



HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Heartiest congratulations to the literary club of Knowledgeum Academy in their endeavour to unleash the first student-edition newsletter. A newsletter from students is an opportunity to share their learning experiences, expectations, and introspection of events during that particular period. It's a platform for budding creative writers, artists, photographers, or academic writers to publish their work confidently in the public domain; without

which their talents would remain hidden from being on display. I am confident that the literary club will make every learner more creative, and provide exposure to taking pride in publishing their works. The editorial board, design and layout team, and planning and execution strategist; all will have a vast and unique learning experience in their relevant areas. I would like to make a special mention of all who contributed towards the first edition,

the facilitator(s) who kept the team motivated and directed towards the outcome, the literary club members for their effort, and for setting a platform ready for future learners. I look forward to the student-edition newsletter of Knowledgeum being rolled out at regular intervals to keep the creative minds enthralled and vibrant.

Best wishes,

~**Mr. Kalai Rajan**

EDUCATOR IN CHARGE'S NOTE

Welcome to the very first edition of the student newsletter of Knowledgeum Academy for the academic year 2022-2023! The Literary Committee was put together to enable students to lead as well as hone their skills, be it in writing, design, or photography. The newsletter gives students a platform to showcase their creativity and helps build their social skills through collaboration. This edition of the newsletter focuses on the theme of "Friendship" wherein you will get a glimpse of our students' viewpoint as well as that of our teaching faculty in the "Expert Talk" section. You will also get an insight into ways to deal with peer pressure from a student's perspective in the Self-Help section, as this is a topic that must be addressed since it is still a rampant circumstance.

I appreciate the Literary Presidents, Committee Heads, and students for their effort and am very excited for them!

~**Ms. Anesha Rustomji**

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STUDENT EDITORS' NOTE

We are extremely pleased to present the very first edition of Knowledgeum Academy's student-led newsletter. We hope that this newsletter will help to enlighten different points of view so that we may all progress together. The focus of this issue is "peer pressure and friendships." This covers a wide range of themes, from how peer pressure can hinder friendships to what it truly means. Raising awareness on such concerns is critical in offline schooling. Our team worked very hard to create this newsletter under the direction of our teacher, Miss Anesha. Aside from that, we would like to thank you, the student body, for your assistance in showcasing your talents and illustrations. Without further ado, we present to you, **KOMMUNIQUE!**

~Niharika and Arundhati

SIMPLICITY OF FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is a simple story.
What makes you richer than a prince is being
a friend loyally.
If you asked me what is it really,
I'd say it's a family without a package of
anxiety.
People say they have mates truly but sorry,
Not all of em' are worthy.
Trust the erroneous ones blindly and you'll
only end up in misery.
Bad luck's not chasing you puny It's you who
has chosen falsely.
Put em' down bravely. Choose em' only
cleverly favour yourself with honesty.
Cause...friendship is just a simple story.

~Samyuktha



FRIENDSHIP, A BAGGAGE?

We've all heard that friendship is the best ship, but
sometimes we get caught up in the pressure and
drown, sometimes unknowingly even.
Our friendship has turned into a suitcase
on the conveyor belt of an airport's baggage claim
that never gets picked up. Something unwanted,
something forgotten.
This time around I won't run back to grab it,
to drag it along for another endless year,
another dreadful journey because all it does is
weigh me down
when all I want is to fly.
I just realized, friends don't always make u
feel home.

~Vaibhavi

SELF HELP

Peer pressure is the influence of a group that you contact socially or professionally on your behaviour. Sometimes, you might not even realise you are experiencing peer pressure. It can be small things that add to the pressure. For instance, your close friend ends up getting better grades on a test. It might feel silly but talking to someone about it is the best option. A true friend will most definitely understand, after all, there is no place for judgment in friendships because everyone makes mistakes. Moreover, peer pressure can come from anyone, it is not just between friends. Communication is the key in this case. Instead of demotivating yourself because of how good others are, encourage yourself to do better. We forget peer pressure affects others too. Talking about it to someone gives a boost of confidence and you might end up finding a new friend. Eventually, the influence of peer pressure reduces, sometimes unknowingly even. The negative influence of peer pressure can be worked through by surrounding ourselves with positive and productive company.

~ Varsha

FRIENDS, THE FAMILY YOU CHOSE

One requires a companion with whom we can share both our joys and sorrows. All our feelings are understood by a true buddy. In order to lift our spirits and feel at ease, we also need someone who can offer guidance when we find ourselves in a difficult position. Time spent with close friends creates a wealth of memories. When a person is born, we automatically become someone's daughter, son, brother, niece, nephew, and many more family members. We are surrounded by people who are related to us by blood, so all connections are assumed. But it is entirely up to us to choose the friends we want. A heart-to-heart relationship is purer than a blood relation. This is friendship. While it is a blessing to find true friendship in life, it is important to maintain the friendship in order to avoid losing it. True friends grow apart over time, but it should not prevent them from staying in touch. We should never rush to find friends, never forget that a real friendship cannot be faked. It will require a strong foundation. True friendship does not involve trying to change the other person instead it is about accepting them as they are. True friendships never act with underlying motives and if done right, it could be the longest lasting relationship you have.

~ Ananya

Q& A WITH DR. ABHISHEK VENKATESHWAR, CAS COORDINATOR

Q: What are the values that should necessarily be present in friendship?

A: Trust, respect and the ability to be honest to each other, and standing up for your friend, I believe are the necessary values.

Q: Should teachers and students share any kind of friendship? If yes, what kind?

A: It is a very subjective question, I must say. But I will also say that it's an age-specific question. While teachers can be friendly towards students, they cannot truly become their friends due to work ethics. The relationship between a teacher and a student can be friendly, wherein the teacher guides the student on the right path while maintaining their boundaries and professional guidelines.

Q: According to you, what is the key to holding onto a long-lasting friendship?

A: Friendship is about mutual trust and bringing out the best in each other. There should not be any rivalry or jealousy between real friends. However, having a healthy competition is great too.

Q: Over the years, what have you learned from and about friendship?

A: As I grew up, I realized that, while it's not possible to have the same set of people permanently, you will still find friends who genuinely care, trust and comfort you. True friends are the ones who mold you into a better person, not a different one.