## EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP of CLASS 10 ICSE PRACTICE EXAMS



Dear Parents and Boys,

ST. EDMUND'S SCHOOL SHILLONG

You have just completed your mock exams according to the ICSE pattern. If you recall, I had stated my rationale in conducting this exam. It was basically to give you all a practice in attempting the full-fledged ICSE patterned paper, with the emphasis on time management (learning to complete your paper on time), neatness of writing, learning to write precise points for the answers and to get accustomed to the completion of papers. I did it in the spirit of trust and learning to accept your responsibilities.

I did get feedback from some of your parents, teachers and boys. It was heartening to hear that most of the boys were following the instructions in its true spirit. They stuck to the duration of the time allotted in the papers. However, there were some who took more than the allotted time to complete their papers. Some boys, even abused their freedom and integrity by not finishing their papers on time. If you took a half hour extra or even one hour extra, I could understand. But to complete your papers the next day? That is uncalled for. Let me say this to each one of you:

WE TRUST YOU. AND IF YOU DO NOT HONOUR THAT, IT IS NOT HURTING US AT ALL. IT IS YOU WHO WILL BE DOING THE EXAM, NOT US. AS YOU SOW, SO WILL YOU REAP! YOU NEED TO BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF. YOU NEED TO RECIPROCATE THE TRUST WE PLACE IN YOU. EVENTUALLY, YOU WILL HAVE TO FACE THE TEST NOT ONLY HERE IN SCHOOL, BUT IN LIFE. WHEN YOUR BOSS OF YOUR FIRM ENTRUSTS YOU WITH A JOB, HE/SHE WILL EXPECT YOU TO ACT HONESTLY. THAT WILL TAKE YOU FORWARD. REMEMBER, YOU ARE FOOLING NO ONE, BUT YOU.

There is some confusion regarding the Final Term exam based on MCQs beginning 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. Let me be very clear to you: EVERY BOY HAS TO SIT FOR THIS EXAM. THERE IS NO CHOICE HERE. YOUR FINAL TERM REPORT CARD WILL BE BASED ON THE MARKS YOU SCORE IN THIS EXAM, WHICH WILL INCLUDE YOUR INTERNAL ASSESSMENT.

So what happens to the marks of the mock exams you just completed? After the teachers have completed their corrections, a SEPARATE REPORT CARD WILL BE MADE FOR EACH ONE OF YOU and this will be kept as a record to be submitted to the COUNCIL, should they ask for a copy of all the assessments done by the school. It is likely that next year the exams may be postponed (this is my personal opinion). And if the virus is still raging, the exams may be conducted in a different format. We are not certain of anything. BUT WE NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR ANY EVENTUALITY. THE MORE PREPARED WE ARE, THE BETTER IT IS FOR YOU BOYS. Therefore, the seriousness with which you undertake your responsibility, will determine how you will eventually fare in the ICSE. Please do remember, Colleges are not going to be lax in their admission processes too. And if the lockdown continues, you may have to apply online for admissions into Class

11. This will not be a cakewalk either. Kindly keep all these factors in mind and take your responsibilities seriously boys.

All the best and keep yourselves motivated. We will try to keep you engaged too. Be ready for another mock exam sometime in February, if the exams are going to be postponed to April/ May 2021.

God bless all.

Br. Solomon Morris (Principal)