**EDUCATIONAL SPEECH**

**FOR**

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Hello everyone! I want to thank all of you... all of the parents and students who are here today. Students, education is a priority in life and I am gratified to see that you are dedicated to learning. Parents, you have considerably more experience than our students. You see how the world works.... what doors open for those who are presentable, smart, educated, and most of all **WILLING** to learn and to improve. We have some excellent students enrolled in our classes, but there is always room for improvement. The American inventor, Thomas Edison once said this, “When you have exhausted all possibilities, remember this: **YOU HAVEN’T**.” We live in a world that is constantly changing and evolving. While we are all aware that we have to know more in order to survive, were also faced with increased competition in every phase of existence. In 2015, a study was done that told us the following... at the time, China had a population of **1.38 BILLION** people while India’s population was **1.31 BILLION**. According to research done by the United Nations, the world population is expected to increase to a total of **8.5 BILLION** people by 2030. CNN, the News resource, predicts that the population of India will exceed that of China by the year 2022 with a proposed count of **1.4 BILLION** people. With the percentage of younger people constantly increasing, I have only one thing to say, and it would be typical of me to say this... **YOU DO THE MATH**. (**Wait for the laugh**).

Students... when your parents tell you how important your schooling is... when I and your other teachers are relentless in encouraging each one of you to pay attention, learn your lessons, and continue to improve, we are **NOT** kidding!!! Life is getting increasingly more complicated and we **ALL** have to be prepared.

I think you all know by know that this school and I, as well as all of the teachers, are dedicated to the success of each and every person that attends our programs. Some of you students and families have been here and involved with our lessons and curriculum since the sixth grade. We’ve worked together for four years and we’ve gotten to really know each other. You’ve also gotten to see the difference that hands on teaching makes in the life of a young person, training to enter the professional world. We all need firm foundations and now, more than ever, we need to be informed and knowledgeable. Students, you need to not only learn, but **understand** what it is you’ve learned.

I am proud to say that (**Name the percentage of students receiving grades of 90 or above**) in the current classes, we have **THIRTY-FIVE** students that are on track to receive grades of 90 out of 100. We even have one student who has ranked **number** **THREE** all India!!! As a group we should all be very proud of these results. At the same time, we must read between the lines. What these numbers also show us is that there is **VAST** room for improvement! These scores and percentages tell us that it is **POSSIBLE** to excel in the programs we offer. Excellence is not beyond the scope of **ANY** of you.

In 2016, the UNESCO Institute for Statistics claimed that there were **47 million young** people in India of **secondary and high school age**. And as reported by the New Delhi Institute for Policy Research Studies, while the enrollment in the tenth grade was 77 percent at the time, enrollment in class 11 declined to only **52%**. Just about **HALF** of India’s youth eligible for the eleventh grade didn’t go to school. Let me see a show of hands.... who besides me finds this **SHOCKING**? Now let me see another show of hands... who in this room is committed to the quality of his or her own life and is willing to work hard to improve and achieve **UNPRECEDENTED** success in the coming school year??? I’m just going to take a quick look at the hand count, but it is my intention that **ONE HUNDRED PERCENT** of our students’ hands are raised!!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

Here at Global Tutorials, we know that lessons and testing are only **PART** of the educational process. After years of study and application.... yes... you **KNOW** that we, **TOO** are constantly learning and adapting to the educational needs of our society and communities, we have an effective foundational formula that we find brings consistent positive results.... there’s only one thing we need for you students to do...that is **WORK**!! (**Wait for the laugh**). We know that as young adults, there are probably a thousand things you’d rather be doing than studying, but I **PROMISE** you...success and satisfaction in life becomes more and more remote the **less** diligence you show for your studies.

Each year we carefully create a plan of action, designed to suit the needs of the student while encouraging the parents to participate as well. Once the entire family is engaged in process and has a stake in the eventual outcome of the program, it is very clear that the extra attention outside of the classroom is very effective. We believe in educating the **WHOLE** student.

We have devised the Plan of Action for the coming year, and in brief, as a basic outline, it looks like this:

* During the Month of **May**, one and a half hours are scheduled each day from Monday to Saturday. In that allotted time, we will check homework given, do a brief test to review whatever was discussed in the previous class, and complete the portion of the day’s lesson as needed.
* In the months of **June, July, and August,** classes will meet regularly twice per week (**please clarify this and make sure it’s correct- the chart was not too clear**). During these months, the workload will be a little more diverse... within this time frame, you will complete the work in the unit wise booklets within the specified time... more about this in a bit. All books will be submitted **ON THE DUE DATE** for thorough checking. We will work on discussing and solving any doubts or issues that may arise in the process of completing the work in each booklet. There will also be TWO unit wise tests to be written and we will discuss that schedule in more detail as well. We will also take time to complete any pending portions and “loose ends.”
* In **September** we continue regular class twice weekly as per the designated batch days and timing. This month is dedicated to solving past Board paper sums from the materials provided by the board.
* In **October, November, and December**, regular twice weekly classes continue and the focus of the work shifts to the commencement of the **test series**. As you probably know, that’s **TEN** model tests papers, each of which contains eighty marks with a duration of 2 1/2 hours.
* In January and February, you will solve a minimum of **FIVE** other preliminary papers and they will be submitted for review, checking, and comments for improvement.

Please also keep the following **NOTICE** in mind:

* For each unit wise test,
  + Each will last **30** minutes
  + There are **20** marks
  + There will be **TWO** tests on each unit
  + Unit wise practice books will be distributed which need to be strictly followed and completed on the test 2 date.
  + This is where you parents play a critical role... Please pay attention to your son or daughter’s workload. Encourage them to stay to the ordered schedule, and ensure that they are understanding and completing each task and assignment in a timely, orderly manner.

(**Do you want to ask if there are any questions so far? If so**). By a show of hands, do any of you have any questions so far?

I would also like to indicate the dates of the holidays and the test series time table:

* Diwali vacation runs
  + Monday November 5th and will cover test series 1.
  + Tuesday November 6th for test series 2
  + Saturday November 10th for test series 3.
  + Monday, November 12TH for test series 4
  + Wednesday, November 14th for test series 5
  + Friday, November 16th for test series 6.
* The following is the schedule for the Christmas vacation testing:
  + Sunday, December 23rd for test series 7
  + Monday, December 24th for test series 8
  + Wednesday, December 26th for test series 9
  + Thursday, December 27th for test series 10.

Please keep in mind that for each of the tests noted above, the duration is 2 1/2 hours per test and a total of 80 marks for each one as well.

The time slots and location for each test is fixed so please adjust your schedules to make sure you are prepared. Arrive on time for each test and be fully ready to complete each round. The time slots for each of the above ten tests will be held from 6 pm to 8.30 pm at Chembur /Ghatkopar.

Are there any new questions up to this point? Thank you.

I want to take a moment to share something with all of you parents and students here today. A large part of the success of this program is the structure or matrix provided within which the students must complete the allotted work. While each year it may seem strange or overwhelming at the start.... and I **KNOW** a lot of information is coming out at one time, just pay attention, take notes if necessary, and by concentrating, placing one foot in front of the other while breaking down and concentrating on the present discussion and lessons, you **WILL** begin to understand and get through the curriculum. In life... after tenth grade... (**Wait for the laugh**), we are constantly presented with “batches” or grid like assignments that must be handled in a scheduled, timely manner... it’s part of learning to be responsible and considering the whole while focusing on the part currently being discussed, taught, or questioned. I urge you all to be patient, concentrate, do your best... and **THEN pick up speed**!! (**Wait for the laugh**). And ask questions if you don’t understand something.... but don’t expect me or your classmates or your parents to do the work for you. Asking questions is a “nearly last resort.” Lessons are only as valuable as the effort it took for you to learn them.

Lastly, I want to say, be proud that you’re here. Show that pride and confidence in the way you present yourselves and in the manner of your preparedness to take each test. Have you ever heard the expression to “**dress the part**?” All of you are young professionals in training. Show us your discipline and determination each time you present yourselves to complete a test or task. Knowing that your personal appearance will reflect your spirit and enthusiasm is the best reason to put in the effort. I want to thank you all for being here and for expressing your confidence in the lessons of Global Tutorials and I wish all of you the best of luck in the coming school year!!