ગભરાતા અને શરમાતા... મનમાં એક ડર હતો કે ક્યાંક ખોટું થઈ જશે તો હાંસીપાત્ર થાશું. ત્યારે જ હરહંમેશ પ્રોત્સાહિત કરતો જીવનનો અમૂલ્ય મંત્ર મળ્યો. નિષ્ફળતા ના ડરથી પ્રયત્ન જ નહીં કરો તો જીવનમાં ક્યારેય ડગલું નહીં ભરી શકો. ભૂલ કરશો તો વાંધો નથી પણ ભૂલનું પુનરાવર્તન ન કરવું.



આજની તારીખમાં પણ ગુજરાતની આગવી ઓળખ ( રાસગરબા) અહીં પરદેશમાં રજૂ કરતાં ગર્વ અનુભવાય છે જેની શરૂઆત શાળા થઈ હતી. શાળા તરફથી મળેલ POSITIVE ATTITUDE & APPROACH ની જ્ઞાન....કોઈ પણ પરિસ્થિતિને પાર પાડવામાં મદદરૂપ થાય છે. આ જ જ્ઞાન , મારી શાળા ના મિત્રો ( લંગોટિયા) અને પરિવાર ના સાથ સહકાર થી હું કેન્સર ને પણ પરાસ્ત કરી શક્યો છું. મજબૂત પાયા અને જીવનકળા માટેના અમૂલ્ય મંત્રો માટે હું હંમેશા શાળા નો આભારી છું.





# Dr. Kamlesh Patel

**Batch 1992**

**School Time – A vital component of lie in overall development**

If I ask you to recall your best memory or the best year of your life it will be obviously childhood memories. Memories which can make us smile anytime again and again is nothing else but our childhood memory our school or college days our friends which are the best thing in humans life.

Being very famous school, it always give me a royal feeling and leaves a class apart impression whenever the three words “ I am Xavierite” is repeated. Extra ordinary education from my school teachers of Xavier had played a vital role in shaping my career in Medical. After completion of MBBS journey of experimentation started when I entered into a non clinical branch- MD Pharmacology. With curious & creative nature, it was possible to stand apart from crowd in my Post Graduation days which includes two outstanding achievements – one being selected amongst 13 candidates from globe to attend the HPLC training at Germany and second being completion of first of kind dissertation on cognitive impact of decaffeinated coffee on human volunteers.



regulatory , clinical research and pharmacovigilance jumped into entrepreneurship to develop unique clinic management software product. Along with a successful launch of the product, it was possible to establish a techno business incubator centre at Indian Institute of Public Health with almost 20 incubation projects on health care and health technology.



On completion of PG , immediately got assistant professorship in BJ Medical college, but after a while I choose to experiment and enter into pharmaceutical sector as medical advisor. With almost 15 years of rich experience in various facets of pharma industry like medical ,



In my current position in pharma sector, being head of Medical and Health Tech demands a lot of soft skills to lead and motivate team to achieve the set goals. It also requires lot of creativity and critical thinking to provide innovative solutions in the field of disease management.



Whatever I have accomplished/achieved as emerging health tech leader in pharma sector so far, actually had a significant significant learning component from my school days.

When we are children we seldom think of the future. This innocence leaves us free to enjoy ourselves as few adults can. But let me tell you as per my experience, school days are the best time of our life which makes us more confident more determined to lead a successful life and fights against all odds. We may not realise it, but school life has a significant impact on the personality, values, character, and skills.

Coming from middle class, one would have the and only cheapest sport instrument – bat and ball at home in 90's. Let me tell you , today I can play most of the sports with very good skill including marathon. Entire credit goes to a huge- one of the biggest playground Xavier had with all kinds of sports utilities/facilities which had allowed me to experiment most of the sports and maintain the fitness. Performance expectations at playground automatically put me in driver seat for developing strategies to learn from failure and win the matches. Playgrounds are the best places to develop creativity amongst children where they can be themselves without having to fake their feelings and emotions. Most importantly, it develops vital cognitive and emotional skills along with overall fitness that a child cannot acquire through leisure activities. However, today's kids are inclined to do more indoor activities without enjoying outside. Sad part is that now modern kids have slowly started avoiding playgrounds or playtime with increased exposure to video games and television. I still remember, Xavier provided platform to develop cognitive and creative skills by incorporating social science in the curriculum apart from debate/oration/quiz/exhibition.



Practicing threading needle, completing small task of colourful embroidery & making coir mat infused an excellent cognitive skills in me which always help me in doing little better than others when it comes to creative , skilful and cognitive competitions at corporate or college events. On top of that infused creativity by art teacher helps me to make connect with kids easily and it also fuels the sense of pride being favourite amongst children.

So when I looked back, “soft skills” including abilities in areas such as communication, critical thinking, teamwork, decision making, and problem-solving which are integral part of my current job actually started budding in Xavier playground & craft classes. So am very thankful to Entire Xavier family for crafting my meaningful career and an unforgettable memories of childhood. Big thank you to Mrs Shaila who motivated me to be part of Alumni and the news letter.

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# Dr. Harsh Patel

**Dr. Harsh Patel,  
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As I look back to my high school years for this VOX article, I am realizing how much St. Xavier's has contributed to my success. I had the privilege of being taught by many outstanding teachers, including Shaila teacher, Harsha teacher, Pearline teacher, Ramola teacher, Somabhai sir, and many more. Thanks to their support and the conducive environment they fostered, I consistently ranked among the top three students in my class and also secured ranks in state board exams of 10th and 12th standards. I was able to secure a full scholarship to pursue a BTech in Petroleum Engineering at Pandit Deendayal Energy University, from where I graduated with a gold medal. I then moved to the United States to pursue a research career, and through scholarships and research fundings, I completed MS and PhD.



I am currently working as an artificial intelligence scientist in the USA. Despite coming from a lower-middle-class rural background and studying in the Gujarati medium, today, I am proud to have reached the top of my field.

**Batch 2010**



My research has been utilized by 2 U.S. government agencies, 10 large corporations such as Shell and BP, and over 400 researchers from 30+ countries. I have authored over 25 scientific papers, delivered 15 presentations at international venues, and served as technical reviewer for more than 20 scientific publications. I have been awarded the US green card under the "Einstein visa" reserved for people with extraordinary ability and highly acclaim in their field. I hope my story inspires you all that you can also achieve great things, regardless of your background. The educational foundation I received at St. Xavier's has been an important contributor to my successful career, and I feel honored to be able to share the lessons I have learned since graduating. As a student, you're likely grappling with some big questions like why you need to study so much or how to become successful or what career to pursue. Even once you've made those decisions, you may still find yourself doubting your choices and questioning your failures. It's natural to feel overwhelmed by these questions, but rest assured that you're not alone.



In fact, these are some of the most common concerns that students face as they navigate life from high school to college to the professional world.

The good news is that there are answers and strategies to help you tackle these and I want to share some thoughts that some of you may find helpful now or later in your journey.



Studying might not always seem relevant to your day-to-day life, particularly due to outdated courses and skills in this rapidly changing world. However, the truth is that if you are studying rigorously then this brings restraints and control in your life. This self-discipline is the single most important trait of successful people. In other words, their success did not come because of scoring 95% but it came because of the discipline they developed through sincere and habitual hard work. The process of studying is more important than the outcome. For most of you, studying is the most productive use of your time but if you were to engage in any other activity that in still strict discipline ,you will still gain tremendous confidence and no matter what professional challenge may come in your life, you will confidently navigate it with grace and resilience. This brings me to an important point that your definition of success should not be outcome-based but rather process-based. Results are not always in your full control but the process is. For example, instead of targeting to score a certain

rank, you should focus on studying x number of hours every day. Define your success by your ability to form and sustain habits and not by results. Another important question some of you may have is what career path to pursue. Unfortunately, there's no one-size-fits-all answer to this question. I have seen most students studying very hard but making uninformed career choices based mainly on external factors such as social status, salary, and peer pressure. I strongly advise students to dedicate some time researching different careers/jobs and understanding their day-to-day lifestyle, responsibilities, and pros and cons. You can take career assessment tests, do internships, voluntary work, or talk to or shadow experienced professionals, or use YouTube or other online content to gain more exposure. Besides lifestyle, you should also consider practical aspects of various career options such as the number of opportunities, earning potential, and other factors that are relevant to your personal background and personality. Knowing or discovering oneself is the most crucial for making the right career choice. Students must spend some alone time away from external influences of friends, social media, family, and even studying, to introspect and learn more about themselves. There are various ways to do this such as daily meditation, counseling, and various other exercises. Even if you dedicate 5 to 15 minutes of your daily time to "self-discovery", it will help you tremendously in your personal growth, career, and life in general.





Finally, I want to reassure you that no matter what path you choose, success is not defined solely by your performance in exams, college admission, or money you make. It is important to remember that your worth is not determined by external factors, but by the effort you put into becoming the best version of yourself. So, know yourself, believe in yourself, focus on developing better habits, and stay sincere in your efforts. All the best for your future career and life!



**"Big Result  
Require Big  
Ambition"**



# Arpit Parekh

મારી શાળા

Batch 2011

આમ તો ભણવાની વાત યાદ આવે એટલે બધાને પોતપોતાની સ્કૂલ યાદ આવે હું એ વાતમાં પહેલેથી જ મારી જાતને ધન્ય અનુભવું છું કે મેં મારા જીવનમાં જે જગ્યાએથી ભણતર મેળવ્યું તે મારા જીવનની સર્વશ્રેષ્ઠ જગ્યાઓ માની એક છે. દરેક મનુષ્ય અવતારના જીવનમાં જીવન ઘડતરની શરૂઆતનું પગથિયું એટલે શિક્ષણની શરૂઆત. ત્રણ તબક્કામાં આવતા શિક્ષણના બીજા એટલે કે માધ્યમિક શિક્ષણનો મારો તબક્કો મેં મારા શહેરની નામાંકિત તથા મારા પિતાશ્રીના સપનાની શાળામાં અભ્યાસ કરીને પૂર્ણ કર્યો. દરેક જગ્યાએથી કંઈક સફળતાના સોપાન મેળવીને મારી જીવનરૂપી કારકિર્દીને ઉજ્જવળ બનાવવામાં મારી માધ્યમિક સ્કૂલ એટલે કે સેન્ટ ઝેવિયર્સ સ્કૂલનો સૌથી ઉત્તમ ફાળો રહ્યો છે. જેના થકી મારા જીવન ઘડતર માટેના કીમતી સમય કીમતી ઉંમર કે જેમાં જો ઘડતરની શિક્ષા મેળવવામાં ચૂક થઈ જાય તો વ્યક્તિના જીવનના મૂલ્યો વ્યર્થ થાય. પરંતુ મારા પિતાશ્રીની ઈચ્છા અને સારી સ્કૂલ જેના થકી હું આજે મારું જીવન સાર્થક કરવા માટે સક્ષમ બની શક્યો.



મને યાદ છે મારી સ્કૂલ સેન્ટ ઝેવિયર્સ નો એ પ્રથમ દિવસ જ્યારે કોઈ બાળક એક સ્કૂલમાંથી બીજી સ્કૂલમાં જાય ત્યારનો સમય એ બાળક માટે કેટલો કપરો હોય છે. પરંતુ મારા માટે એ કપરા સમયમાં મને તાકાત પૂરી પાડવાનું કામ મારા ક્લાસ ટીચર અનિતા ટીચર દ્વારા કરવામાં આવ્યું. મારી સમજણ તથા સ્વભાવને પારખીને તેમને મને નવા મિત્રો સાથે એડજસ્ટ થતા શીખવ્યું તથા મને તમામ સમયે સાથ આપ્યો કે જેથી મને કંઈ જ નવું લાગતું નહીં. બસ તેવી જ રીતે એક મૂર્તિને ઘડવા માટે જેમ અલગ અલગ શિલ્પીઓ મહેનત કરે તેવી જ રીતે મારા ઘડતરમાં કિરણ ટીચર, શૈલા ટીચર, સિલવીય ટીચર, સુનિલ સર, કિરણ સર, હર્ષા ટીચર, નિર્મલ કાંતા ટીચર, માથો ટીચર, નીતા ટીચર, આનંદ સર, કિષ્ના ટીચર આ તમામ મારા ગુરુશ્રીઓને હું ચરણસ્પર્શ વંદન કરી આભાર માનતો રહું છું.



જીવન ઘડતરના સમયમાં સેન્ટ ઝેવિયર્સ સ્કૂલમાં શીખવવામાં આવેલ અમુક અંશ આપ સૌને જણાવતા આનંદ અનુભવીશ કે મારા પીટી ટીચર કિરણસર કે જેઓએ અમને ગ્રુપ સાથે મળીને કેવી રીતે કામ કરવું તથા જીવનમાં આવતા પડકાર કઈ રીતે સેલ્ફ તેમજ ગ્રુપ ડિસિઝન સાથે પૂરા કરવા તેનું શિક્ષણ આપ્યું. તેવી જ રીતે હર્ષા ટીચર કેમ ભુલાય, કેમ ભુલાય અમારા મેથસના ટીચર કિષ્ના ટીચર તથા શૈલા ટીચર. હર્ષા ટીચરે અમને આપણી સંસ્કૃતિક ભાષા સંસ્કૃતના એ શ્લોકો કે જેનો ગર્વ આજે પણ હું લઉં છું કે મને ઓછામાં ઓછા 100 સંસ્કૃત ભાષાના શ્લોકો આવડે છે તેનો તમામ શ્રેય હું હર્ષા ટીચર તથા મારી શાળા ને આપીશ. તેવો જ એક કિસ્સો મને યાદ છે કે સ્કૂલની પ્રથમ બીજી અને ત્રીજી પરીક્ષામાં 63 થી 76 માર્ક્સ આજુબાજુમાં આવતા એ ગણિત વિષયમાં કિષ્ના ટીચર તથા શૈલા ટીચરના શિક્ષણ એ મને બોર્ડ એક્ઝામમાં 96 માર્ક સુધી પહોંચાડવામાં મદદ કરી. આવા તો ઘણા કિસ્સાઓ સાથે સેન્ટ ઝેવિયર્સ સ્કૂલ તથા તેના અનુભવી શિક્ષકો દ્વારા મારા જીવનનું ઘડતર થયું.





આજે હું અર્પિતકુમાર સમીરભાઈ પારેખ ભુતપૂર્વ વિદ્યાર્થી સેન્ટ ઝેવિયર્સ સ્કૂલ ગાંધીનગર મારી શાળાના સાચા સારા અને ઉમદા શિક્ષણ મેળવવાના લીધે મેં નર્સિંગ ફીલ્ડ કે જેનું બીજું નામ સેવા છે જેમાં મારા જીવનની કારકિર્દી બનાવવાનું નક્કી કર્યું. નર્સિંગ ફિલ્ડમાં અભ્યાસ પૂર્ણ કરી આજ્ઞા હોસ્પિટલ, ગાંધીનગર સિવિલ હોસ્પિટલ તથા જી.એસ.પી.એલ પ્રાઇવેટ લિમિટેડ કંપનીમાં નર્સિંગ સ્ટાફ તરીકે ફરજ બજાવી. તેમજ સાથે સાથે પોતાની સ્ટેપ અપ હેલ્થ કેર કન્સલ્ટન્સી ની સ્થાપના કરી સમાજમાં સેવાકીય પ્રવૃત્તિઓની શરૂઆત કરી જેમાં નર્સિંગ સ્ટાફની નોકરી અપાવવાનું, માંદા દર્દીઓના ઘરે સારવાર પૂરી પાડવાનું, રાહત દરે હોસ્પિટલ ને લગતી સાધન સામગ્રી વેચવાનું કાર્ય ચાલુ છે. તથા વધુ અભ્યાસક્રમમાં આગળ વધવા નર્સિંગ વિષયમાં માસ્ટર ડિગ્રી પણ હેમચંદ્રાચાર્ય નોર્થ ગુજરાત યુનિવર્સિટી માંથી મેળવી માસ્ટરનો અભ્યાસક્રમ પૂર્ણ કરી એન્જ્યુકેશન ફિલ્ડમાં ઝંપલાવ્યું જેમાં પ્રાઇવેટ નર્સિંગ કોલેજમાં નર્સિંગ લેક્ચર તથા નર્સિંગ વાઇસ પ્રિન્સિપાલ તરીકેની ફરજ બજાવી. ત્યારબાદ કહેવાય છે ને કે જે બિલ્ડિંગ નો પાયો મજબૂત હોય તેમાં વધુ માળ ખેંચી બિલ્ડિંગ મોટી બનાવી શકાય છે તેવી જ રીતે મારા પાયાના ઘડતરમાં મારી શાળા સેન્ટ ઝેવિયર્સ સ્કૂલના મજબૂત સિંચન તેમજ ઘડતરના કારણે ફીલ્ડ ના પડકારોનો સામનો કરી મારી કાર્યકુશળતા ના લીધે આજે હું મારી નર્સિંગ ફીલ્ડમાં સફળતાના શિખરે છું. જેમા મે મારી પોતાની નર્સિંગ કોલેજ કરી જેમાં બે અભ્યાસક્રમો ચાલે છે જીએનએમ તથા બીએસએસી નર્સિંગ. સાથે સાથે ગુજરાત નર્સિંગ એસોસિએશનમાં પણ મહત્વની ભૂમિકામાં મારો ફાળો આપું છું. મારી આ તમામ સફળતાનો શ્રેય હું મારી પાયાના સિંચનમાં રહેલી મારી શાળા સેન્ટ ઝેવિયર્સ તથા તેના તમામ ટીચર્સ ફાધર તથા સિસ્ટર્સ ને આપું છું. તથા તેમના ચરણોમાં સાદર વંદન કરું છું.



આજની નવી પેઢીના બાળકોને મારા તરફથી હું મેસેજ આપવા માંગીશ કે જેમ મેં મારી શાળા માંથી શિક્ષણ મેળવીને મારું ભવિષ્ય સારી ફિલ્ડ માં અભ્યાસ કરીને બનાવ્યું તેવી જ રીતે આપ સૌ પણ આપના ભવિષ્ય માટે સતર્ક થઈ ઉજ્જવળ શાળામાંથી ઉજવળ કારકિર્દી તરફ પ્રયાણ કરો મારા ફિલ્ડ વિશે બે શબ્દ કહું તો આજની આ ભાગ દોડી ભરી લાઇફમાં લોકોને શારીરિક તકલીફો ઘણી ઉભી થાય છે. જેને લીધે મેડિકલ ક્ષેત્રે મેડિકલ સ્ટાફ જેમાં ડોક્ટર્સ નર્સીસ ની જરૂરિયાત દિવસેને દિવસે વધતી જાય છે. તથા વિદેશમાં પણ નર્સિસ ની ડિમાન્ડ કોરોના જેવી મહામારી પછી વધતી ગઈ છે. જેથી આપ સર્વે આપ ની કારકિર્દી નર્સિંગ ફિલ્ડમાં આગળ વધારવા માગતા હો તો તેમાં ઘણા સ્કોપ છે 12 આર્ટસ તથા કોમર્સ ફિલ્ડ પછી પણ નર્સિંગ નો જીએનએમ કોર્સ થઈ શકે છે. જે ડિપ્લોમા નર્સિંગ તરીકે ઓળખાય છે તેવી જ રીતે 12 સાયન્સ બી ગ્રુપ સાથે પાસ કર્યા પછી બીએસસી નર્સિંગ જેવા ડિગ્રી કોર્સમાં પણ તમે એડમિશન મેળવી શકો છો તથા તે પૂર્ણ કર્યા પછી માસ્ટર ડિગ્રી મેળવીને પીએચડી પણ નર્સિંગમાં થઈ શકે છે તથા એમબીએ પણ કરી શકાય છે. તેમજ ફોરેન્સિક નર્સિંગ નો કોર્સ પણ કરી શકાય છે. તથા નર્સ પ્રેક્ટિસ મીડ વાઈફ નો કોર્સ પણ કરી શકાય છે. આમ નર્સિંગ ફીલ્ડમાં ઘણો બધો સ્કોપ હોવાથી આપ સર્વે જો તેમાં ભવિષ્ય બનાવવા ઇચ્છતા હો તો મારો જરૂરથી સંપર્ક કરશો તથા મારાથી બનતી તમામ પ્રકારનું ગાર્ડન્સ તેના માટે હું આપની સાથે શેર કરીશ અને મારી જાતને ધન્ય અનુભવીશ.

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બલિહારી ગુરુ આપને,ગોવિંદ દીયો મિલાય ॥ ”

આપણા જીવનમાં “ગુરુ”નું એક આગવું મહત્વ હોય છે. દરેક મનુષ્ય માટે પ્રથમ ગુરુ તેના “માતા-પિતા”અને બીજા ગુરુ તેના “શિક્ષક” હોય છે. મારા જીવનમાં આ ગુરુ એટલે “સેંટ ઝેવિયર્સ પરિવાર” છે. આ પરિવાર પાસેથી મને સિસ્ત, કર્તવ્યનિષ્ઠા, પ્રામાણિકતા, પરિશ્રમ, કરુણા, ત્યાગ, રચનાત્મક વિચારધારા, સકારાત્મક દ્રષ્ટીકોણ વગેરે જેવા જીવનના અમુલ્ય પાસા પ્રાપ્ત થયા છે, જે માટે હું આ પરિવારનો ઋણી છું.

મારા અનુભવથી કહું તો, વિદ્યાર્થી જીવનનું મહત્વ વ્યવસાય-નોકરી શરૂ કર્યા પછી વધારે સારી રીતે સમજાય છે. વ્યવસાય-નોકરીમાં જે પડકારો હોય છે, તેને જીલવા માટે વિદ્યાર્થી જીવનમાં શિખેલા બધાજ ગુણો ખુબજ ઉપયોગી નિવડે છે. આજના આ સ્પર્ધાત્મક જીવનમાં કોઈ પણ વિષય-વસ્તુનું “જ્ઞાન” જ પૂરતું નથી,પરંતુ જ્ઞાનની સાથે સાથે ધીરજ, સાહસિકતા, પરિશ્રમ, તણાવની સ્થિતિમાં સ્થિરતા, પ્રામાણિકતા વગેરે જેવા ગુણો સફળતા માટે ખૂબ જ આવશ્યક છે. આ બધા જ ગુણો તમે તમારા વિદ્યાર્થી જીવન દરમિયાન કેળવી શકો છો. સેંટ ઝેવિયર્સ પરિવાર ભણતરની સાથે સાથે એક વિદ્યાર્થીના જીવનમાં આ બધા જ ગુણોનું સિંચનકરે છે.આ શાળામાં રમતોત્સવ, વફત્વ સ્પર્ધા, નૃત્યકલા, ચિત્રકલા, વિજ્ઞાન મેળો, પ્રવાસ, કેન્ટીન ડે, ફન ફેર, ડબ્બા પાર્ટી, વગેરે જેવી ઇત્તર પ્રવૃત્તિથી વિદ્યાર્થીઓનું ગણતર પણ કરવામાં આવે છે.

સેન્ટ ઝેવિયર્સ પરિવાર સાથેનો મારો સફર ઈસ. 1997 થી 2011 સુધીનો છે. મારા જીવનના આ સુંદર સફર માટે હું આ પરિવારના આચાર્યશ્રી તથા તમામ શિક્ષક ગણનો આભારી છું. ત્યારબાદ, મેં સિવિલ એન્જિનિયરિંગમાં સ્નાતકનો અભ્યાસ પૂર્ણ કર્યો અને ગુજરાત જાહેર સેવા આયોગની મદદની ઇજનેર વર્ગ-૨ ની પરીક્ષા પાસ કરીને હાલ રાષ્ટ્રીય ધોરીમાર્ગપેટા વિભાગગાંધીનગર, માર્ગ અને મકાન વિભાગમાં મદદનીશ ઇજનેર ના હોદ્દા પર ફરજ બજાવું છું. મારી સફળતા માટે હું મારા પરિવારજનો, સેંટ ઝેવિયર્સ પરિવાર, મહાવિદ્યાલયના શિક્ષકગણ તથા મારા મિત્રોનોઆભારી છું. મારા વિદ્યાર્થી જીવનમાં કેળવેલા ગુણો મને જીવનની દરેક પરિસ્થિતિમાં સાચો માર્ગ બતાવે છે.



હું સિવિલ એન્જિનિયર છું એટલે તમને મારી ભાષામાં કહું છું કે “ઇમારતનો પાયો જેટલો મજબૂત હશે ઇમારત તેટલી જ ઊંચી અને ટકાઉ થશે.”આ જ રીતે વિદ્યાર્થી જીવન એ આપણો પાયો છે તેને શક્ય હોય તેટલું મજબૂત બનાવવા પ્રયત્ન કરવો જોઈએ, જેથી ભવિષ્યમાં આવનારા કોયડાનો ઉકેલ તમે આપમેળે શોધી શકો. આપ સર્વે વિદ્યાર્થી મિત્રોના જીવનના તમામ લક્ષ્ય સિદ્ધ થાય તથા સેંટ ઝેવિયર્સ પરિવારના આચાર્યશ્રી તથા તમામ શિક્ષક ગણ હર હંમેશ વિદ્યાર્થીઓનું ભણતર અને ઘડતર કરતા રહે તેવી ઈશ્વરને પ્રાર્થના. આપ સર્વે વિદ્યાર્થી મિત્રો તથા સેન્ટ ઝેવિયર્સ પરિવારનો આભાર.

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રામનવમી એટલે કે ભગવાન શ્રી રામનો જન્મદિવસ, દેશ અને દુનિયામાં હર્ષોલ્લાસથી આ દિવસ ઉજવવામાં આવે છે અને જ્યારે આ દિવસ નજીક હોય અને મને મારી સ્કૂલ અને તેના વિદ્યાર્થીઓ માટે કઈક લખવાનું સૌભાગ્ય પ્રાપ્ત થયું હોય ત્યારે આ લેખની મદદથી હું ભગવાન રામની ૧૪ વર્ષની યાત્રા અને મારા જીવનની ૧૪ વર્ષની યાત્રા ની સરખામણી કરી મારી સ્કૂલ પ્રત્યેનું ઋણ ચૂકવવાનો એક નાનકડો પ્રયાસ કરી રહ્યો છું.

વાત છે વર્ષ ૧૯૯૯ ની , તે સમયે મને ગાંધીનગરની ૨-૩ સ્કૂલમાં નર્સરી - કેજી માં એડમિશન મળી ગયું હતું અને આ ૨-૩ સ્કૂલમાંથી કઈ સ્કૂલમાં ફી ભરીને એડમિશન લેવું તેની મૂંઝવણ હતી પણ જેમ પોતાની માતાને આપેલ વચનનું પાલન કરવા પ્રભુ શ્રી રામે ૧૪ વર્ષના વનવાસ નો સ્વીકાર કર્યો તેમ વર્ષ ૧૯૯૯ માં મે પણ મારી માતાના વચનનું પાલન કરતા સેંટ ઝેવિયર્સ સ્કૂલમાં એડમિશન લેવાના તેના નિર્ણયનો સ્વીકાર કર્યો. જેમ રામચરિતમાનસને બાલકાંડ, અયોધ્યાકાંડ, અરણ્યકાંડ, કિષ્કિંધાકાંડ, સુંદરકાંડ , લંકાકાંડ અને ઉત્તરકાંડ માં વહેંચવામાં આવ્યું છે તેવીજ રીતે સેંટ ઝેવિયર્સ માં મારું જીવન નર્સરી - કેજી , પ્રાઈમરી સ્કૂલ , હાઈસ્કૂલ અને હાઈ સેકન્ડરી સ્કૂલ માં વહેંચાયેલું રહ્યું છે. રામ ભગવાનના જન્મ સમયે તો તેમનું નામ રામ જ હતું પણ ગુરુજનોએ આપેલ વિદ્યા, શિક્ષણ, સંસ્કાર અને આશીર્વાદથી તેવો પરાક્રમી અને પ્રભુ શ્રી રામ કહેવાયા તેવીજ રીતે અમારા જેવા હજારો વિદ્યાર્થીઓ જ્યારે સ્કૂલમાં ભણતા હતા ત્યારે તેવો પોતાના નામથી જ ઓળખાતા હતા પણ સ્કૂલના શિક્ષકોએ આપેલ વિદ્યા, સંસ્કાર, શિક્ષણ અને આશીર્વાદથી આજે અમે બધાજ પોતાના નામ આગળ ડોક્ટર, એન્જિનિયર, આર્કિટેક્ટ, વકીલ, પ્રોફેસર, સીએ , આરજે વગેરે જેવા શીર્ષક લગાવી શક્યા છીએ. પ્રભુ શ્રી રામની ૧૪ વર્ષની યાત્રા માં તેમને કેટલાય જીવોનો ઉદ્ધાર કર્યો, કેટલાય રાક્ષસો નો વિનાશ કર્યો અને અંતે રાવણનો વધ કરી અયોધ્યા પરત ફર્યા , પ્રભુ શ્રી રામે કરેલ રાવણ વધને આપણે સૌ દશેરા ના પર્વ તરીકે ઉજવીએ છીએ અને તેમના અયોધ્યા આગમન અને રાજ્ય અભિષેકને દિવાળી પર્વ તરીકે ઉજવીએ છીએ તેવીજ રીતે ૧૪ વર્ષની મારી યાત્રામાં મારી સ્કૂલ અને તેના શિક્ષકોએ મારામાં રહેલ સદગુણોને કેળવ્યા છે અને દુર્ગુણોનો નાશ પણ કર્યો છે, આ યાત્રાના અંતે મારા જીવનમાં હું જે પણ સુખ , સંતોષ અને સફળતાની દિવાળી ઉજવી રહ્યો છું તેની પાછળ સેંટ ઝેવિયર્સ સ્કૂલનો અનન્ય ફાળો રહ્યો છે. સ્કૂલની વાત ચાલતી હોય ત્યારે સ્કૂલ માં જતાં અને આવતા સિક્યોરિટી ગાર્ડ જોડેનો સંવાદ, સ્કૂલની બહાર ઊભેલા રિક્ષા અને વાનના હોન નો અવાજ, સ્કૂલમા પ્રવેશતાની સાથેજ ઝાડ નીચે ચોકલેટો અને

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નાસ્તા સાથે બેસતા માસી, કેન્ટીન માં પફ માટેની પડાપડી, સફાઈ કામદારો જોડેનો સંવાદ, એડમીન ડિપાર્ટમેન્ટ દ્વારા આવતી વિવિધ સૂચનાઓ , સ્કૂલના વિવિધ કાર્યક્રમો , વાલી મીટીંગ વગેરે જેવા દ્રશ્યો જાણે આજે નજર સમક્ષ તરી આવે એ સુવર્ણ ૧૪ વર્ષની યાદગીરી ને ક્ષણભરમાં જીવંત કરી રહ્યા છે. હું વર્ષ ૨૦૧૦ માં જ્યારે ધોરણ ૧૦ માં અભ્યાસ કરી રહ્યો હતો ત્યારે વિજ્ઞાન વિષયમાં શૈલા ટીચરે એક સ્પર્ધા યોજી, તે સ્પર્ધામાં અમને બધાને વિજ્ઞાન વિષયના અમુક ટોપિક ઘરેથી વાંચી આવીને કલાસમાં રહેલ બીજા વિદ્યાર્થીઓને સમજાવવાના કહ્યા , મારા ભાગે સંપૂર્ણ દહન અને અપૂર્ણ દહન ટોપિક આવ્યો, તે દિવસે મારો વારો પૂરો થયા બાદ મારા મિત્રો અને શૈલા ટીચરે મારી પ્રશંસા કરી અને તે સ્પર્ધામાં મને બીજું ઈનામ પ્રાપ્ત થયું. તે દિવસે એવો અહેસાસ થયો કે હું કોઈને અઘરો વિષય પણ સરળતાથી શીખવાડી શકું છું અને તેજ આવડતનો ઉછેર કરતા હું ઈશાન ઠક્કર છેલ્લા ૫ વર્ષથી ગણપત યુનિવર્સિટી માં સિવિલ એન્જિનિયરિંગ વિભાગમાં આસિસ્ટન્ટ પ્રોફેસર તરીકે ફરજ નિભાવી હજારો વિદ્યાર્થીઓને તેમના ભણવાના વિષય અને કારકિર્દીમાં સફળતાં મળે તેવા પ્રયત્નો કરી રહ્યો છું. આ લેખ વાંચતા દરેક વિદ્યાર્થીઓ અને વાલીઓને મારે જણાવવું છે કે ધોરણ ૧૦ સુધી વિદ્યાર્થીઓના માર્ક્સ નેજ તેની સફળતા માનવામાં આવે છે અને ધોરણ ૧૨ માં સ્પર્ધાત્મક પરીક્ષામાં આવેલ રેન્કને જ વિદ્યાર્થીની સફળતા માનવામાં આવે છે પણ ખરેખર માં સફળતા એ કોઈ મુકામ નહિ પણ એક પ્રવાસ છે. સ્કૂલમાં એવું સમજતા હતા કે પરીક્ષા પહેલાં વધુ મહેનત = વધુ માર્ક્સ = સારું પરિણામ = સફળતા.

પરંતુ જીવનમાં દરેક વખતે વધુ મહેનત = સફળતા મળે તે જરૂરી નથી એટલેજ સફળતાને મુકામ માન્યા કરતા પ્રવાસ માનીને આગળ વધશો તો સફળતામાં તમે છકી નહિ જાવ અને નિષ્ફળતામાં તમે નિરાશ નહિ થાવ. પુરુષાર્થ અને પ્રાથના આ બે ગુણોને તમે જેટલાં કેળવશો તેટલાજ તમે સુખી , સંતોષી અને સફળ બની શકશો.



## Meet Patel

My experience at St. Xavier School was a defining moment in my life. I joined the school in 11th standard, school's environment and excellent faculty helped shape me as a person and prepare me for the challenges ahead. I was fortunate to meet fellow students who were passionate about their studies, and many of them have gone on to achieve great success in their professional lives. The friendships that I made at St. Xavier's School are ones that I cherish to this day.

After completing my schooling from St. Xavier's, I pursued Bachelors and Masters in Computer Science Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology, Dhanbad. My foundation at St. Xavier's School helped me excel in academics and prepare for my professional journey. I later did an internship at Adobe and went on to work at Microsoft as a Software Engineer. Currently I am working with Amazon to create innovative products.

To the young students of St. Xavier School, I would like to offer some advice based on my own experiences. Firstly, never underestimate the value of hard work and dedication. The lessons you learn in high school will stay with you for the rest of your life, so make the most of your time at school. Secondly, take advantage of the opportunities available to you.



Whether it's participating in extracurricular activities or pursuing further education, always strive to learn and grow. Lastly, be persistent and never give up on your dreams. Success is not achieved overnight, but with determination and perseverance, you can achieve anything you set your mind to.

In conclusion, my time at St. Xavier School was an unforgettable journey that laid the foundation for my personal and professional success. I am proud to be an alumnus of this great institution, and I encourage current students to make the most of their time at school and strive for greatness.

**SUCCESS IS THE SUM  
OF SMALL EFFORTS,  
REPEATED DAY IN  
AND DAY OUT**

**-ROBERT COLLIER**



## Yash Mehta

**St. Xavier's School is more than just an institution of education; it is a place that shapes young minds and helps students find their way in the world. As an alumni of this esteemed school, I can proudly say that St. Xavier's has played a crucial role in shaping me into the person I am today. I still cherish the memories of my time there and the lessons I learned, both inside and outside the classroom.**

**St. Xavier's is a treasure trove of opportunities, be it debate competitions or sports or academia. Those opportunities helped me grow myself and realize my potential to the fullest. The computer lab in the school was one of my earliest exposure to the technology world and helped me make my decision to pursue a career in the field and be successful as a privacy engineer currently at Meta (or previously known as Facebook). The values of teamwork and perseverance imbibed in me by playing basketball have stayed with me throughout my life and I still never give up a chance to play basketball or football. The platform for public speaking provided during various Quest events helped me build confidence to back myself in a foreign country and excel in life.**



**To the current students of St. Xavier's, I would like to say that you are incredibly lucky to be a part of this institution. You have access to some of the best teachers,**

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**facilities, and resources in the country, and it is up to you to make the most of this opportunity.**

**Here are a few tips and advice that I would like to share with you, to help you make the most of your time at St. Xavier's:**

**Believe in yourself. This is perhaps the most important piece of advice I can give you. Believe in your abilities and have faith in yourself. You are capable of achieving great things, and you have been given a solid foundation to build upon. Do not let self-doubt hold you back; instead, use it as fuel to push yourself further.**

**Set goals. Setting goals is essential to achieving success. Identify what you want to accomplish, whether it is getting good grades, participating in extracurricular activities, or preparing for higher education. Once you have set your goals, make a plan and work towards achieving them. Having a clear direction will help you stay focused and motivated.**





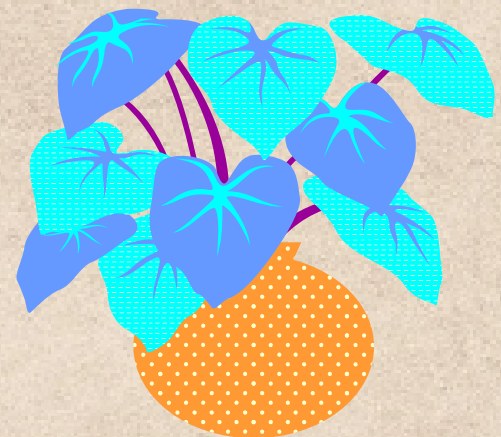
**Get involved. St. Xavier's offers a wide range of extracurricular activities, from sports to music to drama. Take advantage of these opportunities and get involved in something that interests you. Not only will this help you develop new skills and interests, but it will also help you make new friends and expand your social circle. The friends you'll make will be the ones to be with your throughout your life and will become your strongest support.**

**Seek help when needed. Do not hesitate to seek help when you need it. Your teachers and peers are there to support you, and they want to see you succeed. If you are struggling with a subject or assignment, reach out to your teachers for guidance. If you are feeling overwhelmed or stressed, talk to a counselor or trusted adult. Asking for help is a sign of strength, not weakness.**



**St. Xavier's High School is a place of great learning, growth, and opportunity. As a former student, I can attest to the fact that the lessons I learned at St. Xavier's have stayed with me throughout my life. With hard work, determination, and a positive attitude, you can achieve anything you set your mind to. Good luck!**

"The Starting point  
of all achievement  
is desire."  
-Napoleon Hill





## Surin Mehta

**"St. Xavier's!"** It has been ten years since I left this prestigious organization but even today, every time somebody mentions this name, it sends a rush of emotions in my body and fills me with immense pride and gratitude. After all, it is here where I have spent most of my childhood. I first walked into St. Xavier's in nursery standard and spent a good 12 years here before graduating from the 10th in the year 2013. St. Xavier's has always had that energy in its atmosphere that provided all of us a holistic educational environment that went beyond just academics. This school has provided me everything that one needs to provide to a student to make him fit enough to face the world. Be it providing an opportunity to performing at the annual days, sports days or feast days or participating in the various debates, declamations and of course dumb charades and also representing the school in various quizzes and oration competitions. This school has provided me with all kinds of platforms to help me develop a well-rounded personality and in the process teaching important lessons on discipline, leadership and teamwork.



Today, after becoming a chartered accountant, I realize how much this school has influenced my life. While, we are speaking of getting influenced, how can I not mention the tremendous support and guidance of all our beloved father, sisters, teachers and support staff.



We were always encouraged to step out of our comfort zones and contribute to the various activities happening in the school while at the same time we were also taught the importance of moral science along with science.

It is the discipline and work ethic that I developed in school that helped me clear my chartered accountancy course in first attempt and thereafter land a job at a multinational consultancy firm. It was my experiences in St. Xavier's that gave me the confidence to compete with the students and colleagues from larger locations and tier-1 cities.



But it is not just the education and activities that I cherish about St. Xavier's Gandhinagar, it is also the friendships that I developed here over the years. There is no better way of developing friendships then hanging out at the canteen or



basketball court, playing football, preparing for annual days or Christmas carols and we did it all here! I owe this school a lot, also because of the fact that it is here that I nurtured my dream of becoming a chartered accountant and it is here that I acquired the traits of becoming one. It is also here that I learnt some valuable life lessons on friendships, career and society – the three most important facets of anybody's life.

To the students – you all are just where you are supposed to be and here, you will find everything that you need to be successful in life. Just make the most of the opportunities that are thrown at you here and don't forget to enjoy your lives while you are at it, because mark my words, ten years down the line, it is this very name, "St. Xavier's", which will be sending a rush of emotions down your body as well.



**"Failure is not opposite of SUCCESS.  
It is a part of SUCCESS."**



# Prakruti Patel

Batch 2015

I would first like to thank and congratulate the school to have created a community where we are still connected and can share our stories through VOX.

My journey of 14 years at St. Xavier's started with Nursery and KG, the best place I had ever been as a child. Lots of colours on the walls, lots of games, fancy dress competitions, and loads of educational activities. My first writing, reading and speaking all of it started at St. Xavier's. Lots of nervousness, excitement and looking around to find known faces, friends. Each year had something new to learn than just the books. Cultural events, sports day, Christmas and especially the carols and the Christmas act, it was lots of learning, growth and fun. Each week had some "program" as we call it in Xavier's. Canteen day was another event, not forgetting QUEST held each year. There was always so much to participate, learn and enjoy in the school life. I have to confess, as a student I was shy, hesitant to participate in big events, but that changed as I grew at Xavier's. The final event at school, the QUEST 2015, I participated in most of the outdoor and indoor planning of QUEST. When I left Xavier's, I had all the skills to face the world. Xavier's is not just an institute; it is a value that each Xavierite inherits forever.



In India, I studied Bachelors of Computer Engineering from GTU, graduated in 2019.



Right after completing my Bachelors, I moved to Canada for further studies. In 2020, I pursued Masters of Engineering in Computer Networks from Toronto Metropolitan University, previously known as Ryerson University. Here I got in-depth knowledge of Computer Networking and started to look for a good job opportunity.



It was peak COVID, it was difficult to find a job, I kept looking for the job for 6 months and then I landed to a job, a dream job. In 2021 Feb, I was hired as Technology Specialist at Bell Canada, Canada's biggest Internet Service Provider. Today, at my job, I lead multiple projects at a time, I get taken cared by my team and my leaders, I get appreciation, and also, I get paid very well. At the age of 24, I dared to buy my own small little space here in Canada, today I am 25, have a car, have my family and friends (my best friends are still the Xavier's friends, wink wink!), and I have a great career ahead of me to work hard. All of this is to iterate that if I can achieve a little,



you(students) definitely can achieve much more. Students, try to participate in school events as much as possible, be confident, believe in yourself, try to get out of your comfort zone, please study, getting good education will surely help. I never did all of this, lol, but I am a Xavierite, all of this was already taught to me. The sooner you start working efficiently in life the sooner you will be successful and then you do not have to worry, just enjoying life as you like. If you need guidance reach out to the teachers, they know the right way to support you. Keep away from all the not so good path of life and focus on the bright future. If any of you aspire to study/move to Canada, you have a contact in me, reach out and I will be super happy to connect.



Xavier's has all the resources to help a person success, utilize it! Let us all together keep working hard and keep achieving!

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## Dr. Raj Baxi

Batch 2016

Hey everyone ! This is Dr. raj baxi , enlighting y'all in brief about my career related timeline and hoping u all to become someone larger than yourself . I did my schooling from ST Xaviers Gandhinagar..throughout my school life , i was a shy intoverted person..but thanks to all my teachers , they always made me partcipate in debates and annual functions..that helped me shape my personality and become self confident in college, so advising you to listen to your teachers and step out of that comfort zone . All the memories made during my school days are something i still cherish from time to time ,so live your best days of your life while u can. So i am a mbbs doctor , i gave my neet pg examination recently for my masters .



So the take home message for you will be to believe in whatever you do and love what you do . I obsess over sports and there's so much to learn from them ; Virat kohli and Christiano Ronaldo. both are undoubtedly best sportsperson in cricket and football..yet both failed to win even a single world cup..then there's messi who has failed in all world cup he captained but still didn't lose hope and finally u know the history..and finally its MS Dhoni, who despite winning odi and t20 worldcups , got a close run out in his final world cup match he played...so the summary is that the result doesn't matter ..it's how you enjoy the process or the journey that's important in life. Kohli and Ronaldo didn't win world cups but that doesn't change the fact that they are world's best players..because they believe that they are more than just a cup..all these legends aren't just legends because they have talent..they are legends because they believe they are special and world's best..so if your exam doesn't go well..it shouldn't matter much ..what always matters is if you prepare for it believing that you are world's best and love doing it . Hope that helps . Thank you .



So in school , i was always a average student , i tried scoring well but not even once i was anywhere near a rank , then somehow i got into mbbs in a private college with humongous fees and my mbbs journey was also not a smooth cake-walk..on the contrary , i struggled to barely got my marks above passing grade . I gave my first neet pg exam and didn't even qualify for it . So i took a drop and i began to contemplate what i was doing wrong that i couldn't get success even after giving my best . But after talking to my topper friends , i realized the one big factor i wasn't practicing..to believe in yourself .All my life , i always considered myself an average student ; all the toppers i met , they had the same iq level , some even less , still they believed in themselves that they are toppers and that was the key factor . So during my drop , i always believed that i am capable of scoring excellent marks throughout the preparation and that helped me finally to push my boundaries and score above average marks .





# Sankalp Jhala

Batch 2017

**St. Xavier's High School - a place where I spent 12 incredible years instilling the best values and practises that shaped the person I am today. When I look back at those times now, I still reminisce about the beautiful memories and the wonderful friends that I made and how fortunate I was to be part of such a prestigious institution which taught me the most valuable life lessons. I started my journey in this institution as a tiny tot in the nursery, and since then, the school has been a second home to me. The pride of calling oneself a "Xavierite" is a feeling which is second to none. Being a Xavierite is more than just attending a great school; it also entails being a member of a community that values integrity, compassion, and excellence. Being a Xavierite, I was part of a wider family that went beyond the bounds of the school walls. The alumni network provided me with a platform to interact with other people who shared my views and ideas. The friendship that I share with my fellow Xavierites is a monument to the ongoing influence that St. Xavier's High School has had on our lives. Being a Xavierite has not only enriched my life, it has made me feel part of a community with a common purpose. As I proceeded through the numerous stages of my academic journey, the school presented me with an environment that was favourable to learning and growth. The teachers at St. Xavier's High School were not only educators, but also mentors who guided and supported me in all parts of my school life. They inspired me to think critically, challenge assumptions, and build an independent perspective. Looking back, one of the best highlights of school life in St. Xavier's have been the extracurricular activities. Be it the elocution competitions, debates, community services, science exhibitions or "Quest" – these events gave us a stage to showcase our talents and was a demonstration of the school's dedication to a holistic education. The recollections of those days still bring a smile on my face and I will continuously cherish the time I went through with my classmates, instructors, and companions during this wonderful journey. It was a time of laughter, learning and growing together.**



**It is because of the school's emphasis on hard work and dedication that I became this responsible towards my goal of becoming a Chartered Accountant. At a time when the students were pretty skeptical about joining the Commerce stream, I had made up my mind to move forward with my dream of becoming a CA. This meant leaving this wonderful institution and an end of the 12 year journey as a "Xavierite". It was not easy at all but the support and guidance which I received from the teachers motivated me to carry on the values and dedication forward in my life. When I shifted to Ahmedabad for further studies of Chartered Accountancy, a new chapter of my life began. CA as a professional course is divided into 3 stages and demands utmost patience and sincerity. After clearing the first two stages of exams – CPT and CA Inter, I did full time internship for two and a half years along with the preparation for the final stage of exam, where you get the opportunity to apply your technical knowledge to solve the problems practically. This mandatory internship helps you in enhancing your time management skills and grooms your personality to meet the professional standards. I cleared my CA Finals in 2021 and that was probably one of the proudest moments of my life.**



Though this journey was full of ups and downs, the learnings and life lessons imparted by the school definitely helped me in fulfilling my goals. One may not be successful at each stage of life but the never ending process of exploiting every opportunity and giving your best is what I have learned as a Xavierite. I am confident that St. Xavier's High School will teach you several values that will help you navigate through the different stages of my life. The school's emphasis on hard work, perseverance, and dedication will definitely instill in you a sense of responsibility towards your goals. I will always be appreciative of my experience at St. Xavier's High School and the principles it helped me develop. "Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere" – I hope that the learnings that you all inculcate during your student life as a "Xavierite" stay with you forever and inspire you to take great strides in your professional and personal lives.





# Aryansinh Zala

Batch 2018

'Nostalgia' is something that one can associate with, when one hears the word 'School'. It has been more than half a decade since I last sat on that brown bench and studied on that Green Board, in that octagonal class room. It has been more than 5 years since I last had the cheese puff from the canteen alongside my friends all laughing and making promises to stay in touch with each other's, under that big old mango tree.

I spent my entire childhood in St. Xavier's Gandhinagar. From Nursery till class 12th I spent 14 years of my life being a Xavierite. And even now I remember most of my class teachers and many stories and incidents happened in those 14 years.



By starting the day with the Morning Prayer in the assembly where every one stand singal on queue with the 'Calendar' in their hands ,eyes closed and chanting the prayer. Going to the class With 'Hands behind your back'. Attendance (Mine was usually the last roll no. 30, 31, 32). I remember during the 'Recess' we used to go to the ground and play football or cricket and came back to class all in sweat. I remember waiting eagerly for the P.T. Period so that we can play some more. Those were the days!

St. Xavier's Gandhinagar has given me a lot. I can proudly say that the person I am and where I am in my life, a major credit for it goes to my school, the kind of teachings it gave me, the kind of qualities I learned from my classes, the environment it provided me and more importantly the kind of Friends and Teachers it gave me. I am so thankful for everyone and everything that happened in that 14 years. It gave me many opportunities to find my passion and my talent. It also paved the way for my career.



When I was approached to write this article, to share my learnings and experiences to my fellow xavierites, I realised I should take this opportunity to share my feelings and learnings as a guide to any one who need sit right now or even in the future

Firstly, I would like to tell everyone that 'Life is an Experiment'. An experiment to find yourself, to Invent yourself and the kind of person you want to become. Yes, any experiment can not succeed on the first trial, you will definitely fail many times but you never stop experimenting on any failure. You keep trying and find ways to do new things ,new way sand new methods.





Secondly, I want to tell you that never be afraid of trying new things out. Be it food, people or Passion, because you never know what you like unless you try it out. Always follow your heart. Same for your career. Try as many new things as you can before choosing something that you want to pursue. And let me tell you a secret, If you feel like you chose wrong, It's never too late.! You always have the right to change things to try new things, to experiment.! Find something you are good at, something that you love to do and follow that.



Third and the most important learning is from a professor in my college. "Nothing is Permanent. Only change is Permanent." The universe is constantly changing, improving and evolving. And we as humans can do nothing about it but to adapt to these changes and evolve ourselves. And you should not be scared of these changes. You will face many such changes as you grow. When you change schools or when you start your college or even as you get a new job, things will change drastically. But we need to adapt to that as soon as possible. Consider it as a new opportunity to broaden your perspective and always be open to learn new things.



About me? Hi, my name is Aryansinh Zala, batch of 2018. Apart from being a boring writer, I am an Engineer by profession. Currently I am working at Tata Chemicals, Mithapur. Yeah, the same 'Desh ka Namak' brand. I did my Engineering from Nirma University. I always loved to make new things, new projects. I remember the first project I ever made. It was in 7th standard, we had a science fair and I decided to participate in it. It was the best decision I ever took because it helped me to realize what I love to do. I got the first prize for it back then and it motivated me to be an engineer. Apart from this I have worked with Institute of Plasma Research. I was an above average student throughout my academics but I was always ready to make new things to learn new things.

So as an ending to this boring and lengthy article, I want to wish all of you the best for your future endeavors and I hope my learnings and experience would help some of you to feel motivated. I also want to tell all that I am always available for my fellow Xavierites.

Stay happy, healthy and keep experimenting.





# Yash Brahmkshatriya

Nostalgia hits hard while writing this article for VoX. It feels like it was not a while back, when I was getting ready for school, waiting for the school van, but actually it's been really long. Those years aren't coming back and it makes me sad to believe it.

I was one of the lucky students who studied in Xavier's from Nursery to 12th std without any break. The memories I share with the teachers, friends and the walls of the school including our favorite canteen are just too wholesome.

The memories include but are not limited to the awesome festive celebrations, class picnics, science quizzes, and being a monitor, having food stalls, science exhibitions, participating in "Quest" and finally getting to organize it at the end. Of all these, science exhibitions will always have a special part in my heart. I participated in each eligible exhibition held and tried to win. The feeling of competition was far surpassed by the vibe and learnings from the science exhibition. Since I had heard about the "Quest", I always wanted to be part of the organizing committee and finally that came true. That was one of the most fun experiences of my school life at St. Xavier's, Gandhinagar. Every activity shaped my future unknowingly.



From my childhood, I was very fond of computers and my curiosity developed with time revolving about computers. With all the support and learnings from the school, I got into my dream course - Computer Science in one of the most renowned universities of Gujarat - Nirma University. Throughout my college life, I studied core and other subjects of computer science. Though half of my college life passed in lockdown, we still managed to learn and have fun by participating in the online events. Through all the hard work and blessings of my dear ones, I got a job in the IT sector of an international bank with roots from Germany.

Like everything else in the world, my school and after-school experiences had its ups and downs, but I can say, I never regretted being part of such an awesome school, as I grew as a person. I learned the attitude and ability - to face any difficulty in life from school and I am really thankful for that.





## Vedant Sharma

**“St. Xavier’s High School, Gandhinagar”, a Xavierite says it with pride, while others say it in awe. Being a Xavierite is a privilege many wish they had, but it isn’t given or handed to someone, this is a privilege every Xavierite has earned. I am delighted to be writing this article for VOX as an Alumni but not too long ago even I was a part of the classrooms, reading my own copy of the latest edition.**

**It has been a journey since then, I graduated from St. Xavier’s, graduated from PDEU with B.Tech in Civil Engineering and am currently working at Atul Ltd. There is a very basic theory in Civil Engineering that under any kind of load/force/pressure a building’s strength depends on how strong it’s foundation is, which is a perfect metaphor for life too. Any individual’s foundation can be considered their primary or secondary school, which plays a crucial role in shaping the mentality of young minds and Xavierites have had it the best for past several years now.**



**I remember the discipline, culture, mindset, habits that we were taught from a very young age and as I got older, I have witnessed how those values have set me apart from others. I personally believe these are the best years of your life and if you’re a Xavierite you have the potential to be Great. I am not amongst people who talk about themselves but given this opportunity I would like to share a few things about myself, and how St. Xavier’s has been a pivot in all of it.**



**Since the beginning of my time at St. Xavier’s I was a talkative and notorious boy, playing some sort of mischief or the other always sharing laughs & giggles with my friends, but when it was important, I also managed to focus on academics and performed well. I would also actively participate in co-curricular as well as sports activities, which I believe helped me build a confident personality which helps me showcase my capabilities to my best measure. The healthy competitive mindset of my entire batch was remarkable in my opinion, which always drove me to give my 100% and more in anything I did. It still is a habit for me to this day and I have my school, my teachers and friends to thank for it.**



**Since KG till 12th Standard, every teacher has supported me with the very best at their hearts and I am forever grateful for them, they have not been just teachers, they have been mentors, supporters, and have always believed in me.**



I try to do better and live up-to their expectations always, I cannot be grateful enough for teachers that have always taught and nurtured me to become the best version of myself. I am forever in debt of St. Xavier's Gandhinagar, and my beloved teachers. As a student most of the times I was in the middle of some or the other mischief but one advice I have for young Xavierites is, "Listen to your Teachers! They know better, and wish the best for you!"

## સેન્ટ એવિયર્સ સ્કૂલ ખાતે 'સ્પાર્ટન' સ્પર્ધા યોજાઈ



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During College, what I learnt and grew up to become at school, helped me a great deal with my classes, internships, projects, presentations and Interviews. I was always asked by professors about my school and the reason behind my Confidence and Zest. Even during my Interview with my current company, I was complemented for my sentence formation and answering techniques, for which St. Xavier's is responsible. I also actively took part in co-curricular activities and a part of core committee for various events.

## Quest at St Xaviers, Gandhinagar



I secured placement with Atul Ltd., Valsad and am currently working as an Assistant Manager, Civil Engineering. In a rather short period, I have managed to



I take over key responsibilities of the department, and at times have been appreciated by Dept. Head and Unit President. I currently handle 3 Projects under the Company.



Since a young age participating in numerous Elocutions & Debates has helped me get rid of stage fright and I love to be on stage hosting events. St. Xavier's has helped me build people skills, with an attitude to always be curious about learning more and more things, these things have helped me excel in college as well as office, not only intellectually/academically but also in Leadership and amongst teams.



At last, I would just like to say that St. Xavier's Gandhinagar has so much to offer and every Xavierite has so much to learn, it is our responsibility as Xavierites to indulge into hard-work and be the best versions of ourselves, constantly learning and improving upon our skills. Being a Xavierite is a gift that keeps on giving. Kudos to every Xavierite and three Cheers!



# Nidhay Pancholi

**“Work hard, work smart but never be afraid of failure, know that you can always bounce back.”**

**Looking back on my time at St. Xavier's Gandhinagar, I am grateful for the opportunities and experiences that the school provided me. It gave me the tools and knowledge I needed to succeed in my future academic and professional endeavors, while also instilling in me a strong sense of value and a commitment to make a positive impact in the world.**

**The extracurricular events in still management and communication skills, the wonderful sports culture motivates students to work hard and contributes to their ability to work in teams. I was personally involved in many different sports at the school, including cricket, chess and basketball. I played cricket for the Under 16 Gujarat Cricket team, my practice sessions clashed with school times, all the teachers were very accommodative and supported me throughout understanding what a huge opportunity it was for me. The support paid off and I was awarded the “outstanding sports performance award” at the annual function because of my outstanding performance in the tournament.**



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All in all, make the most of the opportunity that you have been given by studying at a school like St. Xavier's which has such a wonderful and nurturing environment . St. Xavier's has contributed immensely to my overall development and provided me with a platform to become successful even after school life and I hope it does the same for you too.

Regards,

Nidhay Pancholi (Batch of 2019).

**"Every memory of the PAST should not bring pain,  
nor every aspiration of the FUTURE should bring fear,  
for that every moment of the PRESENT needs to be  
sculpted."**



# Pankti Prajapati

Good morning to one and all present over here, I'm Pankti Prajapati from...

Aren't those the words we used to play on the tip of our tongue, when we stood in assembly with Xavier's logo on our backs, battling performance pressure in front of our proud teachers.

"What are they thinking about me?"

"Am I doing well?"

"Oh oh how do I sound?"

The words jumbling, self-confidence shaking and questioning everything we had practiced till that day, but it happened for what 1st 2nd 3rd...nth performance until we learned how to handle it. It was just a performance for us back then but when I was standing on the stage of our college fest EUCRASIA as a joint secretary hosting the opening night I knew it was those speeches that had paid off...



Xavierrite is a word we proudly introduce ourselves with, a word that brings lots of memories on the surface be it celebrating Diwali, enjoying Christmas parties, singing Carols together, participating in Science Fair and Painting Competition, reminiscing Canteen Day and what not!

Extracurricular activities had become a part of our routine without even realizing it. Our school didn't only understand the significance of hobbies in development of a child but incorporated that fact in the most effective way.



When I look at my current performances I can clearly see the difference in myself and how it helped me become the person I am today.

"Life is like a box of chocolates once you open it, one isn't enough!"

That quote perfectly expresses my philosophy today. It wasn't just the cultural activities we were encouraged but sports tournaments as well. I still remember I started my journey as a chess player in the 3rd standard and in just a few years I was acing many state and district level champions.

Currently I'm a medical student, when I enter the clinical postings where we have to deal with patients on daily basis, the rapport and trust we build with our patient is one of the most important factor in reaching the Diagnosis. I learnt that art nowhere else but in those MORAL SCIENCE classes which build the foundation of my Ethical Values.







**The journey that I started here as a 3 year old child lead to achieving what I have today. I wasn't aware how much I'll be missing this place where I made friends for life and while being scolded by my teachers.**



**The way my life took turn after my journey here is unbelievable and I'll never be able to describe how much I owe to this place and to the people I met there.**

**- Pankti Prajapati**

**MBBS Student**

**Government Medical College, Surat**





## Shivali Pradhan

School years, undoubtedly, leave the deepest imprints on the memory lane of our minds. Even the most vague recollections of school times can overwhelm you and bring a smile to your face.

The imprints on my mind have been marked by the family of St. Xavier's. I've spent 14 years in this institution, right from kindergarten to class 12, and it was a beautiful journey filled with lessons and enjoyment, good times and hardships, tears and bursts of laughter, and a lot more.

I am currently pursuing my bachelor's degree from L.D. College of Engineering, Ahmedabad. My time spent at St. Xavier's has shaped my personal character and taught me to be the person I am today; the teachers who have moulded me into a confident and knowledge-seeking person, the environment that fosters the all-round development of students and most importantly, the festivities and events that taught me some invaluable qualities of humanity like charity, honesty and discipline.

It's only been two years since I finished my schooling and I'm already missing it.



That is the kind of impact St. Xavier's has had on me. It was an abode of academic as well as moral learning, a place of finding the best of friendships and achieving the best version of yourself. It boasted a climate of productive co-curricular activities supporting academics and continues to do so.




Being an active student of this school, I participated in elocutions, declamations, assembly speeches and other stage activities. I was fortunate enough to have encouraging teachers who helped me deal with stage fear and build self-confidence. I was once given the opportunity to anchor the annual function, along with two classmates of mine, which fills my heart with immense gratitude towards the school. It gave my oral skills a significant boost and helped me understand various aspects of public speaking. I also participated in drawing competitions, singing events and science projects. Owing my positive performance in academics to my brilliant teachers again, I received many gestures of appreciation from the school, in the form of awards, which further motivated me towards excellence.





**My message to all my junior Xavierites, or any school student reading this article is: Make the most of your school days. Give your best at everything you do, be it academics or any other school activity. People tend to forget that personal growth is as essential as academic progress, so participate in extracurricular activities and invest a portion of your schedule in your hobbies and interests. Above all, cherish your friendships because these are the life-long relationships that will stick with you through all your ups and downs.**



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