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A TRIBUTE TO OUR PATRON

MAA SHARDA



"She is still there!"
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**On the remembrance day of MAA SHARDA,
our eternal source of wisdom and learning.**





A Mother's Presence, Beyond Time and Touch

On 24th December 2025, our solemn Remembrance Day, we bowed our heads in reverence and heartfelt gratitude to Maa Sharda, the revered mother of our honorable Director Sir and a divine presence who continues to bless our institution.

Though she is no longer with us in physical form, her loving spirit lives on — in silent prayers, in moments of reflection, and in the values that guided our journey. Maa Sharda embodied compassion, humility and selfless devotion. Her life stood as a testament to quiet strength, unconditional love and unwavering faith.

As we remembered her that day, we were reminded that those who nurture lives never truly leave—they become eternal sources of strength. Indeed, she is still there — watching over us with a mother's grace, protecting, guiding and blessing every step we take.

May her divine presence continue to shower us with peace, strength and wisdom.





From the Principal's Desk

Dear Readers,

Welcome back to the December edition of our Newsletter. We are delighted to share glimpses of an energetic month brimming with enthusiasm, learning, activities, and challenges—each embraced by our students with absolute confidence.

December witnessed intense academic engagement as we rigorously analysed Pre-Board results and conducted multiple interactions with parents of developing learners as well as top performers. All this unfolded alongside the demanding practice sessions for our Annual Sports Meet, reflecting the balance we continually strive to maintain between academic excellence and physical well-being.

We were truly honoured to host distinguished guests from the Royal Russell School, London. It was our privilege to welcome the Headmaster, Mr. Christopher Hutchinson, the Deputy Head and Inspector of Independent Schools in London, Mr. Sam Powell, and the Head of Digital Learning and Innovation, Mr. David Turner. Their presence at our Sports Ceremony and their keen observation of our students' skills, discipline, and focus left a lasting impression. Their words of appreciation reaffirmed our belief in nurturing confident, well-rounded learners. We are committed to strengthen this international collaboration to safeguard our students' interests and prepare them as global citizens and world-class human resources.

While celebrating achievements, we must also acknowledge a growing concern that demands collective attention—the behavioural and emotional impact of excessive social media usage among adolescents. Scientific studies indicate that prolonged screen exposure alters dopamine regulation in the teenage brain, which is still in a critical stage of development. According to neuroscience research, excessive engagement with social media and online gaming can impair attention span, disrupt sleep cycles, increase anxiety, and reduce emotional resilience.

Data further suggests that adolescents spending more than 3–4 hours daily on virtual platforms show higher tendencies towards mood swings, irritability, and reduced real-life social skills. Unlike real sports and face-to-face interactions, virtual platforms provide instant gratification without teaching patience, perseverance, or the ability to cope with failure. Real sports, on the other hand, strengthen not just muscles but also character—instilling teamwork, discipline, empathy, and the invaluable art of losing gracefully, a lesson life demands time and again.

Our internal observations also point towards a critical factor—the need for consistent parental guidance and mindful monitoring. It is imperative that we help our children understand the difference between being truly social and merely being digitally connected. No gaming application can replace the lessons learnt on the playground, where effort, sweat, resilience, and mutual respect shape responsible individuals.

Let us therefore work together—school and parents alike—to guide this generation growing up in a rapidly transitioning society. With awareness, balance, and empathy, we can ensure that technology remains a tool, not a takeover.

With my heartfelt tribute to our Patron, Maa Sharda, I conclude this note and warmly welcome the New Year— with open hearts and meaningful resolutions, not merely to make, but to honour in their true spirit.

Sincerely

A. Awasthi

Editors Speak

Dear Reader,

December descends upon our school draped in the gentle chill of winter, filling the air with crisp mornings and a quiet sense of anticipation. The season brings with it not only colder days but also a warm vibrancy, as the campus comes alive with purpose, perseverance and celebration.

Across the grounds, the practice sessions for the Annual Sports Meet continue with renewed determination. Against the backdrop of mist-laden mornings, students train with discipline and enthusiasm, their breath visible in the cold air, their spirits unmistakably aflame. These sessions are not merely rehearsals for competition but lessons in resilience, teamwork and the pursuit of excellence. In classrooms, December marks a period of academic intensity. The commencement and conclusion of the Pre-Board Examinations have tested the resolve of senior students, offering them a valuable opportunity for reflection and self-improvement. Alongside this, the SAFAL examination has encouraged learners to move beyond rote learning, nurturing analytical thinking and conceptual clarity. Together, these assessments have reinforced the importance of perseverance and preparation.

Amid this rhythm of responsibility, the school paused to celebrate its legacy on 12th December, our Foundation Day. This occasion served as a reminder of the values upon which the institution was built and the journey it has undertaken over the years. It was a moment of gratitude, reflection and renewed commitment to the ideals that continue to guide us.

The month also resonates with a merry and spirited atmosphere, as laughter echoes through corridors and camaraderie flourishes despite the winter chill. The blend of rigorous schedules and shared joy reflects the true essence of school life, a harmony of effort and enjoyment.

As the year approaches its end, December leaves us with a quiet lesson: that even in the coldest season, warmth thrives in dedication, unity and celebration. With hearts full of determination and minds enriched by experience, we move forward, ready to welcome the future with confidence and hope.

Yours truly,
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A Legacy of Learning: 14th FOUNDATION DAY

12th December is more than just a date on the calendar; it is a profound moment to pause and reflect on the legacy upon which our beloved school stands. It is a day to honour the visionaries who first imagined a place of learning where young minds could flourish, and to recognize the dedication of every teacher, student, and parent who has since contributed to its vibrant history.

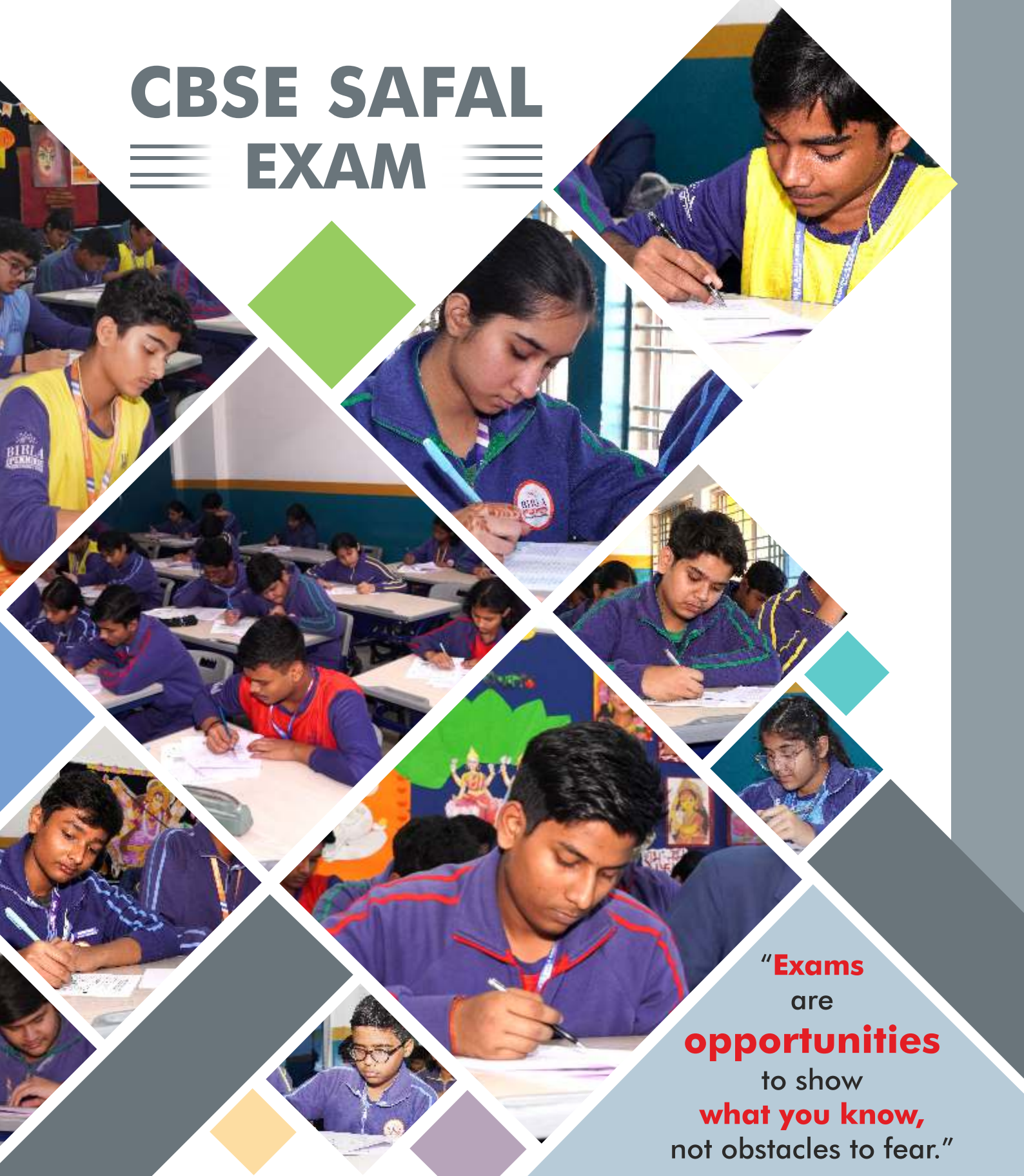
This anniversary is not merely about looking backward; it is a celebration of a living, breathing community. Over the decades, our school has evolved, embracing new technologies and modern pedagogies, yet its core mission has remained steadfast: to foster not just academic excellence, but also character, curiosity, and a sense of responsibility. From the first graduating class to the current cohort filling the halls with energy and enthusiasm, countless lives have been shaped within these walls.

As we commemorate this special day, we look ahead with excitement and determination. The future holds infinite possibilities. By building on our rich heritage, we can continue to inspire the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and compassionate citizens, ensuring that the light of learning- kindled on that first day- shines even brighter for years to come.



"Without hard work, nothing grows but weeds." Gordon B.

CBSE SAFAL EXAM



**"Exams
are
opportunities
to show
what you know,
not obstacles to fear."**

The SAFAL (Structured Assessment for Analysing Learning) examinations were successfully conducted in our school to assess students' conceptual understanding and application based learning. The examination aimed to move beyond rote memorization and focus on analytical and critical thinking skills. The students sat for the assessment with sincerity and focus, adhered strictly to the examination guidelines. The calm and disciplined environment within the assessment hall reflected systematic planning and efficient supervision by the teaching faculty. The SAFAL examinations provide a valuable insight into the students' learning levels, enabling teachers to adopt targeted strategies for academic enrichment and continuous improvement.



"If you don't **sacrifice** for what you want, what you want becomes the **sacrifice.**"

PRE-BOARD EXAMINATIONS

Board Examinations are one of the most important milestones in the academic journey of a student, assessing one's understanding of different concepts on a strategized level and helps them determine their future academic and career paths. Therefore, students as well as schools collectively work hard to prepare for this. And this month, our school successfully conducted the Pre-board Examinations. Designed to closely mirror the final Board Examinations, the Pre-board Exams served as a valuable opportunity to help the students familiarise with the upcoming Boards, they also helped assess their preparation, identify the areas of improvement and build confidence.

Throughout the examination period, the students' faces radiated quite yet unshakeable resolve and determination to give their best. The charged atmosphere in the exam rooms reflected the seriousness with which students approached their crucial phase.

More than just a test of knowledge, the Pre-board examinations played a significant role in strengthening time management skills, reducing time exam related anxiety and familiarising students with the examination pattern. The school extends its appreciation to its teaching faculty for smoothly conducting the examination and for constant guidance of the students.





"Success is not **final**,
failure is not **fatal**:
it is the **courage**
to continue that **counts**."





ANNUAL SPORTS MEET 2025

EDULETICS WITH OPEN MINDS

Absolute Confidence



LEGACY



DISCOVERY



SPIRIT



AMBITION





The much awaited 'Annual Sports Meet' came with a bang and overwhelmed us all with its sheer intensity and awe. It was a splendid event - sporting excellence amalgamated with the desire to express the creativity within. The three days – from 21st to 23rd of December, 2025 got etched in the memory of all as the students displayed their sporting genius. It was a magnanimous event where the entire OMK worked shoulder to shoulder to make the extravaganza a roaring success.

The three distinguished guests from 'Royal Russell School, UK, enriched the occasion with their sheer humility, sociability and humour. They enjoyed the march-past, the parade, the cultural display and the sheer energy that gushed out of all present.

It was mesmerizing to see the students glow with pride on winning medals and trophies, and it was equally gratifying to see the ones who lost in the finals accept the defeat with grace and dignity.

The sprawling campus of 'Eduletics International A British School' served a great hosting arena with its roomy classrooms, auditorium and great lawns. Eduletics International A British School also presented its Annual Function in the cosy evening of 20th of December.

The guests and the parents – all – were thrilled to watch a superb show by the students of OMK on all the three days. The grand show could realize with the indomitable spirit and stamina of the staff as well as the students.

A glimpse through some visuals.



**"The harder the
battle,
the sweeter the
victory."**

– Les Brown





Assembly of the Month

Though assemblies at OMK are everyday affairs, there is one assembly every month that stands altogether apart from others for some specific reasons. This month the assembly of K2 Delta was rated the highest. It was remarkable because of two reasons – being the most confident despite being young, and presenting whatever they had to with flow and smoothness. Instead of being scared of stage, they appeared excited and hardly showed any fear of public appearance. OMK, I hope, is going to get some fantastic orators when they come up to relatively senior classes. The other junior grades of the Pre-primary sections played an enthusiastic audience. Somewhere, it was an eye-opening experiencing for a few students of the senior grades, who feel scared or hesitate while facing the audience.

Let's have a glimpse of the show...



"Only those who attempt the absurd

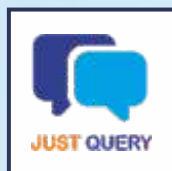
can **achieve** the impossible."



"It's easy to stand with the crowd.

It takes **courage** to stand alone."





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