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QUALITY UTILIZATION AND ENRICHMENT OF STUDENT TALENTS

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Competitions in schools play a pivotal role in shaping students' academic, social, and personal development. From academic quizzes and debates to sports and arts, these competitions offer students valuable opportunities to enhance their skills, boost their confidence, and prepare for future challenges. I am happy to share with you the multifaceted importance of various competitions held during QUEST 2024 in our school and how they contribute to students' holistic development.

1. Fostering Academic Excellence

Enhancing Knowledge and Skills: Academic competitions, such as science fairs, math Olympiads, and debate contests, provide students with platforms to deepen their understanding of subjects beyond the standard curriculum. These events encourage students to explore topics in greater depth, apply critical thinking, and engage in research. By participating in these competitions, students not only reinforce their knowledge but also develop a passion for learning and intellectual curiosity.

Encouraging Healthy Competition: Competitions instill a sense of healthy rivalry among students. This competitive spirit drives them to strive for excellence, set higher academic goals, and push their limits. It motivates students to perform better, leading to improved academic performance and a greater commitment to their studies.

2. Building Soft Skills

Developing Communication Skills: Competitions such as debates, public speaking events, are instrumental in developing students' communication skills. These events require students to articulate their thoughts clearly, present arguments persuasively, and engage in meaningful discussions. Mastery of these skills is essential not only for academic success but also for future career opportunities.

Enhancing Teamwork and Leadership: Group-based competitions, including antakshari, dumb charades and other collaborative projects, teach students valuable lessons in teamwork and leadership. Working together towards a common goal fosters cooperation, improves interpersonal skills, and helps students learn how to manage conflicts and lead effectively. These experiences are crucial for personal growth and future professional success.

3. Promoting Personal Growth

Boosting Confidence and Self-Esteem: Participation in various competitions helps build students' confidence and self-esteem. Achieving success in a competition, whether it's winning a prize or simply participating provides a sense of accomplishment and validation. This newfound confidence translates into other areas of their lives, empowering them to take on new challenges and approach tasks with a positive mindset.



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Encouraging Resilience and Perseverance: Competitions often involve facing challenges, setbacks, and intense preparation. These experiences teach students resilience and perseverance. Learning to cope with failure, handle pressure, and bounce back from disappointments are valuable life skills that contribute to overall personal development and success.

4. Exploring Diverse Interests and Talents

Uncovering Hidden Talents: School competitions cover a wide range of activities, including sports, arts, music, and science. These events provide students with opportunities to explore and showcase their diverse talents and interests. Discovering and nurturing these talents can lead to personal fulfillment and even future career paths.

Encouraging Holistic Development: Competitions offer students a chance to develop skills and interests outside the academic realm. Engaging in sports, arts, or creative writing competitions promotes a well-rounded education and encourages students to pursue passions beyond traditional academics. This holistic approach to development supports overall well-being and a balanced lifestyle.

5. Strengthening School Community

Fostering School Spirit, Unity and recognition of their achievements: Competitions often involve participation from the entire school community, including students, teachers, and parents. These events create a sense of school spirit and unity, as everyone comes together to

support and celebrate their peers' achievements. This collective involvement fosters a positive school culture and strengthens the bond between students, staff, and families. The various competitions provide platforms for the students to receive recognition for their efforts. Awards, certificates, and accolades not only validate students' hard work but also motivate others to strive for excellence. Recognition in competitions enhances students' sense of accomplishment and pride in their school community.

CONGRATULATIONS to the batch of 2023-24: QUEST-2024 in school serves as a catalyst for students' academic, personal, and social development. They foster academic excellence among students, build essential soft skills and organizational skills among the Alumni who organized it. I wish to acknowledge their hard work, consistency, and commitment with which they had meticulously planned and put up a great show.

We are convinced that we should continue to support and encourage student participation in competitions, recognizing their importance in shaping well-rounded, confident, and capable individuals. We look forward to the next edition of QUEST-2025. There are many precious 'stones' QUEST polishes them, and often we find some very valuable 'pearls'. QUEST indeed has been a pearl finder!

May God bless us all!

Fr. S Arul Rayan, S.J
Principal



QUEST 2024

Quest means to search for something. St. Xavier's School, Gandhinagar, had organized the Quest for 2024 by the 12th-grade passed-out students of St. Xavier's School on July 12th and 13th, 2024. The function started at 8 o'clock in the morning. On the first day, the commencement of the ceremony was done with the blessings of almighty by the prayer dance and school prayer followed by the lighting of the lamp. It was an interschool competition on the first day, so six different schools participated along with St. Xavier's School. The events on the first day were KBC (Kaun Banega Chatur) and JAM (Just a Minute). The Chief Guest for the first day was Ms. Tamanna Zalodiya, the Deputy Collector of Gandhinagar. She had given a motivational speech for the students and declared Quest 2024 open. Judges for JAM and Debate were Ms. Ramola Siddhu, Ms. Chetna Purohit and Ms. Kiran Macwan .

On the second day, the event began with a prayer dance, followed by the school prayer. Events for the second day were Debate, Dumbcharades, and Antakshari. The Chief Guest for the second day was Mr. Anthony Arul Raj, the Principal of Samir Kanubhai Maniklal School, (SKUM) Ahmedabad. He gave a very inspiring speech. On the second day, only our school students participated in the events. Prizes were distributed to the winners on both the days. Our respected Rev. Fr. Arul Rayan S.J. had addressed the audience, delivered an inspiring speech and declared Quest 2024 closed. St. Xavier's School ended this program with grand success.

Ms.NEETA CHRISTIAN
High School Teacher



QUEST 2024 CELEBRATION

Quest, નો અર્થ થાય છે કે કોઈ વસ્તુ માટે સોથખોળ કરવી. જે સેન્ટ જેવિયર્સ સ્કૂલ દ્વારા આયોજિત કરવામાં આવી હતી. ગયા વરસના std 12 ના વિદ્યાર્થીઓ આ Quest નું આયોજન કરે છે. 12મી જુલાઈ અને 13મી જુલાઈ ના રોજ આ કાર્યક્રમ યોજવામાં આવેલ હતું.. 12મી જુલાઈના સવારે 8.00 વાગે શરૂઆત પ્રાર્થના નૃત્ય દ્વારા કરવામાં આવી હતી.. ત્યાર પછી શાળાના આચાર્યશ્રી ફાધર અરૂલે મેહમાનો સાથે દીપ પ્રાગટ્ય કરી આ કાર્યક્રમનો શુભારંભ કર્યો હતો. આ Quest માં ગાંધીનગરની જુદી જુદી શાળાઓમાંથી વિદ્યાર્થીઓએ ભાગ લીધો હતો. શરૂઆત માં KBC એટલે કે QUIZ નું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું. મુખ્ય મેહમાન, Ms. Tamana zaolodia, ડેપ્યુટી કલેક્ટર, ગાંધીનગર જેઓના પ્રેક્ષાદાયક પ્રવચને પ્રોત્સાહન આપ્યું. એના પછી JAM જેવી સ્પર્ધા યોજવામાં આવી. હવે બીજા દિવસે DUMB CHARADES અને

અંતાક્ષરીનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું. બીજા દિવસે મુખ્ય મેહમાન Anthony Arul Raj કે જેઓ સમીર કનુભાઈ મણિકલાલ સ્કૂલના આચાર્ય છે. તેમને વિદ્યાર્થીઓને પ્રોત્સાહન આપ્યું. કાર્યક્રમના અંતે જે વિજેતાઓ બનેલ એમને Fr Arul અને Marshal madam દ્વારા સન્માનિત કરવામાં આવ્યા. આ કાર્યક્રમમાં વિદ્યાર્થીઓની કુશળ લીડરશિપ જોવા મળી.... વિદ્યાર્થીઓ Questનું શાનદાર આયોજન કરી શાળાનું ગૌરવ વધાર્યું.

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QUEST : UNFORGETTABLE MEMORY

The recent two-day event was an incredible success, thanks to the efforts of the student organizers, teachers, and our supportive Father principal. The enthusiasm and dedication displayed by everyone involved made this event truly memorable. Here are the highlights from each day:

12th July Day 1: Inter-school Event

The event commenced with a grand welcome for our esteemed Chief Guest, who set the tone for an inspiring and competitive atmosphere.

Just a Minute (JAM)-Participants demonstrated their quick thinking and eloquence in the JAM session. The fast-paced and engaging round had everyone on the edge of their seats, as students tried to speak flawlessly for a minute on given topics without hesitation or repetition.

Kaun Banega Chatur (KBC) - This quiz competition was a highlight of the day.

Main Quiz: Contestants tackled questions of varying difficulty levels, with lifelines adding an element of suspense.

Grand Prize: The final question had everyone holding their breath, and the winner team was celebrated for their knowledge and composure under pressure.

The first day concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chief Guest, participants, and organizers, setting the stage for another day of thrilling activities.

13th July Day 2: School-wide Event

Debate - Students engaged in thought-provoking debates, showcasing their research and public speaking skills.

Dumb Charades -The event was concluded with a fun-filled Dumb Charades competition.

Easy Movies Round: Teams acted out movie titles without speaking, leading to many laughs and creative interpretations, themes added an extra layer of excitement. The rapid-fire round showcased the best teams, highlighting their teamwork and acting prowess.

Antakshari - This musical game brought energy and excitement to the event. Teams sang popular songs, following the last letter rule. Special themes like 'Retro Hits' added variety and challenge.

Final Showdown: The final round was a musical duel, with the winning team celebrated for their talent and knowledge.

Acknowledgements

A heartfelt thanks to Father principal and our teachers for their unwavering support and motivation. Your guidance made this event possible.

A special thanks to the student organizers for their hard work and dedication. Your efforts made this event a grand success.

This event was a testament to the collaborative spirit and talent within our school community. Thank you all for making it an unforgettable experience!

HARIT KUCHARA
Batch 2023-24



QUEST : WHAT A THRILL...!!

I'm thrilled to share the highlights of the amazing event we had on 12th & 13 July, 2024, which featured Debate, Dumb Charades and Antakshari. It was an unforgettable day filled with laughter, creativity, and pure joy.

We were honored to have Mr. Antony Arul Raj as the chief guest for second day of Quest 2024. Mr. Raj served as a teacher for 22 years, 20 years as principal also a NCC officer for 22 years and currently he is working as the principal of SKUM SCHOOL (SAMIR KANUBHAI MANIKLAL SCHOOL), Ahmedabad.

The Debate competition started the day, with participants showcasing their eloquence and persuasive skills. The Debate competition was for St. Xavier's school Gujarati medium students. The topics were diverse, challenging the contestants to think critically and argue effectively.

Secondly, the Dumb Charades competition brought a wave of laughter and entertainment. Teams acted out various actors/actresses, movies, songs and dialogues, relying solely on gestures to convey their messages. Teams displayed creative and often hilarious interpretations. Audience engaged enthusiastically in "Audience round", adding to the fun atmosphere.

Last but not the least the Antakshari competition was a musical delight. Teams went head-to-head, showcasing their knowledge of songs across various genres and eras. The energy was infectious as everyone sang along, cheered for their favorites, and enjoyed the nostalgic tunes. It was a wonderful celebration of music and camaraderie.

The second day of the Quest event was a resounding success, with participants displaying exceptional talent and sportsmanship across all competitions. The presence of Mr. Antony Arul Raj added a special touch to the proceedings, inspiring all.

We all had so much fun participating in and watching these events. They brought us closer together and created memories we will cherish for a life time.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Respected Fr. Arul for his unwavering support and for providing us with the opportunity to organize such an amazing event. His guidance and encouragement have been invaluable in making Quest a resounding success.

A heartfelt thank you to all the organizers for putting together such a fantastic event and to everyone who participated and supported it. Your enthusiasm and spirit made it a huge success.

DEVHUTI VYAS
Batch 2023-24



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

I'm delighted to share a brief recap of the fantastic event- Quest we enjoyed on 12th July. It was a spectacular event filled with excitement, laughter, and memorable moments.

At our recent QUEST event we were honoured by the presence of our esteemed chief guest Ms. Tamanna Zalodiya Deputy Collector, Gandhinagar. Her presence and support made the event even more special. The highlight of the event was the thrilling KBC-style quiz competition. Contestants tackled a series of challenging questions, showcasing their knowledge and quick thinking. The atmosphere was charged with anticipation, and the audience was thoroughly engaged as they cheered for their teams.

Equally entertaining was the JAM (Just A Minute) competition. Participants had just one minute to speak on various topics, and their creativity and spontaneity were truly impressive. The rapid-fire speeches kept everyone on their toes and provided plenty of laughs and applause.

Jam and KBC events were interschool events. Total 7 school across Gandhinagar had participated in the Quest. We are thankful to all the participants.

The entire event was a perfect blend of fun learning, and the camaraderie among participants and attendees made it even more special. We all had so much fun, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

A big thank you to the wonderful ex-students for their hard work and dedication, and to everyone who participated and supported the event. The Amazing Event Quest was a resounding success because of you all.

NIYATI UPADHYAY
Batch 2023-24



QUEST DAY -1







KBC(Kaun Banega Chatur) Winners



JAM(Just A Minute) Winners



Dum Charades Winners



Antakshari Winners





QUEST DAY -2

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