

Dear Parents,

Greetings from SAI International!

### **Sailing towards Global Standards**

The advent of the New Year is an echo of the fact that the New Normal has just begun! Bracing the challenges during the pandemic was only possible due to the help and support extended by all the families during the arduous journey, for which I am immensely grateful. Though the cataclysmic virus disrupted the whole world, it also gave new dimension to life. It gave a chance to incorporate and adapt to the new normal in education. We fought this pandemic together only to emerge as the No. 1 School of India. This unusual year has increased our resilience to an extent that we are now ready to face any future adversity we may encounter. Whilst the students carried on with uninterrupted education, we at SAI International worked with utmost dedication and tirelessly, pulling out all the stops to ensure that the evolving needs of our dear SALoneers were met. Furthermore our goal was also to achieve global standards and make our institution truly aspirational. Let me take you through the innovations and the new age solutions that we have incorporated in the last twelve months.

### **Pedagogical Innovations & Technology Integration**

The New Normal has given a new meaning to life. It has enabled each one of us to adopt and adapt a rapid pace of technology and seamlessly brought the world together, making it a global village and a flatter place to live in. SAI International rose quickly to the occasion, and ensured the continuity of high quality learning through SAI Cloud School. Almost instantaneously, we started the process of turning each home into a school. Our extremely supportive parents and dedicated teachers were at the forefront of the constantly changing forces brought about by the pandemic. In a short span of time we upgraded from SAI Cloud School 1.0 to launch SAI Cloud School 2.0 and 3.0, with the dual objective of providing seamless uninterrupted learning even when the school buildings were closed and surpassing the existing benchmarks in excellence in online teaching endeavours.

Our 3.0 version focussed on instilling the new millennium skills of critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity and innovation during the most daunting phases of our lifetime so that our students receive the finest online education especially when our SALoneers could not come to school. Therefore, we ensured that they had complete access to the learning that takes place in the school by providing a personalized and customized experience. Moreover, the missed classes could be revisited on the SAI Cloud School with real time teaching by the teachers.

Subsequently, we created a repository of smart-information, the **Teachers Learning Resources Centre** which further enabled our teachers to augment the teaching and learning processes. The teaching and non-teaching staff at SAI have left no stone unturned, putting in all the resources they could gather, so that the learning for our SALoneers remained an unhindered process.

It gives me immense pleasure to announce that **SAI Online** has been launched on 1st April, 2021 by the Hon'ble Governor of Odisha, Prof. Ganeshi Lal, with an aim to go on a paperless mode by installing an ultra tech **New School ERP and School App** both in Android and iOS for real time information.

### **Edutech Interventions**

The dire consequences of COVID-19 pandemic may have affected the system of education drastically but it has given us an opportunity to venture into the unexplored and to envision the impossible. The call of the day was to 'reorient', 'reinvent', 'relearn' and 'reprocess', in order to build the gen X human resource, imbued with the new normal values. The SAI Edutech team created the innovative new age



learning platform the **SAI Home School** which encompasses both scholastic and co-scholastic aspects in the online and offline mode to provide an enriching experience to our SALoneers. The approach being, when our SALoneers are unable to come to school or are not able to attend classes, the school will go to their homes, so that uninterrupted learning happens at their own pace, time and place of choice.

### **Sports Integration**

We understand that sports play a vital role in the learning processes of young children, teaching them the crucial skills of endurance, focus, team spirit, conflict resolution, developing strategies and the strength to face failure, believing that this is but one step on the ladder to success. We are happy to announce that we have a newly constructed indoor stadium, spanning 35,000 sq ft, encapsulating the facilities of squash, lawn tennis, table tennis, skating, football, hockey, track events and basketball, as well as a 60,000 sq ft imported artificial turf for football, basketball, volleyball, and golf putting. We have also renovated the play facilities of the school, upgrading them with imported equipment, thus ensuring that sports remain an enjoyable and aspirational experience for each one of our children. We will be involving an international standard sports operator with a vision to build national/international level teams along with high standards of sports learning blended into academics.

### **Scientific Immersions**

Effective teaching involves seeing, handling and dealing with real objects and materials. Teaching in the laboratory encourages deep learning as the students learn to make careful experimental observations, analyse and draw conclusions, which is extremely crucial. The pandemic provided us an opportunity to set up new state of the art Science labs, Innovation lab, Language labs, Computer labs, Mathematics lab in a brand new décor, stocked with the latest equipment which encourages the adaptation of adhering to new processes and latest methodology. Moreover the all-time favourites Radio Orange and SAI TV will be revamped to welcome our dear SALoneers. In order to provide experiential learning and an enhanced learning of theoretical concepts, the Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Astronomy, Open Science Laboratories have been revamped and upgraded to meet the needs of the students. I sincerely hope that my SALoneers benefit greatly and that their reasoning skills are honed and they start contemplating on the theories and concepts taught in school. With the new facilities in place, we eagerly look forward to our dear SALoneers joining us at the earliest, filling each nook and corner of the school with their joyful laughter.

### **Global Affiliations**

IGCSE is one of the most acknowledged international qualifications in the world. Keeping in sync with the spirit of globalisation, we are happy to inform that your school is now also affiliated to Cambridge IGCSE. As we prepare our children for a new tomorrow, the IGCSE programme, infused with an international perspective to academics will further encourage our SALoneers to become global citizens. While the classes from Nursery to Class III will be completely based on the IGCSE curriculum, Classes IV to XII offer this as an alternative choice of either CBSE or IGCSE. We will offer complete Early Years Program up to KG II for everyone, IGCSE Primary for all the students up to Class III which is in sync with National Education Policy 2020 and from Class IV till Class X ( O Level) and Class XI-XII ( A and AS Level) will remain optional.

### **Career Pathways**

To fulfil the dreams of each and every pupil and in a bid to enable them to reach the very zenith of success, we at SAI International cater to the needs of the pupils both in and beyond school. Therefore, we have also created a Career Counselling department with support from BridgeU, Admissionz Campus, both for national and international admissions support. Furthermore, we have also partnered with SAT, USA and ILETS, UK for global education and have become their exam centres.



At SAI International, we regard nature as a resource for learning as it provides countless opportunities for hands-on learning experiences and discoveries. Keeping this in mind, we will also be collaborating to explore the best kept secret of India, Odisha by being in close quarters with the nature and the habitats via multifarious activities which include trekking, boating, studying the fauna and flora with a guided tour inside the deep forests of Odisha.

### **Our SALoneers have made us proud**

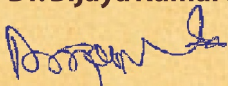
With a deep sense of humility, I take this opportunity to state that our SALoneers have made each one of us proud by consistently topping the CBSE Board Exams over the years. Furthermore, our SALoneers have bagged the state top ranks in JEE, NEET and CLAT entrance exams for the third successive year.

### **My gratitude to each one of you**

We await for the excited chatter of our children reverberating through the school campus, to start afresh with resumption of the teaching-learning functions, celebrations, activities and the holistic progression in this new session of 2021-22 making the school complete in all respects. We wish to thank each one of you, dear parents, for standing by us through this most difficult period, ensuring that your school overcame all the adversities in its path and continued rising to the top. We assure you that we will work relentlessly to give our SALoneers the best learning environment. When the most awaited moment arrives and our SALoneers come back, they will see a better, brighter and newer SAI International with a novel vision and a far more energised mission. Our vision is "while school education should be enjoyable, the higher education should be employable"

Looking forward to your continued support to another 365 days journey towards our GOAL!

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