



*Maya Norula*  
Principal

Dear Parents,

This is to wish you Happy Holidays for July! I do hope you are well.

**Summer Vacations:** Now that our teachers are confident that they have the year's syllabus in control, we will be taking our summer vacation from July 1, 2020 till August 15, 2020. Online lessons will resume from August 16, 2020. I will let you have the Time Table shortly before that. In the interim, please take a look at the Home Work schedule for this period and ensure that your child puts in regular hours of self-study to complete her projects.

**Parental Support:** Assessment marks are now being loaded onto EduNext. Please take a look at your child's academic progress over these last three months. If you have any worries or concerns, please do get in touch with her tutor.

We have had some concerns about a few girls who have not attended classes regularly, some who have logged on and then disappeared and a few who have been negligent about their assignments. For the parents of these children – please do keep in mind that these lessons are important and so are the assessments for your child's academic progress, her academic reports and also for the development of her personality into a responsible, ethical and disciplined worker. We need your support to ensure that your child responds positively to school work. It is also the right protocol for her to be awake and fed before her lessons begin. I look forward to more of this support when classes begin again in August.

We also need your support in monitoring your child's internet activity. As you are well aware, social networking and other sites can be a very dangerous and easily misused. As we are working online, your child has more access than normal. Please keep a strict eye on her activities.

**Grade 11:** Grade 11 has seen some rough weather over the last few months regarding their Board Examinations. I do hope this month off will be stress free for them. We will begin their online lessons from August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

**Counselling:** We all know that the uncertainty and insecurity that Covid 19 has brought with it has affected a number of people, particularly young people with their futures at stake. It would not be strange at all for you to see your child behaving in an unusual style. If you wish to consult either of our two counsellors about handling your child, Ms Prerana Dongrawat ([prerana167@hopetown.co.in](mailto:prerana167@hopetown.co.in)) or Ms Vani Singh ([vani160@hopetown.co.in](mailto:vani160@hopetown.co.in)), please feel free to do so. We will also be organizing a webinar for parents later in July and you will be invited to join.

**Staff News:** We will be sorry to bid farewell to Mr Ajay Agarwal, who has been a Physics teacher for Seniors since 2005. However, we wish him well as he moves on to his new assignment. He will be replaced by Ms. Laxmi Borse who comes to us with excellent.

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credentials. Ms Angelica Washington who is immigrating to Canada, left us last March. We wish her and her husband an exciting new future. Mr and Mrs Goswami moved on at the end of March. Mr Indrajit Roy took over as Senior Art teacher in April and Mr Suresh Das who has done some beautiful work with textiles, will be joining us to teach Textile in August. Ms Preeti Bhist will be moving on as well this summer and Ms Sandhya Chaudhry, who is as good at teaching Science to Middle School as she is at Mathematics, will be taking over her classes. Mr Lobsang Chopel, our basketball coach will be taking time off for the moment and will re-join us when school re-opens. We wish all of them all the very best.

**Next Term:** At the moment, we are still uncertain about the re-opening dates for school. Needless to say, that the priority is the health and safety of our girls and the residences will open only when we are sure that travel and community living is absolutely safe. Meanwhile, we will try to plan the rest of the Semester in a way in which we can simulate some of the fun activities we used to do in school. I will be sending you a revised calendar of events later in July.

**Our Teachers:** I am going to take this opportunity to share with you how proud I am of the prompt and efficient way in which our academic staff has risen to the occasion. We are one of the few schools in Dehradun in which teachers moved way beyond just the old-fashioned lecture style teaching to experimenting with and using a variety of Applications and innovative methods to ensure that children were engaged in interesting activities that made them take charge of their own learning. This took a lot of time, grit and effort during the Lockdown crises, while they grappled with household chores, their own children's online learning and the general anxiety this pandemic has brought into our lives. The girls and I are privileged to be working with them!

I trust that all of you continue to be safe and happy. Do make the most of this vacation!

With my best wishes, as always

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