

THE SET SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE

Campus Consolidation Plan

Since inception in 1998, The SET School has grown from under 10 to more than 700 students. It operates three campuses in Karachi; two in F B Area and the third in Gwalior Society. The premises in F B Area were residential houses converted to schools. This is a common practice in Pakistan due the dearth of purpose-made school buildings. After acquisition of two amenity plots, designated for school projects, in Gwalior Society, construction was carried out on one plot in 2011-12. Hence, the North East Campus started operations in April 2012.

Working at three locations poses administrative and financial challenges for the school. SET's Executive Committee has, therefore, initiated a campus consolidation plan which takes effect next academic year (April 2019). Under the consolidation, Campus 2 will close. Its children will transfer to Campus 1 and NE Campus. Some Campus 1 children will also be transferred to NE Campus. As with all changes, some parents/ students will be inconvenienced, which we will do our best to minimize. We firmly believe that, in the medium and long term, the change will improve our standard and quality of education. It is, therefore, important to understand the rationale for the change as enumerated below:

- NE Campus, which is purpose built, offers better environment and facilities such as a library, computer laboratory and playground area. There is some evidence that this leads to better development of children and improves results.
- Plans are being developed for expansion of the facilities.
- Campus 2 is housed in rented premises and in need of substantial renovations. Its closure will result in significant savings in rent, repairs and maintenance as well as utility bills.
- The savings will enable us to contain the future rise in school fees and allow us to plough some of the saving to improving education standards.
- Many parents want their daughters to study in gender segregated classes after a certain age. This will be easier to accommodate on elimination of one small campus.

The consolidation plan has been devised with a great deal of thought and with the aim of minimizing inconvenience to parents and students. We are conscious that some problems will arise during the transition period but are confident they will be overcome and the school will operate smoothly.

Details of the plan were sent to parents in writing in October 2018 to give them time to adjust to the new arrangement. A focal person was appointed by the school to hear concerns and take suggestions from stakeholders and we will do our best to address problems which are brought to our notice. ♦

Niaz Husain

Co-founding Trustee & Executive Committee Member

Achievements

The SET School Alumnus receives third position in Intermediate exams

It gives the Management of The SET School immense pleasure to announce that our alumnus, Muhammad Ali Rizvi received a third position in his Intermediate Exams in Karachi. (Profile on back page) We wish him best of luck in all his future endeavours.

Class Nine and Matric Results

The SET School is pleased to announce that 32 students appeared in SSC Part 1 examinations (2018-19) in March 2018. A-1 grade was received by 47% students, A grade was received by 44% students, B grade was received by 6% students and 1 student received a C grade.

A total of 28 students appeared in Matric examinations (SSC Part II 2017-18), of which 18% received A-1 grade, 32% received A grade, 39% received B grade. One student failed the examinations.

Activities & Participation

Defence Day Celebration



Sharing a sense of patriotism with the whole nation, The SET School students actively participated in the Defence Day celebrations on September 6th. They performed tableaux and role plays, recited poems and delivered speeches commemorating the great martyrs of the war.



Maths Olympiad



An annual event, The SET school organized Mathematics Olympiad in all the campuses in October. Students participated in the contest in the groups of three or four. The contest was based on different rounds, having fun-filled and challenging questions for each round. The contest aimed to make the learning and teaching of mathematics more enjoyable and interesting.



Visit to Mohatta Palace



In October, The SET School organized an educational trip to Mohatta Palace. Students learned about the cultural heritage of Sindh.

Robotics Workshop



In October, Edlab Pakistan arranged a one-week Lego Robotics Workshop for the students of class IX and X at The SET School. The workshop aimed to expose students to modern approaches used in the field of computer sciences. Students learned programming robots and using those robots for specific purposes like line following, smooth movement on a given track while avoiding hurdles to name a few.

IKSC Participation



The SET School students participated in the International Kangaroo Science Contest held on September 27th. A total of 41 students participated: 8 won bronze medals, 10 won 3-star badges and 15 won 2-star badges. International Kangaroo Science Competition is “a contest to engage a much needed intelligent and attractive way of developing students’ taste for science”.

At the end of the contest, Ms Erum Fatima, Campus Head of Primary Section NE Campus, and Ms Hina Arshad, Principal of The SET School, were awarded ‘Certificate of Recognition’ and ‘Thomas Edison Silver Award’ as a token of appreciation from IKSC.

Speech Competition at Generation’s School



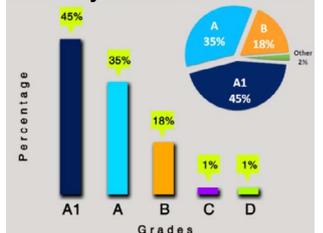
A speech competition was held in October in the South campus of Generation’s School. Two students, Ashal Babar and Zain Abid, participated in the competition from The SET School.

A total of 30 students participated in the competition. The topics were ‘Zindagi zindadili ka naam hai’ (Life is about activity) for students making speech in Urdu. For English language students the topic was ‘Technology makes us less creative’.

Ashal Babar and Zain Abid received participation certificates at the end of the competition.



Matric Board Results over the years 2009-2017



KEY FEATURES

Total student strength

725

Total number of teachers

75

Alumnus Profile

A shining student

Muhammad Ali Rizvi is an alumnus of The SET School. He remained an exceptional student in school who received an A-1 grade in the Board of Secondary Education Karachi examinations. Muhammad went on to complete his HSC examinations in which he stood third in Karachi. Recently he was awarded a 100% scholarship from Habib University in recognition of his results and admission test. He is studying electrical engineering at the University.

Born in 1999, Muhammad's parents sought his admission to The SET School when he was three years old. His father worked for a local media house. "Muhammad's father has always been very thankful to the school and its teachers, and to his son too, who has made him proud," says Mr Fahad Abdullah, his former teacher.

Muhammad wants to become a professional but he believes that there should be a purpose in life and that should be to help others. He quotes Charles Dickens who once wrote, 'No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of another.'

Muhammad still misses his school days. "The teachers and students were like a family to students". He misses late Mrs Samina Mohsin, former principal of the school, who mentored senior students for their SSC exams. "I remember so vividly how she affectionately guided us on our studies, our appearances and also on how to talk. She believed in us to become role models for junior students."

His message to his fellow students is, "Quaid-e-Azam's said and I quote, 'I insist you to strive. Work, work and only work for satisfaction with patience, humbleness and serve thy nation'". ♦



About the Trust

Saran Educational Trust (SET) was founded in 1998 by a group of philanthropists with the aim of establishing a network of not-for-profit schools in Karachi to provide quality education to children whose parents have limited resources. The Trust believes that every child has a right to quality education; and that good quality education should be affordable. Therefore it strives to offer quality education at an affordable price. The school is now spread over three campuses catering to 725 students.

SET has managed to sustain its mission for almost 20 years thanks to the generosity and support of its friends and well-wishers. However, in common with all comparable organizations, SET has a constant need for donations to sustain its mission. This has gained poignancy with our immediate development focus on increasing the number of students.

Donations are gratefully accepted in cash or in kind. Our NPO registration number is 3619511. All donations will be acknowledged by an official receipt, so please ensure your name and address advised with your donation. Cash donations should be made by crossed cheque, payable to "Saran Educational Trust" and forwarded to.

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- The General Fund
- Sponsoring a child's study or 5 children's study
- The Endowment Fund
- In kind

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