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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 and
we pray for God's blessings for all.

May God bles us all!

Fr. S.Arul Rayan, S.J.



DR. MINESH PATEL**-(M.B.B.S M.D)****BATCH 1994****નમસ્કાર**

હું ડૉક્ટર મિનેષ પટેલ, કન્સલ્ટન્ટ એનેસ્થેશિયોલોજિસ્ટ એન્ડ ઈન્ટેન્સિવિસ્ટ, મેં મારું એમબીબીએસ અને એમડી, ગુજરાતની પ્રતિષ્ઠિત બી.જે. મેડિકલ કોલેજ માંથી પૂર્ણ કર્યું જેનો પાયો ૧૯૮૫માં સેંટ જેવિયર્સ સ્કૂલ માં ધોરણ ૩ માં મળેલ એડમિશનમાં નખાયો હતો. એ સમયે ગાંધીનગર માં ખુબ જ સિમિત શાળાઓ આવેલ હતી અને જો જીવન માં આગળ વધવું હોય તો જેવિયર્સમાં એડમિશન લેવું પડે એમ માનવામાં આવતું. મારા માતા પિતા આ સપનું સાચું કરવા ફાધર ડીસોઝા ને મળવા ગયા અને અમે બંને ભાઈઓ ને એક સાથે એડમિશન મળી ગયું જેને અમે બધા પરિવાર ના સભ્યો એક ખૂબ આનંદ ની ઘડી માની હતી. એના ફળ સ્વરૂપે હું ડૉક્ટર અને મારો ભાઈ ચાર્ટડ એકાઉન્ટન્ટ બની શક્યા એમાં જેવિયર્સ સ્કૂલ નો ખૂબ મોટો ફાળો છે.

આપણી સ્કૂલની ખાસિયત જોઈએ તો સમગ્ર ગુરુજનો અને બધા બીજા સ્ટાફ મિત્રોની વિદ્યાર્થીઓ ના ઘડતર પ્રત્યે સંપૂર્ણ નિષ્ઠા અને સમર્પણ. અહીં અમે ફક્ત શિક્ષણ જ નથી મેળવ્યું પણ જીવન જીવવાની કળા અને જીવન પ્રત્યે નો હકારાત્મક અભિગમ કેળવ્યો છે. શિસ્ત અને શિષ્ટાચાર એવા જીવન માં ગુંથાઈ ગયાં કે દુનિયાના કોઈ પણ ખૂણે આપણું વર્તન અને વ્યવહાર જ આપણને અલગ તારવી દે.



સવાર ની એસમ્બલી માં જ ફાધર પિંટો અને સિસ્ટર ટેરેસા દ્વારા પ્રાઇમરી સ્કૂલ માં ઘણા જીવન વિષયક પાઠ શીખવા મળતા અને દરેક તહેવારે એને લગતા



સાંસ્કૃતિક કાર્યક્રમમાં ભાગ લેવાનો સાથે સાથે જોવાની ખૂબ જ મજા આવતી. ૨૬મી જાન્યુઆરીએ હેલિપેડ ઉપર આખા ગાંધીનગરની સ્કૂલ્સના પર્ફોમન્સમાં જેવિયર્સની વાત અલગ જ તરી આવતી. ત્યારે હંમેશા એમ લાગતું કે આપણે કેટલા નસીબદાર છીએ કે જેવિયર્સ માં અભ્યાસ કરીએ છીએ.

શિક્ષણ માટેના સંસ્મરણોની વાત કરીએ તો પણ ખૂટે એમ જ નથી. અહીં ફક્ત પુસ્તકનું જ્ઞાન નથી મેળવ્યું પણ સાથે સાથે ઈતિહાસ અને સંસ્કૃતિનો પણ પરિચય કરાવ્યો હતો.

ધોરણ ૩ માં ક્લાસ ટીચર તરીકે મુક્તિ ટીચર એ ખૂબ પ્રેમ અને હૂંફથી આવકાર્યા પછી દરેક આગળના ધોરણ માં ઉચ્ચતમ કોટિના શિક્ષકો એ અભ્યાસનો પાયો ખૂબ પાકો કરી દીધો.



સંસ્મરણો વાગોળીએ તો ધોરણ ૮માં મેન્યુઅલ સરે ભણાવેલ શેર અને ડિબેન્ચર ચેપ્ટર આજે પણ ભૂલી શકાય એમ નથી. શૈલેષ પંડ્યા સર એ ગુજરાતી ના ક્લાસમાં ‘ગુજરાતનો નાથ’ નવલકથા ખૂબ જ રસિક શૈલીમાં રજૂ કરેલ જે માટે શનિવારના એકસાથે ૨ પીરિયડ્સનો બધાને ઈંતજાર રહેતો. ઈંગ્લિશના સ્પેલિંગ નો દરરોજ ટેસ્ટ લેવોએ તેમની આગવી શૈલી હતી. R.P સર દ્વારા ધોરણ ૧૦ માં સમાજવિદ્યામાં તૈયાર કરાવેલ નોટ્સના કારણે બોર્ડમાં ખૂબ જ સારા માર્ક્સ મેળવી શક્યા.



ત્યાર બાદ ૧૧-૧૨ ધોરણમાં સોમભાઈ સર, એ.જે પટેલ સર, અશ્વિન સર અને ડાભી સર એ ખૂબ મહેનત કરાવેલ જેનાથી મેડિકલમાં એડમિશન શક્ય બનેલ. અમારા એક ક્લાસમાંથી ૧૯૯૪ માં અમે લગભગ ૨૦% વિદ્યાર્થી મેડિકલમાં એડમિશન મેળવી શકેલ.



એમ.બી.બી.એસ અને એમ.ડી બી.જે.મેડિકલ કોલેજ માથી પૂર્ણ કર્યા બાદ આઈસીયુ નો અભ્યાસ જસલોક હોસ્પિટલ મુંબઈથી પૂર્ણ કર્યો. ત્યારબાદ ઈ.સ.૨૦૦૪ માં મિલ્ક સિટી આણંદ ખાતે ૨૫ બેડની મલ્ટીસ્પેશિયાલિટી હોસ્પિટલ અમે મિત્રોએ શરુ કરી અને ૨૦ વર્ષ થી અહીં અમારી સેવાઓ આપીએ છીએ. અમારું ઈ.સ.૧૯૯૨ ના ધોરણ ૧૦ના સૌ મિત્રોનું ખૂબ જ સરસ સોશિયલ મીડિયા ગ્રુપ છે અને અમે એક વાર સ્કૂલ ખાતે સંસ્મરણો વાગોળવા ગેટ ટુ ગેઘર પણ રાખેલ, જેમાં વર્ષો પછી બધાને મળવાનો એક અનેરો આનંદ પ્રાપ્ત થયેલ. સેંટ ઝેવિયર્સ સ્કૂલ ઉત્તરોત્તર પ્રગતિ કરતી રહે એવી ખૂબ શુભેચ્છા.

“We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere”.

MEHEK DESAI

-YOGA INSTRUCTOR

Mehek Desai From running on the sports ground of St. Xavier's to guiding yoga poses, my journey from school to becoming a yoga instructor has been unexpected yet fulfilling. While I was always active in sports during the school days, the idea of teaching yoga never crossed my mind. However, I took a leap of faith and left my corporate job to pursue my passion for yoga. Today I am internationally certified yoga instructor with 200 hrs RYT + 100 hrs RPYT Looking back, I miss the memories of school days dearly – the friendship with classmates, the guidance of teachers, and the laughter-filled moments in the canteen.

BATCH 2008



These memories hold a special place in my heart, reminding me of where it all began. Today, I cherish those moments as I lead others on their own paths to wellness and self-realization.



RAHUL VANIA

-FILM MAKER

Memories cannot be suppressed or rubbed out from the mind of a human being.. It always remains alive and bloomed even in the dry outset and deserted state of mind.. The best memory once in life is the school day's memories. Fact is that It always comes once in a lifetime, and that's why it's called an unforgettable and golden days for everyone. However for me, School memories always remained very special and enchanting because of Xavier School. Being a Xavierite I have always wanted to tell the story of Xavier's, even though I am busy with many interviews and writing articles for my recent achievement, I had to make time to write this story. And I am running out of words while writing this blog.



There is so much to say about that, a book can be written, and when I get a chance I will definitely write, but right now I am keeping my emotions under control and writing a few things from it. Hearing a name of Xavier School, a feeling of pride is sure to come, let's talk about the time when I got attached to Xavier school by just entering the gate of the school . I was in the 8th standard, from the childhood cricket influenced me a lot and

BATCH 2008



in this school cricket was part of the school itself, what more do you want. After that, the journey of cricket at school started, my friend Irfan showed me a way to school and cricket and I started investing myself in cricket. I did hard work and gave my best to cricket by following the strict schedule for 6 hours cricket practice with waking up at 5 in the morning with 8 hours school by skipping meals sometimes. I have made many memories there with my coach Rajesh Sadariya and other teammates. Cricket also gave me a friend like Digvijay, whose memories cannot fade away. The appreciation and snack coupons we were getting from Fr.Hector at assembly hall after winning any cricket match will always remain special and the pride felt at that time cannot be felt at big award functions right now. While using that snack's coupons at Hycintho's canteen at school, we felt like stars of school as we were getting encouraging speech from Hycintho the canteen owner and some more free snacks while bunking whole day and spending it at canteen for a celebration of winning the match. Those fun days cannot be erased from memories. The trophies won by us are still there in school with our names, in

which HIELD-SHIELD CUP, XAVIER'S COLLEGE, BROTHER LOBO CUP LOYOLA, SWAMINARAYAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL CRICKET CUP are special. But as all say when you are destined with something else no matter how hard you try for one thing you have to work on the other things to find your destination. Same thing happened I had to leave professional cricket after giving so many years to cricket because of some corrupt selection process and politics, which pushed me down in life and I lost interest in everything, I was feeling lost and couldn't get to find my area of interest, that time with the peer pressure of my friend Gumansinh who was popular in our school because of his humongous body which was the identification mark of our batch in school, I gave the entrance exam for MBA and with an ordinary score I joined MBA. While I was studying MBA I found myself again. I was getting full marks in open handed questions in marketing subject. I was very creative from childhood, I used to cook up stories in school time to escape from punishments for my mischievous act and I can say I never got caught for that ;) hahaha, jokes apart but finally I got to realise I am very good with making stories and writing, so I decided to follow my passion and decided to become a FILMMAKER. I have faced many difficulties while following my passion. I got backlashes from my friends for not doing a job and not earning as much as they are. And there is always a "Sharmaji ji ka beta"



with whom you are always going to be compared, and I also couldn't escape from that and my family started forcing me to get a government job as being born in Gandhinagar it was some kind of inbuilt pressure. So I just listened to my mind and heart and started my journey as a writer and joined a creative writing course which was followed by the basic directing course at Mumbai. I ended up at Mumbai by following my dream, and as all says "Mumbai is sweet, sweaty smell of hope and it's the sour, stifled smell of greed", it was difficult there but still I managed to survive there with my savings which I have made in six months bank job and which I have left to follow my dream. I also did assistant director job in a big project there without any pay cheque just to gain some experience. I was ready to do anything to just learn filmmaking process which cannot be gained without any on-field experience. I learnt about every department there and with that learning I came back to Gandhinagar to start my own projects. I picked up story from my writing collection and start working alone on that

project, gradually two three people joined me and our small team came to existence. With short of resource and budget we completed short film named **"BOOMERANG"** without any compromise in location, props and arts. I have developed my ability being in Mumbai that how to make a good film in small budget with little bit of hard work and patience. It was my first project as a writer, director and producer, so it was natural to be anxious about public reactions toward my job. I arranged a special screening for my close friends, family and some known people, and when the movie ended, the sounds of claps and words of appreciation brought tears to my eyes. One cannot forget the first ever appreciation as an artist and those claps are still ringing in my ears, finally my hard work paid off and it seemed like the backlashes and humiliation of these many years had disappeared. Finally I proved myself right in self eyes and felt proud that day. That short film got nomination in four international film festivals and my work got recognition at international level for the first time.



Not only that but **TIMES OF INDIA** also covered that success in their article. After that I made a web series named "Anti 2020" in the crucial time of corona and because of that I faced many obstacles and couldn't get the result as expected, still I was able to put it before the public through OTT platforms. After that recently I made a short film named "Vrukshree" as a writer and director, and I got a rainfall of appreciation from every newspaper, friends and family after the marvellous success of "vrukshree". It has been awarded as a best environmental short film by four different international film festivals. And recently it was also awarded as a winner top 5 short film among 10,000 entries for nomination by the prestigious **DADASAHEB PHALKE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**. And this made me believe that my stubbornness for sticking to my passion was not a hurdle in my life, but it was a step to reach success.

In the end I will say there is a struggle in every field but hard work and dedication always pays off. No matter what happens, you just have to keep walking intact and that will definitely lead you to your destination. I am very thankful to Xavier school, my coach, my teachers, my classmates, my friends and my family for planting roots of good things in me and for making me a part of my own story. In my school life I faced difficulties but also have enjoyed a lot and because of that I become a **FILMMAKER** now. Everything happens for a reason, whether it is a good or a bad, it's a process and we are part of that, **AND THE SHOW MUST GO ON.**

SHALINI AJAY SINGH

(PROGRAM ASSISTANT , IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
USA)

I still remember those days when I used to sit in the library for hours before and after school, wanting to read and discuss about books with the librarian sir, who was one of my first constants in school throughout my education from Std. 1st till 12th. I can still careen my mind to those green and abundant corners of the school, where we learned to hoop balls on the court, practiced our mandatory sports day walk, the morning assembly lines, summer camps, picnics to Lothal and Kevadia Colony, ate the tastiest of veggie puffs at our beloved canteen that I have ever had in my life and make lifetime memories, day in and day out- rain or shine. My memory is as clear as any when it comes to some of the most subtle and serene moments spent in my childhood, free from technology-heavy lives, so very different from what our lives are like today.

Being the daughter of a Math's teacher, my father for me has been my first teacher but how can I forget the chain reaction of tutelage and nourishment that I derived from each of my schoolteachers at St. Xavier's? I came, I saw, and I never left. I only learned from the best, amongst the best. I developed insight, attention to detail, and a love for extracurriculars in my school days.

My time in school was spent participating in several activities, particularly any creative writing competitions in Quest, reading books, writing for VOX myself in my later High school days, and

BATCH 2011



**"MY
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GANDHINAGAR
HIGH SCHOOL"**

discovering myself as a writer and a student of multiple disciplines! In 2010, I got to edit the NIE-Times of India student initiative. I also represented my school, St.Xavier's, in many debates, poetry recitals, and elocution competitions! My teachers supported and motivated me every step of the way. Without their guidance, I would not be here. Being called a Xavierite was a badge of honor and a great privilege. The school atmosphere has always been inclusive, diverse, and rewarding.

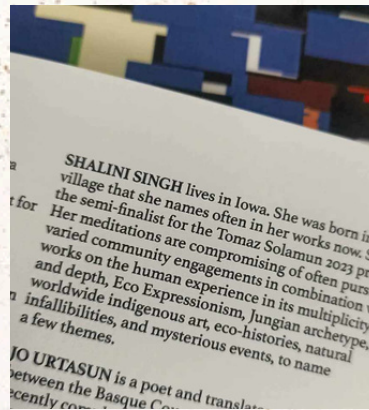


Post my schooling, I intended initially to join an engineering college. Still, I ended but, as fate has it studying law, and in 2011, I joined Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, after clearing

CLAT. I graduated with a BSc LLB (Hons) in 2016 and then worked as a lawyer and researcher in various vistas of laws like firms, High courts, and the Supreme Court. All these years, I was freelancing as a solopreneur, too. My first prose poetry book was published in 2017 by a small (now defunct- Panini Press) Press in Delhi called Confessions of a Turophile. In 2020, I completed my master's in law in Constitutional and Administrative laws from GNLU. Then, I worked with the ministry in New Delhi till I left my 9-10 to pursue an MFA in Creative Writing and Environment in Iowa, USA. . I am the current Program Assistant for Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, USA, and an editor for the International Flyway Journal. I am also the Assistant poetry editor for the renowned text-art-based magazine DIAGRAM.



My work has been published in The Nation, Outlook India, LiveWire, Kitaab, Oberon Magazine, Berkeley Poetry Review, Poetically, The Spectacle, Tofu Ink Press, and Hobart among others. I have received scholarships and residencies from The Watering Hole,



Writers Colony, Craigardan, and SAFTA. I am the semi-finalist for the Tomaz Solamun 2023 prize and a finalist for the Woody Barlow Poetry Contest 2023. I am an experimental writer who lives through her research and works with cross disciplines and none of this would have been possible if not for the kind of learning environment I received at St. Xavier's. I sometimes do memory writing and as I am investigating my childhood, I am also piecing together my life in a newsletter called bell a donna of lavender's sub stack.

Each of my batchmates from school has gone on to do ambitious things in their lives and live with intention. These intentions were born way back, and they keep birthing every year with each new batch. I cannot wait to see future students Xavierite's climbing new heights! I wish to see more creativity in everyday life and the integration of arts and humanities with sciences.

“TO TEACH IS TO LEARN TWICE OVER.” – JOSEPH JOUBERT



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સેન્ટ જેવિયર્સ સ્કૂલ , ગાંધીનગર માંથી વિદ્યા લીધા ને આજે 12 વર્ષનો સમય થઈ ગયો છે... પરંતુ આ શાળામાં વિતેલાં મારાં બાળપણ અને શાળાકીય જીવનની યાદો આજે પણ તાજી જ છે! સંસ્મરણોને શબ્દોમાં ઢાળવા સરળ નથી હોતા. આંખો સામે આજે પણ ઉભરી આવતા એ જૂનાં દિવસોનાં દ્રશ્યો અને તેની સાથે જોડાયેલી લાગણીઓને આલેખિત કરવી - એ ઘણું જટિલ કાર્ય છે, પરંતુ આજે હું VOX માધ્યમનો આભારી છું અને ખુશી અનુભવું છું કે આ માધ્યમ થકી મારાં વિચારો, મારાં અનુભવને આપ સૌની સમક્ષ રજૂ કરવાની મને તક મળી છે.

મન અને જીવનની કેળવણીકાર સંસ્થા એટલે શાળા. મેં સેન્ટ જેવિયર્સ શાળા ખાતે નર્સરી - કેજી થી શરૂઆત કરીને ધોરણ-10 સુધીનો અભ્યાસ કર્યો છે. એટલે કે, અંદાજે 13 થી 14 વર્ષનો સમય મેં અહીં વિતાવ્યો છે! સેન્ટ જેવિયર્સ શાળા એ ગાંધીનગરની એક પ્રતિષ્ઠિત અને શ્રેષ્ઠ પરિણામ આપતી શાળા છે, અને એમાં મને ભણવાની તક મળી શકી એ ખૂબ આનંદની વાત છે!



આજે પણ મને નાનપણનાં એ દિવસો યાદ આવે છે... રોજ સવારે શાળાનો ગણવેશ પહેરીને તૈયાર થવાનું, રોજનાં ટાઈમ-ટેબલ મુજબ દફતર ભરવાનું, શરૂઆતમાં શિક્ષા કે મેટાડોરમાં અને પછીથી સાયકલ ઉપર ભાઈબંધો સાથે શાળાએ જવાનું અને પાછા આવવાનું, કેલેન્ડર સાથે એસેમ્બલી હોલમાં કતારમાં બધાં ઊભા રહીને પ્રાર્થનાથી દિવસની શુભ શરૂઆત કરવાની, એક કતારમાં જ વર્ગખંડમાંથી સૌ એ સાથે બહાર નીકળવાનું અને પાછળ હાથ રાખીને ચાલવાનું, રિસેસમાં મિત્રો સાથે મળીને મસ્તી કરવાની, અને સદનસીબે જ્યારે કોઈ ‘ફ્રી પિરિયડ’ મળી



જાય તો તો પછી મજા જ મજા! અને ક્યારેક શાળામાં અમોને પિકચર પણ દેખાડતા તેવું નાનાં ધોરણોમાં યાદ આવે છે.... તથા સુધી દર બુધવારે કે શુક્રવાર એક દિવસ માટે “ફ્રી ટ્રેસ” રહેતો... એની પણ એક અલગ જ મજા! . ચોક અને ડસ્ટર સાથેના બ્લેકબોર્ડ પર મેળવેલું શિક્ષણ અને વાલી મીટિંગ્સ આજે પણ યાદ છે... તો વર્ગખંડમાં સાંભળવા મળતાં એનાઉન્સમેન્ટ્સ પણ કેમે ભૂલાય..



શરૂઆતના ધોરણોમાં પેન્સિલ થી લેખન-કાર્ય કરતાં અને ધોરણ ચારથી પેન થી પહલી વાર લેખન-કાર્ય કરવાની જે ઉત્કંઠા જાગેલી એ આજે પણ તાદ્રશ્ય થાય છે.. વળી દરેક નવા શૈક્ષણિક વર્ષ નવા - નવા પુસ્તકોના પાનાં ફેરવીને આ વર્ષ શું - શું નવું ભણીશું, કેવા પાઠો આ વર્ષ ભણવાનાં છે... એ જોવા અને જાણવાની અજીબ તાલાવેલી રહતી! અને એ નવાં પૃષ્ઠોની સુગંધને માણવાની મજા... આમ, “હે સનાતન પરમેશ્વર...” (વર્ગ પૂર્વની પ્રાર્થના) અને “હે સર્વશક્તિમાન પરમેશ્વર !...” (વર્ગ પછીની પ્રાર્થના) વચ્ચેના સમયગાળામાં આવા કઈ કેટલાય સભારણાઓ સર્જાયા છે!

મારી શાળાનુ કેમ્પસ પણ ઘણુ અદ્ભુત! વૃક્ષોની હરિયાળી છાયા, સ્વચ્છ વર્ગખંડો અને પરિસર, રમત-ગમત માટેનાં વિશાળ મેદાનો, રમત-ગમત માટેની વિવિધ સુવિધાઓ, મોટા, હવા-ઉજાસયુક્ત વર્ગખંડ લેબ્સ, પુસ્તકાલય - એ તમામ સારાં અને આવશ્યક



ઈન્ફ્રાસ્ટ્રક્ચર આંતરમાળખાકીય સુવિધાઓને વ્યાખ્યાનયિત કરે છે. વળી એક એવી શાળા કે જ્યાં બાળકો માટે એક 'મિની ઝૂ' પણ રહેલું, કે જ્યાં સસલાઓ, કાચબાઓ અને સુંદર મજાના પક્ષીઓ જોવા મળતા! શાળા જીવન દરમિયાન મને ઘણુ બધું શીખવા અને સમજવા મળ્યું છે. તમામ શિક્ષકો હમેશા મદદ-કર્તા, સાંભાળ-કર્તા, માયાળુ, પ્રેમભરી હુંફ આપનારા અને વિદ્યાર્થી મુંઝવણ અને શરમાળપણાને સમજનારા! તો વળી શાળાના મિત્રો અને તેમની સાથેની મિત્રતા પણ આજે યાદ આવે છે, કે જે ઘણી અજોડ છે! શાળામાં મને હમેશા સકારાત્મક અને પ્રેરણાદાયી વાતાવરણ મળ્યું છે. મને DISCIPLINE - અનુશાસનનો ગુણ, જવાબદારી સાથે કામ કરવાની શીખ, પ્રામાણિકતા, આદર્શો અને ઘણી સારી આદતોની કેળવણી તેમજ SINCERITYનો ગુણ - એ તમામ મારી શાળાએ તથા અહીંના શિક્ષકોએ મને શીખવ્યા છે! વળી, શાળામાં મૂલ્ય-શિક્ષણ વિશે એક ખાસ વિષય - "જીવનકલા" જરૂરથી રહેતો. જે મને આજે પણ યાદ છે! શાળાના પુસ્તકાલય ખાતેથી જ મારામાં વાંચનનો ગુણ કેળવાયો છે.

સેંટ ઝેવિયર્સ શાળામાં અભ્યાસ ઉપરાંત પ્રવૃત્તિઓને પણ એટલું જ મહત્વ આપવામાં આવતું. અહીં સ્પોર્ટ્સ ડે, શિક્ષકદિન, સ્વતંત્ર દિવસ, ગણતંત્ર દિવસ, વિજ્ઞાન દિવસ, ક્વીઝ કોમ્પીટીશન, તેમજ દિવાળી, નવરાત્રી અને

ક્રિસમસ પર્વની સુંદર ઉજાણીઓ, વક્તૃત્વ સ્પર્ધા, કાવ્ય પઠન સ્પર્ધા, લેખન સ્પર્ધા, શાળાકીય પ્રવાસો, કેન્ટીન ડે. આવી અનેક વિધ પ્રવૃત્તિઓ - કાર્યક્રમો આયોજિત કરવામાં આવતા. જે એક વિદ્યાર્થીના જીવનને સર્વતોમુખી વિકાસ અપે છે. મારાં વિદ્યાર્થી જીવનમાં હોશિયાર વિદ્યાર્થી ગણનામાં આવુ એટલા માર્ક્સ તો હું મેળવી જ લેતો! જોકે હું ઈત્તર પ્રવૃત્તિઓમાં ઓછો ભાગ લેતો, તેમ છતાં મને યાદ છે કે- મેં મારા શાળાકીય જીવનમાં એક વખત સ્પોર્ટ્સ-ડેમાં, એક વખત ધોરણ-9માં વાર્ષિક-ઉત્સવની અંદર એક ડાન્સમાં, તેમજ બે થી ત્રણ વખત વક્તૃત્વ સ્પર્ધામાં, વિજ્ઞાન દિવસમાં અને નિબંધ લેખન સ્પર્ધામાં ભાગ લીધો હતો. અને ફી પિરિયડમાં મેદાનમાં રમવા માટે મોકો મળે ત્યારે હું દોસ્તો સાથે ફુટબોલની રમત રમતો. આ તમામ અનુભવો મારાં માટે ખૂબ જ મહત્વપૂર્ણ રહેલા.

ધોરણ-12માં વિજ્ઞાન પ્રવાહ સાથે મારો શાળાકીય અભ્યાસ પૂર્ણ કર્યા બાદ મેં મિકેનિકલ એન્જિનિયરીંગ માં અભ્યાસ કરવાનો નિર્ણય લીધો. અને અમદાવાદ ખાતે આવેલ INSTITUTE OF INFRASTRUCTURE, TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT (IITRAM) ખાતેથી B.TECH MECHANICAL ENGINEERING સાથે સ્નાતકની પદવી પ્રાપ્ત કરી. ત્યારબાદ પારિવારિક પૃષ્ઠભૂમિ અને કારકિર્દીના એક ઉજ્જવળ વિકલ્પ તરીકે 'જાહેર સેવા' ના ક્ષેત્રમાં આગળ વધવાનો નિર્ણય કર્યા, અને GUJARAT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (GPSC) દ્વારા લેવામાં આવતી પરીક્ષાઓ આપવાની શરૂઆત કરેલ. જે દરમિયાન GST INSPECTOR ની પરીક્ષામાં સફળતા પ્રાપ્ત થઈ અને હાલમાં હું STATE TAX INSPECTOR તરીકે GST DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF GUJARATમાં મારી ફરજ બજાવું છું. મારી ફરજ દરમિયાન અને 'જાહેર સેવા' ના આ ક્ષેત્રમાં પણ નૈતિકતા, પ્રામાણિકતા, જવાબહિતા અને સેવા' નો ઉમદા અભિગમ સદા જળવાય રહે- એવા શ્રેષ્ઠ મુલ્યો મને મારી આ શાળા થકી જ પ્રાપ્ત થયેલ છે.



આજે આ માધ્યમ થકી શાળાના વર્તમાન વિદ્યાર્થીઓ સાથે સંવાદ કરવાનો મને અવસર મળ્યો છે ત્યારે, મારાં અત્યાર સુધીનાં અનુભવોથી શીખવા મળેલ બાબતો તમારા સૌની સાથે જરૂરથી વહેંચીશ. 1) હમેશા પોતાની ક્ષમતાઓ અને આવડતોને પારખો, એનાં વિશે જાણકાર રહો. અને એના થકી પોતાનામાં આત્મ-વિશ્વાસને જગાડો. 2) દરેક કાર્યમાં સમયનું મેનેજમેન્ટ કરતા આપણે શીખવું જોઈએ. 3) ક્યારેક એવું થાય કે જ્યારે ક્યાથી શરૂઆત કરવી? - તેની સમજ ન પડે, અને વિચારવામાં જ કે માત્ર પ્લાનિંગ કરવામાં જ સમય જતો લાગે ત્યારે વધું વિચાર્યા વગર કશાંકથી તો શરૂઆત કરી જ દો! આગળનો માર્ગ ધીમે-ધીમે સ્પષ્ટ થતો જશે. 4). મિત્રો, તમે પોતાની સાથે સમય વિતાવો .સ્વ-સંવાદ કેળવો. પોતાને તમામ ખામીઓ અને ખૂબીઓ સાથે સ્વીકારો અને આગળ વધવા માટે, સફળતા મેળવવા માટે પોતાનામાં ક્યા પરિવર્તન લાવવા જરૂરી છે એ જાણો અને એ મનમાં દ્રઢ નિશ્ચય રાખો કે એ લાવવા માટે હું સક્ષમ છું! પોતાને સતત પ્રેરિત કરતા રહો, MOTIVATE કરતા રહો. આ જ સકારાત્મકતાનો પાયો છે! 5) આપનાં આ શાળાકીય જીવનમાં એ વર્ષો એ પાયાનાં વર્ષો છે. માટે, સારા-નરસાં અનુભવો થવા , ભૂલો થવી અને તેને સુધારવી, કડવા - મીઠા સંભારણાઓ હોવા અને મસ્તી સાથેની યાદો બનાવવી... આ તમામની સાથો-સાથ ઉજ્જવળ ભવિષ્ય માટે પોતાને તૈયાર પણ કરતા રહો! 6) હમેશા સારાં વિચારોના સંપર્કમાં રહો, અને પ્રેરણાદાયક વ્યક્તિત્વોને, તેમની જીવન-યાત્રા અને સંઘર્ષોને સમજો અને તેમાંથી પ્રેરણા મેળવતા રહો! 7) જીવનમાં સપનાંઓ રાખો, ઉંચા લક્ષ્ય રાખો પણ એની સાથો-સાથ એટલું જ આવશ્યક છે- પોતાનાં સિદ્ધાંતો અને

નૈતિક આદર્શો! એનો સાથ કદી પણ ના છોડતા. શાળાકીય જીવન એટલે આસપાસની દુનિયાને નિહાળવાનો, અવનવાં અનુભવો મેળવવાનો પ્રયત્નશીલ, ભૂલો કરવાનો અને તેને સુધારવાનો, પોતાની જિજ્ઞાસુ- વૃત્તિને કાયમ રાખવાને અને સંતોષવાનો, અને આગળની જીવન-યાત્રા માટે સરસ ભાથું તૈયાર કરવાનો સમય!

આજે પણ જ્યારે મારી સેન્ટ ઝેવિયર્સ શાળા પાસેથી પસાર થાવું છું અને ખાસ તો જ્યારે હું મારી શાળાના ગણવેશમાં વિદ્યાર્થીઓને જોવું છું - તો ફરી પાછો મારાં સોનેરી ભૂતકાળમાં સરી પડું છું! અને આ તો ક્યારેયના ભૂલી શકાય એવી યાદો અને સ્મૃતિયોના ખજાનો છે! મારી સેન્ટ ઝેવિયર્સ શાળા એ ભણતર, ગણતર, વ્યક્તિત્વ વિકાસ અને મૂલ્ય શિક્ષણ માટેનું શ્રેષ્ઠ સ્થળ છે અને રહેશે. હું ફાઇનર હેક્ટર પિન્ટો, સિસ્ટર્સ અને નર્સરી - કેજી થી લઈને ધોરણ-10 સુધી મને ભણાવી-ગણાવીને આજે જ્યાં સુધી પહોંચવા માટેનો પાયો ઘડનારાં અને મીઠા સંભારણા આપનારાં મારાં તમામ શિક્ષકગણો સહિત સમગ્ર ઝેવિયર્સ પરિવારનો - હું દિલથી ખૂબ-ખૂબ આભાર વ્યક્ત કરું છું, અને હું એ તમામનો ઋણી છું. ઝેવિયર્સ પરિવારના સદસ્ય હોવું એક "XAVIERITE" હોવું એ મારાં અને મારાં જેવા તમામ વર્તમાન અને ભૂતપૂર્વ વિદ્યાર્થીઓ માટે ખૂબ જ ગર્વની વાત છે!!

આ સાથે જ આપ સૌ વર્તમાન વિદ્યાર્થીઓ આપના ખૂબ જ ઉજ્જવળ ભવિષ્યની શુભકામનાઓ પાઠવું છું. અને પુનઃ હું VOX માધ્યમનો પણ આભાર માનું છું! અંતમા, બે પંક્તિઓ દ્વારા મારા મનના ભાવોને રજૂ કરી મારી કલમને વિરામ આપું છું!

"एक उम्र के बाद,
उस उम्र की बातें,
उम्र भर याद आती है...
पर वह उम्र फिर उम्र भर नहीं
आती...!!!"

VRAJ PATEL -SECURITY ENGINEER

BATCH 2013

My name is Vraj Patel, I'm St. Xavier's Gandhinagar alumni and I'm from 2013 batch. I started my journey at Xavier's as a student of Nursery class, and concluded that journey 14 years later when I graduated from 12th class in 2013. Those incredible 14 years in Xavier's has cultivated and shaped me and enabled me to achieve what I wanted to achieve personally and professionally.

During my time at Xavier's I have had an opportunity to learn from absolutely incredible and very knowledgeable teachers who not only provided with plethora of academic knowledge but also helped the students grow their personalities and mindset with providing the knowledge about what's out there at the world level and gave plenty of anecdotes from their personal experiences as well.



I was very active in athletics during my High School and Higher Secondary days and I also got an opportunity to participate in a state level athletics competition.



After school, I got my B.Tech degree from Ganpat University in Information Technology (IT) Engineering.

Then I decided to achieve expertise in the cybersecurity domain which I really love and came to USA to pursue my Master's degree in Cybersecurity Engineering from University of Southern California (USC), where also I had an opportunity to work with one of the brightest minds in the field. At USC I participated and won a couple of Cybersecurity competitions.



Currently I'm working at Amazon as a Security Engineer in their Seattle headquarters where I help the team secure different set of product and services. My area of expertise is Hardware and IoT security which is a very niche domain inside the security field. I really love diving deep in the different technologies and its working, tinkering with different tools and ripping apart different products and learn about their working and then thinking about different ways we can hack them.



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I'm really thankful to my early days spent in school during which I learnt important values and got right guidance and inspiration from teachers like Martha teacher, Neeta teacher, Shaila teacher, Lalit sir and all the other faculty members. I'm specially thankful to Priti teacher who has always helped me, guided me and found out my hidden talent in the field of technology; and without her guidance I wouldn't be able to embarked my journey this far and achieve my dream of excelling in the career field I love.

Masters Degree in Cybersecurity.
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**“Believe in yourself
enough to be different
and do something
unique”.**

MITHUN NAIR

-BUSINESS ANALYTICS

BATCH 2014

Hi, I'm Mithun Nair, proud alumnus of St. Xavier's High School. Reflecting on my time as a Xavierite evokes memories of a vibrant and enriching environment that profoundly shaped my early academic and professional ambitions. The rigorous academic programs, coupled with extensive extracurricular activities, provided a well-rounded education that fostered a deep curiosity and a strong sense of diligence.

During my years at St. Xavier's, I was actively involved in various activities, which sparked my interest in analytics and problem-solving.



The dedicated faculty members were instrumental in nurturing my potential, guiding me through challenging projects that enhanced my critical thinking skills. These experiences were pivotal in building my foundation, leading me naturally into a career as an Operations and Business Analyst after graduating as an engineer.

After four enriching years in the industry, my desire to delve deeper into data analytics led me to pursue a Master's in Business Analytics at the W.P. Carey School of Business, ASU. My journey from a curious student at St. Xavier's to a driven analytics professional underscores the lasting impact of the values and skills instilled in me during my school days.

I am profoundly grateful to St. Xavier's for preparing me for the challenges of the real world and instilling a lifelong passion for learning and excellence.

ARPIT RAVAL

-SINGER

My name is Arpit Raval. I'm a professional Singer, Songwriter & Performer(Guitarist) and a Software Engineer.

I have done my whole schooling at the St. Xavier's High School Gandhinagar Gujarat, India. I have learned countless important things from our St. Xavier's school but one of the most important a thing I personally have learned from there is "The Importance Of Kindness". Our Principal Sir Father Hector Pinto would tell us a story after every function/programme, and he used to tell us an important message and teachings behind his stories, which was about "Being Kind".

The other thing which I have learned from our school is "A Teneris Impende Laborem" - Apply yourself to hard work from an early age".

Thanks to our respected principal Father Hector Pinto and to all the respected teachers of Xavier's school.



From the staff members to our principal they all have helped us a lot throughout our schooling and in every aspect of school life. I'm into music professionally and have done more than 400 live music performances in Ahmedabad. I'm singing Pop English & Indian songs in my Gigs. I had signed a contract with the Hotel Courtyard By Marriott Satellite, Ahmedabad and I'm performing there since 2022 and also doing other music shows & gigs. I'm a Xavierite and I'm so grateful for being a part of St. Xavier's School Family.

SHUBHAM PRADHAN -DESIGNER

BATCH 2014

As an alumnus of St. Xavier's School, being given the opportunity to reflect on and share an account of my time there, fills me with a profound sense of nostalgia and gratitude. It is pretty refreshing to recollect the lessons learnt and the memories made within those brick-painted walls.

I had joined St. Xavier's in the 7th grade, and I can say that those 6 years of schooling have shaped me into the person I am today. I graduated from St. Xavier's High School in the year 2014. Following that, I completed my Bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering from Ganpat University, Mehsana, and I am currently working as a software engineer. It's been 10 years since I walked out of the gates and classroom doors of the school and I still have the clearest memories of the time I spent there. The values and virtues learnt in school, shaped us so well that all of it helps in numerous ways till date. Whether it be about focusing on professional progress, knowing the importance of sports, the disciplined efforts, a consistently effective routine, fun and creative upbringing through co-curricular activities have built us for life and were all sourced from those school years. It introduced me to a space which attracted me towards Art, which led me to pursue Architecture and Design. Now, its almost a decade since I passed school and after all these years of learning in different design and management fields, I am



happy to be working as a Designer and Business Developer at a prestigious Interior Design firm in Mumbai.

During my school life, I was an extroverted playful kid; not very sincere with studies, yet an active and high-spirited student of the class. I often found myself engaged in extracurricular pursuits that enriched my school journey with a multitude of diverse experiences.

While my performance in the classroom might have been average, my passion for sports illuminated my time at the school. I have learnt key leadership skills and sportsmanship values like resilience, discipline and perseverance while playing on the school ground. Be it a cycling race, Long jump event, relay race or be it

sprinting down a 100-metre track, I never missed an opportunity to head to the ground. I've actively participated on almost every sports day and won many medals in multiple activities. The school also has a skating yard within its premises, where I spent my evenings practicing and enjoying skating.

Beyond sports and athletics, I found joy in the realm of arts as well. I had the time of my life participating in the dance performances of annual functions, relishing the rhythms of music and the vibrant colours of the performance costumes. Even more joyful were the dance rehearsals, that reduced classroom hours, but were all the more holistic, teaching me the significance of discipline and team work. Besides this, I also actively participated in art and drawing classes and poster-making competitions. Going to those summer camps organized by the school was a wonderful experience.

In the academic sphere, I always had a special liking for computers and was a bright learner in this subject. In fact, one of my best memories from St. Xavier's is doing practicals in the air-conditioned computer labs. Like any other computer-enthusiastic student, my fascination for computers came about by playing computer games and exploring various applications on my computer. The supportive and guiding environment of the school encouraged me, which soon developed my interest into a true passion for technology and computer logics. Fast forward many years later, I am a team-leading software engineer grateful for the



life lessons and guidance I received back in school.

Indeed, St. Xavier's provided me a nurturing environment where my strengths were celebrated, and my potential was cultivated, instilling in me a sense of confidence and self-worth that transcended academic achievements. I was fortunate enough to have teachers who recognised my passion for sports and my interest in other extracurriculars, and always encouraged me in pursuing the same. I was recognised as a bright child, for my determination and willingness to explore diverse interests.

Looking back, my journey at St. Xavier's was not defined by a single metric of success but by the multitude of experiences that shaped me into a well-rounded individual. The lessons learned in the classroom, the skills honed on the playground, the friendships forged during lunch breaks continue to enrich my life to this day.

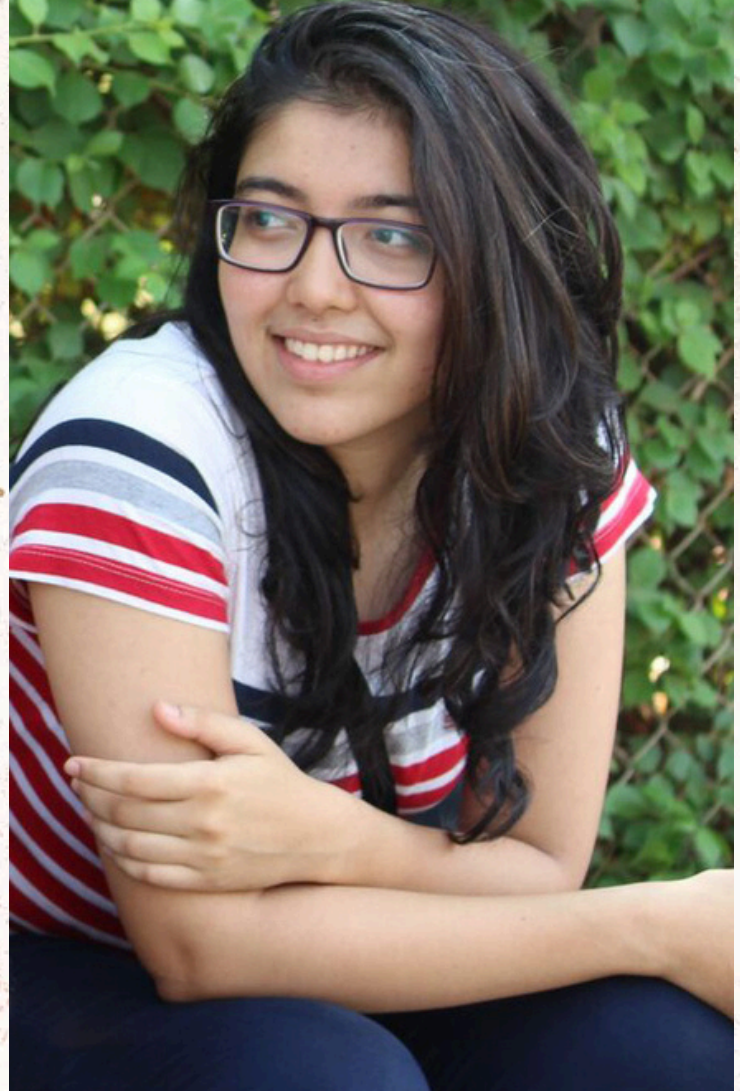
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-INTERIOR DESIGN

BATCH 2014

School, as they say, is a foundation for every child's life of growth. St. Xavier's has always been that source and more! Spending more than 14 years of my life here, has been a big wonder and brings up unforgettable memories! From our supportive Principal – Fr. Hector and all the amazing Teachers, to the most cherished love/hate experiences of life-long friendships, created through the years have together built the most attractive school life! It has helped us build healthy academic competitions and great sportsmanship in everything we did. As we have grown, we have simultaneously seen everybody else grow around us and that has built a sense of family.

The values and virtues learnt in school, shaped us so well that all of it helps in numerous ways till date. Whether it be about focusing on professional progress, knowing the importance of sports, the disciplined efforts, a consistently effective routine, fun and creative upbringing through co-curricular activities have built us for life and were all sourced from those school years. It introduced me to a space which attracted me towards Art, which led me to pursue Architecture and Design. Now, its almost a decade since I passed school and after all these years of learning in different design and management fields, I am happy to be working as a Designer and BusinessDeveloper at a prestigious



Interior Design firm in Mumbai.

I have always been grateful to all the people in Xavier's family who have been a witness to my journey and are still one of the biggest supporters!

I am happy living by what is rightly said – Once a Xavierite, always a Xavierite



DR. AVNI SIRIYAN

(MBBS , BJMC)

BATCH 2015

REFLECTING ON MY JOURNEY AT ST. XAVIER'S HIGH SCHOOL

As an alumna of St. Xavier's High School, I find myself filled with gratitude as I reflect on the formative years I spent within its halls. St. Xavier's holds a special place in my heart, shaping not only my academic pursuits but also nurturing my personal growth and development.

My journey at St. Xavier's began with excitement and anticipation, as I embarked on a path of learning and discovery. From the moment I stepped through the school gates, I was greeted by a community of dedicated educators and supportive peers who would leave an indelible mark on my life. I am forever grateful for Fr.Hector and Sr.Josphine and my loving teachers, whose guidance and mentorship were instrumental in shaping my educational



journey. Also Tr. Leena Mehta, my primary teacher played a pivotal role in guiding and supporting me.

Throughout my years at St. Xavier's, I was fortunate to have loving teachers who went above and beyond to provide me with the guidance and support I needed to succeed. Their passion for teaching and unwavering dedication to their students created a nurturing environment where I felt encouraged to explore my interests and push myself beyond my comfort zone.

Whether it was participating in extracurricular activities, collaborating on group projects, or simply sharing laughs with classmates during breaks, I felt a strong bond with my peers that enriched my educational journey.

After completing my schooling, I went on to pursue my MBBS from BJ Medical College in Ahmedabad. Now, as a practicing doctor, I realize the profound impact that my experiences at St. Xavier's had on my journey. The foundation laid by my alma mater has played a crucial role in shaping me into the healthcare professional I am today. The values of empathy, dedication, and continuous learning that were instilled in me at St. Xavier's are the same values that guide me in my interactions with patients and colleagues every day.

As current students walk the halls of St. Xavier's, I offer them words of encouragement and advice: cherish every moment, embrace every opportunity, and never underestimate the impact that your time at this remarkable school can have on your life.



**“Success is not final,
failure is not fatal:
it is the courage to
continue that
Counts.”**



ARPITA PUROHIT

Xavier's is not just a school for me, it is an emotion. Picture this: from second grade to twelfth grade, Xavier's has been my second home, shaping me into the person I am today. It's not just about textbooks; it's about discovering who you truly are. Xavier's isn't your average school; it's a hub of excellence in academics, sports, and extracurricular activities. Our teachers? They're more than educators; they're our mentors, our superheroes, guiding us through every aspect of life.



From thrilling sports matches to captivating music performances, Xavier's is a carnival of experiences. Science exhibitions, canteen day celebrations, and the legendary QUEST - each event is designed to bring out our inner superpowers. Thanks to Xavier's,



BATCH 2015



I landed a gig as a compliance administrator at HUB Financial, fifth largest broker worldwide. Dear fellow Xavierite's, don't be afraid to ask questions and explore new horizons. These years are yours to seize! And who can forget our iconic chant? "East or West...Xavierite's... are the BESTT." Here's to Xavier's - where dreams soar, friendships flourish, and memories last a lifetime. Keep shining, Xavierite's!



DHWANI SHAH**-B.SC NURSING**

BATCH 2016

I feel immensely proud to have the opportunity to draft an article for my most beloved school- St. Xavier's High School. My name is Dhvani Sanjaykumar Shah, and I am pursuing my master's degree in New Zealand. Here I want to talk about my journey of reaching here and the contribution my school has given me to becoming an all-rounder person. As some author has written that "School pushes us out of our comfort zone, teaches us to dream big, and encourages us to achieve our potential," this quote has become the reality of my life. My journey through Xavier's was filled with knowledge, experiences, creativity, positivity, and life lessons that have shaped me into the person I am today.



As I embark on my journey with Xavier's, the very first thing I can think about is the way or methodology of providing the education and then analyzing it via different methods that the child has understood the topic or not. This places a significant role in a child's learning phase. If the child has not understood good enough, the teacher changes the method of delivering the knowledge. This is how a child is absorbing



more things in his developmental stages, which are the fundamental things needed in carving the future. As I was enrolled in Xavier's from my childhood, I was exposed to plenty of things not only related to studies but also about life learnings. Step by step as my classes progressed, various activities were coming throughout the year like sports day, annual day, celebrations of days. These were a part of an extra curricular activity which enhances a child's growth apart from studies. I vividly remember the enthusiasm which comes after hearing the announcement of any function.





We students were getting pumped up for the preparation of the functions and from that I learnt the skill of organizing things.

I learnt moral values from a unique subject which is Moral science, and this subject was only taught in Xavier's. The main thing was communication. In high school we used to have a quiz competition among different schools which was great fun and an opportunity to stand out in the crowd. The

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more I communicated in front of the audience, confidence was built up inside me. This helped me a lot during my migration journey, and I was able to communicate with people easily whenever I was in any difficulty in the airport and the checkouts. My native language is Gujarati and English is my second language. Therefore, before beginning the IELTS preparation, I was not sure whether I was going to surpass this or not. However, thanks to my school that

some practice, I was able to gain the control on my secondary language.



taught me the basics of grammar and English in an incredibly detailed form that by only doing It was my desire to complete my schooling till 12 in this school but due to some circumstances I was not able to fulfill that. However, I was happy to be a part of this school and became a person with characteristics like discipline, honesty, positive attitude, never giving up, courage and the list goes on. The impact of my school will remain indelible in my life.



ALGINA PARMAR

(G.N.M)

“Xavier’s: where every dream finds its wings & every journey becomes a legacy.”

My tenure at Xavier’s will always be as the most valuable & precious memory with me for over. At my beloved school I was shaped, groomed & made competitive to face the new challenges of life. whatever good i have achieved so far, as because of the expert supervision & guidance of principal & teachers.

As they say school is the temple of learning. I believe that Xavier’s has been my temple of learning which has given me immense amount of knowledge and shown me correct path for my future endeavor. I joined the school in 2002 & was in the same school from Lkg to 12th. The best thing I remember is the continues support of all teachers who never said no to any of my doubts & it really made me much stronger in my academics performance. Apart from academics Xavier’s is the best place to build you as a wholesome person with all the extra-curricular activities & events. It’s all their untiring efforts that the Xavier’s family has grown many folds in very few time. I am forever grateful to all the Xavier’s staff for giving me the best class education.

“Within the hallowed halls of Xavier’s education transcends the confines of classrooms, textbooks & exams. it’s a timeless sanctuary where knowledge blossoms friendship flourish & future take flight.

Belong academics, Xavier’s offered a myriad of extracurricular activities that allowed me to explore my interests & discover hidden talents.

BATCH 2016



Whether it was participating in the school play competing in debate tournaments, quiz competitions these experiences helped me develop invaluable skills.

The challenges I faced the friendship I forged and the lessons I learned have all contributed to shaping the person I am today.

In conclusion, my journey as an alumnus of Xavier’s has been a testament to the enduring influence of my school days. It is a journey marked by growth, friendship & deep appreciation for the values instilled in me by my alma mater. As I reflect on those cherished memories, I am filled with gratitude for the role Xavier’s has played in shaping the person I am today.



PRANAV DESAI

CO-FOUNDER, RECOSOLUTION

BATCH – 2016

As I sit down to pen my journey from the playground of the nursery of St. Xavier's School to the bustling world of entrepreneurship, a flood of memories rushes in, each one a cherished moment that has shaped who I am today.

Stepping into St. Xavier's as a wide-eyed child, I was welcomed not just into a school but into a community brimming with camaraderie, laughter, and boundless growth opportunities. From spirited classroom discussions, open events to participate and, in the end, organizing and managing Quest—every experience was a lesson waiting to be learned, a memory waiting to be made.

One of the most enduring lessons I carry with me from my time at St. Xavier's is the importance of values beyond textbooks. Sure, we grappled with equations, science projects, and dissected literature, but it was the unwavering emphasis on integrity, empathy, and resilience that truly left an indelible mark on my character. In the corridors of St. Xavier's, I learned that true success isn't just about what you achieve but how you achieve it—with honesty, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

I distinctly remember that in 8th standard, I got a chance to represent the school in elocution. I spoke on the importance of conserving the environment. I believe that opportunity



sowed the seeds in me to consider the gravity of the subject quite intently. More than a decade later today, as an environmental entrepreneur, my days begin and end with plans and strategies to save the environment. This foundation of values instilled by St. Xavier's for 14 years set me on the path to reach where I am today—a mechanical engineer turned entrepreneur, navigating the thrilling yet tumultuous waters of start-up life with my venture Resolution. . Armed with the values of integrity and innovation, I co-founded a social start-up, driven by the belief that business can be a force for positive change in the world. For the past four years, my team and I have worked tirelessly to



harness technology for social good, addressing pressing challenges in climate change, education, and sustainability.

Behind every milestone and every achievement lies a debt of gratitude to the alma mater that shaped me. To the teachers who sparked my curiosity and nurtured my dreams, to the friends who laughed with me, cried with me, and cheered me on through every triumph and setback—I owe it all to you. St. Xavier's wasn't just a school; it was a crucible of friendship, learning, and growth that laid the foundation for everything I've achieved since.

As I reflect on my journey, the serenity of prayers like "All things bright and beautiful" and "Make me a channel of your peace" comes back to me in waves of bliss. These prayers continue to be a part of my playlist and keep me connected to the roots of humanity that this marvelous institution cultivates in all of us.

To my fellow Xavierites, present and future, I urge you to embrace the values that define our alma mater—to approach every challenge with courage, every opportunity with humility, and every interaction with kindness.

So, as you walk the halls of our school, remember that you're not just students—you're torchbearers of a legacy, stewards of a tradition, and architects of the future. Embrace every moment, cherish every friendship, and never forget that St. Xavier's is more than just a school; it's a home where dreams are born and futures are forged.

**“Success is not the key to happiness.
Happiness is the key to success . If you
love what you are doing, you will be
successful”.**

DHRUV THAKKAR

PURSUING THIRD YEAR B. TECH
(COMPUTER ENGINEERING)

BATCH – 2021

Staying connected with my fellow Xavier juniors through Vox letter fills me with immense joy and gratitude. Reflecting on my journey, my time at St. Xavier's Gandhinagar, from 9th to 12th grade, marked the beginning of my path towards becoming an Engineer and a better individual. It's a privilege to have been part of such a prestigious school in the vibrant city of Gandhinagar, where each step I took nurtured my growth and shaped my future.

During my years there from 2017 to 2021, school life was always buzzing with activities like canteen day, sports day, annual day, and memorable science camps. One particular highlight was our visit to a science camp, where we were privileged to meet and learn from real scientists. It felt like stepping into the world of Mission Mangal, meeting the real-life heroes portrayed by actors like Akshay Kumar. The camp was filled with captivating experiments and engaging activities that ignited our passion for science.



Ah, Canteen Day! It was a day of pure excitement, where we not only savored mouthwatering food stalls but also revealed thrilling game stalls. The entire school came alive as students from all grades gathered to enjoy the delicious treats and engage in friendly competitions. Canteen Day wasn't just an event; it was a vibrant celebration of our school community, strengthening bonds and creating cherished memories that will last a lifetime.



I am currently pursuing B.TECH in Computer Engineering(final year) at Dharmsinh Desai University(DDU) Nadiad after finishing my High School. All of this would not have been possible without the unwavering encouragement of my school teachers. The most important thing that was taught to us in school is discipline that has helped me a lot in my life.

Dear students, “Remember, success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.” .In your journey at School , you'll face ups and downs. But what truly matters is your resilience. Embrace challenges as opportunities to grow and never lose sight of your dreams. Keep pushing forward with unwavering courage, and you'll achieve great things. Believe in yourself and keep going!



Self Examination

I keep this quote in my mind always “Expect the Unexpected”. Life's full of surprises. Embracing its twists and turns helps me find excitement in every moment. So, let's enjoy the ride, relishing the surprises that makes life so thrilling!

**“No distance of Place
or lapse of Time can
lessen the friendship
of those who are
thoroughly
persuaded of each
other's worth”.**

MENON AAMOD

PURSUING SECOND YEAR B. TECH
(ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING)

BATCH 2022

“BEYOND THE BLACKBOARD AND BELLS: MY XAVIERITE ODYSSEY”

Hola Xavierites !

As I reminisce about my journey through the corridors of our school , from the tender years of Jr. KG to the momentous culmination of my education, I am enveloped by waves of nostalgia and gratitude. This institution, beyond being a mere educational establishment, has been my second home, a sanctuary where I've not only learned from textbooks but also from the invaluable experiences shared with fellow Xavierites. Join me as I embark on a journey beyond the confines of classrooms and timetables, exploring the profound impact of my Xavierite experience.

Early Impressions of the Rich Tapestry of Cultures :

As a native Keralite ,the only language I could speak fluently at the age of 4 was my mother tongue ,Malayalam . I was sparsely aware of the culture here in Gujarat. However, one October day, amidst the buzz of anticipation for Navratri, I found myself adorned in the traditional Kediya, lovingly chosen by my mother. It was a rare occasion, perhaps only the first of a handful, where I embraced this new cultural attire .

This singular experience marked the beginning of my journey into the rich tapestry of cultural diversity that thrived within the walls of our school. Each year, the campus came alive with a kaleidoscope of celebrations, from the



sacred threads of Raksha Bandhan to the vibrant hues of Holi (Hopefully the Discipline Committee guys don't read the Holi part); From the twinkling lights of Diwali to the festive cheer of Christmas, each celebration was a testament to our school diverse and inclusive spirit.

I wasn't a very studious guy from the beginning . My marks in the lower primary were solely driven by my parents' efforts . However, amidst the routine of classes and exams, there was one event that captured my imagination: the Annual Day held at the Town Hall. Entranced by the vivid descriptions from my friends, I longed to witness the spectacle firsthand.

Being a less-than-stellar dancer, I quickly realized that the only way to

attend the Annual Day without the costly pass was to earn good grades. This realization ignited a newfound motivation within me to improve my academic performance. Later on, I had also been the host on one of the Annual Day, and had played a skit the following year.

The Extra-Curricular Enthusiast :

Undoubtedly, the most enriching aspect of our school experience lies in its diverse array of Extra-Curricular Activities. From the adrenaline-fueled realm of sports to the rhythmic beats of dance, the fervent debates and eloquent speeches, the soul-stirring melodies of singing, and the captivating world of drama, there's something for everyone.



I had been a quiz enthusiast. So during my High School years, I had participated in a handful of them. But, my first Extra-Curricular event was the District Karate Tournament. I still remember, we had this "Activity" Period wherein Sir had mentioned about this tournament and asked names for participation, and I simply raised my hand with my knowledge of karate being as thin as a sheet of rice paper. Apparently, I did win a silver medal in my weight category as there were just 5 guys who participated in that weight category.

I used to feel down about never winning at science exhibitions. But looking back now, I realize I was just being too hard on myself. It's all just funny to me now! 😊. The Drama of Vikram-Betal, one of my last participation at the School's cultural events, provided me with a deeply enriching and fulfilling experience.



I have been a great admirer of Math. We still share a love - hate relationship. With Biology, it was always a hate- hate relationship. I hate drawing diagrams and always wished I could hire someone to draw them for me. So I had decided to take stream A. It was then that our physics Teacher had informed me and my father about JEE. we decided to inquire at different reputed coaching institute centers, and finally decided to join one of them. The journey had been quite a roller-coaster with COVID 19 having its own story arc.

I did qualify the JEE(advanced) 2022 exams and got admission at IIT(BHU) Varanasi pursuing the B. Tech course in Electrical Engineering.



University Life and Beyond :

College life has been nothing short of a whirlwind, with each day bringing its own set of twists and turns. Despite the academic rigors, I remained steadfast in my commitment to extracurricular pursuits. From joining the organizing committees of various fests to lending a hand in orchestrating memorable events, I found fulfilment in contributing to the rich cultural fabric of college life.



Moreover, college provided the platform for intellectual enrichment beyond the confines of textbooks and lectures. I eagerly attended seminars where eminent personalities graced the stage, imparting wisdom on diverse topics ranging from innovation and leadership to sustainability and

social change. These sessions not only broadened my horizons but also ignited a passion for lifelong learning and personal growth.



I still carry with me the lessons learned and memories cherished from my time as a Xavierite. To my fellow Xavierite's, past and present, I extend my heartfelt thanks for the camaraderie, support, and memories shared along the way. As I bid farewell to the familiar corridors and bell chimes of our alma mater, I carry with me the spirit of Xavierite pride, forever grateful for the journey that has shaped me into the person I am today.

And to the current Xavierite's walking these halls, I leave you with this: (No offence to Biology Enthusiasts. I tried finding an analogy to this but in vain)

Remember, life is like a maths problem—sometimes you'll find yourself stuck in a tricky equation, but with perseverance and a dash of creativity, you'll always find a solution.

RAKSHIT PAVAGADHI **PURSUING FIRST YEAR B. TECH** **(COMPUTER ENGINEERING)**

BATCH – 2023

Utilizing VOX letters to maintain connections with my fellow junior Xavierite's fills me with immense joy and gratitude. The renowned wisdom of Sun Tzu, encapsulated in the proverb "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step," resonates deeply with me as I reflect on my sentiments.



The most significant strides in my journey- the tentative steps into St. Xavier's Gandhinagar- marked the beginning of my quest towards self-improvement. I was blessed with the opportunity to attend St. Xavier's, a beacon of educational excellence in the constituency of Gandhinagar. Yet, reminiscing about the daily assemblies, spirited sports days, engaging debates and the privilege of zero periods plunges me into a nostalgic reverie. I owe my teachers an immeasurable debt of gratitude for laying the foundation upon which my academic and personal achievements stand.



I studied at St. Xavier's for class 9th and 10th(2019-2021). Currently, I am a first year engineering student, pursuing my B. Tech. in Computer Science and Engineering at Pandit Deendayal Energy University (PDEU).

Commuting to school transformed from a mere routine into a rich experience, while engaging in extracurricular activities further fortified the foundation of my career and personality. Yet, as I reflect on the profound impact of my education, I struggle to encapsulate its full extent. Despite my efforts to articulate the ways in which my schooling has shaped me, I find myself unable to fully convey its depth and significance.



My time at school has been a transformative journey, filled with enriching experiences and long-lasting memories. The facilities provided at the school were top-notch, catering to both academic and extracurricular pursuits. Every resource was at my disposal to nurture my learning journey.

The teachers and staff played an instrumental role in shaping my educational voyage. Their dedication, expertise and unwavering support fostered an environment conducive to growth and exploration. Beyond academics, they served as mentors, guiding me through challenges and celebrating my triumphs.

There are plenty of sports facilities available. The playground was a hub of energy, where students engaged in various sports activities like cricket, football, basketball and athletics. These activities not only promoted physical health but also instilled teamwork and discipline.

The school organizes a plethora of activities, wherein students get plenty of opportunities ensuring a holistic development for every student. From sports tournaments to cultural events, there was something for everyone. Debates, quizzes, art and science exhibitions encouraged me to showcase my talents and expand my horizons.

During my time in 9th grade, I had the privilege of representing my school at the state-level science project competition hosted by the Institute of Plasma Research (IPR). Among participants from various districts, I showcased my Hydroponics project, meticulously prepared under the guidance of my science teacher, Shaila Joshi mam. Gratefully, my project secured the second prize, marking a notable achievement in my educational journey. This success was not mine alone, but a testament to the unwavering support and opportunities provided by my teachers.



Every year, St. Xavier's students eagerly participate in the STEM Quiz, a prestigious event organized by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) under the Government of Gujarat. This annual tradition not only fosters a spirit of healthy competition but also highlights the school's commitment to promoting scientific inquiry and innovation. Moreover, it underscores the proactive role of our teachers at St. Xavier's, who consistently offer opportunities for students to engage in such competitions. With their unwavering support and guidance, students are not only encouraged but also empowered to showcase their talents and pursue their interests in various academic areas.



Concluding, my time at St. Xavier's has been nothing short of remarkable. It has equipped me with not just knowledge, but also inevitable life skills and friendships that I will cherish forever. As I embark on the next chapter of my journey, I carry with me

the lessons learned and memories cherished from my alma matter.



The next generation of St. Xavier's students will undoubtedly inherit a rich legacy, but their true pride will stem from their ability to carve out their own paths while staying grounded in reality. Together, let us nurture a generation of Xavierite's who will not only uphold the school's illustrious heritage but also redefine it with their own unique contributions. At the end, I would like to wish good luck to all the students and may all their dreams come true!!

**“Ideas are cheap.
Execution is
valuable”.**

