

Suggestions that the School and Alumni will consider to help our academically brightest students

- Do academically better in the CBSE Class X and XII exams – be in the 95% + group
- Do academically better in the CBSE Class X and XII exams – have students in the 99 – 100 % bracket
- Prepare students to avail of education in the best colleges
- Prepare students with a better understanding of their unique abilities

To this end the school and Alumni will look into the possibility of

- Our **school counsellors** will work towards :
 - Informing the students of the **top colleges** in the country, by putting up in classes (8 to 12) the Education World / Education Today rankings of top College in the country
 - Displaying the **latest information on cut offs** for getting admitted into the top colleges in the country
 - Assisting students in writing their **student profiles** – right from class 8 – so that by class 10 they may be relatively focused on what they want to do
 - To this end the school will facilitate their training, if necessary for this purpose
 - If necessary, the services of a professional profile writer will be taken
 - Providing facilities for **students to be tested and counselled** regarding their abilities
 - Counselling on career achievement plans (including adaptability) and most appropriate entrance exams to prepare for.
 - Use some of their regular or substitution classes to do such topics as time management; how to study; positive lifestyles.
- With the assistance of the Alumni, the school will organize **career seminars** more **frequently**, expose the students of **classes 8 (possibly even class 7) to 12** to these seminars and organize them in a different **manner** from the way in which such seminars have to-date been conducted – i.e. conducting a seminar on one career e.g. law and having speakers in the varied branches of the law profession speaking to the students; having persons who have made a significant impact in such a profession to be present (facilitate such persons) – to **inspire our students** to such professions.
- With the assistance of parents, look into the possibility of having an **excellent tutor(s), give special coaching to a maximum of 5 students in a group** either in school or in a home of a student – this will enable the service of such an excellent tutor to be available at a slightly more affordable price. This can be for subjects in the CBSE exam or for entrance examinations.
- Discuss with our Alumni, the possibility, of **financial assistance** to some of the brightest students who might come from a financially weak background (given the cost of really good services).
- The school will **set up an “ASPIRE TEAM”** to coordinate and facilitate communication between all stakeholders on this matter. Without being unwieldy, the team will attempt to be as inclusive of all stakeholders. This team will have an email address to facilitate communication.
- The **school website will have a Top 50 Project section** where all relevant date will be hosted – e.g. parents feedback (what are you doing ?, what will you do ? How would you like the Alumni to help ? Plan of Action) and other initiatives.
- Arrangements for workshops for job-opportunities (**earn and learn**) – held during the class 12 year
- Schedule a **MOCK CBSE TEST** (possibly prepared, assessed, with feed-back by a professional group)

For all the above to take place, the school requests parents and students to

- ✓ Contribute to the think-tank by **sharing information** which is relevant (e.g. good tutors, professionals, data)
- ✓ Assist by your using your good offices to **negotiate** with relevant service providers to assist the school
- ✓ Keep the lines of **communication** open (be prompt in response; provide solutions beyond criticism)
- ✓ Have a **broad view** of the attempts being made to assist all students at St Columba's
- ✓ **Persist** with and **commit** to a path embarked on
- ✓ Become **patrons** in setting up awards for students / teachers