SHANTINIKETAN INDIAN SCHOOL, DOHA-QATAR

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CIRCULAR TO PARENTS- GRADES VII to XI (FN)

Excel STAR Test

Dear Parents and Students,

As the first step of the School Integrated Program (SIP) with Excel Educational Centre, students currently in Grades VII to XI will take the **Excel STAR Test** (Student Talent and Aptitude Review). The test is **free of cost**. It identifies each student's strengths and learning gaps in Science and Mathematics and helps place them in the right SIP batch for 2027–28.

Test details

Date (Grades 7, 8, 9, 11)	8 Nov 2026
Date (Grades 10)	11 Nov 2026
Time	09:30 a.m.
Venue	Shantiniketan Indian School campus (during school hours)
Duration	30 minutes
Questions	20 objective-type (multiple-choice) questions, 1 mark each, total 20 marks
Negative marking	NIL
Answer method	Students should mark their answers directly on the question paper (one double-sided sheet). No separate answer sheet. A blank sheet will be given for rough work.
Syllabus	NCERT chapters of the student's current grade taught up to October

Questions in each grade's paper

Current grade	Subjects in the paper (20 questions)
Grades 7, 8 and 9	Mathematics 8, Science 8, Mental Ability 4
Grade 10	Mathematics 6, Physics 5, Chemistry 5, Biology 4
Grade 11	Physics 7, Chemistry 7, and Mathematics or Biology 6 (according to stream)

Study material

Short, grade-wise study material will be shared with parents through the class groups in the week before the test. It covers the test syllabus (chapter list), the key concepts and formulas, and practice questions in the style of the test. Students are encouraged to use it as their reference material while preparing.

On the test day, students should

- Be in school uniform and arrive on time;
- Bring a blue or black pen;
- Tick only one answer for each question.

The Excel STAR Report

Within 2 to 3 days of the test, every parent will receive by email a detailed diagnostic report for their child, together with a scanned copy of the child's own question paper. The report includes:

1. Overall score and standing within the grade
2. Subject-wise scores compared with the grade average
3. Chapter-wise and concept-wise strengths and areas to work on
4. Mental Ability results (Grades VII to IX)
5. Teacher remarks and a recommended study focus
6. The recommended SIP batch for 2027–28

Parents can also discuss the report with Excel academic advisors at counselling sessions. Results are used only for the diagnostic report and batch placement, and are shared only with the student's parents and the school.

Parents are requested to make sure that the school has their current email address, as the report will be sent by email. Please inform the class teacher of any change by _____.

We encourage every student to prepare well and to take the test with full effort.

Warm regards
Vice Principal