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AN INTERNATIONAL VISION



Dear Children and Parents,

The Nursery “SMART START” Program at SVKM J. V. Parekh International School was instituted with a vision – a vision of grooming young minds in the highest ideals of humanity; igniting in them that insatiable quest for wisdom; enabling in them the skills that would allow them to leave an Indian footprint in the sands of time. The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme was to be the medium of another SVKM initiative - to redefine the way education and learning should be approached at this age when though students just step out of school they are expected to take that big leap into the world.

I am more than contented with the progress of our vision. We think our mandate at SVKM J.V. Parekh International School is to ensure that challenges do not become hurdles for **these young minds**. Here, through a **visionary curriculum; an optimized, technology-enabled infrastructure; and primarily, a motivated and energized faculty empowered by the best**

teaching - learning practices - the solutions have been put in place ensuring the problems do not arise. We humbly intend to create individuals who learn to learn so that the entire society learns to learn.

The great strides taken by our students in bridging distances and creating empathies and sensitivities along with cognitive achievements have truly validated our International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme initiative.

SVKM J.V.Parekh International School will continue to reinvent itself as **we believe that perfection is not an end but a process in this aspiration to be the first among equals. The Alpha Leo Club and the SVKM Centre for Performing Arts have been two outstanding additions to the Diploma Programme. At SVKM we believe that education is the smile on a child's face, it is the glint of intelligence in a child's eye, it is the spring in the child's step as s/he marches ahead confidently to stake a claim in this beautiful world.**

Mr. Amrish Patel
President
SVKM

PRINCIPAL'S

MESSAGE



"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow".

Anthony J. D'Angelo.

Dear Students and Parents,

SVKM J.V.Parekh International School is a proud, mission-driven community providing world class education, celebrating the fact that each student is different, as a person and as a learner. We believe that powerful learning and teaching occurs under a shared spirit of respect which creates a passionate schooling experience recognized for its warmth, energy and excellence. Here, people are valued and can fulfill their potential - both as teachers and learners. We offer the IB Diploma curriculum which is a balanced course nurturing the child to develop as a whole individual.

Originally developed in 1968 to provide a common curriculum and a university entry credential for geographically mobile students, the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) is now taught world-wide. Valued by universities around the world, the Programme offers an education designed to stimulate the intellectual curiosity of each child.

We foster a positive spirit and believe in partnership between students, parents, teachers and support staff striving to create a milieu that sustains excellence. Our distinction lies in the pursuit of high academic attainment through support, encouragement, praise and motivation.

'I cannot teach anybody anything, I can only make them think'- Socrates. Open mindedness, a multicultural orientation, independence, a global outlook, multiple intelligences and abilities – these are the premium qualities needed today. As a 21st century organization, the school desires to set an approach to learning that incorporates inquiry, research, analytical thinking and an ethical approach that becomes a lifetime habit. The students are helped to focus on confidence building, while nurturing a strong sense of social and environmental responsibility through academic and co curricular activities as we believe, like Paul "Bear" Bryant that, "It is not the will to win, but the will to prepare to win that makes the difference".

I strongly believe that education is a collaborative effort that involves professional administrators, committed teachers and motivated students. We dedicate ourselves as professional administrators in creating a dynamic education programme empowering the students in a global perspective.

We are a group of diverse experiences and outlooks, committed to excellence in preparing learners for enriched opportunities worldwide. In short, learning at SVKM is a wholesome package of attitude, challenge and opportunity.

Dr. G. Swaminathan
Principal

SVKM J.V. Parekh International School

MISSION

SVKM J.V. Parekh International School is committed to nurture an inquiring, thinking, enterprising, informed, open minded, principled and compassionate generation empowered to meet local and global challenges and act as a harbinger of peace and harmony.

VISION

With a conviction that every child is bestowed with an innate ability to excel, SVKM J.V. Parekh International School endeavors to draw out the best in its students by facilitating holistic and life long learning through meaningful opportunities and creating an environment that encourages creative thinking, free expression and conscientious action; making them global winners.





“SMART START”

"Education is not filling a bucket, but lighting a fire."

-William Butler Yeats, Poet.

In today's world man is recognized not by his ancestors but by what he has achieved. His achievement lies in his abilities which have been developed and strengthened by his education. But to achieve this zenith of success, one needs to start at the very beginning and thus we, at SVKM J.V.Parekh International School bring to you 'SMART START' - an innovative program designed to initiate in the child the processes of observing, thinking, learning and expressing.

OUR GOALS:

The primary objective of our program is to provide age appropriate knowledge which will enhance the development of the child within nurturing environment. This would enable the child to develop his/her social, emotional, physical and academic skills whilst simultaneously creating a positive attitude towards learning.

However this learning is not merely an effort on behalf of the child. Parent participation is an integral part of our program and an additional goal for each parent is to gain more insights into child development, behaviour patterns and positive guidance techniques.

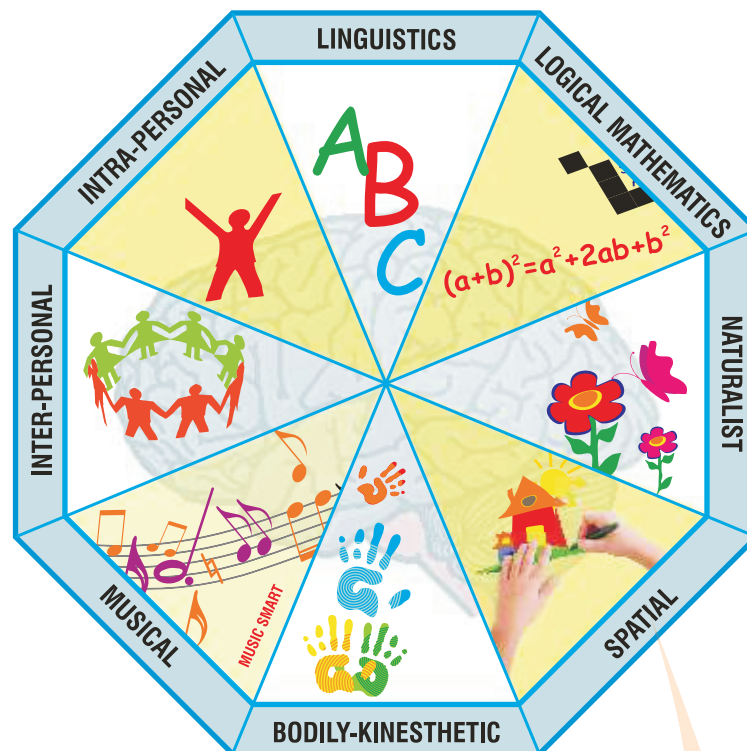
OUR ENVIRONMENT:

The physical environment at SMART START offers a plethora of alternatives for the child to explore and learn. From various play equipments to materials for art and craft, from language enrichment to scientific resources, we provide freedom for maximum physical, social and emotional growth. We also help each child to fit his / her individual needs into a group experience by imposing gentle and flexible limits.



“Why should I give my child an international education?”

As you bring up your children in a fast globalizing India, the need is to give them a foundation that will help them become Global Citizens. Citizens whose success is not defined merely by degrees acquired and percentage points gained but by the intelligent and creative ways in which they are able to apply their learning, and manage both professional and personal challenges.



International education focuses on analytical thinking; on understanding facts by questioning them; on exploring, evaluating and most of all **Learning to Learn**. Almost all International curriculums are designed with a focus on developing the whole brain. SVKM's International curricula is inspired from Dr. Howard Gardner's theory of Multiple Intelligences that states that each child possesses not one but eight distinct forms of intelligences.

Teachers ensure that each child gets ample opportunity to work and play in maximum number of corners. Aiming at helping students achieve full spectrum development and become a lifelong learners - habituated to understanding topics in-depth at every stage of life.

Moreover, the curricula make it easy for the child to adapt to education systems across the world, if the need arises for him/her to be moved.



Why does it hurt when I fall?

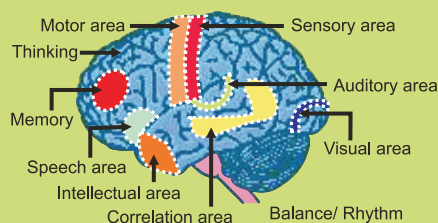


“How does this compare with the current system?”

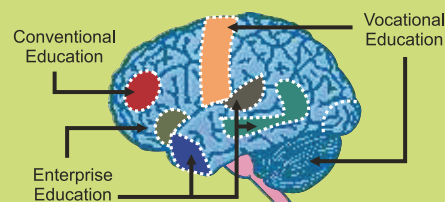
Of course, the current systems empower the child with sound knowledge, understanding skills in all required fields, but their rote system of assessments pay larger emphasis on left brain usage. On the other hand, International curricula aims at developing and sharpening higher order thinking skills from an early age by involving all the functional areas of the brain.

DEVELOPING SQ & EQ ALONG WITH IQ

Functional areas of Brain



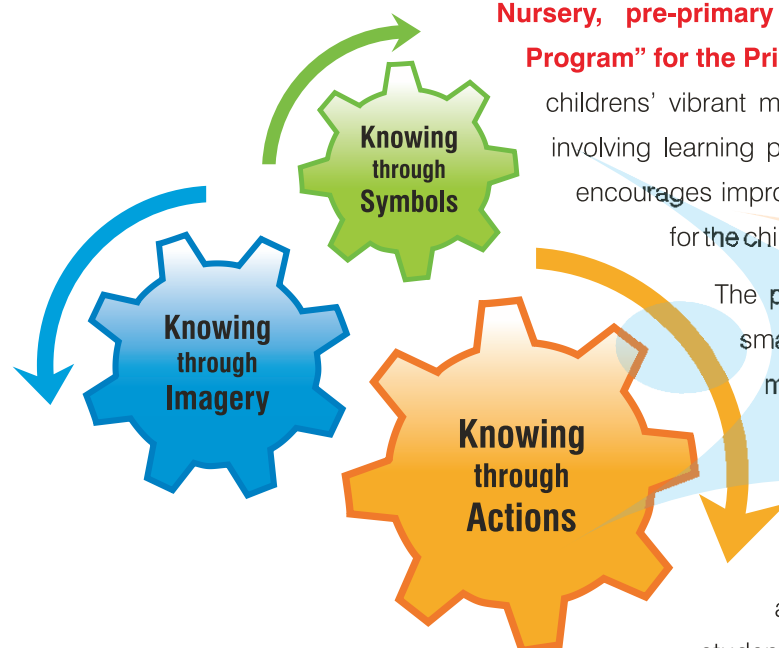
Education and Functional areas



Conventional Indian Education is very left brain focused. Mostly using the memory, visual and speech area of the brain, this system sharpens the child's intellectual quotient neglecting the spiritual and emotional quotient. All International curricula have been designed with a focus on the “whole brain”. With the result, subjects and teaching methodologies are designed to use motor skills, thinking skills, sensory areas, auditory areas, intellectual areas and the balance and rhythm areas as well.

At SVKM, our International programmes like **“Smart Start” for Nursery, pre-primary and “Cambridge International Primary Program” for the Primary Years**, begins with an understanding that childrens' vibrant minds develop best when exposed to a highly involving learning process that uses creative, inventive tools and encourages improvisation, thus making “learning” a fun-process for the child and a “stress-free” process for the parents.

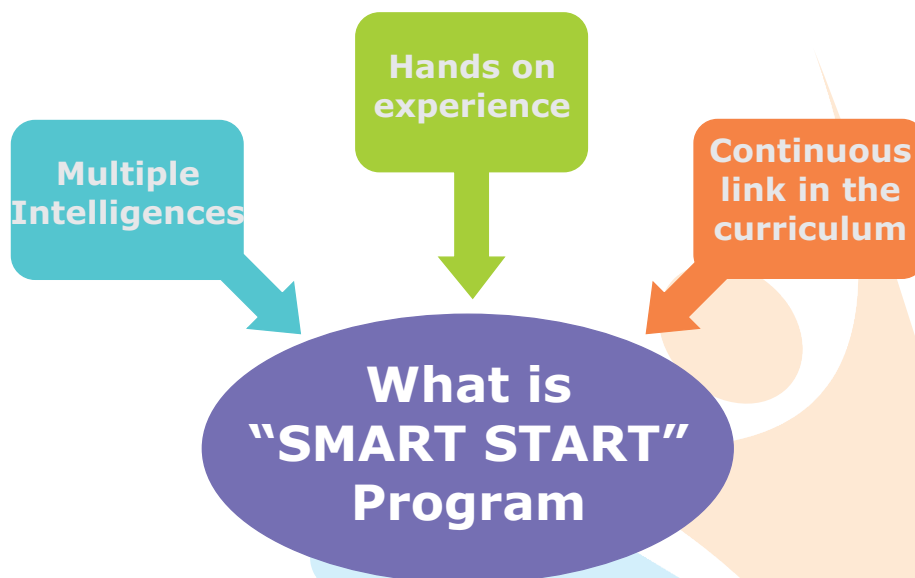
The programs are designed to acknowledge every small step achieved by students in an effective manner. It encourages constructive group-work with well defined roles for all group members. Over and above this, the International curricula will follow a specialized assessment procedure that lays emphasis on understanding and application of knowledge, not just on the student's ability to regurgitate information.





STAFF PROFILE:

Our team consists of highly qualified, enthusiastic and caring professionals, with extensive training background in the field of child development. Our teachers are also regular participants in various professional workshops, which not only enhance their knowledge but also keep them updated with the latest teaching methodology. This augments their growth as teachers and makes them better placed to guide young children and their parents.

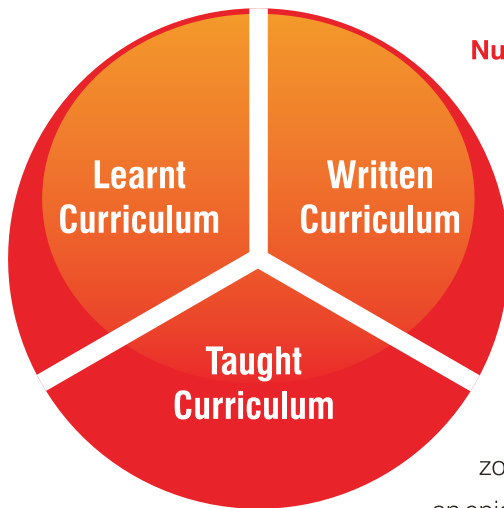


Glimpses of Activities.....



“At what age will my child benefit most from this new system?”

Since the system is critically focused at developing higher level thinking skills, it is imperative that children be exposed to this methodology from their formative years itself.



SVKM's **“Smart Start Program”** for the **Nursery, Jr. KG, Sr. KG** students has been carefully designed to develop motor and exploratory skills in the child during formative years itself.

To ensure that each child has ample space to discover, question, understand and express at every stage, the seating arrangement in the classrooms has been kept comfortable and flexible. In fact, learning has not been restricted to the four walls of a class room. From taking them on nature walks to designing specifically designated play zones, children inculcate a habit of observing and analyzing in an enjoyable process of learning from nursery itself.

The well articulated CPP and the inquiry method at the Primary Stage guides your child's mind to understand and face the challenges posed by higher level curriculums both Indian and International.



A simple three way process, the CIPP makes learning logical and retention easier.

Written Curriculum- lays emphasis on understanding of concepts, creation of knowledge, development of skills, and promotion of positive attitudes and motivates right action.

The taught curriculum is defined broadly to include an approach to teaching and learning, in recognition of the fact that in practice the two are inextricably linked. The taught curriculum is the written curriculum in action.

Learnt Curriculum– assesses the students in a manner that ensures students are able to understand and appreciate their strengths and weaknesses.

“Are teachers adequately equipped to manage an International curriculum?”

The entire faculty at SVKM International undergoes varied and extensive training workshops at regular intervals to ensure that they compliment the exacting demands of the International curriculum, always. They are backed by a guest team of highly qualified, experienced and dedicated educationalists and well respected masters in the field of knowledge, research and technology, from India and abroad. Moreover, a constant review of educational practices within the school, ensures that the faculty are always in tune with the high ideals of its vision and mission.

“Will this curriculum move my child away from our basic Indian value system?”

While we adapt the positives of the International curriculum into our system, SVKM International enriches it by giving students a strong foundation built on Indian values. Values that teach students to respect elders understand and appreciate all religions as well as develop an attitude of sharing and caring. Regular celebration of grandparents' day and a logical understanding of various religious festivals help children maintain a balance between their global knowledge and cultural values.

“Why should my child come to SVKM International?”

SVKM International School has made a substantial commitment in terms of infrastructure, human resource and research facilities to ensure that all students are groomed in an environment that fosters excellence.



“How is the International School's environment different from other schools?”

Launching an International curriculum that includes IGCSE and IBDP at SVKM brought two like-minded philosophies together to create a unique learning environment that aims at designing and defining a community of global Indians. The environment we create for them here is obviously benchmarked at the best internationally. To that end it is not enough for us at SVKM International to simply meet the pre-set regulations on campus facilities and faculty training, our attempt is to far surpass them.

CAMPUS

Spread across a spacious 25,000 sq. ft. (approx) area, the SVKM International School creates an ambience that is open, refreshing and vibrant. One that inspires ideas and encourages healthy thinking. The campus provides a feeling to the faculty and the students that they are learning and facilitating in an academic community. SVKM International School promises to provide a vibrant and exuberant learning environment, providing students with vision to think and act beyond the limits of the curriculum.

CLASSROOMS

Aesthetically designed, our classrooms have a perfect learning environment. Air conditioned classrooms, acoustically designed, and Wi-Fi connected, offer interactive digital boards, LCD projectors, flexi seating to facilitate research, brain storming sessions and collaborative group working.



LABORATORIES

Designed according to International norms, the well equipped and spacious, state-of-the-art laboratories ensure that students get the required exposure to scientific reasoning in a safe and healthy environment. The laboratory provisions support the experiential learning, experimental work, and theory, complementing one another.

AUDITORIUM

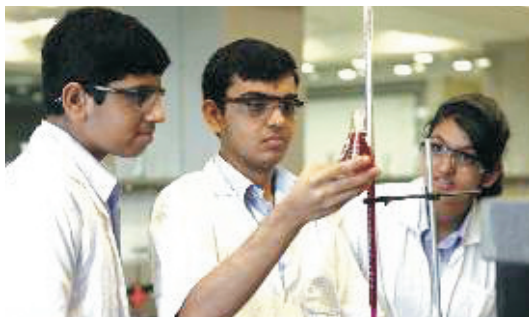
The school has a sprawling auditorium with additional cafeteria and sports facilities. With this state-of-the-art auditorium, students get more opportunities in activities designed to develop a wholesome personality. Students get more opportunities to express themselves in front of a large audience. The auditorium provides a perfect setting for students in honing their skills in performing arts, debate, dance and interactive assemblies.

FACILITIES

The school has access to more than 5,000 sq.ft of space dedicated to Indian dance, western dance, Indian instrumental and western instrumental music. Children are able to pursue their talents in perfect settings. Apart from these, facilities also have a functional gym designed to develop motor skills in younger children and provide avenues to burn excess calories. There is an infirmary to take care of various health discomforts.



RESOURCE POOL



LIBRARY

With an access to over 9000 books on varied subjects, this top-of-the-line facility ensures that reading is a way of life for our students. Other than keeping them updated on international news and views on various subjects, the library inspires their literary juices and encourages effective writing skills and independent research at all levels.

RESEARCH ORIENTED

The specially established CB Patel Research Center under SVKM complements the research – oriented International teaching-learning methodology by supporting IBDP students while they complete their projects.

Over and above this, SVKM International's students have easy access to visiting faculty from amongst the highly qualified and richly experienced pool of professionals on board at all SVKM institutions. Students are also free to share print and online resources of NMIMS and other libraries on the SVKM campus.

INTERNET AND BEYOND

International curriculums demand extensive research. For students wanting to tap resources beyond the net, the school has rented an e-library with advanced packages like EBSCO at a cost of Rs. 60 lakh p.a. and new-age 'Black-Board Technology'.

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

This infrastructure is further complemented and empowered by a range of unique, non-classroom oriented learning opportunities. Students are encouraged to follow case-studies and participate in research and surveys as well as workshops participating in camps, field trips and excursions open up their horizons while testing their application and practical skills; Exchange programmes, visiting faculties and guest lecturers help them gain a world view while hands-on learning, and individual and collaborative projects help them develop team skills and bring out the leaders amongst them.

CREATIVE SKILLS

Creativity is an essential outlet for any healthy mind. At SVKM International, the Center for Performing Arts provides a foundation course in various aspects of theater arts for all students from Nursery to Grade XII. Attending theater performances, and interacting with renowned personalities in various music and dance forms provides broad horizons for students to develop their creative skills. These activities are not only stress busters but also give our talented young adults an opportunity to present their views effectively and impactfully.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Though cliched but true – health is wealth. SVKM International's hi-tech equipment at the Health Center gives each child the physical and mental strength to cope for an entire life time. While the swimming pool, playground and table tennis rooms strengthen their bodies, games like chess and carom placed in separate girl and boy lounges, strengthen their minds even as they relax and rejuvenate themselves. Specialised coaching in outdoor sports such as basketball, tennis, football, cricket, throw ball and volleyball ensure that students develop their physical strength to compete at various levels of participation.





The Pre-Primary & Primary Kaleidoscope

Independence Day Celebrations : Odes to national heroes by means of songs and dances, major events and the importance of Independence depicted through dramas and acts.

Hindi Diwas Celebrations : Children display linguistic, oratory, recitation, acting, singing and orchestral skills through skits and acts.

French Day Celebrations : La fête nationale de la France (French National day celebration) skits, songs, culture, attire and cuisine of France are showcased.

Grandparents Week Celebration : To inculcate values, we invite grandparents to share their life experiences and expertise with our young ones. In return, children put up a cultural show for their grandparents as a culminating activity.

Celebrations on Children's Day : Picnics, movie screening, industrial tours and visits, Art & Craft activities.

Parent/Child Activities : To further a secure bond between father/child and mother/child

- ❖ Father/Child - Salad Making, 'Together we Invent', Clay modelling
- ❖ Mother/Child - Pot decoration, Kite making, Rakhi making
- ❖ We are together - Family Album making with both the parents.

Festival Celebrations : Being a 'Global Indian', we celebrate different cultures and festivals like Janmashtami, Eid, Diwali and Christmas fête.

Annual Day : This is the platform where the school spirit is displayed with the combined efforts of staff and students. The talents of theatre arts, dance, music, public speaking are staged on one platform. Theatrical talents, oratory talents, singing and dancing are showcased in front of a large diverse audience in extravagant settings.

Sports Day : Aerobic, Yoga displays and mass drills are performed, children competes in tale-matches. Strength, energy and team spirit is displayed through athletic and sports drills.

Book Week : Keeping the reading habit in mind, children celebrate the 'Book Week'. They explore their imagination through flights of reading - through the week. Linguistics, creativity, courage of imagination is developed through marathon reading sessions.

- ❖ Readathon sessions
- ❖ DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time,
- ❖ Reading session by mystery readers,
- ❖ A book fair,
- ❖ I am a 'Book Character'

Graduation Day : Culmination of Pre-Primary schooling and taking a momentous step in formal schooling, the Senior KG children graduate to the Primary section.

Field Trips : Real life experiences of classroom lessons through excursions to nature centers, museums, science centers, the planetarium and film shoots undertaken.

Semester wise academic meeting of curricular expectations with demonstrations (Front Desk Programme) : To strengthen parent-teacher bond and to share the expectations of our methodology we discuss and simulate classroom lessons to ensure that there is a common academic focus at school and at home.

Raas Garba by PTA : A programme organized by the PTA members every year.

Excursion : Out bound trips for Grade IV & V, to develop social skills, independence and confidence.

Culture Aangan : 'Internationalism' is to celebrate the differences, respect, embrace and make the community learn that people with diverse cultures and beliefs can co-exist harmoniously. We celebrate cultures as a beautiful interwoven mesh created by twining the threads of different communities where all diverseness unites into one.





At SVKM we aim to inspire and enthuse all students, whatever their talents, to be passionate about striving to achieve their full potential in their academics, sporting, creative and social endeavours.

Success and achievement set benchmarks for the future!

Teaching philosophy :

This is where SVKM International really starts to stand out. The school curriculum embraces globalization and reflects the latest breakthroughs in teaching methods and classroom technology. In addition to studying English, mathematics, social studies, science and French, students are also immersed in the arts, including music and drama.

Results :

IGCSE and Checkpoint results have made us proud, being above world average. The results of IBDP batch 2012 have been more than commendable with the highest score being 44/45 and 3 students above 40 on 45.

Intra and Inter School Competitions :

Since our inception in 2008, accolades have poured in for the IGCSE and IBDP students participating in Inter-school events such as the Inter- School MUN Events like **SIS MUN, IIMMUN, MUM MUN.**

- ❖ Our School received a **Trophy for Outstanding Excellence in the Mathematics Olympiad**
- ❖ **SVKM stood 1st** amongst 33 schools and won a '**Rotating Trophy**' in the quiz competition '**QUEST**' organized by Lions Club, Khar.

Annual Day :

Our Annual Day offers each student a chance to participate, enhance and showcase his/her talent. Based on a host of 'Themes', it is an event we all look forward to each year.

Sports Day :

It is another opportunity for students to display their Sporting talent and ability. It comprises of a variety of demonstrations catering to their physical and holistic development. Each year we gift students with a surprise event.

Club/ Clan :

Club/Clan is a unique concept to nurture and groom skills that could possibly be translated into full time professional jobs.

Workshops and guest lectures :

School arranges several workshops like Image Management and Cyber Crime to equip and prepare students in different areas of life.

International, National and Field Trips :

We organize One International and One National Trip each year. Visits to places of interest and educational value, are an essential element to academic life. Throughout the school year, children visit places which enhance their learning in different areas of the curriculum in an enjoyable environment.





Give us your CHILD take back a GENIUS

*SVKM J.V. Parekh International School
students show their
expertise in both academics
and performing arts
through specially
designed curricular,
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